

Guest Information



Mustang
Powder





e look forward to having you come to Mustang Powder Lodge this winter.

Our goal is to provide enthusiastic powder skiers and snowboarders with a fun and exciting holiday in untracked powder. The Monashee Mountains are located in the heart of British Columbia's interior snow belt and provide a blend of alpine and glaciated terrain, as well as some of the best steep tree skiing through old growth forests.

With approximately 125 square kilometres (about 32,000 acres), we have one of the largest cat skiing operations in the industry. Even after a decade of operations we are still exploring the terrain and opening up new areas. Each summer we do some glading to open new lines as well as add new cat roads to make them more efficient so we can ski even more each day.

Mustang Lodge is a magnificent large timber frame structure located at 5750 ft. elevation with an impressive view of peaks and glaciers to the east. The central location of the lodge allows efficient use of the expansive ski area. Check our [website](#) to see the map of the Mustang Powder ski area as well as photos of Mustang Lodge.

Mustang Powder is located on the western side of the Monashee Mountains, ensuring us of tremendous amounts of light powder snow. In fact, the record for the highest snowfall ever recorded in Canada was on a mountain adjacent to Mustang Powder.

Please be sure to check our [website](#) prior to arriving for your trip. We post any important guest news there. We will also post the daily weather and snowpack conditions on the home page starting in late November. If you're interested in picking up a 2nd trip we list our last minute availability and seat sales on our web site as well.

Please plan to arrive at the [Skyline Esso Truck Stop](#), 44 km West of Revelstoke at the designated time on the day prior to the first day of your trip.

Guests arriving prior to January 7 will be transported to the lodge by bus and snow cat. Starting this season guests arriving after January 7th will be transported to the lodge by helicopter. Please be aware that we now have a new baggage limit of 25 lbs plus skis and boots.

Please complete a copy of our registration form. This can either be done online at mustangpowder.com/registration-and-information or the attached copy can be filled out and mailed, faxed or emailed back at least a month prior to your trip. This will allow us to be fully prepared for your arrival. Group organizers should ensure that all of your group members have received this information booklet and registration form. If you have any questions that are not answered in this booklet please call or e-mail our office. Additional copies of this booklet and the registration form are also available as pdf files on the [downloads page](#) of our web site at.

For your safety, all our lead guides are either UIAGM or ACMG certified. However, all the risks of backcountry skiing cannot be completely eliminated. You are obliged to accept this fact by signing a Waiver, Release from Liability and Assumption of Risks before you head out skiing your first day. A sample copy of this form has been included in this booklet. Please read it carefully before you come.

Mustang Powder Lodge is a member of HeliCat Canada, Canada West Ski Areas Association & the Canadian Avalanche Association.

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[Nick and Ali Holmes-Smith,](#)
[Mustang Powder Lodge Inc.](#)

WHAT'S NEW

Expansion

We've added over 500 sq. ft. to our lounge area! There's a fully redesigned bar looking out over the Perry River (below), a new office and an expanded merchandise area.



Rooftop Hot Tub

The hot tub is now on the roof of the sitting room – with a most amazing view (above) and easy access from the guest bedroom wing. Due to popular demand we have also added jets. Guests no longer have to walk outside in the snow – they merely go out on the top deck and climb in.

Sauna

Due to popular demand we have also built a sauna. The sauna is located on the ground floor immediately outside the guest bedroom wing. It will comfortably sit about 6 guests.

Helicopter transfers from January 7 onwards

During our trial period last February/March, the guests were nearly unanimous in their approval of flying into the lodge via helicopter - it's only an 8 minute flight!

The cost of the flight is only \$160 for the round-trip and will be added to your bar tabs at the end of your trip.

Guests are reminded that due to weight restrictions in the helicopter they will now be limited to one 25 lb. bag as well and their skis and boots.

A limited number of guests arriving before January 7th can also fly in, please contact Glacier Helicopters directly at paul@glacierhelicopters.ca if you're interested.



Photo: Kevin Arnold

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What type of skier should you be?

Guests must be, at minimum, strong intermediate skiers capable of dealing with deep powder snow in the backcountry. A visit to Mustang Powder will usually entail skiing both open bowls and steep tree runs. Powder skis make skiing deep snow much easier for any skier; however, you will still need a certain level of expertise. Please be aware that even in the regular program our policy at Mustang is to cater to the strong, keen skiers and boarders. You should be an expert skier, and at a minimum a very strong intermediate. The less skilled or less fit guests may be asked to sit out some of the steeper runs and/or take some rest breaks by riding down in the front of the snowcat with the driver. All boarders and telemarkers **MUST** be experts, and very fit.

How many runs do we ski per day?

We normally ski 10 to 16 runs per day. On the first day of your ski holiday you will likely ski approximately 14,000 to 20,000 vertical feet (due to the morning safety briefing and beacon search). On subsequent days you will typically ski between 17,000 and 24,000 vertical feet. At Mustang we are all about giving you absolutely as much skiing each day as possible. Less fit guests are encouraged to pace themselves and sit out some runs by riding down in the front of the cat with the driver.

What part of the winter has the best skiing?

We receive nearly the same amount of snow during all the winter months of December to March. December and January are obviously the coldest periods. March and early April are snowy and unsettled with longer daylight hours – meaning long days of great skiing. Rain is very rare in the northern Monashees during the winter months.

