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New Accessible Road Trip Book Opens up America to Everyone

RIPON, CA – June 4, 2012 -- If you're tired of long airport lines, excessive baggage charges and ever-changing TSA regulations, then pick up a copy of **22 Accessible Road Trips; Driving Vacations for Wheelers and Slow Walkers** and prepare to hit the road. Penned by accessible travel expert Candy Harrington, this new travel guide highlights driving routes throughout the Continental US, and includes detailed access information for wheelchair-users and slow walkers.

Each chapter features a themed driving route that can be completed in 2-3 weeks. Unlike other road trip books, **22 Accessible Road Trips** also includes information about accessible lodging, sights, trails, and attractions. From a towing service that can transport wheelchair-users, to a wheelchair-accessible cabin in the Smokies, and even a historic canal boat that features roll-on access, there's no shortage of helpful resources in this guide .

Filled with off-the-beaten path finds, unique roadside attractions and rural driving routes, each chapter also includes:

- A map illustrating the route.
- Unique restaurants along the way — not necessarily fine dining, but definitely memorable.
- Information about airports and accessible van rentals in gateway cities, for folks who want to do a fly-drive trip.
- Ideas to customize the route — to make it longer, combine two routes together or even do day trips from gateway cities.

The book also includes information on seasonal road closures, the optimal time to drive each route and special events and festivals along the way. "Timing is essential in many cases," emphasizes Harrington. "For example there are only two times a year you can swim in FDR's healing Warm Springs pools; if that's your desire, plan accordingly."

This inclusive travel guide differs from Harrington's previous titles, in that it's not *exclusively* for wheelchair-users and slow walkers. Says Harrington, "This book is for everybody – able-bodied travelers, stroller-pushing parents, and people who just love road trips, as well as folks with mobility issues."

Known as the guru of accessible travel, Candy Harrington has covered this niche topic exclusively since 1996. She's the founding editor of *Emerging Horizons* and the author of several accessible travel titles, including the classic, *Barrier-Free Travel: A Nuts and Bolts Guide for Wheelers and Slow Walkers*.

22 Accessible Road Trips; Driving Vacations for Wheelers and Slow Walkers (\$21.95, 318 pages, paperback, ISBN: 978-1-9363-0326-7) is available at your favorite bookstore.

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