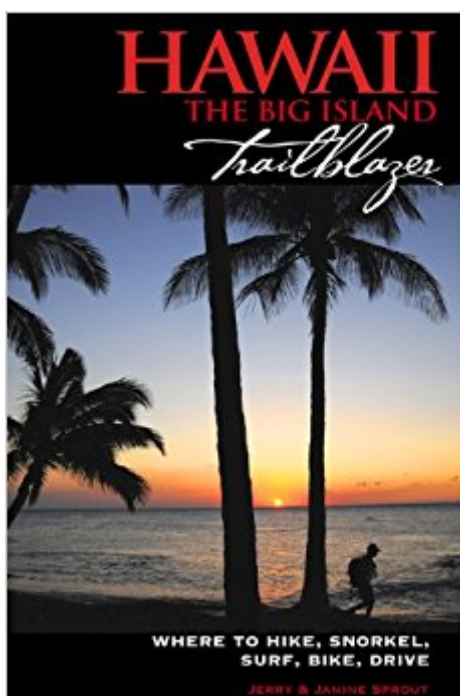


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Synopsis

A new and completely revised edition of this book is available on . Please search by title, or by ISBN: 9780978637187. Aloha! A guide for families and outdoor adventurers alike, the new and completely revised 2011 Trailblazer takes you to all of the Big Island's famous attractions, as well as its hidden spots. Nearly twice the size of the rest of Hawaii combined, the Big Island presents a challenge to adventure travelers with limited time. Trailblazer comes to the rescue with its trademark organization and clear directions for . . . 156 hikes and strolls: the peaks of Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa, the shores of Waipio Valley and Kealahou Bay, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, rain forests and tropical gardens, waterfalls, petroglyph fields, and the Kona Coast 75 snorkeling and swimming spots including remote hike-to specials 39 surfing spots: boards, bodyboarding, and body surfing 24 bike trails for adventure cyclists: mountain, coastal, forest, pasture 25 campgrounds and rustic cabin hideaways Hawaii the Big Island Trailblazer also includes . . . 9 maps and more than 200 photographs A Trailblazer Kids section for adventuring families A Best Of section that lets you pick the right activity for the right day Resource Links with hand-picked accommodations and restaurants, recreational outfitters, transportation, and visitor information Hawaiian culture and history Museums, attractions and shopping Driving tours to the Parker Ranch and Kohala Coast, Hilo and the Heritage Coast, and Kona coffee country Safety tips and trip-planning advice

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Customer Reviews

With its obscure roads and enormous size--nearly twice that of the rest of the Hawaiian Islands combined--the Big Island presents a challenge to adventure travelers who have limited time. The

Hawaii The Big Island Trailblazer for 2011 comes to the rescue with clear driving and trail descriptions to all of nature's all-stars, from the top of Mauna Kea to the shores of Kealahou Bay. Presenting vivid maps and its easy-to-use format, Trailblazer is a personal tour guide that fits in your knapsack. Hikers, snorkelers, and surfers can zero in on all the island's scenic masterpieces, as well as seek out the quiet wonders the Sprouts are known to discover. You'll find jungle valleys, blue lagoons, red-hot lava, hidden beaches, and starry nights on the tallest peak in the world. A separate map and listing shows bicyclists the island's hottest single tracks, along with trans-island cycling routes. Several driving tours take you to the Big Island's panoramas, but don't neglect the local-style galleries and restaurants, coffee and macadamia farms, and cultural curiosities. Handpicked accommodations present campsites and rustic digs, plus choice B&B's and resorts, both glitzy and budget. Hundreds of beautiful photographs illustrate a text rich with historical and cultural background. Reading Trailblazer gives you the feeling of being there, and then makes you want to get up and go!

HAWAII TRAILBLAZER is an offering to the strong and beautiful and intelligent people of the Big Island. May your message of Aloha spread to the farthest reaches of the earth and live on forever.

YOU WILL LOVE THIS BOOK. We have traveled to the big island many times, but still have not discovered or seen everything. This book reaches beyond of the general guide books and one of the other more popular reads about the island. Great for those who are into hiking and especially for driving tours. Snorkelers will like some of the off the beaten path places to go.

Amazing book that allowed us to really see the best trails and views of the island. The section on lava is a bit light, but I recommend Kalapana Cultural Tours where great local guides took us to the most amazing hike of my life. Also, know that if you opt for a "poke the lava tour," you are partaking in a culturally forbidden activity for the native Hawaiians.

Used this book on our trip the Big Island and it proved to be very helpful. Yes, we did find a couple errors but keep in mind places go out of business and places change with time. There is also the fact that some roads in Hawaii do not have street names posted, in general the infrastructure there is not as good as in the continental US. That said, this book was the best of the three we used in terms of accuracy both in directions and describing attractions. I recommend it.

Some interesting places to visit plainly described in this really cool book. Even as a resident - I have found it very informative and it's a lot of fun to find some of these little known hidden gems here in Hawaii!

A must purchase. Recently spent a week on the big island, made a checklist of thing to see based on this book and saw all of them. Do not hesitate as this book will provide activities and sites to see by region so you can maximize your time.

So glad to have this downloaded on my Kindle for our recent trip to Hawaii. First time for us to be in Hawaii and there were too many pamphlets at the airport, car rental, hotels, etc. This book eliminated all the unnecessary paperwork and we were able to plan where to go in minutes.

It's probably not the fault of the book, though, that I didn't use it. I thought there would be more cycling information in there than there was, though it doesn't really claim to have much cycling info, and I thought I would do more hiking than I did. So I guess the bottom line that I would stress to travelers is that unless you're explicitly planning to go to the big island to do a lot of hiking, you may want to consider that the real allure of Hawaii is the water and that you'll be drawn back to it over, and over, and over.

Good information in this book. Would have served me better if I remembered to take it with me to Hawaii.

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