

# The RTMM USFS Cabins Project

## THE USFS CABINS- The Ketchikan Ranger District – Group USFS1



**Welcome** to the RTMM USFS Cabins Project. Something special all of us enjoyed in the days of FSX and P3D, Tongass X and Pacific Fjords, were the little USFS cabins that Holger Sandmann and Bill Womack put into the scenery packages. This made bush flying in the RTMM area as real as possible. When you visit Ketchikan, AK, you will be amazed at the number of float planes taking off and landing on the Narrows. Most of these are flight-seeing tours for the Misty Fjords National Park, but many of them are also ferrying renters out to the USFS (United States Forest Service) cabins that are scattered over the expanse. There are nearly 400 of them! Finding the cabins in the great national forests of the area became a challenge for bush simmers. They are so tiny compared to the vastness of the area, you have to know where they are or you will never see them. But then to find one and land on the water nearby and taxi up to it ... well, it is a special thrill. The journey, the greatness of the area, the breathtaking geography and water ... all of it comes together in a wonder simming experience for the simmer bush pilot.

RTMM, in FSX and P3D, had highlighted the USFS cabins Holger and Bill put in for us. But there were many they they left out ... we called the “The Missing Cabins” and our set, combined with that they had done rendered all of the USFS cabins in the area available to be sought and found.

A long-term goal we have at RTMM is to re-create the USFS cabins in FS2020 so people can enjoy the “cabin hunt” but in an even more amazing scenery of FS2020. So we will begin putting in the USFS cabins, one by one with this Project. As we add cabins, we will add them to this pdf. When you download the mod, it will replace the old mod and the latest entries will be available for you. If you have any questions about the Project, you can contact Doug Linn at [“contact@mistymoorings.com”](mailto:contact@mistymoorings.com) and we will try to answer any question you may have.

You can get most of the information on the cabin from clicking on the HERE link for each of them below. But I will also add some of the little things we had to do to make it “work” in FS2020.

**NOTAM: RTMM Cabin “Identifiers”:** Each cabin (and RTMM Mod) now has an “identifier” (similar to an ICAO airport code). When you have installed an RTMM mod, it is now searchable on the World Planner on the FS2020 page. You can use any of our destinations as a “final destination” and all will add to Plan G and Little Navmap.

We hope you enjoy the result,  
Doug/RTMM

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**Anchor Pass USFS Cabin – (ANCP)** - Ketchikan District – Actual Cabin Info [HERE](#)  
Approximately 50 air miles north of Ketchikan, located on the mainland shore of Anchor Pass across from the east end of Bell Island. Accessible by float plane or by boat. The cabin is located a .5 mile hike up a small mountain. There is a small utility shed at the shoreline at the base of the trail up to the cabin.



**Bakewell Lake USFS Cabin – (BAKE)** - Ketchikan district – Actual Cabin Info [HERE](#)  
This cabin is located approximately 40 air miles east of Ketchikan on the mainland south of Bakewell Arm off Smeaton Bay. Accessible by float plane or boat. There was no Bakewell Lake, it was all dry land. Had to build the whole lake, then place the cabin on its shoreline.



**Blind Pass USFS Cabin – (BPC1)** – Ketchikan District – Actual Cabin Info [HERE](#)  
The cabin is located on “Blind Pass” about 36 miles direct from Ketchikan PAKT on a course of 232\*. It is tucked back into a little cove. In FS2020, the cove is filled with water, with no place for a cabin. We put some “land” in the cove, placed the cabin and accessories (picnic table, bench) and landscaped the area with vegetation.



**Fish Creek USFS Cabin – (FSRK) – Ketchikan District – Actual Cabin Info [HERE](#)**

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. The lake and site were created by Doug, there was no water at this location in FS2020.



**Heckman Lake USFS Cabin – (HECK) – Ketchikan District – Actual cabin Info [HERE](#)**

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 old-growth rainforest of spruce and hemlock. FACILITIES: • Two Single & Two Double Bunks • Wood Stove and Firewood • Cooking Counter and Table • Shelves and Cupboard Space • Ax/Maul/Splitting Wedges • Broom • 14' aluminum skiff with oars. (There was no "Heckman Lake, I had to build it).



**Southeast Heckman USFS Cabin – (Close to HECK) – Ketchikan District – Actual cabin info [HERE](#)**

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. FACILITIES: • Two Single, Two Double Bunks, & One single bunk • Wood stove, axe, maul, wedge, wood • Cooking Counter and Table • Shelves and Cupboard Space • Broom • 14' aluminum skiff with oars, and dock.



