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Rocky Mountain National Park McGraw Ranch

What to Expect

Welcome to the CDRLC McGraw Ranch. This housing allows the NPS to support our partners and facilitates important research and learning at the park. Housing at the park is always in high demand and requests outweigh our available space. McGraw Ranch is a hands-to-work facility. This means that all residents are responsible for cleaning and maintaining the facility.

General Info:

McGraw Ranch consists of private or shared room cabins. Two cabins are single occupancy with private baths; four are private rooms with shared baths; two are shared rooms with shared baths. Each cabin has a closet, bed, desk, chair, small dresser, and lamps. You will need to provide your own toiletries, towels and bedding such as sheets, blankets, pillows, or sleeping bags.

The main house has two kitchen stations that include an electric range/oven, refrigerator, sink, microwave, dishwasher, and storage cabinets. Cookware and dishes are provided.

The field lab includes a pH meter, conductance meter, balance, microscopes, dishwasher, freezer, and refrigerator.

There is limited storage capacity in each of the rooms.

Safety and Security:

- McGraw Ranch Road is privately owned. Failure to abide by roadside regulatory signs could lead to loss of housing privileges.
- Limited cell phone coverage and Wi-Fi is available in the main house at McGraw. Non-NPS personnel are not permitted to use NPS computers.
- Make sure to keep the building doors locked and to have your keys with you at all times.
- This is bear country! No Food (or other scented items) may be stored in cars at any time. No food allowed in cabins.
- No guests are allowed to stay at McGraw Ranch or near/on the grounds unless discussed prior to visit with ranch staff.
- Any hazardous materials and chemicals brought to the ranch must provide a Safety Data Sheet and a list of quantities to ranch staff. Hazardous materials may not be stored in cabins. Propane and other fuel must be stored in the cabinet in the barn. Hazardous chemicals must be stored in the yellow cabinet in the field lab. All hazardous fuels and chemicals must be labeled with the name of the researcher, date, and identification of materials. No chemicals may be left upon check-out.
- The gate code is provided upon check-in. Do not give it out to unauthorized users. Ranch staff may change the gate code as deemed necessary.



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Kitchen:

- Food Storage is Important! We have mice in the buildings. Mice can carry disease and pose a Hanta Virus risk. Keep the kitchen clean so they don't permanently move in. All food must be stored in your designated cabinet and refrigerator space.
- Recycling for paper, glass, and certain plastics is available in the main house.
- The kitchen in the main house should be cleaned after every meal, i.e. dishes washed, counters wiped, stove top free of spilled food, and floors swept.
- Mouse kits are located in walk-in pantry, directions included. There are also mouse kits in each cabin.

Cleaning:

- Each occupant will be responsible for cabin and common area housekeeping. A list of general housekeeping chores is posted and every resident will complete at least one chore from the list each week. **This is a condition of occupancy.** Some cleaning supplies, including vacuum cleaners, are available for use. People who don't pitch in will be asked to leave.
- All residents are expected to clean their room and common spaces before check-out. The facility should be left in better shape than you found it.

General Rules:

- Smoking of any kind (including e-cigarettes and marijuana) is not permitted in any building at McGraw. Outdoor fires are not allowed. Fireplaces are not usable.
- Pets are not allowed at McGraw and may not be left outside or in vehicles unattended for any period of time.
- The 20 mph speed limit should be obeyed at all times. Exceeding the speed limit is grounds for loss of housing privileges.
- Park in designated spaces only and keep in mind that parking is severely limited in the complex. If you or a guest park on the road, parallel park between the signs, or you could be towed.
- Bicycles must be stored in the barn; bicycles are not to be stored inside cabins or the main house.
- Wasting water is not acceptable. We are limited to just 2,000 gallons of water put into our septic tank each day. Please be considerate of others by limiting your shower time. You are welcome to use the laundry facility but you must sign-up to do so. Laundry sign-up sheets are on a clip board hanging in the laundry room.

Feedback and Comments:

Your feedback and comments are important to ensure McGraw Ranch is a clean and well run facility. Please send comments to the contact information on the top of this page or leave a note at the NPS office at the ranch.

Staying at McGraw Ranch is a privilege, not a right. Respect others and become a steward of your Rocky Mountain National Park