



Summer Guest Information Package

Trip Logistics and Getting to Purcell Mountain Lodge

We fly with Alpine Helicopters based out of Golden BC. A Purcell Lodge Stager/Expediter will greet you at the hangar on the day of your departure. Guests are asked to arrive at the hangar at 7:15 a.m. We are on **Mountain Standard Time**, the same time zone as Calgary. We will meet early to allow for time to weigh the baggage, fill out and sign the waiver and receive a helicopter safety talk. Please review the waiver on the last page. A paper copy will be provided on departure day. The waiver is a legal document and needs to be signed and witnessed at the hangar. Your mountain getaway begins with a spectacular fifteen minute helicopter flight over stunning mountain ranges, tumbling glaciers and breathtaking views.



**Meet at Alpine Helicopters Hangar
at 7:15 a.m.
204 Fisher Road Golden, B.C.
V0A 1H0
Phone: 250 344 7444**

Directions to Alpine Helicopters:

When you arrive in Golden from the Trans- Canada Highway, take the overpass into town. You will find yourself on HWY 95 South (also called 10th Ave). Pass the business section of town on your right, cross the old trestle bridge and proceed to the traffic lights at the intersection of 9th Street. You will see a sign indicating the airport. Follow the sign, by turning onto 9th Street. Proceed along it's entire length to 5th Avenue. Again, follow the airport signs by turning right. Drive along the road and bear left as the road becomes Fisher Road. You will drive over the train tracks and continue down the road till you see Alpine Helicopters.

Helicopters have a very limited capacity. For your safety, we must limit your baggage to a maximum of 25 pounds for personal belonging. We do not offer an overweight baggage allowance. The dress in the lodge is very casual, and you will need a basic wardrobe. Linens, towels, biodegradable soap and shampoo is provided. We even have a hair dryer for your use if you need one. You need to bring only your hiking boots, some outdoor clothing, and a few personal effects. No personal alcohol is permitted in the Lodge.

Please note there are no refunds or credit notes issues for your trip for if the helicopter cannot reach fly into Purcell Mountain Lodge due to poor weather. Please make sure to purchase your own insurance to cover this.

What to Bring for your Mountain Getaway

The easiest way to pack for a helicopter, and stay within your weight allowance, is to organize your day backpack (30 Litres) so it is ready to take for your day hikes. Please come to the helicopter hangar dressed for your first day of outdoor activity. Use a soft shell sports bag to pack any additional casual clothes, slippers and toiletries.



A single large expedition pack, or any type of regular suitcase, is not acceptable for transporting luggage in the small cargo area of our helicopters. Bring two bags - a small soft shell duffle bag for personal belongings and a small day backpack. **The limit is two bags maximum per person not including your hiking poles.**



Purcell Mountain Lodge provides doorstep access to a wide variety of trails and meadows suitable for all levels of ability and ambition.

Following is a brief overview of the equipment you will need to bring to the Lodge.



Lodge Clothing:

- One or two changes of casual clothing;
- Slippers or soft soled (non-scuff) house shoes;
- Pyjamas;
- Bathing suit for the sauna.



Toiletries:

- Toothbrush, toothpaste and dental floss;
- Personal grooming and sanitary supplies;
- Personal medications;
- Personal first aid supplies -bandages, aspirin, decongestant, moleskin, lozenges, etc.



Miscellaneous Items:

- Eyeglasses, contact lenses with spares;
- Camera and spare batteries;
- Book to read (we do have a well-stocked library)
- Waterproofing for boots;
- Compact binoculars (optional);
- Money or charge card for miscellaneous purchases (cash bar, gift shop & gratuities).



Outdoor Essentials:

- Daypack for camera, lunch, spare clothing, etc.;
- Water bottles (Need two to three liters per day);

- Sunglasses;
- Lip balm and sunscreen;
- Insect repellent;
- Whistle;
- Pocket knife;
- Matches/lighter;
- Toilet paper (waterproof bag or container);

- Bear spray (optional).



General Hiking Equipment:

- **Sturdy waterproof over-the-ankle hiking boots;**
- Gators to seal top of boots; (option great to have for rainy days)
- Hiking poles.

Outdoor Clothing: Stay dry synthetics are superior to cotton.

