



Research Dorm 2010: What to Expect

Failure to obey rules or housekeeping policies may result in eviction.

The Facility

The facility consists of four separate four person bedrooms, an office, a common lounge, a kitchen, a unisex bathroom with three shower stalls and three commodes, and an accessible bathroom. The bedrooms are designated for use by males or females, depending on demand. There are four beds in each bedroom. Personal storage is limited to one three-drawer dresser and a small shelf unit with hooks for each occupant. Beds are elevated to allow under bed storage. Most beds also have a large locker-closet to hang clothes and store items.

The kitchen contains three refrigerators, a sink, stove, and two microwave ovens. There is ample seating space for meals and relaxation in the common lounge. Coin-operated washers and dryers are located within walking distance.

Rates

The 2010 rate is \$64.75/bi-weekly. Rent is due in advance (corresponding to federal government pay periods), and cannot be prorated for partial pay periods. The first two weeks rent is due upon check-in. Payment is by check made payable to the National Park Service.

Reservations

To make a reservation, a researcher must have a valid, signed research permit. Only researchers (principal investigators and assistants) listed on a current RMNP Research Permit or NPS employees or volunteers on special assignments are permitted to stay overnight. No overnight guests are permitted. Reservations must be made at least one week in advance via romo_research_administration@nps.gov. Timely reservation requests are appreciated in order to plan for the most effective use of the dorm. It has been our experience that the dorm is occupied most of the season.

Researchers must also prearrange a check-in time with Research Administration staff. Failure to do so may result in a bed being reassigned to another occupant. Check-in hours are between 8am and 4pm.

What to Bring

Occupants will need to bring their own bedding, towels, food (in rodent-proof containers), cooking utensils, dishes, and sundries.



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Communications

There are just two telephone lines at the dorm. A pay phone is located within walking distance. Cellular phone service is available in Estes Park.

To receive mail at the park, researchers must request a post box from the property manager (at the warehouse) or from the U.S. Post Office in town.

Researchers are not permitted to have mail delivered to the park administrative address.

Housekeeping

Each occupant will be responsible for housekeeping. A list of general housekeeping chores is posted, and every resident will complete at least one chore from the list, at least once every other day. This is a condition of occupancy. Some cleaning supplies, including vacuum cleaners, are available for use. Coin-op laundry facilities are located nearby.

Smoking

No smoking is permitted in the dorm.

Security of Belongings

The National Park Service is not responsible for articles lost, stolen or damaged as a result of being stored in the Research Dorm. Residents are encouraged to provide their own small lockable trunk or locker for personal items.

Guests

Overnight guests are not permitted at the dorm.

Pets

Pets are not allowed in the research dorm and may not be left overnight in vehicles.

Accessibility

The research dorm is fully accessible.

Travel to and from the research dorm

The closest airport is Denver International. Estes Park does not have public transportation so a private car is recommended. The dorm is within walking distance of park headquarters. There is a bicycle rack available nearby. Bicycles may not be stored inside the building.

Parking

Resident parking is available on the eastern side of the building. One disabled-designated parking space is located adjacent to the access ramp south of the building.

