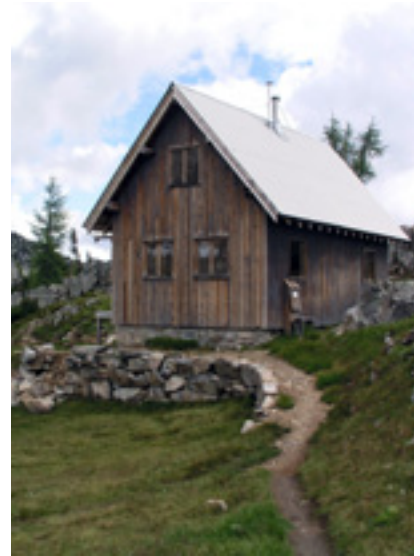




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## Booking, Payment and Cancellation Policy

View the Booking, Payment and Cancellation Policies at [www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/facility/reservations.html](http://www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/facility/reservations.html)

### Rates

Visit [www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/facility/rates.html](http://www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/facility/rates.html) for current hut and wilderness pass prices.

## Getting There

The Silver Spray Cabin is located northeast of Nelson and southwest of Kaslo in Kokanee Glacier Provincial Park, BC.

The following information should be used in conjunction with the correct topographical maps (maps are listed below).

### Summer

<b>Trailhead location:</b>	Woodbury Trailhead
<b>Hiking distance:</b>	7 kilometres
<b>Elevation gain:</b>	1016 metres
<b>Approximate time:</b>	4 to 6 hours

Note: the Silver Spray Cabin is officially closed in the winter months due to avalanche danger.

### Portering Services

Need help carrying your load? Check out our portering services!

### Trailhead location

Summertime access starts at the Woodbury trailhead. To get there follow Highway 3A from Nelson to the marked turnoff 23 km north of Balfour. Follow the logging road for 13 kilometres.

Note that the last 2 kilometres require a high-clearance vehicle. All roads in the park may not be suitable for low-clearance vehicles. Park visitors are recommended to protect their vehicles with chicken wire to deter porcupines from chewing on rubber hoses, tires, and break lines.

### Summer approach

From the end of the logging road, follow the well-marked trail along the creek for the first kilometre, after which the trail turns right (North) up Silver Spray Creek, where many switchbacks will be encountered. Silver Spray Cabin hiking distance is 7 kilometres with 1016 metres (!) elevation gain and will take most parties about 4 to 6 hours.

## Maps and Guidebooks

All of the following books and maps can be purchased through the ACC office or online through the ACC on-line store.

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## Map and GPS references

<b>Map reference:</b>	82F/14 (Slocan)
<b>Grid reference:</b>	NAD27 498418 518706
<b>Hut elevation:</b>	2340 metres (7670 feet)

## Maps

- Canadian Government Issued 1:50,000 standard topographic map 82F/14 (Slocan). This map shows the area in which the hut is located.
- Canadian Government Issued 1:50,000 standard topographic map 82F/11 (Kokanee Peak). This map provides information for travel into the southern parts of the park).
- Kokanee Glacier Provincial Park Map (available at the trailhead)

## Guidebooks and general interest books

- *Backcountry Huts and Lodges of the Rockies and Columbias*, by Jim Scott
- *Don't Waste Your Time in the West Kootenays*, by Kathy & Craig Copeland
- *A Climber's Guide to the Interior Ranges of BC – South*, Krusyna & Putnam

## Website Links

### Current conditions

**Weather:** Go to [www.weather.gc.ca](http://www.weather.gc.ca) click on <BC>, then scroll down to <Nelson>. The weather forecasts are updated 3 times daily.

It must be emphasized that Kokanee Glacier Park is wilderness and any visitors must be entirely self-sufficient. Weather conditions can change suddenly in this area and lightning storms with hail and snow are common in summer.

### Area information

**Avalanche Terrain Rating System (ATES):** Parks Canada has developed a classification system for avalanche terrain, and has applied ratings to approximately 250 trips in the Mountain National Parks. For more information, visit [www.pc.gc.ca/pn-np/ab/banff/visit/visit7a1\\_E.asp](http://www.pc.gc.ca/pn-np/ab/banff/visit/visit7a1_E.asp)

**Kokanee Glacier Provincial Park Information:** Park information on visitor safety, day-use sites, public amenities, overnight camping, hiking trails and other recreational activities can be found at the government website <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/kokangla.html>

**Google Earth Reference:** A good overview of the trip into Silver Spray Cabin can be seen in medium resolution on Google Earth. Go to <http://earth.google.com/>.

