Building a Better Park

Grand Teton National Park will be buzzing with activity over the next few years. On February 13, 2009, Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to help jump start the economy and create jobs. The park received over $23 million in ARRA funding to improve facilities and roads, while reducing environmental impacts. The park also received funding from other sources for park improvements.

Several projects are underway, causing some inconveniences. Construction delays will occur on the Teton Park and North Park roads. A new maintenance building at Colter Bay will allow mechanics to maintain park vehicles more safely. Trail crews are restoring and stabilizing the eroded Granite Canyon trail creating a safer, more pleasant backcountry experience. In Moose, big changes are underway. Park headquarters will consolidate, removing many temporary and outdated facilities. The developed area will shrink by 8,000 square-feet, and energy consumption for headquarters will drop by 50 percent. Removing the temporary buildings will also allow for improved access to the Snake River launch for boaters.

Water system improvements and site work for new housing units will begin in Moose and Beaver Creek. At Gros Ventre Campground, a variety of improvements such as water/wastewater systems and new administrative sites will be ongoing. Please be careful and patient as you visit the park. The inconveniences you experience today will allow for a more enjoyable experience for all visitors in the future.

See page 8 for road construction map & information.

Pets in the Park?

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 on a six-foot or less leash and are not permitted on hiking trails, inside visitor centers or other facilities. Pets are not permitted on the multi-use pathway. See page 4 for more information.

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!

Bears feeding along roads quickly become habituated to cars and people, increasing their chances of being hit. Do not stop on the road to get closer to bears for their safety and yours.

- Use designated turnouts and stay in your car.
- Use binoculars or spotting scopes to view bears safely.
- Approaching wildlife is prohibited by law.
- Follow food storage regulations.
- Never feed a bear! See page 5 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.

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 skies 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 prehistoric American Indians, to the early Euro-American explorers, and the more recent frontier settlers. Today, more than 800 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. The National Park Service cares for the special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

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Teton Weather

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 water.
- 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.

From June through August the average daily temperature in the valley is 76°F, but high-elevation hiking trails are not snow-free until mid-July. Nighttime temperatures can drop to the lower 40s.

Dress in layers when recreating and be prepared for changing conditions. 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.

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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.

**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 the time you spend near wildlife. Follow all park regulations and policies, they are designated for the wildlife’s and your safety.

**REDUCE YOUR USE OF DISPOSABLE PLASTIC BOTTLES**

Park concessioners are joining Grand Teton National Park to reduce the sale and use of disposable plastic bottles by selling reusable containers. Save money, energy and reduce waste by using reusable bottles for water.

**PARK CAMPGROUNDS**

**Colter Bay Campground**
- 350 individual, 9 walk-in, 11 group
- Open: May 27 to Sept. 26
- $20 per night, (800) 628-9988
- Filling Time: evening

**Colter Bay Tent Village Park**
- 66 tent cabin sites
- Open: June 4 to Sept. 6
- $50 per night, (800) 628-9988
- Filling Time: call for information

**Colter Bay RV Park**
- 112 RV sites
- Open: May 27 to Sept. 26
- $55 per night, (800) 628-9988
- Filling Time: call for information

**Flagg Ranch Campground**
- 175 individual sites, hook-ups
- Open: May 29 to Sept. 19
- $35-$60 per night, (800) 443-2311
- Filling Time: call for information

**Gros Ventre Campground**
- 350 individual sites, 5 group
- Open: May 7 to Oct. 8
- $20 per night, (800) 628-9988
- Filling Time: rarely fills

**Jenny Lake Campground**
- 49 individual sites, 10 walk-in sites
- Open: May 14 to Oct. 3
- $20 per night, (800) 628-9988
- Filling Time: 9 a.m.

