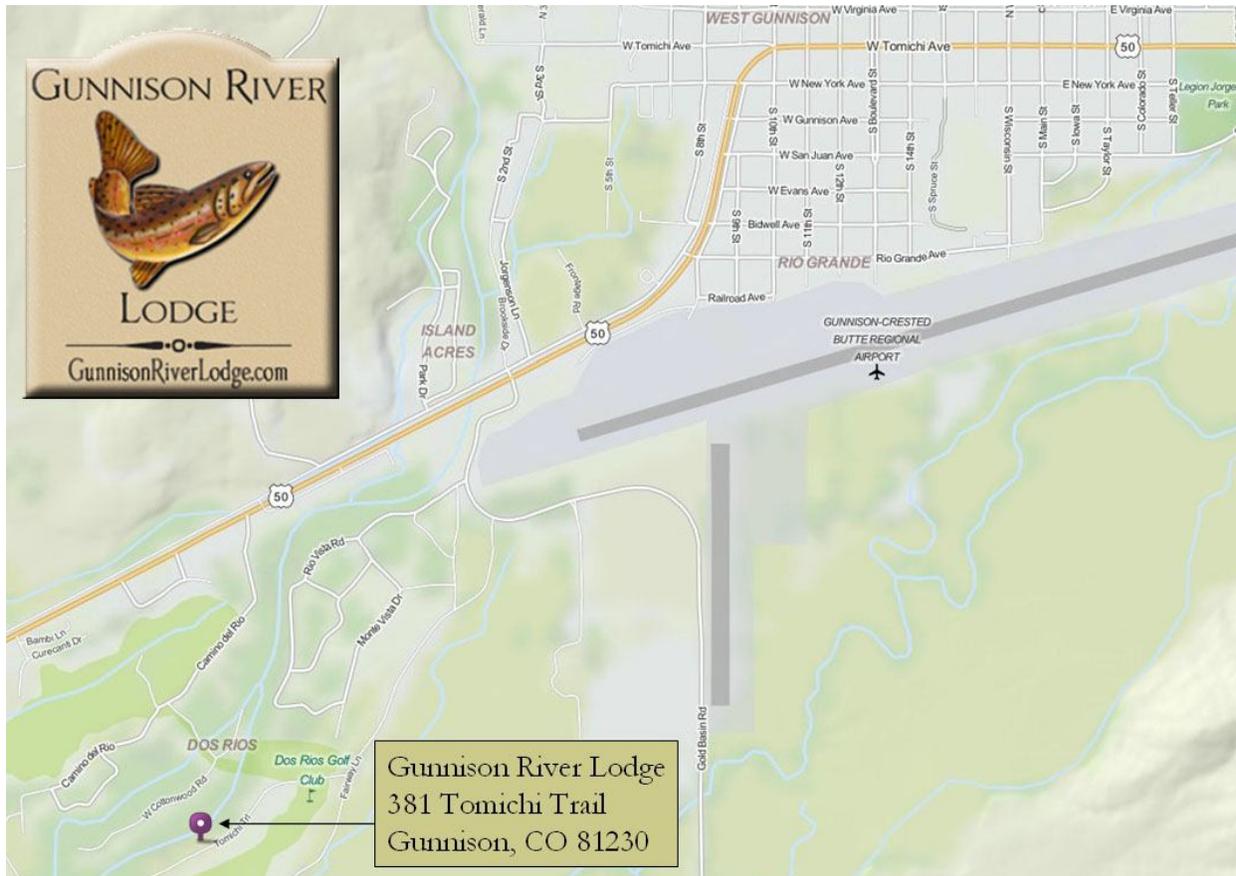


# Map

## ADDRESS

381 Tomichi Trail, Gunnison, CO 81230



# Contacts

Our **Lodge Host** and **Caretaker** is **John Funke**. John takes meticulous care of the lodge year round. He will be available in the event you have any problems or concerns and can assist with most any question.

**John Funke** - 970-390-0679 (phone or text), email [j2funke@gmail.com](mailto:j2funke@gmail.com)

**Jeff and Beth Turner (Owners)** are hands-on and also available by phone or email – so don't hesitate to reach out if John is not immediately available.

