

# Welcome to the Barlow Cabin!!

We hope you enjoy your stay!

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Your Address: 32798 E. Mineral Creek Drive, Government Camp, OR

Cabin phone # 503-272-0151

Barlow Cabin on wifi

Trillium Lake Basin Cabins LLC

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Hello friends and guests,

Welcome to Barlow Cabin. On the main floor is a 32 foot wall of windows facing Mt. Hood with an awesome view to the summit from above Timberline, including Crater Rock and Palmer Snowfield (with binoculars you can see people summer snowboarding and skiing on Palmer Glacier). Even if it is cloudy out, you have a view of a meadow and old growth trees. The cabins border on Mineral Creek so you can hear sounds of the creek. There is an outdoor deck (albeit may have lots of snow on it) and 3 balconies, 2 of which face Mt Hood and old growth trees and meadow.

Note the second floor has been recently remodeled with 5 new dormers, 2 of which contain the balconies facing Mt. Hood. If you can please sweep or shovel and snow off of the second floor balconies. Young children are not permitted on any of the balconies unless fully supervised. If you have young children then you should keep the balcony doors locked.

**Kitchen:** Barlow is fully equipped with a 4 burner electric stove with oven, electric griddle, full refrigerator, all of the pots, pans, utensils and dishes you would probably need for more than 10 people. Laundry and dish soap, towels and bedding.

Woodstove with a glass viewing window, CD player, VCR/DVD players (and a collection), Ihomes, wifi, assorted games and puzzles. (Personal favorite of mine is to turn up the refrigerator to a very cold setting during the day, especially when I am out skiing or playing in the snow. That way I can turn it down to a very low setting for overnight)

**Please be aware of State requirements for Traction devices or Tire Chains in winter time.**

**Ski / Snowshoe directions:**

**Please refer to the map where it says Park here. A snow park permit is required. There are 2 snow parks.**

**Snowpark #1 is on Highway 26 just outside the Oregon Department of Transportation (Highway Department) garages. At the summit of Highway 26**

Just before the turnoff to Timberline lodge there is a parking lot on Highway 26 outside of the entrance to O.D.O.T. work garage just before, and on the south side of the road across from the turn off to Timberline Lodge. The parking area is a snowpark, and a permit is required. This is usually the recommended parking place as your car will be just off of Highway 26 by the highway department and will even show up on the Highway department web cam. It is recommended that you leave a snow shovel in your car and carry lock deicer or a lighter if you do not have remote auto locks (as car locks can freeze in the winter time).

The ski/ snowshoe trail is on the west side of the parking area. Take care especially with young children or dogs as this is an active area with cars and highway department trucks going by. The trail will go around some Forest service cabins then come to a fork (see map). If the snow is icy or hard packed this could be a fast part of the trip, so you may wish to carry your skis to where it levels off at this point (also after the trail turns then goes uphill for a short ways, then there is general downhill a bit steeper at first, then gradual. If the snow is soft this is a fun part of the trip. Snowshoes would not need to be concerned about how packed the snow is, only if it is very packed from the snowcat who grooms, and then you could access us on the trail with just hiking boots.

After you pass the Forest Service cabins we usually recommended that you go to the left (another time you can explore the alternative route of the Summit trail to the Barlow trail if you do not have much gear), then follow the Hemlock trail through Still Creek Campground. (Snowshoers may wish to take the Barlow trail which forks off of the Hemlock close to the bottom (on the right) after the first longer downhill (there will be a sign for the Barlow trail. Barlow is the original pioneer's trail and passes through old growth trees. Barlow will eventually come back to meet the Hemlock trail in the Still Creek campground. This is actually shorter, but not as straight and more difficult for xcountr y skiers. When the trails meet again the name changes to Barlow trail.)

After approx. 1 ¼ mile on either the Hemlock or Barlow trail, you will reach a house on the right with blue trim and a road sign saying East Summit Prairie Road (You are on East Perry Vickers Road). There will be signs on that road to your right, saying private road, do not enter. Just ignore the signs; you are on the correct road. Go past the first turn off, and then the road will veer to the left just follow it. You will pass a couple of other cabins, and approx. 500 feet after the road turns look to your left across from the last electric power pole you should see a sign that says Trillium Basin Cabins. There you are!! You made it Congratulations! You will first see the sauna building about 60 feet off the trail then Barlow cabin is just beyond the sauna building.

