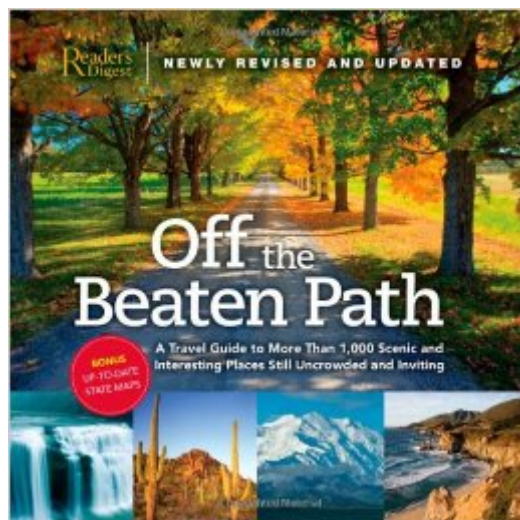




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# Off The Beaten Path: A Travel Guide To More Than 1000 Scenic And Interesting Places Still Uncrowded And Inviting



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We are a military family so living in different states and taking a lot of road trips to visit family and friends makes this a perfect book for us. Like others have said it is not a take in your car and reference book but instead a coffee table book but great for looking at a state or area you are in and finding places you want to visit. It is the idea book not the end all book for planning - use the book to brainstorm places that are interesting or along your route then use the internet or more detailed travel books to plan the trip.

In planning for future trips, it's always nice to know what's out there besides the ones you hear about all the time. I have found several, and the nice thing about this book is that the map in the front of each state tells you what area they are in, so you know right away if you will be near them or not, and can just ignore the ones you won't be close to. Enough detail to decide if you want to go. It gives the website and a phone number, as well as often the general hours of operation, so if it's only

open on Saturdays, and you're not there till Wednesday, you know right away won't work. While it is a rather heavy book to have around, it will be worth having in my library for reference, and a friend has already taken advantage of the information.

Great retirement gift! My in-laws love to just hit the road and see where they end up... so this was a great addition to their trips. I even found a couple places I would like to venture to, on our next road trip.

Love this and use it all the time in our travels.

I discovered the Maryhill Art Museum through "Off the Beaten Path" and that was worth the cost of the book alone.

Was very informative & definitely WORTH getting. The size is both an advantage in that it is easy to read & the maps are clear but it makes it a bit cumbersome to use in the car. Great for a reference for highlighting road maps. Been to several places & the descriptions etc. were dead on. The book is a wonderful adjunct to other travel books such as "1000 Places to See before you Die. USA & Canada."

I bought this as a gift for my parents who both retired around the same time. They've been talking about taking a cross country road trip with their newly found free time. This book is great! My father has spent many hours looking over all the things he wants to visit. He hates crowds, so under the radar items are right up his alley!

Well worth the price. It does not always stick to "off the beaten path" since it lists places such as Gettysburg in Pennsylvania or Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, which are among the top tourist draws for their respective states. It leans a little heavily on state parks and eclectic museums for my taste, but it is an informative, enjoyable read. It is listed alphabetically by state, so easy to reference.

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