

Aspen/Pitkin County Airport Closure Key Messaging

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Primary Messages:

- The City of Aspen, Town of Snowmass Village, the mountains (Aspen Snowmass), local businesses, lodging properties, restaurants, etc. will all remain open throughout the temporary Aspen Airport closure next summer (2027), from Sunday, April 4, 2027 at 11:00pm MT - Friday, November 19, 2027 at 7:00pm MT.
- The Aspen Airport will reopen in time for the 2027-28 ski season.

What is Happening?

- The Aspen/Pitkin County Airport (ASE) will temporarily close during summer 2027, from Sunday, April 4, 2027 - Friday, November 19, 2027., to complete a critical runway transformation as part of the larger ASE Modernization Project.
- ASE will be open again in time for the 2027-28 ski season.
- The ASE Modernization Project is a once-in-a-generation investment in the future of the airport and the broader community, and when complete, the airport transformation will deliver meaningful improvements for travelers and the broader community, including:
 - A new passenger terminal, coming 2029: The current terminal hasn't been renovated in nearly 40 years. Designed around community-led "Common Ground Recommendations," the new terminal will significantly enhance the traveler experience from arrival to departure, with jetways focused on customer comfort, safety, and open-air experience, including electrical hookups, tempered air, and greater accessibility for all travelers. Construction on the terminal is set to begin in late 2027 and will not involve any airport closures.
 - **Importantly**, the closure in summer of 2027 is the only planned closure throughout the duration of the airport renovation project.
 - Noise reduction and environmental progress: The project targets a reduction in aircraft noise by at least 30 percent, along with lower emissions — meaningful improvements for both visitors and the surrounding community.
- Completing the runway work during summer 2027 is part of the project's plan to complete renovations as efficiently as possible and the airport will be fully operational in time for the winter ski season.

Aspen and Snowmass Village Remain Open

- Aspen and Snowmass Village will be fully open and as vibrant as ever throughout summer and fall 2027 through the temporary airport closure.
 - This includes the same world-class festivals, exceptional dining, breathtaking hiking, and mountain adventures that make these destinations like nowhere else.
 - The only thing changing is how to get here.
 - The airport reopens in time for the winter ski season. In the meantime, Aspen & Snowmass Village are ready to welcome all guests

- Stay updated on the full project details at AspenAirport.com.
- For the latest information on visiting the destination during the closure, ACRA's website is the central source of information here:
<https://aspenchamber.org/membership/local-business/airport/>
- For general visitor information, you can always find information at each of our websites: www.aspensnowmass.com, www.aspenchamber.org, and www.gosnowmass.com.

Getting Here

- Aspen and Snowmass are easily accessible throughout the closure via several convenient options.
 - **By Car:** Driving to Aspen & Snowmass is always a great option, with scenic mountain routes from Denver and surrounding communities that make the journey part of the experience. Multiple routes wind through the Rockies, including the iconic Independence Pass.
 - **By Air + Ground:** Several regional airports offer easy access to the valley:
 - **Eagle County Regional Airport (EGE):** Just 70 miles away, approximately a 1.5 hour drive
 - **Grand Junction Regional Airport (GJT):** 130 miles away, approximately a 2 hour drive
 - **Denver International Airport (DEN):** 220 miles away, roughly a 3.5-hour drive
 - **Montrose Regional Airport (MTJ), Colorado Springs (COS):** Additional options for travelers flying in from other regions
 - **Rifle Garfield County Airport (RIL):** 61 one miles from Aspen, RIL is available to those flying via private aviation.

Events, Weddings & Venue Bookings

- Lodging properties and event venues across both Aspen and Snowmass are fully operational and welcoming bookings throughout summer and fall 2027.
- Aspen, Snowmass Village and our mountains and venues remain one of the premier destinations in the country for special events, weddings, and gatherings.
 - On-mountain events and activations will continue as planned.
 - Events teams across the mountains, hotels, and other venues are ready to help you design a seamless experience, including personalized guidance on travel and transportation options so your guests arrive without a hitch.

