Welcome to Grand Teton National Park

Few landscapes in the world are as striking and memorable as that of Grand Teton National Park. The Teton Range, the central feature and focus of the park, draws the eyes for miles, captivating park visitors and local residents alike. For generations, the Teton Range has touched all who have witnessed their beauty.

Rising abruptly from the valley floor, the Teton Range offers a testament to the power and complexity of nature. The mountains, valleys, lakes, rivers, and skies are home to diverse and abundant plants and animals. People have been living in the shadow of the Teton Range for almost 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 relatively recent frontier settlement, which left more than 300 historic structures.

This spectacular mountain range and the desire to protect it resulted in the establishment of Grand Teton National Park in 1929. Over time, through the vision and generous philanthropy of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., additional lands were added, creating the present-day park. This area continues to be protected through the combined efforts of the National Park Service, the local community, and Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem partners. Grand Teton National Park is a dynamic example of people from all walks of life working together to protect a mountain range and its surrounding landscape of natural and human communities.

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 grassy meadow, hike a park trail, sit on a quiet lakeshore, and lose yourself to the power of this place. We hope you will be refreshed and restored during your visit, and stay connected to this magnificent landscape long after you have returned home.

Caring for the American Legacy

Grand Teton National Park is one of nearly 400 park sites administered by the National Park Service (NPS). The NPS preserves the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The NPS also cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

On August 25, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed the act creating the National Park Service, a new federal bureau in the Department of the Interior responsible for protecting the 40 national parks and monuments then in existence, as well as those yet to be established.

The Organic Act of August 25, 1916, states that: “The Service thus established shall promote and regulate the use of Federal areas known as national parks, monuments and reservations – by such means and measures as conform to the fundamental purpose of the said parks, monuments and reservations, which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

The National Park Service strives to meet those original goals, while filling many other roles as well: guardian of diverse cultural and recreational resources; environmental advocate; world leader in natural and cultural resource conservation; and inspiration of this and future generations.

Please join us in protecting Grand Teton National Park by following park regulations and watching out for your safety and the safety of others. Enjoy your visit.

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.

Accessibility information available at visitor centers and on www.nps.gov/grte

Contact Information

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360 sites, dump station. First-come, first-served.

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125 sites, dump station. First-come, first-served.

Lamar Valley Campground May 1-Oct 15 (307) 543-3141 (800) 628-9988
80 sites, dump station. First-come, first-served.

South Lake Campground May 1-Oct 15 (307) 543-3084 (800) 628-9988
270 sites, dump station. First-come, first-served.

North Jenny Lake Campground June 3-Sept 5 (307) 734-9227
Jenny Lake Campground May 15-Sept 25 (307) 543-3100
360 sites, dump station. First-come, first-served.

Flagg Ranch Campground May 30-Oct 25 (307) 543-2861
Horseback riding, guided tours, fishing, and snowmobile trails.

NPS visitor center, open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. until Sept. 6. Open until 9 p.m. Sept 8-Sept 30.
NPS ranger station offering backcountry permits, maps, and climbing information.
Located south of Jenny Lake, very rustic accommodations.
51 sites; tents only. First-come, first-served.
Camping and hiking supplies, groceries, film and gifts.
Shuttle and tours across Jenny Lake. Kayak and canoe rentals available.

Jackson Lake Lodge May 23-Oct 3 (307) 543-3100 (800) 628-9988
250 sites, dump station. First-come, first-served.

Colter Bay Village Center May 27-Oct 31 (307) 733-7311
Visitor information, lodging, and other services.

Jackson Lake May 23-Oct 3 (307) 543-3100 (800) 628-9988
70 sites, dump station. First-come, first-served.

Flagg Ranch Campground May 30-Oct 25 (307) 543-2861
Horseback riding, guided tours, fishing, and snowmobile trails.

NPS visitor center, open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. from June 6-Sept 5.
Traditional western fare. Open daily for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

NPS visitor center, open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. August 31-Sept 5.
Gourmet items, groceries, cheeses, and deli. Deli open May-September.

Located at Dornan's. Mountaineering and camping equipment. 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Automotive fuel, 24-hour hours a day. seven days a week.
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Facilities listed north to south.
**Reading the Landscape**

The Teton Range dominates the skyline of Grand Teton National Park, attracting the attention of all who pass through Jackson Hole. The geologic events that created the dramatic scenery of Jackson Hole indirectly account for the distribution and abundance of wildlife and plants found here. Herbivores – plant-eating animals like moose, mule deer, and elk – inhabit areas where their food sources exist. Carnivores – meat-eating animals such as bears, coyotes, and weasels – follow the herbivores they prey upon.

The Teton Range owes their existence to movement along a fault located on the western side of the fault, while the valley block dropped down on the east side of the fault. Starting about 25,000 years ago, small mountain glaciers flowed from high elevation cirques and gouged out U-shaped canyons. Mountain glaciers spilled from the canyons to the valley floor, forming basins now filled by Leigh, Jenny, Bradley, Taggart, and Phelps lakes. Rivers of glacial debris, called moraines, surround these lakes and mark the edge of the glacier's flow.

