



CAMP ALDER

Welcome Guide

31603 554TH ST CT E., ASHFORD, WA 98304

Welcome to our home!

We're so happy you've come to explore the Mt. Rainier area and hope you enjoy this place as much as we do.

This book contains important information about the house and area. You should find everything that you need, but if you have a question, feel free to get in touch and let us know how we can help. Kristen, our property manager, lives in the neighborhood and is your first point of contact. If she's not available, you can message us directly through Airbnb or VRBO, and we'll respond as soon as possible.

We hope you have a great time here and visit us again in the future. If you do, please let us know. We love our repeat guests!

Sincerely,
Kim & Adam

P.S. Tell us how your stay was! Write us a note in the guest book on the coffee table and leave a review on Airbnb.

Contact Us

We're here to help. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Kristen Denison, *Property Manager*
(253) 778-9554
Available 9am-11pm

Kim & Adam Gault, *Owners*
Contact us via Airbnb or VRBO



Safety

If you have an emergency, dial 911.

Arbor Health Morton Hospital

(360) 496-5112

521 Adams Ave

Morton, WA 98356

Fire Department

(360) 569-2752

Police Department

(253) 798-4721

Property Address

31603 554th St Ct E

Ashford, WA 98304

You are in the Echo Valley neighborhood

Covid-19

We follow Airbnb's COVID-19 safe practices, including enhanced cleaning. Ashford is a small, close-knit town. Please help prevent community spread by wearing a mask and observing social distancing in all public places.

Check Out Instructions

We hope you enjoyed your stay here!

As a reminder, check-out is at 12:00pm on the day that your booking ends.

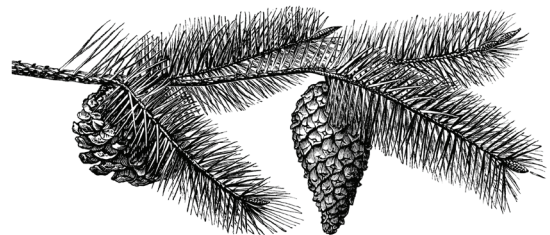
Please take everything with you when you leave, as the lock will automatically reset at 12:00pm and you will not be able to get back into the cabin.

Before you leave, we request that you:

- Wash the dishes.
- Turn the wall thermometer down to 50 degrees.
- Turn off the space heater upstairs.
- Make sure the wood stove and fire pit are extinguished.
- Turn off lights and electronics.
- Lock all doors and windows.

Thank you for visiting!

Please travel safely, and come visit us again! Let us know in the notes next time you rebook us. We love to know about repeat guests!



House Rules

Pets

Sorry, Camp Alder is a pet-free zone. Please leave your furry friend at home.

Quiet Hours

Please respect our neighbors. Quiet hours begin at 10pm.

Plumbing

The cabin is on septic. Please don't flush anything other than toilet paper (feminine products, Q-tips, paper towels, etc). Please put coffee grounds in the garbage instead of down the kitchen drain.

Microwave

Don't put metal objects in the microwave.

Garbage/Recycling

If you need to empty the garbage can during your stay, garbage goes in the green roller can outside. Recycling goes in the gray one.

Power Outages

Occasionally, falling trees knock out power in this area. We have flashlights distributed throughout the cabin in the event of an outage.

Burn Bans

We will let you know if a burn ban has been issued for the area. If a burn ban is in effect, DO NOT use the fire pit or wood stove (seriously). Burning *anything* during dry conditions is extremely dangerous in this area.



Smoking is not allowed on the property.

How to's

Access the property

We will send you a code to unlock side door. If, for some reason, you aren't able to enter the cabin with your code, please call Kristen, our property manager — (253) 778-9554

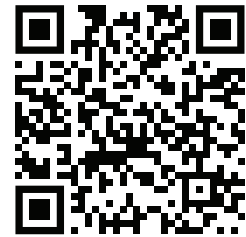
WiFi

Network: CenturyLink2352

Password: 6finzd6e4c8vix

Use the TV

Turn on the TV using the remote. We have a variety of streaming apps to choose from. Please use the Guest profile.



SCAN FOR WIFI

Use Bluetooth Speakers

1. Look for a blue light on the right side of the right speaker (located below the tv). If the light is green, press in the “volume” knob. The light should now be blue.

2. Connect to “EDIFIER R1700BT” using your phone or laptop’s Bluetooth menu. You are now streaming your device’s audio through the speakers.

