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 Tetons have touched all who have witnessed their beauty.

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 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 the parks and preservation community; and pioneer in the drive to protect America’s open space.

Please join us in protecting Grand Teton National Park by following park regulations and watching out for your own safety and the safety of others. Enjoy your visit.
### Gros Ventre Visitor Center
- **Location**: Gros Ventre Campground
- **Days** (May-Oct 15)
- **Contact**: (307) 543-3100
- **Facilities**:
  - 360 sites, dump station, first-come, first-served.

### Moose
- **Visitor Center**: Moose Visitor Center
- **Location**: Year-round
- **Days**: May 13-Oct 8
- **Contact**: (307) 739-3399
- **Services**:
  - NPS visitor center, open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. in summer, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. other seasons.
  - Information, audiovisual programs, exhibits.
  - One- and two-bedroom cabins with kitchens, located on the Snake River.
  - Located south of Jenny Lake. Very rustic accommodations.
  - 51 sites, tent only; first-come, first-served.

### Lodging
- **Dooman's Ranch**
- **Location**: Year-round
- **Days**: June 10-Sept 17
- **Contact**: (307) 732-2522
- **Services**:
  - Used for breakfast and dinner, 5:30-10 p.m.
  - Hours vary during shoulder seasons.

### Food Service
- **Dooman's Ranch Dining Post**
- **Location**: Year-round
- **Days**: May 10 a.m.-8 p.m., June 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Oct 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Contact**: (307) 732-2540
- **Services**:
  - Includes wine and beer.
  - Located at Dornan's, Bike, kayak, and canoe rentals and sales. 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

### South Jenny Lake
- **Visitor Center**: Jenny Lake Visitor Center
- **Location**: Year-round
- **Days**: May 13-Oct 8
- **Contact**: (307) 739-3594
- **Services**:
  - Located at Dornan's. Spin and fly fishing, float trips, Wyoming fishing licenses.
  - Located south of Jenny Lake, very rustic accommodations.
  - 51 sites, tent only; first-come, first-served.
  - Camping and hiking supplies, groceries, film, and gifts.
  - Shuttle and ski service to Jenny Lake. Kayak and canoe rentals available.

### Service Stations
- **Highway Station**
- **Location**: Year-round
- **Days**: Apr 30-Oct 15
- **Contact**: (307) 739-1801
- **Services**:
  - Gas, diesel, beverages, snacks, souvenirs, and firewood.
  - Located south of Jenny Lake, very rustic accommodations.
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### Food Service
- **Flagg Ranch Resort**
- **Location**: Year-round
- **Days**: May 15-Oct 9
- **Contact**: (307) 543-2831
- **Services**:
  - Home-style menu, breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
  - Located south of Jenny Lake, very rustic accommodations.
  - 51 sites, tent only; first-come, first-served.

### Other Services
- **Jackson Lake Lodge**
- **Location**: Year-round
- **Days**: May 22-Oct 1
- **Contact**: (307) 733-2415 x301
- **Services**:
  - Open daily 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Hours depend on water levels.
  - Located south of Jenny Lake, very rustic accommodations.
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### Camp Store/Gift Shops
- **Timbers Gift Store**
- **Location**: Year-round
- **Days**: May 14-Oct 15
- **Contact**: (307) 739-3399
- **Services**:
  - Open daily 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Hours vary during shoulder seasons.
  - Open daily 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Hours vary during shoulder seasons.
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### Village Station
- **Location**: Year-round
- **Days**: Apr 30-Oct 15
- **Contact**: (307) 733-2415 x301
- **Services**:
  - Open daily 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., dinner 5:30-9:30 p.m.
  - Located south of Jenny Lake, very rustic accommodations.
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### Colter Bay
- **Visitor Center & Indian Arts Museum**
- **Location**: Year-round
- **Days**: May 13-Oct 8
- **Contact**: (307) 739-5954
- **Services**:
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- **Village Station**
- **Location**: Year-round
- **Days**: May 26-Sept 10
- **Contact**: (307) 733-2415 x301
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Poorly developed, rocky soils cover most of Jackson Hole. As the climate warmed, glacial ice melted and flowed south through the valley. Floodwaters washed away topsoil and left behind glacial outwash plains of sand, gravel, and cobbles. Sagebrush, grasses, and wildflowers have adapted to thrive in this rocky, semi-arid landscape. Some mammals and birds favor the sagebrush flats. Bison graze on grasses, pronghorn eat sagebrush, and sage grouse, large chicken-like birds, eat sagebrush leaves.

