

# Jackson Creek Yurt



# Portneuf Range Yurt System JACKSON CREEK YURT GUIDE

**Please understand that it is the responsibility of the yurt user to locate the yurt. Yurt rental fees will not be refunded if the yurt is not located. The yurt is locked. You need to get the combination to the lock the week before your trip.**

**Difficulty:** Advanced Intermediate to Advanced. (*Note this yurt is exposed and can become extremely difficult to find due to poor visibility and variable snow conditions.*)

**Avalanche Potential:** Avalanche potential exists. Crossing steep side slopes is dangerous. Avalanche transceivers and knowledge of safe avalanche route finding is highly recommended for this tour.

**Special Equipment and Needs.** Avalanche transceivers, skins and portable snow shovel should be carried by each skier. Because the snow around the yurt is melted for drinking water, dogs are discouraged and the use of the toilet by human beings is highly encouraged.

**Map Needed:** USGS Topographic, 7.5 Minute series "Bonneville Peak." (*The attached photocopied map is for reference only. Skiers should use original U.S.G.S. quad maps while on Yurt tours.*) Contact the ISU Outdoor Adventure Center for more route details. 282-3912

**GPS Location:** All information is in WGS84 datum

	UTM Coordinates	Lat/Lon hddd°mm.mmm´
Inkom Pass	12 T 0406781 4739608	N 42°48.201´ W 112°08.402´
Jackson Creek Yurt	12 T 0406428 4739163	N 42°47.958´ W 112°08.657´

## Jackson Creek Ridge Route:

**Elevation Gain and Distance:** 2300 feet over 3 1/2 miles.

**Start:** From Inkom, drive out Rapid Creek Road for one mile and turn right onto the Inkom Road then left onto Jackson Creek Road. Approximately, 3 miles east of Inkom, the road takes a sharp right turn and crosses over Jackson Creek Park just before the curve on the north side of the road by the gate).

**Route:** Follow the jeep road to the east for about 1 mile. The road will drop off the farm fields into Jackson Creek drainage. Follow Jackson Creek for another 1/2 mile until coming to a small drainage (Glory Bee Gulch) entering from the left (north). Immediately after the drainage climb onto the ridge which separates this drainage from the Jackson Creek drainage. Climb up the ridge until reaching a flat area overlooking the valley (Redtail Point 7210). From this point, ski following the hiking trail to Inkom Pass. Once at the pass, head south along the fence line for 1/4 mile. In this area, the fence line will disappear. Contour to the south, staying at the same elevation. The yurt is located in a grove of aspens a hundred yards beyond the fence.

## Pebble Creek Ski Area to Inkom Pass Route:

**Distance:** 600 feet over 2 miles.

**Start:** Pebble Creek Ski Area. (You need to purchase a one ride lift ticket.)

**Route:** Follow signs from the town of Inkom to Pebble Creek Ski Area. Buy a lift ticket and take the chair to the top. From the top of the lift, ski over to Green Canyon. At Upper Green Canyon put skins on your skis and traverse Green Canyon until you reach the main Bonneville ridgeline. Head north along the top of the ridge towards Inkom Pass. The yurt is located approximate 1/4 mile south of Inkom Pass. Caution. During times of bad weather the Bonneville Ridge is exposed to high winds and visibility can become non-existent. Even experienced skiers familiar with the Bonneville Ridge have gotten off route. If you choose this route, use extreme caution.

**Warning:** *Winter travel and the use of yurts are dangerous. Do not undertake yurt trips without careful preparation and a serious discussion of the dangers with ALL members of your group.*