While small glaciers flowed within the Teton Range, an ice field covered much of what is now Yellowstone National Park. Beginning 90,000-25,000 years ago, lobes from this ice field flowed south, gouging out the depression that Jackson Lake fills today, and carrying debris as far as Snake River Overlook (eight miles north of Moose on Highway 26-89-191). Today, moraines support forests of lodgepole pine and other conifers. Elk and black bears seek refuge and shade in morainal forests and graze in nearby meadows during cooler parts of the day.

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For the past 10,000 years or so, the Snake River has cut through glacial moraines to flow through the southern end of Jackson Hole. Old river terraces paralleling today's Snake River indicate that it once carried much more water. Cottonwood and spruce trees, home to bald eagles, grow along the Snake River. Beavers occasionally dam side channels of the Snake River, establishing ponds that Canada geese and ducks use for nesting and feeding. Moose and beavers eat willows that flourish in wetlands along the river. Willows and other wetland plants provide cover and nest sites for a multitude of songbirds.

As you explore Grand Teton National Park, read its landscape. Note the work of glaciers on the mountains and canyons, and the old river terraces carved by the Snake River. Watch for the wildlife that provides clues to the ancient processes that formed and shaped this area.

**Peak Names**

### Static Peak
In the Teton Range north of Death Canyon. Named because it is often hit by lightning.

### Buck Mountain
Named for George A. Buck, recorder for T.M. Bannon’s 1898 mapping party. Bannon gave the name "Buck Station" to the triangulation station he and George Buck established on the summit in 1898.

### Grand Teton
Highest mountain in the Teton Range. Named by French trappers. Upon viewing the Teton Range from the west, the trappers dubbed the South, Middle, and Grand, Le Trous Tétons, meaning “the three breaches.” Wilson Price Hunt called them “Pilot Knobs” in 1811 because he had used them for orientation while crossing Union Pass. In his Journal of a Trapper, Osborne Russell said that the Shoshone Indians named the peaks “Hoary Headed Fathers.”

### Mount Owen

### Teewinot
Towers above Cascade Canyon and Jenny Lake. Its name comes from the Shoshone word meaning “many pinnacles.” Teewinot probably once applied to the entire Teton Range, rather than just this one peak. Frédol Fryxell and Phil Smith named the peak when they successfully completed the first ascent of the mountain in 1929.

### Mount Saint John
Between Cascade and Paintbrush canyons. A series of peaks of nearly equal height. Named for Orestes S. John, geologist of Hayden’s 1877 survey, whose monographs of the Teton and Wind River ranges are now classics.

### Mount Moran
Most prominent peak in the northern end of the Teton Range. Named by Ferdinand V. Hayden for the landscape artist Thomas Moran, who traveled with the 1872 Hayden expedition into Yellowstone and into Pierre’s Hole on the western side of the Teton Range. He produced many sketches and watercolors from these travels.

**John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway**

Located at the heart of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, the Rockefeller Parkway connects Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks. The late conservationist and philanthropist John D. Rockefeller, Jr. made significant contributions to several national parks including Grand Teton, Acadia, Great Smoky Mountains, and Virgin Islands. In 1972, Congress dedicated a 24,000-acre parcel of land as the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway to recognize his generosity and foresight. Congress also named the highway from the south boundary of Grand Teton to West Thumb in Yellowstone in honor of Rockefeller. The Rockefeller Parkway provides a natural link between the two national parks and contains features characteristic of both areas. In the parkway, the northern Teton Range terraces to a gentle slope while rocks born of volcanic flows from the north line the Snake River and form outcroppings scattered atop hills and ridges.
The Migration Dilemma

Birds serve as colorful, sweet-sounding indicators of biodiversity. The return of migratory birds each spring seems as certain as spring itself. National parks like Grand Teton provide sanctuary for many species. Unfortunately, many of our birds spend only a part of their lives within national park protection. When birds fly south each fall, they face numerous perils. Human-caused habitat changes have fragmented forests, removing safe feeding and roosting areas along migration corridors. Birds that migrate as far as the tropics may lose their winter ranges due to deforestation.

Give Wildlife a Brake®

Moose, bison, elk, mule deer, pronghorn, black and grizzly bears — a host of large animals inhabit Grand Teton National Park, the Rockefeller Parkway, Yellowstone National Park, and surrounding areas. Animals are on your trails and highways at any time of the day or night. For your own safety and for the protection of wildlife, please drive carefully and stay alert.

What Kind of Bear Is That?

Grizzly Bear

Color

Ranges from blond to nearly black, sometimes have silver-tipped hairs that give them a grizzled appearance.

Physical Features

Grizzly bears have a distended, or concave, facial profile and a large hump of heavy muscle above the shoulders. Their claws are long and relatively straight, extending two or more inches (5 cm) beyond their toes.

Black Bear

Color

Color is not a reliable indicator of the species. Contrary to their name, black bears are often brown, cinnamon, and/or blond in color.

Physical Features

Black bears have a straight facial profile and lack a large hump above the shoulders. Their claws are short and curved, usually not extending more than 1.5 inches (4 cm) beyond their toes.

For Wildlife Observers and Photographers

Be a responsible wildlife observer. Remember that patience is rewarded. 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 often bites the hand that feeds them. Feeding wild animals makes them dependent on people, and animals often bite the hand that feeds them. Do not harass wildlife. Harassment is any negative, long-term impact on wildlife, or a change of behavior, in an animal.

