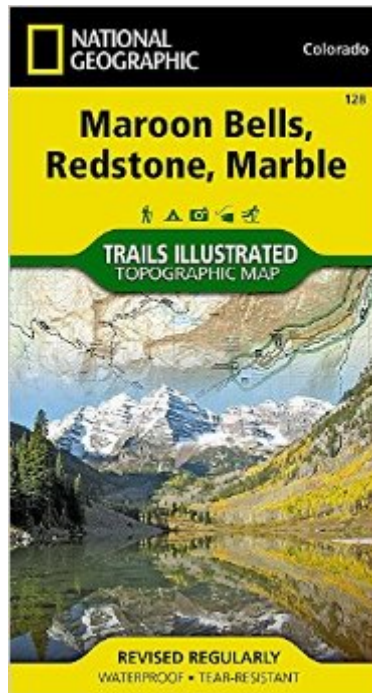


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# Maroon Bells, Redstone, Marble (National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map)



## Synopsis

â€¢ Waterproof â€¢ Tear-Resistant â€¢ Topographic MapColoradoâ€™s Maroon Bells are the most photographed peaks in North America. National Geographicâ€™s Trails Illustrated map of Maroon Bells, Redstone, Marble offers unparalleled detail for outdoor enthusiasts exploring the aspen forests, clear creeks, high alpine lakes, and towering granite peaks of this magnificent region. Created in partnership with local land management agencies, this expertly researched map features key areas of interest including White River and Gunnison national forests; Raggeds and Maroon Bells â€“ Snowmass wilderness areas; Crystal and Roaring Fork rivers; Conundrum Hot Springs; and Snowmass Ski Area. With miles of mapped trails, this map can guide you off the beaten path and back again. Cyclists will appreciate the detail paid to the many hard surface and mountain bike trails in the region. The West Elk Loop Scenic Byway is noted for those wishing to take in the scenery by car. The map base includes contour lines and elevations for summits, passes and many lakes. Many recreation features are noted, including campgrounds, fishing areas, trailheads, alpine and cross country ski areas, and snowmobile trails. Survival tips and information about wilderness conduct are included as well. Every Trails Illustrated map is printed on "Backcountry Tough" waterproof, tear-resistant paper. A full UTM grid is printed on the map to aid with GPS navigation. Other features found on this map include: Capitol Peak, Elk Mountains, Gunnison National Forest, Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness, Maroon Peak, North Maroon Peak, Pyramid Peak, Raggeds Wilderness, Snowmass Mountain, White River National Forest. Map Scale = 1:40,680 Sheet Size = 22" x 37.75" Folded Size = 4" x 7.5"

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## Customer Reviews

Please note this is the 2005 edition and not the newer 2009 currently available. A lot of things can change with Rocky Mtn trails in 4 years. I'd recommend getting Sky Terrain's Aspen, Crested Butte & Maroon Bells Trail Map 3rd Edition, May 10th 2010, which includes mileage between intersection points as well. Update (9/22/15): I learned my initial complaint was due to inaccurate info on Nat Geo's site that indicated a 2009 date at the time I was shopping, which has since been corrected as it shows 2005 now. That is the only reason I thought it was an old edition. I see specifies it's 2005 edition as well. I still preferred the Sky Terrain map, which is also 5 years newer. Wish they had a larger selection.

As with all the Trails Illustrated maps they provide accurate topo information, however be very careful about the accuracy of the trails. Specifically the four pass loop has some trails that are up to a half mile off. Get the Sky Terrain map by Kent Schulte, its spot on for the 4 pass loop.

Listen, you probably can explore this area without the map following the obvious trails and such, but what's the fun in that? This was really useful in understanding the area whilst hiking it. Plus, when your friends are over for beer you can bust this bad boy out and become Captian Braggart of the SS Snowmass.

These National Geographic maps are some of the best hiking and exploring maps available for the backcountry of Colorado. They are made of a sturdy material that seems to be pretty waterproof, and the level of detail and information provided is excellent. Maybe a bit pricey, but well worth the cost, in my opinion.

At first glance I thought this map was too large a scale to be useful as a backcountry map so I bought the same topo maps from the USGS. Much to my surprise, the topo's seemed faded and difficult to read compared to the Trails Illustrated map. One has to decide for themselves how much detail they require for the type of hiking they are planning. We stayed on marked trails most of the time and only used the Trails Illustrated map for our hike up to see the Maroon Bells and then over to Snowmass Lake on a 3 night backpacking trip, it was great! We had no problems finding our way, even over the high passes. The map even has a nice waterproof coating that kept it looking like new

after our trip. These are great maps for everyday use hiking and camping but if you are looking for that 'needle in the haystack' on a mountain you may want to hold out for the old reliable topographic maps from the USGS.

Just received my Maroon Bells map. As usual, National Geographic maps never disappoint. Very easy to read. If I were to have a complaint about this map. The only thing is that this map doesn't have mileage markings. Nothing a piece of string and a marker can fix.

National geographic trail maps are a must for backpacking. Don't hesitate in getting them for your trip

If doing Four Pass Loop, you want the map by Kent Schulte, and not this one.

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