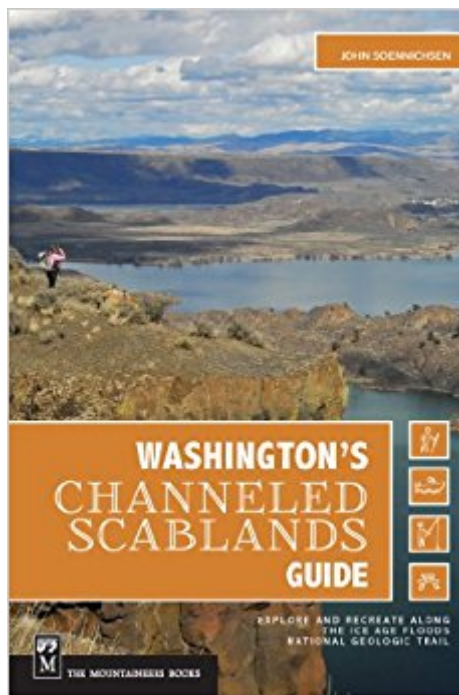


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Washington's Channeled Scablands Guide: Explore And Recreate Along The Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail



Synopsis

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Explore Washington's canyons of Ice Age wonders -- great trails, stunning scenery, and amazing history* Comprehensive guide to a fascinating region rich with history and recreational access to camping, hiking, fishing, and more * The Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail was designated by the National Park Service in 2009. Once completed, the Trail will connect interpretive facilities, signage, and other tourism activities * Features regional maps and photos

Often overlooked by those cruising on the highway to Spokane or the Tri-Cities area, more than 2,000 square miles of terrain in eastern Washington are home to a striking collection of sharp-edged coulees slicing through a crust of basalt. In this stunning landscape, deep lakes fill the depths of dramatic gorges flanked by steep walls of towering rock columns, labyrinthine channels, and wide tracts of scabby rock that give the region its name -- geologically, no other region in the world contains features like those found in the Channeled Scablands.

Where-to guidebook and travel narrative come together in the Washington's Channeled Scablands Guide to offer a comprehensive and intimately knowledgeable tour of this one-of-a-kind region. Local writer and historian John Soennichsen is your guide to fascinating lore; snapshots of the unique towns connected by this singular landscape; descriptions of the unique geology; advice on how to explore whether by auto, horseback, canoe, bike, or on foot; and essential info like where to fuel up and stop for dinner. Take the family to scenic camping and fishing in Coffeepot Lake, and read out loud the legend of Old West outlaw Harry Tracey as you cruise along on a "Back Roads Auto Tour." Lace up your boots for a cross-country hike in the Juniper Dunes Wilderness Area or up Badger Mountain Trail. Explore the unearthly crater-like formations in the Telford-Crab Creek Tract, or set up with your camera for a stunning sunrise over Palouse Falls. Whether you're a boater looking for new waterways to explore, a naturalist interested in unique ecosystems, or just a curious traveler -- if you're seeking adventure and intrigue just a little off the beaten path, you'll find the keys to a whole new world of exploration with Washington's Channeled Scablands Guide.

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Customer Reviews

“John Soennichsen’s book is a must for those wanting to explore this fascinating but not well-known area.” “A book well worth adding to your Washington library.” (The Acorn Fall 2012) Get an in-depth look at scabland recreation opportunities in John Soennichsen’s new book “Washington’s Channeled Scablands Guide.” (Tacoma News Tribune) Soennichsen...has become a local sage of sorts, looking into the region’s geologic past and translating what happened for the lay audience. (Nicholas Deshais Pacific Northwest Inlander) Check out....Washington’s Channeled Scablands Guide for more hikes, more sights and more adventures in coulee country. (Washington Trails Association magazine) This guidebook has accomplished what other Ice Age Floods publications are lacking in that the author comprehensively describes his travel experiences and observations of Floods features, then enhances his narrative with humor. Schoolaged children, senior citizens, and those of all ages in between can read this book easily and understand it. (The Ice Age Floods Institute) a fun way to learn about most of the geology of Eastern Washington.... (The Guardian) Pick up a copy of Cheney-author John Soennichsen’s latest book, “Washington’s Channeled Scabland Guide” and you’ll understand as well as be amazed at aspects of area topography and history that many area residents have spent their entire lives, or most of their lives, observing on a daily basis. (John McCallum 2012 Outdoor Guide)

What an experience it was to research and write a guide to a region I already had traversed many times, but without an eye toward sharing the landscape with others. I hope everyone enjoys this tour book of a region that still seems a wilderness here in the 21st century.

