America’s Best Idea: The National Parks

Writer and historian Wallace Stegner called national parks “the best idea we ever had. Absolutely American, absolutely democratic, they reflect us at our best rather than our worst.”

The National Parks: America’s Best Idea is a six-episode series directed by Ken Burns and written and co-produced by Dayton Duncan. The documentary series will premiere on September 27, 2009 on PBS.

During the month of September 2009, Grand Teton National Park will celebrate the legacy of the National Park Service with special events, volunteer opportunities and previews of the film: The National Parks: America’s Best Idea. Learn about more park events at http://www.nps.gov/gtjr/supportyourpark/abi.htm.

Program Highlights Include (schedules subject to change):

National Parks Film Festival Sept. 2-6, 2009, free, call for times Selection of national park-oriented films presented nightly. LOCATIONS: Colter Bay Visitor Center & Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center.

The National Parks: America’s Best Idea Film Premiere Sept. 27, free Jackson Lake Lodge, Explorer’s Room. Live film broadcast from PBS on HDTV screen. Open to public.

To ensure that you and your pet enjoy a safe visit, follow all pet regulations while inside the park. Wildlife may be drawn to pets and their owners; pets can wander away and may never be found—the park is a wild place!

Pets are allowed inside Grand Teton National Park under the following conditions: they must be physically restrained at all times and are not permitted on hiking trails, inside visitor centers or other facilities. Pets are not permitted on the multi-use pathway.

As You Drive, Keep Them Alive!

Annual Impacts of Vehicle Collisions with Wildlife

$155,000 Personal property damage
100 Large animals killed annually

Slow Down! Stay Alert!

Pets in the Park?

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See page 4 for more information.

International Visitors

Des renseignements en Français sont disponibles aux centres des visiteurs dans le parc.

Sie können Informationen auf Deutsch in den Besucherzentren bekommen.

Se puede conseguir información en Español en el Centro del Visitante.


Contact Information

Grand Teton National Park Web site
Grand Teton National Park News Releases
http://www.nps.gov/gtjr
http://www.gtnpnews.blogspot.com

Emergency ...................................................... (307) 739-3301
Park Dispatch .................................................. (307) 739-3300
Visitor Information ........................................... (307) 739-3614
Weather ........................................................ (307) 739-3611
Road Construction Hotline ........................... (307) 739-3604
Backcountry & River Information ................... (307) 739-3602
Climbing Information ....................................... (307) 739-3601
Camping Information ....................................... (307) 739-3603
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FEW LANDSCAPES IN THE WORLD are as striking and memorable as that of Grand Teton National Park. Rising abruptly from the valley floor, the Tetons offer a testament to the power and complexity of nature. The mountains, valleys, lakes, rivers and skis are home to diverse and abundant plants and animals.

People have been living in the shadow of the Teton Range for more than 11,000 years. The human history of this area is extensive, beginning with American Indian prehistoric life, to the early Euro-American explorers, and the more recent frontier settlement, of which more than 360 historic structures remain in the park.

This spectacular mountain range and the desire to protect it resulted in the establishment of Grand Teton National Park in 1929. Through the vision and generous philanthropy of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., additional lands were added, creating the present day park in 1950.

Grand Teton National Park is truly a special and unique place. With thoughtful use and careful management, it can remain so for generations to come. As with other sites in the National Park System, Grand Teton preserves a piece of the natural and cultural heritage of America for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations.

While you are here, take a moment to put your cares aside, stroll through a sagebrush meadow, hike a park trail, sit on a quiet lakeshore, and lose yourself to the power of nature.

We hope you will be refreshed and restored during your visit, and stay connected to this magnificent landscape long after you have returned home.

T HE NAME T EEW INOT comes from the Shoshone word meaning “many pinnacles.” This name Tewinot probably once applied to the entire Teton Range, rather than just a single peak as it does today. Frithof Fryxell and Phil Smith named Tewinot when they successfully completed the first ascent of the mountain in 1929. This jagged peak towers above Cascade Canyon and Jenny Lake.

Between the months of June through August the average daily temperature is 76°F, but high-elevation hiking trails do not melt out until mid-July. Nighttime temperatures can reach the lower 40s.

Dress in layers when recreating and be prepared for changes. Afternoon thunderstorms occur frequently during the summer. Since 1999, there have been 14 injuries and one fatality in the park due to lightning. Avoid mountain tops, ridges and open areas.

NOAA weather forecasts are available at www.weather.gov/riverton, on NOAA Weather Radio at 162.525 MHz, or by calling the National Weather Service at 1-800-211-1448.

