

Catamount Yurt Information



Please understand that it is the responsibility of the yurt user to locate the yurt. Yurt rental fees will not be refunded if the yurt is not located. The yurt is locked. You will need to get the combination to the lock the week before your trip.

Trail Head: End of plowed portion of McNabb Road. McNabb Road can be reached by driving 7 miles out of Inkom on Rapid Creek Road. Turn right onto McNabb Road and drive to the end of the road. *Be sure to parallel park in the designated area about 100 feet from the end of the road. Vehicles parked in the turn-around area or in front of the private drives will be ticketed.*

Route Description: Follow the snowbound McNabb road for a little more than a mile until you reach the orange gate. Once you are at the gate, turn right onto the road behind the gate. Follow this snowbound road into the trees and continue along for about another mile. Once you peak out onto a ridge, turn and head up the ridge toward a stand of conifers. The yurt can be found off to your left after you have reached a flat area in the ridge before it starts climbing steeply.

Route Finding Caution: The ski route to the yurt goes across rolling wheat field country over a snow covered road. During times of poor visibility and new snow covering the road, it can be very difficult to locate the route to the yurt. You and other members of your party should take a couple of day trips prior to your planned use of the yurt to make sure it can be located. Be prepared and treat all tours with respect.

Difficulty: Beginner to Intermediate. Even though this tour has some of the least elevation gain and distance of the yurt system, it can be difficult for some individuals. Be prepared and treat all tours with respect.

Distance and Elevation Gain: 2.25 miles distance. 816 feet climb.

Avalanche Potential: Low

Map Needed: USGS Topographic, 7.5 minute series "South Putnam". Trail maps of the Westside Ranger District of Caribou Targhee National Forest can be downloaded at www.fs.fed.us/r4/caribou-targhee. *(The attached photocopied map is for reference only. Skiers should use original U.S.G.S. quad maps while on Yurt tours.)*

GPS Location: All information is in WGS84 datum

	UTM Coordinates	Lat/Lonhddd°mm.mmm'
Trail Head	12 T 0399485 47478042	N 42°52.702' W 112°13.845'
Orange Gate	12 T 0400878 4748766	N 42°53.100' W 112°12.829'
Ridge Junction	12 T 0401870 4747901	N 42°52.648' W 112°12.082'
Yurt	12 T 0402160 4748093	N 42°52.750' W 112°11.881'

Special Notes:

- The access to the yurt is possible because of the generosity of private land owners. Please be sure to pick up all litter and otherwise treat the land with respect. Because the snow around the yurt is melted for drinking water, dogs are not allowed and the use of the toilet by human beings is highly encouraged.
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- You will find propane stoves and lanterns in the yurts. Renters must provide their own propane cylinders. Please take used cylinders out with you.
- Pack it in – Pack it out. Bring your used propane cylinders to the Outdoor Adventure Center and we will recycle them.
- Please use the wood for burning inside the yurt only. Building fires outside the yurt is inconsiderate of the effort put into the yurt system as well as to the yurt users behind you. You will be assessed an extra nightly yurt fee for burning wood outside of the yurt.

Warning: *Winter travel and the use of yurts are dangerous. Do not undertake yurt trips without careful preparation and a serious discussion of the dangers with ALL members of your group.*

For more information or to report any problems contact the ISU Outdoor Adventure Center (208) 282-3912.