

Trapper Joe Lake Cabin

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Overview:

Trapper Joe Lake cabin is a historic log cabin built in the late 1930's and restored in the summer of 2003. The 12' x 14 foot log cabin sleeps two people comfortably. It is equipped with a bunk bed, table with benches, broom, shovel, water bucket, fire extinguisher, 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.



Recreation Opportunities:

This cabin offers seclusion and fishing for rainbow trout along with sightseeing, wildlife viewing and exploring. The cabin is also popular for a wilderness retreat, wildlife viewing, fishing, ice fisherman and a stopover for snowmobiles travelers in the winter. Contact the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge for snowmobiling regulations in this area. 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. 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

No permit required. First come-first serve. No fee per night per party. 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 Trapper Joe Lake. Primary access to the cabin is by float plane, ski plane, snowmobile and skiing. This cabin can also be accessed seasonally from August 10 to mid-October. Drive 22 miles down the Mystery Creek Road (when the gate is open) and then hike or canoe to the cabin. Note: Four wheel drive vehicles are recommended for driving the Mystery Creek Road however ATV's are not permitted on the Refuge. There is no designated hiking trail to the cabin. Contact the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge for gate information (907) 262-7021. Refer to USGS map Kenai D-1. GPS coordinates: Latitude 60 45.928, Longitude 150 04.487. (Degrees Decimal Minutes)

