



CALLAGHAN COUNTRY

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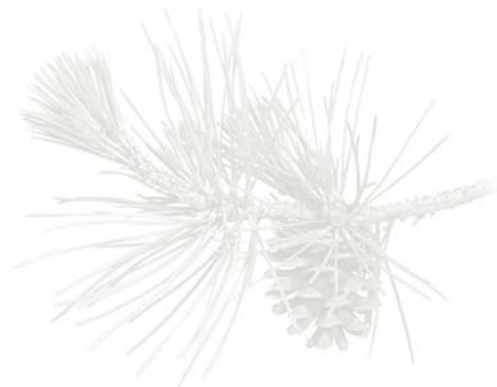
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BACKGROUNDER: History of Callaghan Country

In 1981, Nic Slater was standing on the summit of Mount Callaghan, gazing out over a small, secluded valley. The gently rolling terrain and enticing alpine slopes surrounding it suggested an ideal location for a backcountry retreat. Shortly thereafter, Nic explored the valley on foot to get a better sense of its potential. The area looked even better. The mountains, the old growth forests and the sub-alpine meadows would make the perfect setting for cross-country skiing and alpine ski touring.

With this vision etched in his mind, Nic solicited the assistance of his longtime friend, Brad Sills, and the pair filed an application with the British Columbia Government for a license to develop and operate a backcountry ski lodge. The first cabin was completed in 1985. It was a small one room hut befitting the “rough and tumble” nature of the early operation. Over a decade later and through protracted effort, the partners were finally granted a long-term commercial tenure and work began in earnest on developing the business. A successful builder himself, Brad assembled a crew of some of Whistler’s finest tradespeople, and work began on a new lodge in 1996.

In such a remote location, with no road access, the logistics of the project were immense. Materials either had to be flown in by helicopter or transported in the winter by snowcat. Despite the challenges, the group of friends - carpenters, electricians, roofers, stone masons and plumbers, dedicated themselves to the project as a labor of love – all working in exchange for shares in the company instead of for a wage. The first phase of Callaghan Lodge officially opened in the fall of 1998. The original 3,400 square foot lodge featured 5 bedrooms (now called standard rooms), a large lounge area / kitchen and a bathroom. The original cabin from 1985 began its new life as the generator shed.

In the fall of 2002 the lodge was expanded to include a commercial kitchen and large dining room on the first floor, two new superior bedrooms and a deluxe suite on the second floor, and new bathroom and shower facilities on the third floor. To complement the addition, the new development also included a sewage treatment plant and water purification system.

In the winter of 2007-08, in conjunction with the opening of Whistler Olympic Park – venue for the Nordic and ski jumping events for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games, the company opened a new base near Alexander Falls. Located about 9km up the brand new access road from highway 99, the facility includes a reception office, parking lot, and vehicle storage and maintenance areas. Guests now have the option of skiing from the base area along one of two dedicated Nordic trails to the lodge in the Upper Callaghan Valley.

Since the company's inception, the ownership group has remained committed to their original vision - **to build the most renowned, respected, and sought-after mountain adventure wilderness resort in the world.** Development plans include refinements to the existing lodge, the construction of a 24 room lodge at the Alexander Falls base and upgrades to the existing trail network to allow for better summer hiking and mountain biking. There are also plans to construct additional facilities at various locations throughout the vast tenure area to enable guests to participate in an even wider range of activities, including overnight and multi day “hut to hut” ski touring expeditions.

As the expansion unfolds, Callaghan Country is committed to fostering and promoting an interdependent balance between outdoor recreation and environmental awareness and sustainability. An important part of the vision is to work hard to ensure a pristine wilderness environment in the Callaghan for generations to come.

BACKGROUND: Profile of Brad Sills

Brad Sills was born and raised in La Belle Province, Quebec. His passion for the outdoors developed at an early age through his participation in the Boy Scouts. By fourteen he had made a promise to himself that when he grew up, he would not live in a city. After attending Trent University and getting a degree in Environmental Resource Science, Brad held true to his promise and headed west to British Columbia in 1974.

Brad arrived in Whistler after finding work with the B.C. Provincial Government as a Forest Ranger. For the next four years, Brad dedicated himself to the Forest Service, helping to develop the early access routes to such popular recreation sites as Meager Creek Hot Springs and Joffre Lakes Provincial Park.

