



Wanderlust - Born to Explore



July welcomed ten groups into our mountain home. Everyone who came had one thing in common. It was a desire to do something different and experience something they had never done before. Our first guests were Bart Schouten, National Coach for long track and five Team Canada speed skating athletes for elevation training. Hosting future Olympians at Purcell Lodge was an amazing way to kick start the summer hiking season!



Canada's 150 celebration commenced with our Annual Fine Food & Wine Tour. Opening tour guests enjoyed wine tastings courtesy of Averill Creek Vineyard and delicious appetizers by Chef Grace. Photos show Lodge Owner Sunny Sun (left) with Averill Creek Vineyard Proprietor Andy Johnson (on right, left photo) & Guide Kevin, Guests Doug, Teri, Carlos, Alysha, Natasha & Pam (left to right, right photo).

Aptitude at Altitude

Long Track Skaters Train at Purcell Mountain Lodge

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Coach Bart Schouten and five members of Canada's National Speed Skating team loved their training days near Golden, British Columbia at Purcell Mountain Lodge. They used words like "surreal" and "once in a lifetime" to describe their experience. The skaters included Denny Morrison, who has won four Olympic medals, Ted-Jan Bloemen, current world record holder in the 10 km, Ivanie Blondin, a multiple world champion, and Ben Donnelly and Jordan Belchos. All have won medals at the World Championships and all will be trying to make the squad for the 2018 Olympics in PyeongChang, Korea.

For three hours every morning and again in the afternoon, they snowshoed, did stair exercises, jogged around the lodge decks, rode the spin bikes they'd flown in, and exercised in the area immediately adjacent to the lodge. When not training, they built numerous jigsaw puzzles, rode the toboggan, relaxed in the sauna (and frolicked around it) and built team camaraderie. And thanks to Chef Peter, they ate like royalty.

When asked what Canadians should know about them, there was agreement that, "Canadians should know we compete every year in the World Cup, not just every four years at the Olympics." If you can't wait, mark December 1 - 3 on your calendar because a World Cup Long Track competition is scheduled for Calgary.



Art in the Backcountry
 We are thrilled to welcome
Artist in Residence Mady Thiel-Kopsten
 September 15-18, 2017
www.mady.ca
 Limited space available for this weekend tour



Opening tour was a crowd pleaser weekend of laughter and good cheer. A memorable time spent with new Purcell friends. Summer staff training followed and new host Lara conducted a Ex Nihilo wine tasting courtesy of the family run business in Kelowna. We had so much fun, we want to share this same experience next summer. Stay tuned for our Summer 2018 Ex Nihilo wine tasting tour.

Adventures in August & Purcell Friends

Canadian Performance Athlete Jen Segger and Randy Richmond are “running” in soon. Details will follow at www.jensegger.com for a 2018 Endurance Camp;

Professional Mountain Bike Athletes Lorraine Blancher and Keely Toth Ohler will visit the Lodge this month. Go to <https://www.ospreypacks.com/ca/en/culture/ambassadors> to read about these two Osprey athletes or www.lbbikes.com to read all about Lorraine;

Beth Purser of Beth Purser Retreats and Kristin Anthony - Malone visited in July. Beth has selected her 2018 Purcell Lodge Yoga Retreat dates. View www.bethpursermassage.com to inquire about the dates;

Private Hiking Guide Andrea Petzold, of Follow Your Feet www.followyourfeet.ca is close to filling her 2018 guided tour schedule. Book early with Andrea to avoid missing out on her 2018 dates at Purcell Lodge;

Professional Mountain Biker Mike Hopkins and Adventure Filmmaker Scott Secco and Crew visited last summer. The Crew produced a short biking film. Red Bull loved the high energy production and will be releasing the footage shot in our backyard. Keep updated on the release date by going to www.mike-hopkins.com



Here We Grow Again, Our Purcell Family Just Got Bigger
 Welcome to our new summer 2017 staff
 Dylan, Ladd & Sheila, Peter, Lara, Rachel, Eric and Jocelyn.
 Come meet our new summer crew.

Reaching Out to Over 6 Million Viewers Just for the Fun of It

A Purcell Mountain Lodge two guest seven night stay package including meals and private guide will be offered as a prize package to the long time running popular game show **The Price is Right**. The show will air in fall 2017. We look forward to welcoming the lucky winner to an unforgettable Canadian adventure.



Collect Lifelong Memories and Not Things



"If I could go back and do it all again, I would!"



July welcomed back Hiking Guides Kevin, Alison & Mark. Assistant Guides Sarah, Eric, Jocelyn & Guide Assistant Ian. Lodge Host/Caretakers were Mark & Peter, Jock & Janet, Lara, Derm & Susanne, Cathy & Doug and Dylan. Chef's were Grace & Peter and Private Chefs Kelly and Theresa. We welcomed privately guided groups lead by Andrea Petzold with Follow Your Feet and Yuji Akyama with OnSight Canada. Our operation is in full swing and our Lodge family are enthusiastic to meet more new friends and welcome them to our mountain home.



Every Summer has a Story Thank You for Allowing us to be Part of Yours