In December and January you can expect the daytime temperatures to be in the -5 to -15 Celsius range (5 to 23 degrees Fahrenheit); in February and March you can expect 0 to -10 Celsius (14 to 32 degrees Fahrenheit). However, prior to mid February we potentially can get brief periods of very cold arctic air with temperatures in the range of -20 to -30 Celsius (-4 to -22 degrees Fahrenheit).

There is no "best" time to come skiing. The northern Monashees are arguably the best location in the world for consistently great snow conditions. Well over 90% of the time you will encounter good or excellent snow and weather conditions. Occasionally, due to warm weather and/or rain, the conditions are poor. Our policy is to ski and try to have fun no matter what the conditions. Please accept the fact that we cannot control the weather, and no refunds or rain checks will be given for bad weather or snow conditions.

What is the percentage of Alpine vs. Tree Skiing?

Our terrain at Mustang contains large amounts of both alpine and treed runs. If the weather is clear and the visibility good we are almost always at tree-line and above in the alpine. If it is snowing and cloudy we usually drop-off at treeline and ski down through the Monashee forests. Over a whole season we typically would ski half the time in the alpine, and half in the trees.

What about snowboarders & telemark skiers?

We welcome everyone to come and enjoy our powder. While strong intermediate ability will suffice for skiers, snowboarders and telemark skiers **MUST** be experts and able to handle all backcountry conditions including very steep treed terrain. Our guides do their best to accommodate all our guests. There will, however, be times when traversing and even climbing uphill, will be necessary. Collapsible poles that can be stored in a small pack are recommended for snowboarders.

What is the accommodation like?

Mustang Powder Lodge is very large and comfortable. The main living and dining area is Douglas fir timber frame construction with pine on the interior walls giving this area a warm and comfortable atmosphere. There is a billiards and foosball table in the cozy games mezzanine above the dining room.

The high elevation of the lodge (1740m / 5750 ft.) offers spectacular views from the lounge, dining room and many of the bedrooms. The majority of our guest bedrooms are designed for two people and all include a full private bathroom. We also have some single guest bedrooms available. Some of these rooms share a bathroom with one other single room, while some have a private bathroom. If you are interested in a private room please let us know early. We will try our best to accommodate all requests however sometimes in the case of uneven group numbers preference will be given to guests who would otherwise have to share a room with someone outside of their group.



Photo: Kevin Arnold

And the food?

Mustang Lodge is very fortunate to have both our outstanding chef's Rick and Tommy returning this year. Each evening they prepare an exceptional four course gourmet dinner. We use premium local ingredients like wild B.C. salmon and organically raised lamb and bison.

To complement the cuisine, our fully licensed lounge serves a LARGE selection of award winning British Columbian wines - we usually start the season with over 100 choices on our wine list! In the morning we serve a selection of hot and cold breakfasts.

Lunches are made by the guests in the morning – so you can pack exactly what you like to eat. The lunch buffet includes a wide variety of freshly baked bread and sandwich fillings as well as fresh fruit, tasty salads and pastries. All of our baked goods are made daily on the mountain. To allow more time for skiing, lunch is eaten in the snowcat between runs. Après ski there is always a delicious appetizer prepared to tide you over until dinner is served.



What if I have special dietary requirements?

Our chefs can accommodate any special dietary requirements or food allergies. Please inform us of your dietary needs at least two weeks prior to your arrival and we will ensure that we have your requirements addressed.

Does the Lodge have internet access?

Mustang Powder Lodge has wireless routers to cover the majority of the lodge and guest bedrooms. We recommend that you leave your work at home and enjoy your vacation but if you do need to stay in touch bring your laptop computer and you will be able to connect to the outside world. We do not have computers available for guests to use. Cell service is not available at our lodge. There is a satellite phone available for guests to use at the lodge. The price on this is \$1.00/minute to call anywhere in North America.

What other amenities does the Lodge offer?

We have a full time massage therapist to look after you when you return from your day of skiing. Massages are available for 1 hour or ½ hour sessions. In fairness to all of our guests, we do not accept advance bookings. Check in with us on your arrival and we will direct you to the massage sign-up sheet.

We also have a large outdoor rooftop hot tub with an outstanding view of the picturesque mountains and glaciers to the east. After skiing, relax in the tub and watch for the alpenglow on the peaks as the sun goes down.

Our retail shop contains a variety of high quality ski wear, including jackets, fleece pullovers, base layers, toques, goggles and gloves as well as a selection of stylish casual wear for men and women.

Can I bring my own beer and wine?

Our fully licensed lounge serves 6 beers on tap as well as a full range of spirits. We also stock a wide variety of award winning British Columbia wines. Please do not bring beer with you since it is heavy and often breaks on the trip up (usually on someone else's luggage!). Guests are welcome to bring a few bottles of wine with them but will be charged a corkage fee of \$20.00 per bottle. Please keep in mind that you can only bring a total 25 lbs of luggage on the helicopter and any booze you bring is included in this weight.

What if I am unable to come on my trip?

Your trip is non-refundable. However, we are often able to fill you spot with another guest. See the last part of this booklet for details on our cancellation policy. We recommend guests purchase trip cancellation insurance.

What about Ski Rentals?

We have once again upgraded our rental ski fleet this season. Our standard skis are the Armada JJ's for regular knee-deep powder, and K2 Pontoons for the super deep days. We also have a large selection of other powder skis from Armada, Volkl, Blizzard, K2, Nordica and Big Bend. Our selection of powder skis range in length from 150 cm up to 195 cm. For those snowboarders who don't have powder boards, we have some Burton Fish as well as some Trapper Snowboards, hand-crafted in Revelstoke.

