

There are so many reasons why we love this cabin! The beauty of the Mt. Hood National Forest is evident on the property. A gorgeous landscape thrives - rhododendrons, ferns, tall fir trees, and hostas grow naturally with minimal assistance. (Even mountain wildflowers and weeds look lovely in this setting!)

On snowy or rainy days, it is a special treat to wake up, enjoy coffee in bed, and gaze at the trees and sky through the bedroom windows and through the windows in the loft. The rain on the roof is always a comforting sound and the occasional snow is breathtaking. The distant sound of the river through an open window eases us to sleep.

The cabin is quite cozy. The room proportions feel right, with a nice flow and virtually no wasted space. Decks that surround the cabin also extend the floor space. Covered decks, along with the deck warmer, ensure that dinner and entertaining can be enjoyed outside year around. The BBQ is plumbed into the house propane tank so we never worry about refills.

In the winter, the fireplace makes a chilly night feel warm and comfortable. The propane wall heater's thermostat generates its own electricity so it will operate even when the power fails (several times each year storms or car wrecks shut down the area's electricity.) When we leave in cold times, we never worry about freeze-up.

Incredible fishing, hiking, skiing, snowboarding, and snow shoeing adventures are out our front or back doors. We can go in the morning, enjoy another activity in the afternoon, and return home in time for a great dinner at a local restaurant. We are just 12 miles from Government Camp and one-half hour from three of Oregon's top ski areas so all activities are close by.

We love the warmth of the all wood walls and ceilings (no paint or sheet rock) - especially our petrified wood fireplace. And, some mountain history comes together in this unique fireplace. A local legend and stone mason, Moon Mullen, laid up the fireplace (his rock and brick handwork can still be seen in many Government Camp and Rhododendron homes and businesses.)

The petrified wood (no, it won't catch on fire....) came from Darr family who were early developers the mountain and operated Darrs' ski shop which is now the Brew Pub in Govy (Moon did the stone work there too.) We have named most of the rocks - Monkey Face, Mt. Hood, Eagle, Tree of Life, and the list goes on! Our grandchildren, our children and friends have enjoyed many evenings around the fireplace. In addition the acoustics in the cabin are excellent and we enjoy nonstop music that seems to radiate throughout both levels.

These are just a few of the reasons why we have so enjoyed our time in this cabin in Rhododendron on Mt. Hood. We hope you will cherish it too!