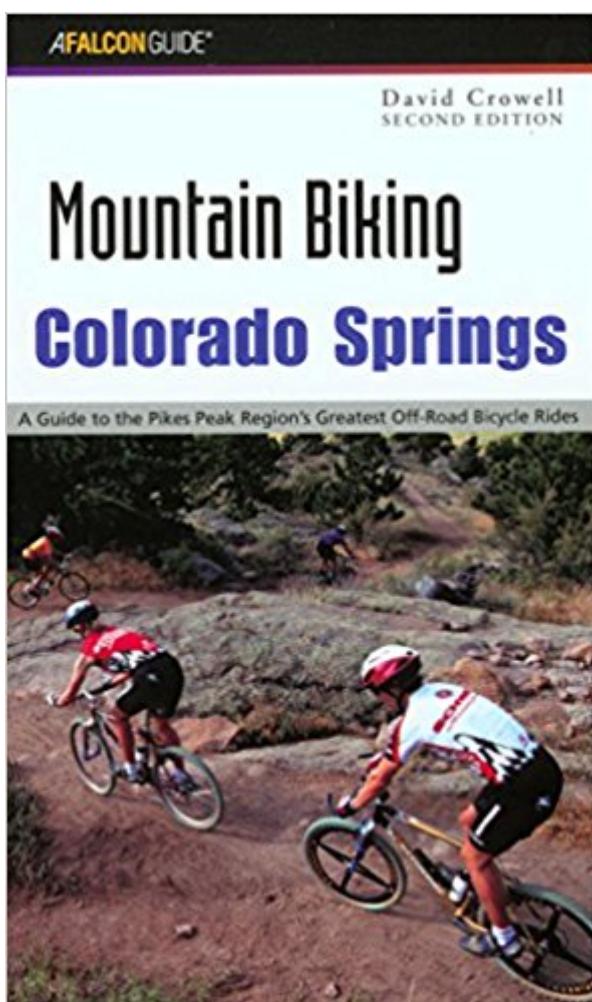


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Mountain Biking Colorado Springs: A Guide To The Pikes Peak Region's Greatest Off-Road Bicycle Rides (Regional Mountain Biking Series)



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Super book. Good details

This guide (2nd edition) is generally good, but it lacks competition and therefore is a little sloppy. It is essentially the only guidebook available for mountain biking in and around Colorado Springs. As other reviewers note, there are a lot of inaccuracies that can cause temporary confusion, even for a lifetime local like myself (e.g. calling Bear Creek "Beaver Creek", p.58). And with new trails around Pueblo's south shore, this book is due for some updating, which will hopefully include error corrections. It's solid on the standards: North Cheyenne Canyon (Captain Jacks), Palmer Park, Ute Valley, Black Forest. It also includes rides further afield: Woodland Park, Canyon City, and the Wet Mountains. Despite many criticisms, the book is a handy guide for the rider new to the area as well as the local looking for something new. Don't rely on the maps too much--they are quite basic. But the trail descriptions along with the maps (and some common sense) will get you where you need to go.

Since this is a second edition, I thought some things would be corrected, but David Crowell must not actually ride the trails in his book. Some of the worst inaccuracies are in the Wet Mountain Valley section. Ghost town loop is paved and goes along a housing area, not ghost towns. Rainbow Trail is NOT prime trail, it's extremely rocky, gravelly and not at all enjoyable to ride! Many fellow riders have likened it to riding down a creek bed - not fun. Rides like Hermit Pass and South Colony are better suited for a 4-wheel drive jeep. I wouldn't suggest riding quite a few of the trails in his book but if you do, just beware!

This book maybe useful, but it is way outdated. Some of the trails are in poor condition and really not rideable able I wonder if the author may have not rode some of these trails?

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