



House Guide



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Wi-Fi:

ID - BlueView

Password - dirtroad



Welcome to the Blue View!

We're excited to have you here, and we really hope you'll enjoy your stay.

Here are some guidelines and tips.

Getting In and Out

Arriving

- Park anywhere in the driveway.
- You should have received a lock code and instructions by text, email or through the rental app if you used one to make your reservation. The lock code works for the front door. You can lock the front door either with the inside switch, or by pressing the Yale button from the outside.
- The back doors lock but you can only unlock them from inside. If you lock the doors and leave, you'll need to reenter through the front door with your code. Only one of the French doors to the kitchen opens. Please don't try to open the other one.

Checking Out

- Laundry – No need to strip the beds or do any laundry. Just leave beds you used unmade so we know which to change. Leave any unused beds made as you found them. Please put used towels in the tub or shower, and leave any unused towels still folded in the bedroom.
- Dishes – It would be helpful if you would load and start the dishwasher before you leave.
- Trash –Please put any trash you have in the trash cans in the house, or in the can or trash bags in the laundry room. We'll remove this for you. There is no trash or recycling pickup at the house. Please don't leave trash outside; it attracts animals.
- Please message me when you leave.



The Kitchen

Where is everything and how do I use it?
In the kitchen, check out the little maps to find things,
or just look in all the drawers and cabinets.

- Cups and small glasses are in the cabinet behind the copper rooster plate. Wine glasses and some larger glasses are in the cabinet next to the refrigerator.
- Silverware, carving knives, measuring cups & spoons, strainers, dishtowels are in the sink drawers.
- Dishwasher detergent is in the lower left sink cabinet.
- Plates and bowls are in the upper cabinet to the left of the stove. Cooking utensils, pots and pans are in the drawers below that.
- Pot holders, place mats and food storage bags, aluminum foil and plastic wrap are on the right.
- Glass serving/mixing bowls are in the bottom drawer.
- The cabinets and drawers next to the refrigerator have space for your storage use.

Kitchen Use

- **Stove.** If, like me, you're not familiar with newer glass top electric stoves, they take a little getting used to. After you set a dial, the burner turns off and on by itself to regulate temperature. This is the new normal. I don't like it. You might not either. Oh well.
- **Dishwasher:** Select your cycle then press Start. Just selecting the cycle or just pressing Start won't get it going. Please don't put any knives or pots and pans, or anything wooden, in the dishwasher.
- **Garbage Disposal.** The switch is over the dishwasher. Please do not put any coffee grounds down the sink. I learned this the hard way. There is a wire mesh strainer hanging from the counter next to the sink that can be used to collect grounds from the French press, then put them in the trash.
- **Refrigerator & Ice.** There are ice trays. The ice trays have lids. The lids don't lift – they s-l-i-d-e on and off.
- **Kitchen Trash.** If you fill up the trash can in the kitchen, please remove the bag, and put a new one in it. Bags are stored in a slot in the back of the kitchen trash can. Place the full bag in the plastic can in the laundry room. If you fill up that trash can please just close up the bags and leave them in the laundry room. Please don't leave trash outside; it attracts animals. There is no separate recycling.

Please Use Care With The Kitchen Counters

I built the island and made the butcher block counters myself, so I'm over-attached maybe. I know they won't stay new forever but let's try to do our best.

- They are not cutting boards.
- They can't take hot pans. (Use trivets please).
- They should be cleaned with non-scouring cleaners, and non-abrasive sponges and cloths.



Counter Evolution



Coffee!

We're coffee lovers, and at the Blue View you'll find several ways to make coffee – a Keurig, a Mr. Coffee, and everything you need for French Press coffee (with directions on the next page).

- The Keurig

Keurig pods are provided. What's here will vary and you may wish to bring your own favorites.

- The Mr. Coffee

Ground coffee is provided, but you might want to bring your own favorite.

There is also whole bean coffee, and an easy to use grinder. Set the grinder for medium fine for drip.

- The French Press

A full French Press system is provided, with whole beans, grinder, Press, and a thermal carafe.

Have it My Way

French pressed coffee is my “go-to”. It’s more work, and more trouble to keep neat, but so good!

