

Kluane National Park and Reserve of Canada
Application to Participate in an Icefields Mountaineering Expedition

Instructions:

1. All fields in this application must be filled out.
2. Any missing information or blanks will result in significant delays to processing your application.
3. You must complete, sign, scan and return this application to:
pc.kluanemountaineering-alpinismekluane.pc@canada.ca
4. Required Attachments: in addition to this application, you must also forward an image or copy of your planned route(s) map if an accurate written description is not included in this form.

Note: Proof of valid extraction insurance for each member of your group will be required prior to a permit being issued.

Expedition Leader

Surname: _____ Given Name(s): _____

Age: _____ Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number (1): _____ Phone Number (2): _____

Insurance Provider: _____ Policy Number: _____

Please provide a list of major mountaineering expeditions, including year and route:

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone Number (1): _____ Phone Number (2): _____

Expedition Description and Details

Is this trip guided? Yes No

If guided, name of the guiding company: _____

Mountain/Destination/Route: _____

Trip Start (D/M/Y): _____ Trip End (D/M/Y): _____

Total number of participants in this expedition: _____

Will you be using an aircraft to enter the Icefields? Yes No

If yes, which company: _____

Will you be using an aircraft to leave the Icefields? Yes No

If yes, which company: _____

Route Description and Itinerary (please include dates or numbered days, waypoints, camp locations, or any possible diversions from established routes):

Expedition Equipment

Number of tents and colours: _____

Number of packs/duffels and colours: _____

Satellite Telephone Number: _____

Other Communication Device(s), please list: _____

Avalanche transceivers will be carried? Yes No

High altitude medications, please list: _____

Adequate food for entire trip plus delays: Yes No

Amount and type of stove fuel: _____

Crevasse self-rescue gear: _____

Group Member Information

Note: please fill this information out for each group member; make duplicates of this page as necessary.

Surname: _____ Given Name(s): _____

Age: _____ Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number (1): _____ Phone Number (2): _____

Insurance Provider: _____ Policy Number: _____

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Conditions and Risks

Please read the following carefully and sign:

As a mountaineer in Kluane National Park and Reserve, you will be carrying loads of 20 to 40 kilograms (40 to 90 pounds) at altitudes of 2000 to 5700 meters (6,500 to 19,500 feet). Conditions can be extremely variable: from intense snow glare with temperatures as high as 30° C (90° F) to storms with winds of over 160 km/h (100 mph), zero visibility and temperatures below -40° C (-40° F).

Expeditions usually last from two to six weeks. Prolonged confinement within cramped tents or snow caves often occurs due to bad weather. Emergency evacuation, in cases of serious injury or illness, is also subject to weather conditions and may be delayed.

The following list of dangers and risks is not exhaustive but may include: headaches, muscle cramps, coughing, Cheyne-Stokes breathing, digestive disturbances, dehydration, poor sleep and/or intense fatigue. Serious cold injuries (particularly to the feet and hands), hypothermia, snow blindness, pulmonary edema, cerebral edema and/or direct injuries due to falls.

Between 1973 and 2015, there have been approximately 4000 climbers and skiers in the Icefields Ranges of Kluane National Park Reserve. Of these, 15 people have died as a result of either falls or avalanches. Many people have suffered severe enough altitude sickness that they have had to end their expedition early or required emergency evacuation. Many climbers have also suffered frostbite severe enough to require evacuation. Other injuries have included fractures, dislocations, lacerations, medical emergencies and burns. In 2010 alone, 3 people fell into crevasses while travelling on the King Trench route of Mount Logan.

As the Expedition Leader, it is your responsibility to ensure that all members of your expedition are knowledgeable in crevasse rescue, wilderness first-aid, glacier travel, winter mountaineering and navigation. Your expedition must be fully capable of self-rescue.

Assumption of Risk

As the Expedition Leader, I have read the above and understand that mountaineering is an inherently hazardous activity with the potential for serious injury or death. I am entirely responsible to ensure the expedition conducts its activities safely. I understand Parks Canada is not responsible for our safety. I acknowledge and accept that I may be responsible for any and all costs and expenses incurred in the event of search and rescue services. I also understand that rescue services may be significantly delayed due to the season, weather, or complexity of the rescue operation.

I acknowledge each group member requires valid insurance that covers the cost of organized rescue / extraction from the Icefield Ranges for the activities outlined in the permit application at a minimum of CAN\$100,000. I acknowledge that any group member requiring extraction will be directly billed for search and rescue costs incurred; team members may then recover these expenses from their insurance provider.

Signature

Date (D/M/Y)

Printed Name