



Just a day from civilization, yet so isolated.

Location:

Eagle Glacier, about 3 1/2 miles from the toe of the glacier (18 miles from the Eagle River Visitor's Center, 5 miles from Goat Mountain, 5 1/2 miles from Crow Pass cabin). Elevation: 3900 feet. Built: 1968.

Access:

Traveling South:

Traditional Whiteout Glacier Route:

From the main Whiteout Glacier, travel south and descend the southwest branch, staying more or less in the middle of the glacier. Head towards the Eagle Glacier, passing several long crevasses on snow bridges. About 1/2 mile from Eagle Glacier there is a flat section where you should begin to turn left and diagonally descend, sometimes on moraine, towards the Eagle Glacier. The hut, in good visibility, can be seen ahead, across the glacier on a rocky knoll.

Cross Eagle Glacier, keeping your elevation, to the far edge, and get off the ice. Rosie's Roost is about 300 feet above the glacier, and can be reached by climbing benches to the right of the hut.

Blackout Pass Route:

From Hans' Hut, cross the cirque below Hut Peak, going west to Blackout Pass (6250), which sits just south of Point 6435. Descend southwest from the pass on a small glacier and eventually reach a moraine southwest of Hut Peak. Aim for a wide gully adjacent to Hut Peak's southwest shoulder and descend to the lateral moraine next to Eagle Glacier.

Ascend Eagle Glacier, traveling south, towards the rocky knoll on the west side of the glacier. Rosie's Roost is on this knoll. Get off the ice below the knoll and ascend benches to the hut.

Eagle River:

Leave Eagle River trail before it crosses the river and head south for Glacier Lake, which is surrounded by alder. After traveling around the lake, continue through the boulder-strewn moraine to the glacier. Ascend Eagle Glacier, making many zigzags through the icefall, passing a steep wall of rock on the right. Crevasses will force you to the right, until eventually you will be able to get off the ice.

Follow a long moraine strip towards the rocky knoll to the south. Rosie's Roost is on the knoll, and can be reached by climbing about 300 feet on benches.

Traveling North:

Raven Glacier Route:

From Crow Pass cabin, continue through Crow Pass and onto the Raven Glacier. As you ascend the glacier, diagonal left to avoid the more crevassed section below Summit Mt. Aim for the Raven Headwall, which leads to a pass adjacent to Raven Peak. There are at least two large crevasses at the base of the headwall, which are usually passable on snow bridges.

The headwall slope angle is 45 degrees at maximum, and is prone to avalanche when the snowpack is unstable. It is a 600-foot climb to the pass. Just before reaching the top of the headwall, turn left onto a small ledge and climb to the pass.

From the pass, descend easily to the rocky knoll, without going down to the main Eagle Glacier. Get off the ice onto the knoll and drop about 200 feet to Rosie's Roost, where the hut will be found on a bench.

Goat Mountain Route:

This route is used as an alternative to going over the Raven Headwall, but it should be noted that, depending on how one gains access to the ridge of Goat Mt., there is also the possibility of avalanche hazard during times of unstable snowpack. If there is a question about the safety of the snow, get onto the ridge very low, adding at least two miles and extra brush. When the snow is safe (or absent), use the following route:

Along the road to Crow Pass, cross a bridge over Crow Creek before an A frame cabin on the other side of the creek. Just past the bridge note a distinct set of jeep tracks going straight uphill. Follow the tracks, which become a trail in the weeds until you note a post marking a corner property boundary on the right. There should be another trail going to the right here. Follow it through the brush towards Glacier Gulch.

Cross the creek in the gulch and head uphill to eventually reach a small waterfall. Ascend easily around the waterfall to flatter ground below the moraine of an unnamed glacier on the side of Goat Mt. Next, ascend about 2200 feet to the crest of the south ridge of Goat, and a trail on the ridge.

The trail will eventually contour to the right and come to a steep scree gully in order to avoid small cliffs on the ridge. Go straight up the gully and back onto the ridge. Continue along the ridge following cairns which will again leave the ridge to the right at about 5700. This is where you get off the ridge to descend to Eagle Glacier.

Ascend the glacier momentarily and then descend north-northwest, swinging north and go down the glacier.

Late in the summer there will be more crevasses than you might expect. About 4 miles downglacier, note a rocky knoll on the left. Try not to go up too soon, or you may ascend the wrong knoll and have to descend. Rosie's Roost can be reached by climbing up the knoll on benches.

Water: In summer, look below the hut to the north for melt water.

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

