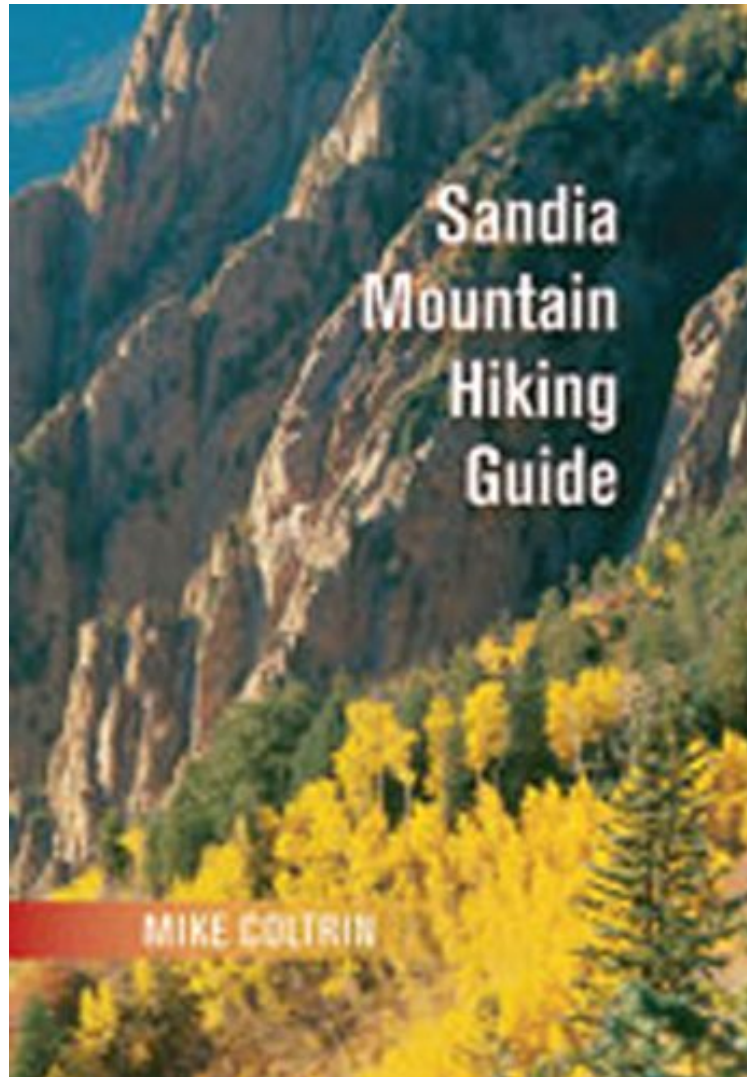


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**Mike Coltrin : Sandia Mountain Hiking Guide** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sandia Mountain Hiking Guide:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very useful, so nicely doneBy Doug StevensWhen I moved to ABQ I quickly realized that the Sandia and its many trails would be a wonderful place to spend countless hours. Coltrin's book is indispensable unless you already know it all. The spiral binding and layout makes it extremely easy to use whether at home, in the car, or, if you don't mind some extra ounces in your pack, carry it with you. The included folding map is excellent. Coltrin is trying to make something useful that will help open the door to the Sandia to wide cross section of people. He's not a snob who thinks hikers don't count if they can't make it up a 15 rock "obstacle" on

their own. He wants to help a diverse group have a chance to appreciate the Sandia as much as he obviously does, and his book is good at doing that. You can also visit his website, "Sandia Mountain Hiking Guide," which makes all the GPS locations he refers to available as a single download. I have found that not all the pins are dead accurate, but that is likely because the dominant route of trails can meander over time, especially along slopes. In any case, it's a great help to getting to know the Sandia and it's presented in a really nice way. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. **WARNING !!! Errors in this book can Kill you!** By TjU This guide almost killed me. It said that there was a 1.2 mile loop from the top of the Agua Sacra Trail to the parking lot along the Crest trail. The loop was over 12 miles. My partner and I got stranded on the trail after dark. We hiked for 11 hours before running out of day light. We became dehydrated and went into shock. Fortunately Mountain Search and Rescue found our car in the parking lot, then us and we were extracted from the mountain by the Sandoval County Fire Department. Without a few lucky circumstances we certainly might have perished. 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. **A Must-Have if You Hike the Sandias** By Customer This is a great guide -- it has gotten me to many trailheads, and given me a pretty good idea of what to expect once I get on the trail. The info about trail length and elevation gain alone are worth the price of the guide. But then again, so was the description of the Del Agua Overlook in the fall -- wow! I would never have known, would never have seen it, but for this book. There's just one caveat: I hike the Sandias quite a bit but am definitely not Search Rescue team material. I'm pleased that, at age 50, I can still make it up La Luz (as long as I take the Tram down). I find that I have to translate all of the author's descriptions as to the ease or difficulty of a given trail. If he says it's easy, it'll be a nice hike for me; if he says it's moderate, it's going to be pretty tough. (Case in point: Cienega Trail, which he rates as moderate. It was like being on a stair-stepper for giants most of the way.) If he says it's difficult, I almost certainly won't be able to do the whole trail the first time -- or maybe ever. I can only guess that he's very, very fit, with the footing of a mountain goat. Nonetheless, if you live around Albuquerque and like to hike, get this book -- it's an invaluable guide.

The most complete and up-to-date resource for Sandia Mountain hikers, this guide presents information on fifty-seven trails covering a total distance of about 175 miles. Each trail entry begins with the length of the trail, the elevation gain, and degree of difficulty. The author, who has hiked each trail many times, gives directions to the trailhead and descriptions of trail terrain, scenic viewpoints, vegetation, and neighboring trails for making nice loop hikes. Also included are GPS readings to help high-tech hikers locate landmarks and points of interest via latitude and longitude information. The book contains twenty-five contour maps covering the trails in different sections of the Sandias and a separate large, full-color map of the mountain (also sold separately) printed on water-resistant paper. The hiking trails of the Sandias are among the great recreational assets of life in north-central New Mexico, yet many hikers are familiar with only one particular trail, La Luz, which is one of the mountain's more challenging and crowded routes. This book will encourage novices and veterans alike to get out and experience the many other inviting trails to be explored in the Sandia Mountains.

For anyone hankering to spend serious time in this wilderness, these books are valuable resources. --Arizona Republic The most complete and up-to-date resource for Sandia Mountain hikers. --Artesia Daily Press, NM The Hiking Guide will take you places that you've never seen before. --Voices from the Earth From the Inside Flap This guide to fifty-seven hiking trails in New Mexico's Sandia Mountains includes twenty-five contour maps and one large four-color pull-out map on water-resistant paper. About the Author Mike Coltrin is a physical chemist by training and a Distinguished Member of the Technical Staff at Sandia National Laboratories. He has enjoyed hiking in the Sandia Mountains for more than twenty years.