



CALLAGHAN COUNTRY

Routes of wilderness

Summary of Stats & Facts

The staging area is located at the base of the Callaghan Forest Services Road, 13km South West of Whistler Resort and 100 km North of Vancouver. In the heart of Callaghan Country, in a picturesque sub-alpine meadow, 4,500' above sea level, is Callaghan Lodge – Whistler's only full-service remote-access lodge.

Callaghan Country is located 100km (62 miles) north of Vancouver, BC and 13km (8 miles) southwest of the Resort Municipality of Whistler, BC.

Average Annual Snowfall: 1,097cm / 36' per year

Average Annual Snowpack: 365cm / 12'

Elevations:

At Callaghan Country staging area: 549 m / 1,800'

At Alexander Falls: 810 m / 2,650'

At Lodge: 1,370 m / 4,500'

Terrain: 3,500 hectares / 8,610 acres

Callaghan Country is located in the Coastal Snowbelt, guaranteeing abundant snowfalls and a reliable snowpack. The Callaghan Valley is ringed on three sides by glaciated terrain; as the warm moist maritime air pushes up over the glaciers of Brandywine, Metal Dome, and Powder Mountains, the air gets super-cooled. To the north and east, are the Pemberton Ice Cap and the Rainbow Mountain glacier, which means that Callaghan Country is a natural dumping ground for lots of the white stuff.

The vast operating area includes a combination of working forest and pristine wilderness, with sub-alpine meadows, old-growth forests, alpine lakes, ponds, creeks, waterfalls, talus slopes, glaciers and rugged mountain peaks.

Average Alpine Temperatures:

Dec. - Feb.: Low -12°C / 11°F, High - 5°C / 23°F

Mar. - May: Low -8°C / 19°F, High 5°C / 42°F



Lodge Access:

Callaghan Lodge is located 22km from the main staging area. In the winter, guests are transported from the staging area either by snow coach, snowmobile or helicopter. Guests with athletic ability are encouraged to ski the remaining 12.5km from Alexander Falls to the Lodge, along the company's dedicated Nordic access trail. In the summer, primary access is via helicopter only. It is possible to drive 18km from the staging area to Callaghan Lake Provincial Park, and then hike in the remaining 4km.

Callaghan Lodge: Cozy and charming backcountry lodge situated on the shores of its own private lake - first opened in November 1998.

Rooms: Currently accommodates 16 people in 8 private rooms (5 standard rooms: 3 with queen berths, 2 with twin berths; 2 superior rooms with queen beds and private bathrooms, 1 deluxe suite: the Solitude Suite featuring a private living room, fireplace, and ensuite). Future development plans will see the addition of 3 more private rooms, a retail and rental facility, meeting room, and sauna.

Meals: Delicious, hearty meals prepared by our Lodge Chef and served 'en famille.'

Amenities: Full kitchen and dining facilities, comfortable lounge area, stone and propane fireplaces, library, pool table, house guitar, board games, gear drying room, indoor plumbing and shower facilities.

Winter activities:

- Guided alpine ski & snowboard touring
- Classic (track-set) cross country skiing
- Snowshoeing
- Dog-sledding

Summer activities (currently only open for groups of 6 or more in the summer):

- Heli-hiking
- Nature interpretation tours and wildlife viewing
- Specialty workshops (yoga retreats, creative writing, photography, culinary classes, etc.)

Ability Level:

Nordic skiing & snowshoeing: The rolling terrain is well-suited to all ages and ability levels, from rank beginner to advanced skiers.

Alpine ski & snowboard touring:

While it is not necessary to have backcountry skiing experience, all guests wishing to go alpine ski or snowboard touring **MUST** be **AT MINIMUM** strong intermediate skiers or riders, capable of handling the rigors of ascending and descending in deep powder snow conditions.

