

A scenic trip to Colorado's

MAROON BELLS

White River National Forest

Jack's Photos

The weather was rainy and sometimes overcast -- didn't make for great photos



Approaching Aspen from the east, via Independence Pass



WHITE RIVER National Forest

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSITE
ELEVATION 10,830 FEET

Founded July 4, 1879 when gold was discovered, Independence was the first community in the Roaring Fork Valley. A thriving mining camp, stagecoach and layover stop for all travel across Hunter's Pass, it became a ghost town in the late 1800's when trains came into Aspen and the gold played out.

In 1980, the Aspen Historical Society, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, began preservation efforts to retain Independence for future generations.

ASPEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY





Independence mountain flora





Finally, paved road -- Aspen a few miles ahead.





Interesting formations at Maroon Bells





Maroon Bells -- you will see more of this favorite scene



A variety of colors in Maroon Lake



Only GOD can create such beauty !





Maroon Bells from a distance -- en route back to Aspen







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