



2017 BMC / Mt Alexandra, Canadian Rockies

PRICE: \$1995.00 / WEEK

- Week 1: July 9th - 16th
- Week 2: July 16th - 23rd
- Week 3: July 23rd - July 30th
- Week 4: July 30th - August 6th
- Week 5: August 6th - 13th

I am pleased to announce the location of the sixth annual Boutique Mountaineering Camp! Please join us in the remote Mt Alexandra area of the Rocky Mountains, seldom visited, with a number of peaks nearby and excellent alpine routes in a comfortable setting.

AREA DETAILS:

We'll have a spectacular campsite situated in the upper part of *South Rice Brook* at an elevation of 6800'. Our basecamp will allow for excellent access to *Mt Alexandra (11,036')*, *Mt Spring Rice*, *Mt Queant*, *Mt Fresnoy*, *Queen's Pk*, *Mt Whiterose*, *Whirlwind Pk*, *Rose Petal Pk*, *Coral Pk*, *Mt. Rice Brook* and *Fool's Gold Pk*. There is an excellent mix of technical climbs, significant alpine ascents and a number of scrambles. As well there are two outstanding traverses, the Alexandra-Whiterose traverse is spectacular. The Fresnoy north-south traverse was 1st completed in 1902 by James Outram and I highly recommend the route. Slightly above the base camp is a beautiful meadow that boasts an incredible display of alpine flowers. Geologists and rock hounds will be in their glory as there is an ancient coral reef located within a short trek from the base camp. In fact, the Alexandra area offers plenty of hiking opportunities.

BMC DETAILS:

Next summer's BMC will be tailored to fit a wide range of abilities, fitness level and exploring interests. The Mt. Alexandra area offers a variety of objectives including everything from glacier, ice, scrambling to technical climbing. Depending on demand, introductory and intermediate skill reviews/workshops may be offered on snow, rock and ice. There are also wonderful opportunities to hike in the area. If you are not a hard-core climber, but love to do some exploring in a mountain environment, this camp could also be the place for you.

CAMP FEES:

The camp will operate on a seven-day, Sunday to Sunday, basis. Your camp fees will cover private tent accommodation, guiding, and helicopter transportation for you and your gear. Also included will be instruction in a number of disciplines, sumptuous meals and all group climbing equipment.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE:

We welcome anybody who has an interest in exploring in a mountaineering environment while enjoying the comfort of a deluxe basecamp. All our camp equipment, along with the participants' personal gear and climbing equipment will be flown in by helicopter.



Once in camp, participants will be tended to by our friendly, capable and professional staff. I am very excited to be able to offer you the opportunity to experience the Mt Alexander area of the Rocky Mountains in the comfort and exclusivity of the tried and true Boutique Mountain Camp format. The area offers numerous objectives in close proximity to our basecamp. The routes vary from walk-ups to cool, technical routes. Our low client - guide ratio (2-3 clients per guide/leader), will allow us a lot of flexibility with climbing objectives. Our rope teams will be small, not the cumbersome freight trains some of you may be familiar with. As well, if we run into a patch of poor weather there are many wonderful hiking opportunities. Depending on demand, we will also offer snow, rock and ice schools during the week.

The Mt Alexandra area is one of those areas that a lot of adventurers have wanted to explore but just haven't had the opportunity. There are numerous climbing opportunities and a wide range of objectives. Don't miss out, contact us today to register!

ACCESS:

The BMC will be based out of Golden, BC. Participants will drive 2 hours or take the van, provided by Rocky Mtn Safaris, to the helicopter staging area located at the confluence of Bush River and South Rice Brook. From the staging area you will be flown to the basecamp.

RENDEZVOUS FOR THE CAMP

Incoming participants will meet at the Kicking Horse River Lodge, 801-9th Street, N. Phone number is 250-439-1112. Breakfast is not included, but hearty, reasonable priced breakfasts are available in the Bugaboo Café. All participants and staff will meet at the Café on the Sunday morning of your week at 06:00 a.m. The group will leave the Café at 07:00, just a reminder that all times are Mountain Daylight.

TRANSPORTATION:

Golden is located 3 - 4 hours from Calgary which has an international airport. Once in Calgary, follow the Trans-Canada Highway west to Golden. The Greyhound also runs approximately 5 times a day between Calgary and Golden. Schedules can be found at www.greyhound.ca

ACCOMMODATION:

Accommodation is available at the Kicking Horse River Lodge, 801-9th St. N, 250-439-1112 in Golden. Their website is www.khrl.com/.

Check out the following website for accommodation in the Golden area, www.tourismgolden.com.

There are also 2 campgrounds in Golden. Phone the Golden Municipal Campground at 250-344-5412 or the Whispering Spruce Campground at 250-344-6680.



RETURN FROM CAMP:

Baggage will normally be airlifted to the parking area by noon, but you need to allow for the possibility of a delay of several hours or more when planning your post camp travel. It's best if you don't schedule any flights on Sunday evening.

EMERGENCIES:

If you need to be reached because of an emergency while you are in the camp, your family (etc.) should contact the base camp voice mail at 250-819-9774. This voice mail is checked each evening. Please note that this voice mail should be used IN CASE OF EMERGENCY ONLY.

MEDICAL:

We will have fully trained first aid staff at the camp at all times. Participants with any ongoing medical problems should see their own personal doctor prior to arriving at camp. Please relay any pertinent information when completing the Colwest Medical/Contact Information form. We require that anyone who discloses a serious medical condition provide a note from their doctor, stating that they are fit enough to attend the camp.

Mountaineering is a strenuous activity. It will be to your advantage and enhance your camp experience if you have time to do a bit of training prior to attending the camp.

You must bring your own prescription medications and a personal first aid kit.

MAPS AND GUIDEBOOKS:

Map References: 1:50,000 82N/14 Rostrum Peak and 83C/3 Columbia Icefield, Base Camp UTM 586833

CLIMBING GUIDE:

The Columbia Mountains of Canada, Central Fox et al.

Rocky Mountains North, Putman, Krusyna et al.

There is also information on the Alexandra area at www.colwest.ca

GENERAL INTEREST:

Putnam, W. (1990) Place Names of the Canadian Alps. Footprint Publishing

Cox, SM & C Fulsas (2003) The Freedom of the Hills. Mountaineers Books

Maps and photos of the Mt Alexandra are available for viewing at www.colwest.ca.