

TIERRA ALPINA EXPERIENCE LTD.  
TALUS LODGE  
**HELICOPTER OPERATIONS**

Helicopter flights to Talus Lodge take place during Mondays and Fridays.

Departures from        Canmore-Talus 0900 am  
                                 Mount Shark-Talus 0930 am approximately  
                                 Talus-Mount Shark 0915 am approximately  
                                 Talus-Canmore 1000 am approximately

*Canmore Alberta is located 110 km, over one hour drive from the Calgary International Airport.*

**It is your responsibility to check in at Canmore Alpine Helicopters** (Municipal Airport) **45 minutes prior to departure for Canmore and Mount Shark departures to Talus.** This early check in time will allow time for signing of **liability waivers**, watching the mandatory helicopter safety video and it will allow sufficient time for guest departing from Mount Shark to drive to that location. Luggage issues will also be addressed at check in time.

Depending on your group's flight preferences, booking order, weather and logistics you may be flying from the Canmore Municipal Airport (Alpine Helicopters) or Mount Shark Heliport in Alberta. You should know your departure point before flight day.

The flights from Talus will also include a flight to Mount Shark prior to the Talus-Canmore Flight.

Helicopters are usually heavily booked for the day and pilots will not be able to wait to accommodate late comers.

#### MOUNT SHARK HELIPORT

Allow at least one hour for the drive from Canmore to cover the 41 km to the heliport. Drive through Canmore and continue West, following the Spray Lakes and Canmore Nordic Center signs. Continue past the Nordic Center on the Smith-Dorrien Road and into Kananaskis Country. Continue on the gravel road on the East side (left) of the Spray Lakes to the Buller Mountain sign at 34.4 km. Turn right at the Engedine Lodge, (a short distance past the Buller Mountain sign) drive over the bridge (visible before the turn off), and follow this road for 5 km to the helipad and parking lot which should be on your left hand side.

**Important:** From the parking area you will see a helicopter sign indicating a restriction to access. Drive past the sign to the helipad itself, unload your bags there and return to the parking lot to leave your car there. Walk back to the helipad and wait for the helicopter to arrive.

#### HELICOPTER LOADING AND UNLOADING PROCEDURE

You will be briefed by the helicopter pilot or a Talus representative prior to approaching or using a helicopter. **Do not approach a running helicopter unless requested to do so and follow directions closely.** Approach the helicopter from the front only and only if the pilot can see you. **NEVER APPROACH THE HELICOPTER FROM THE REAR, HOLD ANY LONG OBJECTS (SKIS) IN THE HORIZONTAL POSITION TO AVOID THE ROTOR.** Light items such as hats, light coats and hand bags should be held securely to prevent their flight until the helicopter departs or the engine switches off. Follow the directions of the person loading or unloading the helicopter. Your gear will be loaded and unloaded by a Talus representative or the pilot. Your luggage can be picked up when the helicopter has left the landing pad.

## BAGGAGE

Summer:

Maximum baggage weight per guest 30 lbs.

Winter:

Maximum baggage weight per guest 30 lbs., in addition to personal winter ski/snowshoe gear.

Inside frame packs, wine size boxes, soft fabric bags **acceptable.**

**Not acceptable:** outside frame packs, large plastic containers, coolers, suitcases or oversize items.

To ensure all your baggage gets on, we suggest **you wear all your heavy clothes and boots during the flight, particularly during winter.**

Alpine Helicopters does not allow carry on luggage on their flights. All gear must be loaded in the luggage compartments.

You must inform the pilot or the Talus representative if your baggage contains **bear spray** as it must be loaded in the outside basket.

*Because of the high cost for helicopter operation, additional charges for extra weight/bulk, or the cost of extra flights for excess weight will be levied to the individual or the group.*

## MISCELLANEOUS

Alpine Helicopters telephone number in Canmore 403 678-4802 for any **flight day** important contact only.