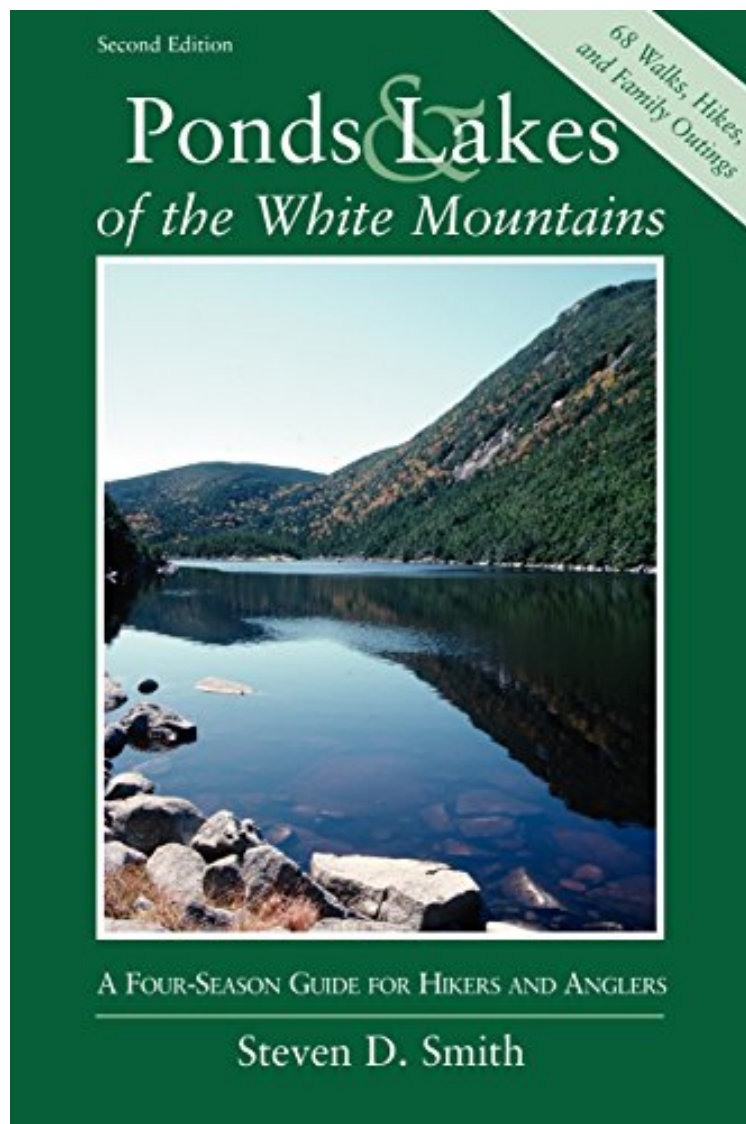


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A year-round guide to 68 of the best hikes, walks, and family outings in New Hampshire. The second revised edition of this companion to the ponds and lakes of New Hampshire's White mountains celebrates their rich diversity: You can hike, ski, snowshoe, swim, paddle a canoe, watch birds or moose, or simply linger by a sunny shore. Expanded fishing information tells you where to cast a line for small-mouth bass, perch, native speckled trout, and more. The ponds that Smith describes range from a tree-lined roadside beauty perfect for a spontaneous swim to an isolated mountain tarn reached only after a day of serious hiking or snowshoeing. He weaves into the text anecdotes and quotations culled from old guidebooks and local history. Additional information includes a bibliography and the author's lists of everything from the best ponds for a family hike to the best rocks to sit on. Each of the 68 descriptions include: * A trail description * Directions to road or trailhead access, with a topographical map * A summary of hiking facts, pond and lake statistics, activities, and fishing opportunities * Descriptions of nearby overlooks that offer bird's-eye views * Notes on visiting in winter

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