

SKYLINE SUMMER YURT GUIDE

Skyline yurt is ideally located for summer use. Many miles of old roads and single-track trails are easily accessed. The yurt is located on the highest point in the area just off the Skyline trail. Its elevation of 5900 feet and open, park-like setting guarantee cool evenings and breezes all summer long. Numerous large spruce trees nearby provide a nice shaded area for picnics. A few hundred feet from the site is a prime huckleberry patch. In the fall, flaming red/yellow/orange aspens frame the mountain peaks to the east. A protected tent area is available for extra persons. The yurt site is usually snow free early May to mid-November.

PLEASE READ THE SUMMER YURT MANUAL FOR MORE DETAILS

Combination to the yurt, It's your responsibility:

To contact the yurt coordinator by email deetta.petersen@idpr.idaho.gov or by calling 208-514-2418 no less than one week to 48 hours in advance of your arrival in order to acquire your yurt access code. Failure to contact the yurt coordinator will result in inability to obtain entry to the yurt. No refunds are given for failure to obtain door access code. All correspondence must include reservation number, phone number or name on the reservation and yurt booked. **Take the combination with you.**

How To Get There (June 15th to September 15):

Drive to the Gold Fork Park N' Ski parking lot which is 21 miles north of Idaho City on Highway 21 just past mile marker 59. About 200 feet past the Gold Fork parking lot turn right onto the first gravel forest road. You will immediately pass through a green metal road gate. Trails are marked with blue diamond shapes, called blazes, attached to trees. Drive on this primitive forest service road about .5 miles to the Skyline/Summit trail intersection, noted by a 4x4 wood signpost. Stay right on the Summit trail and continue to climb for 1.7 miles until you come to another road intersection. Turn left on the Skyline trail. Stay on the Skyline trail for about .3 miles. You will come to a locked green gate, the open area to the right of the gate is the summer parking area. Park your vehicle in the open area to the left of the green gate. Hike past the gate following the Skyline trail approximately 200 yds, you see a 4x4 post with a 2' yellow sign on it, stay to the left, follow the yellow blazes up the hill approximately 100 yds to the yurt. The yurt is located on the highest point in the area. **You cannot see the yurt from the summer parking area.**

How To Get There (September 15th to June 15th)

On September 15th, the US Forest Service closes the road just off Highway 21 to provide wildlife more security. The green gate is just off the highway and is locked. You must park in the Gold Fork Park N' Ski parking lot and hike or bike to the yurt following the above directions.

Elevation Change and Distance:

From the summer parking area, 30 feet climbing over about 0.3 mile. From the Gold Fork Park N' Ski parking lot, 650 feet climbing over about 2.2 miles (one-way)

Dogs:

From Dec 1st through April 15th dogs are **not** allowed. All other times dogs are allowed.

Solar Power:

This yurt has a solar unit with four lights. Please do not change the panel location. Use the lights when needed, turn them off when not in use and at the end of your stay

Wood:

Wood for the stove is located under the yurt deck. Wood for the fire pit is north of the fire pit. There are several downed trees in the area which can be cut with the bow saw or axe provided. Please use downed, dry timber, as it helps clean up the area and aides in fire protection.

Water:

You must haul in your own drinking water in the summer season. We recommend you haul it in on a wagon or bike trailer. A water tank is located on site and is refilled about every three weeks. This water is not for drinking but may be used for cleaning and washing. Please conserve this so others have water for their stay.

Equipment Needed:

Bring two (2) one-pound propane bottles per each night of your stay and a roll of paper towels. **A list of recommended items for your yurt trip is at the back of the summer yurt manual.**

Maps Needed:

Idaho City area location, Skyline Summer trail map (on website)

Global Positioning System Locations

UTM (in NAD 83/WGS 84): Note UTM's are rounded to nearest 10 meters

Gold Fork Parking Lot: 11T0611770 4870910

Skyline Yurt: 11T 0612810 4872340

Elevations:

Gold Fork Parking Lot: 5,240 feet

Summer Parking Area: 5,855 feet

Skyline Yurt: 5,885 feet

Safety: The nearest telephone is in Lowman. For emergencies, call Boise County Sheriff: **1-208-392-4411** or in a medical emergency: **911**. There is cell phone coverage for most cell phone systems at the high point on the Elkhorn trail once you're on top of the Banner Ridge. There is also coverage on the Stargaze trail near Highway 21. Do not depend on coverage in those area.

REPORT YURT DAMAGE OR MISSING ITEMS TO 208-514-2418 or 208-514-2419

PLEASE, DO NOT FEED ANY WILD ANIMALS. IT CAN LEAD TO THE ANIMALS CHEWING OR TEARING THE YURT SKIN.