

# Public Use Cabins

Wrangell-St.Elias National Park and Preserve

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## Caribou Creek Cabin



**Location:** Refer to USGS maps: Nabesna 1:63,360 (C-5)

**Reservations:** Required. Please call (907) 822-7401 during summer and (907) 822-5234 during winter. Reservations can be made six months in advance of your first night of stay. The maximum stay in the cabin is 7 days in a 30 day period without a permit.

**Access:** **This cabin is accessible from the Nabesna Road.** At the end of the Caribou Creek Trail, which is a three mile hike. Caribou Creek trailhead is located at mile 19.5 on the north side of the Nabesna Road. Parking is available at mile 18.9. Be sure to stop in or call the Slana Ranger Station for the latest trail conditions and information.

**Description:** Total elevation gain is 800 feet. The trail proceeds in a northeast direction towards the hills. The trail is an ATV route, and as such there are some muddy areas where you may be required to walk off the trail. The beginning of the trail goes through the valley bottom with low tundra vegetation. Views are great. As the trail continues, the forest surrounds the trail with spruce, alder, willow and wildflowers. After two miles, Caribou Creek first crosses the trail- look directly across the creek to see where the trail continues on the other side of the creek. The trail will cross the creek 3-4 more times before you reach the cabin. None of these crossings are difficult, though the level of the water changes with the season and persons crossing should use caution, especially if it has been raining.

The cabin is equipped with two beds, a wood stove and a table. At this time there is not an outhouse at the cabin, therefore we ask that you practice **Leave-No-Trace** camping. Visitors are welcome to gather dead and down wood for heat.

The cabin sits nestled between ridges with breathtaking views of the valley south towards Mount Sanford, Mount Wrangell and the Tanada peaks. Keep your eye out for wildlife- wolves, bears, lynx, ground squirrels and many others call this area their home.

**Airstrip:** none