

# WELCOME!

It's that time! We're looking forward to your visit at Bison View Lodge in just a few days!

If you haven't yet done so, check out our website [bisonviewlodge.com](http://bisonviewlodge.com) and like our page on your favorite social media channel to stay up on all the latest info. @bisonviewlodge on Instagram and bisonviewlodge on Facebook. Feel free to tag us in your posts as well.

**SHOPPING & FAQ's:** We've assembled a list of grocery stores and Frequently Asked Questions including items that are provided, and items you might want to shop for here: [www.bisonviewlodge.com/faq/](http://www.bisonviewlodge.com/faq/)



This email will help you prepare and has IMPORTANT information that needs to be shared with all guests. **PLEASE share via email or text to every adult in your party.**

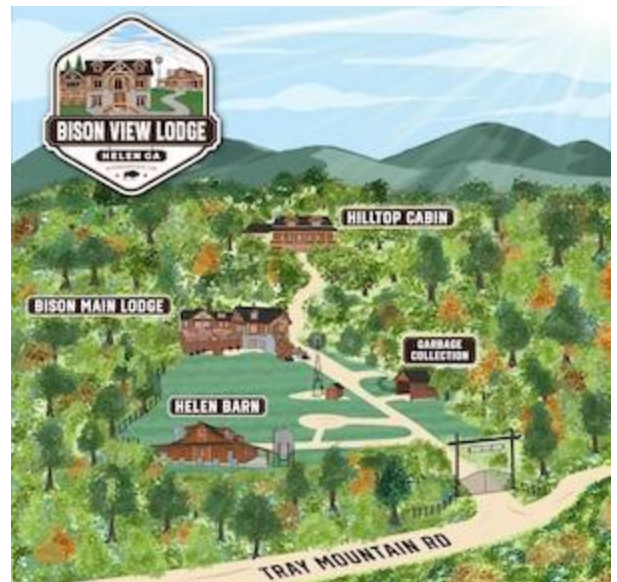
**IMPORTANT:** Pets are not permitted on the property. Thank you.

**Check in time anytime after 4pm.** Due to the size of the property our team will be working diligently until check in time to prepare for your stay. Depending on our cleaning team's schedule, an early check in or late check out may be available for a fee. Please text/call us at 404-777-6711 if you would like to arrange an early check in or a late check out.

**ACCESS CODES:** To enter our beautiful property, you will use a code to open the locked Entrance Gate. **This code is 2728.** You will need to share this with all of your guests and vendors so they are not stranded outside the gate. All Rental Agreements and Guest Lists must be complete prior to receiving the Entrance Gate Code.

**Entrance Gate & Carriage House Code (Trash Storage):** These codes are the same, **2728.** All trash should be taken to the Carriage House and put in trash bins.

**Front Door Codes to All Cabins:**  
The code is **3414**



**DIRECTIONS TO THE PROPERTY:** 3051 Tray Mountain Road, Sautee Nacoochee, GA. We prefer to use Waze, but you can use your favorite GPS app (we have not tested Apple Maps). **IMPORTANT: Be sure that the turnoff to Tray Mountain Rd is approximately one mile past Cool River Adventures Tubing located at 112 Poplar Stump Rd, Helen, GA 30545.**

From Cool River Adventures, travel .7 miles north on GA-17N/GA-75n/Unicoi Turnpike (no tolls), and turn right on Tray Mountain Road, it is not marked. You'll pass a small river cabin on the left, and the road is immediately on the right. It's easy to miss.

As you turn onto Tray Mountain Road, stop your car and turn your "brights" on so people can see you easier going up the mountain. Reset your trip odometer to zero as you have a wonderful 3 mile adventure ahead of you. Roll down your windows, listen to the incredible sounds of nature for as long as you wish, then proceed up the mountain. The road changes with the weather, and while over 90% is a typical gravel road, 10% you'll need to navigate carefully as water from the mountain has some washouts and exposed rocks.

