

# **RADIUS HANDBOOK**

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## **In Case of Emergency**

**Call 911** in case of any life threatening  
situation or serious injury  
For Forest Fires **Call \*5555**

Our Emergency Address is:  
**7058 Hwy 95, Radium Hot Springs**  
Tell them you are at Radius Retreat and give  
them your Gate Code

Our Muster Point is the Parking Lot

AFTER you have notified 911, please contact  
us! We need to be aware of what is  
happening, and can often help before  
emergency responders arrive, and  
direct people to safety

Call or Text: 403.636.0343  
Email: [info@radiusretreat.com](mailto:info@radiusretreat.com)

## Welcome to Radius

Whether it's your first time in a Yurt,  
or if you "Yurt It Up" on a regular basis,  
we want all our guests to have an  
awesome experience.

If you follow some basic YURT RULES,  
nature will be protected, our Yurts will stay  
amazing, and you will get the most out of your  
Yurtcation (with no extra costs!!).

By signing our agreement when you booked online,  
you agreed to follow all our policies and rules  
written out in this Guide. The first section is all the  
Radius **MUST DO's and DONT's**. Please read  
carefully to adhere to our rules.

This symbol marks important  
Radius Rules;

If you do not follow our rules, there will  
be a charge, so watch for this symbol to  
save Yurtself some money!

## Radius Rules

Smoking – All Yurts are Non-Smoking

Fires – Awesome yet Dangerous

Pets – Please Make them Behave

Food Storage / Cooking – Never Inside the Yurt

Windows and Doors – Close them!

Pack In / Pack Out – Leave No Trace

Leaving Your Yurt – 11am Check Out

Contacting Us – Text is Best

Note: It should go without saying, but yet we need to say it;

No firearms or fireworks of any kind ever including  
airsoft guns, pellet guns and paint guns etc.

You are in a Nature Retreat!!

## **All Radius Yurts are Non-Smoking**

*No matter what you're smokin'!!*

We try not to judge all smokers on the few bad ones out there, but our forest is just too precious to risk, so we have put some pretty hefty fines on smokers who cannot be respectful of our property, nature, and our rules.

### **No Smoking in Yurts**

There is up to a \$1000 fine for doing so, plus any damages/repair/replacement.

### **No Butts ANYwhere**

Butts are garbage and a huge risk to our forest. They must be extinguished on a rock (not our deck, yurt or table) and then taken home with you.

There will be a minimum \$30 cleaning fee for any butts we find.

Please smoke with the utmost care and respect for our property and nature!

## Fires

Fires are awesome, but they can also be very dangerous. If there is a Fire Ban you will have been notified in your check-in email, there will be a notification at the Trailhead Sign, and there will be a lock on your firepit. During this time, you can still use the wood stove in the Yurt for warmth, and the cook stove outside for cooking. At all times **PLEASE BE OVERLY CAUTIOUS** with fire. One spark and we could lose this paradise that so many people and animals enjoy and depend on.

### Keep Fires Small

We have provided you with firewood, but please use it as the valuable resource it is by keeping your fires small, contained wholly within the pit and with the ability to close the grill.

### Never Leave a Fire Unattended

Let it burn down and put it out with water before you go to bed, leave the Yurt, or are checking out. **NEVER** put burnt logs into the forest.

## **Pets at Radius**

We are pet-friendly and want to stay that way. You are responsible for teaching your pet(s) our rules and making them adhere to those rules.

### **Pets Must Be on a Leash and "Under Control" at All Times**

Guests should not be disturbed by your pet(s)!

You have chosen to stay at a Nature Retreat and as such are surrounded by animals in their natural habitat. Please do not allow your pet(s) to disturb them.

### **Pets are NOT Allowed On Our Beds**

If there is evidence of pets on the bed, there will be a minimum \$30 cleaning fee.

### **Damages Are At Your Expense**

Anything your pet damages will be replaced or fixed by Radius and paid for by you. Including scratches on the door and holes in our screen doors.

