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The New Summit Hiker And Ski Touring Guide



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. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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"...Very helpful trail statistics...historical background on the vicinity of each trail...maps and photos with each offering. -- Joan McCoy, Travel Editor, The Rocky Mountain News, July 10, 1983"Very thorough in its approach," said sports columnist Steven Weinmeister in the Denver Post. "A 'must' for hikers and cross-country skiers." -- The Denver Post, Jan. 25, 1989"Whether you're looking for a 15-minute stroll or an eight-hour hike, a newly released guidebook to Summit County hiking trails is ready to help you find your ideal path. "The new Summit Hiker by Mary Ellen Gilliland offers trails into the area's gold rush past, as well as scenic treks through the wilderness." -- The Summit Sentinel, July 31, 1992Good tips on where to go in high country: Just as gardeners begin looking through seed catalogs at the first sign of spring, so do Coloradans start searching for guidebooks to the state's back country. "The Summit Hiker" (Alpenrose Press, Box 499, Silverthorne, CO 80498) describes 40 historic trails in Summit County which can be covered in anything from a 15-minute

walk to an all-day hike. Compiled by Summit County historian Mary Ellen Gilliland, the guide rates hikes by difficulty of terrain, gives time, distance and elevation gain of each trail and includes U.S. Geological Survey maps. Gilliland tells where to start and describes mileposts to watch for as well as points of interest along the way. She suggests exploring the old mill on the Mohawk Lakes trail, for instance, or watching for famed Methodist minister John Dyer's Warriors Mark mine on the Indiana Creek route or hunting wild mushrooms on Red Buffalo Pass. This book is laminated and pocket-sized, and has a spiral binding to make it easy to carry on a hike. Moreover, in winter it becomes a guide to cross-country skiing. -- Historian Sandra Dallas in The Denver Post, Sunday May 6, 1984
The New Summit Hiker ...Mary Ellen Gilliland's guide to hiking trails in Summit County has been updated and expanded with the addition of 11 trails and seven ski tours. Among the most interest is "Mail Run." It was the route traveled by Father John Dyer more than a century ago as he traveled through the mining towns near Montezuma to preach and deliver the mail. -- The Denver Post, Oct. 18, 1992

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.

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. Highly recommend this and the Vail Hiker by the same author.

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