

A – Z Guide

Useful Phone Numbers:

- Aspen Valley Hospital (970) 925-1120
- Aspen Chamber (Tourist Information) (970) 925-1940
- Aspen Animal Hospital (970) 925-2611
- Aspen Airport www.aspenairport.com (970) 920-5380
- Police (lost & found, non-emergencies) (970) 920-5400
- RFTA (970) 925-8484
- Stay Aspen Snowmass (last minute lodging) (970) 925-9000
- City Hall (970) 920-5000
- Gondola – main ski co number (877) AT-ASPEN
- Red Brick Recreation Center (970) 920-5140
- Drop-in Doctor /Urgent CARE – Aspen Medical Care (970) 920-0104
- We-cycle Bikes (spring – fall) Bike Sharing (907) 205-9222
- High mountain taxi or try UBER (970) 925-8294
- Red Brick Center for the Arts (970) 429-2777

A

Activities for kids – see our website

Aspen / Pitkin County Airport / Sardy Field (ASE) –

- **Arrivals & Departures** <http://aspenairport.com/flight-information/arrival-departures>
- **During Peak Season Arrive Early** - Please allow plenty of time to get through security, especially during peak times with multiple flights departing near the same time. Wait times can be significant during these times. We recommend that you arrive 1 ½ Hours to 2 Hours before your flight to check-in, check your baggage and pass through the Security Check Point.

Altitude

Aspen is located at 7,908 feet above sea level giving us a high alpine climate with low humidity & year-round sunshine [Adjusting to Altitude Tips](#) or [Aspen Valley Hospital: Altitude Help](#)

Adjusting to High Altitude: Water is the number one way to help your body adjust to our high and dry air. You need to drink twice the amount of water here as you would at home.

Monitor your alcohol consumption over your first few days. You will feel its affects faster than usual, so be aware & make sure to drink water as well.

Always dress in layers when you are in Colorado. The weather can change rapidly and you want to be prepared. Also, always remember sunscreen and sunglasses - you are closer to the sun at 7,908 feet above sea level!

If you are feeling extremely ill, please call 911 for medical attention.

Aspen Center of Environmental Studies

Aspen Center for Environmental Studies (ACES) is a non-profit environmental science education center with four sites in the Roaring Fork Valley. Great for Kids and adults.

Hallam Lake – 25 acre nature preserve in hear of Aspen featuring programs such as, Family Saturdays, Eagles, Hawks, and Owls, Sunset Beaver Walks, and Yoga in Nature. Visit ACES at **Rock Bottom Ranch** (in Basalt) offering Farm tours at 11am daily.

Free Hikes at the top of Aspen Mountain (must pay for gondola ride to get up there). Daily on the hour from 11 to 3pm. Meet outside the Silver Queen Gondola.

Animals (see Dogs, Bears)

Guide, signal, and some service animals are allowed inside Aspen Recreation Center, Lewis Ice Arena, Aspen Ice Garden, and Red Brick Center for patrons that need their assistance. No pets or other animals are permitted.

- Dogs- Look under “Dogs” for trails and parks that allow dogs

Aspen Recreation Center (ARC)

Address › 0861 Maroon Creek Rd, **Phone:** 970-544-4100

The Aspen Recreation Center, also known as the “ARC”, provides a variety of recreational opportunities for people of all ages. Try rock climbing for the first time, join a pick-up game of hockey, participate in parent and tot swimming classes, learn how to play the guitar, experience tots and youth art classes, attend mixed martial arts and karate classes, take swim lessons, or just kick back and float for hours in our lazy river.

Enjoy our state-of-the-art fitness center featuring an aerobic studio, a media-enhanced cardio room, and a weight room. Our cardio room includes elliptical trainers, treadmills, several types of stationary bikes, stair climbers, and a rowing machine, each with its own television so you can enjoy your favorite shows while you work out. The weight room includes a wide variety of different resistance machines for toning and strengthening each part of your body.

Aspen Youth Center

A non-profit organization built for children between 4th grade- 12th grade. It is in the Aspen Recreation Center on the 1st floor. Aspen Youth Center is open from 10:00am to 6:00pm during

the school year (September to May) and 9:00am to 6:00pm during the summer (June – August). We are open on school vacations, snow days, and teacher work days. We offer Middle School Nights on Friday Nights from November to April.

Please contact Zoe at zoe@aspennyouthcenter.org for more information on Middle School Nights. For more information on how to contact AYC, [click here](#).

Hours of Operation vary throughout the seasons. Please, go to [Aspen Youth Center Website](#)

Attractions:

- Aspen Art Museum
- Aspen Center for [Environmental](#) Studies (Hallam Lake)
- Aspen Historical Society, Mining Museum, Ghost Towns and Tours
<http://aspenhistory.org/>
- Aspen Tree – [Community Farmyard](#) at the Cozy Point Ranch
- Gondola – See G – Gondola
- Maroon Bells – See M – Ticket office located at Highlands Ski Area
- Music
 - Aspen Music Festival & School
 - Music on top of Ajax
 - Free concerts in Snowmass on Thursday evenings.
 - Belly Up
 - Wheeler Opera House
- Red Brick Center for the Arts – the Gallery features changing exhibitions throughout the year with artwork for sale at all price levels. The Gallery exhibits a range of mediums such as painting, photography, ceramic and sculpture by Colorado artists with the emphasis on Roaring Fork Valley artists.
<https://www.redbrickaspen.com/>

Automated Teller Machines (ATM)

ATM located on near the concession on the lower lobby.

