

Cabin Fever Tips for your Trip

Your special time at Cabin Fever is coming up! Here are some “Tips for your Trip” and important info to make your stay the very best. Looking for fun things to do during your stay? Simply go to: Palomarmountainnews.com/funthingstodo for lots of options.

DIRECTIONS: 22119 Crestline Road, Palomar Mountain, CA 92060. Depending on where you are coming from, if routed up Nate Harrison Grade, we don't recommend it. Partially dirt, large potholes, and tight turns. Be sure to come up S6 or S7 only.

PARKING: Drive just beyond the cabin (see photos online) where you'll see a big tree with a Cabin Fever sign on it. During snow, it is best to drive past the parking area, to the end of the road and turn around. Drive back to the parking area and pull in and PARALLEL to park just before you get to the little wheelbarrow and the stairs (no railings) that take you down to the cabin. Please don't pull in and park perpendicular as most vehicles stick out too far per the County Road crew.

CHECK IN: 3:00 pm.

INTERNET PASSWORD: vacation. If you need to reboot the router, it is to the right of the fireplace. Just unplug, wait a minute, and plug back in.

LAUNDRY: Because of the septic and water limitations, we provide only one laundry pod for your personal use as most of our vacationers are only with us a couple days. If you have a longer stay, more pods will be available. We ask that you are very conservative with our septic system and private water company. Since we usually have same-day turn-arounds and limited options for housecleaners on Palomar, if the laundry is humming, you may check out at 11 am but ask that you have the bathroom and kitchen towels drying in the dryer and the sheets and pillowcases in the washer. Please leave blankets, mattress pads and quilts upstairs as we have them washed off-site.

CHECK OUT: 11 am with the laundry humming along. If you don't want to start the laundry, please let us know. You would need to check out by 10 am. Thank you for your understanding.

COMBO: Key-less door entry combo is 2200. Door is usually unlocked to make it real simple for your arrival. If not, there is a keypad on the door. You press your 4 digit combo and then turn the LOCK to unlock the keypad, then turn the knob to open the door. To lock, press the Schlage button at the top of the keypad, then your 4 digit combo and turn the lock. There is also a combo box hanging on the BBQ with a key inside. Line up the numbers 2200 and tilt the lid of the box toward you. It hinges at the bottom. Please remember to put the key back in the box and spin the dial.

FLASHLIGHT: A flashlight can come in real handy. No railings on the stairs. There are solar lights but in winter they might be covered in snow or not giving enough light.

SNOW OR RAIN IN THE FORECAST? Check the Weather Link. If we have snow, the very best vehicle is a 4-wheel drive with good snow tires. If not, CHP often requires chains to get up the mountain especially on weekends and holidays. Chance of snow? Drive past the cabin and turn around, come back and park parallel to the road, facing downhill, before you get to the little wheelbarrow by the stairs leading down to the cabin. (Careful; No railing on the stairs). Snow shovels are at the bottom of the stairs. After use, please return to the same location. Be sure to put your windshield wipers up so they are not incased in block of ice in your windshield.

CHAINS: There are no services on the mountain to buy, install or remove tire chains, shovel or clear cars of snow and ice or otherwise assist you with winter travel difficulties. There are a couple of people who can be paid to plow driveways but their schedule may not fit yours as well as you'd like. During snow days, the CHP may close the mountain to "Residents Only". Be sure to have a copy of your reservation, or this document to show that you are renting a vacation cabin. You may need to show chains in your vehicle, and you might be required to put them on. You would be the most comfortable in snow in a 4WD. Some guests rent a 4wd and have been very happy.

WARM WEATHER? There is an AC mini-split unit with heat installed in the living room and the master bedroom. However, some people appreciate just having the windows open as it usually does cool down at night. Remotes are installed by light switches on each level. If you have the AC on, please close all the windows and keep the door closed. There is also a blind to pull down at the window at the top of the stairs. Outside, a blind hanging from the deck. When you lower that blind, the afternoon sun doesn't shine in those windows and makes it more comfortable for you.

FILL YOUR TANK: Be sure to gas up before you come up. No gas stations on Palomar.