By the late seventies, local visionaries began plans to turn Whistler into an international mountain resort. The community of Whistler was on its way, and Brad's entrepreneurial spirit led him to start Whirlwind Homes, in 1979 to take advantage of the coming construction boom.

Through Whirlwind, Brad was able to pursue his other lifelong passion: fine home building. Since its inception, the company has gone on to win numerous design awards and industry accolades. A highlight for Brad came in 1995 when a home he and his team built was featured on the cover of the prestigious Fine Home Building magazine.

Through the years, Brad has remained true to his first love, the mountains. His free time is spent outside, hiking in the summer and skiing in the winter. In 1981 Brad was introduced to the Upper Callaghan Valley by close friend, Nic Slater who had started to build a log cabin in the area to use as a base for ski touring.

Brad was immediately drawn to the project because it provided him with the opportunity to combine his love of the outdoors with his passion for building. Through protracted effort, the company, then called Mad River Nordic Skiing Enterprises, was finally successful in acquiring a land tenure for the purposes of developing and operating a comprehensive Nordic centre focusing on commercial backcountry recreation.

Since that time, Brad has skillfully applied his knowledge of building and forestry to enhance the operation, working tirelessly towards the company's vision: to build the most renowned, respected, and sought-after mountain adventure wilderness resort in the world.

Brad believes in the importance of giving back to the community he loves and over the years has volunteered for numerous committees and boards, including the Protected Area Strategy Committee, the Mountain Rescue Task Force for BC, the Backcountry Forum and the Whistler Chamber of Commerce. He was also an early supporter of the Friends of the 2010 Olympic Bid, and he has been a team member of the Whistler Search & Rescue since 1976 where he currently presides as a senior SAR Manager.

Brad resides in Black Tusk Village with his wife Pixie. They have two grown sons.

BACKGROUND: Backcountry Skiing at Callaghan Country

What is Backcountry Skiing?

Backcountry skiing is known by a few different names such as alpine ski (or snowboard) touring, backcountry touring, ski hiking, randonnée skiing, ski mountaineering, and alpine touring. No matter what you call it, backcountry skiing is a rewarding experience that will connect you with the natural world in an incredibly profound way.

Unlike the mechanized approach (lift-accessed or helicopter skiing), backcountry skiing is as much about “earning the turns” as it is about the turns themselves. The tranquility, great physical exercise and the exhilaration of backcountry skiing has made it one of the fastest growing sports in North America. With good reason: the diversity of terrain, the untouched wilderness, spectacular scenery, and acres of untracked powder have made British Columbia’s mountains world-famous.

Backcountry skiing equipment allows the skier to hike uphill and then ski or snowboard downhill. There are three different equipment choices for backcountry skiing: lockable heeled alpine touring skis / bindings (AT equipment), split board snowboards and telemark skis. To go uphill, backcountry skiers attach "climbing skins" to the bottom of the skis. The climbing skins allow the user to walk up the mountain without sliding backwards. To be able to walk freely, alpine tourer's set specialized bindings so they can pivot at the toe mount point. Telemark bindings have a "free heel" already so they can walk around naturally. At the top of the slope, the skier removes the skins, locks the binding's heel down (AT skiers) and then skis downhill just as they would if they got off a ski lift or out of a helicopter.

For a snowboarder, the process is the same but they hike uphill using a split board which is a specialized touring board that literally splits in two, forming two “skis.” It comes with bindings that can be remounted so the user can walk uphill once climbing skins are attached. At the top of the hike the skins are removed, the two halves are re-attached, the bindings are re-set, and the boarder is free to rip up the slope.

To be enjoyed to the fullest, backcountry skiers must be of intermediate skiing ability or better, in good physical condition, and capable of handling the challenges of ascending and descending in a variety of snow conditions.

