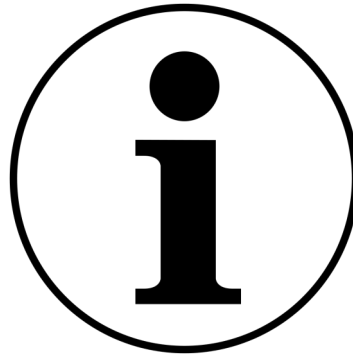


Francie's Cabin



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Welcome to Francie's Cabin!

Thanks for choosing Francie's Cabin. Whether this is your first visit or you are a seasoned hut user, please familiarize yourself with these guidelines about the expectations of you as a hut user and information about the cabin.

If you encounter any problems during your stay, please contact Summit Huts at (970)389-2902 or (970)453-8583.



Francie's Cabin Rules:

- Use of the cabin is by advanced reservation and fee only.
- No day visitors.
- Check in/check out is 1 pm.
- No dogs within 200 feet of the cabin.
- No motorized vehicles within the hut pod.
- No firearms.
- No smoking.
- Keep all food mouse-proof by storing food only in coolers in the wood room or plastic bins in the kitchen.
- Keep the snow around the hut clean—do not dump sweepings, food, ashes, or anything else.
- No outdoor fires or barbecues.
- Clean up and take all food, trash, and personal belongings when you leave.
- Quiet hours are 10 pm to 7 am.
- Maximum occupancy of the hut is 20 upstairs and 4 in the HMQ (used by staff, volunteers, and guests).
- Above all, please be respectful of the cabin and other guests.



Departure Checklist:

- **Clean Up:** wash & put away dishes, wipe counters & table tops, sweep floors on main floor and upstairs, clear decks and stairs of snow, tidy cabin.
- **Restock:** Firewood & kindling, water buckets/snow melt can and pot.
- **Fire Safety:** Be sure propane cooktops are off, the fire has died down, woodstove doors are closed and any other flame sources are out.
- **Take Trash:** Haul out all of your trash, food containers, etc.
- **Lock Up:** Close and lock all windows and doors. Exit through the North (back) Door and lock the padlock.



That's it, the bare bones “if that's all you know, you'll be okay” list.

Forgot your book or just want to know more? Please read on for more information and a room-by-room guide.



Main Entrance—North Deck

Francie's Cabin is designed to have the door on the North (back) Deck used as the main entrance.

Please leave ski/snowshoe equipment at the bottom of the stairs or on the North (back) Deck.

While the cabin is occupied, the padlock can hang inside on the nail to the right of the door until you depart.



Boot Room

After entering, please take boots off to avoid tracking snow and dirt through the hut. You can leave boots in the cubbies or bring them in to dry by the fire.

Propane lanterns are provided in case of a solar panel malfunction. Please use only when necessary and do not hang lanterns near fire sprinkler heads.

A First Aid Kit is available, please use what you need.



Composting Toilets

Francie's Cabin is equipped with Clivus Multrum Composting Toilets. The good news is that you don't have to go outside! There is no bad news, but Clivus does require a little care on your part. The only things that should go in the toilets are human waste, toilet paper, and sawdust. Nothing else.

A note about sawdust: it has nothing to do with odor control but has everything to do with the composting process. More is not better, please use one scoop only.



Wood Room

The Wood Room is located down in the basement. In addition to firewood, there is a cooler to store food that needs refrigeration.

The split wood in the Wood Room is for use in the wood stove in the Main Room only. It does not fit in the sauna stove, it is too long. Wood cut to fit the sauna stove is under the North (back) Deck and will require splitting.

Please restock wood & kindling from Wood Room to Main Room before departure.



Hutmasters' Quarters (HMQ)

The capacity of Francie's Cabin is 20 people upstairs and 4 downstairs in the HMQ. You may encounter maintenance staff and/or volunteers using the HMQ.

The entrance to the HMQ is on ground level on the north side of the cabin, below the main entrance. The only part of the cabin that is shared are the bathrooms.

The maintenance staff (hutmasters) and volunteers can be a great resource for those new to the huts. Please feel free to ask those staying in the HMQ any questions you have.