AVSC (Aspen Valley Ski/Snowboard Club)

970-205-5100 | 300 AVSC Drive Aspen, CO 81611

Skiing/Boarding/Nordic Lessons

- [AVSC Website](#)

ADA - the Aspen Recreation Center Facilities are ADA compliant, pool lift, shower facilities, entry etc.

B

Baby Changing Stations

All men's, women's and family pool restrooms at ARC are equipped with a baby changing station.

Basketball Courts

- Yellow Brick Park
- Rio Grande Park
- Drop-in adult Basket Ball <https://www.aspenrecreation.com/activities/basketball>

Bears – If you encounter a bear out-and-about in town, please remember they are wild animals. <https://www.cityofaspen.com/409/Aspen-Bears>

- Never approach or gather around bears, which can be considered harassment of wildlife
- Stay calm, don't run
- Back away slowly
- Avoid eye contact
- Never feed a bear
- Leave cubs alone
- Keep pets on leash
- Fight back if attacked

Biking in Aspen

- ***Bike Paths***

The City of Aspen is a bike-friendly community, with many trails and pedestrian bikeways available to facilitate parking your car and enjoying the freedom associated with bike travel.

Home of the Rio Grande Trail, 44 miles stretch of continuous trail between Aspen & Glenwood Springs as well as a system of trails connecting Aspen and Snowmass Village and Woody Creek. Utilize the Pitkin Outside Map to plot the best commuter route options

- Fat Bike Trails – in the Winter – Ride at the Aspen Nordic Center / Aspen Golf Club
- Biking Trails / Mountain Biking - <https://www.mtbproject.com>
- [Trail Description Website](#)
- [Trail Map](#)- powered by [Pitkin Outside](#)- Trail App www.pitkinoutside.org/map
- Bike Shops - <https://www.aspenchamber.org/explore-aspen/recreation/biking/bicycling>

Bikes on Bus – \$2 fee for putting bikes on to bus rack in addition to the regular fare. All of RFTA's valley buses have front-load racks.

Bike loading hours:

- From Mid-April through Labor Day: 6:00am to 7:30 pm
- From the day after Labor Day through the last Saturday in October: 7:00am to 6:00pm
- From the last Sunday in October through Mid-November: 7:00am to 4:30pm
- NO bike loading during the Winter Season – Late November to Early April

There are two different kinds of bike racks on RFTA buses, racks that hold two bikes and racks that hold four bikes. They differ by the way the bikes rest on the arms. Bikes on the two capacity racks are lifted and placed into wheel slots. Bikes on the four capacity racks are hung from support arm of the rack that sticks out from the bus. It is a first-come, first-served system. If the racks are full, you will need to lock up your bike at the stop, pedal to your destination, or wait for the next bus.

BIKE LOADING STOPS

Loading and unloading of bikes is limited to the following Up and Down valley bus stops:

Rifle – Metro Park	Silt – Highway 6	New Castle – 6th Street
Glenwood – Meadows	Glenwood – Court House	Glenwood – 27th Street
Glenwood – CMC – County Rd 154	Carbondale – Park & Ride	Catherine Store
El Jebel – Park & Ride	El Jebel – Willits	Basalt Park & Ride
Pitkin Cty – Buttermilk	Pitkin Cty – Lazy Glen	Pitkin Cty – Old Snowmass
Pitkin Cty – Aspen Village	Brush Creek Intercept Lot	Snowmass – Rodeo/Park
Snowmass – Base Village	Snowmass – Village Mall	Aspen – Buttermilk
Aspen – AABC	Aspen – Maroon Creek	Aspen – Rubey Park

More Bike and Bus info- [Click Here](#)

Birthday Parties at the ARC and Red Brick Recreation Center

Aspen Recreation Center: We have two rooms to choose from: The Birthday Room aka Green Room (See website for Fee structure) - skate, climb, swim and more!

You are welcome to bring your own birthday cake and ice cream. Please call "The Pantry", our food vendor, at (970) 306-3568 to request any additional food & drink items.

Renters are expected to clean the room after the party so that it is ready to go for the next user. Trash cans and a vacuum will be provided.

NEW! We are now offering the Aspen Youth Center as an option for your next party! Center includes foosball, air hockey, pool tables, ping pong, and use of the gymnasium! Party

attendees also have the options of climbing, swimming, and or ice skating (check in advance for climbing and skating hours).

Minimum age requirement for use of the Youth Center is 9 years old and parents or guardians must always be in attendance. See website for pricing

NEW! For an additional \$30 - \$100, let us help you take some of the stress out of party planning!

Choose from 7 different party themes or color scheme or, create your own! We will set it all up as well as take it all down. You also have the option to add a party project or party favor.

Let us order and pick up a personalized birthday cake! Various sizes and flavors available.

Add-ons available for either party room. Please call the Aspen Recreation Center at 970-544-4100 for more information. Please call (970) 544-4100 to check availability and reserve the Birthday Room today!

Red Brick Recreation Center: Parties are available on Saturdays and Sundays. Rental fee: \$150 for 2 hours, 20 children max). The fee includes, tables, Charis, set-up and tear-down. Add-ons are available for an additional fee, including trampolines, climbing, bounce houses, aerials and gymnastics.

Call 970-920-5140 to reserve your party.

Book Shops -

Explore Book Sellers, 221 E Main Street, 970-925-5336

Carl's Pharmacy – Magazine, Game books, sticker books 306 E Main St.

C

Camps – see Day Camp under Youth Activities on website and D below (City of Aspen Day Camp and Red Brick Center for the Arts summer Art camps)

Camping – Contact the US Forest Service

- [Forest Service Campground Camping Website](#)
- [Pitkin Outside Map](#)
- Local Camp Grounds: Difficult (just east of town), Weller & Lost Man (up Indy pass), Near Maroon Bells – Silver Bell

Cell Phones

Patrons are reminded to make sure that their cell phone conversations are not disruptive to the

others seated around them; and that cell phone use in our Fitness areas is NOT allowed (Please, Respect Others).

