

RIVER CABIN RENTALS (LLC)
BASIC CABIN INFORMATION AND THINGS TO DO

This information is supplied so you can have a little information on the cabins and research things you would like to do before you arrive and make reservations if necessary. The information is always changing so we cannot guarantee the information is current. We have also supplied some basic information about the cabin.

Your Confirmation:

Will have information about the managers, what to bring, and general directions. Bring it with you along with the map of the local area. We do not give out the phone number of the cabins unless requested so as not to disturb current renters. The address to the cabins will be on your confirmation. You can MapQuest or Google directions.

CABINS:

Calls are restricted to Bakersville and Parts of Spruce Pine Local area only
Direct Long distance calls and collect calls are blocked
Call your Long distance carrier to make long distance calls using your access number
Or use a prepaid calling card (Only a few cell phone companies service this area)
Cell phones do not work at Pigeon Roost Cabin but most do at the Toe River Cabin
Both cabins are in Mitchell County, NC
We are members of the Mitchell County Chamber of Commerce
Both cabins are stocked with Games, books, and brochures of things to do in the area.

Cabin Management

The cabins are self service. There is no need to contact or check with a manager to pick up a key or check in. Go right to the cabin and the key will be in a lock box at the front door. You can arrive anytime you like from 4pm and on. We have sensor lights at the front door of both cabins should you arrive late so you can see what you are doing. Early check in and late checkouts are no problem, just check with us 24 hours in advance so we can make sure there is not a scheduling conflict. There are two keys in the lock box. Only use one. The other is for emergencies only, leave it in the lock box, and do not give it to another member in your party. The managers provide security and an emergency contact for you. They also check each cabin after your departure for any damage and inventory things we stock in the cabin such as movies and other supplies. When you depart, do not take toiletries, laundry soap and supplies that were there when you arrived. We supply these items. Take only what is yours. The managers will also check that you have complied and completed with everything on the departure checklist. All items must be completed. They only check that you have done everything on the leaving checklist. We pay them extra if you did not, that is when we bill you per our rental agreement. In many years renting cabins I have only had one problem and the party paid a \$75 cleaning fee.

Owners: Office 954-752-5777 Bobs Cell 954-729-8098 Susan's Cell 954-325-5430
Robert and Susan Spencer (Coral Springs, FL)

Don't hesitate at all to call us at any time. If you need directions, get lost in the mountains while up there, or just have a question, comment, or recommendation, I would like to hear from you.

Mitchell County Sheriff's office services this area 911 or 688-3982 or 688-2171

Police in Bakersville (small town 5 miles east of the Toe River Cabin)

688-2113

911

Nearest Hospital to both cabins is in Spruce Pine

20 minute drive from Toe River and 30 minutes from Pigeon Roost

1-828-765-4201

24 hour emergency room

Heliport

Bakersville Community Medical Clinic

86 N Mitchell

828-688-2104

Open 8:30am M-F Closed 8pm on Mon and Tue and 4pm Wed-Thu-Fri

Accepts Blue Cross Blue Shield

Excellent Care and Service (about 5 Doctors work in this office)

Carolin's Poison Center

1-800-848-6946 in Charlotte, NC or 911

Insects//Reptiles/Animals

This is the mountains. It is full of spiders, lady bugs, ants, ticks, horse flies, bees, wasp, yellowjackets, hornets, snakes, deer, bear, and the list goes on. I had someone complain because of two ants on the kitchen sink and a dead spider on the floor.

If you get a tick on you put turpentine on it and it will come right off. Do not pull them off.

There is Rocky Mountain spotted fever and Lyme Disease in NC like most states.

Bees, Wasp, and yellowjackets normally will not bother you unless you interfere with their hives/nest. Be careful with everything you do. I have seen nest form under chairs and tables, then when you sit down they get you. If you see a hive/nest please destroy it with bug spray.

The yellow jackets are the most aggressive. The hives up here easily get to be a foot in diameter in just a few weeks.

Mountain Terrain

Cliffs, Big Rocks, Curvy narrow roads, Floods, slippery trails etc. Mountains are dangerous. You have to be extra careful. Even when you are careful accidents will still happen.

DID YOU BRING YOUR LAPTOP COMPUTER?

If so, connect your modem cord to any phone outlet. Modem signals are good

You will need a service provider 800#.

AOL has a local number in Bakersville that's not Long Distance

Make sure to check the weather radar before you leave on any journeys in the area, go to our web site at www.rivercabinrentals.com and scroll to bottom of Home Page, click on the Weather box at bottom. Current conditions, Radar, and ten day forecast will all come up. Just scroll down the page on right side. The live radar picture will look like this below-The yellow dot is the cabins on this picture as a reference. Scroll down to the 10 day forecast and plan your activities accordingly. Also visit our Things to do page for links to many local attractions.



