



2014 BMC / Mt. Conrad, Purcell Mountains
Price: \$1895.00 including all applicable taxes
Week 1: July 13th - 20th
Week 2: July 20th - 27th
Week 3: July 27th - August 3rd
Week 4: August 3rd - 10th
Week 5: August 10th - 17th

I am pleased to announce the location of the third annual Boutique Mountaineering Camp! Please join us in the remote Mt. Conrad area of the Purcell Mountains, seldom visited, with a number of significant peaks and some excellent rock in an amazing setting.

AREA DETAILS:

We'll have a spectacular campsite situated near treeline on the west arm of East Creek. Basecamp will be situated just south of the Conrad group. *Mt. Conrad (3279m)*, *Mt. Thorington (3036m)*, *Giegerich Pk. (2990m)*, *Mt. Malloy (3023m)*, *Osprey Pk. (2911m)* as well as numerous unnamed peaks (including locally named *Mt. Judith*, *Winnie the Pooh*, *Last Chance Pk.* and *Mt. Ollie Marie*) are all located to the north of our basecamp and will be excellent climbing options. Participants will have the option to venture southwest to *Mt. MacCarthy (3055m)*, *Mt. Stone (3027m)* and a number of other unnamed peaks (including *Mount White Sails*). To the south of our basecamp is a very intriguing set of granitic peaks known as the *Climbing Ridge*. There are a total of 5 summits with the local names of *Yeropazock*, *Toby* and *Bernd* given to 3 of the summits. This area has seen very little travel despite the high quality of granite available.

BMC DETAILS:

Next summer's BMC will be tailored to fit a wide range of abilities, fitness level and exploring interests. The Mt. Conrad 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. Conrad area 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 Conrad-MacCarthy 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 Spillimacheen, BC. Participants will meet at the CMH parking area that is located just south of Spillimacheen on Hwy #93 (see attached map). You will be able to leave your vehicle there and catch a ride in the van. Van details and fees are outlined in the next paragraph. This meeting location will allow folks coming from Calgary or Canmore to travel through Kootenay Park instead of the busier Trans-Canada. This will also save some extra driving for folks coming from the south. They won't need to drive to Golden and back. Note, there are very limited facilities available in Spillimacheen, you will need to have everything with you.

RENDEZVOUS FOR THE CAMP:

All participants and staff will meet at the CMH parking area near Spillimacheen on the Sunday morning of your week at **08:00 a.m. MDT**. The group will leave the staging area at **08:15 a.m.**, just a reminder that all times are Mountain Daylight.

TRANSPORTATION:

Spillimacheen is located 315 kilometers from the Calgary International Airport. Spillimacheen is located 66 kilometers from Golden and 40 kilometers from Radium. The Greyhound runs approximately 5 times a day between Calgary and Golden. Schedules can be found at www.greyhound.ca. Please let Brad know if you need a ride from Golden to the parking area in Spillimacheen.

ACCOMMODATION:

Accommodation is available at the Kicking Horse River Lodge, 801-9th St. N., 250-439-1112 in Golden, www.khrl.com/. Accommodation is available in Brisco (10 kms south of Spillimacheen) at Addison's Bungalows, www.addisonsbungalows.ca/. Accommodation is available in Radium at the Best Western Plus, www.prestige.radium or the Village Country Inn, www.villagecountryinn. I recommend booking a spot as soon as you are able.

Information for other accommodation in the Golden area, www.tourismgolden.com or in the Radium area at www.radiumhotsprings.com.



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: If you would like to purchase a paper copy of topographical maps you will need both the Bugaboo Ck 82K/15 and Howser Ck 82K10 sheets.

CLIMBING GUIDE:

Climbers Guide to the Interior Ranges of British Columbia South by Robert Kruszyna & William L. Putnam, 1977

GENERAL INTEREST:

Putnam, W. (1990) *Place Names of the Canadian Alps*. Footprint Publishing
Cox, SM & C Fulsaa (2003) *The Freedom of the Hills*. Mountaineers Books

Maps and photos of the Conrad-MacCarthy area will be available for viewing at www.colwest.ca. Maps will be available for purchase at the camp.