

Sitka Ranger District Cabins

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WELCOME to the Sitka Ranger District cabins group. There are 33 cabins in this group mostly located on and around Baranof Island (Sitka Area).

Allan Point Cabin - ALLP - #1 - Rustic 20' x 20' two-story Pan Abode style cabin; main level includes single-wide bunk, table, benches, cooking counter, oil stove, 2 entrances (front and back), large front deck. A stairway leads to the second level with an open sleeping loft of two double-wide bunks and outside balconies to the front and back. We actually had a specific "Allan Point Cabin" object. So the objects placed for this are exactly what the cabin looks like. I had to do a little flattening around the edges of the bay to knock down the cliffs to sea level. Added some vegetation along some of the shorelines.

Allan Point Mooring Buoy - #2 - Located near Allan Point Cabin; available on a first-come, first-served basis for boat anchorage. Cabin reservation does not include exclusive use of this mooring buoy. The buoy, according to Google Earth, Little NavMap and the USFS Cabins pages place the buoy on land in the center of the peninsula. We left this one out for that reason.

Appleton Cove Cabin - APPL - #3 - Rustic 16' x 24' Pan Abode style cabin; 3 single wide bunks; 1 double-wide bunk; table and benches; cooking counter; oil stove; capacity 5 persons. Pretty cabin on a little cove. Light landscaping, mostly open around the cabin. The Cabin object was showing in FS2020, so the placement is exact. Had to remove water from the area where the cabin is located. Made a "beach" with the apron tool.

Appleton Cove Mooring Buoy #4 - Located near Appleton Cove Cabin; available on a first-come, first-served basis for boat anchorage. Cabin reservation does not include exclusive use of this mooring buoy. Unfortunately, this buoy also was on the land according to the GPS coordinates. So this one was also skipped.

Avoss Lake Cabin - AVOS - #5 - Rustic 16' x 16' a-frame style cabin with sleeping loft; plywood bunks; table with benches; oil stove; cooking counter; skiff with oars; capacity 8 persons. Very picturesque lake, with high mountains around it. A nice beach on the lake. I added water to the beach, put in a “shoreline” of rocks/mud, added vegetation down the west side of the lake, and added a flatten/land on the east side of the lake.

Baranof Lake Cabin - BARAA - #6 - Rustic 12' x 14' Pan Abode style cabin; 4 plywood bunks; table and benches; wood stove. Capacity 6 persons. Located on east side of Baranof Island, 20 air miles east of Sitka. Flying time can double if low clouds persist and plane has to go around Baranof Island to reach this cabin instead of flying over the island. A small flatten was made where the cabin is, added a rocky shoreline and some vegetation.

Brent's Beach Cabin - BREC - #7 - Rustic 12' x 14' Pan Abode style cabin; 4 plywood bunks; table and benches; wood stove. Capacity 6 persons. Mooring buoy for anchorage. The whole beach was underwater, uncovered it. Put a few trees along the shoreline to “define” the edge.

Davidof Lake Cabin - DLUC - #8 - Rustic 16' x 16' a-frame style cabin with sleeping loft reached by a vertical ladder; plywood bunks; table and benches; woodstove; cooking counter; skiff with oars. Capacity 8. I used a water-exclude polygon to uncover the beach area. Added vegetation around the lake where needed. There was a white “ghost” image on Little Navmap for the cabin, so it is in the exact position.

Fred's Creek Cabin - FRED - #9 - Rustic 15' x 18' Pan Abode style cabin with full sleeping loft reached by a staircase; plywood bunks; table and benches; woodstove; cooking counter; deck in front of the cabin; capacity 8 persons. Mooring buoy for anchorage. A lot of water is excluded around the shoreline to reveal it. Vegetation added. There is no close approach to the cabin so I put in a pathway to the shoreline. (If you are careful, you can put the gear down and taxi up the path the cabin.)

Fred's Creek Cabin Buoy - #10 - Once again the latitude and longitude put the placement on the land. So we are skipping this one. I am putting a red buoy out in front of most of these cabins so you can find them better from the air.

Goulding Lake Cabin - GOUC - #11 - A rustic 16' x 16' A-frame cabin with sleeping loft reached by a vertical ladder; plywood bunks, table with benches; woodstove; cooking counter; capacity 8 persons. A boat is not provided at Goulding Lake Cabin. This was a tricky site, the cabin had to be raised, it is supposedly at 200 feet altitude. I could not make that happen. A lot of water exclusion and terraforming working on the front bank.

