



In the middle of the Eklutna Traverse, a welcome sight.

Location:

Whiteout Glacier, about 3 miles south of Whiteout Pass (8 miles from Pichler's Perch, 5 miles from Rosie's Roost). Elevation: 6000 feet. Built: 1968.

Access:

Traveling South:

Ascend Eklutna Glacier, past Peril Peak, about 5 miles to the ridge dividing Eklutna and Whiteout Glaciers. Two passes are obvious, both easy to cross, both leading to Whiteout Glacier. The right one is Whiteout Pass (5250). Continue beyond the pass on snow for about 3 miles, noting Hut Peak to the south. The hut is located on a rocky knoll about 250 feet above the level of the glacier, and just north of the peak.

Easily ascend slightly right, towards the cirque north of Hut Peak. Head for the rocky knoll until you see the hut (if you have not already seen it). If visibility is bad, you may see a rather long depression in the glacier near some rock bands. This is directly below the hut, so back up and ascend the glacier well to the right of the rock.

Traveling North:

From the Eagle Glacier, below Rosie's Roost, there are two possible routes:

Traditional Whiteout Glacier Route:

Cross Eagle Glacier, to the northeast, heading for the right side of Whiteout Glacier. Work your way up around crevasses until you are approximately in the center of the glacier, and remain essentially in the middle going up-glacier. A few intervening crevasses may stretch most of the way across the glacier, but they are usually bridged

somewhere. The glacier gets smoother about 3/4 of the way up.

Eventually reach the main Whiteout Glacier adjacent to Hut Peak. Look along the northeast ridge of the peak from below until you spot the hut on a knoll, 1/2 mile from the summit. In poor visibility, try to keep this ridge within view until you spot a long depression in the glacier near the rocks. Pass by this depression and begin to ascend to the left, going wide around the ridge. Climb up about 250 feet and then turn south to the knoll and Hans' Hut.

Blackout Pass Route:

Cross Eagle Glacier, to the northeast, going down-glacier. Head for a lateral moraine below the southwest shoulder of Hut Peak. Ascend gullies to eventually reach flatter ground, below the southwest face of the peak. Aim for Point 6435 in the distance, getting onto a small glacier which ascends to Blackout Pass. The pass is just south of 6435.

From the pass, easily cross the cirque north of Hut Peak, going east to a knoll where the hut lies. It is only a short drop below the top of the knoll.

Water: In summer, about 40 yards south-southeast is a creek.

Outhouse: none.

Accommodations:

A-frame design, sleeps 8-10, no heat, 2-burner Coleman cookstove, limited cookware, lantern, no beds, not insulated, no radio
please bring your own fuel
please carry out all trash

Note: It is common for parties to get stranded at Hans' Hut. Don't try to second-guess the weather and visibility by not taking enough food and fuel, or by heading out into a storm. Relax. Read a book. It always gets better.