Have your passengers keep an eye out for black bears and other wildlife. If children are in the car, they will love it! You may see beautiful flowers in bloom, hear natural waterfalls and rushing creeks, and lots of birds.

As you climb the mountain, there are a few hairpin turns. In the mountains, it's common to beep your horn just before you go into a turn so cars coming the other direction are aware of you. Navigate washout ruts at an angle that works for your vehicle. We've seen normal passenger sedans navigate this successfully. However, a sports car is not going to make it.

At 2.5 miles you should see a waterfall on the left. After the waterfall you only have a ½ mile left to the lodge. At 2.9 miles, be looking on the left for Bison View Lodge. Enter the gate code found on your check-in email and make your way to the property. As you enter the property you'll see the Main Lodge in front of you. The building on your right is the garage area where trash is stored. Continue beyond the lodge carport up the hill until it ends at Hilltop Cabin. Enjoy your stay at Bison View Lodge!

**ROAD DISCLOSURE:** All roads leading to the cabin are paved with the exception of the last 3 miles. You will travel a gravel road maintained by the US Forestry Service. When traveling this road, you may encounter potholes and ruts from mountain water runoff. We have observed standard passenger cars on the gravel road, but in accordance with the US Forestry Service, Bison View Lodge LLC recommends that only trucks and higher clearance vehicles (SUV's for example) travel the road. Bison View Lodge LLC is not responsible for damage to vehicles or accidents due to the gravel road. Bison View Lodge LLC is not liable for the condition of the road. However, it is traveled daily by passenger cars, trucks, and SUV's

**PARKING:** This is very important for every guest... **Please don't park or drive on the grass.** There are septic tanks/field lines all over the property and will be damaged by the weight of passenger cars and trucks.

**Assume that if you see grass, there's a septic tank or drain lines there. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN THIS AREA.**

# HOUSE INSTRUCTIONS

- Have fun and create memories.
- **Leave the property as you found it.**
- Pets of any kind are NOT permitted on the property
- We have wildlife everywhere. Please keep all doors closed or critters will come inside.
- **All trash MUST be bagged and kept indoors until full.** Trash storage is located in the garage. Code is the same as gate code
- **DON'T PARK OR DRIVE ON GRASS.** Septic tanks and drain fields are everywhere on this property. If you see grass, assume there is a septic line.
- No discharging of fireworks or guns on property.
- Smoke/Vape OUTSIDE ONLY. Please leave cigarette butts in buckets with sand.
- TOILETS: We are on septic. Only flush toilet paper, and it's easier to flush twice than have a stopped up toilet.
- Kitchen Garbage Disposals: No meat products or bones, septic doesn't handle it well.
- Don't climb on silo
- **HOT TUBS:** We have hot tub towels for you in the laundry room. Please DO NOT USE white towels in the hot tub. Follow safety rules posted at hot tub locations.
- **\*WIFI PASSWORDS** can be found in the Welcome Books and are posted on the wall in the main living area of each of the cabins for your convenience. *We highly suggested looking through the Welcome Book for great information about your stay.*

**GENERAL INFO:** We have some unusually tricky doors that we prefer you use as EMERGENCY EXIT only. Those are clearly marked on the property, do not open or unlock them. We do a quality check before arrival to make sure everything is ready to go. However, we are always here if you need us.

**BEARS, WILDLIFE, AND TRASH:** Trash management is crucial in the woods. All trash MUST be covered AND kept indoors. When trash is full, please take bags to the garage and place them in the containers located there. Be sure to close the garage door every time and verify it closes behind you. We don't want animals getting into the trash area.

You can access the trash storage garage by entering the code on the garage door keypad. PLEASE break down cardboard into flat pieces and set them neatly in a pile. Trash pickup is every Wednesday, and they won't take cardboard that isn't broken down.

Black bears have been spotted on the property occasionally. That usually means they smell something they like or are on their way to something they smell. Since we're only one of 4 houses within a 3 mile radius, odds are good that they like something at Bison Lodge. :)

**COOKING:** We should have all the pots, pans, plates, etc you would ever need. However, if you prefer the ease of paper plates and plastic cutlery, feel free to bring what you need. It will save you hours of time on cleanup.

