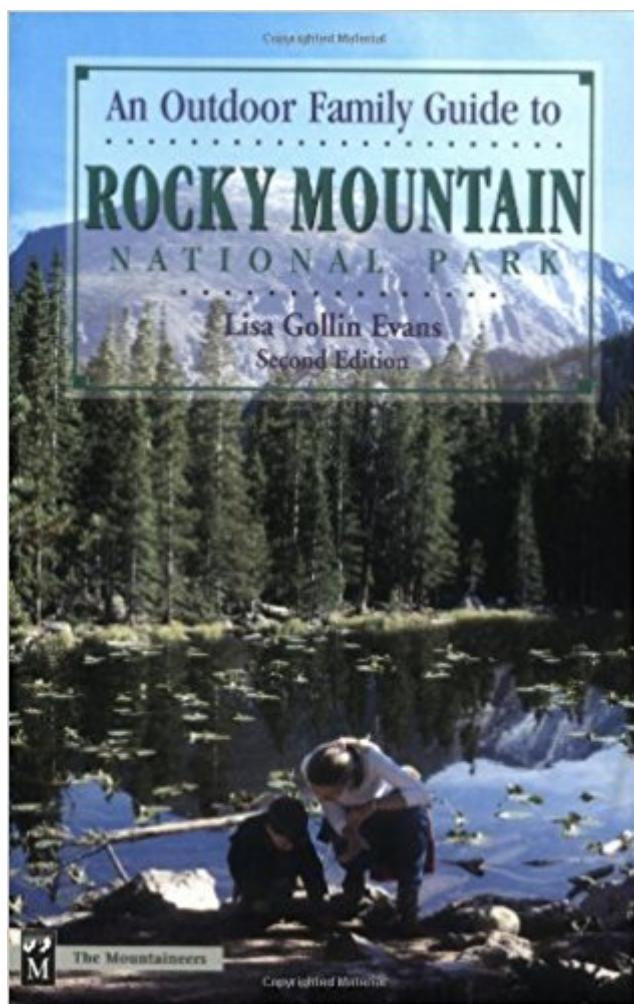


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# An Outdoor Family Guide To Rocky Mountain National Park 2nd Edition



## Synopsis

Comprehensive guides to family-friendly outings.

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## Customer Reviews

Colorado's Rocky Mountain National Park offers an unparalleled playpen for parents and their kids. But in order to enjoy this spectacular area to the fullest, parents should know how and where to recreate with their children. The Outdoor Family Guide to Rocky Mountain National Park provides both practical advice and trip destinations--with ample consideration for little kids' needs and their parents' sanity. From the get-go, the author lays down the ground rules for successfully enjoying the outdoors with children in tow: "your wilderness experience is going to be radically changed ... traveling with children limits the scope of your activities, requires substantial planning for each outing, and demands a significant outlay of parental energy to ensure that your children's needs are satisfied." To this end, the guide offers hiking tips ("dehydration causes crankiness in children"), how-tos for enjoying the park safely (for instance, what to do in a thunderstorm), and a listing of special gear requirements. In addition, an overview chapter lists visitor centers and museums, and provides specific information on how to do all those things kids love--exploring, horseback riding, rafting, and biking--within the park. The rest of the book is devoted to trails, with hiking descriptions and at-a-glance details (difficulty, distance, usage, and elevation gain) to help you discern which trails are appropriate for you and your young trekkers. With this guidebook in hand, you'll also be able to dazzle your children by pointing out the flora and fauna, as well as local historical landmarks

and facts. Detailed maps are also included. With a little courage, and plenty of sunscreen, sensibility, and snacks, both parents and their children can expect a wonderful wilderness adventure in the Colorado Rockies.

Evans is an avid sea kayaker and author of four wilderness guidebooks and a children's book. She practices environmental law in the Boston area.

a must have

Very descriptive descriptions of the trails withing Rocky Mountatin National Park. A worthwhile additon to our library.

I purchased this book in preparation for a trip to the front range and RMNP. It provided everything that I (thought) I needed. For each trail, it provides information on where the trail is, a description of what you will see, the length and terrain and (most importantly to me) how heavily used the trail is. In the end, we spent all of our park time (about one long day total) checking out all of the road-side stops and scenic overlooks. We didnt get to any of the trails I had picked out. Maybe next year we'll get to use the info in the book.

We completed a trip to Rocky Mountain National Park with two children and found this book to be an invaluable guide. It provides an overview of the park and descriptions of 56 separate hikes. It has very clear directions on how to find the starting points for each trail as well as information on the difficulty and distance of the trail. The book also includes a lot of terrific information and ideas about hiking and camping with children. We found everything at the park to be as described in this book. We highly recommend it to anyone visiting Rocky Mountain National Park espcecially those travelling with children.

Our family used this guide to prepare for our vacation. It is loaded with detailed information on dozens of locations in the Park. It's all presented in an easy to follow format with hikes grouped by location. If I had one gripe, it would be that there's \*too\* much information - my head was swimming after reading through it all, and I needed help narrowing the choices down. There's basic information on fishing, horseback riding and other activities as well. It's an excellent guide to the area that would serve you well on multiple trips.

My family and I just returned from our first trip to RMNP and this book was so helpful, I made it a point to come back to and write this review. I bought a bunch of books for the trip and this is the one that we used the most. (I should note that Kent and Donna Dannen wrote a thick guide that makes for WONDERFUL reading but is not as useful as this one is for a newbie to the park.) This book is compact, well-organized, and easy to use. It was well worth its weight in the backpack.

I purchased this book from about a month ago to help our family prepare for a trip to Rocky Mountain National Park. It is obvious that the author knows her stuff. The book is formatted in a user friendly way, giving specific details regarding the park and its trails. (here comes the big BUT...) BUT, I was very disappointed that the book literally fell apart in my hands after using it only several times. When I buy a "guide" type book, I would hope that it would last for than a few days of use. This thing was so shoddily made that pages were falling out of the binding almost immediately after I purchased it. The book was not misused, bent, or even creased. It just looks like it was poorly made. It is unfortunate that the author's hard work is compromised by haphazard printing and binding. I would buy another book by this author, but only if it were published by a different company.

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