



Winter Guest Information Package

Trip Logistics and Getting to Purcell Mountain Lodge

We fly with Alpine Helicopters based out of Golden B.C. A Purcell Lodge Stager & Expediter or staff member will greet you at the hangar on the day of your departure. **Guests are asked to arrive at the hangar at 8:10 - 8:15 a.m. unless otherwise notified.** 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 waivers and receive a helicopter safety talk. A paper copy will need to be signed and witnessed at the hangar. Your trip begins with a spectacular helicopter flight over stunning mountain ranges, tumbling glaciers and breathtaking views.



Alpine Helicopters Hangar

204 Fisher Road

Golden, B.C. V0A 1H0

Directions

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 35 lbs (13.5 kg) pounds for your personal belonging. Additional cargo space is for gear, transportation of food and lodge supplies. The dress in the lodge is very casual, and you will only need a basic wardrobe. All linens, towels, biodegradable soaps and shampoos are provided. We even have a hair dryer for your use if you need one. You need to bring only your winter gear, a variety of light layers and a few personal effects. We ask splitboards be separated and large bindings removed for transport up to the Lodge.



Purcell Mountain Lodge provides doorstep access to a wide variety of trails and meadows suitable for all levels of ability and ambition. There are opportunities for different forms of self-propelled winter outdoor recreation. Following is a brief overview of what you will need to bring to the Lodge.

Outdoor Clothing

Lightweight synthetic layers (polyester, polypropylene & fleece) will wick moisture. Avoid cotton undergarments and socks, cotton absorb perspiration and will become wet. To keep you body warm, layer thin wool or synthetic undergarments that can be added or removed to control your temperature as required. Recommend outerwear should be water resistant, windproof & with venting options. It is best not to use an insulated outer garment while you are active. Gortex or similar shell garments with venting zippers are ideal outerwear. A insulated outer garment is recommended for lunch breaks.

The easiest way to pack for a helicopter, and stay within your weight allowance is to:



Organize your daypack so it is ready to take into the outdoors.

Come dress for the helicopter for a day of outdoor activity. **Must wear your helmet, goggles, ski jacket, ski boots and ski pants etc. for flying in and out of the Lodge.**

Use a small nylon bag for any other necessary casual clothes, toiletries, slippers etc.

Minimum 30-35 Litre Day Backpack Recommended

Daypack Items

Spare clothing, warm hat (toque) & extra pairs of warm mittens or gloves

Water bottle (holds 1-2 litres) & thermos (optional)

Sunglasses, goggles, sunscreen, & lip balm

Head light with extra batteries

Personal first aid supplies (bandages, moleskin, blister kit etc.)

Whistle, pocketknife (optional items)

Additional room for packed lunch and Avalanche Safety Gear

Packing Checklist to Stay Within the Weight Restriction

We provide the following checklist to serve as a packing reminder and as a guideline to limit unnecessary extras. Please note, you will probably only wear your casual lodge clothing for a few hours in the evenings.



Maximum 35 Litre Soft Shell Duffel for Personal Belongings

Packing List:

One or two changes of casual clothing
Slippers non-scuff house shoes
Pyjamas
Bathing suit for sauna



Toothbrush, toothpaste and dental floss
Personal grooming and sanitary supplies
Personal medications



Eyeglasses, contact lenses with spares
Camera and spare batteries
Book to read
Charge card or cash is the accepted payment for miscellaneous purchases (alcohol, gift shop, gratuities).



Equipment List

Skis or Splitboards or Snowshoes
Ski poles for all outdoor activities
Climbing skins
Avalanche transceiver
Avalanche shovel
Avalanche probe



Avalanche Gear Rental

\$30 per day from Purcell Mountain Lodge. Rental includes beacon, shovel and probe. Book in advance to make sure we have a set reserved.



Guests are asked to provide their own avalanche beacon, probe and shovel. All skiers planning to venture beyond the meadows must wear a current avalanche beacon. Guests must participate in an avalanche safety orientation before heading out on the first tour.