Hutmasters will do their best to complete their chores without impacting your experience, but due to the popularity of the huts, it is not possible to schedule all necessary maintenance shifts while the hut is empty.



Main Room—Check In

Please post your confirmation letter on the corkboard to the left as you enter the Main Room.

Check in/Check out time is 1 pm.

Please choose a bunk and store your personal items (with the exception of food and boots) in the bunkroom and not in the common areas of the cabin.



Main Room—Wood Stove

To Build a Fire

- Start with plenty of paper and small (finger-sized) kindling.
- Adjust air intake (knob below firebox) to feed air to fire—push in opens, pull out closes.
- If needed, open doors a crack but do not leave open longer than needed to get fire going.
- Open flue/by pass (knob above firebox) by pulling out
- Gradually feed larger pieces of kindling as fire matures
- Once fire is able to accept larger logs, begin to close down air intake and flue to desired level.
- Please do not stoke the fire all night long.
- Please be conscientious of your wood use. The hut is stocked with enough wood to make it through a season with normal use. Resupply during the winter months may be impossible.



Main Room—Wood Stove

Enough newsprint, kindling, and firewood to get you started should all be in the Main Room (if the group before you has restocked).

Please burn only wood, paper, paperboard, or cardboard. Please do not burn plastic, aluminum foil, left over food, or any other substances.

Please empty cool ashes from the stove into the small metal ash bucket. Please do not empty ashes into any other receptacles or dump outside.

Please do not place drying racks, clothes, boots, plastics or other flammable materials too close to the woodstove.



Water Source—Snowmelt

In the winter, water is available by melting snow. Do not soil the snow outside the cabin with floor sweepings, food scraps, dirty dish water or human waste.

- Collect snow from outside the cabin. Shovel snow into the large plastic trash can labeled “SNOW”. It is easiest to bring that container outside and shovel directly into it. This container should be kept away from the stove. It can melt.
- Back inside, transfer snow from the can into the metal samovar (pot with spigot) that sits on the woodstove to melt.
- Take melted snow and boil over the propane cooktops to treat. Water need only come to a boil to be safe for consumption.



Water Source—Summer

All water collected in the vicinity of the hut should be considered non-potable. Plastic buckets are provided for collection.

- Collect water from outside the cabin. Be sure to use buckets labeled for water collection and not cleaning buckets.
- Boil, filter (not provided) or chemically treat water before consuming.
- To avoid cross contamination, please use the buckets only for collected water, not for treated water.
- We recommend using the plastic juice pitchers or smaller pots to store treated water.



Kitchen—Food Storage

We do constant battle with mice. The hut is an enticing environment for them, more so when food is stored improperly.

Please store all food in the large plastic bins in the Kitchen or in the cooler in the Wood Room.

Do not store food anywhere else.

Pack it in, Pack it out!



Kitchen—Propane Cooktops

To Operate Burners:

- Make sure all burners are off
- Light match, hold to burner to be used
- Push in & turn corresponding burner knob to the left. If you do not push the knob in, it will break.
- Adjust flame with knob.
- Turn burners off immediately after use.



Kitchen—Sinks

The only things that should go down the drains are water, grey water, and wash water.

Please no grease and no food particles.

Please use a strainer when pouring/ draining cooking and wash water into sink and empty strainer into trash.

Replace drain stops when not in use.



Kitchen—Grease

You cooked a delicious, greasy meal. Yum!
Now, please do not pour the grease down
the drain.

Here's what to do instead:

- If you don't have a glass bottle or aluminum can, form a cup out of aluminum foil (provided).
- Pour grease into bottle/can/cup.
- Place in the vestibule to cool and harden.
- Put it in with your trash.
- Haul it out with the rest of your trash.



Kitchen—Trash

Each group is responsible for hauling out their own trash. All of it! Please leave nothing behind “for the next group”; it will not get used.

If you are sharing the hut with multiple groups, it is a good idea to keep your trash separate.

Trash bags have been provided. Never store trash outside and always store trash bags with edible food away from mice (off of floor and counters).

Options: hang the trash bags when in active use or place in the vestibule for overnight storage.



