



Aspen-Sopris Road Conditions

September 5, 2013

Paved Roads	CONDITION
Castle Creek	Open.
Crystal River, Hwy 133	Open.
Frying Pan River, FS 105	Open. The Upper Frying Pan Road (USFS 505) is accessible, call BOR for updates at 719-486-2325.
Independence Pass, Hwy. 82	Open. Updates available at 877-315-7623. or www.cotrip.org
Kebler Pass	Open. For updates, call CDOT at 970-641-0044.
Maroon Creek	The Maroon Bells shuttle bus is in service. Throughout September shuttles run from 9am to 5pm on Friday, Saturday, & Sunday. For shuttle tickets & updates call RFTA at 970-925-8484. On weekends, vehicle access is possible before 9am & after 5pm, or once shuttle has stopped for the day.
Dirt & 4WD Roads	CONDITION
Avalanche Creek Road	Clear.
Basalt Mountain, FS 509 & 524	All gates open.
Burnt Mountain, FS 506	Clear.
Crystal City, FS 314	Clear to Crystal City; Be prepared for rough 4x4 driving.
Capitol Creek	Clear.
Cattle Creek, FS 509	Clear.
Cottonwood Pass	Open. For updates call Garfield Road & Bridge at 970-945-1223.
Cunningham Creek	Clear.
Eagle-Thomasville, FS 400	Clear from Eagle to Thomasville. For updates call Sylvan Lakes State Park 328-2021.
Express Creek	Clear to Taylor Pass; 4x4 vehicles only.
Four Mile, FS 300	Open, with gate closures on roads FS 321 (Twin Peaks) & FS 300 for timber sale.
Hagerman Pass, FS 105	Clear; Be prepared for rough 4x4 driving.
Hubbard, FS 408	Seasonal conditions; Caution road is slick when wet.
Kobey Park, FS 103 & 508	Clear.
Lead King Basin Loop Crystal, 314+ Lead King, 315	Loop is drivable. Expect seasonal conditions throughout the loop, and be prepared for rough and precarious 4x4 driving.
Lincoln Creek, FS 106	Clear.
Little Annie Road	Clear to Richmond Ridge. Expect seasonal conditions at higher elevations.
Midnight Mine	Clear to Richmond Ridge. Expect seasonal conditions at higher elevations.
Montezuma Road, 102	Clear; Be prepared for stream crossing and rough 4x4 conditions.
North Fork Road	Dry and accessible to trailheads beyond.
Pearl Pass	Open; Be prepared for stream crossing and rough 4x4 conditions.
Prince Creek Road	Clear.
Red Table, FS 514	Clear.
Red Rim/Gerbaz Road, FS 534	Open with clear and dry conditions.
Richmond Ridge, FS 123	Clear; Be prepared for seasonal conditions.
Smuggler Mine	Clear and dry to overlook.
Summer Road	Open. For updates call Aspen Ski Co at 970-925-1220.
Taylor Pass	Clear.
Thompson Ck, FS 304/305/306	Clear. The road is slick & dangerous when wet. Be prepared for stream crossing at junction of FS306 & Middle Thompson Creek.

*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

August 5, 2013

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

TRAIL	CONDITION*
American Lake	Clear to the lake.
Anthracite Pass/Raspberry Loop	Clear.
Arbaney-Kittle	Clear.
Avalanche Lake	Clear to the lake.
Braderich Trail	Clear.
Buckskin Pass	Clear to the pass.
Capitol Creek	Clear to lake; be prepared for stream crossing.
Capitol Creek Ditch Tr.	Clear; be prepared for stream crossing.
Carbonate Creek	Clear.
Cathedral Lake	Clear to the lake.
Conundrum Creek	Clear. Third stream crossing is challenging and dangerous. 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	Clear.
Difficult Creek	Clear.
Discovery/Braille	Clear.
Eagle Lake	Clear.
East Creek	Clear.
East Maroon Creek	Clear; be prepared for high stream crossing.
East Snowmass Creek	Clear; be prepared for stream crossing.
Four Pass Loop	Clear throughout the loop. 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	Seasonal conditions.
Frying Pan Lakes	Clear to the lakes.
Geneva Lake	Clear to the lake.
Gift Creek	Clear to the pass.
Government Trail	Clear.
Granite	Clear to the lake.
Grizzly Lake	Clear to the lake.
Hanging Lake	Clear to the lake.
Hannon Creek	Seasonal conditions.
Hay Park	Clear.
Hell Roaring	Seasonal conditions, with reports of trees down across the trail.
Hunter Creek	Clear.
Hunter Valley	Clear.
Linkins Lake	Clear.
Lost Man	Lower Entrance: Clear. Upper Entrance Linkin lake: Clear. Please protect the alpine environment & stay on the trail.
Lyle/Mormon Lakes	Clear to the lakes.
Maroon Creek Trail	Clear.
Maroon Lake Scenic	Clear.
Middle Thompson	Seasonal conditions.
Midway Pass	Clear to the pass.
New York Creek	Seasonal conditions.
Perham Creek	Clear.
Petroleum/Anderson	Clear to the lakes.
Placita	Clear.
Rio Grande	Open from Aspen to Glenwood. Clear and dry.
Ruedi Overlook	Clear.
Savage Lakes	Clear to the lakes.
Sawyer Lake	Seasonal conditions.
Snowmass Lake	Clear of down trees. 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.
Sunnyside/Shadyside	Hunter Valley Entrance: Clear. Cemetery Lane Entrance: Clear.
Tabor Creek	Seasonal conditions.
Thomas Lakes	Clear to the lakes.



Weller Lake	Clear.
West Maroon	Clear to the pass; Be prepared for a stream crossing.
West Snowmass	Seasonal conditions.
Williams Lake	Seasonal conditions.
Willow Lake	Clear to the lake.
Woody Creek	Seasonal conditions, trail cleared of trees for four miles from trailhead.
Yule	Seasonal conditions.

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Seasonal Advisory

- Conditions are presently not available for all road or trails. Expect changing and seasonal conditions on all roads & trails.
- Be prepared for high stream crossings.
- The White River National Forest Travel Management Plan has been released. For a free map on the existing winter routes, visit the [WRNF Travel Management Website](#).
- Always check the [weather](#) prior to your outing.

Wildlife Advisory

- The bears are entering their fall food foraging habits as they prepare to gain needed weight for hibernation. Please keep your food & trash secured at all times.
- A food storage order is in effect for all campgrounds & dispersed campsites on the district. All food must be secured & stored in a vehicle or proper bear storage locker.
- **Recent bear activity, encounters, & sightings include – Lincoln Gulch Campground, Lincoln Creek Dispersed campsites, Weller Campground, Difficult Campground & Chapman Campground. Be advised that camping in these locations puts you at risk of having a possible negative encounter with a bear. Should you decide to camp in these locations, you are required to follow all proper food storage techniques as pertaining to the Food Storage Order.**
- 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.