

RIO GRANDE TRAIL

ASPEN ↔ GLENWOOD SPRINGS
42 Miles of Continuous Multi-use Trail





TRAIL MAINTENANCE



THE ROARING FORK TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY manages the Rio Grande Trail from 23rd Street in Glenwood Springs to the Pitkin County line at Emma Road in Basalt. For inquiries within that portion of the trail please contact (970) 384-4975 or www.rfta.com



GLENWOOD SPRINGS manages the Rio Grande Trail from Two Rivers Park to 23rd Street in Glenwood Springs. For inquiries within that portion of the trail please contact (970) 384-6300 or www.ci.glenwood-springs.co.us



PITKIN COUNTY OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS manages the Rio Grande Trail from Emma Road in Basalt to Aspen. For inquiries within that portion of the trail please contact: (970) 920-5232 or www.pitkincounty.com

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TRAIL MAP

www.riograndetrail.com



THE RAIL-TO-TRAIL EFFORT

This trail is built within the rail corridor of the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad (D&RGW) Aspen Branch, although Train operations along this line ceased in phases between the 1960s and the mid-1990s. The corridor is being "railbanked" for future transportation uses.

In 1997, the rail corridor and track were purchased using a combination of funding from local governments, Great Outdoors Colorado, the Colorado Department of Transportation, and Pitkin County Open Space and Trails. This purchase presented an opportunity to explore transportation alternatives to State Highway 82 congestion and the challenge of creating recreation connectivity in the Roaring Fork Valley.

In 2001, RFTA was formed as a regional transportation authority creating a dedicated funding source for transit and trails. Following its completion in 2008, RFTA now manages and maintains the Rio Grande Trail with its partner agencies in the Roaring Fork Valley.

GOLDEN RULES OF TRAIL ETIQUETTE

HORSES. Everyone yields to horses. Stop, step off the trail and talk to the rider. They will tell you when it is safe to pass.

CYCLISTS. Ride at a safe speed, single file. Do not exceed 20 mph. Slow and announce yourself before passing. Ring your bell and inform pedestrians, "on your left."

PEDESTRIANS. Be alert. Keep headphones turned down so you can hear others.

DOG WALKERS. Leash your pet and maintain control. You must carry a waste bag and put poop in a proper receptacle.

EVERYONE. Keep to the right of the trail except to pass. If you must stop, step off the trail. Do not block the trail.

SHARE AND BE AWARE. SAFETY IS FOR EVERYONE.

RESOURCES

City of Aspen Parks, Open Space and Trails
www.cityofaspen.com

Crown Mountain Park & Recreation
www.crownmtn.org

Bureau of Land Management
www.blm.gov/colorado

Glenwood Springs Parks & Recreation
www.glenwoodrec.com

Google Maps
Search and view the trail
<https://maps.google.com>

Pitkin County Outside
www.pitkinoutside.org

Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association (RFMBA)
www.rfmba.org

WE-cycle Bike Share
www.we-cycle.org/

White River National Forest Aspen - Sopris Ranger District
www.fs.usda.gov/main/whiteriver

WHAT TO EXPECT

The Rio Grande Trail treadway is asphalt surfaced with some sections of concrete and compacted gravel. The pavement is 8 to 10 feet wide with soft surface shoulders of 2 to 6 feet. The trail is open to those on foot, those on horseback, and those using human-powered equipment such as bicycles, in-line skates and skateboards. Wheelchairs, both motorized and non-motorized, are permitted. Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) are permitted with restrictions. Call (970) 384-4975 for more information, or visit www.rfta.com.

Picnic tables and benches are provided at various locations, as are trash cans, recycle bins and dog waste stations. There is only one potable water source on the trail at the Basalt trailhead next to the Basalt Highschool, plan to bring your own water as there is no other water source along the length of the trail. Vault toilets are installed at the vicinity of Cattle Creek and Catherine Store Bridge. A number of spur trails lead to services in the towns adjacent to the Rio Grande Trail corridor.

During the winter months, the trail is plowed when snowfall exceeds 3" between Glenwood Springs and Main Street, Carbondale. Other sections may be groomed for cross-country skiing or remain unmaintained. Call (970) 384-4975 for the current trail conditions, or go to www.riograndetrail.com or www.rfta.com. For nordic grooming reports between Aspen and Basalt, call (970) 925-2145 or visit www.aspen nordic.com.

E-BIKES

Class I and Class II E-Bikes are allowed on the Rio Grande Trail between Two Rivers Park in Glenwood Springs and the Pitkin County line at Emma Road in Basalt. Only Class 1 E-Bikes are allowed from Emma Road to Aspen. Also, no E-Bikes are allowed to be loaded on any RFTA bus. For the state statute on E-bikes visit <https://leg.colorado.gov/content/electricbicycles>



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