

# White River National Forest

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## Current Conditions

### Aspen-Sopris Ranger District

#### Need Info?

Sopris: (970) 963-2266

Aspen: (970) 925-3445

**LAST UPDATED: September 14, 2017**

**This report is a general description of the broader area; all conditions are subject to change. Remember to always bring a map, compass, and be prepared for any conditions on the roads and trails, remember to “*Know Before You Go*”.**

**General Mountain Conditions:** Daytime temperatures are mild. Expect near freezing temperatures overnight at higher elevations. No campfires above 10,800 feet. Fire danger is high in the area.

**Maroon Bells Scenic Area:** Visit the Maroon Bells Scenic Area website for detailed information on bus schedules, ticket prices and more: [Maroon Bells Scenic Area info](#). For a weekly updated conditions report specific to Maroon Bells, call (970) 945-3319. The peak of fall foliage season is typically third week of September. For a current view from the Aspen area and weather conditions, go to [Aspen Roundshot](#), courtesy of Aspen-Snowmass.

**Food Storage & Camping:** Effective June 2014 – June 2018, visitors camping in developed sites or dispersed sites on the Aspen-Sopris Ranger District must store food in a bear-resistant container or inside vehicles in sealed containers. Approved bear-resistant containers for backpacking can be found here: [Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Certified Products List](#)

**Seasonal Advisory:** The summer travel season opens on May 21. Please visit the local District Office to check for areas that may have seasonal, temporary wildlife closures in place. Motor vehicle use maps are available online or at all district offices. [Motor vehicle use maps \(MVUMs\)](#) show forest routes that are designated as open or restricted to different types of motor vehicles and seasonal designations. It is your responsibility to know where you can go. Motor vehicle use maps also provide information about motorized access to dispersed camping sites (sites outside of campgrounds).

## Roads

## Conditions

### Access to State Highway 82 from Interstate 70 at Glenwood Springs

**Special Alerts and Notices:** Expect delays and detours if accessing Highway 82 at Glenwood Springs from Interstate 70 beginning August 14. Starting Monday, August 14, and continuing for about 95 days, crews will close the Grand Avenue Bridge in Glenwood Springs. A two-lane detour will be in place while crews construct the new Grand Avenue Bridge. There will be no access to CO 82 from I-70 Exit 116, and there will be one-lane in each direction at the Exit 116 (Main Glenwood) interchange. I-70 Exit 114 (west Glenwood) and Exit 116 (Main Glenwood) will remain open.

For detailed information, go to <https://www.codot.gov/projects/sh82grandavenuebridge>

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Aspen/Snowmass Area	
Maroon Creek Road (CR 13)	Maroon Creek Road restricted to shuttle traffic between hours of 8 am to 5 pm. Personal vehicles may drive road before 8 am and after 5 pm. <b>NOTE:</b> Starting September 8, and continuing through September, a free shuttle will run between Buttermilk Ski Area parking and Aspen Highlands. This service will be offered Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 7 am to 5:30 pm, every 30 minutes. Upon arriving at Aspen Highlands, visitors will need to purchase tickets at the Aspen Highlands ticket counter for the Maroon Bells shuttle.
<b>Special Alerts and Notices:</b> Difficult Campground will close for the season effective Tuesday, August 15, for drinking water system replacement project and will be closed for the rest of the 2017 season. The Day Use Area and parking for the Difficult Creek Trailhead will remain open during construction. Difficult Campground will reopen May 2018.	
Basalt/Ruedi Area	
Eagle-Thomasville Road	Open
<b>Special Alerts and Notices:</b>	
Carbondale Area	
Red Table Road (FSR 514)	Open.
Basalt Mountain Road (FSR 524)	Open.
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Redstone/Marble Area	
Schofield Pass	Open.
Lead King Loop (FSRs 314 & 315)	Both open.
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Trails	Conditions
American Lake Trail, #1985	Open. Trees down approximately 2-2.5 miles from trailhead.
Anthracite Pass Trail, #1968	Trail uneven. Not recommended for stock due to steep slope and tread.
Arkansas Mountain Trail, #1965	Open.
Aspen-Crested Butte	Open. Aspen side of West Maroon pass is muddy. Alpine wildflowers from West Maroon Pass to East Fork Trailhead in full bloom.
Aspen-Norrie Trail, #1927	Open.
Avalanche Lake Trail, #1959	Open.
Braderich Trail, # 1952	After Braderich Creek, several large (18" diameter) trees across trail.
Buckskin Pass	Open.
Capitol Creek Trail, #1961	Open.
Capitol Creek Ditch Trail	Open.
Carbonate Creek Trail, #1971	Open. Trail in good condition, creek crossing impassable. Snow in upper valley.
Cathedral Lake Trail, #1984	Open.
Cathedral Lake Trail to Electric Pass #1984.1A	Open. Trail in good, mid-summer condition to Electric Pass.
Chapman Gulch Trail, #1920	Open.
Chapman Lake Trail, #1923	Open.
Conundrum Creek Trail, #1981	Open to hot springs and on to Triangle Pass. If attempting to access Cooper Pass/Lake side of pass prepare for muddy trail conditions. Trail is not suitable for stock past Silver Dollar Pond.
Crater Lake Trail	Open.
Dexter Park Trail, #1953	Open
Difficult Creek Trail, #2196	Difficult Campground is closed for the season effective Tuesday, August 15, 2017, for drinking water system replacement project. Difficult Campground will be closed for the rest of the 2017 season. The day use area and parking for the