**Jeff Turner** - 703-964-7533 (phone or text), email [jeff@lodgeonthewater.com](mailto:jeff@lodgeonthewater.com)

**Beth Turner** - 540-219-5293 (phone or text)

## Gunnison River Lodge Rental Rules

1. Fishing is permitted from our property. Please respect our neighbors and their property by not fishing upstream or downstream as this is considered trespassing in Colorado. You will find a detailed fishing guide in the kitchen for additional great fishing spots in the Gunnison valley.
2. Smoking is strictly prohibited indoors. Outdoor smokers please use extreme caution due to fire danger. Please help us keep our property pristine by not littering.
3. Guest Party: A maximum of 8 guests are permitted on the property. If any exception is needed special permission must be granted. If any people other than those in the Guest party plan to visit special permission must be granted. Any other person in/on the property is the sole responsibility of the Guest. **No events, gatherings, reunions, or parties** of any kind are permitted unless special permission is granted
4. Responsibility: The owners are not responsible for any accidents, injuries or illness that occurs while on the premises or its facilities. The owners are not responsible for the loss of personal belongings or valuables of the guest. By accepting this reservation, it is agreed that all guests are expressly assuming the risk of any harm arising from their use of the premises or others whom they invite to use the premise.
5. Care and Respect: Treat the property and all furnishings with care and respect. Please tidy up and wash any dishes upon departure. This will help our cleaning ladies focus on keeping our property in exceptional condition. We are making every attempt to provide a unique atmosphere on the Gunnison River and ask that you help us maintain our lodge in the condition you found it. We understand that accidents do occur. We also believe “*honesty is the best policy*” and so we appreciate you letting us know if there is an incident that needs attention.
6. Appliances: Only use appliances for their intended uses
7. No Pets: Pets are NOT allowed.
8. No Fireworks: Fireworks are prohibited due to the surrounding forest and fire potential.
9. No Firearms: Discharge of firearms is prohibited.
10. No Campfires: Campfires are strictly prohibited due to the fire dangers.
11. Parking: Park only in the driveway area or garage. Only typical passenger cars and trucks are permitted without special permission.
12. Housekeeping: There is no daily housekeeping service. Linens and bath towels are included in the lodge. Please bring beach towels for outside use. We do not permit towels or linens to be taken from the lodge.
13. Fireplace: The fireplaces are wood burning. Please take great care in making sure the flues are open if you start a fire to prevent filling the house with smoke. After tending to the fire **ALWAYS close the glass doors** to prevent embers from sparking and burning the carpet. Wood is available in the garage for your use.
14. Plumbing System: DO NOT FLUSH anything other than toilet paper. No feminine products should be flushed at anytime.
15. Storms: No refunds will be given for storms (rain, snow, etc.)
16. Tent camping on the Premises is not permitted.
17. Garage Doors – In winter, please keep the garage doors closed at all times to prevent frozen water pipes.
18. **Furnishings** - The Premises are fully furnished including a fully equipped kitchen. Full bedding and linens are provided and bath towels are provided. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL OF OWNER’S LOCKED CLOSETS AND THE ATTIC ARE OFF LIMITS TO GUESTS.

## Area Resources and Activities

### Restaurants

For Italian food (Garlic Mike's is "the" place).  
For Pizza (Mario's Pizza Parlor)  
For Mexican food (El Paraiso)  
For Steaks (ol' Miner Steakhouse)  
For Breakfast (The "W")  
For Lunch (The Gunnisack)  
For a Beer and Great Pizza (High Alpine Brewing Company)

### Fly Fishing - Gunnison River & Taylor River

Guided Fly Fishing by Rafting, Gunnison Fish & Raft, Albert Mismash, (970) 275-1980,  
[www.floatfish.com/](http://www.floatfish.com/)

Gunnison River Fly Shop, 300 N. Main Street, Gunnison, CO 81230, (970) 641-2930,  
[www.gunnisonflyshop.com/guided\\_fly\\_fishing\\_trips.html](http://www.gunnisonflyshop.com/guided_fly_fishing_trips.html)

Willowfly Anglers at 3 Rivers Resort, 130 County Road 742, Almont, CO 81210, 970-641-1303, [www.3riversresort.com/](http://www.3riversresort.com/)

### Spin Fishing

If you decide you want to spin fish. I recommend two lures. *Gold #3 Vibrax Blue Fox* lure and the *X-Rap Brown Trout* lure.. Both can be purchased at Taylor's Sporting Goods. If you cast across the river in back of the house and aim a little upstream and reel it back you'll catch brown trout in the faster water. These lures are good virtually anywhere you go in the Gunnison region.

