



Forest Service Rentals

Pacific Southwest Region



Eldorado National Forest

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Robbs Hut

The bunkhouse of a now inactive fire lookout at the top of Robbs Peak serves as a year-round rental. The 6,686-foot elevation offers a spectacular view of the Crystal Range of the Sierras. Robbs Peak is 43 miles from Placerville via Highway 50 and Ice House Road. Although open year-round, the 3-mile access road to the Hut must be traversed with snowshoes or skis during the winter months. The Hut can accommodate up to six people, has propane lights, cook stove and heat, but no running water. It rents for \$65.00 per night. Reservations may be made by calling (877) 444-6777 or www.Recreation.gov. Information may be obtained by calling the Pacific Ranger District (530) 644-2349.

Harvey West Cabin

The Harvey West Cabin was constructed in the early 1930s by the Sacramento Box and Lumber Company as an office and recreational facility. It was later purchased by Harvey West, a prominent local businessman and philanthropist, and used as a summer retreat by his family from 1936 to the early 1970s. Located next to the China Flat campground, the 2,000 square foot cabin includes a large open great room, dining room, kitchen, two downstairs bedrooms, 1 ½ bathrooms, two large lofts overlooking the great room, and a large deck. The facility has hot and cold water, propane lights and appliances, and a fireplace. It does not have electricity. The Cabin rents for \$105.00 per night for up to 20 people, Reservations may be made by calling (877) 444-6777 or www.Recreation.gov. Information may be obtained by calling the Placerville Ranger District (530) 644-2324.

Loon Lake Chalet

Next to Loon Lake at 6,500 feet, the Chalet is a spacious facility. The area is popular for camping, hiking, and fishing and is a cross-country ski area in the winter. The Chalet is 55 miles from Placerville via Highway 50 and Ice House Road. Available year-round, the Chalet is open to the public on weekend days as a warming hut during the winter. It sleeps up to 20 people, has electric heat, a gas fireplace, vault toilet, and a kitchen with running water. The Chalet rents for \$100.00 per night. Reservations may be made by calling (877) 444-6777 or www.Recreation.gov. Information may be obtained by calling the Pacific Ranger District (530) 644-2349.

Sly Guard Cabin

The Sly Guard Cabin was built in the early 1940's by the Forest Service as living quarters for the Sly Park Rangers or "guards". The cabin is 600 square feet, sleeps four and the grounds are large enough to accommodate two tents, one RV/Trailer/Camper and two boats. The cabin is \$65.00 per night,. Amenities include electricity, water, wood stove, and propane wall heater, two single beds in the bedroom and a full size futon in the living room. A flush toilet and a shower in the bathroom. Group size is a maximum of 12 people total in the cabin and on the grounds. The facility is close to many attractions including sly Park Reservoir (Jenkinson Lake), Apple Hill, Historic Downtown Placerville, mining town of Coloma, and many wineries.

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Van Vleck Bunkhouse

Sitting on the edge of a 40-acre meadow, the Van Vleck Bunkhouse offers a spectacular view of the Tell's Peak portion of the Crystal Range of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The Bunkhouse was built in 1957 and is the last remnant of the Van Vleck Ranch site which operated as a cattle ranch from the 1860s to the 1960s. Activities in the area include hiking, mountain biking, fishing, bird watching, and horseback riding. The Bunkhouse is located 49 miles from Placerville via Highway 50 and Ice House Road, and is available from January to mid-April, and July through September. The facility rents for \$75.00 per night for up to 6 people. Amenities include propane lights, stove, oven, and fireplace, kitchen, dining table and chairs, shower, hot and cold water, and a flush toilet. Sleeping accommodations include a queen-size bed, two bunk beds, and a sleeper sofa. Reservations may be made by calling 1-(877) 444-6777 or www.Recreation.gov. Information may be obtained by calling the Pacific Ranger District (530) 644-2349.

Sequoia National Forest

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Big Meadows Guard Station

Historical Big Meadows Guard Station is nestled at the edge of Big Meadows at an elevation of 7,600 feet and provides a wonderful view of the meadow and surrounding mountains. The cabin is available for overnight rental from June 15 to October 15. Depending on weather, reservations may be extended. Originally constructed between 1933 and 1935 by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) to provide a residence for Forest Service fire patrolmen stationed in the area. The cabin is 900 square feet and is equipped with an electric water heater, cook stove, refrigerator, base board heater, and a wood stove. The cabin provides sleeping room for six adults, with plenty of room for tents or cots outside. Big Meadows Guard Station is located 75 miles east of Fresno and 70 miles northeast of Visalia, taking Hwy 180 east to the Kings Canyon National Park entrance, where you will be required to purchase a forest/park permit. A 7 day pass is \$10 and an annual is \$20. Reservations may be made by calling (877) 444-6777 or www.Recreation.gov. For information call the Hume Lake Ranger Station at (559) 338-3222.

