





Skyliner Lodge

Rental Information

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About Skyliner Lodge

Address: 16125 Skyliners Road
Contact Information: skylinerlodge@natureconnectco.org
Hours of Operation: Seven days a week, 8:00 am - 12:00 midnight

About the Facility
Skyliner Lodge is a community treasure in Central Oregon that has been a gathering place for outdoor recreation, education, and celebrations for decades. The lodge was built by crews working with the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and was completed in 1937. It was named for a local ski club known as the Skyliners Club, who ran a small ski area until 1957. Skyliner Lodge was entered into the National Register of Historic Places on June 13, 1978.

Skyliner Lodge is owned by Deschutes National Forest and is operated by NatureConnect Central Oregon in partnership with High Desert Education Service District, who holds a long-term permit. NatureConnect is a 501(c)3 non-profit focused on connecting youth with nature. The lodge is primarily used for educational and youth programs, but is also available for private rentals.

Facility Description
Skyliner Lodge is located on Deschutes National Forest about 10 miles west of Bend. The lodge is nestled amongst a conifer forest and overlooks Tumalo Creek. The rental area includes the lodge, outdoor amphitheater, 2 outdoor outhouses, and arch area overlooking the creek. The facility and space provide privacy and a truly special place for field trips, camps, weddings, celebrations, meetings, and workshops, allowing groups to feel immersed in the forest, while still being conveniently close to town. There are trails that pass through the area around the lodge, allowing visitors to easily explore the Tumalo Valley.

The lodge interior has a kitchen, main room, two small rooms, and two bathrooms. The main room is 30x15' and the two small rooms are 16x11'. The lodge has a rustic charm, with simple amenities that make it a wonderful gathering space.

Capacity
- 100 people for outdoor events in April-October
- 50 people for indoor events without tables/chairs
- 25-30 people for indoor events with tables/chairs
- 50 people for events from November-March due to limited parking (with the exception of school field trips who travel via bus)

Amenities

- Wi-Fi (there is very limited cell service at the lodge)
- 10 tables (6' x 2') for indoor use only
- 30 chairs for indoor use only
- 2 all gender indoor restrooms (1 ADA restroom)
- Large industrial refrigerator (no freezer)
- Propane stovetop and oven
- Permanent wooden archway overlooking Tumalo Creek (7.5' tall x 5.75' wide x 4' deep)
- 1 female outhouse and 1 male outhouse (each with multiple stalls)

Accessibility

There is a wheelchair accessible pathway and ramp into the lodge, as well as an ADA accessible bathroom. The other exterior pathways are not ADA compliant.

Reservation Process

1. Complete the online reservation request form at natureconnectco.org/skyliner. Reservations can be made up to 18 months in advance.
2. Complete the Rental Agreement sent via email.
3. Pay the non-refundable Deposit (30% of the full rental fee), which will go towards the balance due. Your reservation is not confirmed until the Deposit has been received.
4. 90 days prior to your reservation, the remaining balance is due, plus a $500 refundable damage and cleaning deposit (private events only). If the reservation is made less than 90 days before the event, payment for the rental is due in full.
5. 30 days prior to your reservation, the Certificate of Insurance is due.
6. You'll receive instructions for picking up the key the week of your reservation.

Youth Program Reservations follow a different reservation process, Learn more at natureconnectco.org/skyliner-youth-reservations.

Cancellation Policy

- If the event is cancelled 90 or more days prior to the event, the rental fees will be refunded, less the non-refundable Deposit (30% of the rental fees).
- If the event is cancelled between 45-89 days prior to the event, 50% of the rental fees will be refunded.
- The renter will not receive a refund if the rental cancellation is less than 45 days prior to the event. Refunds will not be made for cancellations due to weather or smoke.
- Reservations can be rescheduled 90 days or more prior to the event.

