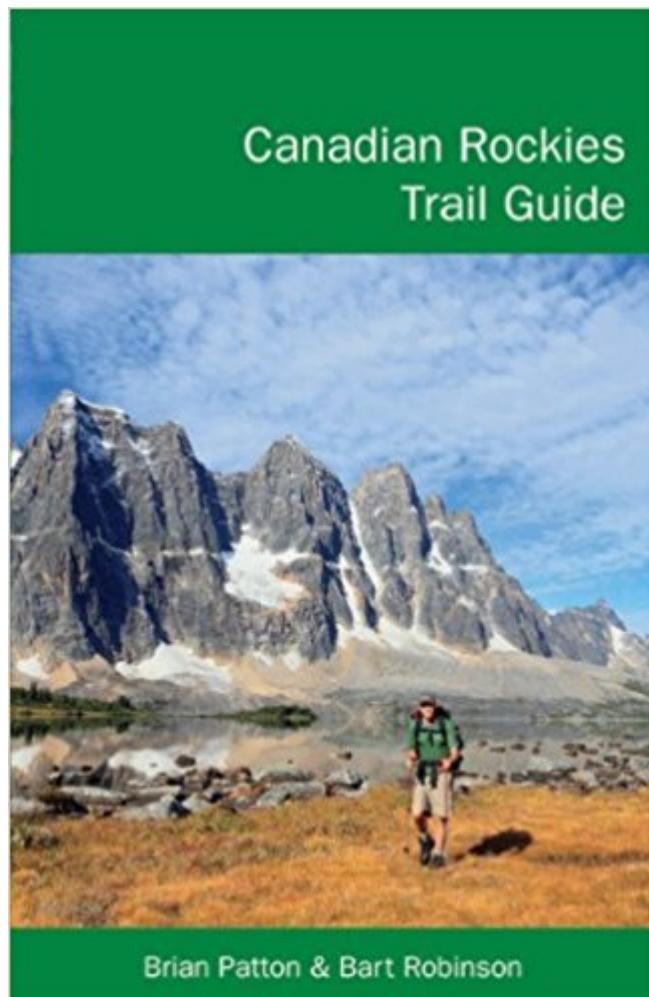


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Canadian Rockies Trail Guide



Synopsis

Known affectionately as the Bible by outdoor enthusiasts, the Canadian Rockies Trail Guide was the first guidebook with accurate distances and detailed descriptions to the trails of the Canadian Rockies. Now in its 9th edition, the popular tome has evolved into the most comprehensive and well-known guidebook to hiking in the region. Includes: 227 hikes for all levels of fitness are detailed with distance outlines and detailed trail descriptions. Authors Brian Patton and Bart Robinson are regarded as the ultimate authority on hiking in the Canadian Rockies. Not only is Canadian Rockies Trail Guide known locally as the Bible, it is the only hiking guide to the region recommended by Fodor's, Frommer's, and Lonely Planet. With over 250,000 copies in print, the Canadian Rockies Trail Guide is one of the best-selling non-fiction books in Canadian publishing history

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Customer Reviews

"I met Brian Patton and Bart Robinson in the summer of 1970 when I was working as a mountain guide at Lake O'Hara and Brian and Bart showed up in the valley doing their initial research for what was to become the iconic "Trail Guide to the Canadian Rockies". The pair was walking every trail in the range, notebook in hand, pushing a measuring wheel and noting all the distances. This, I am sure, is the only time that this has ever been done and I feel comfortable in saying that every guidebook author since, has used Brian and Bart's trail distances. Their book is the original and, in my opinion, still the best." --Chic Scott

For the past 40 years, Brian Patton has interpreted the natural and human history of the Canadian

Rockies in books, on film and through presentations. He has authored numerous Canadian Rockies books and continues to work on a variety projects from his home in Invermere, British Columbia. Following the publication of the Canadian Rockies Trail Guide, Bart Robinson authored several books on the Canadian Rockies. Subsequently, he has enjoyed a long career as a journalist, editor, and conservationist. He currently lives in Canmore, Alberta.

A detailed description and standard reference guide for the Canadian Rockies, but I did not find it very helpful as a vacationer looking for a single-reference best guide to recreational hikes. The Canadian Rockies cover a lot of territory, so you can spend a lot of time driving to a trail head, which eats into hiking time, so hike selection is critical. We needed a guide that suggested the best hikes in the area, but this guide lacks easy-to-use ratings in terms of difficulty and scenery, which makes hike selections difficult. While the trail descriptions were good in terms of elevation gains and distances, I would also prefer more detailed maps so I don't need to bring a topo map. I do think this is a great reference for residents of -- and frequent visitors to -- the Canadian Rockies, but less helpful for vacationing families with limited time trying to find the best area hikes.

No question, one of the best book regarding hiking in the Canadian Rockies. I bought this book and planned a trip to Banff, Jasper and Yoho. It was very successful. I wrote down 35 trails before the trip and finished 32 of them. I don't think I missed much. There are a lot of longer back pack trails in the book and I did not have time to explore, the moderate and easy ones are all spot on. I looked through a lot of hiking books in a book store in Banff, nothing compare to this one. If you plan to go to the Canadian Rockies, buy this book! You won't regret.

very technical book, with lots of detail, not made for a quick overview or for the casual traveler, better for someone who lives in the he area or frequents the area a lot.

If you buy this guide be sure to buy a detailed topographic trail map of your hiking area to keep with it at all times. It's great that the guide is quite comprehensive, and it has good detailed descriptions of routes both conventional and unconventional. But I didnt find it very useful in actually planning my trip. The maps are disjointed and the hikes didn't appear to be organized in a really logical way. Once we knew where we wanted to hike, the book gave great descriptions of the trails, elevation gains, and distances. No complaints there. But I wouldn't recommend it as a trip planning resource by itself.

The trail guide is very thorough and I'm sure it will be very useful on the hikes we do decide to take, but as another reviewer noted, it does not help to narrow down which hikes you should take. Also there are day hikes in the book, but also a lot of back country hikes - it's really just too much information for our needs.

This is very comprehensive of hikes in the Canadian Rockies. I like how clearly the way points are listed. I was expecting more detailed maps instead of having to purchase secondary maps, but then the book would be very large and heavy. Still, it would be preferable not to have to buy more secondary materials. Also, luckily I already knew more or less what hikes I wanted to do, otherwise this book would have been a little overwhelming. 4 stars because its strength also happens to be a weakness to me.

It was very helpful and accurate. I wish I would have bought the pocket version to carry with me on our hikes. Our favorite hikes were from Lake Louise- to Agnes Lake then to Big Beehive and Lake Louise to Plains of Six Glaciers. Looking forward to going back and hiking more trails.

This guide is better for Banff and Jasper trail info. The section on Yoho and Kootenay National parks is not as extensively covered as the other two parks. A large portion of the book is dedicated to coverage of Banff. There is no coverage of Glacier NP and Mt. Revelstoke NP which are also a part of the Canadian Rockies. One criticism I have is that there is no easy way to determine whether the hike you are considering is easy, moderate, or strenuous at a glance. Some of the trails covered may mention it but it is not consistently available, and you cannot find this info easily as you have to read the entire write up for it.

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