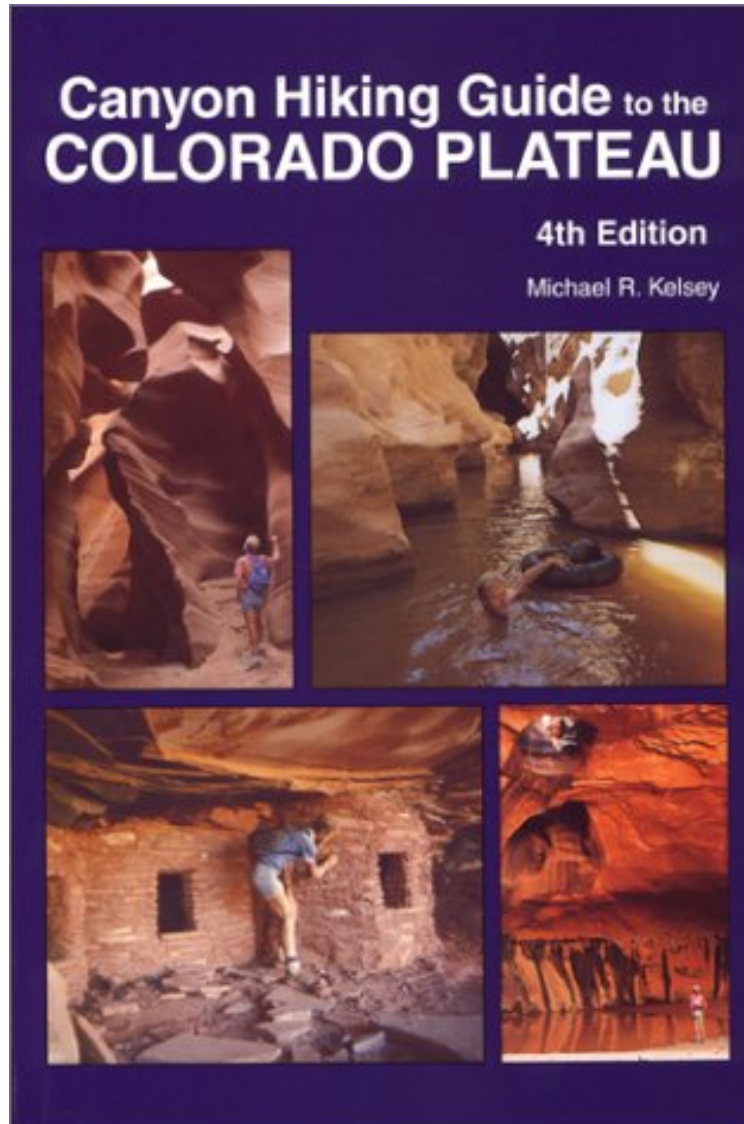


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Michael R. Kelsey : Canyon Hiking Guide to the Colorado Plateau before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Canyon Hiking Guide to the Colorado Plateau:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Pretty comprehensive guide By Johng Pretty comprehensive guide. As other note, the author has some rather unusual styles and quirks. This is a guide for experienced hikers that are looking for e.g. trailheads and key information. I'd call it an 'old-style' guide; it's not well suited for e.g. casual tourists blowing through an area, but seems to be tailored for those looking for out-of-the way places. This is a great guide for

its comprehensiveness, and for the experienced hiker will greatly facilitate trips to more out-of-the-way places. A wonderful guide for planning adventures. The author's hiking times are as you might expect from someone that writes a guidebook: they are reasonable for a very fit, very experienced hiker that's used to the terrain and moves very quickly, and doesn't stop much or long to look at scenery. This is not your average hiker, so most people will need to calibrate to these times, and I suspect most people will want to increase the times by 20-30% for a moderate pace and some water/snack stops. Trail runners will of course reduce times ... you get the idea- all times are estimates, but most guides err on what is (for me) a too long estimate. This book bucks that trend so be warned. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great list of recommended hikes in the back. The instructions to trail heads are clear. I would highly recommend this. However, there are a few drawbacks. 1. The maps are a bit jinky: little pieces of paper cut out and pasted together then photocopied. It's 2017 Mr. Kelsey. Hire a specialist to LAYER YOUR MAPS ON FREE TOPO MAPS FROM MYTOPO.COM. Don't even think of using the included maps for navigation. They're for planning purposes ONLY. 2. There is no INDEX. Again, this problem could be solved by a publishing specialist in 0.2 seconds. All the bold words throughout the text don't mean much without an index. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good information, barely usable. By ESColorado I'm going to keep it because I can see the value it will provide as a secondary source, but what an atrocious product. Tiny font, single-spaced text, no breaks between sections. No index, no way to look up hikes of certain lengths, and because 42 years ago Congress decreed that the US should adopt the metric system the author provides all measurements in metric. This is basically a raw dump of hiking notes. It may as well have shown up as a hundred pages dumped out of Word and stapled together.

