

USDA, FOREST SERVICE
UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST

Heppner Ranger District
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Cabin Rental Information Packet

**DITCH CREEK GUARD STATION CABIN
TAMARACK LOOKOUT CABIN**



Ditch Creek Guard Station Cabin

Ditch Creek Cabin has been open for rent since October of 1996 and Tamarack Lookout Cabin since May of 2000. The Heppner Ranger District offers year-round recreational opportunities including hiking, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, wildlife and scenery viewing, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and just good old fashioned camping.

The enclosed packet contains all of the information and forms needed for renting the cabins. The packet and "Availability Calendars" are also on our web site at: www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/heppner. If you have additional questions, please contact the Heppner Ranger District, (541) 676-9187.

CABIN RENTAL CHECK LIST

- _____ Read the entire Information Packet.
- _____ Complete and sign the "Application and Maintenance Agreement for Cabin Rental Permit".
- _____ Sign the "Special Use Application and Permit". **The remainder of the form will be completed by the District** and returned to you after processing.
- _____ Make personal check or money order payment for cabin rental payable to the USDA Forest Service (\$40.00/night for Ditch Creek Guard Station Cabin and \$25.00/night for Tamarack Lookout Cabin).
- _____ Return the following to the Heppner Ranger District, Attn: Cabin Rental Program, P.O. Box 7, Heppner, OR 97836:
 - 1) "Application and Maintenance Agreement for Cabin Rental Permit"
 - 2) "Special Use Application and Permit"
 - 3) Cabin Rental Payment
- _____ Receive reservation confirmation back (validated Special Use Application and Permit) from the District.
- _____ Call the Heppner Ranger District at (541) 676-9187, Monday thru Friday between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to obtain the current combination for the cabin.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation for preservation of the Ditch Creek Guard Station Cabin or the Tamarack Lookout Cabin, make checks payable to the USDA Forest Service. Receipts are available at the Heppner Ranger District.

DITCH CREEK GUARD STATION CABIN

History and Information

Ditch Creek Guard Station was originally built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1934 or 35. The cabin is a classic example of building construction by CCC crews on the Umatilla National Forest. It is located at an elevation of 4,800 feet near Ditch Creek, which is one of numerous small perennial streams that flow south off the District into the North Fork John Day River. The building complex is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

The cabin is a one-story building containing a bedroom, living room, bathroom with shower, and kitchen with nook. It is not accessible to wheelchairs due to narrow doors and hallways. The cabin is furnished with water; however, it is only turned on from mid May through mid October, due to weather conditions.

There are two bunk beds and a dresser in the bedroom and a table with 4 chairs, 2 easy chairs and a heating stove in the living room. The kitchen has a refrigerator, cook stove, fire extinguisher, cookware, silverware and dishes. The nook has 2 additional chairs and a small table. There is a water heater and a utility closet in the entrance area with a mop, broom, and cleaning supplies. All appliances and lighting are propane, which is provided by the Forest Service.

Outside, there is a picnic table, fire pit, and a 20' x 20' horse corral for use by cabin renters. The fire pit may only be used during acceptable fire danger levels (inquire at the District Office prior to arrival).

TAMARACK LOOKOUT CABIN

History and Information

Tamarack Lookout Cabin was the housing for Forest Service personnel using the lookout for fire detection. The original cabin was built in 1934 and destroyed by an accidental fire in 1966. A garage/utility shed was then converted to the existing cabin. Tamarack Mountain is located at an elevation of 4,979 feet and overlooks the John Day River basin, between Spray and Kimberly.

The cabin is a one-room facility and is furnished with a cook stove, refrigerator, cookware, silverware, dishes, a heating stove, and two bunk beds. All appliances and lighting are propane, which is provided by the Forest Service.

Outside there is a fire pit and picnic table. The fire pit may only be used during acceptable fire danger levels (inquire at the District Office prior to arrival).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The cabins provide many luxuries to outdoor camping, however, there are several things you will still need to bring with you in addition to the "normal" camping supplies. Suggested items are garbage bags (pack it in, pack it out), candles or a lantern for emergencies, first aid kit, sleeping bag/bedding, potable water, toiletries, washcloths and towels, dish soap, and bar soap.

DITCH CREEK GUARD STATION CABIN

Directions

Ditch Creek Guard Station is located approximately 26.5 miles southeast of Heppner. From west I-84 take Hwy 74 exit to Lexington/Heppner. Drive 45 miles through the towns of Lone and Lexington to Heppner. Continue south, on Hwy 207, just outside the southern limits of Heppner, take a left (east) on Willow Creek Rd (paved). Travel 23 miles past Willow Creek Lake, Cutsforth County Park, and up Coalmine Hill. At the top of the hill, FS Rd 21 joins Willow Creek Rd. The route from I-84 to this junction is also part of the Blue Mountain Scenic Byway and is periodically marked with signs indicating it as such. Take a right (west) on Rd 21 (gravel) and travel 3.5 miles. The cabin is located on a hill on the north side of the road and is accessed by two short entrance roads (FS Rd 050 and 051).

