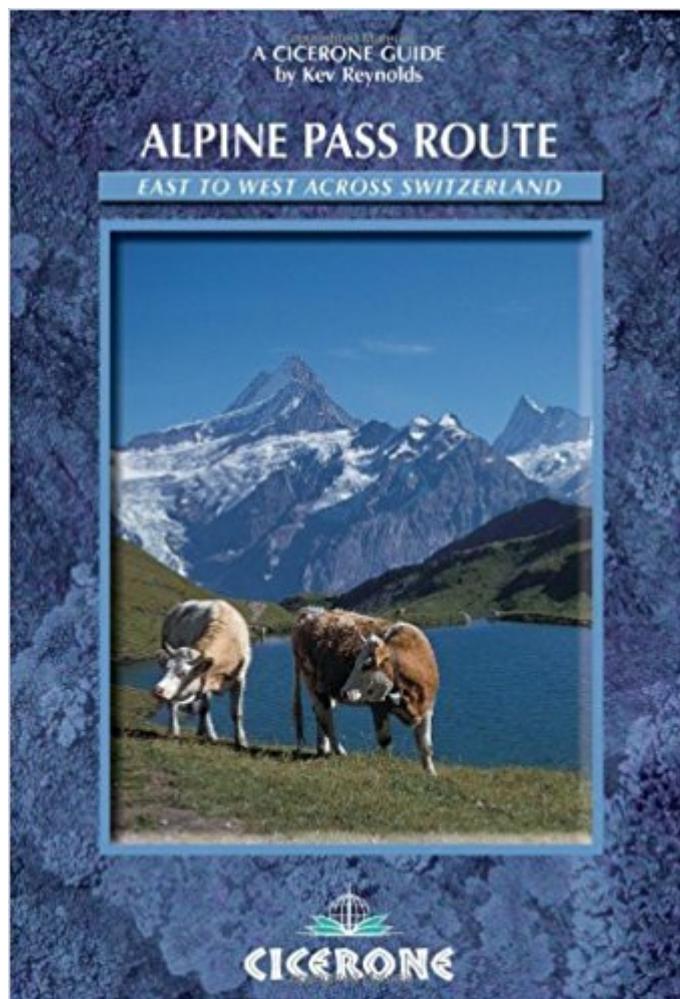


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# The Alpine Pass Route (Cicerone Guide)



## Synopsis

The Alpine Pass Route traverses Switzerland from east to west, taking in 325 kilometres of mountain and valley and crossing 16 passes. The walker is privy to the snow-capped peaks and the variety of passes that range from the slender crest of the Richetli to the broad tourist-thronged Kleine Scheidegg or the rocky crest of the Bunderchrinde and the grassy saddle of the Blattipass, making this a long-distance trek with a difference and a route to suit all walkers. The guide describes the route from the ancient town of Sargans, on the borders of Leichtenstein, to Montreux, on the shores of Lake Geneva, and provides options to do the walk in two easy parts or as one long, hard trek. Plentiful suggested accommodation along the way, with notes on alternative means of transport, such as cable-cars, chair-lifts and funiculars.

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## Customer Reviews

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.

If you intend to hike the Alpine Pass Route across the Swiss Alps, or the Via Alpina green trail (virtually the same trails, with different names), this book is essential. Written in a marvelous style

that is fun to read, the book provides excellent guidance for the hiker. I especially liked the numerous tips for trail variations and side trips. One thing to be careful about: there are a number of editions of the book on the market. When I ordered this book from , the listing said it was the most recent edition. But when I received it, the book they shipped me was in fact a couple of editions (and years) ago. Oh, well. It was cheap, and I doubt that there have been all that many changes over the years. Note: the Via Alpina green trail varies from Reynolds' route in just a few respects, but you have to be aware of those variations. First visit the Via Alpina official website and familiarize yourself with the trail route. Then read Reynolds' book.

love that book, very well described, all information you need to hike hut to hut across Switzerland. Goes very nice with the tour of the Jung Frau from the same author

I used it for a hike on the Alpine Pass Route and found it to be very useful. The author has great knowledge of the area.

While I haven't actually done the Alpine Pass Route yet, this book has met my expectations formed by Kev's similar Cicerone Guide, Chamonix-Zermatt, The Walker's Haute Route. That trek I did do, and even before doing it, my research on the subject consistently pointed to Kev as THE information source on the subject. I'd have to say he delivered the goods on that one, and here the style and format is the same, although some of the graphics are cleaned up a little here. Obviously one can't do it with just the book, as the excellent Swiss maps are required as well, but he does a great job of referring to map details in his unfolding instructional route narrative, so you can almost always tell where you are. I haven't found a better source, but then again, I've never felt the need to look any further. Compact format, great contact information, good route variations, local color and history, and none of the machismo swagger I've seen in other guidebooks. He makes me jealous that he has done so much hiking/trekking, and grateful that he cares enough to help others do the same.

I'm planning to hike the Alpine Pass Route in 2012, so I ordered this guide book. Unfortunately the book that arrived is the 2004 edition with 192 pages. The description on lists a 2010 edition of over 250 pages. There is no such edition .. at least not from the Cicerone publisher. An eight year old guide book usually is pretty useless. Otherwise, the guide book looks well organized with good route descriptions, line maps and pictures. It is wise not to price available accommodations along the route due to constant inflation.

Almost a month in shipping. Slight tear on front plastic cover (which is now a bigger tear with minor use) but otherwise seems in new condition. The Alpine Pass Route (Cicerone Mountain Walking)

I hiked the Alpine Pass Route (APR) in August/September 2004. I relied on the first edition of this book for the hike, but I own this second edition as well, so I can vouch for it. If you are planning to walk the APR, you should definitely buy this. The APR is covered in Lonely Planet's "Walking in Switzerland" as well, but Kev's book does a better job of giving you a feel for how the route meshes together as a whole. That said, the Lonely Planet book is worth a look, but consider borrowing it from your library and writing down the most useful bits in your travel notebook. You DO carry a travel notebook, right? Kev describes the route in its entirety, and in splendid detail. By necessity, he cannot document every little twist, turn, and rise of the path, but you really wouldn't want him to spoil all the fun. His sidebar anecdotes (which I assume he must have extracted from HIS travel notebook) add a good dose of humor and personality to the material. One thing I absolutely love about this author is his ability to put an optimistic, positive spin on every aspect of the walk. If you choose to hike the APR, the HohtÅfÅrlí is probably the most physically demanding section, and Kev tempers it by reminding you that with every step, you are gaining valuable elevation. Such is the character of this book. So, should you decide the APR is for you, buy this book well in advance, read it cover to cover at least twice, and carry it with you on the walk. You'll have a great time. Not many people get to see Switzerland this way, and for those who enjoy the mountains, this hike really cannot be beat.

We used this book to successfully plan our walk across Switzerland in 2005. The information and maps were very accurate, and it should get any long distance trekkers excited to try this challenging yet easily doable route.

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