Grand Teton—More Than a Mountain Wilderness

In rich measure the Teton Range exhibits all the scenic features which result from an intense glacial experience. Here the beauty that lies in wooded lakes and alpine tarns, no less than the majesty of profound canyons, finds glorious expression. Yet probably none will contest the statement that the superlative feature of the range is its display of peaks.—Fritof Fryxell, first ranger naturalist for Grand Teton National Park.

The eye-catching Teton landscape owes its appearance to glaciers and earthquakes. Glaciers sculpted mountains that were first uplifted by fault movement, producing the Teton Range of today: forty miles of jagged peaks alternating with deep canyons. At the foot of the mountains lies the wide, flat Jackson Hole valley. Dense conifer forests cloak the lower slopes of the Teton peaks and grow on ridges of ice-transported debris along the perimeter of Jackson Hole. Low-growing sagebrush shrubs carpet most of Jackson Hole and the tree-lined Snake River meanders down the center of the valley. The variety of plant communities accounts for the diverse array of wildlife, from frequently filling ponds and marshes.

Grand Teton National Park &
John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway
Summer, 1995

Welcome to Grand Teton National Park

I hope your visit to Grand Teton National Park, YOUR national park, is a memorable one. Enjoy the park and its spectacular scenery and wildlife.

To learn about the park, stop at visitor centers, attend ranger-led activities or ask a ranger.

My staff and I are committed to helping you have a safe and pleasant visit.

Jack Neckels
Superintendent

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Aerial view of the Grand Teton, tallest Teton peak

Spectacular scenery and abundant wildlife account for the popularity of Grand Teton National Park and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway. Congress established the park to protect the spectacular Teton Range, then later added much of Jackson Hole to preserve the view of the mountains and the wildlife that inhabits both mountains and valley. To link Grand Teton to Yellowstone National Park, Congress dedicated the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway. National parks belong to the American people and are preserved both for public enjoyment and for preservation of unique natural features.

Last year over three million people visited Grand Teton and the Rockefeller Parkway. Visitors engage in a variety of activities designed to maximize their enjoyment of the unique aspects of the park and parkway: wildlife watching, scenic drives, camping, wildflower viewing, hiking, backpacking, photography, river floating, fishing, boat cruises.

Soaring visitation may affect some vacation opportunities. Campgrounds and accommodations frequently fill; favorite picnic areas become crowded at mealtimes. Road traffic increases and wildlife-watching jams ensue. Do these diminish the park experience? What impacts do multitudes of people have on wildlife and the other natural features and processes that everyone came to see?

While the Teton Range is not officially designated as wilderness, the mountainous terrain embodies the wilderness spirit. Hiking trails weave through the Tetons, allowing hikers to experience mountain magic firsthand. Yet popular hiking trails may attract hundreds of visitors every summer day, so hikers are challenged to leave no trace.

The National Park Service acts as your steward, protecting natural processes including geologic features like mountains and rivers, plants from little-known mushrooms to towering pine trees, and animals from seldom-seen spiders to conspicuous moose. Stewardship also includes preserving quality visitor experiences, so we are analyzing the effects of increased use. As you delight in the natural wonders of the Tetons and Jackson Hole, also remember that you are a national park shareholder that you have a stake in the future of Grand Teton and the Rockefeller Parkway.

IN AN EMERGENCY

Call 911 or 739-3301 Park Dispatch

International Visitors

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

Sie konnen Informationen auf Deutsch in den Besucherzentren bekommen.

Se puede conseguir informacion en espanol en los Centros de Visitantes.

Information in Hebrew and Japanese is also available at park visitor centers.

VISITOR SERVICES

Moose Visitor Center—Located at Moose, 1/2 mile west of Moose Junction on the Teton Park Road. Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through May 13 and after September 4; 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. May 14—June 3; 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. June 4—September 4. Telecommunication device for the deaf only (TDD): 307-739-3399. Phone 307-739-3399.

Colter Bay Visitor Center—Located 1/2 mile west of Colter Bay Junction on Highway 89-191-287. Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. May 13 through May 21; 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. May 22—June 3; 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. June 4—September 4; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. September 5 through October 1. Phone 307-739-3594.

Jenny Lake Visitor Center—Located 8 miles north of Moose Junction on the Teton Park Road. Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. June 4—September 4.

Flagg Ranch Information Station—Located at Flagg Ranch, 15 miles north of Colter Bay on Highway 89-191-287. Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. June 4—September 4.

Concessions—restaurants, stores, service stations, accommodations, companies offering horseback rides and float trips on the Snake River, and other visitor services throughout the park—are listed on page 2 of the Teewinot.

Maps on page 8 will assist you in exploring Grand Teton National Park. For Yellowstone National Park map and information, please consult page 7.
**For the Visitor**

Please use the map on page 8 to assist you in locating concessions, private companies and other services that are listed from north to south. The listing of authorized concessions operating float trips, horseback riding and mountain guiding services is contained within each category in a prescribed manner unrelated to quality.