BRING YOUR GROCERIES: Small 'Rincon Market' 30 minutes away. One hour to the nearest major market in Escondido or Temecula. Our General Store only has a few things tailored to campers. You'll probably want to bring all your own food with you. Empty pantry shelves for you in the cabinet that the Welcome Book sits on. If you like a lot of ice, you might want to buy a bag at the little store. We don't have an ice-maker but do have ice trays.

KITCHEN USAGE - WHAT TO BRING: The kitchen has a range, stove, microwave, refrigerator, coffee maker, crock pot, mixer, toaster, blender, s'mores maker (metal box on top of the refrigerator), cookware and dishes. There are some spices and basics. Best to plan on bringing all your food and beverage for your stay. Be sure to remember butter, coffee, creamer, tin foil, zip locks, napkins, your favorite shampoo and body wash. When you check out, if you have usable food that you would like to leave, that would be ok. We notice sometimes a lot of food gets thrown away. We realize you are traveling, and it may not be convenient to take food with you. If it can be used, housekeeping welcomes it. You are responsible for the adverse effects of alcohol consumption at high elevations. We appreciate you leaving the kitchen clean. If you cooked with grease splattering, please clean it up. Cleaning products under the sink. Thank you!

SEPTIC TIPS - Please do NOT pour cooking grease in the sink. If you don't have an empty can, pour the grease into a coffee cup to cool. Then scrape into the trash. Please scrape dishes and food scraps into the trash. Please do NOT flush any 'flushable' wipes of any kind, in the toilet. They may be 'flushable' but they do not break down in the septic system. Please wrap and dispose of feminine hygiene products in the trash. There is a garbage disposal but thank you so much for being kind to our septic system and using the trash.

HANDICAPPED ACCESS, PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT: The cabin is a rustic, private vacation home and does not have handicapped access or facilities. Three sets of stairs, a ramp to the loft, and steep areas on the property. People with health issues, breathing, mobility with negotiating stairways or transporting belongings should consider other arrangements. We have no provision for service providers to assist. You are responsible for determining the suitability of the facility in advance as it applies to your guests and any special needs you or they may have. Also, the queen bed and twin beds are upstairs but no bathroom. The only bathroom is downstairs.

HOT WEATHER - AIR CONDITIONING: There are "mini-split" air conditioning units on each level. One is above the sofa and the other is above the bed. Each floor has a remote on the wall by the light switches. Please make sure doors and windows are closed when you use the AC. When using the fireplace, please

turn off the mini-splits. There are remotes by the living room door and the bedroom door. You must stand directly in front of the unit and point the remote to the unit and they work beautifully. (The mini splits also provide heat but the furnace with the thermostat behind the Welcome Book is much more efficient.)

COLD WEATHER – FURNACE: We usually leave the furnace on during cold weather. Thermostat is behind the Welcome Book. Simple to turn the heat up or down. Please don't have the front door or windows open with the heat or AC on. And, if using the fireplace, when building your fire, you'll want to turn the furnace off as it may get too hot.

FIREPLACE: Use extreme care with the fireplace and bring what you need for a fire: Wood, fire starters and paper. All is available at most markets and usually our General Store 760-742-3496 and wood is for sale at the State Park. Be sure the damper is open, with the handle TOWARD you, and the small air intake is clear and open. The intake looks like a 3 inch pipe sticking into the firebox, on the lower right of the fire box at the floor of the firebox, about 6 inches from the front. (Sometimes fireplace ash blocks that air intake.) Crumble up paper, place fire starter on the paper, light the paper and fire starter. You should have a nice fire going in a minute or so. Always use the screen. Knock down the fire and replace the screen before bedtime. Please don't pour water on the fire. It will burn out just fine. Never remove the fireplace ashes – it actually makes a warmer fire to have a nice bank of ash. Keep the fire at the BACK of the fireplace with about 2 to 3 logs at a time. Be sure to turn the heater off when you have the fireplace going. If you like sleeping in a cool room at night, you'll want to keep the bedroom door closed during the day as the bedroom can get pretty warm.

LINENS: A towel for each guest has been provided for your stay. Fresh bedding is provided. There is no daily cleaning or room services available. If you have an extended stay, housekeeping is available to clean weekly or as desired.

