Winter Wildlife

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 1 through March 31; and several high peaks are closed from December 15 through March 31. 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.

Contact Information

| Website  | www.nps.gov/grte |
| Facebook | www.facebook.com/GrandTetonNPS |
| Lost & Found | www.nps.gov/grte/planyourvisit/lost-found.htm |

Emergencies:

- Emergency .................................................. 911
- Park Dispatch ........................................... 307-739-3301
- Visitor Information ................................. 307-739-3300
- Weather ................................................. 307-739-3611
- Road Conditions ................................... 307-739-3682
- Bridger-Teton National Forest Avalanche Center .......................... 307-733-2664
- Snowshoe Hike Reservations and Information .................. 307-739-3399
- Backcountry Permit Information ........................ 307-739-3309
- TTY/TDD Emergency Calls Only .................... 307-739-3301

International Visitors

- Des renseignements en français sont disponibles aux centres des visiteurs dans le parc.
- Sie können Informationen auf Deutsch in den Besucherzentren bekommen.
- Se puede conseguir información en Español en el Centro de Visitantes.
- 国立公園案内の日本語版が各公園内のビジターセンターやでご利用できます

Accessibility information available at visitor centers and on the Grand Teton website: www.nps.gov/grte.

Snowshoe Walk

Experience winter in Grand Teton National Park. Join a ranger for a guided snowshoe walk. Walks offered, late December through mid-March, conditions permitting. See page 2.

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VISITOR INFORMATION
From November 2, 2015 through March 3, 2016 all visitor centers in the park are closed. The Craig Thomas Discovery & Visitor Center will reopen on March 4. For information, visit the park’s website: www.nps.gov/grte, or call 307-739-3399, Monday–Saturday, 10 am–4 pm.

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 the park in winter? A snowshoe walk with an interpretive ranger is the perfect introduction to winter. The park offers a two-hour guided snowshoe walk from the Taggart Lake Trailhead Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, at 1:30 pm beginning December 26th through mid-February (conditions permitting). Call 307-739-3399 for reservations.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING & SNOWSHOEING
Experience the exhilaration of winter on cross-country skis or snowshoes. From November 1 through April 30, 14 miles of the Teton Park Road from the Taggart Lake trailhead to Signal Mountain Lodge, is open for non-motorized use only (snowbikes are prohibited). Thanks to the generous support of the Grand Teton National Park Foundation and the Nordic Alliance, the Teton Park Road will be groomed twice-weekly from mid-December to mid-March (conditions permitting). Call 307-739-3682 for updates. Other places to enjoy cross-country skiing and snowshoeing include Colter Bay, Moose-Wilson Road, Taggart Lake and Flagg Ranch.

BACKCOUNTRY 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. When skiing or snowboarding in the national park backcountry you are responsible for managing your risks. If you access the park from Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, remember the park does not perform avalanche hazard reduction work. Please check the map on page 4 for wildlife closures. The Bridger-Teton National Forest Avalanche Center posts a daily avalanche forecast at www.javalanche.org or call 307-733-2664. If your plans include backcountry camping, you must obtain a backcountry permit. For more information, call 307-739-3309.

WINTER CAMPING
Park campgrounds are closed during winter. Pristine winter camping is allowed on the parking lot next to the Colter Bay Visitor Center from December 1 to April 15. Pay $5 at the self-pay station by the restroom.

SNOWMOBILING
Snowmobile use is limited in Grand Teton National Park. For current 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. Let’s Get Moving in Grand Teton National Park
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Park Concessioners & Lodging

BACKCOUNTRY SKIING/AVALANCHE EDUCATION
Exum Mountain Guides 307-733-2297
Open year-round www.exumguides.com
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort Nordic Center 307-739-2629 www.jacksonhole.com
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**Grand Teton Guide [Winter 2015-16]**

**Go Digital**

**eClimb Grand Teton**

Experience a sense of adventure climbing the Grand Teton from anywhere. Learn about the history, environment, and risks of this journey: [www.nps.gov/features/grte/grandteton/eClimb.html](http://www.nps.gov/features/grte/grandteton/eClimb.html)

**GRAND TETON iPHONE APP**

The official app for Grand Teton National Park, produced for the Grand Teton Association, includes the essential information you need to plan your trip: [tetonapp.com](http://tetonapp.com).

