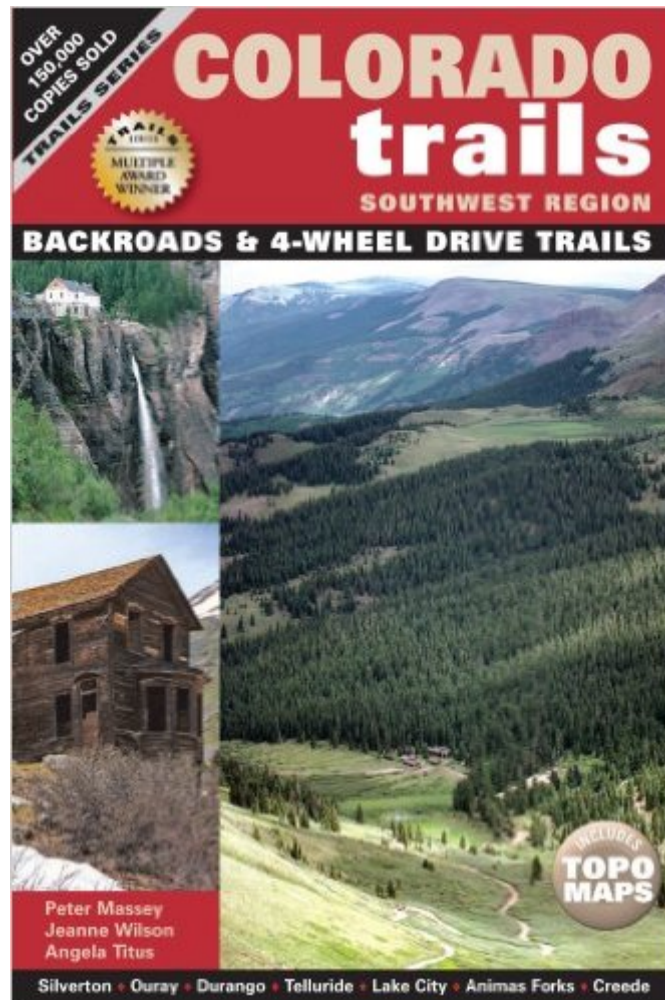


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This new, 4-color edition of the Colorado Trails series includes meticulous trail details for 867 miles of the region's best scenic backroads and four-wheel drive trails in southwest Colorado, near the towns of Silverton, Ouray, Durango, Telluride, Lake City and Creede. This edition contains 17 additional trails to its predecessor. Intrepid adventurers will see ghost towns such as Animas Forks, numerous old mines and mill workings, old railroads and stage lines along the 48 off-road routes. Directions include GPS coordinates and all trails are rated for difficulty, mileage, driving time, remoteness and more. Descriptions highlight ideal places to camp, hike, mountain bike, fish and sightsee. Histories recount the days of the Wild West.

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Customer Reviews

I am a big fan of Adler Publishing's Trail series. I own their guides for Arizona, California, Nevada, and Utah. Thus, when it came time to purchase a guidebook for an upcoming trip to Colorado, I immediately ordered up a copy of the SW Region Colorado Trails. In terms of the trail descriptions the SW Colorado Trails guide is every bit as good as all of the other editions in this series. However, I am very disappointed that the SW Colorado guide does not have an overview map showing all trails. With other guides in the trails series I have often used the overview map to determine how the different trails intersect with one another. This allows me to string several trails together into a week long or so trip. With the SW Colorado guidebook one has to spend an enormous bit of time with a much larger map to figure out how all the trails relate to one another. When it comes to planning a

trip, this is a series flaw. A second note on maps. The 3rd printing of this guidebook advertises that the book contains topo maps. The maps found within the book are not actual topo maps. Instead they are shaded relief maps. They do a good job of conveying the terrain along the trail. However, don't be misled into thinking that they are in any way suitable for navigation. Get your self a proper map. The Colorado Atlas and Gazetteer for the state of Colorado at a minimum; or, USGS topo maps for the most detail.

I have several Jeep trails books that cover southwest Colorado. This is by far the very best. It has more trails (not hiking, so if you don't Jeep, don't buy it, then give it a "1" rating); the maps are large scale, easy to read, and have color legends. They aren't marked-up, scanned Forest Service maps that don't reproduce well, as some of my books contain. The book has many photos, some in color, and many from historical archives that add to the understanding of where you are and where you are going. There are several sidebars that provide history of the locale and of the people who lived in or pioneered the area. The route descriptions are set up to go from either end of the trail, GPS coordinates are provided and you will not get lost. The trails that I am familiar with are described accurately, so I can assume that those I haven't yet explored are also accurately described. The book even references which maps are most useful for each trail, and the intro to the book provides excellent advice on 4-wheeling. If you're going to 'wheel the San Juans and the Escalante/Dominguez area south of Grand Junction, this is the book to get. And, the price is \$6 less than the cover price!

We went out to Colorado 4wheeling in our 4Runner and this trail guide was very helpful. It also helped put my wife to ease knowing we could do certain trails versus other ones that were really difficult.

Great book, love Massey's 4x4 guides. I would never use them as a map though, and that's nothing against Massey but a lot of the forest roads/trails change after weather.. so keep that in mind. Regardless, I think we own like 4-5 of these guides and I recommend them to pretty much everyone I know who wants to get into overlanding/off-roading.

Well written and organized. Up-to-date info. Know this area well but looking for some new trails, which we found in the book. Did not include a couple of trails, but they are too dangerous and should NOT have been included...the info in the book is accurate.

Great guide to this area. I have been traveling to this area several times and found the additional info ie:mile markers helpful. Also the history or summary to the trails is interesting to know before you go. This is really a great thing to buy before your trip to plan your jeeping/atv'ing days.

This is positively the most comprehensive guidebook for exploring numerous backroads around Silverton, Telluride, Ouray, Durango, Lake City - and generally the Southwestern portion of Colorado! There is so much detail in this colorful little book. The authors identify the old mines and ruins you see along the trails. There are history sidebars and TONS of photos. Mainly written for people driving SUVs, all the trails are rated for difficulty, although none of them are radically hard. Still, there is Black Bear trail that runs from Red Mountain Pass to Telluride, which is pretty challenging and they have included that with photos of the spectacular waterfalls along the route. Plenty of easy and moderate scenic drives make you feel like you are really exploring Colorado's fabulous backcountry. You won't get lost! It is really fun using this book to navigate the trails. GREAT quality, handy size, and highly recommended! It is by far the best book of it's kind I have found to-date. Backcountry Adventures Colorado (Backcountry Adventures)Colorado Trails North Central RegionColorado Trails South Central Region

We have been riding these trails about 40 years. I have other trail guides, but this is by far the best. More details and illustrations than others.

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