

YURTS of UTAH

YURTS 11-14: THE UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTER YURTS.

YURT 13 BUNCHGRASS YURT

Location: Bear River Range, Northern Utah, Logan Canyon

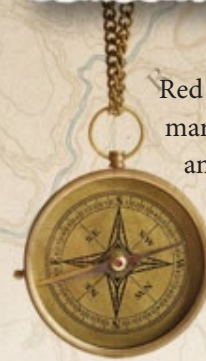
Length: 3.85 miles one-way

Elevation: Trailhead 6324'; Yurt 8414'

Size: Sleeps maximum 6 – 2 bunkbeds, 2 pull-out mattresses

Amenities: Wood burning stove for heat; LP gas stove for cooking; white gas lantern; pit toilet; cooking and eating utensils for 6; ax for chopping wood, shovel for digging out, broom for cleaning up.

Introduction: During the summer Bunchgrass is a wonderful mountain biking trail. During the winter the route leads to wonderful backcountry ski opportunities. Finding the Bunchgrass yurt is difficult unless others have gone before and left a trail to follow. The trail starts right from the road that runs through Logan Canyon and begins between the Tony Grove pull off and the



Red Banks campground. There is a small gate off the road to the east that marks the starting point. Parking is available off the west side of the road and rangers regularly check on vehicles left in the parking area. The first section of the trail runs by Bunchgrass Creek, after which it veers to the north and winds its way deeper into the backcountry. The yurt itself is made more difficult to find because it is white and the view can often be blocked by the snow surrounding it. All and all, go prepared with map, compass and GPS so if you need to break trail you can navigate your way around. The Outdoor Recreation website provides maps and GPS coordinates to download. The route to the yurt sits out of avalanche danger with exception of one short section at the end that runs at a 35 degree angle. The backcountry skiing that surrounds the yurt is all steep enough to slide if the conditions condone it, so be prepared and check the avalanche report before you go.

Season: December 1 – April 30

Reservations: Contact the Outdoor Recreation Center at Utah State University: 435.797.3264 or www.usu.edu/orc/yurt

Fee: \$170 for first weekend night, \$120 for additional weekend nights, \$130 for first weekday night, \$80 for additional weekday nights. Students of Utah State receive discounted rates.

Other: No dogs allowed at the yurt.

