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50 Historic Hiking Trails near Breckenridge, Frisco, Copper Mountain, Keystone-Dillon in the Ptarmigan Peak Wilderness and the Gore Range Wilderness,in Colorado. Popular Colorado author-historian Mary Ellen Gilliland introduces hikers and winter recreationists to mine camps, ghost towns, stagecoach tracks and narrow gauge railway routes, each resonating its own gold rush history. Scenic nature hikes, peak climbs, alpine lakes and waterfalls are destinations for the hikes. Added feature: special hikes for children.

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