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YURTS 11-13: POWDER RIDGE YURTS

Powder Ridge Ski Touring is now managing the Steam Mill Yurt, the Bunchgrass Yurt and the Green Canyon Yurt, all of which are in designated winter non-motorized closures. Currently no guide services are available, but contact management to arrange a host.

Winter recreation on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest has changed a lot over the past twenty years. A drive through Logan Canyon on any winter weekend will involve a parade of snowmobiles and the trailers and trucks to pull them. Because of this increased motorized usage, concerned citizens have established the non-profit group, Nordic United. This group is dedicated to providing non-motorized winter recreation for all users and has been active in improving groomed trails and sponsoring Nordic and snowshoe races, clinics and events. Check out www.nordicunited.org for more information on how to be involved. The Powder Ridge yurts provide the opportunity for backcountry winter exploration in the Bear River range of the Wasatch.



YURT 11 STEAM MILL YURT

Location: Bear River Range, Northern Utah, Logan Canyon, Hells Kitchen Canyon

Length: 3.5 miles one-way

Elevation: Trailhead 6600'; Yurt 8100'

Size: Sleeps maximum 6

Amenities: 2 bunk beds and 2 cots; wood burning stove; LP gas cook stove and lantern; solar-powered lights; pots, pans, dishes and utensils for cooking and eating; pit toilet; wood provided – split what you burn.

Introduction: The approach to Steam Mill yurt provides a decent work out. It's not too terribly long, but winter days are short. My last trip to the yurt, I found myself arriving just before nightfall, even though I had started near

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lunch time. Give yourself enough time for a leisurely trek through the peaceful forest. Steam Mill yurt shares a parking lot with snowmobiles and one mile of the trail is on a groomed snowmobile trail. Terrain around the yurt provides beautiful backcountry steep for nice skiing, snowboarding, or a killer snowshoe workout. Steam Mill peak sits above the yurt. Snowshoeing is best around and below the yurt.

Season: December 1 – April 30

Reservations: For information and availability go to www.powderridgeskitouring.com or email powderridgeyurts@gmail.com.

Fee: Weekend (Friday and Saturday nights) and holiday nights: \$200

Subsequent weekend nights: \$150

Weeknights (Sunday – Thursday nights): \$150

Subsequent weeknights: \$100

Other: No dogs may accompany a group to the yurt. This helps keep the snow fresh and clean. Also the yurt needs to be left in the same condition in which it was found or better. Please make sure that the dishes are clean and all food stuff is properly stored. Food should never be left out when you are away or even laying down to rest. Nothing except the plastic food bins are impervious to the sharp little teeth of mice.



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