From Ukiah take FS Rd 53, west. Cross Hwy 395 and continue on Rd 53 to its junction with FS Rd 21 (approximately 23 miles from Ukiah). Take a left (west) on Rd 21 (gravel) and follow the directions above to the cabin.

From Central Oregon, take Hwy 207 (north), 3 miles east of Spray. Travel 17 miles to the junction of Hwy 207 and FS Rd 21. Turn right (east) on Rd 21 (gravel) and travel 27.5 miles past Tupper Guard Station to the cabin.

The upper portion of Willow Creek Rd and FS Rd 21 are not plowed during the winter, so the closest parking may be 5.5 miles away at Cutsforth Park. The first two miles are uphill, 4-8% grade. Contact the Heppner Ranger District for information regarding current road conditions.

TAMARACK LOOKOUT CABIN

Directions

Tamarack Cabin is located approximately 43 miles south of Heppner. From west I-84 take Hwy 74 to Lexington/Heppner. Drive 45 miles through the towns of Lone and Lexington to Heppner. Continue south on Hwy 207 for 39 miles through Heppner, Ruggs, Hardman and past Anson Wright County Park to the junction of Hwy 207 and FS Rd 24 (.10 miles past the Bull Prairie Campground turn off). Turn left (east) on Rd 24 (gravel) and travel 6.5 miles to FS Rd 2407. Turn right (south) on Rd 2407 and travel 1.5 miles to FS Rd 040. Travel .5 miles on Rd 040 to the cabin. The cabin is on the right before you get to the helispot.

From Ukiah take FS Rd 53, west. Cross Hwy 395 and continue on Rd 53 to its junction with FS Rd 21 (approximately 23 miles from Ukiah). Take a left (west) on Rd 21 (gravel) and travel 31 miles past Ditch Creek Guard Station and Tupper Guard Station to Hwy 207. Take a left (south) on Hwy 207 and travel 6.5 miles to the junction of Hwy 207 and FS Rd 24 (.10 miles past the Bull Prairie Campground turn off). Take a left (east) on Rd 24 (gravel) and follow the directions above to the cabin.

From Central Oregon take Hwy 207 (north), 3 miles east of Spray. Travel 10.5 miles to the junction of Hwy 207 and FS Rd 24. Take a right (east) on Rd 24 and follow the directions above to the cabin.

FS Rd 24 to the cabin is not plowed during the winter; therefore, access to the cabin may be limited. A pickup with high clearance is recommended 12 months out of the year. Contact the Heppner Ranger District for information regarding current road conditions.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Heppner Ranger District offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities that can be accessed from both Ditch Creek Guard Station and Tamarack Lookout. There are over 26 miles of trails throughout the district that are available for hiking or horseback riding.

Fishing opportunities exist in streams throughout the district as well as Penland Lake (electric motors only) and Bull Prairie Lake (no motors allowed).

The District has two hunt units and is very popular for big game and game bird hunting.

The West End Off-Highway Vehicle Area (FS Rd 22 west) consists of over 91,000 acres open to Class I and III all terrain vehicles.

Wintertime brings opportunities for snowmobiling and cross-country skiing. The local Snowmobile Club, 4-Corners, takes on the responsibility for grooming 110 of the 173 miles of road designated for snowmobiling.

FEES AND AVAILABILITY

Ditch Creek Guard Station Cabin and Tamarack Lookout Cabin are available for public use year-round. Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis and recorded when the **APPLICANT PACKET AND REQUIRED FEE IS RECEIVED**.

The fee for Ditch Creek is \$40.00 per night with a capacity of six adults and \$25.00 per night with a capacity of four adults at Tamarack. The person who signs the permit must be at least 21 years of age and must be at the cabin during use. Children will not be left unattended in the facility at any time. Check-in time at the cabins is 1:00 pm and checkout time is 12:00 pm.

Permits are limited to fourteen nights; however, the maximum length of stay could be reduced dependent upon demand to ensure a wide segment of the public receives the opportunity to use the facility. Members of the same party may not reserve the cabin consecutively.

Parking space at Ditch Creek Cabin is limited. The number of vehicles and RV's must be kept to a minimum to maintain easy access to the cabin and quick departure in case of an emergency.

After reading the Information Packet, complete and sign the "Application and Maintenance Agreement for Cabin Rental Permit" and the "Special Use Application and Permit" and return them with the cabin rental fee to the Heppner Ranger District. Make check or money order payable to the USDA Forest Service.

