New full-color guidebook features 20 of the best Telluride hikes, from family and wheelchair-friendly to challenging treks

The Best Telluride Hikes
By Rod Martinez

April 15th 2014—The Best Telluride Hikes continues the series of best-selling pack guides published by Colorado Mountain Club Press since 2008. The trails range from the scenic and wheelchair-accessible Idarado Legacy Trail, at the east end of town, which provides a window into Telluride’s past with its educative plaques that line the paved path, to the challenging Bilk Creek Basin Trail, southwest of town, in the Lizard Head Wilderness, which is known for its picturesque waterfalls.

All of the hikes in this fit-in-your-pocket guide are within an hour or so drive of Telluride, not only giving the hiker options in and around town but also close to other prominent towns in the northern San Juans, such as Ouray known as the Switzerland of America. Each hike offers a glimpse into what many consider the most beautiful part of Colorado, taking you to the base of the incomparable rock spire Lizard Head (perhaps the most difficult summit to ascend in Colorado), to Bridal Veil Falls, Colorado’s tallest free falling waterfall, cascading 365 feet to the base of the box canyon below.

“Telluride is truly an area for all seasons. Telluride Ski Resort is well known for plentiful snow and distinct ski runs. In the spring, the waterfalls near Telluride (Cornet Creek, Ingram, Bear Creek, and Bridal Veil) are fabulous to enjoy and photograph as they cascade down the sides of the surrounding mountains. In early summer, the wildflowers begin to explode with color and abundance...”—author Rod Martinez

The Best Telluride Hikes includes:

- Complete trail descriptions, color photos, and maps (created using National Geographic Maps TOPO! software)
- Information on trailhead accessibility, parking fees, whether the trails are dog-friendly, and much more
- Interesting cultural and natural history anecdotes that enrich the trail experience

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About the author: Rod Martinez has always loved spending time outside. As a kid growing up in Cripple Creek, he explored the nearby hills and old mines. As he grew older, he found another love—photography. In time he discovered 35mm photography and a lifelong passion was born. Rod has climbed 17 of Colorado’s Fourteeners and has hiked in almost all of the Western states, primarily in Colorado, Utah, and Northern Arizona. He has been able to combine his two passions to visually capture nature’s beauty on every hike. His work has resulted in him being named Grand Junction’s Photographer of the Year for four years in a row. In 2001, he helped form the Southwest Photographic Arts Association Camera Club, and he currently teaches photography and lead photo workshops. Rod joined the Colorado Mountain Club in 2000 and has served as the program director for the Western Slope Group and currently acts as treasurer and trail steward for the group.

Also available and new this summer: The Best Aspen Hikes, by Rod Martinez (June, 2014)