Do not approach close to any animal. Use an animal’s behavior as a guide to your actions, and limit the time you spend with wildlife, just as you would when visiting a friend’s home. Follow all park regulations and policies.

Where to Look For Wildlife

Always Keep a Safe Distance When Viewing Wildlife

All animals require food, water, and shelter. Each species also has particular living space, or habitat, requirements. To learn more about wildlife habitats and animal behavior, attend ranger-led activities.

BLACKTAIL PONDS

Half-mile north of Moose on Highway 26-

GRIZZLY BEARS

One mile east of Jackson Lake Junction. Slow-moving water provides habitat for fish such as suckers and trout, which become food for river otters, ospreys, bald eagles, American white pelicans, and common mergansers. Look for swimming beavers and muskrats. Moose browse on abundant willows at the water’s edge. Elk occasionally graze in open aspen groves to the east.

TIMBERED ISLAND

A forested ridge southeast of Jenny Lake. Small bands of pronghorn antelope, the fastest North American land animal, forage on nearby sagebrush throughout the day. Elk leave the shade of Timbered Island at dawn and dusk to eat the grasses growing among the surrounding sagebrush. View wildlife from your vehicle.

MORMON ROW

East of Highway 26-89-99, one mile north of Moose Junction. Along Mormon Row and Oxbow Bend, Blacktail Ponds, and surrounding areas. Animals are on your trails and highways at any time of the day or night. For your own safety and for the protection of wildlife, please drive carefully and stay alert.

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Natural Communities in the Park

The natural systems of Grand Teton National Park and Jackson Hole create a magnificent environment showcasing an incredible diversity of vegetation and wildlife. Many natural communities in the park are defined by the plants and animals that live within them.

**ALPINE COMMUNITIES**

Plants and animals in the alpine community survive in the harshest of Grand Teton’s environments. High elevation, long winters, and short summers present special challenges to the inhabitants above tree line. Summer is short and intense, with long, bright days and cold nights. Lichens cling to rocks and miniature, low-growing mat-forming plants, such as phlox and pasqueflowers, guard themselves from wind and cold by growing only inches above the soil. Since bees are infrequent, many alpine flowers have unpleasant odors to attract pollinating flies and other insects. The insects in turn attract horned larks and white-crowned sparrows. The alpine forget-me-not rewards hikers with its vibrant blue color. Yellow-bellied marmots often sun themselves on rocky hillsides as Clark’s nutcrackers fly overhead. Tiny rabbit-like pikas spend the warm months collecting and storing food for the long winter. Snowshoe hares, deer mice, and red-backed voles are among the small mammals found on the forest floor. Black and grizzly bears, short-tailed weasels (ermine) and pine martens prey upon smaller animals. Colorful western tanagers fly through the less dense parts of the forest canopy. Other forest communities include Douglas fir and spruce-fir forest communities. Stands of Douglas fir are found on either dry, south-facing slopes up to about 8,000 feet or on dry north-facing slopes at lower elevations. Voles, mice, and gophers also live here; they are hunted by great horned owls. Other birds found amongst the Douglas fir include chickadees, nuthatches, pine siskins, Cassin’s finches, and dark-eyed juncos.

FOREST COMMUNITIES

There are a number of forest communities in Grand Teton National Park. Because of the variations in the height of trees, shrubs, and grasses, forests support a wide variety of animal species. The most extensive of the forest communities is the lodgepole pine forest community, which extends from the southern portion of Yellowstone National Park and along the lower elevations of the Tetons to the south end of the range. Elk and mule deer find shade here during sunny, summer days. Red squirrels inhabit the trees, gathering seeds and storing them for the long winter. Snowshoe hares, deer mice, and red-backed voles are among the small mammals found on the forest floor. Black and grizzly bears, short-tailed weasels (ermine) and pine martens prey upon smaller animals. Colorful western tanagers fly through the less dense parts of the forest canopy.

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SAGEBRUSH COMMUNITIES

The sagebrush community is the most visible community in Grand Teton, covering most of the valley floor. Rocky, well-drained soils make it difficult for most plants to survive, but hardy big sage, low sage, antelope bitterbrush, and more than 20 species of grasses thrive here. Though it appears barren and sparse, this is a surprisingly diverse community. Sage grouse use sage for food, shelter, and nesting sites. Arrowleaf balsamroot and spring beauty add spring color to the silvery green of the flats. Small mammals such as Uinta ground squirrels, deer mice and least chipmunks make their homes here. Badgers can sometimes be seen digging burrows while coyotes and wolves may lope across the cobbly plains. Pronghorns are summer residents on the sagebrush flats; they must migrate south to avoid deep winter snows. Large herds of elk feed on the grasses during the morning and evening hours of spring, summer, and fall. Areas where bitterbrush is abundant are good foraging places for moose, especially in fall and winter. Birders can find western meadowlarks, sage thrashers, green-tailed towhees, vesper and Brewer’s sparrows, and raptors of many kinds among the sage.

WET MEADOW COMMUNITIES

Wet meadows and willow flats are covered by water for at least part of the year. A high water table and good soil make an abundance of grasses, sedges, and forbs possible. Small mammals and birds that rely on this type of vegetation are common here. Willows also provide critical habitat for moose, which feed heavily on them, especially in late winter.