Charity Donations: of Recreation Passes - fill out form

<https://www.aspenrecreation.com/links>

For Golf Donations: Please email Jim.Pratt@cityofaspen.com

Climbing- [Click here for more details](#)

- ***Climbing Tower @ the ARC***

Come climb with us on our 32-foot climbing tower! All ages and ability levels are welcome! You can ring the bell at the top once or you can play with us all afternoon!

Our climbing tower is equipped with four auto belay devices that range in level of difficulty to suit all abilities.

A friendly climbing attendant, climbing shoes, and a climbing harness are all included in the cost of daily admission.

- ***Climbing Wall @ the Red Brick***

3,100 square feet of climbing surface for all levels and abilities. We have top rope, lead and tons of bouldering routes as well as great training set ups including pull up bars, campus board, hang boards, systems board, TRX, weights, bombs and rock rings. We offer classes for kids and adults and do outdoor climbing too!

Concession at the ARC - The concession offers a variety of items. Hot food, soup, sandwiches, snacks and drinks.

Cross Country Skiing – www.aspennordic.com over 90km over Nordic Trials between Aspen, Snowmass and Basalt. Trails right outside our door.

D

Day Camps – Local and Visitors, 24 hours in advance reservations required.

- **Summer Camp**-Come play with the Aspen Recreation Department during summer break. All camps are state licensed programs designed for youth 5-10 years old (5 years old must be attending kindergarten). Days will be packed full of fun & educational activities such as swimming, skating, climbing, hiking, rafting and much more. Camp Website
- **Full Day Fun Camp**-check for date and times

- Come play with the Aspen Recreation Department! Playdays with Aspen Rec is a state licensed program designed for youth 5-11 years old (5 years old must be attending kindergarten) to come have fun with the Recreation Department staff on the days that they don't have school. The days will be packed full of fun & educational activities. [Camp Website](#)
- **Afterschool Club**-Come play with the Aspen Recreation Department afterschool for our new Afterschool Club. Afterschool Club is a state-licensed program for youth 5-11yrs. Program will include homework help and lots of fun recreational activities. [Camp Website](#)
- **Red Brick Center for the Arts Camps**
 - **Summer Camp** - During the summer the Red Brick provides week-long day camps where children explore different themes each week through a variety of mediums such as papier-mâché, ceramics, mosaic, painting, collage and more! In addition to art making, campers will venture outside for a picnic and play in the park and enjoy weekly field trips to experience and see art in Aspen. **Ages 5 ½ - 11 year olds** [Click](#)
 - **Full Day Art Camp** (on select days of the school year) from 9am-4pm to elementary students age 5 1/2 - 10 years old. Campers explore a theme through a variety of mediums such as papier-mâché, ceramics, mosaic, painting, collage and more! Weather permitting campers may head outside for more art making, exploring and play. Be sure to pack a lunch, snacks and water bottle. Dress for mess, wear comfortable shoes and be ready for a most excellent day! \$60/day
 - **Afterschool art play** - Wednesday s \$20/class. Afterschool Art Play is held most Wednesday during the school year from 2:00pm - 4:00pm. Each week children explore a theme through a different medium such as collage, painting, papier-mache, ceramics and more!

Dogs

- There is a leash law in Pitkin County. It states that any dog off its property must be on a leash no longer than 10 feet in length. Any dog outside on its own property must be in voice and sight control of its owner or keeper, or contained in such a way that the dog cannot leave its property. (The term "contained" includes but is not limited to a leash, chain, invisible fence, kennel or fenced yard.)
- Dogs are permitted off leash at Rio Grande Park, Wagner Park, Marolt Open Space and on Smuggler Mountain Road. Dogs must be under sight and voice control in these areas. Dog guardians must have a leash and waste bag in their possession. Immediate removal of dog waste is required. Dog walkers on Smuggler are limited to two dogs per person. [Dogs off Leash Trails Website](#)

Donations of ARC / Golf to Charity – see charity donations, see Charity.

Drones – Cannot be used in the City of Aspen without approval from the Aspen Airport / Filed with FAA: Drone use is also prohibited in all open space and trails of Pitkin county.

- <http://www.pitkincounty.com/DocumentCenter/View/6495> Chapter 12, Section, 04, Article 030, paragraph P, Page, 7

E

Employment Opportunities with the City of Aspen -

- City of Aspen Hiring Portal- [Click Here](#)

Events – to see City of Aspen produced events go to www.aspenspecialevents.com

(Owl Creek Chase, Fat Bike Race, America’s Uphill, Aspen Ascent, July 4th Parade, Aspen Backcountry Marathon, Aspen Community Picnic, Men’s Lacrosse Tournament, Golden Leaf Half Marathon, New Year’s Eve Celebration)

Events Permit – Learn more about how to apply for a special events permit / film shoot permit here <https://www.cityofaspen.com/346/Special-Events>

F

Farmers Market (Saturday Mornings in Summer)

From mid-June, to mid-October, spend your Saturday mornings at the Aspen Farmer's Market. The market makes a U-shape from the corner of Galena & Hopkins, to Hunter & then again back to the intersection of Hyman & Galena. Open from 8AM-3PM the market offers Colorado grown produce, crafts, live music and a food court for lunch or a snack while you peruse. Please note: The asphalt gets extremely hot in the market & pets should be left at home to avoid burning their feet.