Rental skis are available for guests at a cost of \$35.00/day. Poles are included with the rental. Bring your own ski boots and take them as carry-on luggage if you travel by plane. Please make sure ski boots are in a bag of some sort. Loose boots can get wet on the trip up to the lodge. If you have any sort of fat skis we encourage you to bring them and use them but we discourage the use of skinny skis because they are just not as much fun. There is no need to book rental skis ahead of time. Upon your arrival at the lodge you may fill out a rental form and come to the ski room to discuss what type of skis you want to use.

How much luggage can I bring if I'm flying in?

You MUST pack light: 25 lbs. maximum in a soft duffel style bag (no stiff bags). A medium or large duffel, half filled, is ideal since it can be flexible when loading. Then bring your ski boots (or snowboard boots) in a separate bag (but not loose). This bag is in addition to your allotted 25 lbs. Bring only one pair of skis/snowboard loose – NOT in a ski bag. Do NOT bring ski poles (we will

supply ski poles free of charge to all guests). We have a large inventory of rental skis – so opting to rent skis is certainly a good idea, and lessens the weight in the helicopter. (However, you are welcome to bring your own fat skis.....but no poles).

We will weigh you and your luggage and if your main luggage bag is too heavy we will ask you to repack, and leave some gear behind in your vehicle. Any booze must be in your luggage and will be included in your 25 lb. allotment.



What should I bring?

- Waterproof winter boots for the trip up to the lodge. Have them ready to put on at the Esso truck stop.
- Flashlight (headlamp is best). Have it ready when you arrive at our trailhead parking lot - it is dark and remote.
- Ski clothes that are suitable for all conditions and temperatures.
- Casual clothes and slippers for the lodge
- Bathing suit for the hot tub
- Ski Boots – we recommend that you take them on the airplane with you as carry-on luggage. Do not carry them loose –make sure they are in a boot bag.
- Powder skis if you own them, otherwise you are welcome to rent ours. Ski poles are provided for guests.
- Please DO NOT have your skis in a ski-bag, if you do, you will be asked to pull them out at the truck stop
- All guests are provided with an avalanche transceiver, a small backpack with an avalanche shovel and probe, as well as a radio, so there's no need to bring your own pack.
- If you have an avalanche airbag you're welcome to bring it. We have a number of extra canisters for most brands of bags since they can be a pain to travel with. If you would like to use one, please make sure to reserve it ahead of time so we can ensure it's available for you for your trip.

SMALL GROUPS STEEP CHUTES CAT

Our small groups steep chutes program has taken cat skiing to a new level. This program is aimed at giving strong and keen expert skiers and boarders the challenging terrain that they love. With only six guests and two guides it is a nimble group that is able to move fast and ski hard. Touring bindings and climbing skins will be carried since this program will sometimes include some climbing from the drop offs up to the entrance of runs.

If you do not have your own, a selection of our powder skis have Marker Baron or Tyrollia Adrenalin 16, both of which have touring capabilities. Rental of these skis and skins is \$50.00 / day. Please ensure that you are fit and are physically ready for this holiday. There won't be a great deal of climbing, but there will be tons of skiing. It is the ultimate cat skiing experience and is aimed at fit people who want to ski a lot of runs each day.



PRIVATE CATS

About fifteen years ago some heli-skiing companies began using smaller helicopters to cater to small private groups, thus revolutionizing the industry. Mustang Powder is now utilizing this concept in catskiing. It started six years ago with the introduction of our Small Groups, Steep Chutes program, and now continues with the introduction of our new Private Group program.

- Groups will be able to travel through the terrain faster and smoother.
- Loading and unloading the cat will be quicker and easier.
- Groups will be able to ski more runs in a day.
- Guides will be better able to tailor the ski day to the groups ability.
- It is much easier to organize a group of six than a group of twelve.

The lodge experience for the Private Group guests will be the same as for the large cat guests – with double or single occupancy on our main two guests bedroom floors.

MUSTANG BED AND BREAKFAST

We now own and operate the Mustang Bed and Breakfast in Revelstoke B.C. It is located only 30 minutes East of where we meet our guests. The Mustang Bed and Breakfast is an elegant old mansion built in 1897 by the Holten family. Over the years it has been the place where the rich and famous have stayed when they've gone through town – King Edward VIII in the early 20th century and more recently by Hollywood movie stars.

It has been beautifully maintained and updated while retaining its historic charm. It is located only two blocks from downtown Revelstoke which offers many great dining options. Josh Williams operates the bed and breakfast, and will be offering our guests friendly hospitality this winter.

