



**ALPINE CLUB
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Alpine Legacy Circle

Your ACC journey continues here



Photo by Archie Miller



For more than 120 years, The Alpine Club of Canada has been shaped by people who care deeply about the mountains and the community built around them.

From the first huts constructed by volunteers to the leadership programs that continue today, the ACC exists because generations of members believed that Canada's alpine landscapes are worth exploring and protecting.

Louise & Richard Guy at the Mt. Alexandra GMC camp in 2007 — whose legacy gift created the Richard & Louise Guy Leadership Development Fund, supporting GMC leader training year after year.



About the Alpine Club of Canada

The ACC is a non-profit organization established in 1906. We have been promoting mountaineering, fostering a sense of adventure, and encouraging responsible recreation in alpine environments for over a century.

Through its members, local sections, and network of backcountry huts, the ACC inspires and connects all who seek to experience the mountains.

- + 25+ huts across Canada
- + 16,000+ members
- + 26 local sections

Louise & Richard Guy Hut, built in 2015 thanks to a generous lifetime gift from Louise & Richard Guy.

Photo by Pat Morrow



President's Message

As we celebrate 120 years of the Alpine Club of Canada, we honour the people who built it and a legacy that has changed lives in the mountains—quietly, profoundly, and often when it's needed most.

I first joined the club as a young climber in Montreal, searching for something beyond my weekday urban life. Each weekend, I made my way to the Keene Farm Hut with the Montreal Section. I came for the climbing, but I stayed for something deeper—the people, the shared reverence for wild places, and the feeling that I had found a place where I belonged.

Over more than two decades as a member honing my various mountain skills, and fifteen years serving in a volunteer capacity on the Board, I have watched the ACC quietly change lives. This is not an organization defined by elite performance. It is a community that opens the mountains to all—where people discover courage they didn't know they had, form lasting bonds, and come to care deeply for the natural world.

That is why I have chosen to leave a legacy gift to the ACC in my will.

After so many years of giving my time and heart to this community, it felt only natural to give in a way that endures. I do so with deep trust—trust that the club will continue to steward these mountains, these places, and these experiences with care. And trust that future generations will find in the ACC what so many of us have: challenge, connection, and a deeper understanding of who we are. As a parent, this matters deeply to me—I want my son, and others like him, to have the same opportunity to be shaped by these experiences.

Together, we can ensure that the next generation not only discovers the mountains—but discovers themselves within them.

