

Kitchen Information

Most Important: We have separated the kitchen from Indoor information because of its importance with respect to the equipment use and care. Unlike rooms we ask that you leave the kitchen exactly as you found it. This is necessary for the health and safety of future guests.

Our kitchen contains the following equipment:

Exhaust fan, to be on when using gas cooking appliances. Any time the fireplace is burning you must close both kitchen doors which open into the dining and bar areas. Open a window in the kitchen for the fan to draw from. The exhaust fan will pull smoke from the fireplace into the lodge if this procedure is not followed.

Fire Suppression System, has a manual pull lever on the wall to the right just as you enter the kitchen. Please make sure no-one, especially children accidentally pull this lever. The nozzles cover the gas ovens, griddle, and grill.

Gas Appliances, conventional oven, a convection oven, a six burner stove top, a griddle, and a grill. Please make sure all appliances are turned off when not in use. Few guests have left ovens on all day long because they are not as obvious. Just the pilot light is enough to keep the griddle quite warm. If you have any problems with gas appliances please turn off and call us or our assistant managers. We will supply you with a list of contacts and phone numbers when you arrive.

Microwave Oven is out in the dining area along the wall.

Coffee Maker, also along the wall in the dining area. It is a Bunn pour through and makes a pot in about three minutes. Please make sure the hot plates are off when not in use.

Two Refrigerators and one Top loading Freezer, the refrigerators are in the kitchen while the freezer is in the double door closet in the breezeway to the suite.

Dish Sanitizer, is to the right of the three deep sinks. Unfortunately it is not a dishwasher. All dishes must have all food particles removed before going into the sanitizer. You do not need to use it if you prefer to wash by hand. We always use it to sanitize cookware and utensils between guests.

Garbage Disposal is located under the island sink on the right inside the cabinet.

Cooking and Eating Utensils will be found in various open places and closets. Please return everything clean to where you found them. We have everything you will possibly need for preparing all meals for large groups. Help yourself to any spices you find, but you may not find your favorites so bring them with you.

We always leave a small amount of **Coffee and Paper Towels** but you will need to bring your own also.

Indoor Information

For your own comfort keep **all doors closed** when not in use. At different times of the year there is always

some kind of critter that may walk, crawl or fly in to pay you a visit.

Windows are a different story. During winter mostly closed except when some fresh air may be needed or in the kitchen when cooking. During hotter months open all windows at night allowing the lodge walls to cool. Sleeping is great in the fresh mountain air. There are box fans in every room. They can be placed in the open windows at night so that they bring cool air into the room. Also there are exhaust fans in the upstairs rooms which take room air out to the lodge. These can be used like the box fans to bring cool outside air through the room. Then about 9:00am the next morning, close all windows and the lodge will stay cool all day.

When you come through the front door there is a **Mud Room and Public bathrooms** immediately on the left. (A place to put coats, shoes, and other gear). Our **Office** is immediately on the right. We leave it open for you because we keep **First Aid, Bug Spray, Keys** for all rooms, and **Flashlights** there. **Please do not use our computer or printer.**

Heating in the lodge and rooms: Heat on the bottom floor and room #1 is central propane heat and the thermostat is on the wall at the end of the bar area near the kitchen. Rooms 2, 3, 4, and 5 upstairs are electric

baseboard heat. There is a thermostat on the wall in each room and in each bath. The suite has its own propane fireplace with thermostat on the wall over the trundle bed next to the bathroom. Please turn all thermostats off or down to 60 if digital readouts when you leave. There are four ceiling fans in the lodge. The two at the east end pull air up while the two on the west end push air down. Please feel free to adjust them to your liking. The controls are round knobs, two behind the kitchen door when it is open. The other two are at the the end of the lodge with the switches for ceiling lights.

A Large Fireplace is straight in front of you while standing in the entry way, which you are welcome to use. There are some precautions however. The **flue is always open** and down on the floor behind the grating door is a sliding gate to let air in from below. The holes in this gate should be open. If they are closed it will be difficult to get a fire started. Keep the **grating snug against the fireplace and its door closed the keep sparks from flying out.** Do not build huge fires and let the fire be burning down by the time the last person goes to bed. There is a wood rack to the left and paper and kindling to the right. Some matches are wedged in the chimney rocks on the left just above the mantle. There is not much sense in using the fireplace during the summer except for a small fire on a rainy cold morning or evening. **Very important to close all kitchen doors and open a kitchen window if the**

exhaust fan is on while a fire is going in the fireplace. If this procedure is not followed smoke will be sucked out of the fireplace will circulate throughout the entire lodge.

The wood stove/heater at the far end of the lodge is not to be used. We have decided for safety reasons to take it out of commission.

If you must move Furniture in the common areas on the first floor please do so **without scratching the wood floors**. Please return all furniture to their original places.