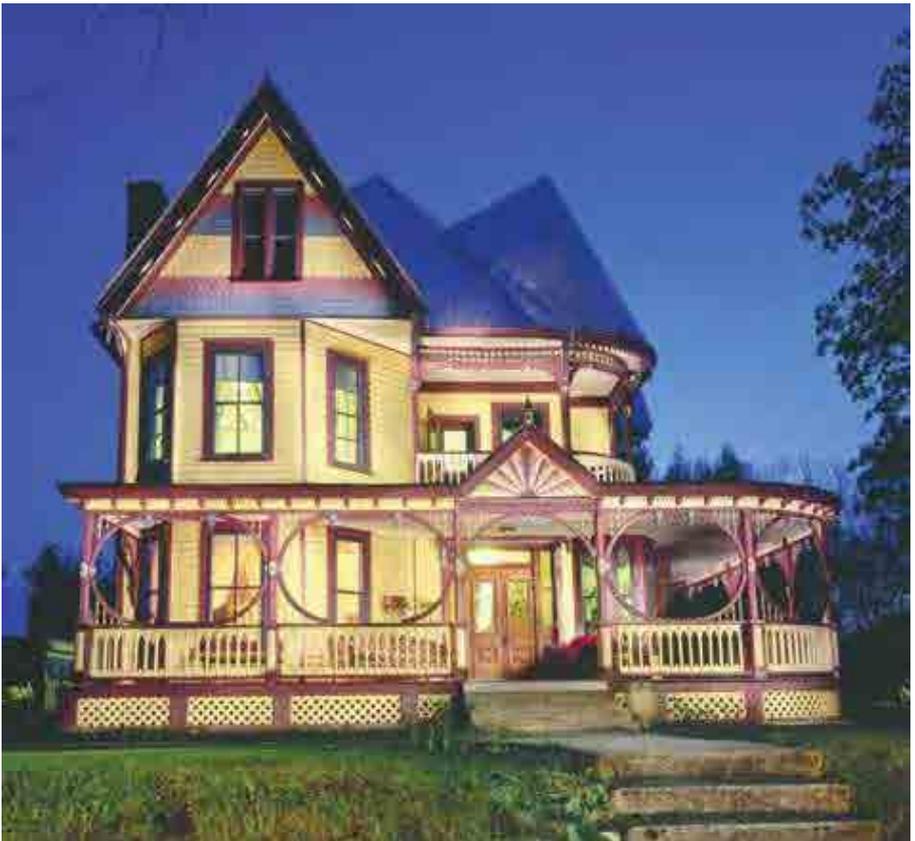
All of our Mustang Powder guests receive a 10% discount on ski and stay packages at the Mustang Bed and Breakfast. Go to our B & B web site at www.mustangbedandbreakfast.com for more information and details.

Mustang Bed and Breakfast is located at 1221 1st Street West, Revelstoke, BC. To book call 1-866-837-4665 or 250-837-2801 or email Josh at info@mustangbedandbreakfast.com.

Revelstoke Mountain Resort is arguably the best ski resort in British Columbia. It offers the highest vertical drop in North America and is located in an area famous for lots of dry powder. The resort is just 40 minutes from our trailhead and is a logical place to do a day or two warm-up prior to your cat skiing holiday.

Please be advised that there are avalanche paths between Revelstoke and the Skyline Esso Truck Stop and this section of highway can be closed for avalanche control work. It is your responsibility to be at the meeting spot on time.

For more information about the resort, go to their website: www.revelstokemountainresort.com



TRIP SCHEDULE

Mustang Powder Lodge is north of the Trans Canada Highway, between Sicamous and Revelstoke. We run three and four day trips. We also have a few two day trips running prior to Christmas. For all trips you will arrive the evening prior to the first day of your ski holiday. The Skyline Esso Truck Stop between Sicamous and Revelstoke is our designated meeting place. Google maps link:

www.google.ca/maps/place/Skyline+Truck+Stop/@50.5916361,-118.4838705,9z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0x4f17529d44b3651f

Meet and Transport to Lodge

Guests should arrive at the Skyline at their designated meeting time (these will be sometime between 2:00 to 3:30 PST and will be provided) on the day prior to your first day of skiing. If you have been delayed and are going to arrive late, please call us directly at 1-888-884-4666. We will either delay the bus departure slightly, or if you are really late, we will make alternate plans for getting you to the lodge. We ask guests to please refrain from excessive drinking prior to your arrival at the ski lodge.

Guests arriving prior to January 7

Please arrive at the ESSO truck stop at 3 PM PST on the day PRIOR to your ski trip.

Upon arrival go to the east side of the ESSO and drive up to the rear of the yellow school bus and staff will help you transfer your luggage to the bus. Then staff will direct you to the parking area.

You can then wait in the upstairs lounge in the truck stop until about 3:30 when we will load the bus.

After a quick briefing on transportation arrangements, guests board our bus for the trip to our trailhead. The bus will depart from the Skyline at 4:00 PM PST. At the trailhead, you will transfer your luggage to a snowcat for the trip to Mustang Lodge. You must have snow boots, gloves, flashlight and a jacket available, as this is a snowy location. Upon arrival at the lodge you will get settled into your rooms, have a relaxing drink in the lounge and then be served dinner.

A limited number of early season guests can also fly to the lodge via helicopter. However it must be organized by you and Glacier Helicopters, so if you are keen on this please contact them directly at: paul@glacierhelicopters.ca

Guests arriving on or after January 7

Please arrive at, or prior to your designated meeting time. If you are late you will get bumped onto a later flight. Please remember that you need to arrive at the ESSO truck stop on the DAY PRIOR to your first day of skiing

Upon arrival at the ESSO truck stop, drive your vehicle immediately to the west end of the parking lot on the west side of the café and drop off your luggage and skis with a staff member at the "Mustang Helicopter luggage Drop-off" sign.

Remember you have a 25 lb luggage limit.

After dropping off your luggage/skis, you will park your vehicle on the east side of the café and go to the upstairs lounge of the café and watch the Helicopter safety video¹. A staff member will call you down to the Landing Zone when it is time for your flight. For the flight you must be dressed in warm winter clothes and waterproof, tall winter boots.