The National Park Service does not make concession reservations. Please make direct contact with the service of your choice. Operating and closing dates are approximate.

A permit is required for conducting any commercial activity in Grand Teton National Park and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway.

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**FLAGG RANCH**

Open for summer season May 15 – Oct. 15. Open for winter season Dec. 15 – May 15. Appointment required to change, depend on size of group. Call 307-543-2961 or toll free 1-800-440-2317. Write Box 276, Moran WY 83013.

- ACCOMMODATIONS - Motel units overlooking the Snake River (open summer). Newly constructed lodge units (open summer and winter).
- CAMP STORE & TRAILERS - Serviced with full hookup, tent sites, 24-hour laundryette, showers and restrooms.
- GIFT SHOP - Souvenirs, clothing, jewelry.
- CATERING - Catering services. Diesel available.
- GROCERY STORE - Camping & fishing supplies, package beer, ice.
- FLOAT TRIPS - see Float Trip section.
- WATER SPORTS - Snowmobiling & Snowcoach Tour - Unguided or guided snowmobile trips into Yellowstone on Polaris machines. Daily scenic trips off Old Faithful with an informative guide. Dec. 15 – Mar. 15.

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**LEEK’S MARINA**

Call 307-543-2484.

PIZZA RESTAURANT - Pizza, sandwiches, nachos & beer. Open daily 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. June 2 - Sept. 24.


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**COLTER BAY VILLAGE**

Reservations today call 307-543-2911, for cabins 543-2926; future 543-2955.

Write Grand Teton Lodge Co., Box 240, Moran WY 83013.


RESERVATIONS - See Float Trip section. Reservations accepted with all hookups available. Reservations advised.


SERVICE STATION - Colter Bay Highway Converyon Store open daily 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., May 13 – Sept. 24. Hours subject to change at AT&T.

SNACK BAR - Chuckwagon Restaurant open daily May 13 – Sept. 24. Table and buffet service for breakfast, lunch & dinner. Colter Bay Grill open daily 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., June 3 – Sept. 4. Snack Bar (located near general store) open daily 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., May 26 – Sept. 24. Hours subject to change.

GENERAL STORES & GIFT SHOPS - Colter Bay Village General Store open daily 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m., May 13 – Sept. 24. Hours subject to change. ATM machine. Colter Bay Highway Conven­tion Store open daily April 30 – Oct. 22. Groceries, soft drinks, magazines, gifts & frozen food.

FREE TRIP TICKETS - see Float Trip section.

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**TETON NATIONAL PARK**

Write Box 67, Angels Camp CA 95222. Call toll free 1-800-346-6277.

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**JENNY LAKE LODGE**

Call 307-543-6447. Write Grand Teton Lodge Co., Box 240, Moran WY 83013.


DINING ROOM - Breakfast 6:30 – 9:00 a.m. Lunch noon – 1:30 p.m. Dinner 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. Hours subject to change before Sept. 15. May 20 - Sept. 24. Closed Oct. 1 – May 15. Hours subject to change. Coffee Shop Open daily 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. May 15 – Oct. 15. Hours subject to change.

GIFT & APPAREL SHOPS - Gift Shop Souvenirs, film, Indian handicrafts, contemporary gifts. Open daily 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. May 13 – Oct. 15. Tent Traditions Outdoor clothing, fashion wear, T-shirts. May 13 – Oct. 15.


FLOAT TRIPS - see Float Trip section.

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**SOUTH JENNY LAKE AREA**


BOAT SHUTTLES & CRUISES - Teton Boating Co. - On Jenny Lake. Scenic cruises, shuttle service, fishing boat rentals. Open 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. June 1 – Oct. 31. Closed Nov. 15 – May 15. Closing date is subject to water levels. Call 307-723-2073.

MOUNTAINEERING - Exum Mountain Guides & School of American Mountaineering.

MOOSE VILLAGE

SNACK BAR - Open daily June 11 – Sept. 4. 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

SERVICE STATION - Self-service Chevron Station open daily May 13 – Sept. 24.

GENERAL STORE & TACKLE SHOP - Open daily May 20 – Sept. 24. 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Guided fly-fishing trips. Call 337-3471.

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**SNAKE RIVER FLOAT TRIPS**

Season for most services is between mid-May and mid-September depending on weather and river-flow conditions. All trips interpretive. Fishing season is May 13 – Nov. 15.


Triangle X-Operates Float Trips - Open daily 10-mile scenic trips scheduled throughout the day; sunup & evening wildlife trips, supper floats, & breakfast and lunch floats for groups. Fishing trips. Moose WY 83012. Call 337-500-9322 or 733-6965.

