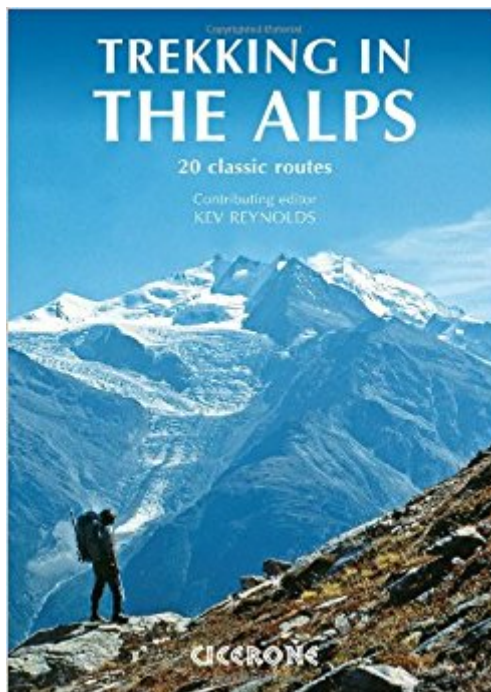


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Trekking In The Alps



Synopsis

An inspirational guide to the delights of Alpine multi-day hikes. With 20 hikes described, including classics such as the Tour of Mont Blanc and the Tour of the Vanoise as well as new multi-day routes like the Traverse of the Slovenian Alps, this guide celebrates the rich scenic diversity for which the Alps are renowned. The eight talented contributing writers and photographers have explored every corner of Europe's celebrated mountain range, written dozens of guides to it and, in some cases, led trekking holidays in the Alps to share their passionate enthusiasm with other hikers. Covering a wide range of difficulty, the hikes are intended for the summer months. With striking colour photography and clear overview maps throughout, *Trekking in the Alps* is sure to fulfil its intention: to inspire those who wish to join in celebration of a magnificent natural wonder.

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Kev Reynolds is a freelance writer, photojournalist and lecturer. A prolific compiler of guidebooks, his first title for Cicerone Press appeared in 1978; he has since produced 27 titles for Cicerone, with others being researched. A member of the Outdoor Writers' Guild, the Alpine Club and Austrian Alpine Club, his passion for mountains and the countryside remains undiminished, and he regularly travels throughout Britain to share that enthusiasm through his lectures.

Trekking in the Alps is a terrific new book that will tantalize the beginning hiker and give priceless, succinct information to someone who has already done alpine hiking and wants to plan more. Kev

Reynolds is one of the great writers of guide books for the Alps and Great Britain and he & Cicerone have gathered the very best thoughts of his peers in this beautiful book. Each writer gives you his/her best ideas for their favorite treks across the Alps. The photos are wonderful, updated maps and graphics are better than prior guide books and the amount of detail is perfect. You will eagerly move from one hike to the next like chapters in a novel, but a novel in which you can become a character. If you are in the planning stages for any alpine hike, this book is a must have. I have personally used Kev Reynolds' Cicerone Press guide books for the Haute Route and Tour du Mont Blanc and don't know what I would have done without them. In fact, last year at the end of the TMB, while puffing to the top of Le Bervent above Chamonix I heard a voice call "HELLOOOO" down to me from high above. It was the older, bearded man and his wife with whom I had hiked on and off for the last 10 days around the Mont Blanc. At the top while getting my breath and looking at my guide book he asked me if it was a good book. I of course replied ABSOLUTELY! He gently said, "Well, that's my guide book." I can still feel the goose bumps when I realized with whom I had been hiking and for some reason I had not asked their names. One of my treasured possessions is now my Kev Reynolds Tour du Mont Blanc guide book with their inscription in the cover. Experiences like this cannot be bought at any price. They happen because one has a dream, then makes it happen. Reading "Trekking in the Alps" is the first step you must take to begin an experience that will stay with you for the rest of your life.

We have used this book as the starting point for 6 glorious treks in the Alps, from France to Slovenia. We have reviewed the hikes by means of this book, picked one according to our own interests, and then purchased the more detailed Cicerone guide for the actual trek. Brilliant.

Very well written descriptions of the various hikes available in the Alps. Will help me to plan my Haute Route hike later this year.

I bought this book hoping to get ideas of what I might want to do and when for some Alps hiking. I was hoping to use it to decide what to do, then buy the individual route guides for whatever I decided on. I was quite disappointed. It has text descriptions of the trails, but little information about when to do them (i.e. when snow might be an issue, when flowers might be blooming, what weather is like when, etc), no information about nearby towns, nor much information about the actual trail difficulty (only, for example "strenuous" for the whole route). But the maps are not very good and, for example, don't show glaciers the trails cross, or national borders. Nor does it provide suggestions

for what "real" maps to buy. The trail profiles are helpful, though.

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