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### All you need are water and a cliff: New edition of *North Carolina Waterfalls*

North Carolina's great outdoors offer treasures too numerous to count: starry nights, stunning sunsets, towering pine trees. But something about water running downhill very, very quickly tends to stir the soul more surely than the highest mountains and bluest skies.

If waterfalls provide the surest route to rapture, then Kevin Adams provides the surest routes to the waterfalls. Since its publication in 1994, Adams's book *North Carolina Waterfalls* has sold more than 40,000 copies and become the definitive guidebook to falling water in the Tar Heel State.

This fall sees the publication of a new edition of *North Carolina Waterfalls*, completely updated and greatly expanded. Adams includes three times as many falls in this new edition as he did in the old, and he once again hiked to every single waterfall himself before adding it to his guide.

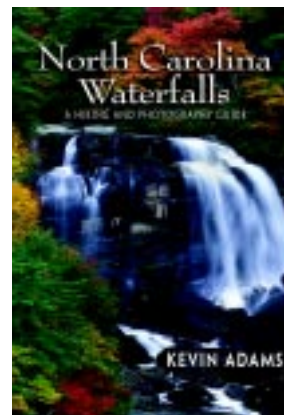
"Wow, what a difference 11 years make," Adams writes in his introduction to the new edition. "I was astonished to find so many Web sites and chat rooms devoted to waterfalls. I quickly realized that while there is a lot of good information on the Internet, it is also a bottomless pit of misinformation.

"I decided I needed to completely revise this book and include as much detailed information as possible about each waterfall, particularly regarding access. At a minimum, it would allow me to correct some of the inaccurate and confusing information from the first edition that the Internet has perpetuated."

Adams says that some waterfalls that were on public property when he wrote the first edition are now on private land, and vice versa. Some waterfalls became easier to get to, thanks to new roads and trails, while others had access information change "to the point of absurdity."

Adams described 200 waterfalls in the first edition; in this new edition, he describes 600. "I worked hard to find as many waterfalls in North Carolina as possible," he writes. Adams looked at United States Geological Survey maps for every part of the state, including the coast, "just so I could say I studied *every* topo map."

Even with every topo map, the Internet, and the wide-



spread network of contacts Adams has established over the years, finding every single waterfall in the state was just beyond his grasp.

"The first problem is that there is no suitable definition for the word *waterfall*. The second problem is that it's impossible for anyone to know how many waterfalls are in a state as big as North Carolina," Adams writes. "I've spent a good part of my life searching out the state's waterfalls . . . I'd estimate there are between 1,000 and 1,500 waterfalls in North Carolina."

**About the Author:** Kevin Adams stole the idea for *North Carolina Waterfalls* from his mother and older brothers, who talked about the need for such a book during family vacations to the mountains. Kevin's photos have been published in *National Geographic Adventure*, *Outdoor Photographer*, *Backpacker*, *Blue Ridge Country*, *Our State*, *Natural History*, *Wildlife in North Carolina*, and more than 12 other magazines, as well as in six books. He also writes a regular "Natural Heritage" feature for *Our State* magazine and frequently teaches photography workshops and leads eco-tours. He lives in High Point, North Carolina, with his wife and their "ugly cat, Asa."

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