Flag Ranch Float Trips - White-water & scenic wildlife trips—only trips north of Jackson, 10-mile scenic trips from June 21 – Sept. 24. Write Box 240, Moran WY 83013. Call 337-2831.

Timothy L. Johnson Fishing Trips - Guided fishing float trips; fly or spin fishing; lunch and instruction included. Rental fishing equipment available. Write Box 337-3871.

O.A.R.S. Raft Trips - 2- and 5-day river raft trips & 2- and 3-day sea kayaking trips on Jackson Lake. Includes swimming, fishing, hiking, camping, & all equipment. Combination raft/horseback trips also. Write Box 67, Angels Camp CA 95222. Call toll free 1-800-346-6277.

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**MOUNTAINEERING**

Exum Mountain Guides & School of American Mountaineering located at Jenny Lake. Daily basic & intermediate classes at Hidden Falls. Guided excursions of Grand Teton & all peaks & routes in Teton Range, summer & winter. All skill levels. Rock, ice and snow, Private guided trips available for individuals on AMGA accredited. Call 337-2297. Write Box 26, Moose WY 83013.

Jackson Hole Mountain Guides & Climbing School - Guide service for both individual and group clients. For a complete listing of accommodations & services in the Teton Range. Year-round. Daily classes on rock, ice, snow; all ability levels, certified guides. Call 337-6445 or 733-6445. Write Box 7477, 165 N. Glennwood, Jackson WY 83001; call toll free 1-800-334-3097.

Climbers’ Ranch/Alpine Club - Dormitory accommodations, cooking area and showers for climbers. Call 733-7231.

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**HORSEBACK RIDING**

Call 307-543-2811. Write Box 112, Moose WY 83012. Call 733-6445 or 733-5500.

RIVER & LAKE MULTI-DAY TRIPS

D.A.R.S. Raft Trips - 2- and 5-day river raft trips & 2- and 3-day sea kayaking trips on Jackson Lake. Includes swimming, fishing, hiking, camping, & all equipment. Combination raft/horseback trips also. Write Box 67, Angels Camp CA 95222. Call toll free 1-800-346-6277.

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**DINING ROOM**

For the Visitor

FIELD NATURAL HISTORY SEMINARS - One to five-day natural-history led field trips in Grand Teton National Park and throughout the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (June - September). Private naturalist-led field trips are available. Write Box 66, Kelly WY 83011. Call 307-733-4765.

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**TETON SCIENCE SCHOOL**

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Grand Teton National Park and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway provide habitat for black and grizzly bears. To distinguish between the two bear species, look for:

**BLACK BEAR**
- **Size & Weight** - Adults are 2-1/2 - 3 feet at the shoulder and weigh up to 200 - 300 lbs.
- **Color** - Varies from black to blond. Many black bears in this region are black with a light brown muzzle.
- **Appearance** - Straight face; no shoulder hump; rump higher than shoulders.
- **Claws** - Short and curved for climbing. Claws do not always show in tracks.

**GRIZZLY BEAR**
- **Size & Weight** - Adults are about 3-1/2 feet at the shoulder and weigh from 300 - 700 lbs.
- **Color** - Varies from black to blond: dark fur with long, pale guard hairs around a mixed dark and light, grizzled appearance.
- **Appearance** - Dished-in face; tiny ears; prominent shoulder hump; rump lower than shoulders.
- **Claws** - Long and straight. Claws often show in tracks.

**HIKEING AND CAMPING IN BEAR COUNTRY**

Black and grizzly bears live throughout the park and may be active any time of the day or night.

The following guidelines are for your protection and for the preservation of bears, one of the true signs of wild country.

**A Fed Bear Is a Dead Bear**

Feeding spells death for bears. Allowing a bear to obtain human food, even once, often results in aggressive behavior. The bear is then a threat to human safety and must be removed or destroyed. Do not allow bears or other wildlife to obtain human food.

**Avoid Encounters**

Make bears aware of your presence by making loud noises like shouting or singing. Be especially careful in dense brush or along streams where water makes noise. Bells are not recommended because the sound does not carry well. Look ahead when hiking.

**CAMPING IN THE PARK**

Camping is a traditional way to enjoy national parks. Grand Teton National Park operates five campgrounds. The fee is $10 per night per site. Jenny Lake Campground is open to tents only. Other campgrounds will accommodate tents, trailers and recreational vehicles. All campgrounds have modern comfort stations, but do not have utility hookups. The maximum length of stay is 7 days at Jenny Lake and 14 days at all other National Park Service campgrounds.

NPS campgrounds operate on a first-come, first-served basis and advance reservations are NOT accepted. Campgrounds fill to capacity during July and August. Approximate filling times are listed. For current status of campgrounds, contact entrance stations or visitor centers. Additional camping facilities are available in nearby national forests and other areas outside the park.

