

HOUSE BOOK

416 Blake Street

THE SIMPLE RULES: Have fun and enjoy your stay! But while you do, please respect our neighbors. And as a reminder, no pets of any kind are permitted at 416 Blake Street; and 416 Blake is a non-smoking house, inside or out and around the premises. Thanks for understanding!

UPON ARRIVAL

Parking: There are two available parking spots: one in the front and one in the back of the house by the alley. There are keys available at both entrances. If you or your guests park in front of the unit, please park at a 45' angle facing the house so that two cars can fit in front (see picture below). The angle will keep your car from sticking out into the street. Try to limit longer term parking right in front to two cars so that the neighbors have spots on the gravel area. You can park many cars on the other side of the street where you see the white camper truck behind in this picture (this is looking out from the front door). Please try not to park too much in front of the neighbors units unless you have a guest for a short stop.



Heat: Upon arriving heat may be set on “hold” at a fixed temperature. The thermostat is to the right of the kitchen counter bar top. Click “Run” to let this run on a fixed preset schedule (automatic higher temperature during the day, lower at night). Or adjust manually up and down. Generally, 65 seems to heat the house well, *though note because heat tends to rise in the house, it's best to close the upstairs bedroom doors during your stay so that these rooms don't get too hot.* When leaving, turn the heat to 60 and press “hold”. Note in the master bedroom, the heating ducts are actually *behind* the bedside stands on the floor. In the winter months, pull these out from the wall a few inches to let more air in if they aren't already.

Cooling: There is no cooling unit in the house. However, Salida early mornings and evenings tend to be quite cool, even in the peak of summer months. To keep the house cool, we

recommend opening windows and doors late at night and in the morning only while in the house, especially upstairs. Also, closing shades during the day helps to keep heat out (as well as cold out). Opening the front door and back door at the same time will let nice breezes and cool air flow through. Later on in the day, especially later afternoons, we recommend keeping the doors shut as well as the upstairs shades during the day. *Note: please remember to close windows if you leave the house. There's always a chance of an afternoon rainstorm (quite frequent in the summer – even if morning skies are blue).*

Safety: the house is equipped with fire detectors and CO2 detectors on each floor. There is a fire extinguisher under the kitchen sink and under the upstairs bathroom sink. The fuse panel is above the drier. The house emergency water shutoff (unfortunately!) is in the crawl space accessible through the master closet (there's a light once you enter below if need) – else call immediately!

Altitude Sickness: Altitude sickness can happen to some people unexpectedly – especially at 7,000 feet – or if you've gone for a hike. Altitude sickness may exhibit itself as a headache, woozy and tired feeling, or just feeling crummy overall – but not sure what it is. We recommend Chlorophyll or Liquid Oxygen. These two solutions have worked for us and guests *even after* they start feeling sick (it works within 5-10 minutes). **We have supplied this in the laundry room right-side closet by the first aid kit near the Band-Aids etc.** You can also get this at Natural Grocers downtown on 3rd street. Natural Grocers on 2nd Street has everything you need and is priced almost the same as Denver.

GENERAL HOUSE FUNCTIONS

Internet: the internet network and password are visible on a tag on the square wifi box standing upright below the television set (a small silver label). Internet speeds are 100meg – typical for an urban/suburban area.

Filtered Water: there are two filtered water sources in the house: the refrigerator AND the cold water on the kitchen sink (the hot water is not filtered). Either will provide good water free of most contaminants including lead. Salida water without a filter might otherwise have a little taste of chlorine (especially if boiled like tea) – so be sure to fill cooking water with cold water from the tap (not from the hot water side which again is unfiltered).

Coffee Maker: the coffee maker is a “Krupps Duo” meaning it can accommodate either “K-cups” or “real coffee”. When you are ready to use – the easiest instruction is **follow the blinking light:** whatever is blinking is the next thing to choose or select. A supply of coffee K-cups has been provided in cabinet at the end of the kitchen. Also, there is an extra coffee container for the Krups Duo in the cabinets under the coffee brewer. This is in case you want to have a second pot ready (they hold heat by themselves), or brew a separate decaf batch. **Detailed instructions are in the back of this document.** If for any reason the coffee maker doesn't work, there is a spare coffee maker in the laundry room closet as well as coffee filters.

