



# Harvey West Cabin

## Eldorado National Forest

### Placerville Ranger District

**Closed for 2022**



*The Harvey West Cabin was constructed in the early 1930s by the Sacramento Box and Lumber Company. The building was used as an office and recreational facility until it was purchased in 1936 by Harvey West. West, a prominent local businessman and philanthropist, used the cabin as a summer retreat for his family until the 1970s.*

*Today, the Harvey West Cabin is still used as a summer retreat by visitors to the Eldorado National Forest. (Reservations required). The area provides a multitude of recreational opportunities including fishing, bird watching, hiking, wading and swimming.*



Right: View off deck of river.  
Above: Cabin.



### Accommodations and Amenities

The 2,000 sq. ft. two-level cabin has a large, open great room, kitchen, two downstairs bedrooms, one and a half bathrooms, and two large lofts that overlook the great room.

**Cooking:** The kitchen has a stove/oven and refrigerator/freezer, both run off propane. There is an assortment of pots and pans, dishes, utensils, cookware, and other necessary kitchen items.

**Heat & Lights:** The cabin DOES NOT have electricity. Propane lights are placed throughout the cabin but it is highly recommend that guests bring personal flashlights. The great room has a propane heater and a large stone fireplace. Firewood can be purchased at China Flat Campground.

**Water:** There is hot and cold running water in the kitchen's double basin sink, the bathroom sinks, and the shower. The cabin has two flush toilets. The cabin's water comes from a new well with regular water quality testing. 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.

**Outdoor Equipment:** There are wooden benches around a fire pit and picnic tables on the porch. Guests must supply their own firewood and may collect only down and dead wood. Campfires should be kept small in size and within the fire ring. Fires are not allowed when fire restrictions are in effect.

**Sleeping:** The cabin has sleeping accommodations for 12 with one

queen bed, two double beds, four single beds, and two cots. Guests are required to bring bedding or sleeping bags as these items are not provided. Additional guest pallets or sleeping bags may be brought and placed on the floor or on the back deck to sleep an additional eight people.

The cabin contains a large dining table, two couches, and other assorted furniture (single chairs, coffee tables) in the great room.

### 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 at (530) 644-2324 as far in advance as possible** to arrange for check-in, access, and current conditions. 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

**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.

## Things to Take With You

- ✓ Food in sealed containers
- ✓ Sleeping bag/bedding
- ✓ Pack-out garbage bags
- ✓ Your copy of the Special Use Permit
- ✓ Key and combination
- ✓ Compass and Map
- ✓ Suntan lotion
- ✓ Sunglasses
- ✓ Matches
- ✓ Flashlight
- ✓ First-aid supplies
- ✓ Toilet paper
- ✓ Toilet articles
- ✓ Spare clothing

## Know Before You Go

- ◆ **Cell phones** do not work at Harvey West. The closest phone is at the Kyburz Lodge 2 ½ miles away. Notify family or friends of your itinerary and especially your expected return date.
- ◆ No **open flames**, candles, backpacking stoves or Coleman stoves, etc., are permitted inside the building.
- ◆ **Cleaning:** In backcountry facilities, renters are expected to clean up after themselves and prepare the hut for the next group. Cleaning supplies are in the mudroom.
- ◆ **Remove food & garbage when you leave:** Be sure to take all remaining **food** with you when you leave, even unopened items. Boxes and packages of food attract mice. Cans of food will freeze, causing the seams to unseal and the contents to spoil.
- ◆ **Smoking** is not allowed inside the cabin
- ◆ **Off-highway vehicles** may be used only on designated trails. The Harvey West Cabin area is not open for OHV riding; do not unload your quads or motorcycles at the cabin.

## Location and Access

The Harvey West Cabin is located on the west bank of the Silver Fork of the South Fork of the American River. It sits at 4,720 ft. in elevation and is surrounded by ponderosa pine and cedar. The cabin is easily accessed from Highway 50, about 30 miles east of Placerville and 30 miles west of South Lake Tahoe.

Traveling on Highway 50, turn south onto the Silver Fork Road (11N40), about 0.1 miles east of the Kyburz Lodge. Continue to travel south for approximately 2.5 miles until you see the China Flat Campground. Just past the campground is a road that will take you to the bridge you use to access the cabin. See the map for a view of the area. Further direction can also be provided when you pick up your necessary permit, combination code, and cabin key.

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- ◆ Reservations for use of the cabin may be made by anyone 18 years or older.
- ◆ Reservations may be made 7 days to 6 months in advance of your first night's stay.
- ◆ Fee: \$105.00 per night for up to 20 people. Fees may change at any time.
- ◆ Check-in time is at 2:00 pm, and check-out time is at 1:00 pm.
- ◆ Availability is from early June to mid-November.
- ◆ Expect to pay a reservation and cancellation fee when appropriate.
- ◆ The fee is deposited in a cooperative account and used to maintain the facility.
- ◆ Closed (non-reservable) Monday nights for cleaning.

## Important

Harvey West Cabin may be lacking a television and telephone, but it has no shortage of mice. The mice will gladly help you eat your food.