## Take a Stick and Flick

Time for Poop Talk. Yes, your pets poo, and in nature, that poop will compost, but this will take some time, and no one wants to see it. Grab a stick and flick the poop into the forest where no one can see it/step in it, and let Nature do the rest.

If poop is found at your Yurt site or anywhere on the paths/trails around your Yurt, you will be charged a minimum \$30 cleaning fee.

## Keep Things Tidy

We know it is hard if it is raining/snowing, but please try to keep pets as clean as possible before they come into the Yurt. Toweling them off, making them stay on their bed and a sweep of the Yurt to get rid of their hair regularly is appreciated.

We welcome pets with no charge, but we do expect YOU to be a respectful pet owner.

More info on dog parks and doggie daycare can be found in the *A'Round Town* section of this book.



## **Food Storage and Cooking**

Cooking in the outdoors is a part of the experience here at Radius. Nothing tastes better than food cooked over the open fire. We have provided you with firewood, a fire pit, a grill, as well as an outdoor camp stove to cook your food on.

The indoor wood stove is for warmth, NOT cooking. Splatter from food will attract critters into your Yurt, and it also ruins our stove tops.

### **No Food or Cooking in the Yurt**

Smells, crumbs, and spills will attract animals and bugs.

### **Do Not Place ANYthing on the Stove**

Even if it is not hot, water will rust it, cup rings won't come off, candles make a mess, and socks WILL burn to it.

### **No Food Storage in The Yurt**

Bears and other critters can not be kept out by the Yurt walls. They will come in to get a meal. We have provided Bear Hangs for this reason.

## Windows and Doors

The Yurts have 3 parts to the windows. On hot days, we would recommend you roll up the outside covering and move down plastic window covering for airflow. Please be kind to our plastic window coverings as people use them to look out of (try not to fold them). Re-attach them lower on the velcro. If this is not possible, place them gently on the bed. Rain will enter the Yurt with these plastic coverings off so please do not allow this to happen!

The Screen Door has an opening mechanism for loading in gear, or if you want to leave it open for airflow or the view. Open the screen door, look up to the black mechanism (pneumatic closer) and press in the big button. To release, push the door open a bit more, let go, and it will automatically release.

Always Close ALL the Windows and Doors  
when Leaving the Yurt

Always Lock the Yurt Door when Leaving  
the Yurt

## **Pack In / Pack Out**

It's a simple concept – you brought it here, you get to take it away! This includes cigarette butts, empty bottles, diapers, feminine hygiene products, food packaging, the paper plates and tinfoil popcorn maker that you only half burned in the fire pit ... the list is endless, but you get the point. Nothing of yours stays here = Pack in Pack Out!

Anything that you leave – little gifts for us, that bear spray or propane tank you can't take home on the flight, we are happy to keep and pass on to other guests in need. If you accidentally leave things here, we will pass it on to a guest in need unless you contact us.

### **No Garbage is to Be Left on Site**

If there is any garbage found on Site will be charged a minimum \$30 Cleaning Fee, and will be subject to an additional Disposal and Landfill Fee

**Leave the Yurt and Nature as you Found it**

## **Checkout Day Procedures**

All good things must come to an end. Please be out of your Yurt by 11 am as we will be on our way to come clean before the next guests arrive. You are more than welcome to stay on the property as long as you'd like on Checkout Day. Please follow all the rules below, take all your gear and vacate the Yurt area, and then feel free to go hiking and enjoy a little more time in Nature!

### **Checkout is 11am**

Leave No Trace – things are the same as when you arrived (furniture, nature, the Yurt)

Do a Quick Sweep to Keep out Critters

The Fire in the Pit Must be Completely Out

The Wood Stove Door Needs to be Closed

The Plastic Windows Must be On and Closed

The Door Must be Locked

## **Contacting Us**

### ***(Non-Emergency Situations)***

If you are looking for some advice, the toilet has issues, there are critters in the Yurt, you are staying for 4-5 days and need something refreshed partway through, you need help with something, or do not understand something in this book, etc ... do not hesitate to text / call / email us.

