

## Moore Open Space Survey Responses

### Q1. Where do you live?

Answered **64**  
 Skipped **1**

Tag Summary	Response Count	% of respondents
Aspen	39	61%
Basalt-ElJebel	8	13%
Carbondale	5	8%
AABC/Burlingame	3	5%
Carbondale	3	5%
Highlands	2	3%
Other	4	6%
TOTAL	64	

### Q2. How do you use Moore Open Space? Summer and winter?

Answered **64**  
 Skipped **1**

Tag Summary	Response Count	% of respondents
Bike	29	45%
Hike	11	17%
Walk	14	22%
Dog Walk	6	9%
Run	4	6%
Scenic / Views	2	3%
Ski / Winter Use	22	34%
Summer	2	3%
Summer / Winter	5	8%
Other	5	8%

Tags	Responses
Bike	I bike it
Bike	Mountain biking
Bike	I and others use Moore OS trails for mountain biking as high quality, view filled, singletrack connector trails between downtown Aspen (in conjunction with Marolt OS trails) and the Buttermilk area and beyond, including the Maroon Creek Trail, Government Trail, Oregon Trail, and the Sky Mt. Park Trails. The mail trail is part of the neutral finish back to town for the Aspen Fifty. For those riding from Snowmass to Aspen via the Government Trail, this is one of the final trails before reaching downtown, extending the singletrack experience. The main trail is included in the Aspen Snowmass Mega Loop (IMBA rated Epic Ride). The interior loop is sometimes used by beginners for an easy introduction to mountain biking. Mike Pritchard for Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association.
Bike	visual openspace, historic openspace town green space, museum historic landmark. bike path access to bells and pine creek, public lands statement = dignity of anti corporate greed development
Bike	Bike Bike Bike
Bike	Summer...mountain biking on existing trail
Bike	biking
Bike	I ride my bike through there and run there in summer
Bike	Mountain bike commute in summer, fat bike commute in winter
Bike	Mountain/fatbike both summer and winter
Bike, Walk	Walk and bike in summer
Bike, Walk	Nordic trails in winter, walking and mountain biking in summer

Bike, Walk, Dog Walk, Ski, Hiking	Both seasons - hiking, dog walking, biking, x-country ski
Dog Walk, Walk	Walking with my dog - enjoying the beautiful views.
Dog Walk, Walk	Walk my dog on Moore summer. Moore needs dedicated dog walking groomed trail in winter like golf course and Marolt.
Dog Walk, Walk	Walking dog
Dog Walk, Walk	Dog walking
Walk	Go for walks and visit Holden Marolt Museum
Walk	Walk
Walk, Ski	In Winter, the Nordic trails are amazing. In summer, a beautiful place to walk with natural
Hiking	Hiking
Hiking	Summer, hiking
Hiking	summer and winter - hiking
Hiking	Running in summer. It's part of many of my running routes, and I also run through it to access Tiehack hiking. In winter I fatbike on the trails.
Hiking, Bike	Both, hike bike xski
Hiking, Bike	Primarily a hiker but I do bicycle
Hiking, Bike	Hiking, enjoying open space, biking, birding
Run	Once a week during the summer to run
Run	Baseball or jogging
Run	Running in summer
Run	Running in summer and winter, nordic in winter.
Ski	X-country skiing
Ski	Cross country skiing, running,
Ski	During the winter, I use the well-maintained cross country skiing trails about 1-2x per week. During the summer, I run on the trails, typically 3-5x between July-August.
Ski	MTB trails to access Buttermilk, XC skiing, we also have a garden plot.
Ski, Bike	nordic and bicycle
Ski, Bike	Both, biking and commuting, nordic skiing.
Ski, Bike	winter - Nordic skiing; summer - bike trails to get to ARC, etc.
Ski, Bike	bike, nordic skiing
Ski, Bike	Winter - nordic skiing, summer - mountain biking.
Ski, Bike	In the summer i use the single track to begin and end my mtb ride. Also use the paved trails around the space on my road bike to begin and end my ride. Winter I XC ski on all the trails. Also great place to take my boy on a bike ride in the summer and he is starting to nordic ski as well.
Ski, Bike	Cross country ski (winter) - probably 75 times/year
Ski, Bike	X skiing- winter
Ski, Bike	Bike in summer. Ski in winter.
Ski, Bike, Walk	Bike and walk through it, skate ski through it, go to museum
Ski, Dog Walk, Bike, Walk	bike, ski, dog walk
Ski, Hiking	nordic skiing in winter about 1-2x week. some hiking in summer.
Ski, Hiking, Bike	Hiking, biking, Nordic Skiing
Ski, Hiking, Bike, Walk	Summer - hiking, biking, walking
Ski, Walk	Walk and ride across it. Nordic Ski across in winter.
Scenic/Views	View plane
Scenic/Views	scenic open space summer and winter
Summer	Summer
Summer	summer
Summer/Winter	both
Summer/Winter	Winter 25 times a year, summer few times a year
Summer/Winter	Mostly summer and some winter
Summer/Winter	Summer and Winter
Summer/Winter	both
Other	2
Other	Museum visiting

