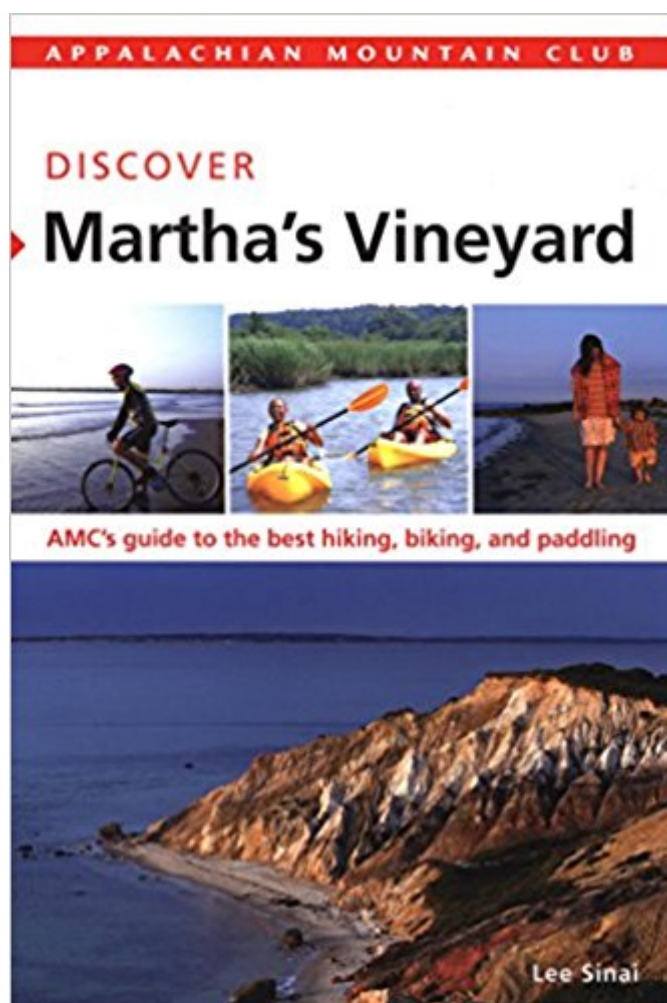


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# AMC Discover Martha's Vineyard: AMC's Guide To The Best Hiking, Biking, And Paddling (Appalachian Mountain Club Discover)



## Synopsis

Located 7 miles off the Massachusetts coastline, Martha's Vineyard is a unique and beautiful spot to explore while hiking, biking, or kayaking. This new guidebook from the Appalachian Mountain Club details more than 45 of the best hikes, on- and off-road bike trails, and paddling routes on this peaceful vacation destination. From a winding trail leading to dramatic sand cliffs, and on-road biking surrounded by amazing panoramas in Vineyard Haven, to paddling in the remote Cape Poge Bay, this three-in-one guide leads you to the most unforgettable spots in and around the island. Nature notes and historical sidebars provide context for the active traveler. Perfect for active travelers and locals looking for something fun to do close to home, this guide will be your most trusted resource for outdoor recreation on Martha's Vineyard.

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needs updating. Got lost a few times cause trails have changed and the trail names are different, but still had a good time. This is only for the hiking section.

Purchased this book for a return trip to Martha's Vineyard, primarily to learn about additional bike routes we might try. Decided to try the "on road" route for Chappaquiddick. Book said something like 12.3 miles, but turned out that about 5 of those miles were really "off road" - all sand - without a mountain bike (we have hybrids), utterly impossible. And the map, although basic, was a little too

basic - hard to follow and figure out which road was which. We gave up (although it IS impossible to get lost on Chappy). Also think the directions are a bit hard to follow - after all, you can't be reading this while you're riding, and there is too much to memorize. It's a good reference book to learn about what routes are available, but a bit cumbersome to actually use as a guide book unless you're hiking...

We managed to complete about half the hikes during our early May vacation. We are in our mid-60s. It greatly enhanced our enjoyment of this wonderful and varied island. It has great variety of length, town or country, inland or coastal, woods or fields. Now I want to return to try the bike trails. On the website of the book I have made a few suggestions of small changes to the trails due to last winter's erosion.

More than 200 pages describing trips/trails: 20 walking/hiking, 8 on-road biking, 5 off-road biking, and 12 paddling. Each trip has the Location (detailed directions to find it), Rating (easy to difficult), Fees (if any), Food (when available), Map, and a Description Overview with a detailed Route pointing out birds (great blue heron, osprey...) and plants (Lady's Slipper, cinnamon fern...) to enjoy, as well as plants to avoid (poison ivy). Additional notations such as "good for kids," "dogs allowed," and "swimming area" and other highlights were very helpful. In my few days on the Vineyard, I chose four of the trails at different ends of the island and followed the directions. The info in Lee Sinai's book did not disappoint. Before leaving the Vineyard, I purchased another copy of the book for friends who are soon leaving for a two-week vacation on the island.

An amazing resource for those who want to explore Martha's Vineyard on foot, by bike or paddling. Clear table of contents and excellent directions to each of the 45 trips. Includes information about parking, available rest rooms, flora and fauna, as well as trail maps and tips. We were really impressed by the detail included in this handy paperback. Made our visit a real treat.

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