If the cabin is available for the dates you selected, the validated "Special Use Application and Permit" will be returned to you. This is confirmation of your reservation and you must have the signed permit in your possession while staying at the facility. If the cabin is not available for the dates you selected, you will be contacted by phone regarding alternate dates.

The cabins are secured with a combination lock. You will need to call the Heppner Ranger District Monday thru Friday between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to obtain the current combination.

DITCH CREEK GUARD STATION CABIN

Inventory List	
UTILITY/BROOM CLOSET	KITCHEN
Mop	Propane light fixture
Broom	Propane stove
Dustpan	Propane refrigerator
5 gallon bucket	Window curtain (3)
Mop bucket	Table stand
Toilet brush	Wooden chair (2)
Cleaning supplies	Fire extinguisher
Wash tub (2)	Cake pan (2)
Scrub brush (3)	Cookie sheet
	Muffin pan
LIVING ROOM	Broiler pan
Wooden table	Fry pan (5)
Wooden chair (4)	Griddle
Easy chair (2)	Dutch oven
Propane light fixture (2)	Small sauce pan (5)
Propane stove	Coffee kettle (2)
Window curtain (3)	Pitcher (3)
Wall picture (2)	Mixing bowl (3)
	Dish strainer
BATHROOM	12 piece silverware set
Wall picture	12 piece dinner set
Window curtain	Can opener
Propane light fixture	Pop bottle opener
Plunger	Serving spoon (2)
Toilet brush	Spatula
	Pancake turner (4)
BEDROOM	Measuring cups
Wall picture	Measuring spoons
Propane light fixture	Wooden spoon (3)
Dresser	Ladle
Window curtain (2)	Cheese grader
Bunk bed with mattress (2)	Garbage can
Additional Items You May Want To Bring	
Portable water	Ax and shovel
Garbage bags (pack it in, pack it out)	Water bucket
Sleeping bag/bedding and pillow	Dish, bath towels, wash cloths
Matches	Dish washing soap, bar soap
Candles or lantern (for emergencies)	Food and spices
Bug repellent	Toilet paper and paper towels
First aid kit	Flashlight with batteries

TAMARACK LOOKOUT CABIN

Inventory List	
Mop and bucket	12 piece dinner set
Broom	8 piece silverware set
Dustpan	Fry pan (1)
Cleaning supplies	Sauce pan (3)
Propane light fixture (3)	Can opener
Propane heating stove	Measuring cups
Propane cook stove	Measuring spoons
Propane refrigerator	Wooden spoon
Wooden table	Spatula
Wooden chairs (5)	Wire wisk
Bunk bed with mattress (2)	Mixing bowls (3)
Fire extinguisher	Cake pan
Garbage can	

Additional Items You May Want To Bring	
Portable water	Ax and shovel
Garbage bags (pack it in, pack it out)	Water bucket
Sleeping bag/bedding and pillow	Dish, bath towels, wash cloths
Matches	Dish washing soap, bar soap
Candles or lantern (for emergencies)	Food and spices
Bug repellent	Toilet paper and paper towels
First aid kit	Flashlight with batteries

**APPLICATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
FOR CABIN RENTAL PERMIT**

Cabin Requesting: Ditch Creek Guard Station Cabin Tamarack Lookout Cabin
Dates Requesting: Arriving on _____ Departing on _____

Name _____ No In Party _____ DOB _____

Daytime Phone _____ Nighttime Phone _____ Amt Enclosed _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Auto Make _____ License _____ No. Pack _____ Snow machines _____

Rental fee for Ditch Creek Cabin is \$40/night and \$25/night for Tamarack Cabin. The fee is non-refundable; however the reservation holder may request to substitute an available date within the following 6 months. The District Office must receive the request for reservation date change at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled use, after this time no adjustment in dates will be made.

The Forest Service may cancel a reservation and a refund will be offered or a request for substitute dates may be made. In the event that the reservation is cancelled by the Forest Service and a refund is requested, the refund will be through a bank draft from the U.S. Treasury and may take up to eight weeks.

CABIN MAINTENANCE REQUIRED OF PERMITTEE

1. Sweep and mop all floors and leave steps free of dirt and snow
2. Leave rest room in clean condition
3. Clean kitchen counter tops and refrigerator
4. Wash and put away all dishes
5. Pack out all garbage
6. Turn off propane lights and stovetop burners and turn heater thermostat to night use
7. Fully extinguish fire in the outdoor fire ring
8. Lock all windows and doors
9. Follow all rules and regulations listed in the Cabin Rental Information Packet

Your signature obligates you to assist in maintenance. Recreation Facility Permits are issued under the Granger-Thye Act and the Fee Demo Program, whereby the Permittee agrees to assist in maintenance.

The primary value of this structure is administrative. However, neither the need for administrative use, nor the desire to make the facility available for public use warrants major repairs or replacement of the facility. Therefore, should the structure be destroyed by fire or otherwise damaged to great extent, it would not be replaced.