Rental Fees

Youth Programs/Non-Profit and Government Use

	Weekday	Weekend
Class A: Youth programs hosted by schools/ non-profits/ government with no cost to participants; tribal use	No charge *If grant funds are available, donations are appreciated	
Class B: Youth programs operated by non-profit/ government with participant fees	$15/hour or $60/day	$15/hour or $60/day
Class C: Youth programs operated by a for-profit entity *no weekend use May-Sept more than 60 days in advance	$20/hour or $80/day	$40/hour or $120/day
Class D: Other non-profit/government use	$30/hour or $150/day	$40/hour or $200/day

Private Use - Peak Season (April-October)***

	Weekday (M-F)	Weekend (Full Day Only)
Less than 50 people	$150/hour or $1,000/day	$1,285
	Full Weekend (Fr @ 8am - Su @ 2pm) - $3,000	
More than 50 people	$190/hour or $1,285/day	$1,715
	Full Weekend (Fr @ 8am - Su @ 2pm) - $4,000	

Private Use - Winter Season (November-March)***

	Weekday	Weekend
Less than 50 people **parking is limited to 20 spaces, depending on conditions	$85/hour or $570/day	$125/hour or $860/day

Other Fees:
Refundable damage and cleaning deposit (private rentals only): $500
Technology Use: $25/day (non-profits), $50/day (private)
***Please inquire about a potential discount if your event has a community benefit or is mission-aligned.

Rules and Regulations

Parking
Skyliner Lodge has parking in the roundabout and along the driveway. Vehicle parking (including vendors, trailers, carts) is allowed only on designated pavement areas. During winter months, parking is limited due to snow. Renters should be prepared with vehicles equipped for winter conditions.

Fire
Outdoor fire pits and campfires are prohibited. Propane fire pits are permitted. Please be cautious of placement. There is one fireplace in the main room of the Lodge that is available for use. Firewood is provided. The second fireplace has been decommissioned and is not available for use.

Smoking
Smoking, vaping, or other forms of tobacco use are prohibited on Lodge property. Please follow Deschutes National Forest regulations related to smoking, which may change with fire danger: https://www.fs.usda.gov/r06/deschutes/alerts

Fireworks
Fireworks of all kinds are prohibited.

Amplified Sound and Noise
All amplified music must be turned off promptly by 10:00 pm per City of Bend ordinance (no exceptions). Prior to 10pm, renters must keep music at a reasonable volume in order to respect the surrounding neighbors and National Forest users. Speakers must face the lodge (away from the stream) as sound travels downstream to the Skyliner neighborhood.

Pets/Animals
Animals are prohibited from the facility, with the exception of service animals. The renter is responsible for cleanup and removal of all animal waste, as well as any damages caused by the service animal to the property or individuals.

Tents and Canopies
Tents and canopies may be set up on the pavement area, which is approximately 41'x36'. Tents must be anchored securely by water barrels, sand bags, or concrete.

Trash
Renters are responsible for removing garbage and recycling from the lodge and disposing of it. 30-gallon trash cans and garbage bags are available for public use. Garbage and recycling can be disposed of at the Knott Landfill and Recyling Center, located at 61050 SE 27th Street (open to the public daily, 7:00am-4:30pm).

Food and Beverage

- Renters can have their event catered by the vendor of their choice (food trucks included). NatureConnect does not have a list of suggested vendors.
- Users must supply their own dishes, cups, napkins, and utensils. The items in the lodge kitchen belong to the caretakers and are off limits to renters. We encourage the use of recycled and sustainable products.
- Food may not be left outside unattended for any period of time as it may attract and harm wildlife.
- All food items must be disposed of in proper garbage receptacles.
- Charcoal barbeques are prohibited.
- Alcohol may be served and requires:
  - Certificate of Insurance (COI) that covers liquor liability
  - Adherence to OLCC and City of Bend regulations
  - Selling alcohol requires an OLCC Liquor License (serving it free of charge does not)

Decorations

Interior:

- Users are responsible for setup and take down of chairs and tables. Please do not slide tables across floor as it may cause scratches.
- Items may be attached to the wall with painters' tape only. The use of nails, staples, tacks, etc. is prohibited.
- There are string lights hanging overhead in the main lodge room that may not be removed or modified. Lights may be added, but renters may not hang them with staples, nails, or hooks, which may damage the building.
- Loose glitter and confetti in and/or outside of the facility is prohibited.
- Candles or flame producing devices are prohibited, with the exception of Sterno fuel containers when used to heat catering dishes, and only when the table or counter top is protected from heat.
- Renters may not move or remove signs that are hanging in the lodge.
- All exits must remain accessible.

Exterior:

- Throwing rice or birdseed in and/or outside of the facility is prohibited.
- Artificial flowers/petals or anything artificial that could be blown away by the wind is prohibited.
- Renters may decorate the arch, but may not use staples, nails, or hooks that will damage the arch.
- Propane fire pits and heaters are permitted. Please be cautious of placement.
- Renters may hang lights and other decorations, but may not use staples, nails, or hooks that will damage the trees or building.

