

Parks



Aspen Parks offers more than thirty parks throughout the city. They range from the quiet John Denver Sanctuary along the Roaring Fork River, to the children's playgrounds at Herron and Triangle Park. The parks not only provide a public space for locals and visitors to gather, play, and rest, but they also provide opportunities to host events such as the Food and Wine Classic or private picnics and weddings. Many people don't realize that the pedestrian mall throughout the downtown core is one of our parks. The Rio Grande skate park is also one of our most loved parks during the warm summer months. During the summer season in Aspen you'll find locals enjoying their lunch breaks at the tables in the mall, or at any of the picnic benches marked on the map.



Trails



Aspen's Trails include twenty plus miles of impeccable paths and trails throughout the downtown core and surrounding areas! Our trails offer broad transportation and recreational opportunities. If you ask a local, they'll steer you to the great singletrack trails of the Hunter Creek-Smuggler Valley, or the scenic views of Aspen from the Ajax Trail. You can also rent a bike and cruise along any of the Family Friendly Paths outlined in our guide. Don't forget the Aspen Recreation center, and visit the Aspen Parks and Recreation website for a complete list of activities and opportunities in the area.

Open Space



Aspen's Open Space Program preserves and restores open space throughout and beyond the city. With over 1,000 acres of land preserved you'll find a variety of environments and natural areas, from wetlands to forests. The open space parcels around Aspen show the communities commitment for the environment. Many of our Open Spaces are outlined in the guide and provide access for fisherman to the river, as well as interpretive centers, such as the Bergman Trail. As you navigate the area using our map, look for the interpretive kiosk symbols and learn more about the local history, environment and the Aspen culture!

Guide to Aspen's Recreation, Parks, Trails and Open Space



Family Friendly Walking Trails

- Rio Grande Trail** - H8 - Start near the Parking Garage - 1 to 40 miles
- East Aspen Trail** - F5 - Start from town - 1 to 5 mile out and back
- Lani White Trail** - F3 - Connect from lower Hunter Creek Trail - 1 to 3 mile out and back
- Bergman Trail** - E8 - Park at the Marolt Open Space - 1 mile out and back
- Music Tent Trail** - E3 - Start from the Grindlay Bridge on the Rio Grande - 1/2 mile
- Maroon Creek Wetlands** - C3 - Start from the Aspen Golf and Tennis parking - G7 - 1/2 mile

Family Friendly Parks & Playgrounds

- Wagner Park** - G9
- Triangle Park** - G7
- Yellow Brick Park** - G8
- Herron Park** - H8
- Snyder Park** - I9
- Rio Grande Skate Park** - H8

Family Friendly Bike Trails

- Rio Grande Trail** - H8 - Moderate
- AABC Trail** - C3 - Moderate
- Marolt Trail** - D4 - Moderate
- Cemetery Lane Trail** - D4 - Moderate
- High School Trail** - D5 - Moderate

Family Friendly Mountain Bike Trails

- Moore Trails** - C4 - Moderate
- Cozy Line Trail** - B7 - Moderate
- East of Aspen Trail** - G5 - Moderate

Dog Friendly Parks w/watchful off-leash play

- Rio Grande Park** - H8
- Wagner Park** - G9
- Marolt Open Space** - D4
- Smuggler Mountain Road** - F4



Intermediate Hiking Trails in Aspen

- Ute Trail** - Vigorous - F5
- Hunter Creek Trail** - Moderate - E3
- Ajax Trail** - Moderate - E5
- Lani White Trail** - Moderate - F3
- Smuggler Mountain Road** - F4

Road Bike Options around Aspen

- Rio Grande Trail** - E4
- Independence Pass** - H6
- Castle Creek Road** - D5
- Maroon Creek Road** - C6
- Owl Creek Bike Path** - B3
- Brush Creek Bike Path** - A8
- AABC Bike Path** - C3
- Castle Creek Bike Path** - D6

Mountain Bike Options around Aspen

- Smuggler Trail System** - Vigorous - H3
- Hunter Creek Valley** - Vigorous - G2
- Government Trail** - Vigorous - C5
- Sky Mountain Park** - Vigorous - B8
- Burlingorge Trail** - B2

Sky Mountain Park Mountain Bike Trails

- Skyline Trail** - Vigorous - B8
- Viewline Trail** - Vigorous - A9
- Cozyline Trail** - Vigorous - B7
- Airline Trail** - Vigorous - B8
- Deadline Trail** - Vigorous - A9
- Ditchline Trail** - Moderate - A8



Winter Nordic Trails

The City of Aspen, Pitkin County and Town of Snowmass Village provide over 90km of free cross country skiing throughout the upper Roaring Fork Valley. These trails are available from mid-November to April on most years. Please visit www.aspennordic.com for more information.

