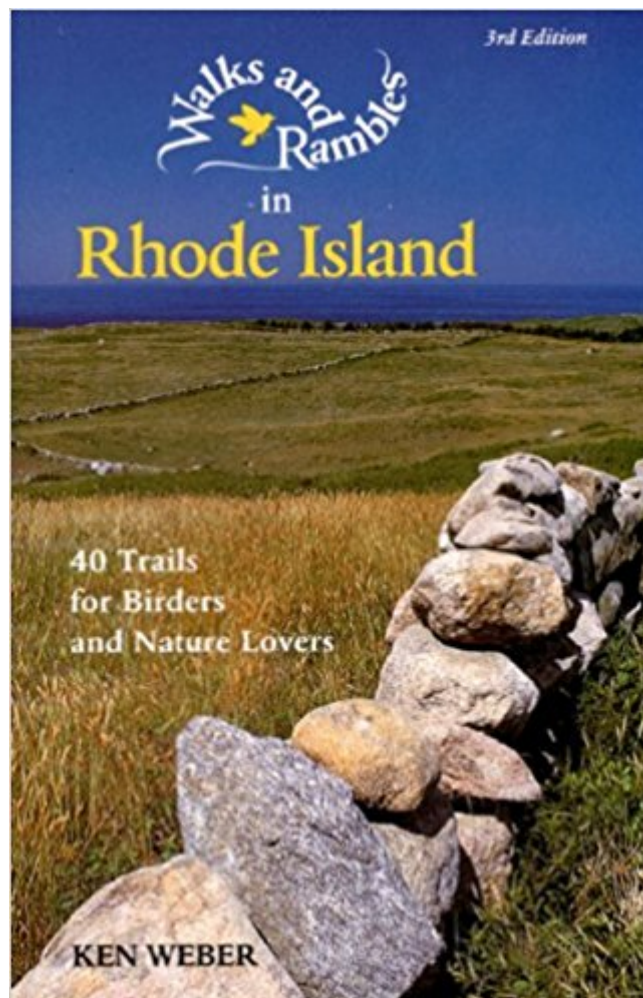




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Walks And Rambles In Rhode Island: 40 Trails For Birders And Nature Lovers



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I have owned this rambling book for more than a decade now. (And its sequel, More walks and ramblings as well). Until you pick up this book one would never guess there are so many blazed or easy to follow trails here in the smallest state. Most of them are very easy going family hikes that are less than 3 miles long, as well as ones that are near impossible to get really lost on. (Kind of hard to truly get lost in RI anyway. Just pick a direction and stick with it and you will run into some form of civilization in no time). I have taken all the walks in this book, a lot of them several times and only a small handful would I say are not worth it. Most are surprisingly colorful and interesting. The author does a nice job of guiding one through every walk with some interesting observations and "don't miss this" type of inclusions. And there is usually a healthy dose of background or history to every walk as well that is enjoyable to learn. The only small complaint that I have about this book is sometimes the authors directions to the trail heads are a little lacking, or quickly stated, as if everyone in RI is already well familiar with all parts of the state seeing its so small. And therefore wasting time with clearer directions isn't really necessary. That's not always the case for everyone I am afraid. Other than that small annoyance, this book is a must have for individuals and families who live in or around RI and love taking in the trails, wilderness, and coast line here that in many ways remains surprisingly hidden... :)

Ken Weber has done an excellent job describing these walks. His descriptions and difficulty assessments are usually dead on correct, so you can easily judge which hike to take and how hard it will be. I have done most of the hikes in this book in 2001, and the 3rd edition is quite up to date. The companion book is excellent too (More Walks and Rambles in Rhode Island).

Weber's Walks and Rambles in Rhode Island is the best compendium by far of the Rhode Island's out door offerings for those who travel on foot. It is a gem of a book.

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