

ACC Okanagan Section Ski Camp 2014

Discovery Cabin at Wells Gray

Self-guided*, self-catered (food provided) ** ski camp

Dates & duration 5 days/4 nights; Feb 14-18 2014

COST * \$725 per person (max. 8 participants)**

- Deposit: \$250 at time of registration
- Balance: \$475 by Dec 15 2013

Special NOTES:

ACCESS to Discovery Cabin requires a helicopter ride in, and a full ski day out. The helicopter is a Bell Long Ranger which takes a maximum of 4 passengers plus gear. We are limited to a total of 1100 lbs per flight (i.e. max 275 lbs per person including ski & personal gear, food, and beverages). Keep in mind that anything taken in to the cabin (other than food & beverages) will need to be carried out on our backs. According to the hut operator, 'the ski out can be a long one' and 'can involve tricky route finding'.

***Minimum gear/training/experience:**

***All participants must be equipped with basic snow avalanche safety gear (digital multi-axis transceiver, probe, and shovel) and the knowledge of how to use it effectively.**

***All participants should have recent (i.e. in the last 5 years) training or retraining in basic Avalanche Safety techniques (e.g. AST1 or Companion Rescue course).**

***All participants will be responsible for assuring that their gear is functional & fitted to their needs prior to the camp.**

***All participants must be capable of carrying a full winter pack on the ski out (~ 400M vertical gain & 1100M vertical descent over ~ 15 km).**

**** Custom menu; (all camp meals, snacks & appetizers) provided by Mo's Mountain Cuisine www.mosmountaincuisine.com**

*****All participants must be members of the Alpine Club of Canada. Preference in booking will be given to ACC Okanagan Section members. All participants will be required to sign ACC Okanagan + Wells Gray Adventures' waivers of liability.**

Meeting time & place: Clearwater, BC, evening of Feb 13 2014.

The LOCATION (info supplied by Wells Gray Adventures)

Discovery Cabin, Wells Gray Provincial Park

"A newly built cabin in the summer of 1995, this is a beautiful wood building that has a very cozy feel. Downstairs is the living area with a fully equipped kitchen, a dining area and a drying area with drying racks. The oven, stove, and furnace are all propane. The emergency equipment and the lights are run off of solar panels. Attached to the chalet is a change room with a sink and a fantastic cedar sauna for winter use. This means that you can go right to the sauna from inside of the building. There is also a door to the outside that allows the braver souls to roll in the snow – the traditional way to cool off in the sauna! The sauna is heated with propane – a great no hassle feature. "

"The interior of Discovery Cabin is finished in beautiful spruce and cedar and has large windows for the wonderful mountain views. There is a private double bed downstairs and upstairs is the main sleeping area with a ¾ loft. It is an open area with mattresses, duvets, pillows, and blankets. Most people bring a sleeping bag liner or a sheet and a pillowcase to make their beds with." The Cabin does not have running water but an efficient & sanitary system of snow melt works well. "Outside is an environmentally friendly composting toilet system which is very clean and comfortable. There are sandals for indoor use and big rubber boots for going out, so save some weight and leave the extra shoes at home. A big propane furnace keeps everything warm. The views out the front window are stunning, and the scenery fantastic. "

The TERRAIN (info supplied by Wells Gray Adventures)

Discovery Cabin is in a spectacular and remote valley just below tree line (6400 ft /1970 m) that holds onto the powder late into the year. Out the back door you'll find the steeps and out the front, sub-alpine meadows. The terrain here is simpler than Trophy. The basin is surrounded by mountains that have all aspects on them - north, south, east and west. The runs are longer, in the intermediate range, and have unbroken fall lines. Like Trophy, the cabin is situated in intermediate terrain but there is a lot of expert terrain which is easily accessible. There is a lot of good north facing slopes that are close to the cabin. This area does not get much wind and the quality of the powder is incredible.

Pictures & downloadable maps: www.skihike.com