



IDAHO WILDERNESS
YURTS
IDAHO CITY

Yurt Instructional Manual

to help your stay be as enjoyable as possible

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CHECK IN CHECKLIST

- Start a fire. See wood stove info sheet if needed. We recommend opening the bathroom door to start warming the toilet.
- **Keep the door code on you in case you get locked out.**
- Clear the solar panes on the porch roof with the extendable scraper located under the yurt (green). The fridge and lights require a sufficient charge to operate. Please return the scraper to its storage location after use.
- Remove snow from the porch and steps using the black plastic shovel not the red shovel. The red shovel is for digging out under the yurt to access the wood and will damage the porch. The handle of the red shovel contains a snow/ice saw if needed.
- Bring additional wood indoors to start warming.
- If needed, fill the water pot without the hose attachment with river water and set on the stove to start boiling. See water pot info sheet. Do not place the water pot on the propane cook stove as it is too heavy.

A travel crib stored in the sauna for our littlest of guests (first come, first serve).

Please leave all skis, poles, pulks, snowshoes and other equipment outside under the yurt or on the porch. These items tend to have rough edges, drip lots of water and quickly cause damage.

General Information:

- Extra cleaning supplies and trash bags are under the sink and may require time to thaw. Do not warm cleaning supplies on the stove.
- Extra toilet paper, emergency feminine products and a basic tool set are stored in the dresser in the bathroom.
- Always leave the master power switch for the solar on. This is located on the outside wall of the bathroom and is clearly labeled.
- The yurt has three detectors for your safety as well as a fire extinguisher in case of emergency:
 - o Moisture sensor under the sink (please right if it gets knocked over)
 - o Propane detector near the fridge on the wall
 - o Smoke and carbon monoxide detector at the front door on the wall.
- Under each yurt is a black bin with a yellow lid that holds maintenance equipment and materials. Please leave these alone.
- Once unlocked, the front door will remain unlocked until it is manually locked. To lock the door simply type in the door code and press the lock symbol.

PETS

Please be respectful of the pet rules so pets continue to be welcome.

Pets are not allowed in the RED yurt. Dogs are allowed in the blue and green yurts and these yurts are supplied with two large dogs beds to keep your pets warm and comfortable. Pet beds are stored under the bunk beds.

Please keep pets off the couch and beds. Pet beds are provided for this reason.

Upon Check out:

- Please take the pet beds outside, away from the entrance and beat off pet fur.
- Return pet beds under the bunks after the floor has been cleaned.



WOOD STOVE

Wood, an ax and a sledgehammer are stored under the yurt. A wood carry bag, fire starter and lighters are stored in the lower left drawer of the kitchen. A switch inside the yurt controls lighting under the yurt. If the stove is cold upon arrival, it will take several hours to start warming the yurt.

We have found that once the yurt is brought up to temperature, an adequately banked stove will keep the yurt about 40 °F above the outside temperature through the night. To keep the temperature warmer, the stove will need to be fed throughout the night.

Components of the stove are listed below:



Step to start a fire:

- Empty the ash box into the trash if ashes are cool and into the ash bucket if they are not cool
- If you opted to bring paper scraps with you place this in the middle of the stove. Place kindling (1/2" diameter pieces) on top of paper in layers to allow for air flow. To avoid a smoke issues, it is important to have enough kindling to create sufficient heat quickly.
- Stack smaller wood splits on top of the kindling in cross hatch layers
- Before lighting the fire:
 - o Open the ash box partway for extra air flow
 - o Pull the air flow control handle fully out (to right)
 - o Pull the catalyst handle gently out and down to disengage the catalyst (if you forget this step the room will fill with smoke)
- Light fire and securely close stove door.
- If you are lucky enough to still have hot coals upon arrival, we recommend spreading the coals out, adding kindling (not needed if the stove is in the active range), and small pieces of wood. Open the air flow control fully and the ash box. Lots of air flow should get the fire restarted in no time with little effort.
- If you have issues with smoke open windows/door and the dome to clear the air. The dome opener is an extending, long stick with a hook on the end stored in the bathroom. Remember to close the dome when the smoke is cleared.

- Smoke is an issue when the stove does not get hot fast enough. To fix this issue more kindling is needed to quickly produce more heat to force smoke up the warmed stove pipe.
- Add wood as necessary.
- When the temperature gauge dial reaches the “Active” region, engage the catalyst by gently pulling the handle out, up and in. Close the ash box.
- To add more wood, temporarily disengage the catalyst handle before adding more wood. Reengage once the stove is closed.
- Adjust the air flow handle as needed to control the temperature/burn rate. Out is hotter/faster burn and in is cooler/slower burn. **Keep the stove in the active range.** It is dangerous to push the stove beyond the active range (too hot).

