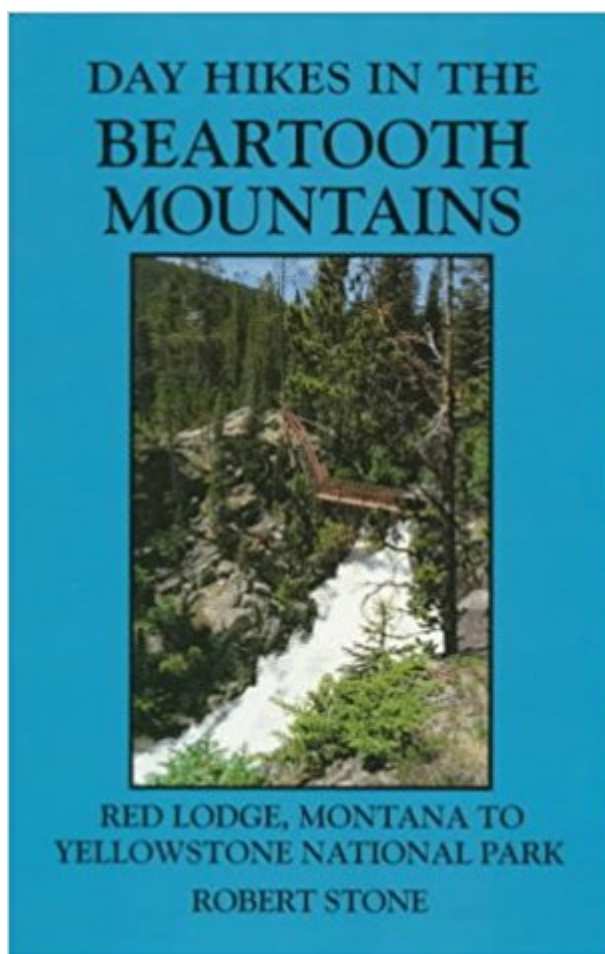


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Day Hikes In The Beartooth Mountains



Synopsis

The rugged Beartooth Mountains are Montana's highest mountain range. This beautiful range of the Rocky Mountains rises dramatically from the plains of south-eastern Montana and stretches to the northern reaches of Yellowstone National Park. Now in its fourth edition, *Day Hikes In the Beartooth Mountains* includes an extensive collection of hikes within this mountain range and the adjacent foothills and plains. The eighty-seven hikes range from 11,000-foot alpine plateaus and peaks to treks along the Yellowstone River as it begins its journey through the arid plains (including sixteen new hikes around the Billings area). A wide range of scenery and ecosystems accommodates all levels of hiking, from relaxing creekside strolls to all-day, high-elevation outings. The hikes lie within a 75-mile radius of Red Lodge, an active resort and ski town. The Beartooth Highway, heralded as "the most scenic highway in America" by Charles Kuralt, heads out of town into the Beartooth Mountains, connecting Red Lodge to Yellowstone Park. The 68-mile road hugs the mountain-side along curving switchbacks that traverse up, across and back down the alpine plateau. A wide range of scenery and ecosystems accommodates all levels of hiking, from relaxing creekside strolls to all-day, high-elevation outings. All hikes can be completed during the day. Map sources and references are listed for extending the hikes. Each hike includes: >Detailed map>Accurate driving and hiking directions>Distance/time/elevation statistics>Summaries to help hikers find a trail appropriate to their ability and desire>Several overall maps to show the hikes in the greater area

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Customer Reviews

Since 1991, veteran hiker Robert Stone has been writer, photographer, and publisher of Day Hike Books. Robert has hiked every trail in the Day Hike Book series. With 21 hiking guides in the series, many in their third and fourth editions, he has hiked thousands of miles of trails throughout the western United States and Hawaii. He is an active member of RMOWP (Rocky Mountain Outdoor Writers and Photographers), OWAC (Outdoor Writers Association of California), and a Los Angeles Times best-selling author. Robert resides summers in the Rocky Mountains of Montana and winters on the California Central Coast. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Clay Butte: The Clay Butte Overlook Trail begins at the 9,811-foot Clay Butte Fire Lookout, perched on the south tip of the butte. The panoramic views are as spectacular as you will find anywhere. The butte consists of sedimentary rock left by an ancient inland sea. The trail crosses the expansive alpine plateau, rich with wildflowers, to the north edge of the weathered cliffs. The Beartooth Mountains, Beartooth Butte, the Clarks Fork valley, the twisting Beartooth Highway, and the peaks of the Absaroka Range are all visible from this high mountain overlook. (followed by driving and hiking directions, map) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The book was useful for our camping/day hiking trip to the Beartooths. We were not able to stay as long as we planned so did not do too many of the hikes. However, the ones we did had accurate, concise descriptions, without extraneous, irrelevant to the hike, information that some guidebooks add. I would have liked a bit better description of some of the access roads in terms of appropriateness for different types of vehicles. Also, the maps were oriented every which way, which made it confusing. North should always be on top for consistency. I would recommend this for day hikers going to this area.

Good trail guide

Great book.

I recommend this book if one wants to get out hiking in this area. I moved to Billings, MT and wanted to get started hiking and go for interesting walks with my dogs. This got me started without having to do the research. Pick a hike and buy or print the appropriate map.

The book came as promised by the seller, in the condition promised, promptly, too. I will be hiking this summer at Beartooth, so I'm hoping this book will guide me to some beautiful day hikes.

Mr. Stone has a wonderful guide that is dead on accurate with his descriptions. Good maps and I like the length and elevation gain trail detail. Other guides simply say moderate or difficult trail but I like to know the specifics so I can make my own determination. The only thing he needs is a flatlander conversion chart. When he says 2 hours he must be talking about someone with lungs built for that elevation and in very good shape. Us North Dakotans need a time conversion chart that would remind us to add 50% to each hike's time estimate!! I'm buying his Bozeman hike book next as a gift for a fellow hiker.

We ordered this book to help us plan hikes for several family members while staying a week in Silver Gate. I liked the easy to navigate style and clear maps. The general descriptions of the hikes were well done. I would have preferred more descriptions of why that hike was interesting. Even though details such as gravel or dirt roads were included, we weren't sure how our low slung Prius would take the usual ruts. This book is now well dog-eared for the hikes that a family ranging in ages from 4 to 72 can take together. To do them all would take all year, or 4 hikes a day. All in all, I think this is quite well organized, visually clear, and complete.

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