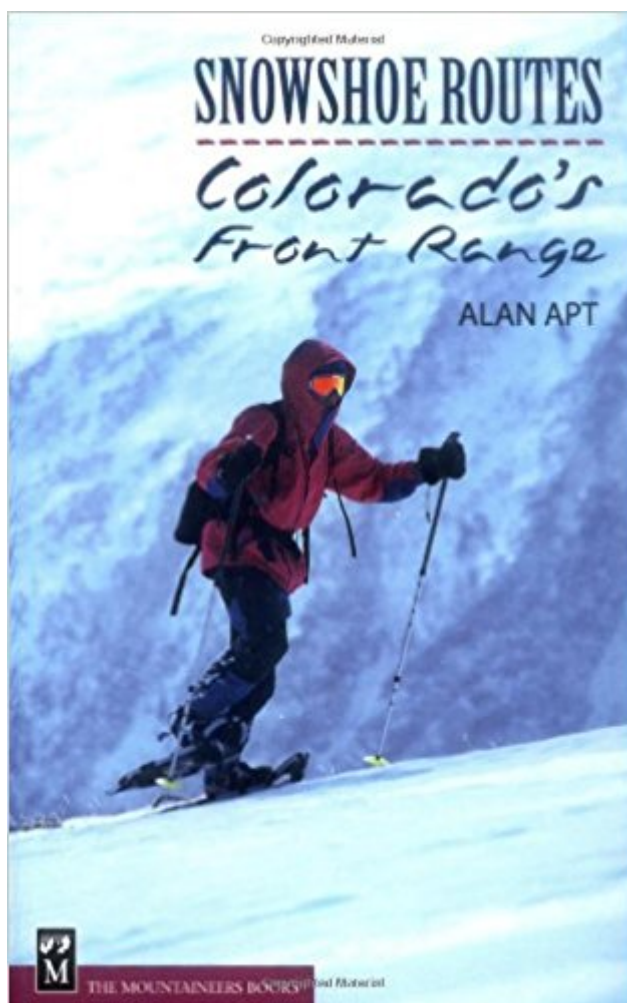


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# Snowshoe Routes Colorado's Front Range



## Synopsis

\* Every level of snowshoe routes, from easy family strolls to winter mountaineering adventures\* Completely redesigned with four-color images and maps\* Comprehensive coverage from Fort Collins through Boulder and Denver to Colorado Springs, with a complete section on Rocky Mountain National Park There are few places in the world with more diverse snowshoe routes than the Front Range of Colorado. Come with author Alan Apt, who has wandered the Front Range of Colorado for over 30 years, and take advantage of his detailed knowledge of the snowshoe trails that will safely transport you, friends, and family, into winter's backcountry. A bestseller in the first edition, this second edition includes many NEW trails suitable for everyone, including families with children. You will find short and easy snowshoe routes, and longer adventures for you and for children of all ages. And for the winter mountaineer, Apt has also included some challenging, spectacular routes on less hazardous terrain. Snowshoe Routes: Colorado's Front Range includes excellent revised maps and detailed trail descriptions, with color photos for virtually every trail. The author has written a snowshoe buyer's and renter's guide that will help you pick a pair of appropriate snowshoes. He has also included safety checklists, so you'll know what to bring and wear, as well as suggestions for staying warm, so you can truly enjoy your day on the snow. Also includes an excellent reference for places to stay such as nearby huts and cabins. You will also find contact information for key outdoor organizations and the public entities that manage the forest and trails, so you can get the latest information on trail conditions and avalanche risk. Avalanche information is important for safe travel; the author has relevant suggestions and tips that will help make your recreation more hazard-free. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

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## Customer Reviews

Â ALAN APT has given over 100 snowshoeing clinics up and down the Front Range and is an active snowshoer, skier, climber, and backpacker. Apt is the author of Afoot and Afield in Denver, Boulder, and Colorado's Front Range. He lives in Nederland, Colorado, with best friend Nancy and Cara the dog.

What can I say - I got this book out of the library and used it to plot a couple of treks for visiting family. Its got a good range of routes with descriptions of the trailheads, accurate round-trip distances and elevation gains, and avalanche risk. Its even got the routes by Moffat Tunnel that aren't well documented in other books I've looked at. If you want to snowshoe on the front range this book is for sure a good starting place and might even be everything you need.

My husband and I have just started to snowshoe. We live in Fort Collins, so this book is perfect for us. The trails are pretty accurate, although we did get quite off track (and into some potentially dangerous avalanche areas) during one of the hikes because of how the directions were laid out. Otherwise it's a great book for beginners. It doesn't have all the trails for RMNP, but those can be accessed through their website. Thanks for writing such a great book!

Great resource. Well written guide and very descriptive!

Great descriptions of routes. Many of which I have tried are very accurate. I would recommend this book to friends.

If you're going snowshoeing in Colorado, or even thinking of going snowshoeing, or just want to read about it from your armchair, you need this book. The author is truly one of the most articulate and experienced experts in the field, who has hiked many of the great hikes around the world. (e.g., he's personally passionate about almost all outdoor adventures.) At his personal seminars, attended by both beginners and advanced enthusiasts, as well as those in-between, he is able to clearly answer questions at every level, about every aspect of snowshoeing, in an easy, self-effacing and obviously expert manner. But this book is even better than his seminars because Apt gives the

technical details--mileage, maps, directions, terrains--for over 30 different routes, the things to watch for, some of the history, some of the lore, in a direct and very readable style that you can carry with you! The introduction, "The Snowshoe Revolution," is itself worth the price of the book. What else can I say: this is a great book. It is THE guide book for Colorado Front Range snow shoe routes.

As a long term hiker but relatively new to snowshoeing, this book was a Godsend. I really appreciate the maps, the personal views, the tips to make things go easier. It's like having a top notch snowshoeing expert showing you tips and tricks he has picked up from many, many hours on snow shoes. Makes the whole experience much more enjoyable. I can highly recommend this book. Well worth the money.

It seems to me that the author writes his memories of all these trails and it is interesting information. However, quite incomplete as to what I am looking for. The maps are so minimalistic, it is a joke. Having on the same map how to get to the trailhead AND the hike itself cannot work. If you get lost on the trail on a snowday, this book will not help you avoid a night in the mountains. No topos, not even indications of summits and other recognizable viewpoints. Regarding avalanches, some information is given but again, very vague. No commitment from the author is given, no useful information as to alternate routes in case of avalanche risk. To summarize, this book is valuable from a tourist standpoint, that wants to know where in the mountains there are interesting hikes and what is interesting about them. Now, if you are looking for a guide book, that will allow you to go there on a snowy day, improvise a little, don't get this one. I don't have any recommendations for another one, as I have not found that other book yet.

Great book, but double check the maps to be safe. For example, the location of Vance's Cabin shown on the topo map depicting the route from Ski Cooper is incorrect by a wide margin.

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