

# Peregrine Guest Information

Yosemite Peregrine Lodge



Encouraging Adventure And Defining Relaxation.

## MANAGEMENT AND ASSISTANCE

I am David, owner and manager of the Peregrine Lodge. I own and manage the Peregrine lodge and manage a couple of other local lodges in Yosem.

I am here for any questions, emergencies or concerns that you may have. I also love to share information regarding the park and what to do. If you need advice, assistance or directions please call me at 619-948-8560.

I live and manage from an apartment at the back of the lodge. Feel free to come by and ring the bell during business hours with any questions you may have. I am available after hours for any emergencies. And of course, please feel free to approach me when you see me walking by. I love to talk and share stories. The lodge is yours to enjoy and call home while you are here.

## CONTACTING ME & COMMUNICATIONS

**Address: 7509 Henness Circle, Yosemite CA 95389**

My time is divided between the properties during the day, and in the evening I have a discreet presence in my apartment. However, I often am away driving to town for various needed items or enjoying the park in my off hours just like you. I can also be found in the evenings at Glacier point with my telescope or visiting with local friends and family. No worries, if you have an emergency, just call my cell phone at 619-948-8560. If I am not in a coverage area, I will check for messages as soon as I am.

As cell phone coverage is spotty in Yosemite please leave a message and I will call you back as soon as I get it. Also, texting seems to work better then voice in some areas of the park. So if I do not respond to a voice call please try texting.

Verizon is the only cell phone that will work in Yosemite West. However, AT&T works in the valley at the Half Dome Village, Yosemite Village, and the Yosemite Lodge.

## CHECKING IN AND OUT

**Check in is at 4 pm. Please no early check ins.** (We have a large lodge and it takes time to clean it and make it ready for our next guests)

I am at the lodge most days that there are check ins. When you arrive go to my office, call or text me at 619-948-8560. If you can call me when you are entering the gates to the park so I know you are on your way.

I am available to tour the lodge with you, point out details of the home and get you settled in. I will issue a key pad code for you to use for entry into the lodge at the ground level.

We request that our guests whose name is on the reservation be the first ones to check in. Or of course

everyone is welcome to check in at the same time. This is so we can tour the home with you and share the responsible party the lodge's idiosyncrasy's.

### **Late check ins after 5pm:**

I can be available for check ins after 5 pm. Please call me and let me know you are planning a late check in. If I will not be available then I will provide an entry code to you in advance. Let yourself in. Read the informational book provided in the lodge. You are responsible to be familiar with all the rental policies and guidelines. When convenient I will meet with you to see that you have understood the details of the home and to answer any questions you may have.

### **ARRIVING WITH MORE GUESTS THAN YOUR RENTAL AGREEMENT.**

From time to time it happens that more guests are added after the reservation was booked. Please be familiar with the max occupancy guidelines. Max occupancy is 8 people unless already agreed upon in writing at the time of booking. Any adult over 6 will be charged \$45.00 per night non-holiday rate. Arriving with more than 8 people will be in violation of the occupancy rules and may be subject to immediate termination of the rental.

California is experiencing a drought and our community relies on well water and a limited capacity to process sewage. In order to avoid water stricter regulations imposed by the county of Mariposa on our community, do our part in water conservation, and to keep the good will of our non-renting neighbors we strictly enforce the occupancy rules.

### **CHECK OUT:**

10 AM Check-out: It is appreciated if your check out is punctual so that we can prepare the lodge for our next guests.

### **Before checking out**

Check, check, double check rooms and decks for personal items. The post office is a long drive and I often can't get there every week which can mean long delays for getting your things returned.

Follow the check out guideline page in the information book. You are expected to leave the lodge in the same order as when you checked in. Your \$300.00 cleaning deposit will be returned via check within 3 weeks of your check out. The cleaning deposit will be used to cover any excessive cleaning which may be needed. It also is used for light damages such as dings in walls, scuffed paint, etc.

An occasional broken glass and dish are considered normal wear and tear and will not be charged.

### **Late check outs**

*It may be necessary to move personal belongings to a holding area if our guests are more than one hour late and not available to contact by phone, texting or email on check out day.* Also, because we are in the wilderness, miles from the closest town, and in an area which would be extremely hard to find short notice accommodations, we cannot allow the possibility that our next guests might be bumped due to a forgotten check out date.