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	Difficult Creek Trailhead will remain open during construction. Difficult Campground will reopen May 2018.
Discovery/Braille Trail	Open.
Eagle Lake	No report.
East Creek Trail, #1963	Open. Trail clear up to the pass. Some muddy sections, but mostly draining well.
East Maroon Creek Trail, #1983 <i>View from Maroon Creek Road at Stein Meadow</i> September 13, 2017 Photo credit: Peggy Jo Trish, USDA Forest Service	
East Maroon Pass	Open.
East Snowmass Creek Trail, #1977	Open. Trail is clear of trees. There are muddy sections on the trail.
Four Pass Loop	Open. Some sections of trail may be muddy. All trails along Four Pass Loop route are clear of trees. Prepare and come equipped for stream crossings throughout the route.
Fravert Basin, #1974	Open.

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Frying Pan Lakes, #1921	Open.
Geneva Lake Trail, #1973	Open.
Government Trail, #1980	Open.
Granite Lakes Trail, #1922	Open.
Grizzly Lake Trail, #1990	Open. Small blown down (around 7 trees) that makes trail impassable by stock.
Grottos Trail, #2180	Open.
Hannon Creek Trail, #1998	Open. Some trees down over trail but trail in good shape otherwise.
Hay Park Trail, #1957	Open.
Hell Roaring Trail, #1960	Open.
Henderson Park Trail #1972	Open.
Hunter Creek Trail, #2184	Open.
Hunter Valley Trail, #1992	Open.
Josephine Lake Trail, #1916	Open.
Linkins Lake Trail, #1979	Open.
Lostman Loop Trail, #1996	Open.
Lyle/Mormon Lakes Trail, #1919	Open. Muddy trail conditions will be encountered.
Maroon Creek Trail, #1982	Open.

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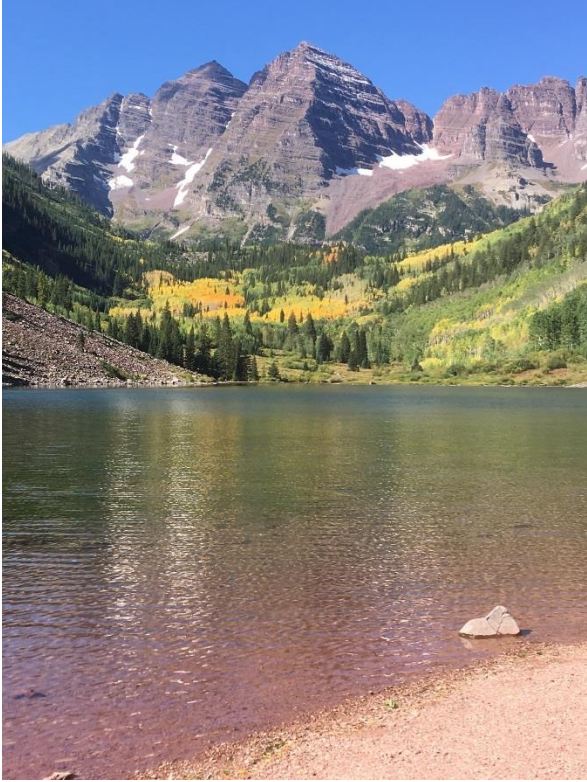
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<p>Maroon Lake Scenic Area <i>Maroon Bells Fall Colors from Maroon Lake</i> September 13, 2017 Photo credit: Peggy Jo Trish, USDA Forest Service</p>	
Maroon-Snowmass Trail, #1975	Open.
Middle Thompson Trail, #1950	Open. Trail may be muddy at higher elevations.
Midway Creek Trail, #1993	Open. Trail hard to find after Midway Lake.
Mount Sopris Trail, #1958	Open. Loose rock and indistinct tread on way to false summit.
New York Creek Trail, #2182	Open. Three large trees down which may block trail.
North Lost Creek Trail, #1967	Massive debris slide took out bridge; trees block trail to horse trail. Several large trees on trail.
Perham Creek Trail, #1949	Open.
Petroleum/Anderson Lakes Trail, #1991	Open.
Placita Trail, #1966	Open.
Raspberry Creek Loop, #1968	Open.

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Red Table Trail, #1909	Open.
Rio Grande Trail	Clear from Aspen to GWS
Ruedi Overlook Trail, #1912	Open.
Savage Lakes Trail, #1918	Open.
Sawyer Lake Trail, #1926	Open.
Silver Creek Pass Trail, #1956	Open.
Snowmass Lake	Open. Please set camps more than ¼ mile from Snowmass Lake.
South Fork Pass Trail, #1940	No report.
Spruce Creek Trail, #1927	Open.
Sunnyside/Shadyside Trails, #1987	Open.
Tabor Creek Trail, #2185	Open.
Thomas Lakes Trail, #1958	Open.
Trail Rider Pass	Open.
Upper Capitol Creek Trail, #1963	Open.
Weller Lake Trail, #1989	Open.
West Maroon Trail, #1970	Open.
West Snowmass Trail, #2187	Open.
Williams Lake	Open.
Willow Lake	Open.
Woody Creek Trail, #1994	Open.
Yule Creek Trail, #2083	Open.
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