Here’s my way:

- A full water kettle makes just the right amount of water to fill the French press. Heat to 200° F, and brew for 6 minutes in the French press before plunging.
- Set the grinder for around 10 – 15 seconds (for medium to extra strong brew).
- Set it for a coarse grind.
- Grind into the grinder’s glass cup. Empty that into the French Press.
- Slowly pour the heated water over the grind, and let brew for 5 to 6 minutes.
- The grinder is a bit messy; the hand vac next to it is an easy way to keep the counter tidy.
- Please *don’t put grounds down the sink*. There is a wire mesh strainer hanging from the counter next to the sink that can be used to rinse the grounds out of the French press, then put them in the trash.

Want Different Coffee? Good whole bean and fresh ground coffee is available very close by -

- Highland Roots Grocery, at 11 East Main Street at Monterey’s main intersection (220 & 250, the blinking traffic light).
- The Curly Maple, at 174 W. Main Street also carries some – their hours are a bit tricky, though.

Indoor Entertainment

Watching TV –

You can stream any of your own apps through the Roku Smart TVs “Guest Mode”. There is also a Blu-Ray DVD Player with a collection of about 70 DVDs, including some great classic TV country-folk sitcoms in tune with the Monterey spirit, like Beverly Hillbillies, Mr. Ed, Petticoat Junction and Green Acres.

- Roku Smart TV

Stream through the Roku TV.

The TV is specially set up for vacation guests, and starts up in Roku’s “Guest Mode”. You can safely add and login to your own apps, such as HBO Max, Showtime, Pandora, Spotify and boatloads more. Anything you subscribe to you can probably watch here with your own account. Just login to your apps you use with your own credentials. If you don’t see a channel you want in the list, you can probably find it with the search feature.

Note: You will automatically be logged out on a date you select, so others will not have access to your accounts later.

See detailed guide on the next page.

Roku

Happy Streaming!

- 1 Use remote to turn on the TV
Tip: You may need to change the source input
- 2 Select your checkout date
- 3 Start streaming!



All of your logins will be erased on the checkout date you choose.

What to Watch

Free TV

Enjoy free movies, TV shows, live news, sports, and more.



Your own Apps

Easily sign in and enjoy your favorite subscription services.



To access over 10K+ apps, select "Streaming channels" or "Search" in the Home Screen Menu. Select "Add channel" to save to Home Screen.

Leaving early?

- 1 Select "Guest Options" in the Home Screen Menu
- 2 Choose "Sign out and clear info"



- Blu Ray DVD Player -

Watching Discs – The discs are on the shelves in the sunroom.

Operate the DVD player with the SAMSUNG remote control.

Use the **power button at the top left** to turn on the DVD Player (**not** the power button at the top right where it says “SOURCE”)

The DVD player doesn't have a power on light indicator. Try the tray open/close button if you're not sure if it's on.

From the Roku home screen select Blu-Ray Player.

Note: The DVD player is just for watching DVDs. The streaming apps in the DVD menu are not connected. To stream over the internet, use the ROKU guest mode. Although the DVD player does have a USB port, (behind a small door), it supports fewer video formats than the TV, so it's better to play USB video through the TV (see how on the next page.)

TV TIPS

Soundbar: Turning on the TV will turn on the soundbar too. Usually there's no need to fuss with the soundbar. However, it does need to be set to the HDMI ARC (same as HDMI2) input. If it's not set properly, you will need to adjust it. You can set it with the soundbar remote control by pressing the HDMI ARC button, or directly on the soundbar itself by toggling through the inputs (2nd button from the left.) Press the buttons slowly, it takes a second or two between each input.

Playing your own media.

Bluetooth on the Soundbar. The soundbar can also receive Bluetooth directly by selecting it on the remote or on the soundbar. Hold the BT button to select, hold it down longer to pair. Note however, changing this input to Bluetooth is how the input may end up wrong for the TV. So if you use the soundbar for Bluetooth, please reset the input to HDMI ARC afterwards.

USB media. You can enjoy your own shows, photos, or music which you have stored on a USB A flash drive or other USB-A device by connecting to the USB input on the Roku TV, like this:

Connect your USB to the USB port on a cable in the lower left cabinet, here:

Locate and install Roku Media Player by using "Search" on home screen.

Type in Roku, you'll see Roku Media Player as a channel

Select that, then select "Add Channel"

Roku Media Player should launch automatically, or you can select it from the home screen.



Troubleshoot - USB not recognized:

Roku devices support USB drives that are formatted with the **FAT16, FAT32, NTFS, EXT2, EXT3, and HFS+** file systems.

