

USFS Craig Ranger District Cabins - Group USFS4

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WELCOME to the Craig Ranger District Cabins readme. Here we will tell you about each of the cabins in this group and give you tips on finding things and what to look for.

Honker Lake - HONK - A Pan Abode cedar log cabin (12' x 12') providing shelter along the Honker Divide Canoe Route. Located on the shore of Honker Lake, the cabin sits amidst gently rolling hills in old-growth spruce, hemlock, and cedar forest. The understory is dense with huckleberry and salmonberry bushes. Abundant wildlife viewing with waterfowl, especially Canada geese, Sitka black-tailed deer, black bear, and wolves. Good fishing for cutthroat, rainbow, Dolly Varden; some coho and sockeye salmon. Scenic paddling in the lake and along the Honker Divide Canoe Route. Hike extensively along the lake's edge. This cabin is new in this update, it was built from scratch.

Kegan Cove - KCUC - 16'X18' yellow cedar/Sitka spruce. Original cabin design by Wood Cuts, Inc. of Thorne Bay, AK. Cabin constructed on-site by SAGA volunteer crew 2010. Cabin in protected cove in Moira Sound. Ocean fishing, stream fishing, viewing scenery and wildlife, beachcombing. Salmon runs draw anglers, black bear to Kegan Creek. The ½-mile trail along the creek connects Kegan Cove to the cabin on Kegan Creek and to Kegan Lake. Watch fish or try to catch salmon, steelhead, trout from the trail. Bears, eagles, gulls, and a variety of other birds frequent areas. Cabin sleeps up to 6, wood stove (wood sometimes provided), outhouse

NOTAM: Kegan Cove and Kegan Creek are very close. Both "airports" are in Kegan Cove. To get to Kegan Creek, you have to taxi up the water way leaving from the left of the dock (when facing it).

Kegan Creek - KECC - Pan Abode cedar log cabin (12'x12') on Kegan Creek near the outlet of Kegan Lake. Salmon runs draw anglers, black bear to the creek. The ½-mile trail along the creek connects the cabin to Kegan Cove and to Kegan Lake. Watch fish or try to catch salmon, steelhead, trout from the trail. Bears, eagles, gulls and a variety of other birds frequent areas. The cabin sleeps up to 6 has a wood stove for heat, (please bring firewood or biobricks for the wood stove as firewood is not guaranteed), outhouse, rowboat.

Point Armagura - PTAM - 15' x 17' metal-roofed full loft cabin located on the tip of San Fernando Island with a scenic view of the ocean and great wildlife viewing. Excellent fishing for halibut, bottom fish, pink, chum, silver, and king salmon. Good hunting, beachcombing. A good place to wait out the weather. Cabin sleeps up to 6 with one bunk and a loft that sleeps 4, wood stove (wood sometimes provided), ax, maul, wedges, outhouse. Bring your own water (none available near cabin), sleeping bags, sleeping pads, cooking stove, lantern, pots, pans, plates, utensils, food, toilet paper, garbage bags, fire starter. Wood is not guaranteed.

Polk Camp - (and Polk Camp Dock) - POL1 - Polk Camp is a three-bedroom cabin located in Polk Inlet on Prince of Wales Island in southeastern Alaska. This camp once served as housing for U.S. Forest Service timber staff. There are plenty of places to view wildlife in the area, including an estuary just south of the cabin. Anglers will find that Dog Salmon Creek has an excellent run of sockeye, coho, chum and pink salmon, trout, and Dolly Varden. Dungeness crab abound. Hunters can take advantage of the long seasons; bear season occurs during spring and fall, and deer season is open from late summer through late fall. All-terrain vehicle enthusiasts will love the numerous ATV trails surrounding the cabin (get a map from Craig or Thorne Bay Ranger District). Polk Camp has a large kitchen with a full-size propane oven/stove, running water (see note below), plenty of counter space, and a full bathroom with a shower and toilet. Wood may be available but cannot be guaranteed. Be prepared to cut your own. Bring your own sleeping bags, pads, dishes, cleaning products, paper products, and firestarter.

Three Miles south along the coast, you will find Polk Camp Dock. A roadway connects the dock area to the cabin site. The dock area is "Dock #2" for the POL1 Airport. The Cabin site is "Dock #1".

Salmon Lake - SALC - This is the "Karta" Salmon Lake Cabin, there is also one near Sitka. 5' x 20' historic single-story, single room structure with a gabled roof, built entirely of cedar on the shore of Salmon Lake in the Karta Wilderness. Hand-hewn beams, wooden door hinges, and shake floor combine to make a uniquely attractive wilderness cabin. Surrounded by cedar trees with sandy beach in front. Good fishing: cutthroat, rainbow, Dolly Varden; pink, silver, sockeye salmon. Swimming, beach activities during warmer summer months. 5-mile (8 km) trail to Karta Bay. Hiking to McGilvery Creek and/or Anderson Creek (good fishing streams) is possible, but there are no developed trails. Cabin sleeps up to 4, wood stove (wood sometimes provided), ax, maul, splitting wedges, rowboat, outhouse. Bring your own sleeping bags, sleeping pads, cooking stove, lantern, pots, pans, plates, utensils, food, toilet paper, garbage bags, and fire starter. It's a good idea to bring your own water.