### **TV AND WIRELESS**

The first thing to know is that in the mountains there are no guarantees. Both our TV and Internet are satellite based so many things can disrupt or diminish the services.

### **TV**

There are TV and DVD players in all of the bedrooms as well as the main living room. There is no TV reception in bedrooms. You will find the basic stations available upstairs in the living room. The living room has a blue ray DVD player. Feel free to bring your favorite entertainment.

## **Limited Internet**

Our Internet is Satellite based and has a 10 gig limit per month. If we go over our allocated usage then we do not have anymore Internet until the end of the month.

For the sake of our guests who will visit after you, please go easy on your Internet usage. Streaming sound or video or uploading a lot of images to Facebook will use up our allotment very quickly. We know that in our modern world wifi is necessary. Many of our guests often have to stay in touch with work, and working vacations are not uncommon. It is important for us to be able to provide this necessary tool. We are very fortunate to get both TV and Internet as many homes in Yosemite cannot due to high trees and valleys.

No streaming of video content please. If a guest uses up our internet on streaming content a fee may be charged against the cleaning/security deposit.

## **WATER AND PLUMBING**

You will notice that the water may come out of the tap appearing cloudy. The water is pure and from a community mountain well. It is delivered by pump which puts small bubbles in the water but it will clear immediately.

The toilets are low flow so hold the handle down for 3 seconds for solid waste.

## **DISH WASHER**

The Peregrine lodge has 2 dishwashers. Soap is provided.

## **WASHER AND DRYER**

Washers are not provided. We keep our clean linens and bedding in our washing room and keep it separate and locked during our guests stay. This is so we can keep our sanitized laundry free from the possibility of contamination.

You will find a coin operated laundry at the Yosemite West Condominiums just one block away. There is also a coin operated laundry in Housekeeping camp in the valley.

## **PHONES**

There is a house phone in the Peregrine Lodge. It is good for local calls only within the park. Of course you can use a calling card for long distance calls and give the phone number to others who may need to contact you while you are here.

## **GARBAGE**

When your garbage container is full please double bag and place it in the bear proof trash can located in the covered entry port. Make sure the bag is not leaking, double bag if necessary. Do not use the bear proof can if it is too full to close. Notify David via phone, text, email or verbally if the bear proof can full and he will empty it for you. As our community is in bear country, **never** place garbage or food outside unattended.

## **BEARS IN YOSEMITE WEST**

Bear activity has increased in the last couple of weeks including this year's first incidents reported in wilderness areas. Numerous Bear sightings have occurred in Yosemite West as well. A mother bear is in the area with two cubs. If you see this pair please keep your distance. Though black bears are normally timid and will shy away from people a mother bear can be very aggressive and dangerous.

Bears here in Yosemite West are curious and are always looking for food. They will walk right up to the homes and it is common to see them on the decks.

They will go after unattended food and trash left outdoors. If you encounter a bear in a developed area, always remain with your food and yell at the bear to encourage it to leave.

## Please adhere to the following guidelines while you are here at the Peregrine Lodge.

- Never leave the doors open when you are not using them for loading/unloading your bags and going and coming from the lodge. Bears will enter a home, as will smaller animals such as mice, which we call micro bears.
- Never leave food outside near the lodge or on the decks unattended. Not only will bears go after it but, birds, mice and other local critters.
- If a bear come onto the decks do not encourage it or entice it for a better view or a good photo op. This will only encourage bears to be bolder and develop bad habits. We want our bears to be natural and rely on natural food. ***Feeding bears will endanger their lives*** and may lead to them being put down. If you are seen feeding bears your rental will be immediately terminated.
- Do not leave food in your cars. It is also a good idea to remove anything that might smell like food to a bear. This might include lotions, hand disinfectant, sprays, breath mints, etc.
- BBQ GRILL: If you used the BBQ please make sure you have brushed residue off of the grills and have wiped your grease off of surfaces. Clean up food, grease and sauces dropped on deck around the BBQ. BBQs & area left greasy and dirty will be charged a cleaning fee from the security/cleaning deposit. (*Keeping the BBQ clean is important in bear country*).
- Please do not leave young children unattended while playing around the lodge.
- Educate your children on the danger of bears. If you see them enjoy them from a distance, and never approach a bear.

## QUITE HOURS 10PM TO 8AM

This is a residential community. Some of our neighbors do not rent. Most appreciate our guests and their desire to experience one of the most unique places on earth while others do not. Either way, we strive to be good neighbors and to respect the peace and quiet that all of us come here to enjoy. If you are outside on the deck after 10pm please be aware that sound is amplified and carries along way in our thin mountain air.