Outside Grill: The grill outside is available for use. Remove the cover for use. The grill is fueled by natural gas connected to the house, so you won't run out and don't need to worry about

filling anything. Grilling utensils are hanging on the right side of grill. Please make sure to clean any large leftovers off the grill upon use and clean and return the grilling utensils to the side. When done, let the grill cool and make sure all units are turned off. Please put the cover back on before leaving when the grill has cooled. *Note: The grill is really efficient and can get quite hot and you probably only need 2 burners, unless cooking a bunch of things at once. If all three burners are running, the grill will get up to 500+ degrees quickly when the hood is shut, even in the midst of winter. So we recommend testing your heat level with two burners to start.*

Apple HomePod: to play music on the Apple HomePod, you need to have a device that allows Apple AirPlay. You can either hold your phone over the Apple HomePod to play what you are playing on your phone automatically, or send it from your device. The symbol usually appears on a phone app as a box with an up area coming from the bottom (see below). Click this symbol and select “Living Room”. Speaker is in living room at end of couch on the stand up light stand.



Television: There are two televisions in the house. Both are controlled through the Roku machines (there is no cable). Select power to turn on either. **The TV in the bedroom has a red light on when off, and the light goes off when you turn it on, AND the bedroom TV also has a bit of a 7-10 second delay before going on – so be patient.** You can also send your computer, phone or iPad to the Roku device in either location which will take AirPlay. We’ll assume the rest is figure-out-able. *Note: previous guests may have left their account logged in on Roku. Please do not charge any movies etc to Amazon or other services. Log out if possible. If you can, use Apple AirPlay to the TV to play movies from your own accounts.*

Trash & Recycling: Trash and recycling are to the left of the kitchen sink. The nearest bin is for trash; the farther one is for recycling. We use a paper shopping bag for the recycling. Before leaving, please bring trash and recycling to the alley and place trash in the tall black bin, and recycling in the bin with the yellow top. Recycling should be put directly in the recycling bin without a trash bag (paper bag okay). **Trash & recycling are picked up by Chaffee County on Tuesdays.** If you tend to do a lot of cooking and have raw food scraps, we have a separate compost bin and bags beneath the kitchen sink. While we don’t compost yet, it helps to keep raw foods separate so as not so smell up the trash during your stay (and you can take these smaller bags out to the trash). Extra garbage bags for trash and recycling are provided under the sink or kitchen closet. *Note: most typical items are recyclable. Please see the recycling instructions attached to the back of this document or on the back of the bottom cabinet door at the end of the kitchen.*

Snow: if it snows, a snow shovel will either be in the front (yellow shovel), in the garage, or on the back patio. If you do shovel the front walk, the two neighbors would appreciate the sidewalk in front of all the homes to be shoveled as well (if you can). *Note: it would be helpful to shovel the back cement patio so that ice doesn’t build up on the shady spots.*

Washer/Dryer: the washer and dryer are available for your use. Laundry detergent is available in the right-hand closet in the laundry room hallway. Only a half a capful is needed. When you are leaving the house for good, please make sure not to leave any house laundry (towels, sheets

etc) in the washing machine. There are dryer balls in the drier (tends to reduce static cling in this dry environment! And keep things soft). Please leave the washer door open when leaving for good to help it air out.

Awning: Please use the awning in the back if you need the shade, *but please put it back into place when you are done. A windy day can cause damage.*

MISCELLANEOUS

House Beverages & Food: We have stocked the cabinets with spices, base baking supplies, teas, coffee, and condiments FOR YOU and your enjoyment. No need to replace these. ANYTHING in the refrigerator or cabinet is there for your use and consumption, including alcoholic beverages. If you need more room for your own food, please feel free to replace anything in the refrigerator.

Neighbors: the neighbors are **Lisa** to the left facing front door, and Ruth to the right. Lisa is very friendly and can help if you need anything. Ruth tends to stick to herself without much conversation (and has a hard time of hearing, so may pass you without hearing you say hello as she doesn't like to stop when her hearing aid is not in!).

Board Games & Puzzles: in the cabinet near the kitchen dining table, there are games and puzzles for your use. In the drawer are card games

Bicycles: There is a fleet of bicycles in the garage for your use. Make sure the tires are pumped up before using. Any damage to tires will be up to you to repair. Also, please use the locks provided. Please use bike locks in town. The code is 1011 for all locks.

Patio Furniture & Yard Games: the patio furniture may be in the garage during the winter when winds are highest (tend to throw the chairs around). Feel free to bring these out for your use. Yard games are also in the garage. Front chairs have a lock on them. That code is also 1011.

