

JANET'S CABIN SUMMER USE INFORMATION

Janet's Cabin offers wonderful opportunities for hiking, cycling, and relaxing. To ensure that impacts to wildlife and the fragile high altitude environment at the cabin are minimized, please familiarize yourself with the following information.

Ownership

Janet's Cabin is owned and operated by Summit Huts Association, a not-for-profit organization based in Breckenridge, Colorado, under special use permit with the Forest Service, USDA.

Occupancy

Summer occupancy of Janet's Cabin is 14 people. Please do not exceed the capacity of the cabin. Overflow camping around the hut is not permitted. Huts are booked to capacity and may be occupied by more than one group.

Hutmasters' Quarters

There is no resident hutmaster at Janet's Cabin in the summer. However, guests may encounter volunteers or maintenance staff staying in the hutmasters' quarters.

Use of Janet's Cabin by One Group

SHA realizes that groups that reserve all of the spaces at the cabin are seeking privacy. SHA will inform any maintenance personnel or volunteers staying in the Hutmaster's Quarters of the cabin to respect the privacy of the cabin guests. However, SHA is not able to prevent volunteers or hutmasters from staying in the cabin when one group has booked the upstairs. Groups that reserve the entire hut are asked to not overcrowd the cabin by bringing more guests than the reservation allows (maximum 14 guests). Overcrowding causes significant maintenance problems such as filling the composting toilet beyond its capacity and draining the resources of the cabin.

Hut Amenities

Janet's Cabin sleeps 14 people in the summer, divided among four upstairs bunk rooms (1 room with 1 single bunk and 2 single beds, 2 rooms with a double bunk and 2 single beds, and 1 room with 2 double bunks, no double beds). Janet's Cabin offers propane cooktops, a wood burning heat stove, fire wood, cooking and eating utensils, mattresses and pillows on bunk beds, solar-powered lighting, a wood-burning sauna, and hut supplies such as toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, and soap. Please note that there is no oven, no water cistern, no double beds, no refrigeration, no outdoor fires and no gear carts.

Your Responsibilities

The success of the hut systems depends on the care provided by the guests. You are responsible for leaving the cabin cleaner than you found it, including sweeping floors, cleaning the kitchen, washing your dishes, etc. You are also responsible for hauling out all your food and trash (trash bags are provided). Other instructions and rules are posted.

Dogs

Dogs are not allowed at the huts. Because of social, aesthetic and wildlife concerns, dogs are also not permitted near the hut. A US Forest Supervisor's Order prohibits dogs within 200 feet of Janet's Cabin. Violations are punishable by law.

Arriving at the Hut

The confirmation letter that was emailed to the trip organizer has the door lock combination, please print this document and take it with you on your hut trip. Huts are locked with padlocks so combinations are necessary for entry. Please post the confirmation letter on the board upon arrival. Users must have a valid reservation or face eviction either by those who do have a reservation or by any onsite staff.

Check-In/Check-Out Time is 1:00 p.m.

Please time your travels so you arrive after 1:00 p.m. Upon departure, please have your bags packed, the kitchen and hut clean, and other items on the posted "Before Departure – DO" list complete. Vacate the cabin by 1:00 p.m. A designated check-in/check-out time allows groups staying at the cabin to have a reasonable expectation of privacy.

Water

There is no designated water source for Janet's Cabin, but creeks and springs abound in the area. Treat all water before drinking. There is no cistern.

Fires

Due to potential forest fire danger, campfires are not permitted. Outdoor cooking is also not permitted because it attracts bears and other wildlife. It is illegal to discharge fireworks in the National Forest.

Mountain Biking/Hiking

Janet's Cabin is located just off the Colorado Trail and is accessible by hiking or mountain biking. Please tread lightly. Please do not ride or hike off designated trails to protect the fragile high altitude environment. Helmets are recommended for cyclists.

Horses

Horses are not permitted at Janet's Cabin. There are no facilities for horses near the cabin.

Backcountry Preparedness

Janet's Cabin is located at 11,610 feet in elevation. Be aware that going to a hut requires long climbs at high altitude. Weather in the mountains can change rapidly. A warm summer morning at a trailhead can turn into a cold storm with lightning at 11,000 feet. Snow and hail and possible at high elevations in the summer and temperatures can drop below freezing. Plan to bring warm clothes and sufficient food and water. See also our [summer suggested equipment list](#).

Emergencies/First Aid

Communication, even in an emergency, may not be possible from Janet's Cabin. Cellular phones may not work. If a member of your group is injured or becomes ill on the trail or at the hut, you cannot rely on outside help. Plan ahead and be prepared to execute a self-rescue. Your group should be equipped with first aid supplies and have experience in emergency first aid. Call 911 as soon as possible in the event of an emergency.

Self-Reliance Required

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).

Group Leader

Since the trip organizer may not be experienced in the backcountry, we recommend that your group discuss how decisions will be made in the field and who will be the leader, particularly if problems arise. Be honest when assessing each member's strengths, skills and experience.

Route Finding

You are responsible for finding the route to the hut. We strongly recommend that someone in your group have experience route finding in bad weather, reading topographic maps and using a compass. Routes to Janet's Cabin may not be marked or maintained. The map on the brochure shows general directions and should not be relied upon for route finding. Please purchase and bring with you a current topographic map of the area, such as the map available for sale through 10th Mountain (970-925-5775) or Mountain Outfitters, 112 S. Ridge Street, Breckenridge (970-453-2201).

