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**HIKING**

## **RIO GRANDE TRAIL**

**Length:** To Woody Creek - 7 miles  
One-way (11.3 km); 2 miles paved

**Beginning Elevation:** 7,900 feet (2408 m)

**USGS Map(s):** Aspen

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Trail Use:** Heavy

**Ending Elevation:** 7,400 feet (2256 m)

**ATTRACTIONS/CONSIDERATIONS:** This is a very popular trail for joggers, bicyclers, hikers and their dogs. It is an easy trail that follows the Roaring Fork River. The trail provides a pleasant walk or bicycle trip and is a good trail for those adjusting to the altitude.

**ACCESS:** : To access the paved portion, take Main Street in Aspen. Turn north on Mill Street and then left onto Puppy Smith Road (4 way stop sign). The trail entrance is across from the Post Office.

The trail can also be accessed from Cemetery Lane. Drive west from Aspen 1/4 mile on Highway 82 to the Cemetery Lane stoplight. Turn right and follow the road 1 mile to the Slaughterhouse bridge. There is a parking area on the left. Both the paved and unpaved trails can be accessed from this point.

**NARRATIVE:** The first 2 miles are paved and follow the Roaring Fork River. The trail crosses under Cemetery Lane to the unpaved portion located on the other side of the Slaughterhouse Bridge. The unpaved trail continues to follow the old railroad bed. Cross McLain Flats Road to continue on the trail to Woody Creek. From Woody Creek the trail is paved all the way to Basalt.

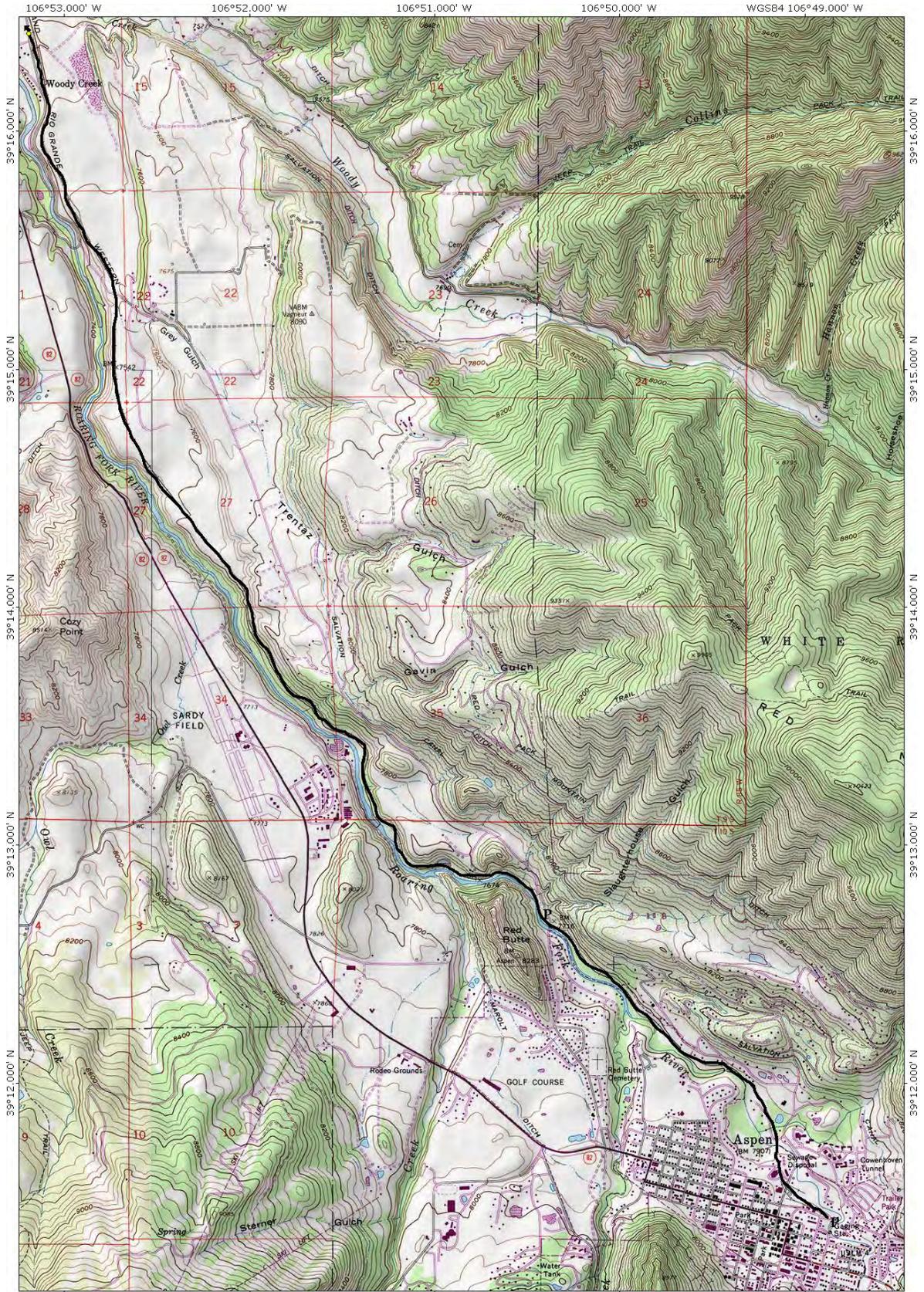
**ETHICS/REGULATIONS:** The Rio Grande Trail is a non-wilderness path along the Roaring Fork River. Please, educate yourself about hiking ethics and the following rules:

- \* Out of consideration for others and wildlife - **DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH.**
- \* No camping. No campfires!
- \* Please respect the land and rights of others!

**PACK IT IN—PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!**

This map is intended for use as a general guide only, not for actual land navigation. The White River National Forest suggests purchasing a topographical trail map prior to your hiking trip.

# ASPEN-SOPRIS RANGER DISTRICT WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST RIO GRANDE TRAIL



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