

KEN'S CABIN AT THE SECTION HOUSE
RESERVATION INFORMATION

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

IMPORTANT! Check out the web page at www.huts.org and click on "what's new" prior to your trip for any last minute changes to parking, routes, access or huts.

Ken's Cabin, also known as the historic Wagon Cabin, was built in the 1860's when Boreas Pass Road was a mere wagon trail over the Continental Divide. Sitting adjacent to Ken's Cabin is the Section House which was built in 1882 to house the railroad men and their families who took care of a section of the Denver South Park & Pacific narrow gauge railway that ran from Denver to Leadville over Boreas Pass. These historic buildings, listed with the National Register of Historic Places, were carefully restored from 1992-97. Ken's Cabin is named in memory of Ken Graff who died in an avalanche near Breckenridge in 1995 at age 34.

Ken's Cabin is an intimate hut experience for two to three people and is equipped with a wood burning heat stove, firewood, two propane cook tops, sink, dishes and kitchen supplies, solar powered lights, and antique furnishings. Please note there is no oven and the sink drains to a bucket, which you will have to empty. You will share the outhouse with guests staying at the Section House. You are also responsible for your meal preparation, dish-washing, hauling out your food and trash, and keeping and leaving Ken's Cabin clean.

No Dogs: Because of social, aesthetic and wildlife concerns, and because of the need to melt snow for water, dogs are not permitted near the huts.

Motorized Restrictions: Boreas Pass Road leading to the Section House has historically seen very little snowmobile use as it has long been popular with cross country skiers and snowshoers. Please help maintain the quiet, non-motorized experience that the huts provide by not using a snowmobile to haul you or your gear. 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.

Check-In/Check-Out Time is 1:00 p.m.: Hut turnover time is 1:00 p.m. Please time your travels so you arrive at Ken's Cabin after 1:00 p.m. Upon departure, have your bags packed, cabin clean and other items on the "Before Departure - DO" list, which is posted in the cabin, and be ready to depart by 1:00 p.m.

NO HANDICAP ACCESS: Ken's Cabin is not accessible to persons with disabilities. The Section House accommodates persons with disabilities. For more information, please contact SHA at 970-453-8583.

SELF-RELIANCE REQUIRED: You are on your own on the trail and at Ken'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). When on the East Slope, contact the Park County Sheriff at 719-836-2771. When on the West Slope, contact the Summit County Sheriff at 970-453-2232, or Summit County Dispatch at 970-668-8600.

ACCESS TO THE SECTION HOUSE & KEN'S CABIN: There are a number of ways to access the Section House & Ken's Cabin. Recommended routes are shown on the map of the Section House area, which is available for sale from 10th Mountain Division Hut Association (970-925-5775) or from Mountain Outfitters, 112 S. Ridge Street, Breckenridge (970-453-2201). Those of you familiar with the area may know of other routes. Please note the following route descriptions:

GENERAL: 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)

Boreas Pass Road: This popular route climbs gradually along the old railroad grade, approximately 6 1/2 miles from the trailhead on Boreas Pass Road. Overnight parking signs have been destroyed by snow plows and county hasn't replaced them but hut users can park overnight in the parking area.

Lower Baker's Tank Trail: Start from the trailhead parking area on Boreas Pass Road, and be sure to leave your vehicle in the area designated for overnight parking. This single-track trail parallels the Boreas Pass Road and 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.

Indiana Creek: There is no public parking at the end of the pavement at Spruce Valley Ranch in Indiana Creek. Overnight parking at this trailhead is not permitted. Therefore, this trailhead and route is not recommended and is not shown on the map.

From Francie's Cabin: 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 Association at 970-453-8583 (we are not in the office everyday so please call well in advance of your trip).

FROM COMO (East Slope):

Boreas Pass Road: This route also follows the old railroad grade, approximately seven miles from the trailhead parking area. A gentle grade, open meadows and lovely views highlight this route.

Gold Dust Trail: This five-mile single-track follows old ditches and wagon roads, providing an interesting alternative to Boreas Pass Road. It also allows guests coming from the East Slope 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.

For more information, contact:
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Ken's Cabin is located in the Pike-San Isabel National Forest and operates under special use permit from the Forest Service -- USDA. SHA is an equal opportunity service provider.

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