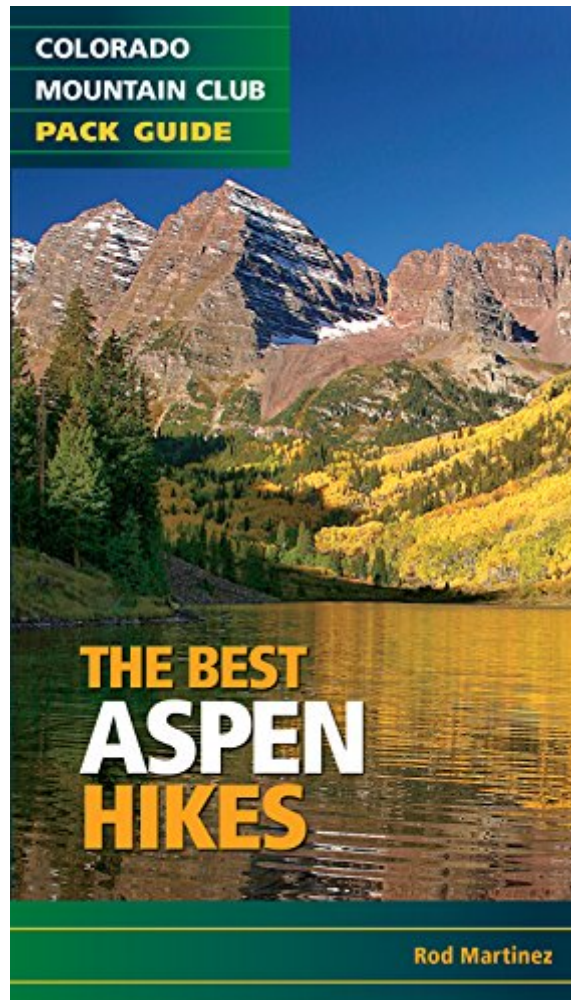




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The twelfth CMC Press regional pack guide for the State of Colorado, *The Best Aspen Hikes* not only includes hikes within a short drive of town but also trails near Glenwood Springs, Carbondale, and Leadville. Casual hikers will be awed by the reflection of the iconic Maroon Bells in Maroon Lake, one of the prettiest and most photographed spots in Colorado, while they stroll along the Maroon Lake Scenic Trail. Conversely, experienced hikers will revel in the challenge presented by the twin-summitted Mount Sopris, which rises more than 6,000 feet above the Roaring Fork Valley to serve as a stunning backdrop to the town of Carbondale. For outdoor enthusiasts who would rather stay in close proximity to Aspen, the Rio Grande Trail, a paved wheelchair-accessible path, allows for easy access to many of Aspen's parks and provides a beautiful panorama of the surrounding mountains and Roaring Fork River. Another option, though much more strenuous, is Ute Trail, which climbs high above town and offers spectacular views of the town below.

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This is a great collection of recommended hikes in the Aspen - Snowmass area and has proven to be very useful for us.

For visitors to the Aspen area, this hiking guidebook published by the Colorado Mountain Club covers 20 excellent treks. Some are extremely popular, such as Crater Lake Trail and Maroon Bells Scenic Loop, so don't look for solitude on those. The color photos and topo maps will get you where you want to go, though Trails Illustrated produces excellent maps that would make good partners for this guidebook. The guidebook's pocket size makes it easy to take along. Remember: Take photos and leave only footprints. Stay on the trails and spare the wildflowers. An early-morning start will help you avoid parking hassles and afternoon thunderstorms. Have fun!

This is a good basic guide, but it lacks some needed specifics about getting to some of the hikes, and is vague about some details. I've taken most of the hikes in the past, but the two I followed this year as a result of reading this were really spectacular!

Good condition. Just what I wanted and expected.

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