## **Snow Park #2 is the Trillium Lake Snow Park.**

This is the primary parking lot for Trillium Lake loop. Here your car is off the highway (which may be safer for small children and pets) but there usually is little to no traffic going by overnight. The initial trail down is fairly steep for new skiers (often they will walk down this hill). When you reach the bottom of the hill make your first turn to the right (across the old airstrip and across Summit Meadow). You will pass Pioneer grave and the loop around Trillium Lake. Keep going to the 2<sup>nd</sup> left which is East Summit Prairie Road where there will be a sign that says Private road no trespassing. Continue as above to the Barlow Cabin.

1. **HEAT:** The living room woodstove is a great heater, but if the fire is out it can take time to really warm up the radiant bricks inside. Use electric heat sparingly- multiple heaters could blow a circuit breaker. The breaker box is located next to the front door. Please turn all heaters fully "OFF" when not needed. Please do not sleep with heaters turned "ON." Each heater may have a low setting listed to leave at during your leaving procedure, otherwise please turn them off.

Regarding the woodstove: Push the wooden knob of the woodstove in to get it started then gradually pull it out to slow down the fire and usually all the way out for overnight and when you have the temperature you like. Please only have an experienced person in charge of the woodstove. Have that person always have 2 hand tools ready and available when opening the stove. When adding additional wood push the wooden knob in to open the draft so that the smoke goes up the chimney, rather than into the room. You then reset it after you close the door. Please note it can be a challenge and an art to fill up the stove properly and still be able to close the door. **DO NOT LEAVE THE WOODSTOVE DOOR OPEN WITHOUT A COMPETANT PERSON SITTING IN FRONT OF THE STOVE.** Also do not have young children around the woodstove.

2. **WOOD:** Use the driest wood possible. You'll probably use the cedar shakes that we have from the old roof. They are thick and dry will split easily outside, (over 44 years old were hand carved), but may contain nails, so be careful. Then you would switch to the fir wood then use the harder oak wood to keep the fire burning longer and hotter. Oak is probably the best wood source for longer and hotter fires and for overnight. We have mixed wood in the woodshed so take note when picking. Also out straight from the front door under a tarp is our reserve wood supply of just oak, feel free to use this as well. Please replace what you use for the next group. If the fire is out when you arrive or during your stay, please gather the ashes into a metal bucket from the woodshed and dump them behind one of the small out buildings to the left of the front door. Another nice thing about the oak is that it is mostly all stove size so very little if any splitting is needed.

3. **BEDDING:** Bedding can be found on shelves in the downstairs bedroom. Clean sheets may be found in the dryer, or on the shelves in the upstairs and downstairs closets.

#### 4. **Bedroom Configurations:**

- a. Downstairs there is a king sized bed in the one bedroom on the main floor  
Upstairs (this is a very steep staircase a cross between a ladder and a staircase. Note only able body people should use the ladder access. Please keep all small children off of this access).
- b. The upstairs East bedroom has a queen sized bed and a double futon for sitting purposes. If you need to make that into a bed you will have to have at least 2 adults move it around so it can open up, or else you can put the mattress on the ground. If you use this futon couch as a bed, please return it to its upright and usual spot before your leave. There should be extra bedding for it in the closet on the main floor or in that bedroom.
- c. The upstairs West bedroom has a queen sized bed and 2 single beds.

With the combination of 2 people sleeping on the king, 2 queens and the double mattress and 2 singles we can sleep 10 people.

**Bathrooms:** There is a full bathroom with tub/shower downstairs and a newly remodeled ½ bath upstairs.

5. We ask that you please wash and dry and make the beds that you used with clean sheets before you leave... Please prepare for this early on the morning that you are leaving as it will take some time to wash and dry the bedding and towels. If you get stuck for time, please do sheets first, (or make the beds with sheets already in the closet or dryer) then if need be and you are pressed for time, towels can be left in the dryer if you have to do an extra load. Please clean the dryer lint filter each time it's used as it fills quickly.

#### 6. **Decks and balconies:**

There is a large deck on the main floor. To access it open the curtains then there is a pin overhead keeping the glass sliding doors closed. The wooden storm door has a pin at the bottom. Sometimes ice and snow will make opening this door difficult. We usually do not maintain this deck and the same with the front stairs. So it is up to you how much you wish to enjoy it. (Just a note, during some of the heaviest winters we have had to shovel down just to get into the front door). There are 3 balconies on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Two in the east bedroom and one in the west. Young children are not permitted on the balconies unless supervised by a responsible adult.

7. **PHONE and Internet:** Cabin phone # is **503 – 272 – 0151**. Cell phone coverage is spotty and depends upon your carrier. Usually works better by the windows and out on the roadway although it has much improved this year.

We now have high speed internet (Wi-Fi). We are called Barlow Cabin and no password is needed. Many cell phones have wifi mode.

For long distance calls outside of Portland or Government Camp area requires the use of your phone card, etc. You can use 1-800-CALL-ATT, 1-800 Collect, or anything else you prefer.

