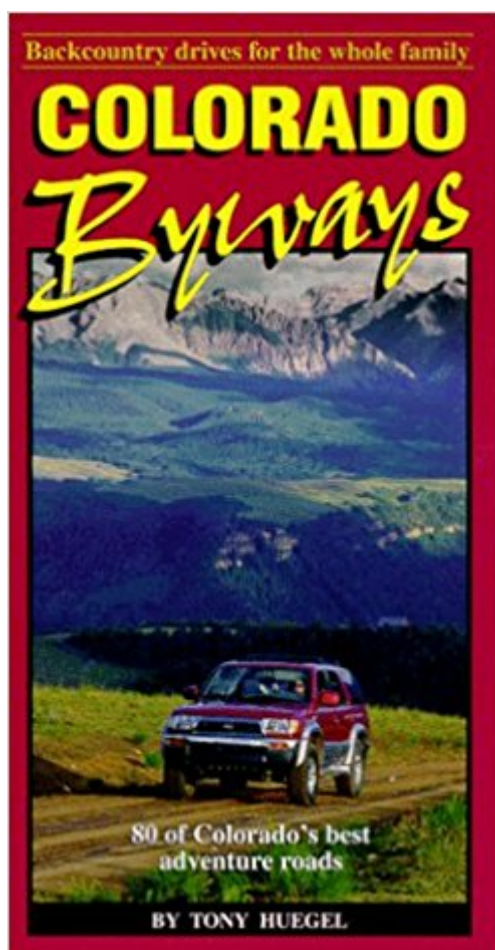




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Colorado Byways: Backcountry Drives For The Whole Family (Backcountry Byways)



Synopsis

For the price of a single tank of gas for the typical 4wd sport-utility vehicle, the 80 unpaved adventure roads detailed in this backcountry travel guide will steer you through Colorado's most spectacular wildlands and historic settings. From the river gorges of Dinosaur National Monument to the soaring peaks and passes of the San Juan Mountains (including the famous Alpine Loop), the routes it details will help you discover ghost towns, Native American rock art sites, sweeping glaciated valleys, an active dinosaur fossil quarry and herds of wild horses. It even includes exhilarating drives up the famous ski slopes at Aspen, Vail and Breckenridge. Whether you're looking for an easy cruise through autumn aspens or the thrill of a genuine 4x4 route like famous Black Bear Pass, its detailed descriptions, maps for every route, extensive how-to chapter and comprehensive listing of information sources - not to mention its handy spiral binding - make this glovebox-size guide the ideal companion for exploring the wilds of Colorado with the comfort and convenience of an SUV.

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"Author Tony Huegel has produced some of the best guides that we've ever seen for those who really want to get away with the whole family. (Byways guides) all offer concise directions, clear maps and excellent advice on how to get the most out of your off-road adventure." -- Maryland Public Television's MotorWeek

Colorado has one of North America's most extensive networks of scenic unpaved backcountry roads, many of them rich in history. With so many people now driving 4wd, high-clearance sport-utility vehicles, these often little-known and little-traveled adventure roads are finally accessible to just about anyone. This easy-to-use, glovebox-size guidebook is the most comprehensive backcountry touring guide available for the Centennial State. It depicts not just the scenery, but the history and culture of Colorado as well. You will find backcountry byways through the entire range of Colorado's diverse landscapes, from the river gorges of Dinosaur National Monument to the sky-scraping peaks and passes of the San Juan Mountains. It includes difficulty ratings, information sources, even campgrounds and relevant Internet Web sites. Most routes are rated easy to moderately difficult, although some, like Black Bear Pass, will appeal to adventure drivers who want more challenging 4x4 routes. Happy trails!

