

YURT INFORMATION MANUAL

WHAT IS A YURT?

A yurt is the traditional dwelling of Central Asia nomads. Made to resist extreme climates, this circular shape abode has five basic elements: lattice walls, roof beams, a roof ring, a door, and a felt and hide covering. Since the 13th century, yurts have been used by nomadic horse herders as portable homes.

The yurts in Hyde Memorial State Park are a modernized version of the traditional yurt. They are warmer than a tent and have insulated walls and roofs, and a propane heater to keep cozy on those cool fall and winter evenings. In the summer, the yurts are kept cool by opening the windows that provide cross ventilation. Yurts provide the ultimate camping experience, combining the comfort of a cabin and the intimacy of sleeping in the great outdoors.

If you have any questions that are not answered in this manual, please visit the Ranger Station or call us at 505-983-7175.

LOCATION OF YURTS

From the Visitor Center, continue on Highway 475 about 1.2 miles more. The entrance to the yurts is on your left-hand side, just past the RV camp loop sign.

COST OF YURT

In-season May 1 –October 31

\$150 per night

Off -season November 1 – April 30

\$80 per night

What is provided with your yurt?

Each yurt sleeps 6 and comes equipped with a number of amenities to make your stay as comfortable as possible. Please remember that all the provided items must remain in the yurt throughout your stay and will need to be accounted for upon your departure. Yurts are located close to a pit style restroom (toilet only, no running water) which are both ADA accessible. Water is only available at the Ranger Station from 8am-4:30pm. There is no electricity. There is currently no phone service or internet.

INSIDE:

- Six (6) twin size wooden sleeping platforms, each equipped with a 2” sleeping pad and can be grouped together in various configurations.
- Locking door
- Propane stove for heating the inside of the yurt with a thermostat control for easy temperature setting
- 3 sliding windows
- Clear dome to star gaze at night from the comfort of inside the yurt
- Broom and dustpan
- Snow shovel during winter months

OUTSIDE:

- Picnic table
- Ground grill used for camp fires/grilling food
 - **BE FIRE WISE** -Only use ground grill provided, use caution, keep a water source available to extinguish fire. Please see below for more information on how to be Fire Wise.
- Bear proof storage locker equipped with a pad lock latch (**guests must supply pad lock**)

- **BE BEAR AWARE** – Hyde Memorial State Park is home to bear populations. Please see below for more information on how to be Bear Aware.

- Trash receptacle
- 2 parking stalls for each yurt
- Personal lantern holder

WHAT TO BRING:

There are some items you will need to bring when staying in a yurt, and several optional items you may choose to bring in order to feel a little more at home.

- Food and beverages
- Pillows, sleeping bags or blankets
- Water jug to hold drinking water
- Flashlight or lantern
- Matches or lighter to start campfire in the outside ground grill located outside
- Appropriate clothing for the current season
- First Aid Kit
- Camping stove for cooking or boiling water (OUTDOOR USE ONLY)
- Cookware for cooking on the fire
- Firewood
- Hatchet or axe to split wood for campfire
- Kitchen utensil.
- Paper towels/tissue
- Camping chairs
- Sunscreen and insect repellent
- Padlock for bear proof storage locker
- Board games

GUEST ARRIVAL

After making your reservation, you will be provided with the lock combination-via email to the yurt for your reservation date.

GUEST DEPARTURE:

The use of the yurts is a partial self-service accommodation, meaning that some extra work will be required on the guests' part. When you depart there are a few tasks that are expected of you.

- Use the broom and dustpan provided to sweep the inside of the yurt
- Collect all your belongings and dispose of any trash left over from your stay
- Make sure that all windows are closed and locked, and that all the blinds are also shut
- Arrange the wooden sleeping bunks the way that you found them when you arrived
- Turn down the thermostat for the propane heater to the lowest heat setting
- Close and lock the door to the yurt
- If any damage occurred to the yurt or surrounding area, inform park staff immediately

YURT RULES:

The yurts at Hyde Memorial State Park were built to provide a unique camping experience for anyone wishing to stay in the park. The yurt sites are located in the campground and are therefore subject to campground regulations.