**Lightning Safety**

Follow these guidelines to avoid lightning-related injuries.
- Afternoon storms are common in summer, get to a safe place before storms hit.
- Avoid mountain tops, ridges, open areas, and lone trees, forested areas with trees of similar height are safer.
- Do not stand on tree roots.
- If boating, get off the lake.
- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) provides a variety of material and links through their website at http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/outdoors.htm. This site contains critical lightning safety and medical information.
**For Wildlife Observers & Photographers**

BE A RESPONSIBLE WILDLIFE OBSERVER.
Approaching wildlife stresses animals and can endanger you and your family. During the summer of 2005, a child was suddenly kicked by a moose and seriously injured. Use binoculars, spotting scopes or long lenses for close views and photographs.

Always maintain a safe distance of at least 100 feet from large animals such as bears, bison, moose and elk. Never position yourself between an adult and its offspring. Females with young are especially defensive. It is illegal to feed wildlife, including ground squirrels and birds. Feeding wild animals makes them dependent on people, and animals often bite the hand that feeds them.

Let wildlife thrive undisturbed. Harassment is any human action that causes unusual behavior, or a change of behavior, in an animal. Repeated encounters with people can have negative, long-term impacts on wildlife, including increased levels of stress and the avoidance of essential feeding areas. Please remember, nesting birds are easily disturbed. For wildlife, raising young is a private affair. If an adult bird on a nest flies off at your approach, circles you, or screams in alarm—you are too close to the nest. Unattended nestlings readily succumb to predation and exposure to heat, cold and wet weather.

Allow other visitors a chance to enjoy wildlife. If your actions cause an animal to flee, you have deprived other visitors of a viewing opportunity. Use an animal’s behavior as a guide to your actions, and learn the time you spend with wildlife. Follow all park regulations and policies, they are designated for the wildlife’s and your safety.

**CAMPFROUNDS**

All five park campgrounds and two trailer villages are operated by park concessioners.

**CAMPFROUNDS**

Campgrounds feature fees are $18-$20 per night per site and half price for Senior/Access cardholders. Jenny Lake and Colter Bay have walk-in sites available. All campgrounds provide modern comfort stations, but do not include utility hookups (except for Colter Bay RV Park and Flagg Ranch Campground).

The maximum length of stay is seven days per person at Jenny Lake and Colter Bay and 14 days at all other campgrounds—no more than 30 days in the park per year.

These campgrounds operate on a first-come, first-served basis and advance reservations are not accepted, except for group camping reservations and Colter Bay RV Park and Flagg Ranch Campground.

For campground status, contact entrance stations or visitor centers. Additional camping facilities are available in nearby national forests and other areas outside the park. Camping is not permitted within the park along roadsides, in overlooks, or in parking areas. Doubling up in camp sites is not permitted, and there are no overflow facilities.

There are eight free camp sites on Grassy Lake Road that have no potable water, nor toilets.

**GROUP CAMPGING**

Reservations are available for group camping at Colter Bay and Gros Ventre campgrounds. The sites range in capacity from 10 to 100 people. Advance reservations are required and may be made through the Grand Teton Lodge Company at (307) 628-9988 or (307) 433-3100.

**PUBLIC SHOWERS**

The only public shower facilities in the park are located at Colter Bay Village in the laundromat.

**RECYCLING CENTERS**

Park concessioners Grand Teton Lodge Company and Signal Mountain Lodge collectively recycle more than 170 tons of material annually. When you stay in a park campground, please use the recycling containers to help keep Grand Teton National Park clean and pleasant for other campers.

**PARK CAMPGROUNDS**

**Colter Bay Campground**
- 350 individual, 9 walk-in, 11 group
- Open: May 22 to Sept. 27
- $19 per night, (800) 628-9988
- Filling Time: rarely fills

**Colter Bay Tent Village Park**
- 66 tent cabin sites
- Open: May 29 to Aug. 30
- $48 per night, (800) 628-9988
- Filling Time: call for information

**Colter Bay RV Park**
- 112 RV sites
- Open: May 22 to Sept. 27
- $54 per night, (800) 628-9988
- Filling Time: call for information

**Flagg Ranch Campground**
- 175 individual sites, hook-ups
- Open: May 8 to Sept. 21
- $25-$50 per night, (307) 443-2311
- Filling Time: call for information

**Gros Ventre Campground**
- 250 individual sites, 5 group
- Open: May 8 to Oct. 9
- $19 per night, (800) 628-9988
- Filling Time: rarely fills

**Jenny Lake Campground**
- tents only
- 50 individual sites, 10 walk-in sites
- Open: May 15 to Sept. 27
- $19 per night, (800) 628-9988
- Filling Time: 11 a.m.

**Lizard Creek Campground**
- 60 individual sites
- Open: June 5 to Aug. 31
- $18 per night, $5 for hiker/biker campers without vehicles, (800) 672-6012
- Filling Time: rarely fills
- 30 foot vehicle max

**Signal Mountain Campground**
- 81 individual sites
- Open: May 8 to Oct. 18
- $20 per night, (800) 672-6012
- Filling Time: mid-afternoon
- 30 foot vehicle max

* dump station available

Photograph by Dan Ng
Fireworks
Fireworks and other pyrotechnic devices are prohibited at all times in the park.

