

Welcome to Shadowcliff!

We are so glad you are here. As we welcome you to Shadowcliff's 2026 season, we hope your time with us feels grounding, restorative, and deeply connected—to the land, to community, and to yourself.

This guestbook is here to help you feel oriented and at ease during your stay. Inside, you'll find practical information about our campus, shared spaces, and local resources, along with guidance for caring for one another and this special place.

Shadowcliff exists to hold space for individual and collective transformation. We believe retreat is not only about rest, but about remembering what matters—through simplicity, presence, and shared responsibility. During your stay, you may notice our values reflected in both small and intentional ways: how meals are shared, how spaces are cared for, and how we invite guests into relationship with the land and one another.

Shadowcliff is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit stewarded by a small, dedicated year-round staff, seasonal team members, and a volunteer Board of Directors. Your presence here directly supports our mission and helps sustain this place for future guests.

If you feel called to deepen your relationship with Shadowcliff:

- Help us to provide this experience to others: [Donate via our website](#)
- Volunteer opportunities: operations@shadowcliff.org
- Join us in community: [Sign up for future updates & invitations](#)

With sincere gratitude,

Dan O'Neil, General Manager

Shadowcliff Mountain Lodge

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Our story

Shadowcliff was built by hand—literally and collectively.

Beginning in 1959, volunteers came together on this hillside overlooking Grand Lake to create a place for retreat, learning, and renewal. What began as a hopeful and improbable vision—sometimes described fondly as a “fool’s errand”—has endured for more than six decades because people believed in the power of place, community, and shared care.

From its earliest days, Shadowcliff has welcomed artists, educators, faith communities, environmental leaders, families, and seekers of all kinds. The lodges and cabins you inhabit today carry the marks of that history: hand-built structures, simple comforts, and spaces designed to bring people together rather than apart.

We continue this legacy by stewarding Shadowcliff as a nonprofit retreat center dedicated to healing, growth, interconnection, community, and accessibility—not as a luxury destination, but as a place where people can find refuge.

Being Here Together

Shadowcliff is a shared space, and our community thrives through mutual care.

During your stay, we invite you to help tend this place with attentiveness and respect for your fellow guests, our staff, wildlife, our historic buildings, and the land itself.

What this looks like in practice:

- Moving thoughtfully through shared spaces
- Honoring quiet hours and the sanctuary nature of the campus
- Caring for buildings and furnishings that have been stewarded for generations
- Being mindful of food, waste, and wildlife safety
- Approaching differences with curiosity, kindness, and respect

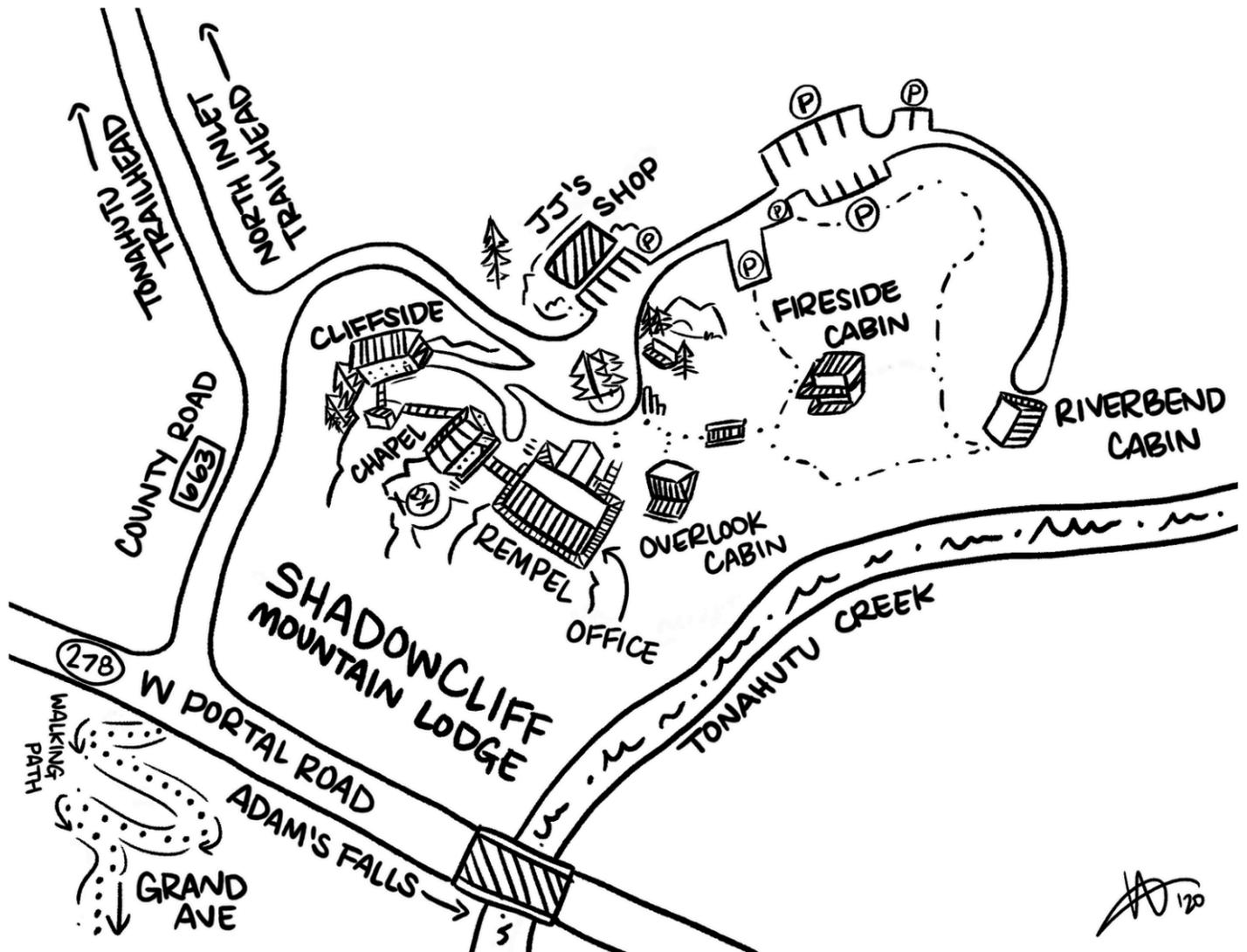
For guests participating in group meals, shared service (seva) is part of the experience. Helping with post-meal cleanup is an act of community care and an extension of Shadowcliff's values.

