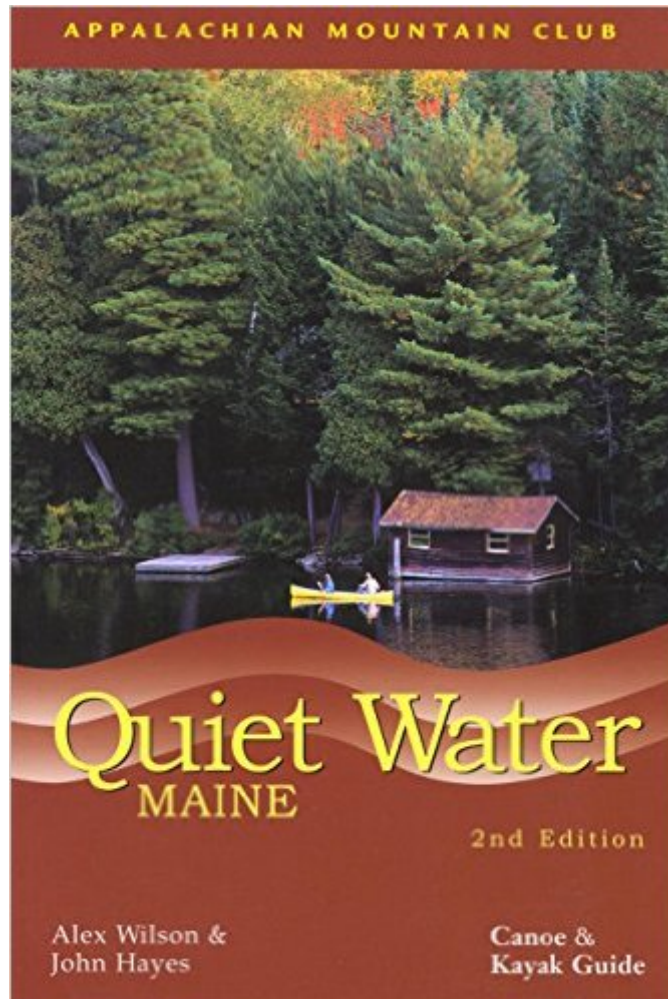


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Synopsis

In this completely revised edition of AMC's best-selling Quiet Water guide, authors Alex Wilson and John Hayes reveal more than eighty spectacular ponds and lakes in Maine ideally suited for canoeing and kayaking. From marshy coves and crystal-clear lakes to winding inlet channels and pine-tree-edged ponds, this updated guide offers paddlers of all ages and abilities access to water adventures. Each trip includes a detailed tour description with summaries of the time, distance, difficulty, and special features of each area, as well as notes about the flora and fauna paddlers will discover along the way. Beginners and experienced paddlers, birdwatchers and anglers, families with children and active seniors--all will appreciate this user-friendly, comprehensive guide to Maine's best quiet water. Special features include:>More than eighty spectacular calm-water trips--including five new destinations>Detailed descriptions and maps of each lake, pond, and river>Locator map and a new "At-A-Glance" highlights chart for easy trip comparison and planning>Trip summaries open each chapter for quick scanning of tour details, including prominent fish species>Covers parts of the new, multistate Northern Forest Canoe Trail>Driving, parking, and put-in directions>Local camping and picnic spots>Photographs of plant life and places of interest

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Customer Reviews

I bought this book hoping for route information on Maine canoe waters that aren't whitewater runs. I have the AMC Maine River Guide, but whitewater runs are not our interest (we're experienced, but

mid-60's). There are so many lakes and streams in Maine - there must be hundreds of canoe routes that are available, if you just know the put-ins and generally what to expect, and, where you can and can't camp. The introduction to this book states the authors' ambivalence towards sharing their knowledge about canoe routes under the heading 'Do We Really Want to Tell People about the Best Places?' This is odd and inappropriate for a supposed guide-book, and sets the tone for what follows, much of which is an overworked emphasis on plants and animals and how delicate they are. For an audience that is already interested enough in canoeing to buy the book, there should not be a need to lecture on how 'even low-impact uses such as canoeing ... can substantially affect fragile marsh habitat'. A) I doubt it B) I really doubt it C) you don't need to tell me. The waters selected may for the most part be interesting if you happen to already be in the area, but, because the selected waters are so small, almost none of them would be considered worth driving more than an hour to get to - certainly not the 5-7 hours from our home in Vt. Of the 20 water bodies listed for Western and 'Midcoast' Maine, from the New Hampshire border to Bangor, south of Rte 2, none are larger than 1 1/2 miles with one exception - aren't there possibly some stretches of suitable river or something else of interest in this area? Water bodies I know are not rendered completely accurately - the map in the book of a pond I know shows a picnic table on what is actually private land. I'm still at the point where I will study my DeLorme Atlas for likely looking places and proceed from there. The authors could have spent less time trying to make the reader excited about seeing more marshes and more pine trees. I like marshes and trees as much as the next person, but what I want really to know is are there campsites? what are the rules? can this be a multi-day trip? where can I park my car safely? And, I want an author who knows why they are writing a guidebook and not suffering from self-doubt.

Now in a completely revised second edition, *Quiet Water Maine: Canoe & Kayak Guide* identifies more than 100 ponds, lakes, and rivers in Maine that are particularly suitable for canoeing and kayaking. Each suggested trip includes directions, parking, and launch information; tour descriptions with estimates of time, distance and difficulty; notes of flora and fauna to be seen in the area; and more. Written for paddlers of all skill levels from beginner to experienced, as well as for birdwatchers, anglers, and families with children, *Quiet Water Maine* is enthusiastically recommended both for its attention to detail and its enthusiasm for nature.

There are more places to canoe & kayak in Maine than you can shake a paddle at, and the possibilities and choices can be overwhelming. This is a great book to start out with. Whitewater

paddlers need not apply unless they are looking for a change of pace. This book is well suited to beginners and experienced paddlers alike as well as solo paddlers and those paddling with kids & dogs. Nicely detailed and well written. While I can plop my canoe into any one of the lakes and ponds in my area, it's nice to read about some places I've never considered (or even heard about). Variety is the spice of life. So far I've put in at five of the recommended ponds in this book and I have been pleasantly surprised each time. Highly recommended if you are a quiet water paddler looking for a new place to dip your paddle in Maine.

I liked the book. Material was readable and well presented. There was not nearly enough information about paddling in northern Maine. We have a lot of good waterways and more could have been included.

We are enjoying this guide very much. It has been very useful in planning for an upcoming kayaking trip to Maine where we have never been before. An insider's perspective, it is helping us understand the various regions and identify areas and lakes that we will find appealing and within our time frame and ability levels. Two thumbs up!

WE have the New England series of the Quite Water books. All the books have good directions, descriptions of paddling locations, and description of wildlife and plants. These books have greatly expanded our kayaking adventures.

Great guide to kayo and canoeing spots away from the coast. This opened up a lot of possibilities we had never realized before. Nice descriptions and accurate maps.

Excellent resource, combines a lot of information into one location. Much more comprehensive than DeLorme regarding camping sites.

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