

# HENNESSY SUMMER YURT GUIDE<sup>2018</sup>

The Hennessy yurt is the newest yurt in the Idaho City system and is designed for avid backcountry skiers and snowshoers. The Hennessy yurt replaces the Whispering Pines yurt that was totally burned to the ground during the 2016 Pioneer fire. The new yurt is located on a high, unburned knob with great views. From the large yurt deck you can see Pilots Peak, Sunset Peak, Trinity Mountains, Steele Mountain, Wolf Mountain and the Crooked River Valley. At an elevation of 5,679 in feet. Access to the yurt is from the Gold Fork Park N' Ski parking lot located on Highway 21 about 20 miles north of Idaho City.

## PLEASE READ THE SUMMER YURT MANUAL FOR MORE DETAILS

### Combination to the yurt, It's your responsibility:

You can contact the yurt coordinator by emailing [deetta.petersen@idpr.idaho.gov](mailto: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:** When the yurt is snow free you can drive with a high clearance vehicle within a couple hundred feet of the yurt. To drive to yurt you should first drive to the Gold Fork Park N, Ski area parking lot. First set your odometer to zero and then drive north out of the parking lot on a primitive dirt USFS road, (USFS Road 393). Drive 4.2 miles on the main road to a switch back in the road and park in the wide spot along the road near a road gate. From there walk a couple hundred feet south on a trail to the yurt. At the yurt you will find a wheelbarrow to carry your five gallons of drinking water and luggage to the yurt.

### Elevation Change and Distance:

About 435 feet climbing at just at 2 miles (one-way). About 1.3 miles via the Gold Fork trail and .7 miles on an ungroomed trail. This is the shortest route with one long steep section to climb.

### Dogs:

Dogs are allowed in yurt.

### Solar Power:

This yurt has a solar panel with four LED 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:

Firewood is located under the deck. Wood for the fire pit is on the ground surrounding the yurt site. Please use downed, dry timber for the fire pit, 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 wheelbarrow. 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 be conservative 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 Park N' Ski Location Map, Hennessy Winter Trail Route to Hennessy Yurt. (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:** N43.9914 W115.6058

**Hennessy Yurt:** N43.9973 W115.6246

### **Elevations:**

**Gold Fork Parking Lot on Highway 21:** 5,243 feet

**Hennessy Yurt Summer Parking:** 5,679 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 sporadic cell phone coverage for some cell phone systems at the high point once you are at the yurt. There is also possible coverage on Stargaze trail near on Highway 21.

**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**