



# Christopher Creek, AZ

## Christopher Creek Lodge Wedding Packet

Dear Guests,

Congratulations on your engagement! Thank you for considering Christopher Creek Lodge as the site to host your wedding.

We are located 21 miles east of Payson and are the only lodge on the bank of spring fed Christopher Creek. At an altitude of 5,860 feet the grounds abound with ferns, oak, walnut, maple, the World's largest stand of ponderosa pine, fir, spruce, and wild grapevine. There is also an abundance of wildlife and other nearby wonders of nature.

This packet contains general information, site fees, rates for accommodations, and wedding service referrals.

Should you need further information please feel free to contact us at 928-478-4300, or email us at [info@christophercreeklodge.com](mailto:info@christophercreeklodge.com) with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Christopher Creek Lodge  
[www.EnjoyArizona.com](http://www.EnjoyArizona.com)

## General Information

### ***Décor/Entertainment***

You are welcome to bring your own décor and entertainment. You will find a list of nearby florists, musical entertainers, photographers, wedding coordinators and more under [Wedding Service Referrals](#). We ask that twine, wire, zip-ties or rope be used to hang decorations (versus nails, screws and staples that can damage trees and structures). If you are unsure of what may or may not be okay, please ask the lodge manager for clarification. We want to keep this place beautiful for years to come, and your help is greatly appreciated.

### ***Deposits/Contracts***

A non-refundable 50% deposit for any Site fees, Set Up fees, Guest Room Accommodations, and Catering is required at the time of booking. All deposits received are non-refundable. The remaining 50% balance is due 30-days prior to arrival date of event. If you book 50% or more lodging your site fee is reduced or waived (depending upon season).

### ***Food & Beverage***

You are welcome to bring food and beverages onto the property. You will find a list of nearby caterers under [Food & Beverage](#).

### ***Alcohol***

Consumption of alcohol by persons under the age of 21 is unlawful and will be strictly enforced. You are welcome to bring alcoholic beverages onto the property. Any persons with the appearance of being overly intoxicated and/or disruptive to other guests on the property will be asked to leave.

### ***DJ/Music/Entertainment***

This is only allowed on property if your group has rented out the entire lodge. Without the entire lodge being booked we would need to find a different venue for the reception if DJ/Music/Entertainment is needed, as it would be disruptive to other guests. Certain exceptions might be able to be made, on a case-by-case basis. All DJ/Music/Entertainment to be shut down at 10:00PM (when quiet time begins).

### ***Property***

None of the equipment, fixtures, furniture, decorations or anything on the property is allowed to be moved without consent from our management. If management does approve anything to be moved or altered, then it must also be arranged to move back as it was before departure.

## Site Fees

### "On the Creek" Wedding Ceremony Location Site Fee (Typical Capacity 100 guests)

\$1,500.00 During Peak Season (May 1st - Oct 31st and March 1st - 31st)

\$500.00 During OFF Peak Season (Nov 1st - Feb 28th and April 1st - 30th)

*\*Take \$500.00 off site fee if 50% or more of the lodge is booked with guests related to your party.*

*\*\*Site fee includes: guest sign-in table, chairs and ceremony location/stage*

### Other Venues:

\$250.00 During Peak Season (May 1st - Oct 31st and March 1st - 31st) weekends (no charge weekdays)

\$100.00 During OFF Peak Season (Nov 1st - Feb 28th and April 1st - 30th) weekends (no charge weekdays)

*\*No Charge if entire lodge is booked by your party.*

**Conference Room** Max 50 guests

**Mogollon Monster's Lair** Max 50 guests

**Creekside Corral** Max 30 guests

**Pony Express Station** Max 30 guests

**Trail Bunk turnaround** (must book out entire lodge to utilize) Typical Capacity 100

## Wedding Service Referrals

### **CATERING:**

Creekside Steakhouse & Tavern  
(Chris and Tia - Managers)

928-478-4557

### **At Restaurant:**

- Typically choose 3 Items from the menu & 2 sides (ideally 2 weeks notice on choices)
- Custom menus can be made, including vegan/vegetarian options
- Custom buffet menus (i.e. Taco Bar) available upon request
- 18% Gratuity will automatically be applied to the total bill