Fields

Reservations and schedules for Fields: Rotary, Iselin, Upper and Lower Moore Fields, and the high school athletic field can be obtained by calling our Recreation Department at the Red Brick at 970.920.5140 <https://www.aspenrecreation.com/parks>

G

Grocery Stores / Pharmacy:

- Carl’s Drug Store/Pharmacy, 306 E Main Street, 970-925-3273 (small snacks, wine shop)
- Clark’s Market and Pharmacy – 300 Puppy Smith, 970-925-8046
- City Market / City Market Pharmacy – 711 E Cooper Street, 970-920-7230

- Roxy's Market & Deli 119 Aspen Airport Business Center, 970-920-7699

Gondola 1-877-AT-ASPEN

Silver Queen Gondola (Aspen)

The peak of Aspen Mountain is 11,212 feet. Whether you are visiting in summer or winter a trip to the top of the mountain on the Silver Queen Gondola will include spectacular views and delicious food, and is a must while you are in town.

While skiing in the winter you will ride the Gondola to the top of Aspen Mountain to access over 75 trails. If you aren't a skier you can still ride the Gondola with the purchase of a "foot pass" sold at the ticket office to enjoy lunch & sunshine at the Sundeck Restaurant. Another option is to snowshoe Richmond Ridge with Aspen Center for Environmental Studies, tours are at 10am and 1pm daily.

Winter Hours of Operation: Nov - April, 8:15am – 4:45pm Gondola ticket office hours.

Winter Foot Pass Pricing: \$TBD for adults, \$TBD for children ages 7-17. Tickets may be purchased at the Aspen Mountain Ticket Office.

Summer: In the summer Aspen Mountain boasts the highest disc golf course in North America, kids' activities like a climbing wall and euro-bungy, Saturday Classical Music and Sunday Bluegrass Concerts, amid miles of trails to bike and hike.

Summer 2018 Hours of Operation:

Available at Aspen Mountain September 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-10, and October 6-7

Summer Ticket Pricing: ONE RIDE SIGHTSEEING TICKET tbd one ride at Aspen Mountain or Elk Camp Gondola (Snowmass)

Ski Lift Ticket Pricing / Passes <https://www.aspensnowmass.com/plan-your-stay/tickets-and-passes>

- **Elk Camp Gondola (Snowmass) – www.aspensnowmass.com**

New – Lost Forest at Elk Camp Snowmass

Tucked in among the trees and rocks are an alpine coaster and zip lines, biking trails, ropes challenges and climbing walls. There are ponds to fish in, creeks to hike along, places to enjoy nature alone or in groups, two disc golf courses and passionate guides to help you find your next adventure.

Call Ski Co for pricing

H

Hiking Trails

The Parks Department manages over 25 miles of hard surface, soft surface and single-track trails. All our trails are multi-use trails, unless otherwise noted. Please follow all posted closures and permitted uses like walking, hiking, rollerblading, horseback riding and biking. The trail system provides an almost seamless system, interconnected between Aspen/Snowmass and down valley to Woody Creek and Basalt. While on the trails, be sure to take in all the natural surrounding beauty

- Go to [Pitkin Outside](#)- App of all trails and points of interest – Also an App
- Local trails- Around the City of Aspen – [Aspen Trails](#)
- Day Hiking - [Forest Service Trail Guide](#)
- Hiking Emergency- Call 911

Hotels

Go to www.Stayaspensnowmass.com or call a local vacation expert at (888) 649-5982. Also the maps have hotel listings on them.

I

Ice Rink / Ice Activities: Hockey, Curling, Figure Skating, Public Skate

- **AIG- [Aspen Ice Garden Website](#) Address** › 233 W Hyman Ave:

The iconic Aspen Ice Garden has been a part of Aspen's history for the past 50 years. Just recently renovated in 2013, the Ice Garden is conveniently located in the downtown core of Aspen. It is host to both local figure skating clubs, Aspen Junior Hockey, Adult Recreational Hockey Leagues, adult women's hockey and the Aspen Curling Club. Stop by and play some drop-in hockey. The Ice Garden is also home to the Aspen Antiques and Fine Arts Fair and the Art Aspen - special events held every summer. Stop by the historical Ice Garden. There's sure to be something worth watching! Call for more information 970-920-5141. [Click Here for Ice Schedule](#)

- **Lewis Ice Arena / Aspen Recreation Center - [Lewis Ice Website](#) Address** › 0861 Maroon Creek Rd:

The Lewis Ice Arena is located within the Aspen Rec Center (ARC). The Lewis Ice Arena is an official 200' x 85' NHL size rink. Come join the fun at the Lewis Ice Arena for one of our Public Skating sessions. With a seating capacity of 500, the Lewis Ice Arena is host to our annual figure skating shows and high school hockey games. During the summer, the Lewis is the only rink open for ice skating in Aspen and is host to hockey camps, Adult Skate Week, Public Skate,

drop-in hockey and various adult leagues. Call 970-544-4117 for more information. [Click Here for Ice Schedule](#)

Independence Pass

Independence Pass, part of Colorado State Highway 82, passes over the Continental Divide between Leadville and Aspen, Colorado. In addition to being a scenic byway, Independence Pass is a favorite recreation location during the summer months, for those visitors willing to travel just east of Aspen.

