



## A guide to enjoying our special community and a cheat sheet of available resources

### Hello neighbors and visitors!

As you already know, Bear Valley is a lovely, unique place. But some of what makes it so special can also make it challenging to navigate. Bear Valley Residents, Inc. has tried to compile the most important do's and don'ts here.

**For links and more details, visit [bvri.org/bearvalley101](http://bvri.org/bearvalley101).**

And if you aren't already a BVRI member, please join us! ([bvri.org/membership](http://bvri.org/membership))

Have a suggestion or feedback? Email [info@bvri.org](mailto:info@bvri.org).



### Get to know your neighbors

Join the **Bear Valley Nextdoor** community and/or exchange phone #s with folks on your street...especially the full-timers & old -timers.



### Protect against wildfires

Remove your dead trees, thin your live trees, and trim dead and live branches up to 8 feet from ground and within 20 feet of chimneys.



### Dispose of trash & recycling properly

Latch the community dumpsters carefully after each use. Ensure your guests, renters, and contractors follow the rules!



### Be considerate about noise

Play music and use power tools only between 8am and 10pm.



### Be a considerate dog owner

Keep dogs leashed or under voice control, pick up and dispose of their poop properly (bag or bury it), and never bring them to Bear Lake.



### Follow the BV design standards

See [bvri.org/community-policies](http://bvri.org/community-policies) for rules governing house/roof colors, remodeling, where you can store your snowmobile, etc.



### Hike/snowmobile on roads or designated trails

Avoid private property. No snowmobiling through the common areas.



### Enjoy Bear Lake w/ your SUP or kayak

Respect others' private property — and lock yours up if you want to avoid others' "borrowing."



### Park cars & snowmobiles off road

On your own property ideally, or out of the way of other vehicles — and the snowplows/groomers.



### No dogs in Bear Lake or on beaches, even leashed

(Dogs can be walked across the dam on a leash.) Bear Lake is a drinking reservoir with a special legislative exemption for human swimming. Dogs are strictly forbidden in or near the lake because they can carry harmful bacteria. If we violate this rule, the lake may end up fenced with no swimming allowed at all. *Don't be THAT person!* Take them to Lake Alpine instead.



### No bulky items, appliances, etc in dumpsters

Our trash service covers food waste and household trash only. Take everything else to the dump in Avery - or pay a \$\$\$ fine.



### Don't leave trash outside dumpsters

The bears will get into it, which is bad for us and for them. If the dumpsters are full, PLEASE take your trash home with you.



### Don't be a light polluter!

Avoid bright exterior lights, including holiday lights, and draw your curtains. We love our dark skies and stargazing!



### No speeding, on roads or snow

You're sharing the roads with little kids, dogs, and skiers/snowboarders, and many pedestrians.

*BVRI is the property owners association for what's known as the new subdivision. Membership is voluntary, but you must be a BVRI member to enjoy Bear Lake and its two main beaches. The modest dues pay for Bear Lake's trash pickup, sand and tree maintenance, water-quality monitoring, and more; the annual community picnic; fire protection of the Common Areas; subsidize the Bear Valley Post Office; and other vital services.*

**Learn more (and join!) [bvri.org/membership](http://bvri.org/membership)**

# RESOURCES

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**bearvalley.nextdoor.com**  
Find out what's happening in Bear Valley & get help when you need it.



**www.bvri.org**

In addition to the community activities that BVRI funds, we maintain a key information hub, including a Community Calendar and news blasts to which anyone can subscribe.



Printed monthly newspaper with all the local happenings. A bargain for \$1 at BVAC and the general store, or get it mailed to your home for \$15/year. (No, there's no website.)



## Social Media

Follow BV businesses on Instagram:  
[@bearvalleyresort](https://www.instagram.com/bearvalleyresort) [@bvadventure](https://www.instagram.com/bvadventure)

**Bear Valley Adventure Co.** ([bvadventures.com](http://bvadventures.com)): In addition to amazing groomed cross-country ski terrain, BVAC offers cross-country ski and bike rentals, gas, a small but fully stocked store, a seasonal cafe, as well as great summer trail info and activity suggestions. Sign up for their email newsletter and follow them on Instagram to stay up to date.

**The Lodge pool:** Available to the public with a day pass or season membership purchased at the Lodge.

**Frisbee/disc golf:** Bring your own frisbee (or rent/buy one from BVAC) to this free, challenging Disc Golf Course near the entrance to Bear Valley. You can also check out disc golf equipment from the Bear Valley library.

**Tennis and Pickleball** ([www.bearvalleytennis.com](http://www.bearvalleytennis.com)): Just across Highway 4 from Bear Valley are well maintained tennis and pickleball courts, operated by the Bear Valley Tennis and PickleBall Club and available to members for an annual fee — or get a day pass from BVAC.

**Bear Valley Library:** Check out books, e-books, even State Park passes and enjoy many community events such as watercolor painting classes and the annual book sale, all advertised on Nextdoor.

**Kids Summer Day Camp:** The Bear Valley Parents Group ([bearvalleyparentsgroup.com](http://bearvalleyparentsgroup.com)) runs a fantastic day camp for kids 5 to 12 and up, with swimming, kayaking, rock climbing, hiking, and more.

**Bear Valley Music Festival:** The July-August Bear Valley Music Festival has been a cherished cultural tradition for music enthusiasts and nature lovers alike since its inception in 1967.

## Food Options in or near Bear Valley:

- Bear Valley Resort ([bearvalley.com](http://bearvalley.com)) operates a fine-dining restaurant, Creekside Bistro; a pizza place (Sky High Pizza and Pub); a bar (Grizzly Lounge); and a General Store with a deli. Hours vary: check [bearvalley.com](http://bearvalley.com).
- The independently operated Blue Bear Café serves coffee and breakfast/lunch.
- In summer, Reba's Toll House Café at BVAC ([www.bvadventures.com/rebas-café](http://www.bvadventures.com/rebas-cafe)) offers lunch.
- In winter, Reba's Meadow Café (operated by BVAC) offers lunch inside the cross-country trail area.
- In summer, Lake Alpine Lodge ([lakealpinelodge.com](http://lakealpinelodge.com)) serves lunch and dinner.

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