

# 308 W Ramona Ivywildhouse.com House Book

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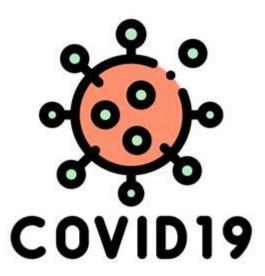
Update Version 11/20/2020 © Kyle Purer, 2020 Thank you for choosing our house for your stay.

So much love and care have gone into making this house an enjoyable, comfortable place during your stay. From making improvements to lighting, bathrooms, bedding and towels—even bringing in books about points of interest and stocking some treats in the kitchen, we hope to make this house feel welcoming so that your experience here is memorable.

We know that sometime things are out of our control and sometimes accidents or inconveniences pop up at inopportune times. If something should go wrong with the house during your stay, please let me know so we can make it right for you. Whether it's an appliance acting up or you could use some help adjusting the house thermostat, I'm just a phone call or text away.

It would help us so much if you would write a 5-star review on VRBO/Homeaway—it truly makes a difference! And if there is some reason that you wouldn't want to give us a 5-star review, please let us know about it. We would prefer to make things right so that you can enjoy your time here.

Sincerely, Kyle Purer 719-338-7156



For the most up to date resource on Covid, please visit this pages <a href="https://www.visitcos.com/coronavirus-colorado-springs/">https://www.visitcos.com/coronavirus-colorado-springs/</a> <a href="https://covid19.colorado.gov/">https://covid19.colorado.gov/</a>

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Colorado experienced coivd early in 2019. Our state does very well in respecting the governors orders. A mask is required while outdoors and in restaurants. I've provided some masks for you to use should you need, as well as hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, and hand soap within the house.





## Check-in Procedure:

- Make yourself at home.
- Send me a text at 719-338-7156 to let me know your family arrived. Note damage, if any.
- If I am available, I will stop by the evening of your arrival to introduce myself and answer any questions you may have about the house and local points of interest.
- Please keep activities quite after 9pm.
- You will find sheets for the extra pull-out bed in the upstairs attic.



## Check-out Procedure:

- Please start a load of towels in the laundry.
- Leave the linens on the beds.
- Please run the dishwasher with any used kitchenware.
- Text me at 719-338-7156 to let me know that you have left and please let me know of anything that needs attention or care. Report any damage to the house, if any – it's OK to use the VRBO insurance for any broken items since it is prepaid.



# **During Your Stay:**

- The gift basket in the kitchen is for you to enjoy.
- Grocery membership/discount cards are by the gift basket.
- Open kitchen policy, use what you need, and leave what you wish.
- Keep food and drink out of the bedrooms and other carpeted areas.
- Observe quite time from 9pm to 8am.
- No smoking in the house.



# Where to park:

- ✓ At the back of the driveway (OK to block the orange single car garage door)
- ✓ On the side of the driveway by the house.
- ✓ At the front of the house.





# Always lock and arm your car! Don't leave valuables in cars.

- ✓ Break-ins are possible, and could happen during your stay.
- ✓ Please lock and arm your car!
- ✓ Rental owner not responsible for vehicle break ins.
- ✓ Always lock your car at tourist attractions.
- ✓ Always lock your car and hide valuables at trail heads.



The code for the touchpad door is typically 0308.

- Press the numbers,
- wait for the lock to mechanism to unwind,
- and turn the lever.

The doors re-lock when shut after 30 seconds. Sometimes the back door sticks, just push.

The Garage Code is 3081



# **Internet**

Wireless internet is available: "308 Ramona"

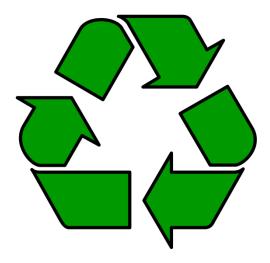
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- Trash can liners are in the cabinet by the kitchen trash can.
- When the cans are full, please take the trash and recyclables out to the cans in the single car garage (orange garage door).
- The code to the garage door is 3081.

## Please don't leave trash outside --- because of Bears!

Note: Trash is Wednesday morning, I will take out the trash and recycle cans from the garage to the curb.



Put recycling material in the blue bin. The bin can be emptied into the bin in the green recycle can in the garage (door code 3081 – single car orange door).