Plants & Animals
All plants and animals are part of natural processes and are protected within the park and parkway. Leave plants and animals in their natural setting for others to enjoy.
Even picking wildflowers is prohibited.

Keep a respectful distance from all animals to avoid disturbing their natural routines.
Larger animals are quick, powerful, and unpredictable. Getting too close can result in serious injury. Take special care to avoid encounters with wildlife and to help maintain their natural fear of humans.
Many small animals can carry diseases and should never be touched or handled. Allow them to find their own food. Their natural diet ensures their health and survival.
No matter how tempting it may be to give food to animals, feeding is prohibited.

Hiking
Hikers are reminded to stay on trails; shortcutting is prohibited because it damages fragile vegetation and causes erosion.
Visitor centers sell topographic maps and trail guides.
Know your limitations when traveling in the backcountry. If you are traveling alone, letting a friend or relative know your planned destination, route, and expected time of return will greatly increase your chance of survival in an emergency.
Permits are not required for day hiking.
Trailhead parking areas fill early during the day in July and August, so start your hike early to avoid parking problems.
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Whitefish and cutthroat, lake, and brown trout inhabit lakes and rivers of the park and parkway. Obtain fishing regulations at visitor centers.
Fishing is permitted in all lakes. There is swimming in all lakes. There is swimming in all lakes. There is swimming in all lakes.

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person in a private floating/ballooning event, and required in commercial vessels.

Backpacking
Grand Teton National Park has more than 230 miles of trails of varying difficulty. Obtain the required, free backcountry permit for overnight trips at the Craig Thomas Discovery or Colter Bay visitor centers or the Jenny Lake Ranger Station.

One-third of backcountry campites in high use areas may be reserved in advance from January 1 to May 15, there is a fee of $25 per reservation. Permits are not allowed on park trails or in the backcountry.
Backpackers must use park-approved bear-proof canisters when camping below 10,000 feet unless a bear box exists at the site. Obtain a free canister for use in the park when registering for your trip.
Camping
Camping is allowed without a permit at designated campgrounds and picnic areas within installed or designated fire rings, unless fire restrictions are in effect. A permit may be obtained for campfires below the fire line width of Jackson Lake at the Colter Bay Visitor Center. Campfires are prohibited in all other areas.

Swimming
Swimming is permitted in all lakes. There is swimming in all lakes. There is swimming in all lakes.

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FIREWORKS

Interested in Park Employment?

Have you ever thought about spending a summer working in a national park? Summer seasonal positions are recruited during the winter months.
A wide variety of positions provide unique challenges, and many rewards. Imagine yourself fighting wild fires, maintaining backcountry trails, patrolling the Snake River in a boat, providing guided ranger hikes, or assisting a park biologist with wolf research.

To view and apply for vacancy announcements for all federal jobs visit www.usajobs.gov. For a list of available jobs in the Department of Interior, including the National Park Service see http://www.doi.gov/doi/jobs. Positions posted for Grand Teton National Park can be found under jobs listed in Moose or Moran, Wyoming. You can also learn about vacancy announcements at http://www.nps.gov/grte/supportyourpark/employ.htm.

For jobs in fire management, log on to www.tetonfire.com and click on job opportunities. Go to www.nps.gov/grte/supportyourpark/upload/OF510-fedres.pdf to learn how to apply for federal jobs.

Floating the Snake River

The Snake is a Complex River to Float.

The beauty and lack of whitewater huts floaters into inattentiveness. A tangle of channels and constant shifting of logjams present difficulties found on few whitewater rivers.
Accidents are common. Use caution whenever you float.

Even boaters frequently floating the Snake should check conditions before each trip, as the river can change overnight. River flow varies greatly throughout the summer.
Water temperatures two to three feet, although it exceeds 10 feet in some locations. Boulders and bottom irregularities can cause standing waves up to three feet high.

For information on Snake River flows, call 1-800-658-5771. For floating regulations and river information, stop by a visitor center and request a floating bulletin.
**BEARS & FOOD**

Bears can be anywhere in the park at any time. Bears may become aggressive after just one encounter with human food. Odors attract bears into campgrounds and picnic areas. Regulations require that all food, garbage, toiletries, pet food, coolers and food containers (empty or full), and cookware (clean or dirty) be stored in a hard-sided vehicle with the windows rolled up or bear-resistant food locker when not in immediate use, day or night.

The park requires campers to store food in approved bear-resistant food canisters while backcountry camping below 10,000 feet. Failure to follow regulations is a violation of federal law and may result in citations and fines.

