



## 2009 MAROON BELLS SCENIC AREA VEHICLE ACCESS INFORMATION

### Vehicle Access Information:

**Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup> Maroon Bells Road & Entrance Station opens for season  
Weather permitting with snow levels**

- \*Recreation Use Fees of \$10 per vehicle are charged starting May 22.

**Starting Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 5:00pm**

**MOTORIZED VEHICLE TRAVEL IS RESTRICTED EXCEPT FOR RFTA BUS AND  
EXCEPTIONS\*\***

- 7:00am – 9:00am road is open to vehicles with a \$10.00 recreation use fee\*
- 5:00pm – 7:00pm road is open to vehicles with a \$10.00 recreation use fee\*
- People wanting to visit the Bells during the hours of 9:00am – 5:00 pm will need to take the Bus from Aspen Highlands (*few exceptions apply\*\**).
- You may park your vehicle for free at Aspen Highlands Village Parking Lot and travel via RFTA bus up the Maroon Valley.
- The road is open to **All NON-MOTORIZED** forms of transportation at **NO CHARGE**; i.e. walkers, bicycles, rollerbladers, etc...

### RFTA Bus Information:

**RFTA Bus service starts Saturday June 20th:**

- Buses run from 9:00am – 4:30 pm daily from June 20<sup>th</sup> until September 7th (Labor Day).
- September 8<sup>th</sup> – September 27<sup>th</sup> buses run **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday ONLY.**
- 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 Village at Pro Mountain Sports, Ruby Park Transit Center, and Aspen Mountain Gondola Ticket Office.
- RFTA buses depart Aspen Highlands Village 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 often provides extra buses.

### Vehicle Pass Information:

- America the Beautiful Passes as well as Maroon Bells Season Passes allow access to the Maroon Bells Scenic Area for the season.
  - o Passes are not valid **when the road is restricted** to motorized vehicles (9:00am-5pm)
  - o *Several exceptions apply! \*\**

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

- Vehicles with people with disabilities or 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
- Overnight Backpackers
- Horse trailers

*\* 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.*