# 60 Hikes Within 60 Miles: Denver And Boulder: Including Colorado Springs, Fort Collins, And Rocky Mountain National Park 



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## Synopsis

Denver, Boulder, and the surrounding region offer an amazing natural panorama for outdoor enthusiasts and contain some of the best hiking in the world. With such a bewildering wealth of hikes at their disposal, author Kim Lipker presents travelers with a variety of the very best trails in the area, and most within an hour's drive or less. Extensive key-at-a-glance information makes it easy to choose a hike based on length, difficulty, scenery, and more. Including hikes near Fort Collins, Boulder, and Colorado Springs, 60 Hikes Within 60 Miles: Denver and Boulder is the only guidebook that pinpoints great hikes that are also close to home.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This book wasn't overwhelmingly good. On a number of reviews, the author mentioned she only hiked the trail one time. Sometimes this was winter, sometimes spring or summer. Obviously, a hike changes drastically depending on the time of year it is undertaken. Also, we wasted a good hour trying to find a trail she had reviewed that simply didn't exist. Her directions weren't always good (e.g., turn onto this street and then continue five miles past the valley--when the valley may be 10 miles down the road itself). If there are other books of hikes in the Denver/Boulder area, I would recommend getting them over this book.

I bought this book when I moved to Denver, and it took me to a lot of places that I never would have found on my own. I found some amazing hiking trails. It was very easy to pick and choose based on
what you were looking for. When I first moved there, I found many hiking trails on the shorter or easier side that were all an easy driving distance. After a few months, I moved on up to trails a little more challenging and enjoyed those even more. These were all trails which if I had not had this book, I would not have been able to find. After a few more months I was doing the longer and more intense trails; trails that had a lot of elevation gain and rugged terrain. This book was perfect for preparing me what I was getting myself into, and explaining exactly how to get there and what to expect. The only problem was, that after living in Denver for long enough, I realized many of the best trails were even further than 60 miles! This book is the perfect gateway book to get you into harder stuff. Pick up this book, test the waters, and before you know it you'll be a full time trail junkie fiending for the weekend when you can get away and really get after it. Enjoy!

This book is a great resource for finding hikes near Denver. Some of them aren't really hikes at all, but are really just walks, and the book omits dozens of other hikes within the same geographic area. However, it is a great start to finding a variety of different kinds of hikes. I do, however, take issue with the inclusion of the Sawtooth Ridge between Mount Bierstadt and Mount Evans. The Sawtooth is not a hike at all, but rather a class 3 climb. It has no business being in the same book as, for instance, a walk around the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge or Barr Lake State Park. Worse, the book describes the Sawtooth Ridge as "not as harrowing as it may appear." Perhaps that is true for seasoned climbers, but even most experienced hikers would be putting themselves at great peril by attempting that route. It's really hard for me to understand why the authors of this book included it. This book just isn't the right context for that kind of information.

Well presented with a good rating system and easy to navigate through the book. I am on oxygen and cannot take long hikes. My wife is very athletic and walks all over our new home in Denver. This book has hikes for all skill levels and for all capabilities. The hikes are categorized by difficulty and time needed. My section is "Hikes Your Grandfather Can Handle" - this is a very well thought out and presented book. Well worth the price.

Have already used this for several hikes around town. Great descriptions and really helps. Minor note, some of the directions to location or on trail are not accurate. Have found more than a few times when the guide says turn left, it was actually right.

Some good hikes that I didn't know about!Cons:1. Route descriptions can sometimes be a little
vague/incorrect2. A climb of the "Sawtooth" should not be included in a casual hiking book

We aren't huge hikers in my family, but we live in Boulder County, Colorado and purchased this book for our stash of CO info for all the folks who come to visit us through the year. I've used it a couple times and it was great, but visitors reported back that it was really useful.Great, concise information, presented clearly and accurately. I recommend it if you're visiting our state or live here and want to provide your visitors with options for how to get out and experience our gorgeous environment.

This book has it all - from moderate to aggressive hikes, hikes for kids, dogs, horses, whatever your pleasure. The author does a great job with the details, and the maps are very accurate.

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