



As the world continues to adjust to a new reality, our Purcell Mountain Lodge family faced our summer operational challenges head on. We had a strong desire to open and share our home in hopes guests would come and visit. Our desire was to create an escape where Canadians would feel safe. Our dedicated and caring PML family chose to operate during a global pandemic with purpose. Canadians were offered a place to go and escape the stresses of the unknown health crisis. The end goal was to create a safe space to share an epic hiking adventure, enjoy mountain cuisine and meet new friends. We believe in the healing powers of nature. Backcountry hiking and spending time in the mountains was therapeutic for our guests and staff and was exactly the positive experience needed to keep our spirits positive in these unprecedented times. Our world will continue to face many unknowns in our lives and being able to break free from the reality of our current crisis is truly wonderful thing!

Thank you to our August guests for your patronage and for supporting our business this summer. The time spend together was meaningful and rewarding and did not feel like a workday. We enjoyed the laughter, and comradery, and cherished sharing celebrations together.



Mother Earth blessed the month of August with incredible weather, blue skies and stunning views. Guests were eager and excited to hike each day equipped with hats, sunglasses, sunscreen and mosquito spray. The gourmet pre packed lunches and snacks were the fuel to give guests the energy to hike to the many ridges, lakes and mountain tops in our backyard. Guests marvelled in the beauty of the B.C. backcountry. Many groups were fortunate to see our resident grizzly bear family Cinch and her cubs playing in our alpine meadows next to lodge.

*Our Purcell Mountain Lodge family did our part to welcome as many travellers as possible. As we switch to getting ready for winter, past summer guests can help our business grow. If you have yet to post a Trip Advisor or Google business review, please consider posting a review. Feedback about our various programs, and our COVID-19 safety and disinfection protocols will help future guests decide whether to book for winter 2020/21 or summer 2021. Purcell Lodge is currently #1 on Trip Advisor thanks to our many past guest reviews. Please contact us at 1 888 767 8989 or email [info@purcellmountainlodge.com](mailto:info@purcellmountainlodge.com) with any suggestions about our operation. We always welcome your thoughts and ideas on how we can improve our services.*



### Many thanks!



Thank you to Destination BC and the remarkable team at Tourism Golden. The marketing campaign encouraged Canadians and British Columbian's to explore BC local and book trips throughout BC this summer and fall. We appreciated vacationers who supported the vision of Canadians travelling within Canada. Many guests expressed Purcell Lodge had always been on their bucket list and this was the year to check it off the list!

We opened our doors in early July safely greeted guests with waves, big smiles under our masks and elbow bumps. We welcomed as many Canadians as we could safely accommodate. Thank you to Canadians who explored the beautiful province of British Columbia safely and respectfully and supported the community of Golden. We appreciate that guests planned ahead and were educated on the rules of the Golden community. Our collective success this summer was due to everyone working together and wanting to make the most of spending time together in a safe manner.



Thank you to the PML family and summer guests for wearing a face mask when appropriate, hand washing regularly and following the physical distancing measures. These were the key preventative measures to a successful August with no Covid-19 virus related transmissions.

### **Canada – United States border closure**

The federal government extended the Canada-U.S. border closure for another 30 days until September 21, 2020. All non-essential travel will be limited at the shared land ports of entry. Thank you to the Canadian and United States governments for continuing to keep our communities safe.

**Summer 2021 rebooking's are now being accepted.** If your summer 2020 booking was effected by the Canada/ US border closure, please call 1 888 767 8989 to discuss your 2021 mountain getaway.

**B.C. backcountry skiing coming soon**

Every ski area is taking stock whether they can operate safely and financially for next winter. The majority are deciding yes! Deep powder, crisp air and the blissful quiet of the backcountry has typically kept the Purcell Mountain Lodge family busy in the winter months. Our first tour will be tentatively welcomed on December 14, 2020. Canadians that are passionate for cold weather have been waiting patiently to get a better grasp of what the upcoming ski season is going to look like. Currently, international ski resorts have been opening successfully and North America ski areas will follow.



