



August 2017 Newsletter Disconnect to Reconnect

Playtime All Summer Long The backcountry offers a massive backyard for all to revitalize and reconnect. It is the care of an incredible team that makes this rejuvenation possible for each and every tour. Grateful to our Purcell Lodge family and friends for creating so many magical moments together. Mother Earth challenged us this hiking season with a few obstacles but it also helped us appreciate our planet so much more!



Purcell Lodge Strong

The love, energy and unbreakable spirit of our Purcell Lodge family remained constant thru August. Guests enjoyed spectacular views, mountain inspired cuisine and attentive customer service from our Hosts/Caretakers, Chefs and Purcell Lodge Guides. The wildfires in Glacier National Park did not keep us from highlighting the necessity for us all to spend time in nature. Being in the backcountry and enjoying our home in the mountains is truly an unforgettable summer venture.



Let it Snow! Guests are planning their winter escape as Holiday bookings have commenced. Newcomers to the backcountry learn quickly that December offers a variety of snow activities. Three and four day trips allow for a short escape from the bustling month. Guests relish in the vast outdoors snowshoeing, alpine touring and sledding. Families and small groups are welcome to reserve our private chalet as it offers a cozy gathering place to retreat. This winter avoid the long resort lines and play in Purcell's wonderland. Programs offered in the main Lodge are catered, self guided or guided. The chalet offers self catered and self guided or guided programs. Bookings include helicopter transfers and amenities.

Get Snow Smart for Winter If you like to ski or snowboard beyond the area boundaries at mountain resorts or like to play in the backcountry. Yamnuska Mountain Adventures and Purcell Lodge have the courses for you. Recreational **AST Level One** courses are offered in Calgary, Banff and Canmore starting in November. **AST Level Two** courses will be offered at Purcell Mountain Lodge on:

December 11-15, 2017 or January 8-12, 2018



<https://yamnuska.com/avalanche-courses/purcell-mountain-lodge-ast-2/>

Snowshoe Guide Andrea Petzold of Follow your Feet

Follow your Feet
Snowshoe Tours Winter 2017/18.

March 16 to March 19 or March 23 to March 26

<http://www.followyourfeet.ca/hiking-trip/purcell-lodge-winter>



Canadian Professional Athletes Lorraine Blancher and Kylee Toth-Ohler at Purcell Lodge



Backcountry lodge operators continue to welcome mountain bikers who are environmentally responsible and mindful of the delicate terrain in our backyards. It was a long time coming and worth the wait to have Lorraine Blancher visit Purcell Lodge and bike on our terrain. Lorraine visited along with fellow athlete Kylee Toth-Ohler. Both ladies are sponsored by Osprey, a company well known for high quality packs. Film and adventure photography were the creative team of Kent Toth and Robb Thompson of Studio Dialog, Calgary. The professional crew came together to create a short film and photo shoot for Osprey products. An added bonus was having American Adventure Writer Berne Broudy of Vermont on a writing assignment. Berne shared a wealth of knowledge and was a delight to host. Strong work ethic, collaboration, early mornings, late nights and attention to detail are what make Lorraine and Kylee great mentors. The crew even enjoyed a night of backcountry camping under the stars just for fun. Lorraine generously treated staff and guests to Cliff bars another one of her many sponsors. It is no surprise this ambassador for mountain biking has a bike trail named after her. The trail "Blancher's Silver " is in Lorraine's names for her volunteer efforts and care for the biking trails in the BC Parks. More to follow on the exciting write up by Adventure Writer Berne Broudy.



Summer 2018 Hiking & Yoga Retreats

The dynamic duo have two tour dates confirmed
Beth Purser and Kristin Anthony-Malone

Beth Purser Massage & Yoga & Revelstoke Retreats

"Like a fine wine paired with the right meal, yoga is the perfect complement to a spectacular day spent hiking in the mountains."



<http://www.bethpursermassage.com/retreats/purcell-hiking-yoga/>



Purcell Friends from A Far

Edith and Rene Muller of Switzerland enjoyed their fifth visit to Purcell Lodge in August. Having the couple spend time with us is a delight. Rene (age 87) and Edith radiate what living a good quality life is all about. Both are happy, healthy and possess a love for the great outdoors. Their boundless energy and sense of humour are infectious. We look forward to their next visit to Canada.



Congratulations to Erin Fuller and Michael McGuigan. Michael proposed to Erin on their first day at the Lodge. Erin said "Yes!" The engaged couple will plan their wedding celebration for 2018. We have had weddings, elopements, anniversaries and many other celebrations but Erin and Michael are the first couple to get engaged at the Lodge.

Cheers to the sweet lovebirds!





