

**FRANCIE'S CABIN**  
**WINTER INFO & PARKING PERMIT**

**Trip Organizer:** Please be sure to share this information and other reservation information with your group prior to departure!

**Capacity:** Winter occupancy is 20 people. Groups (including those that reserve the entire cabin) are asked not to overcrowd the cabin by bringing extra guests. Overcrowding causes maintenance problems and is in violation of SHA's USFS permit. Overflow camping around the cabin is not permitted. The cabin is booked to capacity and may be occupied by more than one group.

**Amenities:** Francie's Cabin sleeps 20 people, divided among six bunk rooms. Downstairs there is 1 bedroom with 1 single bunk and 2 single beds. Upstairs there are 5 small bedrooms (2 have 2 single beds and 3 sleep 4 each in bunks). There are no double sleeping accommodations. Francie's Cabin is equipped with propane burners, a wood-burning heat stove, firewood, cooking/eating dishes and utensils, twin sized mattresses and pillows, solar-powered lighting, indoor composting toilets, a wood-burning sauna, toilet paper/paper towels, and cleaning supplies. Please note that there is no oven for baking.

**User Responsibilities:** The success of SHA depends on the care provided by our guests. You are responsible for leaving the cabin cleaner than you found it, including sweeping floors, cleaning the kitchen, washing your dishes, and hauling out all of your 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.

**No Dogs:** Dogs are not permitted at or near the cabin. 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 Francie's Cabin. Violations are punishable by law.

**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 upstairs. 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.

**Check-In/Check-Out Time is 1:00 pm:** Cabin turnover time is 1:00 pm. Please time your travels so you arrive at Francie's Cabin after 1:00 pm. Upon departure, have your bags packed, the cabin cleaned, and other items on the "Before Departure - DO" list accomplished. This list is posted at the check-in area in the cabin. Be ready to depart by 1:00 pm.

**No Motorized Access:** During the winter season (November 23 to May 20), motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles, are prohibited on Spruce Creek and Crystal Lakes Roads. Violators may be subject to fines. Please access Francie's Cabin under your own power, carrying your own gear.

**Handicap Access:** Francie's Cabin was built in accordance with the ADA and will accommodate persons with disabilities. However, Francie's Cabin should not be considered "easy access", as the trail to the cabin is a backcountry experience. For more information, please contact SHA.

**Self-Reliance Required:** You are on your own on the trail and at Francie'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 by calling 911.

**How to Get to Francie's Cabin:** There are a number of ways to get to Francie's Cabin, the majority of guests access the cabin via the Spruce Creek Trailhead or the Burro Trail from Breckenridge. Directions to the trailheads are provided below, but you will need to have a map and/or guidebook for trail and route information. Accessing the cabin is meant to be a backcountry experience and route finding is the responsibility of the user. **A map showing the suggested routes is available for sale from 10th Mountain Division Hut Association, online at [www.huts.or](http://www.huts.or) or by calling 970/925-5775. Maps are also available at Mountain Outfitters, 112 S. Ridge Street, Breckenridge, 970/453-2201.** Please note the following route descriptions:

**Spruce Creek Trailhead:** Please try to carpool as this is a very busy trailhead, especially on weekends. From Breckenridge, take HWY 9 south. At the intersection of Main St. and S. Park Ave, note your mileage. Proceed south on HWY 9 ~2.3 miles. Turn right onto Spruce Creek Road and follow Spruce Creek Road through the Crown subdivision, bearing left at major intersections. Stay on Spruce Creek Road for ~1.2 miles. Park at the trailhead parking area marked with USFS signs. Please be aware that the road does not receive high priority on the county's plowing schedule. From this parking area, there are various options to access Francie's Cabin. Route options include Crystal Creek Road (STEEP ~1.8 miles) and the Spruce Creek Road to the Aqueduct Road to Crystal Road (~2.2 miles). Both Spruce Creek and Crystal Roads are accessed by continuing southwest on the (unplowed) road from the parking lot. During winter months there is a large snow bank around the entire parking area, and Spruce Creek Road may not be immediately visible, but it continues out of the parking area in approximately the same direction that it came in on. Spruce Creek Trail provides a single track alternative to the roads; however it is longer and route finding is more complicated.

**Burro Trail from Breckenridge:** The Burro Trail starts at the base of the Peak 9 ski area in Breckenridge near Beaver Run Resort. Park in the Town of Breckenridge Ice Rink Lot off of Boreas Pass Road on the south end of town (parking/shuttle directions below). The Burro Trail is a single track through the woods with nice views. Please purchase and bring with you a topographic map of the area and compass for specific trail directions. There is no signage on the trail directing you to Francie's Cabin.

**Burro Trail Parking/Shuttle Bus:** Park at the Town of Breckenridge Ice Rink Lot. **Free parking permits are available for SHA guests but you must contact the office well in advance of your trip to make arrangements for the passes to be picked up.** Otherwise, you must purchase parking permits on the spot. There are several easy bus options to get to Beaver Run. The Town of Breckenridge Grey Bus Route runs from the Ice Rink to Beaver Run, where you can access the Burro Trail. Additionally, the Town of Breckenridge Blue Route and Summit Stage Boreas Pass Route also pick up at the Ice Rink and will take you to the Breckenridge Transfer Station, where you can catch a ski area shuttle bus that will take you to Beaver Run. From the shuttle bus drop area at Beaver Run Resort, walk or ski south past the maze for the Beaver Run Quad chairlift (across the ski run, being careful for skier traffic) and toward the ski school area. You will see the USFS trailhead sign for the Burro Trail just past the ski school area. Using a topographic map, follow the Burro Trail to the Crystal Road or the Spruce Creek Road to Francie's Cabin.

**More Information:** Contact Summit Huts Association PO Box 2830 Breckenridge, CO 80424. Phone: 970/453-8583, [summithuts@colorado.net](mailto:summithuts@colorado.net), [www.summithuts.org](http://www.summithuts.org). SHA is a non-profit organization. Francie'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.

For reservation and other information, you may also contact 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain at 970/925-5775, M – F, 8 – 5pm (December through March 15) or M – F, 8 – 4pm (March 16 – November), [huts@huts.org](mailto:huts@huts.org), [www.huts.org](http://www.huts.org).

Be sure to post the appropriate parking permit on your dashboard or you may be towed. Make extra copies of the parking permit if your group requires more than one vehicle. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle when parked at trailheads. SHA is not responsible for theft or vandalism to vehicles.

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**PARKING PERMIT**

**SUMMIT HUTS ASSOCIATION/FRANCIE'S CABIN GUEST**

**WILL RETURN \_\_\_\_\_**

**FOR USE AT SPRUCE CREEK TRAILHEAD ONLY - NOT VALID FOR TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE ICE RINK LOT**