

Fact Sheet

Decision Point Cabin Decision Point State Marine Park Public Use Cabin



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The Department of Natural Resources Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation operates a public use cabin for nightly rental at the Decision Point State Marine Park 8 miles east of Whittier. Year round access to the cabin is by private boat, kayak, float plane, or commercial water taxi.

This 16' X 16' cabin is constructed of beetle-killed, milled spruce logs and has two full size bunk beds with a capacity to sleep eight people. A table, benches, counter and oil stove are furnished. The latrine is located just behind the cabin. The average temperatures in this area are 55° to 70° during the summer and spring. High humidity and a high average rainfall make for a wet environment. Bring appropriate clothing and come prepared for unpredictable changes in weather.

How do I get to the cabin?

Year round access to the cabin is by private boat, kayak, float plane, or commercial water taxi. If using a private boat or kayak, please use the caution necessary for coastal Alaskan waters with respect to tides, weather, currents, and your party's abilities and experience level. No mooring buoys are provided at Decision Point SMP. Anchoring is at your own risk. If pulling a kayak, inflatable or small skiff ashore, be sure to secure your boat to avoid losing it at high tide or surf conditions. Water taxi shuttle services are available in the Whittier harbor. Arrangements can be made with them for drop-offs and pickups at Decision Point SMP.

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How do I make reservations?

be made Reservations can 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. Reservation requests can also be mailed or faxed. Credit cards (MasterCard or Visa) are

accepted for payment when making reservations on line, mailing or faxing reservation requests or when paying in person at our Anchorage or Fairbanks offices. Reservations are not accepted over the phone. There is a \$10 service charge for changes or cancellations, which must be made 7 days in advance of the first night. A cabin credit less the \$10 service charge will be issued for reservations that are cancelled. A cabin credit is valid for one year from date of issue.

The cabin fee is \$65 per night peak and \$50 nonpeak and may be rented for 7 consecutive nights. The cabin sleeps eight people. Reservations run from noon to noon.

Can I pitch a tent by the cabin?

Three tent platforms are also located in Squirrel Cove and can be accessed from the cabin by a boardwalk trail. Each tent platforms can accommodate one tent and are available on a first come basis. A latrine, cooking area, and bear-proof locker is provided for food storage.

What happens if I need to change a date or cancel?

Dates or cabins may be changed one time only. Changes are subject to cabin availability and a \$10 service charge. Changes must be made 7 days in advance of your first night. Cancellations must also be done 7 days in advance. You will be issued a one-time cabin credit, less the \$5 service charge. This \$10 fee may be waived if the cancellation is due to circumstances beyond your control. The cabin credit is good for a year from date of issue and may be applied toward the rental of another cabin one time only. To receive your cabin credit, you must present your original reservation either in person or by mail.

What facilities will there be at the cabin?

The cabin has an oil heater and the user is responsible for bringing their own diesel #1 or kerosene. The cabin has two full size bunk spaces and sleeps up to 8 adults. A table, benches, counter and oil stove are furnished. There is no freshwater source near the cabin or tent platforms at Squirrel Cove.

May I bring my pet?

Yes. Pets must be under control at all times and you are responsible for cleaning up your pet's waste.

For further information contact:

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Cabin Map, Decision Point State Marine Park

