

FREE GUIDE

Red Rocks First-Timer's Checklist

What to bring, what to wear, where to park (or not), and how to get there stress-free.



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Before You Go

Tickets & Planning

- Tickets purchased and saved to phone (screenshot as backup)
- Checked if the show is Reserved Seating or General Admission
- Reviewed Red Rocks' prohibited items list
- Checked the weather forecast for Morrison, CO (not Denver — 10-15° cooler)
- Decided on transportation: private car, shuttle, rideshare, or self-drive
- If driving: reviewed parking lot options (Upper South, Lower South, or Top Circle)

What to Bring

- Layers — temperature can drop 20°F after sunset at 6,450 ft
- Rain jacket or poncho (no umbrellas allowed)
- Comfortable shoes with good grip (380 steps from lot to top row)
- Sealed water bottle (one per person, factory-sealed or empty to refill)
- Sunscreen for daytime/early evening shows
- Phone + portable charger
- Cash for vendors (some are cash-only)
- Small blanket or seat cushion (stone benches are cold)

What NOT to Bring

- No umbrellas
- No professional cameras (detachable lens)
- No coolers, outside food, or alcohol
- No chairs or large bags (check venue policy for specific shows)

No drones

ALTITUDE TIP

Red Rocks sits at 6,450 feet. Drink extra water starting the day before. Alcohol hits harder at altitude. If you're coming from sea level, take it easy on the stairs.

What to Wear (By Season)

SEASON	DAYTIME	AFTER DARK	KEY LAYER
Spring (Apr–May)	55–65°F	35–45°F	Insulated jacket + beanie
Summer (Jun–Aug)	75–90°F	55–65°F	Light jacket or hoodie
Fall (Sep–Oct)	60–75°F	40–50°F	Fleece + wind layer

Dress for two temperatures: when you arrive and when you leave. A summer show that starts at 80°F can end at 55°F.

Getting There

Transportation Options

OPTION	COST	PROS	CONS
Private car service	\$\$\$	Door-to-door, Top Circle drop-off, no wait after	Higher cost
Shuttle service	\$\$	Affordable, no parking stress	Fixed schedule, crowded
Rideshare	\$\$–\$\$\$ \$	Convenient pickup	Surge pricing, 45–90 min post-show wait
Self-drive	\$	Freedom, cheapest	Parking stress, 30–90 min exit wait

PARKING REALITY CHECK

The lot holds ~2,500 cars for 9,525 seats. Arrive 90+ minutes early for a good spot. Post-show, expect 30–90 minutes to exit the lot. There is one road in and one road out.

Timing Checklist

- Depart Denver: 2–3 hours before showtime (or earlier for GA)
- Arrive at lot: 90 minutes before doors
- Walk from lot to seats: 15–25 minutes

Skip the logistics entirely.

Arion handles Red Rocks transportation door-to-door — professional driver, Top Circle Lot drop-off, warm SUV waiting when the show ends.

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