Personal Responsibility and Release of Liability

Backcountry skiing is not without risk. By its very definition, backcountry skiing takes place in uncontrolled environments and reliable prediction of factors such as weather, snow and terrain conditions is impossible. For those guests who are strong skiers with previous backcountry ski touring experience, self-guided ski touring is an option. We **strongly recommend** that self-guided parties have knowledge and experience in backcountry travel and avalanche safety. Self-guided parties will be responsible for self-rescue. **All guests going ski touring will be required to read, understand and sign a Release of Liability or Waiver of Claims agreement.**

Touring Equipment

Guests must supply their own touring gear (skis/board, skins, poles, boots) and safety equipment (avalanche transceiver, probe, shovel), but we can help to arrange rental equipment on request.

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Guided Backcountry Skiing

For those groups wanting to maximize their backcountry skiing experience, we work with the **Whistler Alpine Guides Bureau** to provide an A.C.M.G. (Association of Canadian Mountain Guides) guiding service for our guests. Dedicated to protecting the public interest in mountain travel, the A.C.M.G. is the only internationally recognized professional association of trained and certified mountain guides and instructors in Canada.

All guides are fully certified in first aid, avalanche safety, snow stability evaluation and emergency response. Furthermore, the guides have an intimate knowledge of both the terrain and the snowpack. They know the best travel routes and the best places to ski in all weather and snow conditions. These professional and friendly guides will help you to learn more about the area, the backcountry experience, and avalanche safety. We always encourage our guests to hire a professional ski guide because we believe that it is the best way to make sure that everyone has the safest and most enjoyable ski experience possible.

Rates*:

Group Size	First Day	Additional Days
1 – 2 people	\$629.00	\$499.00
3 people	\$779.00	\$649.00
4 – 6 people	\$829.00	\$699.00

** Rates are subject to change without notice.*

The maximum client to guide ratio is 6:1, however should a group be larger than 6 people, we'd be happy to put together a customized quotation. Prices are quoted in Canadian funds and do not include the 5% GST or gratuities. The price includes the rental of backcountry safety equipment (avalanche transceiver, probe and shovel) for each member of the group. The price does not include touring gear, though we are happy to coordinate equipment rentals for any individuals requiring equipment.

What can you expect from a typical guided ski / board touring day?

At the start of the stay, your guide will give you either a refresher on backcountry touring and avalanche safety (if you have previous touring experience) or a full briefing on guided backcountry touring. This process starts with a discussion about past ski/snowboard experience and continues with a brief avalanche safety session to familiarize everyone with their safety equipment. If the group has never seen backcountry touring equipment before, the guide will explain how all the equipment works and then he or she will determine a suitable starting area, based on the group's ability levels and the snow conditions. Outside, the guide teaches the group how to walk uphill and gives pointers on powder skiing/boarding.

Most days start at about 9am and finish at about 4:30pm. The total elevation gained and skied ranges from 400m to 1500m depending on the fitness of the group. On clear days the guide can choose to go 1000m + up from the valley in one push to ski a high alpine peak. During the day the guide sets an uphill pace that works for everyone in the group. Breaks are usually taken every half hour to one hour. During the ski down, the guide remains in the front of the group and everyone skis down together at a speed compatible with everyone's ability.

For more information on backcountry skiing or the Whistler Alpine Guides Bureau, please visit www.whistlerguides.com.

BACKGROUNDER: Callaghan Country & the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games

On July 2nd, 2003, Vancouver was selected by the International Olympic Committee (I.O.C.) to be the host for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. The information below has been referenced from Vancouver's official 2010 Bid Book. For more detailed information, please visit www.vancouver2010.com.

Dates

2010 Olympic Winter Games: February 12 – 28, 2010

2010 Paralympic Winter Games: March 12 – 21, 2010

Events held in Vancouver

Opening and closing ceremonies, freestyle skiing, snowboarding, and all ice sports: hockey, curling, figure skating, speed skating, short track speed skating

Events held in Whistler

Alpine skiing, sliding sports (bobsleigh, luge and skeleton), Nordic sports (cross country skiing, biathlon, Nordic combined, and ski jumping), and all Paralympic sports with the exception of sledge ice hockey (alpine skiing, biathlon, cross-country skiing, and wheelchair curling)

Whistler Olympic Park

Whistler Olympic Park opened to the public in December, 2007 and will host all of the Nordic events for both the Olympics and the Paralympics in February, 2010. There will be 28 Olympic medal events and 32 Paralympic medal events taking place at Whistler Olympic Park. The facility is located about 9 km from Highway 99 (22 km from Whistler Village), and about 14 km from Callaghan Lodge. The overall cost for Whistler Olympic Park is estimated at approximately \$120 million (CDN).