**Lizard Creek Campground**
- 60 individual sites
- Open: June 11 to Sept. 6
- $20 per night, $5 per person for hiker/biker campers without vehicles, (800) 672-6012
- Filling Time: rarely fills 30 foot vehicle max

**Signal Mountain Campground**
- 86 individual sites, 1 RV hookup site
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Floating the Snake River

THE SNAKE IS A COMPLEX RIVER TO FLOAT. The beauty and lack of whitewater lulls 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 every trip, as the river can change overnight. River flow varies greatly throughout the summer. Water depth averages 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 local visitor center and request a floating bulletin.

Safety & Regulations

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 pathway. 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. Large 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 travel alone, let a friend or relative know your planned destination, route, and expected time of return. These precautions 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 early summer, many trails 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 visitor centers. A Wyoming fishing license is required to fish in the park. Permits may be purchased at the Craig Thomas Discovery, Jenny Lake or Colter Bay visitor centers.

Boating

Motorboats are permitted on Jenny (10 horsepower maximum) and Jackson lakes. Human-powered vessels are permitted on Jackson, Jenny, Phelps, Emma Matilda, Two Ocean, Taggart, Bradley, Bearpaw, Leigh and String lakes. Sailboats, water skiing and windsurfers are allowed only on Jackson Lake. For motorized craft, the fee is $20 for a 7-day permit and $40 for an annual permit; for non-motorized craft, the fee is $10 for a 7-day permit and $20 for an annual permit. Jet skis are prohibited on all waters within the park. Permits may be purchased at the Craig Thomas Discovery, Jenny Lake or Colter Bay visitor centers.

Floating the Snake River

Only human-powered rafts, canoes, docks and kayaks are allowed on the Snake River within the park and pathway. Registration ($10 for a 7-day permit, $20 for an annual permit) of non-motorized vessels is required and may be completed at the Craig Thomas Discovery, Jenny Lake or Colter Bay visitor centers. Read the launch site bulletin boards for current river conditions. On the surface, the Snake River may not seem very powerful, but only experienced floaters should attempt this swift, cold river that has many braided channels and debris jams.

Aquatic Nuisance Species

Help protect park waterways and native fish by learning how you can prevent the spread of exotic species. Inspect, clean and dry all equipment including boats, boots and waders before entering a new body of water. Never empty containers of bait, fish, plants or animals into park waters. Ask at a permits office for information on the new Wyoming state law requiring boaters to purchase a decal to display on their boat.

Backpacking

Grand Teton National Park has more than 230 miles of trails of varying difficulty. Obtain the required, free backpacking 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 5-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-resistant canisters or food lockers when camping below 10,000 feet. Obtain a free canister for use in the park when registering for your trip.

Campfires

Campfires are allowed without a permit at designated campgrounds and picnic areas within metal fire grates, unless fire restrictions are in effect. A permit may be obtained for campfires below the high water line 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 a designated swimming beach at Colter Bay with picnic facilities, however, there are no 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 head to thermal water by immersion, splashing, touching your face, or inhaling steam increases your risk of infection.

Pets

Pets must be restrained on a leash (6 feet or less) at all times. Pets are not allowed in visitor centers, on park trails or in the backcountry (which begins six feet from roadways), in boats on the Snake River or lakes other than Jackson Lake. Pets are not allowed on ranger-led activities. Kennels are available in Jackson. Properly dispose of pet feces in garbage cans. Pets are not permitted on the multi-use pathway.

Climbing

There are many risks and hazards associated with climbing and mountain travel. Experience and good judgment are essential. The Jenny Lake Ranger Station is staffed from late May to late September by climbing rangers who can provide up-to-date weather and route conditions. Registration is not required for day climbs or cross-country 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 an agenda with friends or family. Solo backcountry travel is not advised.

Bicycling

Bicycles are permitted on public roadways, the multi-use pathway and on the Colter Bay Marina breakwater. Ride on the right side of the road, and wear a helmet at all times. Riding bicycles or other wheeled vehicles in the backcountry, on- or off-trail, is prohibited. Roadway shoulders are narrow—ride at your own risk.

