

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 community 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 \$60 + tax(s) per night and is available to Sitka Residents only.

- 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. 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. Fires should be built only in a fire ring.
- Only dead and downed wood can be used. Visitors should bring their own firewood since there is limited firewood in the vicinity of the cabin. The City does not supply firewood. It is unlawful to cut standing or live trees.
- There is an outhouse.
- A 1,000 watt generator may be brought by user for the lights at the cabin.
- The catch basin for the roof water collection system has been removed. Cabin users should bring drinking water for the duration of their stay since the island does not have a potable water source.
- Do not remove the garbage can from inside the cabin. Pack out anything that is not burnable like aluminum cans, glass and plastics. Do not bury garbage or leave trash in the fire pit.
- A mooring buoy is available for tie-up for Tom Young cabin. It is painted white and red. 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.

Safety:

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.

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.

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.

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:

Littering is prohibited by SGC 10.45.010(H). **PACK OUT all refuse**, including cigarette butts. Abide by [Leave No Trace](#) principles when using this public cabin. Please leave the cabin in the same or better condition as you found it, so that the next users will also enjoy their stay.

Regulations:

There are several regulations governing the use of City and Borough of Sitka public facilities (taken from Sitka General Code 14.05.060 Community Use Cabins).

- 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. Each day of unauthorized use is a separate offense, subject to a \$50 fine.
- 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.
- The person acquiring a permit must be a member of the party for the duration of use.
- Dogs and other pets must be under control at all times. Pet owners must clean up after pets.
- No discharge of firearms, unless in defense of life, is allowed within a 1/2 mile of a developed facility.
- Littering is prohibited by SGC 10.45.010(H).

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.

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.). Printed charts are correct.

Reservation Information:

Reservations can be made up to ninety (90) days in advance and are handled on a first come first served basis through the Parks and Recreation division. Online reservations are highly recommended and can be found online at recreation.cityofsitka.com. Reservations will be approved (to adjust sales tax rates appropriately) as quickly as possible by Parks and Recreation staff. Once approved, a confirmation and invoice will be emailed. Invoices must be paid 24 hours after confirmation or reservation will be released. **A permit-day begins at 12:00 noon on the assigned day and ends at 12:00 noon following the last day of your stay.** The cabin may be reserved a maximum of three (3) days by the same party. Permits are only issued to people eighteen years of age and over.

Changes or Cancellations to your Reservation:

- Reservations may be changed one (1) time only.
- There will be a \$10 service fee for any reservation change or cancellation.
- A refund will only be given for reservations that are cancelled at least five (5) workdays 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 less than five (5) workdays from the first day of the reservation.
- Reservation dates may be changed at any time within the one (1) workday before your 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.
- 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 damage to the cabin, associated facilities, or park resources. Please report any damage you find to the Parks and Recreation Division by calling 907-747-4031 or by email at recreation@cityofsitka.org.