The Permittee shall perform simple maintenance (listed above) and pay a small fee in lieu of major maintenance. The Permittee hereby requests and the Forest Service agrees to perform recreation rental facility maintenance under the Act of April 24, 1950 (16 USC 572), limit of deposited funds.

Signature of Permittee

Date

USDA FOREST SERVICE
SPECIAL USE APPLICATION AND PERMIT
FOR
GOVERNMENT-OWNED BUILDINGS

Authority:
 The Granger-Thye Act of April 24, 1950 (16 U.S.C. 572 and 580d)

Permission is hereby granted to:

Holder: _____ Holder Number: _____

Address: _____

Auto Make: _____ License: _____

Telephone: _____ No. of People in Group: _____

No. of Pack or Saddle stock: _____ Snow machines: _____ Other: _____

Hereinafter called the holder, to use subject to the conditions set out below, the following described Government-owned improvements located on the Umatilla National Forest.

FACILITY	# DAYS	FROM	TO	INSTRUCTIONS/RESTRICTIONS

Check out time is 12:00 pm Maximum party size is 6 adults at Ditch Creek and 4 adults at Tamarack

THIS PERMIT IS ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH HEREIN.

IN CONSIDERATION FOR SUCH PERMISSION, I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE TERMS OF THIS PERMIT AND THE RULES FOR OCCUPANCY OUTLINED BY THE AUTHORIZED OFFICER, ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THIS PERMIT.

This permit is issued under the authority of the Granger-Thye Act of April 24, 1950. The holder agrees to pay a fee of \$_____ per day for a total of \$_____. The Forest Service, in accordance with the Granger-Thye Act, may use the fees to perform necessary maintenance of the facility.

Holder signature: _____ Date: _____

Authorized Officer signature: _____ Date: _____

Terms and Conditions

1. This permit is non-refundable. Any changes to reserved dates must be made at least 10 days prior to the original reservation.
2. The holder shall maintain the improvements and premise to standards of repair, orderliness, neatness, sanitation, and safety acceptable to the Forest Officer in charge. (See attached Rules for Occupancy).
3. The holder, in exercising the privileges granted by this permit, shall comply with the regulations of the Department of Agriculture and all Federal, State, County and municipal laws, ordinances, or regulations which are applicable to the area of operations covered by this permit.
4. The holder shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent and suppress wildfires. No material shall be disposed of by burning in open fires during the closed season established by law or regulation without a written permit from the Forest Officer in charge or his authorized acting.
5. The holder shall exercise diligence in preventing damage to the land and other property of the United States covered by, and used in connection with this permit. The holder shall reimburse the United States for any damage of property, other than ordinary wear and tear, caused by the holder related to the occupancy of the facilities and the use of other property under the terms of this permit.
6. Avalanches, rising water, high winds, falling limbs or trees, and other hazards are natural phenomena in the forest that present risks which the holder assumes. The holder assumes the responsibility of inspecting the site and immediate adjoining area for dangerous trees, hanging limbs, and other evidence of hazardous conditions and, after securing permission from the Forest Service, or removing such hazards.
7. The holder shall pack out and properly dispose of refuse, and shall not discharge waste or refuse into surface waters.
8. In the event of emergency rescue involving the holder or any other parties involved in the use, which require helicopter evacuation, the holder will be responsible for the cost of such rescue.
9. No fireworks shall be stored or used on the land covered by this permit, or in the structures thereon.
10. This permit shall not be exclusive. The Forest Service reserves the right to use or permit others to use any part of the permitted area for any purpose, provided such use does not interfere with the rights and privileges hereby authorized.
11. The holder shall indemnify the United States against any liability for damage to life or property arising from the holder's occupancy or use of National Forest lands under this permit.
12. This permit is not transferable.

Special Instructions/Restrictions:

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0596-0082.

This information is needed by the Forest Service to evaluate requests to use National Forest system lands and manage those lands to protect natural resources, administer the use, and ensure public health and safety. This information is required to obtain or retain a benefit. The authority for that requirement is provided by the Organic Act of 1897 and the Federal Land Policy and management Act of 1976, which authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to promulgate rules and regulations for authorizing and managing national Forest System lands. These statutes, along with the Term Permit Act, National Forest Ski Area Permit Act, Granger-Thye Act, Mineral Leasing Act, Alaska Term Permit Act, Act of September 3, 1954, Wilderness Act, National Forest Roads and Trails Act, Act of November 16, 1973, Archeological Resources Protection Act, and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to issue authorizations for the use and occupancy of National Forest System lands. The Secretary of Agriculture's regulations at 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart B, establish procedures for those authorizations.

The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) govern the confidentiality to be provided for information received by the Forest Service. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.