



## Aspen-Sopris Road Conditions

June 21, 2012

Paved Roads	CONDITION
Castle Creek	Open.
Crystal River, Hwy 133	Open.
Frying Pan River, FS 105	Open.
Independence Pass, Hwy. 82	Open for the season. Updates available at 877-315-7623. or <a href="http://www.cotrip.org">www.cotrip.org</a>
Maroon Creek	<b>Maroon Creek road is open for the season for \$10 per vehicle from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The Maroon Bells shuttle will begin service on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. For shuttle tickets &amp; updates call RFTA at 970-925-8484.</b>
Dirt & 4WD Roads	CONDITION
Avalanche Creek Road	Open.
Basalt Mountain, FS 509 & 524	Open to the upper gate at Mill Creek.
Burnt Mountain, FS 506	Open.
Crystal City, FS 314	Clear for 4x4's & ATV's.
Capitol Creek	Open.
Cattle Creek, FS 509	Open.
Cottonwood Pass	Open and dry.
Cunningham Creek	Seasonal conditions.
Eagle-Thomasville, FS 400	Open. Mostly dry with a few muddy patches and puddles.
Express Creek	Reports of snow fields blocking access to Taylor Pass.
Four Mile, FS 300	Open. Report of a large tree down across road near Twin Peaks blocking access.
Hagerman Pass, FS 105	Road has been plowed and passable by 4x4 with a few snow patches near the pass.
Hubbard, FS 408	Open, be prepared for slick conditions when road is wet.
Kobey Park, FS 103 & 508	Open.
Lead King Basin Loop Crystal, 314+ Lead King, 315	Open to Geneva Lake trailhead. Expect seasonal conditions on the full loop. The Crystal road is open.
Lincoln Creek, FS 106	Open to Portal Campground and closed beyond to allow road conditions to stabilize.
Little Annie Road	Seasonal conditions.
Midnight Mine	Seasonal conditions.
Montezuma Road, 102	Snow at upper elevations.
North Fork Road	Clear and dry.
Pearl Pass	Snow at upper elevations.
Prince Creek Road	Clear to Dinkle Lake.
Red Table, FS 514	Open for 6 ½ miles.
Red Rim/Gerbaz Road, FS 534	Open.
Richmond Ridge, FS 123	Seasonal conditions.
Smuggler Mine	Seasonal conditions.
Summer Road	For road opening times & updates call Aspen Ski Co at 970-925-1220.
Taylor Pass	Seasonal conditions.
Thompson Ck, FS 304/305/306	Open, be prepared for slick conditions when road is wet.

### Seasonal Advisory

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- **A food storage order is in effect for *all* campgrounds & dispersed campsites up Independence Pass & Castle Creek. All food must be secured & stored in a proper bear storage locker.**
  - **Known bear activity:**
    - Bear broke into vehicle at Lincoln Creek June 8.
    - Multiple bear sightings at Maroon Lake and Maroon Valley the week of June 4.
    - Nuisance bear activity at Difficult and Weller Campgrounds May 28 to June 6.

\*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 the conditions on the roads and trails.



## Aspen-Sopris Trail Conditions

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*Conditions are presently not available for all trails. Expect seasonal conditions on all trails.*

