



# BIRCH LAKE

## STATE RECREATION SITE

# Public Use Ice Fishing Huts

The four ice fishing huts on Birch Lake are managed by Alaska State Parks. They were constructed by the Department of Fish & Game as part of the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Program.

Please help keep them neat and clean for those who will use them after your visit.

### Important information:

- Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Huts may be used only by those who have paid the rental fee, and only on the days specified on the receipt. You must have your receipt-permit with you during your stay.
- Huts may not be used for commercial activities.
- Alaska State Parks may close huts due to weather, maintenance problems, break-up, or other reasons.
- Refer to the Alaska State Parks information sheet, "Reservation, Cancellation, and Use Policies" for cancellation/credit policies and other important information.
- Call the State Parks office for hut and road condition updates.
- Tire chains or 4-wheel-drive vehicles are recommended. The road into the landing area and onto the lake might not be plowed at all times. **BE PREPARED.**
- There is a public use cabin which is also available for rent. Contact Alaska State Parks for information.
- For fishing information, call the Department of Fish & Game in Fairbanks (459-7207 or recording 459-7385) or Delta (895-4632)
- Knowledge of fishing regulations is the responsibility of the user.

### What to take to the hut:

Each hut has a small wood stove, and four fishing holes.

You will need an auger and/or ice spud to open the holes since they freeze shut between users.

All other equipment and supplies must be provided by the user, including:

- ice auger (with extension for deep ice conditions)
- scoop or strainer to clear the hole of ice chips
- bucket for ice chips and fish waste
- fishing tackle and bait
- garbage container
- firewood (12" lengths work best)
- stools or seats
- matches, lighters, paper fire starter
- first aid items
- flashlight or lantern

**ENJOY YOUR VISIT!**

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

- Do not leave bait, food, or garbage in the hut at the end of your visit. It might seem helpful to share with future hut users, but food (even in airtight containers) attracts bears and small animals. It doesn't take them long to seriously damage a hut. Please pack out everything you packed in.
- Do not leave cookware, sleeping pads, chairs, fishing gear, or other items in the hut at the end of your visit.
- Firewood is not readily available, so please bring your own. Smaller (2" X 6" X 12") pieces work best. In state parks, only **DOWN** trees may be cut for hut use. Firewood may not be removed from the premises or the recreation area.
- Keep the fire in the stove under control. Do not leave the damper open when you are not in the hut, as a fire could start and destroy the hut. Close all dampers completely at the end of your visit so the fire will go out. Stove operation instructions are posted on the wall.
- Please dispose of all water and ice chips outside the hut.
- Do not place garbage in or on the lake. Please pack it out.
- Please use the toilet on shore.
- Forward any comments you have to the State Parks office in Fairbanks. Please report any missing or damaged furnishings or other problems immediately.

**Check-out time is 12:00 midnight.**

**Refer to the hut location map on the back of this page.**

**Engaging in outdoor recreation on frozen waters in Alaska can be hazardous. The State does not certify the safety of the ice on Birch Lake. It is the users' responsibility to determine that ice and weather conditions are safe before venturing onto the surface of the lake.**

