

Recreation Opportunity Guide



KARTA RIVER CABIN

DESCRIPTION: This 12' x 14' [Pan-Abode](#) cabin was built in 1991, replacing a 12' x 14' cedar log cabin constructed in 1968. It has sleeping space for 4 to 5 people and an oil stove for heat. 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 sits at the mouth of the Karta River in 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: -132.5761111; Latitude: 55.56055556

ACCESS: The cabin is accessible by float plane or by boating in from open ocean. It is best to arrive at high tide (refer to Ketchikan Tide Tables).

A **mooring buoy** is located in the bay. A reservation for a Forest Service cabin does not include exclusive use of the buoy. Buoy use is on a first-come, first-served basis. Mooring of more than one vessel is allowed, provided the first party there agrees.

TERRAIN: The cabin is on a bluff above the river mouth. The terrain gently slopes up behind the cabin into second growth spruce and hemlock.

SPECIAL FEATURES: The Karta River Trail (5.5 miles) begins here providing a primary entry-point into the wilderness. Floatplanes and boats may land in front of the cabin at any time. During sockeye salmon season, people gather at the mouth of the river to subsistence fish. Often, people will process and smoke fish on site. This area is rich with cultural history. Mining communities and native homesteaders proliferated in Karta Bay from 1900-1905. Ducks and shorebirds congregate in front of the cabin. Harbor seals, sea lions, sea otters and whales can be sighted from the cabin. Black-tailed deer, bald eagles, black bears, beaver, otters, marten, mink, and weasels are abundant.

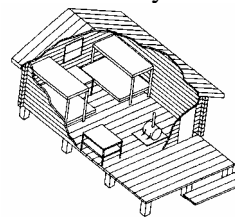
FACILITIES:

- One 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
- A natural water source is Karta River

*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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Visit Craig or Thorne Bay district offices for same-day or advance reservations.

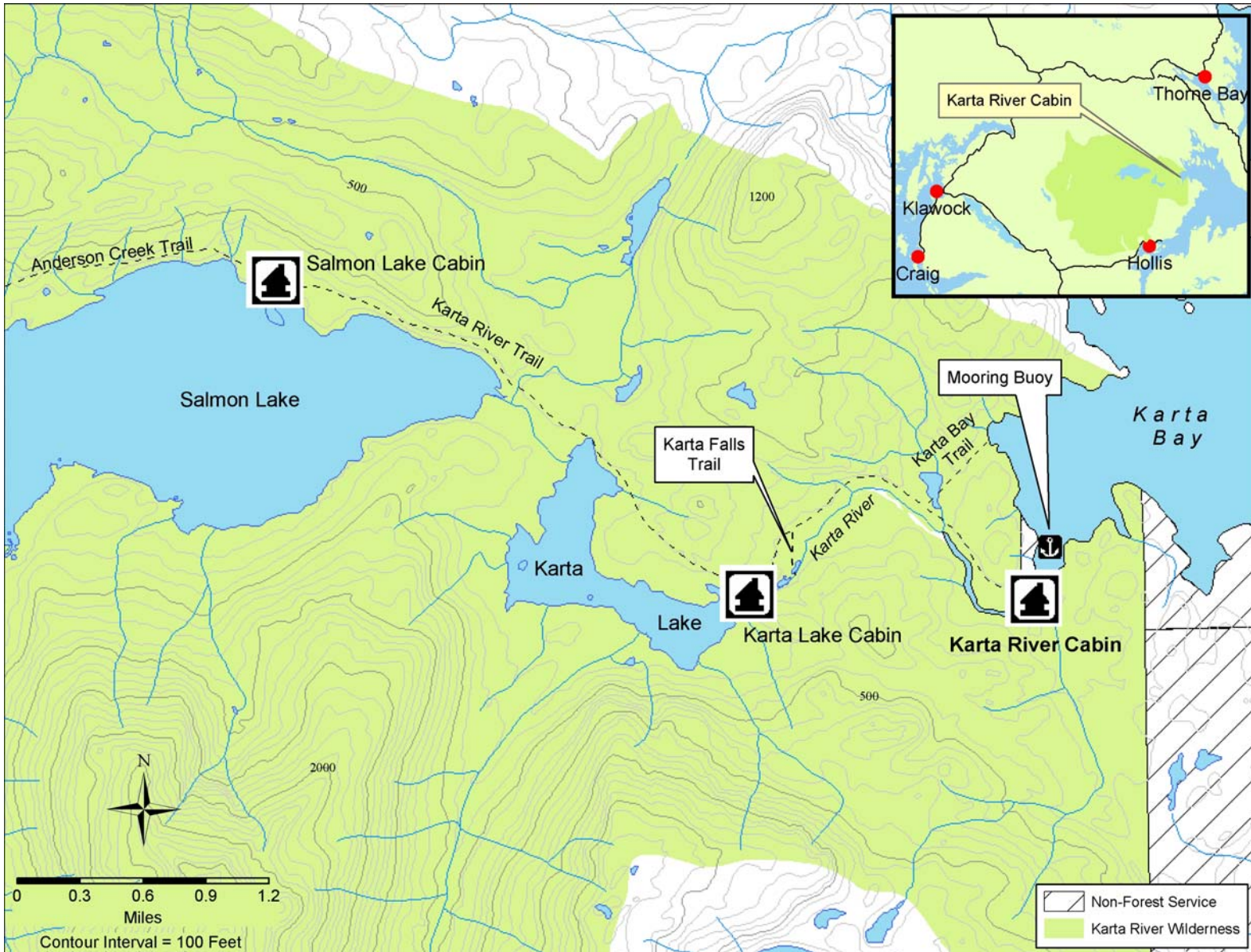


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Pack it in, pack it out
Leave what you find



Minimize campfire impacts
Be considerate of others
Respect wildlife