Thank you for being a good neighbor, a thoughtful guest, and a steward of this place.

Map of Shadowcliff & Facilities Locations

Shadowcliff's campus includes two lodges, three cabins, and a chapel nestled along a rocky hillside overlooking Grand Lake. Guests are welcome to explore the property by walking our Laws of Nature interpretive trail.

When you are at Shadowcliff, please honor our neighbors rights to privacy on their land. Please stay on Shadowcliff property only. Help us to be good neighbors.



Rempel Lodge is our largest building, located above the circle drive. The main entrance and Office are up the stairs on the left side of the building. All Rempel guest rooms are located on the **2nd Floor**. The Guest Kitchen is on the **1st Floor** behind the stairs. *To support smooth operations, certain areas are reserved for staff, including the 3rd Floor of Rempel, the large kitchen, and the Office.*

Cliffside Lodge is located next to the main driveway, closest to the entrance of the property, and to the right of The Chapel. The kitchen, dining room, and guest rooms 1 and 2 are located on the **1st Floor** and guest rooms 3 through 7 are located on the **2nd Floor**. The lounge is located on the **3rd Floor**.

The Chapel is a multi-purpose gathering space located directly between Rempel Lodge and Cliffside Lodge.

Overlook Cabin is located closest to Rempel Lodge. Overlook has a designated parking spot in the upper parking area. Follow the path on the left of the Shadowcliff Arch to access Overlook Cabin.

Fireside Cabin is our largest cabin and is the second closest to Rempel Lodge (between Overlook and Riverbend Cabins). Follow the driveway past the upper parking area and on the right you will see the driveway/parking for Upper and Lower Fireside. There is a path that provides access to the cabin.

To access **Lower Fireside** walk down past the entrance to Upper Fireside to the lower deck. The entrance is on the far side of the deck.

Riverbend Cabin is the furthest away from the entrance and Rempel Lodge. Follow the driveway all the way down past the lower parking area and continue until you reach the cabin at the end of the road.

Accessibility Note

Shadowcliff is built on a steep, rocky hillside. Stairs and uneven terrain are common throughout the property. Riverbend Cabin is our most accessible accommodation (four steps to the porch).

Guest Policies & Information

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations made within 24 hours of booking will receive a full refund. Cancellations made after 24 hours to 14 days before arrival will result in forfeiture of *half* of the 50% deposit. Cancellations made within 14 days of arrival will result in loss of the 50% deposit *in full*.

Guest Health & Safety Protocols

Shadowcliff follows all applicable local and county health and safety guidelines.

