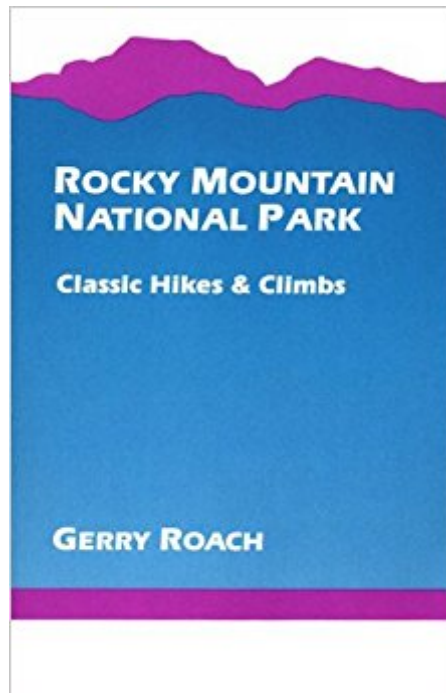




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Renowned mountaineer Gerry Roach's classic hiking guide to Rocky Mountain National Park.

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Customer Reviews

As a frequent visitor to Rocky Mountain National Park I'm always looking for the best in solid, compact field guides. Gerry Roach's little gem is a good example. The text and tone of the book benefits from Roach's personal familiarity with the trails and summits described. This is an excellent guide to summit approaches for those interested in bagging the major peaks in Rocky Mountain National Park. Roach provides his readers with concise information on distance, elevation, grade, class and snow steepness with a modest amount of editorial. For nearly every peak Roach provides alternate routes suitable for both the casual or technical climber. The book is punctuated with black and white photographs of a number of the better known mountains in the park and their key landmarks. Those intimately familiar with RMNP will most benefit from this book. Descriptions are generally terse and primarily dedicated on how to get from Point "A" to Point "B". The book suffers from lack of either topographical or overview maps. For the reader more interested in hiking or backpacking, as opposed to bagging summits, Dannen's "Hiking Rocky Mountain National Park" (8th Ed.) is the best I've found and a much more thorough and enjoyable read in a pocket format.

Roach provides useful route descriptions for all of the RMNP peaks, but more importantly, he communicates his enthusiasm for the alpine experience that the peaks provide. Some may wish his

descriptions were more detailed. Personally, I prefer less detail, which forces the reader-hiker to use his/her judgment & experience when route-finding (rather than slavishly following a detailed list of instructions).

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