

# README - USFS Ketchikan Ranger District

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**NOTAM:** The Ketchikan and Misty Fjords Ranger districts were merged by the USFS. We have now merged them here. So there is only a Group 1 USFS Ketchikan Ranger District ... all previous Misty Fjords cabins are now in this group. If you had downloaded the USFS Misty Fjords District Group 2, (rtmm-usfs-misty-fjords-cabins-jdl-v1.06.zip), you MUST DELETE this mod.

**WELCOME** to the newly “combined” USFS Ketchikan Ranger District Cabin Group 1. The Misty Fjords Ranger District cabins are now also in this group. So delete the Group 2 downloaded mod if you have it in your Community folder. There are 28 cabins in this group.

**Alava Bay Cabin - ALAV -** This is a rustic style 12' X 14' Pan Abode cabin with a wood-burning stove and sleeping space for 4 to 6 people. The cabin offers deck space and warm sunshine early in the morning (on clear days). Saltwater fishing and sightseeing are the main attractions in this area. Other opportunities exist for hiking, hunting, and beachcombing. A mooring buoy is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**Anchor Pass Cabin - ANCP -** This is a rustic style 12' X 14' Pan Abode cabin constructed in 1975. The cabin contains an oil-burning stove and sleeping space for 4 to 6 people. The front deck offers a spectacular view of the mountains on Revillagigedo Island. The area is noted for abundant saltwater fishing including halibut, salmon, and shrimp (Please note sportfishing restrictions on salmon fishing in areas close to the cabin). A mooring buoy is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**Bakewell Lake Cabin - BAKE -** This is a rustic style 12' X 14' Pan Abode cabin constructed in 1978. The cabin contains an oil-burning stove (use # 1 diesel fuel) and sleeping space for 4 to 6 people. This cabin is ideal for families with kids or anyone who enjoys lazy days on the beach. It has a nice white sand beach and lots of room to spread out. There is a trail from saltwater to the lake, but it does NOT lead all the way to the cabin. There is NO mooring buoy at the trailhead.

**Big Goat Lake Cabin - BGLC -** The Big Goat Cabin WAS a Forest Service public rental building originally constructed in 1964. The cabin is a Pan Abode style building made of dimensional lumber, precut interlocking cedar logs, and corrugated aluminum roofing. The door is off-center to the right. There is no window on the front elevation. A rectangular porch extends across the width of the building and is flush with the ground. A plank boardwalk trail leads off the front porch down to the lake. A second boardwalk trail leads behind the cabin and to the left, up a series of steps, to what used to be an outhouse that was built in 1983. The outhouse is now gone. A fire ring is in front of the cabin and a boat ramp is at the lake edge. The cabin is in an alpine lake setting, at 1,775 ft. in elevation. Its location is one of the most popular in Misty Fjords for authorized floatplane landing tours, where guided clients are often brought to the shoreline during the summer months.

**Blind Pass Cabin - BPUC** - This is a rustic style 12' x 14' Pan-Abode log cabin with sleeping space for 4 to 6 people. The cabin was constructed in 1975. Nestled in a sheltered cove, it is a great jumping-off spot for exploration of various bays and inlets in the northern Behm Canal area. The area is noted for salmon, halibut, red snapper, and shrimp. A freshwater lake with trout is located about 1/2 mile upstream from the cabin. There is no trail to the lake. A mooring buoy is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**Checats Lake Cabin - CCAT** - This is a rustic style 12' X 12' Pan Abode cabin with sleeping space for 4 to 6 people. The cabin sits on a little knoll at the outlet of the lake, so stream and lake fishing is abundant. The land formations and the location of the cabin provide many scenic and wildlife photo opportunities.

**Ella Narrows Cabin - ELLA** - This is a rustic style 12' X 14' Pan Abode cabin that was constructed in 1966. This cabin provides a great opportunity for fishing, hiking, and exploring around Ella Lake.

