



Jarbidge Canyon Retreat Center:

An Earth & Art Institute

“Where creativity & sustainability meet the human heart.”

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The Eagle’s Nest: How Things Work

Welcome to the Eagle’s Nest (EN)—so named because there are several nests in the cliffs above. We hope your stay will be peaceful, inspiring and rejuvenating. This place is not typical of “vacation rentals” so the following information is provided to let you know how things work and whether a stay here is right for you:

1. **How to get here:** Jarbidge is located in northeastern Nevada and is accessible from Elko, Nevada as well as from Twin Falls, Idaho. ***All travel to Jarbidge involves driving on dirt roads which are passable in summer. However, late fall, winter and early spring could bring snow storms and 4WD may be necessary. Also, please note that only one route to Jarbidge is open year round except during major storm events.***

Directions to Jarbidge: We will send you written directions with more details than you can get online, along with the confirmation of your reservation. There are also directions to Jarbidge posted on our website: www.JarbidgeCanyonRetreatCenter.com/Directions.

Air Travel: Most people fly into Twin Falls, Idaho and rent a car—air fares may be less expensive to Boise than Twin Falls. It is approximately a two-hour drive from Twin Falls to Jarbidge and you should plan on shopping in Twin Falls.

2. **The Gate:** the driveway gate is kept closed and locked in order to ensure privacy and quiet. When your reservation is complete, you will be provided with the **combination to the lock**. Please close and lock the gate when you leave and return by motor vehicle. You can unlock and open the gate when hiking/walking. If you choose to climb over, please do so on the “uphill” end where the gate is stronger and use the non-skid.

3. **Power:** there is no grid power at the JCRC, so your power will be provided by a battery bank that is charged by the sun and wind. For this reason, we do not offer the usual “modern conveniences” you may be used to, such as dishwasher, toaster, microwave, automatic coffee maker, etc. While you’re here, you will need to be mindful and conservative in your power usage. Generally, use power only when needed and turn lights off when leaving a room, hibernate computer when not in use, etc. If you need to charge batteries, do so during the sunniest daytime hours.

Find the **voltmeter** on top of the bookcase by the water heater. This will tell you how much power you have *on deposit* in the battery bank. At about 25.0+ your batteries are fully charged—readings of 24.6 & above are what you want to see in the morning before the sun hits the panels. If batteries are reading 24 or lower, the batteries are very low and the system may soon shut down.

During the day, you will see higher readings as the sun and/or wind charge your battery bank. Again, this is **the best time to charge electronic devices**. Be conscious of what your batteries are reading at different times of the day to help you become familiar with the system and your power usage. During the summer, there is usually sufficient power, however, **during cloudy days and as the days get shorter, it may become important to be very frugal and conscious of usage.**

Power-Saver Mode: The inverter that regulates power to the Nest is set in power-saver mode which saves power! When in this mode, you may have to turn on extra light switches because it requires a certain minimum load to engage.

When it's dark outside, you may use the **lanterns** provided for ambient light. See the green notebook for instructions. We also provide some **solar-powered flashlights** for use after dark. Place in a sunny window with solar cell facing the sun, to recharge during the day.

4. **Water Conservation:** The Jarbidge Canyon is high desert and is a dry ecosystem. Due to persistent drought conditions in the West, water conservation is a must. If you choose to stay with us, you will need to be willing to be very thrifty with your water usage.

Water Pressure: equipment has been installed to boost water pressure in the Nest, and it uses power. *Save water & power by running water only as long as you need to* in order to shower, wash dishes, moisten/rinse toothbrush, etc.

5. **Hot Water:** to conserve energy, please *leave the water heater set at "vacation" most of the time*. Try to time your need for hot water for one part of the day, if you can, and turn the water heater up for that time. Reset it at "vacation" when you have finished with showering, washing dishes, etc.

6. **EN bathroom:** you'll find toilet paper inside the cabinet door beside the toilet and extra rolls in the cabinet below. We're on a septic system here, so please flush human waste & toilet paper ONLY.

7. **Trash:** Before tossing, please rinse out food containers to avoid attracting pests. When wastebaskets get full, empty them in the blue barrel located near the washer (located outside the interior door in the first bay). You will find extra bags underneath the ones you have removed. When you leave at the end of your stay, please take your trash with you. You can dispose of it at the Jarbidge transfer station, about three miles to the south on the west side of the road (look for the windsock at the adjacent helipad). **Compost:** Please put "wet" garbage such as vegetable matter (no meat) in the brown jar on the kitchen counter. When this is full or when you leave, empty its contents onto the compost pile (north of the propane tank) and add enough straw to cover it. Wash compost jar & let dry before departure or using again. **Recycle:** In the workshop area, you will find plastic baskets to use for recycling plastic, plastic bags, cardboard, aluminum/tin cans, office paper, etc. Again, please clean containers before disposal.

8. **Passive Summer Cooling:**

Blinds: you'll be regulating summer heat by closing the blinds on the big windows facing west in the afternoons. The building is very well insulated and will stay cool, if you prevent the sun from beating in later in the day. If you go out for the day, just close the blinds when you leave.

To Open & Close Blinds (on big windows facing west): Always open the slats (so you can see outside between them) before pulling the slats to the side so you can let in the views. When closing the blinds to shade the interior from the afternoon sun, pull the blinds back to the center and then close the slats.

Windows: On summer evenings, when the sun sets behind the canyon rim, you'll usually begin to feel a breeze and/or general cooling of temperature. If you open windows upstairs & down, you can circulate cool air.

