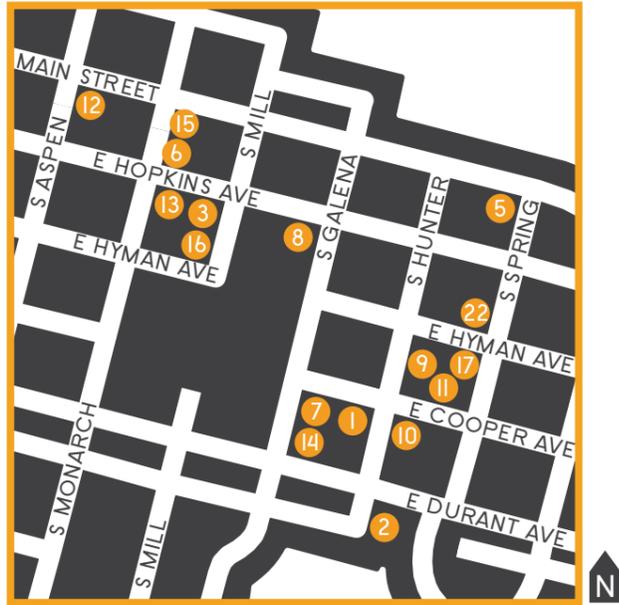


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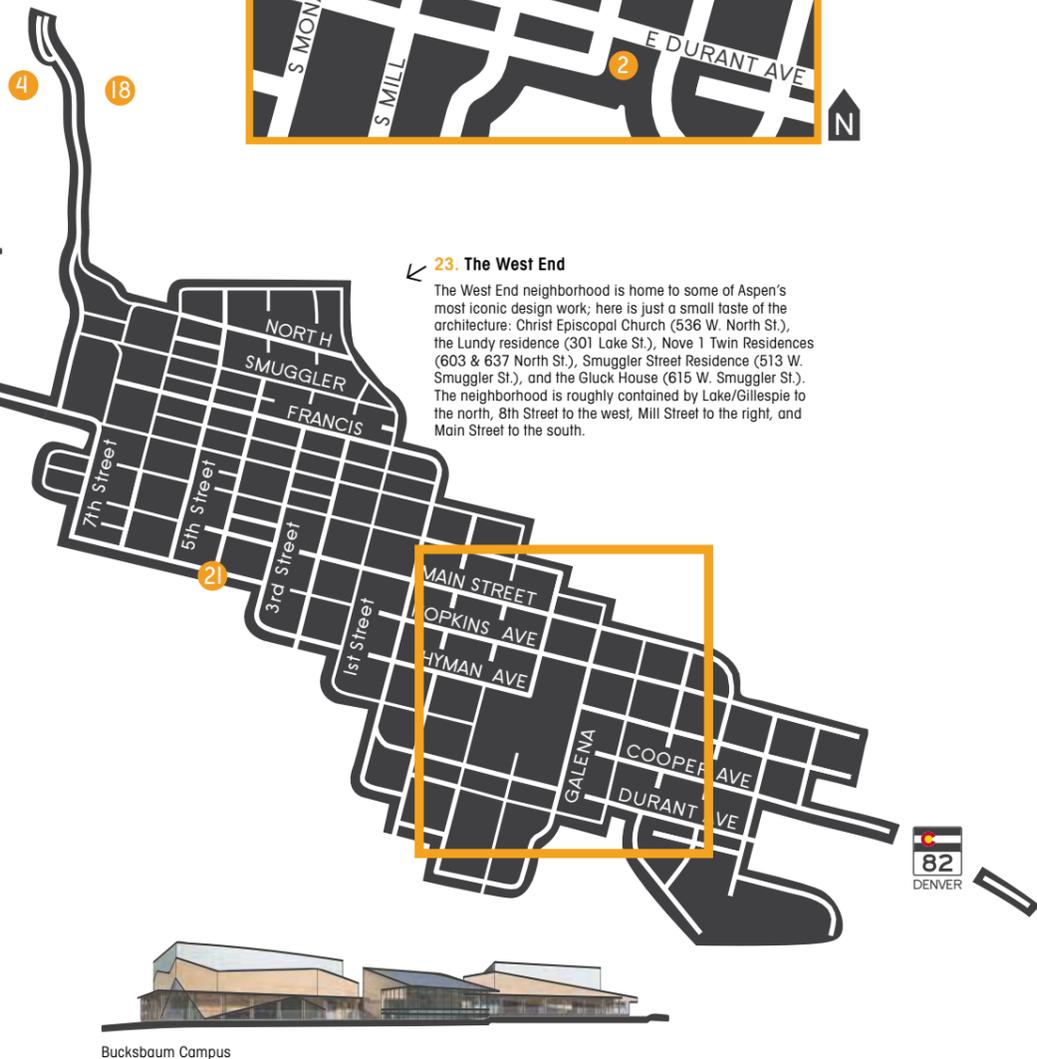
THE MAP

