

Welcome to the Barlow Cabin!!

We hope you enjoy your stay!

Winter 2017-2018

Barlow Cabin Address: **32798 E. Mineral Creek Drive, Government Camp, OR**
Cabin phone #: **503-676-6706**
Wi-Fi Network: **Trillium Lake**
Wi-Fi PW: **1234567890**

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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. Two of which face Mt Hood , old growth trees, and meadow.

We request that you take your shoes off in the laundry room (may want to dry them by the fire if wet)

Note the second floor has been recently remodeled with 5 new dormers, and there are 3 balconies. Two of which face Mt. Hood and the third faces Mineral Creek. 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, please keep the balcony doors locked at all times.**

****Please be aware of State requirements for Traction Devices or Tire Chains in winter time. Often AWD or 4WD can count as a traction device.**

Transition time:

During the late fall (depending upon the winter) and early spring, the gate on Highway 26 is locked by the forest service. We have a copy of this special key. It is then possible for a brief (sometimes longer) period of time to drive in. However, this is only for an experienced winter driver with **AWD and chains** (make sure you have shovel ready in the car) if there is **any snow on the ground**.

If you are allowed to drive in, please note that this is a risky privilege. Winter snow can come at any time making it very expensive (if possible at all) to get your car out if you get snowed in. Please keep an eye on the weather and note that is usually best to just drop off your things,

then move your car to a snow park and walk back in. We once had someone with AWD who thought he could drive no matter what, only to find that he got stuck in the campground. After pleading with the Forest Service they allowed a private contractor to plow to his car which cost him \$300. One gal who lived in Pioneer Cabin didn't move her car out in time, and it was stuck inside all winter.

So, if you do drive in, you MUST lock the gate immediately after entering. **Do not let any unauthorized cars in.** If you do get stuck, you must figure out how to get your car out of the roadway which may be one lane for up to 1.5 miles.

It is recommended that you leave a snow shovel in your car and carry lock deicer, or a lighter with a flame if you do not have remote auto locks as the gate lock can freeze in the winter time.

It is recommended that unless the pavement is clear, to not attempt to drive in during this transition period.

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. garage. This is often called the Mazama Lot. This is a **snow park and a permit is** needed. It is located on the south side of the road, just before the turn off to Timberline Lodge. This is usually the recommended parking place as your car will be just off of Highway 26 by the highway department, and may 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 with a flame if you do not have remote auto locks, as car locks can freeze in the winter time.

Ski/Snowshoe Trail:

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 and slick 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 way, 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.

The need for snowshoes would depend upon how packed the snow is. If it is hard packed, then hiking boots are fine. However in winter, you should always carry your snowshoes (unless you are skiing in) because deep powder can happen almost any time making walking without snowshoes very difficult. The Forest Service asks hikers and snowshoes to not use the ski tracks when walking as this messes up the tracks for x-country skiers.

- The trail is across from the entrance to ODOT to the west of the parking area. After you pass the Forest Service cabins, we usually recommended that you go to the left, then follow the Hemlock trail through Still Creek Campground.
- During your stay, or if you don't have a lot of gear, you may want to explore the alternative route of the Summit trail to the Barlow trail.
- Snowshoers and experienced skiers 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 x-country skiers and snowshoers/hikers, especially when carrying lots of gear.
- 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 are signs on that road to your right that say "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 approximately 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. You will first see the sauna building about 60 feet off the trail, then Barlow Cabin is just beyond the sauna building.

There you are, you made it. Congratulations!

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. However there usually is little to no traffic going by overnight which can mean a possible higher risk of a car break in (I've never heard of one, but it is possible.)

- The initial trail down is fairly steep for new skiers (you may wish to walk down this hill). After you go down the hill about 3/4 of a mile you will make your first right turn. There will be a sign on the road to your right that says Old Airstrip or it may say Trillium Lake Loop. Whatever the sign says, just make the first right turn.
- You will ski or snowshoe or hike alongside the meadow with a great view of Mt Hood if it is clear out. On your left is the old airstrip. Near the end of the meadow you will reach some Pioneer graves on the left. On the other side of the road you will see a sign with a telephone # to dial for info on the area. It's worth a stop and a phone call to listen.
- Continuing on, you will pass the loop road around Trillium Lake. Just keep going straight towards Government Camp (Mazama Parking Lot). After about ¼ mile you will make a left turn onto East Summit Prairie Road. There will be a sign that says "Private Road, Do Not Enter". Just ignore the signs, you are on the correct road.
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So far it looks like it will be a great snow / ski season. Already 12" on Nov 5th

Firewood

We have a great supply of firewood, although you may want to split some. We have an axe at the cabin in the firewood area. Any splitting that you would like to do is always helpful, and can be a great way to vent some energy or work out!

