

Ending Cabin Fever

John R. King oversaw the building of the rustic visitors center in 1954-55. The Visitor Information Center Log Cabin is a most atypical cabin. Anchorage was never strictly a log cabin town, but the log cabin stands here as a symbol of the perceived frontier character of the town. Unlike most log cabins, this one was designed by an architect, Edwin B. Crittenden.

All logs for the log cabin project arrived from Homer in 1954, with the job of erecting the center accomplished through the volunteer efforts of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at the time. The cabin has round logs, saddle notched at the corners, and cost approximately \$8,000. The northern orientation of the cabin with the gable roof of sod on poles is typical, but the stone fireplace and chimney are not.

Today the Visitor Information Center Log Cabin is a popular stop for tourists and Anchorage residents. Here, a friendly and knowledgeable staff provides helpful information, along with the occasional story of Alaska pioneer days. The cabin is open daily:

- June – August: 7:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- May and September: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- October – April: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.



An Alaska adventure should begin with a visit to the Log Cabin and Downtown Information Centers. The Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau's Visitor Information Center Log Cabin is located on the corner of Fourth Avenue and F Street.



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