**Do not leave food, garbage or coolers in the open bed of a truck or on the exterior of any vehicle.**

**KEEP A CLEAN CAMP**

- Keep a clean camp! Improperly stored or unattended food will be confiscated and you could be fined.
- Treat odorous products such as soap, toothpaste, fuel products, suntan lotion, and bug repellent in the same manner as food.
- Never store food, garbage or toiletries in tents or sleeping bags.
- Place all trash in bear-resistant garbage dumpsters.
- Pets must be kept on a leash (6’ or less in length) and never left unattended.
- Immediately report careless campers and all bear sightings to the campground kiosk or nearest ranger.
- Bears that receive human food often become aggressive and must be killed.

**Help keep park bears wild!**

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**Stay Safe in Bear Country**

**BEAR AWARE**

Follow these guidelines to make your hike and camp safer. They are for your protection and for the preservation of the bear, a true sign of wilderness.

**Make Noise in Bear Country**

Grizzly and black bears live in the park and Parkway. Some of the most popular trails travel through excellent bear habitat. Bears will usually move out of the way if they hear people approaching, so make noise. Don’t surprise bears! Bear bells are often not sufficient. Calling out and clapping will usually move out of the way if they hear people approaching, so make noise. Always take food with you.

**Never throw your pack or food at a bear in an attempt to distract it.**

**If You Encounter a Bear**

Do not run; bears can easily outrun you. Running may cause an otherwise non-aggressive bear to attack.

- If the bear is unaware of you, keep out of sight and keep at least 300 feet behind and downwind of the bear.
- If the bear is aware of you but has not acted aggressively, slowly back away. Do not drop your pack! This teaches bears how to obtain human foods and often means the bear must be killed.
- Do not climb trees. All black bears, all grizzly cubs, and some adult grizzlies can climb trees.

**If a Bear Approaches or Charges You**

Do not run! Most bear attacks result from surprise encounters when the bear is defending its young or defending a food source such as a carcass. Some bears will bluff their way out of a threatening situation by charging, then veering off or stopping abruptly. Bear experts generally recommend standing still until the bear stops and then slowly backing away. If you are attacked, lie on the ground completely flat on your stomach. Spread your legs slightly and clasp your hands over the back of your neck. Do not drop your pack as it can protect your back if attacked. Do not move until you are certain the bear has left.

In rare cases, bears have attacked at night or after stalking people. These types of attacks are very serious because it may mean the bear is looking at you as prey. If you are attacked at night or if you feel you have been stalked and attacked as prey, fight back. Use your bear spray, or shout and try to intimidate the bear with a stick or rock. In this type of situation, do whatever it takes to let the bear know you are not easy prey.

Please stop by a park visitor center for more information.

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**WHAT KIND OF BEAR DID YOU SEE?** Both grizzly bears and black bears live in the park and Parkway. Color is misleading – both species can vary from blonde-black.

### Black Bear

- No distinctive shoulder hump
- Face profile is straight from nose to tip of ears
- Ears are tall and pointed
- Front claws are short and curved (1-2” long)

### Grizzly Bear

- Distinctive shoulder hump
- Face profile appears dished in
- Ears are short and rounded
- Front claws are long and less curved (2-4” long)

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**If You Carry Bear Spray**

- Bear spray has been shown to be extremely effective in deterring bear attacks.
- Use bear spray. Personal self-defense pepper spray is not effective.
- Keep the canister immediately available, not in your pack.
- Wind, rain, cold temperatures, and using expired canisters can decrease the effectiveness of bear spray.
- Follow the manufacturer’s instructions, know how to use the spray, and be aware of its limitations, including the expiration date.
- If you use the spray to stop a bear, leave the area immediately.
- It is not a repellent! Do not spray it on people, tents, or backpacks.
- Under no circumstances should bear spray create a false sense of security or serve as a substitute for standard safety precautions in bear country.

Remember: It all smells to a bear. Please take care. Lock it up!
Visit Moose District

Moose is located 12 miles north of Jackson, Wyoming. Please see the park map on page 16 to help you plan your trip to the Moose District. Enjoy a variety of trails, activities, scenic drives and ranger programs as well as unique historic districts and iconic views of the Teton Range.

Explore Jenny Lake District

South Jenny Lake is located 8 miles north of Moose. Please see the park map on page 16 to help you plan your trip to the Jenny Lake District. Explore Jenny Lake for convenient access to two glacially-formed lakes and invigorating hikes while enjoying dramatic mountain scenery.

Jenny Lake District Ranger Programs (All programs are great family activities)
Spend Time in Colter Bay District

Colter Bay is located 25 miles north of Moose. Please see the park map on page 16 to help you plan your trip. The Colter Bay District provides some of the best wildlife viewing opportunities in the park as well as a wide range of visitor services and trails.

Colter Bay District Ranger Programs

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<td>Oxbow Bend Wildlife Watch</td>
<td>Join a ranger at the Oxbow Bend Overlook for an evening wildlife watch. Stop by anytime from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. to scan the Oxbow for birdlife and large mammals.</td>
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<td>Sept. 8-Sept. 25 Anytime 6:00-7:30 p.m.</td>
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Experience the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve

The Preserve is located four miles south of Moose on the Moose-Wilson Road. The Preserve provides a unique opportunity to connect with nature in an environment designed to reduce congestion and provide an opportunity for solitude and reflection.