Camp 4 1/2 Station

Close by the Kings River and only a two hour drive from Fresno, this completely renovated 1950's Lincoln Log cabin is situated at 1,100 foot elevation and is available for rental year-round. The cabin was built in 1957 and was originally

used as a residence and office for Forest Rangers and their families. Overnight use is available for groups up to 12 people. The two bedroom, one bath cabin has beds for 6 people and room in the yard to pitch tents. The cabin is equipped with a generator to provide electricity, propane stove and refrigerator, and a heater and swamp cooler. Camp 4 1/2 Station is only about 60 miles, and is approximately 2 hours east of Fresno. Reservations may be made by calling (877) 444-6777 or www.Recreation.gov. For information call the Hume Lake Ranger Station at (559) 338-3222.

Oak Flat Lookout

Overlooking the scenic Kern River, at 4,900 feet, this historic lookout provides clear skies and solitude. The lookout is located 25 miles east of Bakersfield. It is available winter and summer but there is no guaranteed vehicle access during rainy winter months when the road may become muddy and impassable. The lookout is equipped with a propane stove and refrigerator, but no running water or electricity. It has two beds and sleeps up to four adults. Oak Flat Lookout is located 25 miles east of Bakersfield. Reservations may be made by calling (877) 444-6777 or www.Recreation.gov. For information call the Kern River Ranger District/Lake Isabella Office at (760) 379-5646.

Poso Station Cabin

Just an hour's drive from Bakersfield or Porterville, Poso Station, at 4,480 feet, provides a scenic 360-degree view and is surrounded by towering pines and oaks. It is within the newly designated Giant Sequoia National Monument. Electricity and propane are provided. The cabin is equipped with a stove, refrigerator, wall heater, convertible couch, queen bed, twin bed, and a small bathroom with a tub/shower. It is available for rent year-round and , but roads may be hazardous in the winter. Be sure to carry tire chains. Sleeps five people. Poso Station Cabin is located 40 miles north/east of Bakersfield and 45 miles south/east of Porterville. Reservations may be made by calling (877) 444-6777 or www.Recreation.gov. Call the Tule River Ranger District at (559) 539-2607 for information.

Mountain Home Guard Station

Situated amidst giant sequoia trees, firs and pines at 6,000' in the newly designated Giant Sequoia National Monument, the cabin provides solitude as well as a bedroom, living room , and bath. There is no electricity. You can drive to the door of the cabin, which is adjacent to Mountain Home Demonstration State Forest east of Springville on Balch Park Road, 90 miles northeast of Bakersfield or 35 miles east of Porterville. Season is generally mid-May to mid-November. Reservations may be made for groups of 6 or less by calling (877) 444-6777 or www.Recreation.gov. For more information call the Tule River Ranger District at (559) 539-2607.

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Frog Meadow Guard Station

At an elevation of 7,700 feet, it provides clear skies and solitude for recreational visitors. There is no electricity at Frog Meadow Guard Station. Light is provided by “Daylight”, or you will need to provide your own battery-powered flashlights or propane lanterns. The cabin is equipped with propane hot water heater, cook stove, refrigerator, and panel-type heater. Frog Meadow Guard Station is located 2 hours NE of Bakersfield, or 2 hours SE of Porterville. Generally available for groups up to 10 from June to mid-November. Reservations may be made by calling (877) 444-6777 or www.Recreation.gov.

Wishon Cabin

The Wishon cabin is located within walking distance to the Doyle Springs Trailhead. This trail travels north along the Middle Fork Tule River, through the Wishon Grove of giant sequoias, and eventually reaches the Mountain Home State Forest area which also has many giant sequoia trees. This is a popular trail for fishermen and hikers. From Highway 99 turn west on 190. Travel on 190 through Springville to Wishon Drive (County Road M-208). Turn left on Wishon Drive and travel approximately 4 miles. The cabin is at the entrance into Wishon Campground on the right side of the road. Reservations may be made by calling (877) 444-6777 or www.Recreation.gov. For more information about the cabin, please call (559) 539-3004 or (559) 539-2607.

Quaking Aspen Cabin

The Quaking Aspen Cabin is located adjacent to Quaking Aspen Campground within the Giant Sequoia National Monument in the Sequoia National Forest. It is at approximately 7,200 feet in elevation. Nearby trails to hike include the Needles Fire Lookout, Dome Rock, the Trail of 100 Giants, the Freeman Creek Trail, and the Slate Mountain Botanical Area. The cabin sleeps 6 and is equipped with 1 queen-size bed, 1 bunk bed, and a full-size sofa sleeper. The cabin has electricity and running hot/cold water and is heated. Refrigerator and cook stove/range are provided. From Porterville take Highway 190 East to Springville. Continue from Springville approximately 28 miles to the Quaking Aspen Campground. Reservations may be made by calling (877) 444-6777 or www.Recreation.gov. For more information about the cabin, please call (559) 539-3004 or (559) 539-2607.

Tahoe National Forest

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Calpine Lookout

Towers such as Calpine lookout have been used for many years to spot forest fires. Calpine lookout was built in 1934 by the Civilian Conservation Corps, and was an active lookout every summer until 1975. The structure consists of a ground floor storage room, a middle sleeping room and the observation cap at the top. Calpine lookout is \$45 per night and can be reserved through www.Recreation.gov, or by calling (877) 444-6777. For more information, please call (530) 994-3401.