Unfortunately many new USB drives are pre-formatted with the exFAT file system, which is not supported by Roku.

- Tech tip: (for PC; probably similar for Macs) If you don't know which file system is used, insert the USB drive into an available USB port on your computer, right click and check its "properties". USB drives can be reformatted to a useable file system but not without losing the data. Back up first. (right click and select "Format ...")

Troubleshoot - no sound:

Sometimes the sound may go silent. It has to do with the soundbar losing connection. This has happened after seeking, rewinding or fast forwarding. To fix, try pause and play a few times, or use the back-up (circle arrow) button. If this doesn't work, you can usually correct it if you turn the system off and back on. Please don't change any system settings in the Roku menu to try to resolve this; just turn off and back on.

Please don't try to access or change ports on the back of the TV (it's hard to get the back of the TV, and also that may cause issues with the Sound Bar).

The Sunroom

The Sunroom is a great bonus.



- Games. On the bookshelves are a selection of board games. Most of them were purchased used at a White Elephant fair, and we haven't played them yet. We hope the pieces are all there. Let us know if you find otherwise, please.
- Music. There's a Bose stereo cd/radio in the sunroom. Pre-Set 1 is Monterey's radio station (89.7) which is worth checking out for an eclectic selection of local taste. Or you can use your own CDs. *Please keep the remote next to it.*

You can also send audio over Bluetooth. There is a Bluetooth adapter plugged into the AUX input. It's labeled "Monster", and named MBA9-1009-BLK for pairing. Use the remote to turn on the player, and select AUX. Then turn on the Monster device by holding the small black rectangular on/off button on its side for a couple of seconds. It will talk you through pairing and connecting.

If its not working, check the connections. The USB connection to the Monster device and the AUX cable to the player need to be snug.

Note- If you touch the top of the cd/radio it may turn off or on whether you want it to or not. Just touch it again if you've accidentally turned it on or off.

Working At the Blue View

- In the larger upstairs bedroom are things you may find helpful for work.
 - o Desk & chair
 - o Monitor with built in computer USB computer dock and webcam
 - o Keyboard and mouse
- If your computer has a compatible USB C port, you may attach your computer to the monitor with a single USB C cable (provided) to charge your computer and to support video, audio, webcam, keyboard and mouse.
- If your computer does not have a USB-C port you may still be able to use the monitor and keyboard by using the USB-A adapter attached to the USB-C port (which will connect the keyboard and webcam) AND ALSO attach the HDMI cable (already connected to the monitor) to your computer.
- Please do not remove any computer cables or other accessories when you pack up the room, and return all cabling as set up or stored the way you found it.

AND... sorry, we need some “fine print”

- You should consider the computer set up to be a bonus, not a guarantee. Its purpose is to provide a more comfortable way for you to use your own computer, not to replace it.
- We do not guarantee compatibility with your own equipment and we're not able to offer any tech support.
- The Blue View, like all of Highland County, has occasional power outages, (one or two times per year since we've been here). This may turn off the Wi-Fi after a while (there's a battery backup that will cover short outages.) These outages have lasted from a few minutes to half a day or so.. The Wi-Fi, while generally quite good also has had inconsistency even without power outages.. Please be aware that we accept no responsibility or liability for these issues. The Blue View is primarily a vacation home, and if it is vital for your work that you have continuous strong Wi-Fi and power, unfortunately we can't promise that.



Outdoors

Fire Pit. There should be a load of firewood placed on the back porch, and more next to the outbuilding to the right of the house, near the picnic table. Help yourself. There is often cardboard there that you may use for kindling. Duraflame fire starter blocks and a butane lighter are by the back door. Please return the lighter there.

Important. Do not leave the fire unattended. Make sure the fire is out before you leave the yard. There is a red bucket on the deck which you can fill in the laundry room sink to extinguish your fire.

Corn Hole. The boards are outside, perhaps set up, or hanging outside by the outbuilding near the picnic table. The corn hole bags are by the back door in a storage pouch. Please return them there.

Picnic Table. No directions needed, I expect.



Hot and Cold Tips

Winter tips –

The Blue View has a forced air furnace, but the ducts are only on the first floor. It struggles a bit to keep up on the very coldest days, especially upstairs.

