

Audi Snowshoe Adventure Guide



ASHCROFT

Go for a leisurely tour on some of the 21 miles of groomed trails around the ghost town of Ashcroft, outside of Aspen. Tip: Visit Pine Creek Cookhouse for lunch or a hot toddy (reservations required).

Note that Ashcroft is privately owned and free-based; rentals and guides available.

MAROON CREEK TRAIL

The road is closed in winter, but Nordic aficionados ski or snowshoe (snow depth permitting) up Castle Creek road to the Maroon Creek trailhead, and then make their way to Maroon Lake, which is overlooked by the Maroon Bells. Pack a lunch and bring plenty of water, as there's no services at the lake during off-season.

RICHMOND RIDGE

This five-mile route along the back of Aspen Mountain (reach it by taking the Silver Queen Gondola, tickets \$33-\$55), "It has it all: gorgeous, rolling terrain, 50-mile views of three mountain ranges, and plenty of featherlight powder. It's one of our favorite snowshoeing spots for beginner to intermediates."

TOM BLAKE TRAIL

This popular Snowmass trail, at just under four miles, provides easy, even beginner snowshoeing through deep aspen groves.

DIFFICULT CREEK TRAIL

Located at Difficult Campground five miles southeast of Aspen, this is a popular summer hiking trail that becomes serene and uncrowded in the winter months. The four-mile trail will take you uphill on a series of gentle switchbacks, and provide views of the Collegiate Wilderness.

Limelight Hotel guests should take advantage of complimentary snowshoe tours in the Aspen area, in partnership with the Aspen Center for Environmental Studies (ACES).

Sign up early! Maximum participation at eight people and include round-trip transportation.