The Snake River continues to cut through glacial moraines and outwash plains leaving behind older river terraces that step down to the present channel. Cottonwood and spruce trees, home to bald eagles, grow along the Snake River. Beavers occasionally rear 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 handwork of glaciers on the mountains and canyons, and the old river terraces carved by the Snake River. Watch for the wildlife habitat that provides clues to the ancient processes that formed and shaped this area.

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 tapers 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.
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.

OXWORE 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.

TIMBERED ISLAND
A forested ridge southeast of Jenny Lake. Small bands of pronghorn antelope, 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 the grasses growing among the surrounding sagebrush. View wildlife from your vehicle.

MORMON ROW
East of Highway 268/89/191, 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, Uinta ground squirrels, and grasshoppers in open fields. Sage grouse, sage thrashers, and sparrows also frequent the area.

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 that line the waterway.

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. 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
Half-mile north of Moose on Highway 89/191. Several kinds of ducks feed in the side channels of the Snake River. Moose browse on willows growing along the river.

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 roads 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.

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 makes them dependent on people, and animals often bite the hand that feeds them.

Do not harass wildlife. Harassment is any human action that causes unusual behavior, or a change of behavior in an animal. Repeated encounters with people 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 limit the time you spend with wildlife, just as you would when visiting a friend’s home. Follow all park regulations and policies.

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 distinct, 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.

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.

Birdwatchers and scientists alike have become concerned about the future of migratory birds. Become involved by enjoying birds in your backyard and during your travels. At home, plant native vegetation to provide food, shelter and nest sites for migratory birds. Protect birds by keeping your cats indoors. Assist scientists measuring bird population changes by participating in bird counts and surveys, such as the annual Christmas Bird Count and the North American Migration Count. Find out about the Partners in Flight program in your home state. Use your interest and knowledge of birds to help assure their future!
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.

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 Teton 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.

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.

Spruce-fir forests are dominated by Engelmann spruce and subalpine fir and are often located at higher elevations. Moose feed extensively on subalpine fir in the winter months and elk and deer use these forests at other times during the year. Other mammals can be found here, including long-tailed weasels, pine martens, mountain lions, and the rare wolverine. Williamson's sapsuckers, hairy woodpeckers, Steller's and gray jays, olive-sided flycatchers, and mountain chickadees are among the birds occupying this forest type.

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 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.

WETLAND COMMUNITIES
Wetland 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.
Self-Guiding Trails around the Park

Sample the cultural history, natural history, and mystery of Jackson Hole. Obtain trail guides at 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 (2.6 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.

FLAGS 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.

MENDON’S FERRY TRAIL
A ½-mile loop begins at the Chapel of the Transfiguration parking lot in Moose, and passes Bill Menden’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 3,028-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 0.6-mile. Wayside exhibits explain 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 0.5-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.

Young Naturalists!

- Earn a patch or badge
- For kids of all ages
- $1 donation

Pick up the Grand Adventure newspaper at any visitor center. Attend a ranger-led Young Naturalist program (for kids age 8-12). Programs are provided at Colter Bay and Moose.

This is Bear Country

A FED BEAR IS A DEAD BEAR
Bears become aggressive after even one encounter with human food. Unfortunately, people often feed bears without realizing it. Bears often get food from backpacks and coolers that are left unattended in campgrounds or along trails. Remember, bears can be anywhere in the park at any time, even if you can’t see them. Help keep park bears wild and safe. Keep your food items safe from bears by locking them in your car or a bear box. Failure to follow 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, containers, 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 pans 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 quietly 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.