Sarker Lake - SARK - 12' x 12' Pan-Abode pre-cut cedar log cabin with large covered porch hidden in the forest on Sarkar Lake. Surrounding scenery characteristic of the temperate rain forest. Old-growth forest towers over muskegs, lakes, and streams. The area has a rich cultural history of Native American settlements, fox farming, extensive trapping. Sarkar Canoe Route begins on Sarkar Lake, goes 15 miles (24 km) into the backcountry with several portages connecting 7 lakes with high-quality fishing. Trumpeter swans in fall and spring. Large parking area, boat ramp, and toilet at the trailhead. Skiffs are provided for cabin users, one at the boat ramp and one at the cabin. Take care when boating, numerous rocks in the lake. Good marine chart recommended. Cabin sleeps up to 6, wood stove, outhouse, rowboat. Bring your own personal flotation devices, sleeping bags, sleeping pads, cooking stove, lantern, pots, pans, plates, utensils, food, toilet paper, garbage bags, and firestarter. It's a good idea to bring your own water. Wood is not provided regularly at this site. Come prepared to provide your

own (do not cut down trees near the cabin). Compressed fire bricks are available for purchase at several locations on Price of Wales; call Craig Ranger District for more information. The Sarkar area on Prince of Wales Island now has something for everyone; a day-use site, a cozy cabin, and a canoe route. In 2015, road paving was completed and so was the Sarkar Recreation Area day-use site. The site boasts a large covered pavilion, new outhouse, expanded parking, ramp to the lake's edge for easier access, and a fire ring with outdoor seating (wood not provided).

Shiple Bay - SPC0 - 12' x 14' Pan Abode pre-cut cedar log cabin with covered porch on the shore of Shiple Bay offering excellent mountain views and wildlife watching. Mount Francis (picturesque 2,592-foot limestone peak) is visible from the cabin. The cabin sits on a low bluff between bay and creek. Large rocky beach in front of the cabin, large grassy tidal flat in back where Shiple Creek meets the ocean. A rugged 0.8-mile natural-tread trail connects to Shiple Lake. Can continue hiking lower elevation route to Devilfish Bay (no designated trail). Good maps and orienteering skills are essential. Stream and lake support cutthroat, rainbow, Dolly Varden, steelhead, three species of salmon. Black bears, bald eagles, shorebirds are abundant. Cabin sleeps up to 6, tiny wood stove which accommodates BioBricks (usually readily available from local retailers). Bring your own BioBlocks, water, sleeping bags, sleeping pads, cooking stove, lantern, pots, pans, plates, utensils, food, toilet paper, garbage bags, and fire starter.

Staney Creek - STNY - 12' x 12' Pan Abode log cabin with covered porch located on the mouth of Staney Creek and a large estuary. Huge old-growth spruce, hemlock, cedar; large tidal meadow of tall grass at the mouth of the creek. Cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, Dolly Varden, 4 species of salmon. Ducks, geese along Staney Creek, and tidal flats. Bald eagles, gulls, and other shorebirds in the tidal zone. Black bear, Sitka black-tailed deer. Half-mile hike to cabin from the parking area on boardwalk. The cabin sleeps up to 6. Oil stove (bring your own #1 diesel/fuel oil), outhouse. Bring your own Sleeping bags, sleeping pads, cooking stove, lantern, pots, pans, plates, utensils, food, toilet paper, garbage bags, and fire starter. It's a good idea to bring your own water.

Sweetwater Lake - SLFS - 12' x 14' Pan Abode log cabin with covered porch on the edge of lake Sweetwater with large gravelly beach, surrounded by old-growth spruce, hemlock, and cedar forest. Good fishing for rainbow trout, cutthroat trout, Dolly Varden as well as coho, sockeye, and pink salmon. Migratory waterfowl in fall. Sitka black-tailed deer, black bear, marten, mink, otter, beaver common. Seals were often seen in lakes. Cabin sleeps up to 6, wood stove (wood sometimes provided), outhouse, rowboat. Bring your own stove fuel (#1 diesel, uses 0.2 gal/hour at highest setting), Personal flotation devices, sleeping bags, sleeping pads, cooking stove, lantern, pots, pans, plates, utensils, food, toilet paper, garbage bags, and fire starter. It's a good idea to bring your own water. Please take your fuel container with you when you leave. The Forest Service suggests that you not use the water from these streams for drinking water due to low PH and metal concentrations.

Trollers Cove - TROL - 14' x 14' Pan Abode cedar log cabin with small covered porch on scenic shore. Bottom fishing, salmon trolling off 20 Fathom Bank. Cove used as an

anchorage by commercial, pleasure boats. Numerous small lakes in the hills behind the cabin. Waterfalls in nearby coves. Bear, deer hunting. Spiral Cove (north) is known for its scenery. Cabin sleeps up to 4, wood stove (wood sometimes provided), outhouse, mooring buoy. Bring your own Sleeping bags, sleeping pads, cooking stove, lantern, pots, pans, plates, utensils, food, toilet paper, garbage bags, and fire starter. It's a good idea to bring your own water.

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