



# Birch Lake

## State Recreation Site

This cabin was funded by the Sports Fish Restoration Fund and constructed by volunteers and State Park staff for your use and enjoyment. Please help keep it neat and attractive for those who will use it after your visit.

**This cabin is available for rent only between September 30-May 1**

### Important Information

- Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return. Take a cell phone.
- During winter months, tire chains or 4 wheel-drive vehicles are recommended. The road might not be plowed until several days after a snow storm.
- Cabins may only be used by those who have paid the rental fee in advance, and only on the days specified on the receipt. You must have your receipt-permit with you during your stay.
- Cabins may not be used for commercial activities.
- Refer to the attached information: "Reservation Cancellation and Use Policies."
- There are 5 ice fishing huts on the lake, available for rent during the winter. Contact Alaska State Parks for information.

#### BE PREPARED!

Refer to the cabin location map on the back of this page.

### What to take to the Cabin:

- The cabin measures 16' X 20'. There is a half-loft for sleeping upstairs, and one double plywood platform downstairs. The cabin can sleep at least 6 adults.
- The cabin is supplied with a wood stove, table, seats, broom, ax, saw, and ash scoop. All other camping equipment and supplies must be provided by the user, including:
  - Sleeping bag and pad or air mattress
  - Food
  - Cookware, dishes, utensils
  - Cooking stove and fuel
  - Matches, lighters, paper fire starter
  - 9-volt battery for smoke detectors
  - First aid items
  - Plastic trash bags
  - Jug of water
  - Saw or ax, just in case
  - Firewood
  - Flashlight
  - Lantern and fuel



Your purchase of fishing equipment and motor boat fuel supports boating access and Sport Fish Restoration.

**\*LANTERNS ARE NO LONGER PROVIDED\***

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## Public Use Cabin

### A few necessary do's and don'ts:

- Do not leave food or garbage in the cabin at the end of your visit. It might seem helpful to share food with future cabin users, but food (even in airtight containers) attracts bears and small animals. It doesn't take them long to seriously damage a cabin. Please pack out everything you packed in.
- Do not leave cookware, sleeping pads, or other items in the cabin at the end of your visit.
- Please leave some cut dry wood for the next visitor. A bow saw and ax are provided for your use. Only DOWN trees may be cut. Firewood may not be removed from the premises or the recreation site.
- Keep the fire in the stove under control. Do not leave the dampers open when you are not in the cabin, as a fire could start and destroy the cabin. Close all dampers completely at the end of your visit. Stove instructions are posted on the wall.
- Please dispose of all waste water in the toilet. Water dumped outside the cabin is unsightly, unsanitary, and attracts unwanted wildlife. **Do not place garbage in the toilet, please pack it out.**
- Target practice is prohibited. The recreation area is closed to the discharge of weapons. See regulations for details.
- Stay alert and cautious of any trapping activity in the area. Traps and bait may be located near trails. Children and pets should be monitored closely.
- Please tie dog teams and horses at least 100' from the cabin. Do not tether animals to live trees. Use a cable or other anchor system which does not allow the animals to scar living vegetation.
- Feel free to write your comments in the cabin's logbook. Please report any missing or damaged furnishings or other problems to the State Parks office in Fairbanks immediately.

**Check out time is 12:00 noon.**

**Be sure to take this flyer along for reference.**

**The Lock Combination is:** \_\_\_\_\_

Dial the combination on the bottom of the lock, push the lock together, and then pull it apart. The numbers must all be lined up.

