

VALKYR ADVENTURES STAGING AREA is located just off Hwy 6, 1 km south of Burton BC on Robazzo Rd.

Please consult Drive BC for maps, road conditions and ferry schedules www.drivebc.com

Nakusp to Valkyr staging area in Burton BC:

<https://drivebc.ca/directions.html?a=Nakusp,%20BC%20V0G,%20Canada&b=Robazzo%20Rd,%20Burton,%20BC%20V0G%201E0,%20Canada&sr=1>

PLEASE ARRIVE AT STAGING BY 8 AM ON TRIP DAY.

PROCEDURE AND HELICOPTER SAFETY BEST PRACTICES

1. When you arrive at the Valkyr staging area please check in with Valkyr staff for your assigned parking zone.
2. Get the appropriate flagging for the lodge you're going to.
3. Get your ski gear on and flag all your bags and gear with a 30 cm length of ribbon. Valkyr Adventures is not responsible for missing gear that is improperly flagged.
4. Bring your bags and gear to the muster station for your lodge.
5. When called bring your bags and gear to the scale to be weighed.

PERSONAL WEIGH-IN PROCEDURE

If your gear is over 60 lbs you have the option of removing items not deemed essential or pay for the overage at \$5 per pound.

STEPS:

1. Place your gear bag, day pack, skis plus any other personal effects including booze on the scale.
2. Individual dressed for skiing (ski clothes, boots, helmet) steps on scale
 - o **A maximum of 60 lbs is allowed for each person's gear and personal effects.**
3. To keep within the allowed freight limits:
 - o Please review what we supply at the lodge, so you don't bring it.
 - o Ask us about draft beer available at the lodge. Groups can consider buying a keg and sharing the cost. Bring liquor in plastic container, not heavy glass.
 - o If you bring beer, it must be securely contained (not just in the plastic loops)
6. SELF-CATERED GROUP FOOD AND BEVERAGE
 - a. **A maximum of 60 lbs per group member is allowed for food supplies only.**
 - b. If your group is over the allowed freight the group will be charged at \$500 for the first 100 lbs and \$5 a pound after that.
 - i. Example: a group of 12 is allowed 720 lbs, a group of 16 is allowed 960 lbs.
 - c. Please refer to the Self-Catered Guidelines
 - d. Boxes must be secured by strong tape. Rubbermaid containers should have lids secured by cable ties.
 - e. Keep the boxes to under 30 lbs.
 - f. Don't use coolers. Bags must be zipped or securely tied
 - g. Don't use more than 1 or 2 large boxes such as banana boxes.

Best Practices for packing for helicopter transportation

1. Use a duffel bag for personal belongings. No open bags or hard suitcases, no wheels.
2. Keep your gear bag to 30-35 lb.
3. Couples should pack a gear bag for each person, not combine belongings in one large one.
4. Pack your ski gear in your day pack (goggles, avalanche safety gear, skins)
5. Skis and poles can be secured together.
6. Split boards should be disassembled.
7. Food supplies should be packed in sturdy cardboard boxes secured with duct tape or other strong tape good in wet and cold temperatures or Rubbermaid tubs with the lids secured with cable ties through holes drilled in handles. Keep large boxes like banana boxes to a minimum. Many smaller boxes work better for packing in the helicopter. No coolers. Soft grocery bags must be closed securely. Keep weight of each unit to 30-35 lbs.

HELICOPTER BEST PRACTICES

Our helicopter provider is WILDCAT HELICOPTERS using their Bell 212 helicopter. They require passengers to view their safety briefing at staging prior to boarding. A copy of the video will be provided by Google Drive link to individuals. The video can be viewed on smartphones.

Please observe these recommended practices in addition to the basic helicopter safety:

1. Always maintain strong situational awareness around the helicopter.
2. Only approach the helicopter when you are directed to do so.
3. Do not add any weight to your person or bags after being weighed.
4. Follow instructions provided by the Valkyr staff.
5. Don't pick up any items from the helicopter landing pad unless you are directed to by Valkyr staff. No loose items are allowed on the helicopter.
6. Stow hats and secure clothing before approaching the helicopter.
7. When helicopter is approaching the landing pad secure loose or lightweight gear in vicinity.
8. Observe flagging on gear and bags to ensure it is correct for the lodge you are going to.

STAGING AREA BEST PRACTICES

1. Park in the designated zone for your lodge.
2. Don't leave valuables in your vehicle. We have locked storage at staging if you want to leave something behind.
3. Lock your vehicle. Take your keys, vehicle insurance and registration.
4. This is a 'park at your own risk' area. There is a locked gate at the entrance and security staff will be on site from dusk to dawn 7 days a week. Trail cameras are mounted at various locations for added security.