Background

We specialize in compact modernist recreational structures, crafted to rigorous standards, designed to leave a minimal impact on our environment. Our collection of prefabricated, flat-packed building systems help individuals and organizations turn dreams into destinations, and can be configured to meet a variety of uses, landscapes, and lifestyle needs.

Inspired by simplicity and the quest to provide outstanding design and value, our systems are developed with user participation in mind - with an emphasis on self-assembly and communal construction. The result is a prefabricated kit-of-parts building system that ships directly to site and can be assembled in a fraction of the time of a traditional construction process.

The Backcountry Hut Company was born from a deep appreciation of the outdoors and a desire to put down roots in the places we seek adventure. Whether your adventures call you to the mountains, the coast, or somewhere in between, you need a place to call home at the end of the day.

Founded in 2015 in Vancouver, BC by Wilson Edgar + Michael Leckie

Shipping currently available within Canada and the USA.
Systems

We offer four unique kit-of-parts systems designed to accommodate a flexible range of essentials, and be built with different levels of hands-on or professional support.

Prefabricated systems offer greater ease of assembly and projects can be completed in a fraction of the time. The modular designs are scalable, ranging in size from 107 to 3000 square feet.

We designed each system to be user-friendly, offering opportunity for a hands-on approach in the configuration and construction process.

For more information, including floor plans, please explore our catalogs:

- System 00 | Prefab A-Frame
- System 01 | Prefab Single-Storey Cabin
- System 02 | Prefab Two-Storey Cabin
- System S | Preassembled Sauna
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System 00
Prefab A-Frame

Our smallest and most streamlined option, the System 00 distills the iconic A-frame aesthetic down to its purest essentials. With a compact layout of approximately 10’ x 10’ at the ground level and a loft space above, it comes to life as a single bedroom sleeping bunk, or as a meditation, yoga, or art studio.

Build time: 1 week of solid time with a team of 4-5 people, including one person with professional building skills.

Pricing

System 01
Prefab One-Storey Cabin

Ground floor space is designed to encourage fluidity between indoor living and outdoor recreation, while the loft above offers options for sleeping or storage. Based on an 18.5’ x 10’ floor plan module. Modules can combined to create a wide range of flexible options.

Build time: 1-4 weeks depending on System configuration. Designed to be built with the support of a professional building team.

Pricing
System 02
Prefab Two-Storey Cabin

Our original concept was inspired by traditional alpine cabins. This system features a flexible floor plan options in a spacious two-storey cabin designed to accommodate larger groups or families. This system is based on a two-storey 18.5’ x 10’ floor plan module, which can combined to create a wide range of flexible options.

Build time: 2-6 weeks depending on System configuration. Designed to be built with the support of a professional building team.

Pricing

System S
Preassembled Sauna

System S takes inspiration from Nordic sauna culture, in a free-standing sauna structure with a compact footprint of 8’ x 10’. Lined with sustainably sourced clear cedar, the interior offers a two-level bench system that comfortably seats six adults.

No assembly is required. System S arrives on site fully constructed and ready to connect to existing electrical systems.

Pricing
Leadership Team

Our co-founders and principals, Wilson Edgar and Michael Leckie, are no strangers to adventure and the wild unknown.

Born east of the Rockies, they each migrated their way out West on different paths, following the seasons and chasing adventure in the mountains and along the coast. Wilson’s experience with the outdoor community in the Pacific Northwest and Michael’s background in creating award-winning modernist architecture led to the development of the first prototype Backcountry Huts, with the goal of creating a prefabricated modular shelter that combined practical utility and a minimalist aesthetic.

Wilson Edgar, Co-Founder / Principal
Wilson developed the initial concept of The Backcountry Hut Company as a solution to the demand for exceptionally designed recreational shelters. Wilson’s career in business development includes a focus on working with teams and individuals to develop solutions and overcome challenges. He is an active contributor in the outdoor enthusiast community, sharing his enthusiasm with like-minded individuals and groups, and in his past role as the President of the BC Mountaineering Club.

Michael Leckie, Co-Founder / Principal
Michael is a registered Architect in the province of British Columbia, and Principal at Leckie Studio, an award-winning multi-disciplinary design practice based in Vancouver. His work with clients across North America includes modernist single- and multi-family residences, heritage and industrial rehabilitations and conversions, and large-scale institutional projects. An outdoor enthusiast, Michael enjoyed seven adventurous years managing sustainable forestry projects in remote sites across Canada before pursuing his passion for architecture.

Cyril Werlen, Manufacturing Partner
Cyrill founded Cascadian Wood Tech on Vancouver Island in 2015 with a focus on developing enduring high-quality wood-based structures. He joined The Backcountry Hut Company as manufacturing partner after discovering the natural alignment in vision. Cyrill has a deep knowledge of woodworking and brings a solid background project management through immersive experiences in the industry in Switzerland.

Martin Mansikka, System S Manufacturing Partner
Martin is a LEED Green Associate, member of the Canada Green Building Council and Principal at Talo Green Build Project Management. An advocate of prefabrication and sustainable construction processes, Martin has partnered with BHC to support the prefabrication of the BHC sauna.

Team Photos
Recent Media Mentions

Learn more about what other design + outdoor lovers are saying about us by clicking through some of our favourites, or visit our website to explore more media mentions.

To explore a select collection of recent media coverage, please visit our website.
Press Inquiries

If you’re interested in helping to tell our story, reach out and say hello! We’re always happy to share our story with those who love architecture, the outdoors, and cabin life, and we can answer any questions you may have about our product, process, and the industry.

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