Multi-Use Pathway

Only Non-Motorized Methods of transportation are permitted on the multi-use pathway. Persons with physical disabilities may use electric and battery operated transportation. The multi-use pathway is closed from dusk to dawn for wildlife and public safety. Pets are not permitted on the park pathway. Guide dogs—used for the sole purpose of aiding a person with physical disability—may travel on the pathway. Ask at a visitor center for suggestions on where to exercise your pet.

Firearms

Wyoming state regulations apply. Carrying or possessing firearms is prohibited in buildings where notice is posted. Firearms may not be discharged in a national park, except by permitted individuals during legal hunting seasons.

Interested in Working in Grand Teton National Park?

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 rangers 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 vacancies 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/doijobs/jobs.html. Positions posted for Grand Teton National Park can be found under jobs listed in Moose or Moran, Wyoming. You can also learn about vacancies at http://www.nps.gov/supportyourpark/upload/OF510-fedres.pdf to learn how to apply for federal jobs.
BEARS & FOOD
Bears can be anywhere in the park at any time. Bears may become aggressive after just one taste of 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 or food lockers 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!

Stay Safe in Bear Country

BE 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 prime bear habitat. Bears will usually move off the way if they hear people approaching, so make noise. Don’t surprise bears! Bear bells are often not sufficient. Calling out and clapping your hands at regular intervals are the best ways to make your presence known. Some trail conditions make it hard for bears to hear, see, or smell approaching hikers. Be particularly careful near streams, when it’s windy, in dense vegetation, or in any circumstance that limits line of sight (i.e. a blind corner or rise in the trail).

Never Approach a Bear
Individual bears have their own personal space requirements that vary depending on their mood. Each bear will react differently and their behavior cannot be predicted. All bears are wild and dangerous and should be respected equally.

Keep children close by. Hike in groups and avoid hiking early in the morning, late in the day or when it’s dark.

- Never leave your backpack unattended!
- Never allow a bear to get human food. If approached by a bear while eating, put food away and retreat to a safe distance.
- Never abandon food because of an approaching bear. Always take food with you.
- Never throw your pack or food at a bear in an attempt to distract it.

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 views 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.

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!

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.
Save the Pika!
By Grand Teton National Park Green Team

The American pika. Photograph by Rebecca Wiles.

Enk! Enk! The high-pitched cry of the pika—a small rabbit-like mammal that lives on high elevation rocky slopes—can often be heard while hiking in Grand Teton National Park. The American pika (Ochotona princeps) requires a cold environment to prevent overheating. As temperatures warm, pikas move to higher, cooler elevations. Eventually, as global temperatures rise, pikas may lose all suitable habitat causing their numbers to decline or even disappear.

Grand Teton National Park biologists—in collaboration with Yellowstone National Park and the Teton Science Schools—initiated a pika monitoring program in 2009. Biologists will use data from this project to evaluate the health of the park’s pika population.

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

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<td>■ One-pound propane canisters</td>
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<td>The majority of pollution in national parks is from personal vehicles. Idling for just 10 seconds burns more gasoline than turning your car off and on again.</td>
<td>■ Say “No, thank you!” to bags at store checkout</td>
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<td>■ Use reusable water bottles and coffee mugs</td>
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<td>■ Avoid purchasing disposable plastic bottles and buy reusable water containers instead.</td>
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<td>■ Turn off lights when leaving</td>
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<td>At your hotel or in your camper:</td>
<td>■ Limit heating and cooling by dressing appropriately for the weather</td>
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<td>■ Turn off lights when leaving</td>
<td>■ Take shorter showers</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>■ Turn the faucet off when brushing your teeth</td>
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<td>At your hotel or in your campsite:</td>
<td>■ Report leaky faucets, pipes or other water-wasters</td>
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<td>Increase Your Knowledge</td>
<td>Learn what you can do to help protect Grand Teton National Park, your own community and the planet!</td>
<td>■ Go to these websites for more information:</td>
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Where to Look for Wildlife

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T A. L. A N I M A L S  R E Q U I R E F O O D, W A T E R A N D S H E L T E R. Each species also has particular living space or habitat requirements. To learn more about wildlife habitats and animal behavior, attend ranger-led activities. Please park in designated turnouts, not on the roadway.

