

Preparing for a Hellroaring Powder Guides Hut Trip

Group List

- Trip leader with avalanche and first aid training.
- Signed liability waivers for each participant
- Garbage sack(s) for trash and waste. (heavy duty 30 gal.) **2 per day**
- Hand sanitizer
- Toilet paper + brown paper bags to burn T.P.
- dish scouring pad
- !!! paper towels !!! (makes dishes and cleanup easier since they can be burned)
- 2-way radios

Recommended Personal Gear

The hut is set up with everything you'll need for a trip. Many people choose to carry large heavy packs unnecessarily. Be smart and don't carry more than you'll need.

- Personal first aid (trauma kit provided at hut)
- Sleeping bag liner (if using Hellroaring's Sleeping Bags)
- Hut booties for inside the hut and running to the bathroom
- Avalanche safety equipment (shovel, beacon, probe)
- Typical items you would normally take camping
 - Headlamp/batteries/water bottle
 - Spare clothes/underwear/socks

Items Stocked at the Hut

- Sleeping pads
- Propane stove and extra propane bottles (please don't change until 100% empty)
- Large wood stove
- Bleach
- 1.5 gallon coffee pot [On The Grill \(partnersteel.com\)](http://partnersteel.com)
- Coffee filter bags (cold brew style/ replaces French press)
- 1 @ 5 Liter Aluminum Dutch Oven/Pot (Lid doubles as griddle)
- 1 @ 10 Liter Aluminum Dutch Oven/Pot (Lid doubles as griddle)
- 1 @ 9" x 19" flat griddle (covers dual burners on stove)
- 8 sets of eating utensils
- Cooking equipment (spatulas, ladle, plates, bowls, mugs etc.)
- LED lighting for interior illumination
- **Emergency First Aid Kit & Evacuation Kit**
 - Delorme In-Reach 2-Way Satellite Messenger + 2 way radio w/ NOAA channels
 - Extensive "WFR" first aid kit with stethoscope, samsplint, gauze, bandages etc.
 - Rescue Bubble Emergency Sled/Rescue Tarp [Alpine Threadworks Ltd.: Ski Guides Rescue Tarp](http://AlpineThreadworksLtd.com)
 - Helicopter Terrain Markers (red chalk/flares/contact information etc.)

OTHER

- Spices and oil are not provided at hut
- Please DO NOT put paper in the toilet pit, PLEASE collect paper and burn it.
- leftover food should be carried out, please do NOT leave attractants
- PLEASE hang sleeping bags in their stuff sack from the rafters (prevent mice)
- Leave the hut window(s) OPEN when you leave

Trip Details

The road is plowed up to the meeting point, but can be limited parking due to other vehicles accessing cabins on the weekends. Please try to limit vehicles so we can continue to use this location. During or immediately after large snowfall, an AWD vehicle is recommended since the county is often delayed plowing this location.

A Polaris Ranger UTV is equipped with Tracks to transport your group ~ 8 miles to the Wilderness Boundary. This machine is designed to carry 3 people in the front seat, and an additional 3 in the back. Packs can be stacked on the roof using the secured ropes and brackets. There are gun racks in the hood of the machine to carry up to 7 pairs of skis when stacked correctly. Operating the Ranger will be easier if you remember the following:

- *Starting the machine is “turn-key” just like your car at home*
- *ALWAYS warm the machine for 5 minutes + due to cold temperatures*
- *ALWAYS make sure the machine is in 4WD, be careful not to bump the switch*
- *Once operating you MUST stop the machine to change from HIGH to LOW gear*
- *Seatbelts MUST be on, otherwise the machine will NOT go over 15 MPG*
- *ALWAYS start in low gear to warm the belt up, then switch to HIGH if it's flat terrain*
- *ALWAYS stay BELOW 6,000 RPM regardless of HIGH or LOW gear*
- *HIGH gear is OK for flat road (if packed) OR going downhill*
- *LOW gear works best for UPHILL climbs or trailbreaking*
- *It is always better to go slower in LOW than in HIGH, otherwise you might break a drive belt and have to walk home*
- *ALWAYS take the key out when not using, otherwise the battery could be run down*

(Battery is located under the passenger seat; a jumper battery has been provided in the glovebox in case the battery is dead. A spare belt, and tools are stashed below the dash in case a belt-change is required. See owners manual for details if necessary or call Sam @ 208 360 0385 for emergency assistance.)

The hut is a 2.75 mi. skin with 1200' elevation gain. On an backcountry trail. Typically this takes less than 3 hrs; most groups are much quicker unless they pack too much shit. Tow-behind human sleds are very inconvenient due to some side-hilling and tight trees during the first mile.

Returning From the Hut

The return path from the hut is identical to the route in. We purposefully leave machines at the skinning trailhead for your group to use on return, this way if anyone needs to leave earlier there is an option for them. Your guide will go through starting the machines the first morning so that everyone is familiar with function. Stash the machine keys under their respective seats at the trailhead, **please just ensure they are off, w/ out any lights on so the batteries do not die.**

Owner (Sam Hansen): 208.360.0385

Emergency: 911

Beaverhead County Sherriff: 406.683.3700

Fremont County SAR (Idaho): 208.351.3677

Additional Contacts:

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