



Encouraging Adventure And Defining Relaxation

FIREPLACE OPERATION

Please read all directions carefully. You assume full responsibility for any damages that occur from the use and operation of the fireplaces in the lodge and you are responsible to have read and understood these guidelines. ***You must be 18 years or older to operate the fireplaces.***

I AM VERY HAPPY TO START YOUR FIRST FIRE FOR YOU AND GO OVER THE PROCEDURES. PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOU WISH ASSISTANCE.

Our lodge has 4 wood burning fireplaces, one in the living room and one in each of the bedrooms. The following is a list of operating procedures and best practices. It is our hopes that you have a great time here at the Yosemite Peregrine lodge and that you enjoy our great fireplaces safely and comfortably.

WOOD: We provide one complimentary stocking of wood for our fireplaces. This is enough for a couple of fires. More wood can be purchased if you

Additional wood may be purchased here if you desire more. You can also purchase wood inside the park in the valley at the Yosemite Village Store. The park has requested that our guests do not bring their own firewood due to the possible introduction of non-native species of insects and animals.

Please do not handle the firewood in the carport or wood shed. **If you wish to purchase more wood let us know and we will stack it in the lodge for you.**

When handling wood please use the leather gloves provided for your safety. There is a pair of gloves in each of the bedrooms and in the living room. There is also a hot mitten in each location should you need it to handle hot fireplace tools, the doors and the screens.

STARTING A FIRE: (Illustrations on page 2 and 3) PLEASE DO NOT HAVE A FIRE ON YOUR CHECK OUT DAY.

1. NOTE: *The fireplace use should be avoided if you have anyone in your group that has asthma or other breathing disabilities. The fireplaces will create a certain amount of smoke which is normal, but can be a burden to those who have respiratory issues.*
2. Make sure the damper is in the open position first. Failure to have the damper open when operating the fireplaces will result in a smoke filled room. This may result in smoke damage to the decor and lodge. And will be unhealthy for people to breath. You can visually see if the damper is open or closed by looking up into the fireplaces. All fireplaces work the same. Use the flashlight provided in the drawer with the fire starter if you cannot see the damper.
3. Place your wood in the fireplace and make sure it is sitting on the log grating. Do not use more then 3 pieces of wood in any of the fireplaces at a time. Wait for the fire to burn low before adding more wood.
 - a. Once you have the wood stacked in the fireplace, put one fire starter in the fireplace with the wood and light the fire starter. The fire starter is located in the bench drawer under the window seat by the living room fireplace. (Use only provided fire starters, do not use news papers or other materials to start the fire.)
 - b. Use only the long lighters provided for lighting the fire. They are located in the kitchen top drawer to the right of the range top.

c. When the wood has caught fire you can simply add more wood as needed.

4. During the operation of the fireplaces, keep both the glass doors and the screen mesh curtains closed. This will reduce smoke in the room as well as protect you and the lodge from sparks and shooting embers. You may also set off the smoke detectors if you operate with the glass doors open.
5. The fireplace doors and screens will be very hot. Use the leather gloves or mittens provided when operating the fireplaces.
6. Let the fire burn down, do not attempt to put it out by any other means. Do not attempt to smother or apply water to the fire.
7. If the fireplace fills with ash you may empty it into the small steel trash can with lid located in the covered entry next to wood pile. Fill the can and firmly replace the lid when done.

Damper in open position, damper handle is long. The damper is operated by pushing and pulling on the handle. Do not force the handle, it should slide smoothly. Let the manager know if you have any issues with this.



Damper in the open position.



Damper in open position. Handle is short and hole is open drawing air.



Damper closed. Damper for bedrooms operate the same. The only difference is the shape of the damper.



Bedroom damper open.

FIREPLACE LIGHTING SEQUENCE



1. MAKE SURE DAMPER IS OPEN. PHOTO SHOWS DAMPER IN CLOSED POSITION.



2. DAMPER SHOWN IN THE OPEN POSITION.



3. START WITH 3 PIECES WOOD, MIX HARD AND SOFT WOOD.



4. USE ONLY PROVIDED FIRE STARTER. DO NOT USE PAPER OR ANY KIND FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS OR MATERIALS.



5. USE ONLY FIRE-STARTER PROVIDED IN BENCH SEAT DRAWER BY THE FIREPLACE.



6. LIGHT FIRE-STARTER WITH LONG LIGHTER LOCATED IN THE KITCHEN DRAWER.



7. CLOSE SCREEN MESH AND GLASS DOORS.



8. ENJOY FIRE.

NO CLIMBING AND NO COOKING IN FIREPLACES:

Never climb on the fireplaces. They are custom built by a local artisan and are considered a work of art. Cooking food such as meats, vegetables, marshmallows, s'mores, etc., cause unsanitary conditions and is very hard to clean up. If our cleaning staff has to clean up food residue from the fireplaces, the cleaning deposit will be deducted.