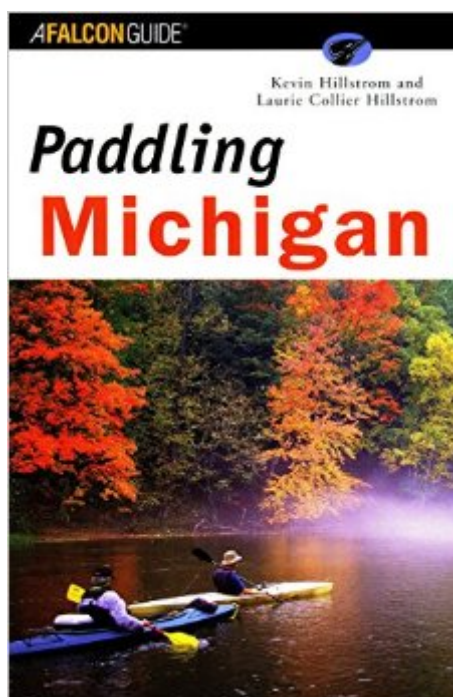


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# Paddling Michigan (Regional Paddling Series)



## Synopsis

Michigan offers a bounty of paddling destinations, and this book is the most complete and up-to-date guide available. Paddling Michigan includes more than 70 trips in both the Upper and Lower Peninsulas for beginner and expert paddlers alike. Classic rivers such as the Au Sable, the Manistee, and the Wild and Scenic Jordan River are included, as well as popular sea-kayaking destinations like Isle Royal National Park, Grand Island, and the Keweenaw Water Trail. Whether you want whitewater or flatwater, this book has it all. Maps show access points and landmarks, and are complemented by detailed written descriptions. Additional information on fishing, camping and wildlife viewing is also included. Freelance writers and editors Kevin and Laurie Hillstrom have been paddling and adventuring around Michigan for many years. They operate their business, the Northern Lights Writers Group, from their home in Munith, Michigan.

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## Customer Reviews

This book, Paddling Michigan, and Canoeing Michigan Rivers by Jerry Dennis and Craig Date were both purchased by our Scout Troop to aid in the planning and execution of our Scouting Outing Canoe trips. Both books are great, but the boys preferred the Canoeing Michigan Rivers over this book Paddling Michigan, although both books are being used by the Scouts. This book has it all to plan an outing, the maps, river description, challenge, a "standard time factor" and excellent commentary on the expectation of the canoe trip. The Senior Patrol Leader Council, the event planning committee of Boy Scouts aged 14-17, was able to take this book and properly plan,

organize and execute several canoe trips. It had all the information needed to make the proper decisions without having to go visit the river first, or rely on comments from someone who knows someone who said that access to the river was available from County Road 48. The Scout Troop now uses this book as a first resource for planning canoe trips in Michigan and has greatly aided the exploration of the rivers of Michigan with confidence!

General river information is helpful, however some specifics have changed. The book is 10 years old and I found that after 10 years descriptions of specific areas of the rivers are not always accurate. I bought this book to plan an afternoon trip for beginner kayakers. The beginner stretch of river that was described as wide and mostly free of obstacles has not been cleared for three years. Not only did we have obstacles, we had to portage 6 times. The float distance for this stretch was also inaccurate. What the author said was 2.5 miles was actually 12.5 according to locals. My beginners are now well seasoned. I would not recommend this book for trip planning. I would find something that has been published recently.

My husband is the paddler in the family and these are his thoughts: This is the "gold standard" of paddling the many streams of Michigan. It has lots of details and many tips, maps and important information. It was written in 2001 and has not been updated, which is my only complaint. In the last 14 years many things have changed: dams have been removed, some access roads have changed (both added to and abandoned), and some rivers not listed have become rather popular (ie. Grand Au Sable in western Michigan). Never the less this is probably still the best book out there...but I sure wish it was updated.

Although I have not had a chance to read this book cover to cover, I skimmed through much of it and found that it has an overwhelming amount of great information for the Michigan Paddler. I have searched the internet for months trying to find information like this without success. This is by far the most comprehensive list of places to paddle along with detailed information on routes, access, skill level, rapids, camping choices, optimal time to travel, distances, travel time in hours, etc...I can't wait to put this book to good use!!

Nice book. Covers a nice variety of both River and Lake systems. Accurate descriptions and info. 33 Lower Peninsula and 36 Upper Peninsula destinations covered. Opens up a lot of "lesser known" or "widely publicized" areas for exploration. Nice reference source. Was surprised that, on the Pere

Marquette River, the last take-out listed was Custer Bridge. There is so much more river to explore all the way down to Pere Marquette Lake, though access/take-out points are more limited. Still definitely doable. Other than that, great book.

Great paddling resource for both local and visitors to Michigan. I got this for my husband for Christmas, anticipating our relocation to the Upper Peninsula when he retires soon. He's well pleased with it; he's already owned the Missouri version and has had it for many years. We look forward to exploring the many beautiful rivers and lakes, and venturing out onto Superior as well.

I found this book very helpful in planning our trips to Kayak. It give great information about the rivers and places to access them. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes to get out on the water with a paddle in their hands!

This book is GREAT! Not only do they do a good job describing the river, miles to do each section, identifying local drop-off/pick-up people, camping sites, etc., they have very useful MAPS that detail the access points for entry and exiting.

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