

Welcome to the

Miquelon Lake

Yurts



User Manual & Visitor Guide

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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. It takes less than a day to deconstruct or set-up a yurt.



Yurt in Mongolia (Alex Mueller)

The yurts in Miquelon Lake Provincial Park are a modernized version of the traditional yurt. They are warmer than a tent and have insulated walls and roofs, and an electric heater to keep cozy on those cool fall evenings. In the summer, the yurts are kept cool with windows, dome and door openings 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.

Miquelon Lake Provincial Park offers 4 yurts to choose from, each with the ability to sleep up to 6 people.

Within this manual you will find a description of items provided, basic rules to be followed when staying in the yurts, and a visitor guide with activities in the park. If you have any questions that are not answered in this manual, please visit the registration booth at the entrance to the campground, the Park Centre or phone 1-877-537-2757.

What is provided with your yurt?

Each yurt comes equipped with a number of amenities to make your stay as comfortable as possible. Please remember that any of the provided items must remain in the yurt throughout your stay and will need to be accounted for upon your departure.

- Electric heater, lights and clock radio
- Pots, pans, cooking implements, plates, bowls, coffee cups and eating utensils/cutlery
- Dish cloths, dish towels and washing basins
- Coffee press
- Refrigerator (12 cubic feet with freezer)
- Kitchen table and chairs
- 1 queen-over-queen bunk bed plus pull-out mattress; mattress covers and fitted sheets provided for all beds
- Close to potable water, flush toilets, coin-operated showers
- Water jug for transporting hot water from the nearest washroom building
- Private deck, picnic table and 2 chairs
- Gas barbecue with grill and side burner, barbecue utensils
- Fire pit, wooden benches
- 1 parking stall
- Wheelchair accessible
- 1 complimentary bag of firewood provided, with additional bags of firewood available for purchase (\$8 per bundle)



What to bring

There are some items you will need to bring when staying in a yurt, and a number of optional items you may choose to pack in order to feel a little more at home. The following are items you should bring to facilitate your stay.

- Food & beverages (closest grocery store is located 20 minutes away in Camrose)
- Pillows and sleeping bags or duvets/blankets
- Towels, toiletries, hair dryer, etc
- Water jug to hold drinking water (water at Miquelon Lake Provincial Park campground is potable)
- Flashlight (for walking to the washroom or sitting outside in the dark)
- Matches or a lighter and kindling to start a campfire
- Appropriate clothing and footwear, hat and sunglasses

Optional items to bring with you from home are as follows:

- Camping stove for cooking or boiling water (OUTDOOR USE ONLY)
- Cookware for cooking on the fire
- Firewood (bundles of wood can be purchased at the campground registration booth)
- Hatchet or axe to split wood (purchased wood is already split)
- Sharp kitchen knives
- Paper towels, tissues
- Table cloth
- Clothesline to hang wet towels and bathing suits outside
- Additional lawn chairs or camping chairs
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Games
- Change for showers. \$1 will get you two minutes of shower time. Please note that the showers only accept loonies (\$1 coin) and toonies (\$2 coin)

Yurt Rules

The yurts at Miquelon Lake 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, the landscape, and the other park visitors by following a few simple rules during your stay.

- Check-in time is 4 p.m. Check-out time is 12 p.m.
- Pets are not allowed in or around the site.
- Smoking is strictly prohibited inside the unit and on the deck.
- Cooking inside the unit is not allowed. This can damage the weatherproofing and poses a fire hazard. Please use the barbeque provided.
- Do not use pots and pans provided to cook on open fire as this will damage them
- Additional tents or trailers are NOT allowed on or near the site
- Please leave your yurt in the same condition you found it – undamaged, clean, and tidy.
- Wash all dishes before your departure
- Quiet time is 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m
- Consumption of alcohol may only occur within the yurt site (with the exception of the May long weekend when a liquor ban is in effect)



Tips for yurt camping

Camping in a yurt is a very unique experience. Certain design features, when used correctly, can help to make your stay the most comfortable it can be. To get the most out of your yurt experience, browse through some of our tips and tricks.