Use the Turntable

1. Look for a green light on the right side of the right speaker (located below the tv). If the light is blue, press in the “volume” knob. The light should now be green.

2. Turn on the turntable by using the on/off dial in the bottom left. Place a record over the center spindle.

3. Press the Start/Stop button. The turntable will start spinning. No need to adjust any other settings.

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Use the turntable (cont'd)

4. Carefully lift the tone arm using the small lever at the arm's base and position the needle so it's hovering over the record. Lower the small lever. The needle will make contact the record will start playing.
5. To replace a record, use the small lever (see illustration below) to lift the tone arm off the record and position it to the side so you can swap it out.
6. To stop the music, simply press the Start/Stop button again.



Wood Stove Instructions

Step 1 - Dampers control the amount of airflow through the stove, which lets you control the intensity of your fire. There are 2 dampers on this stove (the gold loops in the front). Pull them towards you so that they are fully open.

Step 2 - Open the stove door (gold latch on the right). Place a firelighter, or a handful of torn newspaper in the center of the stove.

Step 3 - Build a 'crib' or tee-pee of kindling over your fire lighting material. Make sure your kindling is really dry.

Step 4 - Light the firelighter or paper and close the door nearly all the way, but leave it slightly ajar. This reduces condensation on the glass as your stove warms up.

Step 5 - Once the kindling is burning well, place a small log or two on the fire, leaving the door slightly ajar until the logs catch well. Don't add too much wood during this step. Lots of fuel + lots of oxygen could lead to over firing which could damage the stove.

Step 6 - Close and latch the door, and allow the fire to build up, adding another small log or two as needed. If the fire dies down, slightly open the door again to give it more air.

Step 7 - Allow the stove to get fully warmed up (between 400°-600°) before closing the dampers down to a running position (¼ of the way open). If you're having trouble keeping your logs burning, it's often due to closing the dampers too soon, before everything has properly warmed up. Keep an eye on the thermometer. If your stove is running too cool, you'll build up creosote in the chimney. If it's too hot, you'll be wasting a lot of your heat up the chimney pipe. 400°-600° is ideal. **Never leave the stove unattended.**

To extinguish — Close the dampers all the way, and allow your wood to burn through.

Hikes

For the Whole Family, Nisqually Entrance (SW Corner)

Lower Kautz - Located just 3.3 miles from the entrance, this trail has a great view of Success Peak, Mt. Rainier. Enjoy the Kautz Creek trail as it winds up the mountain fairly level up to the new mini canyon crossings.

Twin Firs Loop - Located at 4.4 miles from the entrance, these short four tenths of a mile loop trail is perfect for everyone. Twin Firs is a treasure at Mt. Rainier with its old growth forest canopy and moist environment all year round.

Trail of the Shadows - Located across the parking lot of the National Park Inn, Just 6.3 miles from the entrance. Pick up the self interpret pamphlet at the entrance. This trail is full of beauty and history forming a loop around the original James Longmire family homestead claim. The Longmire family found bubbling minerals in this area and believed that it was a source of healing. Do this hike counterclockwise to see the minerals still bubbling in a rock pool. Pass by a small cabin built in 1888 by Longmire's son, a mineral bathing area, and as you hike toward the back of the loop look in the meadow for more signs of mineral presence. This short .7 of a mile hike lets you wander through old growth trees and massive root wads placing a strong ora of human insignificance.

Nisqually Vista Loop - This trail is located just behind the Jackson Visitor Center. It is a 1 mile loop, relatively easy. From this trail you will view the snout of the Nisqually Glacier educational interpretive signs. There is an awesome rock right along the trail for children. Generally deer are grazing in the meadows toward evening.

Myrtle Falls - Entering the Skyline Trail from the right new the Paradise Inn, you can follow this up for ½ of a mile where you will view the Paradise Valle, Sluskin Falls across to Mazama Ridge, the beautiful flowing Myrtle flowing from Edith Creek.

Bench & Snow Lakes - 2.5 miles round trip. There are two lakes on the one trail. This trail has gradual ups and downs crossing low ridges. You reach Bench Lake after only ¾ of a mile and in another ½ mile you reach Snow Lake. To access this trail follow the main road past the Paradise area of the park towards Reflection Lakes. Here you will find this trail head 1 ½ miles east of Reflection Lakes.

