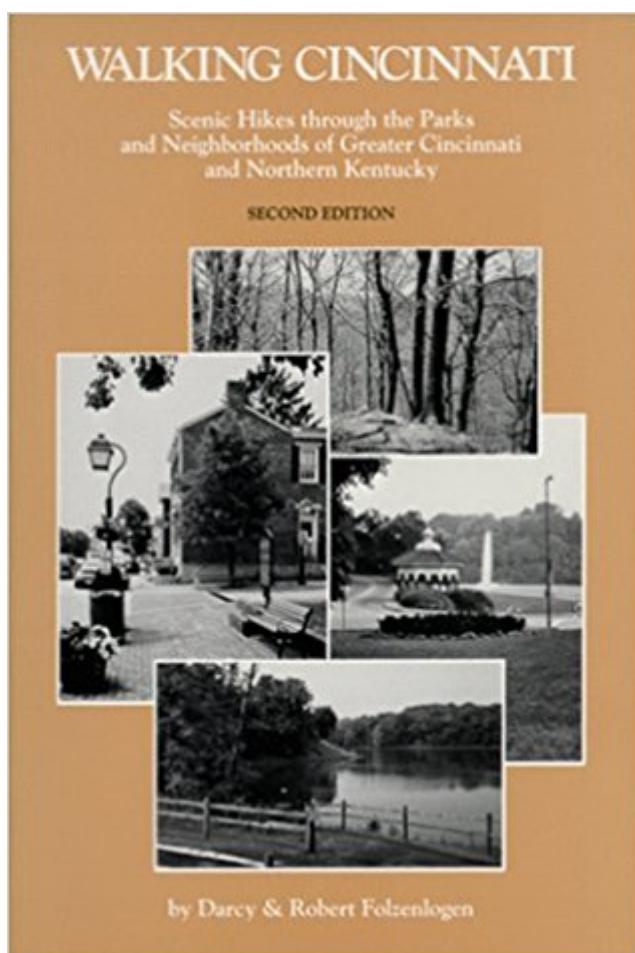


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# Walking Cincinnati, Scenic Hikes Through The Parks & Neighborhoods Of Greater Cincinnati & Northern Kentucky, Second Edition



## **Synopsis**

This second edition of our popular guide has been expanded to cover over 80 dayhikes and urban walks through the historic neighborhoods and nature preserves of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. Walks were chosen to highlight the natural and cultural history of the Queen City. The book is ideal for families, visitors, newcomers and weekend explorers.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Darcy & Robert Folzenlogen are physicians, naturalists and authors of eight outdoor guides. All of their books are dedicated to the themes of open space protection, historic preservation and wildlife conservation.

Purchased for wife as Christmas gift. She was surprised I was able to find something like this for her walk group. Says she skimmed through it, and that it looks informative. Only time will tell.

Gave to hubby for Christmas, he loves it!

As a hiking and reading guru, I have read and reviewed several of this author's works, some of them not so favorably. I opened the pages of this book somewhat skeptically, but I was pleasantly surprised with what I found. Since Cincinnati is not a mecca for hikers, this is the only guide devoted solely to Cincinnati hiking available on the market. Actually, only half of this guide is devoted to "hiking" in the traditional sense. This guide describes 59 "hiking" areas ranging from Fairfield in the

north to Boone County Cliffs in the south. I put "hiking" in quotes because about half of the "hikes" describe are actually walks along neighborhood streets rather than nature hikes, the traditional sense of the term "hiking." Henceforth in this review the word "hike" and its derivatives will refer to any of the 59 destinations described in this book. Hikes range in distance from 0.5 to 5 miles, with the average at only about 2 miles. Each hike contains a hand-drawn map, directions to the starting point, and several paragraphs describing the hike and points of interest along the route. Normally such maps are frowned upon because they lack detail, but they are acceptable in this case given the short trail distances and the fact that half of these hikes are along neighborhood streets. This book features a lot of the smaller urban preserves that are described in no other guide that I am aware of. Also, many of Cincinnati's neighborhoods are featured in a hike, so someone new to town would find this guide useful in getting acquainted with the city. I am a life-long resident of Hamilton (a suburb of Cincinnati), and I found this book very rewarding as it gave me new-found insights into the city's neighborhoods and history. In summary, anyone who wants to get to know Cincinnati better will find this book of interest. Many thanks to the Folzenlogen's for writing this guide. Highly recommended.

As a resident of Cincinnati for almost twenty years, I was pleasantly surprised to find that this book offered walking tours in places I had never been to much less heard of. In addition to the unexpected, this book's greatest strength is in the number of walking tours it offers (almost 60). It is also a great companion book to Cincinnati Observed since it offers walking tours of many suburbs and parks that Cincinnati Observed does not cover. However, for those looking for indepth analysis or history of sights you will be seeing on the walking tour, you may be disappointed since the walking tour descriptions are rather short. Also, many areas of the City of Cincinnati are ignored in favor of outlying suburbs. However, since Cincinnati Observed does such a great job with the walking tours inside the city of Cincinnati and Walking Cincinnati picks up areas not covered by Cincinnati Observed, if both books are used, you will be sure not to miss anything interesting in the City of Cincinnati.

I went on Hike# 49 (Boone County Cliffs State Nature Preserve) and if I hadn't been a local resident I would have NEVER found the place. The book's directions were to look for the turn off 6 miles east of Burlington; it should have said WEST of Burlington. Also, the sign at the small road you are supposed to look for that says "Kentucky Nature Conservancy 1.9 miles" actually is an "adopt-a-highway" sign that indicates that the KY Nature Conservancy has adopted the next 1.9

miles of road, meaning they are responsible for picking up trash along the road. I drove past this sign several times before I realized it was the sign I was supposed to be looking for. Ok, other than that, it was a great hike in a beautiful forest. I'm glad the authors wrote this book, they just need to update it with better directions.

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