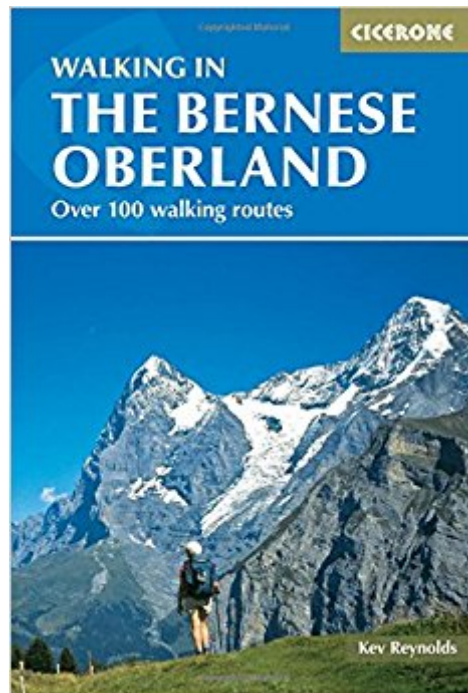




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Walking In The Bernese Oberland (International Series)



Synopsis

Over 100 walking routes in the Bernese Alps are described in this guidebook. It is an indispensable companion to the Bernese Oberland region that boasts famous peaks such as the Eiger, Monch and Jungfrau. But there are lesser-known mountains, too, that are just as scenically dramatic, and in their shadow peaceful villages and seemingly forgotten hamlets are lodged in spectacular locations. Add to that the romantic valleys, lakes, flower-filled meadows and a network of mountain huts and rustic inns for those who want to experience the Alps of the Victorian pioneers, and you'll understand why the Bernese Alps seduce the connoisseur back year after year. The guide is divided into sections on particular areas in the Bernese Oberland, for example, Grindelwald, Lauterbrunnen, Meiringen, Kandersteg, Griesalp and others. Additionally, the guidebook includes useful practical information on getting to and around the region, where to stay and how to prepare for a trip into the Bernese Alps. All this, and more, is available to the mountain hiker, and this indispensable guide will enable you to explore the very best of the Bernese mountain wonderland.

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Initially this book looked unpromising, but after your first walk you will realize that this book is actually very helpful. Great location, and great book !!

Exactly the book we needed for our village-to-village trek this summer (Wilderswil-First/Grindelwald/Wengen/Obersteinberg/Murren). Haven't used it in-country yet, but I can tell it will be our bible for the hikes.

Plenty of hikes with detail....some easy and some all day hikes. Pictures added value to set the stage for a week's worth of excellent hikes.

Great book. Great photos. Very inspiring for planning a trip to Switzerland

I found this book only moderately helpful for the Lauterbrunnen-Grindelwald area, partly because there is so much online content for these areas. I can see where it might be more helpful for less traveled areas. The hike descriptions are very detailed, and the color pictures are pretty. The distance, gain/loss, and difficulty ratings seem mostly accurate. One problem: the popular hike that everyone refers to as "Mannlichen to Kleine Scheidegg" is referred to in this book as "Grindelwald (Berghaus Mannlichen) to Kleine Scheidegg". This is misleading, because the hike does not go through Grindelwald. The major problem with this book is that it is mostly text, with only a couple of minimal area maps. They show how far apart the hikes are and roughly their position, but don't allow the reader to see where they intersect, where there are alternative routes, or where you can take public transport. (The last is described in the text, but is difficult to visualize without a map.) There are also no schematics showing the shape of each hike. More helpful resources on the topic can be found by Googling "Jungfrau Wanderkarte PDF" and "Schilthorn Wanderkarte PDF". The free Wanderkartes are panoramic maps showing popular hikes, their altitude and distance, and how they intersect. There are also short text descriptions. You can pick up hard copies of these at the train stations in Switzerland. Just by glancing at these maps, I got a better understanding of hiking options than I did from reading hundreds of pages in the Reynolds book. Sadly, the book didn't even get to go to Switzerland with us.

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