

Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp (WMCC) Dubois, Wyoming

Directions to Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp:

Driving From Jackson/Dubois:

Follow U.S. Highway 26/287 east through the town of Dubois. About 4 miles east of town is a small brown sign for Forest Service Road (FS RD) 411. You will know you are close when you see a sign for the fish hatchery. Turn right and immediately turn on the left fork of the road (not towards the Dubois Fish Hatchery). Follow the dirt road about 8 miles to the Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp, past three large lakes and prior to the end of the road and the trailhead.

Driving from Lander and Riverton:

Follow U.S. Highway 26/287 west. When you reach the Diversion Dam Rest Area on your left (south), note your mileage as you are approximately 37 miles from Forest Service Road (FS RD) 411. After you pass the town of Crowheart, the road winds through the Red Cliffs area and curves along the Wind River and the Dubois Badlands. Just after mile marker 60, watch for the FS RD 411 sign, a small brown sign. Turn left and immediately turn on the left fork of the road, not towards the Dubois Fish Hatchery. Follow the dirt road about 8 miles to the Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp, past three large lakes and prior to the end of the road and the trailhead.

General Information

The Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp is located southeast of Dubois, Wyoming. This area is home to a significant population of Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep. The camp is approximately one mile from the Fitzpatrick Wilderness boundary and is in easy view of the high glacial peaks of the northern Wind River Mountain Range. Torrey Creek runs through the camp. Access to the camp is 8 miles off Highway 26/287 on a graded dirt road. Passenger vehicles with average clearance can access the camp with no problems.

Parking is only allowed in the parking lot by the main entrance, to allow access for emergency vehicles.

Non-Smoking

Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp is a NON-SMOKING facility. Smoking is only allowed in the parking lot at the main entrance. Please be highly conscious of fully extinguishing cigarettes and matches due to the extremely high fire danger this summer.

Cabins

- Cabins are equipped with cots and foam sleeping pads, toilet paper, hand sanitizer, and bathroom cleaning supplies.
- Please bring your own sleeping bag or bedding, pillow, washcloth, towel, and toiletries.
- Please turn off heaters every morning to reduce potential fire risk. Please do not place anything directly in front of heaters.
- WMCC is on a septic system. Please do not flush anything other than toilet paper and human waste. Please use the provided sanitary disposal bags for anything else, and place them in the wastebasket. If you need to empty your trash, please use the grey bear proof dumpster located near the dining hall.
- Please clean up after yourselves. All facilities and cabins are expected to be left in a condition as good or better than they were found.
 - Return furniture to where it was found
 - Shake rugs and sweep floors
 - Wipe down tables, bathroom surfaces, mirrors, and shower
 - Scrub toilets, re-stock toilet paper and empty garbage into bear proof dumpsters.
 - All cabins have a broom, dustpan and cleaning products. Toilet paper and garbage can liners are stored in the janitorial closet in the kitchen/dining hall. Leave No Trace principles should be followed in all locations, on-site and off-site.
- Water in the cabins is potable.

Food Storage

- Please store all personal food items in the plastic storage bins provided in each cabin to keep safe from critters. Personal coolers should be kept inside cabins or vehicles to keep safe from wildlife. Please do not leave coolers unattended outside. A refrigerator is available in the Lab/Library area for personal food items that need refrigeration - please do not put personal food items in the kitchen's walk-in cooler.

Camp Fire Safety

- Fires can be built in the Outdoor Fire Area adjacent to Torrey Creek, unless fire restrictions are in place due to high fire danger.
- Fires should not be left unattended and must be extinguished completely before leaving the area. A bucket and shovel are available to use river water to extinguish fires.

Meals

All meals will be prepared on site by Chef Connie Wood of “Connie’s Cookin’ and Catering”. Vegetarian and other restricted diets will be accommodated, when possible, with advance notice (medical and dietary restrictions on registration form). Connie has cooked at countless camps at the Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp and she helped design the fabulous new kitchen at the camp

Clothing

Flexibility in clothing is the general rule for comfort and climate-appropriateness. Dressing in layers and removing clothing as the day warms up is a good practice in our high mountain climate.

Weather in the Torrey Valley Area

Our mountain climate features weather that can change quickly. Early mornings might be cold; days can be very warm, even hot. The sun is intense and the air is very dry here at 7,500 feet. It is important to drink plenty of water. During summer, the high temperature can range from 80 to 90+ degrees and the low temperatures from 40 to 60 degrees. Rain, thunderstorms and wind can be expected to be encountered during the retreat. Snow falls every month of the year in the higher elevations nearby. Participants will be most comfortable if prepared for all possible weather conditions.

Wildlife

The camp is located in bear country, so bear spray is a necessity whenever you are outdoors. Always keep a distance of at least 100 yards from bears. Other wildlife in the area include moose, wolves, fox, mule deer, antelope and bighorn sheep, which move to higher elevations during the warmer months. Rattlesnakes have also been seen in the valley on rare occasions. Please be respectful of all wildlife - this is *their* habitat.

Medical Services

Dubois is a small community with a population of about 900 people. There are two medical clinics, located approximately 12 miles (a 30-minute drive) from the Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp. National Bighorn Sheep Center staff and volunteers are trained in basic first aid/CPR. A nurse is on site in the daytime during camp week. A Medical and Emergency Plan is in place for the Wind River Retreat. Hospitals are located in Jackson, Lander and Riverton (each 75-90 miles away). For vital emergencies, helicopter rescue can be activated. Please be sure to bring all necessary medications. All guests must complete the Medical Waiver Form.

Telephone/Contact/Wi-Fi

Cell phone reception at the camp is extremely poor to non-existent. Inquiries should be directed to the National Bighorn Sheep Center at 307-455-3429. Wi-Fi is available at Whiskey Mountain Conservation Camp, so Wi-Fi calling may be activated while at the camp.

Username: G&F Guest

Password: wmcc#704

Other contact information:

Dining & Library 307-455-2457

Manager's House 307-455-2472

Karen Sullivan (Camp Bighorn coordinator) 225-975-5140