Here are some tips to help with that:

- The **thermostat** is in the kitchen. Feel free to adjust this. It has a fairly intuitive touch screen.
- Close the door between the laundry room and kitchen to help keep the heat in the main part of the house.
- The upstairs **bathroom has a heater** built into the vent/fan/light. Try letting it heat up the room with the door shut for a few minutes. Please turn it off when you leave the bathroom.
- The living room and all bedrooms have auxiliary electric **wall mounted heaters** which help especially in the coldest weather.
 - o Note – These **heaters in rooms with air conditioners do not work** when the air conditioners are in place (in warmer months). If there is an A/C in there, the heaters are disabled.

- Here's how to use the heaters:
 - o Turn on with upper right button.
 - o Set temperature with up/down buttons on the left.
 - o You should not need the other buttons. if you get lost in a menu, press the lower right button (with an hour glass) to return to the main screen. Or contact me – I can probably help set these remotely.
- There are **heated mattress pads** on all beds upstairs. They do a nice job of providing a cozy bed. You'll see the controllers at the head of each bed. Set heat level (1 to 9) and time (they turn off automatically).

Summer Tips –

- The house does not have central A/C. For the most part, the mountains and breezes keep Monterey comfortable in the summer. Still, on the warmest days, it can be a bit much. Fortunately, it almost always cools outside to a comfortable level in the evening. And usually if you open the windows and use the fans, it will be fine. The windows are all new, open and close easily and have good screens.
- A new bonus – The main living area (sun room & living room) and all three bedrooms have window **air conditioners** in place in the warmer months (removed in winter). We like the windows open and a cool breeze drawn inside with the fans, but if the A/C appeals, have at it! But please don't open the windows and use the A/C in the same room.

Winter, Spring, Summer or Fall –

- Pick One Only – Open Windows, Use Heaters OR A/C
 - o Don't – Use Wall Heaters and A/C in the same room. You will likely trip a circuit. Wall heaters may be disabled in the summer. Contact me if you need them
 - o Don't – Open the windows and turn on A/C or Wall Heaters in the same room.

A few other things to ask of you

- Don't smoke anything inside the house. Use ashtrays if you smoke on the porches.
- Special request from Arlene, our cleaner- Do not use any smokeless tobacco products that you spit.
- Don't move furniture or other things from room to room. (Except there are a couple of folding chairs in bedrooms that may be moved around as you like. Please return them if you do.)
- Don't remove mirrors or art from walls.
- Do not drive on the lawn in front or back of the house. Drive and park only in the driveways and attached parking spots. There are utility access points that can be damaged, in addition to messing up the turf and grass.
- **Bathroom heater.** The upstairs bathroom has a ceiling heater. *Please turn this off* each time you finish in the bathroom.
- There are a few "owner's closets" which are locked, but not like Fort Knox. Also the basement is locked. Please respect these.
- Courtesy please. Please be respectful of our neighbors. We don't have many close neighbors, but we do have some who work and sleep customary hours. Please keep it down outside at night especially.

Trouble?

Power outages.

Monterey is prone to occasional power outages, especially during storms. These are usually short in duration. **Lanterns & a Portable Charging station** (for rechargeable batteries like phones) are on top of the refrigerator for emergency use in case of power outages. Please don't use them otherwise, so they stay ready for urgent use.

Fire extinguishers.

There is a fire extinguisher above the refrigerator.

Owies?

There is a First Aid Kit in a labeled drawer in the first floor bathroom.

Lights out ?

There are spare lightbulbs in the cabinets next to the refrigerator.

Circuit Breakers. The circuit breaker box is in the lower bedroom behind the picture of the snowy back yard.

Contact Information

For your stay at the Blue View, you may contact me by call or text at 415-558-8000 (or through the booking app if you used one.

I'll likely out of the area, but reachable, and I have local helpers.

If you don't reach me promptly, call in this order -

- Arlene Rhodes ("The Boss's Boss")
Premises care
(540) 474-2049 (landline - try first)
(540) 383-5864 (cell/text)
- Kayla Simmons
Volunteer Ambassador
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Arlene is sometimes out of cell range.

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Monterey doesn't have a Barber Shop ...
But this is where you can find
all the freshest news - hunting, weather, traffic, gossip. A great
hardware store and Ag supply. Blue View would not be here without
it. Stop in and say hi to Kayla, she's BV's volunteer ambassador.

How did it go?

We'd love to hear how you enjoyed stay in our house, and in this special corner of the world.

We'd be happy to have you write us about your stay in our "Guest Views" book, and

Feel free to contact us directly with your comments or suggestions.

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