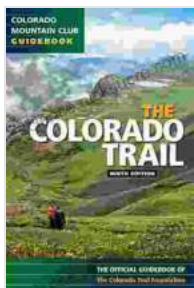


The Colorado Trail 9th Ed.: An Epic Adventure for Backpackers and Hikers

The Colorado Trail (CT) is a legendary backpacking and hiking trail that traverses the heart of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado, USA. Spanning 486 miles from Denver to Durango, the CT offers an unparalleled wilderness experience through diverse ecosystems, stunning alpine scenery, and challenging terrain.

The 9th edition of the official Colorado Trail guidebook is the most comprehensive and up-to-date resource for planning and hiking the CT. This article explores the key features, highlights, and practical information you need to know about The Colorado Trail 9th Ed.



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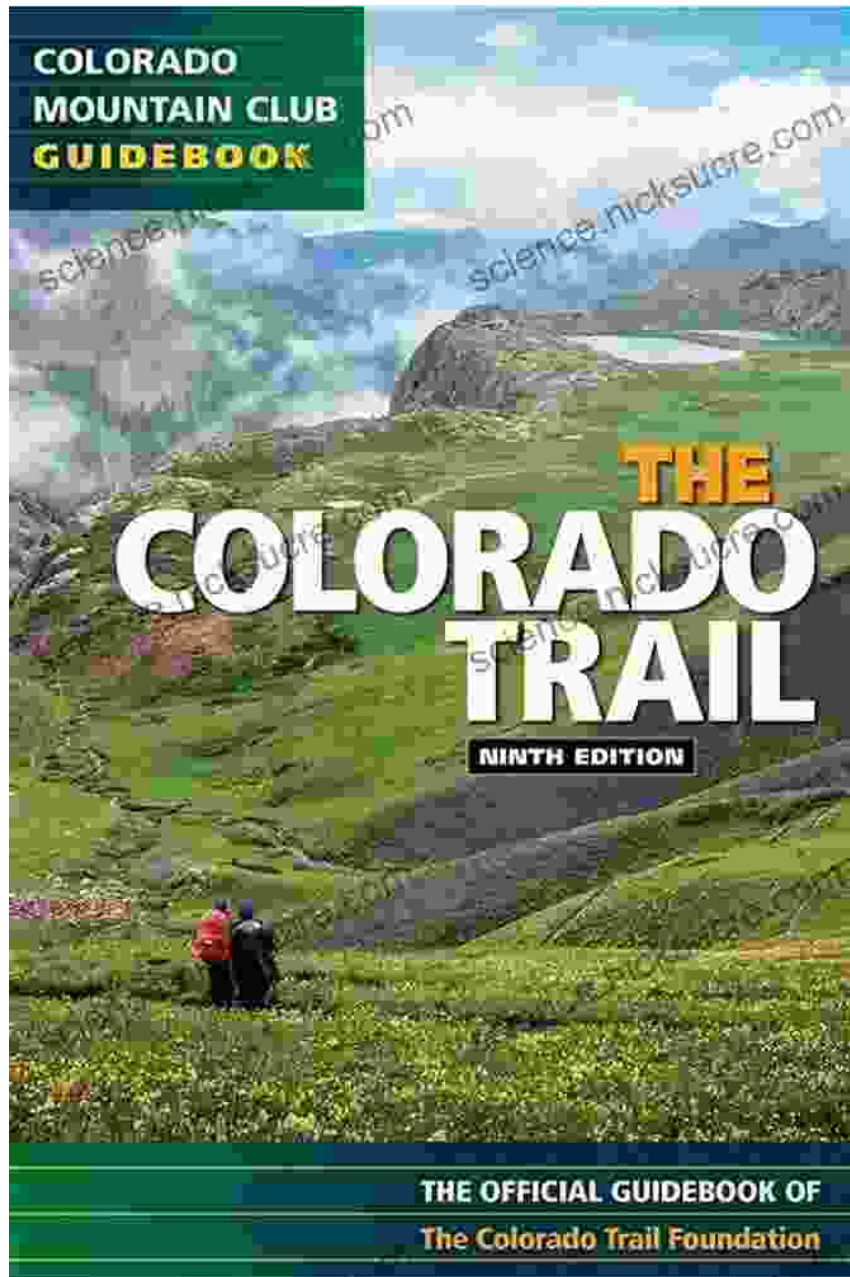
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Key Features

1. Comprehensive Trail Information



The Colorado Trail 9th Ed. provides detailed trail descriptions, topo maps, elevation profiles, and campsite data for all 28 segments of the CT. It also includes information on water sources, resupply options, trail towns, and nearby attractions.

2. Revised and Updated

This edition has been updated with the latest trail conditions, reroutes, and closures. It also includes new information on trailhead access, parking, and camping regulations.

3. Expert Commentary

The guidebook features expert commentary from renowned CT hiker and author, Gerry Roach, who offers insights, tips, and anecdotes from his vast experience on the trail.

4. Durable Construction

The book is printed on high-quality, weather-resistant paper designed to withstand the rigors of backpacking. It also has a durable, waterproof cover for added protection.

Trail Highlights

1. Diverse Ecosystems

The CT traverses through five distinct ecosystems, from the rolling foothills of Denver to the alpine tundra of the San Juan Mountains. Hikers will encounter forests, meadows, alpine lakes, and rugged canyons.

2. Stunning Scenery

The trail offers jaw-dropping views of the Rocky Mountains, including towering peaks, pristine lakes, and vibrant wildflowers. Hikers will pass by iconic landmarks such as Mount Bierstadt, Mount Evans, and the Collegiate Peaks.

3. Challenging Terrain

The CT is known for its rugged and challenging terrain. Hikers should expect steep climbs, rocky sections, and sections of off-trail hiking. However, the rewards for overcoming these challenges are immense.

Practical Information

1. Planning Your Trip

The guidebook provides detailed information on planning a CT hike, including route options, resupply logistics, and permit requirements. Hikers should carefully plan their itinerary based on their fitness level, experience, and available time.

2. Camping and Backpacking

The CT offers a variety of camping options, including designated campsites, primitive campsites, and dispersed camping. Hikers should bring their own tents, sleeping bags, and cooking gear. Water sources are generally available along the trail, but hikers should always treat water before drinking.

3. Permit Requirements

Permits are required for overnight camping in certain sections of the CT, including the popular segments through Rocky Mountain National Park and the Collegiate Peaks Wilderness. Hikers should obtain permits in advance from the relevant land management agencies.

4. Trail Etiquette

The CT is a popular trail, and hikers should practice good trail etiquette. This includes staying on designated trails, respecting wildlife, and packing

out all trash. Hikers should also be prepared to share the trail with other hikers, horseback riders, and mountain bikers.

The Colorado Trail 9th Ed. is an indispensable resource for anyone planning to hike the Colorado Trail. With its comprehensive information, expert commentary, and stunning photography, this guidebook will help hikers prepare for an unforgettable adventure through the heart of the Rocky Mountains. Whether you're an experienced backpacker or a first-time hiker, The Colorado Trail 9th Ed. will empower you to navigate the challenges, appreciate the beauty, and create memories that will last a lifetime.



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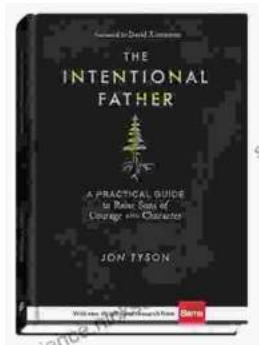
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