



# Alaska Region Public Use Cabin Rental Fee Adjustment Proposal

## Issue

The Alaska Region is proposing a cabin rental fee adjustment for 184 cabins (41 on the Chugach National Forest and 143 on the Tongass National Forest) located across 13 ranger districts in a variety of forest environments ranging from ocean shore, lakeshore, mountains, and alpine. These cabins serve as base camps for hiking, hunting, fishing, OHV riding, nature touring activities, and subsistence hunting and fishing activities. Dates for peak and non-peak rates will vary per cabin, and information on a particular cabin is available at [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov) and the local ranger district.

The expressed demand for cabins by residents and non-residents increases the need for improvements to existing facilities and the development of new recreational infrastructure where appropriate. However, while revenue from cabin rental fees has remained mostly static since the 1990s, operations and maintenance costs have changed over time. The proposed fee adjustments vary by cabin based on market comparisons, demand, and an evaluation of cabin amenities. The proposed rental rates are exclusive of any reservation service fee applied on the first night of stay. The first nights reservation fee is \$9 if booked online or \$10 if booked by phone.

## Background

Public use cabins are some of the most popular recreation destinations in Alaska's national forests. Limited amenities are provided and typically include wooden sleeping bunks, heat source (e.g., wood, propane, or oil stove), outhouse, skiff (at lake cabins), dock, and outdoor picnic site (e.g., fire ring, and benches). Each cabin generally accommodates 6-8 people.

During the summer and fall, many cabins are booked every night. The Chugach National Forest has a higher average occupancy than the Tongass National Forest for their public use cabins as a result of being close to a large population center. On the Tongass, cabins on the road systems may be rented for more than 200 days each year, while cabins in remote locations or at alpine lakes may see little use.

## Public Input

The Alaska Region is inviting public input on proposed cabin rental fee changes at <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=NP-644>. The proposal is supported by individual forest-wide recreation facility analysis reports and a market study by the regional appraiser. The region's proposed fees are in line with recent fee adjustments by the Alaska Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation for cabins in the state-wide system.

While the revenue derived from adjusting cabin rental fees will be helpful, it is one part of a more comprehensive funding strategy. The sustainable funding approach in the Alaska Region embraces a broad revenue stream that includes: appropriated funding, volunteer assistance, interagency cooperation, partnerships with the private sector, commercial operations, leveraged funding and user fees.

## Phased-in Approach

Public users of the cabin rental program are private individuals and groups. Many of them are repeat visitors who rent the same facilities year after year. We do not expect this proposal will displace any

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current customers, recognizing the demand for cabin rentals on National Forests in the Alaska Region is present and can be extremely competitive at some locations during certain times of the year. Given the cabin rental rates have not been adjusted within the last 15 to 20 years, the percentage increases may be perceived as dramatic. To address the increase, both the Chugach and Tongass national forests will implement the program change by phasing in the new rates over a three year period. Identified below is the general approach the respective forests will take over the three year window, with the final (full rate) cabin rental rate structure outlined in Table 1 (attached).

If you have a specific cabin you would like to learn more about, please call the primary contacts listed below for the respective forest.

### Chugach National Forest cabins

- Year One: 41 cabins may increase to \$50.00 per night stay. This rental rate will apply to both peak and non-peak seasons. In the case of the non-peak season rental rate, this may be the final and permanent increase.
- Year Two: 20 cabins may increase to \$60.00 per night stay. This rental rate will apply only to the peak season.
- Year Three: 21 cabins may increase to \$75.00 per night stay. This rental rate will apply only to high-use cabins as identified by the forest, bringing the entire cabin program to a full and final cabin rental rate structure. Note: two short-season, high-demand cabins (Martin Lake & Nellie Martin River) may charge \$100.00 per night during the peak season.

### Tongass National Forest cabins

- Year One: 81 cabins may be raised to the full and final cabin rental rate (\$10.00 or less fee increase for Peak Season); 59 cabins may increase to \$10.00.
- Year Two: 23 cabins may be raised to the full and final cabin rental rate (\$10.00 or less fee increase from the previous year); 36 cabins may increase to \$10.00.
- Year Three: 36 cabins may be raised to the full and final cabin rental rate bringing the entire cabin program to a full and final cabin rental rate structure for the three year phase-in.

