

Berghaus Tips and Tricks for Guests and New Members

Welcome!

The Berghaus is more than a ski club. We're a community of families and individuals who love the outdoors and value the opportunity to connect with nature and other adventurers. We're thrilled you're here! The Berghaus has a rich history of bringing people together from all over the globe, fostering life-long friendships, and instilling a passion for nature through a range of activities from skiing, sledding, and snowpal building to hiking, biking, and much more.

The seasons do bring about changes at the *Berghaus* – you'll find that we've highlighted some of the differences between staying with us in winter and summer. Please make note of those and know that members are happy to answer any questions. So go ahead and grab your favorite beverage and take some time to read through these essential tips and tricks. Welcome to the Berghaus!

Tips & Tricks at a Glance

- Prepare
 - Pack a sleeping bag, sheets, and slippers (see packing list below)
 - Review all maps and directions, and pay close attention to winter vs. summer access
- Arrival
 - Unload your car from the drop-off zone (winter) or park in a Berghaus lot (summer)
 - Check in with the Member-On-Duty (MOD) and check out a parking pass (winter)
 - Move your car to the overnight parking lot (winter)
- During your stay
 - Plan a meal to share for Saturday night potluck (winter) and/or coordinate meals with your host
 - Observe the Berghaus Community Rules (see below)
- After your stay
 - Pay guest fees to your host
 - Clean and vacuum your room
 - Turn off thermostat in your room to save energy
 - Clear your items out of the refrigerator and kitchen
 - Pack all belongings with you
 - Take some bags of trash / recycling / compost with you

Packing List

What to Bring	Leave at Home
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Sleeping bags or blankets/duvets● Sheets and pillowcases● Queen/King sheets for the larger beds, twin sheets for the bunks <p>(If using sleeping bags, bring sheets to cover mattress pads. King sheets are the most versatile for the larger beds)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Towels and toiletries● Layered clothes and long johns/warm base layers● Labeled outerwear and shoes● Slippers or house shoes● Microspikes or boots/shoes with excellent traction● Books or a Kindle● Headlamps optional● Pack and Play crib sheet, if necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pillows● Electronics (e.g. gaming devices)● Hair dryers (Available in bathrooms)● Pack and Play (We have one)● Pets (We love animals! and most members have dogs or cats, but we can't have them in the lodges)

Arriving at the Berghaus

Before coming to the *Berghaus*, be sure to review the maps and directions at www.continentalclub.org so that you can easily reach the winter drop-off and winter overnight parking. In summer, or once the snow has melted on our access road, it is possible to drive all the way up to the *Berghaus*. It's important to get familiar with everything in advance because cellular service is often inconsistent in certain areas of Snoqualmie Pass.

WINTER:

In winter, members and guests use the *Berghaus* drop-off area. Please be mindful of others arriving and pull as close to the right side as possible. If you're a guest, it can be helpful to give your ETA to your host in advance so they can meet you. You can also call or text your host's cell phone when you arrive at the drop-off area or call the *Berghaus* Member On Duty (MOD) at 425-434-6434. Once you're at Hyak, texting is often possible if calls are not.

We want to be respectful guests to our permanent neighbors who live on this street year-round. Kindly remember you cannot block neighbors' driveways or park on the street. It is also highly important that members and guests do not walk or play on neighbors' property. We appreciate consistent reminders for all members of your group.

From the winter drop-off, the hike to the *Berghaus* is only 70 or 80 yards, but some portions are steep, uphill terrain so we recommend packing everything in backpacks to enable an easier ascent.

As you're hiking up the trail, you'll see two buildings. Please walk past the first building to the next one on the left/east side, which often has flags out. This is our main lodge and the winter entrance is located in the basement. The other building is the *Berghaus* overnight lodge, and exterior access is only for our caretaker's apartment. A reminder for longtime members – please do not use the “old trailhead” at the end of the cul-de-sac.

Immediately upon arrival, check in with the Member-On-Duty (MOD), choose your room, check out a parking pass, and move your car from the drop-off area to the overnight parking lot at the bottom of the ski hill (see Parking section below and on website).

SUMMER:

Once the snow has melted on the Forest Service road, it's possible to drive all the way up to the *Berghaus*. The summer entrance is also located in the main lodge, but on the uphill side by the *Berghaus* parking area. If no MODs are present, members and guests are fully responsible for self-MOD (i.e. leave the facility in as good or better condition upon departure).

As always, enjoy yourselves! and be mindful of special considerations for summer like burn bans, wildlife, and that our caretaker may be about as well.

Parking

WINTER:

The winter drop-off area address: 261 Innsbruck Dr, Snoqualmie Pass, WA 98922

You may temporarily leave your car to help with kids or bags, but please return as soon as possible and move your car to the *Berghaus* designated area of the Hyak/East Ski Area E3 Lot, aka “lower lot.” If you arrive and parking isn't available in our area, simply return to your vehicle later in the day to move it. This is very important – our designated area is the only place overnight *Berghaus* parking is permitted.

A detailed map is provided on the website, but please ask your host or the MOD if you need additional help locating it.

And remember your Parking Pass! Guests can check out a Guest Parking Pass from the Member on Duty (MOD). All members and guests need to hang a valid overnight parking pass on their dash to avoid being towed.

If you arrive while lifts are running, then it's possible to take the lift and ski into the *Berghaus*. Or, once you've parked in the Lower East Lot, there is an approximately 10 - 20 minute hike up the ski slope to the club. Depending on the conditions, snow boots with microspikes can make the walk more comfortable. But since the ski area is freshly groomed on the weekends, it's also possible to walk without spikes or snowshoes... it's really your preference.