Independence Pass typically opens on Memorial Day for the season and closed in late October depending on the weather. At 12,095, the summit of the Pass is the highest paved pass in the state, and depending on snow accumulation the Colorado Department of Transportation closes the highway at the Winter Gate, 5 miles east of Aspen. Visit cotrip.org for up-to-date road closure information. *Do not rely on your GPS for directions, we cannot emphasize this enough!*

Independence Pass Hiking Trails:

(Easy):

Discovery/Braille Trail
Grottos Trail
Weller Lake

(Moderate):

Difficult Creek Trail
Grizzly Lake Trail
Lincoln Creek Road
North Fork Lake Creek Trail
Anderson & Petroleum Lakes
Tabor Creek Trail

(Difficult):

Linkins Lake Trail
Lost Man Trail
Midway Creek Trail
New York Creek Trail

J

John Denver Sanctuary

John Denver Sanctuary is a scenic, highly desirable venue located in the heart of downtown Aspen next to the Roaring Fork River. Within the sanctuary is the largest perennial flower garden around, which attracts visitors from around the globe. Amidst the gardens you will find an environmentally sound wetlands filter system. Artistically placed engraved landscape rocks

add to the overall ambiance and story behind the sanctuary. This location is also the home to Theater Aspen in the summer, providing live stage entertainment to hundreds.

There is no public parking at the sanctuary so we recommend that you utilize the nearby Rio Grande parking garage which charges \$1.50 per hour. [John Denver Sanctuary](#)

L

Laundry / Dry Cleaner / Seamstress

Aspen Laundry – 465 N Mill St, 970-925-5378

Cleaner Express – 435 E Main St, 970-925-7525

Stitch Works Inc. (Seamstress) 229 E Main St, 970-925-7471

Library – amazing activities for kids and adults. [Click here for Website](#)

Pitkin County Library: Address: 120 North Mill Street, Aspen, CO 81611

Lost & Found – If you left a \$\$ valuable in a park please contact the Aspen Police Department

M

Marijuana [FAQ website](#)

By Law, Retail marijuana is intended for private, personal use. Marijuana may not be consumed openly or publicly.

Marketing

- Opportunities email Toni Case, toni.case@cityofaspen.com

Maroon Bells

Maroon Creek Road typically does not open until after Memorial Day. From June 9 to October 8 2018 only buses can enter the gates between the hours of 8am – 5pm, private vehicles pay \$10 cash or check only.

Transportation to Maroon Bells and Ticket office located in Four Mountain Sports at Aspen Highlands. Or purchase tickets at Rubey Park Transit Center in Aspen.

RFTA Bus: June 9 – October 8, 2018. 8am-4:30pm, \$8 adult, \$6 Kids 616, \$6 for 65 +

Private Vehicles – it is not recommended to drive a private vehicle to the Maroon Bells.

Leased dogs are allowed on the bus to Maroon Bells.

Parking

Aspen Highlands (Parking Limited)

WEEKDAY 8am - 5pm, \$5 per vehicle – (0 – 3 hours), \$10 (3-8 hours) and \$20 Full Day (more than 8 hours)

WEEKENDS - \$10/car/0-3hrs , \$15/car/3-8hrs, \$25 Full Day

Maroon Bells Parking and Scenic Area Information Hotline: 970-945-3319

<https://www.rfta.com/routes/maroon-bells/>

Massage / Spa Services https://www.aspenchamber.org/business-directory/search?title=&shs_term_node_tid_depth=1880

Mountain Biking

There are miles of single track to enjoy in the Roaring Fork Valley, from beginner to difficult.
<https://www.mtbproject.com/>

The Aspen Recreation Department offer Mountain Biking Classes for kids and adults during the summer. <https://www.aspenrecreation.com/activities/>

- **Snowmass Bike Park 2018** (Aspen Skiing Company 1-877-AT-ASPEN (877-282-7736)) - Snowmass Bike Park encompasses much of the Elk Camp section of Snowmass in summer, offering 2,897 vertical feet of purpose-built downhill trails. But the bike park is not just for gearheads. Beginner terrain is ideal for families and first timers. Come cruise through the forests and meadows and see for yourself.
 - 1-Day | \$44
 - 3-Day | \$114
 - Late Arrival | \$31
 - Season Pass | \$219 or \$109 (Winter Passholders)
 - Lift + Rental | \$84+
 - Park Ready Clinics | \$50

Museums

Aspen Art Museum – Contemporary Art with roof top café – views of Aspen Mountain.
www.aspenartmuseum.org/. Free admission.

Aspen Historical Society - <http://aspenhistory.org/> 970-925-3721. 2 museums, 2 ghost towns and several tours, like the Historic Pub Crawl or History Tour of the Wheeler Opera house.

Wheeler Stallard Museum & Holden/Marolt Mining and Ranching Museum.

Ghost town of Ashcroft and Independence Pass

Red Brick Center for the Arts – Hosts Curated exhibits with art by local artists on a regular basis. Exhibits have an opening party, that is free and open to the public – family friendly. Check the www.theredbrick.org for Schedule. Explore the exhibits work in the gallery from 10 – 5 Monday – Friday. Open on Saturdays in the Summer call for hours 970-429-2777.

N

Nordic Trails – www.aspennordic.com see cross country skiing

Nordic Rentals – Aspen Nordic Center – located golf course, 39551 W. Hwy 82, Aspen, CO 81611

Phone: (970) 925-2145

O

Open Spaces - <https://www.aspenrecreation.com/open-spaces> The City of Aspen is committed to preserving, protecting, and enhancing its natural surroundings with the 2001 voter-approved funding for the purchase of open space. These parcels encompass wetlands, shrub lands, and forested areas.

P

Parks (Look under **Playground** or **Dogs** for park options and rules)

Aspen Parks offer a diverse range of opportunities for your recreational pleasure, from quiet, contemplative moments at the John Denver Sanctuary to the thrill of watching top-notch volleyball competitions at Koch Park or the Gentlemen of Aspen playing rugby in Wagner Park and Rio Grande Park. Rio and Wagner are superb venues for many of our world-famous events, such as the Food and Wine Festival, Rotary's Ducky Derby, or special musical or educational happenings. Visit our downtown Pedestrian Mall for shopping and dining, or enjoy the excitement at our state-of-the-art Rio Grande Skateboard Park. 30 parks and playgrounds.

