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YURTS 15-19: LILY LAKE HUT SYSTEM

The Bear River Outdoor Recreation Alliance (BRORA) has partnered with the Wasatch-Cache National Forest, the Evanston Parks and Recreation District, Utah State Parks, the Utah Avalanche Forecast Center, and the U.S. Forest Service to erect five multi-seasonal yurts for public use. The yurts are located on the North Slope of the Uinta Mountains, which lies within Utah, but sits thirty miles south of Evanston, Wyoming.

A special use permit from the U.S. Forest Service allow these yurts to sit on public lands. Yurt reservations are accepted through the Evanston Parks and Recreation District. Like most yurts, there is a user fee for overnight use. All BRORA yurts remain unlocked allowing public access and emergency shelter use. One person from each group using a yurt for an overnight stay must be a member of the Bear River Outdoor Recreation Alliance. Annual BRORA membership fees cost \$15 per individual or \$20 per family.

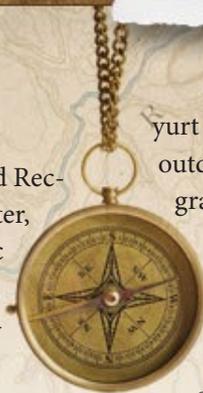
Yurt user fees and BRORA membership fees are used to pay for trail grooming and track setting in the national forest, maintenance and repair of the yurts,

yurt replacement costs, the purchase of equipment and supplies for the yurts, outdoor sanitation facilities, and a yurt orientation and certification program.

All five yurts are accessed from a single trailhead. A variety of terrain exists for snowshoers and skiers. Two of the five yurts: East Fork and Bear Claw, sit at lower elevation levels adjacent to groomed trails with little elevation gain. The trail system has a total of 16 Kilometers of groomed trails for skiers and skaters. Trails are groomed weekly or as needed.

The Lily Lake and Ridge Yurt, lie further out and up. From the Ridge yurt you can access the High Uinta Wilderness Area, and the view ain't bad either. These yurts are accessible by snowmobile. The furthest yurt, Boundary Creek Yurt, is located in a non-motorized area.

To make reservations for any of the five yurts, call the Evanston Recreation Center 307. 789.1770; M-F 8:00-5:00; Reservations open at the end of October.



YURT 15

EAST FORK YURT

Location: Lily Lake/Wolverine Trails; Wasatch Cache National Forest; Northern Uinta Mountains

Length: 1.5 miles one-way

Elevation: North Slope Road trailhead 8300'; East Fork yurt 8500'

Size: 20' diameter; sleeps 6-8 on bunk beds

Amenities: Wood stove, firewood, propane stove and lantern, some pots and pans, bunk beds with pads, venting sky light, table with benches, ax, broom, shovel and outhouse. Bring your own sleeping, eating and toiletry items

Introduction: The East Fork yurt sits next to the east fork of Bear River. The non-motorized trail to the yurt is a winding path on the East Fork Bench. It is an easy trail which makes hauling extra supplies on a sled a viable option. The yurt overlooks a large flat meadow below Dead man's Pass and has a stunning vista of 12,400' Mount Beulah to the southeast. Moose are frequent visitors to the meadow.

Season: Year-round

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Fee: Weekday nights (Sunday through Thursday) \$50 per night; Friday, Saturday and Holidays - \$75 a night

Other: No snowmobiles allowed. This trail is designated for snowshoers and skiers only.



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YURT 16 BEAR CLAW YURT

Location: Lily Lake/Wolverine Trails; Wasatch Cache National Forest; Northern Uinta Mountains

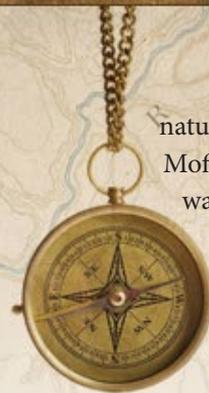
Length: 2 miles one-way

Elevation: North Slope Road trailhead 8300';
Bear Claw yurt: 8700'

Size: 20' diameter; sleeps 6-8 on bunk beds

Amenities: Wood stove, firewood, venting sky light, propane stove and lantern, some pots and pans, bunk beds with pads, table with benches, ax, broom, shovel and outhouse.

Introduction: The Bear Claw Yurt is the location of the first yurt set up by BRORA. To get to the yurt, one must ski or snowshoe up Sage Draw. The draw is shaded and the trail can become icy, especially in the late afternoon. Visitors to this yurt can play hide and seek among the many pine trees that define the



natural front yard of the Bear Claw Yurt. The yurt offers splendid views of Moffit Peak to the west. The yurt sports a deck which is a wonderful place to watch the retreat of the sun and colors of its aftermath.