Kitchen—Clean Up

After each meal, please wash dishes, wipe down counters and tables, and sweep floors.

To wash dishes, please use two dish pans. In the first, use hot/warm soapy water to wash and in the second, please use warm water with a capful of bleach to rinse.

Please use a strainer when pouring dirty dish water into sink and empty strainer into trash.

When putting dishes away, please store like



Front (South) Deck

Please refrain from walking on the decks, stairs, or any floors while wearing snowshoes.

Falling skis and poles are a hazard to the windows. Please keep all skis, boards, and poles on the North (back) Deck where there are no windows.

When accessing the Front Deck, please open one door at a time to maintain the airlock of the vestibule to keep the cabin from being blasted with cold air.



Upstairs Sitting Room

This room is available for use by all registered overnight guests of Francie's Cabin.

Please:

- . Do not store your personal belongings in the sitting room.
- . Do not sleep in the sitting room.
- . Maintain regular quiet hours of 10 pm to 7 am in the sitting room.



Bunk Rooms

Francie's Cabin sleeping areas are divided among 6 bunk rooms; 1 downstairs and 5 upstairs.

All bunks and bunkrooms are first come, first served. Rooms sleep two or four people. Please choose rooms according to group size to the extent feasible.

Please use the bunkrooms for storage of all personal items—except for food which should be in the Kitchen and boots which should be in the Boot Room.

Sheets and pillowcases are provided and are changed regularly. If you bring your own pillowcase, please be sure to take it with you.



Lights & Timers

Power for the lights is generated by solar panels located in front of the cabin. Please turn off lights when not in use to help conserve the batteries.

For lights on timers: Set it and forget it!

Turn the dial to how much time you think you need and then let it run out. Forcing the dial to turn off sooner will only shorten the lifespan of the timer.



Batteries

Solar energy is converted to electricity and stored in batteries in the basement. There may not be enough energy in the batteries to power the lights and compost vent fan after an extended period of cloudy days or high use.

You can determine the amount of power stored in the batteries by noting the color of the battery charge indicator light on the circuit breaker panel located in the Boot Room.

Propane lanterns are provided as an alternative light source. If the compost fan isn't working, be extra sure to keep the bathroom doors closed and toilet lids closed and please notify Summit Huts so that we can address the issue.



Sauna

The lock on the sauna is kept on the same combination as the lock on the hut.

Sauna wood is stocked under the North (back) Deck as unsplit rounds. You will need to split wood in order to use the sauna.

The sauna will take 30-45 minutes to warm up once the fire is going strong and will remain hot for a few hours after the fire is out.

Please do not store equipment in the sauna wood cutting area.

The sauna has always been clothing optional, please communicate with others to avoid surprises.



Summer Use

The same rules apply year round, but there are a few guidelines that are more relevant in the summer season.

No Fire Pit/No Barbeque

An outdoor fire pit or barbeque grill are not provided because cooking outside leaves the residual smell of food in the air which may attract bears and other wildlife and grills and fire pits increase the risk of wildfire. Do not build a fire outside Francie's Cabin.

Motor Vehicle Access/Parking

When Crystal Lakes Road is open, it can be used to access Francie's Cabin. Driving all the way to the hut is not permitted, please do not go beyond the driveway gate. Please do not block the gate or drive on the tundra. The designated parking area is at the flattened area approximately 1/4 mile down Crystal Lakes Road.

No Fireworks

It is illegal to discharge fireworks on any kind of National Forest lands.

No Camping

Camping is prohibited within 1/4 mile of Francie's Cabin.



Summer Use

In Case of Wildfire

In the event of a wildland fire, according to fire safety professionals, you are safest inside Francie's Cabin on the main or lower level where you can easily exit the cabin in the event the cabin catches fire. In the event the cabin catches fire from a wildland fire, proceed to the nearest clear space/meadow, which is to the south of the cabin. If a small fire catches near the cabin and you feel comfortable trying to douse it yourself, you will find wildfire fighting tools in the Wood Room.