Text is always the best and quickest way, as we can usually respond instantly. When you call, you will likely get a voicemail – but leave us a message, we will listen to it and have the appropriate person get back to you as soon as possible.

We live on the property and someone is always available to help.

TEXT: 403.636.0343

Email: [info@radiusretreat.com](mailto:info@radiusretreat.com)

## **Yurt Life**

Tips and Tricks to Help you get the most out  
of your Yurt Experience

Now that you know the rules, we have some helpful  
hints to make Yurt Life and your stay here at  
Radius easier and safer.

Camp Stove – How to Turn it On!

Water – What to Drink and What Not to  
Drink

Fire – Inside and Out

Bear Hang – How to Use It

Bears – How to Avoid a Negative Encounter

Solar Lights – They Need Sun!

Air Flow – The Dome

## Outdoor Cook Stove

We have provided you with a camp stove to cook on during your stay. You will need to supply your own little green one pound propane bottle. If you run out or don't have one – the best place to buy them in town is Far Out Rentals.

Use the provided attachment to connect your propane bottle to the side of the stove. When finished using, please put back as you found it to keep out water.

Turn on the propane – listen to make sure you hear it flowing, and use a match to light the burner.

Please wipe down the stove after each use, helping keep critters away.

Always close the lid when you are done – water ruins the stoves and the flow of propane.

# **Water**

## **Drinking Water**

We currently have two water stations on the property. One of them is at The Trailhead, and one is at the top of Osprey. These are buried tanks with a solar operated pump / button on it to press to get water. We fill this with fresh, treated water that is perfectly safe for consuming right out of the hand pump. It is available year round.

## **The Watering Hole**

The creek here is from a spring on our property and although fresh and clean – it is not treated. It should not be ingested by humans unless you have a treatment system like a Life Straw.

## **The Showers**

These are also creek fed – so great to rinse off – but should not be used to fill water bottles (again, unless you have a system to treat water). You can not use your own soap / shampoo in these showers – biodegradable soap is provided to protect our forest.



## **Fires – Indoor Wood Burning Stove**

Wood Burning stoves can be finicky. This one is really simple and will warm up your Yurt in no time. In the winter, get a good fire going before you head to bed, and make sure there is a big log in there and it will last about 4 hours.

### **To Start the Fire:**

Take ONE piece of the fire starter provided and place in the bottom of the stove. Use some kindling (small pieces) and place on the fire starter with lots of air spaces in the stove. Light the fire starter and leave the door open slightly until the wood catches, then open the vent in the front of the door and close the stove door. Add larger wood once the kindling has started to really burn.

### **Some DONT's:**

Do Not burn ANYTHING but wood in the Stove  
Do Not leave the stove door open  
Do Not leave items on the top of the stove  
Do Not empty the ash bin – leave it for us to add to our worm compost – they love it!

## Fires – Outdoor Firepit

We know campfires are one of the best parts of Yurting, and we want you to enjoy them. However, we also want you to be very careful. Big fires and fires that are left unattended are a huge risk to the forest and all that lies within it.

We have provided you with firewood, so gathering wood is not required or recommended as it will not burn as well as what we've provided, and we like to leave our forest as is.

Feel free to use paper/cardboard to get it started. Always start with smaller wood before throwing on the big stuff. To satisfy the 'burning' question of what style works better to start it – the "tipi" or the "cabin", the answer is whatever works best for you! We here at Radius usually go with a tipi in a cabin!!

Please read the *Yurt Rules* section of this handbook for fires. It has important information on keeping our forest safe – like never take burnt logs or ash out of the fire pit – we will do that for you.

## **Bear Hang / Bear Box**

No, we're not Hanging the Bears! But we are hanging all the food, toiletries, garbage, cooking gear and anything else that smells good. Bears have an excellent sense of smell, and if they decide to come to visit, they will have to go to the Bear Hang to try to get the food they are in search of. The Bear Hang is meant to keep all this great smelling food (and thus the bear) away from you and your Yurt.