**NEVER FEED OR APPROACH A BEAR**

Failure to observe the above regulations is a violation of federal law and may result in citations and fines.

**FOOD STORAGE IN BEAR COUNTRY: DRIVE-IN CAMPGROUNDS**

- All food, food containers and cooking utensils must be stored in a closed, locked vehicle both day and night. Inside a car trunk is best; otherwise, keep food covered inside a vehicle with doors locked and windows rolled up. Ice chests, thermoses, dirty dishes, cups and pans must be stored in the same manner as food. Inside a locked vehicle. The only exceptions allowed are during the preparation and eating of food and during food transport.
- Trash and garbage must be stored in the same manner as food or placed in campground trashcans or dumpsters. Clean grills and picnic tables.
- Treat odorous products such as soap, deodorant, suntan lotion and perfumes in the same manner as food.
- Absolutely no food, garbage or odorous products may be stored in tents or sleeping bags.
- When an enclosed vehicle is not available for food storage, hang food properly or use food storage boxes, if available.
- DO NOT bury food scraps, containers or fish entrails. Deposit them in proper garbage receptacles.
- DO NOT leave food, containers or garbage unattended in camp for even a few minutes. Bears are active both day and night.

By storing food and related items properly, you set a good example for other campers and minimize the chance of bear-camper conflicts for yourself and other campers.

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**Bears and Wilderness**

Wild bears symbolize wilderness. Help us maintain bear populations and prevent bear problems. Follow the recommended practices for safe hiking and backcountry camping. Report all bear sightings and incidents at a visitor center or ranger station.
FISHING

Anglers may test their skills by trying to catch whitefish and cutthroat, lake and brown trout in lakes and rivers of the park and parkway. Fishing conforms with Wyoming and National Park Service regulations. Obtain fishing regulations at the Moose, Jenny Lake or Colter Bay Visitor Centers. A Wyoming fishing license, required for fishing in the park and parkway, may be purchased at the Moose Village Store, Signal Mountain Lodge, Colter Bay Marina and Flagg Ranch Village. Fishing in Yellowstone National Park requires a separate permit (fee charged); check at Yellowstone visitor centers and ranger stations.

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 early June to mid-September by climbing rangers who can provide up-to-date weather and route conditions information. Registration is no longer required for day climbs and off-trail hiking. Backcountry permits are required, however, for all overnight climbs. The park DOES NOT track and check to see that you get safely out of the backcountry. Leave an agenda with friends or family. Pets are not allowed on trails or in the backcountry. Solo-climbing and backcountry travel is not advised.

PLANTS & ANIMALS

Nesting birds are easily disturbed. If an adult on a nest flies off at your approach, or circles you or screams in alarm, a nest flies off at your approach, or circles you or screams in alarm, leave the nest alone, let someone know your planned destination, route and expected time of return.

PETS

Restrain pets on a leash at all times. Pets are not allowed on 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 nor in visitor centers. Kennels are available in Jackson. Pets are not allowed on ranger-led activities.

SWIMMING

Swimming is allowed in all lakes. No swimming areas have lifeguards. The Snake River is dangerous and swimming is not recommended.

TETON WEATHER

MAY AND JUNE

Wild days and cool nights intermingle with rain and occasional snow. Depending on snowpack, snow level remains just above valley elevations until mid-June.

JULY AND AUGUST

Warm days and cool nights prevail, with afternoon thunderstorms common. Snow level gradually retreats; divides between mountain canyons are free of snow by August.

SEPTEMBER

Sunny days and cold nights alternate with rain and occasional snowstorms.

Important Information

FLOATING THE SNAKE RIVER

Only human-powered rafts, canoes, kayaks and catamarans are allowed on the Snake River within the park and parkway. Register non-motorized vessels and pay the $5 fee at the Moose Visitor Center or Colter Bay Visitor Center permits desk each year. Floaters are encouraged to complete individual trip permits. 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.

BOATING

Motorboats are permitted on Jenny (7-1/2 horse-power maximum), Jackson and Phelps Lakes. Human-powered vessels are permitted on Jackson, Jenny, Phelps, Emma Matilda, Two Ocean, Taggart, Bradley, Bearpaw, Leigh and String Lakes. Sailboats, water skiing, windsurfers and jet skis are allowed only on Jackson Lake. A boat permit is required and costs $10 for motorized craft and $5 for non-motorized craft. Obtain permits at the Moose or Colter Bay Visitor Centers.