### **At Christopher Creek Lodge:**

- Typically choose 3 Items from the menu & 2 sides (ideally 2 weeks notice on choices)
- Custom menus can be made, including vegan/vegetarian options
- 18% Gratuity will automatically be applied to the total bill
- One time \$150 Setup Fee, +\$3.00 per plate will be added to the menu price

*\* If you are interested in catering we are happy to email you a MENU*

### **RESTAURANT:** *\*18% gratuity is added for tables of 8 or more*

Creekside Steakhouse & Tavern

928-478-4557

*\*If you are interested in the restaurant we are happy to email you a MENU*

### **BAR:** Beer and Wine Only *\*Does not include gratuity*

<i>Bar Counter Rental/Setup w/ Beer Tub</i>	<i>\$150</i>
<i>Bartender (minimum 4 hours)</i>	<i>\$25/hr</i>
<i>Champagne</i>	<i>\$6 (\$19.50/bottle)</i>
<i>Wine for 187ml (one glass)</i>	<i>\$5 (\$19.50/bottle)</i>
<i>Import Beers (most)</i>	<i>\$4</i>
<i>Domestic Beers (most)</i>	<i>\$3</i>
<i>Sodas and Water</i>	<i>\$2</i>

**Coordinator/Planner**

Enchanted Occasion, Susan Jacobson 928-978-2463 [www.AnEnchantedOccasion.com](http://www.AnEnchantedOccasion.com)

**Justice of the Peace / Ministers**

Our very own Lodge Manager, Brian Wiensch 928-478-4300  
\$100.00

**Photographers**

Brian Minson Photography 928-358-9822 [www.minsonweddings.com](http://www.minsonweddings.com)  
Jessica Bills Photography 951-990-6884 [www.jessicabills.com](http://www.jessicabills.com)  
Flat Rate Photography 623-547-1949 / 623-695-1846 [www.flatratephotography.com](http://www.flatratephotography.com)

**Florist**

The Vintage Roost and Floral Boutique 928-363-4080  
Rim Country Flowers 928-363-1674  
Kim's Flower Patch Florist 928-478-6077

**Cakes**

Kendra's Country Bakery 928-478-4696  
<https://www.facebook.com/kendrascountrybakery/>  
Safeway 928-472-8208

**DJ's**

DJ Craig 928-468-1482 [www.djcraiginpayson.com](http://www.djcraiginpayson.com)  
Mr. Music Karaoke & DJ, Royce Kincanon 928-892-9065 [mr\\_music\\_karaoke@yahoo.com](mailto:mr_music_karaoke@yahoo.com)

**Spa, Beauty & Massage**

Hair Stylist – Payson Hair Company 928-474-9101  
Atmosphere Nail Salon and Day Spa 928-474-4793  
From Head to Toe Essentials Salon and Spa 928-474-0700

**Other Rental Items:**

Dance Floor, 4 - 4x8's, 64 sq. ft. \$275

## Lodging

To reserve/hold a block of rooms, 50% of the total is due at the time of booking, with the remaining 50% due 30 days prior to your arrival. When your guests call to reserve and pay for their room separately, that room (and amount) can be deducted from your total amount due and any balance would be refunded back onto your card once everything is settled 30 days prior to your arrival.

**Don't forget to book extra nights for your honeymoon!**

### Nov 1st - Feb 28th & April 1st - 30th (Off Season)

<u>Room Type</u>	<u># of units</u>	<u>Sun-Thurs</u>	<u>Fri/Sat</u>
Pony Express (motel) – 1 queen, 2 twins (1 night min.)	6	59.99	79.99
Trail Bunk (tandem) – 2 double beds (1 night min.)	9	69.99	89.99
Fisherman's Cabin – 1 queen, 4 twins (2 night min.)	2	99.99	139.99
Pioneer's Cabin – 1 night stay (1 king, 4 twins)	1	119.99	159.99
Pioneer's Cabin – 1 king, 4 twins (2 night min.)	5	119.99	159.99
Founder's Cabin – 2 queens, 4 twins (2 night min.)	1	139.99	179.99