Isabelle Daigneault
President of the ACC



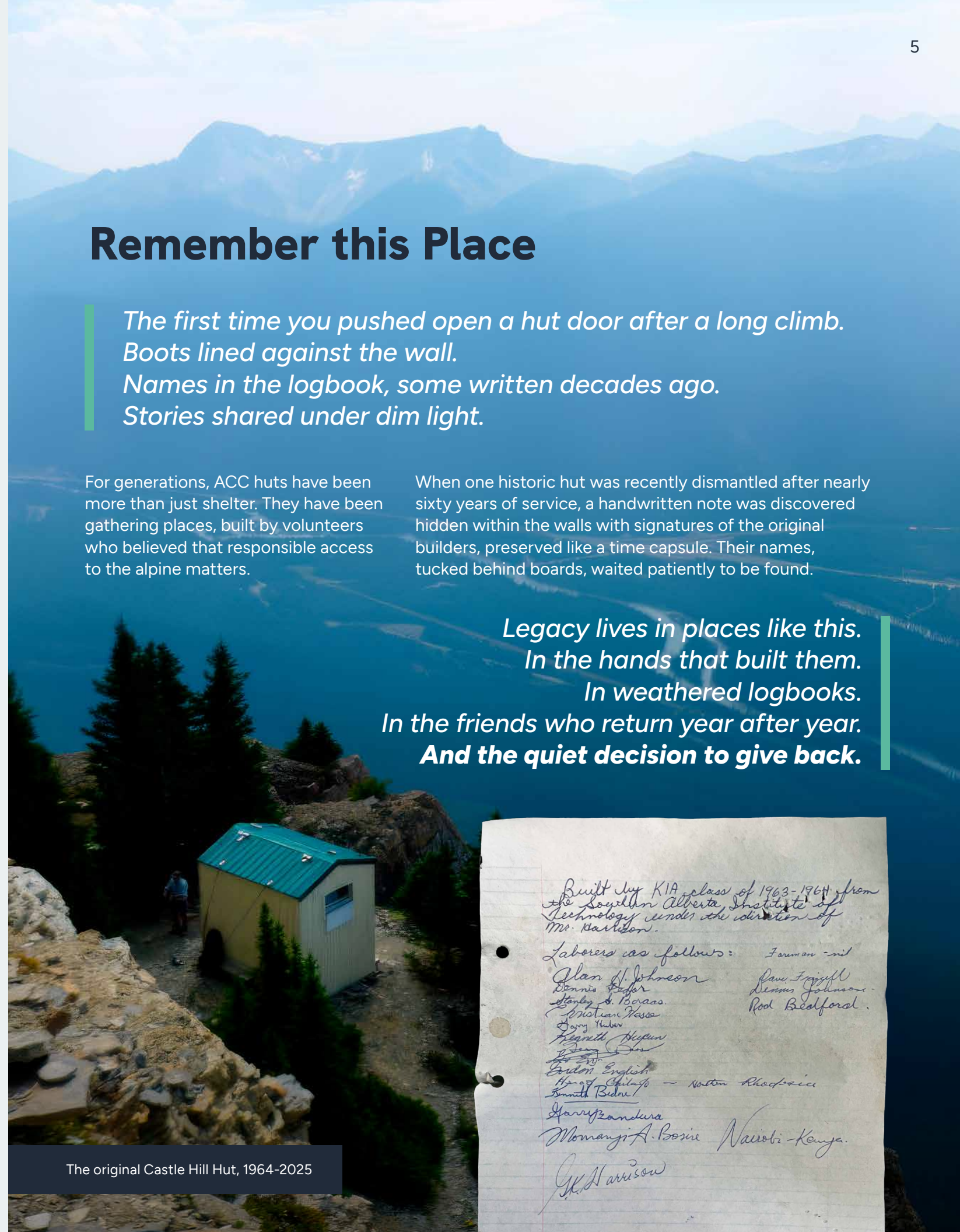
Remember this Place

*The first time you pushed open a hut door after a long climb.
Boots lined against the wall.
Names in the logbook, some written decades ago.
Stories shared under dim light.*

For generations, ACC huts have been more than just shelter. They have been gathering places, built by volunteers who believed that responsible access to the alpine matters.

When one historic hut was recently dismantled after nearly sixty years of service, a handwritten note was discovered hidden within the walls with signatures of the original builders, preserved like a time capsule. Their names, tucked behind boards, waited patiently to be found.

*Legacy lives in places like this.
In the hands that built them.
In weathered logbooks.
In the friends who return year after year.
And the quiet decision to give back.*



The original Castle Hill Hut, 1964-2025

Built by KIA class of 1963-1964 from the Loydian Alberta Institute of Technology under the direction of Mr. Harrison.

*Laborers as follows: Foreman - Bill
Alan H. Johnson Dave Finjull
Dennis Puffer Dennis Johnson
Stanley S. Boraas Rod Bedford
Christian Wasse
Harry Miller
Mearth Hupun
John
Gordon English
Harold Campbell - Norman Rhaefric
Smith Bidart
Harris Zamora
Momonji A. Bosie Nairobi Kenya
G.K. Harrison*

Built by Generations

Founded in 1906, the Alpine Club of Canada has shaped Canada's mountaineering community for more than a century.

Fairy Meadow Camp, 1978
Evelyn Matthews Collection



Over the decades, the ACC has established the country's largest backcountry hut system, published the Canadian Alpine Journal since 1907, championed conservation, and hosted the General Mountaineering Camp more than 110 times.

At the core of it all is people. Generations of ACC members trained, mentored, and volunteered. They built huts, led trips, and knitted together a community that spans the country.

These accomplishments were not built overnight. They were built by members—one generation at a time.

Freshfield GMC, 1969
Photo by Bruce Fraser



The Alpine Is Changing

Glaciers are retreating. Historic huts have been lost to slope instability. Wildfires and floods increasingly affect mountain ecosystems and access.

Through growing endowment and designated funds, the ACC is planning responsibly for conservation, education, and infrastructure renewal, so future generations inherit a strong and resilient organization.

Legacy is not about the past alone.

It is about ensuring the next 120 years.

For generations, Indigenous Peoples have stewarded these lands with deep knowledge and respect. As the ACC looks to the future, we recognize the importance of learning from and honouring this stewardship as part of our responsibility to care for alpine environments.

Photo by Jake Finnan

How Legacy Gifts Make an Impact

For more than a century, legacy gifts have helped the Alpine Club of Canada care for the mountains and the community built around them. These gifts provide stability, allowing the ACC to plan for the long term and invest in the places and programs that matter most.

