

# Muskwa-Kechika Horse Expeditions

## General Information

The Muskwa-Kechika Management Area (M-KMA) encompasses a vast wilderness in BC's northern Rocky Mountains. Rich with wildlife, it is a vestige of the continental wilderness that once existed. The overriding purpose of MK Adventures is to strengthen the protection of the Muskwa-Kechika. As part of that initiative, we have been guiding expeditions into the remotest



regions of the MK for decades, and at the same time providing participants with what is often the experience of their lives, a rewarding challenge for both the mind and body.

## Deposit and Cancellation Policy

We require a 50% deposit to confirm a booking. The balance is due and payable on April 1. Prior to that date, reservations can be cancelled and your deposit refunded, minus \$350 to cover rebooking costs. After April 1, monies paid are not refundable, however, if you have paid for a trip but are unable to ride that year, 50% of monies paid may be applied to a trip the following year, upon request.

## Travel

Travel costs to reach Muncho Lake or the trailhead are the responsibility of the participant. Here are a few options:

1. Air service to Fort Nelson is provided by Central Mountain Air. The most economical airfare includes flights from Vancouver to Prince George with a major carrier like Air Canada or WestJet, and then a flight from Prince George to Fort Nelson with Central Mountain Air.
2. Folks may also be able to fly to Fort St. John and obtain ground transportation with MK Adventures from there. Please contact us if you would like to discuss this option.

## Unscheduled Flights

Unscheduled floatplane service and/or wheel plane flights out of the M-K can be arranged dependent on conditions. Extra charges will apply.

## Accommodation

### Muncho Lake

Should Muncho Lake be the starting point of your trip, participants need to arrive the night before the floatplane departs. Participants can stay at Muncho Lake either in Northern Rockies Lodge or in a tent in the provincial campsite. Hosts at Northern Rockies Lodge are Urs and Marianne Schildknecht, who also operate Liard Air service. For rates and booking at Northern Rockies Lodge, phone 1-800-663-5269 or visit their website at <https://www.northernrockieslodge.com/>.

### Woodlands Inn, Fort Nelson, BC

Should Fort Nelson be the starting point of your trip, participants need to arrive the night before the jetboat departs. The Woodlands Inn in Fort Nelson is an excellent full service hotel. They give great service, and even better, offer a terrific *Friends and Family* rate if you mention that you are traveling with MK Adventures. And don't miss the wonderful images of the Muskwa-Kechika enhancing each of their guest rooms! Visit their website at <https://www.woodlandsinn.ca/>

## Horse Expeditions

Muskwa-Kechika Adventures specializes in unique and full-on wilderness horseback experiences. This is the real deal! Do not expect a typical "tourist" trip. Instead, you will become an expedition member. Participants share in all camp and trail activities such as cooking, fire-lighting, and saddling. Horse travel in the wilderness is rigorous, and folks must be able to hike up and down steep trails, mount and dismount repeatedly, and assist with camp and horse activities. Experience with horses is a huge asset! Fitness, however, is mandatory.

The cost of the horse expeditions includes flights/jetboat in and out from the starting point of each expedition, arranged by MK Adventures. All floatplane flights depart/return from Liard Air's facilities located at Northern Rockies Lodge at Muncho Lake. The wheeled bush plane flights are based out of the Villers hanger at the Fort Nelson Airport.



Breakfast and dinners are provided on the trail, but riders are responsible for their own lunches, drinks, and snacks. Riders will take turns assisting with cooking and camp duties. MK Adventures will be in touch to discuss food preferences etc. **If you prefer vegan, there will be a \$250 "altered menu" charge.**

## Communication

Muskwa-Kechika Adventures carries duplicate satellite email systems for use in emergencies.

## Liability Insurance

Muskwa-Kechika Adventures carries liability insurance, as required by the conditions of the Park Use Permit.

## Staff and Tips

The success of each Expedition depends on our excellent staff. Michelle and Alex are farriers and First Aiders, while Wayne has been leading Expeditions for over 30 years. If you feel you received great service on your trip, we hope you consider leaving a tip. This makes us feel appreciated and valued – it's the gas in the tank that keeps us going! (A suggestion would be \$100 per staff or of course whatever you feel is appropriate.)

## What to Bring

For details, see our **Gear Lists** (<https://mkadventures.ca/gear-lists/>)

A note about weather - it can do anything in the Northern Rockies! Come prepared for hot or cold conditions. Don't forget those rubber boots!

