

CONTINENTAL DIVIDE & POINT BREEZE CABINS
SUMMER INFORMATION
PLEASE SHARE WITH ALL GROUP MEMBERS

Backcountry Preparedness The cabins are located north of Leadville, .8 miles from the Tennessee Pass Trailhead or 2.6 miles from the Crane Park Trailhead, at 10,500 feet in elevation. Although the cabins are close to the trailheads, it is advisable for groups to be aware of the possibility of inclement weather, hypothermia, and altitude sickness – all common summer, high altitude problems. See also 10th Mountain's [Summer Suggested Equipment List](#).

Traveling to the Cabins Whether hiking or mountain biking – tread lightly, as Colorado's alpine environment is very fragile and new trails/routes should not be established. Be sure to allow plenty of time to reach the cabins, but do not arrive before 1:00pm. A common group mistake is intentional separation, which may result in someone getting lost.

Route Finding/Maps You are responsible for finding the route to the cabin. Suggested summer routes are intermittently marked with plastic blue diamonds. The maps on the back of 10th Mountain's brochure and on our website are intended for trip planning only. You are strongly encouraged to purchase a topographic map showing cabin locations, suggested routes, mileages and elevations. Maps are available from 10th Mountain and at many local outdoor stores.

Trailheads/Parking Driving directions to trailheads are available on 10th Mountain's website: [Tennessee Pass Trailhead](#) (.8 mile route) and [Crane Park Trailhead](#) (2.6 mile route). Do not leave valuables in your car at the trailhead. Cars have been broken into and vandalized in the past. **Please note that there are 2 trailheads that exit the Tennessee Pass parking lot - make sure your group takes the correct trail!** To get to the cabins, exit the lot in a south-westerly direction. Use the trailhead located just to your left as you entered the parking lot, NOT the trailhead close to the bathrooms.

Motorized Access There is no motorized access to these cabins. If a guest needs help getting to the cabins, please contact 10th Mountain – under some circumstances the owner of the cabin may offer support.

Emergencies & First Aid Self-rescue is the responsibility of your group. Communication in an emergency may not be possible. If a member of your group is injured or becomes ill, you cannot rely on outside help. In an emergency, do not call 10th Mountain, contact the county sheriff. Before departing, leave the following information with a friend or relative:

- Your car's make and license plate number, the trailhead(s) you will be parking at, and the appropriate County Sheriff's number: **Lake County Sheriff 719-486-1249**.
- Your exact travel plans including dates, cabins, routes, and your plans in case of an emergency.

Cabin Amenities/Etiquette Each cabin has the same layout and amenities. Each cabin sleeps 8, and all 8 spots must be booked by the same party. There are two private bedrooms each sleeping two people, and an additional four beds in the common area. All beds are singles. There are 2 portable cribs in each cabin – and capacity may be increased by 2 infants or toddlers – over the 8 person capacity. Overflow camping around the cabins is not permitted. Please be courteous of others with respect to noise. If planning a special celebration, please consider renting both cabins. **Smoking is not permitted in the cabins, and cabins do not have fire pits – no outdoor fires!** For a more specific list by property, go to [General Hut Amenities](#) and then scroll down to our Hut Amenities Grid. Each cabin has the following:

- **Wood-burning heat & cook stove w/ oven**
- **Firewood and fire-starting materials**
- **Propane burners, propane provided***
- **Outdoor propane grill, propane provided***
- **Small solar refrigerator***
- **Pots/pans/dishes/utensils**
- **Mattresses/pillows on sleeping platforms**
- **Photovoltaic lighting***
- **Supplies: paper towels, dishtowels, dish soap, cleaning supplies, trash bags**
- **2 portable cribs, 2 high chairs, and a potty seat**
- **Comfortable porch furniture, fort & nearby tipi**
- **Playing cards and a few games**
- **Attached outhouse, toilet paper provided**
- **A wheelbarrow for gear** is left near the green gate at the Tennessee Pass parking lot, for use on the closed access road.
- **Water** Each cabin has a pump dispensing water from a cistern. Water needs to be filtered – and may be used for cooking, cleaning, and drinking.