The stove is also an excellent tool for cooking! All provided pots and pans are compatible with the stove if it is in the “Active” range. The front section of the stove top will easily boil liquids, fry eggs, cook steak, etc. The back raised section of the stove is often referred to as the warming shelf and is great for keeping things warm but when the stove is quite hot you can also simmer on the shelf. Caution when cooking on the stove as the pot handles become quite hot. Please use provided hot pads when transferring heated pots and pans to the countertop or table.

Upon Checkout:

- If the stove is still burning, please leave the catalyst engaged and the air flow handle fully pushed in.
- Please refill the wood carrier with wood and enough kindling to start a new fire
- Sweep the hearth.

TOILET

The composting toilet is simple to use and beats a metal seated outhouse in subzero temperatures! We recommend leaving the bathroom door open when not in use to allow warm air from the main portion of the yurt to keep the toilet warmer.

If going #1:

- Do your thing.

If going #2:

- Do your thing.
- Pump the foot pedal 6-7 times to convey the solids out of sight and into the composting shed (the building attached to and behind the yurt).

Upon Check out:

- Please wipe the toilet seat area with cleaner and ensure any misses are cleaned up.
- Pump any toilet paper that may remain from going #1 out of sight.

PROPANE COOK STOVE

The propane cook stove is stored in the cabinet to the left of the sink. Note that the black grates are removeable and need to be fully seated for the stove to function correctly. One grate accepts small pots and one grate accepts any size pot. **The water pot is too heavy for the propane cook stove.** The stove is configured to accept either refillable or disposable propane tanks. If using a disposable propane tank, the brass adapter pictured below is required. The adapter is stored in the drawer to the left of the sink.



To start the stove:

- Connect the propane source
- Push the valve in and turn it counterclockwise until you hear a click
- Keep holding the valve in until a flame appears
- If no flames appear after 2 seconds, reset the valve to vertical position and repeat steps
- It may take several attempts to start the stove with the cold temperatures

AEROPRESS COFFEE MAKER

The AeroPress coffee maker includes the following parts (picture from the AeroPress website):



To brew coffee with the AeroPress:

- Insert plunger into the coffee press to the number 4 and turn upside down
- Add 1.5 scoops of coffee grounds to the coffee press
- Fill to the top with hot water and stir
- Install the filter cap with the filter
- Brew time is determined by grind size
 - o For fine espresso grind immediately invert and press into the carafe
 - o For medium fine grind wait 30 seconds, invert and press into the carafe
 - o For course grind (French press) wait up to 6 minutes, invert and press into carafe
- Over the trash can remove the filter cap, push the plunger through until the coffee grounds pop out
- Rinse all parts with water and place back on the stand
- Drink your coffee
- For a double portion use the same steps with the coffee press set to 8 and use 3 scoops

WATER POT

The water pot is versatile! It can be used for heating water (hose removed), melting snow, filling water bottles, and doing the dishes. **Please do not put anything in the pot besides water/snow. Please only heat the pot on the wood stove;** it is too heavy for the propane cook stove.

To heat the pot on the wood stove, fill it with water and remove the quick connect hose by gently pulling the collar down. The hose can be reconnected once the pot is no longer on direct heat. Please ensure the black hot pad is under the pot when removed from the stove.

Water Purification:

The CDC recommends bringing river water and snow to a rolling boil for a minimum of one minute to be considered safe for drinking and doing dishes.

Upon Check out:

- Empty the pot of water, leave the valve open and place it back on the shelf above the sink
- Disconnected the hose and hang it over the spout of the pot to dry
- Dry the pot lid and leave it on the shelf above the sink

SINK AND DISHES

Before using the sink ensure the black plastic drain bucket is placed under the drain of the sink.

There is a small, white moisture detector under the sink. Please do not remove this and please make sure to right it if it is knocked over. This will sound an alarm if moisture is detected under the sink (likely from a missing drain bucket!).

The sink has several implements that all nest into the sink to make doing dishes easier and keep counter space clear:

- Two dish racks (one black and one metal)
- A metal strainer
- Wooden cutting board

Please dispose of gray (unclean) water in the gray water disposal area. This is a big, black pipe protruding out of the ground in front of the blue/middle yurt. Please do not put any solids or trash in the pipe as it will clog. Empty the drain bucket as needed keeping in mind that a full bucket is heavy and may slosh as you walk. The gray water disposal pipe looks like this:



Replace the empty bucket before using the sink again.

