

Four Pine Valley Information Sheets

Welcome to Four Pine Valley! We are so excited to have you stay with us and can't wait for you to relax, unwind, and enjoy the great outdoors. Please read through the following to help you with any questions you may have.

Please note: there is phone service on the premises but NO electricity. We encourage you to unplug and enjoy the surrounding nature during your stay.

Checking in

Check in is anytime after 4:00PM. Please park only where indicated with signs. Please use the wagon (or calf sled in the winter) to transport your belongings down the trail to the dome. The dome will be unlocked and the key will be waiting for you on the coffee hutch inside. Water will be supplied in the washhouse, but you will need to bring your own drinking water for the duration of your stay. Please note that in the fall and winter, the solar lights do not get a lot of light to charge, and they may stop working around 8pm or earlier, meaning the site will be quite dark. There is a lantern in the dome but if you want to bring your own lantern or flashlights, feel free!

Checking Out

Check out is anytime prior to 11:00AM. As in any rental residence, please wash any dirty dishes, utensils, cutlery, pots/pans before you leave, and return to their proper places. There is environmentally friendly dish soap, dish cloths, dish towels, and a dish washing bucket for cleaning the used dishware. Please ensure that all of your garbage has been put in the garbage can, and bottles/cans in the recycling can.

Campsite Rules

Please make sure you have thoroughly read, understood, and signed the Rental Agreement sent to you prior to your arrival at the dome. Guests who have not done this will not be permitted on site.

What we provide

- King mattress and bedding
- King sized fold out couch with extra bedding
- First Aid Kit
- Fire extinguishers inside dome, washhouse, and outside the sauna
- Thermacell battery powered bug repellent
- Propane heater inside dome (only to be used in the summertime)
- Wood burning stove inside dome (can be used in any season)
- Propane fire table (NOT FOR COOKING ON)
- Cook area- propane BBQ with griddle, propane patio heater, picnic table, and covered gazebo
- Bear resistant cooler to keep your food and drinks cold and safe
- Rechargeable battery (with light) for charging your small devices like your phone or tablet
- Table and chairs for eating at inside the dome
- Plates, bowls, cutlery, mugs, and wine glasses
- Complementary tea, coffee, french press, and kettle
- Bluetooth speaker
- Heated washhouse with shower, eco-toilet, environmentally friendly hand soap, body wash, shampoo, and conditioner
- Bath robes, bath towels, hand towels, face cloths, and slippers
- Solar lights around the dome site
- Battery powered lantern
- Patio furniture

What To Bring

- Drinking water and ice for the cooler
- Appropriate clothing and footwear
- Personal Toiletries
- Camping friendly foods, snacks, drinks

Wood Burning Sauna

- First, use the axe to cut small pieces of wood (found in the circular wood holder) for kindling. Next, put a fire starter tablet in the wood stove, with kindling arranged in a tent style overtop. Light the fire tablet and once the kindling is catching fire, add slightly larger pieces of wood. Continue adding slightly larger pieces until you have a good fire going.
- Feel free to use the robes and slippers supplied inside the washhouse when using the sauna.
- Please take your shoes off and place a towel down on the bench to sit on when enjoying the sauna.
- Use the supplied water bucket and scoop to pour water on the stones if you'd like more steam, less water if you'd like less steam.
- Do not leave the sauna unsupervised if there is a fire burning inside the stove.

Wood Burning Stove inside Dome

- It is recommended by many geodesic dome experts for the best warmth, to use the wood burning stove. Guests will be expected to start, stoke, and maintain a fire in the wood burning stove for warmth. There is a propane heater that is in the dome (please see the propane heater section for more details), that can be used only in the summertime.
- Follow the same steps to start a fire in the wood burning stove, as are listed in the wood burning sauna section.
- Use the stove tools (shovel, fire poker, broom) when necessary.
- Never leave the stove unsupervised if there is a fire burning inside it.

Propane Fire Table

- The fire table is to be used for relaxation and warmth at night, NOT FOR COOKING ON.
- To use the fire table, remove the square cover from the center of the table. Turn on the propane bottle by turning the valve to the left (open). Read the lighting instructions on the side panel of the table.
- When you are finished using the fire table, turn the table knobs to off, turn the propane bottle valve to the right (closed), and replace the center cover when the table is cold to the touch.

Propane BBQ

- The BBQ is the only source for cooking hot food.
- Take the cover off the BBQ and take out the utensils and griddle from inside the BBQ. Turn on the propane bottle by turning the valve to the left (open). Read the BBQ lighting instructions on the left panel of the BBQ. Place the griddle back on top of the grill if you'd like to fry some food.
- Turn the BBQ knobs to off and the propane valve to the right when done (closed). Do not put the cover back on until the BBQ is cold to the touch.