### Blue Mesa Fishing

Fish Blue Mesa, (970) 596-4946  
<http://fishbluemesa.com/blue-mesa/>

Blue Mesa Fishing, 940 Cove Road, Gunnison, CO 81230, (970) 618-9901,  
<http://bluemesafishing.com/>

### Horseback Riding

Harmel's Ranch, 6748 County Road 742, Almont, CO 81210, (970) 641-1740,  
[www.harmels.com/](http://www.harmels.com/)

### Whitewater Rafting - Guided (Taylor River)

3 Rivers Resort & Outfitting, 130 County Road 742, Almont, CO 81210, 970-641-1303,  
[www.3riversresort.com/](http://www.3riversresort.com/)

### **River Floats – Leisure Rafting - Guided (Gunnison River)**

Scenic River Tours, 703 West Tomichi Avenue, Gunnison, CO 81230, (970) 641-3131,  
[www.scenicrivertours.com/](http://www.scenicrivertours.com/)

### **Kayaking**

Scenic River Tours, 703 West Tomichi Avenue, Gunnison, CO 81230, (970) 641-3131,  
[www.scenicrivertours.com/](http://www.scenicrivertours.com/)

### **Mountain Biking**

Crested Butte, (844) 428-8421, [www.skicb.com](http://www.skicb.com)  
Hartman Rocks, [www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/mountainbike/HartmanRocksTrail](http://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/mountainbike/HartmanRocksTrail)

### **Rock Climbing**

Scenic River Tours, 703 West Tomichi Avenue, Gunnison, CO 81230, (970) 641-3131,  
[www.scenicrivertours.com/](http://www.scenicrivertours.com/)

Harmel's Ranch, 6748 County Road 742, Almont, CO 81210, (970) 641-1740,  
[www.harmels.com/](http://www.harmels.com/)

Taylor River Area, <http://www.stoneseeker.com/US-Colorado/Taylor-Canyon/>

### **Golf**

Dos Rios Golf Course , 501 Cam Del Rio, Gunnison, CO 81230, (970) 641-1482  
[www.dosriosgolf.net/](http://www.dosriosgolf.net/)

### **Zipline**

Scenic River Tours, 703 West Tomichi Avenue, Gunnison, CO 81230, (970) 641-3131,  
[www.scenicrivertours.com/](http://www.scenicrivertours.com/)

Crested Butte, (844) 428-8421, <http://www.colorado.com/zip-line/crested-butte-mountain-resort>

### **Fish Hatchery**

Roaring Judy Trout Hatchery, 14131 Colorado 135, Almont, CO 81210, (970) 641-0190  
[www.cpw.state.co.us/swa/Roaring%20Judy%20SFU%20\(Hatchery\)](http://www.cpw.state.co.us/swa/Roaring%20Judy%20SFU%20(Hatchery))

### **ATV (4x4) Rentals**

Silver Plume General Store Rentals, Pitkin, CO  
[www.silverplumegeneralstore.com/rentals/](http://www.silverplumegeneralstore.com/rentals/)

Colorado Adventure Rentals, Taylor Park Reservoir, CO  
[www.coloroadventurerentals.com/](http://www.coloroadventurerentals.com/)

CB Motorsports, Crested Butte, CO  
[www.atvrentalsincrededbutteco.com/](http://www.atvrentalsincrededbutteco.com/)

Action Adventures, Crested Butte, CO  
[www.actionadventures.com/](http://www.actionadventures.com/)

### **Snow Skiing, Tubing, and Snow Boarding (Crested Butte)**

[www.skicb.com/](http://www.skicb.com/)

### **Snowmobile Rentals**

If you haven't tried snowmobile riding you are in for a treat! .  
[www.snowmobilecentralreservations.com/pages/sub\\_irwin.html](http://www.snowmobilecentralreservations.com/pages/sub_irwin.html)  
[www.atvrentalsincrededbutteco.com/](http://www.atvrentalsincrededbutteco.com/)  
[www.coloroadventurerentals.com/crested-butte-snowmobile-rentals](http://www.coloroadventurerentals.com/crested-butte-snowmobile-rentals)