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**Table 1. Proposed Rental Fee Adjustments in the Alaska Region's Cabin System by the end of the third year phase in.**

✓ Reservation Fee Is Not Included

District Name	Cabin Name	Peak Fee		Non-peak		Proposed Change (by end of Year 3)	
		Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Peak	Non-peak
Admiralty	Admiralty Cove	\$35	\$55	\$35	\$45	\$20	\$10
Admiralty	Big Shaheen	\$45	\$55	\$45	\$45	\$10	\$0
Admiralty	Church bight	\$35	\$45	\$35	\$35	\$10	\$0
Admiralty	Florence Lake East	\$35	\$45	\$35	\$35	\$10	\$0
Admiralty	Hasselborg Creek	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$15	\$0	-\$10
Admiralty	Jims Lake	\$35	\$45	\$35	\$35	\$10	\$0
Admiralty	Kathleen Lake	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$0	\$0
Admiralty	Lake Alexander	\$35	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$5	-\$5
Admiralty	Little Shaheen	\$35	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$5	-\$5
Admiralty	Pybus Bay	\$35	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$5	-\$5
Admiralty	Sportsmen	\$35	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$5	-\$5
Admiralty	Young Lake North	\$35	\$45	\$35	\$35	\$10	\$0
Admiralty	Young Lake South	\$35	\$45	\$35	\$35	\$10	\$0
Hoonah	Eight Fathom	\$45	\$60	\$35	\$45	\$15	\$10
Hoonah	Greentop Harbor	\$35	\$40	\$35	\$35	\$5	\$0
Hoonah	Kennel Creek	\$50	\$60	\$40	\$45	\$10	\$5
Juneau	Berner's Bay	\$35	\$45	\$35	\$45	\$10	\$10
Juneau	Dan Moller	\$35	\$75	\$35	\$75	\$40	\$40
Juneau	Denver Caboose	\$35	\$45	\$35	\$45	\$10	\$10
Juneau	Eagle Glacier	\$35	\$75	\$35	\$75	\$40	\$40
Juneau	East Turner Lake	\$35	\$45	\$35	\$45	\$10	\$10
Juneau	John Muir	\$35	\$75	\$35	\$75	\$40	\$40
Juneau	Laughton Glacier	\$35	\$45	\$35	\$45	\$10	\$10
Juneau	Peterson Lake	\$35	\$75	\$35	\$75	\$40	\$40
Juneau	Taku Glacier	\$35	\$45	\$35	\$45	\$10	\$10
Juneau	West Turner Lake	\$35	\$45	\$35	\$45	\$10	\$10
Juneau	Windfall Lake	\$35	\$75	\$35	\$75	\$40	\$40
Ketch-Misty	Alava Bay	\$35	\$75	\$25	\$60	\$40	\$35
Ketch-Misty	Anchor Pass	\$35	\$75	\$25	\$60	\$40	\$35
Ketch-Misty	Bakewell Lake	\$35	\$75	\$25	\$60	\$40	\$35
Ketch-Misty	Blind Pass	\$35	\$75	\$25	\$60	\$40	\$35
Ketch-Misty	Checats Lake	\$25	\$60	\$25	\$45	\$35	\$20
Ketch-Misty	Ella Narrows	\$35	\$60	\$25	\$45	\$25	\$20
Ketch-Misty	Fish Creek	\$45	\$80	\$25	\$65	\$35	\$40
Ketch-Misty	Heckman Lake	\$35	\$75	\$25	\$60	\$40	\$35