If weather prevents the helicopter from flying, guests will take the bus, and it will leave the ESSO at approx. 3:45 pacific time.

There will be two helicopters – taking 3 guests and their gear, on each load.

Breakfast

You will be woken up at 7:00 am to coffee in bed followed by a full breakfast in the dining room. The lunch buffet is set out early and guests can make their lunches either before or after eating breakfast.

Safety Briefing and Snowcat Orientation

Prior to skiing on your first day all guests are required to sign a Waiver, Release from Liability and Assumption of Risks. The guides will then give you a safety briefing and training session with avalanche beacons followed by an avalanche transceiver search practice. We will also discuss safety in and around the snowcat.

Let's Go Skiing

On the first morning, we will depart from the lodge at approx. 10:00 AM; on subsequent days the cats will leave the lodge at about 8:30 AM. Lunch is eaten in the snow cat between runs. We return from skiing between 4:15 and 5:15 pm (depending on the time of year). We often ski right back to the lodge as our last run of the day.

At Mustang Lodge we operate on 'Mountain time' in order to optimize the daylight hours and lengthen the ski day. Our philosophy is to give guests as much skiing in the day as is possible. The less ambitious skiers can sit out some runs if they are feeling tired.

During the ski day you must give your full attention to your guide's instructions at all times. Skiing within the parameters set by your guide is the best way to prevent injury or incident. Carefully following all of the guides instructions also builds their trust in you and gives them the confidence to take you into more interesting terrain.

Après Ski

After skiing, appetizers are served in the lounge. Guests can then have a soak in our large outdoor rooftop hot tub, enjoy a massage or play a game of billiards before dinner. Our bar has a large selection of the finest BC wines, 6 different beers on tap as well as a full selection of spirits. Dinner is a four course gourmet meal prepared by our excellent chefs.

Last Day of Skiing

We will have you pack your gear and clear out of your room first thing in the morning so that we can ski as late as possible. We will ski until about 4:00 PM and then you will be transported out from the lodge.



TRAVEL TIPS



Directions to the Malakwa

From the Kelowna Airport, guests should drive north on Highway 97 through Vernon to Sicamous. At Sicamous, you will turn right (east) on Highway 1. From there, travel 28 km. (17 miles) to our meeting spot. It's approximately two hours driving time from the Kelowna Airport. Guests driving from the east will travel 44 km. (27 miles) west of Revelstoke to our meeting spot. From Seattle or Vancouver, we recommend traveling Highway 5 (Coquihalla) to Kamloops, then east through Sicamous on Highway 1. All of these routes are on major highways and conditions are usually good. Current Highway reports can be found at www.bchighway.com/report/ Downloadable driving directions are also available on our web site.

Travel by Plane

All guests should fly into Kelowna, BC, arriving no later than 12:00 PM the day before your trip starts. Return flights should be booked for the day following your last day of skiing.

If you live in Canada or overseas you should fly to Kelowna via Vancouver, Calgary or Toronto.

Contact the following Airlines:

Air Canada Toll free 1-888-247-2262

West Jet Toll free 1-800-538-5696

If you live in the USA then flying via Seattle will probably be best. Contact Alaska / Horizon Air Toll free 1-800-252-7522

To ensure that your boots arrive with you, it is recommended that you carry them as hand luggage when traveling by airplane.

If you are in a group of four or less people the most economical way to travel to the Skyline Truck Stop is to rent a car or mini-van:

Budget offers our guests a discount, use BCD# is X266133 when booking either online at www.budget.ca or calling 1-800-268-8900

Other options include:

National 1-800-227-7368

Hertz 1-800-263-0600

Avis (250) 491-9500

Shuttle Service by Van

Whether you are travelling alone, or in a group these services may be able to help you avoid having to rent a car:

From Kelowna:

Revelstoke Connection Toll free 1-888-569-1969

Email: manager@revelstokeconnection.com

Web: www.revelstokeconnection.com

From Calgary:

Luxury Motor Coach Charters Contact Ian Hipkins at 1-403-678-2990 Email:

ian@luxurymotorcoach.ca www.luxurymotorcoach.ca

Traveling Home

It is best to book a flight out the following morning. Do not plan your ski trip on too tight a schedule. Winter weather can cause delays on planes, roads and occasionally, getting to and from our trailhead and lodge. Therefore it is unwise to have a schedule that relies on timing working out perfectly. The new airport security measures for guests traveling outside of Canada require arrival two hours prior to departure. We are not able to transport guests from the lodge early to accommodate flight schedules. The following is a list of possibilities for overnight accommodation:

The Best Western Plus Kelowna Hotel & Suites offers Mustang Powder's guests a corporate rate of \$111.00 per night for a standard room. This price is based on single or double occupancy, maximum of 4 people per room with an additional charge of \$15.00 each for the 3rd and 4th person. Rate includes a full hot breakfast buffet with gluten free options. Shuttle service to the airport can be arranged by the hotel. To book call 1-250-860-1212 or 1-888-860-1212 and ask for the Mustang Powder preferred rate. The Best Western's web site is www.bestwesternkelownahotel.com.

Other options for overnight accommodation include:

Journey Inn, Vernon Local 1-250-545-2161

Days Inn, Kelowna Local 1-250-868-3297 or Toll free 1-800-337-7177

Best Western, Sicamous Local 1-250-836-4117 or Toll free 1-800-485-7698

Artist's House Bed and Breakfast, Sicamous Local 1-250-804-3956

Fly and Drive?