High Speed Internet

If the modem is too slow for you and you need to do business or a lot of work on the internet you may want to visit one of three local libraries that have it available for your use. Tell them you would like to log on to the internet as a guest that way you do not need to sign up for library membership. There is no charge unless you print something. You can use the computers for up to an hour at a time. You can use the Yancey County Library in the town square of Burnsville. 828-682-2600 or Mitchell County Library in the town of Bakersville. 828-688-2511. Or the Library in Spruce Pine as a last resort.

They are all closed on Sunday. When I am visiting I use these facilities when updating our web site.

Wild Animals you might see on the property

Black Bear, Deer, Wild turkeys, Panthers, Wolves, Beaver, Turtles

24 HOUR! Wal-Mart

2514 Hall town Rd Spruce Pine, NC 28777 828-766-9991

This is a Super Wal-Mart (Groceries also)

Great place to go if need something in the middle of the night

Good selection of fishing tackle and they have live worms to be used for bait

It's about 16 miles from the Toe River cabin and 30 miles from Pigeon Roost Cabin

Dot's Coffee (downtown Bakersville) Lattes, Tea, or whatever!

The nearest large town to both cabins is Burnsville.

It is 16 miles from Pigeon Roost Cabin and 14 miles from Toe River Cabin

All the fast food restaurants, Buffets, etc. Ingles is a very nice grocery store, the other is BI-LO (just ok).
Roses is a discount store in Burnsville next to Burger King on HW 19E.

The USFS has an office in Burnsville if you need any information on Trails, Hiking, AT, Forest Service Boundaries, restrictions, camping, etc. There are many banks including Wachovia.
The other small town is Spruce Pine.

STEAKS (If planning on cooking out at the cabins)

Gateway Market in Bakersville

688-4774 5am-11pm M-Sat 10-6 Sunday

RESTAURANTS

Goggle some restaurants to make your selection before you leave.

I Highly recommend the Grove Park INN (Asheville) If your looking for something with class

Groveparkinn.com

Try the Buffet in the Blue Ridge Dining Room.

It's about \$35 per person. Reservations necessary.

Beautiful View, Excellent Food, Music, Fireplaces, and nice after dinner drinks

Good place for Honeymooners or romance

Savor selections from the menu or enjoy one of our famed weekend buffets while overlooking the Asheville skyline, the resort's gorgeous fairways and, of course, the Blue Ridge Mountains that give the Dining Room its name.

Award-winning Friday Seafood Buffet, Saturday Prime Rib Buffet and Sunday Brunch.

Enjoy live music every weekend in our Wine Bar.

For a reservation during your stay, call **800-438-5800**

Western Sizzling in Spruce Pine or Burnsville

Full Buffet-Not to bad-Very inexpensive-Lots of Variety

Kids eat Free on Monday night

McDonalds in Spruce Pine or Burnsville (Burnsville store is open 24 hours last time we checked)

Combined KFC/Taco Bell in Grassy Creek going toward Wal-Mart on HW 226 by Spruce Pine

If looking for a nice local restaurant, go to the Little Switzerland INN Dining Room

They have Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Open only seasonally.

Real Estate Sales Real Property People 765-2282

Grassy Creek Golf and Country Club 765-7436

Satellite TV

Dish Network has over 120 channels-Pay per view is blocked

Both cabins have all the local channels

We have the green programming package

We stock both cabins with over 75 DVD and VHS movies for your convenience

We will charge you if the movies are removed from the cabins

Music/Stereo

Both Cabins have Satellite Music on the TV

Air Conditioning Units (Do not use months of October to April) Covered on outside!

If not cooling-vacuum off the filter

Use only Air Conditioning units that you need

Do not try to open windows that have window AC units installed (they will fall out)

The noises they make are normal on energy efficient units

During winter they are **covered outside** and unplugged (do not plug in and do not use!)

Movie Theaters

There is only one in Burnsville. Very small. Suggest watching movies in the cabin.

THINGS TO DO (click on the links on our web site for lots of details)

RAFTING

Loafers Glory White Water Rafting/Kayak Rentals/Tubing (right next door)

3/10 of a mile east of the cabin (Just walk out the front door and turn right and follow road)

Owners name is Jeffery Freund

Just look for the red gate and gravel parking area by the Toe River Cabin

Phone 828-688-9393

He owns 45 acres on the most beautiful part of the Toe River

Walk or drive over, let him know what you want to do.

Let him know you are staying at rivercabinrentals.

He does different types of Rafting trips to suit your needs on the Toe River in back of cabin

River is a Class III rapid. The roughest area is just one mile upstream from the cabin.

