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CALLAGHAN LODGE TO OPEN FOR 5 WEEK SUMMER SEASON – AUG.29 – OCT. 4:

Summer programming to include guided horseback riding with Copper Cayuse Outfitters

WHISTLER, BC, August 25, 2009 – Beginning on Saturday, August 29, Callaghan Country Wilderness Adventures will open the doors to its backcountry facility, Callaghan Lodge, for a five week summer season. In conjunction with the summer opening, Callaghan Country has partnered with Copper Cayuse Outfitters to launch a 2-night “Backcountry by Horseback” program. Starting at \$599.00 per person (plus taxes and gratuities), the package includes a return guided horseback trip from the Callaghan Country base to the lodge, all meals and an optional guided horseback tour from the lodge to the picturesque Solitude valley. Summer guests also have the option of accessing the lodge via a 4.5 km hike from Callaghan Lake or a 12.5 km mountain bike ride from the Callaghan Country base. Hike / bike-in packages start at \$139.00 per person, per night (plus taxes and gratuities) and include afternoon tea and a 4-course dinner on Day 1 and a continental breakfast and bagged lunch on Day 2.

“It’s high time that comfort-conscious outdoor enthusiasts have the opportunity to visit Callaghan Lodge in the summer,” says Brad Sills, President of Callaghan Country. “The scenery is just as spectacular in the summertime, and the terrain is ideal for hiking, horseback riding, scrambling, and mountaineering.” It takes approximately 5 hours to reach the lodge on horseback from the Callaghan Country base beside Whistler Olympic Park. Mountain biking from the base takes between two to three hours on average, and hiking in from Callaghan Lake takes about an hour and a half to two hours. Guests interested in hiking in should be aware that the final 8km of the drive up to Callaghan Lake is on the Callaghan Lake Forest Service Road which is maintained to 4WD standard.

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Callaghan Country is located in the pristine wilderness of the Upper Callaghan Valley, just a short distance from Whistler. The 5,000 square foot backcountry lodge is staffed by two lodge hosts and features a relaxing lounge area (complete with a pool table), commercial kitchen, dining room, indoor plumbing, and comfortable accommodation for up to 24 guests in 8 private rooms. Lodge guests can enjoy a range of activities including horseback riding, hiking, scrambling, mountaineering, wildlife viewing, and bird watching. The area also offers unlimited inspiration for create pursuits such as nature photography, painting, and creative writing. In the winter, the lodge is accessible via a 12.5 km cross-country ski. Additional winter activities include snowshoeing, and Nordic and alpine ski touring. Callaghan Lodge is open for summer reservations from August 29 – October 4 and it re-opens for the winter on November 21, 2009.

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