**PLEASE LOCK THE DOOR WHEN YOU LEAVE**

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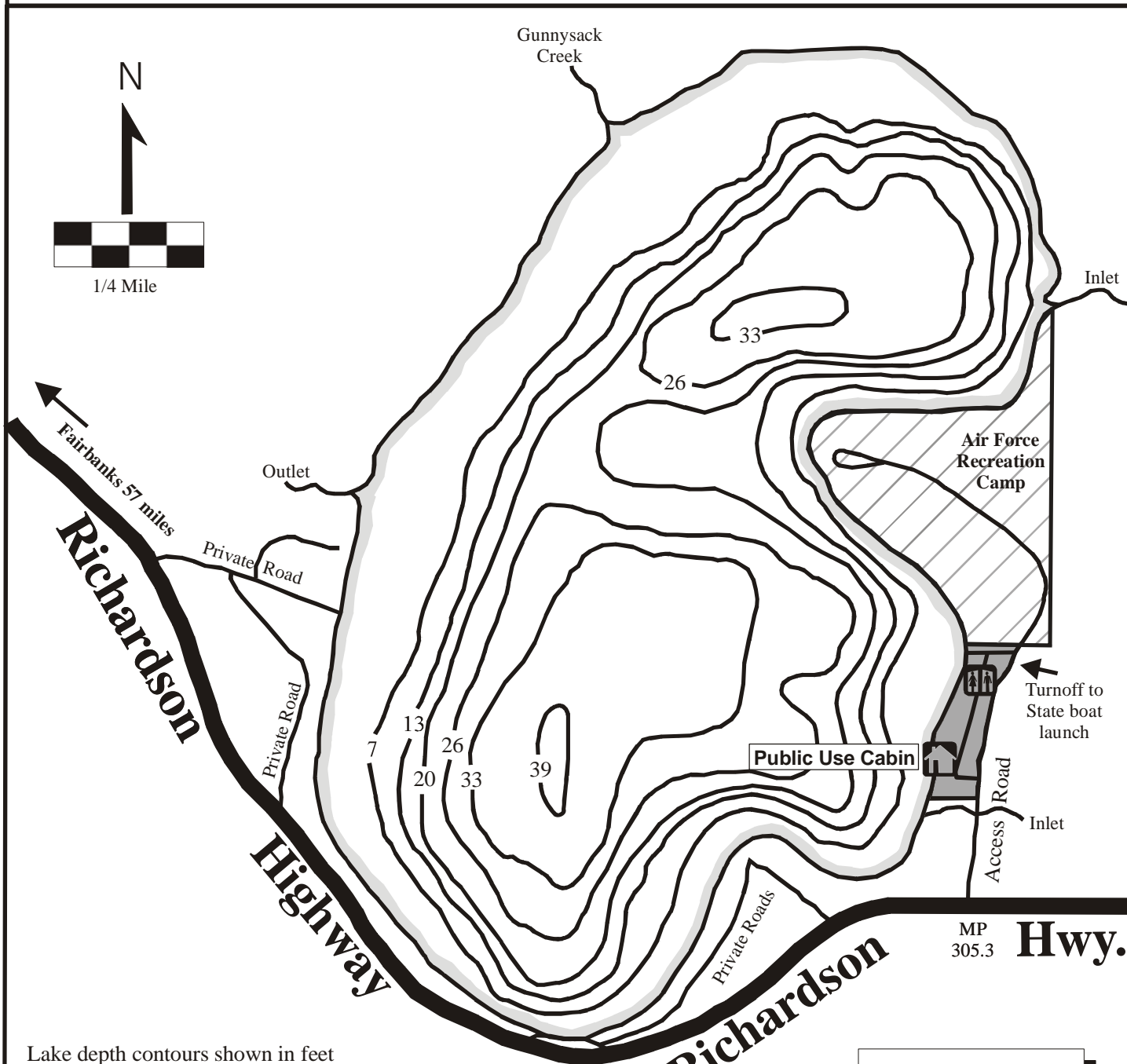
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# Birch Lake Public Use Cabin

The turnoff to Birch Lake is located at Mile 305.3 Richardson Highway, approximately 59 miles southeast of Fairbanks. Follow the access road 0.3 miles to Birch Lake State Recreation Site (SRS). The cabin is on the left side of the parking lot as you drive into the recreation area. No parking permit is required.



Lake depth contours shown in feet

803 surface acres

Maximum depth: 43 feet

Greatest distance across lake: 1.6 miles

Water depth fluctuates with annual precipitation

(Contour information courtesy of AK Dept. of Fish & Game)

MP 306  
Rest Area

MP 305.3 Hwy.

## Legend



Toilet



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