

Winter Use Reservation Information & Parking Permit

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

Hut Amenities: Francie's Cabin sleeps twenty people, divided among six bunk rooms. There are no double sleeping accommodations. The hut is booked to capacity and may be occupied by more than one group. Overflow camping around the huts is not permitted. Francie's Cabin is equipped with propane cooktops, wood burning heat stove, firewood, cooking/eating utensils, mattresses and pillows, solar-powered lighting, wood burning sauna, toilet paper, paper towels and cleaning supplies. Please note that there is no oven for baking.

Capacity: Winter occupancy is twenty people. Groups (including those that reserve the entire hut) are asked not to overcrowd the cabin by bringing more guests than their reservation allows. Overcrowding causes maintenance problems and is in violation of the USFS permit.

Hut User Responsibilities: The success of the hut systems depends on the care provided by guests. You are responsible for leaving the cabin cleaner than you found it, including sweeping floors, cleaning the kitchen, washing your dishes, and hauling out all of your food and trash. Other instructions and rules are posted in the hut. Please do not snowshoe on the stairs or decks and do not lean skis or poles up against the windows.

Hutmasters and Volunteers: SHA realizes that groups that reserve the entire cabin are seeking privacy. However, SHA does not prevent hutmasters or volunteers from staying in the downstairs Hutmasters' Quarters when one group has booked the upstairs. All hutmasters and volunteers are expected to respect the privacy of cabin guests while carrying out their maintenance duties. Maintenance staff is at the hut once a week and hut guests should not be surprised to encounter hutmasters or volunteers at the hut.



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



Handicap Access: Francie's Cabin was built in accordance with the ADA and will accommodate persons with disabilities. However, Francie's Cabin should not be considered "easy access", as the trail to the cabin is a backcountry experience. For more information, please contact SHA at (970) 453-8583.



No Motorized Access: During the winter season (November to May), motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles, are prohibited on Spruce Creek and Crystal Lakes Roads. Violators may be subject to fines. Please access Francie's Cabin under your own power, carrying your own gear.



No Dogs: Dogs are not permitted at or near the huts. This is due to social, aesthetic and wildlife concerns, and because of the need to melt snow for water. A U.S. Forest Supervisor's Order prohibits dogs within 200 feet of Francie's Cabin. Violations are punishable by law.



No Day Use: Day use is not permitted.

 **DIRECTIONS****SPRUCE CREEK TRAIL HEAD**

- ➔ Go about 2.5mi South of Breck on Hwy 9 and take a **RIGHT** on Spruce Creek Road. It's a sharp right that immediately banks upward. Opposite the turn is a lake. You've gone too far if you start to see a lot of residential on Hwy 9.
- ⬅ Follow Spruce Creek Road through the Crown subdivision, take a **LEFT** at Golden Nugget (3rd Left) and then a **LEFT** at Crown Drive. You should still be on Spruce Creed Road.

Follow Spruce Creek Road until a parking lot at the end of the road. This is the trail head.

 **FROM THE TRAILHEAD**

Make sure you take the trail hidden behind the huge pile of snow at the **END OF THE PARKING LOT**. The Trail Splits after about 1/4 mile.

⬆ **SPRUCE CREEK ROAD 2.2 Miles**

➔ Sharp **RIGHT** after about a mile

➔ **CRYSTAL CREEK ROAD 1.8 Miles**
Steeper Route

BURRO TRAIL from Breckenridge

The Burro Trail starts at the base of the Peak 9 ski area in Breckenridge near Beaver Run Resort. Overnight parking is not permitted at Beaver Run in the winter, so it is necessary to park in the Town of Breckenridge Ice Rink Lot off of Boreas Pass Road on the south end of town (parking/shuttle directions below). The Burro Trail is a single track through the woods with nice views. Please purchase and bring with you a topographic map of the area and compass for specific trail directions. There is no signage on the trail directing you to Francie's Cabin.

 **BURRO TRAILHEAD 4.1 Miles**

If your pleasure is in the journey, enjoy this fairly long trail up to Francie's Cabin.

↗ **STEEP CLIMB**

From Breckenridge and Burro Trailhead follow the obvious Burro Trail south 3 1/8 miles to intersection with Crystal Creek jeep trail. Follow the Crystal Creek trail 1 mile westerly to Francie's Cabin.

➔ **A MORE RELAXED CLIMBING ANGLE**

at Crystal Creek jeep trail continue southerly on Burro Trail about 350 feet and gain the Spruce Creek Road. Follow the road a mile to its signed intersection with Wheeler Trail. Here, take an obvious road-cut that climbs to the right off Spruce Creek Road and follow the wide roadbed as it swings northerly into the Crystal Creek drainage, crosses Crystal Creek, and makes a short climb to the cabin.

LATE SPRING DIRECTIONS

If you have a reservation at Francie's Cabin in the spring after the Breckenridge Ski Area has closed Peak 9, you may park overnight in the lot at Beaver Run. Be sure to post your parking permit on your dashboard or you may be towed. Make copies of the parking permit if your group requires more than one vehicle. This lot is occasionally closed for group functions, inquire at the front desk for alternate parking options or contact SHA.

Parking/Shuttle Bus: Park at the Town of Breckenridge Ice Rink Lot. **Free parking permits are available for SHA guests but you must contact the office well in advance of your trip to make arrangements for the passes to be picked up.** Otherwise, you must purchase parking permits on the spot (currently \$5/24hrs/car). There are several easy bus options to get to Beaver Run. The Town of Breckenridge Grey Bus Route runs from the Ice Rink to Beaver Run, where you can access the Burro Trail. Additionally, the Town of Breckenridge Blue Route and Summit Stage Boreas Pass Route also pick up at the Ice Rink and will take you to the Breckenridge Transfer Station, where you can catch a ski area shuttle bus that will take you to Beaver Run. From the shuttle bus drop area at Beaver Run Resort, walk or ski south past the maze for the Beaver Run Quad chairlift (across the ski run, being careful for skier traffic), and toward the ski school area. You will see the USFS trailhead sign for the Burro Trail just past the ski school area. Follow the Burro Trail to the Crystal Road or the Spruce Creek Road to Francie's Cabin.

Self-Reliance Required: You are on your own on the trail and at Francie'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, the Summit County Sheriff at 970-453-2232, or Summit County Dispatch at 970-668-8600).

For More Information: Contact Summit Huts Association

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Francie's Cabin is located in the White River National Forest and operates under a special use permit from the USDA Forest Service.



PARKING PERMIT

FRANCIE'S CABIN GUEST

DATE IN: _____

WILL RETURN: _____