Pre – 1937: Miners and ranchers use Norwegian snow shoes for transportation

1937: Aspen Valley Ski Club is organized and volunteers cut Roch Run

1938: A six-passenger “boat tow” opens, hauling skiers to Summer Road

1939: Elizabeth Paepcke travels to Aspen for the first time and skis Aspen Mountain; first ski race is hosted in Aspen by the Rocky Mountain Ski Association

1941: Aspen hosts its first of many US National Championships

1945: Walter Paepcke visits Aspen at his wife Elizabeth’s suggestion and plans for Aspen’s first ski lift with Friedl Pfeifer; Friedl opens Aspen Ski School

1946: Aspen Skiing Corporation is formed; Lift 1 unofficially opens December 14th; Sundeck Restaurant, designed by Herbert Bayer, is built

1947: Lift 1 and Lift 2 open with a three-day celebration and are dedicated as the world’s longest and fastest chairlift; t-bar is installed on Little Nell
1948: Ruthie Brown (wife of Aspen Skiing Corp. president Darcy Brown) funds the work to create Ruthie’s Run.

1950: Aspen Mountain hosts the first FIS World Championship alpine ski races ever held outside of Europe.

1954: Lift 3 opens from Tourtelotte Park to the top of the mountain.

1956: Lift 4 (Little Nell) replaces the t-bar; the Sundeck is enlarged.

1957: Lift 5 (Bell Mountain) opens.

1959: Lift 6 (FIS) opens.

1963: Lift 8 (Ruthie’s) opens.

1968: Aspen hosts its first World Cup ski races during the second year of the FIS circuit.

1971: Lift 1A replaces the original Lift 1 single chair.

1981: Snowmaking is used for the first time for World Cup races in Aspen.

1985: Lift 7 (Gent’s Ridge) opens.

1986: The Silver Queen Gondola opens—the longest single-stage gondola in the world.

1999: The Sundeck is demolished and replaced with a 21,600-square-foot lodge.

2001: Aspen is the last area hill to allow snowboarding.

2017: The FIS Ski World Cup Finals are held, marking 50 years of World Cup racing in Aspen.

2018: USFS approves Aspen Skiing Company plans to expand into Pandora’s with a new lift.