Cancellations/Changes

Contact 10th Mountain 30 days prior to your trip start date in order to receive an 80% hut credit for a future trip. Cancellations made less than 30 days prior to your trip start date will result in forfeiture of your payment. No refunds.

Waivers

An [electronic or paper waiver](#) form must be submitted to 10th Mountain by each participant before the trip. The huts may not be occupied by any person who has failed to submit a waiver to 10th Mountain.

No Motorized Vehicles

Motorized vehicles are prohibited near Janet's Cabin within the 60-acre envelope designated by the U.S. Forest Service. Violations are punishable by law. Please plan to access Janet's Cabin under your own power, carrying your own gear.

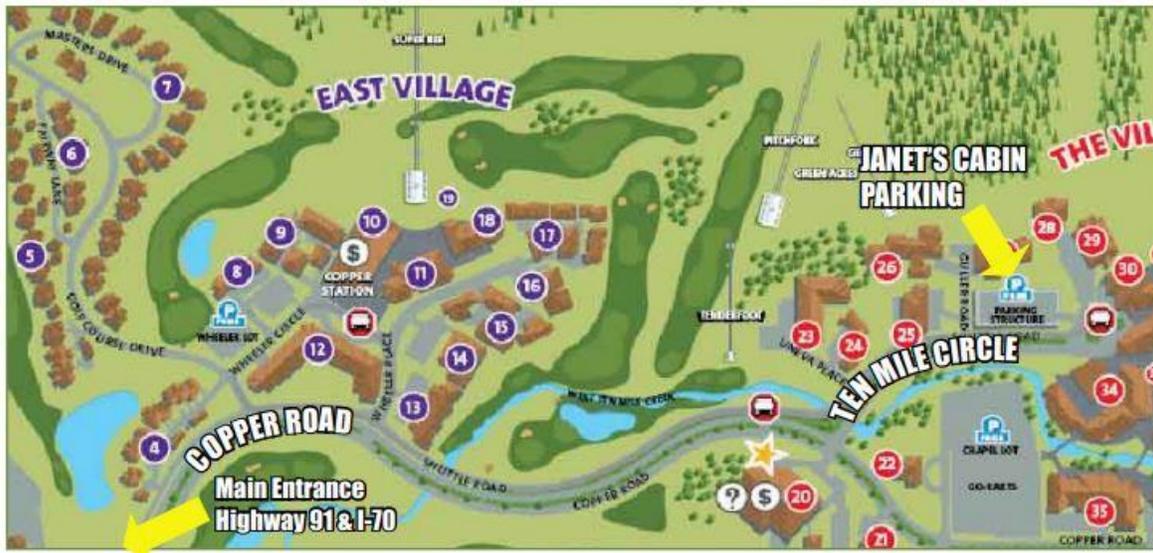
No Day Use

Because of the limited resources of the cabin and the need to fly in all supplies by helicopter, Janet's Cabin is for overnight use by advance reservation and fee only. Day use is not permitted.

JANET'S CABIN SUMMER ACCESS INFORMATION & PARKING PASS

Parking

Parking for Janet's Cabin in both the summer and winter is at Copper Mountain, but at different locations. Summer parking directions are as follows: Enter Copper Mountain at the main entrance just off of I-70, turning onto Copper Road. Drive approximately 1/2 mile and turn left at a stop sign onto Ten Mile Circle. Drive up Ten Mile Circle to a cul-de-sac and look for the Ten Mile Lot parking structure on the south side of the road. You may park in either the upper or lower deck, but Copper Mountain requests that you park in a corner or against a wall if possible. Leave your parking permit with the date you expect to return and a contact phone number, preferably the cell phone of someone in your party. Cell coverage is generally good at the hut.



Access to the Colorado Trail

Janet's Cabin is accessed only by foot or mountain bike via the Colorado Trail. Follow these instructions to get from the Ten Mile Lot parking structure to the Colorado Trail. From the parking structure, go to the Burning Stones Plaza. From the Plaza, there is a short access trail on the left side of the plaza as you look up the ski runs. This trail joins the Colorado Trail after about 150 yards. The Colorado Trail is well marked with the Colorado Trail logo. Turn right onto the Colorado Trail which runs along a small drainage ditch and joins up with an access road. Stay on the access road for approximately 500 yards passing below the American Eagle chairlift and climbing gradually without changing direction until the Colorado Trail departs from the road. Stay on the Colorado Trail paying close attention to trail markers. Be aware that this section of the Colorado Trail receives moderate mountain bike use and approximately 1/3 mile of the trail is utilized by Copper Mountain Stables and has considerable horse impacts. After you leave Copper Mountain, the trail enters the beautiful Guller Creek valley and climbs moderately with no spurs or side trails to above treeline, Janet's Cabin, and beyond. The signed short spur trail from the Colorado Trail to Janet's Cabin begins at approximately 11,800' elevation. PLEASE DO NOT SHORTCUT THE TRAIL BY CUTTING THROUGH THE WOODS OR WALKING ON THE ALPINE TUNDRA.

Do not leave valuables in your vehicle at trailheads. SHA is not responsible for theft or vandalism to vehicles.

PARKING PASS FOR JANET'S CABIN – FOR GUESTS USING TEN MILE LOT

Place on dash if you will be parking at the Ten Mile Lot and accessing Janet's Cabin via Copper Mountain and the Colorado Trail. Make copies of this pass if your group requires more than one vehicle.

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS:

DATE OF RETURN:

For more information, please contact 10th Mountain at 970-925-5775 (8 - 4, M - F), or Summit Huts at 970-453-8583.