Grove of the Patriarchs Trail – 1.3 miles round trip. This trail is on a large island surrounded by the Ohanapecosh River. This is an old growth forest of Douglas Firs and Western Red Cedars. These trees are over 1,000 years old and 300 feet tall. To access this trail go just west of the Stevens Canyon Entrance of the park which is located in the Ohanapecosh area of the park.

Silver Falls Trail – 3 miles round trip. This trail passed through the Ohanapecosh Hot Springs and follows the old boundary trail to Silver Falls. Silver Falls falls 75 feet to produce the silver looking spray. This trail can be hiked as a loop by crossing the river by the bridge below the falls and returning to the campground on the other side of the river. Please stay on the trail and behind the barriers. The rocks are very wet and slippery. To access this trail follow the main road into the park to the Ohanapecosh area of the park. This trail begins in the Ohanapecosh Campground in loop B.

Waterfall Hikes, Nisqually Entrance (SW Corner)

Westside Road– This trail provides beautiful trees, a wonderful view of Mt. Wow, and has seasonal drainages that provide many chances to view the “Un-named Waterfalls” that fill this trail with its beauty. It is located just inside the Nisqually Entrance. Look for it on the left side of the road to Paradise 1 mile.

Carter Falls – This 80 foot drop is named after Harry Carter who built a large portion of the Paradise Trail. Just 8 miles inside the Nisqually Entrance on 706, you will travel eastward on the Wonderland Trail. The falls are clearly marked, but before reaching them you must first cross over the Nisqually River on one of two footbridges. Continue 1.3 miles up the trail to the falls.

Madcap Falls – This trail is a continuation of the Carter Falls trail, until you reach an unsigned spur trail. Enjoy this trail only 1.4 miles from the trailhead to view the Paradise River tumbling over 20 to 30 feet.

Narada Falls Viewpoint or Narada Falls – Hike along the Wonderland Trail past Carter Falls & Madcap Falls about 1.5 miles to witness this popular tourist attraction. Narada Falls runs 168 feet along a bedrock before plummeting another 73 feet to its base.

Comet Falls – In order to view this amazing waterfall, hike uphill 1.6 miles beyond the

trailhead. Tree roots fill the soil underneath your feet but well worth the 320 foot drop that plunges from what seems like nowhere.

Upper Christine Falls - Park at Comet Falls trailhead, hike ¼ mile to the bridge.

Christine Falls - This waterfall is visible from the road, but getting out of the car is a must. Just .2 miles past Comet Falls trailhead pull over at the turnout on the east side of the bridge. Take the staircase down to view the hand placed stones that form the bridge giving Christine Falls the picture frame she deserves.

Paradise, Nisqually Entrance (SW Corner)

Myrtle Falls - Take the Skyline Trail to the right (near the Paradise Inn). Walk this easy .3 miles to a stairway, follow them down to observe the breathtaking view.

Sluiskin Falls - This 300 foot run along the Paradise River is visible from the Jackson Visitor Center. Seeing it first hand is what you are looking for, then take the southern loop of the Skyline Trail 1.4 miles from the trailhead. At the junction, veer left .5 miles and here is where you will see the white water cascade of Sluiskin Falls.

Fairy Falls - Is the longest cascading waterfall at Mt. Rainier National Park. Bring your binoculars - pull off at the Bench Lake Trailhead, and look across the highway.

Martha Falls - A series of falls best viewed from Stevens Canyon, accessed via the Wonderland Trail as well.

Panorama Point - 5 miles. This high point above Paradise provides sweeping views of the Nisqually Glacier and Mt. Rainier summit. Follow Skyline Trail up through the dense lupine fields (or snow drifts during the winter) following signs for Glacier View to get unobstructed views of tumbling ice falls as you traverse up to Panorama Point.

Hikes Outside of the National Park

*A Northwest Forest Pass is required for trails marked with an *. This pass can be purchased from Ashford Valley Grocery, located on SR 706 in Ashford.*

*Osborne Mountain Trail #250 - 5.5 Miles. This trail begins in Big Creek Campground (Road 5200.029) and climbs steeply through a moderately dense forest. The trail

passes through a harvest area and climbs to the south side of Osborne Mountain. The trail is cut by a switchback from Road 8410 (at mile 4). Continuing southeast, the trail skirts a timber harvest area and ends on Teeley Creek Trail #251 near Pothole Lake (Lower Bertha May Lake). Features include Osborne Mountain, views of Mt. Rainier, the Nisqually River Valley, and Pothole Lake.