Living with Wildlife

Francie's Cabin is located in an area that is the home to many species of wildlife large and small—bear, elk, moose, deer, birds, fox, weasels, lynx. You are a visitor, they depend on the area for their lives. You can help minimize your impact by not feeding any wildlife, always thoroughly cleaning up spilled food, and never storing food outside—the plastic bins are not large animal proof, much less bear proof! Always observe wildlife from a distance, limit your activity after dark, keep children close by, make noise to alert wildlife to your presence when hiking on trails. Please do not spit toothpaste outside or wash or use soap or shampoo in the creek.



Safety Information: First Aid & Rescue

If someone in your group is seriously injured and in need of a rescue, please contact the Summit County Rescue Group through the Sheriff's Department at

(970)668-8600 or call 911.

For minor injuries, please utilize the First Aid Kit in the Boot Room.



Safety Information:

Fire Safety

Smoke Detectors & Fire Alarms:

Francie's Cabin is equipped with an inter-connected fire alarm. If one alarm goes off, all will go off. Two bedrooms are also equipped with a strobe light alarm for persons with hearing disabilities. (Upstairs bedroom in NW corner and the main level bedroom).

If the fire alarm goes off accidentally:

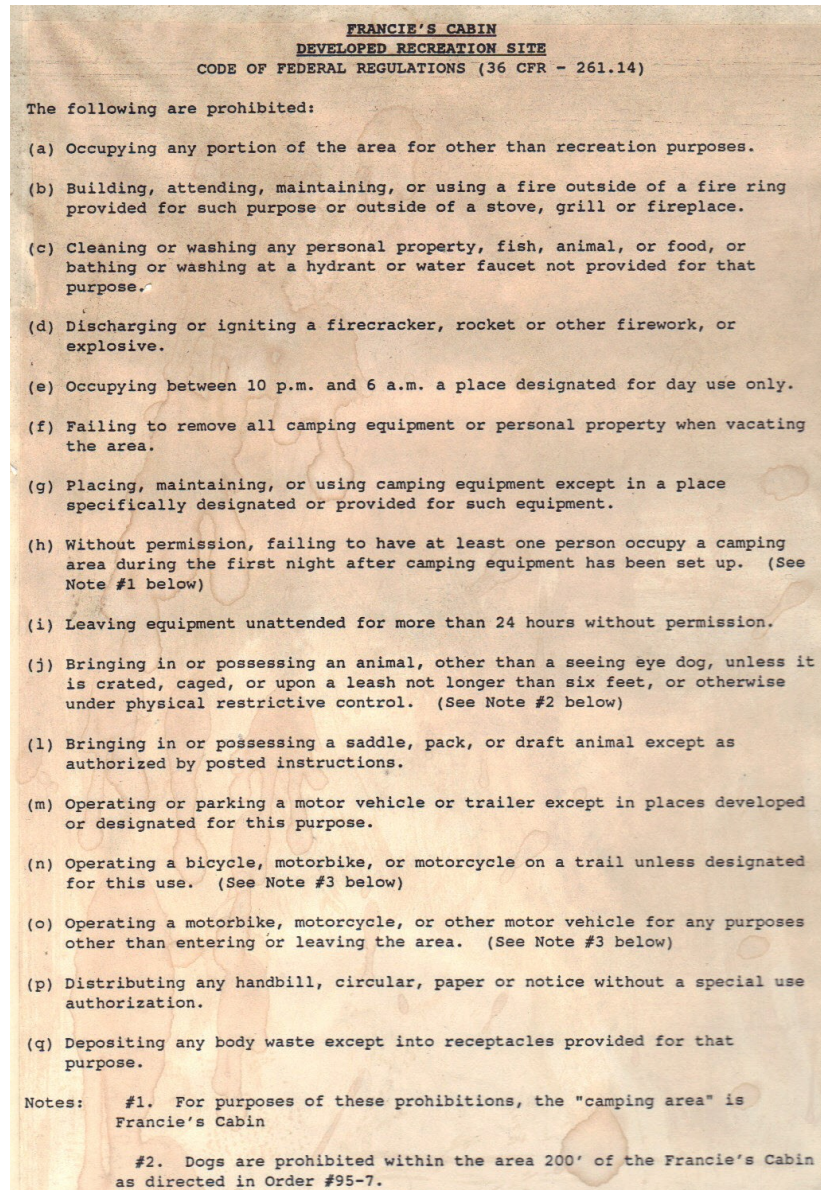
Open windows and doors to clear the room of smoke. Fan the detector to increase fresh air flow. To shut off the alarm, press the reset button located next to the circuit breaker panel. The fire alarm will not shut off if it does not sense fresh air.