Some Yurts also have a Bear Box – this is for heavier items that might not clip into the rope system, like small coolers.

How to Use the Bear Hang;

Unhook the clip attached to the rope on the tree, and use it to attach your bag.

Winch the bag up and another clip will come towards you – attach this clip to where you took the last one off.

When bringing your bag back down – try not to let the clip that your bag is attached to fly back up. Re-clip it immediately to the tree.

## **Bears**

*And other forest critters – we have martins, cougars, fox, elk, turkeys, badgers, etc.*

Yes – they live here! You must use Bear Safe Practices when staying in a Yurt. Using the Bear Hang, being sure to keep food out of the Yurt, cleaning your Yurt area of all food and dishes, and making sure you have Bear Spray (which is available to purchase everywhere in town), are all expected Bear Safe Practices.

**Make Noise** – so as to not surprise a bear, call, sing, clap or talk loudly, especially in areas of low visibility.

**Be Alert** – watch for bears, their scat, tracks, any strange smells or disturbed vegetation.

**Stay Together** – hike and bike in groups and don't let children wander too far off.

**Watch Your Pets** – keep your dog on a leash; dogs can provoke defensive bear behaviour.

**Carry Bear Spray** – and know how to use it; read the can for instructions now, not when you see the bear!!

## Solar Lights

In our Yurts we have solar lights, and some Yurts even have a light in the bathroom. These lights are solar, which means they need sun! If you have been using your lights all day/night for 2 days and it has been cloudy or raining the whole time – they will stop working.

These lights are installed as a convenience for a little extra comfort. They will easily last 3-4 days with gentle use at night IF they have had time to charge in the sun. Yes – the Sun has to be shining for them to charge!! So, if it's not a super sunny day and you want to save your charge for late night card games, our suggestion is to not leave them on all day long and use only when necessary.

## Air Flow

A typical feature of a Yurt is a dome (aka The Moon Roof), and it is incredibly helpful for airflow. In the summer, our Yurts can get hot during the day. We would recommend you keep the plastic covers off your windows and the outer flaps down when the sun is shining directly on the Yurt. Hot air rises, so opening the dome helps the hot air to escape.

When you have a fire, keeping the dome closed will help hold in the warm air. But, if it's humid in your yurt, you will want to open it up a crack to let that humidity out.

To Open The Dome;

Locate the long handle which is hanging behind the Yurt door.

The hardest part - put the hook at the end of the handle into the loop just under the screen of the dome.

Turn the handle gently - it only goes about 4 full turns. Don't force it!

## From Within

Part of our Radius philosophy is *From Within*. From Within the land and nature and what it provides, from the community that we live in, and from the skills and passions that lie within ourselves – we keep coming back to the concept of *From Within*.

Our goal is to use sustainable practices, find ways to create a balance between living and doing business in nature and being respectful and diligent in protecting nature for everyone to experience and enjoy.

The Team and The Dream

Sustainable Practices

Coexisting with Nature

Off-Grid and Micro-Hydro

Friluftsliv

## **The Radius Team**

The Radius Team is made up of Curtis and his dog Birk, and Loren and Brian and their dog Rae. They all met when Brian and Loren owned a tour company and Curtis was completing his practicum with them for his degree in Ecotourism and Outdoor Leadership.

Between living together, partying together and traveling together, they knew they were destined to create something bigger - together.

And a Dream was born.

## **The Radius Dream**

It all has to start somewhere, and our journey began with the desire to work together, live in a Yurt in a forest, and make it possible for others to experience the vibe and true healing powers of being immersed in nature. In a Yurt!!

Then came searching for the perfect property. The Valley kept calling our name, and when we found this place - there was no turning back. And then came the hard work, blood, sweat and tears. And here we are - we live in a Yurt and you are staying in a Yurt. Living' the Dream!