**Fish Creek Cabin - FSRK** - This is a rustic style 12' x 14' Pan-Abode log cabin that was constructed in 1978. The cabin is located where Fish Creek cascades into Thorne Arm. The creek supports salmon runs as well as resident trout and Dolly Varden. Two trails are accessible from the cabin site: Low Lake Trail and Gokachin Lake Trail. Please note that neither trail receives regular maintenance.

**Heckman Lake Cabin - HECK - (Dock 3)** - This is a rustic style 12' x 14' Pan-Abode log cabin that was constructed in 1967. It is located near the outlet of Heckman Lake at the terminus of the six-mile Naha National Recreational Trail that winds along the Naha River through the old-growth rainforest of spruce and hemlock

**Heckman Lake SE Cabin - HECK - (Dock 1)** - This is a 2-room 16'x22' Pan-Abode log cabin that was constructed in 1997. This is a barrier-free facility from the dock to the cabin. The cabin is one of two Forest Service cabins on Heckman Lake and offers great scenery and solitude. This cabin is not accessible by the Naha River trail, though the trail can be paddled to with the skiff that is present at the cabin.

**Heckman Lake Hatchery - HECK - (Dock 2)** - This is an actual hatchery that is located on the lake, it is not part of the USFS system, but we thought we would add it for your pleasure and because it actually exists on this lake.

**Helm Bay Cabin - HBUC** - This is a 16' x 20' three-room Pan-Abode log cabin that was constructed in 1978. This cabin is located in the old-growth Sitka spruce and western hemlock rainforest and is adjacent to a large saltwater tide flat. The area is especially noted for crab, salmon, halibut, and red snapper.

**Helm Creek Cabin - HCUC** - This is a rustic style 12' x 14' log cabin that was built in 1985. This cabin faces to the northwest with a good view toward the head of Helm Bay. It is adjacent to a large

saltwater tidal flat at the outlet of Helm Creek. The Helm Bay area is noted for crab, salmon, halibut, and red snapper.

**Hugh Smith Cabin - HSLC** - This is a rustic style 12' X 14' Pan Abode cabin that was constructed in 1965. The cabin is located on a peninsula extending into the lake. There is an abandoned cannery site at the east end of the lake, and trail to saltwater. There is also a working fish weir, and a cabin used by Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the west end.

**Humpback Lake Cabin - HBK** - This is a rustic style 12' X 14' Pan Abode cabin that was constructed in 1979. This cabin features spectacular views of high alpine peaks with sheer granite walls. A commercial lodge is located at the southeast end of the lake. From the cabin, you can row to the Humpback Lake trailhead and enjoy a hike to saltwater.

**Jordan Lake Cabin - JORD** - This is a rustic style 12' x 12' Pan-Abode log cabin that was constructed in 1965. The cabin is accessed by the Naha Trail which winds along the Naha River through the old-growth rainforest of spruce and hemlock.

**Manzanita Lake Cabin - MZLC** - Manzanita Lake Cabin is located on the scenic northwest arm of Manzanita Lake approximately 28 miles northeast of Ketchikan on Revillagigedo Island. The cabin offers recreational and wildlife viewing opportunities and makes an excellent base for experiencing this corner of Alaska. Constructed in 1973, the 12x14-ft. pan-abode style cabin can accommodate 6 people with 2 single bunks and 2 double bunks. Other amenities include a table with benches, a cooking counter, food storage, a broom, and an oil stove for heat. An outhouse is located nearby.

The cabin is located about 100 yards from the lakeshore beside a spectacular series of cascading waterfalls. Visitors can also enjoy views of steep granite walls and snow-capped peaks. The cabin is surrounded by large old-growth spruce, hemlock, and cedar.

The Misty Fjords Monument Wilderness supports a diverse variety of wildlife. Mountain goats, bears, deer, moose and bald eagles make their home here. Many species of birds may be seen in or around the lake, and visitors may catch a glimpse of beavers in the area.

**McDonald Lake Cabin and Observatory - MCD1** - This is a rustic style 12' x 14' Pan-Abode log cabin that was constructed in 1967. There is trail access to Wolverine Creek and a 1930's Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) 3-sided shelter. There are steelhead and salmon runs up Wolverine Creek with resident trout and dolly Varden throughout the lake.

