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YURTS 7-8: TAG-A-LONG TOURS HUT SYSTEM

YURT 7 TOMASAKI HUT

Location: LaSal Mountains east of Moab; Geyser Pass Trailhead

Length: 5 miles one-way

Elevation: Geyser Pass Trailhead 9574'; Tomasaki Hut 10136'

Size: Sleeps up to 10; has two double beds

Amenities: Bunkbeds with nice thick foam pads, table, chairs, propane lamps and heater, and 2-burner stove. Propane is provided. Outhouse sits behind the hut.

Introduction: The Tomasaki hut is a wood-framed building with two small rooms. It is owned by Tag-A-Long Expeditions and sits in the LaSal backcountry. The hut is not heated by a wood stove, but with a propane heater. The accommodations are as primitive as any yurt, but the propane heater means you won't be stoking the fire all night to stay warm.

The Geyser Pass Trailhead is about 45 miles from Moab. The parking area

comes equipped with a restroom. From here you begin the trek to Tomasaki. Day users also park at this trailhead. Views over Canyonlands, the Book Cliffs, Deadhorse Point, and a host of other red-rock desert buttes, mesas and canyons receive a standing ovation.

Tag-A-Long Expeditions requires that you hire their snowcat to blaze the trail your first time out. This requirement allows them to show you the way, carry water for you, and go over the details of the propane appliances once you arrive. If the snow is deep, the cat track is especially nice, and the cat can haul in your backpacks/gear as well.

Season: Christmas to Mid March

Reservations: Call Tag-a-Long Expeditions at 800.453.3292;
www.tagalong.com; tagalong@tagalong.com

Fee: \$32 per person per night; Snowcat escort \$80

Other: If conditions are bad you may need a 4x4 to get to the trailhead. The hut sits in meadow terrain, which makes Nordic skiing possible. Dogs are not allowed in the huts.





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YURT 8 BEAVER LAKE HUT

Location: LaSal Mountains east of Moab; LaSal Pass Trailhead

Length: 7 miles one-way

Size: 3 rooms/2 bedrooms – sleeps 8-10; if you fill to capacity, a couple of people will need to bring sleeping mats.

Elevation: Trailhead 7780'; Beaver Lake Hut 9276'

Amenities: Outhouse, 2-burner propane cook top, propane wall heater, propane lamps, table, chairs, bunk beds with foam pads.

Introduction: The Beaver Lake Hut is a wood-framed building with three small rooms. It is owned and operated by Tag-A-Long Expeditions, and the trailhead sits 45-miles outside of Moab. The hut is not equipped with a wood stove, instead a propane heater warms your space. Your first trip to the hut will be accompanied by the snowcat in order to orient you to the correct use of the propane in the hut, carry water for your party, and show you how to get there.

The route to Beaver Lake Hut starts at LaSal Pass parking lot/trailhead. The first two miles have moderate up and down terrain, most of the 1170 feet of elevation gain happen in the last five miles. Remember, seven miles is a long day – start early.

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