General Yurt Information

- **No pets:** We love pets! However, because we rely on clean facilities and clean snow to make this operation run, they need to be left at home. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.
- **Check in/ check out:** Check in time is after 1:00pm, check out is by 11:00am (with departure checklist complete). We appreciate you having the yurt clean, shoveled out, and ready to go for the next group.
- **Getting to the yurt:** At the Southfork Horseshoe trailhead there are two groomed routes. One road/trail to the north goes towards Packsaddle and the other to the northwest goes over Horseshoe Creek bridge towards Sam. Take the trail to the northwest and towards Sam. It is approximately 1.3 miles and 500 feet of climbing to get to the yurt.
- **Activities:** The groomed winter trail, if skied/ridden/walked in whole, is approximately 12km with 1000 feet of elevation gain and loss. The first mile of trail is a shared use access point with snowmachines, skiers, snowshoers, fat bikers, etc. The trails as an entity, an old forest roadbed, meanders in and out of mixed conifer and aspen forests and there is ample opportunity for some hearty, sustained climbs. This trail system is a combination of a shorter interior loop and one longer out and back trail. The area is also home to a wide array of birds and wildlife. We try to groom routes below the yurt as our resources allow. Depending on conditions you may be able to classic or skate ski, fat bike, walk, snowshoe, or ski tour to the yurt and in the surrounding area. Guests generally report enjoying the use of metal edged or fish scale skis. Visitors often enjoy sledding. For a conditions update, please get in touch on the day or two leading up to your stay, or visit our grooming report at: https://tvtap.org/grooming/
- **Bathroom and facilities:** The outhouse is an appropriate place for urination and defecation. You may also urinate at the orange ski outside the yurt. *Do not go to the bathroom anywhere else.*
- **Water:** We highly recommend melting snow, which you can gather from the area marked with stakes. Use the large metal pot on the woodstove to melt snow. If you choose to voyage up to the spigot on the hillside, please know this water is not potable and boiling it takes quite a bit of time and propane. Once you have some water, it's easy to keep it in the large Igloo cooler.
- **Food:** Do not leave any food out overnight or while you are adventuring during the day. Put food items in coolers or bins for storage. We work hard not to attract any mice and other critters and appreciate your help.
- **Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors:** These are both sensitive detectors. The carbon monoxide detector may go off if you have the kitchen stove on for a prolonged period of time. If it does go off, turn the stove off and open the door and windows until it stops beeping. The same applies if you burn any food on the stove and the smoke detector.

- **Cooking:** The kitchen stove is attached to the large propane tank outside. Be sure to turn off the kitchen stove completely after each use. To turn on, simply turn the knob on and light with the provided lighter.
- **Dishes:** There are two dish bins. Please use one for soap and one for rinsing and bleach. A couple of small drops of bleach go a long way. These bins should be emptied either into the greywater container or into the outhouse pit toilet.
- **Heat:** We recommend turning the electric thermostat on when you arrive to heat up the yurt. Turning it to 55 or 60 degrees F will warm it up quickly! Because it can be noisy, you may want to turn it down, or off, at night. If it is chilly, you may use the small space heater. ***Please only plug this into the wall outlets (no power strips)!*** Turning on the **propane woodstove** should simply require turning the switch to the right of the stove to your desired run time. However…
    - In the event the pilot light is out on the propane woodstove:
    - 1- Make sure gas is turned on at tank outside, and handle on the ground to the left of the stove is in a vertical position.
    - 2- Turn the switch to "on" on the right side of stove (dial on wall)
    - 3- Light pilot light (if you need help troubleshooting, please watch this video we made)
    - 4 - Once stove is lit, keep it on the low setting. If the timer runs out, simply turn it back on.
- **Shoveling:** Your help keeping the deck clear and pathways to water stakes and the outhouse are appreciated!
- **Emergency contact information:** The Horseshoe Yurt is an unguided, un-hosted, basic winter rental very similar to the rental of a USFS cabin. Yurt renters are fully responsible for their own health and safety when renting the Horseshoe Yurt. Parties should be aware that organized outside rescue may not be available and that risk management, accident prevention, and, if necessary, self-rescue are the responsibility of every group that uses the yurt. There is cell coverage at the yurt and in the area. SPOT Locator and Garmin InReach type devices can also initiate an emergency response.
    - For any life-threatening emergency: **911**
    - Teton County, Idaho Sheriff, non-emergency: (208) 354-2323
    - During weekday business hours only, TVTAP office: (208) 201-1622
- **While you're out and about:** Please don't leave space heaters or propane stoves on while the yurt is unoccupied. Remember to put food items in bins or in coolers while you're out, too.
- This yurt is on public land and people may come ski, sled, snowshoe, board, walk by while you're here. Say hi and let them know they too can book the yurt!

Have a great stay!

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