

# Engineer Lake Cabin

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## Overview:

Engineer 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. A rowboat and oars are provided but lifejackets are not.



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 landlocked salmon and Dolly Varden Trout. The area is home to a variety of wildlife, including moose, black and brown bears and wolves. The Seven Lakes trails provides hiking opportunities, the cabin experience can be extended with a hike and stay at the Kelly Lake cabin 3.5 mile further along the Seven Lakes Trail. In the winter there is cross-county skiing and snowshoeing. Hunting is not allowed. Review Alaska Department of Fish and Game hunting and fishing regulations for more details.

## Special Considerations

Users must provide a U. S. Coast Guard approved flotation devices for each passenger transported on boats. Use of the Refuge provided boat is at your own risk. When using power boats, a “no-wake” restriction applies to Engineer Lake. Engineer Lake is closed to public aircraft operation. 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](http://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

From Mile 75.1 on the Sterling Highway turn onto the Skilak Lake Lake Road. At mile 10.3 on the Skilak Loop Lake Road turn onto the Engineer Lake campground road and park in the parking area. Then a 1 mile trail from the Engineer Lake campground on the Seven Lakes trail. The cabin is south facing overlooking Engineer Lake in a forest of spruce and birch trees. Access is by hiking, boat, ski, snowshoeing. Engineer Lake is one of the few Refuge lakes open for a vehicle to drive on the lake for the purpose of ice-fishing only and is open to snowmachines use for ice fishing access. Due to snow and ice conditions on Skilak Lake Road and the campground access road, a 4WD may be required. Refer to USGS map Kenai B-1. GPS: Latitude 60° 28.983, Longitude 150° 19.733. NAD 83 or WGS 84, Degree, Decimal, Minutes.