Unless you are going to ski at resorts along the way, we discourage flying to Spokane, Vancouver or Calgary and then driving to Mustang Powder. Flying to Kelowna is the best plan. Due to the potential for delayed planes, lost luggage, avalanche road closure etc. we advise all of our guests to arrive in the area a day early and go skiing at one of the local resorts. Please be advised that the road between Calgary and our meeting spot is periodically closed for avalanche control work. Refunds cannot be given to guests who fail to arrive at our meeting spot in time for the bus and snowcat ride to the lodge.

Traveling time by car to Mustang Powder:

From:

Kelowna	158 km	98 miles	2 hours
Calgary	452 km	281 miles	6 hours
Vancouver	518 km	322 miles	6.5 hours
Spokane	465 km	289 miles	8 hours
Seattle	634 km	394 miles	7.5 hours

Silver Star in Vernon B.C. and Big White in Kelowna B.C.

Many of our guests enjoy doing a day or more resort skiing locally prior to cat skiing with us. Silver Star is the most conveniently located since it is only a one hour drive from Kelowna airport and 20 minutes from Vernon. Silver Star is best known for its dry, feather light champagne powder snow and has an excellent mix of terrain featuring groomed or gnarly and steep. For more information visit: www.skisilverstar.com. For more information about a trip to Silver Star or Big White contact Silver Star Central Reservations at 1-800-663-4431.

Revelstoke Mountain Resort in Revelstoke B.C.

Guests might want to visit Revelstoke Mountain Resort on their way to Mustang Powder. Go to their web site at www.discoverrevelstoke.com for information.

Options for lodging in Revelstoke include the Mustang Bed and Breakfast visit www.mustangbedandbreakfast.com

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LIABILITY WAIVER

Please carefully read this sample waiver before you leave home. You will be required to sign this waiver the morning before your first day skiing.

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS,
ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

**BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOU WILL WAIVE CERTAIN
LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

INITIAL

Name	
Address	

TO: **MUSTANG POWDER LODGE INC.**
(hereinafter collectively referred to as "**THE OPERATORS**")

AND TO: **HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**
(hereinafter referred to as "**THE PROVINCE**")

DEFINITIONS

In this agreement:

- the term "**skiing**" shall include "**snowboarding**" and "**telemark skiing**";
- the term "**wilderness skiing**" shall apply to both "**helicopter skiing**" and "**snowcat skiing**", and shall include all activities, services and use of facilities either provided by or arranged by the Operators or in any way related to either helicopter skiing or snowcat skiing including, but not limited to: orientation and instructional sessions, transportation, accommodation and recreational activities in addition to skiing, snowmobiling, loading, unloading and travel in or movement around helicopters and snowcats and other skiing activities in the alpine area.

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS - AVALANCHES, ALPINE TERRAIN, WILDERNESS TRAVEL, WEATHER ETC. I am aware that wilderness skiing involves risks, dangers and hazards in addition to those normally associated with downhill skiing. Avalanches occur frequently in the alpine terrain used for wilderness skiing and may be caused by natural forces or by skiers. I acknowledge and accept that the Operators and their staff may fail to predict whether the alpine terrain is safe for skiing or whether an avalanche may occur. The alpine terrain for wilderness skiing is uncontrolled, unmarked, not inspected and involves many risks, dangers and hazards in addition to that of avalanche. These may include, but are not limited to: the ice and snow, cornices, trees, tree wells and tree stumps, creeks, rocks, boulders, forest deadfall, holes and depressions on or below the snow surface, cliffs, variable and difficult snow conditions, crevasses, snowcat roads and road banks, fences, and other man-made structures, impact or collision with other skiers, the failure to ski safely or within one's own ability or within designated areas, negligence of other skiers, and **NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE OPERATORS OR THEIR GUIDES AND EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING THE FAILURE OF THE OPERATORS OR THEIR GUIDES AND EMPLOYEES TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF WILDERNESS SKIING.** Skiers may become lost or separated from their skiing party or guide. Communication in the alpine terrain is difficult and in the event of an accident, rescue and medical treatment may not be available. Alpine weather conditions may be extreme and can change rapidly and without warning, making travel by helicopter or snowcat hazardous.

I AM AWARE OF THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH WILDERNESS SKIING AND I FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS RESULTING THEREFROM.

NOTICE TO SNOWBOARDERS AND TELEMAR SKIERS - INCREASED RISK

Unlike alpine ski boot binding systems, snowboard and some telemark boot binding systems are not designed or intended to release and will not release under normal circumstances. The use of safety strap or retention device by snowboarders or telemark skiers without ski brakes will increase the risk of not surviving an avalanche.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT.

In consideration of **THE OPERATORS** and **THE PROVINCE** allowing me to participate in wilderness skiing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:

1. TO **WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS** that I have or may have in the future against **THE OPERATORS** and **THE PROVINCE** and their directors, officers, employees, guides, agents, independent contractors, representatives, successors and assigns (all of whom are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "**RELEASEES**") and TO **RELEASE THE RELEASEES** from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense, injury or death that I may suffer or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my participation in wilderness skiing **DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE OWED UNDER THE OCCUPERS LIABILITY ACT, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 337, ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES, AND INCLUDING THE FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF WILDERNESS SKIING REFERRED TO ABOVE.**

- TO **HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES** from any and all liability for any property damage or personal injury to any third party resulting from my participation in wilderness skiing;
- That this Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives, in the event of my death or incapacity;
- That this Agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and no other jurisdiction; and
- That any litigation involving the parties to this Agreement shall be brought solely within the Province of British Columbia and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the Province of British Columbia.