8. **OTHER CONTACT INFO: Emergencies: 911**

**Elliott** can be reached by dialing (503) 232-8065 weekdays

Evenings and weekends **(503)-819-7952** cell

another emergency contact is Anne at (503) 805-9183

Dave Ewen (EMT) (503) 272-3117 (Dave has a small cabin on East Summit Prairie Rd., across from Hobaday Road and is also an EMT);

Corby lives at Pioneer cabin,

[(extreme winter emergency Jeremy Butts 503-804-3235 (he has a snow cat but would charge a high price. Text his is better and he works graveyard)]

**Mountain Tracks Ski Shop** 88611 E. Government Camp Loop

Government Camp, OR 97028 (503) 272-3380 they are in the center of Govie next to Huckleberries and a good place for last minute supplies or rentals (skis, snowshoes, sleds) they are also a secondary source for key pick up or drop off if authorized.

**Power Outage** PGE 1-800-464-7777

9. **SAUNA:** Key is in the laundry room on a hanger. Remember that you may want to bring plenty of water for drinking and you may pour a little water over the stones. Please sweep and and/or mop up the sauna as needed after use. Please return the key to its hook in the laundry room.

**Important: There are 2 dials on the sauna heater (bottom). The one on the left is the temperature control (you'll probably want it all the way to the right). The one on the right is the timer. It should be toasty warm within 15—20 minutes depending on the season.**

**\*\*Just in case it is needed the reset button is about ½ inch back from the front under the heater (just in case). You will need a flashlight to find it, but please don't touch anything else under the heater.**

10. **STAYING WARM:** recommend that you keep the hatch for the upstairs closed in colder weather, until you've sufficiently warmed up the downstairs. There are plenty of blankets, comforters, and sleeping bags, most likely in the upstairs closets. Pile them on as needed. Pull the woodstove out to slow down the fire for

overnight time. This should make the fire last all night, but may smoke up the glass door. (Note: the glass door can be lifted off when cooled down and taken over to the sink for cleaning, although this is usually not necessary as the glass door is self cleaning and will clear up with a hot fire). We also have electric heaters for the upstairs bedrooms, but please DO NOT sleep with the heaters on.

**11. DVD/ VCR / TV** the TV set has a built in DVD player on its left side facing the TV. There is also a separate DVD/ VCR player with remote. Sometime you have to press the set up button on the remote or on the TV monitor to be able to activate the DVD or VCR. When using the built in DVD player the label faces away from you.

**12. LEAVING PROCEDURE:** We kindly ask that you leave the cabin as you found it. Our policy is that we need you to return the cabin to the state it was in when you rented it as it is difficult to have staff in and out in our remote location especially in the winter time. We will then gladly refund your cleaning deposit. We allow an additional 2 hours check out time to allow for time necessary to clean up the cabin. There is a vacuum cleaner in the downstairs area. Please also put all dishes away after cleaning. If the fire is out, and the ash box is full, then please collect and discard the ashes. If the ashes are not hot and you have to ski out, then you can leave them in a designated area near the back deck. (Since there may be nails in the ashes if you have used the cedar shakes for kindling). Turn all electric heaters either off or to a very low setting as directed on the heater. If there is no designated setting then please turn the heater off. Please see that all windows are closed as well as the sliding glass door. If you are able to slide closed the large cedar door on the main floor deck then do that as well. Please lock closed the cedar door or sliding glass door (a pin at the top of the sliding glass door will lock and unlock it). Please return Sauna key to its home on the coat hooks.

**PACK IT IN PACK IT OUT POLICY.** Our policy is that you have to pack out whatever you bring in.

**13. ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BRING:**

- Cell phones although much improved this year, they often have spotty reception in the cabin, generally work better on the trail or by the road or near the windows. Many cell phones have a wifi mode. We are Barlow cabin.
- Telephone calling card to call long distance (not necessary for Portland) or you can use your cell phone.
- Candles just in case there is a power outage
- Newspaper and matches just in case for fire starter. (we have extra newspapers in a green box in the woodpile area)

- Snow shovel to leave in your car often either a snowstorm or the snowplow can bury your car in the parking lot
- Lock de-icer or at least a cigarette lighter to leave in your pocket in case your car locks freeze
- Booties or wool socks for wear inside the cabin. We request that you take your shoes off in the laundry room (may want to dry by the fire if wet)
- Ski wax if we have fresh powder (to prevent from sticking. Of course if it is hard packed then you might go too fast)
- Bird food if you leave out in front of the cabin they will come

**ABOVE ALL ELSE, ENJOY YOURSELF!**