



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 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 at China Flat Campground on the west bank of the Silver Fork of the South Fork American River in the Eldorado National Forest, the cabin is currently being used as a recreation rental. Popular summer activities in the Silver Fork area include wading, fishing, bird watching, and hiking.

Amenities

The facility has hot and cold water, propane lights and appliances, and a fireplace. It does not have electricity. The cabin includes a large open great room, dining room, kitchen, two downstairs bedrooms, 1 ½ bathrooms, and two large lofts overlooking the great room. Sleeping accommodations include, 1 queen size bed, 2 double beds, 4 single beds, and 2 cots. There are ample sleeping accommodations for at least 12 people. The cabin itself can accommodate up to 20 people comfortably. In addition to the 2,000+ sq. ft. cabin, a large deck overlooks the Silver Fork River and is an excellent place for an additional sleeping area. The great room has a propane heater and a large stone fireplace. Both bathrooms have sinks and flush toilets. One bathroom has a shower. Cleaning supplies are stored in the storage room (room with the hot water heater). You will need to pack out your garbage.

Cooking

The kitchen area has a double sink, hot and cold water, propane stove and oven, propane refrigerator, and a basic assortment of pots, pans, and utensils (if you are not sure bring your own). No open flames, backpacking stoves or Coleman stoves, etc., are permitted inside the building.

The water available at the cabin comes from a new well and is tested regularly for contamination. All open water sources, such as creeks and lakes, should be considered contaminated. Water from these sources should be treated either by boiling or filtration. Boiling is the only sure way of purification.



Cabin above. View off deck of river. Right.



Location and Access

The Harvey West Cabin is located southeast of Placerville and is 4,720 feet above sea level. You can reach this area by traveling east on Highway 50 (approximately 30 miles east of Placerville). Turn right on Silver Fork Road 11N40, just beyond the Kyburz Lodge and travel approximately 2 miles to just past the China Flat Campground.

You will need a combination (issued with your permit) to unlock the removable barrier on the bridge. Keep the barrier in place on the bridge so that vehicle travel is restricted to guests of the Harvey West Cabin. Signs will direct you to the cabin after you cross the bridge. You will receive a combination to the key storage lock when you pick up your permit. See the map for detailed directions.

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Important

Telephones and TV's are nowhere to be found, but what the cabin and the kitchen do have is mice.

The mice will happily eat your food.

Please store vulnerable items in mouse proof places like the refrigerator and sealed containers.

We make every attempt to control these little pests but they are a part of our natural forest environment.



Permit, Key, and Combination

You must pick up your permit, key and combination for the locks in person at the :

- **Placerville Ranger Station** at 4260 Eight Mile Road, Camino, CA 95709. Travel 8 miles east of Placerville on Highway 50 and take Exit 54 (Cedar Grove). Turn to the right on Eight Mile road, then another immediate right for the Ranger Station.
- **Ranger Station is not open on weekends.** You can only pick up your permit at the Placerville Ranger Station on weekdays from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Call the Ranger Station if you need to make other arrangements for the permit and lock combination.
- We ask that you return the condition report attached to your permit within 5 days of your use.

For further information, call (530) 644-2324.

Other Items

- **Pets** are not allowed in the building. As a courtesy to others please clean up after your pet.
- **Smoking** is not allowed in the building.
- **The nearest phone** and firewood is at the Kyburz Store.
- **Off Highway Vehicles** are allowed on designated Forest system roads and trails only. The Harvey West Cabin area is not open for OHV riding. Do not unload your quads or motorcycles at the cabin.
- **Trash:** Pack It Out
- **Campfires:** Small campfires are allowed within the fire ring when fire restrictions are not in effect. Ask when you pick up your permit.
- **You need to bring your own firewood.**

National Recreation

Reservation Service

Toll-Free: 877-444-6777

TDD: 877-833-6777

INTL: 518-885-3639

Internet: www.Recreation.gov



Reservations for use of the cabin may be made by anyone 18 years or older.