In entering into this Agreement I am not relying on any oral or written representations or statements made by the Releasees with respect to the safety of wilderness skiing, other than what is set forth in this Agreement.

I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS AGREEMENT PRIOR TO SIGNING IT, AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS ASSIGNS AND REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____

Witness

Signature of Skier

Print Name Clearly

THIS AGREEMENT MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL, INITIALED, DATED, SIGNED AND WITNESSED BY US PRIOR TO SKIING WITH US

RESERVATIONS AND BOOKING INFORMATION

To Book A Ski Holiday Call:

Toll free (North America) 1-888-884-4666 Local 250-679-8125 Fax 250-679-2999 Email: info@mustangpowder.com A 25% deposit is required at the time of booking. Trips booked after October 15, 2013 are payable in full at the time of booking.

Our ski season starts in early December at Mustang Powder, and we keep skiing right through until early April. December and early January is statistically the coldest and often the snowiest time of the winter. This is a formula for deep, super-dry snow conditions. In late March and early April winter and spring weather collides and we get into a stormy, unsettled weather pattern which results in lots of fresh dumps of snow with short clear periods in-between. There is the possibility of warmer temperatures and spring-like snow conditions later in the season, however, this is not the norm.

Stand-by Rates

Stand-by rates at discounted prices may become available throughout the season due to last minute cancellations. Please email us at info@mustangpowder.com to be added to our last-minute list.

Payments

Full payment is due and payable prior to October 15th. Payments options include:

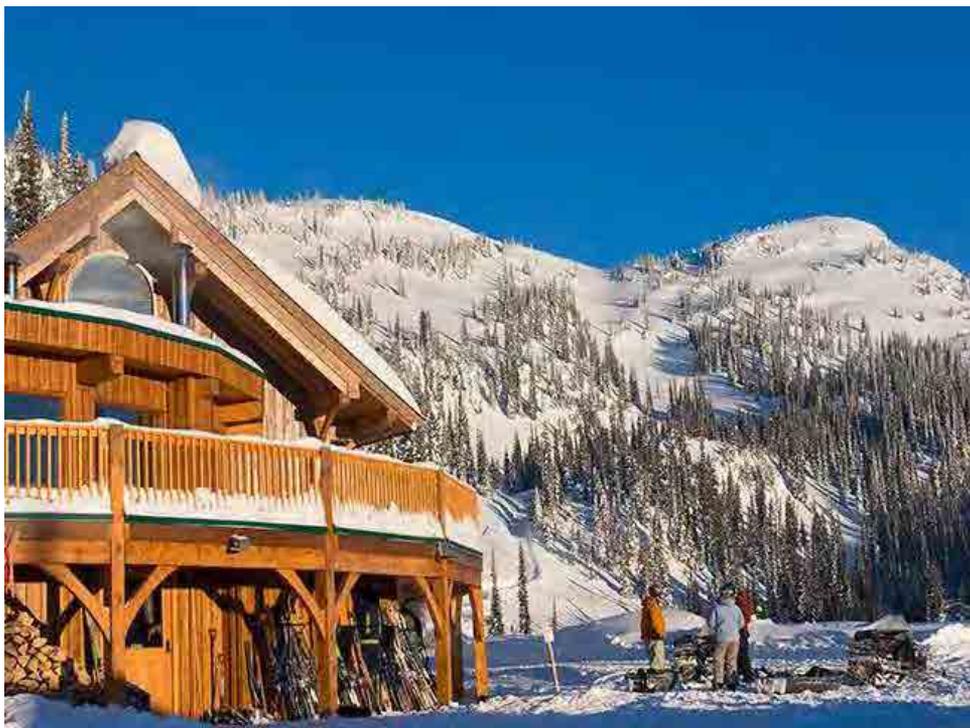
- Email transfer sent to info@mustangpowder.com
- Cheque or Money order send to:
Mustang Powder Lodge
3033 Chase Falkland Road
Chase, BC, Canada, V0E 1M1
- Visa or Mastercard info can be put on the registration form or called in to 1-888-884-4666
- Bank wires can be sent to:
CIBC: 3201 – 30th Avenue, Vernon, BC, V1T 2C6 Canada
Tel. 250-260-6300
Account Name: Mustang Powder Lodge
The fully qualified account number is: CIBCCATT.00260.010.6802516
CIBC Swift Code: CIBCCATT
Transit: #00260
Account: #6802516
Bank: #010

Please identify all payments clearly with your name and address. Payments in US funds will be credited to your account at the current bank rate. Please be aware that the Canadian mail is notoriously slow and mail from the US can take as long as three weeks to arrive.

Balances not paid by October 15, 2015 will incur a 1% late fee, with an additional 1% charge added each month until final payment is made.

Expenses at Mustang Powder Lodge

While you are at the lodge a tab will be run for rental skis, massages, liquor, merchandise, use of the satellite phone and a deposit in you want to re-book for the following season. This tab will be paid the last morning before you go skiing. At the lodge, we accept cash, cheques, debit, Visa or MasterCard. Discounted group deposits paid by Visa or MasterCard will be subject to a 3% reduction in group discount. Deposits for non-discounted groups will not be charged 3% for credit card payments.



