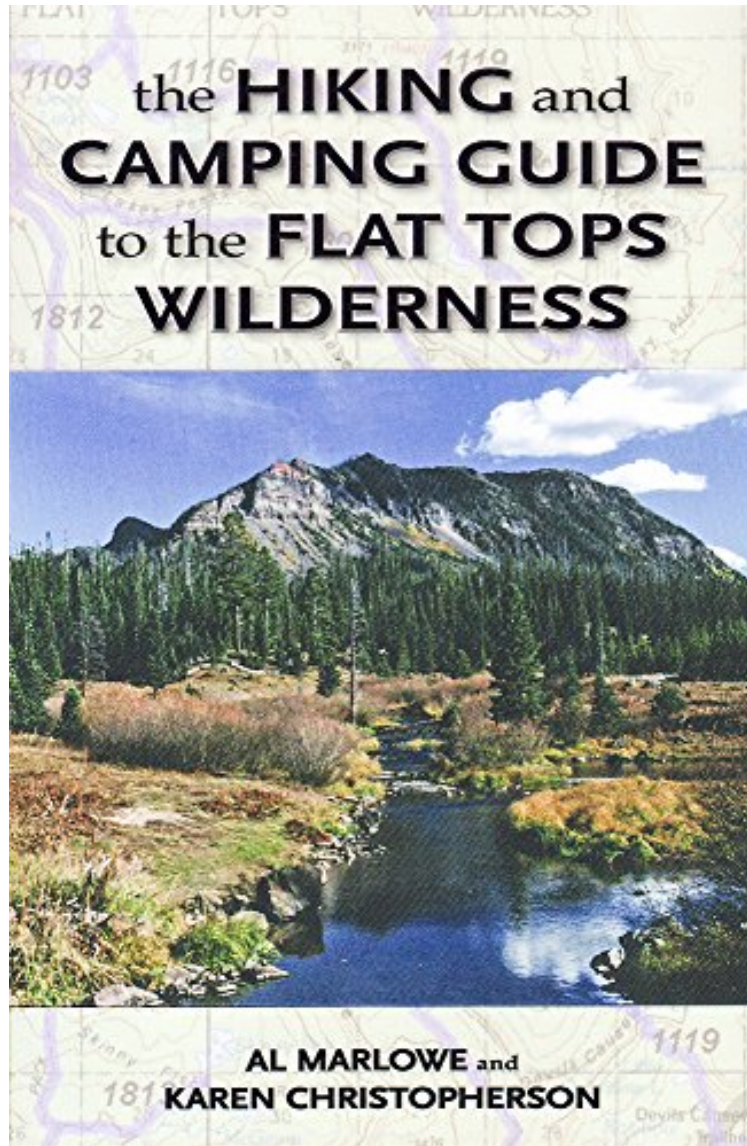


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Al Marlowe, Karen R. Christopherson : The Hiking and Camping Guide to Colorado's Flat Tops Wilderness (The Pruett Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Hiking and Camping Guide to Colorado's Flat Tops Wilderness (The Pruett Series):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Sharp UpdateBy Mark StevensThis is a fabulous guide. I've been using the original by Al Marlowe whenever I need insights into the Flat Tops Wilderness Area, where my three mystery novels -- "Antler Dust," "Buried by the Roan" and "Trapline" -- are set.This is a fine update of the original publication. The photographs in this edition are a vast improvement. So are the detailed, full-color maps. Marlowe's affection for the trails and landscape are intact. (Of course.) Selecting a trail is a snap. First, the contents lets you pick trailheads based on the access road, whether it's Rio Blanco County Road 8 or State Highway 131. A new map near the front splits the wilderness area into East Trails and West Trails (very handy). Then, each trail comes with a quick description, destination (where the trail ends up), distance, elevation and directions to the trailhead. What follows is a solid overview of what the hike entails and what kind of scenery you will encounter. Al Marlowe, from what I can gather, is tireless and his love for this area shines through. If you're going to the Flat Tops, pick this extremely handy guide.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good guideBy Douglas GregersonI would say that it is a pretty good guide. My son and I took a backpack camping trip to the flat tops area last week. Had a problem finding a particular trail, but managed to come upon it. Doesnt really do a good job of detailing the terrain the trail covers, it presents most things as fairly flat and they are actually far from that. But overall I would admit that it got me where I wanted to go.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very limited, poorly written.By CustomerVery poor limited amount of info on lakes, not even very good description of trails. Nor sure what the purpose of the book was?It gives directions to trailheads and says things like from trailhead X hike 6 miles on trail to reach Lake Y then continue 3 miles to reach lake Z.Nothing of value in any of the descriptions. Would have given it a 1 star except it is the only book on the Flat Tops I could find.

The Flat Tops Wilderness Area is unique, a high plateau at 11,000 feet. Its nearly flat surface is covered with woodlands and alpine meadows, pockmarked with hundreds of lakes and drained by mountain streams. The wilderness is accessed by a network of trails for hikers and horseback riders alike. A visitor could spend an entire season here and not see all of this magnificent wilderness. This book is the only comprehensive guide to the Flat Tops Wilderness. It gives detailed directions to each trail head and describes what you will find along the many trails. Flat Tops Wilderness is the second largest wilderness area in Colorado. You will discover the many wonders of the Flat Tops; its geologic history from the episodes of mountain building and subsistence, and inundation by warm seas; the periods of volcanism and succeeding ice ages; and the first visitors to this remarkable land. The wildlife of the region, the flora and fauna, the weather, and seasons are all described. You will also learn common sense ways to protect wilderness environment as well as yourself on a visit to this incomparable land.

From the AuthorSince his first visit to the Flat Tops in 1969, Al Marlowe has returned many times. He has backpacked, fished, hunted, camped, and explored the wilderness. Al lives with his wife, Jean, and their golden retrievers in east Clear Creek County, Colorado. He has a BS in geology and worked several years in the oil industry. In 2000, he established Hidden Lakes Press to publish fishing and hiking guides on CD.After leaving the oil industry he worked as an outdoor writer. His articles were published in numerous outdoor magazines. In 1994 his first book, A Hiking and Camping Guide to the Flat Tops Wilderness Area, was published by Fred Pruett Books in Boulder, Colorado. In 1997 Pruett Publishing in Boulder, Colorado, published his second book, Fly Fishing the Colorado River: An Anglers Guide. After establishing Hidden Lakes Press his first guide was Fly Fishing the Flat Tops. Subsequent work has included fly fishing guides coauthored by Evergreen angler Karen Christopherson. Their guides, Fly Fishing the North Platte River, Fly Fishing the Colorado River, Fifty Colorado Tailwaters, and Trout on Colorado State Land, are available at coloradofishing.com. Karen Rae Christopherson has been fishing since her childhood in Boulder, Colorado. A geophysicist by education and training, Karen has traveled extensively throughout the US and across the world, often with her fly rod in tow. Writing has been a passion since school and she feels fortunate to author books about fly fishing as a diversion from the technical world of geosciences. Karen also acts as webmaster for coloradofishing.net and other fishing websites.About the AuthorAl Marlowe, freelance writer and photographer for outdoor recreation publications, is a member of the Rocky Mountain Outdoor Writers and Photographers. He has been published in American Angler; American Survival Guide; Arkansas Outdoors; Backpacker; Bird Dog News; Colorado Dept. of Natural Resources; Colorado Outdoors; National Wildlife Federation; Rocky Mountain Game Fish; Rocky Mountain Streamside; and Western Outdoors.Karen Rae Christopherson has traveled extensively throughout the US and world with her fly rod in tow.