

Rustic Rim Hideaway

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Office Hours:

8:30 am to 8:00 p.m.

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Rustic Rim Hideaway provides the greatest hideaway cabins in Arizona. We are near the Woods Canyon Lake area, about 36 miles east of Payson in the small town of Forest Lakes. At an elevation of 7500', we have cool summers, colorful Falls, snow-covered Winters, and always a great get-away. We are not on the highway, and the Sitegreaves National Forest is at our back door. The cabins are CLEAN FULLY FURNISHED, two-story, 2-BR "A"-frames about 800 square feet (BR's upstairs) with a porch in front. The 3-BR is 1000 square feet (this is the only cabin providing one bedroom downstairs). They are knotty-pine and carpeted. Upstairs rear (loft) bedroom comes with two single (twin-size) beds. The upstairs front bedroom has a queen bed. There is a child gate to place at the top of the steps for little ones. Downstairs are the porch, living area, dinette, kitchen, and bath. Each cabin has a sofa and Satellite 32" LCD-HDMI TV including Disney and Nickelodeon; you can bring your own DVD player. Linens, blankets, and pillows are provided for the beds (When pets are brought you must bring your own blankets for your beds). The bath contains a shower / bath combination and pastel towels (please bring extra towels if you require more than one set per person, as we only supply the one set for each person for your stay). Sorry, we do not provide maid or linen service during your stay. Each cabin has a 20-gallon hot water heater. The kitchen contains a FULL-SIZE refrigerator, a FULL-SIZE range/oven, microwave, electric coffee maker, coffee filters, toaster, two basin sink, pots, pans, silverware, dishes, glasses, tumblers, wine-glasses, utensils such as can-opener, bottle-opener, wine-bottle opener, pizza-cutter, tongs, knives, cutting board, cheese-grater, potato-masher, ladles, wire-wisk, measuring cups/spoons, ice-trays, cookie-sheet, tupperware, pitchers, and steak-knives! All kitchen items are double-cleaned and sanitized prior to your use! Also provided are dish-soap, sos-pads, dishcloths & towels, trashbags, vacuum and mop-up towels! That's a carload of kitchen stuff you don't have to pack or forget! You don't even have to buy charcoal or lighter fluid, since a gas-grill is provided for each cabin! Next to the kitchen are the dinette set, and the living area in front. The living area has the sofa, a rocker/recliner, and the fireplace. The fireplace, a wood burning stove with glass doors and flagstone hearth show the fire nicely. The fireplace is the primary source of heat, and it will definitely keep it toasty inside. We provide you with plenty firewood and kindling already split for the interior fireplace only. Each cabin has a patio table with 4 chairs out front. Night-lights and emergency lighting are provided in each cabin.

In the shared common area, is a seasonal horseshoe set and one forest-backing campfire ring (BYO campfire wood).

There are not any laundry facilities or telephones in the cabins. Sometimes cell phones do roam, but service is usually marginal at the cabins. Parking is physically limited to two vehicles per cabin, so please carpool if you have large groups.

All cabins are non-smoking cabins, however you may smoke outside. Pets are subject to approval and pet rates.

Pets CANNOT be left unattended in or at the cabins and expect to clean behind your pet! NO pets in the 3 BR cabin!

You do need to bring extra towels and pillows if needed, paper-towels, napkins, aluminum-foil, saran-wrap, roasting pans, oversize kettles, rolling-pins, pie-pans, bread or muffin pans, blenders, dish gloves, spices, coffee, cooking-oil, ice, food, kids toys, DVD/play-station TV-coax adapters and wood for the campfires. Bring your pet dishes and leashes/runners. You must bring your own blankets for all your beds if a pet is brought. We want you to have a safe trip, so your vehicle should have road warning triangles, car jack, spare tire, and flashlights. Bring extra cash or a credit card for towing or car repair.

In winter months make sure you have a SNOWBRUSH, TIRE CHAINS (even if you have 4WD), -20 degree anti-freeze and windshield washer protection, a good battery, a shovel, warm boots and coats. EXPECT fresh snow, slush, black-ice, or hard packed snow in winter. Bring your 4WD instead of your car, if you have a choice. DPS may turn traffic around for lack of snow-tires, chains, or 4WD (either arriving or even when leaving us). Tire chains/cables are available at auto stores and Wal-Mart in Payson, but not very often here in Forest Lakes. Plan ahead – you may need the tire chains to be able to leave here.

Make sure you have appropriate transportation based on the changing weather & road conditions! Our cancellation policy does not allow us to refund your deposit unless we are able to rebook your cabin. Be prepared for unforeseen driving hazards – roads are curvy and hilly which can obstruct animals, disabled and slow moving vehicles. Deer and thousand-pound Elk frequent the road between Payson and here, especially at dusk and at night!

Directions from Phoenix: Follow State Route 87 North from Mesa or Fountain Hills to Payson. At McDonald's Golden-Arches, turn right (East) on State Route 260, (towards Show-Low), go about 36 miles. You will bypass Kohl's Ranch and Christopher Creek (the road has changed); climb the Mogollon Rim, past the Woods Canyon Lake turnoff and Willow Springs Lake. You will see a reduced speed (50 MPH) sign, a small "FOREST LAKES" sign, and the road widens to three lanes. Next you will probably see the following: Campers Country Store on the right, and on the left is Bugle's Restaurant and Forest Lakes Lodge (a 2-story motel). Go almost 1 more mile (0.8 mi.) further east to Mule Springs where a blue colored "Bed" sign signals your fast-approaching left-turn. At milepost 289.25 on Hwy 260, take a left turn (North) onto Mule Springs Trail, a small gravel road. GO SLOW and look for the second house on left (the brown house), with tall red reflectors at the driveway, the American Flag and circle drive. The rental cabins are the three A-Frames in the cul-de-sac (Bill's Loop) across the street from the office.

There are not any streetlights here at night! Be safe – go slow and pay attention for ELK on the road and for Mule Springs!