This is a canyon hiking guide to the Colorado Plateau, which covers the southeastern half of Utah, the northern half of Arizona, the western 1/5 of Colorado, and a small part of NW New Mexico. This new 4th Edition has been undated significantly beyond the 3rd. The author went back to almost all canyons, or at least to the trailheads, to check out the mile post markers, etc. Also, about half a dozen less-interesting canyons or hikes from the 3rd Edition were eliminated; while about a dozen new more challenging hikes have been added, plus another 32 pages. This 4th edition contains 320 pages and 191 photographs, about 90 of which are new. The new canyons are from scattered locations in southern Utah, primarily in Zion National Park, and the Escalante River, San Rafael Swell Robbers Roost country, along with major updates on slot canyons on the Navajo Nation. Other big changes to this edition are the addition of about a dozen new technical slot canyons; that is, canyons where you need ropes and rappelling gear to get through. This adds another dimension to excitement and challenge, and opens many new hiking areas previously closed to many of us. All these technical canyons are now either bolted-up, or have slings or webbing around boulders, making them ready for rappelling. The general direction for this book, is toward slot canyons, which everybody likes; but it retains easy fun hikes to canyons with Anasazi ruins, another favorite. So if you're looking for petroglyphs or pictographs, and cliff dwellings or ruins, which some people try their best to hide, then this is your book. In the back of this book is a section listing the Best Hikes, including for the most part Slot Canyons, then best hikes to see Indian ruins, and Native American rock arts sites. Below is the Table of Contents.

About the Author The author was born in 1943, and experienced his earliest years of life in eastern Utah's Uinta Basin; first near the town of Myton, then Roosevelt. In 1954, the family moved to Provo, where he attended Provo High School, and later Brigham Young University, where he earned a B.S. degree in Sociology. Shortly thereafter he discovered that was the wrong subject, so he attended the University of Utah, where he received his Master of Science degree in Geography, finishing that in June, 1970. It was then real life began, for on June 9, 1970, he put a pack on his back and started traveling for the first time. Since then he has seen 223 countries, republics, islands, or island groups. All this wandering has resulted in a number of books written and published by himself. Here are his books, listed in the order they were first published: Climber's and Hiker's Guide to the World's Mountains and Volcanos (4th Edition), Utah Mountaineering Guide (3rd Edition); China on Your Own and the Hiking Guide to China's Nine Sacred Mountains (3rd Edition-Out of Print); Canyon Hiking Guide to the Colorado Plateau (4th Edition); Hiking and Exploring Utah's San Rafael Swell (3rd Edition); Hiking and Exploring Utah's Henry Mountains and Robbers Roost (Revised Edition); Hiking and Exploring the Paria River (3rd Edition); Hiking and Climbing in the Great Basin National Park (Wheeler Peak, Nevada); Boater's Guide to Lake Powell--Featuring Hiking, Camping, Geology, History and Archaeology (2nd Updated Edition); Climbing and Exploring Utah's Mt. Timpanogos; River Guide to Canyonlands National Park Vicinity; Hiking, Biking and Exploring Canyonlands National Park Vicinity; The Story of Black Rock, Utah; and Hiking, Climbing and Exploring Western Utah's Jack Watson's Ibex Country. He also helped his mother Venetta B. Kelsey, write publish a book about the town she was born and raised in, Life on the Black Rock Desert--A History of Clear Lake, Utah.