In the morning, close windows and blinds on the sunny side and the EN will maintain a comfortable temperature throughout the summer days.

9. **Cold Season Heating:** During cool seasons, reverse the “passive solar” above and do the opposite. Open blinds on west-facing windows, so the sun can warm the space. Close all windows as soon as the sun sets below the canyon rim—that’s when the temperature really cools off.

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Wood Heat: Heating is done primarily with the woodstove. Firewood, kindling and fire starter material are provided in the unit. (If you don’t know how to use a wood stove, ask for instructions when you arrive.)

10. **TV/VCR:** Television reception is not available. There is a film library on video tape in the EN. You will need to turn on the power strip, if you want to play a movie. When you’re done, please rewind, eject and put the video away. Turn the TV off and then turn off the power strip also.

11. **Clothing & Equipment:** Don’t plan on going barefoot outside—if you like to be barefoot inside, bring shoes you can slip on easily when going outdoors. In summer, you may want river shoes of some kind. There is some clothing (outerwear) and equipment that you are welcome to use while you’re here. If items you use become soiled, please put with the linens to be laundered.

12. **River:** The meadows and woods along the river are part of the JCRC property and you are welcome to enjoy the area during your stay. Down at the turnout (where the mailbox is located) you can climb through the fence or over the gate. There is an old USFS outhouse (now used as a storage shed) near the gate and next to it you’ll see a trash can, if you need it. **Please dispose of litter ALL responsibly!**

13. **Fire Safety:** wildland fires are always a concern here in the summer and fall. Please be extremely careful with all fires. The EN is a non-smoking unit. If you smoke, please do so outside, put out completely and dispose of butts in outside trash barrel. Campfires or barbecues may be okay, depending on conditions, but please check with the management regarding any fires. ***If you spot a fire at any time immediately notify the management or call 911 from Jarbidge.***

14. **Rattlesnake Country:** *be mindful when you’re out walking* anywhere on the property (especially in tall grass) or when hiking in this country. Rattlesnakes do live here. They are usually very polite and will let you know they are around but always watch where you step.

15. **Rodents:** They live here and it is not unusual for mice to get into buildings. There is an electronic trap in the kitchen. If you see a blinking light, turn off the power, and check if there’s a mouse. If so, dump the contents into the bathroom sink, with a bathroom tissue, lift the mouse by the tail and flush down the toilet. Return the pet food to the trap as bait, place the trap back in its place in the kitchen and turn on the power switch. It will blink once if the batteries are still good.

15. **Telephone Communications:** A **Landline** is available on the property for emergencies (notify the management). **Cell Phones:** there is no cell signal in the canyon with the exception of some hot spots in Jarbidge.

In case of an EMERGENCY, dial 911! If you’re in or closer to Jarbidge, there are public phones outside the Red Dog Saloon, the Outdoor Inn, the Red Barn and the old Fire House near the south end of town on the east side of the street where you can make free local and emergency 911 calls. . Local calls are free from these phones, but you will need to reverse the charges or use a calling card for long distance.

17. **Mountain Time: the Jarbidge area operates on Mountain Time—All times in our documents refer to Mountain Time.**

18. **Quiet:** please enjoy the peace and quiet here and be respectful of residents and guests who are here for the same reason. This place is essentially a “nature retreat” and, as such, we recommend you take advantage of the rare opportunity to listen to the sounds of nature and your own inner voice. Despite the fact that a road does run through the property and there are occasionally loud vehicles on the road to Jarbidge or on Deer Creek Grade, you will find that—even on busy weekends—there will be plenty of quiet time to enjoy.

19. **Food, Fuel, Supplies & Postal Service:** Jarbidge is very remote and services are limited. There is a gas station, a very small store, a restaurant (not necessarily open as often during the off season) and a post office (open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 11AM-3 PM. Mail delivery is on those days ONLY.)

Kitchen, Food & Supplies: Plan on bringing your food and other necessities with you when you come. The Eagle’s Nest has a well-equipped kitchen. **BBQ:** There’s a Weber (propane-fueled) barbeque available. **Coffee:** There is an old fashioned coffee pot and two cup-size drip cones in the kitchen for making coffee from grounds.

Fuel: Guests are encouraged to fill fuel tanks in Rogerson, Twin Falls or Elko on the way to Jarbidge. Fuel is available in Jarbidge but it is more expensive due to the delivery distance

20. **Bedding:** There is extra bedding in the loft in the large rattan chest. The downstairs futon/couch makes into a double bed also and bedding for it is located in the bench near the entry.

21. **Departure:** Check out time is 11AM on the day of departure. **Kitchen:** Please wash all the dishes you used and put away, wipe down kitchen counter and stove top and sweep the floor. Be sure to take all leftover food with you and wipe down the fridge. Empty compost as described in #7 above. **BBQ:** please clean up after use, cover and place back where it is stored. **Linens:** when you leave, please strip the bed(s), fold blankets and bedspreads and leave them on the bed. Pile used sheets & towels on the floor downstairs. If towels are wet, please hang over the shower curtain rod or on the drying rack by the washing machine. **Windows & Blinds:** Close all windows and blinds. **Turn everything electrical off:** Be sure the water heater is set on “vacation” and the thermostat is off (all the way to the left). **Trash:** Please empty your waste baskets into the blue barrel in the first bay, remove the garbage bag and take it with you as described in #7 above.

Thank you and have a wonderful time!