

LAKE TRIP INFO

1. Rent the cabin. These reservations are done at: www.recreation.gov
 - a. The reservation system opens 6 months prior to any date
 - b. Karta River, Kegan Creek and some of the other cabins that are on saltwater have to be “worked” at high tide – so your dates need to be planned around high tides and daylight flying hours.
 - c. The cabin rental times are from Noon to Noon – so we usually take people to the lakes in the afternoons after our tours are completed.
 - d. I recommend that you rent the cabin the day after your intended departure date in case weather causes flight delays.
 - e. It is up to you to confirm what type of stove a cabin has.
 - i. For the cabins that have wood stoves – the USFS may or may not supply chopped wood at these locations. Firebricks can be purchased at the local Walmart.
 - ii. For the cabins that have oil stoves. You will need to order the oil and have it delivered to our warehouse prior to flying out. Crowley Oil (907) 225-2163 sells a 5 gal. bucket of Kerosene and will deliver it to our warehouse. You will need to call them and order/pay for it and give them the date you would like it delivered.
 - f. The USFS website provides good information about the different cabins – what to expect, how large, etc.
 - g. Different cabins offer different options. Some are better for hiking around than others. Some have different times of year for different species of fish.
2. The Ketchikan International Airport is on Gravina Island.
 - a. The fee is \$6.00 per person to come across to the Ketchikan side. Your hotel can pick you up on the Ketchikan side if you request that.
 - b. We can also pick you up at the floatplane dock and take you directly to your cabin, if you have your supplies and do not want to come to town.
3. You can rent camping kits, gear, coolers, a motor or In-Reach Satellite Communication device from Family Air Tours/The Hookup (907) 247-1305.
4. When you purchase groceries – ask the grocery store to put the items in boxes for a camping trip. It should be sorted by frozen, refrigerated and dry items.
 - a. Safeway (Store #1818) also offers online grocery orders. It is advisable to get your order in several days prior to your flight out to the cabin. If you pick a morning “pick-up” time, we can go to Safeway and pick up the order for you.
5. You can purchase fishing license online prior to arriving or at Tongass Marine or Walmart. You can also purchase fishing gear or propane bottles at either of these places.
6. You will want a combination of block ice and crushed ice. Tongass Marine has both. The grocery stores only carry crushed.

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7. Depending on the time of year and which cabin you choose, there can be bears in the area. Most people take bear spray. You are allowed to take firearms – but must have the weapon unloaded and the ammunition must be carried separately. If you choose to bring a firearm – be sure to check with the airline you fly into Ketchikan on what their requirements are.
8. You will need to have properly filled out Hazmat forms for items that are listed as Hazmat items in the 49CFR. Hazmat items will need to be properly labeled and packaged. It is your responsibility to ensure this is in order before trying to have these items loaded onto the plane.