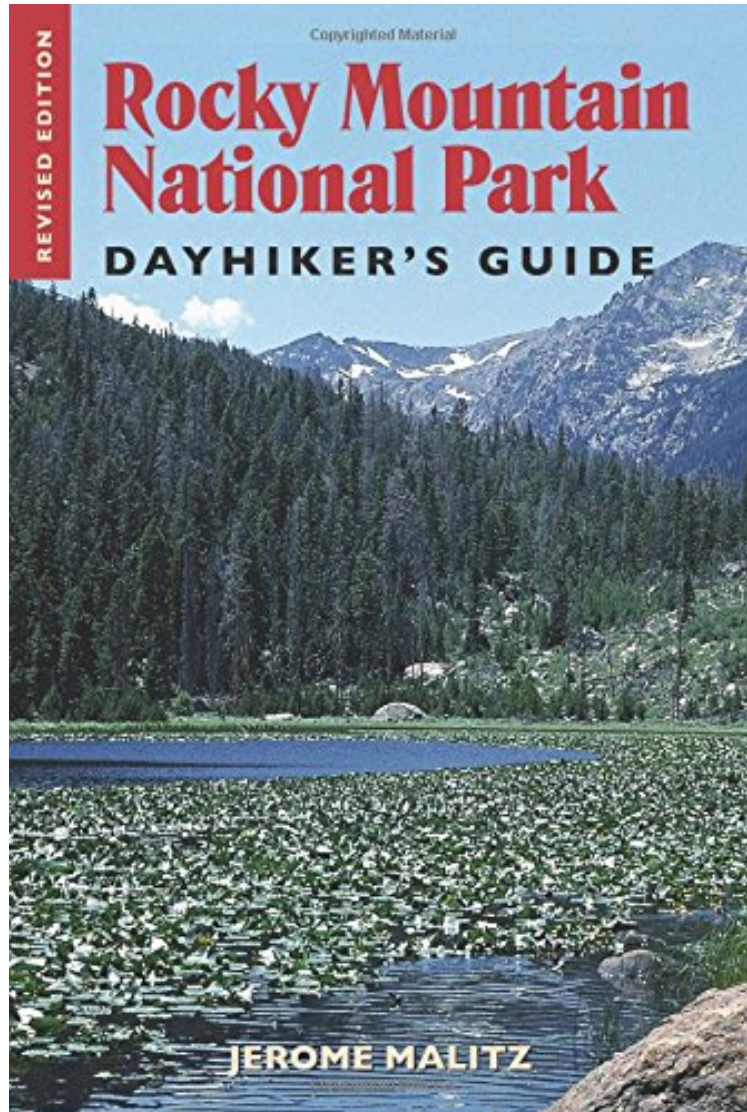


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Jerome Malitz : Rocky Mountain National Park Dayhiker's Guide before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Rocky Mountain National Park Dayhiker's Guide:

57 of 59 people found the following review helpful. Fine Introduction to the Rocky Mountain Backcountry By David Garrett This is an outstanding introduction for those preparing to shun the automobile for the Rocky Mountain National Park backcountry. In a brief 140 pages Jerome Malitz delivers a superb overview of 33 park trails and destinations. Malitz's introduction includes a nice survey of park flora and fauna, geology and history. There is also a concise

overview of precautions before heading into the backcountry. (I've hiked extensively in RMNP and strongly advise heeding Malitz's cautions. However inviting the scenery and innocent appearing the trail, RMNP is not Disney World. People, especially those who casually head down the trail without forethought, can get into trouble.) Information on destinations is logically grouped by sections corresponding to general areas of the park. Each section begins with a very legible, color USGS topographical map with trails and campsites marked. Within each section, Malitz gives a nice description of the trail including the trailhead of choice, distance, altitude gain and elevation at the destination. Narrative is punctuated by color photography of key landmarks. This is a fine primer on RMNP backcountry and will whet the appetite of any who are ready to see what is beyond Trailridge Road or the parking lot. (For readers ready for the next level of detail, I also recommend Dannen's "Hiking Rocky Mountain National Park" (8th Ed.). Together, these two books provide the maps, photography, narrative and detail to send you on your way with zeal and confidence. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. I strongly recommend against purchasing this book. By B.S.J. I strongly recommend against purchasing this book. While I agree that the trail descriptions and photos are well done, basic, fundamental information is missing. For example, how does one actually get to the specific trailhead? Yes, I can find this information by googling it; but a good, useable hiking book conveys this information in a succinct way. (I understand that the author does describe in general terms how to access the trailheads, but his presentation is highly uneven.) Also, the maps are not specific to the hikes; again, I can obtain maps of specific hikes on-line, but it makes me wonder why I purchased this book. The author tends to spend a lot of time discussing features of the hike (which is useful), but very little discussion of orientation and access. Note: I've been to RMNP many times, have climbed Long's Peak...but for some of the hikes discussed here, it would be very difficult to determine what the access point for the hike is relative to wherever one is staying in or near the RMNP. Very disappointed in this book overall. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Light on HIKING info. By Eliza. The author spends paragraph after paragraph describing the wildflowers you'll see, and very little time describing the trail conditions or difficulty of the hikes. For example, a "steep gravelly descent" turned out to be at least a mile of nearly vertical and very dangerous rock wash which our group would never have attempted given a more accurate description. The topo maps were nice in some cases, but were difficult to read since they were so small. I did not like having to flip back to the beginning of the section to see the map for a specific hike. In general, it was difficult to find things in the book -- the "overview" map at the beginning does not tell you what page the various sections of the park are on. Altitude gains/losses are just stated as a number -- I much prefer having the profile which shows altitude vs. distance. The photos are wonderful and give you a good taste of what you'll see on your hike, but the language throughout is too verbose -- I'd rather have a concise trail description that is easy to reference.

Rocky Mountain National Park is one of our greatest natural treasures. In words and color photographs, this guide describes thirty-three of the best dayhikes in the park, emphasizing not only the destination of the hike, but also the remarkable features along the way. The guide includes route descriptions for Longs Peak, Calypso Cascades, Ouzel Falls, The Loch, Hallett Peak, Sky Pond, Lulu City, and many more. Cross-referenced with "Trails Illustrated" topographic maps.