

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

FOR YOUR AUTHENTIC
BACKCOUNTRY ADVENTURE



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*** PLEASE READ AND RESPOND *** IMPORTANT PRE-TRIP PLANNING DETAILS

We look forward to your trip to the Boulder Hut this winter. Our goal is to provide an amazing experience for our guests. Please read this document carefully as it covers what you need to know and do in advance of your Boulder Hut Adventure. Included are details about accommodations and helicopter travel, where and when to meet, what gear and clothing to pack as well as requests for guest dietary and medical information. Please contact us at info@boulderhutadventures.com with any further questions. Your safety and comfort are important to us, and it all starts here!

The historic Boulder Hut is located in the Purcell Range in the southeast corner of British Columbia: the heart of prime ski touring country. The Purcell Mountains offer legendary powder and the best tree skiing in B.C.

Terrain for all abilities lies within our 15,000-acre tenure. When weather won't let us see our ski tips in the high alpine, we head for the trees. When conditions break, we head to alpine bowls and cirques to deliver a big mountain experience. Whatever Mother Nature brings, we keep you skiing and provide a comfortable and relaxing lodge to come home to at the end of your day. We serve exceptional family style cuisine and provide an opportunity to build new relationships with people who share your thirst for adventure.



BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

FOOD ALLERGIES & MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Please fill out and email the attached medical form upon receipt to guarantee enough time to prepare for the trip. If you need to fax or snail mail, please contact us for assistance. It is critical we get this information from you in advance in order to arrange our menus and accommodate medical conditions.

WAIVERS

Please note that while safety is paramount to our operation and our guides have ACMG certification, all risks to backcountry skiing cannot be eliminated. You will be required to sign the Waiver, Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk form *in the presence of Boulder Hut staff* on the day of your flight before you get on the helicopter. Our Waivers can be reviewed and downloaded from our website at www.boulderhutadventures.com/logistics

ARRIVE HEALTHY!

Due to close quarters at our backcountry location, sickness can spread quickly. Our staff depends on good health throughout the season and the entire group will appreciate your consideration. **Please take extra measures in the days leading up to your trip to ensure a healthy week for yourself, our staff and other guests. Please contact us to discuss options if you are experiencing severe illness prior to your trip which could affect the well-being of others at the lodge.**

HEALTH/FITNESS

Please arrive prepared for strenuous exercise. A good level of physical fitness will greatly enhance your experience ski touring at the Boulder Hut. Guests are welcome to take days off for relaxation. If you have questions about your fitness level, please contact us directly.

WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

Guests are allowed a **maximum of 16 Kg (35 lbs) of personal equipment, excluding ski/board gear.** Please pack small and light in soft-sided packs or duffels. If you choose to bring alcohol, this will count toward your allotment. Contact us for special allowances.

SKIING/BOARDING ABILITY

Intermediate skiing and snowboarding ability are adequate to enjoy a ski trip at the Boulder Hut. Our incredible terrain and excellent guides give us the ability to customize the experience to suit your needs. If you have questions about your ski/snowboard ability, please contact us directly.

GEAR/EQUIPMENT FAMILIARITY

Please take time to familiarize yourself with your equipment prior to your trip. Understand the operation of all avalanche equipment, bindings, etc. in order to ensure proper fit and function.

TRIP INSURANCE & EMERGENCY EVACUATION INSURANCE

This is a backcountry lodge in a remote mountain setting. As such, all travel in and out of the hut is via helicopter, including emergencies. Flights in and out of the hut are affected by weather conditions and flight may not always be possible. Please ensure that you have travel and medical insurance that will cover the costs of an evacuation should you require it during your stay. Lifestyle Financial is familiar with the Boulder Hut experience and can accommodate you with Travel Insurance and Emergency Evacuation Insurance. Please contact them through this link:

www.lifestylefinancial.ca/our-services/travel

Consider the international rescue benefits available through a membership with the American Alpine Club. www.americanalpineclub.org

Traveler www.travelexinsurance.com and AIG Travel Guard www.travelguard.com also provide trip and emergency evacuation coverage.