Help Save Our Bears!

Help us keep our bears wild and healthy. Don’t leave backpacks, coolers, or bags containing food unattended for ANY amount of time. Take them with you or put them in a car or bear box. Even food that is left out accidentally can mean removal or death for a bear.

- 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.

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## Walks & Hikes

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<td>Inspiration Point Hike</td>
<td>Learn about the creation of this magnificent landscape on a hike to Hidden Falls and a viewpoint above Jenny Lake. We will take the boat across Jenny Lake. This activity is first-come, first-served and is limited to 25. Please obtain a token for each member of your group at the Jenny Lake Visitor Center prior to meeting the ranger. Boat Fare (Roundtrip One-Way): adult $9/$5, child (5-12) $5/$4, and under free. Roundtrip Distance: 2 miles. Difficulty: Moderate uphill. Time: 2½ hours.</td>
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<td>Discover the story of Menor's Ferry Historic District and find out how early settlers crossed the Snake River on a cable ferry. Wheelchair accessible trail. Difficulty: Easy. Time: 45 minutes.</td>
<td>Menor's Ferry Dock</td>
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<td>Children 8-12 years old are invited to explore the natural world of Grand Teton with a ranger. Make reservations at the Moose, Jenny Lake, or Colter Bay visitor centers. Wear old clothes and bring water, rain gear, insect repellent, and curiosity. Parents, please pick up your children promptly at 3 p.m. at the same location. Group size 12. Roundtrip Distance: 2 miles. Difficulty: Easy. Time: 1½ hours.</td>
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<td>Murie Ranch Tour</td>
<td>Explore the historic Murie Ranch with Murie Center staff. Tours are 40 minutes in duration and include about 1-mile of walking. The Murie Ranch is a National Historic Landmark, honoring the contributions of Adolph, Olaus, and Margaret (Mardy) Murie to wildlife science and conservation. Free, advance reservation required. Phone the Murie Center at 739-2246 to sign up and for directions. Roundtrip Distance: 3 mile. Time: 40 minutes. Difficulty: Easy.</td>
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<td>Swan Lake Hike</td>
<td>Unravel mysteries and sharpen your senses as you hike with a ranger through forest, meadows and along ponds east of Colter Bay. Bring water, binoculars, camera, rain gear and insect repellent. Roundtrip Distance: 3 miles. Time: 3 hours.</td>
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### Visitor Centers

- **Moose Visitor Center (307) 739-3399**
  - Located at Moose, 1/2 mile west of Moose Junction on the Teton Park Road.
  - Open daily.
  - Through June 4 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - June 5-Sept 4 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
  - After Sept 4 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- **Jenny Lake Visitor Center**
  - Located 8 miles north of Moose Junction on the Teton Park Road.
  - May 14-June 4 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
  - June 5-Sept 4 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
  - Sept 5-Sept 30 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- **Colter Bay Visitor Center & Indian Arts Museum (307) 739-3346**
  - Located 1/2 mile west of Colter Bay on Highway 89/191/287.
  - May 13-May 27 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - May 28-Sept 5 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
  - Sept 6-Oct 9 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- **Flagg Ranch Information Station (307) 543-2372**
  - Located at Flagg Ranch, 16 miles north of Colter Bay on Highway 89/191/287.
  - June 5-Sept 4 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Indian Arts Museum

Located in the Colter Bay Visitor Center, the Indian Arts Museum houses the David T. Vernon Collection, a spectacular assemblage of American Indian artifacts. American Indian art has spiritual significance in addition to beauty and function. The artifacts in the museum are vivid examples of the diverse art forms of American Indians. From June to September, interpretive activities such as craft demonstrations by tribal members and ranger-led museum tours enhance appreciation of American Indian culture.

### Menor’s Ferry Historic District

Located just north of the Moose Visitor Center. Includes a self-guiding path and the historic Menor’s General Store, which is open daily 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from May 23 through September 26. The ferry operates when water levels and staffing allow. Inquire at the Moose Visitor Center.

