



# Harvey West Cabin

## Eldorado National Forest

### Placerville Ranger District



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.

### 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.

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.

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. 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.

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. No open flames,



Cabin above. View off deck of river. Right.



backpacking stoves, or Coleman stoves, etc. are permitted inside the cabin.

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.

Guests should also bring all their own food (in sealed containers to prevent mice from sharing their meals), 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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## 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Campfires, small in size, are allowed only within the fire ring only when fire restrictions are not in effect. Fire restrictions = no fire. Guests must bring their own firewood.
- ◆ Trash must be packed out.

## 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

- ◇ 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.

## 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
- ✓ Camera

## 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.

## National Recreation Reservation Service



Toll-Free: 877-444-6777

TDD: 877-833-6777

INTL: 518-885-3639

Internet: [www.Recreation.gov](http://www.Recreation.gov)

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.

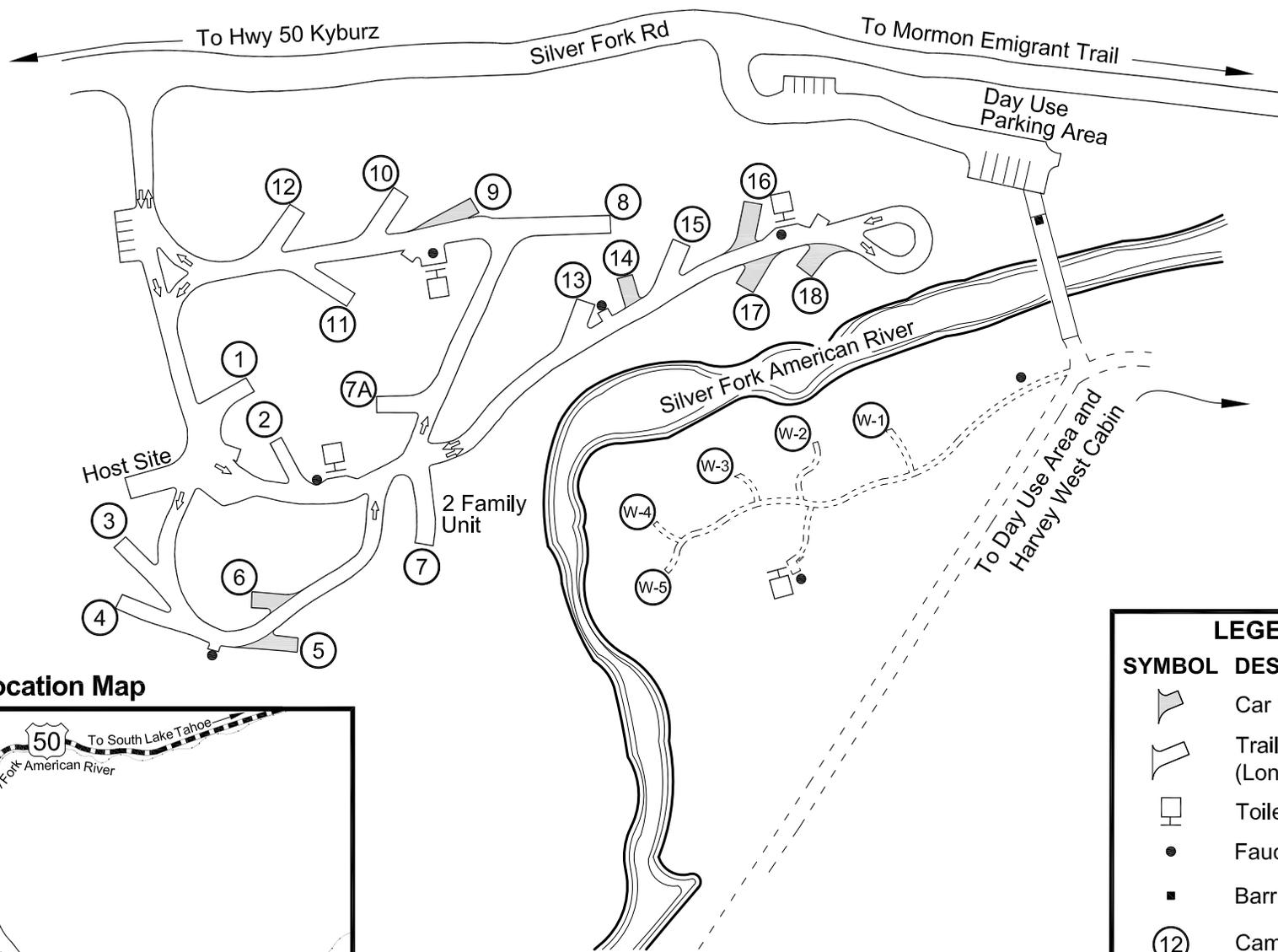
## Location and Access

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.

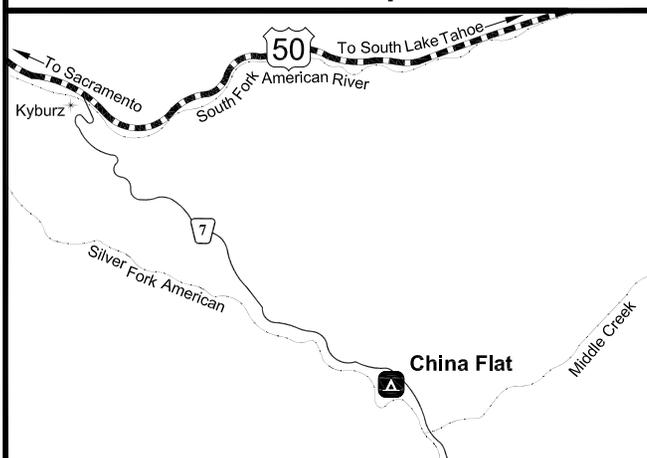
Traveling on Highway 50, turn south onto the Silver Fork Road (11N40), about 0.1 miles east of the Kyburz Lodge. Continue to travel south for approximately 2.5 miles until you see the China Flat Campground. Just past the campground is a road that will take you to the bridge you use to access the cabin. 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.

# 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