Fire sprinkler system:

A self-contained sprinklers system is installed at Francie's Cabin. The sprinkler system will go off only if one of the heads senses temperatures in excess of 165 degrees or if a head is knocked. Smoke will not trigger the sprinkler system. Please use extreme caution near the sprinkler heads.



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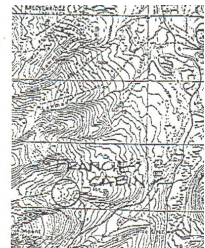


USFS Order 95-7

No Dogs Allowed within 200 feet of Francie's Cabin

EXHIBIT B ORDER NUMBER 95-7

POSSESSING DOGS IS PROHIBITED
WITHIN 200 FEET OF FRANCIES CABIN



ORDER NUMBER 95-7

ORDER
OCCUPANCY AND USE

ARAPAHO NATIONAL FOREST (ADMINISTERED BY THE WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST)

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50(a), the following act is prohibited at Janets Cabin and Francies Cabin backcountry huts (as shown on Exhibits A and B) within the Arapaho National Forest, until further notice.

- (1) Possessing dogs, except for dogs assisting disabled persons, within 200 feet of Janets Cabin or Francies Cabin backcountry huts. 36 CFR 261.52(a).

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50(c), the following persons are exempt from this order:

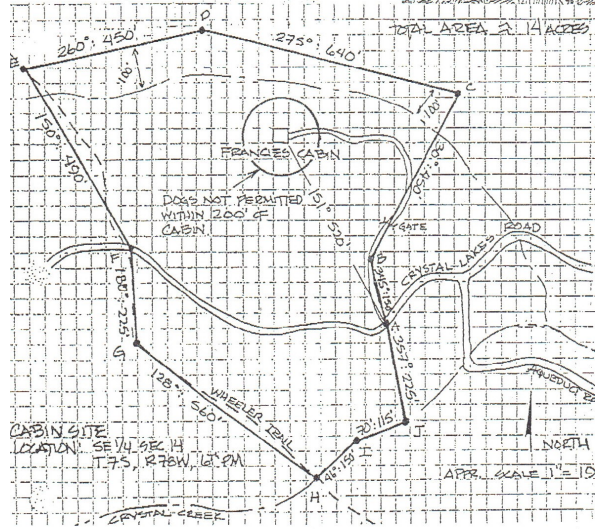
- (1) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.
- (2) Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done at Glenwood Springs, Colorado this 17th day of March, 1995

