

SKATER'S CABIN RESERVATION SHELTER RESERVATION & FEE SYSTEM INFORMATION

Facilities:

Skater's Cabin Picnic Shelter is located on the shore of the southwest corner of Mendenhall Lake, near the Mendenhall Glacier. It is accessible from the Back Loop Road, approximately 6 miles from the Auke Bay Ferry Terminal, or approximately 13 miles from downtown Juneau. The cabin was constructed in 1936 by the Civilian Conservation Corps and is made with natural stone. The cabin is equipped with a covered porch and 2 movable picnic tables along with a wood stove. Outside facilities include a large group fire ring in front of the cabin and a stationary wood picnic table and fire ring adjacent to the southwest corner of the cabin. The area is accessible by a staircase and fully accessible trails and ramp to the beach. A potable water hydrant and fully accessible vault toilets are also provided. The picnic area also has two additional picnic sites with fire rings designated for non-group use, and they are not reserveable under this permit.

Parking is limited to the 14-stall parking lot in back of the cabin. Two of these stalls are designated for handicapped use only. Additional parking is available at the West Glacier Trailhead parking lot approximately 200 yds to the north.

Reservation System:

To provide recreational use that is compatible with the cultural significance of the area, **reservations are provided to individuals 18 years and older and non-commercial groups** who need assurance of the picnic shelter's availability for use on a predetermined day. **The shelter is reserved by obtaining authorization with the Special Recreation Permit. For groups larger than 74 people, a Special Use Permit for Noncommercial Group Uses is required in addition to the Special Recreation Permit. Note the shelter structure has a maximum capacity of 22 people at one time to meet International Building Code fire requirements**

Reservations are for the day-use period 6 am to 10 pm, May 1 through September 30. The picnic area and shelter are closed to use between 10 pm to 6 am daily.

When not posted as reserved, the cabin will be available to individuals on a first-come, first-served basis, with no fee charged.

Reservations may be made at the Juneau Ranger District, 8510 Mendenhall Loop Road, Monday - Friday, 8 a. m. to 5 p.m.

Reservations shall not be made more than 180 days in advance of use.

Reservations must be made for a specific period of time in whole hour increments only (i.e. 10am - 2pm on June 1). To accommodate multiple groups on any given day, please reserve only what time is actually necessary.

A bulletin board is attached to the wall of the shelter for posting of reserved signs by the permittee.

Fee System:

Reservation fee is \$10 per hour with a minimum fee of \$20 and a maximum fee of \$100 payable at time of reservation. The shelter can be rented for a maximum of 16 hours per day. There are no partial hour charges; any portion of an hour will be rounded up to the next hour. Camp stamps, Golden Age Passport or Golden Access Passports are not accepted.

Refunds must be applied for in writing to the office, which issued the permit prior to 10 days before the reserved date. The original permit must accompany the written request. One change in picnic shelter reservation date may be granted if requested before the above-stated 10-day period. See FSH 6509.14 RO supplement 95-2 sec. 154 for procedure.

Refunds are not made if inclement weather conditions or other acts of nature beyond the Forest Service control cause the permittee to not use the shelter at the designated time.