

**MOUNT CAIN ALPINE PARK SOCIETY (MCAPS)**  
**RENTAL CABINS AND HOSTEL**  
**ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**RATES:**

<b>RATES</b> (Add 5% GST)	<b>Nights before full ski-hill open</b> Fri and Sat nights, and Christmas break	<b>Nights before ½ ski hill open</b> Sun nights starting Jan 11th
<b>Cabin</b>	\$300 per night	\$150 per night
<b>Hostel</b>	\$50 per room per night	\$30 per room per night

Hostel fee is regardless of whether one or two persons stay in the room.

**OPEN WEEKENDS and CHRISTMAS BREAK ONLY**

MCAPS accommodations are available only on nights preceding the opening of the ski hill.

In December, Mount Cain's ski hill is open Saturday and Sunday plus all of Christmas break (except December 24 and 25).

From early January through the rest of the season, Mount Cain's ski hill is open Saturday, Sunday and most Monday's.

Accommodations are available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights during Christmas break only.

From January 4<sup>th</sup>, accommodations are available Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights only.

**WEEKLY DEADLINE for ACCOMMODATIONS REQUESTS**

Accommodations requests are received until 6pm Wednesday for each upcoming weekend.

After that time, see the Mount Cain ticket booth on Saturday for enquiries.

**WAITING LISTS**

Accommodations waiting lists are not kept.

**PARKING**

To allow for snow clearing, overnight vehicles *must* park on the ski-lift side of the parking lot.

To conserve space, park vehicles close together.

Do not park in front of cabin road entrances or the lower lift access ramp.

**SHARING the WORK**

Mount Cain is a volunteer-driven ski hill. Several people volunteer many hours to ensure Mount Cain's ongoing viability as a North Island recreation destination. Sharing the work makes Mount Cain a better community and ensures our continued success! Feel free to shovel snow from stairs, walkways or the lodge deck, help park cars, take some trash out, bring in firewood, etc.

**CAIN CAFE**

Groceries are not available at Mount Cain. The day lodge café offers excellent meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner), and also Friday night 'Nachos n' Bevys'.

Sign up early for Saturday night's dinners—they sell out fast!

Usual dinner price: \$15 to \$20. Dinners typically include salad and dessert.

Vegetarian meals provided with advance notice. Café accepts Visa, MC and American Express.

**BOOKING ACCOMMODATION for 2009/2010 SEASON**

Each season's accommodations bookings begin on site at Mount Cain, starting the morning of the annual pre-season work party (next AGM: Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>). No accommodation requests for next year's ski season will be received, acknowledged, or held-in-waiting prior to the AGM. Any requests received prior to AGM will be deleted.

## DRIVING TO MOUNT CAIN

### BEFORE TRAVELING

- For Mount Cain road updates, call Mount Cain snow phone (250-949-7669)
- For local weather report, click on <http://www.theweathernetwork.com/weather/CABC0227>

### GETTING TO MOUNT CAIN

From/To	Distance	Approximate Driving Time
Nanaimo to Campbell River	153 km	1.5 hours on Inland Hwy
Campbell River to Sayward	73 km	45 minutes
Sayward to Mt. Cain turnoff	75 km	45 minutes
Highway turnoff to Mt Cain	16 km on gravel road	30 minutes

When traveling from the south and see the Highways sign saying "Woss 14 km" you are then about 6 km south of the Mount Cain turnoff. Next watch for the blue sign: "Mt. Cain Ski Area." Mount Cain's unpaved turnoff road is on the west side of the road, and is about 200 meters north of the "Mt. Cain Ski Area" sign.

### ARRIVING ON FRIDAYS

On the first Friday of Christmas break and on every Friday after January 1st, drive up the Mt Cain road **AFTER 3:00 p.m.** Each week's accumulated snow covers the road such that the road is often not passable, even with chains. Sometimes you cannot even see the road until the snow is cleared. MCAPS equipment operators need to clear snow from the road and parking lot without the hazard of sharing the road with private vehicles.

### SAFE DRIVING ON THE MOUNT CAIN ROAD

Drive with HEADLIGHTS ON at all times.

Drive SLOWLY at blind corners and single lane sections, which is most of the road.

When meeting other vehicles, the vehicle climbing the hill to Mount Cain has right of way.

The vehicle descending the mountain and traveling to the highway must STOP and move out of the way and to the right.

On any day when the ski hill is open,

- Uphill/climbing traffic only from dawn until 1:00 p.m.
- Downhill/descending traffic only from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### CHAINS ARE MANDATORY

**Chains that fit, Chains that you know how to use, Chains that you intend to use**

Chains are mandatory for going both up and down the access road.

Make sure your chains are the right size for your vehicle, are in good repair, you know how to install them, and you are READY to install them. Actually putting tire-chains ON the tires is often REQUIRED FOR ALL VEHICLES, including 4x4's with good snow tires. Unprepared drivers put other drivers and their passengers at risk.