ETIQUETTE FOR WILDLIFE OBSERVERS & PHOTOGRAPHERS

- Be a responsible wildlife observer: patience is often rewarded by witnessing interesting animal behavior not influenced by human presence.
- Use binoculars, spotting scopes or long lenses for close views and photographs. Maintain a safe distance of at least 300 feet from large animals such as bears, bison, moose and elk. Do not position yourself between an adult and its offspring. Females with young are especially defensive.
- Feeding wild animals makes them dependent on people. Animals often bite the hand that feeds them. Do not feed wildlife, including ground squirrels and birds.
- Do not harass wildlife. Harassment is any human action that causes unusual behavior or change of behavior by an animal. Repeated encounters with people have cumulative results including stress and behavior changes, such as avoidance of an essential feeding area after frequent approach by people.
- For wildlife, raising young is a private affair. Nesting birds are easily disturbed. If an adult on a nest flies off at your approach, or 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 animals' behavior as a guide and limit the time you spend with wildlife, just as you would when visiting a friend's home.
- Follow park regulations and policies.

Recycling

For your convenience, you may recycle aluminum cans at stores where canned beverages are sold throughout the park, at the Moose, Jenny Lake and Colter Bay Visitor Centers and at campground.

This newspaper and other park information handouts have been printed on recycled paper with soy-based inks. The park also has an active recycling program in office and residential areas.

Please recycle this newspaper. Every ton of recycled paper saves approximately 17 trees.
WILDFLOWERS!

During late spring and summer, colorful wildflowers provide breathtaking displays in various parts of the park. Blooming follows snowmelt, so the show moves upslope as the season progresses.

June brings flowers to the southern half of the valley. Clumps of arrowleaf balsamroot, a yellow daisy-like flower with arrow-shaped leaves, add vivid splashes of color to the sagebrush flats. Spikes of blue-purple lupine, a member of the pea family, flower along streams in the southern half of Jackson Hole. Later in the summer, other species of lupine, also blue-purple, bloom in open conifer forests.

The meadows along Highway 89-191-287 north of Colter Bay and those near Two Ocean Lake reach peak bloom in open conifer forests. As snow melts in the canyons between the Teton peaks, hikers are treated to meadows with an exquisite mix of colors: yellow columbine, bluebells, red paintbrush, pink lilies, and lavender asters. Along canyon streams, the vegetation is lush, including deep purple monkshood and cow parsnip, with its immense, flat-topped white flower clusters. Canyons with especially magnificent wildflower displays include upper Open, Cascade and aptly named Paintbrush.

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In high alpine areas above treeline, the flowers are diminutive, but worth stopping for. Alpine flowers grow in ground-hugging cushions to avoid wind and cope with cold temperatures and the short growing season. Look for blue alpine forget-me-not, the official flower of Grand Teton National Park, and pink moss campion. Alpine plants are well adapted to their environment, but they are extremely vulnerable to human disturbance. Be sure to stay on established trails.

Recently burned areas offer a spectacular display of wildflowers because of increased sunlight and the fertilizing effect of nitrogen-rich ash. At the Taggart Lake area, three miles north of Moose, look for magenta fireweed and yellow heartleaf arnica where fire burned in 1985. Flowering shrubs have proliferated since the fire: pink spreading dogrose and meadbush canescens with its sweet-scented blossoms. Wildflowers bloom amid stands of shoulder-high aspens and numerous lodgepole pines that grew after the fire, so hiking the Taggart Lake Trail provides a closeup view of accelerated plant growth as a result of fire. Sections of the Rockefeller Parkway along Highway 89-191-287 burned in 1988 when a number of fires started through­out the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Today look for fireweed, purple asters, yellow groundsel and sticky geranium in a lush carpet of green grasses.

To help you enjoy the flowering plants of Grand Teton National Park, you may attend ranger-led hikes (June 4 – September) or consult field guides and other books on display at visitor centers. Please leave wild­flowers for others to appreciate; do not pick any vegetation in the park and parkway.

EXOTICS

Bright pink musk, bull and Canada thistles, pale pink spotted knapweed and yellow sweet clover, some of the showiest flowers found along roads and trails in the park, are out of place. These plants are exotics that are not native to northwestern Wyoming. Exotic plants can easily become noxious weeds, plants that spread and displace native vegetation. The spread of exotic plants is often a by-product of human activities that cause ground disturbance, such as road and trail construction and grazing of domestic livestock. Please assist park resource management staff in eradicating noxious weeds—report locations of exotic plants to a ranger at a visitor center.

The Migration Dilemma

Return of migratory birds each spring seems as certain as spring itself. National parks like Grand Teton provide safe nesting places for many birds. When birds fly south each fall, though, they face perils. Human-caused habitat changes may have fragmented forests, removing safe feeding and roosting areas in migration corridors. Birds that migrate to the tropics may lose their winter ranges due to deforestation.

Birds serve as colorful, sweet-sounding indicators of biodiversity, which measures the variety of plants and animals and the natural processes occurring in an area. National park managers strive to allow natural processes to flourish, but many of "our" birds spend only parts of their lives within national park protection.