This is an absolutely FANTASTIC and very informative 4-wheel drive/ off roading book on Colorado's most gorgeous and scenic byways!! I have the red, spiral-bound 1st edition (1999)- and I bought the new edition (July 2003) in hopes that more trails would be added and reviewed. To my dismay, I compared all 80 trails in the first edition- as well as the second edition- I had both editions side by side-- and I saw no difference at all. They were both exactly the same! No new trails were added. I was very surprised- thinking that a new edition must be different in some way. If you are expecting something different from the previous edition- you don't need to get this new edition. However, if you don't have the previous edition- I would HIGHLY RECOMMEND getting this book. It is an excellent book on Colorado's byways. Here are the trails listed (exact same in both editions): Trail #1: Sand Wash Basin Loop #2: Echo Park Road #3: Yampa Bench Road #4: Buffalo Pass #5: Old Fall River Road #6: Rock Art Tour #7: Cathedral Bluffs #8: Sleepy Cat-East Beaver Loop #9: Flat Tops Trail #10: Buford-New Castle Road #11: Moffat (Rollins Pass) Road #12: Wild Horse Trail #13: Mill Creek Road #14: Horseshoe Basin #15: Argentine Pass #16: Shrine Pass Road #17: Wearyman Creek/ Camp Hale #18: Webster Pass #19: Georgia Pass #20: Santa Fe Peak #21: Mosquito Pass Road #22: Mt. Bross/ Kite Lake #23: Boreas Pass #24: Peak 10 #25: Hagerman Pass #26: McDonald Creek Canyon #27: Black Ridge Road #28: Grand Mesa/ Land's End Road #29: Crystal City/ Lead King Basin #30: Aspen Mountain Loop #31: Taylor Pass Loop #32: Lincoln Creek Road #33: Weston Pass Road #34: Paradise Divide #35: Dominguez Road #36: Divide Road #37: Dinosaur Quarry Loop #38: Soap Creek Road #39: St. Elmo to Tincup #40: Mt. Antero #41: Alpine Tunnel/ Hancock Pass #42: Shelf Road/ Gold Belt Tour #43: Phantom Canyon Road/ Gold Belt Tour #44: Owl Creek Pass Road #45: Alpine Plateau #46: Blue Mesa Cutoff #47:

Sapinero Mesa Road #48: Marshall Pass Road #49: Hayden Pass Road #50: Los Pinos-Cebolla Road #51: Last Dollar Road #52: Yankee Boy Basin #53: Imogene Pass #54: Lizard Head Loop #55: Black Bear Pass #56: Ophir Pass #57: Engineer Mountain Road #58: Corkscrew Gulch #59: Clear Lake #60: Placer Gulch/ Picayne Gulch #61: Animas Forks #62: Maggie Gulch #63: Minnie Gulch #64: Stony Pass Road #65: Cinnamon Pass #66: Engineer Pass to Lake City #67: Hermit Pass #68: Medano Pass Road #69: Bachelor Historic Tour #70: Wheeler Geographic Area Road #71: Vista Variety Tour #72: English Valley-Natural Arch #73: Bolam Pass #74: Scotch Creek-Roaring Forks #75: Old Lime Creek Road #76: La Plata Canyon #77: Middle Mountain Road #78: Elwood Pass-Beaver Creek #79: Alamosa Canyon-to Platoro #80: Pagosa Junction

I bought this book in 2001 only to be disappointed by the excess number of "easy" trails in it. At the time, I had a heavily modified SUV and wanted more challenge. I let a friend borrow the book and didn't try very hard to get it back. Two years ago, I sold that SUV and replaced it with a much more fuel efficient and family-friendly Subaru. I bought this book knowing that most of the trails within would be ideal for our new vehicle. It is a great book with lots of great pictures, excellent directions, and good trail descriptions.

Wish there were more pictures and that the pictures that were there were more illustrative of the road conditions instead of poorly framed shots of the views.... Would also be nice if the description were updated.

Disappointed that this was published over ten years ago .. Assume a lot of conditions have changed over the years

As my 'wheeling' is more 'family adventures' I'm starting to prefer Tony's books over Charles Wells'. Truth be told I usually end up with both...and Peter Masseys books are fantastic too :)

Bought this for our third trip to Colorado. First two trips we stayed on the blacktop. We enjoy nature, wildlife and less people. Finally, we got to see some spectacular scenery. The book is VERY informative. It gives the detail you need when traveling in the back country. Love the pictures and detailed little maps...very helpful.

This guide book has great auto tours thru the whole stategiving detailed routes and interesting

information on the attractions to be seen along the way. Great tour book.

The book was advertised as Used because it had a slight bend on the back cover, but it actually looks like a brand new book. We are very pleased with it, and we are already planning some off-road travels using it as our guide.

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