

Recreation Opportunity Guide



KARTA LAKE CABIN

DESCRIPTION: This 12' x 12' [Pan-Abode](#) precut cedar log cabin was built in 1965 and has sleeping space for 4 to 6 people. The stove uses #1 diesel fuel, NOT supplied by the Forest Service. Please remember to take your fuel container with you when you leave.



LOCATION: The cabin is on the south shore of Karta Lake within the Karta River Wilderness area. It is 34 air-miles northwest of Ketchikan on the central portion of Prince of Wales Island. Refer to USGS topo map Craig C-2. Longitude: -132.6108333; Latitude: 55.56138889

ACCESS: The cabin is accessible by float plane or by boat and 1.5 mile trail (rated "[More Difficult](#)") from Karta Bay. In fall, winter, and early spring, the cabin may be inaccessible due to a frozen lake surface (float planes cannot land). Occasionally poor weather can result in extended stays, and cabin users should be prepared for this.

TERRAIN: The cabin is a stone's throw from Karta Lake. The surrounding area is mature second growth forest of spruce, hemlock and cedar.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Karta Lake and the surrounding snow-capped peaks vividly showcase the wilderness setting. The Karta River Trail provides access to the surrounding lakes and streams. This area is popular for fishing, hiking and wildlife watching. The Karta river system is one of the most productive on Prince of Wales Island. The winter and spring steelhead runs attract many recreational fishermen. Cutthroat, rainbow trout, dolly varden, and four species of salmon are known to frequent these waters. Sitka black-tailed deer, wolves, black bear, otter, mink and marten are commonly sighted in the area, as well as heavy concentrations of ducks and shore birds.

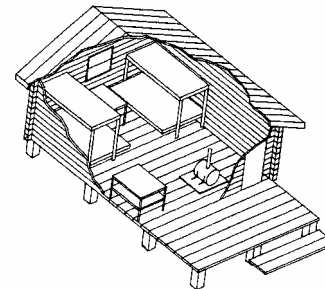
FACILITIES:

- Two single and two double-size sleeping spaces
- Oven-style oil stove (requires #1 diesel fuel – NOT PROVIDED), highest setting = 0.2 gallons/hour
- Cooking counter, table, shelves, and cupboard space
- Broom
- 14' aluminum skiff with oars - floatation devices NOT provided
- A natural water source is Karta Lake

*TREAT OR BOIL WATER BEFORE DRINKING.

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

CABIN LAYOUT: There may be slight variations.



RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED



Rental Fee: \$45/night May 1-Sept 30
\$25/night Oct 1-Apr 30



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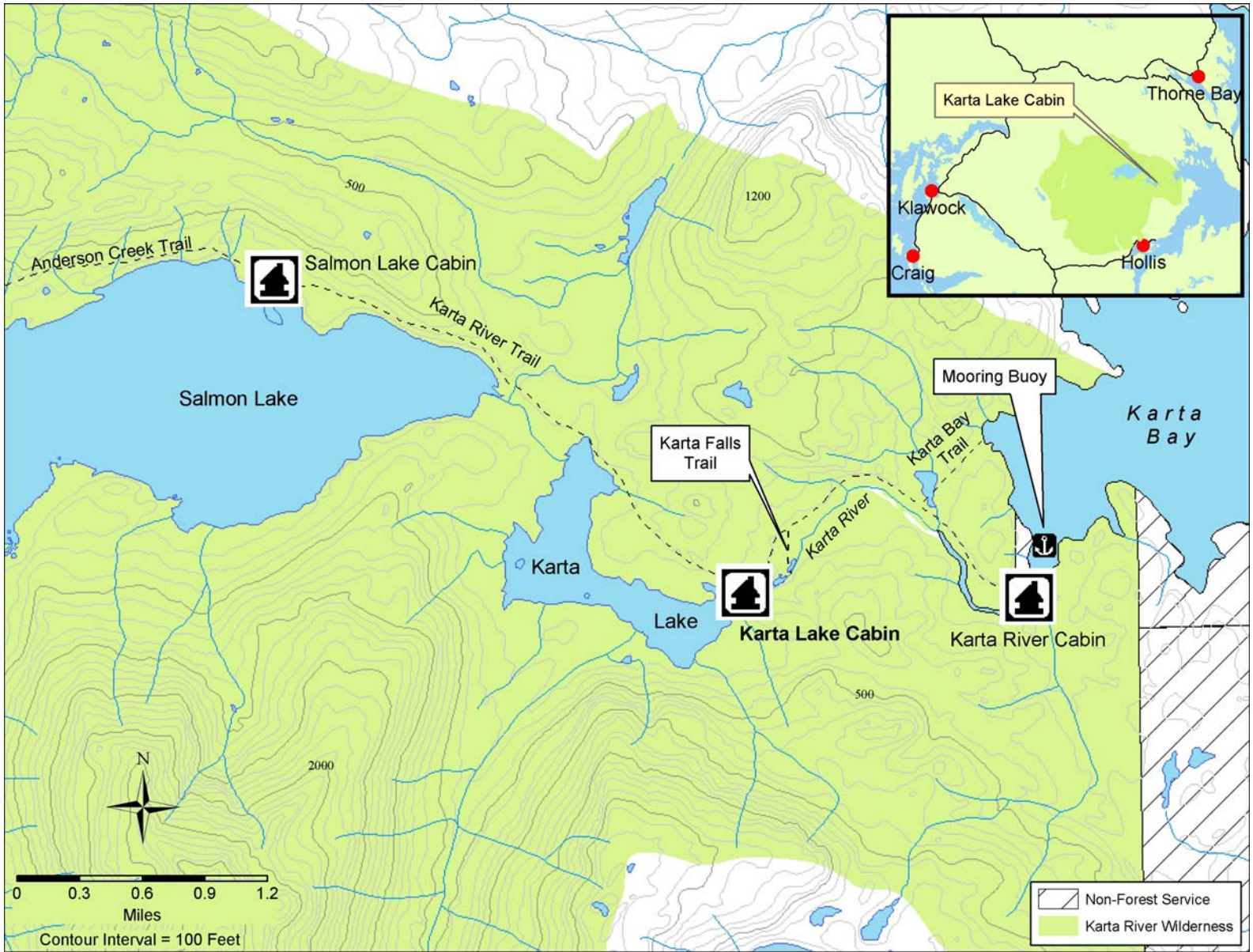


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Pack it in, pack it out
Leave what you find



Minimize campfire impacts
Be considerate of others
Respect wildlife