

Use Area 04-09

Seymour Canal – Admiralty National Monument

Recreation Carrying Capacity (Groups At One Time): 10

Description

This use area encompasses much of the eastern shoreline along Seymour Canal. The area is a relatively short flight from Juneau and receives heavy local use. There are several bays but due to the large tidal flats and exposure there are not many good anchorages in these bays.

LUD: Wilderness Monument, Wilderness Monument Wild River.

ROS: Primitive, Semi-Primitive Motorized, Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized

National Forest Shoreline Miles: 173

National Forest Shoreline Acres: 33,598

Communities

None.

Alaska Coastal Management Act

Forest Service Facilities

A one-mile trail leading to a bear viewing tower at Pack Creek and a Forest Service shelter at Windfall Harbor are the only Forest Service developments. All of these facilities are excluded from this analysis.

Special Use Permit Cabins There are 13 Forest Service special use permit cabins and one tent platform in this use area.

Shelters Windfall Harbor

Trails Pack Creek bear viewing tower trail

Non-National Forest Lands

Oliver Inlet State Marine Park includes a small boat tram and a public recreation cabin.

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Recreation Use

Area Attractions

Commercial Use

Bear hunting.

Non-commercial Use

Kayaking, hunting, berry picking, sightseeing, wildlife viewing, firewood cutting.

Use Patterns

The area is a relatively short flight from Juneau and receives heavy local use. Kayakers heading from Oliver Inlet to Pack Creek often stop and camp in the northern end of the Use Area. Other parts of Seymour Canal are used by kayakers because of the relatively protected waters. Special use permit cabins and tent platforms are a focal point for use, particularly during the fall deer-hunting season. In the fall, hunting parties will set up multi-day camps with tents and tarps.

Primary Use Areas

Management/Resource Considerations

Subsistence

There are no anticipated restrictions on subsistence resource users.

Wildlife

245 bald eagle nests have been mapped in this area.

Fisheries

Forty-six Class I streams have been mapped in the area. Three streams were identified as having high fishing values. Though King Salmon River is a relatively productive system supporting large populations of pink, Dolly Varden and coho it is difficult to access due to a large tide flat. At a low tide, the exposed mud flat can extend three miles.

Botany

No rare or sensitive taxa were found during 6 surveys that covered 0.75 miles.

Cultural/Heritage

Six prehistoric sites have been identified from 16 surveys that covered 10.5 miles.