### Artists in the Environment

Jackson Hole attracts artists from all over the world. This summer you can observe professional artists demonstrating their techniques and capturing the essence of Grand Teton National Park. Check at visitor centers for demonstration times and locations. Sponsored by Grand Teton Natural History Association. Program dates: June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9.

### Writers in the Environment

Local writers will share their talents by offering writing exercises for park visitors in various areas of the park. All workshop leaders are inspiring writers and teachers who draw on the natural and cultural values of the park in their published works. Check at visitor centers for times and locations. Sponsored by Grand Teton Natural History Association. Program dates: June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9.
## Wildflowers

During late spring and summer, colorful wildflowers provide breathtaking displays throughout the park. Blooming follow snowmelt, so the show moves upslope as the season progresses.

June brings flowers to the southern half of Jackson Hole—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 lupines, a member of the pea family, flower along streams.

During July, the meadows along Highway 89/91/287 north of Colter Bay, and those near Two Ocean Lake, reach peak flowering. Look for yellow mountain sunflowers, pink mountain hollyhock, purple lupines, pink sticky geraniums, and purple upland larkspur.

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 daisies, and lavender asters. Along canyon streams, the vegetation is lush and includes deep purple monolish and tall cow parsnip, with its immense, flat-topped white flower clusters. Cannons with especially magnificent wildflower displays include Upper-Open, Cascade, and aptly named Paintbrush.

In high alpine areas above tree line, the flowers are diminutive, but worth stooping for. Alpine flowers grow in ground-hugging cushions to avoid wind and to cope with cold temperatures and the short growing season. Look for pink moss campion and blue alpine forget-me-not, the official flower of Grand Teton National Park. 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 spectacular displays of wildflowers due to increased access to sunlight and the fertilizing effect of nitrogen-rich ash. At the Taggart Lake area, three miles north of Moose, a fire burned in 1985 and today wildflowers bloom amid stands of aspen saplings and numerous young lodgepole pines. Look for magenta fireweed, yellow heartleaf arnica, and flowering shrubs, especially pink spreading dognone and snowbrush ceanothus, with its sweet-scented blossoms.

Sections of the Rockefeller Parkway burned in 1999 when a number of fires ignited 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 starting in June, 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.

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## Noxious Weeds Threaten Native Plants

Noxious weeds present a serious threat to the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem by replacing native plant communities, degrading wildlife habitat and, in the case of saltcedar, using large amounts of a limited supply of water. This is why we need your help identifying noxious weeds throughout Grand Teton National Park. The three species described here currently occur in low populations; early identification of any new infestations will be crucial to our eradication efforts.

If you spot the following weeds, especially outside of the areas listed, please report their exact location at a visitor center. Please do not attempt to remove these weeds yourself. All of these species are capable of reproducing from their roots and pulling them can break the roots, aiding in their spread.

### Leafy Spurge

**St. John’s Wort**

- **Grows to three feet tall in dense stands.**
- **Yellow flowers with five petals and many stamens appear in early summer.**
- The leaves of St. John’s Wort provide a very handy identification tool — if held up to a light source, tiny transparent dots are visible (see picture). Most infestations are located in the southern area of the park along the Moose-Wilson Road.

### Saltcedar (tamarisk)

- **Small shrubs or trees with small leaves that are alternate, overlap each other and appear scale-like (similar to a cedar tree or juniper).**
- Flowers are borne in finger-like clusters and are small, pink to white and have five petals. Saltcedar has replaced native riparian vegetation in areas throughout the West, especially along the Colorado River system. Small infestations have been found along the Snake River and any sightings should be reported immediately.