Insurance Requirements

The User agrees to carry, maintain, and provide proof of General Liability insurance coverage with limits of not less than $1 million per occurrence and $2 million aggregate and to name both parties listed below as a Additional Insureds. The policy must cover the full reservation period. User agrees to have adequate general liability coverage to cover any tort claim that could arise from use of the Lodge including coverage for bodily injuries, personal injury, physical and sexual abuse, and property damage. If alcohol is being served, an additional rider for liquor liability must be specified on the COI.

Generally, private renters purchase Special Event Insurance through your homeowner's insurance or a third party vendor, such as The Event Helper.

BOTH entities need to be listed as the "Certificate Holder" or "Additional Insured":

High Desert ESD Skyliner Lodge
16125 Skyliners Rd
Bend, OR 97701

NatureConnect Central Oregon
330 SE Bridgeford Blvd. #8
Bend, OR 97702

Cleaning Requirements

The lodge should be left in the same condition as when you arrived. Renters should:

- Sweep the indoor area and wipe up spills on the floor
- Clean and sanitize countertops
- Clean and sanitize tables
- Clean up all spills/stains
- Clean up all trash and recycling inside and outside
- Remove all trash and recycling from the event off the property
- Put all furniture and decor back in the original location

If the lodge is not left in the same condition as when you arrived, the damage will be deducted from the damage and cleaning deposit. Cleaning products are available inside the lodge.

Other FAQs

Are the caretakers (Mike and Ruth) on-site during events?
Yes, the caretakers (Mike and Ruth) are residents of Skyliner Lodge and may be on-site during the event. The second floor of the Lodge is their private residence (and unavailable to renters), however their kitchen and restrooms are on the first floor (and shared with renters). Although Mike and Ruth try to limit their presence at your event, they may be present in these areas on occasion.

Will the lodge be accessible to others who aren't with the event?
No, we put signs at the end of the driveway that the lodge is closed for a private event. We can't guarantee that everyone will remain off the property but we do our best. A public Forest Service trail passes through the south end of the property (across the driveway from the lodge), which frequently has hikers, bikers, or nordic skiers using the trail.

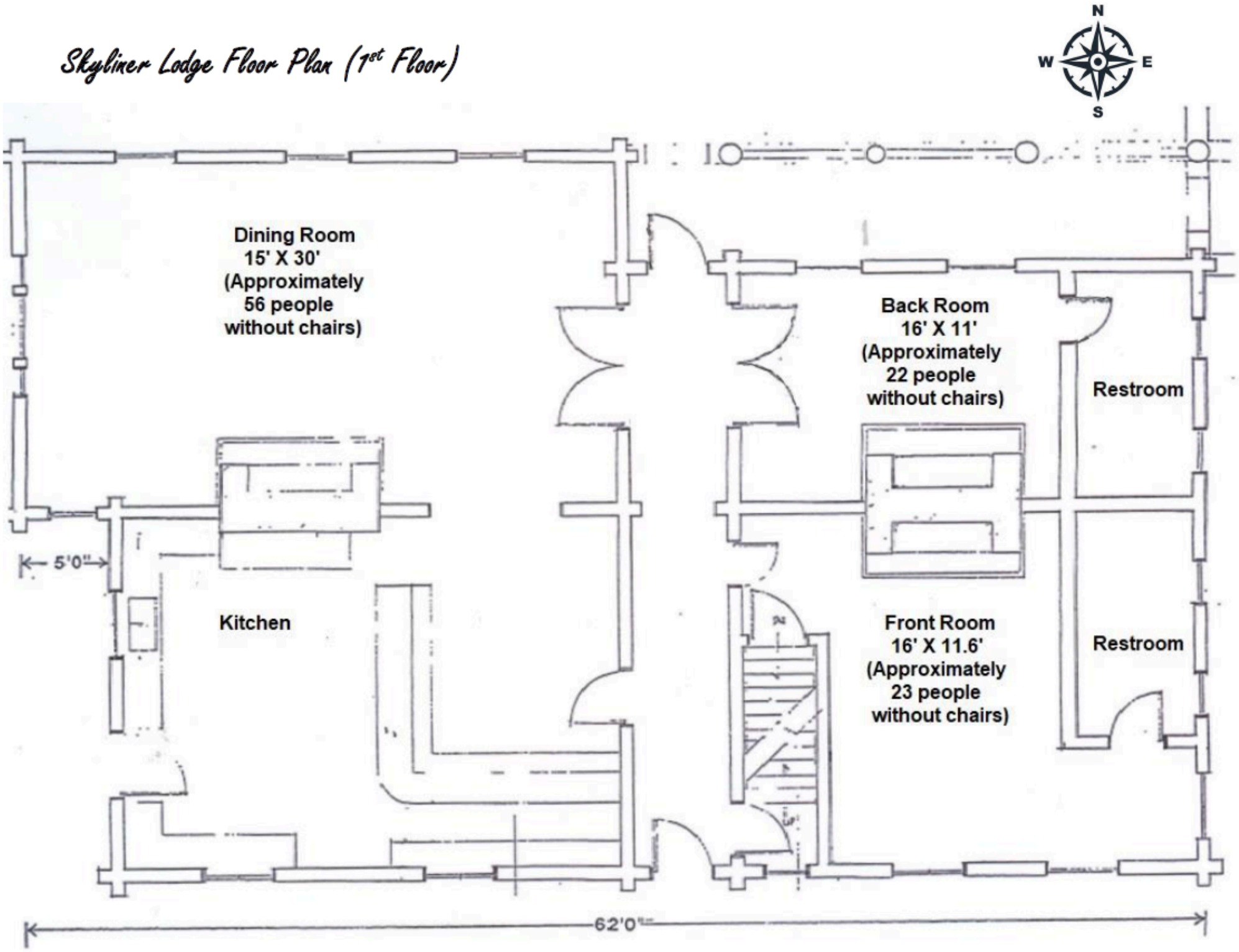
Is there Wifi available for renters to use?
Yes. The WiFi network and password information is posted throughout the Lodge.