## Preparing recyclables is super easy:

- Rinse out containers to remove as much of the food residue as possible.
- Empty all steel containers.
- Discard lids, caps, and pumps on bottles.
- Please make sure to flatten all cardboard.
- We only accept plastics #1 #7 (found on the bottom of the container).

## Items we DO accept:

<ul> <li>Newspaper (including inserts)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Flattened corrugated cardboard</li> </ul>	Office paper
Mixed paper	<ul> <li>Chipboard (cereal &amp; tissue boxes)</li> </ul>	• Brown paper bags
<ul> <li>Steel or tin cans</li> </ul>	• Plastic (#1 − #7)	<ul> <li>Glass bottles and jars</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Aluminum cans</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Empty aerosol cans</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Liquid detergent bottles</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Aluminum foil</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pie tins</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Bulk or junk mail</li> </ul>
• Plastic milk jugs	<ul> <li>Magazines, catalogs and phone books</li> </ul>	• Vitamin bottles
<ul> <li>Yogurt containers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Butter tubs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Soda carrier boxes</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Paper towel and toilet paper tubes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Food boxes (popcorn and microwave)</li> </ul>	• Paper egg cartons

## Items we DO NOT accept:

•	Plastic bags and plastic wrap	•	Plastic plates or utensils	•	Shredded paper
•	Plastic caps (soda, water, pill, or juice bottles)	•	Plastic egg cartons	•	Tyvek (polyethylene fiber)
•	Six pack ring holders	•	Overnight mailer folders	•	Styrofoam



Yes, we have a neighborhood bear, his name is Phil.

If you see a bear, go back inside.

Be safe, stay away.

Do not Feed or Pet.

Do not leave trash outside.

Worse potential selfie decision ever.

## Pros:

- ✓ Youtube star
  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KusRen6B\_20">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KusRen6B\_20</a>
- ✓ Internet celebrity (google "Edelweiss Bear" )
- ✓ Has own Nintendo game "Epic Dumpster Bear".

## Cons:

- Destroys garbage left outside overnight.
- Likes to be outside at night.
- Sometimes has babies nearby, although cuteness factor is way up, mothers are dangerous.
- Could probably eat you.

Unfortunately bears who get into altercations are often euthanized. The Ivywild neighborhood loves our bear. We don't want Phil killed.



# **Clocks are USB Chargers!**

## Pros

- ✓ The bedside alarm clocks in the house have two USB chargers for your phone and tablets.
- ✓ If they are too bright, there is a dimmer function.

#### House Tips

#### Gift Basket

You will find a gift basket in the kitchen, containing a special treat for you. This is our way of saying "we hope you enjoy your stay." The grocery discount cards are located here as well.

#### Open Kitch (Take some and share some)

Any pantry items or food found in the refrigerator is available for your consumption, and you are welcome to leave non perishable treats in kind. We take care to throw out any food that is past its expiration date or is otherwise spoiled.

#### **Blankets**

All rooms have an extra blankets in the closet. They are cleaned and stored inside the plastic containers. There are even more in the attic if needed.

Spare Toilet Paper, Extra Towels, Bedding for the fold out couch, and Extra Pillows are found inside the armoire in the living room.

#### Music

The downstairs TV has music apps, like Pandora, an the soundbar can connect to your smartphone via Bluetooth.

#### Laundry Room

The clothes washer and dryer are located near the kitchen. Detergent and fabric softener is provided for you. Iron and ironing board are available as well.

#### Grocery Store membership cards.

You are welcome to use the cards to save on your grocery bill at two local grocery stores, King Soopers or Safeway.

## Mild altitude sickness or acute mountain sickness:

#### Symptoms may include:

- Fatigue
- Headache
- Loss of appetite
- Nausea
- Sleep problems
- Swelling of arms and legs
- Vomiting
- Weakness

#### 1. Descend to Lower Altitude

- For mild acute mountain sickness, the person may be able to stay at current altitude to see if his or her body adjusts. If symptoms don't get better in 24 to 48 hours or if they get worse, the person should go down to a lower altitude and seek immediate medical care.
- For severe symptoms, the person should immediately be taken down 1,500 to 2,000 feet with as little exertion as possible. Keep going down until symptoms go away. Get medical help right away as waiting could cause serious problems or even death.
- Even if symptoms are mild, the person should not go any higher in altitude until symptoms are completely gone.

