

**FRANCIE'S CABIN**  
**Winter Use Reservation Information & Parking Pass**  
**Updated with February 2009 Parking Changes**

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

**IMPORTANT:** Check out the web page at [www.huts.org](http://www.huts.org) before you leave for Francie's Cabin in the event of any last minutes changes in parking, access, etc. Click on "what's new" for the latest information.

**Francie's Cabin** is equipped with a wood stove for heat, firewood, propane cook tops, indoor composting toilets, a wood-fired sauna, solar powered lights, twin size sleeping pads and pillows, and other typical hut supplies. **Please note, there are no double sleeping accommodations and no oven for baking. You are responsible for** hauling out your trash, keeping and leaving the cabin clean, and for your meal preparation, dishwashing and clean-up.



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

**No Motorized Vehicles:** Motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles, are prohibited near Francie's Cabin within the 16 acre envelope designated by the U.S. Forest Service. Motorized vehicles may pass through the envelope on the designated route, but may not stop, park or play. Violations are punishable by law. Please plan to access Francie's Cabin under your own power, carrying your own gear.

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

**Use of Francie's Cabin by One Group:** SHA realizes that groups that reserve all of the spaces at the cabin are seeking privacy. SHA will inform any maintenance personnel or volunteers staying in the Hutmaster's Quarters of the cabin to respect the privacy of the cabin guests. However, SHA is not able to prevent volunteers, hutmasters or registered day guests from staying in the cabin when one group has booked the upstairs. Groups that reserve the entire hut are asked to not overcrowd the cabin by bringing more guests than the reservation allows (maximum 20 guests). Overcrowding causes significant maintenance problems such as filling the composting toilet beyond its capacity and draining the resources of the cabin.

**Handicap Access:** Francie's Cabin was built in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act 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 Summit Huts Association at 970-453-8583.

**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).

Do not leave valuables in your vehicle when parked at trailheads. SHA is not responsible for theft or vandalism to vehicles

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**PARKING PERMIT**  
Summit Huts Association/Francie's Cabin Guest  
Will Return \_\_\_\_\_

## **How to Get to Francie's Cabin:**

There are a number of ways to get to Francie's Cabin:

**Spruce Creek Trailhead:** You may use the Spruce Creek Trailhead. A variety of access options are available from the Spruce Creek Trailhead. Directions: From the intersection of Main Street and South Park Avenue in Breckenridge, note your mileage. Proceed south on Main Street (Highway 9) for 2.3 miles. Turn right onto Spruce Creek Road. Follow it through the neighborhood, bearing left at major intersections. The trailhead parking area is marked with several Forest Service signs, one saying Spruce Creek Portal. Follow the map for routes to Francie's Cabin.

## **Burro Trail from Breckenridge: AS OF FEBRUARY 2009 THERE IS NO FREE IN TOWN PARKING FOR THE BURRO TRAILHEAD. WE ARE WORKING TO REMEDY THIS SITUATION.**

The Burro Trail (4 miles, 1640 ft. elevation gain) 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. We recommend the topographic map produced by SHA and available from 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Hut Association (970-925-5775) or Mountain Outfitters, 112 S. Ridge Street, Breckenridge (970-453-2201).

The Burro Trail starts at the base of the Peak 9 ski area at 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. A parking permit must be obtained from the town of Breckenridge and the cost is \$5 per 24 hours per passenger car. Information on the parking permit is available here: <http://www.townofbreckenridge.com/index.aspx?page=131>.

**Access the Burro Trail to Francie's Cabin:** 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 U.S. Forest Service trailhead sign for the Burro Trail just past the ski school area. Using a topographic map, follow the Burro Trail to the Crystal Lakes Road (steep!) or the Spruce Creek Road (less steep) to Francie's Cabin. See the topographic map for more specific directions.

**Late Spring and Summer Directions:** If you have a reservation at Francie's Cabin in the spring after the Breckenridge Ski Area has closed Peak 9, or in the summer, you may park overnight in the "E" 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. Occasionally in the summer, Beaver Run closes the "E" lot for group functions. Inquire at the Front Desk of Beaver Run for alternative parking options.

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

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