

# RMBL Early Scientist Welcome Spring 2019

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Welcome to RMBL! Residing in and/or working out of Gothic in April and May presents unique challenges, so this handout will orient you to the services and facilities we're able to offer before June. Note that you are arriving before the full staff can be in Gothic, when the Gothic road is closed, and when most of our facilities are still closed for snow season.

Please note that Gothic experienced a lot of snowfall this winter. We won't be able to fully assess the damage or adverse impacts until the snow melts further and the road opens. Therefore, we may have to make alterations to housing assignments if we discover damage upon cabin opening. Thanks for your patience!

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## **The Gothic Road**

**The road is still closed at this time.**

Gunnison County is the sole determiner of when the road opens. Road opening is influenced by several factors and varies from year to year, including winter and spring snowfall totals, May weather, and road maintenance. Each of these factors is beyond our control, so we ask for your patience in May as we all wait for the road to open. We'll keep you posted via the weekly Gothic newsletter as we learn relevant information about the road.

During your travel to/from Gothic you may encounter winter conditions. Please adhere to RMBL's winter travel management plan: [www.rmbll.org/wintertravelplan](http://www.rmbll.org/wintertravelplan).

Weather conditions in Gothic can be checked at [www.gothicwx.org](http://www.gothicwx.org).

## **Before You Arrive**

As you are packing, please visit our What to Bring webpage: [www.rmbl.org/what-to-bring](http://www.rmbl.org/what-to-bring). For example, we do not provide linen, blankets or pillows.

Before you arrive, please check in with Samantha Siegfried in our Administration Office by emailing [office@rmbl.org](mailto:office@rmbl.org) or calling 970-349-7231 to go over your stay and find out about road conditions. You may also check in with Samantha at RMBL's winter offices: 308 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Crested Butte.

There is no cell phone service in Gothic; Wi-fi service is available, so consider enabling Wi-fi calling on your cellular phone BEFORE you arrive in Gothic.

## **When You Arrive in Gothic**

Upon arrival to Gothic, please check in with Billy Barr upstairs in the Willey Laboratory to review your billing with the Accounting Office. Billy is in the office from 8 am – 11 am and then from 1:15 pm – 3:15 pm Monday through Friday. If you arrive on a weekend, plan to check in with him on Monday.

Winter caretakers are in the Gates cabin (Alex & Kristi) and in the Rogers Boggs cabin (Alex) to help you with facility questions that you may have in Gothic during the early season through May 31.

**Long-term research is spread throughout the townsite, often next to cabins, driveways, and parking areas. Because of the number of research sites please only walk/snowshoe/ski on established pathways. If you have any confusion about the established pathways, ask a winter caretaker.**

After the road opens (typically mid- to late May), the Administration Office will move from Crested Butte to Gothic. Once the Admin Office has moved to Gothic, please check in with Samantha in the Admin Office to fill out summer paperwork.

## **Mail & Shipping Packages**

Before the road opens, all packages and mail will be delivered to the winter office located at 308 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Crested Butte. Please read our shoulder season mail policy here: <http://www.rmbl.org/field-station-info/how-to-be-contacted-while-at-rmbl/>

During the summer UPS and FedEx deliver to Gothic as a courtesy. During the shoulder seasons this service cannot always be guaranteed, so you may have to pick up your packages from the Crested Butte RMBL office or Crested Butte Post Office. If you do not know where you can expect your delivery, please ask Samantha Siegfried in the Administration Office, [office@rmbl.org](mailto:office@rmbl.org). If you are missing a package, please contact the carrier directly.

If you are expecting a large shipment or very important package, please coordinate with Samantha so that RMBL staff can make sure the delivery gets to you in time. We do not have much space in the winter office. Please help us by limiting advance shipments and picking up packages promptly.