#### 2. Treat Symptoms

- Give oxygen, if available.
- Keep the person warm and have him or her rest.
- Give plenty of liquids / water.
- Give acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) for headache.

#### 3. See a Health Care Provider

- If mild symptoms persist after descent, call a health care provider.
- For severe symptoms, the person should see a doctor as soon as possible, even if symptoms go away after descent.



Kyles Recommended places to go NOW! These are all nearby and are great places to eat at, or take out.

- ✓ Omelets Etc <a href="http://www.omeletsetc.com/">http://www.omeletsetc.com/</a> 1616 S 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Breakfast & lunch. Busiest on weekends but moves quickly. It's a locals favorite, and you can walk there from the house.
- ✓ Colorado Mountain Brewery @ Roadhouse <a href="http://www.cmbrew.com/">http://www.cmbrew.com/</a> 600 S 21<sup>st</sup> St Beer and regional food.
- ✓ Panino's <a href="http://www.paninos.com">http://www.paninos.com</a> 1721 S 8<sup>th</sup> St. Neighborhood family restaurant with an interesting take on Italian sandwiches. Locals love this place because they have all you can eat pizza (Tuesday) and spaghetti (Wednesday)
- ✓ Coal Mine Dragon <a href="http://www.coalminedragon.net/">http://www.coalminedragon.net/</a> 1779 S 8<sup>th</sup> St. Chinese take out. Call an order in and send someone to pick it up in about 20 minutes.
- ✓ The Tejon St restaurants, including CO.A.T.I, Fat Sullys, Atomic Cowboy, Streetcar, and many others. All of these on trend sites have great food and are fun to walk around in.
- ✓ Mexican: Rancho Alegre (recommended, not TexMex)
- ✓ Sushi: Dozo sushi
- ✓ Vegetarian: Burrowing Owl

Of course, we have Chic-fil-a, SmashBurger, 5 Guys Burger and Fry's, McDonalds, Burger King, Dominoes Pizza, Panera, Qdoba, Chipotle and others nearby too.



Kyles Recommended places to go NOW! These are all nearby – some are just a short walk from the house.

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- ✓ Ivywild: <a href="http://ivywildschool.com/">http://ivywildschool.com/</a>
  - 1604 S. Cascade Avenue. Bristol Brewery, Axe and the Oak Whiskey, cocktails from the Principals Office. Vibrant atmosphere. <u>Easily walkable from the house</u>. Want more whiskey? Walk a block over to 1647 S Tejon and try a flight at Distillery 231.
- ✓ Phantom Canyon: <a href="http://www.phantomcanyon.com/">http://www.phantomcanyon.com/</a>
   2 E. Pikes Peak Ave, Downtown Colorado Springs. Known for their beer cheese soup, they have a great happy hour from 3-6 and all day Sunday
  - upstairs. They are an original Colorado Springs saloon (written up in the historic saloons of the west book), with excellent food and dining as well.
- ✓ Golden Bee: <a href="http://www.broadmoor.com/dining/golden-bee/">http://www.broadmoor.com/dining/golden-bee/</a>
  - 1 Lake Ave Broadmoor Resort.

Want a yard of ale from another original Colorado Springs saloon? Settle into a 19<sup>th</sup> century English pub with fish and chips or shepards pie. If you pick the right night, you can join the bar sing-along complete with rag-time piano player. Also written up in the historic saloon book. Broadmoor can be spendy! \$\$\$



#### Other Eats:

- Edelweiss <a href="https://edelweissrest.com/">https://edelweissrest.com/</a>
   Our neighborhood German restaurant. Has the best take out family pack you can get for \$55, highly recommended. So yum. \$\$\$
- Prime 29, <u>www.prime25.com</u>
   South fine dining, fine drinking, fine. \$\$\$
- Rancho Alegre: <a href="https://ranchoalegrecs.com/">https://ranchoalegrecs.com/</a>
   carne asada and margs just down the street. \$\$
- Josephs Fine Dining: <a href="https://josephsdining.com/">https://josephsdining.com/</a>
   Fine dining, great for dates. \$\$\$\$
- Burrowing Owl: <a href="https://burrowingowllounge.com/">https://burrowingowllounge.com/</a>
   Vegetarian and quirky Colorado. \$\$