The Whistler Olympic Park project includes:

- Access road upgrades and parking areas
- Three stadium areas for Cross Country, Biathlon, and Ski Jumping, each with a spectator capacity of 12,000 (achieved through the provision of temporary seats and standing areas)
- 15 km of competition trails, 8 km of training trails, and about 30 km of recreational 'legacy' trails
- Normal hill (90 M) and large hill (120 M) ski jumps including one of the world's most sophisticated ski jump snow refrigeration and track setting systems
- Biathlon range including 30 lanes with a fully electronic target system able to detect and report the precise time and hit or miss of each bullet fired
- Site servicing (sewage, water, power)
- Various temporary and permanent facilities including a Nordic day lodge, sport operation buildings, and maintenance facility

According to the Bid Book, "the philosophy of the Whistler Olympic Park plan is to create an accessible, world-class destination for all of the Nordic sports, and to maximize year-round use of compatible outdoor recreational and sporting activities, such as mountain biking and walking trails during the summer." This plan fits seamlessly with Callaghan Country's vision which is to become the most renowned and respected mountain adventure wilderness resort in the world.

"Our focus has always been to provide outdoor recreational opportunities for our guests that will reconnect them with the natural world," says Sills. "We remain committed to this objective and hope by combining our efforts with Olympic organizers, that together we will be even better able to position the Callaghan Valley as a world-class destination for both recreational and competitive Nordic skiing, and self-propelled four season recreation of every kind."

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The Dining Experience

At Callaghan Lodge, we know that the way to our guest's hearts is through their stomachs! Each day, our Chef will prepare a variety of hearty meals to tantalize your palate and energize you for your day of adventure. Please let us know at the time of your reservation if you have any dietary restrictions or food allergies so that we can try to accommodate your needs. Our Chef regrets that we are not able to cater to vegan diets, however vegetarian meals can be arranged with advance notice.

The Callaghan Continental Breakfast

Each day begins with a hearty breakfast buffet featuring fresh baked muffins and croissants, breakfast breads, preserves, hard boiled eggs, deli meats, cream cheese, yogurt, hot and cold cereals, and seasonal fresh fruit. Breakfast is complimented with a variety of juices, fresh brewed coffee and tea. Begin your day with a healthy and fresh start.

Lunch Box to Go

For those overnight guests who plan to leave the lodge in the morning and be gone the whole day, we will send you on your adventure with a deluxe bag lunch that includes your choice of sandwich (Choose from roast beef, smoked maple turkey, spicy Italian capiccoli, Montreal smoked ham, or fresh veggies & cheese), a fresh baked cookie or square, fresh fruit, trail mix, and a chocolate treat to top it off. The Lunch Box also includes your choice of apple or orange juice.

For our overnight guests who will be returning to the lodge for lunch, lunch will consist of soup, a sandwich, a fresh baked cookie or square, a piece of fresh fruit and coffee / tea service.

Après-Ski Appetizers

Enjoy a selection of tempting appies including meat, cheese and fruit trays and an array of hot canapés served daily in the lounge.

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Callaghan Lodge 4-Course Dinner

Each evening our Chef will prepare a deluxe 4-Course dinner that includes soup, salad, an entrée and dessert. Coffee & tea service is included. What follows is meant to provide an example of the types of menu items that may be served. Please note that this menu is subject to change, and actual selections may vary. Vegetarian options can be arranged with advance notice.

