

Dolly Varden Lake Cabin

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Overview:

Dolly Varden Lake cabin is a rustic log cabin built in the summer of 2005. The 16' x 18' foot log cabin sleeps four people comfortably. It is equipped with two bunk beds, 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 and fair fishing for Arctic Char and Rainbow Trout. The area is home to a variety of wildlife, including moose, black and brown bears and wolves. In the winter there is cross-county skiing and snowshoeing. Hunting is allowed. Review Alaska Department of Fish and Game hunting and fishing regulations for more details.

Special Considerations

When using power boats, a “no-wake” restriction applies to Dolly Varden Lake. Dolly Varden Lake is closed to public aircraft operation and snowmobiling. The seclusion of this cabin necessitates being prepared for emergency situations. Inclement weather may cause an unexpected extension of the trip. 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.

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 north shore of Dolly Varden Lake. To access turn off at mile 83.4 on the Sterling Highway and drive approximately 14 miles on Swanson River Road to Dolly Varden Campground. Access to the cabin is a 1 mile trek from the boat ramp by boat in the summer and foot, snowshoes or skis in the winter over the frozen lake. Refer to USGS map Kenai C-3. GPS: Latitude 60° 42.852, Longitude 150° 46.449. NAD 83 or WGS 84, Degree, Decimal, Minutes.