Typical rafting trip is about 2 hours

Fun yak rentals are \$30 daily (great trip down the river)

He also does Tube Rentals (lots of fun)

French Broad Rafting Co (White Water Rafting on the French Broad River)

1-800-842-3189 • (828) 649-3574 • 1-800-570-RAFT (7238)

376 Walnut Drive • Marshall, NC 28753 West/Southwest of Cabin 45 minutes driving time

TUBING TIPS rent next door at Loafers Glory Campground

Do not tube if raining (water levels can rise rapidly in the river)

I do not recommend children under 13 ride tubes and children must be accompanied by an adult.

You must be a good swimmer

Your tube ride is very secluded-There are not many places you can get out and just walk back

Always tube with someone and stay with them when tubing.

Wear water shoes or tennis shoes

Wear a life jacket (We have some in basement included with your rental)

There are four areas with good rapids from the cabin to the first bridge
after that just a few mild bumps

Make sure you get out by the 2nd bridge-This river turns into Class IV and V Rapids downstream

Water is from 2' to 7' deep when the river is low.

When tubing (lift your butt up if approaching a big rock just peaking out of the waters surface)

Tie tubes down to the top or back of your car when you pick up your party. (take rope with you)

Another way to bring the tube back (it works) get in the car, hold onto it outside the car
with window down

If you do this, do not exceed 25 MPH.

FISHING

Get license at Wal-Mart (open 24 hours)-or can get online before you depart from home.

There is a small store near Pigeon Roost Cabin called Petersons that can issue licenses

Go back down Pigeon Roost Road, turn right at the river, drive for a few miles, on right side.

Read Fishing regulations

Types of fish in river are a variety of Trout, small mouth bass, and catfish

Wal-Mart also has nice Canadian Night Crawlers

Rooster tails, corn, or catch a minnow and throw back in on a bigger hook

Night Crawlers are the best bait in the river

If the Toe River is muddy due to heavy rains you probably will not catch anything

It takes about two days after heavy rains for the water to clear up

The creek at Pigeon Roost cabin clears up after heavy rains the next day

Horse Back Riding Guided Group Trips

Springmaid Mountain (springmaidmountain.com) Open year round

They are great! Very organized and horses are well cared for and trained

2171 Henredon Road

Spruce Pine, NC 28777

888-297-0725 or 828-765-2353

15 minute rides for small children under 8 or trail riding for adults and children 8 and up

This is group riding. Call at least a day or two before your ride to set up a time

**Pontoon Boat Rentals (Watauga Lake, TN) 50 Minute Drive
(This is a great time if weather is nice)**

I highly recommend this! We did it and it was great. They are booked in the summer-make reservations
Take Towels, Bathing Suits, Sun block, food, lots of water, Fishing Poles, Cold Drinks, Camera
If fish in TN, a fishing license is required in the lake, \$6 per person per day, under age 13 not required
You can Pull tubes, Fish, Swim, Cruise the lake, even have a party on the boat
There is a CD/Radio Stero on the boat (bring your own CD's)
The scenery on the lake is beautiful and it is 18 miles wide one end to the other
Make sure the weather forecast is good for the day you go.
There are two companies that rent, To reserve a PONTOON BOAT
Call Fish Springs Marina contact at (423) 768-2336 Or Call Watauga Lakeshore Resort (423)-725-2201
Summer Hours: 7am – 6pm Pontoon Rates: \$120 all day \$80 Half day Winter Rate \$75 all day!

Also Try Poontoon Boat Rentals on Lake James by Marion NC. Two places rent the boats.
About \$135 daily plus fuel. Mimoso Marina 828-584-1886. Beautiful Lake. Has islands in
the middle to BBQ, swim. This place lets you take your pets with you. There is a nice
restaurant on the lake to eat at on the west end. The boats here have up to 100HP motors so
can ski and tube. Its just over an hour drive. Leave about 7am, arrive around 8:30 am and take
the boat our until 5pm.

Mount Mitchell State Park (Hiking) If a clear day I highly recommend this trip to the Top!

Explore miles of hiking trails and reward yourself with breathtaking views of the Blue Ridge Mountains.
Ascend the highest peak east of the Mississippi, rising to 6,684 feet and watch the world take on a new
perspective from the observation tower. Visit the museum and learn about the natural and cultural history of
North Carolina's first state park. The famished hiker or the hungry tourist can enjoy a relaxing meal in the
restaurant.
Telephone: Park Office: (828) 675-4611; Restaurant (828) 675-9545.