Check-In & Check-Out

Check-in time is after 3:00 PM

Check-out time is by 10:00 AM

Check-In & Check-Out Procedure

- Upon arrival at Shadowcliff please check in at our Front Office located in Rempel Lodge.
- Please scan the QR code taped to the front desk to fill out our liability waiver.
- Shadowcliff will provide you with towels and bedding for use during your stay.
- If you arrive after the office is closed, you will find your keys, towels, and linen packets, laid out for you. Please make your way to your room/cabin and return to the office in the morning to check in.
- At check out please bring **ONLY** your top sheet, fitted sheet, pillow cases, and towels back to the office. Please leave mattress covers, bedspreads, quilts, blankets, and pillows in the room.
- Please turn off heaters and lights upon vacating your room or cabin.

Housekeeping

Daily housekeeping is not provided in rooms or cabins during your stay. Common areas in Rempel and Cliffside Lodges are cleaned daily. Should a maintenance issue arise during your stay, please notify our office immediately.

Guest Kitchens

Guests staying in Rempel Lodge have access to the Guest Kitchen on the 1st Floor behind the stairs. Guests staying in Cliffside Lodge have access to the Guest Kitchen on the 1st Floor. Our guest kitchens are shared spaces. Thank you for helping keep them clean, functional, and welcoming for everyone.

Please:

- Label all food with name and departure date, and remove all food upon departure.
- Be mindful of refrigerator space by not storing large beverage cases or other large items.
- Wash your dishes and cooking items immediately after using them and leave them to air dry in the dish rack.
- Put away any clean, dry dishes in the dish rack even if they are not yours.
- Wipe down all counter surfaces with the provided disinfectant after use.
- Make sure to turn off the stove/oven after use and turn off lights when finished.
- Alert staff if anything needs attention.
- Mark any food items you leave behind with the word FREE and put them on the top shelf of the refrigerator.

Quiet Hours

Quiet Hours are from 10pm to 7am. Please respect your fellow guests and be mindful of your noise level. Shadowcliff is first and foremost a sanctuary for our community and we ask for your help in treating it as such. Loud music / parties or disrespectful behavior towards other guests or staff members are not tolerated. ***Guests in violation of this will be asked to leave.***

No Smoking Facility

Shadowcliff is committed to a **No-Smoking policy** throughout the facilities and anywhere on the grounds. This includes tobacco products, cigars, pipes, cannabis (medical or otherwise), and electronic smoking devices. ***To protect our community and the land, guests who are unable to follow these policies may be asked to depart.***

Fire Safety

In addition to our No-Smoking policy, no open flames of any kind are permitted, including burning candles or incense. Fireplaces, wood stoves, and BBQ grills are permitted under supervised conditions and in designated areas. The fire pit at the Point is available for use only under the supervision of a Shadowcliff staff member and must be arranged in advance. Grand County often experiences fire restrictions during the summer months due to the hot, windy, dry climate, and guests must adhere to any county-wide fire restrictions at all times.

Pets

Guests are not permitted to bring pets on the property with the exception of Service Animals as defined under Colorado law. If bringing a Service Animal, Shadowcliff needs to be notified prior to arrival so that staff can be prepared. Shadowcliff adheres to the guidelines regarding Service Animals set forth by the ADA, which can be reviewed [here](#). Please note that the ADA does not include emotional support animals as Service Animals, unless the dog is trained to perform a task related to a person's disability.

Internet Service

Due to our remote location, we cannot guarantee internet speed and reliability. We encourage guests to embrace the slower pace that comes with mountain living.

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Coffee & Tea Service

Tea is available throughout the day in the Rempel dining room. Coffee is available in the Rempel dining room from 6:30 am to 9:30 am. The guest kitchens are also equipped with coffee makers.

Gratuities

Gratuities are greatly appreciated and make a significant impact for our staff. You may leave a gratuity in the tip jar in your room, add a gratuity to your bill during your check-out or you may drop it in our Gratuities Jar at the Office on your way out. Gratuities are shared equally amongst all seasonal staff members.

Trash & Recycling

Lodge rooms and cabins are equipped with trash and recycling bins. There is a large bear-proof dumpster located in the parking lot across from the Shop. You may dispose of extra trash in the dumpster during your stay, but please be mindful to re-secure the bar after accessing the dumpster.