This location also has a bear observatory. The path leading from the dock area splits going up to the cabin. If you take the left fork, it takes you to a bear observatory where you can watch the bears foraging for food nearby.

**Patching Lake Cabin - PTCH** - This is a rustic style 12' x 14' Pan-Abode log cabin that was constructed in 1975. The cabin is located on a beautiful site where the Naha River flows from Chamberlain Lake into Patching Lake. This is an area of old-growth cedar, Sitka spruce, and the western hemlock rainforest. There are resident cutthroat trout in Patching and Chamberlain Lakes.

There is no trail to Chamberlain Lake. Beautifully situated on a creek coming from another lake behind the cabin area.

**Phocena Bay Cabin - PHOC** - This is a rustic style 12' x 14' Pan-Abode log cabin that was originally constructed in 1973 and moved to its current location in 1985. There is a spectacular view of Chapin Peak and the Puppet Mountains from the cabin deck and relatively easy hiking in the area to explore nearby tide pools and forests. There is also the opportunity to see humpback and killer whales in Clarence Strait.

**Plenty Cutthroat Cabin - PLEN** - This is a rustic style 12' x 12' Pan-Abode log cabin that was constructed in 1964. A trail from the cabin climbs through old-growth rainforest then down to saltwater. There is a trail junction that leads to the lake outlet and a trail spur that leads to an overlook that views one of the two waterfalls spilling out of Orchard Lake. You will land near a dock area, there is a rustic trail that leads up to a rustic cabin about a mile into the forest.

**Reflection Lake Cabin - RLC2** - This is a rustic style 12' X 14' Pan Abode log cabin that was constructed in 1967. This cabin has a spectacular view of the rugged mountains directly across the lake with clinging ice fields visible through much of the season. There is a trail starting from the cabin and ending in Short Bay. Fishing includes steelhead and salmon runs in Short Creek, with resident dolly Varden and trout in the lake.

**Punchbowl Lake Shelter - PNCH** - This three-sided shelter is located at the end of the Punchbowl Lake trail. This area supports a variety of birds and wildlife and offers some of the most spectacular scenery in Misty Fiords. Steep granite cliffs, glacially carved valleys and dense rainforests make this a beautiful and popular destination. Punchbowl Cove is located near the mouth of Rudyerd Bay, which branches east off the Behm Canal in Misty Fiords National Monument. Access is by boat or floatplane. There is also a mooring buoy located in Punchbowl Cove.

**Wilson Narrows Cabin - WLSN** - This is a rustic style 12' X 14' Pan Abode cabin that was constructed in 1964. The cabin lies on the south end of a long glacially carved lake. You can enjoy fishing at the outlet of the lake where there is an abundant population of cutthroat, Dolly Varden, and kokanee.

**Wilson View Cabin - WLVW** - This is a rustic style 12' X 14' Pan Abode log cabin that was constructed in 1977. This cabin lies on the north end of this long and narrow glacially carved lake. While you explore the lake you can enjoy the rugged terrain looming overhead. Wildlife viewing and fishing are popular activities in this area, so bring your fishing pole and camera and enjoy a relaxing day on the lake.

**Winstanley Island Cabin - WSIC** - This is a rustic style 12' X 14' cabin that was constructed in 2010. There are a number of scenic attractions within easy boating distance; Rudyerd Bay, Walker Cove, Chickamin River, Smeaton bay, and the entire east Behm Canal. There are several trails to freshwater streams and lakes and hunting areas.

**Winstanley Lake Cabin - WSLC** - This historic shelter was constructed in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). This shelter is accessed by the Winstanley Lakes trail

and provides users with a skiff to use on Winstanley lake. A reservable Forest Service cabin is located on the northeast shore of the lake that can be accessed using the skiff. Please return the skiff to the trailhead after use. The shelter is approximately 33 air miles northeast of Ketchikan on the mainland east of Winstanley Island, elev. 400'. Accessible by floatplane or by trail from saltwater (skiff provided at end of the trail; please return it to the trail after use). A mooring buoy is provided on a first come first serve basis. Refer To: USGS Ketchikan B3

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