

# Trip Planning

*Some questions for which you may want answers before heading out.*

What resources are available?

Search on the internet – summit post, 14ers, mountain project, etc.

Where am I going?

Maps from gear stores, online at [usgs.gov](http://usgs.gov) and [caltopo.com](http://caltopo.com), etc.

What conditions exist where I am going?

USFS at [fs.fed.us](http://fs.fed.us) Trailheads, Trail Conditions, Snow Conditions, Fire Danger, Flash Floods

What is the Weather going to be like?

[weather.gov](http://weather.gov)

What are the driving conditions like?

[cotrip.org](http://cotrip.org)

What is the avalanche danger?

CAIC [avalanche.state.co.us](http://avalanche.state.co.us) SNOTEL [wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/snow/](http://wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/snow/)

*These sources should provide enough information to determine:*

What should I take?

Are there any special requirements?

Permits, water, avy gear

How long will the trip take?

When will I be back? (Don't ever answer that with specifics)

What is a good alternative activity?

Where should I leave my itinerary?

What county should be notified if I don't return?

What is the Sheriff's or Ranger's telephone number?