- Any extra newspapers or matches are welcome as we can never have enough, especially in the winter.
- We always request that you restock inside any firewood you used, as well as **split any kindling you used**. Having kindling available for quick fire starting is essential for all our guests who arrive when it's cold and need to get heat going right away. You are also welcome to bring kindling.
- We have split enough cedar kindling to last a couple of months if used sparingly. Often guests have used a month's worth in one weekend which impacts everyone's kindling supply, so please only use what you actually need to start a fire. Keeping the fire going low will help with kindling consumption.
- Out front under a tarp is dry fir. You may have to shovel some snow off the top. Some is drier than others so feel free to pick through it and use the driest wood possible. Any wood that is less than fully dry can be put around the woodstove. You may want to split some to add to the kindling to get it going.
- Under the front deck is dry and heavy hardwood. You will probably want to use this wood once the fire in the woodstove is going nice and hot. Please have an experienced person in charge of the woodstove and keep children away from the stove.
- To get the fire going nice and hot, push the stick in under the stove. To slow it down, for overnight especially, you pull the stick out.

TV

1. The TV works via the remote.
2. Hit the power button
3. Go to the Home button near the top
4. Scroll to NetTv
5. Scroll to Netflix, Pandora, Hulu, YouTube, etc.
Note: The DVD players seems to work better under the VCR setting.
(If it is not working, there are usually extra batteries in the drawer above the counter next to the windows)

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.
Note: If the fire is out and the stove has lots of ashes in it, we would request that you use our stove shovel and metal bucket to dump the ashes outside. Often when the cleaner leaves the stove is still going so it is not possible to empty the ashes at that time)
- Until the stove warms up you can use the wall electric heater, otherwise the woodstove is a such great heater that you can use electric heaters sparingly

Note: 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. Unplugged is preferable. **Please do not sleep with electric heaters turned “ON.”**

- Upon leaving please put the dining area main room wall heater near the door to the deck on a very low setting (about 1/5 of the way), otherwise please turn off all other electric heaters and stoke the woodstove. Pull the stick out for slower burn when leaving, unless asked differently.

Woodstove Notes:

Push the wooden knob of the woodstove in to get it started, then gradually pull it out to slow down the fire. Keep the stick pulled out 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. Keep in ready and available 2 hand tools 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 will then reset it after you close the door.

Note: It can be a challenge and an art to fill up the stove properly and still be able to close the door, so do not attempt to put in a piece of wood that is too big.

DO NOT LEAVE THE WOODSTOVE DOOR OPEN WITHOUT A COMPETENT PERSON SITTING IN FRONT OF THE STOVE. Also do not have young children around the woodstove.

WOOD:

- Use the driest and lightest wood possible to start a new fire. You’ll probably need to use kindling to start a fire (you may need to split some, or bring some) and then switch to larger fir wood.
- After the fire is hot then use the heavier and harder maple and oak wood to keep the fire burning longer and hotter. The hard wood is probably the better wood source for longer and hotter fires and for overnight. We have mixed wood in the woodshed so take note when picking out your wood.
- Please replace and restack what you use around the wood stove including the kindling 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 (when facing outside).
- Upon leaving, if the fire is going we usually ask you to stoke it with hardwood and pull out the wooden stick for slower burning.

STAYING WARM:

- It is recommend that you keep the hatch for the upstairs bathroom and bedroom doors 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 downstairs closet on the left side and in the upstairs closets. Pile them on as needed.
- Pull the woodstove out to slow down the fire for overnight time and use the hardwood for slower longer burning wood. 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.**

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. We also provide laundry and dish soap, towels and bedding.
- Other amenities include a CD player, VCR/DVD players (and a collection), iHome player, Wi-Fi, Internet TV with Netflix, YouTube, Pandora, and a bunch of assorted games and puzzles.

BEDDING:

- Bedding can be found on shelves in the downstairs bedroom closet. Clean sheets and towels may also be found in the dryer, or on the shelves in the upstairs and downstairs closets.

Bedroom Configurations:

- Downstairs there is a king sized bed in the one bedroom on the main floor.
- Upstairs is up a very steep staircase (kind of 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).
- 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. . There is also an extra queen size futon under this bed for use as extra floor bed.
- The upstairs West bedroom has a queen sized bed and 2 single beds. With the combination of 2 people sleeping in the king, 2 queens and the double futon mattress and 2 singles we can sleep 10 people.

Bathrooms:

- There is a full bathroom with tub/shower downstairs and a ½ bath upstairs.

Clean up

- If you are not doing the self clean up, we ask that you at least strip all of the bedding and start the washer and dryer process. This will help our cleaner, especially if more than 1 bed was used.

Decks and balconies:

- There is a large deck on the main floor. To access it open the curtains then slide the glass door. There should be a pin in the top of the glass sliding door to lock it. Please close and replace the pin upon leaving. There is also a wooden storm door which has a locking pin at the bottom. Sometimes ice and snow will make opening this door difficult. We usually do not maintain this deck in the winter, and the same with the front stairs so it is up to you how much you wish to enjoy it.
- There are 3 balconies on the 2nd 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.

