Welcome to Grand Teton National Park

FEW LANDSCAPES IN THE WORLD are as striking and memorable as that of Grand Teton National Park. Rising abruptly from the valley floor, the Teton Range offers a testament to the power and complexity of nature. The mountains, valleys, lakes, rivers and skies are home to diverse and abundant plants and animals.

People have been living in the shadow of the Teton Range for more than 11,000 years. The human history of this area is extensive, beginning with American Indian prehistoric life, continuing with the early Euro-American explorers, the more recent frontier settlement and today’s adventure seekers.

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

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

While you are here, take a moment to put your cares aside: take a scenic drive, celebrate winter by skiing or snowshoeing, 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.

Winter Wildlife

LIVING WITH WILDLIFE challenges all of us. Whether you visit Grand Teton National Park on vacation or live in the valley of Jackson Hole, encountering wildlife in their own environment is thrilling and potentially dangerous.

Winter poses special challenges for wildlife—both predator and prey. Snow buries food, temperatures plummet and traveling through deep snow is difficult. Wildlife survive the harsh winter by adapting. Some animals migrate, some hibernate and some simply endure.

Grand Teton National Park closes key wildlife habitat areas to all travelers during winter. The corridor along the Snake River is closed from December 15 until April 1, and several high peaks are closed from December 1 until April 1. Check the map on page 4 for more information. These areas are closed to allow wildlife a place where they will remain undisturbed.

Look for wildlife during your visit, observing and remembering the spectacular environment is thrilling and potentially dangerous.

Bears usually hibernate from December or January into March, but the timing varies depending on the weather and food availability.

Whatever brings you to this special place, remember the spectacular mountains and diverse wildlife you encounter during your time here.
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Average Weather

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Make the Most of Your Winter Park Visit

VISITOR INFORMATION

Between November 1, 2014 to March 1, 2015 all visitor centers in the park are closed. The Craig Thomas Discovery & Visitor Center will reopen March 2.

Activities

RANGER-GUIDED SNOWSHOE WALKS

Are you curious about winter ecology or snow science? Would you like to experience the park in winter? A snowshoe walk with a interpretive ranger is the perfect introduction to winter in Grand Teton National Park and to travel on snowshoes. The park offers a two-hour guided snowshoe walk from the Taggart Lake Trailhead Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, at 1:30 pm beginning December 27th through mid-March (conditions permitting). Call (307) 739-3399 for reservations.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING & SNOWSHOEING

Experience the exhilaration of winter on cross-country skis or snowshoes. Let’s Get Moving in Grand Teton National Park.

FALL ELK REDUCTION

Congress authorized an elk reduction program in some areas of the park for herd management when the park expanded in 1950. The reduction program ends on December 7, 2014. Call (307) 739-3399 for additional information.

WILDLIFE VIEWING

Maintain a distance of at least 100 yards from bears and wolves, and 25 yards from all other animals whether on foot or in your vehicle. Obey all wildlife closures (page 4). Are you curious about winter ecology or snow science?

WINTER SAFETY

• Protect yourself. Know your equipment, capabilities and limitations.
• Ski or snowshoe in GROUPS. Always tell someone your route, destination, and expected return time.
• HYPO THERMIA is a common cause of human fatality in mountain country. Carry extra clothing and dress to prevent hypothermia. Never leave a member of your party alone. If anyone in your group begins to act or talk abnormally, have them put on more clothing and drink warm liquids. Learn about treating hypothermia before your trip.
• Be prepared for sudden changes in the weather and snow conditions. A winter weather forecast may vary considerably throughout the day and with increasing elevation. Check the weather forecast before you venture out, and above all use common sense.
• Be cautious in AVALANCHE terrain, such as mountain summits and crossing “exposed slopes.” The Bridger-Teton National Forest Avalanche Center posts a daily avalanche forecast at: www.jhavalanche.org or call (307) 733-2664.
• Take the following essential WINTER GEAR on any excursion: water bottle, high energy snacks, first aid kit, extra clothing including a hat and gloves, sunscreen and sunglasses, map and compass, flashlight, and a repair kit.

WINTER CAMPING

Backcountry camping is allowed in Grand Teton National Park. For current information, visit: www.nps.gov/grte/planyourvisit/winter.

SNOWMOBILING

Snowmobile use is limited in Grand Teton National Park. For more information, visit: www.nps.gov/grte/planyourvisit/winter.htm.

FISHING

Fishing in Grand Teton National Park is subject to Wyoming state regulations. A Wyoming fishing license is required in the park and parkway. Obey wildlife closures along the Snake River.

BAC K COUNTRY SKIING & SNOWBOARDING

Jackson Hole is world-renowned for skiing. Few places provide the scenery, variety of terrain, ease of access and challenging lines found in the park’s backcountry.

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Safety and Regulations

Climbing Guides

Exum Mountain Guides
(307) 733-2297
Open year-round
www.exumguides.com

Jackson Hole Mountain Guides
(307) 335-2979
(800) 239-7642
Open year-round
www.jhmg.com

Teton Backcountry Guides
(307) 355-2900
www.jhavalanche.org

Winter Lodging

Triangle X Ranch
Open: late December to late March
(307) 733-2183
www.trianglex.com

Headwaters Lodge & Cabins
at Flagg Ranch
Open December 18, 2014 to March 2, 2015
(307) 733-3316
www.trianglex.com

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Additional accommodations available in Jackson, Wilson and Teton Village. For more information, visit the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce website: www.jacksonholechamber.com or call (307) 733-3116.
Jenny Lake Renewal Project

INSPIRING JOURNEYS
A CAMPAIGN for
JENNY LAKE

MILLIONS OF PEOPLE from around the world visit Grand Teton National Park each year to experience its stunning scenery, incredible hiking, unsurpassed geology and abundant wildlife. Seventy percent of visitors stop at Jenny Lake, making it the park’s most popular destination.