PARKING
Parking often fills from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. — consider carpooling or biking to help alleviate congestion and reduce our environment footprint.

LAURANCE S. ROCKEFELLER PRESERVE CENTER
Visit the center to learn more about Mr. Rockefeller's vision for the Preserve and his legacy of conservation stewardship. The center will orient you to the area and offers a series of unique sensory exhibits, which highlight the visual, auditory, and tactile qualities of the Preserve's plants and wildlife. Learn about the innovative design techniques and features that make the center a model for energy and environmental design. Open daily, hours from September 8-27 are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Preserve adheres to the principles of “Leave No Trace”—plan to pack out your trash. No sales area and no permits issued.

PRESERVE TRAILS
The Preserve offers an 8-mile trail network that provides access to the extraordinary views of Phelps Lake and the Tetons, as well as other scenic and ecological features. Immerse yourself by quietly walking the trails and opening your senses to the sights, smells, sounds, and textures of the various natural communities found within the Preserve. The trails will lead you along Lake Creek, Phelps Lake, and adjacent ridges, and through aspen and conifer forests, wetlands, and sagebrush meadows. Watch for deer, elk, moose, and black bear. A composting toilet and benches are available at Phelps Lake.

RANGER PROGRAMS
Join a ranger for a deeper understanding of Laurance S. Rockefeller’s vision and gift. Program times are listed below.

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<td>Autumn at the Preserve</td>
<td>Join a ranger to hear about the exciting changes that happen with animals and plants during the change in seasons. Wheelchair accessible. Stop by anytime between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.</td>
<td>Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center Porch</td>
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<td>Building Green</td>
<td>Learn about the innovative design techniques and sustainable features that make the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve a model for energy and environmental design. Wheelchair accessible. ROUNDSHIP DISTANCE: Minimal walking required. DIFFICULTY: Easy. TIME: 30 minutes.</td>
<td>Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center</td>
<td>Sept 8-Sept. 27 Anytime 3 p.m.</td>
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<td>Explore the Preserve</td>
<td>Open your senses and immerse yourself in the pristine setting of the Preserve. Hike the Lake Creek Trail through forest and meadows to the shore of Phelps Lake, which affords dramatic views of the Teton Range. Reservations recommended; call (307) 739-3654. Bring water, rain gear, sunscreen and insect repellent. GROUP SIZE: 10. ROUNDSHIP DISTANCE: 3 miles. DIFFICULTY: Easy/Moderate. TIME: 2 to 2.5 hours.</td>
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Save the Pika!
By Grand Teton National Park Team

American pikas—small rabbit-like animals typically found in high mountain environments on rocky slopes—may become the first mammal in the Lower 48 to be protected under the Endangered Species Act because of climate change. Pikas can only survive in a very narrow range of environmental conditions. In the Rocky Mountain region pika populations have been declining significantly since the mid-1990s.

The National Park Service is concerned about how climate change will affect our national parks. Grand Teton National Park has implemented green programs to improve environmental quality and energy efficiency. Park employees are committed to increasing sustainable and climate-friendly operations. In 2008, the park formed a “Green Team” to focus on energy and water conservation, transportation, recycling, and education for employees and park visitors.

Green programs at Grand Teton include: installing Energy Star appliances, replacing incandescent lights with compact fluorescent bulbs, and recycling office paper, aluminum, cardboard and other common products. Whenever possible, hazardous materials are being replaced with greener options. All new construction will be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certifiable by the Green Building Council. And in 2008, the park began purchasing 100% green electrical power.

WHAT CAN YOU DO WHILE VISITING GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK AND AT HOME?

