

ADDITIONAL NOTES

1. During the day, greet people, answer questions, and offer trail info, If they need more information, give them the USFS phone number (970-295-6600), but let them know they will get a recording on the weekend.
2. Remind hikers to carry water, suntan lotion, and insect repellent, and wear good footwear.
3. Wear your GCWG shirt, vest, hat, or volunteer badge so that you look “official”. Or borrow one of the green USFS volunteer jackets from the closet in the cabin.
4. Ask guests to sign in at the registration box. If they are reluctant, tell them the data is used by the USFS to manage the area.
5. Hopefully, they have purchased an ANRA pass at the entrance station kiosk they passed on the way up. Note that the kiosk only takes credit cards. Their license plate number is used to verify they bought a pass either at the kiosk or online.
6. If someone is entering with a backpack ask them if they have a permit. They do not need to show you their permit. Tell them they need to carry the permit on them. (They should not leave it in the car.) If they leave their camp they should attach the permit to their tent.
7. Point out the area map on the kiosk at the trailhead. Suggest people take a photo of the map.
8. Remind them to keep dogs on a handheld leash. Electronic leashes do not qualify as handheld. Neither does “voice command”. Leashes are required in the Indian Peaks Wilderness area. There are stiff fines for violation of this rule. Rope leashes can be loaned to them, if available. If they are interested in letting their dog off-leash, give them a copy of the Arapaho National Forest “DOG” brochure.
9. Familiar yourself with the books on the cabin shelves. They can be useful references for you,

10. If there is sun block, or insect repellent on the shelves behind the cabin counter, you may offer these to guests who did not bring their own. There is no drinking water available anywhere near the cabin.
11. There is a bag for Lost and Found items near the closet in the cabin. If a valuable item is turned in, such as a cell phone or camera, radio the USFS and report it to them. If someone reports something lost, enter the item, name, and contact information on the Lost Form behind this page.
12. We do not do law enforcement. You can ask people who look like they are backpacking if they have a permit. If they do not, they will have to go back down the road until they get cell phone reception, and try to get a permit at recreation.gov.
13. If you leave the cabin unattended for any length of time, i.e., to take a walk, be sure to lock the cabin.
14. When asked “Why can't I.....?”, answer “For the protection of the wilderness.”
15. In case of hiker injury, do not administer first aid. You may offer clean water from your water bottle and the small First Aid kit from the cabin. but let the guest take care of the injury. If severe, switch the radio channel to “Grand Sheriff”, wait 15 seconds, and then say “Grand Sheriff, this is cabin host at Junco”. Be sure you have details about the location of the accident, the number of people involved, nature of injuries, time, approximate weight and age of the injured, and a general description of what they are wearing.
16. Firearms are allowed in Wilderness areas, but they cannot be fired over trails, streams, or lakes.
17. The use of drones is prohibited in National Forests and Wilderness areas.
18. Enjoy your interactions. You represent the Grand County Wilderness Group and everyone who cares about wilderness.
19. If you have suggestions or corrections for the handbook, please call Toni Wujek, 887-9042. Do not update the pages yourself.