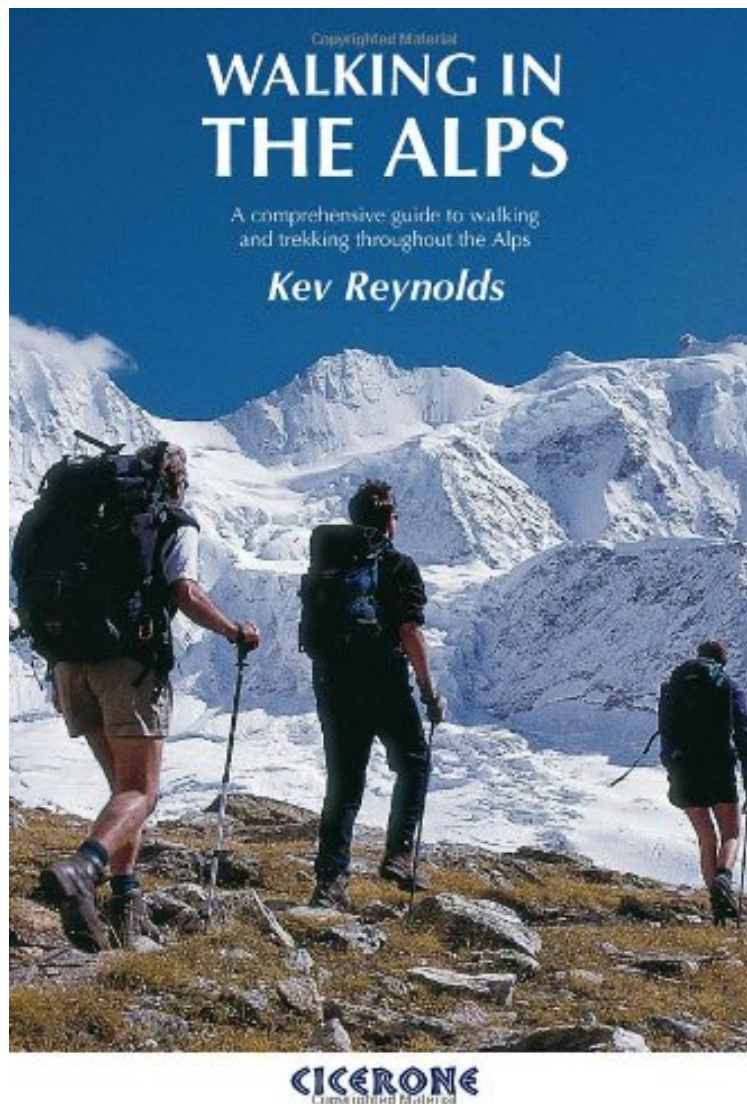


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**Kev Reynolds : Walking in the Alps: A comprehensive guide to walking and trekking throughout the Alps** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Walking in the Alps: A comprehensive guide to walking and trekking throughout the Alps:

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Found my way to many places I would never have found otherwise. The guide does not overly baby you about how to get around, so some reading between the lines is necessary... but this is a good thing perhaps as it weeds out the Chevy-Chase-Lookers and requires you to be more intimately knowledgeable before setting out. Directions were just clear enough to get anywhere I wanted. Every time I see it on the shelf I hope I get to use it again sooner than later! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. covers a large area, little detailed information By Benjamin Crowell This is a big, heavy book (too heavy to carry on the trail) that attempts to cover the entire area of the Alps. It has lots of history and natural history, and reading it would definitely enhance one's understanding of what one was experiencing in the Alps. However, there is very little detailed information. The maps are not topo maps, are very large scale, and don't show trails. There are sample itineraries for hiking from hut to hut, but these lack even basic facts like distances between points. The book has a good index. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very detailed By anirban Excellent book with lots of details. I especially like the way alps is divided into regions and the details are provided for each individual region.

The second edition of this classic guidebook by Kev Reynolds on walking and trekking in the Alps. This book is a definitive guide to the many thousands of possible routes, with a geographical span that ranges from the Maritime Alps of southern France to the Julians of Slovenia, from Italy's Gran Paradiso to the little-known Turnitzer Alps of eastern Austria, and from the ice-bound giants of the Bernese Oberland to the green rolling Kitzbuheler Alps and the bizarre towers of the Dolomites of South Tirol, showing the amazing diversity of this wonderful mountain chain. There are walks to suit every taste: gentle and undemanding, long and tough, and everything in between. Written by Britain's most respected authority on the Alps, this is a fully updated edition of this important book.

