

# Whispering Pines Family Cabin

## Cabin Manual

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Welcome to our cabin and we certainly hope you enjoy the visit. A few things to make your visit easy.

The cabin was built in 1950 and as you can see outside the old outhouse it still intact. It now is used for storage but at one time you could have a cold walk to relieve yourself in the mid winter. Brrrrrr! The house sits on a 1/2 acre lot which is actually two parcels. We picked this house since it was nestled in the midst of beautiful trees on a cul-de-sac off a county maintained road. It is a very quiet area too.

Bathroom - we have an electric water heater (on demand) so if taking a bath, run the hot water 1/2 open during the cold season otherwise the water heater cannot keep up since the water is so cold outside.

Water - If the water is off when you arrive (winter season) you will need to turn it on outside where the sign is. Instructions are as follows. First make sure the hose bib is turned **off** or you will get wet. Then remove the water meter cover and turn the handle so that is going up and down or parallel to the meter pipe to turn on. When you leave you will need to return it to the closed position and re-open the hose bib to evacuate the water which prevent the pipes from freezing.

kitchen - the icebox and electric range are antiques so the freezer in the icebox gets ice inside The range has a burner or two out that we are trying to locate parts for. Also the timer on the stove does not work. There is a coffee peculator in the kitchen that I think makes the best coffee ever. The microwave heats very fast so please cover any food you put in there. To the left of the sink is a first aid kit and fire extinguisher in the upper cabinet.

Living Room - The wood burning stove will take about a 1/2 hour to start warming up the place. I suggest that you use "fire-starter logs" for easy operation. Make sure when starting the stove that you pull the handle below the stove door out all the way for proper airflow. After the fire is established and you are warm you can move the handle in to have the wood burn slower and the logs will last longer. A medium size log will last 6 hours with the handle pushed in all the way. Also there is a fan on the stove that will automatically turn on after it heats up and then turn off when it cools down This blows the heat away from the stove to heat the cabin. If you do not have fire-starter logs you will have to use news paper and wad it up in a ball (three sheets of waded up) and place thin sticks on top of the balls. Then after the wood catches (leave the stove door open until wood catches good) put in slightly larger wood until the fire gets going then you can add larger and larger logs. The wood must be dry. Close door after wood is burning on its own. When you leave the house the fire will burn out on its own. Obviously if there is a big fire going do not leave until it becomes smaller.

Snow - If it is snowing park your car about 5 feet from the end of the driveway so you can get out and not interfere with the snow plow. Back in the driveway for an easy exit.

Hiking -the neighbor with the large metal gate is building a huge energy efficient house at the top of the hill. To the right of the gate is a trail that if you hike up it leads to a view of the valley that is beautiful. It is private property and we have not been given permission to hike up it however we do anyway and since the owners do not live there we have not been able to ask.

At the end of Canyon Drive at the highway there is a seasonal stream that gold flakes have been found in if you want to pan there. Also it is fun to explore the area for interesting rocks. the neighborhood is also need to walk in . People expect a wave and are very friendly and helpful with directions.

Construction - We are upgrading the landscaping and replacing the siding so there is still wood, bark, rocks, materials, tools and other stuff around. So please be careful.

Cleaning - Please return the cabin as you received it. All dirty linens need to go on the kitchen counter when you leave please. Also please read the two other documents titled "Agreement" and "Checkout"

Don't forget to leave the keys and turn off the water!

We sure hope you enjoyed your stay and please tell your friends how much you liked it!

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