OXBOW BEND
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.

MORMON ROW
East of Highway 26/89/191, one mile north of Moose Junction. Along Mormon Row and Antelope Flats Road, bison and pronghorn can be seen grazing in spring, summer and fall. Also watch for coyotes, Northern harriers and American kestrels hunting mice, Unita ground squirrels and grasshoppers in open fields. Sage grouse, sage thrashers and sparrows also frequent the area.

CASCADE CANYON
West of Jenny Lake. Look for, but do not feed, golden-mantled ground squirrels at Inspiration Point. Pikas and yellow-bellied marmots live in scattered boulder fields along the trail. Mule deer and moose occasionally browse on shrubs growing in the canyon. Listen for the numerous songbirds that nest in the canyon.

SNAKE RIVER
Jackson Lake Dam south to Moose. Elk and bison graze in grassy meadows along the river. Bison also eat grasses in the sagebrush flats on the benches above the river. Bald eagles, ospreys and great blue herons build large stick nests within sight of the river. Beavers and moose eat willows lining the waterway.

BLACKTAIL PONDS
Half-mile north of Moose on Highway 26/89/191. Old beaver ponds have filled with sediment and now support grassy meadows where elk graze during the cooler parts of the day. Several kinds of ducks feed in the side channels of the Snake River. Moose browse on willows growing along the river.

SNOWMELT CREEK
Look for, but do not feed, mountain goats that spend the winter in the mountains but move down to the valley in spring to feed on snowmelt and grasses.

SNOW FLATS
One mile from Moose Junction on Highway 26/89/191. Elk often graze on the meadows and along the river. Look for turkeys as well.

SNAKE RIVER BACKCOUNTRY
Look for, but do not feed, mountain goats and elk that graze along the river. Rocky bluffs attract peregrine falcons, golden eagles and ospreys.

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

Always maintain a safe distance of at least 300 feet from large animals. Do not feed or harass wildlife of any kind.
Plan for variable weather and snow-covered trails when visiting Grand Teton National Park during the spring. Most park concessioners and visitor centers open in mid- to late-May. The Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center is open daily year-round, except December 25th, for your trip planning needs.

**PARK ROADS**
Most park roads will be open in May. The Signal Mountain Road opens when the road melts out. Plan for road construction delays (see page 7 for more information).

**HIKING TRAILS**
Most park trails will be partially to completely snow-covered in early May. Many lower elevation trails will melt out depending on weather by mid-May. Bring water-proof shoes or hiking boots and gaiters to ensure a comfortable hike depending on weather by mid-May. Bring water-proof shoes or hiking boots and gaiters to ensure a comfortable hike.

**SPRING WEATHER**
While it may snow during any month of the year, spring weather can be quite variable. Expect anything from rain, snow, to mild sunny weather. Wear layers when hiking and plan for weather changes that may happen rapidly and without warning. The average maximum temperature for May is 60.9 degrees Fahrenheit and the average low temperature is 30.9 degrees Fahrenheit. The park receives an average of two inches of precipitation and 2.8 inches of snow during May.

**PLANTS & WILDLIFE**
As the snow melts, migratory animals begin their journeys back to their summer ranges in the park. Look for elk, pronghorn, moose and bison returning to the park. A variety of migratory birds pass through and summer in Jackson Hole. Common spring flowers include sagebrush, buttercups, arrowleaf balsamroot, low larkspur, Nuttall's violet, biscuitroot and spring beauty.

**LODGING & CAMPGROUNDS**
Most lodging facilities and campgrounds open in mid- to late-May as do restaurants and gift shops. The town of Jackson provides year-round lodging facilities. Contact the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce for more information at (307) 733-3316 or visit their web site at http://www.jacksonholechamber.com/. For park lodging and campgrounds see page 10.