Recycling bins are located above the circle drive on the back deck of Rempel Lodge. You may dispose of extra recycling during your stay in these bins. The following is a list of items that are and are *not* accepted by the local recycler. For any items not accepted, please dispose of these in the trash, or we encourage you to take them with you if you can recycle them at home:

Materials Accepted:

- Aluminum food and beverage containers
- Glass food and beverage containers – brown, clear or green
- Steel/Iron Cans
- Plastic Bottles #1 thru #7
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Paper Bags
- Paper Board
- Newspapers
- Office Paper
- Junk Mail
- Magazines and Catalogs
- Phone Books
- All other office paper without wax liners

Materials NOT Accepted:

- Plastic Bags
- Mirrors, windows, auto glass, microwave trays
- Light bulbs
- Ceramics and porcelain
- Unnumbered plastics, coat hangers (metal or plastic)
- Household cooking pots, glass cookware, bakeware

Should you need an extra blanket due to cooler weather, please stop by our Office to request one!

Wildlife Reminder

Bears, moose, and other wildlife regularly pass through Shadowcliff. Never leave food or scented items unattended.

Rocky Mountain National Park

Both an **Entrance Pass** and **Timed Entry Permit** are required to enter ALL areas of the Park between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm. If you have specific questions please contact the Park directly.

Entrance Passes: <https://www.recreation.gov/sitepass/74291>

Timed Entry Permits: <https://www.recreation.gov/timed-entry/10086910>

Local Resources

Please be sure to contact local merchants directly as modified hours and restrictions may apply.

Grocery

Mountain Market

400 Grand Ave. Grand Lake, CO 80447

(970) 627-3470

Rocky Mountain Grocery

701 Grand Ave. Grand Lake, CO 80447

(970) 627-3210

Juniper Library

316 Garfield St. Grand Lake, CO 80447

(970) 627-8353

Grand Lake Laundromat

701 Grand Ave. Grand Lake, CO 80447

970-627-7980

Grand Lake Post Office

Open 8am - 4pm Monday - Friday

520 Center Dr, Grand Lake, CO 80447

(970) 627-3340

Middle Park Health

Open 24 hours

1000 Granby Park Drive South

Granby, CO 80446

(970) 887-5800



Ways to Explore & Engage

Whether you're seeking adventure, creativity, or quiet reflection, the Grand Lake area offers many ways to engage with the land and community.

Please be sure to contact local merchants directly for operating hours or questions.

Creative & Cultural

- **Rocky Mountain Folk School** – Hands-on classes and workshops
- **Rocky Mountain Repertory Theatre** – Professional musical theater
- **Kauffman House Museum** – Local history and heritage
- **Grand Lake Historic Walking Tour** – Guided tour of historic sites in Grand Lake
- **Summer Concerts in the Park** – Free summer concert series in the Grand Lake Town Park

Nature & Reflection

- **Rocky Mountain National Park** – Ranger-led programs
- **Shadowcliff's Laws of Nature Interpretive Trail**
- **Sunrise and sunset at the Point**

Wellness & Restoration

- **Sage Massage & Acupuncture**
- **Mountain Soul Wellness**
- **Grand Lake Yoga**
- **Hot Sulphur Springs**

Learning & Exploration

- **Kawuneechee Visitor Center**
- **Alpine Visitor Center**
- **Headwaters River Journey**
- **Holzwarth Historic Site**

- **Moffat Road Railroad Museum**

Water & Adventure

- **Kayaking, paddleboarding, boating on Grand Lake**
- **White Water Rafting**
- **Fishing (Colorado Fishing License Required)**
- **Grand Adventure Balloon Tours**
- **Winding River Resort Trail Rides**
- **Winter Park Alpine Slide**
- **Granby Ranch Mountain Biking**

In Town

- **Miniature Golf**
- **Ice Cream Parlors**
- **Gift Shops**
- **Public Beach**

Selected Hiking Near Shadowcliff

The following hikes are within walking or driving distance of the lodge. To access Rocky Mountain National Park trailheads, simply follow our driveway back down to West Portal Road. Take a right and begin walking up the hillside. There is parking at the North Inlet Trailhead if you wish to drive.

Please be sure to visit the Park website for current trail and area closures and other regulations:

<https://www.nps.gov/romo/learn/fire-information-and-regulations.htm>

Tonahutu Trail (Tonahutu Trailhead)

This forest trail is accessed off of West Portal Road near the Grand Lake Water Plant about 200 yards from Shadowcliff's back door (near the North Inlet Trailhead). It is a gently uphill trail following the To-nahutu stream to Big Meadows a distance of 4.4 miles. The trail continues to Granite Falls, Haynack Lakes and over Flattop Mountain, where it joins the North Inlet Trail and ends at Bear Lake on the east side of Rocky Mountain National Park.