- Our parks are maintained by highly trained grounds-maintenance technicians using the most up-to-date cultural practices and equipment. We strive to maintain first-class turf conditions on our seven athletic fields by carefully and deliberately scheduling events in such a way that allows time for the fields to recover.
 - **Reservations** for Parks can be made here <https://www.aspenrecreation.com/parks>
 - **See a list of Parks Website**
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Parking

Parking at the:

Aspen Recreation Center – there is free 2-hour parking at the ARC in our lot

Red Brick Recreation Center – there is free 2 hour residential parking around the Red Brick building.

City of Aspen Parking Department is located at 455 Rio Grande Bldg. Phone: 970-920-5267

Hours: M – Th 8:30 am – 5 pm and F 9:30 am – 5 pm

If you do choose to drive your car to Aspen, we have several parking options. Aspen's parking department is always available to answer questions and help with meters. But, they're also around to monitor and enforce on-street parking programs, which they do very efficiently. Trust us.

- ***Rio Grande Plaza***

We recommend the [Rio Grande Parking Plaza](#), located one block off Main Street at 425 Rio Grande Place. This parking garage offers affordable, covered parking 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Garage Clearance **7 feet-2 inches**. NEV (Neighborhood Electric Vehicle) parking and charging available. For information please call (970) 920-5430.

\$1.50 per Hour

\$10.00 Daily Maximum

\$50.00 10-Visit pass* (**EDITOR'S PICK - ONLY \$5 per day!**)

\$200.00 Monthly pass*

\$15.00 Lost Ticket fee

Free from 5pm to 5am

Free Sundays

Free Holidays except for July 4th

*available for purchase during booth hours or between 8:30am and 6pm at the Aspen Parking Department at 540 E. Main Street.

From the plaza, the free Galena Street Shuttle provides convenient service to Aspen's downtown core and to Aspen Mountain from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. **during the winter season.**

- ***Pay & Display Parking in the Core of Aspen***

For parking downtown use the Pay & Display method. In downtown Aspen, you'll see blue signs designating pay stations. Simply insert the appropriate coins or your credit card into the solar-powered meters and you will receive a receipt to be displayed face-up on the driver's side dashboard.

Downtown parking is limited to a maximum of four hours. Monday-Saturday enforced 10am-6pm (Sunday and City Holidays Free). Rates are as follows:

See the City of Aspen's Parking Departments rates:

<https://www.cityofaspen.com/Faq.aspx?QID=260>

Low season: (Fall/Spring)

\$2 for the 1st Hour

\$5 more for the 2nd Hour

\$9 more for the 3rd Hour

\$14 more for the 4th Hour

4 Hours = \$14 total

High season: (Summer/Winter)

\$3 for the 1st Hour

\$7.50 more for the 2nd Hour

\$13.50 more for the 3rd Hour

\$21 more for the 4th Hour

4 Hours = \$21 total

For more information please call 970-920-5267.

FREE 15 Minutes of Parking Starting June 18th / Please take advantage of our Free 15 to make quick trips in town.

Rules for the Free 15:

- Go to the meter and select the PARK 15 MIN FREE option
- Print and Display receipt on the dashboard
- Purchased parking of 30 minutes or more does not include an additional 15 minutes of parking.
- There is NO grace period with the free 15
- Each vehicle can only use one free 15 per day

Single Space Meters (per 15 minutes) is \$0.50

- Motorcycles and Scooters park for free when parked at the end of the block within 2 feet of the "No Parking Anytime" sign. If you take a spot displacing an automobile you are required to purchase a parking pass.

Carpool Parking - call 970.920.5038

Accessible Parking

Several ADA spaces are available in Aspen. Additionally, ADA permitted vehicles may park in any legal parking space free of charge with no time restrictions.

Residential Parking – is enforced M – F 8 am – 6pm. Free on the weekends.

Free 2-hour parking is available in residential zones just outside of Aspen’s core (2 hrs free for a max of 2 hrs daily). Purchase a full day pass for these zones for \$8 at the Airport Parking Kiosk, Aspen Parking Department, or City Market.

- **Where can I park an RV? The City of Aspen does not have an area to** accommodate RV parking. Brush creek intercept lot does have day parking. For more information please call 970-920-5267.
- Overnight Parking - <http://www.aspenpitkin.com/Departments/Parking> +

Pharmacies / Drug Store:

- Carl’s Pharmacy, 306 E Main Street, 970-925-3273
- Clark’s Pharmacy – 300 Puppy Smith, 970-925-8046
- City Market Pharmacy – 711 E Cooper Street, 970-920-7230

Playgrounds

- **Harmony Park-Location** › Harmony Road
Truly a place of beauty, Harmony park is located adjacent to the Burlingame neighborhood. This new two-acre neighborhood park includes an approximate 1/2 acre play lawn, age separated play areas, naturalistic water features, picnic table areas, native landscape zones and large land forms that can function as sledding hills in wintertime.
- **Herron Park-Location** › Neale St
One of Aspen's most popular parks used by the locals and their kids. On any given day, you will find people in this park playing in the lazy river on the wood playground structure or picnicking with family. The beginning of the 40 mile Rio Grande Trail starts in Herron Park. This park is also adjacent to the Roaring Fork River, which attracts people and dogs of all ages to come play in the river. The large open lawn and playground is a very attractive spot to come play and enjoy your day.
- **Pedestrian Mall-Location** › Cooper Ave & Hyman Ave
The downtown core of Aspen is where you will see the true culture of this old mining town. Relax on one of the many benches that line the mall as the children play in and around the mall streams, water fountain and kids playground. Enjoy a meal at any of the many prestigious restaurants and/or a brief respite from the world class shopping as you take in the historic charm that is Aspen
- **Robison/Waite Park-Location** › Original & Ute Ave
Legend has it that at the bottom of Glory Hole Pond lies an old locomotive engine, well that doesn't stop the dogs from enjoying a nice cool dip. The pond is fed directly from

the Roaring Fork River. Numerous benches are scattered throughout the park for contemplative thinking or just plain enjoying the incredible views. Great place to relax with your dog or enjoy a picnic lunch.