PHONE and Internet:

- Cabin phone # is **503-676-6706**. 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 have high speed internet (Wi-Fi). We are called Trillium and password is 1234567890
- Telephone is internet based and in case of outage will not work. Company for internet is Century Link and telephone is Ooma.
- For international long distance calls the use of a phone card is needed, etc. You can use 1-800-CALL-ATT, 1-800 Collect, or anything else you prefer. US long distance is included with phone service

OTHER CONTACT INFO:

Emergencies: 911

- **Power Outage** - PGE 1-800-464-7777
- **Elliott** can be reached by dialing (503) 232-4099 weekdays
- Evenings and weekends **(503)-819-7952** cell text is often better than a phone call or leaving a message. If you leave a voice mail and it is not answered soon please also follow with a text.
- 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. This is for a true emergency);
- **Extreme winter emergency** - Jeremy Butts 503-804-3235 (he has a snow cat but would charge a high price) Text Elliott or contact Nils before you text him
- **Nils Shervey** is our caretaker and he lives in the Pioneer cabin which is about 150 feet south of the Barlow cabin. His # is 206-351-4747 (he responds to text easier and more readily than a call, but does work full time at Ski Bowl and Timberline)
- **Mt. Hood Adventures**
88611 E. Government Camp Loop
Government Camp, OR 97028 - **503-715-2175**

Located (next to Huckelberries) in Center of Government Camp.

We can make key arrangements there. Often they close at 5 (prob 6 in winter)

Another ski shop choice for rentals is Otto's in Sandy and others in Portland

SAUNA:

- Probably is unlocked, but if not the key is in the laundry room on a hanger or just loose in cabinet above washing machine on right hand side. 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 and has a 1 hour maximum timer.

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

DVD/ VCR / TV.

- There is a separate DVD player with remote and an assortment of DVD's. Sometimes you have may have to go into settings for Net TV to reset our internet TV. There is no TV reception although the Net TV does have access to Netflix, YouTube, Pandora, etc.
- It seems that often the DVD player works better on the VHS setting on the internet TV.
- The CD player should have a cassette adapter for plugging in a cell phone.
- One upstairs bedroom has a small TV with DVD and built in vhs players.
- We have mostly kid VHS tapes in the upstairs bedroom closet.

LEAVING PROCEDURE

- We kindly ask that you leave the cabin as you found it, especially if you are doing self clean up. (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 in the winter time. **We** allow an additional 2 hours check out time to allow for time necessary to clean up the cabin.

Self Clean-Up

During our busier times, we may ask for your assistance in the full cleanup process as it may be difficult for our cleaner to make it there if another group is coming in the same day. If this is the case it allows you an additional 2 hours of cabin time, and refund of part or all of your cleaning fee/deposit.

- Please prepare for this early by washing towels the night before your end of stay. The next morning before you leave, strip the beds and wash and dry all the sheets.
- Towels should be washed last as they take longer to dry and you can leave with towels in the dryer.
- As it will take some time to wash and dry the bedding and towels for a larger group, please begin this process **as early as possible** as this will help our cleaner out.
- 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.
 - **Please clean the dryer lint filter each time it's used as it fills quickly.**

- **Please do not overload the washer it won't work as well.**
 - **The washer often works better if clothes are spun for a second time.**
 - **The dryer works best if it has a small to medium sized load, in particular the heavy towels.**
- There is a vacuum cleaner in the downstairs area and upstairs closet. Please sweep and/or vacuum all the spaces where dirt and debris has collected during your stay.
 - Please wash and put all dishes away after cleaning.
 - If the fire is out, and the ash box is full, then please collect and discard the ashes.
 - Turn all electric heaters off, but you can leave the downstairs wall heater on a very low setting (about 1/5th of the way) as directed.
 - 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, please 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, just like in camping. Our cleaner has to hike in and out just as you do. Thank you, we appreciate your assistance.
- If you would like to leave dry goods or non-perishable food items instead of packing them out, the next guests may very well be grateful for your donation. Coffee, tea, dry noodles, sealed snacks, sealed cans of food, or condiments are welcome to be left at the cabin.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BRING:

- Cell phones although much improved this year, some carriers have spotty reception in the cabin. Generally cell phones work better on the trail, by the road, or near the windows.
- Candles just in case there is a power outage
- Newspapers for fire starter. (Although we have newspapers we can always use more. The Oregonian works great as a fire starter)
- 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 with a flame to leave in your pocket in case your car locks freeze or if it is transition time and the gate lock freezes
- 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 them 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 or on the outside wooden deck winter birds should miraculously appear.

ABOVE ALL ELSE, ENJOY YOURSELF!