- Underwear (synthetic preferred);
- 1 set light weight long underwear for cold weather;
- Regular socks;
- Synthetic or wool hiking socks (several pairs);
- Lightweight long-sleeved poly/nylon, wool, or micro fleece shirt;
- Light fleece or wool sweater;
- Light weight (non cotton) hiking or wind pants;
- Shorts;
- T-Shirts;
- Vented windbreaker jacket;
- Rain jacket or poncho, rain pants, and rain hat;



Additional Items for your Day Backpack:

- Warm hat and gloves (for cool, windy conditions);
- Baseball cap / sun hat;
- Wind pants, or fleece pants, as extra layer if wearing shorts.;
- Closed cell foam sit pad (optional).

Purcell Mountain Lodge Provides:

- Biodegradable Rocky Mountain Soap Company soap and shampoo;
- Towels (Bath, hand & face) and bedding;
- Hair dryers
- Self serve cash bar - No outside alcohol permitted



Smoking Policy

The Lodge facilities and guest rooms are all non smoking. In British Columbia, cannabis smoking and vaping is not permitted in public places. Cannabis is not permitted in places marked for “loading and unloading passengers” this includes the Purcell Mountain Lodge helipad and at Alpine Helicopters hangar. Cannabis is not permitted in regional, municipal and provincial parks.

Alcohol Policy

There is no outside alcohol permitted to be brought into Purcell Lodge. A cash bar is available with a selection of specially selected wines, craft beers and other alcohol.

Nut Free Environment

We aim to be a “nut free” lodge and do not serve any nuts in our meal service. Please do not bring any nut products of any kind into the Lodge for your own personal snacks.

Suggested Accommodations in Golden, BC

Our helicopter flight departs early on Friday and Monday mornings into the Lodge. It is suggested that you stay in Golden the evening prior to departure. The meeting time is 7:15 a.m. at Alpine Helicopters hangar.

Prestige Inn Golden

Offers a standard room for Purcell Mountain Lodge guests, quote your Purcell trip date to guarantee the deal. Just off the Trans Canada highway, it features on-site dining and in-door pool with hot tub.

<http://www.prestigehotelsandresorts.com/locations/golden/overview?>

1049 Trans Canada Highway, Golden BC

1 250 344 7990

Holiday Inn Express Golden Kicking Horse

Complimentary hot breakfast, pool, large hot tub, fitness room, business center, free wi-fi

<http://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/golden/yrvgo/hoteldetail>

1120 14 Street North Golden BC V0A 1H0

1 250 344 4664

Glenogle Lodge

Caring hosts, great feedback from guests with 10 rooms & 5 cabins

<http://www.glenoglelodge.com/>

913 Oster Road Golden BC V0A 1H0

1 250 344 7638

Cedar House Chalets

Unique property to the Golden area and Owner Operated by Darrin Derosa.

Features a fine dining restaurant onsite.

Features a full kitchen, living room, dining room, fireplace and private hot tub.

www.cedarhousechalets.com

735 Hefti Road Golden BC V0A 1H2

1 250 260 0001

Auberge Kicking Horse B&B

Over 20 years hospitality experience, skiers, clean rooms and international flair.

www.aubergekickinghorse.com

1306 Selkirk Drive Golden BC V0A 1H6

1 250 344 3997

Transportation & Shuttle Services

Xplore Golden Tours - Contact David Perez

davidperez@xploregoldentours.com

250 939 8419

Beyond Banff - Contact Robbie Waite

beyondbanff@hotmail.com

587 897 1354

What to Expect Upon Arrival at Purcell Mountain Lodge

Our Purcell Mountain Lodge family will welcome you upon arrival. You will commence enjoying the spectacular view of your mountain home. A cold continental breakfast will be available to enjoy while the crew outside are busy loading & unloading the helicopter. Each guest will be provided with a lunch card to choose your sandwich selection for your stay.

The first days lunch will be a pre packed before you arrive. The lunch will be a meat sandwich, fresh baked goods, cut up vegetables and whole fruit. Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements not listed on your guest profile form such as a vegetarian or vegan lunch. Lunch information can be emailed to info@purcellmountainlodge.com. After breakfast we will get you settled into your accommodations. After all flight transfers, the guides will have a brief meeting to discuss the plan for the day. Everyone will then convene in the living room for a welcome & introduction. The first day hike will follow shortly after the introduction!