Other	3-4 x year
Other	Leave it alone please
Other	do not use it

Q3. Please share your thoughts on your experiences with Moore Open Space and if there is anything

**Answered 63**  
**Skipped 2**

Tag Summary	Response Count	% of respondents
Keep it as it is	25	40%
More Trails	4	6%
Keep the Mtn Bike Trails	4	6%
Trail Maintenance	2	3%
More Dog Friendly	4	6%
Continue Dog Restrictions	3	5%
Allow Fat Bike Use	5	8%
Pump Track	5	8%
Weed Treatment	2	3%
Other	8	13%
N/A	5	8%

\*Has to do with Marolt OS

Respondents	Responses
Dog Restrictions	Yes - no motorized use on any of the trails especially Ebikes. And dogs have to be leashed on the trails in the summer, no dogs in the winter.
Dog Restrictions	I would like to see more control of walkers, snowbikers and dogs on nordic trails. There is so "little" grooming for nordic and many more surfaces for walkers. Maybe more snowbiking grooming would help.
Dog Restrictions	Thistle/weed management. Seasonal dog restrictions for fawns and breeding birds.
Fat Bike Use	I love it! I understand limiting trail use for preservation purposes, however it would be so cool to allow fat tire bikes!
Fat Bike Use	Open up for winter fat bike use please, please
Fat Bike Use	open it to fat bike trails in the winter
Fat Bike Use, Mtn Bike Trails	More Fatbike and Mtn Bike trails in the Moore space
Fat Bike Use, Trail Maintenance	Passing through Moore OS on a mountain bike ride is superior to the roughly parallel alternate of following the bike paths, sidewalks and paved roads through the Aspen Schools Campus. The sage meadows, flowers, and 360 degree views available (including a 14er, Pyramid Peak), make for a pleasant experience on the flat and rolling trails. The trails are a bit rutted in places as they were ridden into existence following the mowing done for the winter nordic trail alignments. The trails could be slightly improved to maintain the relatively beginner level trail experience, and to allow the trails to remain dry soon after any rain events. An extra consideration might reroute the existing routes such that winter alignments continue to be used, but summer trails receive new improved, sustainable alignments (roughly parallel to winter alignments) and modern trail drainage features to accentuate the already positive experience on the OS parcel. Summer mountain bike access should continue, and winter fat bike access should be considered in coordination with the Nordic Council (separate fat bike loop could be groomed roughly parallel to the winter nordic trails in the area). Mike Pritchard for Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association.
Keep it as it is	Everything ok
Keep it as it is	keep it the way that it is. duh.
Keep it as it is	I would love to see it maintained as-is. Keep it nature based and accessible to pedestrians.
Keep it as it is	Keep the trails for hiking

