

Nesika Lodge Opening and Closing Procedures

Before driving into Nesika if you are the host you will need to notify the Forest Service Duty Supervisor. Please contact the lodge chairman for the number. We are still in a closed area that has burned with many dead trees. This is for our safety. You will also need to phone them when you come out.

Gate at Larch Mountain Road:

There are three locks. There is a set of two Forest Service locks and a single lock with tape wrapped around it. The lock with tape on it is the Trails Club lock.

Gate operation: Pull pin. Open gate. Replace locks as they were. If pin does not go in; open gate back up and then close again. You can stand on gate once and bounce once. Sometimes this works if pin will not go in.

If our lock is not in gate box; or you are locked in you can call the Corbett fire department at 503-803-5244. Dave Flood. The Corbett Fire department has a forest service key.

Road to Nesika:

There is a high possibility that you will come across a downed tree blocking the road. Do not drive into Nesika without a chain saw and the knowledge /training to use one. The road is approximately 5.5 miles long. Parking is available approximately 2 miles in at a large corner before turning right. The green gate is at approximately 3 miles in. At the green gate the road becomes steep and narrow. One way traffic only. An all wheeled drive/ four wheeled drive car or truck with high clearance are required from this point in. Please do not take 2 wheeled drive cars in.

Parking area:

Do not block other people's cars. You can park along the road if needed instead of parking area.

Monster Trail (Trail into Nesika): Approximately ¼ mile into the lodge. There is a Y in the trail at the top of the hill. Either way goes into the lodge. The left trail is steeper and is shorter. The Right trail is the Monster Trail used by the tractor.

At the Lodge: If it is winter the water is not turned on. You will need to use the outhouses. If you are using the sinks in the lodge you will need to place anti-freeze in the drains when you leave. There are two flush toilets behind locked doors. These toilets are not used in the winter. Check with the Lodge Chairman before use to ensure they are working properly during non freeze seasons.

Water:

We are on a spring that is located to the SW of the lodge. The pipe goes to a water junction box to the left above the far corner of the dormitory. For winter there is a pipe next to big stump you can carry water in from for use in the lodge. The lodge chairman is in charge of managing water between winter and non freezing season.

The tank on the upper hill provides water pressure for use of the showers and sinks in the lodge. To fill it turn on switch in the power panel labeled pump by Gray cabinet in wood room. Run power for approximately one to two hours per day to maintain water pressure. Set timer.

Hot Water: In winter all water is heated on big wood stove in kettles. In non freezing season there is a wood fired water heater in the wood room. Every trip before use: clean out all ashes. Do not overload wood in this stove as it will cause the water heater to boil over. Minimum wood to keep water hot is

best. Feel water tank; if it gets hot all the way from top to bottom then run hot water in the sinks till there is 25% of the water in the tank that is cool to the touch. If it overflows then you will have to clean up water. There is usually a bucket kept under the runoff pipe.

Wood Cook Stove: Please clean all vents and ash boxes when opening the lodge. The kitchen wood stove is temperamental. Start it with fire starters found on kindling pile, paper and kindling. Once the match has lit the paper on fire, open the little box in the front left corner of the stove. Place a lighted piece of newspaper in the box and close it. This draws the smoke up the chimney. For the vents; it is best to open the one under the fire box and close the one on the end of the stove when starting the fire. Once the fire is hot you can open the end vent. The end vent heats the ovens. You will need to load the wood stove with smaller wood, not kindling every 15 minutes to maintain a constant heat. The wider open the drawer is under the fire box the hotter the stove.

Gas Stove: When you get to the lodge go to the propane box and turn on the propane tank. Lefty loosey /righty tighty; so to open turn knob to the left. The propane box to the SW of the lodge before the dorm. In it are two tanks. The current one in use will have a sign which says in use. The other one should be full. If you run out of propane change tanks. The wrench is in the propane box for changing the tanks. In the lodge there is a valve behind the propane stove. The valve needs to be in line with the hose to be on. When you leave turn off this hose and the propane tank.

Fire Place and wood stove on back of fire place: Please clean all ashes out of fire place and wood stove before use. Please load all wood to the back of the fire place and wood stove to prevent smoking the lodge up. Keep fire screen on fire place except to load wood. All wood is in wood room. Use the least amount of kindling and small fire wood in the fire place and wood stove. The smaller pieces of fire wood are used for the wood cook stove.

Sleeping: All sleeping must be outside in your own tent till dorm is finished for COVID reasons.

Lodge: Masks are required in the lodge except during meals. People are required to wash hands before entering lodge. During meals people must sit 6 feet apart except for family groups. The host is in charge of collecting money and suggesting people sign the register. Please encourage people to let the host know if they are going out hiking and where they are going. Encourage two to three people in all groups that are hiking in area of lodge.

In the event of wild fire: Everyone should meet in front of lodge and travel out together. People need to then leave together or in pairs.

Cooler Box: There is a screened box on back porch for items which need to be cool. Hosts should be sure to bring their own cooler chests in the summer and ice. There are one or two ice chests at the lodge that can be used.

Generator: To turn on generator you must be trained. If trained ensure oil, diesel and radiator are full before starting. Ensure that the main switch is off before you start the engine. Record hours on log. Turn key to warming mode for 30 seconds. Then turn key on to start. Once running for at least a minute then you can flip the main switch to the lodge. If you spill diesel or oil please clean up promptly with kitty litter.

To close: No need to empty ashes as they are hot and could start a fire. Ensure all dishes are washed and put away. Sweep floors and mop. Haul out all garbage. Ensure ovens and cooler box are empty of food. If you use the barbeque; be sure you clean it before leaving. Turn off the propane connection in the lodge and in the box outside the lodge.

Ensure all windows and doors are closed and locked. Check a second time before leaving. This includes the two bathrooms.

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