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Alaska State Parks Introduces Two New Cabins in Kodiak

(Anchorage, AK) – Alaska State Parks has two new public use cabins available in the Kodiak area. One newly-constructed cabin at Pasagshak River State Recreation Site, the Coho Cabin, is near the mouth of the Pasagshak River. The other, the Spruce Cabin recently renovated at Fort Abercrombie State Historical Park, is located near the Group Recreation Area. Another cabin at Fort Abercrombie State Historical Park, the Monashka Cabin, is currently under renovation and will be available later this year.

The Coho cabin was built by State Parks staff and volunteers using materials donated by Friends of Kodiak State Parks, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Alaska State Parks also received help from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (Sportfish Division) and Island Trails Network. The logs for this cabin are upcycled tongue and groove logs left over from a local construction project. All the interior cabin furniture, bunks, table, and counter were built with local windfall Sitka Spruce milled by Alaska State Parks staff with a chainsaw mill. Window and door trim includes local driftwood Western Red Cedar and Cottonwood. This cabin has excellent views of Pasagshak Bay and is just a short walk from some of the best fishing access in Kodiak. The Coho Cabin is a 12x16 log cabin with a covered porch, four sleeping platforms, a table, cooktop counter, and woodstove.

The Spruce and Monashka cabins have been renovated to serve as public use cabins when not needed by park volunteers. Friends of Kodiak State Parks donated materials to assist in the renovations. The cabins are well situated for hiking trails in the park.

“The most frequent complaint I’ve had the last two years is that folks couldn’t get a reservation at the Pasersaq Cabin out in Pasagshak,” **said Southwest Region Park Superintendent, Ben Shryock**. That cabin has been booked almost every day May-September, and every weekend and holiday the rest of the year. These new cabins should help out but may fill up fast so plan ahead to make a reservation.”

Public use cabins are in increasingly high demand by Alaskans and visitors, especially cabins with drive-up access like these. These cabins will expand outdoor recreation opportunities in Kodiak where wet weather sometimes makes tent camping a little less enjoyable.

The Coho and Spruce cabins are both available now to reserve at AlaskaStateParks.org for \$55 per night. More information about the cabins can be found at AlaskaStateParks.org → Public Use Cabins

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