



YURTS of UTAH

YURT 3 CASTLE PEAK

Location: Uinta Mountains, off Mirror Lake Highway

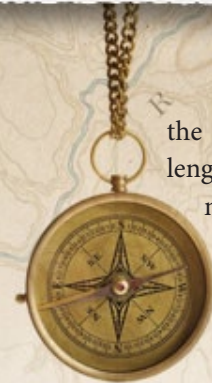
Length: 6.5 miles one way

Size: 20' diameter; Sleeps 8 but the bunks are double wide so if couples or children are going you can double up.

Elevation: Trailhead 7375' ; Yurt: 9600'

Amenities: Propane stove for cooking and a wood burning stove for heating the yurt—fuel provided for both; cooking utensils; sleeping bags; primitive outhouse; chairs, 2" thick sleeping pads, maps of the area and ski terrain.

Introduction: Castle Peak yurt, managed by White Pine Touring out of Park City, leaves Mirror Lake Highway from the Co-op trailhead 034. The trail follows the outer edge of the mountain on a summer road for 4 miles giving scenic views down Mirror Lake Highway and surrounding area. The trail then turns into the evergreens for the last 2.5 miles, with the last .38 of a mile leaving



the summer road and heading cross meadow to the yurt. Because of the length of the trail and the sustained stretches of uphill, this yurt is one of the most difficult to reach. Snowshoers will need to start early to make it to the yurt before nightfall, and skiers will need the stamina for the long climb. Unlike any of the other yurts, Castle Peak has a sauna hut that can spice up the adventure a bit. There is a bunk for one additional person to sleep in the sauna. As with most yurts, you may need to dig it out once you get there. Plan your time accordingly. Because the yurt sits at 9600', there is often deep snow. Be prepared to hunt for the white yurt as there are times the snow actually covers it. No maid service is available at the yurt and users are required to haul out all their garbage and food to keep the mice out and the yurt presentable for the next user.

There are several skiable peaks: Castle Peak and Dukes Drop; spectacular views, and small lakes. A guide service is available if you want someone to show you the way in and keep the fire stoked. If you just want a snowmobile ride in, White Pine can help you with that too.

Season: Year Round: Winter provides great backcountry skiing while summer provides lakes and hiking trails. Summer users will need a high-clearance four-wheel drive vehicle to make it to the yurt, but you can drive the entire way.

Reservations: Call White Pine Touring; 435.649.8710;
whitepinetouring.com

Fee: \$69 a night during summer; \$99 a night in winter. If you need a snowmobile ride in, or a guide, there is an additional charge.

Other: All first-time guests will be required to do a certification trip to the yurt before their scheduled rental day. That will be arranged when you make your reservation. This is for the safety of those using the yurt. No dogs are allowed at the yurt. The area is open to snowmobiles.

