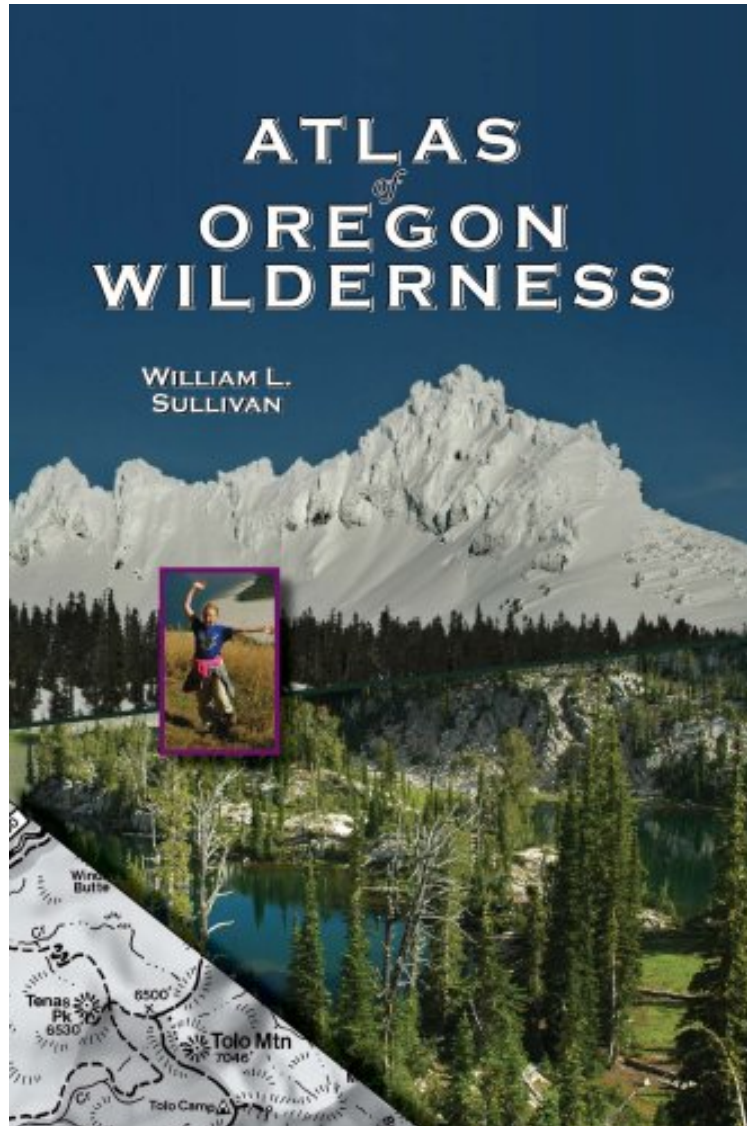


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**William L. Sullivan : Atlas of Oregon Wilderness** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Atlas of Oregon Wilderness:

15 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Highly recommended comprehensive book of hiking in Oregon wilderness.By Dog's Boy on the Sunny Southern OR CoastThis is a GREAT guidebook in nearly every respect.

Highly recommended to everyone who enjoys self-propelled, non-motorized outdoor experiences. This 383pg book follows a format similar to his 5 "100 Hikes" book series. He first highlights the special aspects of an area, discusses its geography history, its seasons, whether it receives heavy use or abuse, then launches into the range of possible hikes. It differs from the "100 Hikes" series in that this book doesn't assume that the reader's focus is exclusively on hiking; this book mentions considerations useful to backpackers, equestrians, swimmers, xc skiers snowshoers, hang gliders, those of us who enjoy hot springs, lookouts shelters, and those with children needing shorter hikes. The book also discusses in detail each area's predominant flora fauna. I appreciate that the author has a real understanding of solitude and the part it plays for some of us in understanding our place in this world. Not all writers do. Further, I find the book's descriptions quite accurate based on my own extensive travels over 30 years in many of these areas. Further, I appreciate that coverage is systematic comprehensive; he covers all portions of each wilderness area discussed rather than merely those that are most readily visited. Indeed, the author often guides us to the back-40, something I am grateful for. This book's maps use a different style than the line drawings found in his "100 Hikes" series. They appear to be based on 2D or 3D maps produced by the USFS or BLM, with additional details added. I prefer the maps in this book. I'll note that this is the ONLY source of specific info about the Devil's Staircase I've seen. This is a staircased waterfall in a very remote, rugged area of the coast range. Coverage in this book provides excellent guidance that will keep one "found" if you attempt the very difficult hike here. This is but one clear example of the thorough systematic fashion in which the author covers each area. This book covers the best of Oregon, but does not undermine the value of any of his 5 "100 Hikes" books. There is considerable overlap, for sure, but his other books focus on hiking specific routes, and cover many perfectly good often more convenient hiking areas that are not of wilderness quality. If you find you like this book, I suggest you check out one of the "100 Hikes" books for the area close to you. The one suggestion I would offer for future printings is that the book does not offer symbols for several key interests any given area might serve. Icons indicating restrictions on having animal companions, on good swimming opportunities, good picnicking, whether permits are required, whether shelters are in the area, all might be useful. Again, a highly recommended book.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good overview, not as detailed as 100 hikes series  
By jake\_705 I am a huge William Sullivan fan and his 100 hikes books have opened up hiking in Oregon for me and everyone I have recommended them to. This book does a great job of giving an overview with points of interest for all of Oregon's wilderness areas and some roadless areas as well. But because there is so much to cover, no one wilderness area is covered in great detail and the maps aren't as clear and easy to read as his hand-drawn maps in the 100 hikes series. I still recommend this for Oregon hikers to read and use along with the corresponding 100 hikes book.

12 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Atlas of Oregon Wilderness  
By Jim in Oregon A truly excellent book for people who enjoy hiking in Oregon's congressionally designated wilderness areas; even better that it includes those areas that Congress added in 2009. Hikers will presumably want also to have Sullivan's "regular" hiking books for actual hikes, however, as they give more-detailed information about getting to trailheads and about the trails themselves. For people who love hiking and backpacking in Oregon, though, this belongs on the bookshelf.

This complete guide to Oregon's backcountry includes the new wilderness areas designated by Congress in March 2009 as well as old favorites from Mt. Hood and the Three Sisters to Steens Mountain and the Wallowas. The atlas features 70 pages of detailed, shaded-relief maps, 40 pages of color photographs, 146 recommended backpacking trips, 500 featured hikes, and tips for mountain climbers, whitewater rafters, kayakers, Nordic skiers, and snowshoers.

About the Author A fifth-generation Oregonian, Sullivan has written ten books about Oregon, including Oregon Trips Trails, Hiking Oregon's History, and a series of five 100 Hikes guidebooks for Oregon. The journal of his 1000-mile backpacking trek across Oregon, *Listening for Coyote*, was chosen one of the state's top 100 books by the Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission. Sullivan lives with his wife Janell Sorensen in Eugene and writes a monthly column for the Eugene Register-Guard.