



Poso Guard Station Cabin

Sequoia National Forest

Western Divide Ranger Station



Where can you experience camping with a view, towering pines and oaks and just an hour's drive from Bakersfield or Porterville, CA? Historical Poso Guard Station, located near Posey, CA, is available for overnight rental and open all year around. At an elevation of 4,480 feet, it provides clear skies and solitude for recreational visitors.

Cabin History: Poso Guard Station was constructed in 1933 near the small town of Posey to provide a residence for fire patrolmen stationed in that area. In the early 1980's, the station was closed until just recently. The cabin is a single story and consists of 1 bedroom, and a common room/kitchen. The interior has been modified with paneling, modern sliding glass windows, and modern counter tops for food preparation. The exterior is constructed of board and batten style paneling nailed to a standard wooden frame.

Recreation Use: Overnight use (up to 14 days) of the Poso Guard Station Cabin and its facilities is available for individuals, families, or groups of up to 10 people. The cabin is equipped with a hot water heater, cook stove, refrigerator, microwave and panel-type heater.

There are table and chairs and a (double size bed) futon couch in the common room, a queen bed and a double bed, all with mattresses in the bedroom. And a small bathroom complete with tub/shower.

Other items supplied include pots and pans, utensils, dishes, and silverware. A bucket and shovel for fire prevention for the outdoor fire ring, a rake and ax, cleansers and broom and mops. Because of vandalism problems, the presence of these items is not guaranteed. Also, there is an outdoor fire ring and picnic table for your use.

The cabin will provide a cozy sleeping area for 5 adults, with plenty of room for tents, cots or a motorhome outside. Please be aware the "parking area" may be shared with cattle passing by.

NO SMOKING ALLOWED INSIDE FACILITIES

Enjoy Your Stay: Plan on bringing sleeping bags or bedding and pillows, bath towels and toiletries. No food or condiments (salt, pepper, etc) are provided, so be sure to bring ALL food items you will need. Suggested additional items would be toilet paper, paper towels, tinfoil, baggies, trash bags and dish towels and wood for the outside fire ring. A flash light for each person would be useful, along with a camera and lots of insect repellent. The shade and lush vegetation are the preferred summer home for insects.

Your Responsibilities: Poso Guard Station is operated on a "Pack it in, Pack it out" basis. This means that you will take back with you all food, trash, garbage, cans, bottles, etc., so be sure to bring trash bags and containers to transport. A trash bag placed inside your empty ice chest makes a handy place to carry your garbage. We also ask that when you leave, no water be left running, and the cabin is left "*clean as a whistle*", just like you found it or better. We do not have a cleaning service and prefer not to charge a cleaning deposit, so please leave it clean for the next occupants. Cleaning supplies are provided for your convenience.

Pets: Pets are not allowed inside cabins. In developed recreation areas, pets must be under your control and on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Please be courteous and dispose properly of your pets waste.

Reservations: Cabins on the Western Divide Ranger District are managed under concessionaire agreement with California Land Management (CLM). Make reservations through [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) or call (1-800-444-6777). Instruction for payment of fees will be provided by Recreation.gov. Length of stay is limited to 14 days.

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Getting There: From Bakersfield, CA., take Highway 65 north to Highway 155. Turn east on Hwy 155 and continue to the Jack Ranch Road. Turn left (north) and travel to the Old Stage Road (M3). Travel through the Balance Rock settlement until you come to a 4-way intersection. The driveway to Poso Guard Station Cabin is a hard turn back to the left.

From Porterville CA., Travel south on Highway 65 to Ducor. Turn left (east) on Ave 56 to Fountain Springs. At the 4-way stop, turn right onto Old Stage Road. Travel southeast to the intersection onto Jack Ranch Road. Turn left (north) on M3. Travel through the Balance Rock settlement until you come to a 4-way intersection. The driveway to Poso Guard Station Cabin is a hard turn back to the left.

Things to Do: In the summer, there is hiking, fishing, bicycling, sightseeing, and horseback riding. In the winter, most of the above along with skiing and groomed roads for snowmobiles, depending on snow and weather conditions. Summertime can take you to Tobias Peak lookout or to The Trail of the 100 Giants, an accessible 1/2 mile trail through a giant sequoia grove, both are approximately an hour from the cabin. A favorite pastime at Poso Guard Station Cabin is viewing the fantastic sunsets display over the San Joaquin Valley.

Thank you for your help in making forest visits enjoyable and safe! Plan ahead by obtaining a National Forest map at one of the following offices:

Western Divide Ranger District
32588 Hwy 190
Springville, CA 93265
[559-539-2607](tel:559-539-2607)

Forest Supervisor's Office
220 E Morton Ave
Porterville, CA 93257
[559-784-1500](tel:559-784-1500)



Drinking Water: Piped water at the cabins is safe to drink and checked regularly. Visitors should not drink spring or stream water without proper treatment. To be safe, boil or filter all water from rivers and streams before drinking.

Bears and Other Wild Animals: Black bears and other scavengers such as raccoons, squirrels, and jays live in Sequoia National Forest and they are naturally attracted to food and other scented items such as sunscreen and citronella candles. Please protect your food and your personal safety by storing coolers and all other food and scented items inside your vehicle whenever you are not using them. Keep a clean campsite and never feed wild animals.

Fire Information: During the summer, fire danger on the Sequoia National Forest is HIGH or VERY HIGH. Obtain a campfire permit for any type of campfire. Bring a shovel and never leave any fire unattended, even for a minute. Clear a 5 foot area for your campfire.

Make sure your fire is **DEAD OUT** before you leave.

For your personal safety and conservation of resources, please help by using the ashtray in your car for cigarettes and pipes. Smoke only in cleared areas and make sure your ashes and cigarettes are dead out; never smoke while walking or riding in the Forest.

OHV's and Mountain Bikes: Off-highway Vehicles (OHV's) that are licensed or registered under the Green Sticker program are allowed on dirt roads signed for their use with a brown and white Forest Service Road Sign. These roads also appear on the Sequoia National Forest Map. All trails outside wilderness areas are open for bicycles unless signed closed. Forest Service approved spark arresters are required on anything motorized including chainsaws.

Firearms: Firearms are not to be discharged within 150 yards of a campgrounds, roads, trails, buildings or any body of water. Discharging of a firearm or any other implement capable of taking human life, causing injury, or damaging property is prohibited.

Driving Safely: Be alert and keep to the right when driving steep and narrow mountain roads. Use lower gears and don't ride your brakes.