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Photographing The Southwest Vol.1: Southern Utah, 3rd Edition

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A must for everyone with a passion for the Southwest! Have you ever wanted to see with your own eyes all the beautiful locations found in coffee table books, posters, calendars, and travel magazines? Do you want to see the most photogenic spots in our parks and monuments? Do you want to visit spectacular off the beaten track locations outside the parks? Are you interested in rock art and early Native American dwellings? The Photographing the Southwest guidebook series is the culmination of over twenty five years experience exploring and photographing the natural landmarks of the Southwest. Volume 1 will take you to the heart of Southern Utah, home to some of the Colorado Plateau’s most outstanding highlights. Beyond the National Parks of the famed Grand Circle, you’ll discover many hidden locations of Red Rock Country as well as Indian rock art and cliff dwellings. Enough for weeks of new discoveries in the area! Hundreds of locations, including the best spots and how to get there. All the major national parks, monuments and state parks. Clear and precise directions provided for seldom seen and hard-to-find sites. Where, when and how to get the best shots. Comprehensive ratings for each location (interest, difficulty, etc.)

This is an excellent series of books. Together or singly they are a great resource for touring the southwest, whether you are a serious photographer or just a lover of beautiful places and great hikes. I’ve used the printed versions for years and found them to be accurate and extremely helpful. Not detailed recipes for photos - a good thing in my book - although there is good general...
photography advice at the beginning of each book. Particularly valuable is the practical information about the best times of day for great light, and which lenses you may want to bring, for each destination. It is very handy now to be able to get these books in Kindle format. The quality of the photos is noticeably higher in the printed books, but the high quality of paper makes them a fairly heavy set to carry. So I’m happy to have both versions.

Excellent series (I have all 3 volumes). As a landscape photography enthusiast, this has been a huge time saver and resource for me to find the best locations, both iconic spots and lesser known areas. Would highly recommend to any outdoor photographer planning a trip to these areas.

Very thorough explanations and descriptions for a laundry list of photogenic sites to visit. I particularly like the matrix at the end of the book which shows a table of how picturesque a place is with other rating criteria (ease of access, time needed, etc). I would recommend it to anyone who wants to make the most out of their trip to the Southwest.

Not even halfway through reading this book: CHOCK FULL of 1) hiking tips, 2) Photo opportunities 3) Great things off the beaten path. Wish I was 40 years younger to do some of these things! I’m writing these ideas into my planner so we can check some of them out on our upcoming trip to Utah. Like this book alot--makes we wish I could spend an entire month in this beautiful state.

There are a number of updates to this fantastic guide that make it worthwhile to buy the newer version. I have been using These guides for the last 6 years and the updates are excellent in this guide. New locations, and location details are included. When I first bought them, they were my go-to books. Now I use them as idea starters and places to begin my scouting.

Gorgeous photos and excellent information. Most of the best "secrets" of Southern Utah can be found using this guidebook. If this book doesn't inspire you to spend months exploring Southern Utah, then there is probably something wrong with you!

Excellent book to find hikes in Utah. Includes ratings for trail difficulty & road difficulty. Used it on our trip the Utah and found enjoyable hikes in our experience level. Definitely recommend for visiting National Parks in the Southwest.
These guides, especially the Utah, have made an awesome difference in our lives as we design our vacations around these guides. With these beautiful destinations as the goal of our adventures, Martres gives us the direction and advise we need to find these special places and allows us to get the shots that decorate the walls of our home.

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