Six Rivers National Forest

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Bear Basin Butte Lookout and Pierson Cabin

At the top of Bear Basin Butte, elevation 5,300', the lookout offers a 360-degree panorama of mountain tops and the Pacific Ocean. Pierson cabin, in which you stay, is a new 1930's style cabin. The Butte is within a special botanical area, offers opportunities for watchable wildlife, and many hiking trails. It is within the Smith River National Recreation Area, 22 miles from the Visitor Center in Gasquet. Rental season is from July through September, weather permitting. The cabin has a wood stove and three double beds. There is no indoor plumbing. The maximum number of people that can rent the cabin is 12. The fee is \$75.00 for up to 8 people and \$5 for each additional person. Reservations may be made by calling (877) 444-6777 or www.Recreation.gov. For more information, please call (707) 457-3131 or (707) 442-1721.

Shasta-Trinity National Forest

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Little Mount Hoffman Lookout

From a height of 7,300 feet, Little Mt. Hoffman offers a spectacular view of Mt. Shasta, Mt. Lassen, Mt. McLaughlin, and a variety of interesting landforms. You can reach the lookout by traveling east from McCloud to the Medicine Lake area. The lookout is generally available from July to October depending on weather. The lookout is equipped with a wood stove, two cots, and two lanterns. It sleeps up to four people. There is no running water. Reservations may be made by calling (877) 444-6777 or www.Recreation.gov. For more information about the cabin, please call the McCloud Ranger District at (530) 964-2184.

Girard Ridge Lookout

Girard Ridge Lookout offers a spectacular view of Mt. Shasta, Castle Crags and the Sacramento Canyon watershed. It can be reached by traveling south from Mt. Shasta and Highway 5 to the Soda Creek exit (approximately one hour travel time from Highway 5) or north from Redding at the same exit. It sleeps up to four people. Reservations may be made by calling (877) 444-6777 or www.Recreation.gov. For more information about the cabin, please call contact the McCloud Ranger Station at (530) 964-2184.

Hirz Mountain Lookout

Hirz Mountain served as a fire lookout until the mid 1980's when fire observation duties were assumed by airplane and satellite. The Shasta Lake District decided to reconstruct the lookout and make it available for public rental after suffering years of vandalism. Generally available from May through mid-October for \$35 per night. Sleeps 4 people and allows small pets if leashed. Maximum stay is 4 nights. Located about 25 miles north of Redding. Reservations can be reserved through www.Recreation.gov, or by calling (877) 444-6777.

Post Creek Lookout

Imagine renting out an authentic, historic, cozy Forest Service Lookout Cabin nestled deep inside of the forest. This comfortable cabin accommodates up to eight people, has two rooms, and measures 19x30 feet. In the back room of the cabin you have a 270-degree bank of windows that face the forest, which offers you a great view of the landscape. The Post Creek lookout has a nice sized kitchen and has indoor bathroom amenities.

The cabin and detached garage sit on a ridgeline above Beegum Gorge. One quarter of a mile down the road, at Post Creek, is the old swimming hole. This lookout offers you complete privacy, quietness, solitude, and a totally relaxing atmosphere. Built in 1934 by the Civilian Conservation Corps, this fire lookout cabin is available for rent from May 1st through October 31st. Reservations can be reserved through www.Recreation.gov, or by calling (877) 444-6777. Call Hayfork Ranger Station for questions (530) 628-5227.

Forest Glen Cabin

This historic guard station offers you a unique stay in the oldest Forest Service building on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. This charming two-story structure was built in 1916. The upper and lower levels of the guard station measure 24x18 feet and can accommodate up to eight people. The lower level has a large kitchen area and indoor bathroom accommodations. The upper level is has two beds and is separated by a partition wall. A five-foot high porch adorns the front of the cabin.

A short distance away, you have the South Fork of the Trinity River and the swimming is great! Close by, at Scotts Flat Campground, you have the trailhead for the South Fork National Recreational Trail. The trail parallels the South Fork of the Trinity River and is 7.2 miles long. The South Fork of the Trinity River is one of the most scenic waterways in Northern California. A visit to this awesome area is like stepping back one hundred years in time. Forest Glen is available for rent year-round. Reservations can be reserved through www.Recreation.gov or by calling (877) 444-6777. Call Hayfork Ranger Station for questions (530) 628-5227.

Lassen National Forest

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McCarthy Point Lookout

Located at 3,600 feet, in a remote area of Lassen National Forest, the lookout overlooks the scenic Mill Creek Canyon and into the Ishi Wilderness. The Wilderness provides many miles of hiking trails and fishing streams. The lookout can be accessed from the east via Highway 32 or from the north via Highway 36. It is available from April to November (weather dependent) for \$75 per night (note: security deposit required). It has two sleeping platforms, six army cots, and is equipped with propane lights and cook stove, a wood stove, and running water. Reservations may be made by calling (877) 444-6777 or www.Recreation.gov. For more information, please call the Almanor Ranger District at (530) 258-2141.