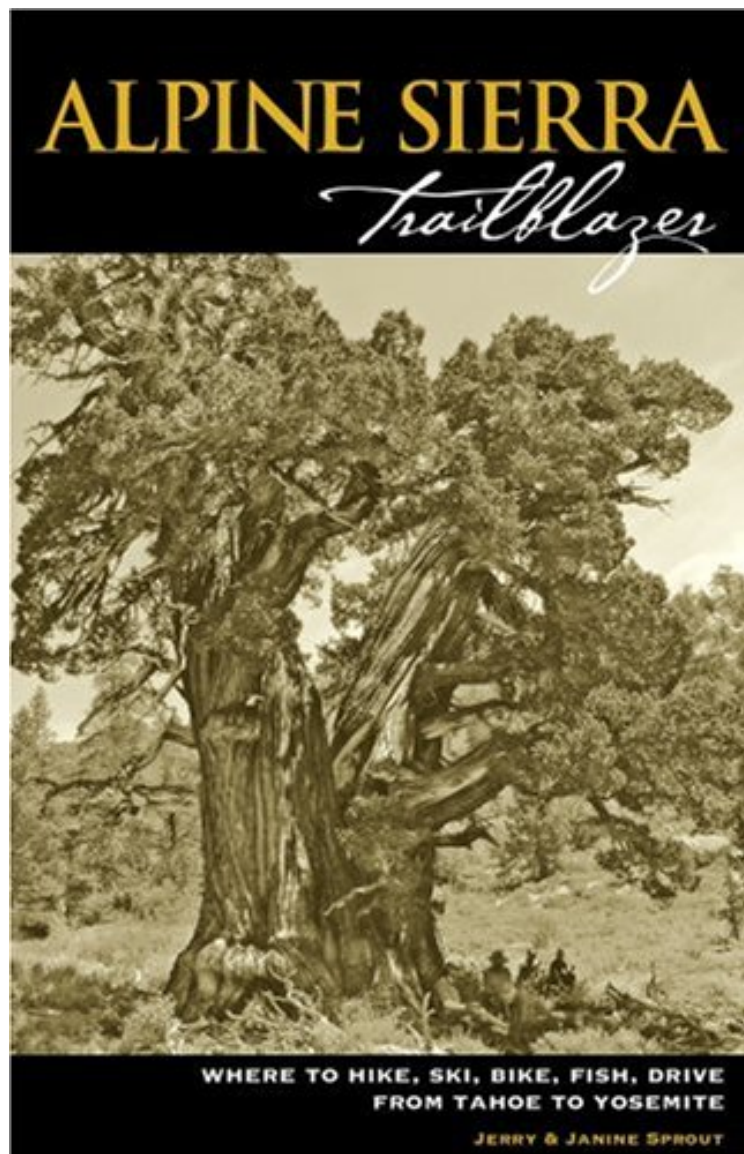


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(The new 25th ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF APLINE SIERRA TRAILBLAZER for 2016 is currently available on Amazon! Search by title or for ISBN 9780991369058) With a printing history that dates back 20 years, its no wonder ALPINE SIERRA TRAILBLAZER is called the outdoor bible for the High Sierra by local press. Vacationing families and adventure athletes alike have come to rely on Trailblazer s trail-tested advice and descriptions to a four-season treasure trove of recreational excursions. The new 5th edition, covers some 300 different hikes, beginning at the north shore of Lake Tahoe, extending south through Markleeville and Hope Valley, then on to Sonora Pass and Mono Lake, and ranging up to the Tuolumne Meadows region of Yosemite National Park. Hikes vary from out-of-the-car strolls to daylong treks. Along the way is a full array of mountain bike rides, fishing trips, and cross-country skiing. Eye-catching layout and trademark organization make this comprehensive guide easy to use. Six maps and nearly 200 photographs compliment the text. Trailblazer country includes hikes into eight wilderness areas (Carson-Iceberg, Mokelumne, Desolation, Emigrant, Mt. Rose, Hoover, Ansel Adams), along with three national forests, and a dozen state and county parks. All activities are within a two-hour drive of the Sprout s home turf near Markleeville, California this book is the fruit of a lifetime of alpine exploration. Extras in ALPINE SIERRA TRAILBLAZER include a Trailblazer Kids section, outdoor tips and safety precautions, concise fact sheets, strategies for visiting the Sierra, and a Resource Links section a well-organized list visitor information, conservation groups, museums and cultural attractions, accommodations and eateries, recreational outfitters, as well all the public agencies contacts for camping and backcountry permits.

From the Inside FlapAlpine Sierra Trailblazer is dedicated to preserving the irreplaceable bounty that nature has bestowed upon these unspoiled California mountain communities.About the AuthorTrailblazer travel books come fresh from the trail by Jerry and Janine Sprout. Jerry is a former newspaper reporter and novelist, Janine's background is as a graphic designer and photographer, and together they have hiked the Sierra Nevada for more than two decades. Their professional skills and outdoor background come blend in Alpine Sierra Trailblazer. The guide is as fun to read and look at as it is useful, designed and manufactured like a fine item of outdoor gear. This book will make you want to get up and go, and once on the trail it will be with you every step of the way.Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved.From "Free Hiking Advice and Opinion" - Never take boots out of the box and start hiking; hiking poles are a third leg; test stove and tent before leaving home; the only cure for altitude sickness is lower altitude; never sleep in a tent with someone who had black beans for dinner; only the finest resort hotel rivals the finest campsite; Zen of hiking: a trail is the most direct path of least resistance; drinking hot liquid will warm you quicker than a fire; never be the tallest thing around when lightning is around; a dog is a bear's worst friend.