

Recreation Opportunity Guide



HONKER LAKE CABIN

DESCRIPTION: This 12' x 12' [Pan-Abode](#) precut cedar log cabin, built in 1965, has a wood-burning stove and sleeping space for four to six people.



LOCATION: Located 54 air-miles from Ketchikan along the Honker Divide Canoe Route, which runs from the Hatchery Creek Bridge to Thorne Bay. The cabin is six miles south of the bridge and sits on the northeast side of Honker Lake (also known as Galea Lake). Refer to USGS topo map Craig D-3.

Longitude: -132.8852778; Latitude: 55.83138889

ACCESS: The cabin is accessed by floatplane or canoe along the Honker Divide Canoe Route. The canoe launch is located on Forest Road 30 and begins at the Hatchery Creek bridge. It is approximately six miles to the cabin and the average paddle time is seven to eight hours. There are several portages and difficult upstream paddling. The Canoe Route is recommended at moderate to high water.

TERRAIN: The terrain is gently rolling, with old growth spruce, hemlock, and cedar forest. The understory is generally dense and composed of huckleberry and salmon berry bushes.

SPECIAL FEATURES: The cabin is remote and isolated. Waterfowl is abundant, especially the Canada goose or “honker”, which the cabin is named for. There is good fishing in the lake with cutthroat, rainbow, and dolly varden, as well as coho and sockeye salmon. Sitka black-tailed deer, black bear, and wolves are often sighted here. Paddling in the lake and along the Honker Divide Canoe Route is scenic. It is possible to hike extensively along the lake’s edge.

FACILITIES:

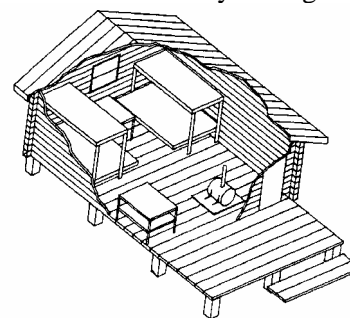
- Two single and two double-size sleeping spaces
- Wood stove
- Cooking counter, table, shelves, cupboard space
- Broom
- 14' aluminum skiff with oars - floatation devices NOT provided
- A natural water source is Honker Lake

*TREAT OR BOIL WATER BEFORE DRINKING.

*BRING YOUR OWN – cooking stove, sleeping bags, sleeping pads, lantern, pots, pans, plates, utensils, food, toilet paper, garbage bags, and fire starter.

*WOOD SUPPLY cannot be guaranteed. Please be conservative with wood and use only for heating purposes.

CABIN LAYOUT: There may be slight variations.



RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED



Rental Fee: \$25/night year round



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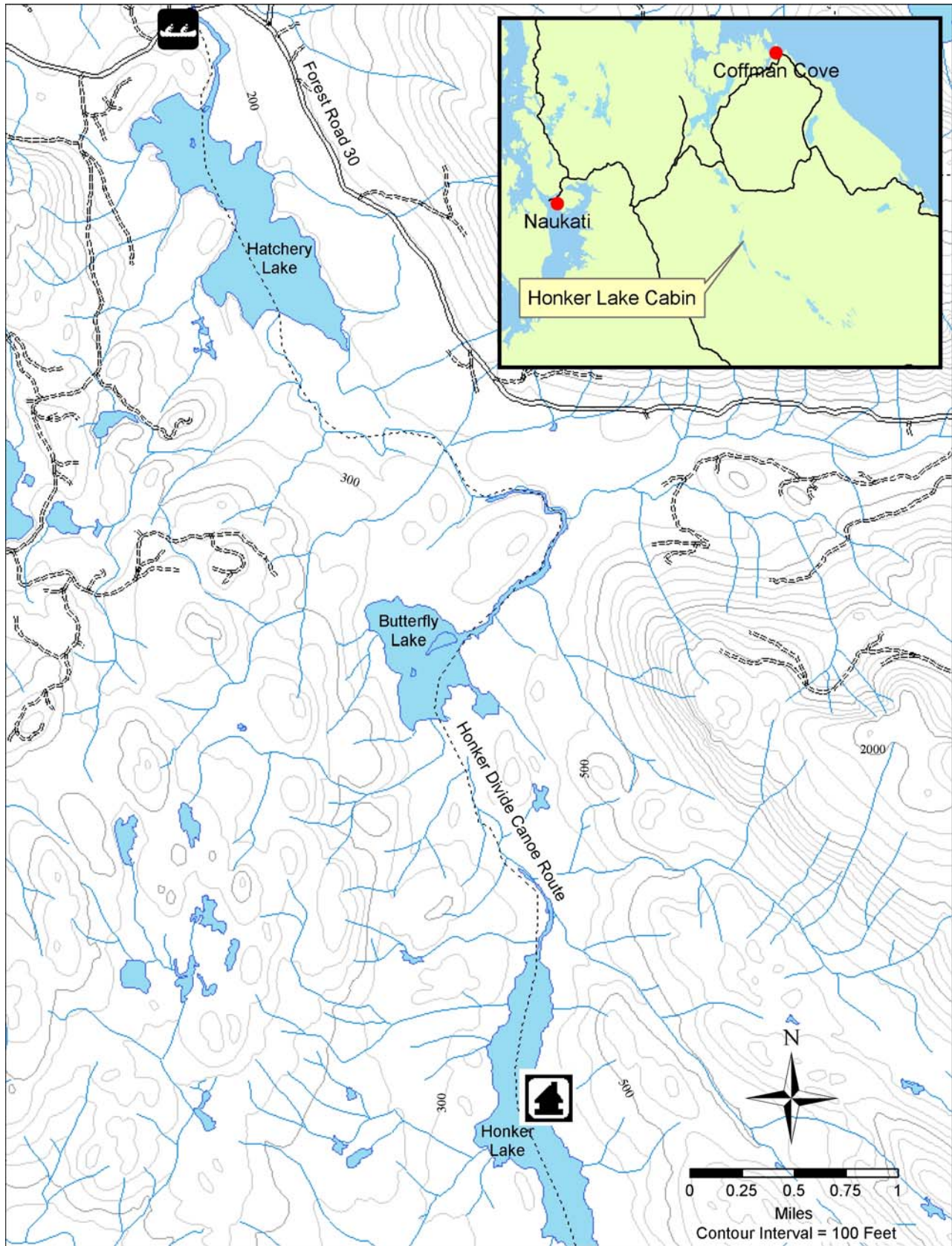


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Pack it in, pack it out
Leave what you find



Minimize campfire impacts
Be considerate of others
Respect wildlife