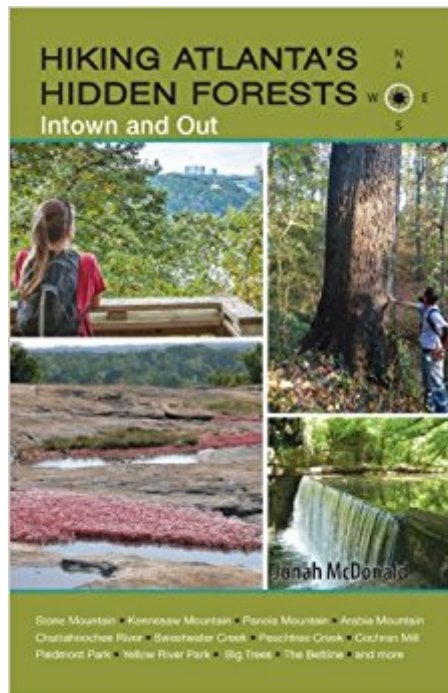




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# Hiking Atlanta's Hidden Forests: Intown And Out



## Synopsis

Atlanta's forests are one of the city's best-kept secrets. In this guide, outdoor leader Jonah McDonald outlines 60 hikes in the metro area, all within 30 miles of Georgia's Capitol dome. From the well-known Chattahoochee River and Stone Mountain to pristine Arabia Mountain and secluded Hahn Woods, Atlanta hiking is your opportunity to experience the many native birds, wildflowers, historic sites, and champion and sentinel trees of the city. Routes range from less than a mile to 12 miles in length, with options for experienced and casual hikers of all ages. Each entry includes maps, complete driving and hiking directions, trailhead GPS coordinates, and public transport access information. There's no need to drive to the mountains to get out on the trail! Hiking Atlanta's Hidden Forests lets you visit state parks, wildlife areas, and nature preserves without leaving the metro area.

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Finally, a resource that pays tribute to Atlanta's rich and diverse habitats and park lands--bravo! Hiking Atlanta's Hidden Forests makes it inviting for anyone to learn about and explore these relatively unknown, and many times underappreciated, outdoor sanctuaries. --Atlanta Audubon Society  
Some say Atlanta is only about asphalt. This guidebook will change their minds. --The South Fork Conservancy

Jonah McDonald is the founder and operator of Sure Foot Adventures, an outdoor guide service offering hiking, camping, backpacking, and outdoor education programs throughout the Southeast.

Also a professional storyteller, McDonald resides in Atlanta.

I really like this book. I'm a relatively experienced hiker. Before reading this I hiked mostly on trails a long drive from Atlanta. The few trails that I knew that are close to the city were becoming boring to me. Hiking Atlanta's Hidden Forests introduced me to some really good new trails that are close to the city. The descriptions are helpful and I like that he points out notable trees. I also like that the author describes the trail and its details well enough to choose a hike. He provides suggested routes (some of the trails are more like trail systems) with directions that are not always easy to follow, but I don't mind exploring so sometimes I make my own route. The only gripe I have with the book is the order of the trails. It jumps back and forth between neighborhoods. For example there are several trails in Decatur in a row, then some in a different neighborhood, and then more back in Decatur.

This product makes a wonderful gift for those new to Atlanta as well as those that have been in the city for awhile. I gave this book as a gift to my girlfriend who is fairly new to the city and very much a city dweller. The hikes in this book are rarely strenuous and are fairly easy to find once you know where to look. There are quite a few in this book that I would qualify as hidden gems. The hikes offer a brief respite from the hustle and bustle of the city and have the ability to make you feel as if you are truly in a world of your own. Although you could look on the internet and find a few of these hikes, it is much easier to have them in one resource and easily categorized for your use. The author also provides you with interesting details about each hike. Before you begin you are aware of the route of the hike, its difficulty, as well as interesting points to see during your hike. It really is a worthwhile text that has brought many hours of pleasure.

Excellent book with dozens of short to medium hikes IN metro Atlanta that feel "away from it all". Several within a few miles from my home that I never would have found without this resource.

I have found some great trails within a couple miles of my house. The author gives lots of useful information such as why you should see the trail, how to get to the locations, parking, hiking distance & difficulty, terrain, hours, facilities, whether dogs are permitted and much more. I love his descriptions of interesting trees, historical structures and other sites not to miss.

Concise, easy to use follow. A must-read for an Atlanta interested in our available outdoor

opportunities.

This is the best book I've read about outdoor life in Atlanta. There are so many hidden gems, that I'm a little worried my newly found favorites will be discovered by other people through this book. So don't buy this book! Nah, I'm joking. Buy it now!

We have owned this book for a couple of weeks but have lived in Georgia for 20 years and been hiking all over the area seriously for about 10 years. We found several hikes already we did not know about. Plenty of material to work through!

Met the author, bought the book, and have already done 3 of the trails with my 2 year old. If you live in Atlanta this is a must buy.

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