**Heckman Lake Hatchery (Close to HECK) – On Heckman Lake**

There is an actual hatchery showing up on Heckman Lake. The FS2020 shows a dock for it, but not the complex. I added buildings and a dock. This is “in” the USFS Cabins because it should be “with” all the polygons for Heckman Lake. So it is not a USFS facility, but was added for realism for the actual Lake.



**Helm Bay USFS Cabin – (HBUC) – Ketchikan District – Actual cabin info [HERE](#)**

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. FACILITIES: • Two Single & Two Double Bunks • Wood Stove and Firewood • Cooking Counter and Table • Shelves and Cupboard Space • Ax/Maul/Splitting Wedges • Broom.



**Helm Creek USFS Cabin – (HCUC) – Ketchikan District – Actual cabin info [HERE](#)**

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. FACILITIES: • Two Single & Two Double Bunks • Wood Stove and Firewood • Cooking Counter and Table • Shelves and Cupboard Space • Ax/Maul/Splitting Wedges • Broom. This peninsula was on a high cliff. Terraformed it to sea level.



**Jordan Lake USFS Cabin - (JORD)** – Ketchikan District – Actual cabin info [HERE](#)

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 old-growth rainforest of spruce and hemlock. FACILITIES: • Two Single & Two Double Bunks • Wood Stove and Firewood • Cooking Counter and Table • Shelves and Cupboard Space • Ax/Maul/Splitting Wedges • Broom • 14' aluminum skiff with oars. Jordan Lake did not exist, it had to be built. The terrain prevented me from putting the cabin in the exact location, but it is very near.



**McDonald Lake USFS Cabin - (MCD1)** – Ketchikan District – Actual cabin info [HERE](#)

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 Corp (CCC) 3-sided shelter. There are steelhead and salmon runs up Wolverine Creek with resident trout and dolly Varden throughout the lake. FACILITIES: • Two Single & Two Double Bunks • Wood Stove and Firewood • Cooking Counter and Table • Shelves and Cupboard Space • Ax/Maul/Splitting Wedges • Broom. - This cabin is up a trail, so I put a dock area by the water. The trail leads on above the cabin to the McDonald Bear Observatory. You can land a Cub on the grounds, but watch out for the bears (which will be out of hibernation soon!).



**Patching Lake USFS Cabin – (PTCH)** – Ketchikan District – Actual cabin info [HERE](#)

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 western hemlock rainforest. There are resident cutthroat trout in Patching and Chamberlain Lakes. There is no trail to Chamberlain Lake. FACILITIES: • Two Single & Two Double Bunks • Wood Stove and Firewood • Cooking Counter and Table • Shelves and Cupboard Space • Ax/Maul/Splitting Wedges • Broom • 14' aluminum skiff with oars. (There was no Patching Lake, nor a nearby lake and pond. These were all added. FS2020 put in a "cabin" (some strange building), I deleted that and added a cabin object).



**Phocena Bay USFS Cabin – (PHOC)** – Ketchikan District – Actual cabin info [HERE](#)

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 forest. There is also the opportunity to see humpback and killer whales in Clarence Strait. FACILITIES: • Two Single & Two Double Bunks • Wood Stove and Firewood • Cooking Counter and Table • Shelves and Cupboard Space • Ax/Maul/Splitting Wedges • Broom.



**Plenty Cutthroat USFS Cabin – (PLEN)** – Ketchikan District – Actual cabin info [HERE](#)

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. FACILITIES: • Two Single & Two Double Bunks • Oil Stove (#1 Diesel fuel NOT provided) • Cooking Counter and Table • Shelves and Cupboard Space • Broom • 14' aluminum skiff with oars. (The whole lake once again had to be created. This one is a little tricky, it is 1 mile up a winding trail from the water. I put a small storage shelter at the water pick-up point on the lake).



**Reflection Lake USFS Cabin (RLC1)** – Ketchikan District – Actual cabin info [HERE](#)

Reflection Lake Cabin is situated on the Cleveland Peninsula at the shore of Reflection Lake approximately 50 air miles from Ketchikan. The cabin is available year-round and makes an excellent base for experiencing this corner of Alaska with its recreation options, beautiful scenery and abundant wildlife. The cabin is remote and accessible only by float plane or boat, depending on conditions. Boats can be moored in Short Bay, and visitors can hike 2.3 miles to the cabin along the Reflection Lake Trail. This primitive cabin has no electricity, indoor plumbing or cell phone coverage. Visitors are responsible for their own travel arrangements and safety, and must bring several of their own amenities.

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