Birdwatchers and scientists alike have become concerned about the future of migratory birds. Show your concern by enjoying birds in your backyard and in your travels! At home, plant native vegetation to provide food, shelter and nest sites for migratory birds. Assist scientists to measure bird population changes by participating in bird counts and surveys, such as Christmas Bird Count, the North American Migration Count and Breeding Bird Surveys. Find out about the Partners in Flight program in your home state. You can use your interest and knowledge of birds to help assure their future!
For hiking activities, wear sturdy boots or shoes with non-slip soles. We recommend that you bring water, sunglasses and sunscreen, rain gear, sweater, insect repellent, camera and binoculars. Trails can be rough and the weather unpredictable. You will have a better time if you are prepared for bright sun, wind, rain or cold weather, even snow. Annoying insects may be present. Evenings are usually cool, so a warm jacket will add to your comfort when you attend evening campfire programs.
**RANGER-LED ACTIVITIES**

**June 4 through September 4, 1995**

**COLTER BAY VISITOR CENTER**

Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. from June 4 through September 4; open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. September 5 through October 1. Ranger on duty for assistance and information. Services include audiovisual programs, backcountry and boating permits, and map and publication sales. The Indian Arts Museum features the David T. Vernon collection of Indian art. Native American guest artists demonstrate traditional craftwork daily during June, July, August and early September. Phone (307) 739-3594.

**FLAGG RANCH INFORMATION STATION**

Open daily 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. from June 4 through September 4. Ranger on duty for assistance and information. Services include map and publication sales.

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**Water Warning**

Cool, crystal clear stream water looks tempting to drink. As more and more people camp and hike in the backcountry, however, the incidence of intestinal infection from drinking untreated water has increased throughout the West. Giardiasis, Campylobacter and other harmful bacteria may be transmitted through untreated water. Drinking untreated water will 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 other outdoor activity. If you must use water from lakes or streams, boil water for one minute to kill harmful organisms or filter with an approved device.

**Reading the Teton Landscape**

The Teton Range dominates Grand Teton National Park, attracting the attention of all who pass through Jackson Hole. The geologic processes that resulted in mountain building and sculpting also have determined where plants grow in the park. Herbivores, plant-eating animals like moose, mule deer and elk, occur where their food source exists. Carnivores, meat-eating animals like bears, coyotes and weasels, follow the herbivores they prey upon. Geologic events created the dramatic scenery of Jackson Hole and indirectly account for the distribution and abundance of wildlife and plants found here.

The Tetons owe their existence to movement along a fault found where the mountains meet the valley. Starting 5 - 9 million years ago, movement along the fault with massive earthquakes occurred every thousand years or so along the fault. The mountain block uplifted on the west side of the fault while the valley block dropped down east of the fault. Today the mountains rise more than a mile above Jackson Hole, with total displacement of 30,000 feet along the fault.

Ice performed the sculpting and carving of the Tetons. As recently as 15,000 years ago, small mountain glaciers or rivers of ice flowed from high elevation cirques and gouged out U-shaped canyons between the peaks. Mountain glaciers spilled from the canyons to the valley floor, forming basins occupied today by lakes like Leigh, Jenny, Bradley, Taggart and Phelps. Ridges of glacial debris, called moraines, surround these lakes and mark the edge of the glacier's flow.

While small glaciers flowed in the Teton Range, a massive glacier covered much of what is now Yellowstone National Park. 25,000 years ago. This river of ice flowed south, forming the depression that Jackson Lake fills today, and carried debris as far as Snake Lake to the southern end of Jackson Hole. Old river terraces paralleling today's Snake River indicate that the Snake carried much more water in the past.

Along the Snake River grow cottonwoods and blue spruces where bald eagles nest. 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.

**Picnic Areas**

Are you looking for a place to have a picnic in Grand Teton National Park? All of the picnic areas listed below have tables. Fires are allowed in fire rings only.

- The String Lake picnic area is accessible; the Cottonwood Creek picnic area is accessible, although the toilet is not.
- North end of Jackson Lake (two picnic areas)*
- North of Colter Bay (two picnic areas)
- Colter Bay†
- Catholic Bay*
- String Lake*
- Cottonwood Creek*

* indicates picnic areas with toilet facilities.
† indicates picnic areas with fire grates.
If you just arrived in Grand Teton National Park and are wondering how to make the most of your time, try these suggestions to help plan your visit. Suggested drives and places to stop are described from north to south—please use the map on page 8. The distance from the north boundary of the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway (south entrance of Yellowstone National Park) to the south boundary of Grand Teton National Park is 56 miles; approximate driving time with no stops is 1 1/2 hours. Please follow posted speed limits, watch for wildlife on roads and be prepared for delays due to road construction.

HALF DAY

Colter Bay Visitor Center and Indian Arts Museum—Visit the museum to view art created by native peoples and gain a glimpse of 19th-century Native American life. Native American and wildlife videotapes and a park orientation slide program are shown throughout the day. Ranger-led activities include museum tours, park orientation talks, natural history hikes and evening amphitheater programs.

