

Twisted Pine



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Check-in and Arrival

- Check-in is **3:00 PM**(MST) the first day of your reservation.
- Check-out is **12:00 PM**(MST) the last day of your reservation
- If you have any questions or problems during your stay, please call the Site Director or the Director of Properties.
- The lockbox with the keys for the property is located on the gate. The two lockboxes are connected together, use the one labeled 'Troop'.
- Please keep the gate closed during your stay.
- Guests must check fire bans in the area if they are planning on using the propane firepit or the indoor fireplace. There are no permitted outdoor flames, regardless of current fire bans. The Jefferson County Fire Information Hotline phone number is **303-271-8200**.
- For road conditions please visit cotrip.org for up to date information.
- There is parking for only six to eight vehicles at Twisted Pine. Guests are encouraged to carpool.

Our Property

Kitchen Facilities

Twisted Pine's kitchen is fully stocked and ready for use. It includes two stoves, blender, oven, microwave, and refrigerator, as well as small appliances and paper towels. Pots, pans, dishes, and utensils are all supplied in the kitchen. Guests will need to bring food, seasonings, tin foil, and other disposable products. Dish towels are provided at Twisted Pine, please leave towels over dish rack when leaving to let dry.

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

There are three bedrooms at Twisted Pine, which have mattresses to be used on the floor for sleeping accommodations. Guests may also choose to sleep outdoors in tents if they desire. There are heating vents on the floor in the bedrooms, be sure not to place any mattresses on top of them. Heat is controlled with two thermostats, one by the bathroom and one by the fireplace. Please lower to 65 degrees at checkout. Twisted Pine is equipped with running water and has two toilets, three sinks and a shower. There is a limited supply of water—please be aware of water use. Hand soap, toilet paper and basic cleaning supplies are provided. A small amount of paper towels are provided, please bring additional if needed.

Propane Fire Pit and Indoor Fireplace

Twisted Pine has an indoor fireplace that is great for roasting marshmallows. Be sure to bring pre-wrapped/purchased fire wood and sticks. Please note that there is no flue or damper in fireplace. Guests will need to clean the ashes out of the fireplace and fire pit before use, and dump extinguished ashes in the Dumpster. Absolutely no cooking is permitted on the back porch of Twisted Pine. Fire safety: Added in 2024, there is a propane firepit on the west side of the property. Propane firepit is to be started by and monitored by troop leaders **only**. Be sure that all fires are extinguished after use.

Safety and First Aid

Guests are responsible for the health and safety of all members of their group. Each group must have at least one person who has taken the Overnight Trips training, and who has read the following safety procedures. Additional safety information can be found in our [Handbook for Site Users](#), including what to do in the case of an emergency.

- Proper adult to girl ratios as found in [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#) should be maintained at all times. Adults must be 18 or older and children must be supervised at all times.
- Adults supervising additional children that are not part of the Girl Scout group, cannot be included as a supervising adult in the adult to girl ratio.
- The group leader is responsible for the supervision and conduct of all group members. The Site Director, where applicable, cannot take responsibility for children who arrive early or leave late. Every participant must have a health history and a signed consent to treat form carried by their leader. The leader should have a list of all participants on site.
- Each group must have at least one adult who is First Aid/CPR certified, this person is responsible for providing first aid for their group. Each group is recommended to bring their own First Aid kit with them, however there is a large first aid kit and emergency care supplies on site.
- For large events, the first aid representative from the hosting group can help. Site Directors living at camp are not responsible for first aid in any circumstances.
- Medications that need to be administered should be managed by the troop leader: be sure to pack anything over the counter you might need, plus anything that parents have given you to administer to their child.
- Keep medications stored in a secure place away from access of any children. Make sure all adults know the location of applicable emergency medications such as epi-pens and inhalers.
- All locked buildings, pastures, barns, sheds, ropes courses, zip lines, and other areas as posted, are off-limits, unless accompanied by a GSCO employee and arrangements are made ahead of time.
- Food should be kept in ice chests, wooden or metal boxes, car trucks, or “bear bags”. Never keep food in tents, tabins, or seasonal units. Animals and insects are attracted to food and garbage and are not deterred by plastic, paper, or fabric.
- Tent campers should choose their area carefully. Make sure all tents are visible from the leader’s tent. Avoid placing tents under trees. Space should be left around each tent to walk without tripping over ropes. Ropes should be marked with cloth strips or foil. Do not trench around tents.
- Use established roads, trails and fire circles. Mountain terrain is delicate and we all share responsibility for preserving it.
- Do not harm, touch, or feed the wildlife. This includes birds and squirrels.
- Prior to camp, review procedures with children of what to do if they become lost or separated from the group.
- Designate a meeting spot at every site you are staying at or visiting.
- If a camper is missing, look in logical places first and be systematic when searching. Get a description of lost camper and search in pairs while keeping sight and sound of each other. Notify the Site Manager/Camp Staff if child is not found in 15 minutes, then call parents and emergency numbers (posted by the phone).
- All guests must carry a flashlight at night.
- Guests should not wear sandals outside of buildings.
- Running is only permitted on playing fields and should not be done in any other area of the camp.

