

Fact Sheet

Seymour Canal Oliver Inlet 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 northern tip of Seymour Canal on Admiralty Island, within Oliver Inlet State Marine Park. Year round access to the cabin is by floatplane or boat. The closest and most convenient landing area for floatplanes and anchorage for boats is Oliver Inlet.

Summer recreation opportunities include boating, canoeing, fishing, camping, hiking, bird watching, and other nature study. Seymour Canal has the greatest known concentration of nesting Bald Eagles in the world, averaging more than one nest per mile of coastline. Sitka Black-Tailed Deer, Harbor Seals, Whales, and Sea Lions utilize Seymour Canal throughout the year. Trumpeter Swans, Whistling Swans, and other migrating waterfowl stop at the island. Admiralty Island National Monument adjacent to Oliver Inlet State Marine Park is noted for having one of the largest Brown Bear populations in Southeast Alaska.

How do I get to the cabin?

Air charters are available to Oliver Inlet and then a half-mile walk across the tram with the assistance of a hand powered tramcar that enables you to carry personal gear and small watercraft across to Seymour Canal and the cabin.

Access by boat to Oliver Inlet is located approximately 19 miles south of Juneau on Admiralty Island and has a constricted entrance and rock reef which requires a tide of 10 feet at a minimum to motor across.

GPS 058° 05' 43.24"N, 134° 18' 46.11"W

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.

Can I pitch a tent by the cabin?

Yes. A single tent, associated with the cabin renting party may be placed nearby.

What facilities will there be at the cabin?

The cabin is rustic, with a table, chairs, wooden sleeping platforms, a kitchen counter, and an outhouse. There is an oil stove as the primary heat source with a very small emergency woodstove backup ("dura-flame" type logs can be used). Users need to provide their own oil. #1 fuel oil or kerosene is recommended and oil consumption averages 1 gallon per 24 hours. There is no electricity or running water. Water is available, but must be boiled or treated.

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.

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