#### Further afield:

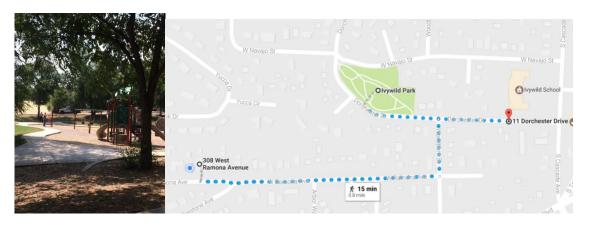
- Poor Richards, café, pizzeria, coffee bar, toy store and books and gifts. A fun place and family friendly for the kids. Downtown. http://www.poorrichardsstl.net/home
- Front Range BBQ: my favorite bbq in town. Quirky and just so much yum. 10 min drive into old Colorado City. <a href="https://frbbq.com/">https://frbbq.com/</a>
- Pizzaria Rustica: fancy pizza, and everyone enjoys this place, it's a gem. 10 min drive into old Colorado City. <a href="http://pizzeriarustica.com/wp/">http://pizzeriarustica.com/wp/</a>
- Bingo Burger: located downtown, this mom-and-pop shop has expended from the original in Pueblo. Get the 50-50 fries with curry ketchup and chipotle mayo. https://www.bingoburger.com/
- Skirted Heffer: just a block north of Bingo Burger, you'll find more burger varieties.
   Named for the crispy "skirt" that the cheese forms when it melts around the edge of the patty. <a href="https://skirtedheifer.com/">https://skirtedheifer.com/</a>



## **Playgrounds**

**Ivywild Park** is within easy walking distance – less than 10 minutes. From the house, walk Ramona away from the mountains, and take two lefts! They have a picnic table, a playground for children with swingsets and jungle gym, and a little library. A Very nice place to enjoy!

As adults, you should be aware that this park has ... a top secret ulterior motive... and that is to burn of the 'youngs energy before you walk next door to Ivywild School for a beer at Bristol.



## America the Beautiful Park AKA the millennial park or "The park with the STARGATE"

This park is about an 8 minute car basically on the other side of They have a pretty awesome for children, and ... this is the go... there is a water attraction can get wet in ankle deep water this gigantic metal stargate looking sprays water (so think about your bring towels)!

The park hosts events during the as outdoor concerts and food and so plan ahead or just drop by and happening. Events and working <a href="https://coloradosprings.gov/parks-and-cultural-">https://coloradosprings.gov/parks-and-cultural-</a>

services/page/america-beautiful-





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summer, such art festivals – see what is hours at recreation-

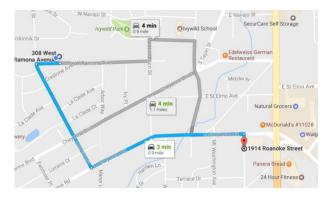
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## **Groceries**

Note: Our local grocery stores have membership discount cards. We have provided guest membership cards in the kitchen so that you can take advantage of the savings.

<u>Safeway</u> is very close by and has a Starbucks within. It's great because it is only 3 minutes away. Getting out can be a little difficult. The best thing about Safeway, is that it's close by! They also take a discount card – it's in the kitchen.



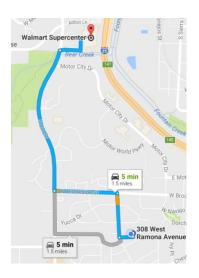




<u>King Soopers</u> is a much larger store with great variety. Located about 2 MILES AWAY ON SOUTH hWY. 115 (Nevada), it's a six minute drive. Colorado people *love* "soops", and it has a consistently awesome produce section. They also use a card discount system – it's in the kitchen.



<u>Walmart</u> is close by. Because if you need to get a frozen pizza, shampoo, and batteries at 11pm, it certainly can be done. They have a reasonably good slection of produce and ready to eat meals, and it is close by.







## **CLOSEST URGENT CARE**

Colorado Springs Health Partners "Roundhouse" 600 S 21st St #100, Colorado Springs, CO 80904

This location is the closest urgent care facility to the house. My child and I have personally used their services. Check for healthcare coverage. <u>Use the website to schedule an appointment</u>, or just walk in. Colorado Springs Health Partners (CSHP) operates two other urgent care facilities in town., you may wish to compare different wait times.