Cascade Falls (North Inlet Trailhead)

Photogenic Cascade Falls is 3.4 miles into the North Inlet trail. This easy hike passes through an open meadow where marmots are often found and by a river that winds through a lodgepole pine forest. Fishing is good for small brook trout and an occasional brown trout. Allow 3-4 hours for hiking this trail. This trail is accessed within 200 yards of Shadowcliff's back door and eventually leads all the way across Flat-top Mountain to Bear Lake on the east side of Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP).

Adams Falls (East Inlet Trailhead)

This easy, 1/3-mile hike leads to a small, pleasant waterfall. If you wish to go further, past the falls, the trail is easy for about a mile and you will quickly come to a large, grassy, glaciated valley with a river running through it. Moose are sometimes sighted in this valley. Many types of wildflowers are found in this area. The East Inlet Trail is 1.3 miles from Shadowcliff and is accessed by turning left at the paved road below our entrance and driving 1.3 miles to the parking lot at the trailhead.

Selected Hiking Trails (Easy to Moderate)

Coyote Valley Trail (Coyote Valley Trailhead)

This 1-mile round trip, level trail is wheelchair accessible and has lots of benches for resting while contemplating nature. Follow this path alongside the Colorado River in Kawuneeche Valley. Elk can often be seen grazing on the various sedges and grasses of the area. Picnic at the tables found at one end of the trail, or fish along the trail. Allow about 45 minutes to one hour for a short but enjoyable hike. Access is gained from Trail Ridge Road about 7 miles from the western entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park.

East Shore Trail (East Shore Trailhead)

This gentle, mostly flat trail travels along the east shore of Shadow Mountain Lake to the dam, for a distance of about 3.5 miles. Flowers are abundant in mid-June through late July. It is accessed from the East Shore trailhead or from the dam site at the Green Ridge Campground as described in Shadowcliff Mountain Lookout trail.

Green Mountain Loop (Green Mountain or Onahu Trailhead)

This trail passes through the lush, marshy Big Meadow, and through forests of lodgepole pine, quaking aspen, subalpine fir and Engelmann spruce. See moose and elk foraging in the meadow; explore the cabin ruins of early settlers. This loop hike is 7.6 miles long and should take about 3 1/2 - 4 hours. We suggest you start at the Green Mountain Trailhead and return on the Onahu Trail to your parked car in the Green Mountain parking lot.

Selected Hiking Trails (Moderate to Strenuous)

Lulu City (Colorado River Trailhead)

A flowered field is all that remains of this once booming mining town. Pass by the remains of log cabins and look for tailings from Shipler Mine about 2 miles into the trail. Pass by the Colorado River and through flowering meadows on this moderately difficult 7.4-mile round trip hike. The trail is accessed from the Colorado River trailhead located 10 miles inside the western entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park.

Lulu City/Yellowstone Loop (Colorado River Trailhead)

After passing Shipler's cabins, you will come to a sign that will designate Lulu City to the left and Little

Yellowstone to the right. Stay right at the Y. Follow the trail all the way to the Grand Ditch. Little Yellowstone is a miniature version of the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, formed of stark gray volcanic rock. At the Grand Ditch, take a left and follow the Ditch for two miles until you see a sign that says “Stage Road, Lulu City,” take the left and follow the trail down. At the bottom of the trail, take a right and head toward Lulu City. The hike is 11.6 miles in length and is a moderate to strenuous hike accessed from the Colorado River Trailhead.

Shadow Mountain Lookout Trail (East Shore Trailhead or Green Ridge Campground)

Visit an early fire lookout, resting near the summit of Shadow Mountain and experience a fantastic view of Shadow Mountain Lake, Grand Lake and Granby Lake. Park at Shadow Mountain Dam by the Green Ridge Campground in Arapaho National Forest. The trailhead is at the far side of the dam. Another entrance to this trail is from the East Shore parking lot. Allow a minimum of 4-5 hours for this hike.

Selected Hiking Trails (Strenuous)

Timber Lake Trail (Timber Lake Trailhead)

This lovely but challenging trail is accessed at the Timber Lake trailhead 10 miles from the RMNP western entrance directly across from the more well-traveled Colorado River Trailhead. The hike to Timber Lake is approximately 5.3 miles and gains over 2250 feet in elevation. It is scenic and opens into a broad meadow surrounded by several mountains for the last 3/4-mile before reaching the lake. Mt. Ida can also be reached from this trail, but there is no trail to follow so you should ask for specific instructions.