New full-color guidebook includes 46 fun hikes from Fort Collins to Colorado Springs, including Denver, Boulder, and Rocky Mountain National Park

The Best Front Range Hikes for Children
By Tony Parker

May 2014—Exploring the trails of Colorado’s eastern slopes, foothills, and grasslands just got a little bit easier with *The Best Front Range Hikes for Children*, which describes 46 fun hikes geared for kids between the ages of 2 and 16. Each hike was selected for varying levels of challenge, proximity to other trails or unique places of interest, ease of access, natural beauty, or for its contribution to learning about and understanding Colorado’s past and well-known Front Range features and landmarks, such as the Platte River, Pikes Peak, Mount Evans, and Rocky Mountain National Park.

Convincing family and friends to take a hike is easy, because Colorado sells itself. The Front Range features compelling scenery that sets the stage for great hiking adventures! And hiking can unlock and inspire children’s curiosity for exploring nature, and perhaps photography and other hobbies as well. –Tony Parker

From easy nature trails to more challenging treks, the hikes in this guidebook are grouped by area and further classified by a handy rating system, which parents can use to select age-and ability-appropriate trails at a glance.

Whether you are looking for a short, after-work hike within an hour of Denver, a flat nature trail leading to a pond teeming with wildlife, or a four hour journey into the wildflowers and lakes of Rocky Mountain National Park, these hikes are bound to bring fresh air and memorable adventures.

*The Best Front Range Hikes for Children* includes:

- Complete trail descriptions, color photos, and maps (created using National Geographic Maps TOPO! software)
- Child-friendly trail ratings and symbols
- Information on trail fees, restrooms, operating hours, whether the trails are dog-friendly, and much more
- Sidebars on historical and educational information, as well as fun places to stop on the way home


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Author Tony Parker is a lifelong outdoor enthusiast who spent his early years hiking in the foothills near Colorado’s Pikes Peak. Years of hiking with his wife, Nancy, and their three kids, along with his love of teaching 7th- to 12th-grade students, helped entice him to share some of his favorite Front Range hikes for children. He is available for author events upon request.