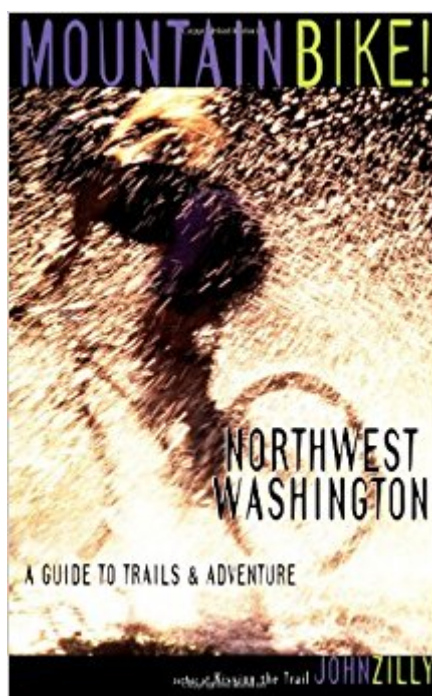




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Customer Reviews

For an exceptional fat-tire roundup of the Evergreen State, follow the highly informative tread of John Zilly. The author of *Kissing the Trail: Greater Seattle Mountain Bike Adventures* widens his scope with two volumes detailing some of the best trails in Western Washington. *Mountain Bike! Northwest Washington*, and its companion, *Mountain Bike! Southwest Washington* are the definitions of good guidebooks: they boast serious research, sensible organization, and a battery of useful trail maps and directions. What's more, Zilly possesses a flair for the written word not often found in such practical guides; he steers the hungry cyclist through a variety of trail conditions and skill levels in style, highlighting particularly gnarly terrain and displaying an infectious enthusiasm for the thrill of a widowmaker descent. Serious knobby-heads will also thank the author (and, later on the trail, curse him) for the inclusion of 30-mile "epics," all-day single-track journeys that combine awesome views, technical riding, and all-out endurance tests. Every mountain-biking hotspot should be so lucky to have a Zilly as tour guide.

I ordered this thinking that it covered the Olympic Peninsula as that is where I live and it is the most "Northwestern" part of the contiguous 48 states. But the Olympic Peninsula is covered in his "Southwestern" Washington book. Go figure..... sort of a waste of money but the format is good.

Makes one wonder though about accuracy of the rest of the information here.

This is a great book with lots of trails and handy directions. I liked it so much I bought John Zilly's Southwest Washington biking book too.

These two books are the bomb(S). The directions and the descriptions of the rides are spot on and most importantly the selection of the rides (if you like truly remote, tough, and stunningly beautiful adventures) is tremendous. My copies of these books are dog eared with love and mud. Trust me you cannot go wrong with these books - and I've biked all over the country - or biking in the Pacific Northwest July - Sept - Amazing! Too good! Be prepared for some long drives from Seattle (2hrs each way) but the memories will last much longer. Enjoy! I hope Zilly goes on to write books for the rest of the country...

I wish all guide books were as well researched as this one. Each hand drawn map has GPS waypoints on it plus all the major features and a reference to the USGS/Green Trails Map. Locations of nearby campgrounds and supplies. Plus a very nice rating system so you don't get in over your head. There are 2 maybe 3 overlapping trails with the "Kissing the Trail" book but that's ok. Wish I had thought of having a career of riding my bike and writing a book about it. Way to go John.

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