

# Truckee's only hostel a place for new friends, adventures

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Gnomes, by nature, are personable creatures. Triscuits are their snack of choice, and they all speak with a British accent, though they insist they are not in fact British. Regular white lights are too harsh for them, so red is the light frequency they prefer, and which makes them most productive. Hence the name of the Redlight hostel, a nod to the eponymous red lights that fill the basement of the building in the heart of downtown Truckee, where a fleet of friendly gnomes reside.

If this story seems far-fetched to you, don't feel alone. Even the owners of Redlight are still workshopping the story behind the name of their new hostel. What the creative license taken illustrates most is the eccentricity of Redlight's owners, and the kind of stay you'll have if you choose to frequent the hostel.

Chances are, you have driven by the red building, but most likely did not know what it was. That is by design. There is no signage, nothing to advertise the company name or the nature of their business. You can't just walk in, either. You must be buzzed in, meaning you were deemed worthy to enter. And owners, Zach Cowan and Abby Pulos have no plans to change that.

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