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YURT 1 BIG WATER YURT

Location: Mill Creek Canyon, East of Salt Lake City

Mill Creek Canyon is located off 3800 South and Wasatch Boulevard on the east side of Salt Lake City.

Length: 4.5 miles one-way; Trail groomed by the forest service

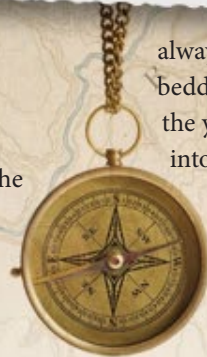
Elevation: Maple Grove trailhead 6110'; Big Water Yurt 7650'

Size: Max 8 people

Difficulty: Easy

Amenities: Wood burning stove with a stack of dry wood and kindling inside the yurt, table with four benches, outhouse, two lanterns, broom and shovel, fire extinguisher, pot for melting snow.

Introduction: Mill Creek Canyon is a beautiful and popular canyon. Winter sports enthusiasts keep the canyon hopping, in large part because of the closure and grooming of the canyon road. The Big Water yurt is located at the far end of the groomed road. No mapping skills are required to hunt it down, but be prepared—you are heading into the backcountry. Carry in your food, water (you can



always melt snow on the wood burning stove), adequate warm clothing and bedding. Cell phone reception is generally not available at the yurt. Once at the yurt take advantage of explorative day trips around Mill Creek canyon. Slip into your skis or snowshoes and check out the area. Avalanches are frequent in the backcountry areas of the canyon so if you head into the Big or Little Water areas, be prepared with the right information and avalanche safety gear. Expect to see other people, particularly at the beginning of the trail. As you get closer to the yurt you will cross paths with others less often. Because Mill Creek Canyon is so accessible to city dwellers reservations for the yurt go quickly for the weekends.

Season: December 1 – April 30. Reservations start November 1.

Reservations: By phone only on November 1. Call Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Department at 801.483.5473. November 2, reservations may be made by phone or in person at Parks and Recreation: 3383 S. 300 E., Salt Lake City, Utah. Office hours are 8–5 Monday – Friday.

Fee: \$75 a night with \$200 key deposit by separate check.

Other: A maximum of two dogs are allowed in the yurt during the months of January and March only.