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<td>Conserve Energy</td>
<td>There are many environmental and social impacts associated with energy production and consumption, including: air pollution, acid rain, global warming, oil spills and water pollution.</td>
<td>At your hotel or in your camper:  ■ Limit heating and cooling by dressing appropriately for the weather  ■ Turn off lights when leaving  ■ Turn off the TV—enjoy the scenic viewing opportunities in Grand Teton National Park!</td>
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<td>Conserve Water</td>
<td>Large amounts of energy and chemicals are needed to treat both tap water and waste water.</td>
<td>At your hotel or in your campsite:  ■ Take shorter showers  ■ Turn the faucet off when brushing your teeth  ■ Report leaky faucets, pipes, or other water-wasters</td>
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<td>Practice No Idling</td>
<td>Idling consumes more fuel and produces more CO2 than restarting your car.</td>
<td>Turn the car off if you are idling more than 10 seconds—especially in construction zones!</td>
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<td>Reduce/Reuse</td>
<td>Vast quantities of resources are used to manufacture, package and transport products. Once you are finished with it, it may end up in our overburdened landfills.  ■ Say “No, thank you!” to bags at store checkout  ■ Use reusable water bottles and coffee mugs  ■ Consider: What is the true environmental cost of this purchase and its disposal?</td>
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<td>Recycle</td>
<td>Recycling conserves resources and consumes less energy than manufacturing from virgin products. For example: recycling one aluminum can uses 1/5 the resources of producing a new can. Recycling also decreases emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change.  ■ The park recycles:  ■ Newspaper/magazines/catalogs  ■ Office paper  ■ Corrugated cardboard  ■ #1/#2 plastic bottles  ■ Aluminum/steel  ■ One-pound propane canisters</td>
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<td>Enjoy local, organic offerings at restaurants</td>
<td>Non-local food sources have hidden environmental costs as a result of producing, harvesting, transporting, storing and selling.  ■ At restaurants, choose locally grown, organic menu offerings.  ■ Choose produce in season.</td>
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<td>Learn what you can do to help protect Grand Teton National Park, your own community and the planet!  ■ Tour the Platinum LEED Certified Lourain S. Rockefeller Preserve Center.  ■ Check out the following websites:  <a href="http://www.epa.gov/epahome/learn.htm">http://www.epa.gov/epahome/learn.htm</a>  <a href="http://www.nps.gov/climatefriendly-parks/doyourpart.html">http://www.nps.gov/climatefriendly-parks/doyourpart.html</a></td>
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PLAN FOR DELAYS

Road construction projects vary from bridge work to major reconstruction of the North Park Road. While no one enjoys waiting in traffic, preparing for the delays will make your trip more enjoyable.

Short on time? Plan ahead. Expect delays up to 30 minutes in duration. If your trip becomes delayed due to road construction, take a moment to enjoy scenery and keep an eye out for wildlife. A traffic delay may just provide a great opportunity to spot elk, pronghorn, bears, moose or even a coyote hunting for prey.

GET ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATES, Check the road information hotline for the most up to date information on road construction. Call (307) 739-3614.

BE GREEN. REDUCE IDLING. Turn off your engine during delays. Idling your engine for 10 minutes uses as much fuel as it takes to travel five miles.

GIVE THEM A BRAKE. Obey reduced speed limits and stay alert for workers along the roadway.

DELAYS ON THE ROAD TO YELLOWSTONE

Delays will occur day and night on Highway 89/191/287 between Lizard Creek Campground and Flagg Ranch through November.

FALL ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (Subject to Change)

HIGHWAY 89/191/287
Lizard Creek Campground to Flagg Ranch: Up to 30-minute delays day & night through November. Colter Bay to Leeks Marina: Late Summer, 15-minute delays.

VARIOUS BRIDGES (pink dots on map)
Intermittent lane closures and 15-minute delays for repair and painting through the fall.

The American pika. Photograph by Rebecca Wiles.
Fire Plays an Important Role in Grand Teton National Park

Fire has been a part of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem for thousands of years. Its presence is important for wildlife, plant diversity, community cycling, and overall landscape health. Fire managers at Grand Teton National Park seek to strike a balance between restoring and maintaining natural processes associated with fire, and protecting human life and property.

Fire Ecology in the Park

Years of fire suppression led to an unnatural buildup of live and dead trees, pine needles, shrubs and grasses, in other words, fuel for a wildfire. Buildup in the understory creates risks for human developments near wildland areas and poses a threat to forest health. Fire naturally thins the forest, recycles nutrients into the soil and stimulates new plant growth. Fire ecology research shows that many plant and animal species benefit from the rejuvenating effects of fire.

Fire scars are prevalent in Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks. In the burned areas, notice what plants, trees and wildlife are in the area and how the forest is regenerating. Previously burned areas near popular hikes include: the Alder Fire near Jenny Lake, the Beaver Creek Fire near popular hikes include: the Alder Fire near Jenny Lake, the Beaver Creek Fire near Taggart Lake, and the Waterfall Canyon Fire near Colter Bay.

How We Manage Fires

Fire managers at Grand Teton National Park and surrounding agencies are guided by comprehensive fire plans. Sometimes crews monitor fires closely but take minimal action and let fire take its natural course, allowing fire-adapted plants to resprout from the roots, seed in open areas or open serotinous (heat dependent) cones for seed dispersal. When appropriate, firefighters immediately suppress fires to reduce risk to life and property.

Occasionally firefighters apply fire to the landscape under specific conditions to help maintain a healthy and safe forest ecosystem. These planned ignitions create a mosaic of diverse habitats for plants and animals.

Burning accumulated fuels also minimizes risk to developments and cultural resources. In developed areas, fire crews lower the risk of losing structures to wildfire by thinning trees and removing dead wood and brush from the forest floor. This increases firefighter and public safety in the event of a wildfire. Firefighters pile the slash and let it dry for a year before burning it during wet weather in late spring or fall. Please do not remove materials from these piles.