Outdoor Gear and Equipment

Alpine Touring Skis or Splitboard

Alpine Touring Skis - Downhill skis with a special binding which allows the heel to lift up when going uphill or across flat terrain. The binding then locks down to become like a regular downhill binding. We recommend this system to anyone with a background of downhill skiing.

Splitboarders - Splitboarders should be at an advanced level of snowboarding at the resort and able to handle flat sections and traverses. Purcell Lodge guides will be on skis but are familiar with splitboarding equipment. The splitboard is easier to use than a snowboard while travelling to and from the slopes, and weighs less than carrying both snowshoes and a snowboard. Remember to bring climbing skins and a set of ski poles.

Snowshoeing

This is a simple yet pleasurable way to enjoy Purcell's backyard. All you need is a willingness to get out and explore, and a sturdy pair of insulated, water-resistant boots. The high alpine plateau surrounding Purcell Lodge is a magical place to explore on snowshoes, our guides will be happy to get you started in this traditional method of winter travel. We recommend new high technology metal shoes brands such as MSR, Tubbs, and Atlas. Avalanche beacons and shovels are not required unless you intend to embrace more ambitious agendas such as hiking to one of our nearby peaks.

Suggested Equipment Rental in British Columbia and Alberta

Ski equipment is available at various areas in Alberta and British Columbia. Be sure to double check everything is working properly prior to leaving the rental location.

Higher Ground Mountain Sport - Golden, British Columbia

420B 9th Avenue North Golden, BC

Phone: 1 800 587 7980

www.highergroundsports.ca<http://www.highergroundsports.ca>

No boots, no avalanche equipment rental only alpine touring skis

Avalanche Safety Solutions - Golden, British Columbia

802 9th Street North Golden, BC

Phone: 1 888 742 8769

<https://www.avalanchesafety.ca/node/478>

Not open on Sundays, best place to rent avalanche equipment

Selkirk Sports - Golden, British, Columbia

1500 Kicking Horse Trail Golden, BC

Phone: 1 250 344 2925

University of Calgary Outdoor Center - Calgary, Alberta

2500 University Drive North West, Calgary, AB T2N 1N4

Phone: 1 403 220 5038

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/outdoorcentre/>

MEC (Mountain Equipment Co-op) - Calgary, Alberta

830 10th Avenue South West Calgary, AB T2R 0A9

Phone: 1 403 269 2420

<http://www.mec.ca/AST/ContentPrimary/Services/Stores/Calgary.jsphhttp://>

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Gear-Up Mountain Sport & Rentals - Canmore, Alberta

#6 1302 Bow Valley Trail Canmore AB

Phone: 1 403 678 1636

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

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Suggested Accommodations in Golden, British Columbia

Helicopter flight times are early on Friday and Monday mornings into the Lodge. It is recommended that you stay in Golden the evening prior to departure. The meeting time is at 8:15 a.m. unless otherwise advised.

Prestige Inn Golden

Special rate \$105.95 for standard room for Purcell Mountain Lodge guests, quote your Purcell trip date to guarantee the rate. Features on-site dining, indoor pool & 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, Wi-Fi

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

1120 14 Street North Golden BC V0A 1H0

1 250 344 4664

Glenogle Lodge

Caring hosts, 10 rooms, 5 cabins many amenities.

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

913 Oster Road Golden BC V0A 1H0

1 250 344 7638

Cedar House Restaurant & Chalets

Unique property to Golden area and features onsite fine dining restaurant.

www.cedarhousechalet.com

735 Hefti Road Golden, BC V0A 1H2

250 290 0001

Lush Mountain Properties

808 Barber Road Golden BC V0A 1H1

Toll Free: 1 888 344 8681

Local: 250 344 8681

info@lushmountain.com

What to Expect Upon Arrival at Purcell Lodge

The Lodge Host/s & Caretakers will welcome you upon arrival at the Lodge. You will commence enjoying the spectacular view of your mountain home. A continental breakfast will be available. The Guiding family will be unloading the helicopter - baggage, food supplies and stock while the Lodge family will be getting you settled in. After all the flights arrive, the Guides will have a brief meeting to discuss the plan for the day. Everyone will come together for a warm welcome & introduction. Bagged lunches will be packed shortly after and you will be off on your first day's ski adventure.

