

GUEST INFORMATION BEAR CAVE MOUNTAIN

Clothing recommended September 15th through October 1st

Temperature range +15 to -10 Celsius

- Light hiking boots to be worn in Yukon and in the helicopter on your way into camp
- A down jacket
- Cap or light fall/winter hat covering ears
- Fleece under garments, fleece and or down layers
- A heavy shirt or sweater over your layers worn under a wind resistant (gortex) shell jacket
- Wind resistant gloves
- Wind resistant (gortex) pants over fleece under garments
- Casual pants, fleece layers, light shoes or heavy slippers are fine for inside Clothing recommended

October 1st through November

Temperature range +10 to -35 Celsius

- Late fall, winter boots to be worn in Yukon and in the helicopter on your way into camp
- A down jacket (stuffable)
- Heavily insulated hat covering ears
- Fleece under garments, fleece and or down layers
- A heavy shirt or sweater over your layers worn under the parka
- Wind resistant gloves
- Casual pants, fleece layers, light shoes or heavy slippers are fine for inside

Clothing provided on site

Bear Cave Mountain eco-Adventures provides Parka's, winter boots, winter outer pants and mitts. These items will be supplied on site at Bear Cave Mountain and not in Dawson. We do this for our guests so they can eliminate packing all this extra bulk as part of their baggage and to cut down on the space it all takes in the helicopter flight from Dawson. We will require the following information all members of each group: height, weight, Parka or winter coat size & foot (boot) size.

For your time spent in Yukon traveling to and from Bear Cave Mountain you will have to dress accordingly in late fall/winter clothing and using the same garments you will be using at Bear Cave Mountain. The exception may be a pair of early winter boots and a winter jacket which could be a stuffable down jacket which is easy to pack and may even come in handy at Bear Cave Mountain.

Weight restrictions

Personal clothing and camera gear should not exceed 70 pounds or 35 kilograms per guest.

Contacts

Your primary contacts while in Dawson City are Steve and Tracy Nordick owners of the Aurora Inn where we recommend you stay. Their agent will be picking you up at the Dawson City airport and driving you to the Aurora Inn and on to Fireweed Helicopters the following morning. They will also be picking you up from the Heli pad on your way back and delivering you to the airport the following day. When booking hotel rooms with Steve and Tracy you need to book directly with them and not through a hotel booking site and they must know your destination is Bear Cave Mountain. Steve or Tracy can be reached at 867-993-6860 and www.aurorainn.ca Your secondary contact is Scott Dewindt at Fireweed Helicopters when generally you will only have to communicate with Scott if a weather delay occurs. Fireweed's contact info is 867-993-5700 and scott@fireweedhelicopters.ca

We also have e-mail and a satellite phone at Bear Cave Mountain. The satellite phone is for emergency only however we are in e-mail communication with Scott at Fireweed Helicopters the day before and the morning you will be flying into camp. You can also communicate with the camp via e-mail if there are complications but we prefer to communicate messages through Scott. I will send you our camp email address before your departure date.

For more information in regards to clothing, packing your clothing, weight restrictions or camera equipment preferences please contact the Operations Manager, Phil Timpany phil@nakinaadventures.ca or phil@bearcavemountain.com or Phone (867) 633-2650.

Potential for flight delays

As you know our trips to Bear Cave Mountain begin and end with the helicopter flight from and to Dawson City. The 277 kilometer (180 mile) flight can take up to two hours into the Bear Cave Mountain camp and can encounter different weather systems along the route. As well the Air North morning landing is occasionally delayed or cancelled due to "ice fog". As a result of the potential for weather delays we sell the Bear Cave Mountain experience as an "expedition trip" which means our guests should consider the potential for weather delays on their way in and out of the camp. Logistical problems as a result of weather delays flying into Dawson and onto Bear Cave Mountain are not as problematic as the return leg from the camp to Dawson, onto Whitehorse and its gateway cities of Vancouver, BC or Calgary Alberta. We recommend our guests add some days on the end of their trip to provide a "buffer" for any potential delay time accumulated at Bear Cave Mountain or Dawson City. The most successful solution to delays is to plan and book return leg departure times "downstream" a day in Whitehorse and or the gateway city rather than schedule a quick exit out of Dawson City and onto Vancouver. We know in this age of accelerated travel this can be a difficult sell however the dilemma faced with hotel cancellations, re-booking flights etc. if a buffer plan is not considered can result in overcoming a multitude of logistical hurdles. The Bear Cave Mountain experience is not exactly a Mount Everest expedition and generally our schedule sees few interruptions however working through an entire season without a single weather delay could only be described as luck. We want to make it clear for all our guests that this may not be the trip for you if you are in a hurry.

Minimum recommended travel itinerary

Travel day 1 Fly Vancouver to Whitehorse, Yukon, overnight Whitehorse at the Edgewater Hotel (recommended) <http://www.edgewaterhotelwhitehorse.com/>

Travel day 2 Fly morning scheduled Air North flight to Dawson City, overnight Dawson at the Aurora Inn www.aurorainn.ca

Travel day 3 Fly AM helicopter flight Dawson to Bear Cave Mountain
Time at Bear Cave Mountain

Travel day 4 Fly late AM helicopter flight Bear Cave Mountain to Dawson, overnight Dawson

Travel day 5 Fly Air North afternoon scheduled flight Dawson to Whitehorse, overnight Whitehorse (consider an extra night in Whitehorse)

Travel day 6 Fly Whitehorse to Gateway city Vancouver or Calgary and homeward (seriously consider an extra night in Vancouver especially those with overseas flights)