Hike to Crabtree Falls (In Crabtree Meadows on the Blueridge Parkway)

One mile hike to the falls-Not an easy hike but worth it

Linville Caverns (Must do)

Limestone Cavern off HW 221 a few miles from Blue Ridge Parkway and Linville Falls
This place is awesome (plan on spending about an hour here)

Altapass Orchards on the Blue Ridge Parkway

Let Kit and Bill be your host
Ice Cream, Fudge, Jellies, Live Country Music, Hay rides. Lots of fun

Linville Falls and Grandfather Mountain are 11 miles from each other

(Do both on the same day)

Linville Falls-Very Beautiful (hike to the lower falls "The Gorge" is difficult and steep in some places)

Hike is .7 miles.

Should be physically fit. Don't go too late.

If gets dark and you don't make it back to your car you can get lost on the trails.

Take camera.

Grandfather Mountain-Worth the trip \$12 Adult \$6 children. They have a small zoo also.

Take Camera. Do this on a clear day when not too windy. Elevation a mile high. Nice gift shop.

Take sweater or coat

Emerald Village

Little Switzerland

PO Box 98

Little Switzerland, NC 28749 828-765-6463

Emerald Village is one of North Carolina's most enjoyable attractions! If you like gem mining...you'll LOVE Emerald Village! See Authentic Equipment in a real mine!

The indoor portion of our tour features uses of the minerals & gems found in these mines.

A collection of mining lamps, dynamite plungers and other mining memorabilia are on display.

You'll also want to visit their gallery of minerals with specimens from North Carolina and around the world.

They also have a black light display that really shows off some of the more unique minerals and gems. Follow directions to Wal-mart and continue past to the Blue Ridge Parkway. Go West/south to Little Switzerland area.

Wolf Sanctum in Bakersville

HW 226 East to flashing light in Bakersville-right turn to 1st stop light. Then left. Follow this road (Cane Creek) 3.7 miles. On your left is the entrance. Read the WARNING. Proceed up the hill. When get to the top turn to your right (look for cages). Call and make an appointment first. Guide will give you a tour. Please make a donation to help support the Sanctum. See wolves up close and personal.

Dellinger Mill

Just past the Wolf Sanctum (above) about a mile and a half on right side of road. Visit this restored water powered Mill that grinds corn into meal and grits. You can buy a bag of fresh meal or grit while visiting. 828-688-1009.

No charge to see but please make a donation to support the mill if able.

Ski Resorts: (Also Snow tubing)

Wolfe Laurel 578 Valley View Circle Mars Hill, NC 800-817-4111 / 828-689-4111

Drive to Burnsville, from Burnsville go approx 11 miles west to 1421/1503(Windy Gap)

Then 4.5 miles to 1502, Then 4.5 miles to Valley View Circle (32 Miles Total from Cabin)

Resort is SW of cabin

They don't have tubing anymore

But a place called Wolfs Den just down the road does it for \$10 for 1.5 Hours

Hawks Nest 828-963-6561/800-822-4295 best tubing!

1000 foot tube run with magic carpet lift back up

About ten minutes from sugar mountain.

Follow directions below, except when get on 105, stay on 105

past 184 about 3 miles and it will be on your left, drive to top of mountain

Sugar Mountain (800-784-2768) or 828-898-4521 700' Tubing Run

To Sugar follow directions to Hospital.

Then, Take HW19 from Hospital North to 194 and turn right, 4 miles to 221 and turn left,

go 9 miles on 221 north to 105, Turn left onto HW 105 and drive 4 miles, Turn left onto

HW 184 and turn left to Sugar Mountain about 3 miles.

If staying at Pigeon Roost Creek Cabin:

Hike or Walk the Pets on the "Left Hand Fork" Dirt Road (USFS)

This is National Forest Land.

Cross the Bridge by the cabin and it's the first dirt road on left hand side. Just 200 feet from the cabin. Miles of Hiking, Fishing, mountain biking, picnicing. If you walk the left hand Fork take drinking water with you. There are a few creeks to walk across, just take shoes off, and walk across creek then put shoes back on after cross. Area is patrolled by USFS and the Fish and Game Dept.

If looking for a really long hike go down the left hand fork past the 2nd creek, go another 1000' or so and on right side is a gate. Go around the gate. Go up this trail for a beautiful secluded hike about 3 more miles. The 2nd creek is about 2 miles down the left hand fork. You will have to cross some creeks, so this is how we do it. Take a small towel with you, take your shoes off before crossing the creek, walk barefoot thru the creek, then dry off your feet, put shoes back on and continue.

Behind the cabin is a nice short trail. Go over the bridge and follow trail immediately to your right. The trail follows a waterfall up the mountain to an old cemetery at the top. The trail is all USFS land. If you continue to follow the trail onto the other side of the cemetery you will be on private party, so turn around or explore the area in back of the cabin. If you go off the path take a GPS with you or mark the trees so you don't get lost. Respect the cemetery and stay out of the fenced in area. The family buried there lived here back in the 1800's. Some trees are marked with a white paint strip to keep you on the trail.