



Skoki Directions-Summer

From the van drop-off point near Temple Lodge, the hike begins with a short steep climb past a maintenance shack and across a ski slope; about 100 metres/300 feet up the hill above Temple Lodge.

The trail to Skoki Lodge is designated with a prominent sign – the trail leads into the woods on the far side of the trail. Keep to the right as just a few metres/feet along the trail, another branches off to the left (Do Not Take This Trail). Continue straight ahead for about 2 kilometre/1.25 miles, crossing open areas and gradually gaining height. The trail is easy to follow, as it is used frequently to transport supplies by Skoki Lodge staff.

Eventually, the trail breaks out of the woods into a large open alpine meadow surrounded by beautiful mountain views. To the left of the meadow, is Ptarmigan Hut located on a small hill on the far side of Corral Creek. This log cabin originally served as accommodation for skiers en route to Skoki Lodge from Lake Louise train station. Now it is used as a day shelter for hikers and porcupines!

Stay to the right as you continue up the valley. At the end of the valley, you will climb moderately up to Boulder Pass. The boulders at the top of the pass provide a good sheltered place to stop and rest on windy or days with inclement weather. Beyond Boulder Pass, is open meadow and Ptarmigan Lake. The trail curves along the north shore of Ptarmigan Lake, then cuts sharply toward Deception Pass, the steepest part of the trail – a climb of about 180 metres/550 vertical feet which provides from the top, a breathtaking view of the Skoki Valley with Skoki Lakes in the distance. From here, the trail continues down the valley toward Baker Lake.

The descent from the top of Deception Pass is a gradual stroll through meadows, then larches. The last part of the trail to Skoki Lodge takes you through a more defined sub alpine forest of spruce and fir trees. Skoki Lodge is located on the right bank of Skoki Creek beneath the slopes of Skoki Mountain.

Upon arrival at Skoki Lodge, you will be welcomed with hot and cold beverages, hearty soup and fresh baked goods – Enjoy your stay!