MODERN IN ASPEN: A WELL-DESIGNED DRIVE

No stranger to explosions of fortune, Aspen has cemented its boomtown status. The riches of today, however, can be found less in the silver pulled from its earth and more so in the modern mountain architecture lining its streets. From Herbert Bayer to Studio B Architects, Aspen thrives as an eclectic design mix, where nature commingles with a world-renowned built environment. So we culled our favorites: architecture, galleries, restaurants, and more into a map that elevates any prospector. But this isn't your average city guide. We've tasted, tried, and toured to bring you a design-centric day trip, complete with local insight and tips from Aspen's top architects and creative professionals. Here's how to strike a claim on your next journey. **—Cory Phare**



Aspen Meadows Resort



Bucksbaum Campus

23. The West End

The West End neighborhood is home to some of Aspen's most iconic design work; here is just a small taste of the architecture: Christ Episcopal Church (536 W. North St.), the Lundy residence (301 Lake St.), Nove 1 Twin Residences (603 & 637 North St.), Smuggler Street Residence (513 W. Smuggler St.), and the Gluck House (615 W. Smuggler St.). The neighborhood is roughly contained by Lake/Gillespie to the north, 8th Street to the west, Mill Street to the right, and Main Street to the south.

WHEN YOU VISIT

THE GUIDE

PLACES TO EAT

- 1. bb's**
525 E. Cooper Avenue
Its contemporary décor and prime locale amid Aspen's art galleries put bb's on our list, but it's the worldly chef Matt Zubrod who makes us return. Sit on the patio of this sleek nosh spot and order a bottomless bloody at brunch, and in the evening, small plates with global flare.
- 2. Element 47**
675 E Durant Avenue, at The Little Nell
Tucked within The Little Nell hotel and named for the periodic designation for silver, Element 47 boasts a sterling presentation of art by Michelle Grabner, Angel Otero, and seven other artists. Indulge in a specialty margarita, prepared table side, with liquid nitrogen and topped with a silver leaf.
- 3. Jimmy's**
205 S. Mill Street
Make your mark—literally—at this classic Aspen establishment by adding some words of wisdom to the prose-covered walls. Ornate ceilings frame the second-story views for solid American cuisine.
- 4. Plato's**
845 Meadows Road, at the Aspen Meadows Resort
After touring the Aspen Meadows Resort grounds (grab a map in the lobby!), head to Plato's for a real treat—for the eyes. In addition to having one of the best views in town, original Knoll HatTrick chairs by Frank Gehry circle dining tables, while Herbert Bayer's artwork graces the walls.
- 5. Spring Cafe**
119 S. Spring Street
With Tulip tables, white subway tiles, and a wall of doors that open to a mod patio, clean design is in the air at this corner cafe. Try one of the many vegan options and house-made juices. Need a heartier breakfast for the win? Chomp on an FTW—french toast waffle—down the street at Peach's Corner Cafe.
- 6. The White House Tavern**
302 E. Hopkins Avenue
We never expected creamed corn and deviled eggs outside a potluck, but The White House Tavern's no-fuss Americana cuisine hits it home. While this former miner's cottage is more Carpenter Gothic than modern, its history and classic cocktails earned it nods from every architect we asked. When there, check out the envelope art from Berlin at the entrance.
- 7. 212 Gallery**
525 E. Cooper Avenue, No. 1
A hip space in the city center, 212 Gallery features work by both established and emerging artists in a style they refer to as "contemp-lite." In mid-April, the space marries two of our favorite things: buildings and art, as architect Michael Lipkin explores spiritual spaces through motion- and geometry-based photography.
- 8. Baldwin Gallery**
209 S. Galena Street
The only Colorado gallery to make *Modern Painters* magazine's "Top 500 Galleries in the World" list, Baldwin has been a renowned contemporary showcase since opening in 1994. Like a rhinestone cowboy, don't miss Marc Swanson's crystal-encrusted wildlife trophies as part of *The Guided Cage*, through April 25.
- 9. Galerie Maximilian**
602 East Cooper Avenue
An Aspen installation for 18 years, Galerie Maximilian boasts a collection of modern and contemporary masterpieces. From progenitors Picasso and Matisse to staples Lichtenstein, Kapoor, and Hirst, the space reads as a veritable who's who of aesthetic firepower. Through Easter, the Eye Candy exhibit (above) is a playful pop for the pupils.
- 10. Gallery 1949**
402 S. Hunter Street
A relative newcomer, Gallery 1949 has already made a splash since its 2014 opening. Featuring modern art from around the world, the space drew acclaim for featuring Zero Movement artists simultaneously with a Guggenheim exhibit. Spanning museum-quality to street art, we expect Gallery 1949 to pop out from under the radar.