TOWING SERVICE IS NOT AVAILABLE.

Heed this important safety message: **Chains are mandatory.**

When road conditions are poor, all vehicles will be stopped and checked for correctly fitting chains, and vehicles without chains will be denied access.

### BUNGEES, and a SHOVEL

Use two strong, short bungee cords at each tire to tighten the chains. Also, carry a shovel.

Mount Cain often receives 2 to 5 feet of snow overnight, and you will need to dig your own car out of the snow. Needing a shovel on the Mount Cain road is also always a possibility.

## **RENTAL CABIN INFORMATION**

Maximum 10 people per cabin: 1 double mattress in the downstairs bedroom, and a common loft upstairs with foam mattresses: 1 double and 6 singles.

As you enter the parking lot, rental cabins are on the right. Cabin name is on the front of each cabin. Your designated cabin should be unlocked. Check-in is not required.

### **MCAPS CABINS DO HAVE...** (See also "Cabin Inventory")

- Propane lighting, propane stove and oven, propane fireplace heating.  
[Please do not touch the fragile and expensive mantels in the propane lights.]
- Low flush toilet supplied by a small water tank
- Two water containers full upon your arrival.

## **RENTAL CABIN INVENTORY**

Cabin guests must ensure the following items are in the cabin before departure.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
bowls (mixing/serving)	set of 3 plastic nesting bowls with snap on lids
cleaning supplies	Mr. Clean, Windex, dish detergent
cutlery	service for 12
dishes	service for 12 (plates, bowls, bread and butter plates, mugs)
glasses	12 small / 12 large
pots and pans	set includes pots, frying pans, large Dutch oven type
spoons - slotted, ladle, large	1 of each

<b>Items</b>	<b>Qty</b>
basket - small for buns, etc.	1
beds - double	2
beds - single	6
boot tray	2
broom and dustpan	1
bucket for cleaning	1
butane lighter (for lamps)	1
can opener	1
chairs - living room type	4
clock - kitchen wall clock	1
colander - plastic	1
corkscrew	1
cutting board	1
cutting knife	1
dish cloths - J-cloth type	1 pkg.
dish drainer	1
dish pan	1
flipper	1
floor mats	1
French press coffee maker	1
garbage can	1

<b>Items</b>	<b>Qty</b>
hot mats	3
kettle	1
mirror on the wall	1
mop - sponge type	1
paper towel holder	1
paring knife	1
pasta ladle	1
<b>PILLOWS NO LONGER SUPPLIED</b>	
pillow cases	
pizza pan	1
pot holders	1 pair
potato peeler	1
roasting pan (lasagna pan)	1
scissors - kitchen	1
shovels	1
smoke detector	1
table and 4 benches	seats 8
tea towels	
toaster (stove top camper style)	1
water carriers	2
whisk - cooking	1

### **MCAPS CABINS DO NOT HAVE...**

- Electricity, Wood fireplace, Flashlights
- Running water (guests carry water from the day lodge, about 300 feet)
- Bedding, blankets, sheets, bath towels

## **LODGE HOSTEL INFORMATION**

### **THE HOSTEL DOES HAVE:**

- One common sitting room, kitchen, and dining table
- Propane cook-stove, small kitchen counter, small microwave,
- Assorted pots and pans, dishes and cutlery
- Electricity
- Cloth-covered foam mattresses

### **THE HOSTEL DOES NOT HAVE:**

- Pillows or pillow-cases
- Bed-sheets, linens or blankets
- Running water. Guests carry water in from the lodge basement "Water Room"
- A maid. (Kitchen clean up is shared by all hostel guests. Guests must carry grey water from the hostel to the appropriate sanitation facilities.)

Each room sleeps maximum 2 people, with just enough floor space for the 2 single foam mattresses. Each hostel room has the privacy of a door but the door does not lock.

In the café on the lodge main floor, a large wood stove heats the lodge. Hostel guests are welcome to stoke the fire using wood stored on the front porch.

Enter the hostel by the lodge main doors and up the stairs.  
Designated room numbers are posted in the stairwell.  
Check in is not required.

## **SNOWMOBILES**

Visitors to Mount Cain should know that private snowmobiles are not allowed on Mount Cain Alpine Park Society property, nor in the cabin area.

In the cabin area, the only allowed snowmobiles are those owned by cabin-owners and these snowmobiles must have liability insurance through the Snowmobile Association of BC.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

<http://www.mountcain.com/index.html>

<http://www.mountcain.com/accommodation.html>

<http://www.mountcain.com/gettinghere.html>

## **FOR ENQUIRIES**

**NOT RELATED TO ACCOMMODATIONS, and  
NOT ANSWERED BY THE MOUNT CAIN WEBSITE...**

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