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**JENNY LAKE VISITOR CENTER**
Learn about Teton Range geology in the Jenny Lake Visitor Center, once the historic Crandall Studio. Park rangers provide interactive exhibits. Experience the video river and talk to a park ranger about what to see and do. Shop at the Grand Teton Association bookstore for gifts, educational books and postcards. The visitor center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily during May.

**JENNY LAKE LOOP TRAIL**
Walk along a glacial moraine and view a gently rolling carved lake and canyon from this gently rolling 7.1-mile trail. Plan for snow patches on the trail through early to late May. Waterproof shoes recommended in early May. Access the trail from South Jenny Lake or the String Lake Trailhead.

**LEIGH LAKE TRAIL**
Enjoy a level trail along the east shore of String and Leigh lakes with spectacular views of Leigh Canyon and Mount Moran. This trail is 7.4 miles roundtrip to the north end of Leigh lake. Shorten your trip by turning around at any point along the way. Park at the String Lake Picnic Area for trailhead access. Pit and flush toilets available.

**HERON POND & SWAN LAKE**
Stroll along a 3-mile roundtrip mostly level trail with excellent opportunities to see birds and other wildlife.

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Obey Posted Speed Limits

Obey all posted speed limits in construction areas for your safety and the safety of workers. All regular speed limits in the park range between 25 miles-per-hour and 55 miles-per-hour. Speed limits may be reduced in construction zones. Fines for speeding and other violations may increase in construction zones.

Idling Gets You Nowhere

In a time of rising gas prices, needless idling burns hard earned dollars through your exhaust pipe. An idling engine is not operating at optimum temperature leading to incomplete fuel combustion. Fuel residues can condense on cylinder walls, contaminate oil and damage engine components. Vehicle emissions cause respiratory illness and scientific studies link fossil fuel consumption to global climate change. If you find yourself in a construction delay, turn your engine off. Idling your vehicle for more than just 10 seconds uses more fuel than restarting your engine.

Idling your vehicle for 10 minutes uses as much fuel as it takes to travel five miles.

Idling your vehicle for 10 minutes a day uses more than 27 gallons of fuel per year.

*Natural Resources Canada & Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

Road Work Delays

Road improvements will take place in Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks throughout the 2010 season. Changes in schedule may occur at any time. For the most up-to-date information about road conditions in Grand Teton National Park call (307) 344-2117 or visit www.nps.gov/yell. Please stay in your vehicle while in work zones for your safety and to keep traffic flowing.

ROAD INFORMATION
(307) 739-3614

For Wyoming Road Information call 1 (888) WYO-ROAD or 511

Web site links to regional road construction information are available at http://www.nps.gov/gwgrte/planyourvisit/roads.htm

*Road construction information as of April 1, 2010.
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 habitat, nutrient cycling, plant diversity 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

Fire naturally changes the forest by creating diverse-aged tree stands, recycling nutrients into the soil and stimulating 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. Burned areas provide an opportunity for the forest to regenerate, which is evident in the plants, trees and wildlife present. Previously burned areas near popular hikes include: the 2009 Bearpaw Bay Fire that burned between Leigh Lake and Jackson Lake, the 1999 Alder Fire near Jenny Lake, the 1985 Beaver Creek Fire near Taggart Lake, the 1974 Waterfall Canyon Fire and the 2000 Teton Creek Fire near Taggart Lake, the 1974 Waterfall Canyon Fire and the 2000 Teton Complex from across Colter Bay.

How We Manage Fires

Fire managers at Grand Teton National Park, how we manage fires, 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 so a fire can 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 all or portions of a fire 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, called prescribed fires, 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.

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 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 them and make sure they are properly extinguished by drowning the fire with water. Stir the remains, add more water and stir again. Make sure fire remains are cool to the touch before leaving the campsite. 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.

Report any fires immediately by calling Teton Interagency Fire Dispatch Center at 307-739-3630 or telling a park employee.

For local fire information or seasonal fire job postings, visit: http://www.tetonfires.com.

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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.