**1:50,000 Topographic Map:** The Canadian Government offers free downloads of their regular 1:50,000 topo maps. The map files are large (25 MB) and take a few minutes to download. You will find this service at: <http://www.geogratis.gc.ca/geogratis/en/product/search.do?id=10119>. Perform your search by selecting "NTS Mapsheet", and enter 082F14. Next, press "Search" under "Search Options" (without changing any of the information in "Search Options"). Select 082F14 from the options and download it.

**1:50,000 Topo Map:** Area specific version – YellowMaps.com offers access to the Canadian Government maps, but in smaller, area-specific versions.

## What Is At the Hut

### Summary

<b>Heating:</b>	Wood stove and propane heater
<b>Lighting:</b>	Propane lanterns
<b>Cooking:</b>	Propane stove, no cookware or dishes provided
<b>Sleeping:</b>	Dormitory style on foam pads
<b>Capacity:</b>	10 people in the summer, closed in the winter
<b>Drinking water:</b>	From the creek (boil or filter)
<b>Human Waste:</b>	Outhouse
<b>Dishwater:</b>	Greywater pit
<b>Garbage:</b>	Pack it out!

### The building and sleeping arrangements

- The Silver Spray Cabin is a beautiful post-and-beam cabin that was replaced in the mid 1990's, from the original building that was once used by workers of a nearby mine.
- What you need to bring
- sleeping bag
- personal cookware and dishware
- food for the length of your stay
- toilet paper
- newspaper for lighting the fire
- matches
- first aid kit
- 9V battery for the smoke detector
- reservation invoice from the ACC (to show the custodian)

### Hut Rules

Here is a list of simple rules we ask that you follow in order to maximize everyone's enjoyment of the "hut experience".

### While at the hut:

- No smoking.
- Dogs are not permitted in any ACC facility (with the exception of seeing eye dogs).
- Some Parks also outlaw dogs entirely; leashed or not. Check before you go!
- If you arrive at the hut before 2:00pm, put your belongings where they will not disturb the previous nights' occupants.
- Please be considerate of others; the hut should be quiet by 10 pm.
- Carry out all of your garbage.
- Do not do personal washing in cooking pots or nearby streams - use wash basins and slop pits.
- Fill stoves and lanterns outside the hut and leave extra fuel outside.
- Clean the stoves after using them.
- Clean up after yourself.
- Follow posted instructions for care and maintenance of toilet systems so that they function properly with minimum odour and environmental impact.

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## When leaving a hut:

- If your belongings will be in the hut after 2:00pm, and you are not staying that night, be sure to pack everything up and leave it out of the way in a corner so the new guests can move in.
- Leave all tools inside the hut when not being used.
- Empty all water containers and slop buckets before leaving the hut.
- Take out all leftover food as food left in the hut encourages rodents. (Other people generally won't use it as they don't know how old it is.)
- Bring out damaged axes, lanterns or stoves and discharged fire extinguishers - advise the national office.
- Close & latch the outhouse door when leaving to keep out rodents & snow.
- Close/lock hut, replace shutters (if applicable), before leaving the hut.
- A nearly full outhouse, damage to hut & similar matters should be reported to the national office (you may call collect)

**Please leave the hut in better condition than you found it.** Thank you for your consideration in following these rules, and have a great time!

## History

Constructed in the 1920's to serve as a bunkhouse for the Violet Mining Company operating in the area, the BC Parks Branch took over the maintenance of the cabin by the time the mines closed in the early 1930's. The Kootenay Section of the Alpine Club of Canada became involved in the maintenance of the hut over many work parties throughout the 1950's. In the 1960's, park workers began to take a more active role once again and initiated substantial repairs to the hut, as it was clear that a lot of work needed to be done to the cabin. In the 1980's building materials were brought into the site to replace the old cabin with a new one, but local protests to preserve the original cabin for historical interpretation stopped any new construction.

The BC Parks Branch included the cabin as one of the many provincial historic sites in the area, for the historic interest of the location, and the remaining evidence of old mine workings.