Lighting: Please use lighting for your comfort. We just ask that when you leave the lodge or turn in for the night please turn off all lights except those needed for your comfort and safety. Lamps are easy to see and turn on. Ceiling lights and the chandelier switches are found behind the kitchen door and in the bar area on kitchen wall. Kitchen lights are behind the kitchen door also and take a minute or two to become bright. Another set of ceiling and overhead flood lights are at the other end of the lodge, same place as the ceiling fans. The stair lights should be left on all night.

Telephone, Internet and Wi-Fi: The lodge main line is 406/847-4676. There is another number for your family

and friends to use to get in touch with you. This number is 406/847-2795 and it rings with three quick rings each time as opposed to one ring each time for the main number. We do not answer the 2795 number. This way we do not answer each other's calls. If you're not sure answer the main number if you think it may be for you. The telephone and router are at the end of the bar near the kitchen. Your phones should work over our Wi-Fi. Choose "Bighorn 1", there is no password needed.

To reach Karen and Dave we have several numbers which depend on where we are, which we will let you know so you can reach us if necessary. We are always close by to help or if we are on a vacation of our own we have assistants to help you. You will be provided their numbers should this occur. Also, even when we are gone you can reach us directly on our cell phones. Dave's cell is 406/334-3428, Karen's cell is 208/446-4406. We have a cabin just across the river where we often stay after we have checked you in. If we are over there we will leave a land line number you can call using your cell or the lodge land line.

There are two **Television screens**, one in the living room area of the lodge and one in the Suite. However **neither has any reception of public television**. A Roku device will work over Wi-Fi, and they each can play CD's.

The Laundry Room is just through the kitchen on your left. It has a large washer and two dryers. Laundry soap, softener and bleach is provided. Only 10 regular size towels at one time, two sets of sheets (not to be mixed with other wash), for your personal clothes please use common sense not to over load. There are special cleaning towels on the wall behind the dryers. Please do not use these towels; they are for our cleaning crew. There is a wicker basket full of clean rags for your use for whatever they may be needed.

The Pantry and Ice Machine are located again just through the kitchen on the right. Things in the pantry are left by other guests and you are welcome to use. You should however check the dates.

Outdoor Information

There are **large decks** on the front and river side of the lodge. The back deck on river side has a 2 foot diameter charcoal grill. Please keep grill on the deck when using and keep a close eye on coals until they burn down. There are hoses at each corner of the lodge/deck if needed. There are also overhead lights over the back deck, very nice at night.

An **outside fire pit** is off the right side of the back deck. We always supply wood. This is a very great way to

spend a late afternoon/evening with family or friends. It's Fun to roast hot dogs and have s'mores. There may be times when fires even small are not allowed. We will let you know. Again, there are hoses at the corners of the lodge which will reach the fire pit. It is Always good idea to not build huge fires.

Our **large Hot tub** is off the back deck with a great view of the Bull River and Berray Mountain and the Cabinet Mountain Wilderness. When approaching the hot tub deck remove hold down straps and fold the right side of cover over the left side and push the cover off when you get into the tub. Controls are right there on the left side. Please replace the cover and hold down straps when finished. Most importantly please have everyone shower off before entry. This will greatly help to keep water cleaner longer. It takes 24 hours to change and reheat water. Do not use room bath towels when going to the hot tub, there is a wicker basket of hot tub towels on the left double doors going to the deck. Please read safety suggestions when entering regarding young children, pregnancy, and alcohol.

We have two **Kayaks** and two **canoes** for your use on the Bull River. Life jackets are provided and required to be in the boats when in use. Caution, the Bull River is very cold, it is fed by springs and run off from the high country in the Cabinet Mountain Wilderness. This could be

dangerous for inexperienced swimmers or the elderly. Please return boats and athletic equipment to where they were found. Thank you.

We also provide **outdoor games** for your group such as volley ball, bad mitten, and soccer balls. These are best set uptown on the river bottom rather than in the yard which has too many trees. Boats and athletic equipment will always be left near the path down to the river on the West side of the lodge. Please return boats and athletic equipment to where they were found. Thank you.

There are many **hiking trails** in our neck of the woods. We are not yet over crowded on our trails. Take a look at the Utube pictures on our website taken by an avid hiker and friend Dave Cook. All pictures were taken from trails hiked by Dave. There are several great trails within walking distance from the lodge. Karen and I can lead you to our favorites when you arrive. Be sure to ask us about the St. Paul Lake trail, our favorite.

Fishing on the Bull is fun. Licenses are required for all except young children and the elderly. You can Google Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks for more specific information regarding fishing rules and regulations. The Bull River is a beautiful stream with clear water and healthy fish, including four varieties of trout, one species (the Bull Trout) is still on the endangered species list. You

are not supposed to fish for them or keep them if you get one on line. The Bull is a Great fly fishing river, but sometimes tough because the river is very clear and small, only 50 to 100 feet across. There are many other rivers in this part of Montana well worth the exploration.

During **June through August** it is a good idea to bring **bug spray** for mosquitoes when near wet areas.

If you set up **small pools** etc. please take them up every day and put in a different place the next day.