Tip #1: Ventilation is key to temperature control inside a yurt. On hot days, keep your window covers rolled up so air can flow through the yurt. Open the roof vent as well. Be careful not to over-crank the dome cover as it only opens about 6 inches. To stay warm on cool autumn evenings, keep your windows and roof vent sealed tight and turn the electric heater on.

Tip #2: The grey-coloured water jug that is provided can be used to haul warm or hot water for washing from one of the nearest washroom buildings (in Loop B). We do not recommend using this jug for potable water storage.

Tip #3: Always make sure to close window covers and the roof vent during any rainfall. If you plan on leaving the yurt for any amount of time and there is a possibility of rain, please close the windows and roof vent.

Tip #4: Although your yurt is built to keep wildlife out, improper storage of food items may encourage insects such as ants or flies to move in. Keep food off the floor and properly packaged to avoid having to entertain unwanted dinner guests! Additionally, please do not prop open the yurt door as this may allow for small rodents such as squirrels and mice to explore your beautiful and inviting indoor space.

Tip #5: Cooking is not allowed inside the yurt, so prepare meals that can be cooked on a BBQ or over the fire, or stick with sandwiches and snacks to avoid having to cook all together! If cooking over the fire, please do not use the cookware that is provided as it is designed for use on camp stoves only.

Tip #6: There are tupperware bins provided for washing dishes. Fill one tub with warm soapy water (warm water can be collected at the washroom building in Loop B) and one with clean water for rinsing. Once you have finished washing the dishes, please dump the dirty water into the outhouse to avoid attracting wildlife.

Instructions for Opening Windows

The yurt windows have three components: (1) an outer solid fabric, weatherproof privacy cover with side zippers, (2) a removable clear vinyl window that is secured on all four sides with velcro and, (3) a permanently fixed bug screen. To open the windows, use the following procedure:

- 1) The fabric window coverings can be opened from the outside of the yurt with the vertical zippers on each side. Unzip each side from the bottom up. Once unzipped, roll the fabric from the bottom up and secure it at the top with the ties/clips provided.



- 2) The clear plastic window is secured with Velcro on all four sides and can be either completely removed or lowered part way by detaching the top half and then reattaching to the Velcro on the sides.



If you remove the windows entirely, store them loosely rolled and under the bed inside the yurt. Please do not leave the windows outside or lying on the ground.

- 3) When opening the dome roof window, turn crank until window has opened approximately 6 inches. This window DOES NOT open all the way. Once you are able to feel friction when cranking, the window has fully opened. Please do not force the crank as this will break the window hinge.



Yurt Contents Checklist

The following items have been provided by Alberta Parks to enhance your stay within the yurts. Please ensure all items are accounted for upon check-out.

ANY DAMAGED OR MISSING ITEMS WILL BE SUBJECT TO A CHARGE.

ITEM	Quantity
Kettle	1
Dish Cloth	2
Dish Towel	2
Wood Cutting Board	1
Plastic Cutting Board	1
Dish Soap	1
Dish Tub	2
Oven Mitts	1 pair
Ice Cube Tray	2
Ceramic Mug	6
Ceramic Bowl	6
Small Plate	6
Large Plate	6
Spoons	12
Forks	12
Knife	6
Can Opener	1
Frying Pan	1
Salad Bowl	2
Pot with lid	3
Ladle	2
Plastic Spatula	1
Metal Spatula	1
Tongs	1

ITEM	Quantity
Coffee Press	1
Basting Brush	1
Broom & Dust Pan	1 each
Fitted Sheet	3
Pullout Couch Protector	1
Garbage bin	1
Garbage Bags	1 box
Water Jug	1
Bedside table	2
Alarm Clock	1
Chef's Cart	1
Dining Table with chairs	6 Chairs
Heater with remote	1
Cushioned Chair	n/a
Mirror	1
Wall Lamp	1
Fire Extinguisher	1
Curtain on front door	1
BBQ Cover	1
BBQ Brush	1
Propane Tank	1
Outdoor Chair	2
Metal Roasting Sticks	3
Park Bench	1
Picnic Table	2

Check-out Procedures

Check-out time in the yurts is 12:00 p.m. This allows us to clean and reset the accommodations for the next users in a timely fashion. Please be aware that the check-out time is non-negotiable.

