



Fact Sheet

McAllister Creek, Kittiwake & Moraine Public Use Cabin



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The McAllister Creek, Moraine and Kittiwake Public Use Cabins are located within Shoup Bay State Marine Park on the north side of Port Valdez, approximately eight and one-half miles from Valdez. The McAllister Creek cabin is located at the out wash at the beach of McAllister Creek on the west side of the outer bay.

The Kittiwake and Moraine Public Use Cabins are located on the east side of the upper bay (inner lagoon). The trails to both the Kittiwake and Moraine Cabins are at the far southeast corner of the lagoon. This trail from the beach to the Kittiwake Cabin is wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair and is compacted gravel. Assistance from a boat to the cabin may be necessary for those who will be using wheelchairs. The Moraine Public Use Cabin is located in the lagoon area just west of the Kittiwake Public Use Cabin.

Access to Port Valdez salmon fishing, hiking and spectacular scenery and wildlife viewing are some of the recreational opportunities available within this marine park.

Cabin rental fee is \$70. The cabin can accommodate up to eight people with a stay limit of seven (7) nights. No person may enter, use or occupy a State Park Public Use Cabin without a paid, valid permit in their possession. Check-in/Check-out is 12:00 noon.

Accommodations:

The Kittiwake Cabin is fully wheelchair accessible upon reaching the boardwalk. Wheelchair-assisted access will be necessary from the beach landing to the boardwalk. Cabins have two sets of full size bunk beds with a capacity to sleep eight people, with the two lower bunks being accessible. A table, benches, and counter are furnished along with an **oil stove. Use Kerosene fuel! NO #2 diesel or gasoline.** Please follow lighting instructions in cabin.

The oil stoves in the cabins are used for heating purposes only and require Kerosene fuel. #1 Diesel fuel can also be used, but keep in mind that this may not be the kind of fuel found at gas stations. During summer months, #2 fuel is typically available at gas stations. To be safe it is recommend using Kerosene. Kerosene is typically sold in hardware stores. **Do not use #2 diesel or White Gas in the oil stove.** Fuel consumption will depend on weather conditions, but an average rate is 1.5 - 2.5 gallons per day

The closest fresh water source to the Moraine and Kittiwake Cabins is not accessible to all users. So bring enough fresh water for your stay if you are unable to access the stream. Uno Creek is located southeast of the cabin, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. Another seasonally active stream is located directly east of the cabin along a trail leading through a small canyon. At the McAllister Creek Cabin the fresh water source is McAllister Creek. **Please boil or treat water before drinking!**

Latrines are located almost directly behind each cabin. Plan on providing your own toilet paper should none be found at the latrine.

Access:

The cabins can be reached by private boat, floatplane, or commercial water taxi service. A primitive hiking trail leads from Valdez to the Moraine and Kittiwake cabins, but should only be attempted by those familiar with the route. The trail is for **summer use only** due to extreme avalanche danger in the winter months. The trail is approximately 11 miles in length with one ford at Uno Creek, approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the cabins. Anticipate water levels from ankle to knee deep depending on rainfall and season. Thick brush obscures sections of the trail. If using a private boat, please use the caution necessary for coastal Alaskan waters with respect to tides, weather, currents and your party's abilities and experience level. The waters of Valdez Arm and Port Valdez are generally choppy in afternoons and can become hazardous to small watercraft. No mooring buoy exists at Shoup Bay 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 to surf conditions. A shallow channel connects lower Shoup Bay to the upper bay and should be attempted by boaters only at higher tides. This channel will flow as a river during incoming and outgoing tides and may be congested with ice bergs.

Charter boat shuttle services are available in the Valdez Boat Harbor. Arrangements can be made with them for drop-offs and pick-ups at Shoup Bay SMP.

Reservations:

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.

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