



2017 BMC – Westfall / Nemo (Selkirk Mtns)

PRICE: \$1995.00 / WEEK

- Week 1: July 8th - 15th
- Week 2: July 15th - 22nd
- Week 3: July 22nd - July 29th
- Week 4: July 29th - August 5th
- Week 5: August 5th - 12th

I am pleased to announce the location of the 7th annual Boutique Mountaineering Camp! Please join us in the remote Westfall/Nemo area of the Selkirk Mtns, very seldom visited, in close proximity to a number of peaks while relaxing in a comfortable, backcountry setting.

AREA DETAILS:

We'll have a spectacular campsite situated in the upper part of *South Houston Creek* at an elevation of 2000 meters. Our basecamp will allow for excellent access to *Goodrich, Hanover, Big Green, Wrong, Vistamount, Ledge, Martini, Thomas, Thumb Spire and the Thumbnail* are located north or west of basecamp. *Ferrite, Geothite, Haematite, Ventral, Dorsal, Adipose and Caudal* will be challenging objectives situated east of basecamp.

There is an excellent mix of technical climbs, snow and rock routes and a number of scrambles. As you will note after reading the route descriptions (found at colwest.ca), there is some outstanding granite in the area with a number of highly recommended routes. The base camp will be situated in a spectacular but comfortable alcove near Gobi Pass. Granite seekers will be excited with the challenging rock routes. There are scrambles and non-technical for the less aggressive traveler. We are confident all will find lots to do at the 2018 BMC. We hope to see you there!

BMC DETAILS:

Next summer's BMC will be tailored to fit a wide range of abilities and fitness levels. The Westfall / Nemo area offers a variety of objectives including everything from glacier, ice, scrambling to technical climbing on high-quality granite. 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 explore 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, catering, and helicopter transportation for you and your gear. Applicable taxes will be added to the camp fees. There will also 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 an opportunity to experience the *Westfall / Nemo* area in the comfort and exclusivity of the now tried and true Boutique Mountain Camp format. The area offers numerous objectives in close proximity to our basecamp as well as some longer days that will test the more adventurous explorer. The routes will 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. As well, if we run into a patch of poor weather there are some hiking opportunities. Depending on demand we will also offer snow, rock and ice schools.

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 utilize van transportation to access the helicopter staging area located at the head of McMurdo Creek. From the staging area you will be flown to the basecamp.

RENDEZVOUS FOR THE CAMP

Incoming participants will meet in Golden on Sunday morning of the week you are attending at 6:00 a.m. The group will depart for the staging area at 7:00 a.m., 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:

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 Refer to Mapsheet Westfall River, 82K/14

CLIMBING GUIDEBOOKS:

Selkirks South: David P. Jones (Elaho Publishing)

The Columbia Mountains of Canada Central: Fox, Laurilla, Putnam, Whipple

There is also information on the Westfall / Nemo area at www.colwest.ca

GENERAL INTEREST:

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

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

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