## **April and May mail/delivery service**

- Make sure to add your name to the package as well as RMBL so we know who it goes to
- If you plan on sending larger shipments, please coordinate with the Operations Coordinator: [office@rmbl.org](mailto:office@rmbl.org) to make sure there is room to store your items. Large shipments may have to wait until

UPS and FedEx begin delivering to Gothic. If your delivery is not time sensitive, we encourage you to schedule shipments so that items arrive after June 1st (e.g. shipping bicycles).

- Packages delivered to the Crested Butte town office are only available for pick up during business hours, M-F, 8:30am-4:30pm. Please email [office@rmb.org](mailto:office@rmb.org) to coordinate this with the Administration Office.

UPS and FedEx packages:

Your Name c/o RMBL  
308 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Crested Butte, CO 81224

US Postal Service Mail (including letters and packages):

Your Name  
c/o RMBL  
PO Box 519  
Crested Butte, CO 81224

\*Tip: If the sender goes to a Post Office to send it or if they put it in a blue mailbox, it is coming via US Postal Service.

NOTE – As soon as the road opens, FedEx and UPS will make deliveries to Gothic. Please use this address for shipments that will arrive AFTER the road opens:

Your Name c/o RMBL  
8000 CR 317  
Crested Butte, CO 81224

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT SHIPPING AND MAILING, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO SAMANTHA AT [office@rmb.org](mailto:office@rmb.org).**

**Info about Housing Assignments**

We do not have staff available to open summer cabins before the road to Gothic is open.

Therefore, most early arrivals will reside in our winter cabins (Maroon or Avery) in April and May. Hence, we have booked you into either Maroon at the \$30.75/day/person rate or into Avery at the \$20.50/day/person rate. Please plan to pay this rate up until the end of May. Some scientists have been booked into their summer cabin as indicated on April 24, 2019 and found under [www.rmb.org/housing](http://www.rmb.org/housing).

Please know that we will prioritize early season cabin opening as soon as we are able, which will likely happen in the end of May. This depends on the weather, how much more snow we will get between now and then, and whether the County performs extensive maintenance on the Gothic Road. We will communicate the exact date with you via email as soon as we know.

We assign housing by prioritizing scientist requests according to RMBL housing policy. The housing assignment policy is posted on the RMBL website under the Scientists tab called 'Criteria for prioritizing housing assignments'. Your assigned housing depends on where you fall within these categories.

## **Cleaning Your Cabin**

When we inform you that you can move in to your summer cabin we will likely not have had the opportunity to deep clean your cabin. You will be responsible for deep cleaning your summer cabin, especially if you are the first person arriving. You may NOT move furniture, heaters, mattresses, cooking utensils or any other items between cabins. You are also responsible for cleaning your own cabin during your stay (no maid service). For information on safely cleaning and living in Gothic cabins go to <http://www.rmbl.org/safety-in-gothic/>.

Cleaning supplies, such as multi-purpose cleaner, paper towels, and a mop are available in the cleaning shed just outside of the Johnson Lab across from the Willey Building. The batteries, snap traps to catch mice, and lightbulbs. You can find toilet paper in the laundry room inside the Shower House and in the Grad Student closet on the west side of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Willey Building. If you cannot find what you are looking for, please contact the Administration Office ([office@rmbl.org](mailto:office@rmbl.org)).

## **Parking and Travel within Gothic**

Until the road to Gothic opens to the public, you will need to park your vehicle at the Snodgrass trailhead. Please contact the Admin Office to register your vehicle and receive a parking permit. You will still need a permit even if you are parking at Snodgrass. If you are staying after the road to Gothic opens, remain on designated roads and park in designated parking lots. To provide a safe environment within Gothic, please drive at a speed limit of 10 miles per hour. Read more about parking at [www.rmbl.org/parking](http://www.rmbl.org/parking) to learn about parking fees and to view a parking map. You are charged for parking in Gothic from June 1 to August 24. With questions about parking please approach Samantha in the Administration Office ([office@rmbl.org](mailto:office@rmbl.org)).

