



TRAIL CABINS FEES & GUIDELINES

Reservations and Fees

Smoothwater's trail cabins are open for all trail users during the day between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm. You are welcome to use the cabin as a warm-up shelter or to have a hot drink and your lunch.

Between the hours of 4 pm and 10 am, the trail cabins may be reserved for over-night stay. Smoothwater may book as many as six individuals into a cabin.

The individual fee for overnight use of our cabins is \$60/person/night, which is in addition to your \$15 pp daily trail fee. There is a \$100 minimum to use the cabins. If you are a group of two, and wish to reserve a cabin for exclusive use, you may do so by paying \$150/night. The rate for a group of three would be \$210.

For those wishing to bring a canine companion, there is a \$40 per dog surcharge for the trip.

To keep cabins tidy and users are asked to abide by the following rules. We will all thank you.

Cabin Setup

Each of Smoothwater's two trail cabins sleep six (double bunks and loft) and each is equipped with mattresses, pots, pans, dishes, cutlery, emergency food stuffs, first aid kit and winter camping utensils, including axe, ice auger and shovel. A propane camp stove is supplied for cooking and a wood stove for warmth. **You must supply your own sleeping bag, pillow case, and towels for both personal use and dishwashing.**

Leave cabins in a clean and tidy state for the users who follow you. Sweep the floor and pack out your garbage (including wine and liquor bottles) before you leave. No exceptions!

Heat & Wood

The cabins are remote and uninsulated. Wood and an axe for splitting are supplied at each cabin. You keep warm by maintaining a fire in the wood stove. At night, you should expect to stoke the fire in the stove every 2-4 hours depending on the outside temperature. Please replenish kindling and split wood for the next cabin occupant. Shovel stove ash into the metal bucket for disposal. Please dispose of ashes in the forest WELL AWAY from the cabin, walkways and ski trail. DO NOT DUMP ASHES ON THE SNOW NEAR THE CABIN.

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Cooking

A two burner propane stove is supplied for cooking. The tank is located on the porch of each cabin. **IMPORTANT:** When you are not using the stove, and before you leave the cabin, tightly close the valve on the propane tank outside.

Drinking Water

Obtain water from the lake or pond. You can use either the manual auger or an axe to open a hole in the ice. Alternately, you can melt snow, though this is energy intensive and time consuming. Boil or chemically treat your water. It is unsafe to drink untreated water due to the potential presence of giardia parasites and e-coli bacteria. Chemical treatment tablets are stored at each cabin, otherwise bring your own water filter.

Waste Water

In each cabin you'll find a plastic bucket designated for gray water (dishwater, tooth brushing spit, etc). To dispose of gray water, follow the trail of blue flagging tape to the designated dumping site. It is important that you dump your waste water in the designated spot only. Waste water is detrimental to aquatic life, and the designated dump area has been carefully selected to avoid spring run off.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU PROPERLY DISPOSE YOUR GRAY WATER BEFORE LEAVING THE CABIN. DO NOT LEAVE IT IN THE BUCKET WHERE IT WILL FREEZE.

Food

We suggest that you bring foods that are easy to prepare and light to carry. Avoid bringing cans and bottles - they are inappropriate for backcountry travel. Remove unnecessary food packaging before heading out to the cabin. Pack bulk foods in reusable plastic containers.

Garbage

Pack out everything you bring in. No exceptions. Food waste is an animal attractant and it is your responsibility to leave the cabin clean and tidy for the next visitors. **PACK OUT YOUR WINE AND BOOZE BOTTLES, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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Outhouse

Toilet paper is stored in tin or plastic containers located in the outhouse. Please use the snow shovel to keep the area in front of the outhouse clear of snow so the door will open and shut freely.

IMPORTANT: In cold weather, fecal matter freezes quickly in the outhouse pit. With repeated use, a cone of feces and toilet paper forms, rising toward the toilet seat. This is undesirable.

In each outhouse there is a long wooden pole that stands in a bucket. Outhouse users are asked to compost their feces (spread it around) using the pole. This will help prevent the formation of a frozen cone.

MEN – You are unique. But do not pee just anywhere outside the cabin. Doing so is unsightly and inconsiderate. Look for the PEE TREE that is marked with yellow flagging tape and use this location only!

Snow in the Cabin

If you do not sweep up the snow you track into the cabin, it will melt and later freeze on the floor. Likewise, if you do not clear snow from the door jam it will melt then freeze, preventing the door from closing properly. There is a broom and dustpan provided at each cabin.

Dogs

Trail users with dogs **MUST** clean up after their pets. If your dog poops on the trail, scoop it up and toss into the bush. At the cabins, deposit poop in the outhouse.

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