



# CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

## *Tom Young Cabin Information Fact Sheet*

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**Check in: 12:00 noon**

**Check out: 12:00 noon following the last day of stay**

The City and Borough of Sitka offers a public 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 \$60 + tax(s) per night and is available only for Sitka residents.

This cabin is Pan Abode style with a second floor sleeping loft and sleeps up to 8. The cabin is equipped with a Nordic Stove (see attached manual). Permittee is responsible for transporting fuel for the stove (**#1 DIESEL ONLY**). Five gallons should be sufficient for most three-day stays when temperatures are at or above freezing. The cabin has a 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 freshwater roof collection system. A 1,000-watt generator may be used for the lights at the cabin. 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, firewood, 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 like 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 as 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.

**A mooring buoy is available for tie-up for Tom Young cabin permit holders only.** It is painted white and has a blue reflective stripe around it. The buoy is set in 30 feet of water, has a 60' chain and a 3000 lb anchor. 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 several 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 always be under competent verbal control. Pet owners must 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 and are handled on a first-come first-serve basis through the Parks and Recreation division. Online reservations are highly recommended and can be found online at [www.recreation.cityofsitka.com](http://www.recreation.cityofsitka.com). Reservations for the next available day 90 days out can be made starting at 12:00 midnight. Permits are issued for **non-commercial** purposes only. **A permit-day begins at 12:00 noon on the assigned day and ends at 12:00 noon following the last day of stay.** 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 individuals eighteen years of age and over.

**Changes or Cancellations to your Reservation:**

There will be a \$10 service fee for any reservation cancellation or modification. **A refund will only be given for reservations that are cancelled at least five (5) calendar days in advance of the first day of the reservation.** The amount refunded will reflect the deduction of the \$10 service fee. Refunds will not be given for reservations cancelled or modified less than five (5) days from the first day of the reservation. Reservation dates may be changed at any time up to the first day of the reservation. New dates must be chosen at the time the reservation is changed. The new dates must be within ninety (90) days of the date the reservation is changed. The \$10 service fee will be charged at the time a new permit is issued reflecting the new dates. Reservations may be adjusted one (1) time only. To receive a refund or change a reservation, the permittee should contact the Parks and Recreation division at [recreation@cityofsitka.org](mailto:recreation@cityofsitka.org) or 907.747.301.

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 to the Parks and Recreation division at [recreation@cityofsitka.org](mailto:recreation@cityofsitka.org) or 907.747.4031.