Whatever the community, it is important to remember that the wildlife, plants, and habitats within Grand Teton National Park are protected. While birding or watching animals, please keep a respectful distance. Please do not pick or disturb the vegetation. In order to continue to enjoy this national park, we must all work to preserve it.
Sample the cultural history, natural history, and mystery of Jackson Hole. Obtain free trail guides at visitor centers and trailheads. Expanded versions of the trail guides for Cascade Canyon, Taggart Lake, and the Colter Bay area are also sold at park visitor centers.

**CASCADE CANYON TRAIL**
Follow part or all of the Cascade Canyon Trail. From the east shore boat dock to Inspiration Point the distance is 5.8 miles roundtrip (2.2 miles via shuttle boat).

**CUNNINGHAM CABIN TRAIL**
Cunningham Cabin is located 6 miles south of Moran. Take a ½-mile walk to learn about the early ranching history of Jackson Hole.

**FLAGG RANCH AREA**
The Polecat Creek Loop Trail (2.3 miles) and nearby Flagg Canyon Trail (5.0 miles roundtrip) offer scenic hiking opportunities. Leaflets available at visitor centers.

**MENOR’S FERRY TRAIL**
A ½-mile loop begins at the Chapel of the Transfiguration parking lot in Moose, and passes Bill Menor’s cabin and ferry, and an exhibit of historic photographs at the Maud Noble cabin.

**TAGGART LAKE TRAIL**
The 3.2-mile Taggart Lake Trail traverses a major portion of the 1,028-acre Beaver Creek fire of 1985. The trail begins at the Taggart Lake parking area, 3 miles northwest of Moose.

**ACCESS TRAIL AT STRING LAKE**
A paved trail follows the shore of String Lake for ¼-mile. Waysides exhibit the formation of glacial lakes.

**COLTER BAY AREA**
A variety of trails lead from the vicinity of the Colter Bay Visitor Center, including the Lakeshore Trail, paved for ½-mile.

**FIRE WAYSIDES**
Interpretive signs at Cottonwood Creek picnic area, String Lake, and Jackson Lake overlook explain various aspects of fire ecology and local fire history.

**SCENIC TURNOUTS**
Consult interpretive signs at scenic turnouts to learn about the natural history and geology of the Teton Range and Jackson Hole.

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**This is Bear Country**

**A FED BEAR IS A DEAD BEAR**
Allowing a bear to obtain human food, even once, results in aggressive bear behavior. Aggressive bears are a threat to human safety and must be removed or destroyed. Help keep park bears wild and safe. Do not feed the bears for any reason! Failure to follow park regulations is a violation of federal law and may result in citations and fines.

**KEEP A CLEAN CAMP**
After eating and before leaving camp or sleeping, assure that you have a clean, bear-proof campsite:
- All food, foodstuffs, garbage, and utensils must be stored in a bear box or hidden in a closed, locked vehicle with windows rolled up.
- The only exceptions are during the transport, preparation, and eating of food.
- Trash and garbage must be stored in the same manner as food, or placed in bear-resistant trash cans or dumpsters.
- Treat odorous products such as soap, deodorant, toothpaste, suntan lotion, and perfumes in the same manner as food.
- For your safety, absolutely no food, foodstuffs, garbage, or odorous products may be stored in tents or sleeping bags.
- Ice chests, thermoses, water containers, barbecue grills, stoves, dishes, and pots must be stored in the same way as food – hidden inside a locked auto or bear box.

**BEAR ETIQUETTE**
- If you encounter a bear, do not run. If the bear is unaware of you, detour quickly and quietly. If the bear is aware but has not acted aggressively, back slowly away while talking in an even tone.
- Never approach a bear for any reason.
- Never allow a bear to get human food. If approached while eating, put food away and retreat to a safe distance (100 yards/91 meters).
- Never abandon food because of an approaching bear. Always take it with you.
- Never throw your pack or food at a bear in an attempt to distract it.
- Never bury food scraps, containers, or fish entrails. Put them in garbage cans.
- Never leave food, containers, or garbage unattended in camp. Bears are active day and night.
For Your Safety

PLANTS & ANIMALS
All plants and animals are part of the 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 bears 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 all their own food. Their natural diet assuages their health and survival. No matter how convincingly the animals beg, feeding is prohibited.

HIKING
Hikers are reminded to stay on trails; shortcutting is prohibited because it damages fragile vegetation and causes erosion. Visitor centers and the Jenny Lake Ranger Station sell topographic maps and inexpensive trail guides. Steady footwear is essential. 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. In spring, mountain streams are snow-covered and you may need an ice axe.

FISHING
Whitefish and cutthroat, lake, and brown trout inhabit lakes and rivers of the park and parkway. Obtain fishing regulations at the Moose, Jenny Lake, or Colter Bay visitor centers. A Wyoming fishing license is required for fishing in the park and parkway and may be purchased at Signal Mountain Lodge, Colter Bay Marina, Colter Bay Village Store, and Flagg Ranch Lodge. Fishing in Yellowstone National Park requires a separate permit (fee charged); purchase permits at Yellowstone visitor centers and ranger stations. The use of non-native baitfish is prohibited in all waters within the park. Permits may be purchased at the Moose or Colter Bay visitor centers.