PARK PARTNERS INCLUDE:

- Grand Teton Association
  - P.O. Box 170
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  - www.gtnpf.org

- Teton Science Schools
  - University of Wyoming/AMK Research Station
  - 700 Coyote Road
  - Jackson, WY 83001
  - (307) 733-1313
  - www.tentonscience.org
  - 1000 E. University Ave.
  - Laramie, WY 82071-3166
  - www.uwyo.edu

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### Services and Facilities

#### South Jenny Lake
- **Type:** Lodging
- **Location:** AAC Climber's Ranch
- **Dates:** June 11-Sept. 12
- **Phone:** (307) 733-7271
- **Description:** Located 3 miles south of Jenny Lake. Rustic accommodations.

- **Type:** Store/Gift Shops
- **Location:** General Store
- **Dates:** May 15-Sept. 19
- **Phone:** (307) 734-9227
- **Description:** Camp & hiking supplies, groceries, film, & gifts.

#### North Jenny Lake
- **Type:** Lodging
- **Location:** Jenny Lake Lodge
- **Dates:** May 30-Oct. 10
- **Phone:** (307) 733-4647 or (800) 628-9988
- **Description:** Modified American Plan. Cabins.

- **Type:** Food Service
- **Location:** Lodge Dining Room
- **Dates:** May 30-Oct. 10
- **Phone:** (800) 628-9988
- **Description:** Breakfast 7:30-9 a.m., Lunch 12-1:30 p.m., Dinner 6-8:45 p.m., Dinner reservations required.

- **Type:** Store/Gift Shops
- **Location:** Jenny Lake Lodge
- **Dates:** May 30-Oct. 10
- **Phone:** (307) 733-4647 or (800) 628-9988
- **Description:** Gifts, books, and apparel.

#### Signal Mountain
- **Type:** Lodging
- **Location:** Signal Mountain Lodge
- **Dates:** May 7-Oct. 17
- **Phone:** (307) 733-4231 or (800) 672-6012
- **Description:** Lakefront suites, motel units, and log cabins.

- **Type:** Food Service
- **Location:** Peaks Dining Room
- **Dates:** May 7-Oct. 17
- **Phone:** (307) 733-4231 or (800) 672-6012
- **Description:** Dinner 5:30-10 p.m. Sept. 27-Oct. 3, 5:30-9 p.m.

- **Type:** Store/Gift Shops
- **Location:** Needles Gift Store
- **Dates:** May 8-Oct. 17
- **Phone:** (307) 733-4231 or (800) 672-6012
- **Description:** Fishing tackle, film, outdoor apparel, beverages, and snacks.

#### Jackson Lake Lodge
- **Type:** Lodging
- **Location:** Jackson Lake Lodge
- **Dates:** May 27-Oct. 13
- **Phone:** (307) 733-4230 or (800) 628-9988
- **Description:** Full service guest ranch. Horseback riding, winter activities.

- **Type:** Store/Gift Shops
- **Location:** Jackson Lake Lodge Corral
- **Dates:** May 29-Oct. 2
- **Phone:** (307) 733-4230 or (800) 628-9988

#### Triangle X
- **Type:** Lodging
- **Location:** Triangle X Ranch
- **Dates:** May 29-Oct. 2
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#### Colter Bay
- **Type:** Lodging
- **Location:** Colter Bay Cabins
- **Dates:** May 27-Oct. 13
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- **Description:** Breakfast 7-9:30 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dinner 5:30-9 p.m., Dinner reservations recommended.

- **Type:** Food Service
- **Location:** Colter's Pizzeria
- **Dates:** May 27-Oct. 13
- **Phone:** (307) 733-4230 or (800) 628-9988
- **Description:** Pizza and sandwiches. Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

#### Leek's Marina
- **Type:** Food Service
- **Location:** Leek's Marina
- **Dates:** May 26-Sept. 6
- **Phone:** (307) 733-4230 or (800) 628-9988
- **Description:** Breakfast 6:30-10:30 a.m., Lunch 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dinner 5:30-9 p.m.

