

GETTING TO THE TRAILHEAD. Please plan to arrive at the trailhead not later than 4PM. The hike to the Lake is 6 miles one way from parking, around 2+ hours. You want to be set up before sundown with additional time to hunker down and hide out while thunderstorms blow by.

Waypoints. Download the GPX file for all the waypoints. This is coming.

From Glenwood Springs, drive about 26 miles southeast on Colorado 82 and turn right (South) on Pitkin County Route 11 "Snowmass Creek Road" [39° 19.850'N, 106° 59.095'W]

Or, from Buena Vista, drive 58 miles west of US Route 24 on CO route 82 over Independence Pass and through Aspen. The intersection of US24 and CO82 is at [39° 4.551'N, 106° 16.859'W] turn LEFT (South) on Pitkin County Route 11 "Snowmass Creek Road"

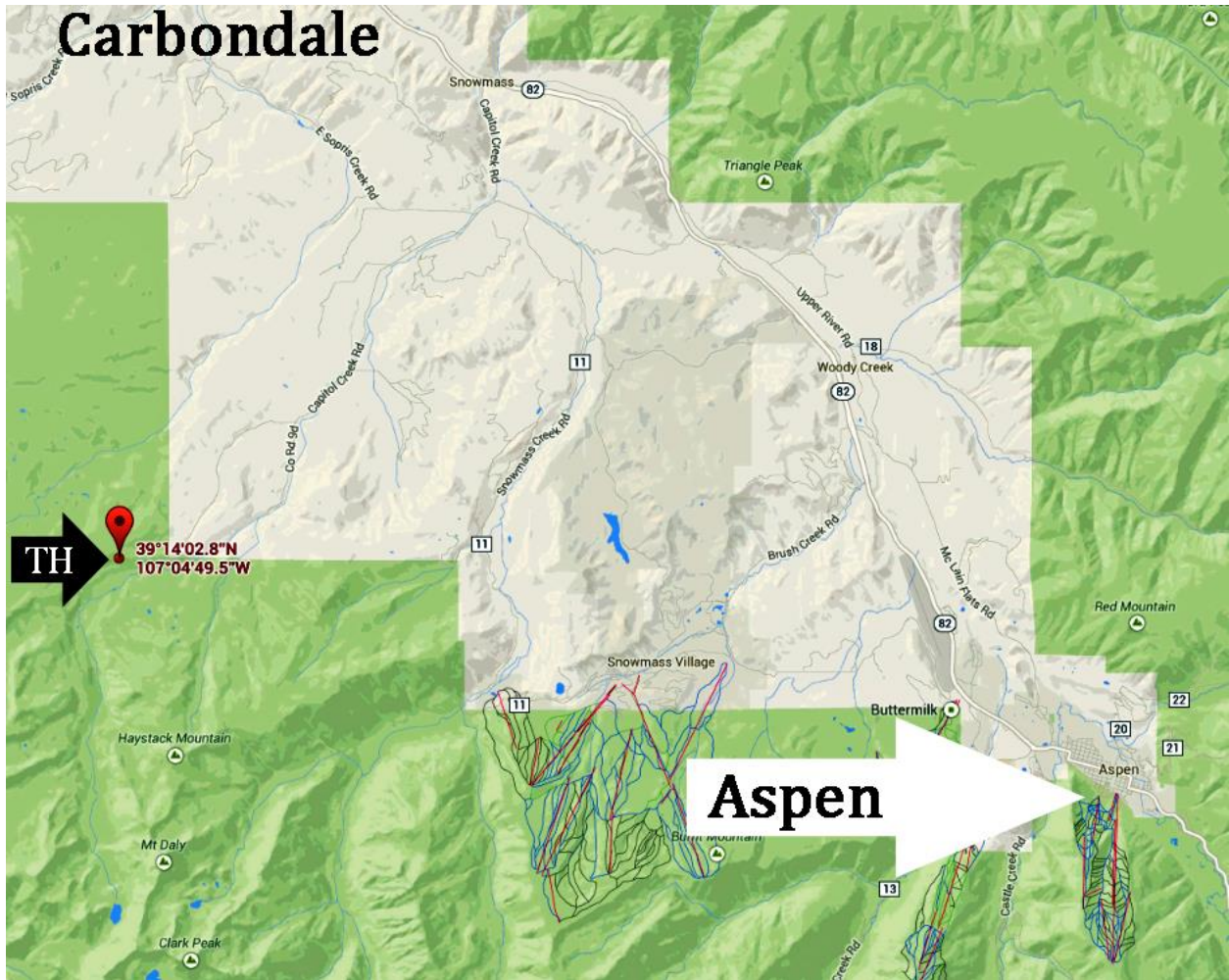
From the intersection of CO 82, it's about 10 total miles to the Trail Head. Use your trip odometer and/or your GPS. Drive 1.7 miles South on a paved road

Turn Right (South West) at Capitol Creek Road [39° 18.405'N, 106° 58.897'W] Pitkin County Route 9. Drive 4.7 miles (odometer will read 6.4 miles). The road turns to dirt at [39° 15.710'N, 107° 2.354'W]. Any passenger vehicle will make it this far. If you are worried about the clearance of your vehicle, you might want to consider finding a place to park here. The dirt road has steep portions. It can be muddy, and if it's been rainy, there can be washed out areas. Any 4WD and most high-clearance vehicles of any type will make it. I have read several trip reports where Honda Civics, etc make it.

Trailhead Parking. Drive 2.2 miles (odometer will read around 10 miles) West up the rugged, narrow (and sometimes slick) dirt road. Park at [39° 14.047'N, 107° 4.825'W].

Meeting Spot? You might plan to meet others here. However the event will be nearer Capitol Lake. If we try to meet at this location, we will invariably leave someone behind.

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39°14'02.8"N
107°04'49.5"W

Aspen