



**New Year: A time to jump for joy as we accomplish the dreams we adore**



Our Purcell Lodge family wish everyone good health and happiness in 2021! We are thinking about you and hope your year is off to a wonderful start. As we finish the first month of 2021, know that “It is ok not to be ok right now and to just do your best to get through this unprecedented time”. Having the right mindset will push you ahead and help to overcome any obstacles. Positivity is the key in 2021. Staying positive will help make any situation easier to manage. Through our monthly newsletters and social media, we are continuing to stay connected virtually and look forward to seeing you when the time is right. The platforms we use are Facebook, Google My Business, Trip Advisor and Instagram. We truly value your friendships and patronage and want to keep you informed and up to date on our business.

### **Wide Spread COVID-19 Immunity is on the Way**

The best news for 2021 is to know millions of lives will be saved with the new vaccines rolling out. Thanks to our world going into quarantine, hunkering down and wearing masks, this has helped saved millions more lives. We all know 2020 did not work out as any of us had planned and as difficult the pandemic has been, we must continue to believe we will get through this. Because it will happen one day!

There is promise and hope for COVID-19 vaccines that will soon be available to everyone. Many countries are rolling out vaccination plans, and it looks like there are more vaccine authorizations on the way. Understand it is going to take awhile to vaccinate the world – and realistically “normal” may not be until the second half of 2021. But, it will be definitely worth waiting for.



## Socially distanced travel experience



### **“The lights are on and we are operating.”**

Winter 2020/21 has been a positive experience for guests and staff. Our comprehensive COVID-19 management plan permits small groups to visit. We encourage booking with your core bubble.

We are accepting bookings  
Winter and Spring 2021  
in the Main Lodge and Private Chalet

**Call 1 888 767 8989 for available dates**



Practice  
Physical  
Distancing



Clean  
Your Hands



Stay at home  
if you are feeling ill  
– no exceptions!



Cover  
Your Cough



Stay  
Informed



## Winter 2021 Program & Golden BC COVID-19 Information

Throughout Phase 3 of BC’s Restart Plan, Purcell Mountain Lodge and the town of Golden has been a staying safe. Please continue to travel responsibly and protect our local community.

Current BC provincial-wide restrictions remain in place till February 5, 2021.

Non-essential travel is not recommended at this time. Updates to these restrictions will be announced soon.

### 2020/21 Program Options

\* Guided and catered \*

\* Work with ACMG certified ski guides \*

\* Self guided and catered or self catered\*

\* Helicopter flights Mondays and Fridays \*

\* Weekday four night/ 5 day stay \*

\* Weekend three night/ 4 day stay \*



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**Wearing a mask is mandatory in all public indoor settings.**

**“Know before you go” and plan ahead for your trip by going to <https://www.tourismgolden.com/COVID>**

## January in the Purcell Mountains

Our January crew worked hard to make sure every guest felt safe at home inside the lodge and in our backyard. Guests enjoyed having a place to go to reset and recharge. Backcountry skiing, split boarding and snowshoeing require energy and proper nutrition. Our Adventure Chefs understand the importance of eating right and made sure guests were properly fed to fuel their bodies. Our Hosts/Caretakers made sure the lodge was clean, sanitized and that the bar was stocked for après ski. After skiing guests were able to relax outdoors on the wrap around the veranda or indoors in the living room, library or in their own private rooms. There was ample space for guests to spread out and recharge for the next day of skiing. Our PML family worked together to manage the steady snowfall. January was bottomless champagne powder – the snow was light, fluffy and plentiful! Our guests loved the continuous supply of fresh powder and reported the snow conditions to be fluffy, extraordinarily dry and fun to ski or ride!



**Our winter PML family are well prepared for a season unlike any other. Things are changing rapidly and we'll just have to roll with it.**



**"Wow" and "Thank You" to the January family for all your hard work. Thanks you for being a part of the PML dream team.**

Ken, Alison, Rob, Louie, Peter, Josef, David H., Luke, Patrick, Karen & David P.



## Uphill Travel in the BC Backcountry

We are keeping uphill travel possible for those who need to reset. For the current season, additional changes were implemented to ensure an even smoother COVID-19 Safety Plan. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the entire Purcell Mountain Lodge family we are operating with integrity and doing our part not to further stress the system.



Our winter program is flexible with different options for playtime outdoors – guests can choose to be guided or self guided. Guided groups are small mixed groups or private groups. Guests can also choose to be catered or self catered. The Private Chalet is a blessing for groups seeking their own space and want to prepare their own meals.

