



# Sly Guard Cabin

## Eldorado National Forest

### Placerville Ranger District



The Sly Guard Cabin was constructed in the early 1940s by the Forest Service as living quarters for rangers "on guard" in the Sly Park area of the Eldorado National Forest. Sly Guard Cabin sits at nearly 3,600 feet in elevation and is surrounded by Ponderosa pines and Cedars. During the summer, the elevation and plentiful shade keeps the cabin cool on warm days.

Sly Guard Cabin is still used today by forest visitors looking for a summer retreat. (Reservations required.) The cabin is less remote than other cabins in the forest, includes a handful of modern conveniences, and is close to attractions such as Sly Park Reservoir (Jenkinson Lake), Apple Hill, the historic mining town of Coloma, and the many wineries in the region.

The area provides a multitude of recreational opportunities as well including hiking, mountain biking, gold panning, and picnicking. There is a horseshoe pit on the cabin grounds. A swimming hole can be found along Sly Park Creek and Sly Park Reservoir is open to boating and angling.

#### Amenities

The 600 sq. ft. single story cabin has a living room, kitchen, one bedroom, and one full bathroom.

There is hot and cold running water in the kitchen's double-basin sink and in the bathtub/shower and sink in the bathroom. All open water sources around the cabin, such as streams and creeks, should be considered contaminated. Water from these sources should be properly treated by either boiling or some form of filtration before being consumed.

The cabin has sleeping accommodations for four with two single beds in the bedroom and one full size futon in the living room. Guests are required to bring bedding or sleeping bags as these items are not provided. The cabin and grounds are enclosed by a split cedar fence. There is enough room on the ground to accommodate two tents, one RV/trailer/camper, and two boats.

There is a three vehicle limit (including tow vehicles) and a twelve persons total occupant limit, cabin and grounds combined.

The cabin contains a four-person dining table, an assortment of chairs, a couch/futon, a television and DVD player. There is also a wood stove and a propane wall heater for chillier nights and mornings.

The kitchen has an electric stove, microwave, coffee maker, and refrigerator. There is an assortment of pots and pans, utensils, cookware, and other necessary kitchen items. No open flames, backpacking stoves, or Coleman stoves, etc. are permitted inside the cabin. A food preparation table, picnic table, and group fire ring are also found outside on the cabin grounds.



#### Location and Access

The Sly Guard Cabin is easily accessed from Highway 50. Approximately 16 miles east of Placerville and 47 west of South Lake Tahoe, take Exit 60, Sly Park Road, and travel south approximately 6.2 miles. Sly Guard Cabin will be on the east/left side of the road. The street address is 5561 Sly Park Road.

#### Important

Renters must contact the **PLACERVILLE Ranger District at (530) 644-2324** to arrange for the permit and access. Check on current conditions before you leave the house.

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## Check-In

Renters must contact the **PLACERVILLE Ranger Station** (530) 644-2324 **as far in advance as possible** to arrange for check-in, access, and to receive a current condition report. Permits must be picked up in person. Failure to do so will result in a cancellation of your reservation.

Placerville Ranger Station  
4260 Eight Mile Road  
Camino Ca. 95709  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm  
Call for schedule.

**DIRECTIONS:** Travel 8 miles east of Placerville on Highway 50 and take exit 54 (Cedar Grove). Turn right on Eight Mile Road, then another immediate right to the Ranger Station.

## Know Before You Go

- ◆ **Pets** are not allowed in the building. Pets must stay on a leash at all times while at the Sly Guard Cabin and grounds. As a courtesy to others please clean up after your pet.
- ◆ **Winter Conditions may exist.** When snow is present, parking is only available in the nearby Cedar Park Trail parking lot.
- ◆ **Sly Park Environmental Education School** is located across the street. Guided daily nature walks are conducted on the trail adjacent to the cabin. **Please respect this authorized use.**
- ◆ **Sly Park Resort Store** is at the entrance to Jenkinson Lake (approximately 2 miles from cabin) and includes a small store, restaurant/bar, pay phone, gas and fishing supplies.
- ◆ **Smoking** is not allowed in the cabin.
- ◆ **Off Highway Vehicles** may not be operated at the Sly Guard Cabin grounds and should remain in their trailers. OHVs are only allowed on designated Forest System roads and trails.
- ◆ **RV/Trailers** are allowed to be parked on the cabin grounds. There is no water, septic, or electric hook-up. The closest dump station is at the Sly Park Reservoir entrance. All vehicles must park in the gravel areas and not on vegetation. Guests must supply their own firewood and may collect only down or dead wood.
- ◆ **Campfires** should be kept small and within the fire ring. Fires are not allowed when fire restrictions are in effect.
- ◆ **Cleaning supplies** are provided and located in the mudroom.
- ◆ Please bring your own garbage bags and be prepared to pack out everything; **this is a "pack it in, pack it out" cabin.**
- ◆ For more information about non-forest activities visit <http://www.visit-eldorado.com>, <http://jenkinsonlake.com> or call 1-800-457-6279 and ask for a free visitor's guide.

## Be Prepared For Emergencies

**Notify a responsible person** of your planned stay and your time of return. Make sure that you check back with this person.

**If you are overdue**, this person should notify the El Dorado County Sheriff's Department at (530) 626-4911 or call 911.

## Things to Take With You

- ✓ Sleeping bag/bedding (tents if sleeping on grounds)
- ✓ Food containers
- ✓ Garbage bags for packing out garbage
- ✓ Your copy of Special Use Permit
- ✓ Combination to gate and front door key shackle
- ✓ Outdoor chairs/ sunscreen/ beach towels
- ✓ Clothes pins for clothesline
- ✓ Flashlights
- ✓ Toilet paper and paper towels
- ✓ Toilet articles
- ✓ Firewood and matches
- ✓ Camera
- ✓ Specialty cooking utensils
- ✓ DVDs/games/books/magazines
- ✓ Mountain bicycles
- ✓ Electric appliances

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- ◆ Reservations can be made 7 days to 6 months in advance of your first night's stay by anyone 18 years or older.
- ◆ The fee is \$65 per night for up to 12 people. Fees may change at any time. The cabin sleeps four people and the grounds can accommodate an additional 8 people for a maximum of 12 people.
- ◆ Reservations for the cabin can only be obtained through the reservation system not from private parties or by subletting.
- ◆ Expect to pay a reservation and cancellation fee when appropriate.
- ◆ Check-in is at 2:00 pm and check-out is at 11:00 am.
- ◆ Availability is year-round. Parking is at the Cedar Park Trailhead next door in the winter.
- ◆ The fee is deposited in a cooperative account and used to maintain the facility.
- ◆ The cabin is NOT reservable on Tuesday and Wednesday nights for cleaning and maintenance.

# Sly Guard Cabin Rental

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