



MAROON BELLS AND LAKE

In Colorado, 52 peaks tower 14,000 feet or more above the sea. Two of this select group — Maroon Peak and North Maroon Peak — stand side-by-side in the rugged Aspen region, and together are known more familiarly as the Maroon Bells . . . the name suggested by their shape and coloring. As seen in the cover photo, across the sparkling ice-cold snow-waters of Maroon Lake, the North peak — nearer the camera — appears the taller. Actually, it is an even 14,000 feet in elevation, its companion 126 feet higher.

The Maroon Bells are outstanding topographic features of a spectacular scenic region noted as a year-round vacation land. Though beautiful in any season, the riotous colors of frost-turned Aspen leaves add splashes of brilliance among the deep tones of evergreens in the Indian Summer of early Autumn.

The region is particularly popular during the colorful season with big-game hunters in search of the deer and elk which thickly populate the forested high-altitude hillsides. The warm sunny days and frosty nights of Indian Summer provide ideal hunting conditions for the nimrods who purchase more than 100,000 big game licenses annually. Colorado's scientific game conservation program permits an annual kill well in excess of 50,000 head of deer and elk each year to reduce the herds to the size which can find adequate forage during the Rocky Mountain winter.



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