



PURCELL MOUNTAIN LODGE
October Newsletter 2019



*A thankful heart
is not only the
greatest virtue,
but the parent
of all the other
virtues.*
~Cicero

Autumn marks the transition from summer to winter. Daylight is shorter and temperatures are starting to get cooler. Our rust coloured terrain is now covered with a blanket of powder. Winter enthusiasts are excited for the upcoming winter and bookings have been steadily coming in. There are positive signs from Mother Nature of more powder to come for our December tours. Our Purcell Lodge winter family look forward to welcoming back old and meeting new friends into our mountain home.

Holiday tours start on December 13 and through to January 6. ACMG Ski Guide Ken and the rest of the Purcell Lodge holiday tour family will be ready to welcome guests to come and play in our winter wonderland. All ski and snowshoe levels are welcome to join us. There is still space available on some December tours. Please book as soon as possible so we can plan for your stay. The most up to date tour information can be shared by calling Jackie at 1 888 767 8989 or emailing info@purcellmountainlodge.com.

After the holiday season, we are pleased to offer a stellar guided and catered program facilitated by our Lead ACMG Ski Guide Burke. Each tour is planned carefully and staffed accordingly to cater to our guest's experience and activity level. For past Purcell Lodge guests or ski touring guests with more backcountry experience, Purcell Lodge welcomes a self guided and catered or self catered option too. There is something for everyone at Purcell Lodge!



**ACMG Ski Guide
Ken MacDiarmid**

October Highlights Giving Thanks



Thankful for PML family! Family, gratitude and thankfulness are the heart of Thanksgiving. Each of us celebrated the occasion with our loved ones in our own special way enjoying precious time together. Our Management team feel blessed and grateful for own families. We feel double blessed to be surrounded by the high calibre of people that all play an essential role in the operations. As expected, all families have high and low moments but working through them make us stronger. As our operation grows each year, our Purcell Mountain Lodge family has been able to continue to rise up to each hurdle and tackle them together.

This Thanksgiving, the Management team is most grateful for the all the people in our special circle who are positive, patience and supportive as the business has grown and evolved over the past 10 years. From our hearts, sincere thank you to the most incredible Purcell Lodge family for everything each of you have done to help create a magical world class getaway xo!



Owner Sunny with Lead Ski Guide Burke



Caring Caretakers *"The weather outside is frightful but the fire is so delightful. And since we have no place to go let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!"*

October is a crucial time of year for Purcell Lodge. The micro hydro system requires constant attention. As the snow starts falling, the layers of snow help prevent our waterline from freezing in the pipes. The pipes need to be insulated in snow before the temperatures drop. **Thank you to Purcell Lodge family shoulder season caretakers Hugh & Cheryl, Derm & Susanne and Ken & Stef** for making sure everyone can enjoy hot showers this winter! Thanks so much for making sure the lodge and all the lodge systems ran smoothly this month.

The Heat is On!

A warm and cozy mountain lodge, five star meals service and hot showers all together create a rocky mountain high experience. Purcell's winter operation relies on a constant propane supply in the winter for a smooth operation. **Thank you to David, Alpine Helicopters and Canwest Propane for getting our winter propane stock organized and ready for the upcoming winter.**

Make it a December to Remember with Your Loved Ones

Our holiday tours hit all the right notes for a mountain getaway whether you seek downtime to relax by the fire or to play hard in the BC backcountry. Revel in all the traditional holiday celebrations with festive meals and lots of holiday cheer. Purcell Lodge welcomes all jetsetters for a white Christmas with our Purcell Mountain Lodge December family Jackie, Ken, Pablo, Stef, Peter, Brianna, Luke, Martina and David welcome you to visit our mountain home.



Tips to Enjoy the Upcoming Winter



Simply get outside to enjoy nature, sunshine and absorb some vitamin D. Observe and take notice of what is happening in the natural world.

Drink something hot. Find comfort in a mug of something warm. Hot drinks soothe our souls and warm our body.

The health benefits of snowshoeing are starting to make it an increasingly popular sport, and can help you have a happier & healthier winter. It is a gentle and effective form of exercise that is fun too!

Board games and jigsaw puzzles can be therapeutic and allow for mental stimulation and increased good feelings. It is a fun way to interact with others.

Take a Avalanche Safety Training course. The AST 2 course will give you a solid foundation of safety in the backcountry. There is no better place to take the AST 2 than at Purcell Lodge...

Spend a day at Kicking Horse Mountain Resort pre or post your backcountry stay. Kicking Horse Resort offers 3400 stunning acres to explore. Over 120 trails of ski terrain. It is the 6th largest North American Resort.

Plan a winter vacation with loved ones. The mountains are the perfect backdrop for making life long memories. Travel together creates strong relationships and creates the ability to handle stressful situations with ease.