PRE- & POST-TRIP ACCOMMODATIONS

Mountain weather can be unpredictable. **We therefore highly recommend that you plan to arrive in Kimberley a day in advance of the helicopter flight and, if air travel is part of your itinerary, depart the day after your return to Kimberley.** The chances of delays accessing the lodge are small but do exist. Guests are responsible for accommodations in Kimberley if we are unable to fly or are delayed. Please make your hotel/ lodging reservations in advance.

KIMBERLEY ALPINE RESORT SKI & STAY PACKAGES

We have partnered with the Kimberley Alpine Resort for our helicopter landings and takeoffs, making your arrival and departures to the Boulder Hut simple and convenient. We are pleased to offer discounted rates on lodging and lift tickets for our guests at the resort's Trickle Creek Lodge and Polaris Lodge.

Experience backcountry ski touring at the Boulder Hut and the largest gladed ski area in North America in one trip. Round out your half-week backcountry ski trip or get your legs warmed up with a day of lift-served skiing before you fly in!

For current discounted rates see:
www.boulderhutadventures.com/kimberley-ski-stay

To take advantage of these rates and inquire about reservations, please contact us directly at
info@boulderhutadventures.com



Enjoy the comfort and convenience of a Kimberley Ski & Stay package.



GETTING HERE AND AWAY

We depart from Kimberley, British Columbia. A resort town with a population of 6,600, Kimberley offers multiple activities across the four seasons. Check out www.tourismkimberley.com for additional information.

International travelers: remember your passport and other necessary travel documents for Canada.

***Electronic Travel Authorization* (\$7.00 CAD)**

BY AIR

From Cranbrook, B.C.: The Canadian Rockies International Airport is conveniently located between Kimberley and Cranbrook.

Air Canada, Pacific Coastal Airlines and WestJet have regularly scheduled direct flights from various Canadian cities including Vancouver and Calgary. The flight schedules can be found online at www.flyyc.com. The airport website has a wealth of information and also has suggestions on how to find the best ticket prices. L & K Taxi provides airport shuttles. Call in advance to schedule: 250-427-4442.

Flying with avalanche backpacks: Depending on the airline and country, there are different requirements for traveling with avalanche rescue equipment. Please

Contact your airline in advance to determine their rules. If you are flying from the US, please note that the canisters must be empty AND separate the head from the canister. To refill your canister when you get to Kimberley, contact the manufacture of your avalanche pack for a list of local dealers. Arrange details in advance of your arrival. You can mail a canister to our office and we can have it for you when you arrive. Be sure to send it well in advance of your trip since this is the postal service you are betting on.

Here are some useful links:

- **FAA:** www.faa.gov/about/initiatives/hazmat_safety/more_info/?hazmat=11
- **Air Canada:** www.aircanada.com/en/travelinfo/airport/baggage/security.html#-avalanche_equipement-8
- **Backcountry Access tips:** backcountryaccess.com/traveling-airport-security-with-avalanche-airbag

BY CAR

Approximate driving durations based on Google Maps or similar program to Kimberley Alpine Resort:

- **Vancouver, BC:** Approximate drive time: 10 hrs
- **Alberta:** Approximate drive time: 4.5 hrs
- **Spokane, WA:** Approximate drive time: 4 hrs
- **Kalispell, MT:** Approximate drive time: 3 hours

BY BUS

From Calgary or Vancouver: Greyhound Bus Lines
1-800-661-8747

MAPS

Maps of the area are listed below and are available for purchase either through the government or via private sourcing. Find information about both at www.nrcan.gc.ca/earth-sciences/geography/topographic-information/maps/9771

- **KASLO, BC 82F/NE 1:125,000**
- **DEWAR CREEK 82F/16 1:50,000**
- **ST. MARY'S LAKE 82F/9 1:50,000**

Maps are not available for purchase at the lodge. You may download a map of our 59 ski lines here: www.boulderhutadventures.com/terrain



WHAT TO PACK

You are allowed a maximum of 16 Kg (35 lbs) of personal equipment, excluding ski/board gear. Please pack small and light in soft-sided packs or duffels. Overweight bags will not be accepted.