Guided Daily Hikes at Purcell Mountain Lodge

- Coffee is ready by 7:00 a.m. Take a cup out on the deck and listen to the songbirds greet the morning. Help yourself to an exercise mat and do some stretching or yoga out on the deck. Cozy up in the living room with your summer novel and finish that chapter you fell asleep in the middle of last night;
- Cold breakfast is served at 7:15 - 8:15 a.m. consisting of granola, yogurt and fresh fruit;
- Continental hot breakfast buffet is served at 8:30 a.m.. Listen for the meal service bell to ring. There will be a selection of fresh baked goods and daily entrées such as breakfast burritos or frittatas for you to get a healthy start to the day;
- Before our breakfast buffet is served, between 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. the kitchen team will be preparing & packing your lunches for the day. In house baked goodies and treats will be a surprise each day in your Purcell Mountain Lodge personal lunch bag. **Please remember to place your empty personal lunch bag in the basket on the bar counter when you return from your daily hike so we can pack your lunch for the next day!**

- At breakfast time depending on the ability and desire of the guests, a few complimentary guided hiking options will be made available. Choices range from a gentle wander through the alpine flowers on our expansive meadows, to the hiking trails through the woodlands, to the "full-on pursuit of maximum fun" along our outstanding mountain ridges. Your day can be as leisurely or challenging as you wish, and of course, you are welcome to wander on your own if you prefer some privacy;
- The groups generally start to head out on the trail by 10:00 a.m.;
- Back at the lodge by approximately 4:00 p.m., cocktail hour begins, and there are a variety of local beers and wines available from our self-serve bar. Appetizers are served upon arrival back and then guests will have a chance to shower, take a sauna, nap, play games or relax on the decks or in the library or living room;
- Dinner is served at approximately 7:30 p.m.. Listen for the dinner bell to ring. We start with a soup or salad and fresh bread or rolls, followed by a plated dinner including meat, poultry or fish. Our cuisine is always healthy and hearty with a flair for modern appetites;
- Please advise of any food restrictions as soon as possible if you have not already done so. The chef is pleased to offer a special menu for vegans and vegetarians with advance notice.

Communication

There is no wi-fi and very limited cellular service. We encourage guests to "disconnect to reconnect". Limited cellular service can be obtained in certain high points on the terrain. Please speak to a Purcell Mountain Lodge family member if you have any questions about where to access a signal.

If you require wi fi access, advise us in advance of your visit. A charge of \$15.00/ tour for no more that 30 minutes/day can be provided to check emails. A laptop will be provided for you to use. The charge will be applied to your bar tab and paid at the end of the tour.

The toll free number 1 888 767 8989 may be left as a 24 hour emergency contact number for your loved ones. If you have any concerns about outside communication please email info@purcellmountainlodge.com for further assistance in advance of your visit.

Farewell Dinner Logistics

Bar tabs will be tallied after dinner on the evening prior to departure day;

Gift Shop souvenirs purchases may be added to the bar tabs;

Gratuities are entirely at a guest's discretion. Gratuities may be added to your bar tab which are paid by credit card on the evening prior to your departure.

Cash gratuities offered will be gratefully accepted by our Purcell lead guide and will be shared equally among all the Purcell family that hosted your stay. Guests may also choose to offer more gratuities to a particular staff and in these incidences, separate marked envelopes with the staff member's name is the best manner to distribute.

Planning for Departure Day from Purcell Mountain Lodge

Guests are requested to depart rooms no later than 6:45 a.m. on departure day to allow our Hosts and Caretakers time needed to prepare the rooms for the next guests. Please help by removing the pillow cases, flat and fitted sheet in preparation for the next group. The bedding will need to be neatly folded into one pillowcase and the towels neatly folded into the other pillowcase. The small package helps our Purcell family to be able to efficiently transport the laundry down to Golden for washing.