Specialized fire crews monitor burned areas to learn more about fire’s effect on the ecosystem. This data is not only used for fire management decisions, but is also shared with wildlife biologists, vegetation ecologists, historic preservation specialists, and other land management agencies to achieve common goals for public safety and a healthy ecosystem.

Your Role in Fire Prevention

Fire season in the park coincides with the visitor season, which means you may see smoke in the air during your visit. You can do your part to prevent human-caused fires by obeying all fire restrictions and following basic fire safety rules.

Build campfires only in designated areas. Closely monitor campfires and make sure they are properly extinguished by drowning the fire with water. Stir the remains, add more water and stir again. Carefully run the back of your hand near the surface of the fire remains to make sure no heat is being generated. Campfires may be banned during times of high fire danger. Watch for signs and obey the restrictions.

Smoke safely. Grind out smoking materials, then dispose of them in the proper receptacle. While in vehicles, smokers should use ashtrays, which should never be emptied on the ground.

Remember fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices are prohibited at all times in the park.

For local fire information or seasonal fire postings, log on to www.tetonfires.com.

Park Partners

Grand Teton National Park works closely with a variety of partnership organizations. Partners help accomplish park goals by supporting important projects, programs and visitor services.

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(307) 739-3403
www.grandtetonpark.org

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Kelly, WY 83011
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www.tetonscience.org

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(307) 732-0629
www.gtnpf.org

The Murie Center
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Moose, WY 83012
(307) 739-2246
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Laramie, WY 82071-3166
www.uwyo.edu

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YES! I would like to be a part of the future of Grand Teton National Park.

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South Jenny Lake
- Lodging: AAC Climber's Ranch, June 1-Sept. 13, (307) 733-7271
- Store/Gift shops: General Store, May 15-Sept. 20, (307) 734-9227
- Boat Tours: Jenny Lake Boating, May 15-Sept. 30, (307) 733-9227

North Jenny Lake
- Lodging: Jenny Lake Lodge, May 30-Oct. 11, (307) 733-4647 or (800) 628-9988
- Food Service: Lodge Dining Room, May 30-Oct. 11, (800) 628-9988
- Store/Gift Shops: Jenny Lake Lodge, May 30-Oct. 11, (800) 628-9988

Signal Mountain
- Lodging: Signal Mountain Lodge, May 8-Oct. 18, (307) 543-2831 or (800) 672-6012
- Food Service: Peaks Dining Room, May 8-Oct. 4, (307) 543-2811
- Store/Gift Shops: Needles Gift Store, May 9-Oct. 18, (307) 733-3100 or (307) 733-2297
- Service Station: Timbers Gift Store, May 9-Oct. 18, (307) 733-3100 or (307) 733-2297
- Marina: Signal Marina, May 16-Oct. 13, (307) 733-3100 or (307) 733-2297

Jackson Lake Lodge
- Lodging: Jackson Lake Lodge, May 18-Oct. 4, (307) 543-3100 or (800) 628-9988
- Food Service: Mural Room, May 18-Oct. 4, (800) 628-9988
- Store/Gift Shops: Pioneer Grill, May 18-Oct. 4, (307) 733-3100 or (307) 733-2297
- Service Station: Blue Heron Lounge, May 18-Oct. 3, (307) 733-3100 or (307) 733-2297
- Horseback Riding: Jackson Lake Lodge Corral, May 23-Oct. 3, (307) 733-3100 or (307) 733-2297

Triangle X
- Food Service: Leek's Pizzeria, May 21-Sept. 7, (307) 543-2494

Colter Bay
- Lodging: Colter Bay Cabins, May 22-Sept. 27, (307) 543-3100 or (800) 628-9988
- Food Service: Ranch House, May 22-Sept. 27, (307) 543-3100 or (800) 628-9988
- Store/Gift Shops: General Store, May 22-Sept. 27, (307) 543-3100 or (800) 628-9988
- Convenience Store: Cafe Court, May 22-Sept. 27, (307) 543-3100 or (800) 628-9988
- Horseback Riding: Colter Bay Corral, May 29-Sept. 7, (307) 543-3100 or (800) 628-9988
- Marina: Colter Bay, May 23-Oct. 3, (307) 543-3100 or (800) 628-9988
- Showers: Colter Bay, May 22-Sept. 26, (307) 543-3100 or (800) 628-9988
- Launderette: Colter Bay, May 22-Sept. 26, (307) 543-3100 or (800) 628-9988

Leek's Marina
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Flagg Ranch
- Lodging: Flagg Ranch Resort, May 18-Sept. 28, (307) 543-2861 or (800) 443-2311
- Food Service: Flagg Ranch Resort, May 18-Sept. 28, (307) 543-2861 or (800) 443-2311
- Store/Gift Shop: Flagg Ranch Resort, May 18-Sept. 28, (307) 543-2861 or (800) 443-2311
- Horseback Riding: Flagg Ranch Resort, June 1-Aug. 31, (307) 543-2861 or (800) 443-2311