Management has been reviewing the guidelines set out by Work Safe BC and are planning accordingly. Our plan for winter is to operate with the same safety protocols as this summer. Bookings of individual guests and groups of two or more guests will be accepted to create a small mixed that can share the lodge together. Small groups of friends and family can also inquiry about booking out the entire lodge or chalet for an exclusive lodge booking. More details will follow in the September newsletter about our COVID best practices for the upcoming winter.

We are committed to open this winter and offer the best rates possible to all Canadians wanting to explore the Purcells. Currently, there is space available for most tours if the Canada/US border remains closed. Please call 1 888 787 898 or email [info@purcellmountainlodge.com](mailto:info@purcellmountainlodge.com) for more information.

**Guided program v.s. self guided at Purcell Mountain Lodge**

Winter offers ski touring for all levels and snowshoeing tours for non-skiers. We are proud to be a backcountry lodge for everyone and offer all the comforts of home in our spacious luxury lodge. Every season more guests venture to the backcountry and it is no secret why. There is no better place to enjoy a safe winter adventure no matter what your skill level. Backcountry skiing is hard work. It takes persistence, patience and stamina to get yourself to the top of the mountain. Choosing the guided program takes the pressure off breaking trail and finding the safest route. Allow our professional ACMG ski guides to show you the way. The guided program is wonderful way to meet new friends! For guests new to backcountry skiing our professional ACMG guides can provide beginners with a better foundation of safety education and knowledge.



A self-guided program is suited for guests who have been to the lodge or are very experienced backcountry skiers. We highly recommend self-guided guests have taken the recreational avalanche safety training one and two courses.



No matter guided or self guided, our guests love to earn their turns. There is no better feeling than fresh tracks. It's pure magic and soul restoring and so much fun! If you haven't tried ski touring, you should. It is never too early to learn how to ski tour, and it is also never too late. Maybe this winter is the time to start backcountry skiing.

**Hassle Free Refunds for Winter 2020/2021 Bookings**

We understand skiers and snowboarders are keen to secure their spots for the upcoming winter. Winter booking are being accepted and a full refund minus an administration fee of \$75 and 3.5% credit card fee will be refunded for any cancellations due to a government issued closure. Many guests are thinking about skiing vacations over winter break. Holiday tours start on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The weeks before Christmas and New Years are a festive time for guests to visit. Book with confidence and refunds will be hassle free if border restrictions do not permit international guests from travelling.

**Ho Ho Ho Holiday Tour Dates**



December 14 to December 18  
December 18 to December 21  
December 21 to December 24  
December 24 to December 28  
December 28 to January 1  
January 1 to January 4



### Flower power!

Here they “grow again”! In early August, the alpine flowers in our expansive meadows put on an incredible show for our visitors. The fluctuation of hot and cool temperatures in the high alpine allowed for a longer blooming season. The floral and fauna display lasted for over three weeks. When it was rainy Mother Nature produced beautiful rainbows. Seeing a rainbow against a mountain backdrop is magical and provokes guests to want to find the pot of gold at the end!

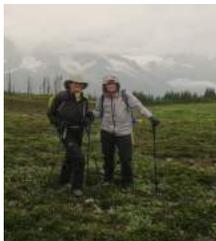


### PML family pride

Thank you to our August PML guiding team of Kevin, Alison, Ken, Jo, Lorraine, Marty, Jason, Stef and Chris for your leadership and expertise guiding our guests this month. Thank you to Adventure Chef Grace, Heidi & Steven for keeping our guests well nourished and creating a fine dining experience in the rocky mountains. Thank you to the Host/Caretakers Lara, David, Charlotte, Kylee & Isaac for your care and attention looking after our guest’s needs and keeping the lodge safe and sanitized.



August was good to us all. Thank you friends for visiting!





Thank you to staff, guests & Christina Louisa Branding for sharing photos.

