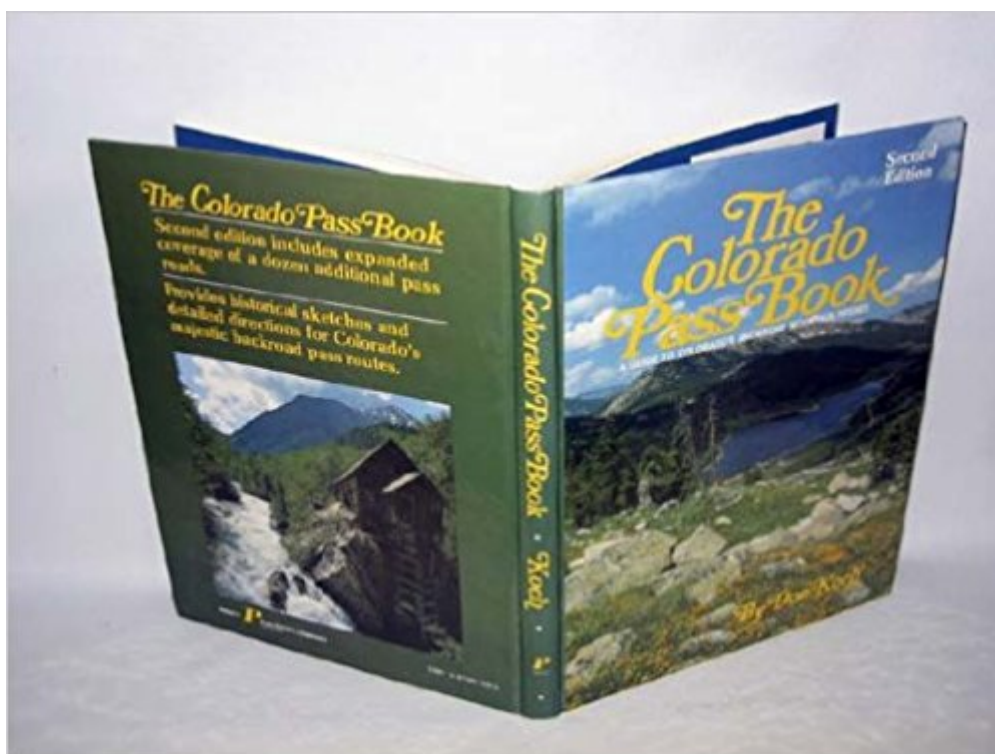


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# The Colorado Pass Book: A Guide To Colorado's Backroad Mountain Passes



## Synopsis

This popular guide to Colorado's spectacular mountain-pass roads is now available in a revised edition with interesting historical details, photos, and a helpful expanded section on four wheel traveling with tips on driving and equipment. Includes orientation information, directions, terrain descriptions, and forest service contacts. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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This comprehensive guide to Colorado's spectacular mountain pass roads is chock-full of intriguing historical narratives, photographs of breathtaking vistas, and tips for four-wheel driving, including a section on navigating with a global positioning system (GPS) receiver. Explore beautiful Colorado with this new edition's current orientation, directions, terrain descriptions, and Forest Service contacts. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Great directions, history, maps. A must for a Jeep!

Of the 50 passes in this book I have hiked 41 and hope to finish them all in the next few years. Keep in mind since this was written 1980 some of the information on accessing the passes is now

outdated. However his historical descriptions make up for this minor shortcoming. I recommend also having up to date National Forest maps. Highly recommended.

Great book

This is a wonderful guide to Colorado mountain passes. For explorers on foot or in vehicle, the author offers all the necessary information on distance, elevation, level of difficulty, side roads, scenic views, and historic interests. For armchair enjoyers of such information, the photos are fantastic (both current-day and historical), and the information on each mountain pass is absorbing. Highly recommended.

As described, but more outdated than I thought.

Great book

Book was in the condition rated and available at a fair price; service was fast on delivery.

I've been buying editions of this wonderful book as they come out--if you fly into Colorado and rent a 4WD from Hertz, Avis, or whatever, and want adventure--this is a great guide. The book describes 60-odd Colorado passes "suitable" for driving. This does not include any of the regular paved road passes, many of which are fun, but very few of which are hair-raising. The roads range from well-drained gravel to boulder-strewn ruts, and the book carefully delineates exactly what kind of vehicle is required and what conditions to expect. There are plenty of photographs, but no topo maps (which I would strongly recommend for some of the passes). My interest started when I read Marshall Sprague's Great Gates, about the Rocky Mountain Passes, and saw the description of Tomichi Pass as "the worst shelf trail in the Rockies for man, beast, or mountain goat". Many years later, after I had bought The Colorado Pass Book I drove over this route--which isn't too bad if you don't mind a very steep, off-camber narrow shelf barely wider than my car, with a 300' sheer drop down to my right and a sheer cliff up on the driver's side--if I had wanted to leave my car I would have had to go out through the tailgate! And there are even worse places, such as Black Bear/Ingram Pass ("extreme caution needed" says the Pass Book) where if you think you know what the word "switchbacks" means, you're mistaken! There are plenty of gentler passes described--so there are passes suitable for almost anyone. There's a lot of great history here--such as the rickety old

wooden trestles on the Rollins Pass road--and you come to appreciate what people did to get to the mining areas in the late 1800's. You need to know what you're doing here--some of the passes are over 13,000 feet above sea level, and sometimes there are what are called "jeep traps" where you cannot go forward or back up safely. There are other Colorado 4WD books that cover non-pass roads as well as passes, but this book has always been my favorite.

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