For cooking: The Barn has 3 ovens, an electric cooktop, 1 residential refrigerator/freezer, 1 commercial refrigerator, 1 commercial freezer, 1 kegerator. Outside: a commercial smoker (it's huge), charcoal grill, Traeger Grill. Lodge: 2 residential refrigerator/freezers, 1 oven, 1 cooktop. Outside: Charcoal Grill & Traeger Grill. Hilltop Cabin: 1 oven, 1 cooktop, 1 residential refrigerator/freezer. Outside: Charcoal Grill & Traeger Grill.

We ask that grills not be moved to different parts of the property.

**ARCADE GAMES:** Turn it on at the plug location, flip the switch and it will light up red. Wait about 60 seconds for it to boot up, then enjoy. Turn off when not in use.

**GUNS & FIREWORKS:** As a reminder, we don't permit discharging of fireworks or firearms on the property. We have thousands of acres of forest beside us and it would take a firetruck 35-45 minutes to get to us. Here is a map of Georgia DNR ranges. I'm sure there are others nearby as well. Discharging of firearms on the property will result in immediate dismissal from the property and forfeiture of all rents.

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**DOORS IN BARN:** Please do not use the double glass doors in the barn for entry or exit, unless it's an emergency. Use the right front door with the storm door for entry/exit. Quite honestly, these doors are hard to close and/or lock. We use them more as windows.

Wildlife will find a way inside the barn if the doors are left open, that is one thing we can guarantee. After one or two meals in the barn and the buffet that will be left in the way of simple crumbs on the floor, every field mouse on Tray Mountain will want to come and party with you, and with field mice come their predators, snakes. Reducing varmints in the barn for the enjoyment of your party is very important to us. Please be responsible and close doors behind you to keep wildlife outside where it belongs.

**OUTDOOR UMBRELLAS:** Umbrellas on the gathering porch are awesome, but they need attention. You can give them a little help by pulling gently on the umbrella blades before cranking to make it easier to open when someone cranks them open. WE HAVE STRONG WINDS ON THE MOUNTAIN THAT CAN KICK UP AT ANY TIME, please close umbrellas at night before you go to bed or during windy conditions. In order to keep the cushions in excellent condition for our guests, they are located for your convenience in the storage shed on the gathering porch.

# CHECK - OUT INSTRUCTIONS

**Check out is 10:00am**

**We believe in the old scouting motto “leave no trace”**

**We ask that you leave the property  
in the same condition as you found it. (excluding linens of course)**

**Please complete the checklist below prior to leaving:**

- ☐ *Anything used for cooking and eating should be cleaned and returned to its proper storage area before check-out. (Pots, pans, grills, smokers, ovens, etc)*
- ☐ *Place all used towels and washcloths in the tile shower floor or bathtub*
- ☐ *Strip any beds that were slept in or used and leave sheets/blankets/pillow cases on the floor*
- ☐ *Empty all trash (must be bagged) and place it in the trash collection bins in the garage building located between the main lodge and barn. Code is the same as the main gate.*
- ☐ *Cardboard must be broken down or our trash service won't take it*
- ☐ *Hang corn hole games where they belong*
- ☐ *Move any outdoor furniture that was moved back in its place.*
- ☐ *Make sure the hot tub is covered.*
- ☐ *Make sure remote controls (TV's, ceiling fans, lights, etc) are returned to where you found them.*
- ☐ *Please lock all doors/windows before you leave.*

# **TRASH DISPOSAL**

**NO TRASH CAN BE LEFT OUTSIDE DUE TO WILDLIFE**

**TRASH COLLECTION AREA IS IN CARRIAGE HOUSE (CODE SAME AS GATE)**

**PLEASE BREAK DOWN CARDBOARD BOXES AND LAY FLAT NEAR TRASH BINS**

**HEAVY TRASH MUST BE DOUBLE BAGGED**

**PLEASE DO NOT OVERFLOW TRASH BINS**