



Fact Sheet

Pillar Lake Public Use Cabin

Afognak Island State Park



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The Afognak Island State Park Pillar Lake public use cabin is located on the south shore of Pillar Lake, approximately twenty minutes by float plane from the city of Kodiak.

Visitors can hunt, fish, hike, or just enjoy the pristine environment. Alpine areas can be reached from the lake in one to two hours of hiking through a spruce forest that surrounds the lake shore and reaches to about 700 feet in elevation.

Dolly Varden and Rainbow Trout are present in Pillar Lake. A three-hour hike (recommended for experienced wilderness hikers only) to the lake directly south of Big Tonki Bay provides access to steelhead and salmon fishing.

Pillar Lake may freeze as early as the first of November. When making transportation arrangements, be sure the charter service can land on the Izhut Bay beach (behind the cabin), should it be necessary.

What is provided?

- Wood burning stove for heat
- Firewood must be split.
- Tools are provided.
- Cookware and eating utensils
- Five-gallon water bucket

Fresh water can be obtained from Pillar Lake, but requires rapid boiling for at least five minutes.

Accommodations:

The 12-ft. by 14-ft. cabin structure can accommodate a maximum of six people. The charge for use of the cabin is \$45 per night. Two bunk beds (each with a single on top and a double below).

Where can I make cabin reservations and what happens if I have to change the date or cancel?

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.

What should I bring?

- Lantern, Portable camp stove & fuel, Water bottle
- Toilet paper, Extra food, clothing and fuel (Weather conditions can prevent air taxis from flying as planned.)
- Sleeping bag, Sleeping pad, Towels, Full body raingear
- Gloves & hats, First Aid kit, Compass

Topographic map Afognak A-1

(To cover the entire park, also bring Afognak B-1, B-2, A-0 and B-0)

Optional items:

AM/FM radio for weather reports - Marine VHF radio or CB radio

Where can I get further information?

Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation

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