Legacy gifts help the ACC:

- + Maintain and renew alpine huts across Canada
- + Train future mountain leaders through camps and leadership programs
- + Protect alpine environments through stewardship and advocacy
- + Preserve Canada's mountaineering history through the Canadian Alpine Journal
- + Build financial stability for the ACC's future

Expedition to the Monarch Icefields, funded by the Jen Higgins Grant

Photo by Declan Taylor

Legacy gifts strengthen the ACC in different ways, depending on a donor's wishes.



Flexible Support

Unrestricted gifts allow the ACC to respond to future opportunities and challenges as the alpine environment and the organization continues to change.

Every legacy gift, regardless of size, helps ensure the ACC remains strong, resilient, and relevant for future generations.



Designated Support

Directs funds to specific priorities such as:

- + Hut renewal and infrastructure
- + Environmental stewardship initiatives
- + Leadership programs and camps
- + Mountain culture and publications



Endowment Support

Provides long term financial stability by investing gifts and using annual earnings to support the ACC year after year.

Why consider a legacy gift?

Whether your connection to the ACC spans decades or has grown more recently, a legacy gift is a meaningful way to give back.

A legacy gift allows you to:

- + Support the huts, programs, and landscapes you care about
- + Reflect your personal values and connection to the mountains
- + Make a tax-efficient charitable gift through your estate
- + Retain full flexibility during your lifetime
- + Help ensure the ACC remains strong for future generations

Many legacy gifts are simple to arrange and can be updated if circumstances change.

Meet People Who Chose to Give Back

Jean Mary Molson



Jean and friends at Mount Seymour, 1948



Trip to Mount Baker, 1948

"The Alpine Club of Canada was a cornerstone in my aunt Jean's life. She became a member in 1945, and her nearly 80-year connection to the Club speaks volumes about the joy and meaning it brought her. Her legacy is a tribute to a life well-lived in the mountains and a lasting gift to the ACC community."

- Carolyn Mungall, niece of Jean Mary Molson

Lawrence Lee



Photo by Denis Křifž

Elizabeth Parker Hut



Lawrence Lee and Nicholas Pavelich

"We know that our perpetual-annual gift will make a positive impact to improve and maintain the natural environment within Yoho National Park, Elizabeth Parker Hut and the ACC—helping create a positive experience for every guest fortunate enough to visit. Nick and I count our visits there as some of our most meaningful adventures."

- Lawrence Lee

Legacy giving is personal. For some, it reflects a lifetime of connection. For others, it preserves a place that shaped them.

Mary Sanseverino



Mary Sanseverino



Mary with other GMC participants, 2023



The 2018 GMC, photo by Mary

"This is my mountain benediction for all who are awe-struck by the mountains: 'If you're lucky enough to be in the mountains, you're lucky enough!' ... I consider it a privilege and a personal calling to help the ACC in promoting responsible, sustainable access to wild mountain places. After all, I don't want the luck to end with me!"

- Mary Sanseverino, Alpine Legacy Circle member

Ways to Leave a Legacy



The ACC's Shadow Lake Lodge, thanks to a legacy gift from Arthur (Bud) Hall, will be a place that welcomes members for many years to come.

Photo by Jana & Matej Rybarsky

Members include the ACC in their estate plans in a variety of ways:

- + A gift in your will (bequest)
- + Naming the ACC as a beneficiary of a retirement plan or life insurance policy
- + Gifts of publicly traded securities
- + Gifts of property or other assets
- + Giving through a private or family foundation

We encourage you to speak with your financial advisor, lawyer, or estate planner when considering a legacy gift.

Including flexible wording ensures your gift continues to serve your intentions even as needs evolve.

A legacy gift is often a small percentage of an estate, yet its impact can support the mountains and community you love for generations.

Suggested Bequest Language

"I give to the Alpine Club of Canada (Charitable Registration No. 10670 4182 RR0001) the sum of \$_____ or _____% of my estate to be used for its general purposes or as directed by its Board of Directors."

Join the Alpine Legacy Circle

By documenting your intention, you become part of a community of supporters committed to sustaining the ACC beyond their lifetime.

Members of the Alpine Legacy Circle may choose to be recognized through:

- + Listing in the ACC Annual Report
- + Recognition on the Legacy Circle webpage
- + A welcome letter or small symbol of appreciation

Recognition is always optional; donors may remain anonymous.



Photo by Mary Sanseverino

Let's Connect

We would be honoured to hear your story and speak with you about your legacy. Any conversation is private and without obligation.

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The ACC acknowledges that our activities take place on the traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples across what is now Canada, and we honour the ongoing relationships and stewardship of these lands.



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