Is there cell phone coverage at the lodge?
Cell phone coverage is extremely limited, which gives visitors an opportunity to truly unplug. If you need to make calls, we recommend connecting to the Wi-Fi and turning your "Wi-Fi Calling" on (in your cell phone settings).

Is there a refrigerator, freezer, dishwasher, stove, or oven available for renters?
There is a large industrial refrigerator (labeled "Available for Public Use"), a stove, and oven that are available for renters. There is no freezer (or ice) or dishwasher available to renters. The dishwasher on site is for caretaker use only.

Can we take a tour of Skyliner Lodge to learn more about the facility?
Yes, the caretakers (Mike and Ruth) are available to give tours. Tours are scheduled up to 30 days in advance at this link: https://calendar.app.google/GtAtatDPPUDZa3Ey7. If additional times are needed, please reach out to skylinerlodge@natureconnectco.org.

Skyliner Lodge Floor Plan (1st Floor)





Main room



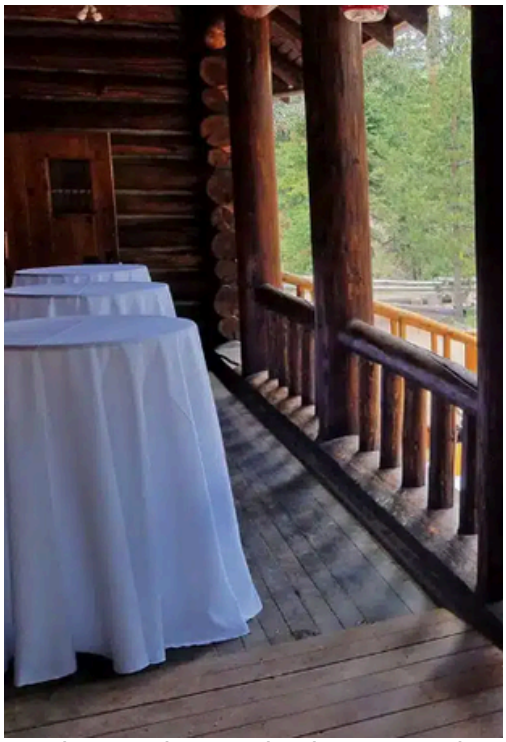
Main room (kitchen through doorway)



Back stairs to event area



Fire place in main room



Back porch overlooking creek



Kitchen



Kitchen with bar stools



Overlooking Tumalo Creek from event area



Event setup with tent over the pavement area



Wooden arch (permanent)



Wedding setup with no tent



Looking back towards the lodge from the overlook and wooden arch (main event area/wood chips)

front entrance



wood arch/
ceremony area



Historic Skyliner Lodge



main event
area/wood chips



back door/porch



paved area for
canopies

Skyliners Rd

parking area/
driveway

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