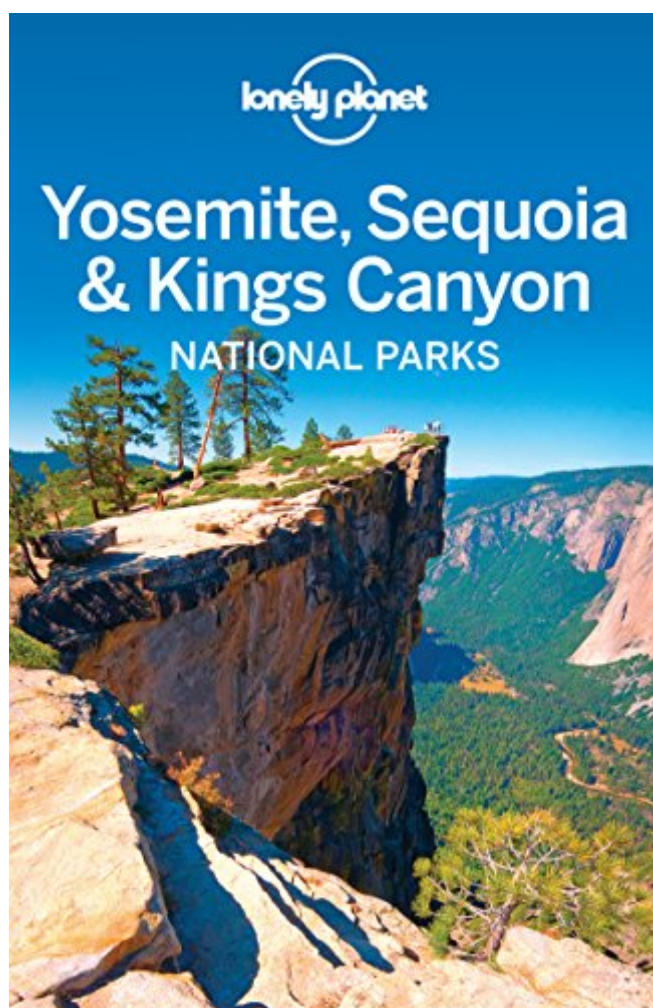


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Customer Reviews

This is a lot to fit into one book. Because we did both Sequoia and Yosemite on this trip, it was almost perfect. I yearned for more insights and "secrets". There seemed to be a lot of advice on long challenging hikes that my family would never do. Decently organized-- add Post-It notes to refer to the parts you think you will need to continually refer to.

This review is for the Kindle 4th edition (Mar 2016). I would buy this guide. I have the 3rd edition for the Kindle as well, and I bought this guide. Here is why. First, to address some of the odd low-star reviews: this guide covers Yosemite, Sequoia, and Kings Canyon National Parks in 256 pages. If you are looking for an in-depth guide featuring back country trails, campsites, and lodging options in the 10,000+ square miles that surround the parks, you would be well-advised to leverage the internet and invest in other guides that focus specifically on enjoying the wilderness protected by these parks. If however, you are looking for a succinct package to guide your week-long visit to the

area, you could not be better served than by this edition. The 4th edition is largely a meta-revision of the 3rd; it is not a significant expansion in content. This should not surprise you, since the national parks themselves have not changed much since 2012. Nevertheless there is some novel content, such as the closing of Mariposa Grove in Yosemite for restoration until Spring 2017. The primary difference between the 4th and 3rd editions, in my opinion, is in organization and ease-of-use, especially for e-readers. Here are my favorite differences:- The Table of Contents. In the 3rd edition, most of the content was shoe-horned into "Play Your Trip" and "On the Road", which you could access by the Table of Contents but which then hyperlinked to the content itself. In the 4th edition, all subheadings have been included in the Table of Contents, which greatly improves access. Throw-away chapters like "Cover", "How to Use This Guide" (you read it), etc, have been repressed in the 4th ed TOC. As a result I find it much easier to locate the content I'm interested in, when I'm interested in it.- Trails. Hiking information has been given greater importance in the 4th ed. This makes sense to me, since these are large wilderness settings and "Sights" -- which make plenty of sense in guides of Rome and Paris -- make for pretty anemic sections in a national park. All hikes are nicely presented in a full-color map to quickly assess their location and length. You should not, mind you, rely on these maps while you're hiking. They are for deciding which trails you'd like to explore, how to plan for them, and how to get there. There is a decided focus on shorter day hikes, but some longer hikes are included.- Color. LP has thankfully abandoned its corporate bi-color blue-and-white scheme for a richer visual experience. Colors are tastefully used to structure the content in a reader-friendly manner.- Drives. I feel there is more emphasis given to scenic drives in the 4th edition. I find this logical; these parks are large and oftentimes automobiles are the only way to see everything you want to see in just a few short days. Also many visitors to the park can not enjoy even short day hikes.- Top experiences: have been winnowed down from 20 to 15. Sorry, 17.6-mile round trip hike to Lyell canyon. The new short-list should better help you plan visit.

This book has been very helpful while planning a trip to Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks. I love that there are lots of recommendations for hikes of varying lengths and difficulty, and many different recommended itineraries depending on the length of your visit and preferred activities.

Great guide, unfortunately we had to cancel our trip...

The book provides enough information for me to plan a week-long trip to the area. I especially like that it marks you about all the major trails and driving tours, and talks about what you can see along

the way.

Good guide to the parks we will be visiting, seems rather thorough and easy to read

Very good buy!!!!

So glad I got this book before our trip -- really has helped with the planning, especially because we are planning hikes with very small children, so we know which hikes will work and which won't!

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