Soups

- ~ Slow Cooked Lamb and White Bean ~
 - ~ Tuscan Minestrone ~
- ~ Cuban Black Bean with Fresh Lime ~
 - ~ Pumpkin & Eggplant Laksa ~
 - ~ Tofu & Spinach Miso ~
 - ~ Spiced Coriander, Lentil & Barley ~
- ~ Split Green Pea, Ham Hock & Mint Pistou ~

Salads

- ~ Japanese Eggplant, with Slow Roasted Roma Tomato, Goat's Cheese and Pesto ~
- ~ Asparagus and Baby Spinach with Poached Egg and Penne with a Dill and Lemon Dressing ~
 - ~ Whittlof, Pear, Pecan and Celery with Blue Cheese Dressing ~
 - ~ Chorizo, Watercress and Orange with a Walnut Dressing ~
- ~ Caramelized Fennel, Olives, Pinenuts, Red Radish and a Roasted Pepper Relish ~
- ~ Green Beans, Baby Capers, Warm Pancetta and a Creamy Seeded Dijon Dressing ~
- ~ Mushroom, Leek, Artichoke and Sundried Tomato with a Lime and Garlic Dressing ~

Entrées

- ~ Beef Tenderloin with yam wedges, savoy cabbage and cambozola ~
- ~ Duck Confit with a celeriac puree, broccolini and a sweet and sour red cherry jus ~
 - ~ Guinness Irish Stew with winter vegetables, potato dumpling and gremolata ~
 - ~ Sablefish with caramelized fennel, eggplant and a lemon caper salsa ~
- ~ Chicken breast with prosciutto wrapped green beans and an herbed potato rösti ~
 - ~ Crispy skin salmon with asparagus, kale and a zucchini and corn fritter ~
 - ~ Pumpkin and chickpea tagine with spiced date, apricot and almond couscous ~
- ~ Chargrilled Mediterranean vegetable & halloumi shish with creamy polenta and sauce puttanesca ~

Desserts

- ~ Passion Fruit Crème Brulée ~
- ~ Apricot & Honey Soufflé ~
- ~ Chocolate Mousse with Hazelnut Brittle ~
- ~ Sticky Date Pudding with Butterscotch Sauce
 - ~ Apple Tartlet and Crème Anglaise ~
 - ~ Tiramisu with Candied Almonds ~
- ~ Raspberry & White Chocolate Cheesecake ~



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Winter Packing List

Clothing

Winter boots

Wool and / or synthetic socks

Base layer (top & bottoms) – synthetic, wool, or silk

Mid-insulation layer, top – wool / fleece / synthetic fill sweater / turtleneck

Mid-insulation layer, bottoms – fleece or multi-purpose pants

Light wind shell – windproof, water resistant layer for high aerobic work

Weather layer top – Gore-Tex or other waterproof breathable jacket

Weather layer pants – Gore-Tex or other waterproof breathable pants

Warm Outer jacket – down or synthetic

Toque (winter hat) – wool, fleece or synthetic

Brimmed cap – preferably wool or synthetic

Face warmer – scarf, neck tube, face mask

Light gloves – wool, synthetic or leather

Insulated gloves or mitts – wool or synthetic, with weather proof outer shell

Gaiters

Personal Equipment

Daypack, goggles, sunglasses, ski helmet, head lamp or flash light, insulated water bottle or Thermos, pocket knife, camera & film, whistle, lighter or matches, lodge slippers, toiletries

Ski Tourers: 457 MHz avalanche transceiver, spare batteries, avalanche shovel, probe, climbing skins, skis or snowboard (the fatter the better), boots, and poles (and snowshoes for snowboarders without split boards)

Cross Country Skiers: track or skating skis, boots and poles, waxes

Personal Repair Kit

Extra binding screws, spare bale or cable, spare basket, duct tape, wire / string, pocket knife, ski wax, skin glue, screwdriver, steel wool, waterproofing for boots

Personal First Aid Kit

Medical tape, band-aids, tensor bandages, sunscreen, lip balm, safety pins, personal medications, blister prevention, anti inflammatory, antihistamines

Recommended

Topographical map (Brandywine Falls 92/J3 Scale 1:50,000), compass, analog cell phone (coverage may not be available in all areas or weather conditions)

Items Frequently Forgotten by past Guests (hint, hint!)