#### Treats:

- Infectious Diseases and Illnesses
- Strains, sprains, simple fractures, back pain
- Rashes, insect bites
- Asthma, shortness of breath
- Migraine headaches, dizziness
- Abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting
- Lacerations
- Not able to treat pediatric patients less than 1 year old.



#### Hours:

 Monday - Friday
 8:00am - 8:00pm

 Saturday
 9:00am - 5:00pm

 Sunday
 9:00am - 3:00pm

Map / Directions: <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/9yytbdriP3y">https://goo.gl/maps/9yytbdriP3y</a>

Website: http://www.cshp.net/locations/west-at-the-roundhouse



## **Hospitals**

Penrose Saint Francis Main
2222 N Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80907

www.penrosestfrancis.org
(We prefer this organization)

Memorial Hospital 1400 E Boulder St, Colorado Springs, CO 80909 (We do not prefer due to expense and quality of care, but they will probably stitch you up and dispense medication).



Closest Pharmacy
Walgreens open 24 hours! It's behind the burger king!
1855 Southgate Rd, Colorado Springs. 719-473-7300



Walmart does have a pharmacy. Target does not have a pharmacy.

#### **LOCAL INFORMATION**

## **Airport**

TO COS - 11 miles / 20 minute drive.

The fastest way is to take I-25 southbound to the Academy exit, going east to the Milton Proby Parkway.

About COS: Security lines are short and move quickly.

#### TO DEN -

Option 1: 90 miles, 1:25 – 2 hour drive via I25 N to E470 tollway.

This is faster, easier, and reliable timewise. Please follow the speed limit - there are speed traps on E-470. The tollway is a license plate toll reader style, bills to rental car company or you if you pre register. Toll is ~ \$8.

Option 2: 87 miles, 1:40 - via I25 to 225, 70 and Pena.

This route is more fun for those looking for chaotic city driving. Through South Denver Tec Center and then through Aurora.

CAUTION ABOUT I25- there are often traffic jams, please check out travel times and budget 3 to 4 hours to get to the airport.

About DEN: Security lines can be very long. Take a moment from the second floor to look over the North and South security queues, sometimes one will be preferred over the other. The airport is lovely and deserves some exploration.

#### **Banks**

Wells Fargo - 1800 S Nevada Ave Key Bank - 1521 S 8th St US Bank - 6 S Tejon St

## ATM's.

7-11 on 8<sup>th</sup> street Wells Fargo Walmart (inside) Key Bank

#### **Taxi Services**

Please book taxis in advance on busy nights or if you require late night service to avoid disappointment. Please use a taxi when drinking or otherwise.

Yellow Cab (719) 550-9300 Taxi Colorado Springs (719) 822-2888 Uber is a great option.

## **Hikes / Nature**

Cheyenne Canyon: Immediately to the west, Cheyenne Blvd ends in a great scenic drive, "Cheyenne Canyon Road". Follow it to St Mary's Falls and further through rail road tunnels. It exits on the west side of Colorado springs. Hiking is found all over here, try Mount Cutler Trail.

Garden of the gods is 5 miles / 11 minutes away. Breathtaking scenery. Red Rock Canyon is 4.8 miles / 10 minutes away. Excellent walking amongst red stone cliffs.

## **Local websites**

Peakradar.com - good source for culture. Csindy.com - local free magazine. Gazette.com - local Colorado newspaper.



## **Attractions**

- Horse Back Trail Riding <u>www.comtnadventure.com/</u> Stables at the Broadmoor the best place that I take my family to.
- Ivywild Park: A playground for the kids just around the corner. Walk east (away from the mountains), and take two lefts.
- Cave of the Winds: Because the discovery tour and wind walker challenge are tops. Lantern tour, not so much.
- The MAT Live Theater <a href="http://www.themat.org">http://www.themat.org</a> is consistently very funny and entertaining. I highly recommend you catch a show, when the come out of the coronavirus lockdown.
- Simpich Marionette Show <a href="https://www.simpich.com/">https://www.simpich.com/</a>
- Manitou Springs and the Penny Arcade classic pinball and arcade games in the middle of Manitou. Unique! you should visit. http://www.manitouspringspennyarcade.com/
- Pikes peak by cog rail closed as of 2021 for repair
- Books for U, (used book store) because rain shouldn't ruin vacations. http://booksforyou.us/
- CityRock Climbing Gym, because rain shouldn't ruin vacations, and SRLSY: did u just recommend books? How about a three story tall indoor climbing gym with auto belay and a cave! <a href="http://www.climbcityrock.com/">http://www.climbcityrock.com/</a> (note, try parking in the public parking complex)
- Santa's workshop (for younger children). It is pricey but you can bring in your own picnic, it's
  a small carnival set against the mountain. <a href="http://northpolecolorado.com/">http://northpolecolorado.com/</a> (coupon on website)
- Best place for a picnic is up in Cheyenne Creek, near Helen Hunt Falls. Go ahead and grab some KFC chicken on Tejon, and make your way up into the open air.