Reservation Cancellation

If you cancel your reservation prior to making your final payment (October 15th), your deposit will be refunded if we are able to sell your spot to another person at full price. Refunds will be subject to a \$75.00 cancellation fee per seat. If you cancel your reservation after your final payment on October 15th all monies paid will be refunded if and when we fill your seat with another person and will be subject to a cancellation fee of 6% of the total trip price. If the seat can not be filled, then you will forfeit all monies paid prior to the date of cancellation. If you have paid for your spot in full and we fill your cancelled seat at a reduced standby rate you will be refunded only the amount paid by this last minute guest (less the cancellation fee). Monies on deposit will not be carried forward to future seasons. If you are unable to come at the last minute due to injury, travel complications, inability to enter the country, etc. there will be no refunds or ski credits given. If, once you have arrived at the lodge, you are unable to ski due to injury or illness there will be no refunds or ski credits given.

The reservation and cancellation policies used by Mustang Powder Lodge are standard in this industry.

Cancellation Insurance

We recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance and medical insurance if you are a visitor to Canada. This will cover you in case of injury or sickness prior to your ski trip. If you are interested in getting a quote follow this link:

<http://www.lifestylefinancial.ca/index.php/travelinsurance/mustang-powder-lodge>

Evacuation Insurance

Mustang Powder Lodge offers insurance to cover the costs if, in the event of a serious injury, you need to be evacuated from the mountain to by helicopter, snowcat or snowmobile to the nearest hospital which offers the care facilities required. The cost of the evacuation Insurance is \$5.00 per person per day. We advise all skiers to opt for this. If you choose not to purchase this insurance you will be responsible for helicopter evacuation, ambulance expenses and all other costs related to an evacuation and not covered by medical insurance – these can be upwards of a few thousand dollars. We have added \$5.00 per person per day to your final statement to pay for your evacuation insurance. If you do not want to purchase Evacuation Insurance please deduct it from your final payment.

In the case of an evacuation, no refunds or credits will be given for the unused portion of your trip.



Rebooking Policy

Our rebooking policy remains unchanged. This season's guests have first option on the corresponding dates for the following season. This option expires on the last day of your ski holiday. To keep your dates we need to receive your deposit on the last day of your trip this season. The deposit is 25% of the total package price. We are not able to hold dates for our guests without a deposit.

Refund Policy

There is no guarantee on the conditions that you will encounter on your ski holiday – and we give no refunds or rain checks if we are unable to ski due to poor conditions or if you can not or do not want to ski for any reason.

A snowcat can operate in virtually any type of snow and weather. However, if we cannot operate our snowcat for an extended period of time due to a mechanical breakdown we will provide a skiing credit on the unused portion of the ski package. This credit does not carry any cash value and is valid only until the end of the following ski season. Under no circumstances is Mustang Powder responsible for guest's inconvenience or travel expenses. We do have a back up snow cat in the event of a breakdown.

The Monashee mountains are an excellent location for great winter weather suitable for powder skiing. Well over 90% of the time we have good to excellent powder snow conditions. However, occasionally, due to warm weather and/or rain the conditions will be poor. Please accept the fact that we have no control over the weather – and with our limited number of guests and short season – we must operate even in poor snow conditions. Our policy is to ski every day and make a big effort to have fun – even if the conditions are not terrific. Guests must accept that "you win some, and you lose some" when it comes to weather. If you are unlucky and do encounter poor conditions while you are on your ski holiday, please try very hard to make the best of the situation.

Furthermore, due to snow stability issues, we are sometimes forced to ski slopes that are not as steep and exciting as you would like. Please accept that we have no control over snow stability and will put every effort into making the skiing as exciting and interesting as the stability (and the strength of your ski group) will allow.

No refunds or rain checks will be given if the snow is poor or if we are unable to ski due to unacceptably dangerous conditions.



Registration Forms

Along with your statement, mailed out in September, you will receive a registration form. Please complete and return (by mail or by fax) this form right away or follow this link and complete it online: . This form assists us in room assignments as well as allowing us to be prepared for any special dietary requirements. Please ensure that it is filled out accurately and completely, including your full signature and whether you are purchasing or declining evacuation insurance. We update our records annually so even if you are a returning guest, please answer all questions on the registration form.

Group Discounts

Groups of twelve skiers receive one free spot. Groups of twenty-four skiers receive two free spots. These discounts are offered due to the responsibilities assumed by the group's organizer. Consequently to receive this discount the group organizer **MUST** do the following things:

- Please do not have every group member phone in a visa number or send in separate cheques. As the group leader, we ask that you book the entire group at one time and pay the deposit in one payment, then collect all funds from the group members and pay the final balance with one cheque, no later than October 15..
- Payments made by Visa or Mastercard for discounted packages will be subject to a 3% reduction in the discount.
- Provide Mustang Powder with both a group list and a room assignment list. Groups of 12 will have 5 double rooms and two single rooms.
- Notify us immediately by e-mail of any changes or additions to the group.
- Ensure that all group members return their registration forms and receive a copy of the information booklet. Additional copies are available from our office or can be downloaded from our web site.
- If a group organizer has cancellations in his or her group it is the responsibility of the organizer to fill those spots. If Mustang Powder is asked to fill spots the group's discount will be lost for that year.
- Failure of the group organizer to make certain that all of these things are done will result in the loss of the group discount for the following year.

Group organizers should bring a cheque book on their holiday if they want to keep the group's ski dates for the following year. Your first option on those dates for the following year expires on the last day of your ski holiday.