Head lamp or flashlight; water bottle; extra batteries for transceivers; toiletries

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Equipment Rentals

Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe equipment

- We have several sets of Fischer Summit SL Crown and Fischer Fibre SL Crown classic track skis available at the lodge, along with Salomon boots, and poles.
- We have several sets of Fischer backcountry Europa 99 light touring skis and Salomon backcountry 6 boots available at the lodge.
- We have several sets of snowshoes and two sets of Yupi Skishoes available at the lodge. We do not provide winter boots for the snowshoes or yupis. Please bring your own.
- The use of our cross country ski and snowshoe equipment is included in all of our day and All-Inclusive overnight packages.
- Should we not have the appropriate equipment sizing available for you, we can help to coordinate the necessary rental equipment through the **Callaghan Connection**, located at Whistler Olympic Park XC Ski Area, just a couple of minutes from our base in the Callaghan Valley. For information on the Callaghan Connection or Whistler Olympic Park, visit www.crosscountryconnection.bc.ca, www.whistlerolympicpark.com or call 604.698.4004.

Backcountry Safety equipment

- We do not have avalanche transceivers, probes, shovels or day packs available for rent at the lodge. Backcountry safety equipment can be rented locally through the **Whistler Alpine Guides Bureau** (604.938.9242 / www.whistlerguides.com) or at the **Escape Route** in Whistler's Marketplace, across from the I.G.A. grocery store (604.938.3228 / www.escaperoute.net).
- All guests hiring an A.C.M.G. guide through the Whistler Alpine Guides Bureau will have the use of an avalanche transceiver, probe and shovel for the duration of their guided ski touring adventure.
- Please note that you will need to provide your own batteries for the transceivers (2 x AA or 3 x AAA depending on the model).
- You will need to visit the Escape Route prior your lodge departure in order to pick up and pay for your rental equipment. The Escape Route is located in Whistler's Marketplace, across from the I.G.A.

Telemark and / or alpine ski / board touring equipment

- We coordinate all telemark, alpine ski and snowboard equipment rentals through the **Escape Route** in Whistler. They have a variety of alpine touring, telemark skis, and Prior splitboard snowboards available, as well as touring boots, climbing skins and 2 and 3-stage poles.
- You will need to visit the Escape Route prior your lodge departure in order to pick up and pay for your rental equipment. The Escape Route is located in Whistler's Marketplace, across from the I.G.A.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CALLAGHAN ADVENTURE

THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Return luggage transfer to the lodge
- Overnight accommodation as set out in your personalized Trip Confirmation & Invoice
- All meals
 - Day of check-in: Après-ski appetizers and a 4-course dinner
 - Full lodge days: Continental breakfast, bagged lunch, après-ski appetizers and a 4-course dinner
 - Day of check-out: Continental breakfast and bagged lunch
 - Additional meals as set out in your personalized Trip Confirmation & Invoice
 - Non-alcoholic beverages (coffee, tea, milk, juice & hot chocolate – please note we do not serve soda but you are welcome to bring your own)
- Daily trail tickets (also valid at Whistler Olympic Park, with the exception of February 1 – 28, 2010)
- Use of snowshoes and toboggans
- Additional transfers, guiding and / or ski rentals as set out in your personalized Trip Confirmation & Invoice

THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- **Return ground transfers** from Whistler / Vancouver to the staging area (driving instructions attached)
- **Return snowmobile or snow coach transfer from our base to the lodge** (unless transfers have been pre-booked; please refer to your personalized Trip Confirmation & Invoice)
- **Personal winter wear** (Winter equipment list attached).
- **XC Skis** (unless rentals have been pre-booked; please refer to your personalized Trip Confirmation & Invoice)
- **A.C.M.G. guide** (unless pre-booked; please refer to your personalized Trip Confirmation & Invoice)
- **Ski touring & Safety equipment** (unless pre-booked; please refer to your personalized Trip Confirmation & Invoice)
- **Alcohol** (Please feel free to bring your own)
- **Gratuities** for service excellence

PAYMENTS & DEPOSITS:

- A 30% non-refundable deposit is required for each overnight booking. Deposit is payable upon receipt of invoice. Full payment is due 30 days prior to arrival. In the event that payment becomes overdue, Callaghan Country reserves the right to cancel the reservation and resell the space.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- Cancellations made more than 30 days prior to arrival date will forfeit the deposit. Cancellations made less than 30 days prior to arrival date are non-refundable unless space can be re-sold.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY & RELEASE OF LIABILITY:

- Backcountry recreation is not without risk. Reliable prediction of factors such as weather, snow and terrain conditions is impossible. Guests will be required to read and sign a comprehensive Release of Liability & Waiver of Claims Agreement prior to departure. To view:

<http://www.callaghancountry.com/rates/documents/CallaghanWAIVER-SELFGUIDED2005.pdf>

PLEASE NOTE:

- **Please remember that transportation to and from the lodge is weather dependent and delays can happen.** Callaghan Country Wilderness Adventures is not responsible for delays or cancellations due to poor access conditions, poor roads, restrictions on trail access, or weather not conducive to outdoor recreation pursuits. We urge our clients to purchase appropriate trip cancellation and medical insurance prior to booking.
- **You should plan to arrive at our base no later than 12:30pm** as the luggage transfer departs at 1:00pm. Please feel free to arrive any time after 9am, and remember that it will take an average of 3 – 4 hours to ski in to the lodge, depending on weather, trail conditions and your group's conditioning and ability level. Pack a lunch, start early, and make a day of it!
- **Room check in is at 3:00pm**, however if your room is ready earlier, early check-ins are not a problem.
- **Your departure time** from the lodge is flexible however please note that the return luggage transfer is scheduled for between 2:00pm – 3:00pm, depending on the weather. You can expect your luggage to arrive back at the Callaghan Country base no later than 4:00pm. Please plan your departure from the lodge accordingly.
- **ATTN: Backcountry Skiers / Ski Tourers:** Hiring a professional ski guide is a great way to enhance your safety and enjoyment while backcountry skiing. We work with the Whistler Alpine Guides Bureau to provide certified A.C.M.G. guiding services; the daily rate ranges between \$499 - \$829 depending on the size of the group and the length of the trip. The price includes the use of backcountry safety equipment. Please let us know if you would like us to coordinate guiding services for you. For those guests who are strong skiers with previous touring experience, self-guided ski touring is an option. We strongly recommend that self-guided ski touring parties have knowledge and experience in backcountry travel and avalanche safety. All ski touring parties will be responsible for self-rescue and will be required to read and sign a comprehensive Release of Liability and Waiver of Claims Agreement prior to departure from the lodge. Please review it at: <http://www.callaghancountry.com/rates/documents/CallaghanWAIVER-SELFGUIDED2005.pdf>
- **Snowmobile Transfers:** Return snowmobile transportation can be arranged with advance notice at a price of \$120.00 per person, based on double riding. Please note that any guest requiring snowmobile transport for any reason, including fatigue, ill health, or inclement weather shall be charged \$120.00 per person for this service. Additionally, please know that your safety is our prime concern. All of our snowmobiles are equipped with standard safety features and they are comfortable and easy to drive. That being said, if somebody in your group is not comfortable driving or riding on a snowmobile, please let us know in advance. Before departure by snowmobile, each group will receive a comprehensive safety orientation. Machines and trails are maintained regularly and we do everything in our power to minimize the risk of accidents. Unfortunately, accidents can happen – usually due to people driving too fast or not paying attention. In the event of an accident, the driver of the snowmobile will be responsible for any costs associated with repairing the machine.
- **Fitness Level and Ski/Board Ability:** To be enjoyed to the fullest, guests interested in alpine ski or snowboard touring must be at minimum strong intermediates, physically capable of dealing with the challenges presented by ascending and descending in deep snow conditions.
- **Dietary Restrictions:** Please advise us of any dietary restrictions, food allergies, or special requests. Please note that while we can arrange for vegetarian options (with advance notice), our chef regrets that he is not able to cater to vegan diets.
- **XC Ski equipment:** Please note that XC ski equipment is not included in the Ski-In / Ski-Out package. Please let us know if you would like our assistance in arranging rental equipment.
- **Health recommendation:** Adventure sports are not recommended for individuals who are pregnant, or who suffer from back or neck pain, or who have heart or respiratory distress. If in doubt, please contact your physician.
- **You Should Also Know:** As a courtesy to other guests, pets are not permitted. Smoking is not permitted in any of the buildings. Regretfully, we cannot accept overnight reservations for children under the age of 13. If you wish to reserve the entire lodge, exceptions to this rule can be made.

Please feel free to contact us at 604.938.0616 or toll-free (North America) at 1.877.938.0616 should you have any questions or concerns about the details of your Callaghan adventure.

We look forward to welcoming you to Callaghan Lodge!