Teeley Creek Trail #251 – 4.3 Miles. The Teeley Creek Trail begins on Road 8410. It descends through a dense conifer forest to Pothole Lake (Lower Bertha May Lake). The trail skirts the lake, then meets with Osborne Mountain Trail #250, turns south and climbs steeply to Upper Bertha May Lake. Continuing east, it passes Granite Lake and follows the base of Sawtooth Ridge and High Rock, ending on Big Creek Trail #252 near Cora Lake.

Big Creek Trail #252 – 2.4 Miles. The Big Creek Trail begins on Road 8420 and climbs steeply to Big Creek and Cora Falls before reaching Cora Lake. Skirting the lake, it passes a junction with Teeley Creek Trail #251, enters a dense forest and climbs to its terminus on Road 8440. Features include Cora Falls, Cora Lake and High Rock.

**Greenwood Lake Trail #253* – 3 Miles. The Greenwood Lake Trail is shown on maps, but is not currently being maintained. The trail is difficult to follow. Check with the Packwood District for current information.

Cave Creek Trail #255 – .5 Miles. This is a short access trail from Road 8510 to Osborne Mountain Trail #250.

**Silver Creek Trail #258* – 4.5 Miles. Located near Bear Prairie, the Silver Creek Trail begins on Road 5240.015 and proceeds generally southwest on an easy grade through an old-growth forest until ending on Road 84. This trail is cut by road crossings with Road 5222.016, within the first section of the trail. Bear Prairie is a meadow at the headwaters of Skate Creek.

**High Rock Trail #266* – 1.6 Miles. This trail takes hikers up to High Rock Lookout, one of three fire lookouts remaining on the Gifford Pinchot NF. The trail begins on Road 8440 and climbs steeply through increasingly sparse conifers to High Rock Lookout. High Rock is a prominent 5,685 feet high peak on Sawtooth Ridge with a sheer 600 foot drop on its north face. Please use caution when exploring this area. Stay behind the cables.

The lookout offers incredible views of the Sawtooth Ridge, Mt. Rainier and much of the surrounding landscape. Trailhead: High Rock - Trailhead is at the intersection of FR 8440 and the southern end of High Rock Trail No. 266.

**Allen Mountain Trail #269 - 4 Miles.* Formerly Skate Mountain Trail, this lightly used trail begins on Road 8460 and climbs 2.5 miles to the top of Allen Mountain. Here it enters the open, subalpine landscape and follows the Ridge to its junction with Greenwood Lake Trail #253.

Tatoosh Trail #161 - 9 Miles. The Tatoosh Trail begins on Road 5270. It climbs through dense forest for approximately 2 miles before coming to an open subalpine terrain.

Tatoosh Lookout Trail #161a - 1 Mile. The Lookout Trail is a short access trail from the Tatoosh Trail #161. It takes you to the site where a fire lookout once stood. Features from the lookout site include outstanding views of Mt Rainier and the Tatoosh Ridge.

Tatoosh Lake Trail #161b - .5 Miles. Trail #161b leaves the Tatoosh Trail #161, climbing a fairly steep grade to the top of the ridge. The trail tread is badly eroded. The trail then descends steeply to Tatoosh Lake. (No camping, stock, or campfires are allowed at Tatoosh Lake).

Grant Purcell Falls Trail #162a -.3 Miles. Located in La Wis Wis Campground in Loop C, this short trail leads to a waterfall named for an early Packwood homesteader.

Backbone Lake Trail #164 - 3.3 Miles. Beginning at the end of Road 12700, the trail starts in an old harvest area and has a short climb before leveling out and entering forest. A fork to the east heads towards Backbone Lake, while the main trail continues climbing north, following Backbone Ridge to HWY 706 in Mt Rainier National Park. The trail is well documented as having been used by the Taidnapam people as they traveled up Mt Rainier from the Cowlitz Valley. It was mainly used by mountain goat hunters. Goats are often spotted on Backbone Ridge.

Other Attractions

Mount St. Helens Visitor Center

The Johnston Ridge Observatory provides the closest and most direct views into the crater of Mt St Helens. It is high on a ridge directly in the path of the blast zone that blew out the top and north side of the mountain in the 1980 eruption.

