Winter Use Reservation Information & Parking Permit

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 you arrive at the hut.

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

CAPACITY: The capacity of the Section House is 12 people. 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.

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE: ARRIVAL TIME IS 2:00 PM AND DEPARTURE TIME IS 11:00 AM. Please time your travels so you arrive at the Section House after 2:00 PM. Upon departure, have your bags packed, cabin clean and other items on the “Before Departure Checklist” finished. Be ready to depart by 11:00 AM.

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.

NO MOTORIZED ACCESS: During the winter season (November to May), motorized access, including snowmobiles, is strictly prohibited on the Boreas Pass Road leading to Ken’s Cabin and/or the Section House. The winter gate at the Boreas Pass Trailhead is closed to all motorized vehicles during the winter months per the US Forest Service.

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 US 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’. Trees in the Boreas Pass area 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.

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**ROUTES FROM BRECKENRIDGE**  West Slope of the Continental Divide

**DIRECTIONS TO BOREAS PASS TRAILHEAD & PARKING**

From the intersection of Highway 9 (Main Street) and Boreas Pass Road (County Road 10) in Breckenridge, travel east for 3.7 miles to the winter trailhead parking area. Please park in the designated section for overnight parking at the Boreas Pass Trailhead and do not leave valuables in your vehicle.

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**SECTION HOUSE FROM BOREAS PASS TRAILHEAD via BOREAS PASS ROAD**

6.5 miles

From the popular Boreas Pass Trailhead, follow the Boreas Pass Road route, which climbs gradually along the old railroad grade for approximately 6.5 miles.

**SECTION HOUSE FROM BOREAS PASS TRAILHEAD via LOWER BAKER’S TANK TRAIL**

6.2 miles

From the same trailhead, you can also take the Lower Baker’s Tank Trail by following 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.

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**ROUTES FROM COMO**  East Slope of the Continental Divide

**DIRECTIONS TO PEABODY TRAILHEAD & PARKING**

From the intersection of US Highway 285 and Park County Road 50, turn northwest and drive through the town of Como. The winter trailhead for Boreas Pass Road is 3.8 miles from Highway 285. A four-wheel drive vehicle is recommended past Como. Please do not leave valuables in your vehicle.
SECTION HOUSE FROM PEABODY TRAILHEAD 7 miles
This route also follows the old railroad grade, approximately 7 miles from the trailhead parking area. A gentle grade, open meadows, and lovely views highlight this route.

DIRECTIONS TO GOLD DUST DROP-OFF/No Parking
From the intersection of US Highway 285 and Park County Road 50, turn northwest and drive through the town of Como. Drive 5.5 miles to the Gold Dust Drop-Off/No Parking. On the way, you will pass the Peabody Trailhead where overnight parking is permitted. A four-wheel drive vehicle is recommended past Como.

SECTION HOUSE FROM GOLD DUST DROP-OFF/No Parking 4.7 miles
IMPORTANT! There is no parking for this route – the closest overnight parking is at the Peabody Trailhead. This 4.7 mile route follows old ditches and wagon roads, providing an interesting alternative to Boreas Pass Road. The Gold Dust Trail is intermittently marked with blue diamonds. Ski northerly through timber and open areas 4.3 miles to the Boreas Pass Road, then continue on the road approximately .4 miles to the Section House.

HUT-TO-HUT FROM FRANCIE'S CABIN TO SECTION HOUSE
FRANCIE'S CABIN 14 miles
The 14-plus mile trip from Francie's Cabin to the Section House is only recommended for the strong and adventurous. For more information on possible routes, please contact Summit Huts at (970) 453-8583.

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. In the event of an emergency call or text 911, or call Summit County Non-Emergency Dispatch at 970-668-8600.

MORE INFORMATION: Contact Summit Huts Association
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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.