**Travel Stories GPS iPhone APP**

This free app from the Grand Teton National Park Foundation shares engaging audio stories about the history, geology, animals and activities in the park. Follow the Teton Park Road from Moose to Jackson Lake Lodge and learn about this magnificent park: [http://www.gtnpf.org/achievements/technology/](http://www.gtnpf.org/achievements/technology/)

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**Park Partners**

**GRAND TETON ASSOCIATION**

The Grand Teton Association was established in 1937 as the park’s primary partner to increase public understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of Grand Teton National Park and the Greater Yellowstone area. The association has long been an important bridge between visitors and the environment.

When you make a purchase at an association bookstore, you help support the educational, interpretive and scientific programs in the park including the winter Snow Desk, the NPS Academy, the Boyd Evison Graduate Research Scholarship and many other programs.

Your purchase also supports the publication of this newspaper, books and educational handouts.

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 Member, $250 Sustaining Member, $500 Gold Member with discount privileges and additional gifts
- $1000 Platinum Member, a three-year membership includes an Interagency Annual Pass (see page 2)

**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.

The Moose-Wilson Road dissects the corridor and is the primary access to several park destinations, including Death Canyon and Granite Canyon trailheads, Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve, White Grass Ranch and Murie Ranch historic districts.

Within a wildlife-migration corridor, the Moose-Wilson Road also provides outstanding wildlife viewing opportunities for a number of iconic mammal and bird species.

Developing a comprehensive management plan for the Moose-Wilson corridor is critical to ensure the protection of key resources, values, and your experience. Follow the planning process by visiting: parkplanning.nps.gov/MooseWilson, or discover the corridor through an interactive “eXperience” online field trip by visiting: [www.nps.gov/features/grte/moosewilson/](http://www.nps.gov/features/grte/moosewilson/). The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the corridor was released in late-October with a 60 day public comment period.

**Jenny Lake Renewal Project**

**Inspiring Journeys: A Campaign for Jenny Lake**

**WHAT IS INSPIRING JOURNEYS?**

A $17 million collaboration between Grand Teton National Park and its fundraising partner, Grand Teton National Park Foundation. The project is greatly improving trail conditions in the backcountry and adding overlooks, restrooms and interpretive information in the front country visitor plaza.

**GET INVOLVED**

Over $12.5 million has been raised to date toward the Foundation’s $14 million goal. Grand Teton will contribute $3 million to the project. Gifts of $25,000 and above will be recognized in the Jenny Lake visitor plaza. Campaign ends August 25, 2016.

JOIN THE EFFORT to improve the Jenny Lake area for millions who will visit. You can give at [www.gtnpf.org](http://www.gtnpf.org), contact Grand Teton National Park Foundation at 307-732-0629, or text JENNY to 20222 to contribute $10.

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**A Grand Partnership**

**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.**

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307-732-0629

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**Grand Teton Association**

P.O. Box 249, Moose, WY 83012

307-732-0629

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**Teton Science Schools**

700 Coyote Road, Jackson, WY 83001

307-733-3133

[www.tetonscience.org](http://www.tetonscience.org)

**The Murie Center**

P.O. Box 399, Moose, WY 83012

307-733-2246

[www.muriecenter.org](http://www.muriecenter.org)

**University of Wyoming/AMK Research Station**

Department 1666 1080 E. University Ave.

Laramie, WY 82071 [www.uwyo.edu](http://www.uwyo.edu)
Drive Safely!

WINTER DRIVING can 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 can 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 can 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.