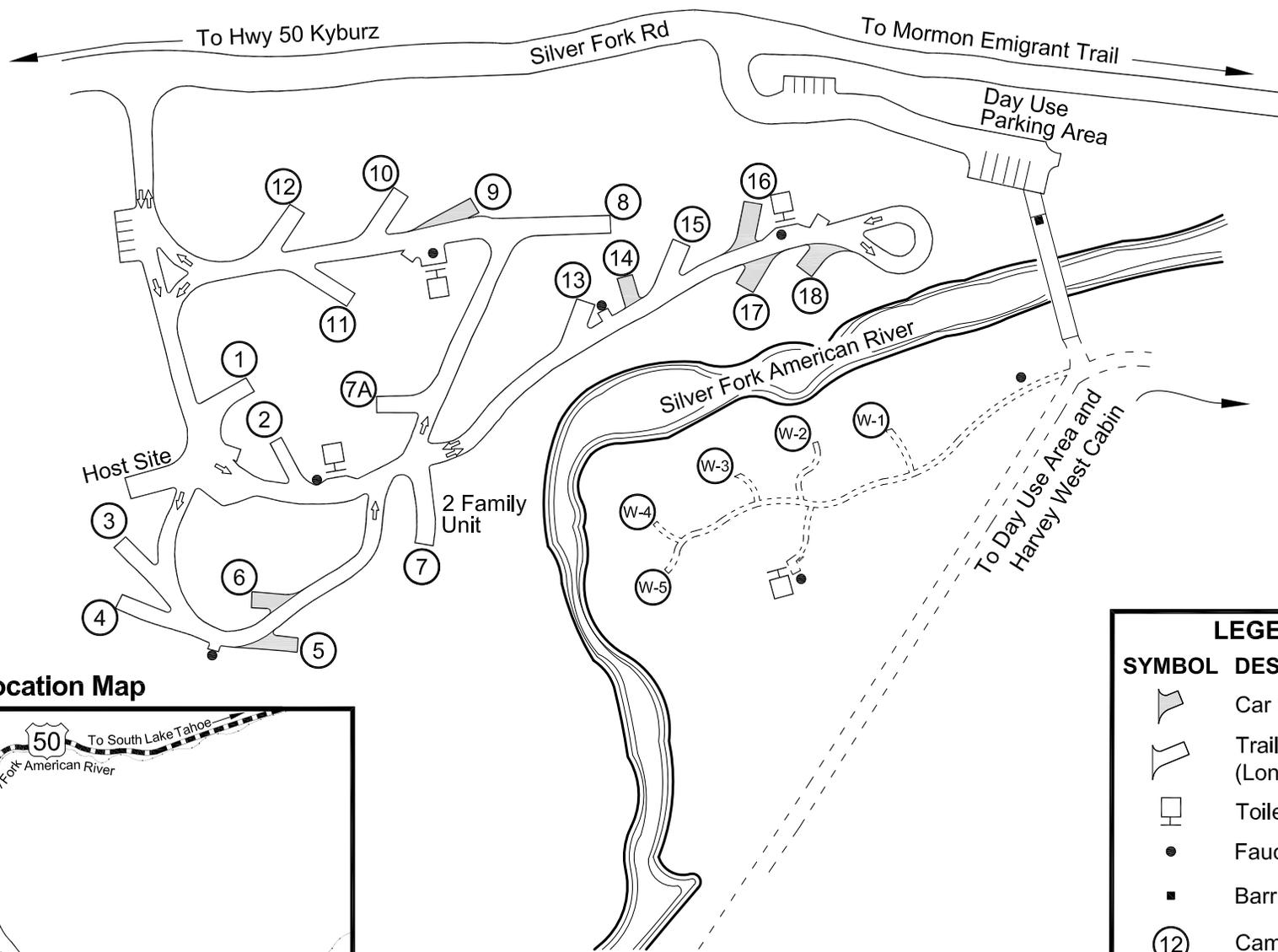


Please store all food and vulnerable items in the refrigerator and sealed containers. Put all food away after eating and do not leave dirty dishes in the sink.

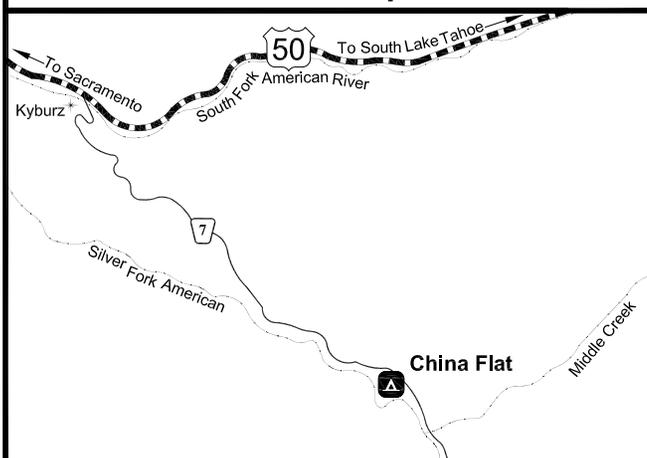
We make every attempt to control mice inside the cabin while keeping in mind they are a part of our natural forest environment.

# China Flat Campground

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## Location Map



Camp Units 13-18 are accessible. If no one in your group needs accessible facilities please do not use these sites unless all other sites are filled.

LEGEND	
SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
	Car Spur (Short)
	Trailer/RV Spur (Long)
	Toilet
	Faucet
	Barricade
	Camp Unit #
	Walk in Camp unit #
	Path