FLOATING THE SNAKE RIVER
Only human-powered rafts, canoes, dories, and kayaks are allowed on the Snake River within the park and parkway. Registration ($5 for a 7-day permit, $10 for an annual permit) of non-motorized vessels is required and may be completed at the Moose Visitor Center or Colter Bay Visitor Center. Read the launch site bulletin boards for current river conditions. On the surface, the Snake does not seem very powerful, but only experienced floaters should attempt this swift, cold river that has many braided channels and debris jams.

BACKPACKING
Grand Teton National Park has more than 250 miles of trails of varying difficulty. Obtain the required, non-free backcountry permit for overnight trips at the Moose or Colter Bay visitor centers or the Jenny Lake Ranger Station. One-third of backcountry campsites in high use areas may be reserved in advance Jan 1 - May 31 by writing the park; there is a fee of $15 per reservation. Pets are not allowed on park trails or in the backcountry.

CAMPFIRES
Campfires are 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 high water line on Signal Mountain. Campfires are prohibited in all other areas of the park and parkway.

SWIMMING
Swimming is permitted in all lakes. There is a designated swimming beach at Colter Bay with picnic facilities, showers, and lifeguards. The Snake River is a swift and cold river presenting numerous dangers; swimming is not recommended.

HOT SPRINGS
Thermal water can harbor organisms that cause a fatal meningitis infection and Legionnaires' disease. Exposing your body to thermal water by immersion, splashing, touching your face, or inhaling steam increases your risk of infection. Obtain more information at any ranger station or visitor center.

Pets
Pets must be restrained on a leash at all times. Pets are not allowed on park trails or in the backcountry (which begins 50 feet from roadways), in boats on the Snake River, in boats on lakes other than Jackson Lake, or in visitor centers. Pets are not allowed on ranger-led activities. Kennels are available in Jackson.

CLIMBING
There are many risks and hazards associated with climbing and mountain travel. Experience and good judgment are essential. The Jenny Lake Ranger Station, the center for climbing in Grand Teton National Park, is staffed from mid-May through mid-September by climbing guides who can provide up-to-date weather and route conditions. Registration is not required for day climbs and off-trail hiking. Backcountry permits are required for all overnight climbs. The park DOES NOT check to see that you get safely out of the backcountry. Leave a logbook and tell someone that you are climbing and backcountry travel is not advised.

BIKING
Bicycles are permitted on public paved and unpaved roadways with automobiles and on the Colter Bay Marina breakwater. Ride on the right side of the road in single file and wear a helmet at all times. Riding bicycles or other wheeled vehicles in the backcountry, on- or off-trail, is prohibited.

Make the Most of Your Park Visit

Short on time? Wondering how to make the most of your time in Grand Teton National Park? Take a look at a few of the suggestions below to help plan your visit. Use the map on page 12. The distance from the south entrance of Yellowstone National Park to the south boundary of Grand Teton National Park is 56 miles, approximately driving with no stops is 1 1/2 hours. Please follow posted speed limits, watch for wildlife on roads, and be prepared for occasional delays due to road construction.

Colter Bay Visitor Center/ Indian Art
Visit the museum to view art created by native people and get a glimpse of 19th-century Native American life. Native American and wildlife videotapes are shown throughout the day.

Signal Mountain Summit Road
This 5-mile drive starts one mile south of the southern boundary of Grand Teton National Park. To get to the top of Signal Mountain, 800 feet above the valley, view overlooks provide a panoramic view of the entire Teton Range, Jackson Lake, and most of Jackson Hole. The road is narrow and parking at overlooks is limited; no cars or large motor homes are not permitted.

Menor's Ferry/Camp of the Transfiguration
Turn off the Teton Park Road 10-mile north of Moose. The Menor’s Ferry Trail, less than 10-mile long, offers a look at homesteading and pioneer life in Jackson Hole. Visit Bill Menor’s cabin and country store. View a replica of the ferry that crossed the Snake River at the turn of the century. The altar window of the chapel is a natural lake formed by an immense glacier that once flowed from the Yellowstone plateau. Park of Jackson Lake at the Colter Bay Visitor Center. Take a short walk for a peaceful view of Jackson Lake and Mt. Moran.

Antelope Flats/Kelly Loop
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Mule Deer
wetlands that provides excellent habitat for birds, bears, and moose. Jackson Lake and the Teton Range form the backdrop.

Oxbow Bend
Located one mile east of Jackson Lake Junction, this cut-off meander of the Snake River attracts a variety of wildlife. Mt. Moran, the most massive peak in the Teton Range, dominates the background.

Jackson Lake Dam Overlook
Jackson Lake Dam, one mile west of Jackson Lake Junction on the Teton Park Road, raises the level of Jackson Lake a maximum of 39 feet. In addition to being a reservoir, Jackson Lake is also a natural lake formed by an immense glacier that once flowed from the Yellowstone plateau. Park of Jackson Lake at the Colter Bay Visitor Center. Take a short walk for a peaceful view of Jackson Lake and Mt. Moran.

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Ranger-Led Activities
During summer, join a ranger for a visitor center talk, museum tour, stroll, hike, or evening program. Attend these activities to learn more about the natural and human history of the park and parkway.