## **Sustainable Practices**

Being kind to our forest and the surrounding environment is important to us. We try to make decisions that protect where we live, and that reduce our impact on the land and the animals that we live here with.

Recycle: Simple things you will notice, like our outdoor furniture which is 100% recycled plastic milk jugs, help us to do our part to recycle. If you are interested in more info on this product and how to get it, email Loren.

Reduce: We don't have garbages here for a reason. We want people to understand the amount of waste they create and be responsible for it. Taking it home makes people think about waste and perhaps reducing the products they purchase based on the waste they produce!

Carbon Footprint: Washing bedding creates an incredible carbon footprint we don't feel we want to be responsible for, so we purposely don't provide bedding.

Compost: Our worm composting toilets take humanure and make it into soil without wasting any water. Asking people to “Grab a Stick and Flick” (and stop wrapping their dop poop in a plastic bag which makes it impossible for it to compost), and letting nature do its job, is a small step in reducing the amount of plastic bags in the landfills. We also choose not to put plastic bags in our Yurts for garbages, knowing they will just end up in a landfill.

Water Saving: By putting water on-site and available, but not easily at your fingertips, we are hoping people will use less, waste less, and perhaps go home with a new respect for that tap in their home and consider conserving more.

Repurposing: Our cook stoves are housed in old BBQ's that we have 'saved' from the dump. Instead of throwing them away, and creating new products to protect our stoves, we have repurposed them, keeping them out of the landfill. We also use woodchips and scrap boards from our local mill for our paths and toilets that would otherwise be wasted or burned.

## Coexisting

### Leaving the Land the Way It Is

We are all caretakers of nature and here at Radius, we do our best to keep the land in its wild state.

We constantly try to find the balance between leaving things natural and making this a clean and safe place to explore. We do not water grass, we do not plant things, and we try not to disturb the local flora and fauna. You will notice ground squirrel homes – we leave them alone to dig where they want to – so watch your step! But we will take a wasp nest off our firewood shelters to protect people. Always trying to find a balance.

Our Yurt sites are chosen based on where the least amount of damage will be done to the forest. They are built on blocks instead of disturbing the land, which allows future generations to make their own decisions without having to deal with cement in the ground.

Our trail system is kept as natural as possible and we use historical logging roads and trails that already exist to base our trails on – trying not to create new tracks in nature. And with the exception of our electric maintenance vehicle, we do not allow any vehicles on the trails, reducing impact as well as air and noise pollution.

## Off-Grid and Micro-Hydro Power

We are not connected to the power grid and use a creek to create a micro-hydro power system for our energy. This took a lot of learning, trial and error, hard work and some extra costs. But, in the end, it's all worth it knowing that we are doing our best to reduce the use of unsustainable fuel sources.

If you happen to see our little golf cart like side by side around, be sure to stop and say hi. This electric vehicle (Evy is her name) is what we use to do maintenance and clean the Yurts, as well as our emergency vehicle and for security. It's quiet, so does not create any noise pollution to disturb wildlife, and it is exhaust free so we are not ruining the fresh air around us. And best of all – EVy runs on Water Power!! We plug her into our micro-hydro system, and the water that flows through the spinning turbine creates power – no fuel required. This micro-hydro system also powers the two Yurts we live in (which come complete with all the fancy eco-friendly appliances) and our Radius Office. Harnessing the power of water is a great use of a resource, without actually using it.

## Friluftsliv

During Curtis' time spent studying, and traveling in Norway, he learned and shared with us one of their Scandinavian philosophies. Friluftsliv, pronounced *free-loofs-liv*, is a Nordic cultural concept meaning "open air life" and is used to describe a way of life that is spent exploring and appreciating nature with the freedom to roam. It is a philosophy that captures the importance of connecting with nature on both a physical and spiritual level.

We were already living this way, but we now had a 'term' to use to explain our love of the outdoors. After we learned how to say it, Friluftsliv quickly became the backbone of both our personal vision and what we wanted to create here.

