

Winter Use Reservation Information

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

Hut Amenities: The Section House is equipped with a wood burning heat stove and a cookstove, firewood, propane cook tops, solar and wind powered lights, antique furnishings, sleeping pads and pillows, and other typical hut supplies to accommodate up to 12 guests. You are responsible for your meal preparation, dish-washing, hauling out your food and trash, and keeping and leaving the Section House clean.

Capacity: Groups that reserve the entire hut are asked to not overcrowd the cabin by bringing more guests than the reservation allows (maximum 12 guests). Overcrowding causes significant maintenance problems and drains the resources of the cabin.

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.



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: The Section House accommodates persons with disabilities, however, the access to the cabin is still considered a backcountry experience. For more information, please contact SHA at (970) 453-8583.



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.



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.

 **DIRECTIONS**

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 of Continental Divide **BOREAS PASS ROAD 6.5 Miles**

This popular route climbs gradually along the old railroad grade, approximately 6 1/2 miles from the trailhead on Boreas Pass Road. Please park in the designated area for overnight parking at the Boreas Pass Trailhead.

 **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 Ken's Cabin.

 **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.

 **FRANCIE'S CABIN 14 Miles**

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 of Continental Divide **BOREAS PASS ROAD 7 Miles**

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 5 Miles**

This five-mile single-track follows old ditches and wagon roads, providing an interesting alternative to Boreas Pass Road. It also allows East Slope skiers 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.

Self-Reliance Required: You are on your own on the trail and at the Section House. 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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Section House is located in the Pike-San Isabel National Forest and operates under a special use permit from the USDA Forest Service.