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Other: No Snowmobiles allowed. This trail is designated for snowshoers, skiers, and split boarders only.



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YURT 17 LILY LAKE YURT

Location: Lily Lake/Wolverine Trails; Wasatch Cache National Forest; Northern Uinta Mountains

Length: 3 miles one-way

Elevation: The North Slope Road trailhead: 8300';
Lily Lake yurt: 8900'

Size: 20' diameter; sleeps 6-8 on bunk beds

Amenities: Wood stove, firewood, propane stove and lantern, some pots and pans, a set of bunk beds, table with benches, ax, broom, shovel, vented sky light and outhouse.

Introduction: The Lily Lake yurt sits .25 mile from Lily Lake. During winter months the lake is covered in snow, but during the summer the lake is visible and makes for a nice destination. This yurt can be accessed by skiing, snowshoeing, or snowmobiling. At the top of Sage Draw, where the trail turns

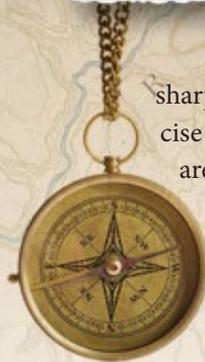
sharply to the east, the non-motorized and motorized trails intersect. Exercise caution at this intersection by remembering that non-motorized users are now using the trail. The Lily Lake Yurt is only a short meadow and a sharp uphill climb from this intersection. The yurt sits among trees. The frozen lake, with its cake-like snow topping, entices skiers and snowshoers during moonlit nights. The night shadows contrast with the sparkling diamond snow awash in the light of the moon. Coyotes can often be heard in the area.

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Other: Snowmobile access allowed





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YURT 18 RIDGE YURT

Location: Lily Lake/Wolverine Trails; Wasatch Cache National Forest; Uinta Mountains

Length: 5 miles one-way;

Elevation: The North Slope Road Trailhead 8300';
Ridge yurt: 9350'

Size: 20' diameter

Amenities: Wood burning stove; propane lantern, cook stove, heater; pots and pans, outhouse, venting sky light, bunk beds, table and benches.

Introduction: Of all the Lily Lake yurts, the Ridge yurt provides the best views as it perches atop the ridge. The easiest access route climbs up Sage Draw, past Lily Lake, through a dense part of the forest and into a small mountain meadow. Just past the meadow, the trail is like a narrow tunnel with overhanging trees on either side. There is one last short, steep, slick section of trail that

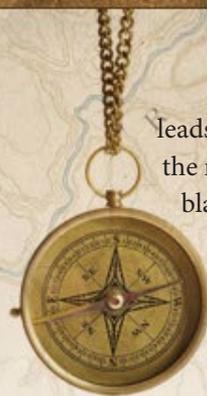
leads to the top of the ridge. The yurt is sheltered in a natural bowl just below the ridge top. The Ridge yurt was almost lost in the 2002 East Fork fire. The blackened trees along the ridge stand like burnt matchsticks. The mountain slope east of the Ridge yurt descends over a thousand feet to the East Fork of the Bear River and holds an opportunity for backcountry turns. Watch for signs of avalanche. The distant lights of Evanston, Wyoming can be detected to the northeast during night outings from the yurt.

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YURT 19 BOUNDARY CREEK YURT

Location: Lily Lake/Wolverine Trails; Wasatch Cache National Forest; Uinta Mountains

Length: 7.5 miles one-way

Elevation: The North Slope Road Trailhead: 8300'; Boundary Creek yurt 9550'

Size: 16' diameter; sleeps 4 tight—1 double bunk bed

Difficulty: Route is not maintained and braking trail may be necessary. The difficulty of this trail may be found in its length.

Amenities: Venting sky light, bunk beds, a table and benches, a wood stove, lantern, cooking utensils, pit toilet

Introduction: The Boundary Creek yurt is the newest yurt in the Lily Lake system. It lies two miles past the Ridge yurt. The trail from the Ridge yurt to the

Boundary Creek yurt is not maintained and may require breaking trail. It is marked with blue diamond symbols. Propane is not available at this yurt. A wood stove is the source of warmth.

The open slopes above the yurt ascend to a height just shy of 11,000', providing excellent backcountry skiing and snowshoeing. Avalanche preparedness is essential. Although getting to the Boundary Creek yurt is an adventure in itself, once there, winter visitors will delight in the solace and stark beauty of this high mountain retreat.

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Other: This yurt is located in a non-motorized area.

