

CONTINENTAL DIVIDE & POINT BREEZE CABINS
WINTER 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, frostbite and altitude sickness – all common winter, high altitude problems. See also 10th Mountain's [Winter Suggested Equipment List](#).

Traveling to the Cabins Be sure to allow plenty of time to reach the cabins, but do not arrive before 1:00pm. Plan on an hour per mile pace, and remember to accommodate the slowest member. Groups with kids may add time on to this estimate. A common group mistake is intentional separation, which may result in someone getting lost.

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.

Motorized Use 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.

Route Finding/Maps You are responsible for finding the route to the cabin. Suggested winter 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.

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.** 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**
- **Photovoltaic lighting***
- **Supplies: paper towels, dishtowels, dish soap, cleaning supplies, trash bags**
- **2 portable cribs, 2 high chairs, and a potty seat**
- **Attached outhouse, toilet paper provided**
- **Mattresses on sleeping platforms:** Bring your own sleeping bag, pillow, and if you prefer, a bed sheet to cover existing polyester or polyurethane mattress covers.

*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.

Water Drinking, cooking and cleaning water is provided in winter by melting snow. It is the cabin users' responsibility to filter their water, if they choose to. Cabins are stocked with collection buckets and a large pot for melting snow. A pump dispensing water from a cistern may be used if snow cannot be collected and/or melted. Pump water should be filtered.

Recreation Unique to the Continental Divide and Point Breeze Cabins is their proximity to over 15 miles of beginner to intermediate Nordic ski touring and snowshoe trails (maps of the trails are printed and left at the cabins, Nordic routes are not set tracks). Customers with backcountry equipment can continue towards the 10th Mountain Division Hut for an out-and-back tour, or can access skiable terrain on Chicago Ridge or at Ski Cooper. Many families visit these cabins – and the Colorado Trail route offers a great opportunity for kids to find the blue diamonds and lead the way. Once you arrive, you'll undoubtedly find snow forts and tunnels – 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 cabin keepers).
- **Arrival time is 2pm, and please depart by 11am.** Respect field staff and other hut groups, abide by these times.
- **Fire, Ice, and Snow 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 boots and clothing if possible. Report any damage. Also **evaluate hazards due to falling snow and ice** that could occur and avoid exposing yourself to those inherent risks when collecting snow and moving around the cabin.
- **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/Visit our [COVID 19 Information](#) page for additional cleaning responsibilities!

- **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.
- **Fill Snowmelt Pot**
- **Shovel** Please shovel decks, stairs and outhouse walkways.
- **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.