

AUTHOR BIO
Pati Anne

Pati Anne grew up in a small town in upstate New York where winter was long and freezing and springtime was rainy and muddy. After high school, she worked in a travel agency and became acquainted with areas where the weather was mild all year. Visions of sandy beaches, palm trees, and sunny days danced in her head.

Her aunt and uncle who lived in California wrote her family about it, and Pati expressed a desire to move there. In 1960, they invited her to come and stay with them while she was looking for a job. Pati spoke so enthusiastically about California that some of her girl friends wanted to move with her. One rainy day they set off in two cars (one following the other) across the country with their parents alarmed and complaining.

Pati stayed in California while her friends eventually moved back to New York. She was so impressed with the sensational beauty of California, that she began writing poetry about it. Poetry flowed frantically from her, even waking her up at night, so she kept pen, paper, and a flashlight next to her bed. In 2009, one of her poems, *Captured By Nature*, was published in *The Wishing Well-Reflections* by Eber & Wein Publishing.

Pati began day hiking and writing notes about the areas she visited. Talking with the staff of museums, chamber of commerce, and visitor centers, as well as locals and park rangers gave her valuable information. Finally she wrote the travel guide about the places she loved the most. Many experts reviewed her work and have written wonderful praise.

Pati lives in Woodland Hills, California, where she walks nearby trails and the hills she lives on.