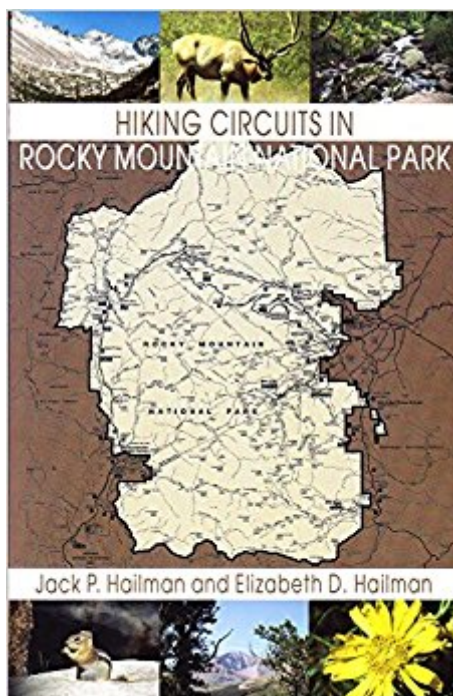


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Hiking Circuits In Rocky Mountain National Park



Synopsis

Hiking Circuits in Rocky Mountain National Park is the first guide dedicated entirely to the loop trails of Rocky Mountain National Park, trails that return hikers to their starting point without the necessity of retracing steps or walking on roads. Having explored the park extensively for over 30 years, Jack and Elizabeth Hailman describe and map 33 circuits and component loops, with detailed driving instructions to the access points. Circuits range from a 15-minute stroll around a lake to strenuous all-day outings in the high country and even a few multi-day backpacking trips. Side trips are often recommended for viewing a scenic waterfall, summit, lake, or other natural feature. A convenient table lists circuits by walking time, allowing hikers to choose loops designed to fit their schedules. Each account includes a map, directions to the trailhead, trail distance, estimated hiking time, elevation range, exertion rating, segment descriptions for both clockwise and counter-clockwise hikes, and trail notes about the wildflowers, animals, and other natural history features encountered by the authors. Maps show the loop route, short access trails where applicable, routes of optional side trips, trail junctions, point-to-point walking distances, elevations of the trail points, and more. Included are appendices for natural history, local hiking supply stores, and fee schedules, with an extensive bibliography for reading and reference.

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Jack P. Hailman has been a backpacker for more than forty years and, with Elizabeth D. Hailman, has hiked extensively in Rocky Mountain National Park. The Hailmans are also the authors of

Backpacking Wisconsin (2000).

Good product

This is a good book for hikers who like circuits. However, I wish it had a few more pictures and a little more detail.

Buy this book if you are mainly interested in loop trails. If you don't mind out and back trails or want to get to the high peaks, this book is not for you. If you don't do out and backs you'll be missing some great hikes. I rate this book as a nice to have but not essential. You could probably figure out most of these circuits yourself with a good topo map of RMNP. What this book provides are trail descriptions so you have an idea of what to expect. There are some better books (in my opinion) out there that cover most of the trails that were used to create these circuits individually; not as a loop.

I just got back from a hiking trip to Rocky Mnt. Nat. Park and used this book to formulate most of my hikes. Very informative. Doesn't cover any summit hikes or the up and back alpine hikes but great otherwise.

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