The first flight to depart Purcell Lodge will be at approximately 8:30 a.m.. Guests will be transported 6 at a time while new guests are flying into the Lodge. **If you have a flight to meet please advise us in advance and we will do our best to ensure you are on the first departing helicopter. All departure flights are completed no later than 10:30 – 10:00 a.m. weather pending.**

Ex Nihilio Wine Pack & Purcell Mountain Lodge Custom BUFF

In partnership with Ex Nihilio Vineyard we are pleased to present a wine gift pack consisting of two bottles of specialty wine and a custom Purcell Mountain Lodge BUFF. Retail value \$95.90. **Purchase the Souvenir Wine Pack for \$82.00.** Wear the custom BUFF as a keepsake of your summer visit. Enjoy the fine B.C. wine at home and reminisce about your stay with us!



RSVP in advance by emailing info@purcellmountainlodge.com Pay for your purchase at Purcell Lodge on your bar tab. Our stager will have your gift pack ready for pick up in Golden!

Please pay special attention to our Cancellation and Refunds Terms

Cancellation Policy

All trip payments are non-refundable. This includes, but is not limited to, inability to enter the country, travel complications, sickness, injury, family illness and poor weather conditions. Cancellations must be notified in writing.

Trip Cancellation/Interruption

We understand that occasionally events occur that prevent you from joining us for your vacation. Life is full of surprises and so is travel! You can't predict a missed flight connection, job loss or the death of a family member or your own illness or injury. When an unexpected event prevents you from travelling, Trip Cancellation/Trip Interruption reimburses travel costs if your trip is cancelled before you leave or disrupted after it has begun.

To avoid any financial hardship that an unexpected cancellation or interruption could cause, we strongly recommend purchasing Trip Cancellation/Interruption to protect your trip investment. Trip Cancellation/Interruption costs about 5% of your trip cost and it's worth the peace of mind!

Contact our preferred provider **Lifestyle Financial** and they can provide you with a quote for both **Emergency Medical insurance and Trip Cancellation/Interruption insurance**

<https://lifestylefinancial.ca/get-a-quote/blbca/> <https://lifestylefinancial.ca/>

Emergency Medical Evacuation Insurance

In the unfortunate event of an accident occurring where evacuation may be needed all emergency evacuation or rescue costs will be the sole responsibility of the injured party. All emergency evacuations will be made by helicopter and the cost is high. We strongly recommend you purchase Hospitalization and Medical Evacuation insurance (including air evacuation) for your trip (see Trip Insurance). All non-Canadian and Canadian guests are advised to review their Personal Health Insurance Plan to ensure air evacuation and ambulance is included as you will not receive coverage in Canada.

Visiting Canada as a Tourist

Most people need a Visa or an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to fly to or transit through Canada. (US Citizens will only require a passport).

Be prepared: Apply for an eTA as soon as possible. Most applicants are approved within minutes. However, there is the possibility of a delay or a denial.

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/apply-how.asp>

It is recommended you arrange your eTA as soon as possible to pre-determine your entry status.

Purcell Mountain Lodge is not responsible, or liable to make any refunds, for guests who are denied an eTA. Note that a denied or delayed eTA or denied entry at the Canadian Border is not covered by Travel Insurance.

Important Notice

Backcountry or regional restriction/closure or evacuation due to avalanche risk, wildfire, state of emergency or civil authority, that cause you to interrupt or cancel your vacation is not covered by insurance.

Release of Liability Requirement

Purcell Mountain Lodge guests are required to sign a Release of Liability waiver Please note that the waiver cannot be altered, changed or modified. Please review the waiver at home to be sure you have a clear understanding of it before you sign. If you are not willing to sign the waiver in its present form, you will not be permitted to board the helicopter. Your trip will be cancelled without refund. The waiver must be signed at the hangar/staging area prior to boarding. Your signature must be witnessed by the Purcell Mountain Lodge Stager/Expediter or Purcell staff member.

Release of Liability waivers are for viewing only. The paper copy will be provided to you at the hangar to sign. For private groups it is the trip leaders responsibility to forward a copy of the release of liability to each member of the self guided group.

