

Guide to the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon: Lees Ferry to South Cove

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before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Guide to the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon: Lees Ferry to South Cove:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. and there are plenty of great photos that make it colorful and entertaining (the product ...By James JosephI just received this guide and it exceeded my expectations with regard to quality. I am very excited to put it to use in a few months. The text is readable, the materials are waterproof and first rate, and there are plenty of great photos that make it colorful and entertaining (the product description on said that the photos were BW, but maps and photos are full color - BONUS). Although I haven't used it yet, I foresee two possible problems with the guide at first glance. First, it is very long (14 inches) and I am going to have to figure a way to stow it quickly in case of unexpected waves or wind. I have a small dry box for quick access gear, but this won't fit in it. Second, the spiral binding is great now, but since rafting is an action sport, I suspect that by the end of the float trip it could get flattened/bent, which could make page turning challenging. Perhaps a benefit of the spiral binding is that I could run a section of shock cord through it and use that to secure the guide to the decking of the boat (and hope I don't flip).I now have three guides and will probably end up taking all three. Stevens (1998) has the best information on plants and wildlife with species lists and plates that are great for flora/fauna lovers like myself. Another guide (don't remember the author) has sketches of the big rapids with pointer rocks, holes, and high/low water routes shown.

This was helpful during the scout of the rapid and for making notes after a successful run - I understand that the river is constantly changing and such maps could be quickly out of date. The Martin guide (5th edition) does provide suggestions on possible lines and hazards of the big rapids, with updated information as current as 2012 (from what I have read so far). It is definitely going to come in very handy on the trip and will be a welcome part of my personal library! If you are a private boater, I would definitely say that it is worth the money spent! It has good descriptions on campsites (size and important features) and good info on side canyons/history/difficulty of landing at sites/etc. I didn't see any dam "tidal" charts, but haven't been through it all yet. If you are doing a commercial trip and just want to keep track of where you are, I might suggest Stevens or another guide that can be shoved in a dry bag or even your pocket. This guide is excellent, a bit bulky if you are not involved in selection of camps and in control of your own destiny through the rapids (better suited for a boatman). 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. If you are rafting/kayaking on a private trip down the ...By Tahoe Dude If you are rafting/kayaking on a private trip down the Grand Canyon this is a must have guide. The mileage/camps/rapids are all listed. I would suggest researching the lines and beta for the bigger rapids as this guide is a bit lacking in that area. My book was soaked on my trip and the waterproof pages held up to the challenge. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Must have for your Grand Canyon raft trips By Roxanne A Love my copy, used it on 4 different Grand Canyon trips. the newest editions actually float (my 1st edition sank to the bottom when my son dropped it passing it to another raft)

Do you want a Grand Canyon guidebook written by boaters for boaters? Tom Martin, author of Day Hikes from the River, and Duwain Whitis, publisher of RiverMaps map books, have teamed up to write the definitive guidebook. This is the only guidebook to the Canyon with USGS topographic map backgrounds printed at their original scale, with additional details in an easy-to-read format. It is also the only guide with maps extending to South Cove in Lake Mead. Each map shows campsite locations, rapids, scout points, river miles, and other points of interest. The accompanying text describes all campsites on the park inventory (and some extras), with campsite pull-in information, geological, botanical, and historical points of interest. Maps are in color. Text and photographs are black and white. The guide is 8.5" x 14" spiral-bound to lay flat. The 120 pages are printed on tough waterproof and tear-resistant synthetic paper. The mileage has been established by the Grand Canyon Research and Monitoring Center, using the most up-to-date measuring techniques. The new mileage of the last few editions deviates from the old by up to a mile in certain areas. Recommended by most Grand Canyon and Colorado River guides and rafting companies, this book has won a NOBA (National Outdoor Book Award)! Spiralbound waterproof paperback. 108 pages. Scale: 1:24,000 Size: 8.5" x 14"