Take a Hike
Over 250 miles of hiking trails in the park and parkway range from level and easy trails on the valley floor to steep, arduous trails into the mountains. At visitor centers, ask a ranger for recommended hikes and look at, or purchase, maps and trail guides.

Raft Trips on the Snake River
Park and parkway concessioners operate trips on the Snake River in summer and early fall. Watch for moose along the banks and bald eagles and American white pelicans soaring above.

Ride a Bike
The Jenny Lake Scenic Drive has wide shoulders and superb views of the Tetons. The Antelope Flats - Kelly Loop provides riding opportunities on secondary roads. Wear helmets and use caution. Ride bikes only where cars legally go: bikes are not allowed on trails or in the backcountry.

Horseback Riding
Park concessioners offer horseback rides at Colter Bay, Jackson Lake Lodge, and Flagg Ranch.

Teton Weather

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Camping in the Park

There are two trailer villages and five campgrounds in Grand Teton National Park and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway. All are operated by park concessioners. There are eight campsites on Grassy Lake Road that have no potable water and are free of charge.

**CAMPFROUNDS**
The fee at campgrounds is $15 per night per site and $7.50 for Golden Age/Golden Access cardholders. Jenny Lake and Colter Bay have hiker/biker sites available for $5 per night. Jenny Lake Campground is open only for tent camping. All campgrounds have modern comfort stations, but do not have utility hookups.

The maximum length of stay is 7 days per person at Jenny Lake 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. Campgrounds often fill during July and August. Approximate filling times are listed. For status of campgrounds, 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 campsites is not permitted, and there are no overflow facilities.

**GROUP CAMPING**
Reservations are available for group camping at Colter Bay and Gros Ventre campgrounds. The sites range in capacity from 10 to 100 people. The nightly use fee is $3.00 per person plus a $15 nonrefundable reservation fee. Organized groups such as youth, religious, and educational groups may use the group campsites. Advance reservations are required and may be made through the Grand Teton Lodge Company at (800) 628-9988 or (307) 543-3100.

**TRAILER VILLAGES**
Colter Bay and Flagg Ranch trailer villages have full hook-ups, showers, and laundry. Colter Bay has 35 sites. Flagg Ranch has 100 trailer and 75 tent sites. Advance reservations are advisable. See page 2 for details.

Check at park visitor centers for information concerning additional trailer parks or campgrounds located outside the park.

**RECYCLING CENTERS**
All campgrounds in Grand Teton National Park and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway are managed by authorized concessioners. Grand Teton Lodge Company operates the campgrounds at Colter Bay, Jenny Lake and Gros Ventre, while Signal Mountain Lodge operates Lizard Creek and Signal Mountain campgrounds.

These concessioners fund campground improvements as a part of their contracts. Improvements they have made for 2005 include the placement of recycling containers in park campgrounds. Collectively, these two concessioners recycle more than 170 tons of material annually. When you stay in any park campground, please use the recycling containers to keep Grand Teton clean and pleasant for other campers.

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**Cool, crystal clear stream water looks tempting to drink.**

As more and more people camp and hike in the backcountry, the incidence of intestinal infection from drinking untreated water has increased throughout the West. Guardia, campylobacter, and other harmful bacteria may be transmitted through untreated water. Drinking untreated water can make you ill. Carry sufficient water from approved sources, such as water spigots and drinking fountains in the park and parkway, when hiking or enjoying any outdoor activity. If you must use water from lakes or streams, boil water 3-5 minutes to kill harmful microorganisms or filter with an approved device.

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**Backcountry Comfort**

Pit toilets are provided at many trailheads, but there are no toilets in the backcountry. Be sure to urinate at least 200 feet from streams and lakes. To prevent contamination of waterways, bury feces in a hole 6-8 inches deep at least 200 feet from streams and lakes. Pack out used toilet paper, tampons, sanitary napkins, and diapers in sealed plastic bags. Do not bury or burn them.
Entrance Fees 2005

All Americans support national parks through tax dollars. Congress allocates some of those tax dollars to each park area. However, costs for achieving National Park Service goals in Grand Teton and other national parks have greatly increased in recent years. Operational funding has not kept pace with escalating needs. Unfortunately, funding available through the appropriations process is insufficient to conduct the yearly operation of the park. Money is not available for major maintenance projects involving roads, trails, facilities, and infrastructure. In 1997, Congress authorized the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program, which allowed selected national parks – including Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks – and other federal sites to increase entrance and other fees. The parks were authorized to keep 80% of the fees collected in the park to address the backlog of projects. In 2005, money generated through the program in Grand Teton National Park will be used for:

- On-going trail rehabilitation projects.
- Rehabilitation and improvements to wastewater treatment facilities in Colter Bay, Beaver Creek, and Flagg Ranch.
- Resurfacing roads in the north district of the park, including roads between Colter Bay and the south entrance of Yellowstone, and the Pacific Creek road.
- Replacement panels for interpretive exhibits.

Thank you for supporting the protection of America’s national parks.