### **Dog Sledding**

[www.gunnisonsleddogs.com/index.html](http://www.gunnisonsleddogs.com/index.html)  
[www.crestedbuttelodging.com/what-to-do/winter-activities/dog-sled-tours/](http://www.crestedbuttelodging.com/what-to-do/winter-activities/dog-sled-tours/)

### **Sleigh Rides**

[www.fantasyranchoutfitters.com/availableadventures/wintersleighride.html](http://www.fantasyranchoutfitters.com/availableadventures/wintersleighride.html)  
[www.skicb.com/explore-the-resort/during-your-stay/dining/uleys-cabin.aspx](http://www.skicb.com/explore-the-resort/during-your-stay/dining/uleys-cabin.aspx)

### **Taxidermy – Gunnison (In Town)**

Visit **Traders Rendezvous** on Route 50 in Gunnison. This is a fun place to stop for folks of any age. They have every animal imaginable from the Rocky Mountains available to see as well as purchase. You will see elk, big horn sheep, mountain goats, deer, and every other 4 legged animal in North America practically.

<http://www.coloradoantlers.com/>

### **Shopping**

**Gunnison** – The shops along Main Street in Gunnison provide a mixture of art galleries, antiques, knickknacks, home décor, novelties and necessities. There is the local flare in just about any of the cafes and eateries too. Since Gunnison maintains the “real” cowboy influence – you’ll see the traditional – historic Colorado personality here.

**Crested Butte** – The shops in CB are for the most part upscale – which generally equates to more expensive and unique, but even window shoppers will enjoy strolling the sidewalks and shops. The people are extremely friendly and the colors are amazing. CB is an amazing place to spend an afternoon in any season – you won't be disappointed.

## **Theater**

**Gunnison Arts Center** – If you have the chance to take in a performance – don't miss it. Gunnison is the home of many talented musicians, artisans, and performers – many displaying the best of Colorado.

<http://www.gunnisonartscenter.org/>

**Crested Butte** has a small movie theater.

<http://www.cbmajestic.net/>

## **Area Scenic Destinations**

Black Canyon of the Gunnison

[www.nps.gov/blca/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/blca/index.htm)

[www.uncovercolorado.com/facts-black-canyon-gunnison-national-park/](http://www.uncovercolorado.com/facts-black-canyon-gunnison-national-park/)

Dillon Pinnacles of Blue Mesa

[www.americansouthwest.net/colorado/curecanti/dillon-pinnacles-trail.html](http://www.americansouthwest.net/colorado/curecanti/dillon-pinnacles-trail.html)

Blue Mesa Reservoir

[www.thebluemesa.com/](http://www.thebluemesa.com/)

Lake Fork of the Gunnison

[www.lakecityswitchbacks.com/fishing.html](http://www.lakecityswitchbacks.com/fishing.html)

Ohio Creek Beaver Ponds

[www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/gmug/recreation/recarea/?recid=33088&actid=50](http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/gmug/recreation/recarea/?recid=33088&actid=50)

[www.allanivy.com/2012/07/25/beaver-pond-sunrise-ohio-creek/](http://www.allanivy.com/2012/07/25/beaver-pond-sunrise-ohio-creek/)

Lake Irwin, Crested Butte

[www.alltrails.com/trail/us/colorado/kebler-pass-irwin-lake](http://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/colorado/kebler-pass-irwin-lake)

Emerald Lake, Crested Butte

[www.alltrails.com/trail/us/colorado/emerald-lake--5](http://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/colorado/emerald-lake--5)

Mill Lake, Pitkin

[www.alltrails.com/trail/us/colorado/mill-lake-trail--2](http://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/colorado/mill-lake-trail--2)

The Castles

[www.gohikecolorado.com/mill-castle-trail.html](http://www.gohikecolorado.com/mill-castle-trail.html)

## Day Trip Suggestions

**Black Canyon of the Gunnison (Deep Section)** – East Portal (60 miles from Gunnison) Spectacular – 2000 feet deep!! *Deeper than the Grand Canyon*. The Visitor's Center via the South Rim Road is kept open from mid April through the early fall. Highly recommend you take the time to watch the video at the Visitor's Center and then walk the short path to the rim overlook.