Keep it as it is	Preserve it
Keep it as it is	Follow the mgt plan. No pump tracks
Keep it as it is	Don't "improve" it too much - I like the rustic feel of the area
Keep it as it is	less is better. i have ridden here for 30 years .... enough trails!!
Keep it as it is	i think its fine the way it is
Keep it as it is	Moore is cool, but seems to have an outdated management plan. I understand many of the existing trails are not in the plan, and I know of multiple "socail" trails built by neighbors that could be consolidated or eliminated. I would like to see the beginner singletrack bike riding at Moore be preserved without development of over the top flow trails as have been built in some other areas.
Keep it as it is	Just an observation -Over the last few years multiple biking/walking trails have formed due to high use. Where there once was one path, now there are two to three paths in some places. I like having biking and walking access to this area and would like to be able to continue that and not see any development. I like the solitude of the area and the protection from Maroon Creek Road and having easy access from my home. It is a very special area and needs to be protected.
Keep it as it is	All good. Just keep letting me ride my bike. Thank you.
Keep it as it is	Doing a great job. Keep it as currently managed and document. What is status of Hideaway Lane access during summer?
Keep it as it is	Leave it the way it is
Keep it as it is	I'm very happy with it.
Keep it as it is	Please keep it Open Space and never allow a highway to cut across it.
Keep it as it is	Please keep it as is with cross country skiing in the winter and biking trails in the summer. The current trails are adequate and make for great connections for starting / ending rides. Additionally I have two kids, 6 and 8, and Moore offers one of the very few beginner mountain bike options for us to ride together as a family. This is actually the biggest value to biking at this point in my life!
Keep it as it is	Thanks for keeping it open space!
Keep it as it is	Beautiful, non crowded with great views, and close to town access. Leave and protect as is. No additional trails or development
Keep it as it is	Not developing, as far as most buildings
Keep it as it is	I absolutely love the trails on the Moore Open Space. It's a beautiful and peaceful piece of land that should be maintained. Additional trails are always welcome, but not too many!
Keep it as it is	I love the natural state of it, and how there are trail options already without the land being overly divided. It is my favorite escape into nature out my back door.
Keep it as it is	Leave it the way it is, the trails are great.
Keep it as it is	Try doing NOTHING, leaving a wild place wild and not fucking it up.
Keep it as it is, Off-Leash Dog Area	great open space , nice trails. It would be nice to have an off leash area for dogs.
More Dog Friendly	Please allow dogs and walking during the winter in the Moore Open Space. I was scolded by someone and one of the websites has not been updated with that information.
More Dog Friendly	It is my backyard and I absolutely live for it in the summer. Would be fun if it was dog friendly in the winter.

More Dog Friendly	I walk quite often and can't understand why there isn't a separate dog trail in winter like on golf course & Meadowood.
More Trails	the Nordic trails are ruined by people walking. Consider separate trails for walkers.
More Trails	More skate skiing tracks and mountain bike trails
More Trails	A true kids mtn trail
More Trails	More trails to allow increased public access and enjoyment.
Mtn Bike Trails	I hope the area can be used for mountain biking trails.
Mtn Bike Trails	Please make the trails officially open for mountain biking
Pump Track - Yes	I would definitely consider building a pump track area here since it is so close to the school!
Pump Track - Yes	More mountain biking. A bike "skills" park would be great I.e. pump track, dirt jumps, more trails
Pump Track - Yes	Dirt jumps and a pump track
Pump Track - Yes	Would be nice to gain more access to Castle Creek. More trails down there or some kind of beach area. Also a bike park would be great too. Pump track and more trails for kids, adults and tourist to use.
Pump Track - Yes, Mtn Bike Trails	beginner bike trails / bike park
Trail Maintenance	I have worked on the Colorado trail over the last 26 years off and on and the most important thing is to maintain trails.
Weed Treatment	I would love to see Aspen become a no-chemical spraying city like Boulder and others in the nation. I would also love to help and sponsor a pollinator garden and demonstration area, we could be the largest public pollinator garden in the state and families can come and identify plants and insects. Another cool way to connect with nature, really become a part of it and appreciate the beauty of all that inhabit this area. We could have a volunteer planting day and people could buy pollinator plants for their home spaces. These plants would be native to this area. We have connections to nurseries that sell these plants, we could also have volunteer days to collect seed and maintain areas. My company does provide organic weed control in the valley, using saturated steam. Thank you.
Weed Treatment	Protect wildlife habitat-prevent invasive weeds such as cheat grass and thistle from taking over - use alternative means other than herbicide to clear invasive weeds. Weed steaming is an option.
Untagged/Other	Some additional signage out there might help people navigate.
Untagged/Other	let it go wild
Untagged/Other	I think it should remain open space with possible use by the Historical Society
Untagged/Other	Great for x country skiing.
Untagged/Other	It's wonderful. Vehicle noise is noticeable.
Untagged/Other	Electric bikes becoming a problem
Untagged/Other	Please add a parking pulloff area. Please keep access open year round for hikers.
Untagged/Other	I love to see the wild life
N/A	It provides a great retreat as is. I enjoy the Holden Marolt Museum and like the ability for people to host parties there. I am against putting a highway through this property...I don't feel it will solve the traffic.
N/A	n/a
N/A	get rid of S curves straight shop. Main St. is beautiful s curves are not
N/A	all good, would be nice to see the Moore field behind the High School be turfed so it can be used more
N/A	I walk and use Moore everyday. Marolt should stay the way it is - lovely space with lots of uses, landing strip for hang gliding, community garden, kayaking on pond, walking paths, biking.