Kanga Bay Cabin - KBUC - #12 - This is a rustic 15' x 17' Pan Abode style cabin with a sleeping loft reached by a staircase; small deck in front; mooring buoy for anchorage. Capacity 6 persons. There is a marker buoy offshore, but this one is tucked into a little cove on the peninsula, it will be difficult to see. Excluded some water and added some vegetation.

Kanga Bay Cabin Bouy - #13 - Again, the location was on land. So this one was skipped. People could always use the marker buoy for the cabin as an anchorage.

Kook Lake Cabin - KOOK - #14 - This is a rustic 16' x 16' a-frame cabin with a sleeping loft reached by a vertical ladder. There is a skiff with oars; capacity of 8 persons. The entire lake was grass. I had to build the lake and some of the shorelines around it.

Lake Eva Cabin - LKEV - #15 - Rustic 12' x 14' Pan Abode style cabin with barrier-free access features; oil stove, capacity 6 persons. We made this "barrier-free" with a nice dock (actually present) and put chairs and the picnic table in the dock area for relaxation. There is a pedal boat for exercise. There was no lake here, that was created along with much of the nearby surrounding terrain and vegetation.

Moser Island Cabin - MIUC - #16 - Rustic 12' x 14' Pan Abode style cabin with plywood bunks, table, and benches; woodstove; cooking counter; mooring buoy for anchorage. Capacity 6 persons. I excluded some water to create the little cove the cabin is on. A buoy was placed about a mile out so people could find this cabin.

Moser Island Cabin Mooring - #17 - This was skipped.

Mud Bay Mooring Point - #18 - This was skipped

North Beach Cabin - NBUC - #19 - A rustic 16' x 16' a-frame cabin with sleeping loft reached by a vertical ladder; oil stove, uniquely ATV accessible; capacity 8 persons. There was a cabin object placed by FS2020 so this cabin location is exact. On a little rise above the beach. I built a path down to the waters' edge and put a bench and a boat there so people could find the cabin. It is not visible from the beach. There is a red buoy marking it just offshore.

Piper Island Cabin - PIPR - #20 - A rustic 16' x 16' modified a-frame cabin with large skylight over the dining area, and open sleeping loft with railing, reached by a vertical ladder; oil stove; capacity 7 persons; mooring buoy for anchorage.

Plotnikof Lake Cabin - PLOT - #21 - This cabin is located within the South Baranof Wilderness Area, access by helicopter is illegal. Cabin lies about 100 feet from the northern end of the narrow, 4-mile- (6.4-km) long Plotnikof Lake at the edge of an old-growth stand of large spruce and hemlock, surrounded by thick brush. That description is how I placed the cabin. The maps show it about 3 miles inland. I had to exclude some water around the edges of the lake to expose the sand beaches and add vegetation.

Salmon Lake Cabin - SAM2 - #22 - A rustic 15' x 17' Pan Abode style cabin with small deck in front; plywood bunks; table and benches; woodstove; skiff with oars. Capacity 6 persons. There is also a mooring buoy near the cabin out in the lake. Some terraforming had to be done around the edges of the lake, it was all cliffs.

Samsing Cove Cabin - SMCV - #23 - Large rustic 14' x 30' log cabin with sleeping loft reached by a stairway; plywood bunks on the main level and in the loft; tables and benches, cooking counter; oil stove; mooring buoy for anchorage; capacity 15 persons. Located on Baranof Island 5.5 miles south of Sitka and just east of Cape Baranof; 20-minute boat ride from Sitka. The shoreline was very tricky on this one and took a lot of time. All of the islands around here had to have water removed to expose their shorelines. This one will be difficult to find. If you land on the runway, there is a red buoy telling you which cove to go into, then another red buoy to your left as you approach another cove, the cabin is in that direction.

Samsing Lake Cabin Buoy - #24 - Skipped

Seven Fathom Cabin - SFBC - #25 - This is a rustic 16' x 16' a-frame cabin with a sleeping loft reached by a vertical ladder; plywood bunk; table and benches; woodstove; capacity 8 persons. Mooring buoy for anchorage. Located on Baranof Island west of Crawfish Inlet 22 miles southeast of Sitka; access to South Baranof Wilderness Area is 5 minutes by boat. 1.5 hr boat ride from Sitka. Had to delete water around some edges, then added water back in the correct places. Added a water apron and defined the water area near the cabin. You can put the gear down and taxi up to the cabin. If you go up the creek, leave your amphib wheels down.