Fee Schedule for Grand Teton National Park

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

Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Phone:
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Please include your check made out to the Grand Teton National Park Foundation, or supply the following credit card information. Please check the appropriate box:

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We invite you to become an annual member-at-large entitled to a 15% discount on purchases at all GTNHA visitor centers, as well as on catalog and website orders. Many cooperating association stores nationwide offer reciprocal discounts. I would like to become a:

- $25 Individual Annual Member with discount privileges
- $50 Associate Annual Member with discount privileges and commemorative membership card

Name:
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Grand Teton National History Association • PO Box 170 • Moose, WY 83012
(307) 739-3403 • www.grandtetonpark.org

The Murie Center is a nonprofit organization located on the historic Murie Ranch, home of famed conservationist Aldo Leopold. The Murie Center’s mission is to develop new constituencies for wilderness, emphasizing the importance of human connections with nature. The center is funded entirely through the generosity of individuals and the commitment of foundations. Please call if you are interested in visiting the center or attending a seminar.

Teton Science School
The Teton Science School, founded in 1965, provides and encourages experiential education in natural sciences and ecology while fostering an appreciation for conservation ethics and practices. The secluded campus, operated in cooperation with Grand Teton National Park, is located on a historic dude ranch in the park. The Greater Yellowstone region serves as the school’s outdoor classroom and model for year-round programs that offer academic, professional, and personal benefits to students of all ages.

Summer programs include two- to five-week residential field ecology and field natural history courses for high school and junior high students, and weeklong, nonresidential programs for third through eighth grades. A one-year, masters-level graduate program in environmental education and natural science is also available. This summer the Teton Science School is offering 37 field seminars for adults and seven seminars for families. Workshops and seminars for teachers and other professionals are also offered.

The AMK Research Station is a field operation of the University of Wyoming based at the historic AMK Ranch in Grand Teton National Park. The research station facilitates research in the diverse aquatic and terrestrial environments of Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks and the Bridger-Teton and Caribou-Targhee national forests.

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Managing Fire in Grand Teton National Park

Today, federal fire management policy reflects both a commitment to public safety and an understanding that fire—a dynamic and natural process—is important to the health of the ecosystem. Grand Teton National Park’s comprehensive fire management program balances the preservation of natural and cultural resources with concerns for public health and safety by using the latest science, technology, and a highly trained workforce to evaluate conditions and consider management options. Through fire effects monitoring, vegetation mapping, and GIS data collection, fire managers have a range of modern tools to assist them in making decisions.

Some lightning-ignited fires, when they meet agency criteria, can be managed for resource benefits. These fires are carefully managed to ensure they stay within predetermined geographic areas and weather and fire effects guidelines. This action, referred to as wildland fire use, is critical to fire-adapted plants that rely on natural fire cycles to resprout from roots or open cones for seed dispersal.

Fire can be applied to the landscape to promote natural conditions and reduce buildup of dead wood and brush. A prescribed fire targets specific objectives like restoring early successional vegetation, creating diverse habitats for plants and animals, while minimizing risks to developments and cultural resources.

Grand Teton National Park manages fire to protect human lives, personal property, and irreplaceable natural and cultural resources. Fire suppression is a key component of the fire management plan. Specific park areas are identified where fire suppression is critical to visitor and resource protection.

Park fire crews mechanically reduce vegetation in developed areas. Fuels around buildings are reduced by thinning trees and removing dead wood and brush from the forest floor. This debris, called slash, is piled and dried for at least a year, then burned during wet weather in spring or late fall. Piles of brush and logs waiting to be burned should be left undisturbed. These piles contain mostly green branches that do not make good firewood.

For more information about fire management in Grand Teton National Park, visit www.nps.gov/grte/fire/fire.htm.

Take A Look Around

Fire has been an essential and natural part of the Grand Teton National Park ecosystem for thousands of years. The presence of fire within the park is one of the significant factors contributing to the diversity of flora and fauna and overall health of the park ecosystems. As we understand fire’s necessary role in the ecosystem, we must also accept occasional hazy skies and patches of blackened landscape. These short-term consequences bring with them healthy changes that sustain the area’s natural ecological balance.

Many opportunities exist in the park to view changes over time after a fire. The park staff invites you to view the different stages of revegetation and explore the diverse fire-adapted vegetation unique to this landscape. Though charred trees or shrubs may no longer be visible in areas that have burned, a noticeable change in the height, density, or type of vegetation can be a clue that fire was present.

Teton Science School

A prescribed fire was completed west of the Teton Science School in 2001. The fire has increased the amount of native grasses and forbs in the area and provides important habitat and forage for a number of species.

North Jenny Lake

The lightning-caused Alder Fire was managed for resource benefits for several weeks in September 1999 before strong winds caused it to grow rapidly, and the fire was suppressed. Four years later, the area is now rich in grasses, and many lodgepole pine seedlings are established in the open spaces.

Blacktail Butte

In 1998, Grand Teton National Park conducted a prescribed fire on the south end of Blacktail Butte in order to benefit vegetation and wildlife habitat. The change in height and density of the sagebrush can be noted from the highway. Elk, moose, and sage grouse are frequently seen feeding in the area. Further south of the prescribed fire site is the area that burned by a lightning-ignited fire in 2003. Here, grasses and forbs are returning to the area.

Antelope Flats

A lightning strike on the sagebrush flats near Mormon Row in 1994 has allowed grasses and wildflowers to again populate the area. Even ten years later, bison, pronghorn, and elk are still drawn to this part of the valley floor. Near the fire’s northeast end, a large area of aspen trees has vigorously resprouted.

