

GETTING TO BUDGE'S WILDERNESS LODGE

Access to Budge's Wilderness Lodge is by high-clearance 4WD only. Standard pickups and stock SUVs with about 9" of clearance can make the trip, just take it slow. After September 1st or anytime snow is in the forecast, well-fitting tire chains with tensioners are required.

Most guests flying in to Colorado choose to rent an SUV to drive to the lodge. Whether you're flying into Denver or Eagle, all major rental car companies offer high clearance pickups and SUVs.

DIRECTIONS

- Exit I-70 toward Dotsero (Exit 133)
- Turn North onto US-6 W (Right if Exiting Westbound I-70)
- At the Traffic Circle, Take the First Exit Onto 301/Colorado River Road
- In 1.7 Miles, Turn Left Onto Coffee Pot Road/Forest Road 600
- Follow the Signs to Stay on Forest Road 600 for 38 Miles

Be prepared. Your trip along Coffee Pot Road/Forest Road 600 is about 38 miles of dirt roads. The first 30 miles to Deep Lake Campground is on smooth, improved dirt road. You can expect this first 30 miles to take about an hour and a half in dry conditions. From Deep Lake, the final 8 miles is a very rocky forest road. You can expect this final 8 miles to take about an hour in dry conditions. Budge's Wilderness Lodge is at the end of Forest Road 600.

It's a long drive and it's remote – but that's one of the reasons we love it here! There is no fuel at the Dotsero exit. If you're heading westbound on I-70, fill up in Eagle. If you're heading eastbound, fill up in Glenwood Springs. Don't be in a rush. You're on wilderness time now. Take it nice and slow and enjoy the spectacular scenery along the way!

A NOTE ON GPS DIRECTIONS

If you're coming eastbound on I-70 through Glenwood Springs, some GPS directions will tell you to take the Transfer Road/Forest Road 602 north out of Glenwood Springs. We do NOT recommend this route unless you have a very aggressive high-clearance 4-wheel drive. We recommend taking I-70 to Dotsero and following Coffee Pot Road/Forest Road 600 as described above.

PICK UP OPTIONS

If you not have a high-clearance vehicle or prefer not to drive to the lodge, we offer pick-up at a meeting point near Deep Lake, which is about 8 miles from the lodge for \$400 round trip per vehicle (max 4 passengers). This requires driving on improved dirt roads for about 28 miles.

If you'd prefer to avoid dirt roads altogether, we offer pick-up at the Eagle County Regional Airport for \$600, round trip per vehicle (max 4 passengers). Please contact us for availability and to schedule a pick up.

