

## Who owns the huts?

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## What is EPH (Elizabeth Parker Hut)?

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## How far is it from the trail head/parking lot?

Trailhead is about 30 minutes west from Lake Louise. In the winter the road is not plowed so the total distance is 12 km to the hut from the trailhead, but it is very straightforward skiing. Allow 3 to 5 hours for the trip in winter. There may or may not be snow there, it should be faster with no snow. It's a regular road that is not too steep, but there are some challenging rolling hills.

## What do I need to bring?

- \* Snowshoes from MEC - \$56 for the week
- \* Backpack
- \* Appropriate clothing for vigorous outdoor activity
- \* Change of clothes for getting to hut/returning to vehicle on Sunday
- \* Boots
- \* Food?
- \* Sleeping bag/pillow
- \* Toilet paper

## How do we cook meals?

A wood stove heats the hut so it should be warm. Modern propane system provides lighting and powers two large gas stoves for cooking. All kitchen amenities are available.

## What is the itinerary?

**Thursday, Nov. 11th:** Leave Edmonton between 12-2pm. Arrive at Baker Creek Chalets by 5-7pm on Hwy #1A. We've booked three, 2 bedroom chalets that each have 1 queen, 2 single beds, and 1 pullout couch. One couple will have to sleep together, otherwise everyone gets a bed. All chalets have full kitchens, bathrooms, and a fireplace. We'll have dinner and late night snack and play games.

**Friday Nov. 12th:** Drive 30 minutes to Trailhead for 9am. Park in parking lot, hike 12-13km up the road. There may or may not be snow so snowshoes might be needed. Could also ski but nobody else will be so you will be on your own. Arrive at EPH at 2pm. Lunch on trail. Since we have 13/20 spots we may be the first ones there, so we will have to start the fire and warm the place up. There is a good splitter and axe for chopping wood. The outhouse was new in 2008. Everyone will be in wet clothes so we will want to change and dry everything. The place is not that big but there are racks especially made for hanging wet clothes (the same as Berg Lake shelter). There is no electricity but there is a modern propane system that provides good lighting and powers two very large stoves. It has a full set of pots/pans/dishes/glasses etc. We will have to haul water to the shelter from a nearby stream (50m away). There are 2 bunks that run the width of the cottage: 10 on top and 10 on bottom. Grab a spot where you want. It might seem a bit odd sleeping beside a stranger! I took the corner spot but it was very drafty as the hut is 80 years old.

**Saturday Nov. 13th:** There are some trails in the area to explore. There is another hut in the area but not sure how tough it is to get to. There should be enough room for some sort of basic yoga in the hut.

**Sunday Nov. 14th:** Up early, depart by 8am. Get back to cars by noon. Edmonton by 5 - 6pm so not too much driving in dark.

## What are the Hut Rules?

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