### Leafy Spurge

- **Grows to three feet tall.**
- **Paired, heart-shaped, yellow-green bracts support yellow-green flowers.**
- **Leaves are narrow and arranged alternately along thickly clustered stems.**
- **One key to identification is to break the plant along the stem.**
- It will contain a milky juice (latex) similar to a dandelion. The only known infestation in the park is near the Granite Entrance Station.
Along with protecting significant natural and cultural features and providing for their enjoyment, Congress recognized the value of national parks as some of the world's most important outdoor laboratories. Grand Teton National Park is no exception in providing an unparalleled research setting. As part of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, Grand Teton is an integral component of the world's largest intact temperate ecosystem. Below are just a few of the park's dozens of on-going research projects that are conducted by park staff, universities, and private research institutions. The results of these studies and many others like them furnish park managers with critical information needed for long-term conservation planning.

POPULATION STRUCTURE, HABITAT USE, AND DISTRIBUTION OF GRIZZLY BEARS
Ten years ago, grizzly bears, a threatened species, were rarely seen in Grand Teton. Today, however, they are common, especially in the northern half of the park. As part of an ecosystem effort, this project aims to determine the health of the grizzly population, their distribution in the park, and which habitats are most important. Information from this study will help managers protect important habitats and plan for visitor use patterns that minimize disturbance to grizzlies.

BRUCELLOSIS IN BISON
Since at least 1935, some bison and elk in the Yellowstone ecosystem have had brucellosis, a disease brought to the U.S. by cattle imported from Europe. While the disease is relatively unimportant in wildlife, it can devastate domestic cattle herds. Because a small potential exists for bison or elk to transmit the disease to uninfected cattle, researchers are interested in several aspects of how the disease exists and is transmitted among wild bison. The results of this project will help managers avoid conflicts with cattle that graze on public lands.

WOLVES ARE HERE!
Wolves were restored to Yellowstone National Park in 1995 after being eliminated in the early 1900s. The reintroduction of wolves is part of the larger goal of the recovery and conservation of endangered species in the U.S. The Yellowstone-Grand Teton population now consists of over 200 wolves. In the winter of 1998-99 three groups of wolves frequented Grand Teton National Park. Two of these groups stayed in the area and produced pups—the first wolves to den in Jackson Hole in 50 years!

WOLVERINE ECOLOGY
This elusive predator is believed to occur in low densities in the park. Researchers will attempt to determine the status and distribution of the wolverine in this part of the Yellowstone ecosystem, and how it responds to visitor use patterns. Park managers will use information obtained by this study to develop plans and take necessary steps for long-term wolverine conservation.

Path of the Pronghorn
Migration is considered by many to be one of the most interesting ecological adaptations in the animal kingdom. The pronghorn that summer in Jackson Hole have the second largest terrestrial mammal migration remaining in the Western Hemisphere.

Wolverines are believed to occur in low densities in the park. Researchers will attempt to determine the status and distribution of these animals in the Yellowstone ecosystem, and how they respond to visitor use patterns. Park managers will use information obtained from this study to develop plans and take necessary steps for long-term wolverine conservation.

Using Global Positioning Systems to Track Bear Movements

Grand Teton National Park biologists are using Global Positioning System (GPS) technology to track the movements of bears. The study, which has been made possible by financial assistance from the National Park Foundation, will provide park managers with a better understanding of how human activities affect bears, and provide them with the tools necessary to assure long-term conservation of their populations.

The red dots on the map show locations of an adult female black bear fitted with a GPS radio collar from August 2000 to June 2001. This bear lived in the Jenny Lake area and became a nuisance bear after learning to seek human foods that were stored improperly. After her first small human food reward, she quickly became more aggressive in her raids, ripping into tents that contained food, breaking into coolers left in canoes, and stealing unattended daypacks. During the summer of 2000, she taught her two cubs these same behaviors.

In an effort to break this pattern, the entire family was trapped and moved to a remote area of the park in August of that year. Unfortunately, the bears quickly returned to their home range near Jenny Lake, and resumed their unnatural way of life. Disturbingly, it was the continued availability of unsecured human foods, in spite of an escalated ranger patrol and education program, that made this possible. By the end of the summer of 2002, all three bears were dead. One cub died of natural causes soon after emerging from the family's den—possibly because of poor nutrition the previous year. The other cub and its mother were both destroyed after their aggressive actions became a threat to human safety.

