

Big Bay Cabin

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Overview:

Big Bay cabin is an historic log cabin built in the 1890's and restored in the summer of 2004. The 14' x 17' foot log cabin sleeps two people comfortably. It is equipped with a bunk bed, table with benches, broom, shovel, water bucket, fire extinguisher, established campfire ring and a wood stove for heat. An outdoor toilet is provided.



Visitors will need to bring their own water for drinking, cooking and cleaning purposes. Water taken from the lake must be treated or boiled prior to consumption. Visitors will need to bring their own bedding and sleeping pads, cooking gear and utensils among other necessities. All garbage and food must be packed out. Firewood is limited in the area and it is recommended to bring in your own dry firewood with you.

Recreation Opportunities:

This cabin offers seclusion, hunting, sightseeing, wildlife viewing and fishing. The area is home to a variety of wildlife, including moose, black and brown bears and wolves. In the winter there is cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and snow machining. Hunting is allowed. Review Alaska Department of Fish and Game hunting and fishing regulations for more details.



Special Considerations

The seclusion of this cabin necessitates being prepared for emergency situations. Inclement weather may cause an unexpected extension of the trip. Tustumena Lake is a large glacial lake with recurring high wave situations. The shore is exposed to southerly winds; large waves could swamp boats not pulled out on the beach; there is little beach area available during high water. Due to the size of Tustumena Lake, thick ice does not form until late in the winter season and the lake may reopen during warmer winter temperatures. Bringing a personal cooking stove is recommended. Carry in potable water or boil surface water 5 minutes before drinking. Remember to pack out your trash. Enjoy, but help protect this historical building.

Reservations

Occupancy of Refuge cabins is by permit only (\$45 per night per party). To make a cabin reservation visit www.recreation.gov and search for “Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Cabins” or call a recreation.gov representative at 1-877-444-6777.

For cabin specific questions call Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. (Monday-Friday 8 am – 4:30 pm) (907) 262-7021 <http://kenai.fws.gov/>

Directions

The cabin is located on the south shore of Tustumena Lake in the Kenai Wilderness area. Access to the cabin is by boat from the Kasilof River Landing, or float plane and ski plane, skiing, and snowmobile in the winter when the ice conditions are safe. Refer to USGS map Kenai A-3. GPS coordinates: Latitude 60 09.120, Longitude 150 51.061`. (Degrees Decimal Minutes)