\* \$7.50 per person over double-occupancy

### May 1st - Oct 31st and March 1st - 31st (Summer Season)

<u>Room Type</u>	<u># of units</u>	<u>Sun-Thurs</u>	<u>Fri/Sat</u>
Pony Express (motel) – 1 queen, 2 twins (1 night min.)	6	69.99	99.99
Trail Bunk (tandem) – 2 double beds (1 night min.)	9	89.99	119.99
Fisherman's Cabin – 1 queen, 4 twins (2 night min.)	2	149.99	179.99
Pioneer's Cabin – 1 night stay (1 king, 4 twins)	1	159.99	199.99
Pioneer's Cabin – 1 king, 4 twins (2 night min.)	5	159.99	199.99
Founder's Cabin – 2 queens, 4 twins (2 night min.)	1	169.99	219.99

\* \$8.50 per person over double-occupancy

\*Sales tax (6.6%) & Resort fee (\$5.50, \$10 .50 or \$15.50) to be added to above figures

\*Holiday rates are the same as the weekend rate, and may require additional night stay

\*Pet Stay (per night) \$19 per pet (max of 2)

\*Prices & availability subject to change

(For additional lodging options, right next door see our sister properties at: [www.EnjoyArizona.com](http://www.EnjoyArizona.com))

## Christopher Creek Lodge Policies:

**WELCOME:** First of all, we'd like to welcome you to the Christopher Creek Lodge. The lodge is comprised of real log cabins, and set right in the middle of the forest, with the creek running right through the property. We love our great guests, and will do our very best to make your stay enjoyable! For over 60 years this historic lodge continues to be one of the most beautiful places in Arizona, and we want to keep it that way. We are not a campground, nor are we Caesars Palace. We aim to provide a peaceful and cozy getaway. For everyone's safety, comfort and protection, we expect all guests to adhere to our essential, mandatory, super serious, must-read policies listed below. Okay, here goes:

**CHECK PLEASE:** The normal check-in time is 3:00PM, and check-out time is by 11:00AM; other times by prior arrangement. It is helpful if we know your approximate arrival time. We will do our best to fulfill any orders for early check-in (no Saturdays) and late check-out (no Fridays).

**HOWDY NEIGHBOR:** Having a good time is encouraged, but guests may not be disruptive to others. Please use common courtesy. If you suspect bad, discourteous or harmful behavior ? please tell us. Community areas are for everyone to share, unless management has set them aside for a particular group or special use. Quiet time starts at 10:00PM, unless otherwise approved.

**FIRE-FIRE:** All fires must be constantly supervised. (1) Indoor fireplaces can be used all year, but only Duraflame type logs are acceptable for use (traditional firewood is not allowed). Nothing can be cooked using indoor fireplaces (this includes s'mores). (2) The barbeque grill outside of each cabin is for use with charcoal only (no exceptions). (3) Campfires are allowed only in the three designated fire pits, which must be fully extinguished and clean before you leave it. Only Duraflame Campfire Roasting Logs are allowed, which you can bring or we sell. No outside firewood is to be used or gathered off the property. (4) If the forest is on fire restriction then no outside fires are allowed, including charcoal (even if it's raining). (5) Fireworks are never allowed!

**HOLY SMOKES:** There is NO smoking in any of the units. There is a \$500 charge for any discovery of inside smoking. You can smoke outside, but you must be 20ft from any door or window. Please be respectful of others, extra cautious as we're in the woods, and do not litter our beautiful lodge with your butts. If we are on fire restriction, smoking is only permitted inside of a closed automobile.

**YOUR HORSE (or whatever you drive):** Each unit is assigned parking pass. Additional vehicles will need to obtain an extra pass for the visitor parking area (limited spots). Boats or trailers must be parked outside the lodge as parking is tight.

**DON'T TAKE, HURT OR MOVE THAT:** Theft of any kind (pillows, towels, dishes, etc.) is not allowed. Do not "carve" anything! We charge and/or prosecute for any theft or unreported damage. Please do not move any items (ie. inside furniture, picnic tables, TVs, landscaping rocks/stumps) without permission from management. All rooms receive a post-occupancy inspection and by booking a reservation you acknowledge responsibility for any damages or theft incurred during your stay, which will be charged to your credit card.

