
Winter Use Reservation Information & Parking Permit

Winter 2020/21-COVID-19 Policies

TRIP ORGANIZER: Please be sure to share this information and other reservation information with your group prior to departure! Please bring your confirmation letter with you and post it in the designated location when checking into the hut.

HUT AMENITIES: Section House has 12 beds. The Section House is equipped with a wood burning heat stove, an old-fashioned cook stove, propane cooktop, firewood, cooking/eating utensils, antique furnishings, mattresses, solar-powered lighting, an outdoor pit toilet (shared with guests in Ken's Cabin), toilet paper, paper towels, and cleaning supplies.

CAPACITY: Recommended occupancy is variable depending on time of season and ongoing COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. Groups are limited to registered guests only. Overcrowding is in violation of SHA's US Forest Service Permit and will be subject to fines and restrictions on all future reservations.

HUT USER RESPONSIBILITIES: The success of SHA depends on the care provided by our guests. You are responsible for cleaning the cabin when you arrive and depart. This includes sweeping floors, cleaning the kitchen, washing your dishes, wiping down and spraying all surfaces, and hauling out ALL FOOD AND TRASH (trash bags are provided). Other instructions and rules are posted in the cabin. Please do not snowshoe on the deck and do not lean skis or poles up against the windows.



CHECK-OUT/CHECK-IN: Check-Out time is 11:00am. Check-In time is 2:00pm. Please time your travels accordingly to prevent any overlap of groups. Upon departure, have your bags packed, cabin clean and other items on the "Before Departure Checklist" finished. This list is posted in the main room. Be ready to depart by 11:00am.



HANDICAP ACCESS: The Section House is an old historic cabin, built in the 1860's, but will accommodate persons with disabilities. The outdoor pit toilets were built in accordance with the ADA. However, the Section House should not be considered "easy access", as the trail to the cabin is a backcountry experience. For more information, please contact SHA at (970)453-8583.



MOTORIZED RESTRICTIONS: During the Winter season (November to May), Boreas Pass Road leading to the Section House has extremely limited access with motorized vehicles. Please do NOT use a snowmobile to haul you or your gear to the cabin. Motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles, are restricted to a designated route in the vicinity of the Section House and may NOT approach the Section House or Ken's Cabin.



NO DOGS: Dogs are not permitted at or near the huts. This is due to social, aesthetic and wildlife concerns, and because of the need to melt snow for water. A U.S. Forest Supervisor's Order prohibits dogs within 200 feet of the Section House. Violations are punishable by law.



NO FIRES: Due to the potential forest fire danger, campfires are not permitted. Outdoor cooking is also not permitted as it attracts bears and other wildlife. It is illegal to discharge fireworks in the National Forest.



NO DAY USE: Day use is not permitted.



DIRECTIONS

The Section House and Ken's Cabin sit at the top of Boreas Pass on the Continental Divide at an elevation of 11,481'. Any nearby trees were cut long ago for railroad and mining operations. Frequent strong winds can make for white-out conditions and low wind-chill temperatures. Be sure to carry a map and compass with you to aid in navigation, especially during times of adverse weather. Please do not leave valuables in your vehicle when parked at the trailheads.

FROM BRECKENRIDGE West Slope of the Continental Divide



BOREAS PASS ROAD 6.5 miles

This popular route climbs gradually along the old railroad grade, approx. 6 ½ miles from the trailhead on Boreas Pass Road. Please park in the designated section for overnight parking at the Boreas Pass Trailhead.



LOWER BAKER'S TANK TRAIL

This trail starts from the same trailhead parking area on Boreas Pass Road. Follow the single-track trail parallel to Boreas Pass Road. This trail provides more climbs and curves before it ends at Baker's Tank on Boreas Pass Road. Follow the road the rest of the way to the Section House.



FRANCIE'S CABIN 14 miles

The 14-plus mile trip from Francie's Cabin to the Section House is recommended for the strong and adventurous. For more information on possible routes, please contact Summit Huts at (970) 453-8583.

FROM COMO East Slope of the Continental Divide



BOREAS PASS ROAD 7 miles

This route also follows the old railroad grade, approx. 7 miles from the trailhead parking area. A gentle grade, open meadows, and lovely views highlight this route. To access the trailhead, go from the intersection of US 285 and Park County Road 50. Turn Northwest and drive through the town of Como. The Winter trailhead for Boreas Pass is 3.8 miles from Hwy 285. A 4wd vehicle is recommended past Como.



GOLD DUST TRAIL 5 miles

This 5 mile single-track follows old ditches and wagon roads, providing an interesting alternative to Boreas Pass Road. It also allows East Slope skiers to make a loop to come and go from the Section House by using Boreas Pass Road. The Gold Dust Trail is intermittently marked with blue diamonds. To access the trailhead, continue past the Peabody Trailhead another 1.7 miles to the small parking area for the Gold Dust Trail. A 4wd vehicle is recommended past Como.



SELF RELIANCE REQUIRED: You are on your own on the trail and at the Section House. You must be self-reliant and prepared for emergencies. Plan ahead and be prepared to execute a self-rescue. The county sheriff should be contacted in the event of an emergency (Call 911, the Summit County Sheriff at 970-453-2232, or Summit County Dispatch at 970-668-8600).

MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Summit Huts Association

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TO PURCHASE MAPS & FOR RESERVATIONS:

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The Section House is located in the Pike-San Isabel National Forest and operates under a special use permit from the Forest Service - USDA. SHA is an equal opportunity service provider.

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PARKING PERMIT

SUMMIT HUTS ASSOCIATION/SECTION HOUSE GUEST

Reservation Name: _____

Contact Phone #: _____