

There are four books that I recommend for folks who like to hike in and around Acadia National Park.

They are:

1. *AMC Guide to Mount Desert Island and Acadia National Park*
2. *A Walk in the Park* by Tom St. Germain
3. *A Pocket Guide to The Carriage Roads* by Diana Abrell
4. *Twelve Walks on Mount Desert Island* by Earl D. Brechlin
Renamed: *Hiking Mount Desert Island*

The books are shown below.

I have two versions of two of the books, hence six books are shown.

If you are going to get just one book; get the AMC Guide.

Two versions are shown the 4th edition, in the upper right and the 5th edition in the center upper row. I prefer the older 4th edition because it easily fits into a shirt pocket. I guess they've now got newer versions as my 5th edition is dated by me as acquired in 1993. The AMC Guide comes with a nice folded map in the back which you can take with you on your hikes. It's easy to get confused on the trails, always take a map!

A Walk in the Park, of which the 1992 edition is shown bottom center and the tenth edition bottom right, is an excellent source for planning a hike. Tom has lived in the area for years and has also written books on the history of the trails. His books are too big to take along with you but he gives excellent descriptions of the hikes and what to expect. Each hike is mapped out along with a side elevation.

Twelve Walks on Mount Desert Island is a thin little book, pamphlet almost, that has some lovely walks outlined. There's something about reading that book that is calming.

A Pocket Guide to The Carriage Roads gives a guide to 12 walks, or biking, that one can do. The roads can be confusing when you get to a sign post. Always bring a map or this book!

Where to purchase:

Many of these books can be obtained at the Park Headquarters for the Park or from Amazon.

It appears Mr. Brechlin has renamed his book *Hiking Mount Desert Island*. It looks thicker.

Below the six books is a photo of the AMC Guide and its map. Both editions have a map.

