



INFORMATION FOR GUESTS 2018

Dear Mountain enthusiasts,

Thank you for booking a backcountry vacation with us at Dezaiko Lodge. We are sure that your experience will be memorable. Here you will find some information that will help you prepare for your stay with us. We look forward to doing all we can do to ensure that you get the most out of your time with us. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or require anything else.

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Prince George

Getting to Prince George is easy. West Jet, www.westjet.com, and Air Canada, www.aircanada.com, each have several flights daily from Vancouver, Edmonton and Calgary.

If you are driving, Prince George is located at the intersection of Highway 97, the main north-south highway in BC, and Highway 16, the northern Trans Canada highway. Driving times are approximately 8-10 hours from Vancouver, Edmonton and Calgary. Prince George has many hotels, motels and Bed and Breakfasts ranging from economy to deluxe. Take a look at this website for hotels in Prince George: www.princegeorgehotels.com. Have a look at this website for B and Bs: www.bcbnb.ca/bnb-princegeorge. A lot of our guests stay at Grama's Inn, gramasinn.com. It is reasonably priced and centrally located.

Departure

On the first morning of your week with us we will be meeting at **0800** at our helicopter provider's base. Bailey Helicopters is located in the Hill Aviation building 3900 Grumman Rd at the Prince George Airport. Turn right on Sirius Ave just before you get to the long term parking area. The route from there is a bit convoluted so there is a map included in this package to make it easy for you. Please be on time. We are on a tight schedule with groups leaving and arriving on the same day.

At the helicopter base we will do the waiver signing and helicopter safety briefing.

Baggage and equipment will be checked and weighed. **Please keep your personal luggage excluding skis, boots and poles to less than 30 lbs per person. A couple of small bags are easier to pack in the helicopter than one big one. Standard airline carry on sized luggage or similar works best. Please, only 1 pair of skis per person and not in ski bags please. Groups will be allowed 1 pair of spare skis.** Some of the guests will fly directly to the lodge from the base. The rest of the guests will drive to our staging area which is located at Mueller's Farm in the small farming community of Sinclair Mills, on the north side of the Fraser River, about 1 1/2 hours drive east of Prince George, (N54°00.828', W121°40.572'). Please make sure your vehicle has sufficient fuel as there is none available out there. Your vehicle will be safe and secure while you are at the lodge. Wayne Mueller will even plug it in if the temperature is cold. Flights from Mueller's farm to the lodge will commence at about 1000.

At the Lodge

The lodge is heated with wood and is always warm and comfy. Please bring a light pair of shoes or slippers to wear inside. We have an assortment of winter boots that will fit most everyone to use for trips to the outhouse.

The sleeping arrangement is an open loft. Bedding is provided. There are partitions, but not separate bedrooms. You may want to bring ear plugs in case there are some loud snorers in the group.

The bathroom facilities are a good old fashioned outhouse. It has one of the nicest views from a toilet seat anywhere. At night, especially if the weather is inclement, we have a porta potty in the porch for your use.

The sauna is the place to freshen up at the end of the ski day. Some people enjoy an invigorating roll in the powder snow, while the less adventurous clean up with soap and water in our outdoor shower. Please bring your own soap, biodegradable if possible is best, and towel.

Food

The meals have been described as legendary and extraordinary. There is always lots of quantity and variation. Snacks, appetizers, teas and freshly ground coffee are all included. **Bonnie needs to know well ahead of time, (early December), if you cannot eat anything in particular, have any food allergies, or if you are a vegetarian. Please note that food issues that require special ingredients or preparation may result in an additional charge to cover extra expense.**

Skiing

The ski day begins shortly after breakfast. During the day you can expect to be away from the lodge from 6-8 hours. We will pack lunches to carry with us.

We ski in an uncontrolled environment. These are the mountains after all. And while we do not have any control over the weather and the snow conditions we will do our best to lead you to the best skiing that is available. For the most part the skiing is excellent.

However, to be completely honest, there are occasionally times when it is only fair, and rarely, even down right poor.

Safety

Your safety is our prime concern. We have been at this a long time with an excellent safety record, which we work hard at to maintain. We will conduct an avalanche beacon, and rescue training and practice session prior to skiing on the first day. In the unlikely event of an avalanche accident everyone in the group must act as the initial rescue party. Therefore, for the benefit of all we must be sure that all group members are proficient in a companion rescue situation. If you own an avalanche beacon we urge you to bring it, as it is the model that you are most likely familiar with. **We require our guests to have a digital beacon, (modern 3 antenna preferred)**, If you don't own one please let us know ahead of time and we will provide one for your use.

The lodge is equipped with first aid supplies, and your guides also carry first aid equipment. If you need something in particular, for example your favourite foot blister remedies please bring it with you.

If you have any pre-existing medical conditions that may be a concern during a week of backcountry skiing, please be sure to inform us ahead of time.

