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## Summer Use Reservation Information & Parking Permit

**TRIP ORGANIZER:** Please be sure to share this information and other reservation information with your group prior to departure! Please bring your confirmation letter with you and post it in the designated location when checking into the hut.

**HUT AMENITIES:** Francie's Cabin sleeps 20 people, divided among 6 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, indoor composting toilets, a wood burning sauna, toilet paper, paper towels, and cleaning supplies.

**CAPACITY:** Occupancy is 20 people. Groups (including those that reserve the entire cabin) are limited to registered guests only. Overcrowding is in violation of SHA's US Forest Service permit and will be subject to fines and restrictions on all future reservations.

**HUT USER RESPONSIBILITIES:** The success of SHA depends on the care provided by our guests. You are responsible for leaving the cabin cleaner than you found it. This includes sweeping floors, cleaning the kitchen, washing your dishes, and hauling out ALL FOOD AND TRASH (trash bags are provided). Other instructions and rules are posted in the cabin.

**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, even when one group has booked the cabin. All hutmasters and volunteers are expected to respect the privacy of cabin guests while carrying out their maintenance duties. Maintenance staff is at the cabin once a week and guests should not be surprised to encounter hutmasters or volunteers during their visit.

**WATER:** Water is available from a creek 50' North of the cabin. Water should be treated by boiling, filtering, or chemical treatments before using. The creek is not a guaranteed water source, especially in the fall. The next closest water source is Crystal Creek 250 yds South of the hut. There is no cistern.

**BIKING/HIKING:** The Forest Service roads and trails near the hut are great for outdoor activities such as biking and hiking. Please tread lightly, and ride/hike **ONLY** on designated trails and roads to protect the fragile high-altitude environment.



**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" finished. This list is posted in the main room. 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.



**LIMITED MOTORIZED ACCESS:** During the Summer season (July- September), motorized vehicles have limited access on Spruce Creek and Crystal Lakes Roads. Please access Francie's Cabin under your own power, carrying your own gear. If you require motorized assistance in accessing the hut, please contact SHA at (970)453-8583 for detailed information.



**NO DOGS OR HORSES:** Dogs and Horses are not permitted at or near the huts. This is due to social, aesthetic and wildlife concerns, and because of the need to use streams for water. A U.S. Forest Supervisor's Order prohibits dogs or horses within 200 feet of Francie's Cabin. Violations are punishable by law.



**NO FIRES:** Due to the potential forest fire danger, campfires are not permitted. Outdoor cooking is also not permitted as it attracts bears and other wildlife. It is illegal to discharge fireworks in the National Forest.



**NO DAY USE:** Day use is not permitted.



## DIRECTIONS

### SPRUCE CREEK TRAILHEAD



Go about 2.5 miles South of Breckenridge 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 pass the lake and see residential lots on Hwy 9.



Follow Spruce Creek Road through the Crown subdivision, take a **LEFT** at Golden Nugget (3<sup>rd</sup> Left) and then a **LEFT** at Crown Drive. You should still be on Spruce Creek Road.

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



### FROM THE SPRUCE CREEK TRAILHEAD

Make sure you take the trail at the **END OF THE PARKING LOT**. The Trail splits after about ¼ mile.



**SPRUCE CREEK ROAD** 2.2 miles



**CRYSTAL CREEK ROAD** 1.8 miles  
Steeper Route



Sharp **RIGHT** after about a mile. Follow the road up to the cabin.

### 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, so it is necessary to park in the Town of Breckenridge Ice Rink Lot off 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.

 **FROM THE 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 the Burro Trailhead follow the obvious Burro Trail South 3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> miles to intersection with Crystal Creek Road. Follow the Crystal Creek Road 1 mile West to Francie's Cabin.

 **A MORE RELAXED CLIMBING ANGLE**

At Crystal Creek Road continue South on Burro Trail about 350' and connect to Spruce Creek Road. Follow the road 1 mile to its signed intersection with the 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 North into the Crystal Creek drainage, crosses Crystal Creek, and makes a short climb to the cabin.

**PARKING & SHUTTLE BUS:** Park at the Town of Breckenridge Ice Rink Lot. Free parking permits are available to 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. 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. Please visit [breckfreeride.com](http://breckfreeride.com) for detailed routes and schedules. From the Shuttle bus drop area at Beaver Run Resort, walk South past the maze for the Beaver Run Quad chairlift across the ski run, 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.

Please be sure to post the appropriate parking permit on your dashboard or you may be towed. Make extra copies of the parking permit if your group requires more than one vehicle. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle when parked at trailheads. Summit Huts is not responsible for theft or vandalism to vehicles.

**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. Also, be aware that the weather at high altitude can change drastically in the Summer months and be prepared for all weather conditions with appropriate clothing, food and water. 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).



## FRANCIE'S CABIN

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### **MORE INFORMATION:**

#### **Contact Summit Huts Association**

Office | 524 Wellington Rd., PO Box 2830, Breckenridge, CO 80424

Phone | (970)453-8583 (M-F) Emergency Phone | (970) 389-2902

E-mail | [summithuts@summithuts.org](mailto:summithuts@summithuts.org)

Website | [www.summithuts.org](http://www.summithuts.org)

### **TO PURCHASE MAPS & FOR RESERVATIONS:**

#### **Contact 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Hut Association**

Phone | (970) 925-5775 (M-F)

Email | [huts@huts.org](mailto:huts@huts.org)

Website | [www.huts.org](http://www.huts.org)



Francie's Cabin is located in the White River National Forest and operates under special use permit from the Forest Service - USDA. SHA is an equal opportunity service provider.

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## **PARKING PERMIT**

### **SUMMIT HUTS ASSOCIATION/FRANCIE'S CABIN GUEST**

**Reservation Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*For use only at the Spruce Creek Trailhead – Not valid for Town of Breckenridge Ice Rink Lot

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