Monitoring this bear family reaffirmed that moving problem bears seldom resolves a bad situation, and highlighted the need for visitors to keep food secure at all times. It also provided insights into habitat characteristics that are important for bears. Using this and similar information from other bears, park managers will employ measures to minimize bear-human conflicts and help assure bear populations remain wild and healthy.
Talks & Evening Programs

See page A for visitor center information and a list of walks and talks offered throughout the park. Additional ranger activities will be offered during the summer. Check at a visitor center for special hikes and programs not listed here.

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<td>Moose Visitor Center</td>
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<td>Jenny Lake Cruise</td>
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<td>Join a ranger for a relaxing one-hour, scenic boat cruise on Jenny Lake. For reservations call Teton Boating at (307) 734-9227. The cruise costs $14 for adults and $7 for ages 5-12.</td>
<td>South Jenny Lake Boat Dock</td>
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<td>Tour a spectacular collection of American Indian art and artifacts while learning about the native people who made them. 45 minutes.</td>
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<td>Wondering what to do and see in the park? Join a ranger for some great ideas. 30 minutes. Wheelchair accessible.</td>
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<td>Join the ranger on the back deck of Jackson Lake Lodge for answers to your questions about Grand Teton National Park. Look through the spotting scope at some of the best bird and moose habitat in the park. ALL VISITORS ARE INVITED. Wheelchair accessible.</td>
<td>Jackson Lake Lodge Back Deck</td>
<td>June 5-Sep 4, Anytime from 6:30-8 p.m.</td>
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<td>Jackson Lake Lodge Wapiti Room</td>
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<td>Gather around the campfire for a traditional ranger talk. Topics and location of campfire program are posted at Flagg Ranch Information Station, Lodge, and campground.</td>
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<td>Join the ranger for this 1½-hour boat cruise on Jackson Lake. Learn how forest fires and glaciers have shaped the landscape. Contact the Colter Bay Marina (543-2811) for fare information. Advance ticket purchase required to assure seating. The cruise may be cancelled due to low water level or weather.</td>
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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 their own food. This natural process ensures 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. Sturdy footwear is essential. Know your limitations when traveling in the backcountry. If you are traveling alone, bring a friend or relative who knows your planned destination, route, and expected time of return. It 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, mosquitoes 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 parks.

JACKSON LAKE

Continuous drought conditions are causing low water levels in Jackson Lake. Contact visitor centers for information on the availability of services at Lea’s Marina and Colter Bay Marina. Low water levels will increase the risk of boats striking submerged objects and landforms that are normally well beneath the surface. Use caution when boating.

BOATING

Motorboats are prohibited on Jenny (on horsepower maximum), Jackson, and Phelps lakes. Human-powered vessels are permitted on Jackson, Jenny, Phelps, Emma Matilda, Teo 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 $10 for a 30-day permit and $40 for an annual permit; for nonmotorized 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 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 ($40 for a 7-day permit, $60 for an annual permit) of non-motorized vessels is required and may be completed at the Moose Visitor Center or Colter Bay Visitor Center. Review the launch site bulletin boards for current river conditions. On the surface, the Snake does not seem very powerful, but only experiencedfloaters should attempt this swift, cold river that has many braided channels and debris jams.

BACKPACKING

Grand Teton National Park has more than 1,000 miles of trails of varying difficulty. Obtain the required, 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 from January 1 - May by renting the park; there is a fee of $5 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 or designated fire rings, unless fire restrictions are in effect. A permit may be obtained for campfires below the high water line in Lake at the Colter Bay Visitor Center. 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; however, the lake has 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 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 late May to mid-September by climbing instructors who can provide up-to-date weather and route conditions. Registration is not required for day climbs and 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 a friend at home and alert friends or family before climbing and backcountry travel is not advised.