Guides

The guides at Dezaiko are there to ensure you get the most out of your trip. They carry certification from the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides, the Canadian Avalanche Association and the Backcountry Lodges of British Columbia Association. They know the area very well, and know where to take you to find the best terrain and snow for the conditions present. While they want you to have fun, as they do too, safety is their foremost consideration. For that reason, guests are expected to follow the instructions of the guides exactly.

Communications

Cellular telephones do not work in the Dezaiko Range. Neither do we have internet capabilities. We do however; have contact with the outside world via a satellite telephone. If you absolutely have to make a call, we can do it. As well please leave our satellite phone number, **403-997-2507** with whoever may need to contact you in an emergency. The phone is only on between 6 and 9 PM. Satellite phone calls are expensive; we charge \$3/minute for both outgoing and incoming calls. We also do check in with our coordinator, Sandra, in town on a regular basis. Her number is **250-562-5732**. She can pass along messages.

Booking/Cancellation Policy

A 30% deposit is required to confirm your booking. The balance is due 60 days prior to your trip. Payments are non-refundable unless we can re-sell your spot less a 20% administration fee. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

We reserve the right to cancel trips if snow conditions will seriously affect safety. If we cancel the trip, we will issue a refund.

Trips may be shortened or lengthened due to the inability to access the lodge by helicopter due to weather issues. These issues are beyond our control and are part of the reality of skiing in the backcountry. We do not compensate you for shortened or lengthened trips. Trip insurance is recommended.

What to Bring

Here is a list of things you should bring with you.

Essential Equipment

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- Skis, bindings, boots and poles in good condition. Bring any spare parts that you think your equipment requires.
- Climbing skins with effective adhesive, sized to your skis.
- Avalanche transceiver, Digital 3 antenna, with fresh batteries.
Let us know ahead of time if you don't have one and we'll provide you with one.
- Avalanche rescue shovel and probes.
Again, we have extras if you don't have these.
- Small day skiing pack.
- Water bottle or thermos
- Sunglasses, goggles.
- Headlamp. Also good for reading in bed and night trips to the biffy. Bring spare batteries if you read a lot, or go to the biffy a lot.
- Multi-Layer ski clothing.
Everyone has their own clothing system that works for them. Some points to consider when packing clothing:
The weather can be extremely variable. These are the mountains remember. It can be -25°C in March or $+5^{\circ}\text{C}$ in January. It may rain; it will most likely snow. The sun shines quite a bit and the wind does blow.
If you would like a list of clothing let us know and we will tell you what we pack for a week of backcountry skiing.
- Casual after ski wear and slippers or light shoes.
- Sauna wear, (some people consider this optional equipment).
- Towel and personal toiletries.

Optional Equipment

- Camera, probably essential equipment. Our capacity to recharge batteries is limited so bring spare batteries.
- Reading material.
- Liquid refreshments, beer wine etc. Please bring your beer in cans. (Some people consider this essential equipment).

Legal Stuff

All of our guests are required to sign a waiver in our presence. We will have a copy for you to sign on the morning of the start of your week. In case you want to review it ahead of time here it is:

WINTER 2018

Dezaiko Alpine Adventures

GUIDED

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS,
ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

**BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, YOU WILL WAIVE OR GIVE UP CERTAIN
LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE OR
TO CLAIM COMPENSATION FOLLOWING AN ACCIDENT**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Initial of Guest

Name	Last	First	Middle Initial(s)
Address	Street		
	City	Prov/State	Postal/Zip Code
Email Address	Telephone		
		Home	Work
Date of Birth	Year	Month	Day
		Age	
Trip Dates	Year	Month	Day
	Year	to	Year Month Day

MEDICAL INFORMATION	
ALLERGIES	
MEDICATIONS	
MEDICAL CONDITIONS	
FAMILY DOCTOR	Phone
MEDICAL INSURANCE	Carrier Number
OTHER HEALTH OR MEDICAL INFORMATION	

TO: Dezaiko Alpine Adventures., carrying on business as Dezaiko Alpine Adventures, Her Majesty the Queen in the Right of the Province of British Columbia, Dezaiko Lodge, Craig Evanoff, Bonnie Hooge, Sandra Hooge, Wayne Mueller, Lyn Mueller, Backcountry Lodges of BC Association, Bailey Helicopters Ltd., and their directors, officers, employees, guides,

agents, independent contractors, subcontractors, representatives, successors, assigns and guests (all of whom are hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Releasees")

DEFINITION

In this Agreement, the term "**wilderness activities**" shall include but is not limited to: alpine skiing, nordic skiing, telemark skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, hiking, touring, mountaineering, rock climbing, ice climbing, expeditions, trekking, glacier travel, and all activities, services and use of facilities (including the lodge and all other buildings), either provided by or arranged by the Releasees including orientation and instructional sessions or classes, transportation, accommodation, food and beverage, water supply, and all travel by or movement around helicopters, other aircraft, snowcats, snowmobiles or other vehicles.

