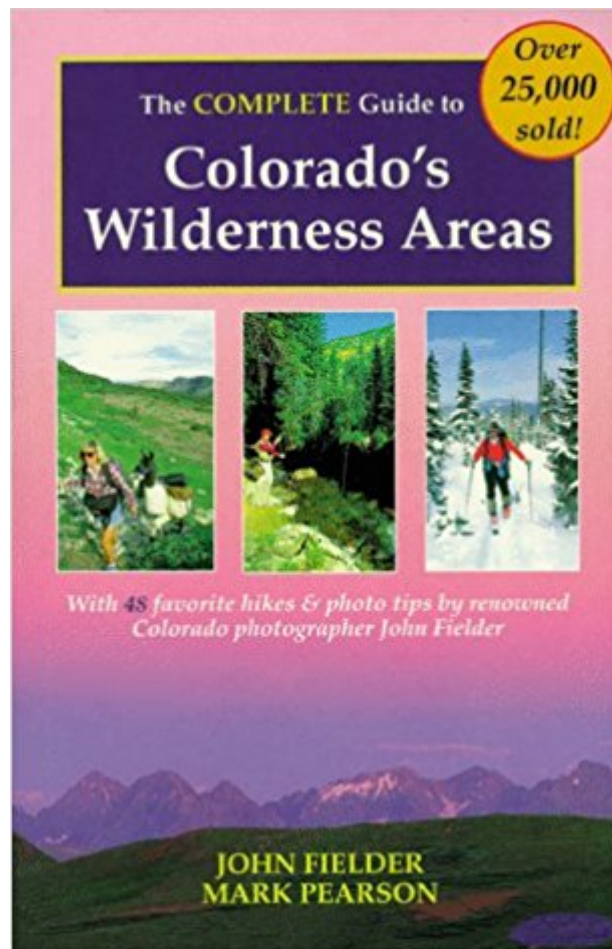




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# The Complete Guide To Colorado's Wilderness Areas (Wilderness Guidebooks)



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Since the passage of the Wilderness Act of 1964, Congress has designated 41 wilderness areas in Colorado, totaling some 3.4 million acres ranging from desert to sagebrush to alpine crags. In addition, other undeveloped areas and national parklands have been proposed for wilderness status. In its newly revised second edition, *The Complete Guide to Colorado's Wilderness Areas* continues to serve as the foremost guide to these magnificent wild places. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

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John Fielder is Colorado's best-known nature photographer, publisher, teacher and preservationist with 39 exhibit-format books and guidebooks to his credit, including *John Fielder's Best of Colorado* and *Colorado 1870-2000*. He is also the recipient of numerous awards, including the Sierra Club's Ansel Adams Award for Conservation Photography (1993) and the Aldo Leopold Foundation's first ever Achievement Award (2011). John Fielder's photography has influenced people and legislation, and he has worked tirelessly to promote the protection of Colorado's open space and wildlands.

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Mark Pearson has written a superb book--- and has photographed it well. First rate book & information.Highly recommended.

This book is great, it has so many great trails with beautiful pictures. Its layed out great, sorted by area...I highly recomment if you are looking for some great hikes of all varieties!

This book is a good guide. The author describes all the wildernesses in the state. However, it is lacking in that there is generally only one picture of each wilderness. Also, the maps of each wilderness are very primitive. A topo map of each one would be best.

If you live in or love Colorado this is a GREAT book. The images by John Fielder are amazing and the information is worth every bit of the price of the book. I like mine so much that I had the spine taken off and put on a spiral binding so it would lay flat. I take this with me on my travels through northern Colorado.

I would give this book no stars if possible! This book was NOT what i would call a guidebook. It was a book listing hiking trails with extremely brief descriptions. It doesn't even tell how to get to the trailhead for most of the descriptions! But the author does take the time to go on and on and on about his beliefs and agenda for what the wilderness areas of Colorado should be like. If you are looking for a book that gives plenty of personal opinions, this is maybe the book for you. But if you are looking for a guidebook to go wilderness, don't bother with this piece of trash.

This book continues to satisfy my thirst for touring the Colorado high country albeit from an arm chair in Illinois. What I like about it are the pictures, the brief historical notes about how this or that area became designated as a wilderness area, and, of course, the descriptions of trails--both accessible and out of the way. (In mentioning the pictures, I do not want to give you the impression that this is an album. The pictures are here and there, well chosen to show the character of the area but not page after page as might be done with a "coffee table" book.) The trail descriptions give details of the route, show schematic maps, rate the trails in terms of strenuousness, miles, altitude, and so on. The copyright (which in the current edition for sale was 1994 as I write this) is some time back so if you are going beyond the vicarious I would suggest augmenting this book with later ones to learn of recent changes to land ownership, access, and other sorts of details. However, the book is a great way to begin deciding on an area to visit. It is great as a survey of the enticements of different areas because of its brevity and focus on the wilderness itself. After all, the mountains have not changed that much since the book was issued. I keep giving my copy away to friends who are

planning trips to Colorado, which is why I'm back here buying another one, so I guess that means it's a good gift as well.

A good reference providing an overview of gorgeous Colorado. The book includes a description of each wilderness area and then lists 4 hikes; a day hike, an overnight, a loop and a shuttle hike (2 cars). My complaints are that the maps are poor, and there is no mention of where to camp (for backpackers this is not a problem). There is a beautiful Fielder color photo for each wilderness area providing a glimpse of where you're heading. Overall a very good book, but you'll need a campsite guide book and a good topo map ("The Roads of Colorado" from Shearer is very good) to properly plan a trip.

I'm a native Coloradan. No matter what I want to do, be it a quick day hike up to a 4 day backpacking trip, this book has it. I own other hiking books, but this one gets by far the most use. I love the historical descriptions of each wilderness area. The maps are good enough to get your bearings and find the trailhead. Plus each Wilderness Area has a "John Fielder's Favorite" hike which always spectacular. One thing, though. A reviewer below said the maps are inadequate... If you plan on anything more than a day hike, you should have topographical anyway. This is true for most if not all guide books.

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