

ADDITIONAL NOTES

1. 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. If you do not have your own volunteer badge, there are two volunteer badges in the GCWG cashbox. Use them for the day, and return them when you leave.
2. Greet guests with a smile.
3. Ask them to sign in at the registration box. If they are reluctant, tell them the data is used by the USFS to manage the areas.
4. Hopefully, they have purchased an ANRA pass at the entrance station kiosk near Highway 34. Note that the kiosk only takes credit cards. Their license plate number is used to verify they bought a pass either at a kiosk or online. Let them know they can purchase a pass on the way out and it will count.
5. 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.
6. Point out the area map in the kiosk. Suggest people take a phone photo of the map.
7. Answer questions as you can. If they need more information, give them the USFS phone number, 970-295-6600, but let them know they will probably get a recording and will have to leave a message.
8. Encourage guests to view the information posted in the kiosk near the cabin.. There is a copy of Deborah Carr's and Lou Ladrikan's book Hiking Grand County, Colorado on the desk that you can use to answer questions.
9. Remind them to keep dogs on a handheld leash. Electronic leashes do not qualify as handheld. Neither does “voice command”. Leashes are required around the lake and also in the Indian Peaks Wilderness area. There are stiff

finer for violation of this rule. If they are interested in letting their dog off-leash, give them a copy of the Arapaho National Forest "DOG" brochure.

10. Familiar yourself with the books on the cabin shelves. They can be useful references for you.
11. If there is sun block, or insect repellent on the shelves behind the cabin desk, you may offer these to guests who did not bring their own. The closest drinking water is at the Big Rock section of the Arapaho Bay Campground, which they passed on the way into Monarch Lake. Do not offer any water from the cabin. You don't know how long it has been there.
12. There is a bag for Lost and Found items on the daybed in the cabin. If a valuable item is turned in, such as a cell phone or camera, call the USFS and report it. If someone reports something lost, enter the item, name, and contact information on the Lost Items notebook hanging on the cabin wall besides the desk.
13. There is a "treasure map" for kids on the desk. This map encourages interested children to keep their eyes open as they walk around the lake. There are also some children's items on the shelves behind the desk. You may hand these out as you see fit.
14. If you notice a shortage of anything, including registration box sheets, toilet paper, etc, contact the Monarch Cabin Manager.
15. There are chairs in the closet. Use them to enjoy sitting on the porch or anywhere you have a view of the cabin.
16. If you leave the cabin unattended for any length of time, i.e., to take a walk, lock the cabin.
17. If the garbage cans across from the cabin are full, you may take the full bags to the dumpster. Please use plastic gloves when handling trash. Supplies of large garbage can bags and gloves are in the closet. The same key that is for the toilet door, also unlocks the garbage cans. The garbage cans are the Forest Service responsibility, but you can assist if you wish. Just do what you can to make the area neat, tidy, and animal proof.

18. There are 2 islands in Monarch Lake. One of them is posted with Keep Out signs, because of the osprey nest. The other island can be visited.
19. When asked “Why can't I.....?”, answer “For the protection of the wilderness.”
20. In case of emergency, do not administer first aid. You may offer clean water from your water bottle and the small First Aid kit from the GCWG file drawer, but let the guest take care of the injury. If severe, call 911. 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. The key to the emergency gate by the parking lot is on the cabin door key chain.
21. LAKE EMERGENCIES – There is a bright yellow tow rope in the cabin closet.
22. The gate now has a combination lock. The combination is on the desk in case of emergency.
23. Incident Reports. See the incident reporting procedure for what types of incidents should be reported and directions on filing out a report.
24. Firearms are allowed in Wilderness areas and around Monarch Lake, but they cannot be fired over trails, streams, or lakes.
25. The use of drones is prohibited around Monarch lake and in Wilderness areas.
26. Enjoy your interactions. You represent the Grand County Wilderness Group and everyone who cares about wilderness.
27. Following these pages is a list of answers to frequently asked questions, compiled by a USFS staff person.
28. If you have suggestions or corrections for the handbook, please call Toni Wujek, (970) 887-9042. Do not update the pages yourself.