### Our main lodge will feel just like home...

**Guest accommodations and amenities:** Third floor has ten private guest rooms, each with a vanity and sink. Indoor washrooms and showers are pre assigned.

**Purcell family staff accommodations:** Six private staff rooms on the lower level with a vanity, sink and washroom.

**Common areas:**

Spacious dining room with assigned seating.

Living room, library quiet area with posted maximum occupancy

Indoor main floor washroom.

We  
Believe in  
Keeping  
You Safe

### **Personal Protective Equipment:**

Staff and guests are required to wear a mask when not eating or drinking.

Hand washing soap and sanitizers are available throughout the lodge for guest use.

COVID-19 safe practices signs are posted throughout the lodge. Please read and follow the rules.

### **\*\*\*Guests Bookings Winter 2021 \*\*\***

#### **We are all in this together!**

When planning for your stay please limit your contacts to your core bubble. Help keep our PML family safe and do not visit if you are feeling ill. This includes if you have recently had any symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19.

### **Flexible Refund Policy**

We are flexible to rebook your winter trip if needed. We are operating to support our local community and offering a remote location to unwind and reset for those who need it. Please visit this season or when the time feels right later in the season or in winter 2022.

### Winter COVID-19 Safety Plan

The pandemic required tourism operators to redefine the look and feel of what safe travel should look like. Management has implemented a COVID-19 safe plan of protocols in accordance to the operational guidelines for hotels/resorts and restaurants. Since the start of the pandemic, our management team has continued to stay updated on the provincial restrictions. We are committed to our staff and guests to provide a safe getaway while mitigating the spread of COVID-19 transmission.



### **Book Ahead for Winter 2021/2022 & 2022/2023**

We have seen first hand the pend up demand for travel already. We cannot control what will happen this winter but have an idea of what future trips will look like! If you are a new groups interested in skiing in the Purcell Mountains. You are welcome to inquire now and book early for the best rates. Thank you to our past groups for booking early for next season. We appreciate the early notice for planning purposes and it help us to be able to book your favorite PML ski guide.

### Destination Travel in 2021 and Onward

As the world slowly recovers from COVID-19 and borders gradually start to open, travel will look different than it did pre-pandemic. Remote off the grid locations such as us will increase in popularity. Before COVID-19, exploring big crowded cities would be exciting and invigorating. Now wandering through a busy tourist hot spot may feel less desirable. Post COVID-19 travellers will seek destinations that will make it easy to maintain physical distance practices.

### Planning for Summer 2021

By the time our summer hiking season starts, we hope to be able to welcome back our international travellers. International travellers, who were not able to visit in 2020, have been rebooked for 2021. Travel restrictions have not been updated for the upcoming summer but our crew are optimistic. We believe in staying on the path of positivity and are passionate about welcoming all travellers back as soon as possible.



**If you have any questions about your upcoming summer 2021 booking call 1 888 787 8989**



History has taught us that our ancestors had experienced extremely challenging times like the World Wars, the Depression and other tragedies. Everyone remembers the hardships but there were also many celebrations when these challenging times came to an end.

Since no one has a crystal ball, no one knows what 2021 will really look like, but we must stay optimistic. The vaccines will continue to roll out and people will get on a plane and travel again, gather in large groups again and even get to hug each other again too!



### Silver Lining to 2020

2020 was about controlling our attitude and how we choose to face a new life and adversity. Our radical shift would not have been possible without apps like Zoom, Google Meet, Face Time and Skype. Videoconferencing was the new way to connect for work and for socializing. Even the older generation improved their technology skills and embraced the new ways to stay connected virtually with loved ones. Being in quarantine meant bonus time with family. At home we rediscovered our love for hobbies like gardening, baking and had more time to read. Out of coronavirus came creativity and humanity was at its best. Communities also came together with selfless small acts of kindness helping one another. People around the country brushed up on their sewing skills, making masks for people who needed them most. Local distilleries used their resources and made hand sanitizer. Best of all we came up with creative ways to stay connected with family and friends like drive by birthdays and Zoom parties. We learned homeschooling is hard and recognize teachers for the heroes they are. Health care workers and essential workers are heroes too!



Congratulations to the participants in the Yamnuska Mountain Adventures AST 2 course at Purcell Mountain Lodge. The 4 night 5 day course was taught by Grant Meekins and the participants are now educated on how to stay safe in the backcountry. It is absolutely essential for anyone venturing into the backcountry to stay informed and updated on the snow conditions.

**Get the forecast at [www.avalanche.ca](http://www.avalanche.ca)**