This philosophy is the essence of what Radius is; experiencing nature in its primacy and exploring the relationships and self growth created from this time in nature. If you are interested in learning more or want to truly immerse yourself in nature, we offer Forest Therapy Walks, which will give you a new appreciation for nature, and what impact it can have on your life and well being.

## Experience it Yurtself

Besides listening to the birds, stargazing, napping in your hammock and staring into the fire, what else can you do here at Radius? Your adventure might consist of just doing nothing, and that's a perfect way to spend your time here. For those of you who want to stay relaxed and enjoy a little extra activity, check out some of these options – all which you can do right here on the property.

Trail Systems and More

Guided Nature Walks

Massage

Energy Work

Summer Biking

Winter Fun

Segway Tours

## Trail System

There is a map hanging in your Yurt and at each trail junction. The ones on the trail will have a '*You are Here*' symbol so you can find Yurtself easily! The trails are signed with the symbol of the animal trail you are following (look for them in the trees). These are the 'maintained' trails and are clearly marked.

If you want to go explore on your own, you're more than welcome to follow your own path and go for an adventure. We suggest you find a "point of reference" as it is very easy to get turned around once you are off trail.

Please respect the private property signs, as these mean you have left the Radius property and if you continue you would be trespassing on someone else's property. You have 1000 acres to explore plus the entire Kootenay National Park next door, so please stay off other private property.

For those looking to go "UP" the mountains you see above, they are in the National Park and you are welcome to explore them (at your own risk).

## Guided Nature Walks Forest Therapy

Connecting to nature at a deeper level is made possible by Pat Bavin, a local certified Forest Therapy Guide. Also known as Shinrin Yoku, this form of Japanese healing medicine has become the cornerstone of preventative health in Japan. The literal translation is “forest bathing” - meaning bathing in the forest atmosphere or taking in the forest through our senses.

Imagine a guided meditation session but set in nature. It is such an incredible experience and we highly recommend it to anyone open to connecting deeper, wants a one of a kind nature experience, or wants to truly relax.

More info can be found on our Trailhead Sign and on Pat's website. He will do a private session with a minimum of 3 participants for approximately \$50 per person. He also has weekly scheduled sessions you can join here at Radius which will be posted on the Trailhead Sign. All sessions are booked through his website at **[www.Bavinglass.com](http://www.Bavinglass.com)**



## Massage and Yoga

There is seriously no better place to have a massage than in a Yurt in Nature. Diane is one of the most talented, educated, well rounded and experienced practitioners in the Valley. And the best part - she will come to you! Her healing hands and various massages treatments will leave you feeling incredible! No stress of driving and parking, no need to leave the tranquility and privacy of your Yurt, and the peacefulness of nature, all while being treated by magical hands!

We can not recommend it enough.

Diane will come to your Yurt or you can meet her at The Circle Yurt - perfect for her various treatments as well as her yoga and nature sessions. Her rates vary based on the time and treatment, and she can give you a receipt for insurance purposes.

To book, check out her website at [www.wildsage-wellness.com](http://www.wildsage-wellness.com) or call Diane at **403.707.5530** and tell her you are at Radius. She does book up quickly, so the sooner you can call her the better.

## Segways

The coolest adventure on site is for sure the Segways with Scootin' Kootenay Tours. This is not your typical "mall cop" city experience. These are meant for off road adventures, and the team at Radius loves them (almost enough to get our own!!). The Segways are electric and charged by our solar system – another fun experience brought to you by nature!

Trips go out most days, 3 times a day (in the summer) and it is easy to book in, and they will also do private tours for small groups. The trip is 1.5 hours and they leave from the Circle. You get a super cool trip exploring parts of Radius property not on the map! The guides also give you a great interperetive tour of our "flora and fauna", as well as stops for mountain and scenic photo shoots.

