

Supplemental Information for Backcountry Ski Touring

Minimum Suggested Equipment

- Suitable skis, poles and boots for backcountry skiing. Metal edges/climbing skins are strongly recommended
- Backpack (medium to large)
- Winter sleeping bag (zero degree).
- Avalanche transceiver – for advanced skiing or extended hut to hut travel
- Back-country snow shovel.
- Headlamp and extra batteries
- Heavy wool or synthetic ski socks and liners
- Polypropylene or wool long underwear (Avoid cotton)
- Ski pants or wind pants
- Heavy wool or pile fleece pants
- Gaiters
- Wool or synthetic long underwear shirt
- Mid-weight upper layer, i.e. light fleece or wool sweater, heavy wool shirt
- Heavy wool or pile sweater
- Down or synthetic insulated vest
- Breathable wind parka, anorak or cagoule
- Heavy wool or fleece hat or balaclava
- Glove liners, wool or polypropylene
- Heavy over mittens (breathable with synthetic fill, not down)
- UV protected sunglasses
- Sunscreen (SPF 15 or more)
- Kitchen matches or lighter
- Fire starter/newspaper
- Candles
- USGS topographic maps and compass
- Water Bottles (at least two liters)
- Food adequate enough for length of trip (with extra snacks for emergency)
- First Aid Kit with Blister kit and any needed prescription medications
- Ski Repair kit, i.e. duct tape, baling wire, screwdriver, extra binding cables, etc.
- **TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS, PAPER PLATES.**
- Reading Material
- Hand Sanitizer

YOUR HUT IS SUPPLIED WITH

- Cook Pots/Pans
- Eating/Cooking Utensils
- Plates
- Two Burner Propane Stove
- Propane
- Wood
- Wood Burning Stove
- Axe
- Fire Extinguisher
- Propane Lanterns/Mantels
- Dish Soap
- Pot Holders
- Bleach
- Metal Tubs for Melting Snow
- Sleeping Pads

Weather conditions along the hut routes can be highly variable. Skiers should be prepared for changing weather conditions, and bring adequate clothing. Each group should have basic first aid skill, knowledge of avalanche safety, ski repair skills, be comfortable with route finding, reading a topographic map, and be familiar with emergency snow shelter construction.

Ouray/Ridgway Contact Numbers

Adobe Inn (Ridgway)	970.626.5939
Orvis Hot Springs (Ridgway)	970.626.5324
Chipeta Sun Lodge (Ridgway)	970.626.5007
Ouray Express (Ouray)	970.325.4484
San Juan Mountain Guides (Ouray)	970.325.4925
Ouray County Sheriff	970.325.7272
Ouray Chamber of Commerce	970.325.4749
Ridgway Chamber of Commerce	970.626.5181

Telluride Contact Numbers

Telluride Resort Accommodations	970.728.6621
New Sheridan Hotel (Telluride)	970.728.4351
Mountain Limo	970.728.9606
Telluride Express	970.728.6000
Alpine Luxury Limo	970.728.8750
San Miguel County Sheriff	970.728.1911
Telluride Chamber of Commerce	970.728.3041
Paragon Ski & Sport	970.728.4525