



## Fact Sheet

# EKLUTNA LAKE CABIN (Yuditnu Creek Cabin)



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The Department of Natural Resources Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation operates a public use cabin for nightly rental on Eklutna Lake north of Anchorage. Access to the lake is at Mile 26 on the Glenn Highway. The cabin is located 3 miles up the Lakeside Trail at the mouth of Yuditnu Creek on Eklutna Lake.

During the summer months, access to the cabin is by foot, bicycle, horseback, boat (hand launch), or ATV's (ATV use is permitted Sunday through Wednesday).

Winter access is by skis or snowshoe. The use of snow vehicles is permitted once the director has determined there is sufficient snow coverage to protect the underlying vegetation.

**NOTE:** From December 1 to March 31, the use of ATV's is not allowed on the Lakeside Trail.

### ***How do I get to the cabin from the trailhead?***

The cabin is located approximately 3 miles from the trailhead via the Eklutna Lakeside Trail. After you pass the 2-mile post, watch for a small brown and white sign that says "Public Use Cabin" with an arrow pointing to the right (an old gravel pit will be in front of you and to your left). Follow this trail to the bridge over Yuditnu Creek. Cross the bridge, head up the hill and look for another sign that also says "Public Use Cabin" with an arrow pointing to the right. Follow this trail to a third sign with the same message. Turn right and follow the trail about 150 yards to the cabin. The cabin is located at the mouth of Yuditnu Creek on Eklutna Lake.

### ***What is the cost to rent the cabin?***

The fee is \$60 per night. The cabin may be rented for three (3) consecutive nights and/or one weekend per month.

### ***How many people may stay in the cabin?***

The cabin sleeps six comfortably, with a maximum of eight people (two people on the floor) allowed.

### ***May I exceed maximum capacity if the extra people camp in a tent outside the cabin?***

Tent camping is not allowed beside the cabin. However, tent camping is allowed on the nearby beach. If a tent is used in this area and is associated with the cabin renting party no more than eight people may be in the cabin at one time.

### ***Where can I make cabin reservations and what if I have to change or cancel?***

Reservations can be made on line at [www.alaskastateparks.org](http://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 time is check-in and check-out and my responsibilities?***

Cabin reservations are from noon to noon. Cabin renters are responsible for cleaning up after themselves. There are various tools located at the cabin, including saw, shovel, and brooms. Please pack out what you back in. Trash attracts animals and insects.

***What facilities will there be at the cabin?***

The cabin is small and rustic. The cabin is equipped with wooden sleeping/sitting platforms, a wood stove, and kitchen counter. There is no electricity or running water. The cabin site has a picnic table, fire pit with grill and a pit latrine nearby.

***Is firewood provided?***

No. Dead and down wood may be collected. Standing trees both alive and dead may not be cut. The best advise is to bring your own firewood.

***May I bring my pet?***

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

***For more information please contact:***

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