From Library Journal When most people think of the Alps, they think of Switzerland. The Alps actually stretch from Southern France to Austria, passing through several countries in between. The purpose of this book is to provide a compilation of walks available throughout this mountain chain. Reynolds, one of the foremost authorities on the region, has modeled the book after J. Hubert Walker's classic *Walking the Alp*, with the goal of creating a more updated version. Peppered with breathtaking photographs, the text is divided into manageable sections of the Alps, each section ending with useful information on which guidebooks to use and whether accommodations are available. However, crucial details about contacts, weather, money, and visas are not provided; it certainly would have been useful to offer at least an appendix with basic information on each country. Reynolds obviously didn't intend to write just another travel guide but rather a reference tome. This bulky book is recommended for purchase, though it should not be a hiker's sole resource. DSandy Knowles, Henderson Cty. P.L., NC Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. 'The most comprehensive book about alpine walking in the last fifty years.' (Chris Bonington) 'This is a book that needed writing, and who better to write it than that doyen of guidebook authors - Kev Reynolds. It is a hefty volume that makes no pretence of being a pocket or even a rucksack guidebook, it's a full scale Alpine bible weighing no less than two and a quarter pounds. It's a book for the long winter evenings, not to dream over but to conspire with, to plot with and to use.' (John Cleare, *High*) 'According to my calculations, if I wanted to do everything listed in this marvellous book I would need to live to just over 400 years and remain fit to the end.' (Ernst Sondheimer, *The Alpine Journal*) 'In his own poetic and inimitable style, [Kev Reynolds] has produced a book that condenses the vast wonderland that is the Alps, from the Mediterranean coast near Nice to the wooded hills of Vienna, into 480 pages of densely, yet eminently readable, information. ... This then, is probably the most important guide to walking abroad that has been published in Britain. It is simply stunning, and should be on the shelves of every walker, scrambler and backpacker who harbours any inclination to travel south to these, one of the finest ranges of mountains in the world.' (Cameron McNeish, *TGO*) 'Illustrated with excellent colour photographs and sketch maps, it's definitely a book for the enthusiast.' (*Walking Abroad*) 'Kev Reynolds' style of writing combines graphic visual descriptions with a real feeling of his love for the mountains - there is nothing dry or understated in his prose. The second feature which I found most attractive, is [the] use of quotations from earlier writers, such as Tuckett, Freshfield, Whymper, Leslie Stephen and many others. He goes further and provides reading lists at the end of each chapter and this, for me, adds perspective and a sense of the inheritance of a wonderful recreation from those who have trodden these incomparable mountains in the past.' (Ewen Moir, *Austrian Alpine Club Newsletter*) 'Perhaps you are thinking of your first walking trip to the Alps; but where? How do you decide? Well you can't do better than start with this comprehensive guide to the whole Alpine chain. It is a soft cover update of the original 1998 hardback, which was recognised immediately as the most complete description of the Alps and the walking it offered. Kev Reynolds is a long established writer in the field with a string of guides to individual areas. It is hard to think of anyone to better his extensive knowledge of the Alpine world and clear writing style. I think even old Alpine buffs will discover a corner they were unaware of.' (*Scottish Mountaineer Magazine* / August 2006) 'A big book in every sense, Reynolds' classic was originally published in 1998 and has been republished in soft cover, with improved mapping and a lot more colour photographs. Its format is simple but highly effective. There is little route description - books that offer that are referred to at the end of each chapter - but there is much loving details of what makes each sub-range and its region unique. The suggested

tours are well-thought out, with plenty of scope for personal variations.'(Walking World Ireland / July - August 2007)About the AuthorKev Reynolds is a freelance writer, photojournalist and lecturer whose first title for Cicerone Press (Walks and Climbs in the Pyrenees) appeared in 1978 and is still in print. He has published many books on the Alps, a series of trekkers' guides to Nepal and, nearer to home, several guides on walking in southern England. A member of the Alpine Club, Austrian Alpine Club and the Outdoor Writers' Guild, he is also first honorary member of the British Association of European Mountain Leaders.