We just returned from a week road-trip around the channeled scablands, and this book seemed like a great idea. It provides a good introduction to the geologic history (which we mostly didn’t need since we were inspired for this trip by the NOVA documentary on the scablands), and while it’s a useful and quite accurate reference to individual sites, it’s not much use as a guidebook. You have

to read the entire book to get any sort of idea on questions like "what are the most interesting sites?" and "what great hikes are there?" and you can't really answer "where should I camp?" Perhaps it's intended for people who want short drives much from a base town, or who have many weeks to see every coulee... The maps were not useful except to cross-reference to the sites, but the sites are also on my regular travel maps. I needed to also check against the book of campgrounds to figure out where to stay (this book mentions a few campgrounds, without key details such as dates open). There are a few black-and-white pictures, most of which don't look like anything (photo-editing to increase contrast would help, but there's only so much that can be done). There are no maps for hiking trails or anything like that. The descriptions and observations of sites seem to match extremely well with what we saw, so I'll be enjoying reading it now that I don't have to try to using it for planning. And we did see some awesome places!

As an avid hiker, backpacker, and camper in the Nevergreen Side of the Evergreen State, I absolutely love the varied geography of Eastern Washington. Mostly though, the Channeled Scablands are the areas closest to my heart. I love being able to look out and see the vast openness of the Scablands. I love being able to see the splendor and beauty the the Missoula Flood graced us with. It is also evident Mr. John R. Soennichen feels the same as do I. I'm not quite sure who John wrote this book for. We've never met. Although I'm VERY SURE this book was meant for me. He speaks to me as though we were sitting at a campsite talking of our backgrounds and favorite places. We share the California connection, although my stomping grounds were at Anza Borrego. We share the PDX area, again, my side being north of his in Clark County (WA), and we absolutely share the love of the wonders of this gorgeous area. As a teacher for high school history, my areas being WA State, U.S. and World History, (9-11th Grade), I use my knowledge and love of hiking, backpacking and camping to hopefully excite my students. I have often used books and publications meant for hiking to elaborate on various segments within Washington State history. Whether they believe it or not or gain a special interest in it, I tell my classes how lucky they are to live in an area such as this. I know my excitement and enthusiasm of the subject matter does make a difference in their learning. Having bought this book post surgery and post summer, this will allow me to get through the winter with dreams of hiking the Washtunca Coulee and visiting the Odessa Craters. Channeled Scablands, I can think of NOWHERE ELSE, I belong. And after 20+ years in the military and nearly 20 years in private industry prior to teaching, I've been literally around the world. This was, from the day I first set foot here, HOME, not "just an address" or where I live. Thank you, Mr. Soennichson, thank you very much for this wonderful book.

I own a lot of hiking books and subscribe to some internet mapping and guide book services and have a good idea of what is good and not good for giving you adequate information for planning a hike or going out and exploring an area that's new to me. This book is really well written and very informative in that respect. Between this book and Google Earth, you pretty well know what is going on. When I'm out exploring I like to know what's ahead of me and this book does a great job of describing that. Also this book is very current. Highly recommended.

Great, all of the area is right in my backyard. I like the geological back ground information.

Another guide to the Scablands, remains in the earth of the Ice Age Megafloods. Tons of wonderful sites, maps, route suggestions. Excellent for those of us who want to explore this ruined land, a living map of the worlds hugest Mega floods.

Enjoyable easy read with good details

Ever since I saw the lake terraces at Missoula, MT I've wanted to see the channeled scablands. With only a short visit possible, this book let me see a variety of sites. Thanks for a very useful guide.

I have read numerous geological books on the Scablands and this is one of the best. Lots of sites to visit and facts are very good. I enjoyed the book and use it for reference a lot.

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