Unfortunately, high visitation has led to degradation of the Jenny Lake area. Trails, bridges and facilities are in poor condition. Hikers have denuded areas resulting in erosion that threatens fragile habitats. Past efforts addressed some needs, but much can be done to improve the visitor experience. More than ever, national parks must model how to address these needs, Grand Teton National Park and Grand Teton National Park Foundation initiated Inspiring Journeys: A Campaign for Jenny Lake. The purpose of this campaign is to create a cohesive, durable, timeless, and beautifully constructed complex of trails, bridges and facilities around Jenny Lake. The quality, scale and character of the project will complement this historic and spectacular area, elevate visitor experiences and protect fragile resources. Inspiring Journeys will transform the built environment at Jenny Lake addressing and repairing natural resource damage.

The Foundation’s $13 million campaign, along with $3 million in park-funds, will allow for far-reaching improvements at Jenny Lake. Fund-raising is targeted for completion by August 25, 2016, the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. As of September 2014, the Foundation has raised $9.2 million toward the goal.

For more information on Inspiring Journeys: A Campaign for Jenny Lake, please visit www.gtnpf.org.

Moving Forward

MOOSE-WILSON CORRIDOR
Grand Teton National Park is planning for the future of the Moose-Wilson corridor. This 10,300 acre corridor is in the park’s southwest corner and features a remarkable variety of natural communities, cultural and wilderness resources. Enjoy an interactive field trip through the corridor: www.nps.gov/features/gtnf/moosewilson/efTour.html

Developing a comprehensive management plan for the Moose-Wilson corridor is critical to ensure the protection of key resources, values, and your experience. This past summer the park conducted visitor surveys within the corridor to determine perceptions of issues, problems and desired experience. Review and comment: go.nps.gov/mwpplan. Learn more and stay connected: go.nps.gov/moose-wilson.

Go Digital

SOCIAL MEDIA
Like us on Facebook to get park updates, or share photos and your thoughts with our friends: www.facebook.com/GrandTetonNPS; or follow us on Twitter: twitter.com/grandtetonmps

GRAND TETON IPHONE APP
Produced for the Grand Teton Association, the park’s official app includes essential information you need to plan your trip before leaving home: tetonapp.com.

TravelStorysGPS iPHONE APP
This free app from the Grand Teton National Park Foundation shares vivid and engaging audio stories about the history, geology, animals and activities in the park: www.gtnpf.org/TravelStorysGPS.php.

We invite you to become a member entitled to a 15% discount on purchases at all GTA visitor center outlets, as well as on catalog and website orders. Many cooperating association stores nationwide offer reciprocal discounts.

- $35 Individual Annual Member with discount privileges and a unique member gift
- $50 Family Annual Member with discount privileges and a choice of member gifts
- Additional annual memberships: $100 Supporting Membership, $250 Sustaining Membership, $500 Gold Membership with discount privileges and additional gifts
- $1000 Platinum Member, a three-year membership includes an Interagency Annual Pass ($80 value).

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with EIN 26-3008416. Donor gifts offer a helping hand to one of America’s favorite outdoor destinations. When you support trail renewal, wildlife, and outdoor education for youth, Grand Teton National Park can deliver unforgettable experiences to visitors and strengthen resources for the future.

www.gtnpf.org
Grand Teton National Park Map

**LEGEND**
- Ranger Station
- Restrooms
- Lodging
- Gasoline
- Store
- Turnout or overlook
- Distances are shown between markers
- Unpaved road
- Winter closures for wildlife protection
- OVER THE WINTER PERIOD, NON-MOTORIZED USE ONLY (NOV. THROUGH APR.)
- Bikes allowed when free of snow
- Unplowed road
- Distances are shown between markers

**ROAD CONDITIONS**
For updated road information in Grand Teton National Park call: (307) 739-3682.

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**Drive Safely!**

**WINTER DRIVING** may be challenging. Park roads are frequently covered with ice or hard-packed snow. Winter storms create white-out driving conditions. Make sure your vehicle is equipped with winter or all-season tires and carry tire chains when crossing mountain passes.

- Roads may be icy or snow-covered, drive below the speed limit when conditions warrant.
- Watch for wildlife on the roadway, especially in the morning and evening.
- Carry an emergency kit and a shovel in your vehicle. Snowstorms may occur at any time. Roads may close at any time for visitor safety.
- Always wear your seat belt.
- Be prepared for changing weather conditions.

**Accessible Roads During Winter**
The park’s main roadways, Highway 26/89/191 and Highway 26/287, are plowed and open for winter travel.

**Seasonal Road Closures**
Much of the Teton Park Road and the Moose-Wilson Road are closed to motorized vehicles during the winter months. See the map above for additional seasonal road closures. The unplowed section of the road from Taggart Lake trailhead parking area to Signal Mountain Lodge—a distance of 14 miles—is open to non-motorized use only (skiers, snowshoers and walkers). Snow bikes are not allowed.