## EMERGENCIES

David, the manager and owner is on site and is available between 10 am and 5 pm. For emergencies with the home, such as water leaks, appliance miss-behavior or other non-life threatening issues you can contact David 24/7 by calling 619-948-8560. If for any reason David is away he will be sure to leave an alternate contact for any questions or emergencies that come up.

For life threatening emergencies please call **911**. If your cell phone does not work, use the house phone located by the kitchen and dining room.

## **EMERGENCY GENERATOR**

In case of power failure the emergency generator will automatically turn on and resume power to the home. It is located under the stairs to the upper main deck.

If the generator comes on please turn off any unused electrical device and room lights. The generator can only take so much load and if over taxed will turn off for a reset that will take over an hour.

Note: The generator will self test once a week during the afternoon. It will come on and run for 20 minutes. If you are in the lodge during this time please use minimal electrical devices.

## **SMOKING**

Absolutely no smoking inside the lodge, studio or on the decks. The fire hazard from butts and even ashes is very high. The time and cost of airing out the rooms would take most of a cleaning deposit. If you smoke in the rooms or on the decks, you will be asked to leave and you will not receive a refund. We take smoke damage and fire hazards very seriously.

If you smoke, please smoke in the covered carport area. Do not throw your butts on the ground as you could cause a forest fire. Put your butts in the fire safe container provided by the carport door.

If you are staying at the studio condo please smoke in the parking lot. Do not throw your butts on the ground as they are a fire hazard and unsightly trash for our non-smoking guests.

## **CANCELLATION POLICY**

A thirty (30) day notice is required for cancellation. There are no refunds for cancellations made in the 30 day period just prior to check in.

Changes that result in a shortened stay, that are made prior to thirty (30) days of the arrival date are acceptable. However, the guest is responsible for the entire original reservation period. Cancellation or early departure do not warrant any refund of rent or deposit.

Cancellation Fees for guests booking at least 30 days prior to checking in are as follows:

- 1.) A \$100.00 re-booking fee will be charged to guests booking through VRBO/HOMEAWAY. This fee is non-date-specific and is charged no matter when you make your cancellation.

*NOTE: vrbo.com and homeaway.com offer insurance for canceled trips which will cover the loss of your rental. Please note that this is a service offered by vrbo.com and homeaway.com and not the Peregrine Lodge.*

We have had guests who were concerned about losing their deposit due to health reasons, work related issues or other obligations which may involve canceling the trip. VRBO/HOMEAWAY offer Vacation Rental Protection for those with these kinds of concerns. It is insurance which protects your non-refundable payments if you need to cancel your trip due to a covered reason. You can learn more here <http://www.vacationprotection.com/?aff=vpharenter&tab=Cancellation-Protection>. This is a third party option that you can choose at the time of booking.

## **FOOD AND GAS**

Yosemite West has no food or gas and no food services. There is a small grocery and a gas station in Wawona about 20 minutes by car from the lodge going south on 41. There is a larger grocery store in Yosemite Valley but no gas in the Valley. There is a gas station at Crane Flats on the way to Tuolumne Meadows.

## SHOPPING INSIDE THE PARK

There are a couple of markets inside Yosemite National Park. The best and biggest is in the Valley at the Yosemite Village. Note times of operation vary seasonally. Please acquaint yourself as to the current hours during your stay in the park.

### The Village Store:

The Village Store. Located in Yosemite Village, offering a full line of souvenirs, t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, Junior Ranger accessories and nick-knacks of all kinds. The Village Store also carries groceries, fresh meat and produce, baked goods, clothing, camping supplies, books, magazines, film, disposable cameras, postcards, ice, wood and an ATM.

### Half Dome Village Gift and Grocery:

Groceries, picnic supplies, souvenirs, apparel, ice, firewood, batteries, books, postcards, videos and an ATM. Plus everything you need to make your own S'mores!  
Curry Village Gift Shop is open daily from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm.

