

Alpenglow Nature Hikes
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Skoki Lodge Adventure 2012

Introduction

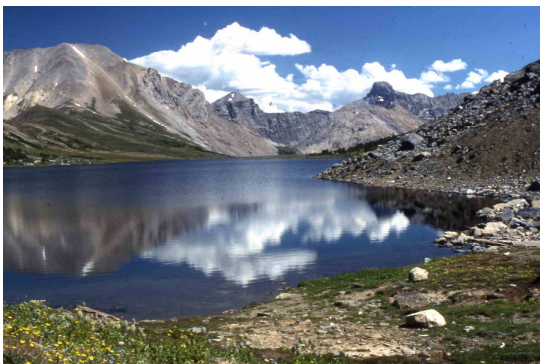
Skoki Lodge, a National Historic Site, is situated in a spectacular high alpine region of Banff National Park. The eleven kilometre trail from Lake Louise to the Skoki Valley makes Skoki Lodge an ideal destination for hikers. From Skoki Lodge one can access breathtaking mountain ridges and alpine lakes, or explore five different adjoining valleys.

On July 7, 2011 Skoki Lodge hosted the royal couple The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge who sought it out for its secluded ambience and beautiful wilderness setting.

The general plan is for participants to meet at 9:30 AM at the Guest Services office at Lake Louise Ski Lodge. From there we will drive to the Fish Creek trail head parking lot where we will be shuttled up to the Temple Day Lodge from where we will start the 11 km hike to Skoki Lodge via Deception Pass.

On the second day we will hike 3 km to Merlin Lake, situated in a high alpine basin, and beyond to Merlin's castle and the Dragon's Drink. On the third day we will return to our cars via the flowery meadows of Packers Pass passing by the sparkling blue Zigadenus and Myosotis Lakes.

Upon registration you will be sent an information package.



Ptarmigan Lake



Merlin Lake

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Itinerary

Note: The trails selected may vary according to trail conditions and weather.

July 20

9:30 AM – Meet at Guest Services Office, Lodge of the Ten Peaks
Base of Lake Louise Ski Hill

10:00 AM – Shuttle to Temple Lodge. Hike into Skoki. (11km, 470 meters)

12:00 PM – Lunch at Boulder Pass

3:30 PM – Arrive at lodge for afternoon tea.

7:00 PM - Dinner

July 21

8:00 AM – Breakfast, Pick up Lunches

9:30 AM – Hike to Merlin Lake
(3 km, 200 meters)

3:30 PM – Afternoon Tea

7:00 PM - Dinner

July 22

8:00 AM – Breakfast, Pick up lunches

9:30 AM – Hike out via Packers Pass
(10 km, 480 meters)

3:00 PM – Shuttle pick up from Temple Lodge

6:00 PM – Return to Calgary



References

Skoki Lodge: <http://www.skokilodge.com/>

The World of Lake Louise by Don Beers

Classic Hikes in the Canadian Rockies by Graeme Pole.

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