To book, check out  
[www.scootinkoots.com](http://www.scootinkoots.com)

or

Call 250.341.8588

## Energy Work and Plants

Working on all that ails you, Heather will come out with her vast knowledge of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Acupuncture, Reflexology and Healing Essential Oils, and give you a treatment you will never want to end! She is able to treat your whole mind and body to some rejuvenation and stress release – all in the comfort of your Yurt and the nature surrounding it.

Heather also does healing plant therapy and can take you on a Native Plant Walk here at Radius. She can show you the different flowers and plants on the property that can be used to heal, calm and nourish, either as teas or oils – or just eating them fresh out of the forest.

Heather is a kind and warm soul and just being in her presence is healing. She is also excellent at sending you home with strategies to help yourself on your journey to health and happiness.

Phone: 250.688.0033

Website: [www.flourishinghealth.ca](http://www.flourishinghealth.ca)

Email: [flourishinghealth4all@gmail.com](mailto:flourishinghealth4all@gmail.com)

## Summer Biking

We do not open up our trails to the public for bike riding as it would be too much wear and tear on the land. And we don't have specific bike trails, but as our guests, you are more than welcome to explore the property on a bike.

If you didn't bring one, Far Out Rentals has every style you could imagine and he can drop them off at the Trailhead for you so you don't have to go pick it up / drop it off. Our favorite by far are the E-Bikes. Especially with the up and down terrain here at Radius – these bikes make it so you still get the workout, but those hills up are just a little easier.

They are quiet, electric and easy to ride – no experience/training necessary.

Call Phil at Far Out Rentals to see what he has available. He is open 10-5 most days, 10-3 Sundays, but will make arrangements to drop off / pick up anytime. His contact info is...

Phone: 1.778.527.5047 or 1.844.376.0632

Website: [www.rentfarout.com](http://www.rentfarout.com)

Email: [faroutrentals@outlook.com](mailto:faroutrentals@outlook.com)

## Winter Adventures

Radius is a year round Retreat and Yurt Life is incredible in the winter. Warm up to your cozy fire after snowshoeing to your Yurt and enjoy the spectacular scenery. Fat tire biking, cross country skiing and ski touring all make for excellent winter activities. We have specific winter trails that we keep groomed for all activities, and as always, you can make your own adventure and cruise anywhere you want! Sledding down some of these hills makes the trek up pretty epic.

Phil is the guy if there is anything you need to rent to make your winter time here at Radius awesome.

He will deliver to the Trailhead and has some excellent options if you just want to 'try out' some equipment and adventures before committing to buying that Fat Tire Bike. His contact info is ...

Phone: 1.778.527.5047 or 1.844.376.0632

Website: [www.rentfarout.com](http://www.rentfarout.com)

Email: [faroutrentals@outlook.com](mailto:faroutrentals@outlook.com)

## A 'Round Town

The best experience is the one you create for Yurtself. If it were up to us – we'd never leave our Yurt and our forest of tranquility. But that's not really possible and sooner or later we have to get out and explore! So, when you want to go out to the real world (or have to for nourishment), here are some local suggestions that we frequent when we leave our paradise.

Food and Drinks

Entertainment

Dog Parks / Doggie Day Care

Activities

## Food and Drinks

### Groceries:

Radium Mountainside has everything you need.  
Invermere AG Foods is the place to go for organic local foods.

### Restaurants:

Horsethief Pub in Radium has the best pub food with reasonable prices and quantities.  
Leo Burrito in Radium (summer only) is a Mexican fast food joint with a patio and pretty reasonable pricing - and they have Margaritas so ...

### Coffee

Big Horn Café is the local Radium coffee shop.  
Kicking Horse in Invermere is organic, fair trade coffee and it has a nice café.

### Beer and Snacks

Radium Brewery is the local brewhouse and they do great sample flights and it's a bring your own food place ... the **Snack Shak** next door is incredible!

