

ACC Okanagan Section Ski Camp 2013

Easter weekend in Wells Gray

Self-guided**, self-catered *** camp for skiers & split-boarders.

Dates & duration 5 days/4 nights; Mar 28-Apr 01 2013

COST * \$450 per person (max. 10 participants)**

- Deposit: \$150 by Dec 01 2012
- Balance: \$300 by Feb 01 2013

The LOCATION

Trophy Mountain Lodge is a comfortable and efficiently designed building that will sleep ten people in full comfort. Downstairs is the living area with a fully equipped kitchen, a dining area, a drying area with drying racks and a shelf full of books and games. The oven, stove and furnace are all propane. The lights are solar powered. Attached to the chalet is a change room with a sink and a cedar sauna. This means that you can go right to the sauna from inside of the building. There is 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 the cabin is finished in beautiful white pine and has large windows for the wonderful mountain views. Upstairs is the sleeping area which is divided into two person berths with mattresses, duvets, pillows, and blankets. Most people bring a sleeping bag liner or a sheet and a pillowcase to make their beds with. None of the buildings have running water as we feel a septic system would prove too intrusive to the environment. 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. A big propane furnace keeps everything warm.

The TERRAIN

To get to Trophy in the winter there is a 14 km ride on a Sno-Cat to the trailhead which is a 2-4 hour ski (and 1700 ft climb) from the drop off point. Trophy Mountain Chalet is right at tree line (7000 ft, 2145 m) and is in the steepest terrain of the Wells Gray hut system. Alpine skiing is out the back door and tree skiing is out the front. This allows for a good choice of ski terrain in all conditions. All aspects are close to the chalet. The chalet is situated in the middle of intermediate terrain. More aggressive ski terrain is an hour ski away. There are a lot of ridges, gullies, and chutes right around the chalet. Even in the worst conditions, there is always good snow stashes to be found as there are a lot of protected areas and many different aspects. Most of the skiing close to the building is shorter runs (800' to 1500') and would be classified as intermediate and above. For the bigger terrain, you have to ski away from the building and you get the bigger runs of 2000' and more feet. There is expert terrain in all directions for those that want the challenging slopes, but we are also able to find lower intermediate and lots of intermediate skiing. Spring ski tours to the summit of Trophy or Raft Mtn are both classic ascents.

***Pictures & downloadable maps:* www.skihike.com**

****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 approach trail to the cabin (~ 500 vertical metres over 4 km).**

****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 waivers.**

****** Custom dehydrated menu from Kelly Mager / Backcountry Bistro**

***Meeting time & place:* Clearwater, BC, evening of Mar 27 2013.**

Interested?

Please contact Ken Little kalittle@telus.net for an application form.