To Check -out:

- 1) Wash all dishes using warm water from the washroom building in Loop B. Alternatively, you may bring your dishes to the washroom building and wash them at the sinks located on the outside of the building.
PLEASE NOTE: If washing dishes at the yurt, please dump any grey water into the vault toilets. Dumping dirty water and food waste onto the ground or into fire pits will attract unwanted wildlife to the site.
- 2) Please ensure all provided items have been returned to the yurt. Use the **Yurt Contents Checklist** on the previous page to double check that all of the items are accounted for. Should any items be missing or damaged, please inform the Registration Booth staff on your way out of the Park.
- 3) At the time of checkout, you may choose to fill out the Customer Satisfaction Survey. Completed surveys can be left with the keys inside the yurt (see below).
- 4) Upon leaving, place the yurt keys inside the **Key Drop Box** located next to the front door on the inside of the yurt. You may then lock the door using the push lock on the doorknob and close the door behind you. Double check that the door has been locked before leaving the site.
- 5) You may wish to stop at the registration booth on your way out to let staff know that you have checked out. While this is not necessary, staff appreciate the notice. This also provides an opportunity to report any lost or broken items so that they may be replaced in a timely fashion.

Thank you for staying in the Miquelon Lake Provincial Park Yurts. We hope you had a relaxing and comfortable retreat.

Park Amenities

Park Centre

The Miquelon Lake Park Centre houses Park Administration, an educational exhibit space, a gift store, a rental space called the Aspen Room and staff offices. The hours of operation are as follows:

	Summer (May to Mid-September)	Winter (Mid-September to May)
		*Gift store is closed, but office remains open
Monday	10:00 am-5:30 pm	8:30 am-4:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am-5:30 pm	8:30 am-4:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am-5:30 pm	8:30 am-4:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am-5:30 pm	8:30 am-4:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am-8:30 pm	8:30 am-4:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am-8:30 pm	Closed
Sunday	10:00 am-5:30 pm	Closed



Information

The Park Centre is the place to go for information about the Park itself, such as maps of the campground and trail system, interpretive program schedules, trip planning, and Park regulations. Our friendly Information Officers are available throughout the day to help make your stay as easy as possible.

Gifts and Souvenirs

The Gift Store within the Centre offers a wide variety of giftware, from locally made pottery to books, toys, art, games and jewelry. From adorable keychains to beautiful metal sculptures, you're sure to find something that suits your tastes.

Snacks and Beverages

While there is currently no concession at Miquelon Lake, you are able to purchase small snacks and beverages at the Park Centre. Ice cream novelties, chocolate bars, chips, granola bars, pop, juice, coffee or tea and candy can all be found in the Centre's gift store. Bags of ice can also be purchased here.

The store also carries those little items we sometimes forget to pack, such as insect repellent, sun screen, first aid supplies, rain ponchos, roasting sticks, etc.

The Aspen Room

Located inside the Park Centre, the Aspen Room serves as a rentable space that can be booked for small events, such as meetings, workshops, family gatherings, or birthday parties. You can refer to the poster on the following page for more information or inquire directly at the Park Centre.

Registration Booth

The registration booth is located at the entrance to the Park. In addition to registering and paying for your campsite here, you can also purchase firewood.

If you would like to make future reservations in an Alberta Park or make changes to an existing reservation, we recommend you visit reservealberta.ca or phone 1-877-537-2757. Booth staff are unable to assist you with these requests. Cancellations may be made through the registration booth.



THE ASPEN ROOM

The Rental Space

Set amidst a rich mosaic of poplar, aspen and white spruce forests, the Aspen Room is the perfect destination for your special event. Whether hosting a meeting, running a workshop or holding a corporate retreat, you and your guests will enjoy kitchen amenities, washroom facilities, the latest in projection technology alongside a relaxing view of the park. Quick and easy access to walking trails and picnic sites just outside the door allows you to get closer to the flowering shrubbery and resident wildlife.

The Aspen Room accommodates up to 70 people and can be rented for 1 hour, half a day, or a full day. Audio/visual equipment may also be rented for an additional fee.