Winter Activities and Recreation

- C2 - Rio Grande Trail**
- C3 - Aspen Golf Course**
- C5 - Aspen Recreation Center**

Winter Walking Trails

- C2 - Rio Grande Trail**
- D3 - Cemetery Lane Trail**
- B3 - AABC Trail**
- F5 - East of Aspen Trail**

Seasonal Wildlife Viewing

The best time to view wildlife is morning and evening. Riparian zones are ideal because they provide water and the vegetation and environment for wildlife. Birds are seen almost everywhere from early spring to late fall and early winter. Bears are more active at night. Look for Blue Herron at North Star or seasonal birds along the Roaring Fork River. Deer and Elk can sometimes be seen along the Rio Grande and Sunnyside Trails.

Seasonal Wildlife Closures:

- Sky Mountain Park:** December 1st to May 15th
- Government Trail** east of Elk Camp Work Road: May 15 - June 21
- Rim Trail** northeast of Sinclair Road: December 1 - May 16 (Dogs on leash allowed, leash law strictly enforced.)
- Other Snowmass Trails:**
- Anaerobic Nightmare Trail:** April 25 - June 21
- Sequel Trail:** April 25 - June 21
- Tom Blake Trail:** April 25 - June 21



Legend

- Hiking / Walking
- Mountain / Road Cycling
- Playground
- Handicap Accessible
- Wildlife Viewing
- Ice Skating
- Nordic Skiing
- Activity Fields
- Dog Walking
- Horseback
- Scenic Photos
- Swimming

Safety and Ethics - Stay Safe

- Always let someone know where you are going, when you expect to return and what to do in the event of an emergency.
- Carry lots of water and drink often. It is more difficult to stay hydrated at high altitude.
- Have a warm, waterproof jacket on hand. Colorado weather changes quickly.
- Don't feed or harass any wildlife you may encounter.

Be considerate

- We want everyone to have fun and enjoy our parks and trails system.
- Cyclists should announce when approaching other trail users.
- Hikers or bikers going uphill have the right of way.
- Bikers should yield to pedestrians and horses.
- Please be a responsible owner and pick up after your pet.
- Deposit all garbage into bear-proof trash bins.
- Be considerate of the environment.
- Stay on designated trails and be respectful of plants and wildlife.



Regulations: City of Aspen Open Space Parcels

- Hours of operation are from sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise noted.
- Hunting and camping are prohibited.
- Keep all pets on a leash and under control except in designated areas.
- Operation of a motorized vehicle is prohibited on all open spaces.
- Recreational activities are limited to specific sites.
- Please respect other park users and keep noise to a minimum.
- Dogs are prohibited, unless otherwise noted. See Dog Friendly Parks.
- Damaging or removal of Open Space property or natural features including wildflowers, rocks, wildlife, trees, etc. is prohibited.
- It is prohibited to disturb or harass any wildlife or wildlife habitat.
- Fishing is allowed in designated areas only. Please respect private property.
- It is unlawful to engage in any activity within or upon a natural area, or portion of the area when a sign has been posted for the protection of wild animals.
- E-Bikes are prohibited on single track trails.



Whether you seek a quiet park with the sound of rushing water, a large open space with mountain vistas, or world-class recreation, the City of Aspen Parks, Trails and Open Space have something for you. Enjoy Aspen's recreation opportunities which include over 30

beautiful parks, 22 miles of pedestrian and bicycle trails, and over 90 kilometers of cross country skiing in the winter. Aspen parks and athletic fields create spaces for picnics, quiet contemplation, weddings, soccer and rugby games. Our downtown pedestrian mall provides shade, relaxation and the famous DeWolf/ Fulton fountain which entertains Aspen's visitors and locals all summer.

Pitkin Outside
www.pitkinoutside.com

Use the mobile app and web site on our trail system. Search "Pitkin Outside" on your device's app store.

For more information:
City of Aspen Parks Department
585 Cemetery Lane, Aspen, CO 81611 (970) 920-5120
www.aspenpitkin.com/Departments/Parks-Trails-Open-Space
www.aspenrecreation.com
www.aspengolf.com

Pitkin County Open Space and Trails
530 East Main Street, 3rd Floor, (970) 920-5232

Some trails on this map cross many boundaries from City of Aspen, to Pitkin County and US Forest Service Land. Please stay on the trails and respect private property. For more information on other trails in the area, please contact:
United States Forest Service
Aspen Ranger District, 806 W. Hallam St., 970-925-3445

MAP of TRAILS, PARKS & OPEN SPACE



Detailed Guide Inside



