



Wintergreen Day Trip Covid Protocols

Your health & safety is our key priority this winter season. Fortunately dogsledding is an outdoor activity deemed safe by the Minnesota Department of Health and there is NO evidence that dogs spread Covid 19. We're also fortunate that although our region hosted nearly a half-million visitors last summer for adventure trips, NO cases of virus transfer were confirmed among vacationers. That indicates the safety protocols here are working and, with MDH review, we've adopted our own for your safety. These include:

--We are limiting our Sunday dogsled day trips to a 12-4pm half-day option only. That will ensure there is no cross-over between our guests on 4-night vacation packages (who depart 9-11 Sunday mornings) and our day trip guests. It also means you'll enjoy your dogsled experience during the 'heat of the day' and can be on your way home before dark while still having time to visit our kennel after dogsledding.

--If you'd prefer a morning or full day trip (9-5), we may be able to accommodate you on other days (generally Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays)

--We're advised to avoid day-trip guest activity in our lodge. Consequently, we're hopeful you'll arrive fully dressed ready to go! If you're renting our boots, we suggest you arrive 10-15 minutes early to allow time for fitting at our lodge boot room.

--Our heated 2-room 'outhouse' (with heated seats, sanitizer & handiwipes) is available for your use. In a pinch, one lodge bathroom may also be available.

--Our "Dogsledding 101" orientation will soon be posted online (we'll send you the link) which you can view at your convenience to prepare to 'mush your own team.' The video expands on the attached summary with photos & film clips. You'll enjoy it!

--Upon your arrival, your guides will greet you in our parking area and lead you to a nearby welcoming campfire with socially-distanced, insulated seating. There we'll safely gather for a brief review of the orientation. It's short walk from campfire to the kennel where you'll meet your dogs and launch your team! After your trip, you're welcome to spend more time in the kennel with the dogs.

--Feel free to bring your own pockets snacks and hot or cold beverages. We find most guests don't need those on a half-day trip, and on full-day trips we'll provide your lunch. You may want to bring hand or toe warmers & a pocket pack of sanitizing handi-wipes. At the campfire, we'll have hot cocoa for you. Please wear masks on our lodge grounds. They are not required while dogsledding.

--While dogsledding, you'll be paired up with your friend or family member to drive your sled together (or solo if you're a single or 3-some -- no one will be asked to share a sled with a stranger). Your guides will be on skis in front or behind your sleds, safely socially distanced. They'll wear masks while at the campfire and in the kennel with you, and they ask that you wear masks then as well.

--**Free mail-back test kits:** <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/athome.html>
Our guide staff will be regularly using these and our guests are advised to as well just before your trip.

We look forward to sharing a safe Wintergreen experience with you!

"Give me winter, give me dogs and you can keep the rest." Knud Rasmussen, Greenlandic explorer

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