



**MAROON BELLS SCENIC AREA
White River National Forest
ASPEN, CO
2011 FALL SEASON INFORMATION**

Vehicle Access Information:

Starting Monday, September 5, vehicles may access the scenic area Monday - Thursday

A Recreation Use Fee of \$10 per vehicle will be charged between the hours of 7:00am – 7:00pm in September when the bus system is not operating. Evening use donations will be accepted between the hours of 7:00pm – 7:00am.

VEHICLE TRAVEL IS RESTRICTED FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER FROM 9a.m. TO 5p.m. DURING BUS OPERATION, WITH SOME EXCEPTIONS AS LISTED BELOW**

- Visitors wanting to access the Maroon Bells during the hours of 9:00am – 5:00pm, Friday – Sunday, in September, will need to take the Maroon Bells Bus from Aspen Highlands Ski Area (*few exceptions apply***).
- The road is always **OPEN** to all **NON-MOTORIZED** forms of transportation at **NO CHARGE**; i.e. walkers, bicycles, rollerbladers, etc...

RFTA/Maroon Bells Bus Information:

Starting Monday, September 5, RFTA Bus service will switch to a fall shuttle schedule.

- September 5 – October 2, buses will run **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday ONLY**, from 9:00am – 4:30 pm.
- Bus Tours to the Bells cost \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 6-16, \$4.00 for seniors, and children under 6 ride free.
- Tickets can be purchased at the following locations: Aspen Highlands Pro Mountain Sports, Ruby Park Transit Center in downtown Aspen, and Aspen Mountain Gondola Ticket Office.
- RFTA buses depart Aspen Highlands every 20 minutes from 9:05am – 2:00pm. Buses depart on the half hour and hour from 2:30pm – 4:30pm.
- The last bus departs Maroon Lake Day Use Area at 5:00pm.
- In the case of high visitor use and inclement weather, RFTA may provide extra buses.
- You may park your vehicle for free at Aspen Highlands Ski Area Parking Lot.

Vehicle Pass Information:

- America the Beautiful Pass, National Senior Pass, as well as Maroon Bells Season Pass allow access to the Maroon Bells Scenic Area for the season, and can be purchased at the Maroon Bells Welcome Station.
 - o Passes are not valid **when the road is restricted** to motorized vehicles (9:00am-5pm, Friday – Sunday, during September)

**** Exceptions to the motorized vehicle restrictions are:**

- Vehicles with people with disabilities with a valid Handicap placard or license plate
- Vehicles with 11 people or more
- Vehicles with infants that require a restraining child seat (not a booster seat)
- Campers at Silver Bar, Silver Bell & Silver Queen Campgrounds
- Holders with Special Use Permits issued by the Forest Service
- Horse trailers
- A Recreation Use Fee is charged for all of the above.

* A \$.50 Forest Service recreation fee is part of the \$6.00 adult and \$4.00 senior RFTA bus fee. The \$.50 fee goes towards repairs, maintenance, improvements, and education.



MAROON BELLS SCENIC AREA ACCESS CALENDAR

Access Type	May 27- June 17	June 18 – Sept. 5	Sept. 6 – Sept. 30	October	Nov. - May
Non- Motorized - Bike, Rollerblade	Free Access	Free Access	Free Access	Free Access	Closed
Personal Vehicle for Day Use, or Taxi, drop-offs pick-ups,	\$10 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> \$10 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Restricted from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$10 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> \$10 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on week days. Restricted from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekends. \$10 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on weekends. \$10 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekends 	\$10 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Closed
Maroon Bells Shuttle Bus	No Shuttle Service Until June 18, 2010	Busses run 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. 7 days a week. \$6 adults, \$4 kids and seniors.	Busses run 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. only on weekends. \$6 adults, \$4 kids and seniors.	No Shuttle Service after September 2010	Closed
Charter Bus, or Vehicle of 11 or more	\$3 per person	\$3 per person	\$3 per person	\$3 per person	Closed
Backpackers, & Campground Campers	\$10 per vehicle	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Campground Camping is \$5 per vehicle. Backpackers must take Maroon Bells shuttle from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., free parking at Aspen Highlands Ski Area for bus riders. Backpackers arriving during non-restricted hours, before 9:00 a.m. & after 5:00 p.m., can park at the Overnight Lot for \$10. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Campground Camping is \$5 per vehicle. Backpackers must take Maroon Bells shuttle from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., free parking at Aspen Highlands Ski Area for bus riders. Backpackers arriving during non-restricted hours, before 9:00 a.m. & after 5:00 p.m., can park at the Overnight Lot for \$10. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Campground Camping is \$5 per vehicle. Backpackers must take Maroon Bells shuttle from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., free parking at Aspen Highlands Ski Area for bus riders. Backpackers arriving during non-restricted hours, before 9:00 a.m. & after 5:00 p.m., can park at the Overnight Lot for \$10. 	Closed
Horse Trailers	\$10 per vehicle	\$10 per vehicle	\$10 per vehicle	\$10 per vehicle	Closed
Disabled, or Infants in child seat	\$10 per vehicle	\$10 per vehicle	\$10 per vehicle	\$10 per vehicle	Closed