Beaver Creek

Stimulated by a 1985 fire in mixed conifers, the area near Taggart Lake is now rich in young lodgepole pines, aspen trees, and snowbrush ceanothus. The Taggart Lake Trail winds through stands of young lodgepole pine.

Waterfalls Canyon

This fire, along the west shore of Jackson Lake, burned in 1974. Only a few burned trees remain standing. Thirty years later, many shrubs and trees are well established. In 2000, two separate wildland fires naturally burned into the 1974 fire area and fire behavior moderated, aiding control efforts.

Please do your part to prevent human-caused fires:

- Build campfires only in designated areas, monitor them, and make sure they are properly extinguished.

- Smoke safely. Grind out cigarettes, cigars, or pipe tobacco, then properly dispose of them. Ashtrays should be used while smokers are in a vehicle and should never be emptied on the ground.

- Do not use fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices. They are prohibited at all times within the park.

- Obey posted restrictions. Restrictions may change during dry summer conditions.

The story of fire can be confusing. While the public is asked to prevent wildfires, fire managers sometimes conduct prescribed fires and manage lightning-caused fires for resource benefits. Fire specialists carefully plan the size and timing of these fires, allowing for a natural restoration of the ecosystem while providing for public and firefighter safety.
Yellowstone National Park

All opening and closing dates and hours of operation are subject to change due to weather and other variables. Check at park entrance stations and visitor centers for updated information.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Emergency ........................................... 911
Visitor Information ......................... (307) 344-7381
Visitor Information TDD only .......... (307) 344-5395
Xanterra Parks & Resorts ............... (307) 344-7321

More information is in Yellowstone Today, the park newspaper, available at Yellowstone National Park entrance stations and visitor centers.

Yellowstone Roads

SPRING 2005 OPENING SCHEDULE
Spring weather is unpredictable; roads may be closed temporarily by snow or other weather conditions. Snow tires or chains may be required. Weather and snow conditions permitting, tentative road opening dates for automobiles are:

- April 22: Mammoth to Old Faithful, Madison Junction to West Entrance
- April 22: Norris Junction to Canyon
- May 6: Canyon to Lake, Lake to East Entrance
- May 13: Lake to South Entrance, West Thumb to Old Faithful, Tower Junction to Tower Fall
- May 27: Beartooth Highway, Tower Fall to Chittenden Road

AUTUMN 2005 CLOSING SCHEDULE
The only park road that remains open to wheeled vehicles all winter is the road from Gardiner, MT at the North Park Entrance to Silver Gate and Cooke City near the Northeast Park Entrance. All other park roads close at 8:00 a.m. on November 7. All opening and closing dates and hours of operation listed are subject to change due to weather and other variables. Check at park entrance stations and visitor centers for updated information.

CONSTRUCTION
Dunnraven Pass and Chittenden Road south to Canyon are closed for construction until mid- to late August.
East Entrance from Eleanore Lake to Entrance will be closed 8 p.m.-8 a.m. daily.

Visitor Services

All dates are subject to change at any time.

ACCOMMODATIONS
Yellowstone offers a variety of accommodations, including lodges, campgrounds, RV parks, and lodges. All dates are subject to change at any time.

RESTAURANTS, GENERAL STORES AND SERVICE STATIONS
The following locations have restaurants or cafeterias, general stores, and service stations: Old Faithful, Canyon Village, Lake, Tower-Roosevelt, Mammoth Hot Springs, and Fishing Bridge.

PARK CAMPSPOTS
Camping in Yellowstone

Camping or overnight vehicle parking in pullouts, parking areas, picnic areas or any place other than a designated campground is prohibited; there are no overflow camping facilities. All camping is limited to 14 days between June 15 and September 15 and up to 30 days during the rest of the year, except at Fishing Bridge RV Park (no limit). Check out time for all camps is 10:00 a.m.

GROUP CAMPING
Group camping areas are available for large organized groups with a designated leader such as youth groups, etc. Fees range from $46-$89 per night depending on the size of the group. Advance reservations are required and can be made year-round by writing to Xanterra Parks & Resorts, P.O. Box 65, Yellowstone Park, Wyoming 82190 or by calling (307) 344-7321.
Road Information

Road Work Delays
Road improvements will take place in Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks throughout the 2005 season. For the most up-to-date information about road conditions in Grand Teton National Park call (307) 739-3614 or visit www.nps.gov/grte. For information about Yellowstone roads call (307) 344-2117 or visit www.nps.gov/yell.

Move Over and Slow Down
A new state law requires motorists in Wyoming to move over and slow down when passing stopped emergency vehicles with flashing lights. The law aims to reduce the danger of these vehicles getting hit by passing vehicles. In the last five years, stopped Wyoming Highway Patrol cars were struck on 27 different occasions. Under the law, motorists on Wyoming interstates must move over to the travel lane farthest away from a stopped emergency vehicle before they pass. On two-lane highways, passing motorists must slow to 20 mph below the speed limit. These actions are required unless a law enforcement officer otherwise directs motorists. Violations can result in fines of up to $200, jail terms of up to 20 days, or both.

Recycling
Recycling stations are located throughout the park. Check at park visitor centers for more information.