



Fact Sheet

Spruce & Porcupine Glacier Public Use Cabins Thumb Cove State Marine Park



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The **Spruce Glacier** and **Porcupine Glacier Public Use Cabins** are located within Thumb Cove State Marine Park on the east side of Resurrection Bay, approximately seven and one-half miles from Seward. The cabins are located at the extreme ends of the beach near the hillsides. If approaching from the water, the **Spruce Glacier Cabin** is on the left-hand (or east) side of the beach; the **Porcupine Glacier Cabin** is on the right-hand (or west) side of the beach. A wheelchair accessible boardwalk leads from the beach berm to the **Spruce Glacier Cabin**, approximately 300' back from the steep, cobbled beach.

Salmon fishing, hiking and spectacular scenery and wildlife viewing are some of the recreational opportunities available within this marine park.

Accommodations: The **Spruce Glacier Cabin** is fully wheelchair accessible upon reaching the boardwalk. Wheelchair-assisted access will be necessary from the beach landing to the boardwalk. Both cabins have two sets of full size bunk beds with a capacity to sleep eight people, with the two lower bunks being accessible. A table, benches, and counter are furnished, along with a wood stove. An ax and saw may not be available at the cabin due to thefts, so plan on being equipped to split and cut your own wood.



The closest fresh water source to the **Spruce Glacier Cabin** is not accessible to all users. So bring enough fresh water for your stay if you are unable to access the stream. The small stream located on the hillside is directly east of the cabin. The stream empties onto the beach by a very large boulder past the eastern-most barge wreck. To reach it you must walk out near the shore.

At the **Porcupine Glacier Cabin** the closest fresh water source is a small stream coming off the hillside directly adjacent (west) to the cabin. The stream is located on the hillside facing the bay. To reach it you must walk out onto the shore, so plan on filling any water containers at anytime except at the highest tide. Please boil or treat all water before drinking.

The latrine is located almost directly behind the cabin. Plan on providing your own toilet paper should none be found at the latrine.

TENT CAMPING IS NOT PERMITTED within 400 feet of the cabin. There are three designated campsites on the beach with fire rings.

Access: The cabin can only be reached by private boat, floatplane, or commercial water taxi service. If using a private boat, please use the caution necessary for coastal Alaskan waters with respect to tides, weather, currents and your party's abilities and experience level. The waters of Resurrection Bay are generally choppy in afternoons and can become hazardous to small watercraft. Two mooring buoys are available at Thumb Cove SMP. These buoys are for all Thumb Cove SMP users and are on a first-come/first-served basis. Boats 30ft or longer use these buoys at their own risk during low tides. If pulling a kayak, inflatable or small skiff ashore, be sure to secure your boat to avoid losing it at high tide or to surf conditions.

A charter boat shuttle service is available at Miller's Landing at Lowell Point. Arrangements can be made with them for drop-offs and pick-ups at Thumb Cove SMP. Call 224-5739 for rates and taxi schedule.

Reservations: The cabins rental fee is \$70/night. Reservations can be made on line at www.alaskastateparks.org, in person at our Public Information Center offices located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau or at the nearest State Park office. Alaska residents can make reservations 7 months to the day in advance of the first night stay and non-residents 6 months to the day in advance, Monday through Friday beginning at 10:00 a.m. Alaska time. Advance reservations cannot be made on weekends or State holidays, but can be made the next business day. All other cabin reservations can be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Reservations are from noon to noon.

Reservation requests can also be mailed or faxed. Credit cards (MasterCard/Visa/Discover) are accepted for payment when making reservations on line, mailing or faxing reservation requests or when paying in person at our Anchorage, Fairbanks or Juneau offices.

Reservations are not accepted over the phone. However, changes or cancellation can be done by phone or in person. A change to or cancellation of a reservation for a Public Use Cabin must be done at least 48 hours in advance of the start of the reservation in order for the customer to receive a credit. If making a change or cancellation by phone, the cabin reservation number must be provided. If done in person, the original reservation must be presented. If the cancellation or change of a cabin reservation is due to a family emergency or severe weather conditions, the 48 hour notification requirement may be waived. Otherwise, without the 48 hour notification, a reservation cannot be cancelled or changed and a credit issued. Cabin credits are good for one year from date of issue. Refunds are not issued.

CHECK IN/ CHECK OUT TIME IS 12 NOON

For more information contact the Alaska Department of Resources at the following locations:

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