SUMMER

PLACES LESS TRAVELLED LTD O/A PURCELL MOUNTAIN LODGE

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS,
ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT
(hereinafter the "Release Agreement")
BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOU WILL WAIVE OR GIVE UP CERTAIN
LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE OR
TO CLAIM COMPENSATION FOLLOWING AN ACCIDENT
*PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!***

Initial

Name	Last		First		Middle Initial
	Street			City	
Address	Prov/State		Country		Postal/Zip Code
	Home		Work		Mobile
Telephone	Year	Month	Day	Age	
Date of Birth	Trip Start Date		Year/Month/Day		
Email Address					

TO: PLACES LESS TRAVELLED LTD., carrying on business as **Purcell Mountain Lodge, Her Majesty the Queen in the Right of the Province of British Columbia, Purcell Mountain Lodge, Individual, Backcountry Lodges of BC Association, Alpine Helicopters Inc., Other** and their directors, officers, employees, guides, agents, independent contractors, subcontractors, representatives, successors, assigns and guests (all of whom are hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Releasees")

DEFINITION

In this Release Agreement, the term "**wilderness activities**" shall include but is not limited to: hiking, nature study, snow sports, touring, mountaineering, rock or ice climbing, expeditions, trekking, glacier travel, mountain biking, horseback riding, swimming, boating, fishing, watersports, and all activities, services and use of facilities either provided by or arranged by the Releasees including orientation and instructional sessions or classes, transportation, accommodation, food and beverage, water supply, rescue and first aid services, and all travel by or movement around vehicles, helicopters, other aircraft, horses and pack animals, all terrain vehicles, watercraft or other vehicles, and all other activities and services in any way connected with or related to wilderness activities.

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS – UNSTABLE SLOPES, MOUNTAIN TERRAIN, WILDERNESS TRAVEL, WEATHER

I am aware that participation in wilderness activities, involves many risks, dangers and hazards. Rock, snow, or ice falls and mudslides occur frequently in the terrain used for wilderness activities and may be caused by natural forces or by persons travelling through the terrain. I am aware that the Releasees may fail to predict whether the terrain or current weather conditions are safe for use or travel. The terrain used for wilderness activities is uncontrolled, unmarked, not inspected, and involves many risks, dangers and hazards. These may include, but are not limited to: snow cornices; crevasses; cliffs; falling trees; creek or river crossings; cold water; high winds; lightning; loose or unstable rocks, boulders, ice, snow, roots and fallen logs; forest fires; slippery and difficult ground and travel conditions; hypothermia; snow immersion; effects of high altitude including pulmonary edema and cerebral edema; equipment failure; encounters with domestic and wild animals; slips, falls and impacts or collision with other persons, animals, equipment, or objects; becoming lost or separated from one's party or guide; negligent first aid; negligence of other persons, including other guests and **NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES. I UNDERSTAND THAT NEGLIGENCE INCLUDES FAILURE BY THE RELEASEES TO TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES.** Communication in the wilderness may be difficult, and in the event of an accident or illness, rescue, medical treatment and evacuation may not be available or may be delayed. Mountain weather conditions may be extreme and can change rapidly and without warning.

I AM AWARE OF THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES AND I FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS RESULTING THEREFROM.

NON-SCHEDULED OR EMERGENCY EVACUATION, RESCUE OR FIRST AID

I acknowledge and agree that all expenses associated with non-scheduled or emergency evacuation, rescue or first aid will be my responsibility and will not be covered by the Releasees.

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ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT
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Initial

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of the Releasees allowing me to participate in wilderness activities as defined in this Release Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:

1. **TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS** that I have or may in the future have against the Releasees and **TO RELEASE THE RELEASEES** from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury including death that I may suffer, or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my participation in wilderness activities, **DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE OWED UNDER THE OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 337, ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES.** I UNDERSTAND THAT NEGLIGENCE INCLUDES FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES REFERRED TO ABOVE;

- 2. **TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES** from any and all liability for any property damage or personal injury to any third party resulting from my participation in wilderness activities;
- 3. This Release Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives, in the event of my death or incapacity;
- 4. This Release Agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this Release Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and no other jurisdiction; and
- 5. Any litigation involving the parties to this Release Agreement shall be brought solely within the Province of British Columbia and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the Province of British Columbia.

In entering into this Release Agreement I am not relying on any oral or written representations or statements made by the Releasees with respect to the safety of wilderness activities, other than what is set forth in this Release Agreement.

I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT PRIOR TO SIGNING IT, AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNS AND REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES.

Witness Signature
Witness Printed Name
Date

Guest Signature
Guest Printed Name
Signature of Parent or Guardian if guest is under age 19