August 5, 2019

PITKIN COUNTY OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS  
530 E. Main St., Suite 202  
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*RE: Moore Open Space Management Plan*

Dear Pitkin County,

Moore Open Space provides important ecological, aesthetic and recreational values that benefit the surrounding community and its visitors. The City of Aspen, therefore, would like to make comment regarding the Moore Open Space Management Plan:

- The City would like to preserve the option to build a multi-use paved trail along the west side of Maroon Creek Road, from the roundabout to the Aspen Rec. Center.
- The City would like to preserve the option to build a multi-use paved trail along the south side of Highway 82, which would extend from Buttermilk to the roundabout.
- The City would like the County to look at the possibility of improving Nordic trail conditions, including the possible realignment of some Nordic trails, adding a short sections of trail and/or planting trees in order to shade trails and maintain snow.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

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Aug 5, 2019

REF: **Moore Open Space Management Plan**

Dear Lindsey,

The Aspen/Snowmass Nordic Council would like to submit the following comments regarding the Moore Open Space Management Plan.

The Moore Open Space section of the Aspen/Snowmass Nordic Trail System lies at the heart of the Aspen portion of the trail system. It provides a pristine connection between the Aspen Golf course, Marolt Open Space, High School Loop and the Owl Creek trail and Marron Creek Golf course. It is a unique venue for Nordic skiing and snowshoeing.

The Nordic Council would like to see the Moore Open Space continue to be utilized as a ski/snowshoe only section of trail during the winter season. Fat bikes and dogs are already allowed full access on the Marolt Open Space Nordic trails as well as a Bike only trail on the Aspen Golf Course and a 3.5-kilometer dedicated dog ski/walk trail (Bernese Boulevard) circling the perimeter of the Aspen Golf Course.

The Nordic Council would also like to have a future "Figure 8" connector section of trail be considered in the management plan in addition to the possibility of adding several benches and picnic tables. (Please see the attached map.)

Thank you for considering the Nordic Council in the Moore Open Space Management Plan.

With Kind Regards,

John Wilkinson

President, Aspen Snowmass Nordic Council



Email – July 4, from Howie Mallory

I believe that part of the original impetus for purchase of the parcel was to facilitate RFTA services and mobility needs into Aspen, the schools, Highlands and the hospital. The building of the Kiss & Ride lot was concurrent with the installation of the RoundAbout all based on what was then perceived to be the RFTA needs, general mobility needs and related presumed best solutions. I don't know the details of the boundaries between the K & R parcel and the rest of Moore OS. I think that the lines were probably drawn based on a "best guess" needs approach.

We all know that the Round-About is a huge traffic circulation nightmare- grade F per CDOT Now that we have good historical usage experience in this area. I think that it is appropriate to reexamine. The current boundaries and consider adjusting them to improve traffic fluidity around the Round-About area. I realize that OS boundary adjustments require a fair amount of discussion about deed restrictions, funding and precedent.

6/25/19

Lindsey Utter

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Pitkin County Open Space and Trails

RE: Moore Open Space

Greetings;

The Moore Open Space needs to be preserved with the least amount of improvements. Many people consider the sage to be sacred and they need to be protected. Paved trails should be banned, and no new trails.

I will probably die at home in town, so I expect my body will be shipped to the morgue at AVH for an autopsy. Currently my choice for cremation is in writing, but after researching the carbon cost of cremation I'd rather have a green burial. It would save a lot of money and better align with my values.

We need a new green natural cemetery. One that bans crypts and embalming. Coffins and caskets only with pure natural wood or cardboard (certainly 100% biodegradable) could augment natural cloth shrouds or body wraps (no dyes, no plastics). There will be many rules to flesh out (no pun intended). Marker stones need to have a maximum size, be horizontal and half buried, with rough edges and no polished surfaces. I'd ban marble for being too contrasty. Graves should only be placed between the sage, with the only exception being for some small size.

After being examined at AVH it would only be a short one mile trip to Moore saving a round trip to Glenwood Springs. This will take a lot of coordination between Pitkin County and AVH, the coroner will need new policies to follow. It might require adding a new position at Open Space, that of grave digger, or perhaps you could just add "grave digger" to somebody's job duties because I don't see any of my friends or family digging my grave.

I read Washington State just legalized human composting, but I can't get over the ick factor, too Soylent Green for me. A sky burial would be appropriate if I lived in Tibet, and a sea burial would be OK, but the nearest ocean is far away. Please make it so. Having dead bodies interred there would decrease the likelihood of future development. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

Sincerely,

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