

Historical Hannagan Meadow Lodge


This year marks the 75th-year anniversary for Hannagan Meadow Lodge. The Lodge was open for the Coronado Highway dedication in 1926 and in the 1930's, Hannagan Meadow was the site of a WPA work camp. The outhouse that they built as part of that project is still standing behind the Lodge. The September 1948 issue of Arizona Highways Magazine (pg. 27) noted that Hannagan Meadow Lodge had "log construction, completely modern accommodations for 35 guests in lodge and cabins. Fishing, deer, elk, and bear hunting. Pack trips arranged. Open from May 15 to the end of elk season. Rates from \$4.00 per day, European plan. American plan available. Write to Hannagan Meadow's Lodge, Alpine AZ."

Today, Hannagan Meadow Lodge is the starting point for 26 kilometers of groomed and/or marked trails, offering opportunities to skiers of all levels. The Clell Lee Trail (five km long) is a groomed loop along open drainages and through the forest and is for beginner and intermediate skiers. The KP Rim - Willow Springs Loop is in the Primitive Area and is marked but not groomed. It runs 11 km for intermediate and expert skiers and offers some of the best remote skiing found anywhere in the Southwest. If you are lucky, you may even spot members of the reintroduced pack of Mexican gray wolves that call this area home. All skiing and snowmobiling trails start right at the Lodge, so there is no need to "camp" from your car all day to enjoy the fun.

Other winter activities include snow tubing for kids of all ages, and snowmobiling. Nearby area activities include ice skating, ice fishing, dog sledding competitions, Winterfest celebration, sledding and snowball fighting. Many guests simply enjoy "getting away from it all" in this winter wonderland. Best of all, no crowds!

The Coronado Trail between Alpine and Hannagan Meadow is plowed daily, when needed, and is the recommended route to the Lodge during the winter months. During an active storm, the Lodge may be temporarily isolated. Mid-December through mid-March offers the best chance for good snow. Due to elevation, Hannagan Meadow frequently has the first and last snows in Arizona each season. You can obtain snow conditions and status of groomed trails from the Alpine Ranger District at 928-339-4384. *


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