## Entertainment

Live Music Monday at the Horsethief Pub in Radium  
Every Monday Year Round from 7-9

Music and Market On Main - Free Entertainment  
Friday in Radium on Main Street, all summer  
Market is from 4-9, Music is from 7-9

Check out these sites for the best current listing of  
local happenings:

Invermere - [invermerepanorama.com](http://invermerepanorama.com)

Radium - [www.radiumhotsprings.com](http://www.radiumhotsprings.com)

The Columbia Valley - [www.columbiavalley.com](http://www.columbiavalley.com)

Annual Local Events (something to plan your next  
Yurt Stay around)

Wings Over the Rockies - 1<sup>st</sup> week in May

Steamboat Mountain Music Festival - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
weekend in July

Annual Radius Retreat Outdoor Concert - last  
weekend in August

Car Show - 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in September

Headbanger Festival - 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in November



## **Doggie Parks and Doggie Day Care**

Radium and Invermere both have excellent off-leash areas along the water. Neither of these parks are fenced, and they both have water at them.

Radium – Sinclair Creek Trail. There are two entrances, one at either end, and there are 2 kms of pathway in between. The easiest access is right at the circle across from the Prestige Hotel. There is a trail map there and you head down the hill (which makes a big uphill trek on your way back). The other (and we think better) entrance is along the creek. Turn right at the circle and go down the hill towards the lumber mill. Take a 180 degree turn to your right (it will seem like you are going through the mill – it's ok!) and it will take you to a trail sign at the parking area.

Invermere – Ray Brydon Park. This is a great new park along the river, just 25 minutes from here. A great stop if you are heading to town anyway! Go into Invermere and then take the road toward Panorama and watch for the park by the bridge over Toby Creek on the left hand side of the road.

## Doggie Day Care

As much as we love having our pets with us, sometimes we want to do things our pets can't - like kayaking, skiing or going to the Hotsprings. And especially in the summer heat, it's impossible to leave them in the Yurt or the car.

So, we suggest checking out *Unleashed Pet Care Services*. They are a local, family run, licensed and insured boarding and training facility, and the care is excellent! It's located on an acreage along the creek just past Radium on the way to Invermere and they are open for drop-offs and pick-ups between 8am-10am and 4pm-6pm. They even offer bath and nail service while your pet stays! Their rates vary depending on the length of stay and the number of dogs, but it is about \$30 a dog for the day.

Unleashed Contact Info is...

Phone: 250.347.9933

Website: [www.unleashedpetcare.com](http://www.unleashedpetcare.com)

Email: [info@unleashedpetcare.com](mailto:info@unleashedpetcare.com)

## Activites

Hot Springs! It would be remiss of us not to mention the Hot Springs since the town is named after them! Go to the circle in Radium, turn left and head towards Banff. It's about a 3 minute drive up the road and parking is on your left. Stopping there does not require a Park Pass. Check the website for seasonal hours and pricing at [www.pc.gc.ca](http://www.pc.gc.ca)

Far Out Rentals has everything you could ever need for adventures on and off the Radius property. Kayaks, canoes, ski's, games, bikes – the list is endless. Go see Phil at Far Out Rentals on Main street in Radium.

Tourism Radium is located on Main Street in Radium, this office is a great source for maps and information. If you want to know about any activities, hiking and biking trails, tours, zipline, segway tours, rafting, golf, etc. – they have it all there and can organize, book and get you sorted for just about everything. This is also the Parks Canada Office and they have tons of info about hikes and activities in the Parks.

## **Thank You to Our Fellow Yurters!**

Thanks for reading the Radius Handbook, and thank you so much for staying with us. If you have any issues or were not satisfied with your stay, please do not hesitate to contact us – we want everyone's experience here to be the best it can be.

## **Social Media**

Word of Mouth is our way of advertising, so if you enjoyed your stay and would recommend it – please do! Tell all your friends and co-workers and random people you meet on the street how great it is to 'Yurt It Up' at Radius.

Any reviews you want to write would be greatly appreciated – we all know how important those reviews are to travelers and businesses alike. Find Radius Retreat on the following platforms;

Facebook / Instagram

Twitter / Google My Business

Trip Advisor