Seven Fathom Bay Mooring Ball - #26 - Skipped

Shelikof Cabin - SHEL - #27 - This is a rustic 16' x 16' a-frame cabin with a tip out for dining area and sleeping loft reached by a vertical ladder; plywood bunk; table and benches; woodstove; capacity 8 persons. Located on the west coast of Kruzof Island 20 miles from Sitka; Helicopter or wheel plane landing on the beach at lower tides or 45-minute boat ride from Sitka to Mud Bay on the east coast of Kruzof Island and 6-mile (11-km) hike across the island on Kruzof Island road 317590 to T at Iris Meadows, cross the footbridge to the left to access Shelikof Trail to the cabin. Flattened the cliffs around the area, raised the cabin a little, made a rocky shoreline.

Silver Bay Mooring Buoy - #28- Skipped

Sitkoh Lake East Cabin - KOHE - #29 - A rustic 12' x 14' Pan Abode style cabin with plywood bunks; table and benches; woodstove; skiff with oars; Capacity 6 persons. This is one of two public recreation cabins located on Sitkoh Lake. A skiff with oars. Located on southeastern Chichagof Island 35 miles northeast of Sitka or 30 minutes by floatplane or 3-4 hours by boat to Sitkoh Bay plus a 4.3-mile hike from Sitkoh Bay to the cabin. There was no lake at this location for this cabin or the next one (West). The lake was created along with an edge flatten to make it work.

Sitkoh Lake West Cabin - KOHW - #30 - Sitkoh Lake West Cabin is a rustic 12' x 14' Pan Abode style cabin with plywood bunks; table and benches; woodstove; skiff with oars; Capacity 6 persons. This is one of two public recreation cabins located on Sitkoh Lake. A skiff with oars. Capacity 6 persons. Located on southeastern Chichagof Island 35 miles (56km) northeast of Sitka on the northwest shore of Sitkoh Lake; 30-minute flight from Sitka by floatplane or by hiking from Peril Straits to road trail 317544-Ocean Boulevard which passes within 1/4 mile (400 m) of the cabin. All of the lake terraforming was done in the Sitkoh Lake East source files. So any changes in the whole lake come from those. Changes to the cabin area water-wise come from the source files for this location.

Starrigavan Lake Cabin - STAR - #31 - Rustic 16' x 20' log cabin with main level fully accessible; sleeping loft accessed by a staircase; plywood bunks; table and benches; woodstove; drive-up parking; maximum capacity 8 persons; only one ADA accessible bunk on the main level. Located on Baranof Island 7 miles north of Sitka; a 15-minute drive on Halibut Point Road between Sitka and Starrigavan Recreation Area. Cabin located in campsite 6 within camping area of Starrigavan Recreation Area.

This one is a “simmers” disappointment. There is NO place to land unless you try for the small lake/recreation area field. The cabin is “there” but it is in a heavily wooded, inaccessible area (by aircraft).

Suloia Lake Cabin - SULO - #32 - A rustic 12' x 14' Pan Abode style cabin with plywood bunks; table and benches; woodstove; skiff with oars; capacity 6 persons. Located on the southern tip of Chichagof Island 30 miles (48 km) northwest of Sitka on the western shore of Suloia Lake and within the West Chichagof-Yakobi Wilderness Area. 20-minute floatplane flight from Sitka. The lake had to be added, it was dry land. The cabin location was easy to find from the maps.

White Sulphur Springs Cabin - WSSC - #33 - A rustic 12' x 14' Pan Abode style cabin with plywood bunks; table and benches; woodstove; capacity 4 persons. Newly built-in 2012. The White Sulphur Springs bathhouse has been re-opened for public use. Temporary stabilization has been completed on the building making it safe for use during the next 3-5 years. Located on the west coast of Chichagof Island on the northern shore of Bertha Bay 65 miles (105km) northwest of Sitka within the West Chichagof-Yakobi Wilderness Area; Boat anchorage is possible in Mirror Harbor; local knowledge is recommended before trying to do so. 0.9 mile (1½ km) White Sulphur Springs Trail begins at Mirror Harbor and leads to the cabin. Trail fairly level parallels Bertha Bay. Anchorage is also possible in Porcupine Bay, requiring a skiff ride to the cabin.

You must park on the bayside. There is a trail that leads to the cabin that is located in a clearing.

Summary - An obviously large group of cabins in the Sitka Area. Most are water-accessible. I left out the mooring buoys as they were mislocated. All cabins have a red marker buoy to help you find them. We hope you enjoy the Sitka Ranger Group of USFS Cabins.

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