Upon Check Out:

- Put away clean, dry dishes
- Empty any solids from the drain catch into the trash, clean the catch and return to its place
- Scrub the sink clean with soap
- Empty the drain bucket and replace under the sink
- Collect all trash and pack it out

Other Kitchen Check Out Tasks:

- Wipe countertops
- Clean tabletop and seat tops
- Wipe the propane cook stove clean of any spills
- Place all cleaning liquids under the sink
- Follow water pot instructions

SAUNA

We love the sauna – it's beautiful, handcrafted in the USA and the wood details smell amazing! It also cranks heat and has a gorgeous view. We hope you delight in your sauna time.

There is one sauna available for use that is shared between all guests. **The sauna takes about an hour to heat up.** The sauna is family-friendly and **a swimsuit or clothing is required.** As this is shared among all guests, coverage is necessary to meet sanitary requirements. Please be respectful.

Steps to start the sauna:

- Bring wood from your yurt to the sauna including kindling and/or fire starter. A lighter is stored in the sauna. Remember to bring the sauna entry code.
- Please leave all shoes on the sauna porch. This helps tremendously with cleanliness.
- The sauna stove is simpler than the yurt stove and there are no levers to adjust.
- Before starting a fire empty the ash drawer
- Close all three vents in the sauna room
- Start a fire and monitor to ensure it is heating up
- For a steam sauna, fill the black metal bucket located in the sauna room with water
- There is a light on the wall in the entry that turns on via gentle touch. Continue to gently tap the light base to cycle through to turn it off.
- The lights to the sauna room are controlled by a switch on the wall in the entry room.
- Once the sauna is warm enough, ENJOY!
- Pour 1-2 ladles of water over the top of the rocks for a steam sauna

If you'd like to make friends, alert any other guests that the sauna is heating up and will be ready in an hour when you are done. Please verify others will close the sauna down if they plan to enjoy the sauna after you.

When finished with your sauna:

- Empty the water bucket and place it back in the sauna room on the floor with the ladle
- Open the three vents but keep the window closed
- Remove personal items and any trash
- Securely close and lock the door

CHECK OUT CHECKLIST

We hope you had an incredible stay and come to visit again soon!

The yurts are guest maintained and must be cleaned prior to checkout. Please complete the following tasks prior to check out:

Stove:

- Restock the yurt with wood and kindling
- Sweep the hearth
- Empty the ash bucket into the trash (not the ash bin as this will be hot!)
- Push in the air flow control handle

Bathroom:

- Wipe toilet seat with cleaner
- Dust dresser top
- Close the window if open
- Return all cleaning tools to the wall rack.

Porch:

- Remove any snow built up with the black shovel and sweep any dirt or mud away (if applicable)
- Bring any chairs used at the outside bar back inside

Pet Beds:

- Beat beds outside to remove excess pet fur
- Store pet beds under the bunk beds

Kitchen:

- Water Pot:
 - o Empty any remaining clean water outdoors (does not need to go in gray water) and place on the shelf above the sink with the pot valve open
 - o Remove the lid and dry and place on shelf above sink
 - o Remove hose and hang over the pot spout to dry
- Dishes/Sink:
 - o Please wash, dry and put away all dishes
 - o Wipe the countertops
 - o Put any debris from the sink drain catch into the trash and clean the catch
 - o Dump dish water in the gray water disposal area
 - o Pack all trash out with you
 - o Replace the drain bucket, trash bin with clean bag and all cleaning supplies under the sink
 - o This is what the sink area should look like at check out:



- Propane Cook Stove
 - o Ensure the stove is turned off and all propane sources are disconnected
 - o Take empty bottles home with you (partially full/full bottles may be left to share if preferred – please leave these disconnected and on the countertop)
- Refrigerator/Freezer
 - o Remove all food and empty the ice tray if applicable
 - o Clean any spills
- Trash:
 - o All trash must be packed out upon departure
 - o Please place a new trash bag in the bin before leaving

General Cleaning Requirements:

- Sweep and mop floors. The kitchen sink bucket can be dumped, filled with river water and used for mopping. The all-purpose cleaner under the sink may be added to the water (about 2 tbsp/gallon).
- Wipe kitchen table top and chair seats down
- Close all windows but leave unlocked
- Close the dome
- Verify all food has been removed from the fridge, freezer, cabinets and drawers
- Turn off all lights, but leave the master switch turned on

Check Out Photos:

As the yurts are guest maintained, we require the following photos be taken upon checkout showing a space that has been cleaned and prepared for the next guests:

- A fully stocked and tidy wood stove area
- The kitchen
- The toilet
- The whole yurt interior from the door

Failure to document the condition of the yurt at check out may result in the loss of your cleaning deposit.

Please double check that the yurt is locked upon departure.

We hope you enjoy your trip back home and we would love to have you come visit again!