



Fact Sheet

Nancy Lake SRA Public Use Cabins



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The Department of Natural Resources' Division of Parks has thirteen public use cabins for rent within the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area. Access to the recreation area is at Mile 67.3 on the Parks Highway, just south of Willow. The cabins are located on five of the larger lakes in the recreation area, and are accessible by canoe or on foot in summer, and on skis or by snow vehicles in winter. Parking for cabin renters is available at three trailheads located along the Nancy Lake Parkway, a 6.5 mile gravel road.

How do I get to the cabins on Nancy Lake from the trailhead? The cabins on Nancy Lake are 1/4 to 1/2 mile walk from the trailhead, or campers may take a boat from the put-in area. For canoeists there is a small parking area and hand launch on Nancy Lake at mile 1.6 of the parkway and at the Nancy Lake campground, mile 66.5 of the Parks Highway.

Red Shirt Lake campers have a three-mile walk, and a 1/8 to 3/4 mile canoe ride, which takes a total of about three hours. Two of the Red Shirt cabins are on islands.

Lynx Lake and **James Lake** cabins are reached by a canoe trail that takes approximately four hours.

Bald Lake cabin is a 1/4-mile hike from a small parking area at Mile 2.5 on the Nancy Lake Parkway.

Canoes can be rented from Tippecanoe Rentals in Willow. Phone is 495-6688. Nancy Lake Marina, mile 64.3, Parks Highway, also rents canoes and small boats for use on Nancy Lake.

What is the cost to rent cabins per night? Nancy Lake, Red Shirt Lake, & James Lake are \$55, Lynx Lake cabins are \$45 and the Bald Lake is \$70.

After I make reservations, may I add more people? Yes. You may add people to your existing reservation prior to the date of the reservation, as long as you do not exceed the maximum capacity allowed for your cabin.

How long may I rent a cabin? Nancy Lake, Bald Lake, Redshirt Lake, Lynx Lake, and James Lake cabins may be rented for five consecutive nights.

How many people may stay in one cabin? Maximum capacity varies from cabin-to-cabin, ranging from four to eight people. Cabins vary from the small Lynx Lake cabins (12' x 12') to Nancy Lake #4 (24' x 24').

May I exceed maximum capacity if the extra people camp in a tent outside the cabin? No. Tent camping is not allowed within 1/4 mile of cabins.

Where can I make cabin reservations and what happens if I have to change the date or cancel?

Reservations can be made on line at www.alaskastateparks.org, in person at our Public Information Center offices located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau or at the nearest State Park office. Alaska residents can make reservations 7 months to the day in advance of the first night stay and

non-residents 6 months to the day in advance, Monday through Friday beginning at 10:00 a.m. Alaska time. Advance reservations cannot be made on weekends or State holidays, but can be made the next business day. All other cabin reservations can be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Reservations are from noon to noon.

Reservation requests can also be mailed or faxed. Credit cards (MasterCard/Visa/Discover) are accepted for payment when making reservations on line, mailing or faxing reservation requests or when paying in person at our Anchorage, Fairbanks or Juneau offices.

Reservations are not accepted over the phone. However, changes or cancellation can be done by phone or in person. A change to or cancellation of a reservation for a Public Use Cabin must be done at least 48 hours in advance of the start of the reservation in order for the customer to receive a credit. If making a change or cancellation by phone, the cabin reservation number must be provided. If done in person, the original reservation must be presented. If the cancellation or change of a cabin reservation is due to a family emergency or severe weather conditions, the 48 hour notification requirement may be waived. Otherwise, without the 48 hour notification, a reservation cannot be cancelled or changed and a credit issued. Cabin credits are good for one year from date of issue. Refunds are not issued.

What time is check-in & check-out? Cabin reservations are from noon to noon.

What facilities will there be at the cabins? The cabins are rustic, with table and chairs, wooden sleeping platforms, a kitchen counter, and a stove for heating purposes only. There is no electricity or running water. Each cabin has an outhouse nearby. Each cabin also has mop, broom and bucket. Some cabins have an outdoor fire pit. Dead or down wood may be collected. Please note that firewood is **not** provided.

What are my responsibilities? You are responsible for cleaning up after yourself. Please pack out what you pack in. Trash attracts animals and insects. Pets must be under control at all times and you are responsible for cleaning up your pet's waste.

