

Recreation Opportunity Guide



SHIPLEY BAY CABIN

DESCRIPTION: This 12' x 14' [Pan-Abode](#) precut cedar log cabin was built in 1967 and has sleeping space for four to six 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 located at the mouth of Shipley Creek in Shipley Bay on Kosciusko Island. Shipley Bay is 85 air-miles from Ketchikan and 60 air-miles from Wrangell. Refer to USGS topo map Petersburg A-5. Longitude: -133.5019444; Latitude: 56.09222222

ACCESS: The cabin is accessible by float plane or by 1-hour boat ride from El Capitan dock. Fog, high winds, and low tides can make landing at the cabin difficult. Whether boating or flying, it is best to arrive at high tide (refer to Sitka Tide Tables).

A **mooring buoy** is located in the cove. 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 sits on a low bluff between the bay and Shipley Creek. There is a large rocky beach in front of the cabin and a large grassy tidal flat in back where Shipley Creek meets the ocean.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Mount Francis' exceptionally picturesque 2,592-foot limestone peak is visible from the cabin. A 0.8-mile natural tread trail connects the cabin to Shipley Lake. The trail is rugged, but well worth the effort. It is possible to continue hiking a lower elevation route to Devilfish Bay (no designated trail). Good maps and orienteering skills are essential. The stream and lake support cutthroat, rainbow, dolly varden, steelhead, and three species of salmon. Black bears, bald eagles and shore birds are abundant.

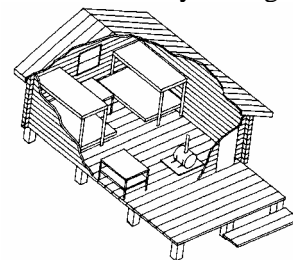
FACILITIES:

- Two single and two double-size sleeping spaces
- Fuel oil stove (requires #1 diesel fuel – NOT PROVIDED), highest setting = 0.2 gallons/hour
- Cooking counter, table, shelves, and cupboard space
- Broom

*BRING YOUR OWN WATER - there are no freshwater sources close to the cabin.

*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: \$25/night year round



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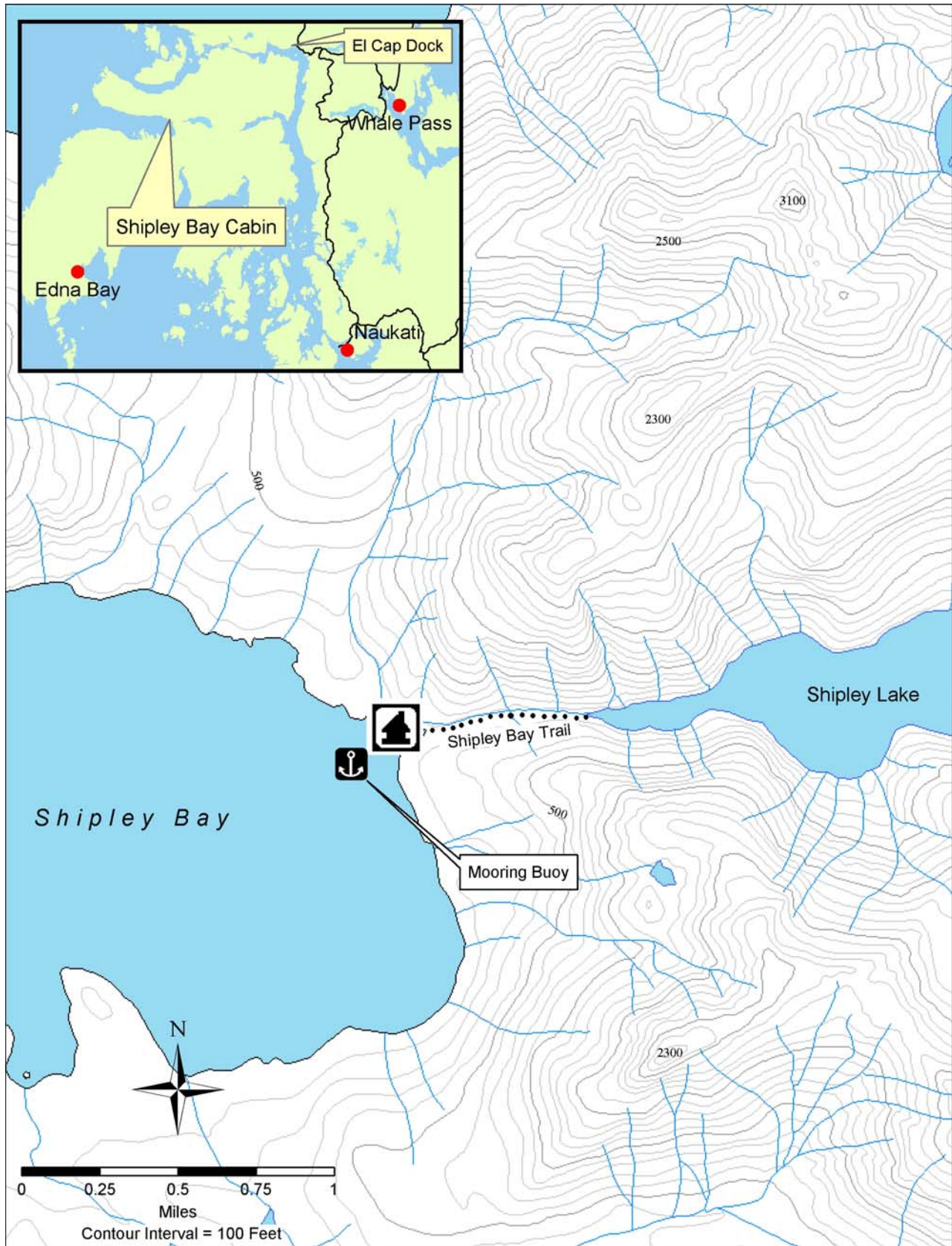


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Plan ahead and prepare
Pack it in, pack it out
Leave what you find



Minimize campfire impacts
Be considerate of others
Respect wildlife