Throws: there are extra throws in the drawers of the coffee table to keep warm while watching TV.

WHEN LEAVING

Dishes: before leaving, please load any remaining dishes into the dishwasher. Dishwasher cleaning pods are provided under the sink. Please do not put any non-stick pans, wooden utensils, or fancy knives from wooden holder in the dishwasher. To the left of the sink are 2 red drying mats you can use.

Key: When departing, please return the key to the hid-a-key case from which you retrieved the key to enter the house.

Leaving the House Check List:

- Please put all towels and sheets that were used near the washing machine downstairs. If you leave any towels on the racks, we'll assume they weren't used.
- Please close all shades in the house.
- Let us know if you used the grill so we can have it cleaned.
- Please make sure all windows are completely shut.
- Please take out any items in refrigerator that were yours.
- Do a final check under beds, counters and couches for any items sneaking for an extra stay.
- Turn the heat to 60 and press "hold".
- The house will be professionally cleaned, however anything you can do to help cleaning any big messes, bringing sheets and towels to washing machine, etc. – will help.
- Make sure the grill is off if you used it!!!

BICYCLES

There are five bicycles available for your use. Four adult/youth bikes and one child's bike. CHECK THE TIRES before using. There's a pump in the garage to inflate.

MAKE SURE you get the lock combinations from us as the bikes will disappear since bikes have been in short supply since COVID.

We obviously cannot guarantee their safety or that tires won't deflate (insert waiver here!). But we do have a pump in the garage in case tires go down.

We don't charge extra for the bikes so if you need a quick repair, we'd appreciate you taking this on if you can!! There are several good bike shops downtown for quick bike repairs. Subculture cyclery next to the Sweeties is good as is Absolute Bikes near the High Side on the river.

COFFEE MAKER

To use the K-Cup Portion:

- 1) Make sure the water tower attached to the right of the Due is filled.
- 2) Select power on to the top right of the buttons on top (you should hear the water starting to heat).
- 3) Lift the hatch on the top. Insert K cup.
- 4) Follow the blinking light – it will queue you next as to what needs to be selected. But here are the specifics:
 - a. Select the bottom right of the circle of buttons that looks like a cup symbol (versus the carafe symbol).
 - b. Press the cup size (usually 12 ounce will be good for our mugs).
 - c. Press the center button of the round button collection to start.

To use the Real Coffee Portion:

- 1) Make sure the water tower attached to the right of the unit is filled.
- 2) Select power on to the top right of the buttons on top (you should hear the water starting to heat).
- 3) Pull out the grounds filter from the top front.
- 4) Rinse out any old grounds if present.
- 5) Pour in about half way to the top ground coffee (medium, more if you want dark but not too much else could put grains into the coffee). Close grounds filter.
- 6) Follow the blinking light – it will queue you next as to what needs to be selected. But here are the specifics:
 - a. Select the bottom right of the circle of buttons that looks like a carafe symbol.
 - b. Press the brew size (usually 12 ounce will fill the carafe).
 - c. Press the center button of the round button collection to start.
- 7) If you select “Strong Brew”, it’ll take about an extra minute of brewing, but creates a nice stronger brew.
- 8) Press the center button of the round button collection to start.
- 9) An extra carafe has been provided in the pots area under the counter in case you need to brew a second while the first is being used.

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RECYCLING

Everything listed below in the ACCEPTED column can be recycling in the same bucket into the recycling bin (no trash bags in outside alley bin please). The trash AND recycling pickup day is **TUESDAY**. If you are renting this day, be sure to put out the recycling and trash by 7:00am that morning.

-Please wash out all containers.

ACCEPTED

- News paper (including Inserts)
- Office Paper
- Mixed paper
- Brown paper bags
- Corrugated cardboard
- Steel or Tin cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminum cans
- Liquid detergent bottles
- Aluminum foil
- Bulk or junk mail
- Plastic milk jugs
- Vitamin bottles
- Yogurt containers
- Soda carrier boxes
- Paper towel and Toilet paper tubes
- Paper egg cartons
- Chipboard (Cereal & Tissue boxes)
- Pie tins
- Plastic (#1-#7)
- Magazines and Catalogs
- Empty aerosol cans
- Butter tubs
- Phonebooks (only if torn down)