Daily Schedule at Purcell Mountain Lodge

- Coffee is ready by 7:00 a.m. Help yourself to exercise mats found upstairs in the Library and do some stretching or yoga. Cozy up in the living room with your novel and finish that chapter you fell asleep in the middle of last night;
- Cold Breakfast of granola, yogurt & fresh fruit is served from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m.;
- Hot Breakfast is served at 8:30 a.m. for you to get a good healthy start to the day;
- Purcell family will ring the bell when meal service are ready to be served;
- Between 7:30 - 8:00 a.m. a lunch buffet is presented and you are invited to build your own lunch. Items include breads and wraps, sandwich fixings, a variety of whole fresh fruit in season, cookies and other baked goodies etc.;



At breakfast time Guides will talk about a few guided options for the day. Choices range from gentle to more challenging runs. Your day can be as leisurely or challenging as you wish. Guests wanting to explore terrain on their own must sign a self-guided waiver at the Lodge. We generally 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 craft beers, wines and liquors available from our self-serve bar. Appetizers are served shortly upon arrival. Guests will have a shower, take a sauna, nap, read, play games or relax;

Dinner is served at approximately 7:30 p.m. including meat, poultry or fish. Our cuisine is always healthy and hearty with a flair for modern appetites. Please advise of any food restrictions.

Communication

Very limited Wi Fi and no cellular service at Purcell Mountain Lodge. We encourage guests to disconnect during their stay. Limited cellular service can be obtained in certain high points on the terrain. If you require Wi Fi access please advise us in advance of your visit.

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

Planning for Departure Day from Purcell Mountain Lodge

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

Gift Shop items and Purcell Mountain Lodge souvenirs purchases may be added to the bar tabs;

Gratuities are entirely at a guest's discretion and appreciated by our hardworking Purcell family. 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 the Purcell family that hosted your stay. Guests may choose to

offer more gratuities to a particular staff and in these incidences, a separate marked envelopes with the staff member's name is the best manner to distribute.

Guests are kindly requested to depart their rooms no later than 6:45 a.m. on departure day to allow our hosts time needed to prepare the rooms for the next guests. Please help our Purcell family by removing the pillow cases, flat and fitted sheet in preparing for the next group.

The bedding will need to be neatly folded into one pillowcase and the towels neatly folded into the other pillowcase. A more compact package helps our Purcell family to be able to efficiently transport the laundry down to Golden for washing.

Departure Flight Leaving Purcell Mountain Lodge

The first flight to depart Purcell Lodge will be at approximately 9:30 a.m.. Guests will be transported 6 or 12 at a time. New guests may be flying into the Lodge. If you have a airplane flight to meet please advise in advance and we will do our best to ensure you are departing as early as possible. All departure flights are completed no later than 10:30 – 10:00 a.m. weather pending.

Refund 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.

Release of Liability Requirement

Purcell Mountain Lodge guests are required to sign a Release of Liability waiver and cannot be altered changed or modified. Please review the waiver carefully 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 a Purcell Lodge Stager/Expediter or Purcell Lodge staff member.

