



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, and a telephone for local calls. 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 charcoal barbecue is stored in



the mudroom for use outside the building. A food preparation table, picnic table, and group fire ring are also found outside on the cabin grounds. 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.

Guests should bring their own food, toilet paper, sunscreen, matches, clothing, towels, and any other items they will need for their stay. 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.

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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.

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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Phone is located in the cabin kitchen and is for local and emergency calls only.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Trash must be packed out.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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.

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 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

- ◆ Monday through Saturday until December 8, 2018
- ◆ Monday through Friday until May
- ◆ 7 days a week during the summer.
- ◆ Arrangements can be made for after hours check-in.

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.

National Recreation Reservation Service



Toll-Free: 877-444-6777

TDD: 877-833-6777

INTL: 518-885-3639

Internet: www.Recreation.gov

- ◆ You must be at least 18 years of age or older to reserve the cabin.
- ◆ Reservations can be made 7 days to 6 months in advance of your first night's stay. Reservations for the cabin can only be obtained through the reservation system not from private parties or by subletting.
- ◆ Check-in is at 2:00 pm and check-out is at 1:00 pm.
- ◆ The cabin sleeps four people and the grounds can accommodate an additional 8 people for a maximum of 12 people.
- ◆ Availability is from early June to mid-October.
- ◆ The fee is \$65 per night for up to 12 people. Fees may change at any time.
- ◆ Expect to pay a reservation and cancellation fee when appropriate.
- ◆ The fee is deposited in a cooperative account and used to maintain the facility.
- ◆ The cabin is NOT reservable on Monday nights for cleaning.

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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