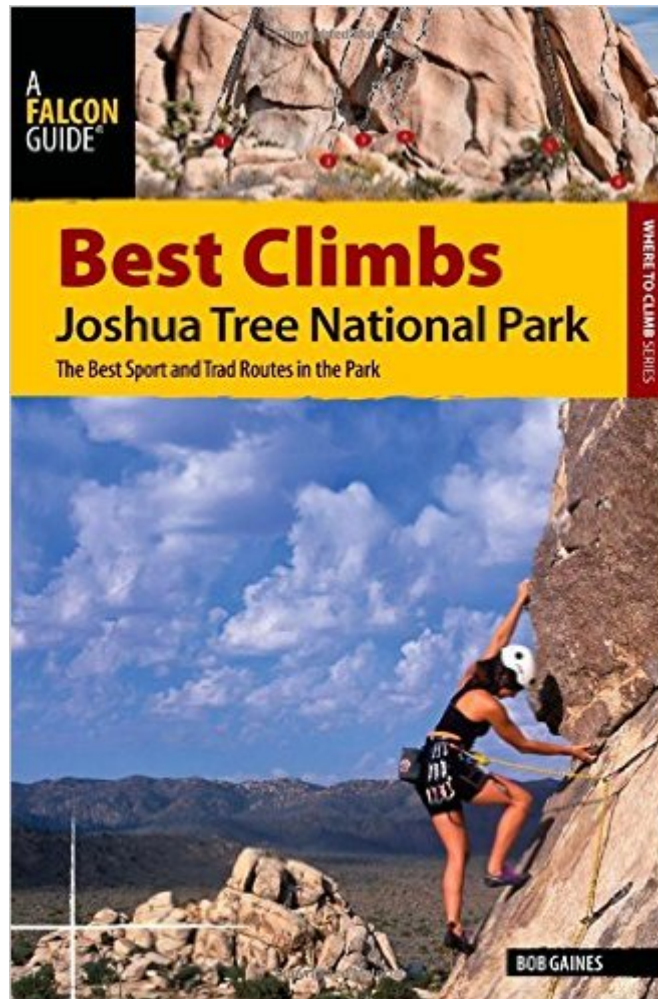


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Best Climbs Joshua Tree National Park: The Best Sport And Trad Routes In The Park (Best Climbs Series)



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Bob Gaines has spent much of his adult life at Joshua Tree climbing and operating his climbing school Vertical Adventures (voted best climbing school in the US by Outside Magazine). He's distilled this knowledge into a beautifully presented color guidebook to over 200 of the best trad and sport routes in J Tree. Divided into sections by climbing areas, he includes a general description of the crags in each area, including driving/hiking directions, GPS coordinates, descent beta and sun/shade information. The individual climbs include a detailed description, pro for trad routes, and

special descent beta where needed. But best of all, the routes are clearly marked on sparkling color photos. The front of the book has bonus beta, like lists of Best Crags for Toproping, Best Moderate Trad Single Pitch Routes (5.1 - 5.9), Best Moderate Trad Routes, Best Hard Trad Routes Single Pitch, Best Hard Multipitch, Best Sport Routes, and Best Face Climbs. There is also info about park regulations, gear, camping and much more. J Tree is a world-class climbing area, it just got a world-class guidebook to the best climbs in the park.

This guide fills an inexplicable gap in world of Joshua Tree climbing info. Since Randy Vogel's second and third installment of comprehensive guides are on hold (forever?), the only place to get info on the entire park is his old guide which is way behind the times in terms of quality. As for 'best of' guides, there's the 5.5 to 5.9 60 climbs trad guide by the Wingers which is decent but nowhere near the quality of this book. Bob Gaines put up some of the best routes in the park and his guide is on the same standard of quality. Don't hesitate, especially if you're just going to be visiting. Update: The Wolverine guide by Miramontes, which is pretty hard to find and somewhat pricy, is the solution to the guidebook problem this park has. It covers the entire park, has great detail, and wonderful pictures. I highly recommend it if you are a regular. If you are just visiting once or twice, then this book should take care of you just fine.

The route selections were great for a person with only a few days to spend in the park. Included some locations that are newer and a little off-the-beaten-path.

A very well written, concise, and thoughtfully put together guide book. Thank you Bob Gains! Seth Zaharias <http://www.cliffhangerguides.com>

Provides excellent directions and route pro info for the best climbs in the park, whether you're a beginner or seasoned climber looking for sport or trad routes of any rating.

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