



## Bell Lake Yurt Backcountry Camp

### Keely's Camp will supply:

- Blizzard Zero Gravity touring skis with Marker Kingpin binding
- Climbing skins
- Medical kits and extra gear

### Packing Checklist:

**\*A note on the packing list: please strictly follow this list to the best of your ability. Traveling in the backcountry means efficient use of space and energy. For example, a heavy bag is harder to hike with and will make you fatigue faster.**

**Please try to only bring the items suggested. The guides will be doing a gear check before leaving the Harrison parking lot and will help to pack bags efficiently and to take out any items not necessary for the camp. Thank you!**

**(Please print this checklist off)**

- Beacon with 100% battery life (modern digital, three-antennae beacon less than 5 years old strongly recommended) **\*\*Required Avalanche Gear (you will not be allowed to ski without this)**
- Shovel & Probe **\*\* Required Avalanche Gear**
- AT boots compatible with Marker Kingpin binding i.e. Scarpa Maestrale boot rental from Grizzly Outfitter
- Ski poles
- Sleeping bag with compression sack (20-30 degree bag)

recommended)

- Large daypack or light overnight pack (35-42 liter approximately, this is what you will be using to tour with & to get to the yurt)
- 2 Water bottle (**Nalgene**—no bladders as they tend to freeze, check into the company Platypus Bottles and Storage as a great alternative water bottle)
- Headlamp +batteries

## CLOTHING

- 3 pairs of gloves (Lightweight, Medium, and Heavy i.e. Mittens keeping your hands warm at all times is very important, light for the way up heavy for the way down)
- 1-2 pairs of underwear
- 1-2 pair of Long Underwear bottoms and tops, polypropylene suggested (no cotton).
- 1-2 sports bra
- 2 pairs of ski socks
- 1 pair cotton socks for in the yurt
- Baseball cap
- 1 warm winter hat
- Helmet
- Goggles
- 1 Buff or neck warmer
- Sunglasses (a must for ski touring, required!)
- 1 pair of ski pants
- 1 soft shell jacket or wind shirt
- 1-2 insulating layers i.e. Fleece or synthetic jacket
- Warm parka i.e. down jacket
- 1 hard shell rain coat
- Yurt clothing i.e. Pajama type: sweats, cotton tshirt NO more than 1

of each!

## PERSONAL ITEMS

- Sunscreen
- Chap stick with SPF
- Personal overnight kit i.e. toothbrush, toothpaste, comb/brush, baby wipes (there are no showers, no shampoo or makeup please, remember only bring what you would bring camping)
- Small Personal med kit: bandaids, athletic tape, advil, personal medications (guides will be carrying a complete first aid kit)
- Earplugs (we will be sleeping closely, if you are a light sleeper ear plugs are highly recommended)
- Crocs or Slippers (no heavy tennis shoes or boots please)
- I-Pod for pictures if wanted (we highly recommend you leave your phones at home. The guides will be documenting the weekend with pictures and video that will be given to you and parents upon the completion of the weekend)

**\*Yurt living is a great time to disconnect. Remember: there isn't Wi-Fi in the mountains but you will find a better connection)!**

## Getting There:

- ❖ The Bell Lake Yurt is located near Bell Lake in the Tobacco Root Mountain Range:
- ❖ Approximate Coordinates Latitude; 45°32'19.46"N Longitude; 111°59'48.14"W Elevation; 8,482'
- ❖ **We will meet at the Pony Rd. turnoff in Harrison, and convoy to the parking area together from there.**
- ❖ **NOTE:** The last few miles of road are unpaved and can be slick and snowy, particularly during storms. A high-clearance AWD vehicle is highly recommended. If you have chains, bring them—just in case.
- ❖ **From Bozeman:** about an hour West – take Interstate 90 to exit 274 (see below) *or* take Norris Road, Highway 84 from Four Corners to Norris, then right on Route 287 to Harrison, left at Pony Rd.
- ❖ **From Exit 274 off Interstate 90** - travel south on Hwy 287 for

approximately 11 miles to Harrison, right at Pony Rd.

❖ **From Island Park, Ashton, I-15, and Points South:** travel north I-15, North on Hwy ID-87/ MT-87; turn left at Henry's Lake just past Island Park onto Hwy 287; travel 40mi North on 287 to Harrison and turn left (west) onto Pony Rd.

## **The Hike:**

❖ Total distance from the Potosi Campground parking lot to the yurt is roughly five miles.

❖ We will snowmobile you from the campground to the trailhead, which reduces our approach to 2.5 miles.

## **How difficult is the approach?**

From the Bell Lake trailhead, it's roughly 2.5 miles and 1,600 vertical feet. The skin track from the trailhead is moderately pitched, and takes between 2-4 hours for most groups, with average fitness and reasonable loads. We've had guests as young as 10 and as old as 70 make it comfortably to the yurt.

## **Thank you:**

We are incredibly excited to have the girls for their first big backcountry experience. Our goals as guides are to provide the girls with a safe, educational, and fun experience! Montana is a slice of paradise and we are thrilled to share it with you!

Ski you soon!

**Keely & Guides**

**406-581-4991**