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS – AVALANCHES, ALPINE TERRAIN, WILDERNESS TRAVEL WEATHER

I am aware that participation in wilderness activities, involves many risks, dangers and hazards. Avalanches occur frequently in the terrain used for wilderness activities and may be caused by natural forces or by persons travelling through the terrain. I am aware that the Releasees may fail to predict whether the terrain is safe or whether an avalanche may occur. The terrain used for wilderness activities is uncontrolled, unmarked, not inspected, and involves many risks, dangers and hazards in addition to that of avalanche. These may include, but are not limited to: cornices; crevasses; cliffs; trees, tree wells; tree stumps; forest dead fall; creeks; rocks; rockfall; boulders; holes and depressions on or below the snow surface; variable and difficult snow conditions; hypothermia, snow immersion; effects of high altitude including pulmonary edema and cerebral edema; equipment failure; encounters with domestic and wild animals; impact or collision with other persons including other guests; becoming lost or separated from one's party or guide; negligence of other persons; and **NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES. I UNDERSTAND THAT NEGLIGENCE INCLUDES FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES.** Communication in the alpine terrain may be difficult, and in the event of an accident or illness, rescue, medical treatment and evacuation may not be available or may be delayed. Alpine weather conditions may be extreme and can change rapidly and without warning.

I AM AWARE OF THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES AND I FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS RESULTING THEREFROM.

NOTICE TO SNOWBOARDERS AND TELEMAR SKIERS - INCREASED RISK

Unlike alpine ski boot/binding systems, snowboard, and some telemark boot/binding systems are not designed or intended to release and will not release under normal circumstances, thus increasing the risk of not surviving an avalanche.

NON-SCHEDULED OR EMERGENCY EVACUATION, RESCUE OR FIRST AID

I acknowledge and agree that all expenses associated with non-scheduled or emergency evacuation, rescue or first aid will be my responsibility and will not be covered by the Releasees.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of the Releasees allowing me to participate in wilderness activities as defined in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:

- 1. TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS** that I have or may in the future have against the Releasees and **TO RELEASE THE RELEASEES** from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury including death that I may suffer, or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my participation in wilderness activities, **DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE OWED UNDER THE *OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 337, ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES. I UNDERSTAND THAT NEGLIGENCE INCLUDES FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES REFERRED TO ABOVE;**
2. TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES from any and all liability for any property damage or personal injury to any third party resulting from my participation in wilderness activities;
3. This Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives, in the event of my death or incapacity;
4. This Agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and no other jurisdiction; and
5. Any litigation involving the parties to this Agreement shall be brought solely within the Province of British Columbia and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the Province of British Columbia.

In entering into this Agreement I am not relying on any oral or written representations or statements made by the Releasees with respect to the safety of wilderness activities, other than what is set forth in this Agreement.

I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS AGREEMENT PRIOR TO SIGNING IT, AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNS AND REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES.

Witness's Signature
Witness's Printed Name

Guest's Signature
Guest's Printed Name
Date
Signature of Parent or Guardian if guest is under age 19

Getting to Bailey Helicopters at the Prince George Airport



Ellis Rd is the main road into the airport. After you pass Hangar Rd on your left you will stay right on the now one-way road that goes to the terminal building. Just before you get to the entrance to the long term pay parking area turn right onto Sirius Rd. Then turn right on Grumman Rd which will lead you to the Hill Aviation building where Bailey Helicopters is located

Driving Instructions to Get to Staging Area at Mueller's Farm, Sinclair Mills

Kilometres and miles are measured from the first and only traffic light on Hwy 16E between PG and Jasper, (junction of Hwy 16E and Old Cariboo Hwy), at the top of the hill, just outside of town. Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers will be on your right as you pass this intersection.

Km	Mile	
0.0	0.0	Start at Hwy 16 and Old Cariboo Hwy. Go east on Hwy 16.
12.2	7.6	Turn left, (north) onto Upper Fraser Rd.
27.2	18.0	Cross the single lane bridge over the Willow River. Cross the railway tracks and keep right on Upper Fraser Rd.
71.2	44.5	Stay left on Upper Fraser Rd and cross the railway.
72.8	45.5	Cross the single lane bridge over the Fraser River and stay right on the far side of the bridge.
86.8	54.2	Pass the Sinclair Mills Community Hall and the phone booth.
87.3	54.5	Turn right into the Mueller's Driveway, (37910 Upper Fraser Rd). It's the second driveway past the phone both.

On Mueller's property please drive slowly and cautiously. There may be dogs, cows, horses, people and farm machinery on the road.

Go straight past the house on the left and  before you cross the railway tracks!

Be extremely careful crossing the tracks! The trains are going fast here and it is difficult to see down the tracks until you get right up to the crossing.

As soon as you cross the tracks turn left and follow that road down to the parking area on the right, by the fuel tanks. Wayne Mueller will probably be there and show you where to park. If the helicopter isn't there yet get dressed and get ready because it will be there shortly.