

## CABIN INFORMATION FACT SHEET

### Cabin Information:

The City and Borough of Sitka offers a public use recreational cabin located about 20 miles south of Sitka. The Tom Young Memorial Cabin is located on Yán Ayawa Glaakw Island (formerly Kolash Island as shown on maps), northwest of Goddard Hot Springs. It is accessible year-round by boat. The fee for using the cabin is \$40 + tax per night.

This cabin is Pan Abode style with a second floor sleeping loft and sleeps up to 8. The cabin is equipped with a propane stove for heat, nearby fire ring and outhouse. Cabin users should bring drinking water for the duration of their stay since the island does not have a potable water source. Non-potable water is available via a fresh water roof collection system. A 7-gallon, standard screw-in type propane tank for the stove and a 1,000 watt Honda generator that uses regular unleaded gas are available through the Public Works Department at City Hall for check out. The generator may be used for the lights at the cabin. The permittee is responsible for supplying any fuel that is required to run equipment. Please remember that propane tanks screw in counter-clockwise. It is wise to take the following items as well: a gas or propane stove for cooking, sleeping bags and pads, pots, pans, plates, utensils, toilet paper, fire starter, wood, splitting maul and insect repellent.

Weather may affect the length of your stay. Unsafe boating conditions may occur at any time of the year. Always prepare for the possibility of bad weather and an extended stay. Extra food and clothing are recommended.

Visitors should bring their own firewood since there is limited firewood in the vicinity of the cabin. **Only dead and downed wood can be used.** Fires should be built only in a fire ring.

Variable year-round weather in Alaska requires warm clothing, which should include durable rain gear and boots. Layering is a good way to be prepared for weather variations. Bring clothing appropriate for the season. Please consult the National Weather Service for marine forecasts and updates on weather conditions.

### Safety:

Bears are common around many recreation cabins. Do not feed the bears; it is dangerous and illegal. Burn your trash or take it with you so that bears are not attracted to food odors. Pack out anything that is not burnable like aluminum cans, glass and plastics. Do not bury garbage or leave trash in the fire pit. Keep food and cooking items neat and clean. Warn bears of your presence by making noise when in dense cover. Bears are unpredictable and dangerous.

Clam diggers should be cautious of Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning. Recommended back country gear includes: local maps and marine charts, a compass, a flashlight, waterproof matches, a strong knife, a first-aid kit, a space blanket, candles, flares and personal protection such as a gun, bear repellent or bear bells. A hand-held VHF radio may be useful to summon help in the event of an emergency. Loaner VHF hand-held radios are available at Sitka Fire Hall.

**Be Courteous:**

Litter is an eyesore and detracts from the enjoyment of others. PACK OUT all refuse, including cigarette butts. Please leave the cabin in the same or better condition than you found it, so that the next users will also enjoy their stay.

**Other Information:**

There is some cell phone coverage at Goddard but service is unreliable. VHF radio is reliable. Contact the U.S. Coast Guard in case of an emergency or the Sitka Harbor Master for non-emergency related items.

Currently there is **no** mooring buoy available for tie-up. The buoys, float, and property in the inner bay (Kliuchevoi Bay) are privately owned. Please do not use them.

Printed navigation charts are correct.

GPS navigation charts are **not** correct and rocks at the Kliuchevoi Bay entrance are incorrectly located. (Several boats have hit the rock using GPS data.)

**Regulations:**

There are a number of regulations governing the use of City and Borough of Sitka public facilities (taken from Sitka General Code Title 23).

- 1) A person may not use or occupy a City and Borough of Sitka park facility that is managed on a fee and reservation basis without first obtaining a permit from the City and Borough of Sitka and paying the required fee, in person, at the City and Borough of Sitka Municipal Offices. Each day of unauthorized use is a separate offense, subject to a \$50 fine.
- 2) Permittee must have permit and the fee receipt in possession while using the City and Borough of Sitka public use facility as directed by City and Borough of Sitka Director of Public Works.
- 3) Dogs and other pets must be under control at all times. Pet owners are required to clean up after pets.
- 4) No discharge of firearms, unless in defense of life, is allowed within a 1/2 mile of a developed facility.
- 5) It is unlawful to cut standing or live trees. Only dead and downed wood can be used for fires.
- 6) Littering is prohibited by A.C.C.10.52.010 (h).

**Reservation Information:**

Reservations can be made up to ninety (90) days in advance. If this date falls on a weekend then reservation may be made on the next business day following that weekend. Permits are issued for non-commercial purposes only and on a first-come, first-serve basis. A permit-day begins at 12:00 noon on the assigned day and ends at 12:00 noon the following day. The cabin may be reserved a maximum of three (3) days by the same party. The person acquiring a permit must be a member of the party for the duration of use. Permits are only issued to persons eighteen years of age and over.

There will be a \$10 service fee for any reservation cancellation or modification. If a cancellation is made more than five (5) days in advance of the first day of the reservation, the permittee will receive a full refund less the \$10 service fee. Fees are not refundable within five (5) days of the first day of reservation. Reservations may be changed one (1) time only. In order to receive a refund or change a reservation, the permittee must present the original permit/receipt.

In addition to the \$50 fine assessed for each day of unauthorized use of the cabin, the City and Borough of Sitka will also charge retributory fees equal to the daily rate of the cabin for the time the unauthorized use occurs.

Cabin users are responsible for any damages to the cabin, associated facilities, or park resources. Please report any damages you find to the Public Works Department by calling 907-747-1804 or by dropping off the following comment form to the Public Works Office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of City Hall.

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Cabin Repair / Suggestion / Comment Form

Please submit this form if you see any items at the cabin that need attention or repair or if you have any suggestions for future operation or maintenance of this cabin.

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