As you're walking up, stay on the slope and keep all of the houses on your right. The *Berghaus* is the very last house and the highest residence at Hyak – look for our large sign that says, "Continental Club Berghaus."

SUMMER:

Berghaus Physical Address: 230 Forest Service Rd. 110 (aka NF-110) Snoqualmie Pass, WA 98068

Be aware that mapping services may not show our physical location accurately, so please refer to directions on our website for specifics.

We have 2 parking lots: one by the main lodge, and another by the overnight lodge. If you're at the club for an event, please be considerate of others by parking close together.

More winter and summer direction details, including pictures, can be found under the [directions section of the website](#).

Guest Fees:

We try to keep *Berghaus* fees as affordable as possible to encourage greater access.

Overnight fees and additional donations can be paid by credit card, PayPal @theBerghaus, or check.

	Adult (19 and over)	Child (18 and under)
When Hyak lifts are running the morning after your stay	\$50	\$30
All Other Nights	\$35	\$25

Food and Drink

Meal times play a big role in the fun at the *Berghaus*. We have potlucks every Saturday night when lifts are running at Hyak, and general meal sharing is a central feature of our club culture.

Members have storage for shelf-stable food items, but at the end of a stay, all guests and members must take home their perishables. Please ensure that all of your items are removed from shelving bins and the refrigerator, as it must be emptied and turned off when the club is not in use.

We recommend avoiding bulky or heavy packaging, and/or consider re-packaging grocery store items to reduce both weight packed in and refuse packed out. We don't have waste service at the *Berghaus*, so at the end of your stay, please take your group's fair share of recycling, trash and compost/yard waste (for Seattleites).

Meal Time Insider Tips:

- The Berghaus has a well stocked kitchen with many quirks too! Sharing the kitchen with multiple families and finding the pots, pans, and cooking utensils takes time and patience.
- If you're staying Friday and arriving in the evening, it's helpful to bring an easy-to-prepare dinner such as a favorite frozen dish, salad, or anything that can be quickly assembled. By planning in advance, you can easily feed your family, get your room set up and spend some time relaxing.
- Plan extra time for preparation and clean up if you'd like to cook a more traditional meal.
- Another option is to coordinate a Friday night potluck with your host family and/or guests.
- If you are a wine or beer drinker, consider boxed wine or canned beer as it is easier to pack in and out.
- Remember to bring butter and any condiments you will need. The Berghaus members stock olive and canola oil, as well as some spices, salt, pepper, and brown and white sugar.
- After meals, everyone pitches in clearing the tables and taking a shift cleaning the dinner dishes.

Saturday night is **Potluck Night!** We love for all members and guests to join in this tradition by bringing a dish to share. Popular potluck dishes include:

- Roasted meats like chicken, pork tenderloin, and sausages, sliced for easy sharing
- Casseroles
- Soups
- Vegetables and green salads
- Bean and grain salads
- Desserts (baking cookies and brownies mid-day Saturday is always a treat for the kids)

Low Electronics Community Agreement

At the *Berghaus*, we believe in fostering genuine connections and immersing ourselves in the natural world around us. To enhance this experience and create a meaningful environment, we kindly request that the use of electronic devices be limited during your stay. While we understand the convenience of technology, we encourage you to pause, unplug, and fully engage with the outdoors and fellow adventurers.

- Parents are encouraged to model this policy and diplomatically request their children and teenagers adhere to it.
- Electronics are permitted in the art/game room solely for homework purposes or for adults working remotely.
- It is also permissible to do work on the large table outside the art/game room outside of dining hours.
- If you need to check your device, please do so discreetly away from common areas.
- The area around the fireplace is a strictly electronic free zone.
- Online gaming, movies, TikTok, YouTube, and social media are not allowed even in the art/game room.
- Kindles and e-books are permissible.

Berghaus Community Rules

Main Lodge

- Upon arrival, please change into your slippers or house shoes. Loaner slippers are available in the gear-drying room.
- Boots and street shoes are not permitted on the main floor, loft, or in the overnight lodge.
- For the safety of all, please do not leave any child under 12 unattended, including the overnight lodge.

Kitchen

- The kitchen is self-service. We kindly ask you to clean up after yourself.
- After use, please clean, dry, and properly store your dishes, silverware, and pots so that others can use them.

- The refrigerator is for everyone's use. Please refrigerate food in closed containers and remember to remove your food when you leave.
- Enjoy your meals in the main room, not in the kitchen or in the loft. Kindly clean up your table.
- We request that unsupervised children under the age of 12 refrain from cooking, food preparation, and dishwashing in the kitchen.

Overnight Lodge

- The overnight lodge is primarily for resting and sleeping. Please maintain a quiet atmosphere to be respectful to the caretaker, even during the summer. Lights off and silence between 9pm and 7am.
- To keep the overnight lodge clean, we kindly request that you only bring water to the dorm rooms. Food or other drinks are not allowed.
- Remember to completely turn off the heat in the rooms when they are not in use.
- Before the end of your stay, please follow all check-out instructions located in your room (e.g. vacuum, close blinds).

Gear Storage

- Please hang any wet or dirty gear only in the drying area of the main lodge – this allows us to keep the dorm rooms dry and clean.
- Before heading out for a hike, ride, or skiing, please store your belongings in your locker, pack, room, or temporary weekend storage area.

Thank you for helping us create an enjoyable stay at the Berghaus for everyone!
For more information, please visit: www.continentalclub.org