#### <u>Hiking</u>

Warning - Pikes Peak Granite wants to kill you and make it difficult to recover your body. Pikes Peak granite is not strong – it crumbles into pieces, turning into little ball bearings causing hikers to fall to their peril. Pikes peak granite is pink / light red / brick red appearance, and if you see evidence of scree, erosion, little pebbles, or loose gravel on your hike, stay away from any edges or drop offs. We sometimes hear on the evening news reports of a "high angle rescue in Cheyenne Canyon", Please don't be that family. Also, always lock your doors and don't leave valuables in your car.

- Red rock canyon park. Like garden of the gods with lots of trails and less tourists. It's a locals alternative to the Garden. <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/8s2Q9XqD17L2">https://goo.gl/maps/8s2Q9XqD17L2</a> 8 minutes away.
- Mt Cutler Trail. Close by in Cheyenne Canyon on the left. A gentle incline to the top of mount cutler, about 45 minutes to the top. Bring water and some snacks for the top, beware the pikes peak granite. https://goo.gl/maps/af8JDwzDcBE2 10 minutes away.
- Cheyenne canyon trail system includes the Colombine trail, Seven Bridges, St Mary's Falls. These are all great in and out trails, but there is little parking at the trailhead, so get there early. The Colombine trail is an exception, have someone drive you up, and you'll walk down through the canyon. Stick to the trail, and beware pikes peak granite.
- Bear Creek Park (nearby). The google map will show you the parking lot and pavilions, although the trails can be found just behind our nearby post office. Basically bear creek park is the big open space nearby on 8<sup>th</sup> street. Change into your walking shoes. Pavillion & playground area: <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/KoLqgBCE3BF2">https://goo.gl/maps/KoLqgBCE3BF2</a> -8 minutes away Parking in post office & hike in: <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/jafWuot1KNH2">https://goo.gl/maps/jafWuot1KNH2</a> -2 minutes away
- Pulpit Rock Park (by I25 and North Nevada) This is a good fun hike in the middle of the springs, near the top you'll have to do some minor bouldering / climbing, that has views of the city and mountain. Very rewarding and not very busy. <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/FS79KE3mNEA2">https://goo.gl/maps/FS79KE3mNEA2</a> 13 minutes away
- Manitou Incline ( for the seriously fit traveler, otherwise you will wish you had died ), The trail is
  on a reservation system: <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/bvYxyghk1p82">https://goo.gl/maps/bvYxyghk1p82</a> <a href="https://manitousprings.org/where-to-play/manitou-incline/">https://manitousprings.org/where-to-play/manitou-incline/</a> 21 minutes away. Bring Water.