## **Water & Shower House**

Water cannot be turned on to the townsite until overnight temperatures reach above freezing. Your cabin will likely not have water when you arrive. If your cabin does not have water, you can fill jugs provided in the cabins at the following locations: Gothic Research Center, Gates (outdoor spigot) or Maroon (outdoor spigot). The shower house will be turned on as soon as we have above freezing temperatures and we will communicate this through our weekly newsletter. You will need to bring your own toiletries and towels. If your cabin does not have a shower with water you may utilize the one stall shower upstairs in the Johnson Lab. *Please make sure to clean the shower after you use it – it will get heavy use during May. Cleaning supplies are located at the shower.*

## **Internet & Phones & Computer Lab**

Please connect any devices to the RMBL-Net wireless network (password: rmblescience). For help email [helpdesk@rmbl.org](mailto:helpdesk@rmbl.org). Unless you have wi-fi calling or the ability to skype, there is no cell phone reception in Gothic; there is cell service in the nearby towns of Mt. Crested Butte and Crested Butte. In Willey Building, in the office #201 upstairs there is a computer and printer that you can use until the Barclay Computer lab opens in June.

## **Trash Dumpsters and Recycling**

- Trash dumpsters are near the Maintenance Shop (west side of town), the Johnson Lab (east side of town) and the bbcc (north side of town). Be sure to close the lid and secure the bar.
- Until the road opens, recycling bins are available in the Willey Building. Recycling instructions are posted there. In one set of bins we recycle broken down cardboard & paper; in the other bin we recycle clean plastics, cans, tins, & glass. **No trash please.**

## Cabin Repairs

If something is wrong with your cabin, please alert a winter caretaker. After the road opens, you can submit a work crew request in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor mail room of Willey Building.

## Gothic Research Center

The Gothic Research Center (GRC) is locked 24-7 during the winter. In early June we will re-set the locks so that the external doors are unlocked between 5 am and 10 pm daily. Researchers who rent space in the GRC have access codes that open both the external doors and their personal lab doors. If you do not have an access code and need to get into the GRC in the early season, contact the Science Director at [sd@rmbll.org](mailto:sd@rmbll.org)

## Check-Out and Cleaning Cabins

Please check out of your cabin on the day of your departure by 11 am the latest. **You are responsible for cleaning your cabin before departure. A cleaning charge of \$45/hour will be billed to you, if cabins are not properly cleaned.** RMBL reserves the right to recover damages to cabins.

To Check Out, please:

1. Please email Samantha at [office@rmbll.org](mailto:office@rmbll.org) to get a check-out form from the Admin Office a few days before your departure and return the signed form on your day of departure.
2. To clean your cabin, please do the following:
  - a. Trash goes in the dumpsters;
  - b. Recycling goes in recycling shed (or Willey Building if the road hasn't opened)
  - c. Fires must be put completely out, or electric space heaters must be turned off;
  - d. Floors must be swept or mopped;
  - e. Surfaces must be wiped;
  - f. Leftover food should be thrown away and Refrigerator should be cleaned.
3. Check out with billy barr in the Accounting Office to settle your bill.

## Emergencies

- Health & Safety: CALL [911](tel:911); In April and May a phone with a land line is available for emergencies on the second floor hallway in the Willey Building (Admin building). This phone will be available until the Admin office moves to Gothic.
- Water or Gas Leak: Shut off water or gas, if possible, and email RMBL staff at: [utility@rmbll.org](mailto:utility@rmbll.org)

## Questions?

For more information go to our website at <http://www.rmbll.org/field-station-info/>. For example, the Who Do I Go to or What Do I Do document, is a reference guide to help direct your questions towards the right RMBL staff person.

Note – If you have any information regarding your research site, research application, or permits please contact our Science Director, Jennie Reithel, [sd@rmbll.org](mailto:sd@rmbll.org).