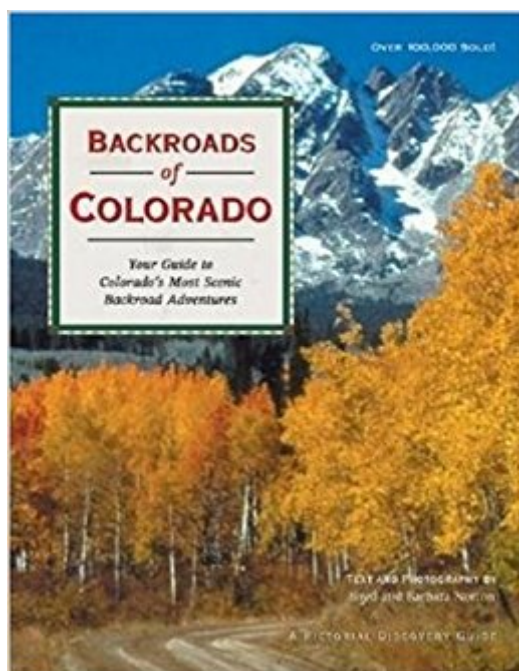


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# Backroads Of Colorado



## Synopsis

This is your complete guide to the most scenic backroads of Colorado: the secret routes and highways that lead you through the state's most beautiful mountain ranges, alpine wildflower meadows, river valleys, ghost towns, aspen forests, and more. Let Boyd and Barbara Norton enhance your Colorado tour with their personal and colorful tales. They provide detailed directions for each backroad adventure, along with descriptions of the surrounding area, its history, and interesting points of discovery along the way. All the routes described in Backroads of Colorado are accessible by car. The authors also discuss which roads are suitable for mobile-home RVs and off-road four-wheel drive vehicles.

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## Customer Reviews

"If you like to take your time, absorb the scenic grandeur of a wild place, and literally stop to smell the wildflowers, buy this guide. . . ." -- Family Camping

Boyd Norton is an internationally renowned outdoor photographer and writer. He has traveled extensively in documenting the world's wild places and environmental issues. His previous books include the best-selling *The Art of Outdoor Photography* and *Backroads of Colorado*. His articles and photo essays have appeared in *Time*, *National Geographic*, *Smithsonian*, *Audubon*, *Outside*, *Reader's Digest*, and the *New York Times*. Norton lives in Evergreen, Colorado.

Great book. Lots of gorgeous photos and in-depth information!

If your into nostalgia, this is a great book. See the trails as they used to be. Of course many are still present today. Beautiful pictures and an all around good Colorado book.

Out of date, poorly written, not many true back roads and the photos are embarrassingly poor.

The book I received does give me the information I was looking for. However, the listing was for a hardback, and the one I received is paperback. These things do happen once in a while.

Very poor effort. Must be a first time try at a descriptive book. Photos not very interesting for a professional photographer.

This is not a step-by-step guide to attractions around our beautiful state. It's a handbook for those with an inner explorer, one who itches to get in the car and take off to parts unknown and see what there is to see, experience what there is to experience, and thereby become fulfilled. This book is not the be-all and end-all of travel guides. Norton has given us just enough to pique our curiosity, and then essentially urges us to see for ourselves -- to try it -- to look around -- to absorb the atmosphere of the mountains, the desert, the flora and fauna. This book has been part of our travels since we bought it years ago. It has traveled thousands of miles with us as we explored Colorado from east to west, north to south. We've discovered little-used roads that beg us to travel them. We've found scenic wonders that enthrall us today as prized photos. We've come upon wildlife that seemingly waited for us to arrive so we could be impressed with their beauty. We've watched sunrises and sunsets that are all the more breathtaking for the high altitudes, clear skies, and magnificent mountains. To those who need more documentation I say, get a copy of the free Colorado road map and this book. Then, c'mon out to Colorado and immerse yourself in our back roads. It's an experience you'll never forget.

I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to experience the thrill of finding those lesser-known, out-of-the way, and ultimately unforgettable scenic areas of Colorado. Illustrated with magnificent photographs, this is a guide intended to put you on the right track toward creating a unique adventure of your own. Unlike other travel books, this is not a step-by-step slog through all

the tourist traps in Colorado. The best part about this book is that it captures the character of a given area, gives you enough information to pique your curiosity, helps you find your way there, and leaves the rest of the exploration up to you. In addition to maps, illustrations, and a general guide about each area, the book also contains many "Colorado Sketches", brief vignettes about historical characters and events which are not only entertaining to read, but help capture the flavor of the history and culture that make up this great state of ours. Overall, it's not only a great guide, but a good read as well. Buy one for your coffee table, and another to keep in your glove box!

Lacks an overview map showing the routes in relation to the state. Even with the poor Colorado map towards the front it's difficult to locate the routes. Dangerously out of date. For example, Rollins pass is impassible and has been so for years since the collapse of the Needle's Eye Tunnel. It's a nice drive nonetheless, but you're coming up from the west to the tunnel or the east to the tunnel and you're not making over the top from either direction. I don't mean challenging or not recommended, but literally impassible. The book leads you to believe you can get from Nederland to Winter Park, but that's wasn't going to happen even when this book was last printed. Can't vouch for all the other roads, but confirm before attempting them.

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