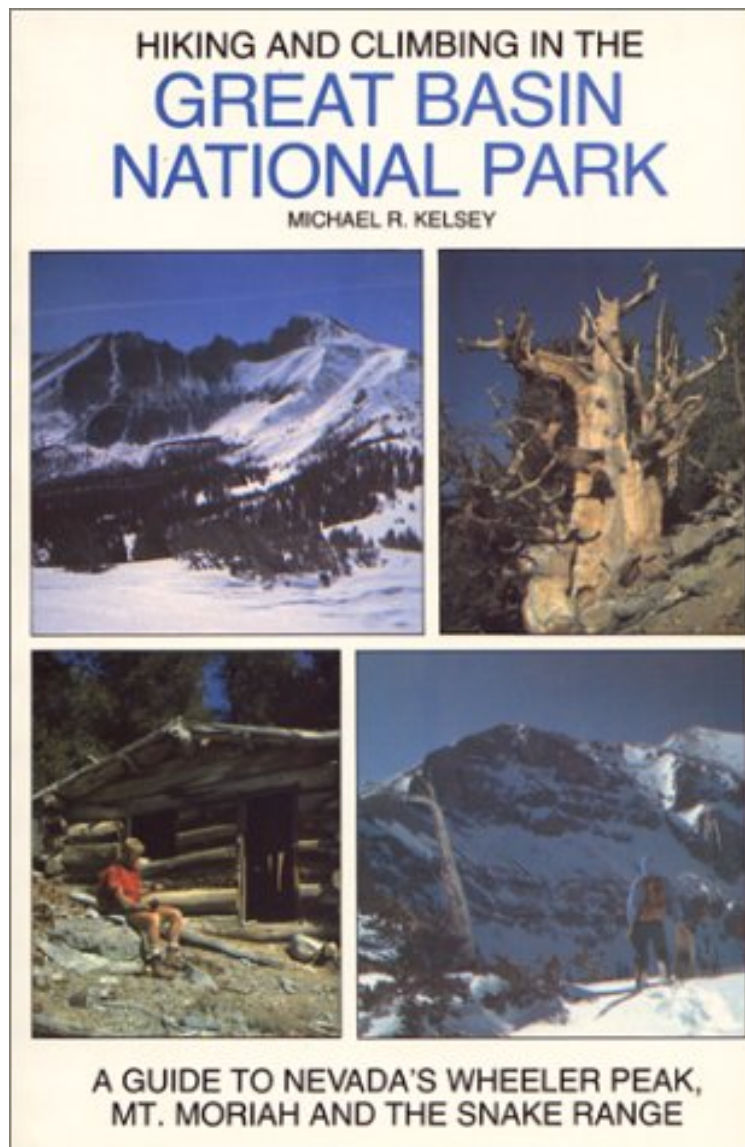


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This is a climbing and hiking guide to the Great Basin National Park, located in extreme eastern Nevada near the Utah line. This national park covers the south half of the Snake Range, which includes Wheeler Peak, the most dominating summit in the Great Basin. The other main attraction in the park is Lehman Caves, formerly a national monument. Also included is the northern half of the Snake Range, with its highest peak called Mt. Moriah, at 3673 meters. The book has 47 different hikes or climbs. Wheeler Peak is a real gem! It has a small perpetual snow field nestled in its north facing cirque basin and a rather huge rock glacier, the remains of a real ice glacier from the late Pleistocene Epoch. In this same cirque basin is one of many stands of bristlecone pines in the area. In this particular stand, once stood the oldest living organism on earth, a bristlecone pine estimated to have been 4900 years old (it was cut down in the early 1960's in the name of science). There are many other stands of these trees in the park and in the Snake Range. Besides the climbing section with 47 hikes, there are also chapters on Lehman Caves, the Bristlecone Pines, History of Mining in the Snake Range, and geology of the area.

About the AuthorThe 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.