**IT'S A POTTY:** The septic system demands that we be cautious of what we discard into kitchen drains and toilets. A list of non-acceptable items is posted above the toilet. Basically, you can flush a little bit of toilet paper down and that's about it. When in doubt ? don't. Nobody likes a backed up septic.

**GOING GREEN:** We do not provide daily housekeeping, and guests are expected to hang and reuse their towels during their stay. Also, please help us conserve energy while you're away by turning down heaters or closing windows depending on the time of year.

**COME AND GET IT:** Equipment rentals like binoculars, handheld GPS, telescopes, sleds, etc are limited in supply. We do our best to accommodate as many as we can.

**OUR CRITTERS:** There are skunks, raccoons, mice, bears, elk, deer and various birds of prey, including some extra friendly squirrels and blue jays in our forest. Please be cautious, and be sure to seal trash securely in our covered trash bins.

**YOUR CRITTERS:** The pet-friendly units are Trail Bunks 7, 8 & 9, and Pioneer's Cabins 8, 9 & 10. Only pets that are well behaved, friendly and supervised are allowed at the lodge. Pets must be leashed when outside due to safety concerns and in accordance with the state's leash law. Pets must immediately be cleaned up after. Pets are not

allowed on beds or furniture. Pets are not allowed to be left alone in cabins, unless crated and only then for a very brief time. Don't forget about our nearby dog park. Maximum of 2 pets per unit, and 50 lbs per pet.

**OUTSIDERS:** A discovery fee of \$250 per occurrence will be added for any undisclosed people or pets.

**GUNS:** No guns are allowed on the property without a license (except for management, of course). Paintball, Airsoft and BB guns are not to be used on the property and we need to be told if you have any. All firearms must be disclosed to the office manager upon arrival.

**THAT'S FISHY:** Fishing is allowed on the property. Anyone 10 and older will need a license, which can be obtained here in town. No cleaning of fish inside the rooms. For your convenience we have an outside fish cleaning sink for use.

**LET'S KEEP IT CLEAN FOLKS:** Guests are expected to do some minimal housekeeping and exercise care of their room. All cleaning is handled by our wonderful hard workers once a guest has departed. If the place is left a mess an additional minimum \$50 fee will be assessed. Please do your part to help keep the property nice.

**WHEN IN DOUBT:** If you're not sure whether you can or can't do something?please don't! -- Not until you have talked with the lodge manager to be sure. For all our great guests, we want to make sure the lodge stays beautiful, safe, enjoyable and affordable for years to come. It takes all of us to make that happen.

**CAVEAT EMPTOR** (Yep, that's Latin): We expect all guests to follow the good general rule of leaving a place better than you found it. This is a rustic environment. As such, guests are responsible for taking care of themselves and their dependents. We are not liable for any accidents, injuries or loss of any kind.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** If we are provided at least 7-days notice prior to your arrival date you can receive a full future credit (usable within 1 year), or a full refund minus 4% to cover credit card/admin fees. Should you need to cancel a reservation, please email: [info@christophercreeklodge.com](mailto:info@christophercreeklodge.com).

If you have any questions or concerns, please ask prior to making a reservation. All reservations are charged in full at the time of booking. We reserve the right to refuse service.

Thank you very much for your business and we look forward to your arrival! :)

**By signing below you acknowledge:**

- 1. Having read and are agreeing to the above lodge policies regarding weddings and guests.**
- 2. Agreeing to provide a copy of the above policies to guests attending your wedding.**
- 3. Agreeing to fully indemnify the lodge, the company, the owners, and any associated workers from any liability.**
- 4. That the lodge and other associated vendors are not responsible for inclement weather and associated consequences.**
- 5. That you have had a chance to properly inspect the property, rooms and personnel at that you deem all satisfactory.**
- 6. You understand that ultimately you are responsible for your wedding.**

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*Bride Signature*

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*Date*

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*Bride Name (Printed)*

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*Groom Signature*

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*Date*

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*Groom Name (Printed)*