



Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness Bear Resistant Container requirement

Am I required to use a bear-resistant food container in the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness?

Yes, you must store your food, trash and other attractants in an Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee-approved bear resistant food container at night. It's a good idea to keep all your food, trash and other attractants in bear-resistant containers during the day as well, although they're considered acceptably stored if they are within 100 feet and the direct sight of a person.

Why is this rule in place?

The Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness Area has both a high number of backpackers and a high black bear population. Prior to the bear-resistant container requirement, negative bear-human interactions at campsites were common and bears were becoming increasingly bold. The food-storage requirement has greatly reduced these negative and dangerous interactions. Keeping bears from getting food from humans and campsites helps keep you safe, as well as the people who camp in the area after you, and the bears themselves.

Where can I get a bear-resistant food container?

Bear-resistant containers are available for sale from most outdoor equipment stores. You can rent them from several sporting goods stores within the Aspen-Sopris Ranger District area. The Aspen-Sopris Ranger District also has some available for loan; call 970 963-2266.

Where can I get more information?

For a list of Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee approved bear-resistant food containers, visit <https://igbconline.org/>.

For the specific order requiring the bear-resistant food storage and other information about the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness and White River National Forest, visit www.fs.usda.gov/whiteriver.



To protect people and bears, **bear resistant containers are legally required for overnight camping in Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness**; They are strongly recommended for all other backcountry areas.



Bear Resistant Canister Local Suppliers

Aspen

<u>Store Information</u>	<u>Rental Price</u>	<u>Purchasing Price</u>
Cripple Creek Highlands Plaza (970)925-7710 cripplecreekbc.com	\$15/day for 5L \$20/day for 10.5L Additional \$10 cleaning fee upon return	n/a
Four Mountain Sports Highlands Lobby (970)544-3013	Contact for more info	Contact for more info
Ute Mountaineer Galena St. Aspen (970)925-2849 utemountaineer.com	\$8/day for 7L \$10/day for 11L* (*11L comes with carrying case)	11L Bear Vault \$84.95 11L Counter Assault \$79.95

Basalt

<u>Store Information</u>	<u>Rental Price</u>	<u>Purchasing Price</u>
Bristlecone Willits Shopping Plaza (970)927-1492 bristleconemountainsports.com	\$6/day (440 cu in & 700 cu in)	\$80.00 — 440 cu in

Carbondale

<u>Store Information</u>	<u>Rental Price</u>	<u>Purchasing Price</u>
Ragged Mountain Sports 810 Hwy 133 Carbondale, CO 970)510-5185 raggedmountainsports.com	\$6/day	n/a

Glenwood Springs

<u>Store Information</u>	<u>Rental Price</u>	<u>Purchasing Price</u>
Summit Canyon Mountaineering 205 6 th Street (970)945-6994	\$5/day	BearVault BV500 Contact for more info

Crested Butte

<u>Store Information</u>	<u>Rental Price</u>	<u>Purchasing Price</u>
Alpineer 419 6 th Street (970)349-5210 alpineer.com	\$20/trip	\$85.00

Front Range

Available for rent and purchase at various local outdoor retailers and various REI locations.