We fly to the lodge via helicopter (an A-Star B2). These machines seat 5 passengers plus gear. If the weather is stormy or unseasonably warm the capacity of the aircraft will change. The cargo space is comprised of several small compartments.

The weather conditions can be wide-ranging. **Please pack clothing that allows for strenuous exercise (possessing wicking, insulating properties).** No laundry facilities are present at the lodge; please take this into account when packing.

RENTAL EQUIPMENT OPTIONS

Rent G3 Roamr touring skis with Marker Tour Bindings in 167, 177 or 182 cm lengths and climbing skins from Boulder Adventures.

We also have a limited number of transceivers, probes, daypacks and shovels to rent. Contact us in advance to reserve your gear.

RETAIL ITEMS & GRATUITIES

In addition to providing our staff with modest gratuities if service warrants, Boulder Adventures Logo Items are available to purchase, so please remember to bring a cash stash!

CHECKLIST

- Avalanche transceiver (fresh batteries)
- Thermos/Camel Bak/Water bottle
- Probe & shovel
- Sunglasses/goggles
- Skis, poles, boots and skins
- GoreTex type jacket & pants
- Split board and skins **
- 2-4 pairs of socks
- Day pack
- Synthetic long underwear (tops & bottoms)
- Personal repair kit (for your bindings)
- Hat, extra mitts / gloves
- Personal first aid/medications
- Fleece, wool sweater, or down jacket
- Compass
- Casual clothing and slippers for the hut
- Washcloth & small towel for drying off after sauna
- Soap, shampoo, and other personal toiletries
- Camera
- Headlamp
- Ear plugs (for sound sleeping)
- Sunscreen
- Lip balm
- Music player to plug into hut stereo
- Apres ski clothing
- Hut shoes (sturdy for trips to the outhouse!)
- Favorite lunch box/Tupperware type
- Alcoholic beverages (optional)

** A split board is highly recommended. Snowshoes will NOT be permitted for touring. If you do not have a split board, we encourage you to rent one and familiarize yourself with it before your trip.



DAY OF FLIGHT

MEETING LOCATION

The Steeples Room at the Trickle Creek Lodge, Kimberley Alpine Resort. We will meet in the Conference Room for a safety briefing and signing of waivers. There will be signs in the lobby or ask the front desk.

DATE & TIME

It is your responsibility to arrive on time. If you will be late, please contact our Logistics Manager at 778-761-0127 as early as possible.

One-week package:

Sunday of the first day of your scheduled week promptly at 9:00 AM MST.

Half-week package:

Wednesday of the first day of your scheduled week at 1:00 MST. **If Sunday** is the first day of your half week you will meet at 9 AM MST.

BE READY TO FLY

Wear a warm coat, ski clothes, winter or ski boots and have a hat, eye protection and gloves handy. The flight lasts approximately 15 minutes.

BREAKFAST

If you would like to eat breakfast at the Trickle Creek Lodge Restaurant, please arrive at least 1 hour early.

PARKING

Guest parking is provided to lodge guests. For those driving to the Resort there is a parking lot located out front of the Trickle Creek Lodge. A designated Boulder Hut Adventures parking lot is located by the helipad near the Lodge. Please note that while there is security, you park at your own risk. Please remove all valuables from vehicles prior to your trip. Any items of value or concern can be given to our Logistics Manager for storage during the week. If you stay at the Resort, items may be stored with them.

SAFETY BRIEFING & WAIVERS

Approx 1 hour. Our staff will review the helicopter loading and unloading procedure with guests and answer any questions. The Boulder Hut will communicate with the staff as to the current weather conditions at the lodge. Staff will communicate with the pilot to prepare the landing zone with your gear and supplies. Dependent on weather this can run quickly or be delayed to safely transport guests to the Boulder Hut. This is also when we discuss and review the waivers and our staff witnesses your signature.



AT THE BOULDER HUT

Once you unload from the helicopter, you will be directed to a safe location while the staff unloads the helicopter. Boulder Hut staff are the only people who load and unload your gear from the helicopter. Once the helicopter departs for the next group of powder hounds, guests will help with shuttling some gear toward the hamlet which will be the base for your Boulder Hut Adventure. Here begins your remote holiday and easy access to any type of terrain you're seeking.