TRAIL	CONDITION*
American Lake	Dry to lake, with downed trees along trail.
Anthracite Pass/Raspberry Loop	Cleared of down trees for the first mile, with dry conditions beyond.
Arbaney-Kittle	Clear and dry to overlook and beyond towards Kobey park.
Avalanche Lake	Dry and cleared of down trees to the Hell Roaring junction.
Braderich Trail	Clear.
Buckskin Pass	Passable, cornice with soft snow at crest.
Capitol Creek	Dry, with some patches of snow around lake.
Capitol Creek Ditch Tr.	Dry, with some patches of snow around lake.
Carbonate Creek	Seasonal conditions.
Cathedral Lake	Dry to electric pass.
Conundrum Creek	Not recommended for travel at this time. <i>Please be aware of bear activity in the area.</i> No dogs allowed past the second crossing of Conundrum Creek (Silver Dollar Pond). Pack out all trash and human waste. Be prepared for stream crossing.
Crater Lake	Dry.
Difficult Creek	Dry.
Discovery/Braille	Dry.
Eagle Lake	Dry with down trees across the trail to the lake.
East Creek	Dry and cleared of trees for the first two miles.
East Maroon Creek	Mostly dry with muddy patches at lower elevations. Reports of a passible snow cornice on the top of the pass.
East Snowmass Creek	Seasonal conditions.
Four Pass Loop	Passable with some snow patches on passes. Refrain from having campfires along this busy route and pack out all trash. Creek crossings are knee deep or less. Willow thickets and trees remain on the trail in places. Please pack out all trash, including toilet paper.
Fravert Basin	Dry.
Frying Pan Lakes	Avalanche debris along the trails with several large trees across the trail. Expect patches of snow to lakes.
Geneva Lake	Seasonal conditions.
Gift Creek	Seasonal conditions. Route finding skills are necessary.
Government Trail	Open for the season.
Granite	Seasonal conditions.
Grizzly Lake	Muddy conditions in the trees at higher elevation.
Hanging Lake	Clear.
Hannon Creek	Seasonal conditions.
Hay Park	Muddy conditions in the trees at higher elevation.
Hell Roaring	Clear and dry of down trees.
Hunter Creek	Dry.
Hunter Valley	Dry.
Linkins Lake	Dry.
Lost Man	Lower Entrance: Dry. Upper Entrance: Mostly dry with some snow near the pass. Please protect the alpine environment & stay on the trail.
Lyle/Mormon Lakes	Seasonal conditions.
Maroon Creek Trail	Clear to Crater lake and beyond.
Maroon Lake Scenic	Clear and dry.
Middle Thompson	Seasonal conditions.
Midway Pass	Dry to Midway Pass.
New York Creek	Dry.
Perham Creek	Clear and dry.
Petroleum/Anderson	Clear and dry.
Placita	Seasonal conditions.
Rio Grande	Clear.
Ruedi Overlook	Clear and dry.
Savage Lakes	Mostly clear of mud to the lake with several large trees down across the trail.
Sawyer Lake	Seasonal conditions.
Snowmass Lake	Dry. Trees are down on the trail to the lake. No fires at Snowmass Lake. Pack out all trash. Bury or pack out human waste. Be prepared for stream crossing.
South Fork Pass	Seasonal conditions.



<b>Sunnyside/Shadyside</b>	<b>Hunter Valley Entrance: Clear to 4 corners. Cemetery Lane Entrance: Clear on both Shady Side &amp; Sunny Side.</b>
<b>Tabor Creek</b>	<b>Dry.</b>
<b>Thomas Lakes</b>	<b>Clear and dry to the lakes.</b>
<b>Weller Lake</b>	<b>Dry to the lake with several down trees across the trail.</b>
<b>West Maroon</b>	<b>The pass is possible with snow near the ridgeline. Be prepared for stream crossing.</b>
<b>West Snowmass</b>	<b>Creek crossing is knee deep and 30' wide.</b>
<b>Williams Lake</b>	<b>Dry.</b>
<b>Willow Lake</b>	<b>Seasonal conditions.</b>
<b>Woody Creek</b>	<b>Seasonal conditions.</b>
<b>Yule</b>	<b>Expect melting snow conditions in the upper elevations.</b>

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### Wildlife Advisory

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- If there is no bear storage locker, then all bear attractants & human food, garbage, & pet foods should be stored in locked vehicles, bear-proof food containers, or hung 10ft above ground and 4ft away from other objects.**
- Potential bear activity at Conundrum.**

Known bear activity:

- Bear broke into vehicle at Lincoln Creek June 8.**
- Multiple bear sightings at Maroon Lake and Maroon Valley the week of June 4.**
- Nuisance bear activity at Difficult and Weller Campgrounds May 28 to June 6.**
- Bears are opportunistic feeders, they go after the easy food especially if they have gotten used to human foods. To minimize the potential of attracting a bear to your campsite, campers must observe following precautions: 1) when not in use, store your food and cooking equipment in an enclosed vehicle; 2) do not take any food into your tent at any time; 3) leave the clothing worn during food preparation in your vehicle and not in your tent; and 4) do not set your tent up in close proximity to your cooking area. These guidelines apply in any camping situation, but are especially applicable in dispersed camping areas.**