
Winter Use Reservation Information & Parking Permit

Winter 2022/23 -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: Janet's Cabin has 20 beds, divided among 4 bunk rooms. The hut is reserved for one group only. Overflow camping around the huts is not permitted. Janet's Cabin is equipped with propane cooktops, wood burning heat stove, firewood, cooking/eating utensils, mattresses, solar-powered lighting, indoor composting toilets, a wood burning sauna, 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 stairs or decks and do not lean skis or poles up against the windows.

HUTMASTERS AND VOLUNTEERS: SHA realizes that groups that reserve the entire cabin are seeking privacy. However, SHA does not prevent hutmasters or volunteers from staying in the downstairs Hutmasters' Quarters, even when one group has booked the cabin. All hutmasters and volunteers are expected to respect the privacy of cabin guests while carrying out their maintenance duties. Maintenance staff is at the cabin once a week and guests should not be surprised to encounter hutmasters or volunteers during their visit. All hutmasters and volunteers are fully vaccinated for COVID-19.



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.



NO MOTORIZED ACCESS: During the winter season (November to May), motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles, are prohibited near Janet's Cabin within the 60-acre envelope designated by the US Forest Service. Violations are punishable by law. Please plan to access Janet's Cabin under your own power, carrying your own gear.



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 Janet's Cabin. 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

VIA COPPER MOUNTAIN + COLORADO TRAIL 5.5 miles

During the Winter, Janet's Cabin is primarily accessed via the Copper Mountain Ski Area by either riding the lifts and exiting out one of the backcountry gates or by skiing up from the bottom of the ski area and exiting out the backcountry gate. Parking information for Copper Mountain is below.



UNION CREEK TRAILHEAD

This trail up the Guller Creek drainage is the standard route to Janet's Cabin. Begin at the Union Creek Trailhead at Copper Mountain Ski Area. From Union Creek, you have two choices. The popular option is to ride K and L lifts to the top of "West Tenmile" ski trail. You can get a one-ride lift ticket by presenting your 10th Mountain confirmation letter at the ticket window at Union Creek. For lift operation times, please contact Copper Mountain at (970)968-2882. **Please note: Foot passengers, passengers on snowshoes, and passengers with sleds are not permitted on the lifts.**



RIDE THE LIFTS

Ski about ¼ mile down the extreme West (left) side of the West Tenmile ski trail to a backcountry gate in the ski resort boundary (10,640', an altimeter eliminates guesswork here).



A **BLUE DIAMOND** marked trail heads from the **Gate W** through the forest.



HIKE

Skin 0.6 mile up the extreme West (looker's right) side of "Roundabout" ski run to the base of L lift.



Continue up the extreme west (looker's right) side of "West Tenmile" ski run to where a backcountry gate marks the ski trail leaving the ski area boundary at elevation (10,640', an altimeter eliminates guesswork here).



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In either case, after you leave the ski area follow an obvious trail-cut (take your skins off) as it traverses then drops West into the Guller Creek drainage to cross Jacque Creek and Guller Creek in an open area at 10,460'. From the crossing, the trail stays on the North side of the creek for 2 miles to approx. 11,120'. Here the valley widens and becomes very low angled. Switch to the South side of the creek here, and continue up the drainage another mile to where the valley steepens and narrows. Put your skins on here. Continue up to Janet's Cabin.

PARKING & SHUTTLES AT COPPER MOUNTAIN: Please park on the North end the ALPINE LOT, just off Hwy 91.

- ➔ Go ½ mile past the Copper Mountain Resort Main Entrance to "Free Parking" signs and turn RIGHT. Take the first RIGHT into the ALPINE LOT. Park along the perimeter of the North side of the parking lot by the Transportation Center. If ALPINE LOT is full, go across the street to the FAR EAST LOT and park along the perimeter of the parking lot. From there, take the free shuttle from the Transportation Center to West Village/Union Creek. Post your parking permit on the dash and make extra copies if your group requires more than one vehicle. DO NOT PARK AT THE WEST VILLAGE/UNION CREEK.

VIA VAIL PASS + WILDER GULCH 5.7 miles

To reach the Vail Pass Trailhead, drive I-70 14.3 miles East from Vail or 5.4 miles West from Copper Mountain Resort. Take Exit 190 and park at the indicated overnight parking area. The Shrine Pass Road leaves from the parking area. It has good signage and is well used.

VAIL PASS TRAILHEAD

This trail is less traveled and may require more difficult route-finding and trail-breaking. This route is marked with our customary BLUE DIAMONDS. There is no snowmobile access to this hut in the Winter. For Winter trips, hut-users must use the non-motorized Winter-use trail to access the huts. Use of the motorized Winter-use trail (Shrine Pass Road) may result in a fine.

VAIL PASS FEE AREA: Janet's Cabin is part of the Vail Pass Fee Area, which provides for management, separation of uses, and enforcement of separation. Most guests have pre-paid the fee when they made their reservations. Thank you for your cooperation with this program.

SELF RELIANCE REQUIRED: You are on your own on the trail and at Janet's Cabin. 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:

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TO PURCHASE MAPS & FOR RESERVATIONS:

Contact 10th Mountain Division Hut Association

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Janet's Cabin is located in the White River National Forest and operates under special use permit from the Forest Service - USDA. SHA is an equal opportunity service provider.



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PARKING PERMIT

SUMMIT HUTS ASSOCIATION/JANET'S CABIN GUEST

Reservation Name: _____

Contact Phone #: _____

*For use at ALPINE LOT, FAR EAST LOT, or Vail Pass Trailhead – Winter only