BICYCLES

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 on 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 southern entrance of Yellowstone National Park to the south boundary of Grand Teton National Park is 56 miles, or 45 minutes by car. So plan to stop 1 1/2 hours. Please follow posted speed limits, watch for wildlife on roads, and be prepared for occasional delays due to road construction.

Menor’s Ferry/Chapel of the Transfiguration

Turn off the park road 2 1/2 miles of Moose. The Menor’s Ferry Trail, less than 1/2-mile long, affords 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 of the Transfiguration frames the tallest Tetons peak.

Antelope Flats/Kelly Loop

At the Antelope Flats turnoff, 5 miles south of Moose Junction on Highway 268/89/191, turn east. Follow the road to the small town of Kelly. To see the Gros Ventre Slide, turn at the sign marked “Gros Ventre Natural Forest Access.” The Gros Ventre Slide occurred in 1887 when earthquakes and rain caused the north end of Sheep Mountain to slide and dam the Gros Ventre River, forming Lower Slide Lake. Follow the Antelope Flats Road along abandoned hayfields and ranches to rendezvous Highway 268/89/191.

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, 805 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. Trailers or large motor homes are not permitted.

Jackson Lake Dam Overlook

Jackson Lake Dam, one mile west of Jackson Lake Junction on the park road, raises the level of Jackson Lake a maximum of 39 feet. In addition to having a magnificent view, Jackson Lake is also a natural lake formed by an immense glacier that once flowed from the Yellowstone plateau. Park on the southwest side of the dam and take a short walk for a perfect view of Jackson Lake and Mt. Moran.

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 prominent peak in the Teton Range, dominates the background.

Willow Flats

Stop at the Willow Flats Turnout, six miles south of Colter Bay for a view of an extensive wetlands that provides excellent habitat for birds, boulevards, and moon. Jackson Lake and the Tetons Range form the backdrop.

Colter Bay Visitor Center/Indian Arts Museum

Visit the museum to view art created by native people and get a glimpse of nineteenth-century Native American life. Native American and wildlife videotapes are shown throughout the day.

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 easy and simple 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 concessionaires operate trips on the Snake River in late May to mid-September by booking clients who can provide up-to-date weather and route conditions. Registration is not required for day climbs and cross-country hiking.

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Flats-Kelly is good for friends and families. Safe, slow, and easy, the parkway and backcountry travel is not advised.

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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 bicycles only where cars can legally go. Bicycles are not allowed on trails or in the backcountry.

Horseback Riding

Park concessionaires offer horseback rides at Colter Bay, Jackson Lake Lodge, and Flagg Ranch.
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.

**Campgrounds**

The campground fee 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 seven 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 roadways, 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 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 112 sites. Flagg Ranch has 100 trailer and 74 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 for 2006 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 help keep Grand Teton clean and pleasant for other campers.

**Water Warning**

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. Giardia, 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.

**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 2006

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 percent of the fees collected in the park to address the backlog of projects. In 2006, 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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**Allows entrance to Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks for 7 days.**

**Golden Eagle Passport $85**

*Allows entrance to most national park areas and some other federal fee areas for 12 months from purchase; non-transferable.*

**National Parks Pass $50**

*Allows entrance to most national park areas for 12 months from purchase; non-transferable.*

**Parks Specific Pass $40**

*Allows entrance to Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks for 12 months from purchase; non-transferable.*

**Golden Age Passport $10 (one-time fee)**

*Allows lifetime entrance to all National Park System areas to American citizens 62 years old or older; non-transferable.*

**Golden Access Passport - Free**

*Allows lifetime entrance to all National Park System areas to American citizens who can provide proof of permanent disability; non-transferable.*

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**Park Partners**

**Grand Teton National History Association**

Established in 1957 the park’s primary partner to increase public understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of Grand Teton National Park and the Greater Yellowstone area. Since that time, the Association has been aiding the interpretive, educational, and research programs of Grand Teton National Park. The Association has grown to operate interpretive and educational bookstores in five outlets in Grand Teton National Park and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, and several outlets in Bridger-Teton National Forest, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, and National Elk Refuge information facilities. When you make a purchase at an Association bookstore, profits are returned to the park in the form of donations to support park programs. Your purchase also supports the publication of this newspaper, books, and the free educational handouts available at visitor centers and entrance stations.