### YOUR HUT & LOCK COMBINATION:

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

**PLEASE LOCK THE DOOR WHEN YOU LEAVE**

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



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

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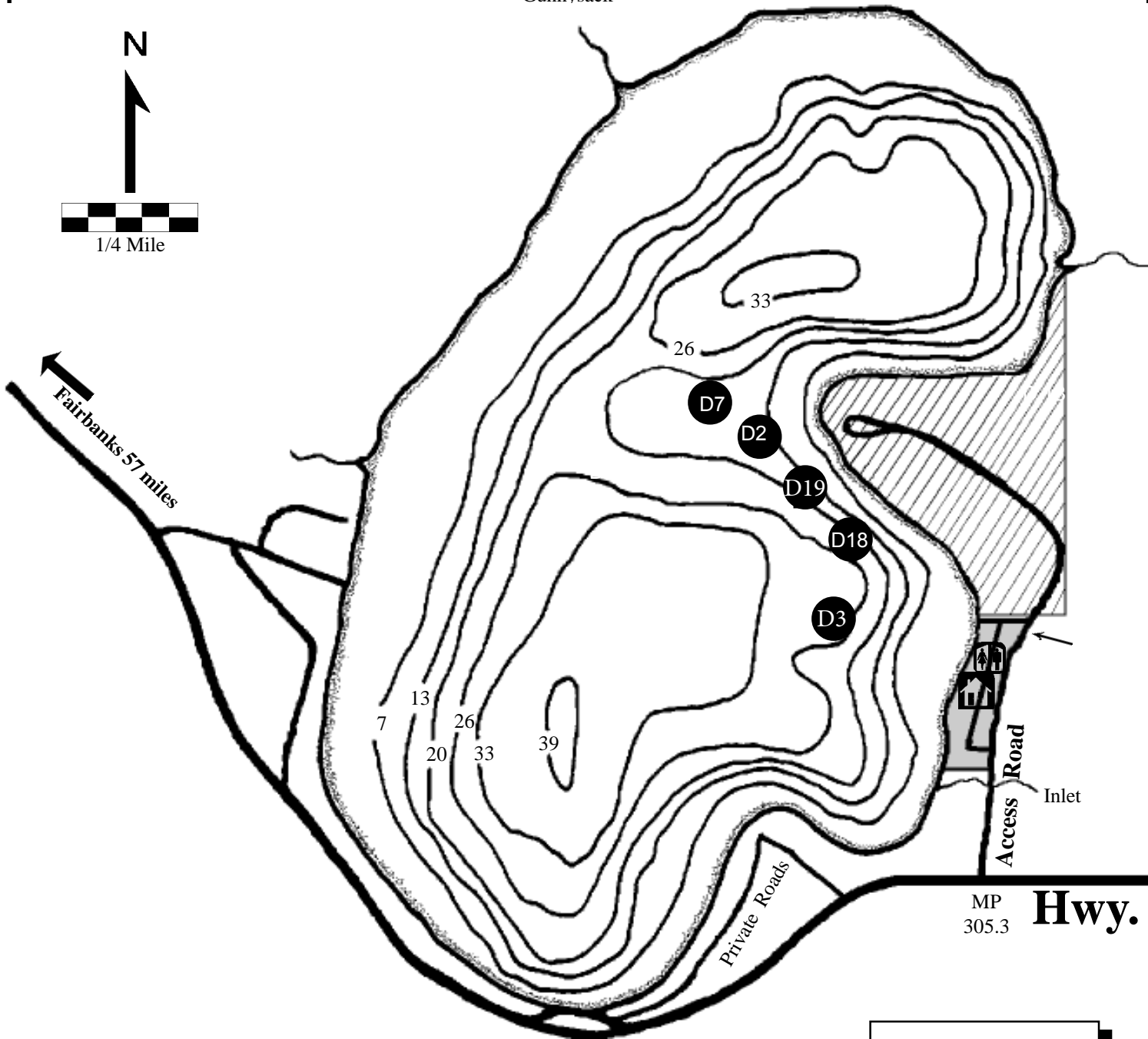
# Birch Lake Ice Fishing Huts

The turnoff to Birch Lake is located at Mile 305.3 Richardson Highway, approximately 59 miles southeast of Fairbanks. Watch for the sign "Birch Lake Military Recreation Site" on the highway.

Turn left and follow the access road 0.3 miles to the turnoff to the "State Boat Launch" to the left, and onto the lake.

The huts are brown plywood, and the numbers (D2 or D3) are painted on the buildings. The new ice huts D18, D19 are natural

Gunnysack



MP 305.3 Hwy.

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)

**Legend**

-  Ice Huts (Winter)
-  Toilet
-  Public Use Cabin