Propane Patio Heater

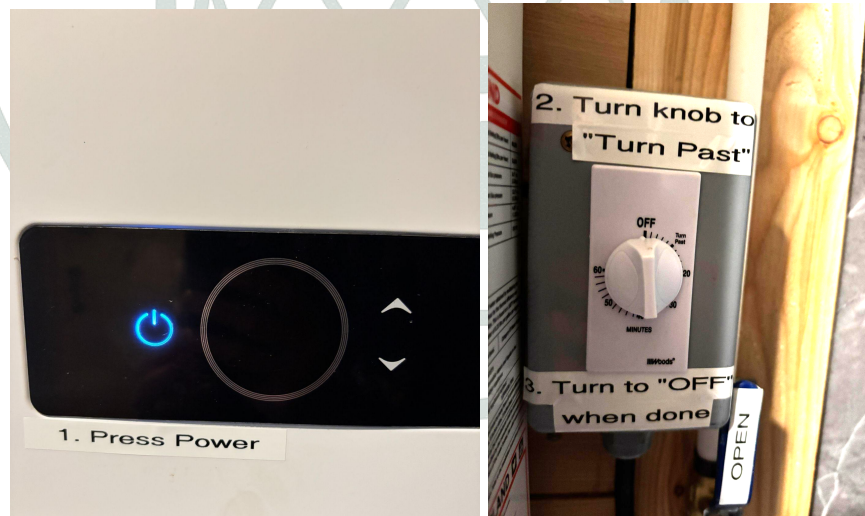
- Turn on the propane bottle by turning the valve to the left (open). Read the lighting instructions on the patio heater.
- Turn the knobs to off and the propane valve to the right when done (closed).

Propane Heater in the Dome

- NOTE: This heater is only to be used in the summertime.
- In the summer months, the propane heater will be set to pilot, which means that the flame is lit and heat output is at a minimum. You may turn the heat up on the dial to low or high if needed, but do not turn the dial all the way off as the pilot will go out and it is difficult to relight.

Washhouse

- Heater- please do not adjust the heater in the washhouse. It is already thermostat regulated to maintain a comfortable temperature. If you are too hot, please open 1 or 2 of the screened windows inside.
- Toilet- Everyone must sit on the toilet for both urine and defecation as there are 2 separate collection areas- urine in the front, waste in the back. Please add a cup of sawdust to the waste part of the toilet after using it to help keep odors to a minimum.
- Shower- the shower is controlled inside by the tankless water heater. Each blue water jug will provide approximately a 5 min shower.
Step 1: Press the power button on the white tank to turn on.
Step 2: Turn the knob to the "Turn Past" mark. If you find the water too hot or too cold you can change it on the front white tank digital panel. Nothing else should be adjusted on the front panel.
Step 3: When you have finished your shower, turn the knob to "OFF."
Step 4: Press the power button on the white tank to turn off.



Lighting

- All lights in the dome are powered by batteries, and are controlled by the remotes that are labelled on the coffee hutch. The light in the washhouse is motion censored and has a remote by the sink.

Frequently Asked Questions

Are children allowed?

Yes! We are family owned and operated, and welcome other families as well to Four Pine Valley. We advise parents to ensure their children are playing respectfully and safely in the area.

Are pets allowed?

Although we love furry friends, please do not bring your furry friends to Four Pine Valley. You will be subject to a fine if you bring your pets, and asked to leave the premises immediately without refund.

Do I need to know how to start a fire?

Yes, to use the sauna or wood burning stove, a basic knowledge of firestarting is required. We will have everything you need on site to start your fire.

Do I have to use the wood burning stove in the dome?

Yes, during the seasons of fall, winter, and spring, you will be responsible for starting, stoking, and maintaining the wood stove during your stay. In the summer, you may use the propane heater in the dome instead of the wood stove, but please do not turn it off, as it can be difficult to relight once the pilot light has been turned off.

Do I need to bring my own water?

Yes, you will need to bring your own drinking water and ice for the cooler, but we will provide water in the heated wash house for washing hands and showering.

Can I start a fire outside?

Please respect our forested environment and do NOT start fires outside. We have a propane BBQ and propane fire table for your use. We cannot take the risk of open fires with our fully forested area.

Is there WIFI?

Although there is no WIFI, there is service on the property should you wish to use your phone.

Is there electricity?

We are proudly off-grid on our dome site and invite you to unplug and unwind without your technology for your stay. We do have a portable battery charger in the dome if you need to power your small personal devices.

