

## Smoky Mountain Yurts



Castle Rocks State Park now offers two yurts (Pinyon and Sage) for rent in Smoky Mountain Campground.

### What is a yurt?

A yurt is a modern adaptation of the ancient shelter used for centuries by Central Asian nomads. Though generally classified as a tent, the yurt is much stronger and weather-tight. The structure is constructed on a wooden deck. A transparent dome with ceiling fan allows for ventilation and views of the night sky.

### What is inside?

Guests will find a spacious 18-foot diameter living area that accommodates up to six occupants. Furniture includes a table, six stools, a hutch for storage and food preparation, and a wood-burning fireplace for heating. Two bunk beds (twin over full) allows for a maximum of six individuals. Bedding is not provided.

The yurts are equipped with electricity, including a fan, light, and receptacles. Water (not available in winter) is located at an outside spigot, and guests are welcome to use the campground showers and flush toilets a few hundred feet away. A fire ring and picnic table are also provided outside the yurt. A cooking stove is not provided.

### What is the rental fee?

Rental of a yurt for 1-6 people is only \$50 plus sales tax. In addition to the rental fee a \$5.00 per day per motor vehicle entrance fee applies. The MVEF provides full access to all units of Castle Rocks State Park. To reserve your stay, see "Making a Reservation."



### Making a Reservation

To Reserve your stay in a yurt, call toll-free:

**888-922-6743**

In addition to the \$50 per night fee, a \$10 non-refundable and non-transferrable reservation fee and without an Idaho State Parks Passport or Annual Motor Vehicle Entrance sticker a \$5.00 MVEF per day per vehicle is assessed by ReserveAmerica. You may also make a reservation online at:

[www.ReserveAmerica.com](http://www.ReserveAmerica.com)



### More Information

Castle Rocks State Park  
PO Box 169  
Almo, ID 83312  
208-824-5901



# GUEST INFORMATION

## Registration & Check-In (3 pm)

After guests have secured a reservation for the yurt, simply proceed to Smoky Mountain Campground and the parking spaces

designated for either Pinyon Yurt (across from campsite 9), or Sage Yurt (across from campsite 10).

Your yurt has been inspected for cleanliness and equipment prior to your arrival. The yurt will be unlocked at that time and the key will be located inside and on the table. If the key is not present, or the yurt is not found to be clean, please immediately contact the camp host or the park ranger.

## Helpful Hints During Your Stay

Park staff want to ensure that you have a safe and memorable experience, so we suggest these few helpful hints:

- For cooler ventilation, unzip the windows from the outside, turn on the ceiling fan, and or raise the transparent dome using the long handle attachment stored above the door.
- For heating, use the pre-cut firewood and kindling provided. Additional firewood and kindling may be purchased locally. Contact the visitor center for more information.
- Although your yurt can be locked when unoccupied, consider locking valuables in your vehicle, or store other items inside the yurt when away from the area for an extended time.
- Consider cooking food outside to prevent trapping odors or attracting critters. Be sure and ventilate if you do use a cooking stove or portable heater inside. (cooking items are not provided).
- Keep in mind that even though you are inside the yurt, your voices can carry

## Check-out Procedures

1. Check-out time for yurt guests is noon.
2. Please ensure that you have retrieved all personal items.
3. Remove all trash and place in curbside receptacles.
4. Recycling stations are located near the shower building and campsite 31.
5. Remove coals or ashes with fireplace shovel and tin bucket, and place in outside fire-ring. Pour water over any remaining embers in outside fire-ring.
6. If down, zip up outside windows.
7. Ensure that fan and light are turned off.
8. Sweep the floor and lock the door.
9. Return key to visitor center. (If closed, drop off key with camp host, or if unavailable, leave key on yurt table).



**Please Inspect Your Yurt** to ensure that it contains the following items:

- 2 Bunk Beds
- 1 Table
- 6 Stools
- 1 Hutch
- 1 Wood Stove
- 1 Set of Fireplace Tools
- 1 Broom and Dust Pan
- 1 Entry Floor Mat
- 1 Metal Pail & Mop

## RULES FOR YURT GUESTS

- Pets are not allowed inside the yurt
- Smoking in the yurt is strictly prohibited
- Guest may not pitch tents or park other camping units at the yurt site. Campers must utilize a designated campsite.
- Confine outside campfires to the designated fire ring provided.
- No cutting of trees/limbs for firewood.
- Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Guests are responsible for damages in excess of normal wear and tear, and are also responsible for missing items (if not reported upon check-in).
- At no time may more than 6 people occupy the yurt.
- All motor vehicles without an Idaho State Parks Passport or Annual Motor Vehicle Entrance sticker are subject to the \$5.00 MVEF per day per vehicle.
- Up to two vehicles can park in the designated yurt parking area. Additional vehicles must park at the extra vehicle parking zones located across from campsites 5 and 6.