Other Services
- Education: Tetons Science Schools, Year-round, (307) 733-4765
- Programs/Events: The Mule Center, Year-round, (307) 733-2246
- Lost and Found: Property Office, Year-round, (307) 733-3450
- Mountaineering: Exum Mountain Guides, Year-round, (307) 733-2297
- Float Trips: Heart of the Tetons, Year-round, (307) 733-2297
- Other Services: Horseshoe Bend Resort, Year-round, (307) 733-2297
- Guides: Jackson Hole Guides, Year-round, (307) 733-4979
- Float Trips: Snake River Float Trips, Year-round, (307) 733-3100 or (800) 443-2311
- Laundry: Grand Teton Lodge Company, Year-round, (307) 733-2811

Recycling
- Throughout the park, Year-round, (307) 733-2811

Medical Services
- Education: Grand Teton Medical Clinic, Year-round, (307) 733-2811
- Emergency: Grand Teton Medical Clinic, Year-round, (307) 733-2811
- Hospital: Grand Teton Medical Clinic, Year-round, (307) 733-2811

Services and Facilities
- Dates subject to change at any time.
Services and Facilities Continued

### VISITOR CENTERS

- **Albright Visitor Center**, Mammoth Hot Springs: Open year-round
- **Old Faithful Visitor Center**, April 17–Nov. 1
- **Canyon Village**, May 23–Sept. 30
- **Fishing Bridge**, May 23–Sept. 30
- **Grant Visitor Center**, May 23–Sept. 30
- **West Thumb Information Station**, May 23–Sept. 30
- **Museum of the National Park Ranger**, May 23–Sept. 27
- **Norris Information Station**, May 23–Sept. 30
- **West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center**, open year-round
- **Madison Information Center**, April 17–Nov. 1

- **Madison Information Center** dates staffed by NPS Rangers

- **DATE Subject to Change**

### NPS CAMPGROUNDS

- **Indian Creek**, June 12–Sept. 14
- **Lewis Lake**, June 15–Nov. 1
- **Mammoth**, Year-round
- **Norris**, May 15–Sept. 28
- **Pebble Creek**, June 12–Sept. 26
- **Strang Creek**, May 22–Oct. 31
- **Tower Fall**, May 15–Sept. 28

- **XANterra CAMPGROUNDS** (866) 439-7375

- **Bridge Bay**, May 29–Sept. 13
- **Canyon**, June 5–Sept. 6
- **Fishing Bridge RV**, May 15–Sept. 27
- **Grant Village**, June 21–Sept. 20
- **Madison**, May 1–Oct. 25

### CONTACT INFORMATION

- Visitor Information (307) 344-7301
- Visitor Information (TDD Only) (307) 344-2396
- Xanterra Parks & Resorts (307) 344-7311 or (866) 439-7375
- Web site www.nps.gov/yell

### ROAD OPENING DATES 2009

- Mammoth to Old Faithful
- Madison Junction to West Entrance
- Norris Junction to Canyon

- **April 17**

- **May 1**

- **May 8**

- **May 22**

- **June 6–Sept. 7**

- **June 21–Sept. 20**

- **June 29–Sept. 13**

- **July 5–Sept. 27**

- **July 5–Sept. 27**

- **August 4–Sept. 27**

- **August 4–Sept. 27**

- **August 29–Sept. 20**

- **August 29–Sept. 20**

- **September 13–October 10**

- **September 28–November 1**

- **November 1–December 15**

### ROAD CONSTRUCTION DELAYS

- Call the 24-hour Current Road Report hotline at (307) 344-2117 for the latest information on conditions affecting roads within the park.

### ROAD CLOSED

- Road closed from Madison to Norris for major construction.

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**Worship Services**

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<td>(307) 543-3069</td>
<td>Gros Ventre Campground Amphitheater, Sunday, 9:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>May 24–Sept. 27</td>
<td>(307) 733-2602 x102</td>
<td>Signal Mountain Campground Amphitheater, Sunday, 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 7:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Latter Day Saints</td>
<td>May 24–Sept. 27</td>
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<td>Jackson Lake Lodge, Sunday, 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 7:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>Servicios Protestantes en Espanol</td>
<td>June 6–Sept. 7</td>
<td>(307) 543-3100</td>
<td>Old Faithful Visitor Center, Chapel of the Transfiguration, Sunday holy eucharist, 8 a.m., worship service, 10 a.m.</td>
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<td>Roman Catholic</td>
<td>June 6–Sept. 27</td>
<td>(307) 733-2516</td>
<td>Jackson Lake Lodge, Chapel of the Sacred Heart, Saturday mass, 5:30 p.m., Sunday mass, 5:30 p.m.</td>
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**TEEWINOT [Autumn 2009]**
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