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Ketch-Misty	Helm Bay	\$45	\$80	\$25	\$65	\$35	\$40
Ketch-Misty	Helm Creek	\$45	\$80	\$25	\$65	\$35	\$40
Ketch-Misty	Hugh Smith Lake	\$25	\$60	\$25	\$45	\$35	\$20
Ketch-Misty	Humpback Lake	\$35	\$60	\$25	\$45	\$25	\$20
Ketch-Misty	Jordan Lake	\$35	\$80	\$25	\$65	\$45	\$40
Ketch-Misty	Manzanita Lake	\$35	\$75	\$25	\$60	\$40	\$35
Ketch-Misty	McDonald Lake	\$35	\$75	\$25	\$60	\$40	\$35
Ketch-Misty	Patching Lake	\$25	\$60	\$25	\$45	\$35	\$20
Ketch-Misty	Phocena Bay	\$35	\$75	\$25	\$60	\$40	\$35
Ketch-Misty	Plenty Cutthroat	\$35	\$60	\$25	\$45	\$25	\$20
Ketch-Misty	Reflection Lake	\$25	\$75	\$25	\$60	\$50	\$35
Ketch-Misty	Southeast Heckman	\$45	\$75	\$25	\$60	\$30	\$35
Ketch-Misty	Wilson Narrows	\$25	\$60	\$25	\$45	\$35	\$20
Ketch-Misty	Wilson View	\$25	\$60	\$25	\$45	\$35	\$20
Ketch-Misty	Winstanley Island	\$35	\$75	\$25	\$60	\$40	\$35
Ketch-Misty	Winstanley Lake	\$35	\$60	\$25	\$45	\$25	\$20
Petersburg	Beecher Pass	\$35	\$45	\$25	\$20	\$10	-\$5
Petersburg	Big John Bay	\$35	\$40	\$25	\$25	\$5	\$0
Petersburg	Breiland Slough	\$35	\$45	\$25	\$25	\$10	\$0
Petersburg	Cascade	\$35	\$45	\$25	\$25	\$10	\$0
Petersburg	Castle Flats	\$35	\$40	\$25	\$25	\$5	\$0
Petersburg	Castle River	\$35	\$45	\$25	\$25	\$10	\$0
Petersburg	Devil's Elbow	\$25	\$40	\$25	\$25	\$15	\$0
Petersburg	Kadake Bay	\$35	\$40	\$25	\$25	\$5	\$0
Petersburg	Kah Sheets Bay	\$35	\$40	\$25	\$25	\$5	\$0
Petersburg	Kah Sheets Lake	\$35	\$40	\$25	\$25	\$5	\$0
Petersburg	Petersburg Lake	\$35	\$45	\$25	\$25	\$10	\$0
Petersburg	Portage Bay	\$25	\$40	\$25	\$25	\$15	\$0
Petersburg	Raven's Roost	\$35	\$40	\$35	\$35	\$5	\$0
Petersburg	Salt Chuck East	\$35	\$40	\$25	\$25	\$5	\$0
Petersburg	Spurt Cove	\$25	\$40	\$25	\$25	\$15	\$0
Petersburg	Swan Lake	\$35	\$50	\$35	\$35	\$15	\$0
Petersburg	Towers Arm	\$25	\$40	\$25	\$25	\$15	\$0
Petersburg	West Point	\$35	\$50	\$25	\$25	\$15	\$0
Sitka	Allan Point	\$45	\$65	\$45	\$65	\$20	\$20
Sitka	Appleton Cove	\$35	\$50	\$35	\$40	\$15	\$5
Sitka	Avoss Lake	\$35	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$5	-\$5
Sitka	Baranof Lake	\$35	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$5	-\$5
Sitka	Brent's Beach	\$35	\$60	\$35	\$60	\$25	\$25

