



YURTS of UTAH

YURTS 13-14: THE UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTER YURTS.

YURT 14 BLIND HOLLOW

Location: Blind Hollow, Logan Canyon, Northern Utah

Length: 4.3 miles one-way

Elevation: Trailhead 5800'; Yurt 8200'

Size: Sleeps 8

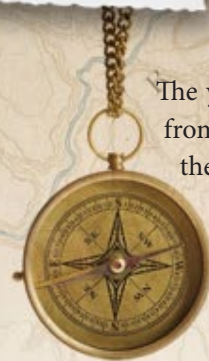
Amenities: Two double-wide bunkbeds with mattresses; wood burning stove and wood pile—split what you burn; pit toilet, LP gas cook stove and gas lantern; pots, pans and dishes for cooking and eating; solar-powered lights. As of 2007 the yurt has new mattresses so you can leave your Thermarest® at home.

Introduction: The Blind Hollow Yurt sits at the top of Blind Hollow in Logan Canyon at an altitude of 8,200 feet. The yurt is accessible only by ski, snowshoe, or split board. Managed by Utah State University, this yurt is now only available to Utah State University students, faculty and staff.

The yurt is nestled in a stand of aspens and fir and is fairly difficult to see from the trail, even with a path leading right to it. The yurt sits 3-4 feet off the ground and is very close to Cotton Wood canyon. Looking west from the yurt, Mt Elmer is the prominent peak. Also Morning Glory bowl on the east facing side of Cotton Wood canyon is visible and very inspiring to skiers and snow boarders. The distance from the highway and the fact that it is hard to see any of Logan adds to a feeling of remoteness that is usually hard to come by being only 4 miles from the road.

The trail starts at mile post marker 476. There is a plowed-out parking area where you can safely leave vehicles. However, it is on the outside of a blind curve, and you should be very careful when crossing the two-lane highway as vehicles generally come around the corner very fast.

The 4.3-mile trail has many sections that are labeled and generally signify a historic event or—even better—fun terrain you can hit on the ski out. The journey to the Blind Hollow yurt should be considered advanced. Either go with someone who is capable of backcountry navigation or choose one of the other



yurts. Also, you should be physically fit and ready to carry a heavy pack for several hours. The first section you enter on the way up is called the gauntlet. It is a narrow, tree-filled ravine that continues approximately half the distance to the yurt. The next significant section of trail is a long meadow. This section of flat area close to the yurt leads to a steep little climb that takes you to the yurt.

The skiing or snowboarding from Blind Hollow is all deficit skiing, meaning that you ski down and then climb back up to the yurt. Cotton Wood canyon west of the yurt and a few shorter areas to ski sit to the north. In the yurt there is map on which all of the bowls are labeled and popular skiing areas marked.

Season: December 1– April 30

Reservations: Contact the Outdoor Recreation Center at Utah State University: 435.797.3264 or www.usu.edu/orc/yurt Weekends reserved by lottery in November. All other days are reserved on a first-come first-served basis at least 2 weeks in advance of when you wish to visit. All non-holiday weekends must be booked for both nights. Holiday weekends must be booked for all three nights.

Fee: Students: Weeknights \$64/Weekends \$80; **Faculty and Staff:** Weeknights \$80/Weekends \$120

Other: No dogs allowed at the yurt.