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS,
ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY 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 of Guest

Name	Last	First	Middle Initial(s)
Address	Street		
	City	Prov/State	Postal/Zip Code
Email Address		Telephone	Home Work
Date of Birth	Year	Month	Day
Trip Dates	Year	Month	Day
		to	Year
			Month
			Day
MEDICAL INFORMATION			
ALLERGIES			
MEDICATIONS			
MEDICAL CONDITIONS			
FAMILY DOCTOR			Phone
MEDICAL INSURANCE	Carrier	Number	
OTHER HEALTH OR MEDICAL INFORMATION			

TO: PLACES LESS TRAVELLED LTD., 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 Agreement, the term "**wilderness activities**" shall include but is not limited to: alpine skiing, nordic skiing, telemark skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, hiking, touring, ski and snowboard touring, mountaineering, ski and snowboard mountaineering, rock climbing, ice climbing, expeditions, trekking, glacier travel, and all activities, services and use of facilities (including the lodge and all other buildings), either provided by or arranged by the Releasees including orientation and instructional sessions or classes, transportation, accommodation, food and beverage, water supply, and all travel by or movement around helicopters, other aircraft, snowcats, snowmobiles or other vehicles.

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS – AVALANCHES, ALPINE TERRAIN, WILDERNESS TRAVEL WEATHER

I am aware that participation in wilderness activities, involves many risks, dangers and hazards. Avalanches 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 is safe or whether an avalanche may occur. The terrain used for wilderness activities is uncontrolled, unmarked, not inspected, and involves many risks, dangers and hazards in addition to that of avalanche. These may include, but are not limited to: cornices; crevasses; cliffs; trees, tree wells; tree stumps; forest dead fall; creeks; rocks; rockfall; boulders; holes and depressions on or below the snow surface; variable and difficult snow conditions; hypothermia, snow immersion; effects of high altitude including pulmonary edema and cerebral edema; equipment failure; encounters with domestic and wild animals; impact or collision with other persons including other guests; becoming lost or separated from one's party or guide; negligence of other persons; and **NEGLIGENCE 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.** Communication in the alpine terrain 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. Alpine weather conditions may be extreme and can change rapidly and without warning.

Cancellation Policy

Purcell Mountain Lodge has strict cancellation policies. The opportunity for refunds and/or credits resulting from a cancellation are limited. Payment in part or in full is considered as agreement to the following terms and conditions:

Your deposit is non refundable. Final payments are due 90 days prior to your arrival.

Failure to pay your account on time may subject your booking to cancellation and forfeiture of all deposits and fees paid to date.

Purcell Mountain Lodge reserves the right to cancel any or part of a tour and will give as much notice as possible. Cancellation due to reasons beyond Purcell Mountain Lodge's control will result in a credit for any unused portion of the tour. This credit is valid for one calendar year. Cancellation due to reasons within Purcell Mountain Lodge's control may receive a refund for the unused portion of the tour. This refund will be issued within 30 days.

Guests choosing to depart prior to tour completion will not be eligible for any credit or refund. Guests are bound by scheduled arrival and departure times. "No shows" will forfeit the entire cost of the tour package. If a guest is late, for any reason whatsoever, they will be responsible for the entire cost of new flight connections, missed meals, etc.

Guests whose helicopter flight is delayed due to factors beyond the control of Purcell Mountain Lodge (such as weather, public emergency, and aircraft availability) shall wait at least 24 hours before requesting cancellation. During this period, Purcell Mountain Lodge shall be solely responsible for deciding when it is possible to safely proceed with the tour, but will diligently pursue this goal.

Guests delayed overnight in Golden by factors beyond the control of Purcell Mountain Lodge will be responsible for their own accommodation and meals.

Guests held overnight at Purcell Mountain Lodge due to uncontrollable departure delays may be subject to a flat rate of \$95.00 per person, per night. These accounts are payable prior to departure.

Emergency Evacuation

In cases of emergency evacuation due to health issues or concerns the guide on tour will contact Alpine Helicopters, our helicopter provider, and the proper authorities. The at risk guest will be evacuated in a safe and timely manner back to Golden for medical attention at the expense of the at risk guest.

Radio Use and Frequencies

Purcell Mountain Lodge staff carry radios when on the field. You may wish to bring your own radio so you may communicate with our guides during the tour.

Policy on Damage to the Premises or Loss of Equipment

Guests are responsible for any damages to the lodge premises caused by the guests and will be charged to the guests upon completion of the tour.

Topographical Map Information

