

The Summit Roadhouse site needs to be examined on the ground to evaluate its potential significance. It is on State-owned land.

Moose Creek  
→ Halfway Cabin

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Map B-4

This log cabin is located on the south side of Bonanza Creek approximately 8 miles southwest of Summit Roadhouse. It was briefly examined on the ground in 1976, before the land was patented to the State.

The small grassy clearing around the cabin also contains the rotting foundation logs of an older structure about 30 feet southeast of the standing cabin (Plate C-36). The existing cabin has a hand-carved sign posted above the door with the name "Halfway Cabin." The following inscription is inside the cabin above the doorway:

"Constructed by and for Moose Creek

Charles Salmi

Lars Indegaard

Contractors

March, 1939"

This dates the construction of the building, and other dates left on the cabin walls by visitors follow in time.

Salmi, Hunter, Stuver, Gularte, Rosander - Dec. 22, 1939

Aline Emory Toner - March 31, 1940

Lillian Uotilla - Jan. 16, 1942

John C. Anderson (undated)

The 15-by 17-foot cabin is well preserved but in need of repairs (Plate C-37). The split log roof is rotting, and the door is loose. The upper wall logs are fairly sound, and the plank flooring is in fair condition. The handmade table and chair located inside the cabin are good examples of bush type furniture and are excellently preserved (Plates C-38 and C-39). The bunk has many initials carved in the side poles. Cooking utensils and other materials are strewn about the inside of the cabin. Rusty spring traps hanging outside on the front of the cabin suggest that a trapper stayed in it some years ago.

Tony Gularte, whose name appears on the cabin wall, states that the Halfway Cabin was built as a stopping place for travelers between Moore Creek and the Flat area during the late 1930's and early 1940's. After air service became generally available to this locale, the trail and cabin were little used except by area trappers.

Halfway Cabin is in very good condition, and could be preserved with only minor repairs. Since the site is on State land, any stabilization or restoration efforts would be the responsibility of the State of Alaska.