#### Flagg Ranch
- **Type:** Lodging
- **Location:** Flagg Ranch Resort
- **Dates:** June 1-Aug. 31
- **Phone:** (307) 733-4230 or (800) 628-9988
- **Description:** One hour, two hours, 1/2 day and full day trail rides.

- **Type:** Store/Gift Shop
- **Location:** Flagg Ranch Resort
- **Dates:** May 17-Sept. 26
- **Phone:** (307) 733-4230 or (800) 628-9988
- **Description:** Essentials for camping and fishing. Diesel.

- **Type:** Other Services
- **Location:** Tetons Science Schools
- **Dates:** Year-round
- **Phone:** (307) 733-4230 or (800) 628-9988
- **Description:** Field natural history seminars.

#### Other Services
- **Type:** Education
- **Location:** The Mule Center
- **Dates:** Year-round
- **Phone:** (307) 733-4230 or (800) 628-9988
- **Description:** Conservation programs and events.

#### Recycling
- **Type:** Recycling
- **Location:** Throughout the park
- **Dates:** Year-round
- **Phone:** 811
- **Description:** Look for recycling bins throughout the park, lodges, and campgrounds.

#### Medical Services
- **Type:** Medical Services
- **Location:** Medical emergencies
- **Dates:** Year-round
- **Phone:** 911
- **Description:** Located in Jackson.

- **Type:** Medical Services
- **Location:** St. John's Medical Center
- **Dates:** Year-round
- **Phone:** (307) 733-3636
- **Description:** Located at Jackson Lake Lodge. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

- **Type:** Medical Services
- **Location:** Grand Teton Medical Clinic
- **Dates:** May-Oct.
- **Phone:** (307) 733-2514
- **Description:** Located at Jackson Lake Lodge. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
**Worship Services**

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**Visitor Centers**

- **Albright Visitor Center, Mammoth Hot Springs**
  - Open Year-round

- **Old Faithful Visitor Center**
  - April 16 – Nov. 7

- **Canyon Village**
  - May 8 – Sept. 30

- **Fishing Bridge**
  - May 26 – Sept. 30

- **Grant Visitor Center**
  - May 26 – Sept. 30

- **West Thumb Information Station**
  - May 26 – Sept. 30

- **Museum of the National Park Ranger**
  - May 29 – Sept. 26

- **West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (open year-round)**
  - April 16 – Nov. 7

**NPS Campgrounds**

- **Indian Creek**
  - June 11 – Sept. 13

- **Lewis Lake**
  - June 15 – Nov. 6

- **Mammoth**
  - May 21 – Sept. 27

- **Narrows**
  - May 21 – Sept. 27

- **Pebble Creek**
  - June 11 – Sept. 27

- **Slough Creek**
  - May 28 – Oct. 31

- **West Thumb**
  - May 21 – Sept. 27

**NPS Camgrounds Reservations**

- **Bridge Bay**
  - May 28 – Sept. 12

- **Canyon**
  - June 4 – Sept. 6

- **Fishing Bridge RI**
  - May 14 – Sept. 26

- **Grant Village**
  - June 21 – Oct. 3

- **Madison**
  - May 7 – Oct. 24

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**Contact Information**

- **Visitor Information**
  - (307) 344-7381

- **Xanterra Parks & Resorts**
  - (307) 344-7311
  - or (866) 439-7375

- **Website**
  - www.nps.gov/yell

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**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.

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**Services and Facilities Continued**

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As You Drive Keep Them Alive

Every year drivers kill about 100 large animals, causing property damage and personal injury. Drive at or below all posted speed limits, and drive cautiously during dawn and dusk when animals are most active. Moose, deer, elk, bison, wolves and grizzly and black bears cross roadways and can be especially difficult to see at night.

Park in Designated Turnouts

It may be tempting to park on the roadway to take photographs or watch wildlife, but this practice is not safe. Pull over in a designated turnout for your safety and that of other motorists.