	Not-for-Profit	For-Profit
Up to 1/2 day	\$100	\$150
Full Day	\$225	\$275

Miquelon Lake Provincial Park is located 1 hr southeast of Edmonton, near Camrose, AB.

Local catering options are also available.

Please inquire when booking.



**Book the Aspen Room today
for your event!**

To book the Aspen Room at Miquelon Lake Provincial Park,

Phone: 780-672-7274

Email: Miquelon.booking@gov.ab.ca

*Room must be booked a minimum of 3 weeks in advance.

Activities

Miquelon Lake is not ideal for swimming due to natural water quality issues. The lake contains naturally high levels of salts and sulfates that become more concentrated when lake levels are low. This diminishes water quality for swimming and contributes to odors in summer.



Boating

Due to the shallow depth of Miquelon Lake, only hand-launched watercrafts are permitted on the lake. There is one hand-launch boat available at Miquelon Lake Provincial Park (please refer to map). Be sure to have a bailing bucket, whistle, paddles and life jackets with you in the boat.



Hiking

Miquelon's trail system is located along the park's knob and kettle terrain, with several interconnected loops. There are approximately 20 km of maintained trails and 3.7 km of paved trails. Back country trails can be accessed through the overflow parking lot, just north of the Park Centre on the main access road. Each trail features its own opportunities to observe the park's landscapes and wildlife. Remember to watch for signs of moose, deer, coyote, and porcupine.



Golfing

For the golfing enthusiast, the nearby Miquelon Hills Golf Course offers 18 holes amidst mature forests and rolling hills. The back 9 is a Par 37 with long narrow fairways, several dog legs and some hidden greens which will challenge your game. Home to birds, other wildlife and beautiful scenery, this course is great for every level of golfer.

Miquelon Hills Golf Course

780-662-2499

www.miquelonhillsgolf.com





Birding and Wildlife Watching

Watch for waves of migrating birds that flock to the park each year. Miquelon Lake is located within two of North America’s migratory flyways. The numerous wetlands in the park provide ideal stop-over and breeding habitat for waterfowl and songbirds alike. Mallards, lesser scaups, buffleheads, song sparrows and yellow warblers are just some of the summer residents you may encounter. The park is listed as an international Important Bird Area (IBA).

From the warmth of summer days to the frosty days of winter, Miquelon is a special place where plants and animals can be viewed in their natural habitat year-round. The changing seasons provide many reasons to return to watch the numerous wildlife species and diverse vegetation that call Miquelon Lake Provincial Park home. Moose, deer, coyotes, porcupines, bats, beavers and muskrats are all common mammal species seen throughout the park. Various mushrooms and lichen, wildflowers and berry shrubs grow thickly along the forested trails, providing perfect habitat for butterflies and dragonflies alike.

So bring along your binoculars and a guide book (or purchase one at the Park Centre!) on your next walk through Miquelon Lake Provincial Park.



Coyote (A.Cole)



Dragonfly (A.Cole)



Interpretive Programs

Throughout the months of June, July and August, Park Interpreters offer free fun and interactive activities and programs to keep Park visitors entertained and connected to the natural world. Summer season interpretive programs include: guided walks, theatrical presentations, family programs, point duties and workshops. These programs help connect visitors with the natural and human history of the area. Visit the Park Centre or look for program schedules posted around the Park for a listing of the upcoming events and activities.



Interpretive Amphitheatre Program



Family Bug Hunt Program

Emergency Contacts

Most cell phones do not get service within the Park, but pay phones can be found in front of the Park Centre and near the Registration Booth at the Park entrance. You can also use the phones in the Park Centre during hours of operation for emergencies.

All medical emergencies	9-1-1
Park Office/Information	780-672-7274
Parks Enforcement Line	780-644-3880
Reservation Changes/Inquiries	1-877-537-2757
To Report a Wildfire	310-FIRE (310-3473) toll free
Report a Poacher	1-800-642-3800

CALL 9-1-1
for emergency



Alberta Parks Regulations

The information that follows is intended as a general guide to some of the regulations under the *Provincial Parks Act* and a variety of other provincial and federal legislation that apply to recreational activities in provincial parks and recreation areas.

Contravention of regulations may result in eviction, a court-imposed fine or a restitution order.