Signal Mountain Summit Road—This 5-mile drive starts one mile south of Signal Mountain Lodge and Campground. The road winds to the top of Signal Mountain, 800 feet above the valley. Summit 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, so no trailers or large motorhomes, please.

WHOLE DAY

Add the following stops to those suggested for half day visits.

Willow Flats—Stop at the Willow Flats Turnout, 6 miles south of Colter Bay for a view of an extensive freshwater marsh that provides excellent habitat for birds, beavers 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 wide 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 Yellowstone National Park. Park on the southwest side of the dam and take a short walk for a peaceful view of Jackson Lake and Mt. Moran.

South Jenny Lake—Park here and take a short walk to view glacially-carved Jenny Lake nestled at the base of the tallest Teton peaks. A 6-mile hiking trail encircles Jenny Lake. Shuttle boats (June 3—September 23, 8 a.m.—6 p.m., fee charged) provide easy access to the west side of the lake and trails to Hidden Falls, Inspiration Point and Cascade Canyon. Parking is limited, so plan to arrive early or late in the day.

Antelope Flats—Kelly Loop—At Gros Ventre Junction, 5 miles south of Moose Junction on Highway 28-89-191, turn east. Follow the road to the small town of Kelly. To see the Gros Ventre Slide, turn at the sign marked “national forest access.” The Gros Ventre Slide occurred in 1925 when earthquakes and rain caused the north end of Sheep Mountain to break off and dam the Gros Ventre River, forming Lower Slide Lake. Follow the Antelope Flats Road along hayfields and ranches to rejoin Highway 26-89-191.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR WILDLIFE

All animals require food, water, shelter and living space. Each species also has particular habitat requirements. To learn more about wildlife habitats and behavior, attend ranger-led activities. Sharpen your wildlife observation skills by spending some time in these locations:

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 (ducks). Look for swimming beavers (at dawn and dusk) and muskrats. Moose browses on hayfields near low-lying willows at the water’s edge. Elk occasionally graze in the open aspen groves to the east.

TIMBERED ISLAND—forested ridge surrounded by sagebrush southeast of Jenny Lake. Small bands of pronghorns, fastest North American land animal, forage on sagebrush. Elk leave the shade of the forest at dusk to eat grasses growing among the sagebrush.

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 muskrat tow willows that line the waterway.

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

BLACKTAIL PONDS—0.5 mile north of Moose on Highway 28-89-191. Willow and other wetland habitats have filled in and now support grizzly bears and elk, which occasionally browse on willows. Moose 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.
Grand Teton Natural History Association

Grand Teton Natural History Association, a National Park Cooperating Association, operates bookstores in visitor centers in Grand Teton National Park, Rockefeller Parkway, Bridger-Teton and Targhee National Forests and the National Elk Refuge.

When you purchase an item from a Cooperating Association bookstore, the profit supports educational and interpretive programs for visitors to the park and forests. Your purchases also support the publication of free educational and informational leaflets obtained upon request at entrance stations and information counters.

A mail order catalog of books, maps and pamphlets about Grand Teton may be obtained by writing to Grand Teton Natural History Association, P.O. Box 170, Moose, Wyoming 83012 or calling (307) 733-3403.

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Bill Menor's Cabin on the Snake River at Moose

The cabin hosts a facsimile of the country store run by Bill Menor at the turn-of-the-century. The Grand Teton Natural History Association has stocked the store with replica items to allow visitors to experience homestead life in Jackson Hole. The sale of these items benefits National Park Service interpretive programs.

SELF-GUIDING TRAILS

Sample the history, natural history and mystery of Jackson Hole. Obtain trail guides at visitor centers and trailheads, except for Lunch Tree Hill and String Lake, where signs are placed along the trail.

Cascade Canyon Trail
Follow part or all of the Cascade Canyon trail. From the east shore boat dock to Inspiration Point is 3.8 miles roundtrip (2.2 miles via shuttle boat).

Colter Bay Area
A variety of trails lead from the vicinity of the Colter Bay Visitor Center, including the Lakeshore Trail: paved for 1/2 mile.

Cunningham Cabin Trail
Cunningham Cabin is located 6 miles south of Moran. Take a 3/4 mile walk to learn about the early ranching history of Jackson Hole.

Lunch Tree Hill Trail
This self-guided trail at Jackson Lake Lodge answers the question "What's in a name?" Small wayside exhibits interpret the 1/2 mile trail.

Menor's Ferry Trail
A 1/2 mile trail loop begins at the Chapel of the Transfiguration parking lot in Moose and passes a small natural history museum, Bill Menor's cabin and ferry and an exhibit of historic photographs.

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

Snake River Trail
Follow a 1/2 mile loop trail to sample the natural history of the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway.