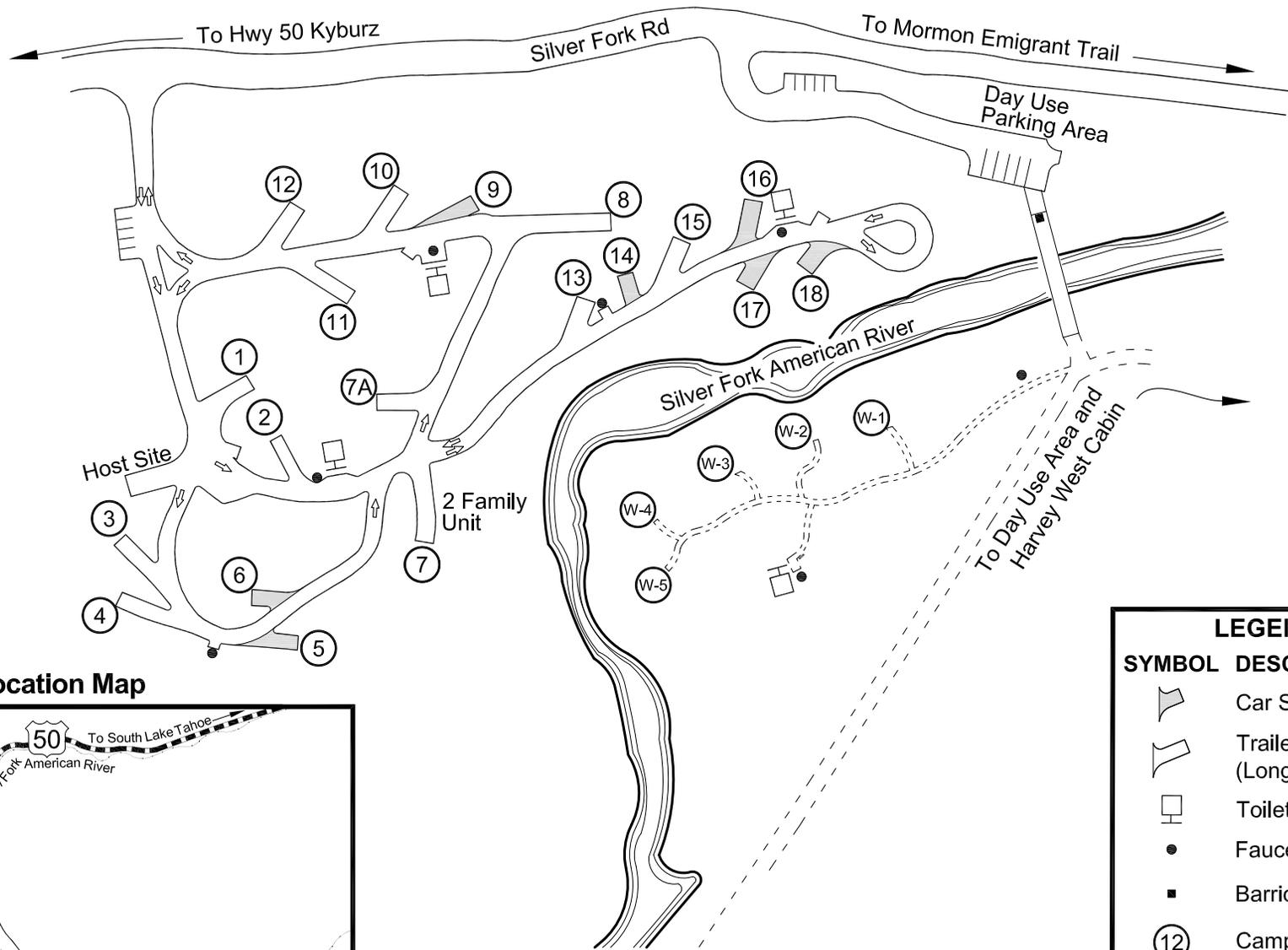
- ◆ Reservations can be made from 7 days to 6 months in advance of your first night's stay.
- ◆ Availability is from early June to mid-November.
- ◆ Fee: \$105.00 per night for up to 20 people. Fees may change at any time.
- ◆ Expect to pay a reservation and cancellation fee when appropriate.
- ◆ The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

Things to Take With You

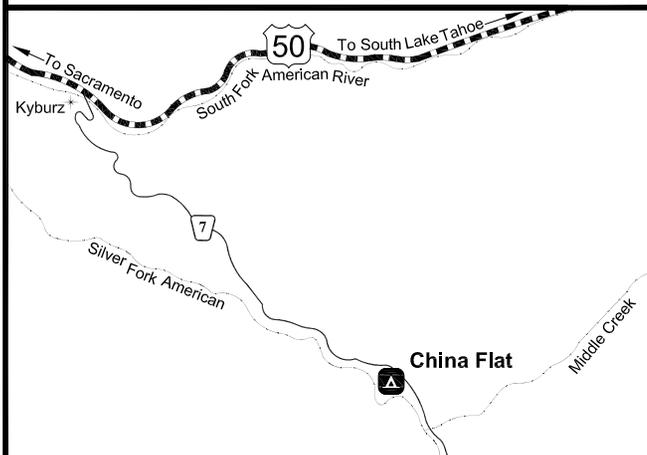
- ✓ Food-in sealed containers
- ✓ Sleeping bag/bedding
- ✓ Pack-out garbage bags
- ✓ Your copy of the Special Use Permit
- ✓ **Key** and combination
- ✓ Compass and Map
- ✓ Suntan lotion
- ✓ Sunglasses
- ✓ Matches
- ✓ Flashlight
- ✓ First-aid supplies
- ✓ Toilet paper
- ✓ Toilet articles
- ✓ Spare clothing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

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