SPRING AND SUMMER BUGS: Depending on weather, we sometimes have pesky no-see-ums and mosquitoes on the mountain. Cutters Deep Woods Spray works well and Benadryl Anti-Itch Spray for those that might get through. When the bugs are out some of the locals wear long sleeves, and long pants, and nets over their hats that come down and snug up under your chin.

PATIO FURNITURE: You are welcome to move it around to your liking but please return it to the way you found it. We have lost several chairs designed for smaller adults. If you are larger than the average bear, please bring your favorite camping chair. Thanks!

FUN THINGS TO DO: www.palomarmountainnews.com/funthingstodo

COFFEE ANYONE? A delightful hike is a visit to our Palomar Roaster, Glenn. He sells his organic, roasted coffee made from beans imported from around the world. Freshly ground, or roasted beans ready for your grinder. Large or small bags. Great for gifts. 760 742-0411.

CECILIA'S FARM: Goat Cheese and milk, eggs and yarn are found at Cecilia's Farm. Time it right, you may be able to gather eggs from the nest. Cecilia raises chickens, sheep, and goats and is glad to share some history 'round her loom and music room. She has yarn for sale too, and be sure to ask her about the many kinds of goat cheese and her fresh goat milk. 760 594-4688. Their farm is at the very end of Crestline, about a 5 minute drive from Cabin Fever or a 25 minute leisurely walk through the dirt roads out on Birch Hill. Her farm is past Glenn's. You can spend quite a bit of time at both so might want to schedule them on different days. She accepts donations toward her 'feed bill' as her farm is a labor of love.

BAILEYS STORE - Step back in time with a visit to Baileys Store. Established in 1893, it is just oozing with charm. Gifts, books, supplies, coffee and snacks. A great place to warm up on weekends, also open Monday and Tuesday 8:00 to 4:30. At the end of Bailey Meadow Road 760-247-2300

CERAMIC PAINTING CLASSES - Most Saturdays at the Dance Hall at Baileys. Pick a set of coffee mugs, photo frame or fun figurine, choose your colors and Terri Sproul will show you everything you need to know. Your craft will go in the kiln overnight and you can pick it up the next day. Text or call Terri for reservations 619-244-2242.

CURIOUS ABOUT REAL ESTATE? Glad to get your questions answered or give you a tour of our Cabins, Homes, Ranches and Lots and Land for sale on this beautiful Mountain. You're invited to take a peek at my blog at www.PalomarMountainNews.com that includes all things Real Estate, too. Let's get your questions answered.

S'MORES: There is a s'mores maker in a vintage metal box on top of the refrigerator. Bring marshmallows, graham crackers, and Hershey bars – oh, Peanut Butter Cups are so yummy, too!

SMART TV/APPLE TV: The white remote for the ceiling fan, the two black remotes for the TV and a very small Apple TV remote, live in a basket on the coffee table. Be sure to NOT BLOCK the sensor for the TV remote on the lower right of the TV. We have an antenna for the TV that gets the San Diego stations. This is also a computer-away-from-home. You can choose to surf the net, listen to Pandora, watch Netflix, check your Facebook, Instagram, or whatever your heart desires. You can also click through to play with the Apple TV. Another option is to pick a DVD from the bookcase and use the smallest remote, point it at the DVD player in the cabinet under the TV and watch a movie. Or take a break from technology, and just enjoy the cabin, play a game, read a book or take off on an adventure in the great outdoors!

TRASH: Please use white trash bags provided in the kitchen drawer. Tie your trash tightly (raccoons!) and place bags in trash can outside at the bottom of the stairs. Black plastic trash bags are provided for the outside can, too. If the trash can gets full, please let us know and we will pick up.

QUESTIONS? NEED HELP? If there is anything you need at all, please let us know. A phone call might get the quickest response.

We appreciate your comments and suggestions on how we can improve the cabin. We really want you to have a wonderful time at the cabin, so let us know on how we can do better for you!

We sincerely hope you have a delightful stay at Cabin Fever, come back soon, and share Cabin Fever with your friends!

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