*Propane and photovoltaic systems are not fail-proof. Backup systems include: a wood burning cook stove, a camping-style propane stove, flashlights, and propane lanterns. Refunds are not issued because of mechanical failures.

Recreation The Continental Divide and Point Breeze Cabins have numerous summertime activities most of which are right outside the front door or just a short drive away. There is hiking and mountain biking along the [Colorado Trail](#), as well as trails at Ski Cooper and the Camp Hale area (mountain bikes are prohibited from entering Wilderness Areas and may not be allowed on all trails, so please know and respect any restrictions and boundary locations). You can go fishing at the Camp Hale Pond, or at Turquoise Lake. If you don't feel like cooking, you can walk or bike back out to the trailhead, cross Highway 24 and have lunch or dinner at the [Tennessee Pass Cookhouse](#).

Ideas for Families On your way to/from the cabins, consider a bike ride along the paved Leadville Mineral Belt Trail, a train ride on the Leadville Colorado & Southern Railroad, or a visit to the National Mining Hall of Fame & Museum. These activities are great for kids and adults, and are a fun way to learn about Leadville's amazing history. Also, the Colorado Trail route to the cabins offers a great opportunity for kids to find the blue diamonds and lead the way, and once you arrive, check out the fort and don't forget a visit to the tipi!

Dogs Sorry! **DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED** at any of the cabins because of serious health/hygiene issues.

Arriving at the Cabin

- **Hut Trip Confirmation/Door Lock Confirmation** The confirmation with the cabin's door lock combination is emailed to the person who reserved the cabin, at the time it is reserved. Cabins are locked with padlocks, so combinations are necessary for entry. Post the confirmation letter on the board upon arrival. All users must have a reservation or face eviction by those who do, or by our roving hut keepers (there are no resident hut keepers).
- **Arrival and departure time is 1:00pm.** Respect other groups and do not arrive before or depart after this time.
- **Fire Precautions** When first arriving, familiarize yourselves with **emergency fire procedures and exits**. Fire could occur, and would likely be either a structure fire (inside the cabin) or a wildland fire (in the forest outside the cabin). In order to decrease the chance of a fire-related tragedy, you need to be aware of the hazards of both types of fires and what to do if either one occurs. If a structure fire is uncontrollable, get everybody out, with their shoes and clothing if possible. Report any damage.
- **Cabin Instructions** Familiarize yourselves with all instructions posted at the cabins:
 - **Lighting the Propane Stove** Activate the safety shut-off timer located near the propane stove. When the timer runs out, it will automatically shut off the gas. Before lighting the stove to continue cooking, turn off the knobs, then reset the timer and finally re-light the stove.
 - **Lighting the BBQ** The timer located just inside the front door must be activated for the BBQ to function.
 - **Warming the Cabin** When making a fire, keep it small to start. Be sure the flue is open and the stove is drawing well. Gradually make a hot fire, and then let it burn down before bedtime. The cabins are well insulated and stay warm through the night. Make enough kindling for you and the next party. Cutting, hauling, and stacking firewood is expensive and labor intensive. Burn it judiciously. Place cold ashes in the metal ash drum.
 - **Kitchen Information/Duties** Wash and rinse dishes carefully. Use hot, soapy water for washing and add ½ a capful of bleach to rinse water. All garbage, including uneaten food and packaging, must go home with you (trash bags are provided). Do not throw trash into the outhouse. Food/condiments attract mice and bears; never leave food outside or at the cabin when you depart.

Cleaning Up and Departing the Cabin

- **Cleaning** Please leave a clean cabin. Sweep the floors and stairs, wipe down the kitchen and dining areas, clean and put away the dishes.
- **Garbage** Carry out all garbage, including all leftover food (trash bags are provided).
- **Split/Restock Firewood** Split and restock kindling and larger wood for the heat-stove.
- **Propane** Turn propane stove knobs off.
- **Lights** Turn off all lights.
- **Closing/Locking** Close and lock all windows, outhouse doors, any backdoors, and lock the front door behind you.

Cancellations & Changes must be made 30 days prior to the trip start date to receive 80% credit for a future trip. Cancellations made less than 30 days prior to the trip start date will result in forfeiture of your payment. No refunds.