Is Four Pine Valley open year round?

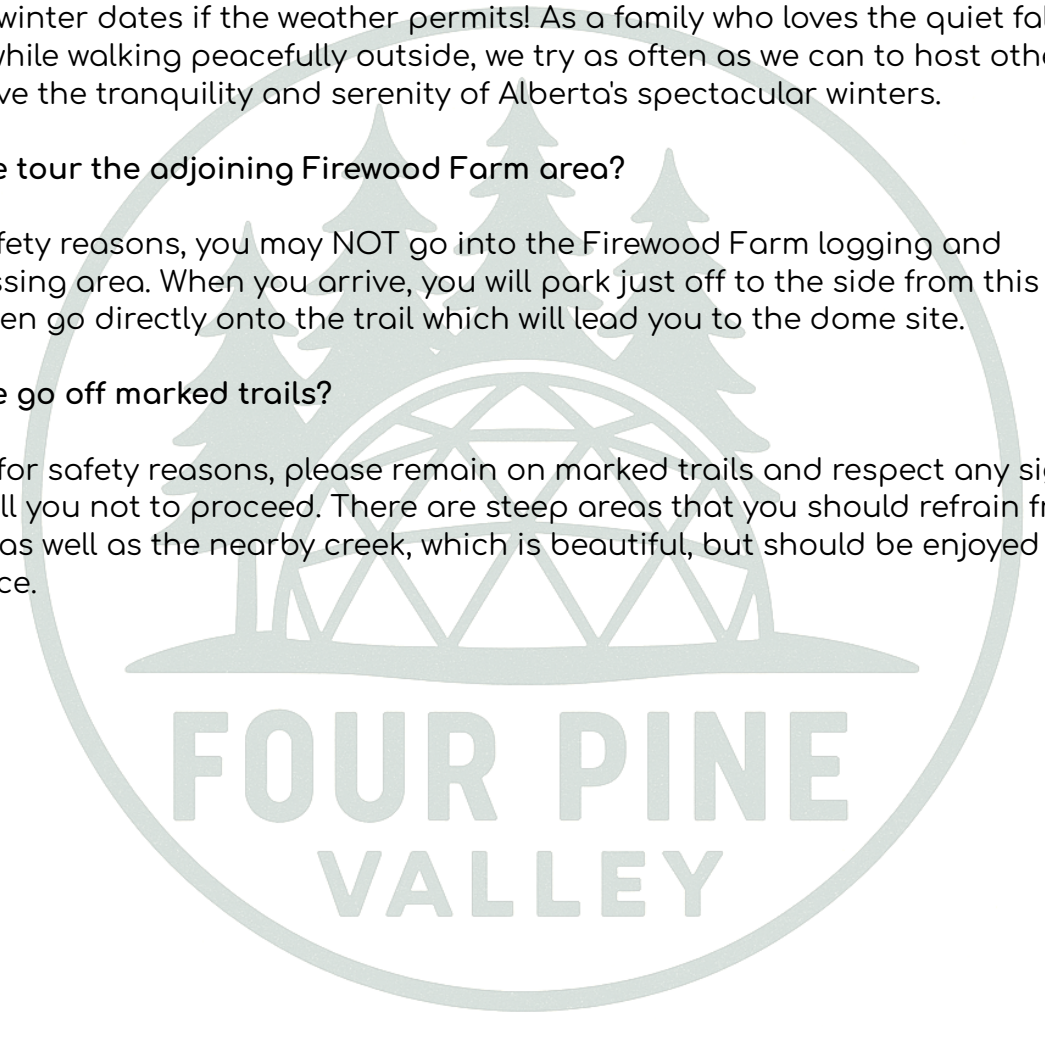
We are open seasonally from April 1 to November 1, however, we are open during select winter dates if the weather permits! As a family who loves the quiet falling of snow while walking peacefully outside, we try as often as we can to host others who love the tranquility and serenity of Alberta's spectacular winters.

Can we tour the adjoining Firewood Farm area?

For safety reasons, you may NOT go into the Firewood Farm logging and processing area. When you arrive, you will park just off to the side from this area and then go directly onto the trail which will lead you to the dome site.

Can we go off marked trails?

Again for safety reasons, please remain on marked trails and respect any signs that tell you not to proceed. There are steep areas that you should refrain from using, as well as the nearby creek, which is beautiful, but should be enjoyed at a distance.



Need more clarification on anything? Please don't hesitate to email info@fourpinevalley.com or call 780-242-0383. Thank you and enjoy your stay!