Veto J. LaChelle
VETO J. LACHELLE
Forest Supervisor

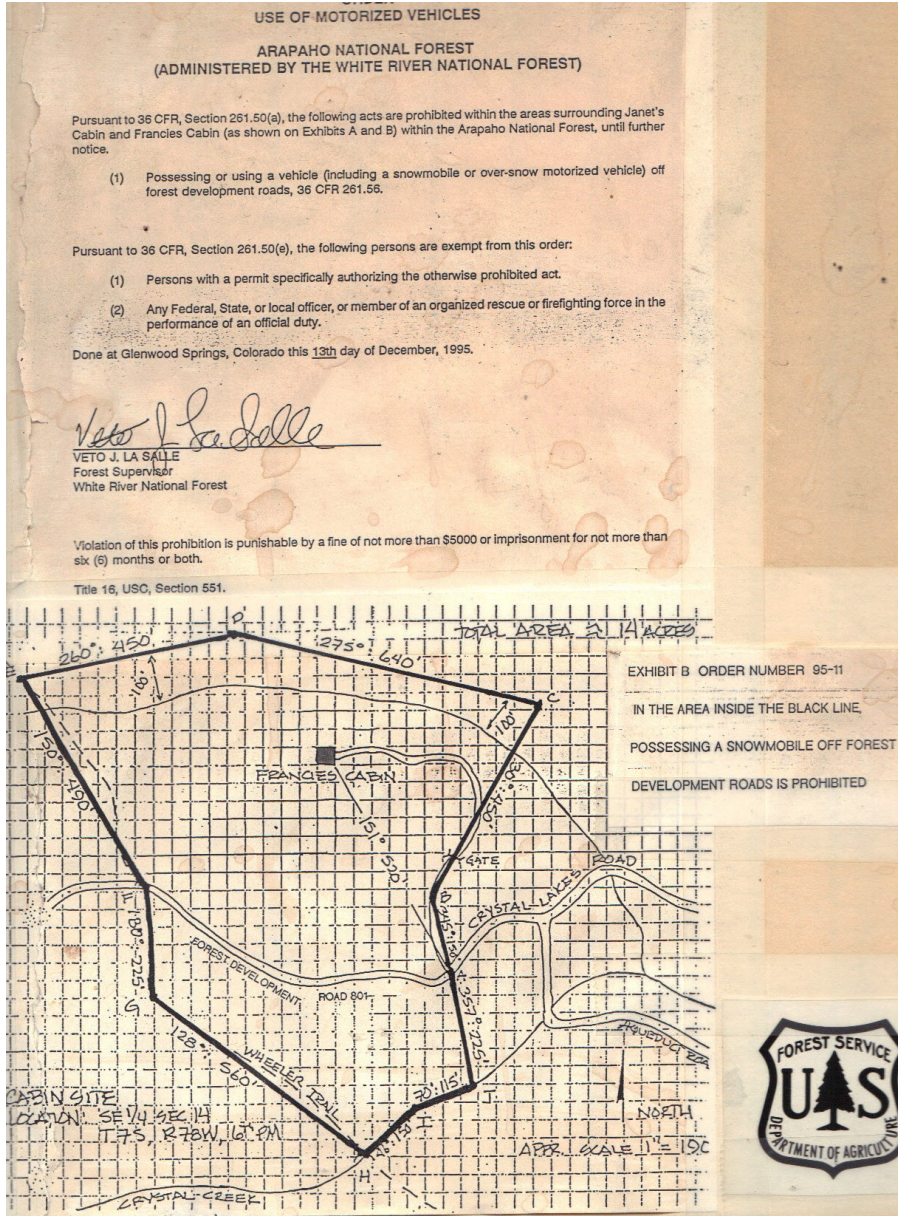
Violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both.

Title 16, USC, Section 551.



USFS Order 95-11

No Motorized Vehicles



Implementation of the Winter Travel Management Plan and the closure of Crystal and Spruce Creek roads to snowmobile use has superseded the winter portion of this closure.

There is no motorized vehicle use within the hut pod during the summer season. When the road is open, motorized vehicles may pass through the hut envelope on the Crystal Lakes road but they may not stop or park.



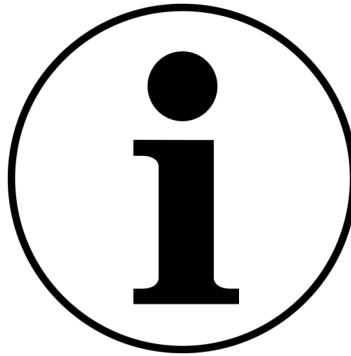
How to get involved

We hope that you have an amazing and memorable stay at Francie's Cabin. If you would like to become more involved with Summit Huts Association, there are several options:

- **Volunteer:** We are always looking for people to help out on organized work weekends. No experience or special skills are required; minimum age is 16 for Janet's Cabin Heli day and 12 for all other dates. Minors must be accompanied by adults. Sign up through the website www.summithuts.org
- **Feedback:** We want to hear your thoughts and suggestions! Your group leader will receive an email with a link to fill out a survey about your hut experience. They are encouraged to share that link with the whole group or you can email us at summithuts@colorado.net.
- **Join:** Become a member of Summit Huts Association with an annual donation of \$25 or more. Sign up through the website at www.summithuts.org.



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