Access Trail at String Lake
A paved trail follows the shore of String Lake for 1/4 mile. Wayside exhibits explain the formation of glacial lakes.

Fire Waysides
Interpretive signs at Cottonwood Creek Picnic Area, Jackson Lake Overlook and Flagg Ranch explain various aspects of fire ecology and local fire history.

Scenic Turnouts
Consult new interpretive signs at scenic turnouts to learn about the natural history and geology of the Teton Range and Jackson Hole.

Teton Science School

Located within Grand Teton National Park, the secluded campus of the Teton Science School was once a dude ranch. Since 1967, through a continuing collaboration with the park, the school has provided natural science education for students from third grade to adults. Academic credit is available for many courses.

Natural History Field Seminars
This summer Teton Science School is offering 46 one-to-five day field seminars taught by expert instructors.

Courses include:
- Yellowstone Bears: Their Habitat and Sign — June 4-6; June 8-10
- Birds of Jackson Hole — June 10-11
- Field Botany: The Flora of the Tetons — June 12-15
- Animal Tracks and Sign: Signatures on the Land — June 18-21
- Mountain Building: The Formation of the Teton Range and Jackson Hole — June 24-25
- The Night Sky — July 24-27
- Entomology for Fly Fishermen — Aug. 3-6
- Restoring Wolves to Yellowstone — Aug. 10
- Outdoor Photography: Tools & Techniques of the Photoreporter — Aug. 19-25
- Edible and Medicinal Plants of the Tetons — Aug. 22-25
- Watching Wildlife: The Scientist's View — Aug. 28 - Sept. 1
- Archeology and Cultural Ecology of Jackson Hole — Aug. 28 - Sept. 1

For registration, tuition information and a free catalog, write: Teton Science School, Box 68P, Kelly, WY 83011; or call (307) 733-4765.

Indian Arts Museum

The Colter Bay Indian Arts Museum houses the David T. Vernon Collection, a spectacular assemblage of Native American artifacts. Native American art has religious significance in addition to beauty and function. The artifacts in the museum are vivid examples of the diverse art forms of American Indian peoples.

The Vernon Collection exhibits include a moccasin case, basket assembly, shield display, and pipes. Other exhibits depict art associated with warfare, bison and the horse culture. The tipi display contains artifacts associated with domestic life.

Large photochemicals on wood and plexiglas panels highlight the exhibit area. The panels were coated with photochemicals and handled like huge sheets of photo paper. Each panel was made into a developing pan by temporarily adding strips along the edges to hold developing solutions.

From June to September, interpretive activities, such as craft demonstrations by American Indian peoples and ranger-led museum tours, enhance appreciation of Indian culture.

For Your Safety

- A national park is not a place for speed. Please observe posted speed limits.
- Wear seat belts. It's the law!
- To avoid being a hazard to other vehicles, pull completely off the road when reading maps, observing wildlife, making decisions or taking pictures.
- Slow down at dawn and dusk and watch carefully for animals on the roadways.
- Road shoulders are often narrow, so treat bicycles as another car; wait for the oncoming traffic lane to clear before passing.
- Drive only on established roadways.
CAMPING IN YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

First-Come, First-Served Campsites

There are eleven campgrounds and one RV park in Yellowstone National Park. Seven campgrounds are operated by the National Park Service: Mammoth, Norris, Tower Fall, Indian Creek, Pebble Creek, Lewis Lake and Slough Creek Campgrounds. Sites at these seven campgrounds are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Reservable Campsites

TW Recreational Services operates campgrounds at Canyon, Grant Village, Bridge Bay and Madison Campgrounds and Fishing Bridge RV Park. In 1995 reservations for Bridge Bay campground may be made no more than eight weeks in advance of your camping date by calling Mistix Reservations (800) 365-2267 (outside the U.S., 619-452-5956). Mistix does not accept same-day reservations. Reservations for the other four campgrounds and Fishing Bridge RV Park may be made by contacting TW Recreational Services, P.O. Box 165, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, (307) 344-7311. Fishing Bridge RV Park is the only campground with water, sewer and electrical hookups, and is for hard-sided vehicles only—no tents or tent trailers.

Please make your reservations early and/or plan on securing your campsite as early in the day as possible. Campgrounds may fill early in the day, especially during July and August.

Camping or overnight vehicle parking in pullouts, parking areas, picnic areas or any place other than a designated campground is not allowed; there are no overflow camping facilities. However, camping is usually available in communities and forests outside the Park.

All camping is limited to 14 days between July 1 and Labor Day and to 30 days during the rest of the year. Check out time for all campgrounds 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. (family reunions or similar gatherings do not qualify). Fees range from $20 - 50 per night depending on the size of the group. Advance reservations are required and can be made beginning January 1 by contacting TW Recreational Services, P.O. Box 165, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, (307) 344-7311.