- **Snyder Park-[Location](#)** › Midland Ave.

Snyder Park is another hidden gem within our park system. This park is mainly geared toward storm water control. The first thing you will find is a beautiful pond and waterfall that makes a very intimate setting for any user. Further in the park there is a playground, picnic table, parking, restroom, and benches within the park for you to use at your leisure.

- **Tot Lot Park- [Location](#)** › Buena Vista Dr

Tot Lot Park is a hidden gem found off of Buena Vista Drive and Cemetery Lane. This park has a large open lawn area with a playground catered to the younger children. You will find a full sized basketball court, picnic table, restroom and benches you can enjoy when you find this fun intimate park

- **Triangle Park- [Location](#)** › 2nd & Smuggler Ave.

Triangle Park is a small neighborhood park designed around the young ones. The playground is designed and made for the infant to the toddler age group. Everything is small just for them. This small park has a great lawn space throughout most of the park. You can also find a picnic table and benches around the park to rest and relax with your little one. This park would be perfect for those looking for a small birthday party for the younger ones.

- **Ute Park- [Location](#)** › Ute Ave.

Ute Park is located adjacent to the Ute Cemetery on Ute Avenue east of the downtown area. Ute Park offers a very secluded setting with a picnic table and a playground area. This park is walking access only.

- **Wagner Park- [Location](#)** › 350 E Durant Ave

Located in the heart of the downtown core Wagner Park is one of the most visited and used parks within the City of Aspen. Wagner Park is essentially a professional sized rugby field, but is used for many other events throughout the year. Adjacent to the park is a large public restroom facility, and a very popular playground area within the pedestrian walking mall. Come and bring your kids, dogs, or lunch and enjoy one of Aspen's iconic parks with breath taking views of Aspen Mountain. This park holds major special events only, such as the Food and Wine Classic, and unfortunately is usually not available to rent.

- **Willa Park- [Location](#)** › Park Circle

Willa Park is located off of Gibson Avenue at the Centennial Apartment Complex just north of town. This very simple small park just contains a playground for the 5 year olds and up.

- **Yellow Brick Park- [Location](#)** › Bleeker & Garmisch St.

Accompanied by an abundance of shade, Yellow Brick Park is located just north of the downtown core. This park is adjacent to the Yellow Brick Day School and has an epic playground for most age ranges. Furthermore, there is a full-size basketball court, a picnic shelter with two tables, and an open lawn play area.

Permits -City of Aspen Permits (from Special Events, Fencing, Parking, Tent, Tree Removal and more see here <http://cityofaspen.com/655/Permits>

Pools

Aspen Recreation Center has 2 pools and a hot tub. Temperatures:

- **Family Pool- 94 Degrees**
- **Lap Pool- 82 Degrees**
- **Hot Tub- 103 Degrees**

Post Office-

235 PUPPY SMITH ST, ASPEN, CO 81611-9998. [Aspen Post Office Website](#)

Public Restrooms in Aspen:

- Pedestrian Mall – No Mill and Cooper St.
- Rio Grande Park near John Denver Sanctuary
- Rio Grande Parking Garage
- Aspen Recreation Center
- City Hall

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Red Brick Center- Address › 110 East Hallam St (Suite 135), **Phone:** 970-920-5140

From youth sports to indoor rock climbing; trapeze classes to yoga, let the friendly staff at the Red Brick Recreation Center help you plan activities for your family this summer. Looking for the cure for kids with boredom? Sign up today for camp, crafts classes, climbing excursions, and so much more!

Rentals (private events, birthday parties, skating parties, etc.)

Look under Red Brick Birthday Rentals, Aspen Recreation Center Rentals, Aspen Ice Garden Rentals, Lewis Ice Rentals, Park Rentals, or Golf Rentals.

Restrooms (see public restrooms)

Restaurants – go to www.eataspen.com

RFTA – Roaring Fork Transit Authority

Free Bus from Rubey Park throughout Aspen and to the ARC.

Bikes on Bus <https://www.rfta.com/bike-express/> Ride down the Rio Grande trail and take the bus back, cost \$2 per bike.

Take the Castle Maroon bus from Aspen to the Aspen Recreation Center

RV – Parking / Draining waste (Glenwood springs closest)

Glenwood Canyon Resort - Glenwood Springs, formally Rock Gardens Campground, 800-958-6737

Ami's Acres Campground, 970-945-5340

<https://www.aspenchamber.org/explore-aspen/recreation/camping-rvs>

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Showers

- Public Showers – the ARC or Red Brick Center and ARC \$6.50 per person to shower. Towels are \$2.50 to rent.

SEE Something, SAY Something

If You See Something, Say Something is a simple and effective program to engage the public and key frontline team members in identifying and reporting indicators of terrorism, crime and other threats to the proper transportation and law enforcement authorities. If you see something, say something! To report suspicious activity, see the nearest Guest Service Representative, Police Officer or call 911.