Road Trip Summer

- The drive to Aspen & Snowmass has always been part of the magic — and summer 2027 is the perfect excuse to take it.
- Whether you're making the trip from Denver or building a multi-stop adventure across Colorado, the road to Aspen and Snowmass winds through some of the most spectacular mountain scenery in the world.

- Pack the car, take the scenic route, and arrive already in the spirit of mountain adventure.
- Some of the best Aspen & Snowmass experiences start with the journey here.

FAQ *(To be updated as information changes):*

What are the specific closure dates?

The Aspen/Pitkin County Airport (ASE) will be closed Sunday, April 4, 2027, at 11:00 p.m. through Friday, November 19, 2027, at 7:00 p.m.

Why is the airport closing?

The Aspen/Pitkin County Airport is temporarily closing for one construction season to complete critical runway improvements — a key part of the larger ASE Modernization Project. This is a once-in-a-generation investment in the future of our airport and our community, and completing the runway work in a single focused season is the most efficient way to complete the project effectively. The airport will be fully operational again in time for the winter ski season.

What other airports can I travel to near Aspen and Snowmass while the airport is closed?

During the closure, travelers can easily reach Aspen and Snowmass Village via nearby regional airports for commercial service, including Eagle County Regional Airport (EGE), Grand Junction Regional Airport (GJT), Denver International Airport (DEN), and Montrose Regional Airport (MTJ). Rifle Garfield County Airport (RIL) is 61 one miles from Aspen and available to those flying via private aviation.

What transportation options will be offered between Aspen and other airports during the 2027 closure?

Right now, rental cars and private cars are the primary ground transportation options available from regional airports to Aspen and Snowmass. Aspen One and the entire tourism community partners are actively working to source additional ground transportation options between Aspen, Snowmass Village and regional airports during the closure. Service providers will be announced as they are confirmed.

Will flights be more expensive from alternative airports?

Pricing is ultimately determined by the airlines. We are working closely with our airline partners to ensure travelers have many options into the surrounding airports.

What about private/charter flights?

Since this construction is on the runway, the airport will be closed to all flight traffic, private and commercial. Nearby airports including Rifle Garfield County Airport (RIL), Eagle County Regional Airport (EGE), and Grand Junction Regional Airport (GJT) are all open for private/charter flights.

How do I get around the Aspen Snowmass area once I arrive?

Within the valley, Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA) offers reliable, affordable bus service connecting Aspen and Snowmass Village with communities throughout the valley and is an excellent option for both visitors and locals during the closure. We encourage visitors to take advantage of RFTA — it's good for the community, reduces traffic, and is a great way to experience the region. The Town of Snowmass Village offers free transportation around Snowmass Village via the Town of Snowmass Village transportation system.

How do we stay updated as new information becomes available?

For updates on the ASE Airport Modernization Project, the most up to date information can be found here: <https://www.aspenairport.com/modernization/>.

For visitor information, please visit www.aspensnowmass.com, www.aspenchamber.org, and www.gosnowmass.com.

What are the long-term benefits of the renovation?

- Noise reduction and environmental progress: The project targets a reduction in aircraft noise by at least 30 percent, along with lower emissions — meaningful improvements for both visitors and the surrounding community.
- A new passenger terminal: The current terminal hasn't been renovated in nearly 40 years. Designed around community-led "Common Ground Recommendations," the new terminal will significantly enhance the traveler experience from arrival to departure, with jetways focused on customer comfort, safety, and open-air experience, including electrical hookups, tempered air, and greater accessibility for all travelers. Construction is set to begin in 2027.

When will the airport reopen and what will be different?

ASE will reopen prior to the winter ski season in November 2027. It will be fully operational for all winter travelers coming to Aspen, Snowmass Village, and surrounding areas.

ASE Modernization Project Background:

The [ASE Modernization Project](#) represents one of the most significant investments in our region's future — one shaped entirely by the people who call this community home. The final result will be a terminal that works better for everyone: travelers passing through, locals heading out, and the dedicated staff who keep it all running.

The core goals of the Aspen/Pitkin County Airport Modernization Project are to enhance safety, reduce noise impacts, and lower emissions.

The phased ASE Modernization Project schedule is designed to minimize impacts to travelers, residents and local businesses.

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