



Summer Trip Information Packet¹

Getting to Weston Pass Hut

During the summer Weston Pass Hut can be reached by either driving in from the Fairplay (Park County) side or from the Leadville (Lake County) side. If you are departing from the Front Range such as the Denver Metro Area, the shortest driving time will be via Park County. Visitors driving eastbound can access the hut from the Lake County side. For more specific driving instructions Weston Pass Hut can be found on [Google Maps](#) or can be found on most smartphone map Apps. For those using GPS systems, the coordinates of the Hut are 39.130250, -106.188222. It should be noted that Google Maps underestimates the driving time on Weston Pass, and so allocate additional time to drive from the base of the pass to the Hut.

Please be aware that access from either side of Weston Pass requires driving on unpaved roads. Generally, the road on the Park County (Fairplay) side is well maintained and most small SUVs can easily manage the approach. The road on the Lake County (Leadville) side is not as well maintained and typically requires a high clearance vehicle.

Vehicle access is never guaranteed, and road conditions can change on any given day.

Sleeping Options

Weston Pass Hut has a maximum overnight occupancy of 20 people. Our floor plan offers four rooms (up to 4 persons/room) and additional sleeping options in the common area. The bedding options are provided on a first come first serve basis. Please be sure to arrive at the hut early if you have a preferred sleeping arrangement in mind.

¹ For winter trip information please download the “Winter Trip Information Packet” available on our website.

WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE GUESTS TO PRINT THIS PACKET AND TAKE IT WITH THEM TO THE HUT.



The Weather

Please check the forecast prior to departure. The weather on the trek to the Hut and at the site can be fickle, varying substantially day-to-day and even within a given day. Be sure to pack for extreme weather conditions regardless of the season. The climate on Weston Pass is very different from the weather in Leadville and the surrounding areas. The site has beautiful calm sunny days, but it also has cold windy days. Winds at the site can exceed 50 miles per hour, in the summer and winter time. When winds are at their peak, windchill dramatically reduces the temperature and can limit some outdoor activities like dining outside. In the summer, the temperature can range from 70°F midday to below 40°F in the evenings. Rain and hail can limit outdoor activities. Lightning also merits caution in the summer.

Water

The hut does not provide water. All guests are responsible for bringing the water that they need into the hut.

Trip Leader

Each group should be accompanied by a trip leader who has extensive backcountry experience. This trip leader should be experienced in wilderness first aid.

Booking and Liability



When a person books a trip for a group, this person must accept a Waiver and Liability Release agreement. The person who books the trip is responsible for getting every member of their group to submit a Waiver and Release agreement, and is also responsible for paying for unpaid nights of any member in the group. The person who books the trip, will agree to indemnify Leadville Backcountry, Phase II, LLC for any liability for injuries, paralysis or death to any member of his/her group who does not sign a Waiver and Release Agreement.

Phone Communication

There is not cell phone coverage at the hut, nor is there cell phone coverage on the trek to the hut. Cell phones are great to use as cameras on your trip, but they will not serve as means of communication. Recognize that communication with emergency services and people who are not on the trip will be limited, and plan accordingly.

Pets

Unfortunately, we are currently not allowed to host customers' pets (including dogs) at the hut because of our Conditional Use Permit Agreement.

Emergencies and Emergency Contacts

Since there is no cell phone coverage at the hut, please make individuals who are not staying at the hut aware of your travel plans and when you expect to return. If there is an emergency, then you will need to find cell phone coverage at the base of the pass. Please write down the following numbers, distribute them to every member in your party, and to individuals who are not staying at the hut but know your travel plans.

Emergency Dispatch: 911
Lake County Sheriff's Office: (719) 485-1249
Park County Sheriff's Office: (719) 836-4121, Option 5
Weston Pass Hut Business Number: (719) 293-1215
Weston Pass Hut Emergency Number: (970) 409-9870



Amenities Provided at the Hut

Cooking

- Wood Cooking Stove and Oven
- Propane burners for cooking
- Pots and Pans
- Silverware, Knives, Can Opener
- Corkscrew
- Cutting Boards
- Glasses and Mugs
- Dishwashing Amenities
- Plates and Bowls
- Pot for Melting Snow
- Indoor Dining Table
- Outdoor Picnic Table
- Salt and Pepper
- Cooking Oil
- Wine Glasses

Bedding and Comfort

- Foam Mattresses and a Washable Covering
- Pillows
- Wood Burning Heating Stove
- Wood for Fire and Cooking
- Coleman Propane Lanterns for Light
- LED Lanterns

Entertainment and Information

- Board Games
- Small Selection of Books
- Maps and Information about the Area

Bathroom Amenities

- Two Outhouses
- Toilet Paper
- Hand Sanitizer

Gear Checklist



Essential Gear

- Food and Condiments
- Water and Water Bottles
- Headlamp with New Batteries
- Layered Clothing
- A windproof but breathable shell
- Warm Sleeping Bag: The bag should have rating of at least 20 degrees
- Sunscreen and Insect Repellent
- First Aid Kit including NSAIDs or Aspirin, moleskin for blisters
- Toiletries

Recommended Gear for Activities

- Compass
- Map of Weston Pass Area
- Internal Frame Backpack
- Day Pack
- Sunglasses
- Hiking Boots
- Wool Socks
- Walking Sticks
- Rain Gear
- Automobile Tools
 - Spare Tire
 - Basic Toolset
 - Jumper Cables
- Multitool or knife
- Duct tape

Additional Optional Gear and Supplies

- Camera
- Cellphone
- Binoculars
- GPS
- Lip Balm
- Extra Batteries
- Flashlight
- Extra socks
- Notepad and pencil
- Earplugs (for sleeping)