### Housekeeping General Store:

Basic groceries, snacks, beverages, firewood, bagged ice and camping supplies are available, in addition to souvenirs, maps, books and children's gifts. Seasonal.  
The Housekeeping Camp General Store is open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm and on weekends 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

### Crane Flat Gas Station and More:

The Crane Flat Gas Station is located at the junction of Big Oak Flat Road and Tioga Road. Gas is available 24-hours with credit or debit card. The Crane Flat Store is open daily 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

### Tuolumne Meadows Store:

General convenience store offering groceries, cold beverages, camping and cooking supplies and other convenience items.  
Store is open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm for the summer season. Please note that this is the last season for the Tuolumne Meadows Gas Station and Sport Shop due to the implementation of the Tuolumne River Plan. The underground tanks and dispensing system at the station will be removed this fall, with the building scheduled for removal during the summer of 2016. The closest fueling services to Tuolumne Meadows will be at Crane Flat (40 miles, Hwy 120/Tioga Pass West) and Lee Vining (20 miles, Hwy 120/Tioga Pass East).

## DIRECTIONS TO THE PEREGRINE LODGE

**Address:** 7509 Henness Circle, Yosemite CA 95289

### **From Sacramento: - Via Highway 120 East**

1. Take Highway 99 South to Manteca.
2. Exit onto Highway 120 East and follow directly into Yosemite National Park.
3. In Yosemite Valley, take Highway 41 South turn-off (Fresno/ Wawona).
4. From Yosemite Valley, it is another 20-25 minutes to Yosemite West.
5. Just past Chinquapin, turn right off Highway 41 to Yosemite West.
6. Turn left just after the sign into Yosemite West. This is Henness Ridge Drive.
7. Continue on Henness Ridge Drive until you get to the Y intersection. Mail boxes are on the right.

8. Make a left and go up hill. You will see the **Yosemite West Condominiums** on the left. Continue to the top of the hill and make a right at the intersection. Our lodge is located at 7509 Henness Circle and is the first house on the right after you make the turn, (not on the corner, that is the four seasons office).

#### **From San Francisco:**

1. Take Highway 580 to Highway 205 East
2. Highway 205 to Highway 99 North to Manteca (two miles).
3. From Manteca, exit onto Highway 120 East and follow directly into Yosemite National Park.
4. In Yosemite Valley, take Highway 41 South turn-off (Fresno/Wawona).
5. From Yosemite Valley, it is another 20-25 minutes to Yosemite West.
6. Just past Chinquapin, turn right off Highway 41 to Yosemite West.
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#### **Alternate San Francisco route:**

1. Take Highway 580 to Interstate 5
2. Then from Interstate 5 take the Highway 140 East turn-off, Merced/Yosemite Valley.
3. In Yosemite Valley take Highway 41 South turn-off (Fresno/Wawona).
4. From Yosemite Valley it is another 20-25 minutes to Yosemite West.
5. Just past Chinquapin, turn right off Highway 41 to Yosemite West.
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#### **From Monterey:**

1. Take Highway 1 to Highway 156.
2. From Highway 156 merge into Highway 152 East.
3. Exit Highway 152 at Robertson Blvd. and head North to Chowchilla.
4. Cross Highway 99. Follow signs to Raymond and then to Coarsegold.
5. Turn North on Highway 41 towards Yosemite.
6. After South Entrance Gate on Highway 41, it is 16 miles (approx. 25 minutes) to the Yosemite West turn-off.
7. Turn left off Highway 41 to Yosemite West.
8. Continue on Henness Ridge Drive until you get to the Y intersection. Mail boxes are on the right.
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house on the right after you make the turn, (not on the corner, that is the four seasons office).

**From Los Angeles/Fresno:**

1. Take Highway 41 North to Yosemite.
2. After South Entrance Gate on Highway 41, it is 17 miles (approx. 25 minutes) to the Yosemite West turn-off.
3. Turn left off Highway 41 to Yosemite West.
4. Continue on Henness Ridge Drive until you get to the Y intersection. Mail boxes are on the right.
5. Make a left and go up hill. You will see the **Yosemite West Condominiums** on the left. Continue to the top of the hill and make a right at the intersection. Our lodge is located at 7509 Henness Circle and is the first house on the right after you make the turn, (not on the corner, that is the four seasons office).

**PARKING**

You may use the carport to load and unload your baggage. When you are done please park in a designated parking place to the right of the stairs next to the big boulder, or on the street by the driveway. Please do not park in the spaces in front of the shed on the north side of the lodge as that is reserved for the owners.

During the fire season the CDF has asked us to recommend that all of our guests park facing out towards the street. This is for safer and faster departure in the event that a wild fire is threatening the community.