

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESERVATION WITH THREE SISTERS BACKCOUNTRY!

Your spot is secured and on the calendar www.threesistersbackcountry.com/hut-availability. It is important that you thoroughly read this entire document and forward this to all others in your group.

Logistics:

We ask that your group meet us at the Upper Three Creeks Sno-Park (see included directions) at 9:00AM on the first day of your trip. If we are shuttling your group in and out of the hut by snowmobile the return shuttle leaves at approx. 2:30 PM (the exit time can be adjusted based upon conditions). Your gear will need to be packed by 10:00AM on your last day so that the next group may occupy the hut. **If you are not being shuttled by snowmobile you will need to make arrangements to meet with a hut host prior to going in (this is required).**

Please plan to arrive at the Sno-Park packed, dressed and ready to go. We will only need to spend a few minutes in the field office to sign an acknowledgement of risk form and then we will load your equipment on the sleds and get to the hut and out skiing.

Shuttles:

Over the years, guests have been bringing more and more personal equipment to be shuttled in. We have large trailers and we want you to be comfortable, but the loads have grown so large that even our heavy duty snowmachines are at max capacity. We would like to avoid making certain weight restrictions etc... so please slim down your loads to a reasonable amount.

Each group gets one shuttle in at 9:00am and one shuttle out at 2:30. If you have a group member that cannot make the shuttle on time, or would like to arrive a day late, they will have to ski in or out on their own. A custom shuttle is rarely available and will cost a min charge of \$100.

Personal Snowmobiles:

We recommend leaving your snowmobile at home. By the time you trailer it, fill with oil, fuel, break some parts and drag in all your gear, the \$40 shuttle doesn't seem too bad. Please note that if you do bring your own machine you are responsible for bringing in ALL of your own gear and be self sufficient. We will still need to meet you at the trailhead at 9:00 to accompany your group in and go through a snowpack/safety briefing.

Cancellation policy:

A 50% deposit is due for all trips upon confirmation of your reservation. The balance is due the first day of your trip. We accept Cash, check or CC at the trailhead. There are no refunds or cancellations for weather, injury or any other reason. Please consider purchasing third-party travel insurance. If TSBC cancels a reservation, a credit or refund will be issued.

Wilderness skiing Disclaimer:

The terrain accessed by the Three Creeks Hut is true backcountry wilderness terrain. Hazards such as avalanches, hidden cliffs, tree wells, difficult to nonexistent emergency communication to outside help

and other hazards are always present. These hazards are not managed by Three Sisters Backcountry, Inc. It is the responsibility of you and your group members to have the training and experience necessary to mitigate your exposure to these risks. If you do not feel you have the skills to safely travel in the wilderness backcountry setting please hire a guide for your tour. Qualified guides are available from TSBC.

Each group member will be asked to sign an Acknowledgment of Risks form at the beginning of your trip.

Please familiarize yourself with National Forest Wilderness area regulations and help us be stewards of this amazing resource. Remember motorized equipment including snowmobiles are not allowed in the Wilderness area and group sizes are limited to 12 or less people. Please report infractions to us or the Sisters Ranger District.

Equipment list				
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Please use this suggested packing list to help you be prepared. If anyone in your group needs to rent avalanche safety gear from us please let us know in advance as supplies are limited.

Day Trip Skiing				
	Randonee Skis (AT), Telemark Skis or Split Snowboard & Appropriate Boots and Climbing Skins to Fit.			
	Avalanche Beacon			
	Avalanche Probe			
	Shovel			
	Poles			
	Climbing Skins			
	Waterproof/Windproof Shell Top & Bottoms			
	Lightweight Gloves			
	Heavyweight Waterproof Gloves			
	Synthetic/Wool Socks			
	Synthetic/Wool Long Underwear			
	Insulating Fleece			
	Insulating jacket			
	Helmet			
	Goggles			
	Sunglasses			
	Sunhat			
	Sunscreen			
	Beanie			
	Thermos			
	Backcountry Ski Backpack			
	Equipment Repair Kit (particular to your ski gear)			
Overnight Hut Guests				
	All of the above and...			
	1-2 Liters of Water per/person for first day			

	Hut Shoes				
	First Aid Kits				
	Topo Maps				
	Navigation Equipment				
	Warm Winter Sleeping Bag (pads provided)				
	Pillow				
	Towel for Sauna				
	Headlamp				
	Extra Batteries for Headlamp and Beacon				
Food					
	Self-Catered Guests				
	Have all food sealed and ready for portaging				

**Note: Your group is responsible for assuring you are properly equipped for your adventure. The included list is just a suggestion, individual group needs may vary.*

Directions to the Sno-Park:

To get to our Field Office from Sisters: In Sisters, turn south on S. Elm Street this will become FS Rd. 16. Travel 11 miles, at the snow gate, turn left into Upper Three Creek Sno Park, park by our office near the back of the parking lot. Sno-park permits are required and are for sale at the trailhead.

Regards,

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