With magical views of the surrounding mountains, the Boulder Hut is the primary lodge and the place where we serve meals and relax before and after a day of skiing. Adjacent to the Boulder Hut you will find a log building (Casa de Suenos) Swiss-style accommodations with drying room for your gear, indoor toilet, and washing area. This wood heated log building is complete with separate beds (comfortable foam mattresses, pillows, duvet and flannel cover with sheet) but with open living quarters (no private sleeping areas). Support buildings include staff housing, a shop for repair work and ski tuning, two outhouses, and a sauna/hot tub building for washing up.

ARRIVAL DAY

After the final helicopter flight departs, guests settle into the lodge over lunch and a hot cup of tea.

The staff orients you to the lodge and surrounding mountains. The guides begin with a discussion about companion rescue and the foundations of backcountry skiing safety. The indoor session gives way to an outdoor scenario to practice transceiver use and participate in a mock scenario. Prior to skiing our first day is spent reviewing and practicing our skills. The guides will cover transceiver operations, shoveling and probing techniques and discuss the methods of companion rescue in a backcountry environment. Once guides and guests are satisfied with the refresher, we go skiing!! And ski all week!

FOOD

For guided and catered trips, all meals (including a packed lunch on the days you fly in) will be provided. It is imperative that you get the Food Allergy & Medical Information form back to us two weeks prior to your trip dates so we can prepare staff with any alternative menu items and equipment needed to provide a safe, healthy experience for you. Ample amounts of delicious food are provided each day prepared from our professional kitchen staff. We are confident you will be very happy with the quality of the food. Guests are expected to share in the dishwashing after meals.

During self-guided weeks a custodian is present but guests are expected to keep up with lodge chores.

Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. Guests make lunches from a buffet before breakfast. Then we ski all day!

Dinner: around 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Boulder Hut is an “unplugged” experience. We feel spending time surfing the internet or emailing detracts from your glass of wine and good conversation at our remote, backcountry mountain setting. While the hut has a satellite phone as well as satellite internet and VOIP phone service, these services are to be used by staff for operational purposes only except in the case of emergency.

During touring days, all guides travel with VHF radios and have frequent contact with the lodge staff. The lodge has a powerful base radio that is monitored whenever guests are in the field.

If you need to be reached in case of emergency, please tell your contacts to get in touch directly with our Logistics Manager at 778-761-0127 or via email at info@boulderhutadventures.com. Our staff will be in touch with the staff at the Boulder Hut on a daily basis.

POLICIES AND CONTACT

SELF-GUIDED / SELF-CATERED GROUPS

Organize your group's food as well as possible, eliminating overlap to the best of your ability. All food must be securely packed in small- to medium-sized boxes. Excessive food can result in extra helicopter flights and additional costs. Additional helicopter loads in excess of the flights budgeted for will be charged additional costs and payment must be made in advance of the flight. Contact us directly for additional guidance.

2 VHF radios are available with our local frequency.

BOOKING & CANCELLATION POLICY

Reservations will only be considered confirmed with receipt of your deposit. All packages require a 50% deposit. All deposits are NON-REFUNDABLE.

Lodge rental fees for self-guided groups require the entire payment in full and are NON-REFUNDABLE.

The balance of all payment for individual packages is required 90 days prior to trip date. We reserve the right to refund if payment is not received when due.

Written cancellations for individual packages prior to the 90 day deadline will be refunded minus a \$250 administration fee. Cancellations received after the 90 day deadlines are NON-REFUNDABLE, however, you may transfer your reservation to another week depending on availability.

DISCOUNTS

Discounts are available to group leaders under certain circumstances. Contact us for details.

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UNTRACKED SUMMER ADVENTURE TOO!

Boulder Hut also offers the opportunity to experience the beauty of the Purcells' high alpine in summer and fall.

- Helicopter accessed backcountry hiking
- Lodge rental
- The British Columbia Alpine Photography Workshop

Summer helicopter access is from Kimberley Alpine Resort. Hiking package includes an experienced guide. Our 3-day Alpine Photography Workshop includes spectacular scenery and expert instruction.

Ask us for more information when you visit this winter or see boulderhutadventures.com for current details.