## Things you should know about Colorado:

- 1. Please back away from the wildlife. Although it looks like we are in the city, we are still surrounded by wildlife. Foxes, deer and -yes- bears are common so please keep the trash inside or safely in a trash can, and don't approach the wildlife. Our neighborhood bear walks around at dusk and evening, if you see him turn around.
- 2. **Altitude** is real. Some people have no issue with the altitude, but others feel it as soon as they're off the plane. Altitude sickness causes headaches, nausea, fatigue, and a general feeling of "Holy crap, why do I feel hungover?" So please take it easy and stay hydrated.
- 3. Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate. Your body needs more water at altitude, so you've probably noticed feeling perpetually thirsty or you noticed your skin is turning to dust. But don't worry about buying bottled water from King Soopers. Just drink from the tap. Our Rocky Mountain snowmelt yields some of the best tasting municipal water in the country. Bonus points for reducing your plastic consumption.
- 4. Green chile is not chili. When your server at the Cherry Cricket asks if you'd like it smothered, it's best to comply. But, don't expect it doused in a brown sludge of ground beef and kidney beans. Instead, expect even the most mediocre dish to be elevated to a higher plane of spicy, smokey, porky gloriousness. And when it's hot, it's very hot.
- 5. Everyone uses sunblock and you should, too. Did I mention it's a mile closer to the sun here?
- 6. Mother Nature will likely be drunk. Patio beers and grilling out in January? Mountain snow or plains tornadoes in June? In early May we had thundersnow and school delays in the morning, then 60s by afternoon. What should you pack? Hell if I know, better bring it all. Be prepared.
- 7. **It's impossible to get lost on the Front Range.** Just know where the mountains are. You're more likely to get directions as "towards the mountains" (which is west) or "away from the mountains" (east).
- 8. Biblical plagues of locusts have nothing on our springtime invasion of miller moths. As soon as temperatures warm in May and June, these swarms of fuzzy flying beasts from beyond arrive from the eastern plains, terrorizing all in their path. they WILL find a way in. And regardless of how dead they seem, they will explode to life, fly directly into your face. Sorry.
- 9. Go easy on the booze. Drinking at altitude can do some damage. If you expect to get an early start on your outdoor adventure, avoid the dreaded high altitude headache by paying attention to three critical letters on the brewery chalkboard: ABV.

#### SECTION 1: GENERAL & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## **House Policy**

You may:

- Help yourself to laundry and cleaning items, the iron, washing machines, refrigerators.
- Use a few food items in the pantry or refrigerator (seasonings, coffee, canned food, etc), and you may leave (any unopened, unused) items if you wish to pay it forward.
- Use any cookware, pots and pans.

#### You may not:

- Open any locked doors.
- Take any of the items from the house.
- Clean out the pantry.
- Smoke inside the house.
- Be loud or obnoxious outside we are in a nice neighborhood.

Thank you for your support, we are a small family home on VRBO, doing our best.

#### Reservation, Cancellation, and Refunds

Reservation, cancellation, and refund policies are those stated on the VRBO listing. No refunds will be given.

## <u>Arrival</u>

This home is available for your check-in on your arrival date (unless stated otherwise). On the day of arrival, please inform me as to your estimated arrival time.

#### **Departure**

We respectfully request that our guests vacate by 3pm on the day of departure. Should you wish to depart earlier or later, we ask that you notify us beforehand in order that the necessary arrangements can be made. Before departure, I will tour the apartment with you to note of the condition of the property and see that it is left in good condition.

#### <u>Cleaning</u>

I expect that your family keeps the apartment reasonably clean during your stay. Your vacation rental home is cleaned before and after your arrival. During your visit, please launder towels as needed. There is a sweeper and dustbin in the closet to use. Please leave the house as you found it.

#### Trash

Our neighborhood bear loves getting into the trash. Trash should be put into the garbage bin. The garage bin is located in the single car orange garage door – the code is 3081. I will take the bin out for pickup on Wednesday mornings.

#### Fire / CO Precautions

There are fire extinguishers provided in the kitchen. SmokedDetectors and CO monitors are plugged in to certain outlets, please leave them alone. In case of fire, immediately go downstairs, then call 911 and alert the neighbors.

## **Smoking**

Please do NOT smoke tobacco in the house. If you want to smoke outside, there is a nice place in the back area. Again, please no smoking in the house.

## **Marijuana**

If you choose to do this, please blow smoke outside an open window and ventilate the area as much as possible, or just go in the back porch area, and be courteous to the neighbors and kids.

Do not attempt to climb or descend stairs while high. Do not engage in risky behavior. Adhere to Colorado law — you will be responsible for any damage while under the influence. And Police take

driving while intoxicated seriously. Don't try to smuggle it on a airplane or take out of state. It is still against the federal law, the airport routinely opens bags and will prosecute.

## **Noise**

Please observe quiet hours from 9 pm till 8 am.

## **Additional Beds**

An additional twin sized put-up bed is available.

## **Additional Bedding, Towels**

You can find extra blankets & pillows located in curio in the front room. Please launder any towels used.

# <u>Dishes</u>

There is a dishwasher available. When you leave, please run the dishwasher. Paper plates and plastic ware is provided as well for your use.

## TV & Radio

The Roku TV has apps and tunes to local OTA channels . The soundbar has Bluetooth capability to play music on your phone.

#### <u>Pets</u>

Small, well mannered pets are allowed. Please use provided plastic bag to throw away dog waste.