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Rob Williams : 10/8/2007; 12:02:14 PM

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Just to introduce a new topic:

Thanks to many of you on the site here, I have been able to find and purchase a few old hiking books:

- Don and Roberta Lowe's books from the 70's (I found 4 of them, although there is a lot of overlap in them)
- The "Hidden Wilderness" pamphlet from the 70's

I'm wondering if anyone has any other hiking/historical books (complete names and publishers if possible), or sources for old maps. I know Donovan said the U of O library has a great old map collection, but I'm wondering if anyone knows of other sources of older maps (40's-70's) of the area?

I love all the little tidbits of historical info I get from this place, and it is even more interesting when I can actually go out and see the history in the woods!

Thanks

Rob

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Re: Old Hiking books and maps**Robert Koscik** : 10/8/2007; 3:13:59 PMReads: 315, Responses: 2 ([view responses to this item](#))

Maps are sort of hard to come by, luck of the draw really. I've found em' on Ebay, garage sales, word of mouth...but the couple on Trailadvocates are pretty good and give you most of the info you'd need. There are some guys on Ebay that sell repros (photo copies) of the really old maps and as ugly and overpriced as they are they contain really good info on the earliest trails in the area.

Funny, I JUST bought that hidden wilderness book off Ebay today! I like that sort of thing too, just as much history as anything else. Heck, the '70s are 30 years ago already.

Do you have the Lowe book from '69, 100 trails in Oregon? I have the '74 book (70 hikes Northern Cascades), wondering if the other one is worth the effort.

There really haven't been that many books dedicated to hiking in our area historically that I've seen. Hiking is a relatively new "sport", people used to be SPORTSMEN if you can handle it. In fact, there's an old map guide called Oregon Sportsmen's Guide from the early 50s that has a bunch of maps inside, really just FS reprints. If you find one, get the green one, not the orange one because it has better maps.

Good luck! It's great to be able to share the knowledge with all of you, everyone seems to have had different experiences out there.

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Re: Old Hiking books and maps[Edit this Page](#)**Rob Williams** : 10/8/2007; 7:53:25 PMReads: 296, Responses: 1 ([view responses to this item](#))

Yes, I do have the '69 book, 100 Oregon Hiking Trails. A while ago, when someone posted about the Don & Roberta Lowe books, I scoured Amazon and found 4 books by them. They were like 89 cents a piece (about \$5 after shipping), so I bought all 4 of them. There is a lot of overlap, but some interesting reading. They still showed bits of lookouts on several peaks which I haven't seen (like on Fish Creek Mountain).

If you want more detail, let me know, I'll be glad to post it.

I wish I could find a copy of the Oregon Sportsmen's Guide. Sounds real interesting....

Rob

P.S. - Was the 70's really 30 years ago??? :)

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Yeah that stuff is out there, like those books. Just keep your eyes peeled and stay dilligent and you'll find what yer looking for. I think I'll get the 100 hikes book, \$5 what the heck.

Hey thanks!

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Re: Old Hiking books and maps**Bill Cattrall** : 10/18/2007; 4:23:08 AMReads: 296, Responses: 2 ([↩](#) view responses to this item)

Rob,

I found a book called "Oregon's Recreation Trails" by Cavid E. M. Bucy at the library. It is a list of the books and maps that were available in '84, both in and out of print. There no trail listings in this book but many books are listed that I have never heard of. It was published by the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Division, copyright 1985. It is divided up by area with a review of each book or map listed. I found a couple of Tony George books that are on the way from Amazon.

Bill

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Let me know what these look like when you get them. I'm always interested in old maps and books.

What library did you find this book? Mult Co? Clackamas Co?

Thanks

Rob

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Re: Old Hiking books and maps**Bill Cattrall** : 10/19/2007; 12:24:33 PMReads: 306, Responses: 0 ([view responses to this item](#))

I live in the Chemeketa library district so we can get books from 17 different libraries in this system.

This book came from the CCC library. It is really just a list of what was out there with reviews. Some books don't apply but I found new writers about forest trails like Tony George and Jerold Williams. There is also a book put out by the USFS called "Willamette Trails, A Hiker's Guide to the Willamette National Forest" that I want to find.

Bill

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