December Holiday Tours Availability

December 13-December 16

Season Opener! Winter Ski Touring & Snowshoeing

All Activity Levels Welcome

December 16-December 20

Backcountry for Everyone Ski Touring & Snowshoeing

All Activity Levels Welcome

December 20-December 23

Self Guided and Self Catered Ski Touring & Snowshoeing

All Activity Levels Welcome

January 3-January 6

Hello 2020 Welcome Intermediate to Advanced Ski Touring

*Helicopter Seats and Accommodations are Available
Call 1 888 767 8989 for best rates for tours below*



Limited Seats and Accommodations

December 23-December 27

Christmas in the Purcell's Limited Seats

Self Guided Only

December 27-December 30

Annual New Year's Eve Extravaganza Limited Seats

Intermediate to Advanced Ski Touring

December 30-January 3

Ring in 2020 with the PML family

Intermediate to Advanced Ski Touring Guests

**Time to Plan your Mountain Getaway!
Winter 2019/2020 Available Tours Dates Available**

January 2020 Welcome 2020 Tours

Guided and Catered or Self Guided and Self Catered Option

January 13-17, January 17-20, January 24-27 (limited space)

Self Catered & Self Guided Tours Only

January 6 -9, January 9-13, January 20-24

February 2020 No Shortage of Powder

Guided and Catered Tours or Self Guided and Self Catered Option

February 3-7, February 10-14 (limited space),
February 14-17 (limited space), February 17-21,
February 21-24 and February 24-28

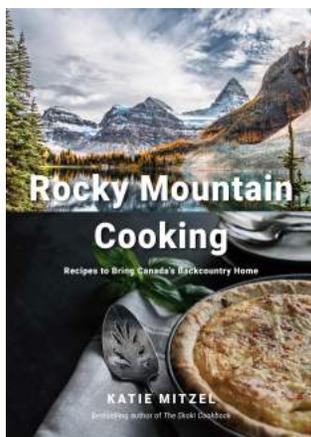
Self Catered & Self Guided Tour Only

February 7-10

March 2020 Spring Skiing Tours

Guided and Catered Tours or Self Guided and Self Catered Option

March 6-9, March 9-13, March 13-17, March 20-23, March 23-27



Thank you to Chef Katie Mitzel for catering our special guests in October. We are so pleased Katie will be able to be a part our winter PML family. Purcell Lodge is featured in Katie's new cookbook Rocky Mountain Cooking. Check out this poached pear recipe that is sure to be a crowd pleaser in any home.



Purcell Mountain Lodge Family Highlight – Kylee Toth Olher



Professional athlete Kylee Toth-Olher first visited Purcell Mountain Lodge in summer of 2016 for a mountain bike photo shoot for Osprey. Since then Kylee has been back numerous times for hiking, ski touring, trail running and most recently for mountain biking. Thanks to Kylee, we have hosted athletes Janelle Smiley, Adam Campbell and Nick Elson.

Kylee is a mother and wife first and an true outdoor enthusiast that excels in all outdoor sports. Her love for sports started at age five. Her passion, hard work, drive and determination earned her a spot on the National Speed Skating team until her retirement in 2007. Kylee now competes in the sport of ski mountaineering. She is one of North America's elite status ski mountaineering athletes.

Even with Kylee's busy schedule she cares deeply for Purcell Lodge and our Purcell Mountain Lodge family. Kylee has become an instrumental part of our PML family. We are very fortunate to have Kylee's heart of gold and intuitiveness and her husband Ben's care, kindness and expertise.



Here are some images of her fall trip in for mountain biking and trail running. Kylee brought along professional photographers Kent Toth and Anthony Smith during her Purcell playtime!

When Life Gives You Snow Go Snowshoeing



Our Purcell Mountain Lodge family would love to welcome back our past summer hiking guests. Come see what winter looks like on the trails you hiked on in the summer months. Snowshoeing is a great outdoor activity for all ages and abilities. Privately guided snowshoe tours can be arranged for two guests or for bigger groups travelling together.

If you or your family and friends are not a skiers, join us for snowshoeing instead. If you can walk, you can snowshoe. Snow forts, tobogganing and snowman building are great option in our backyard playground too.

**Purcell Lodge Guides Jo, Marc & Kevin
Welcome you to book for privately guided snowshoe tours.**

**Avalanche Safety Training AST 2 Course
December 13- December 16, 2019 or January 13 - January 17, 2020
AST Provider: Yamnuska Mountain Adventure
\$2095 Four day Course all inclusive**

Course Instructor all material, helicopter transportation from Golden B.C. with Alpine Helicopters, private accommodations, healthy hearty mountain meals, appetizers, hosts and all amenities.

AST 2 Certificate Upon Completion of Course

Private Hut Available December to April

The private chalet just steps away from the main lodge welcomes families with young children or friends travelling together. Book the chalet for a cost saving mountain retreat for your group this season. A trip to Purcell Lodge should be on every persons bucket list!



Purcell Mountain Lodge Commitment to the ACC's Environment Fund

In support of the Alpine Club of Canada's Environmental Fund, Purcell Mountain Lodge family Louise Olinger, Burke & Carol Duncan and Hugh and Cheryl Burton attended the annual Mountain Guides Ball held in Banff on October 19. Our family is proud to support the ACC's gallant efforts in mountain conservation. Congratulations to Ken K., the winning bidder of the Purcell Mountain Lodge self guided and catered four night stay this winter. We look forward to welcoming Ken and three guests to our mountain home. Our donation raised \$2400 and 100% of the proceeds will go directly toward the ACC's Environment Fund.



Each year, a patron is honoured for their outstanding contributions to the mountain community. Photo is the 2019 Mountain Guides Ball recipient John Baldwin. Read more about John at www.johnbaldwin.ca and his accomplishments



*"We recognize that access to the mountains obligates us to understand and protect these unique environments. We are committed to stewardship of the areas in which we recreate and to leadership in their preservation and protection."
Alpine Club of Canada*



WIN a Holiday Retreat to Purcell Mountain Lodge #Crackmacs|Calgary|YYC

YYC Blogger #Crackmacs will be featuring a Purcell Mountain Lodge giveaway package for December 27-30, 2019 Go to #Crackmacs to find out about our partnership. The giveaway includes professional guiding services, round trip helicopter transportation, private room, all meals and Lodge amenities.

#PurcellMountainLodge + #Crackmacs = Epic Escape YYC to the BC Backcountry