Regulations are enforced by conservation officers (peace officers in the Province of Alberta). Conservation officers work with local police authorities to ensure the safety of park visitors.

Boating

- Motorized water craft are not permitted on Miquelon Lake due to the shallow depth of the lake. Hand-launch only (canoes, kayaks)
- Please ensure lifejackets are worn by all boat users and a bailing bucket and whistle are also contained in the boat.
- For the safety of both swimmers and boaters, please obey all signs at boat launches and on lakes.
- It is illegal to transport passengers to and from the boat launch in the back of a pickup truck or in the boat.
- Boats used on any water body must conform with the *Canada Shipping Act* and regulations.
- *Transport Canada* has information about boating regulations and safety.

Camping

Deal with Waste Properly

- Liquid and solid waste must be disposed of in receptacles provided.
- Pouring waste water on open ground or in sumpholes dug beneath trailers is prohibited.
- Where waste receptacles are not provided, waste must be carried out of the area for disposal.
- Do not bathe or clean clothing, fish or cooking/eating utensils near water fountains, taps and wells.

Be a Good Neighbor

- Avoid excessive noise so that everyone can enjoy the peace and tranquility of parks.
- Quiet hours are 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- Loud partying, stereos at high volume and other rowdy behavior are not tolerated at any time.

- Constantly running generators is considered excessive noise UNLESS required for medical reasons. Please use your generator in moderation.
- Camping permit holders are responsible for the actions of all camping party members and any visitors to their campsite.

Day Use

- Available for public use from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. only

Fire Prevention

- Campfires are permitted only in facilities provided.
- Never leave your campfire unattended. Ensure your campfire is completely out before turning in for the night and before leaving your campsite.
- Campfire bans and/or travel restrictions may be implemented when the fire hazard is extreme.
- Campgrounds may be closed if a forest fire situation in the vicinity threatens public safety.
- To report a wildfire, call 310-FIRE (310-3473) toll free from anywhere in Alberta.

Firearms & Hunting

- Hunting and carrying or discharging firearms are not permitted in most provincial parks and recreation areas.
- Hunting is permitted in wildland parks and in some provincial parks and recreation areas.
- The *Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations* contains detailed information about hunting licenses, hunting regulations and wildlife management units.
- Dressing, hanging and storing big game are not permitted without authorization from a conservation officer.

Fireworks

- Use of fireworks is prohibited.

Fishing

- There are no fish in Miquelon Lake, however fishing may occur in other local waterbodies.
- If you are an Alberta resident between the ages of 16 and 65, you must obtain an Alberta angling license to fish. Non-residents must obtain an Alberta angling license regardless of age.
- The *Alberta Guide to Sportfishing Regulations* has detailed info on season and catch limits.

Liquor

- Consumption of alcohol is restricted to registered campsites in accordance with the *Alberta Gaming and Liquor Act*.
- Liquor is prohibited:
 - on roads, trails and beaches;
 - in washrooms and cook shelters; and
 - in day use areas/picnic sites.

Motor Vehicles

- Drive cautiously and obey all speed limits. Children may be playing in the area and campground roads are often used as pathways.
- Keep all vehicles on designated roadways to prevent damage to trees and other vegetation.
- Operating off-highway vehicles (OHVs) is not permitted in provincial parks. OHV use is permitted in a limited number of provincial recreation areas and wildland provincial parks on designated trails only.

Plants & Fossils

- It is illegal to remove, deface, injure or destroy plants, fossils and rocks.
- Using dead wood lying on the ground (deadfall) for firewood is also prohibited.
- Picking common flowers, wild fruits and mushrooms is not permitted in Provincial Parks.

Wildlife

- Do not approach, feed or harass wildlife. These actions can cause a wild animal to feel threatened, which can pose a danger to humans and their pets. It is illegal to feed wildlife in provincial parks and recreation areas.
- To Report A Poacher phone 1-800-642-3800 toll-free from anywhere in Alberta.

Crime Prevention

We experience very little serious crime in our parks and with your co-operation, we can keep it that way.

- Store your camping gear and valuables securely.
- Mark your camping gear and valuables to deter thieves.
- Report vandalism to a conservation officer or police.
- Be a good neighbor - help protect each other's property.

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