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Sitka	Davidof Lake	\$35	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$5	-\$5
Sitka	Fred's Creek	\$35	\$60	\$35	\$50	\$25	\$15
Sitka	Goulding Lake	\$35	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$5	-\$5
Sitka	Kanga Bay	\$35	\$50	\$35	\$40	\$15	\$5
Sitka	Kook Lake	\$35	\$50	\$35	\$40	\$15	\$5
Sitka	Lake Eva	\$35	\$60	\$35	\$50	\$25	\$15
Sitka	Moser Island	\$35	\$60	\$35	\$50	\$25	\$15
Sitka	North Beach	\$35	\$50	\$35	\$40	\$15	\$5
Sitka	Piper Island	\$35	\$60	\$35	\$50	\$25	\$15
Sitka	Plotnikof Lake	\$35	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$5	-\$5
Sitka	Salmon Lake	\$35	\$50	\$35	\$40	\$15	\$5
Sitka	Samsing Cove	\$45	\$65	\$45	\$55	\$20	\$10
Sitka	Seven Fathom Bay	\$35	\$50	\$35	\$40	\$15	\$5
Sitka	Shelikof	\$35	\$50	\$35	\$40	\$15	\$5
Sitka	Sitkoh Lake East	\$35	\$50	\$35	\$40	\$15	\$5
Sitka	Sitkoh Lake West	\$35	\$50	\$35	\$40	\$15	\$5
Sitka	Starrigavan Creek	\$50	\$65	\$50	\$65	\$15	\$15
Sitka	Suloia Lake	\$35	\$40	\$35	\$30	\$5	-\$5
Sitka	White Sulphur	\$35	\$50	\$35	\$40	\$15	\$5
POW	Barnes Lake	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$0	\$0
POW	Black Bear Lake	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$0	\$0
POW	Control Lake	\$45	\$50	\$25	\$35	\$5	\$10
POW	Honker Lake	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$0	\$0
POW	Josephine Lake	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$0	\$0
POW	Karta Lake	\$45	\$50	\$25	\$25	\$5	\$0
POW	Karta River	\$45	\$50	\$25	\$25	\$5	\$0
POW	Kegan Cove	\$45	\$55	\$25	\$25	\$10	\$0
POW	Kegan Creek	\$35	\$35	\$25	\$25	\$0	\$0
POW	Point Amagura	\$35	\$55	\$25	\$25	\$20	\$0
POW	Red Bay Lake	\$45	\$55	\$25	\$25	\$10	\$0
POW	Salmon Bay Lake	\$35	\$35	\$25	\$25	\$0	\$0
POW	Salmon Lake	\$35	\$35	\$25	\$25	\$0	\$0
POW	Sarkar Lake	\$35	\$40	\$25	\$25	\$5	\$0
POW	Shipley Bay	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$0	\$0
POW	Staney Creek	\$45	\$45	\$25	\$45	\$0	\$20
POW	Sweetwater Lake	\$35	\$45	\$25	\$35	\$10	\$10
POW	Troller's Cove	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$0	\$0
POW	Twelve Mile	\$45	\$55	\$45	\$45	\$10	\$0
Wrangell	Anan Bay	\$35	\$75	\$25	\$35	\$40	\$10

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Wrangell	Anan Lake	\$25	\$35	\$25	\$35	\$10	\$10
Wrangell	Berg Bay	\$35	\$40	\$25	\$40	\$5	\$15
Wrangell	Eagle Lake	\$25	\$35	\$25	\$35	\$10	\$10
Wrangell	Frosty Bay	\$35	\$40	\$25	\$40	\$5	\$15
Wrangell	Garnet Ledge	\$25	\$35	\$25	\$35	\$10	\$10
Wrangell	Gut Island #1	\$35	\$40	\$25	\$40	\$5	\$15
Wrangell	Gut Island #2	\$25	\$35	\$25	\$35	\$10	\$10
Wrangell	Harding River	\$25	\$35	\$25	\$35	\$10	\$10
Wrangell	Koknuk	\$25	\$35	\$25	\$35	\$10	\$10
Wrangell	Little Dry Island	\$35	\$40	\$25	\$40	\$5	\$15
Wrangell	Mallard Slough	\$35	\$40	\$25	\$40	\$5	\$15
Wrangell	Marten Lake	\$25	\$35	\$25	\$35	\$10	\$10
Wrangell	Middle Ridge	\$35	\$45	\$35	\$45	\$10	\$10
Wrangell	Mount Flemer	\$25	\$35	\$25	\$35	\$10	\$10
Wrangell	Mount Rynda	\$35	\$40	\$25	\$40	\$5	\$15
Wrangell	Sergief	\$25	\$30	\$25	\$30	\$5	\$5
Wrangell	Shakes Slough #1	\$25	\$35	\$25	\$35	\$10	\$10
Wrangell	Shakes Slough #2	\$35	\$40	\$25	\$40	\$5	\$15
Wrangell	Steamer Bay	\$35	\$45	\$25	\$45	\$10	\$20
Wrangell	Twin Lakes	\$35	\$40	\$25	\$40	\$5	\$15
Wrangell	Virginia Lake	\$35	\$45	\$25	\$45	\$10	\$20
Yakutat	Alsek River Cabin	\$35	\$45	\$35	\$35	\$10	\$0
Yakutat	Eagle Cabin	\$35	\$60	\$35	\$35	\$25	\$0
Yakutat	Italio River Cabin	\$35	\$50	\$35	\$35	\$15	\$0
Yakutat	Middle Dangerous River Cabin	\$25	\$30	\$25	\$25	\$5	\$0
Yakutat	Raven Cabin	\$35	\$60	\$35	\$35	\$25	\$0
Yakutat	Situk Lake	\$35	\$45	\$35	\$35	\$10	\$0
Yakutat	Tanis Mesa North Cabin	\$25	\$30	\$25	\$25	\$5	\$0
Yakutat	Tanis Mesa South Cabin	\$25	\$30	\$25	\$25	\$5	\$0
Cordova	McKinley	\$35	\$75	\$35	\$50	\$40	\$15
Cordova	Shelter Bay	\$35	\$75	\$35	\$50	\$40	\$15
Cordova	Port Chalmers	\$35	\$75	\$35	\$50	\$40	\$15
Cordova	Hook Point	\$35	\$60	\$35	\$50	\$25	\$15
*Cordova	Martin Lake (P)	\$35	\$100	\$35	\$50	\$65	\$15
*Cordova	Nellie Martin River (P)	\$35	\$100	\$35	\$50	\$65	\$15
Cordova	McKinley Lake	\$35	\$60	\$35	\$50	\$25	\$15
Cordova	Double Bay	\$35	\$60	\$35	\$50	\$25	\$15