<http://www.nps.gov/blca/learn/historyculture/eastportal.htm>

**Directions** (takes about 1 hour 15 minutes to get there from the house)

1. Take US 50 West for about 57 miles.
2. Turn Right on CO-347N (@ Black Canyon Corner Store – you will see Black Canyon signs here - travel 5.2 miles). The Corner Store is a fun stop too – neat fossils, minerals, hand crafted artwork.
3. When you reach the National Park attendant booth continue straight until you see the visitor's center.

### **Black Canyon of the Gunnison (Upper Section)**

Morrow Point Area (30 miles from Gunnison). If you are limited in time take in the upper viewing of the canyon. The one caveat to this idea is you must walk down **230 steps** to get to the bottom of the canyon.....and walk back up!

#### **Directions**

- From Gunnison, take Highway 50 towards Montrose.
- After you pass the Blue Mesa Dam on the far end of the Blue Mesa Reservoir, start looking for the **mile marker sign 130** on the left side of the highway.
- Directly opposite that sign is a sign on the right side of the highway that says: Pine Creek Boat Tours/Fishing Access.
- Turn right at that sign and go down the dirt road about 3/4 of a mile to the boat tour parking area.
- Walk down 232 steps to the canyon floor.

### **Taylor River Canyon Scenic Drive**

The Taylor River is as beautiful a river as you'll find in Colorado. The Taylor is 18 miles long from it's beginning at the top (Taylor Reservoir) to where it flows into the start of the Gunnison River in the town of Almont. Keep your eyes peeled as it is common to see Big Horn Sheep.

From Gunnison simply drive toward Crested Butte - about 10 miles. When you reach the town of Almont, hang a right and follow the Taylor River road. Also, when you get to the last bridge (18 miles), stop and look over the bridge. You'll see some of the largest trout in the world. The Colorado state records for Rainbow and Brown Trout are from these waters. You can fish this area too if you like.

## Great Hiking Trails

**1. Ohio Creek Beaver Ponds** – Spectacular scenery and hike (only about 30 minutes hike from where you park). The total length of the trail is about 1 mile (so 2 miles round trip).

Directions to Beaver Ponds: From downtown Gunnison, travel north on Highway 135 for 3 miles to its intersection with the Ohio Creek Road, CR 730. Continue north on CR 730 for approximately 22 miles to the Beaver Ponds Trailhead. (This road is also the road to Lake Irwin if that helps.) (NOTE: There is one fork along this 22 mile road that some people will error on. (just remember if there is any doubt stay left - You want to keep the Castle Rocks in view on your left until the last few miles where the Aspen trees take over. It takes about 45 minutes to get to the parking lot from the house.

The brook trout fishing is very good. The pond is very large, probably 4 acres in size. You may want your waders to really take advantage of the big brook trout.

**2. Mill Lake** – This hike is 3 miles and takes about 1.5 hours to reach the lake. I would put this in the medium category of difficulty as you'll feel it – but not technically hard at all. Big, hungry cutthroat trout can be found in this alpine lake. I caught a 24" fish in 2015 – and we had guests in 2015 that also caught a 24" cutthroat. And, he's still there!

Directions to Mill Lake - Drive to Pitkin, CO - and take the road to the left leading out of town (you can't miss it as there is only one road). Drive about 7 miles to the campground parking area. You'll see the trailhead signs – just follow the signs to get started.

**3. Pine Creek** - You'll want to visit Pine Creek (it's the canyon along the Gunnison River immediately below Blue Mesa Dam.

Directions to Pine Creek:

From Gunnison, take Highway 50 towards Montrose. After you pass the Blue Mesa Dam on the far end of the Blue Mesa Reservoir, start looking for the mile marker sign 130 on the left side of the highway. Directly opposite that sign is a sign on the right side of the highway that says: Pine Creek Boat Tours/Fishing Access. Turn right at that sign and go down the dirt road about 3/4 of a mile to the boat tour parking area. Walk down 232 steps to the canyon floor. From here you can hike about a mile through the canyon.

If you walk, wade, crawl upstream from the bottom to the giant waters just below the spillway, you'll find virtually virgin trout water. You have to fish very deep (5-6 feet nymphing), but you can catch monster rainbows, browns, and lake trout.