NOT ACCEPTED

- Plastic grocery bags and Plastic wrap
- Overnight mailer folders
- Plastic caps (Soda, water, pill, or juice bottles)
- Shredded paper
- Six pack ring holders
- Styrofoam
- Plastic plates or utensils
- Plastic egg carton

OTHER GOOD STUFF TO KNOW

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- F Street is where most of the shops are easy to walk past the small ones so keep eyes open.
- You can bike everywhere around town. We'll give you the lock combos.
- Neighbor to our left is Lisa (and boyfriend Mike). Great resource if you need help!
- Friday and Saturday later afternoon and nights you'll likely find live music at Bensons or 146 Tap House. 146 is one of those self-serve gigs with everything from hard kombucha, hard ciders, beer to wine.
- Woods is a great little distillery downtown (no food - but good gin and whiskey).
- Emphasis on sunscreen.
- Keep house windows open at night (gets cool like 50s) and close during the day to keep cold in (gets 80s-90s in summer).

RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES

- 1) White Water Rafting - it's huge in this area and the Arkansas River is world-class river rafting and the [Browns Canyon](#) which was recently dubbed a National monument during Obama's term and the only way to reach it is through rafting. [American Adventure Expeditions](#) is a good one and you can ask all your questions or book online.
- 2) Also, if you want to go horseback riding, you might want to book that in advance. We've heard of [Mt Princeton Riding Stables](#).
- 3) Any hot springs reservations should probably be done ahead of time too but you could do that when you get there with a couple of days advance notice. The area hot springs are: Mt Princeton (great for kids in the summer); Cottonwood Hot Springs (smaller but nice); the Salida Rec Center (easy large pool that has geothermal water); Valley View Hot Springs (45 mins to the south – incredible views – naked people though!); Joyful Journey (30 mins to south); "Hooper Hot Springs" or Sand Dunes Recreation (same place) – the adult area is eccentric but fun; booze is served.
- 4) There's an Alpaca farm that you can get a free tour of (though we usually buy some stuff at the shop as part of the voluntary donation). Peggy and her husband are owners and give you a wealth of info. You get to feed them...pet a few that aren't skittish. Fun! <https://hallmarkranchalpacas.com>. 10 minutes from the house.
- 5) You can go tubing down the river right in downtown. Tube rental place is right near the water - Totally Tubular River Rentals. Basically you can put in above the falls - and get out and walk up a bunch of times. Different than the white water rafting excursion and shorter. Salida sun get's hot - so definitely a good midday activity. Bring lots of sunscreen! We also have TUBES in the garage that can be blown up and used.
- 6) There are tons of mountain bike trails for EVERY level of skill – including fun one for intro folk. You can rent bikes on-line in advance for like \$50-\$65 for day (get the full suspension..fun!). One trail option that is a blast - and you could basically take turns with the car and get dropped off and do the downhill part (30 mins) is called "Solstice" - rates a blue square black diamond... but kids do this all the time. These trails are called the "Methodist Trails".... or park and do a loop at a different trailhead (1.5 hours). Minimal skill required. Rent at Sub-Culture Cyclery. <https://www.subculturecyclery.com> (good crew of guys/gals). General map is here: <https://salidamountaintrails.org/wp-content/uploads/MethodistMtnDETAIL-2020-09-scaled.jpg> ...
- 7) Some great short hikes on "S" mountain. Don't be fooled by the bare no vegetation front. 10 minutes up the trail and into the canyons and the flora changes quickly with rock formations, a dune, etc. 45-1 hour round trip hike - take "Lower Sand Dune" to "Upper Sand Dune" and there's an overlook that's obvious (steep in the beginning) - and a random sand dune halfway up from a billion years ago. If you are more adventurous, look at the map and

get to “Hooligan” - better overlooks and awesome rock formations. Maps are here: <https://salidamountaintrails.org/wp-content/uploads/Arkansas-Hills-Trail-Map-DETAIL-Web-v1-1-scaled.jpg>. They call it Arkansas Hills. Best time of day is early morning or late afternoon (cooler).

- 8) There’s a guy “Salida Sam” who has written books about Salida and does walking tours. His books which are based on actual journals from back in the day (really humorous). The books are on the shelf below the TV. Worth looking into. <https://www.salidawalkingtours.com>
- 9) Riverside Park - right downtown. They often have music and events. Things are still post-covid recovery but things may pop up for the weekend. Great for picnics. Chill but nice. Big shade trees.
- 10) Tons of bigger hikes and/or half day outings we can guide you to if you get the energy.