Silver Sneakers Programs

Aspen Recreation Center and Red Brick Center accept Silver Sneakers. This is a Medicare Supplement approved program and require the 16 digit #, Name, Birthdate, Phone #, and an Email Address.

Skiing / Snowboarding: www.aspensnowmass.com

Shopping – Check out the Aspen Pedestrian Mall for leisurely shopping in the heart of Aspen. <https://www.aspenchamber.org/business-directory/shopping>

Smoking – No smoking in Recreation Facilities, restaurants, or stores.

Special Events Permit – to learn more about hosting a special event in Aspen click here, <http://eventpermits.cityofaspen.com/> call Kirstin Klein 429-2094

Special Events at the Aspen Rec Center – Call Erin

Special Events at Red Brick – call Susan

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Tennis – see our website www.aspentennis.com

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Aspen Golf & Tennis Court – see website for court fees and membership pass options

Tourist Information: Check out **Visitor Centers** for more info - Info Booth corner of Cooper and Galena, Aspen Chamber office at 590 No. Mill St or the Wheeler Opera House.

www.aspenchamber.org for hours.

Transportation

CommuterConnect.Net

- Find carpool partners for daily or one-time trips (FREE PARKING for Carpoolers – see below) The Commuter Connect Rideshare System is a quick, secure, and personal way to find all your commuting options. Using your home and work addresses, you can find a carpool, or bus that matches your commute and search for nearby commuters looking for carpool, biking, or walking partners. This rideshare portal is a powerful and convenient way to track all your commuting activity.

- **BUSES**

RFTA provides free rides within Aspen and Snowmass and between Woody Creek and Aspen.

In addition, the Roaring Fork Transit Authority (RFTA) represents an unparalleled community commitment to public transportation in the Roaring Fork Valley. RFTA monthly and seasonal passes are available, offering discounted rates for frequent riders between fare zones. RFTA Zone Passes now include a free WE-Cycle season pass, see information on bike sharing below.

Schedules, Fares, and Maps: 970.925.8484, <http://www.rfta.com/>

- **PARK & RIDE**

Park for free at the Brush Creek Intercept lot or Basalt, El Jebel, Carbondale, or Glenwood Spring Park & Ride lots, and catch a RFTA bus to Aspen. Try VelociRFTA- Fast, Fun, Frequent service utilizing Bus Rapid Transit, see RFTA.

- **CAR to GO**
Join Car to Go – which provides its members with all the perks of car ownership but none of the hassles. Members share a fleet of all hybrid vehicles, dramatically reducing their costs. Gas, maintenance, roadside assistance, and insurance are all included. Car to Go is perfect for those who use public transportation, bike, walk or carpool for some trips.
970.920.5066, www.cartogo.com
- **UBER**
Now available in Aspen. Download the app in the app store.
- **Taxis & Shuttles-**
- ***We-Cycle – Community Supported bike share***
WE-Cycle is Aspen's commuter bike share program. These bicycles are meant for short, frequent, point-to-point trips between bus stops, businesses, restaurants, events, lodges, and residences.

The first 30 minutes of each checkout is included in the cost of the pass, while longer rides are charged overtime fees. + 50 cents per additional minute over 30. Learn more here <https://www.we-cycle.org/how-it-works/free-30-minute-rides/>.

There are 22 WE-Cycle stations in Aspen – locations can be found at www.we-cycle.org
- **Downtowner** – free rides in downtowns Aspen – download the app. Search Downtowner in the App Store.

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Visitor Centers / Visitor Information – send them to the Chamber where their knowledgeable staff can direct them to a number of different seasonal activities

- **Aspen Chamber Resort Association**
Main visitor center in Aspen
590 N Mill Street
970.925.1940
<http://www.aspenchamber.org/>
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed weekends.
- **Wheeler Opera House Visitor Center**
320 E. Hyman Avenue
970.920.7148

Hours: Monday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., during the summer season and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., the rest of the year.

Directions: Going east on Main Street, turn right (south) toward Aspen Mountain onto Mill Street (at the corner of the Hotel Jerome). The Wheeler Opera House is located two blocks up on the corner of Mill Street and the Hyman Avenue Mall.

- **Guest Pavilion on the Cooper Avenue Mall**

Corner of Cooper Avenue Mall and Galena Street

Hours: Open year-round. Monday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in summer and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in winter. Hours vary during shoulder seasons.

- **Visitor Services at the Aspen/Pitkin County Airport**

970.920.5380

Hours: Monday through Sunday, 8 a.m. until the last evening flight arrives summer and winter seasons; 9 a.m. until the last evening flight arrives in shoulder seasons. Directions: Located approximately 3 miles west of Aspen on Highway 82.

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Water Fountains – Aspen Tap Fountain Map (fill your water bottle) at 5 park locations around town see the map here <https://www.cityofaspen.com/288/Aspen-Tap-Program>

Wagner Park, Koch Park, Rio Grande, City Hall, Frances Whitaker

Weather – www.aspenweather.net or <https://www.aspenchamber.org/how-to/enjoy-aspen/altitude> for altitude info and weather.

We-Cycle – see transportation.

WiFi

The Aspen Recreation Center, Red Brick Center, and Aspen Ice Garden have free public internet for all guests.

- Currently, there is no Wi-Fi in any of our parks.
- There are other locations around town that supply Wi-Fi range from coffee shops (Starbucks, Victoria's, Ink, etc) to some stores.

Wildfire Information / Mitigation - <https://www.cityofaspen.com/163/Wildfire-Mitigation> .
Fire Bans & Danger - <http://www.coemergency.com/p/fire-bans-danger.html>