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Cordova	Jack Bay	\$35	\$60	\$35	\$50	\$25	\$15
Cordova	Log Jam Bay	\$35	\$60	\$35	\$50	\$25	\$15
Cordova	Beach River	\$25	\$60	\$25	\$50	\$35	\$25
Cordova	San Juan Bay	\$35	\$60	\$35	\$50	\$25	\$15
Cordova	Power Creek	\$25	\$60	\$25	\$50	\$35	\$25
Cordova	Softuk Bay	\$25	\$60	\$25	\$50	\$35	\$25
Cordova	Tiedeman Slough	\$25	\$60	\$25	\$50	\$35	\$25
Cordova	Green Island	\$35	\$75	\$35	\$50	\$40	\$15
Glacier	Goose Bay	\$35	\$75	\$35	\$50	\$40	\$15
Glacier	Paulson Bay	\$35	\$75	\$35	\$50	\$40	\$15
Glacier	Pigot Bay	\$35	\$75	\$35	\$50	\$40	\$15
Glacier	Harrison Lagoon	\$35	\$75	\$35	\$50	\$40	\$15
Glacier	Crow Pass	\$35	\$75	\$35	Closed	\$40	Closed
Glacier	Shrode Lake	\$35	\$60	\$35	\$50	\$25	\$15
Glacier	Coghill Lake	\$35	\$60	\$35	\$50	\$25	\$15
Seward	Barber	\$45	\$75	\$45	\$50	\$30	\$5
Seward	Juneau	\$45	\$75	\$45	\$50	\$30	\$5
Seward	Trout Lake	\$45	\$75	\$45	\$50	\$30	\$5
Seward	Swan Lake	\$45	\$75	\$45	\$50	\$30	\$5
Seward	Caribou	\$35	\$75	\$35	\$50	\$40	\$15
Seward	Dale Clemens	\$45	\$75	\$45	\$50	\$30	\$5
Seward	Romig	\$45	\$75	\$45	\$50	\$30	\$5
Seward	Devils Pass	\$35	\$75	\$35	\$50	\$40	\$15
Seward	East Creek	\$35	\$75	\$35	\$50	\$40	\$15
Seward	Fox Creek	\$35	\$75	\$35	\$50	\$40	\$15
Seward	Crescent Lake	\$45	\$75	\$45	\$50	\$30	\$5
Seward	Upper Russian	\$35	\$75	\$35	\$50	\$40	\$15
Seward	Crescent Saddle	\$45	\$60	\$45	\$50	\$15	\$5
Seward	Resurrection River	\$35	\$60	\$35	\$50	\$25	\$15
Seward	Upper Paradise	\$45	\$60	\$45	\$50	\$15	\$5
Seward	West Swan	\$45	\$60	\$45	\$50	\$15	\$5
Seward	Lower Paradise	\$45	\$60	\$45	\$50	\$15	\$5
Seward	Aspen Flats	\$35	\$60	\$35	\$50	\$25	\$15

\*Note: Two cabins on the Cordova Ranger District may charge \$100 per night due to a short season with very high demand (Nellie Martin and Martin Lake cabins) during the peak season.