Activities in the Area

- Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre—Guided tours, hiking, dining, shopping and events all together surrounded by beautiful, natural rock formations. Sunrises at Red Rocks are completely free and truly unforgettable!
- Genesee Park—Denver's largest Mountain Park, with picnicking, bison-watching, and incredible views.
- Bison Basin Trail Head/Observation Area— less than 1 mile from Twisted Pine
- Nearby Hiking Trails
 - Braille Trail—Hiking trail designed for blind hikers
 - Beaver Brook Trail—Connecting Genesee park to Lookout Mountain Park
 - Elk Meadows Open Space
 - Flying J Ranch Park
 - Lair o' the Bear Park
 - Matthew Winters Park
 - Meyer Ranch Park



- Dinosaur Ridge Museum and Visitor Center—Dinosaur footprints, fossils, and trails, along with a museum dedicated to dinosaur history in Colorado
- Buchanan Park Recreation Center
- Horseback Riding at A&A Historical Trails in Central City—reservations required, visit www.aastables.com
- Hiwan Homestead Museum
- Morrison Natural History Museum
- Lookout Mountain Nature Center
- Evergreen Lake
- Nearby skiing at Loveland and Keystone
- Only 35 minutes from Denver
- Denver Zoo
- Denver Aquarium
- Water World water park
- Elitch's Amusement Park
- Denver Museum of Nature and Science



Clean Up

Guests are expected to clean up after their use. Girl Scouts should leave places cleaner than they left them. Be sure to complete all of the following:

- Vacuum rugs and empty both vacuum chambers afterwards.
- Take down all crafts and ensure both inside and outside are clean of any artwork.
- Sweep and mop each room (brooms, mops and mop bucket are in the closet next to the bathroom)
- Mop water will need to be changed at least once during cleaning, which can be dumped out in the parking lot
- Rinse and squeeze mop heads, store mop head up in the closet. Do **not** leave wet mops in bucket.
- Wipe down all tables, tablecloths and counters (cleaners and sponges are under the kitchen sink)
- Do not use bathroom sponges in the kitchen
- Wash, dry and put away all dishes
- Sponge for cleaning dishes is in the sink
- Do NOT use dish soap on the cast iron
- Cast iron must be scrubbed with hot water and towel-dried
- Wipe out microwave and refrigerator
- Do not pour grease down sink
- Pour cooled grease in cans and dispose of in Dumpster (cans not provided)
- Clean bathroom sinks, mirrors and toilets
- Bathroom sponges are under the sink in the bathroom
- Stack mattresses
- Collect and take all trash to the dumpster in the parking lot - do not leave trash on top of Dumpster
- Put trash completely in dumpster and lock securely so wildlife will not be able to open it
- Replace all trash bags (small trash bags for the bathroom are under the bathroom counter)

A full cleaning list used by our housekeepers lives on site as well, however, troops will only be held to the tasks listed here. Please note that failure to complete the cleaning required may result in groups being charged a cleaning fee.

Check Out

Please be sure to complete the following items upon your departure:

- Turn both thermostats to 65 degrees. There are two thermostats, one by the fireplace and one by the bathroom
- Please take ALL food you brought and leave any ice in the sink to melt
- Make sure that all windows are closed and locked. Windows open from both the top and the bottom
- Lock all doors from the outside. Note: the door handles will turn regardless of being locked or unlocked.
- Unlock top lock first on the front door and keep key on you at all times. The front door is also installed with a keypad that uses the same code for added security and ease of access for troops.
- Please circle the perimeter of the building and ensure all doors are shut and locked
- Close the gate and secure with the chain and lock
- Return the keys to the lock box
- Put the keys in upside down to ensure the lock box closes
- Do not put new key chains on the keys or the lock box will not close properly

Driving Directions

From Denver

- Take I-70 West toward Grand Junction
- Take Exit 254 for Genesee Park, turning left at the top of the off ramp over the highway.
- Turn right at the T in the road on S Genesee Mountain Road (into Genesee Mountain Park)
- Follow the road for 1.3 miles, and turn left on Genesee Ave
- There will be a no-trespassers sign at the intersection
- If you arrive at the park you have gone too far
- Twisted Pine is the first stone lodge on the left side of the road, with a metal gate at the entrance to the parking lot (do not turn right onto Twisted Pine Road)
- If you reach a dirt road or pass the large parking lot with the stone picnic house you have gone too far

Road Map