Galerie Maximilian

PLACES TO SHOP

- 11. élu by Cristina Nicole**
614 East Cooper Avenue
The Aspen channel of this luxury boutique stays true to its artisanal nature: limited quantities unique to each location create original, upscale experiences each visit. Featuring well-designed structured pieces, neutral tones, and striking yet subtle leather accessories, élu also offers a personal shopping program for both men and women.
- 12. Explore Booksellers**
221 East Main Street
With a full room devoted exclusively to children's literature, the youthful exuberance throughout this authentic and bookstore and cafe is infectious. Get lost navigating the nooks of Explore, and you'll be surprised at the places you'll find in this historic Victorian.

PLACES TO DRINK

- 13. Meat & Cheese**
319 E. Hopkins Avenue
Need to stock up on Haber's Tonic Syrup? Meat & Cheese has got you covered. More than just its namesake, this hip, modern market stocks its shelves with rare dry goods and charcuterie alongside house-made cheese. Enjoy a farm-fresh meal at the restaurant, and for home, grab the quirky, cubed maple syrup during winter and summer solstices.
- 14. Paris Underground**
520 E. Durant Street, No. 206
This isn't your average vintage boutique. Paris Underground sources all of its pieces from France, Italy, and Belgium, which makes for an eclectic collection and some rare mid-century finds. Go for a variety of retro barware, and—if they're still there—the perfect-condition, stamped Mies van der Rohe Brno chairs.
- 15. Aspen Brewing Company**
304 E. Hopkins Avenue
Tucked away in an upstairs nook, the beer isn't the only craft on display. The tap handle designs by Jeremy Elder are a throwback to vintage modern travel posters. While you're there, say hello to house pups Otis and Little Nell while taking in the craft brews and views.
- 16. Justice Snow's**
328 E. Hyman Avenue
Hand-crafted potions with rare spirits and freshly grated spices are exquisitely presented at Justice Snow's, where artisans behind the bar have mastered the art of the cocktail. Among the 42-page bar menu, try *Death in the Afternoon*—made with absinthe and champagne—created in 1935 by Ernest Hemingway.



PLACES TO SEE

- 17. Aspen Art Museum**
637 E. Hyman Avenue
Set against the backdrop of mountain vistas, notice Shigeru Ban's woven screen made of composite Prodema—a paper and resin core covered by a thin, wooden veneer. Other structural highlights include the grand staircase, a moving glass elevator, twisted wooden roof trusses, and walkable skylights, which cast light throughout the interior.
- 18. Aspen Meadows Resort, Home of the Aspen Institute**
845 Meadows Road
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- 19. Aspen Middle School**
235 High School Road
Take the road less traveled for two amazing projects, one old and new. Where Maroon Creek Road meets High School Road lies the Aspen Middle School, whose orientation complements the majestic view of nearby Buttermilk Mountain. On your way there, peek down Maroon Creek Road onto Heather Lane for the Turner house by John Lautner perched on the bluff.
- 20. Bucksbaum Campus at the Aspen Music Festival and School**
225 Music School Road
Set on 38 acres of woods and water, Harry Teague's campus commands both sonic resonance and natural solemnity. Orchestral rehearsal spaces and a projecting pavilion hum harmoniously on the water's edge, creating an idyllic environment for the elementary and music schools. Continue down Castle Creek Road for many monoliths of modern structure worthy of a mini-tour of their own.
- 21. Boomerang Lodge**
500 W. Hopkins Avenue
Charles Paterson designed this iconic lodge, which welcomed skiers until the economic downturn in 2007. An apprentice of Frank Lloyd Wright, he drew inspiration from his Taliesin education for the Lodge, which featured concrete and glass work, along with a famed lounge window that looked into the pool.
- 22. Crandall Building**
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