

Welcome to the Barlow Cabin!!

We hope you enjoy your stay!

Winter Feb – April 2016

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

Cabin phone # 503-676-6706

Wi-Fi: Trillium Lake – Password: 1234567890

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, and there are 3 balconies 2 of which face Mt. Hood and the 3rd 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, we recommend that keep the balcony doors locked.

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 (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 at all to get your car out if you get snowed in. If so, please keep an eye on the weather and 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 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 \$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 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).

Usually 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.

*****SnowPark Permit is required.***

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. The snow park is located just before and on the south side of the road across from 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.

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 distance, 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, but 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 request that hikers and snowshoers 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 (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 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 xcountryside 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 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.

*****SnowPark Permit required.***

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 so 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 (often they will walk down this hill). After you go down the hill about 3/4 of a mile you will you're your first right turn. There will be should be sign on the road to your right, saying Old Airstrip (or may say Trillium Lake loop) 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 with info and telephone # to dial for info on the area. It's worth a stop. Then 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 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.

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Barlow Cabin is equipped with a Woodstove with a glass viewing window, CD player, VCR/DVD players (and a collection), iHome, Wi-Fi, Internet TV with Netflix, YouTube, Pandora, and assorted games and puzzles.

1) **HEAT:**

- a) 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.

- b) Until the stove warms up you can use the wall electric heater. Otherwise the woodstove is a such a great heater that you can use electric heaters sparingly.
- i) **Multiple heaters could blow a circuit breaker.**
- ii) **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.”**
- c) 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.
- d) Please stoke the woodstove and pull the stick out for slower burn unless asked differently.

- i) 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, 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. That person always has 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. So do not attempt to put in a piece of wood that is too big.

- ii) **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.

2) **WOOD:**

- a) 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), then switch to larger fir wood.
- b) 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.

- i) 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.
 - c) 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 you face outside.
 - d) 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.
- 2) **KITCHEN:**
- a) 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 provided.
- 3) **BEDDING:**
- a) 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.
- 4) **BEDROOM CONFIGURATION:**
- a) Downstairs there is a king sized bed in the one bedroom on the main floor.
 - b) 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).
 - c) 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.
 - d) 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.
- 5) **BATHROOMS:**
- a) There is a full bathroom with tub/shower downstairs and a ½ bath upstairs.
- 6) **CLEAN-UP**
- a) 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.
 - b) 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 such is the case this gives you an additional 2 hours of cabin time and refund of part of OR all of your cleaning fee/ deposit.

- c) If such is the case, please prepare for this early by usually washing towels the night before if possible and then in the morning that you are leaving to wash and dry sheets first. Towels should be washed last as they take longer to dry and one 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 especially 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. Also often the washer works better if clothes are spun for a second time. Dryer works best if it has a small to medium sized load particularly heavy towels.

7) DECKS AND BALCONIES:

- a) 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 and the same with the front stairs. So it is up to you how much you wish to enjoy it.
- b) 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.

8) PHONE and Internet:

- a) 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.
- b) We have high speed internet (Wi-Fi). We are called Trillium and password is 1234567890
- c) Many cell phones have wifi mode. Internet TV is wifi has Netflix's youtube etc. Telephone is internet based and in case of outage will not work. Company for internet is Century Link and telephone is Ooma.
- d) 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.

9) OTHER CONTACT INFO: Emergencies: 911

- a) **Power Outage** PGE 1-800-464-7777
- b) **Elliott** can be reached by dialing (503) 232-4099 weekdays.
- c) 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.
- d) Another emergency contact is Anne at (503) 805-9183.
- e) 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.

- i) *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.*
- f) **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).
- g) **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.

10) SAUNA:

- a) The sauna is likely to be unlocked but if not, the key is in the laundry room on a hanger or just loose in the cabinet above the washing machine on the 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.
- b) Please sweep and and/or mop up the sauna as needed after use and return the key to its hook in the laundry room.
- c) **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. The timer can be set for up to a maximum of one hour.

****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. Just push it in to reset.**

11) STAYING WARM:

- a) It is recommended 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.
- b) 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.

12) DVD/ VCR / TV:

- a) There is a separate DVD player with remote and an assortment of DVD's. Sometimes you may have to go into settings for Net TV to reset our internet TV. We have Netflix, YouTube etc. There is no TV reception. 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. There is also a CD player boom box with an auxiliary cable for a cell phone.

13) LEAVING PROCEDURE:

- a) We kindly ask that you leave the cabin as you found it especially if you are doing self clean up.
- b) 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.
- c) 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 and upstairs closet. Please also put all dishes away after cleaning.
- d) **Please make sure the following conditions are met before checking out:**
 - i) If the fire is out, and the ash box is full, then please collect and discard the ashes.
 - ii) 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.
 - iii) Please see that all windows are closed as well as the sliding glass door.
 - iv) If you are able to slide closed the large cedar door on the main floor deck, please do that as well.
 - v) 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).
 - vi) Please return Sauna key to its home on the coat hooks.
 - vii) **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.**
 - viii) **Please stoke the woodstove and pull the stick out for slower burn unless asked differently.**

14) PACK IT IN PACK IT OUT POLICY.

- a) 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.

15) ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BRING:

- a) Cell phones although much improved this year, some carriers 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 Trillium on Wi-Fi. Code is 1234567890.

- b) Telephone calling card to call international long distance (not necessary for US) or you can use your cell phone.
- c) Candles just in case there is a power outage.
- d) Newspapers for fire starter. (Although we have newspapers we can always use more. The Oregonian works great as a fire starter).
- e) Snow shovel to leave in your car often either a snowstorm or the snowplow can bury your car in the parking lot.
- f) 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.
- g) 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).
- h) Ski wax if we have fresh powder (to prevent from sticking. Of course if it is hard packed then you might go too fast).
- i) 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!