



(IN WINTER)

How to get to the lodge

Access: Park at the Fish Creek parking lot. This can be reached by taking the exit from the Trans-Canada Highway (Highway #1) at Lake Louise and proceeding up the road towards the Lake Louise Ski Area. After 1.5 km the Temple Lodge access road branches right. Turn right and follow it for 1km to the Fish Creek parking lot. From here you catch a van, which will take you up the road to the Temple Lodge.

From the van drop off point near Temple Lodge, continue up the snow-covered road. Ski past a maintenance shack and across the Larch run, about 100 m up the hill above Temple Lodge.

The trail to Skoki heads into the woods on the far side of the run, and it will have a prominent sign. Just a few meters after starting along the trail, another trail branches down to the left - Do Not Take This Trail. Continue straight ahead, crossing some open areas, and carry on for about 2 km, gradually gaining height. The trail is normally well packed and easy to follow because of the passage of the snowmobile transporting supplies into Skoki. Eventually the trail breaks out of the woods into a large open meadow with beautiful views all around. Over on the left of the clearing is Ptarmigan Hut, on a small hill above the creek (It is marked incorrectly on the map- it is actually on the far side of Corral Creek above its junction with Hidden Creek).

Continue up the valley, staying generally towards the right side and at the end climb moderately steeply up to Boulder Pass. Beyond Boulder Pass cross the lake, following the giant stakes driven into the snow to mark the trail. On the far side of the lake, climb to Deception Pass which is about 180 vertical-m above, on the left. It is usually a good idea to stop and put on your climbing skins, unless your wax is working really well.

From Deception Pass it is a fun run down to Skoki Lodge. The trail is well marked at the start with large marker stakes. Ski across open terrain then the trail begins to angle down to the left into the trees. The trail through the trees to the lodge is packed by snowmobile traffic and easy to follow. The lodge is located on the right bank of Skoki Creek beneath the slopes of Skoki Mountain.

WINTER PREPARATION SHEET

Skoki Lodge is located in the backcountry and during the winter all visitors are required to ski the 11 km trail to the Lodge. It is suggested that you pack a lunch for the trip in and that you be prepared to handle any emergencies on the trail. A good idea is to carry the means to make running repairs to yourself and your gear. It is recommended that you bring a daypack with you. After you've packed your lunch and your extra clothing, fill up with some of the items on this suggested checklist.

- first aid kit
- cord, wire and/duct tape
- pliers, knife
- flashlight
- cork, scraper and wax
- spare ski pole basket and emergency ski tip
- waterproof matches, toilet paper or kleenex
- high-energy food
- indoor shoes or slippers
- climbing skins

Knowledge of hypothermia, frostbite and avalanche is an asset to safe travel. Many excellent publications are available on these subjects. Also, we recommend that you check with the Park Wardens Office at the trailhead for current weather and avalanche conditions.

Dress to stay warm and dry. Several layers of warm, light, loose fitting clothes will insulate and can be removed or added as needed. Wool and synthetics are much better than cotton and the outermost layer should be windproof.

Gaiters should be worn as a way of keeping your lower legs warm and dry. It is also recommended that you bring some extra clothing in case of bad weather (mittens, scarf, goggles, down jacket).

For your time in the Lodge it is good to bring some type of dry comfortable footwear such as moccasins or sneakers. You may also wish to bring along your warm flannel nightwear.

Following these tips might help make your trip to Skoki Lodge safe and enjoyable.

Thank you again for your interest in our Lodge. We look forward to your visit!