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The New Summit Hiker And Ski Touring Guide: 50 Historic Hiking And Ski Trails



Synopsis

50 Historic Hiking Trails near Breckenridge, Frisco, Copper Mountain, Keystone-Dillon in the Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness and the Gore Range Wilderness, in Colorado. Popular Colorado author-historian Mary Ellen Gilliland introduces hikers and winter recreationists to mine camps, ghost towns, stagecoach tracks and narrow gauge railway routes, each resonating its own gold rush history. Scenic nature hikes, peak climbs, alpine lakes and waterfalls are destinations for the hikes. Added feature: special hikes for children.

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"Very thorough in its approach. A 'must' for hikers and cross-country skiers." -- Sports Editor Steven Weinmeister in The Denver Post, February, 1993

Gold rush history, mountain scenery and top-notch directions packaged in one hiking guide. Fifty scenic hiking trails detailed by historian-outdoorswoman Mary Ellen Gilliland offer not only alpine lakes, waterfalls, panoramic views, but colorful information on gold rush history sites--mine camps, stagecoach routes, Ute Indian campsites and mining relics. The Colorado Independent Publishers Association honored this book with an award in its outdoor recreation category. Recently revised and updated, this outstanding alpine Colorado hiking and ski guide is our top-selling book ever, now in its fifth edition. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

A good concept, but in my view the material in this book was outdated and the maps too basic for use as a stand alone guide. Online resources provided more interesting and useful material and maps for our trip.

Great guide . Recommended by a friend who had used it also .

Very descriptive and helpful. I loved using it while I lived in the area. It's a great tool to pick up if you are taking a trip Summit county.

arrived as promosed

We tried hiking Wheeler Lakes, one of the hikes, in the book. The directions to get there is off by 2 miles!! The ratings of a couple hikes seemed off. For example, Mt. Royal to Masontown is short but steep. In the book it's easy-moderate. Maybe because it's short. But it's steep and definitely not "easy" for the little kiddos. I would hike this with the younger kids with reservation. And the hike to Mt. Royal is very steep and the rating is just "More difficult". The description of the hikes is not easy to read either. Overall, you're much better off looking up hikes and getting directions on-line.

Excellent book for hikers not really familiar with the Summit County area. I am from Ohio, and my family found the book most helpful in ranking the difficulty of hikes, estimating the time of our trips and how strenuous a hike we were looking at. Also the maps & directions were right on the money. Without this book we would have missed out on some fantastic hiking in the Breckenridge & Frisco areas!!

My husband and I have chosen several of the hikes included by Ms. Gilliland and, as neophyte hikers, have found them very enjoyable. Most importantly, we have come to depend on both the times given for the hikes as well as the difficulty ratings. I would not hesitate to take a hike from this book if it sounded attractive to me -- I'd know I could count on it being just as described

Lots of great hikes of varying levels of difficulty, and fabulous directions. Hlghly recommend this and the Vail Hiker by the same author.

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