

Enchanted Forest Yurt procedures, El Paradero

Welcome

Thank you for choosing Enchanted Forest for all your yurting needs. This is a new venture for us, and we have done everything we can think of to make your yurt stay a pleasurable one. That said, there might be a few things we have forgotten, so please help us out and let us know what you would like from our yurts and these instructions.

Our yurt has been designed for a pleasant winter stay. The floor, walls and roof are insulated. There is a wood stove for heat and to melt snow for water, and the beds are warm and comfortable, but this is still **WINTER CAMPING**. Bring warm clothing and sleeping gear for your stay in the yurt. (See gear list below)

Safety

EMERGENCY NUMBER 575-770-2431.

This is my cell phone; so make sure it is a real emergency. If it is a REALLY BIG emergency, call 911.

Big fires make big heat! Keep them small and comfortable. If the fire gets too big, DO NOT REMOVE LOGS FROM FIRE! Many homes in Red River have caught fire because of people trying to remove logs from a big fire. Also, **do not use the fire extinguisher to put out the stove fire**. This will make it impossible to get the fire going again and this is your heat source. Use a cup of water or snow to quench fire.

For more information on the wood stove, see instructions near stove and at the end of this document..

You may ski the trails or snowshoe the snowshoe trails at night. Remember, you are alone in the ski area and there is no ski patrol at night. Be extremely cautious!

Provided Gear

We have provided quite a few amenities to help make your stay comfortable and to limit the amount of gear you need to bring to the yurt.

- Wood stove, fire starter and firewood
- Gas Lantern
- Gas cook stove (**DO NOT USE FOR MELTING SNOW!**)
- Pots and pans
- Cooking utensils
- Recycled paper plates, cups, cutlery and paper towels (burn when done for added heat.)
- A selection of spices
- Cutting board and knives

- Melitta filter cone, carafe and filters
- Trash bags (trash disposal is at trailhead, pack it out)
- Table and 5 chairs
- Outhouse
- 5 Beds (twin bunk and twin upper, full lower bunk) with 4 pillows and a 4 extra blankets
- Fold out mattress for 6th person (who won't mind sleeping on the floor)
- Books and Games
- Gear pulk provided for moving extra gear to yurt
- Other items that previous guests may have left for you to use.

You Bring

There are of course things you will need to bring to make your stay more like home.

- Bring a cell phone, there is service at the yurt and they are very helpful in an emergency and to brag to friends (Hey, guess where I am!)
- Skis or snowshoes (rentals available at EFXC)
- Backpacks for gear that won't fit in the pulk
- Sleeping bags (20° or colder rating **HIGHLY** recommended)
- Pillowcases or your own pillow
- Winter-appropriate clothing:

This includes: Hats, gloves or mittens, long underwear (no cotton!), wool or synthetic socks (no cotton!), insulated over pants and jacket/coat (no cotton! No jeans!), wicking shirts, fleece or sweater (no cotton!). It is very important that you wear layers of clothing. Wicking layers against skin (no cotton!), thin to thick insulation layer, water resistant breathable outer layer. This way you can take off and put on as needed. It is better to start warm than to try and get warm, and you can't put it on if you left it at the trailhead. Bring extra clothing even if you don't think you'll need it, weather can change rapidly in the mountains.

- Sunglasses
- Sunblock
- Day packs for trips from yurt
- Trail map
- First aid kit
- All your food
- Slippers
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Toiletries
- Water. There is a pot for melting snow on the wood stove, but 1 gallon jugs of water cost 89¢ at most stores.

Check in

Pick up key at the Day Lodge. The yurt is located at the junction of "Little John" and "Linda's Leg". We will show you on the map where it is and how to get there when you arrive.

Check in time is 1pm – 4:30pm.

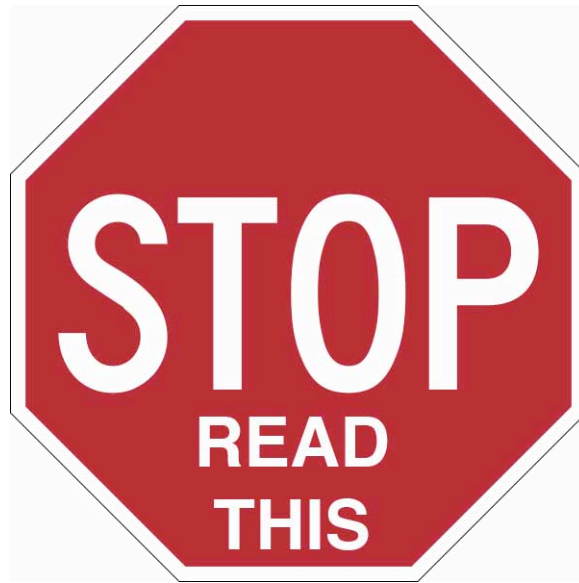
To make your stay the most comfortable, there are a few things you need to do to get the yurt ready for the night's stay:

- If it has snowed, shovel the deck and steps, and shovel a path to the outhouse and wood crib.
- Water is from snowmelt or water you have brought with you from the store or home. For this reason **PLEASE ONLY USE THE OUTHOUSE TO PEE**. No urinating off of the porch (or anywhere near the yurt – except in the outhouse).
- **Use the wood stove to melt snow for water. Using the gas stove uses way to much gas and you may find yourself out of gas for cooking.**
- Get the fire going if it's cold. There is amazing solar gain in the afternoon in the yurt so a fire may not be needed right away. Fire starter, newspaper and lighters are located near the wood stove. Cut logs and a hatchet are at the wood crib. Use the foot-powered splitter to make bigger logs smaller.
- Small fires go a long way in the yurt.** Too big and you will find yourself opening the front door to cool off. Instructions for the stove are at the end of this document, and are hung near the wood stove.
- The cook stove and lantern use propane. The stove gas is alongside the deck and you must turn on the valve to get gas to the stove inside. There is a gas control and start knob on the front of the stove. Turn off gas at bottle when not in use during day or overnight, and again when you leave.
- The lantern is lit by turning gas knob on halfway then quickly turning striker knob. If striker is broken use lighter or matches. Spare gas canisters are in the tub under the counter. Be careful handling lantern, parts of it can get very hot.
- Fire extinguisher is located on the left hand side of the door.
- Burn paper trash in fire. This helps keep you warm, and reduces the amount of trash you must carry out. **NO METALS OR PLASTIC IN FIRE!**

Check Out

- Check out time is 12:00 PM. please leave the yurt how you found it or better.
- Leave yurt clean and tidy for the next visitor. There is a broom and dustpan in the yurt, and shake out the rug on the step side of the porch.
- Be sure to turn off all gas appliances and the propane tank for the cook stove.
- Split and stock a load of firewood for the next group.
- Make one final sweep to check for left behind belongings.
- Be sure to **pack out any trash** you have created during your stay, and turn in the key and the pulk.

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Instructions for Waterford airtight wood stove

To light stove: Build fire directly on stove bottom. You may need to remove a bit of ash with the shovel if there is more than 2-3 inches. Shovel ashes into ash can provided, leave big coals in stove, this helps get the new fire going. Stove will accept up to 16" length wood.

Use newspaper and kindling or **ONE** fire starter puck and kindling. Kindling can be made from split wood with the hatchet near the wood crib. **DO NOT SPLIT WOOD IN YURT!** Fire starter puck must be completely engulfed with flame before adding wood. **Do not use fire starter pucks as firewood!**

Once kindling is burning, add larger pieces of wood. Small fires go a long way toward heating the yurt, don't add too much at first.

Once fire catches, close door and make sure damper on right side of stove is OPEN, in forward position.

Stove will take approximately 30 to 45 minutes to start producing good heat. Most of the heat will come from the heat plate on top of the stove, and the stovepipe. Once fire is burning well and stove is hot, move damper half way back.*

Once desired heat level is reached, close down damper by moving lever toward back of stove. The damper will not close completely so that fire will continue to burn. If room temp cools down, move damper control forward to increase air to fire. Adjust to keep a comfortable heat level in the yurt. **REMEMBER**, this is still a tent... in winter... it will **NEVER** stay at 70° all night and still have a good fire left in the morning unless someone gets up and adds wood in the middle of the night.

Before bed: Stir coals and bits of wood down to a level layer on bottom of stove. Load the stove and fill as much as possible without forcing wood in. Let fire build up a bit, then close door and close damper back all the way. Fire should last most of the night, but you may still need to stoke the fire in the middle of the night. If it gets too cold in the yurt, bring damper control forward to increase heat of fire.

***WARNING!** If the stovepipe or other parts of stove begin to glow red, your fire is TOO BIG! Do not try to remove logs or use fire extinguisher to put out fire. Throw a cup of water or snow into fire. If you use the fire extinguisher to put out fire your primary heat source is now unusable until cleaned.