Please respect the yurts, landscape and the other park visitors by following a few simple rules during your stay:

Check-in time is between 3:00 PM and 10:00 p.m.

Check-out time is before 11:00 AM

- **Smoking is strictly prohibited inside the yurt unit**
- Cooking inside the unit is not allowed. This can damage the weatherproofing and poses a fire hazard. Please use the ground grill provided outside to cook food
- One additional tent no larger than 10 feet x 10 feet is allowed to be set up outside “Helen’s Yurt” and “Graeme’s Yurt” in the designated area
- Please leave the yurt in the condition you found it – undamaged, clean and tidy
- Quiet time is from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., please respect your neighbors
- Capacity is limited to 6 people maximum
- No more than 2 vehicles allowed to park at each yurt in designated areas only. Additional vehicles may park near the yurt entrance gate at a fee of \$10 per vehicle per night.
- Do not put trash inside of the bear proof lockers
- Do not chop any wood inside of the yurt as this will damage the wood floors
- Maximum stay is 14 days in a 20-day calendar period
- **Pets are not allowed inside the yurts.** Visitors shall not leave their animals unattended in vehicles or campsites.

BE BEAR AWARE

While you are visiting Hyde Memorial State Park, you should remember that you are in bear country. It is shocking but it is a fact – most bear deaths are attributed directly to our own ignorance, carelessness or irresponsibility with food. Bears instinctively avoid humans, but the scent of easily obtained food is irresistible to bears, especially during periods of food scarcity. Below are a few steps you should take to keep all bears and humans safe.

There is a bear-proof locker provided for each yurt. This locker has a padlock latch which can be locked, although this is optional. You must provide your own padlock. All food items and any other items which might give off a scent confused as food to a bear should be stored in these lockers when not being used. This includes shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, wet-wipes, sunscreen etc.

Take supplies that will allow you to properly store food. Bring zip-lock bags to enclose foods or food containers that could give off odors.

Do not cook any food inside the tent because the odor will attract bears to the yurt which will not stop the bear.

Change clothes after you have cooked. Yes! – Then put the cooking-odor clothes in a bear-proof locker.

Do NOT keep any food in your tent (including candy, gum, toothpaste, shampoo, or baby wipes, which all may smell like food to bears, and should be kept inside of the bear-proof locker).

Do NOT leave any food on the ground outside. This includes egg shells, fruits, vegetables or any other kind of food. This will attract bears to the area.

Lock your car doors at night and roll the windows up. Bears are very good at getting into cars, and can cause serious damage to car interiors.

IF YOU SEE A BEAR

STAY CALM. Move children and pets indoors or to a vehicle.

If the bear hasn't seen you, calmly move away and leave the area. ○ Most of the time, a bear sighting does not result in any kind of confrontation, and is an exciting part of being outdoors.

Do NOT approach the bear, back away slowly while facing the bear. Do NOT make any sudden movements.

If a bear approaches you, stand your ground and do not run. Make yourself as big as you can with jackets, shirts, sticks, and make loud noises.

Fight back if a bear attacks you. Bears have been driven away when people have fought back with rocks, sticks, and even with their hands. Spraying cayenne pepper in the face (at close range) of an attacking bear can stop an attack.

FIRE WISE

The Hyde Memorial State Park yurts are in a forested area with trees and other vegetation located throughout the park. Carelessness with campfires and other fire sources can lead to a forest fire and put yourself and other visitors to the State Park in danger.

- ONLY use the ground grill provided for each yurt to start a campfire
- Please use caution when having a campfire
- Do NOT put large pieces of wood or logs in the fire. These will ruin the grills. Only use small, shorter pieces of wood for your campfire
- Keep a water source available to help extinguish the fire
- Big fires make big heat! Keep campfires small and comfortable. If the fire gets too big:

DO NOT REMOVE LOGS FROM FIRE!

Use a cup of water or snow if available to quench the fire.

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EMERGENCY CONTACTS All medical emergencies Park Office/ Information Park Superintendent

You will not have cellular phone service in the yurt area or in most of the park. You will receive cellular phone service near the Ranger Station if you have VERIZON as your provider. There is no WiFi service available here.