**The Tetson Science Schools**

The Tetson Science Schools, founded in 1967, provide and encourage 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 Tetson Science Schools are offering 37 field seminars for adults and seven seminars for families. Workshops and seminars for teachers and other professionals are also offered.

**The Murie Center**

The Murie Center is a nonprofit organization located on the historic Murie Ranch, home of famed conservationist Teddy Roosevelt. 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.

**The AMK Research Station**

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 pre-determined 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/gttr/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 Schools
A prescribed fire was completed west of the Teton Science Schools 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 seedings 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 regrown.

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 cinquefoil. 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.

Fire can be an effective disturbance that rejuvenates vegetation and is critical in maintaining the natural sequence of plant communities known as succession. During a fire, competing trees are removed, allowing new seedlings to thrive.

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) 344-7281
Visitor Information TDD only ................................... (307) 344-5395
Xanterra Parks & Resorts ........................................ (307) 344-5437

Visitor Services

Yellowstone Roads

SPRING 2006 OPENING SCHEDULE
Spring weather is unpredictable; roads may be closed temporarily due to 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 21 Mammoth to Old Faithful, Madison Junction to West Entrance
April 21 Norris Junction to Canyon
May 5 Canyon to Lake, Lake to East Entrance
May 12 Lake to South Entrance, West Thumb to Old Faithful, Tower Junction to Tower Fall
May 26 Beartooth Highway, Tower Fall to Chittenden Road Canyon Junction

CONSTRUCTION

- Eleanor Lake to the East Entrance will be open 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. with half hour delays, closed nightly 8 p.m. - 8 a.m. daily.
- Beartooth Highway (US 242): Half hour delays but no closures

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

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911 Other variables. Check at park entrance stations and visitor centers for updated information.

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Visitor Services

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Old Faithful Inn
(undergoing renovation) ............ June 26-Oct 10
Old Faithful Snow Lodge.............. May 6 - Oct 23
Old Faithful Lodge ....................... May 5 - Sept 17
Grant Village ........................... May 6 - Oct 3
Lake Yellowstone Hotel ............... May 19 - Oct 10
Lake Lodge ............................. June 10 - Sept 24
Canyon Lodge .......................... June 2 - Sept 17
Roosevelt Lodge ......................... June 9 - Sept 4
Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel ......... May 12 - Oct 9

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.

PUBLIC SHOWERS

Showers are available to the public (fee charged) at Old Faithful Lodge, Grant Village Campground, Fishing Bridge RV Park, Canyon Campground and Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel during the summer season.

VISITOR CENTERS AND MUSEUMS

Information, exhibits, movies/videos, and ranger programs are available. For details visit www.nps.gov/yell or www.travelyellowstone.com.

Camping in Yellowstone

FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED CAMPSITES

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

RESERVABLE CAMPSITES

Reservations for campgrounds at Canyon, Grant Village, Bridge Bay and Madison campgrounds and Fishing Bridge RV Park may be made by contacting (307) 344-7281, Fishing Bridge RV Park is the only campground with water, sewers 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 parking vehicle 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 July 1 and September 4 and to 30 days during the rest of the year, except at Fishing Bridge RV Park (no limit). Check out time for all campgrounds is a 10 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 $4-$9 per night depending on the size of the group. Advance reservations are required and can be made year-round by writing to & Resort, P.O. Box 106, Yellowstone NP, Wyoming 82190 or by calling (307) 344-9437.
Road improvements will take place in Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks throughout the 2006 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.

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 passing. 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 containers are located at visitor centers, stores, lodges, and in campgrounds. Items collected include aluminum and tin cans, glass and plastic bottles as well as small propane fuel cylinders. Batteries can also be recycled at many stores. Additional items may be recycled in select areas, check at park visitor centers for more information.

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