Welcome to the World's First National Park

Yellowstone National Park was established in 1872, originally to protect the unique geysers, hot springs, and other hydrothermal features. Yellowstone also is a refuge for wildlife. Look for bears, wolves, elk, and other animals as you explore the park. Autumn is the rutting (mating) season for elk—listen for the males' bellows, enjoy the show, but be very careful. Elk can be especially aggressive this time of year. Other wildlife watching tips and wildlife information are available in Yellowstone Tracker, a free publication available at visitor centers and information stations.

Protect yourself and wild animals by
* staying at least 25 yards away from all animals except...
* staying at least 100 yards away from BEARS...
* and never feeding any animal.

For more safety tips, see page 2.
Be Safe & Legal—Read This Page

CAUTION: SCALDING WATER

Beautiful but deadly: Yellowstone’s hydrothermal features can kill you. Their waters are frequently near or above boiling. Their crust is thin, breaks easily, and often overlies scalding water. People have died in these pools.

- You must stay on boardwalks and designated trails. They protect you and preserve delicate formations.
- Keep your children close to you at all times; make sure they understand the danger.
- Pets are prohibited in hydrothermal areas.
- Swimming or bathing is prohibited in hydrothermal pools or streams where water flows entirely from a hydrothermal spring or pool.
- Where swimming is allowed, swim at your own risk. Yellowstone’s natural waters tend to be very hot or very cold, and immersion in extreme temperature water can be fatal. Thermal water can also harbor organisms that cause a fatal menigitis infection and Legionnaires’ disease. Exposing your head to thermal water by immersion, splashing, touching your face, or inhaling steam increases your risk of burns and infection. Obtain more information at any ranger station or visitor center.

Stay Away from Wildlife

Yellowstone is not a zoo and the animals are not tame. Do not approach any wildlife. View them from the safety of your vehicle. If an animal reacts to your presence, you are too close.

BISON are unpredictable and dangerous; they weigh up to 2,000 pounds (900 kg) and sprint 30 miles per hour (48 kph). Visitors are injured every year.

COYOTES quickly learn habits like roadside feeding. This may lead to aggressive behavior toward humans and can increase the risk of the coyote being poached or hit by a vehicle.

BEARS live throughout the park. Be alert for tracks, do not approach carcasses, and avoid surprising bears in any location or situation.

More About Bears

Page 7, “Hiking and Camping in Bear Country,” provides important information on precautions and what to do if you encounter a bear.

If precautions fail and you are charged, bear pepper spray is a good last defense. (Personal self-defense pepper spray is not effective.) Become familiar with bear pepper spray, read instructions, and know its limitations. It must be instantly available, not in your pack. Remember, carrying this spray is not a substitute for vigilance and good safety precautions.

If you are injured by a bear (regardless of how minor), or if you observe a bear or bear tracks, report it to a park ranger as soon as possible. Someone’s safety may depend on it.

Know These Numbers

25 = the number of YARDS you must stay away from all wildlife—except...
100 = the number of YARDS you must stay away from a bear
45 = the maximum speed limit in the park unless otherwise posted
911 = the number to call in an emergency

Fishing & Boating

Fishing, boating, and using float tubes require permits. Regulations and seasonal restrictions apply to fishing. See page 6 and the park fishing regulations.

Backcountry Permits

Permits are required for overnight backcountry use. See page 7 for more information.

Bicycling

Bicycling is permitted in established public roads, parking areas, and designated routes; it is prohibited on backcountry trails and boardwalks. For complete information, ask for the bicycling brochure at a visitor center. Even for short trips, wear safety gear, including helmet and high visibility clothing. Bicycle cautiously. Roads are narrow and winding with few shoulders. Motorists often do not see bicyclists or give them enough space on the road; some pass on hill crests and blind curves. Motor homes or vehicles towing trailers may have wide mirrors. Long distances exist between services and facilities. Elevations range from 5,300 to 8,860 feet (1,615-2,700 m).

Falling Trees

Avoid areas with lots of dead trees (snags). They may suddenly fall, especially on windy days.

High Altitude

Most of the park is above 7,500 feet (2,275 m). Allow time to acclimate; be aware of your physical limitations; don’t overexert. Drink plenty of water to forestall dehydration from altitude and dry climate. Stop and rest often.

Pets

Pets must be leashed. They are prohibited on all trails, in the backcountry, and in hydrothermal basins. Pets are not allowed more than 100 feet from a road or parking area. Leaving a pet unattended and/or tied to an object is prohibited.

CAUTION: Wildlife Jams

In Yellowstone, wildlife become habituated. They learn people are not a threat and will tolerate people at close distances. Habitation occurs in a variety of animals, including bears, bison, elk, and bighorn sheep, especially along park roads. To protect yourself and wildlife, follow these guidelines when viewing or photographing roadside wildlife, whether you are alone or in a wildlife jam:

- Park in established pullouts and make sure your car is completely off the paved roadway.
- Make sure you put your vehicle into park, and engage your parking brake.
- If you exit your vehicle, stay near your vehicle so you can get inside if the bear or other wildlife approaches.
- Avoid being struck by a moving vehicle, do not stand in the roadway to view or photograph wildlife.
- Never surround, crowd, approach, or follow wildlife.
- Don’t block an animal’s line of travel.
- Do not run or make sudden movements—this may cause predators to attack.
- If other people in the area are putting you in danger, leave the scene and/or notify a park ranger.
- Do not ever feed wildlife.

Picnic Areas

Locations shown on the Official Map and Guide; those with fire grates are listed in a free handout available at visitor centers. Liquid or gas fuel stoves or self-contained charcoal grills may be used for cooking at all locations. Most picnic areas have pit toilets; only Madison has drinking water. Overnight camping is not allowed in picnic areas.

Seat belts

Each vehicle occupant must have a safety belt or child restraint system fastened when the vehicle is in motion.

Stream Crossing

Check at local ranger stations for current stream conditions.

Swimming

Yellowstone’s waters are typically very hot or very cold, and immersion in extreme temperature water can be fatal. Where swimming is allowed, swim at your own risk. See “Caution: Scalding Water” at left.

Theft

Lock your vehicle; keep all valuables out of sight; label all valuable property with your name, address, or identification number; report theft or vandalism to a ranger.

Traffic

Most park roads are narrow, rough, and bumpy; some steep sections have sharp drop-offs. Ice and road damage occur year-round. Drive cautiously and courteously; you must use pullouts to observe wildlife or scenery and to allow other vehicles to pass. Watch for animals on the road, especially at night.

Weapons

No firearms or weapons, including state-permitted concealed weapons, are allowed in Yellowstone. Unloaded firearms may be transported in a vehicle when the weapon is cased, broken down or rendered inoperable, and stored in a manner that prevents ready use. Ammunition must be placed in a separate compartment of the vehicle.

These Actions Are Illegal

- speedin (radar enforced)
- driving while intoxicated (open container law enforced)
- leaving detachable side mirrors attached when not pulling trailers
- improperly storing food
- violating camping regulations & rules
- having pets off leash or on trails and boardwalks
- littering
- swimming in hydrothermal pools
- traveling off boardwalks in hydrothermal areas
- removing or possessing natural (flowers, rocks, antlers, etc.) or cultural (artifacts) features
- violating fishing regulations
- feeding or approaching wildlife
- spotlighting elk, deer, or other wildlife (viewing animals with artificial light)
- calling in elk by imitating their calls or using bugs
- imitating wolf howls

Laws enforcement rangers strictly enforce all park regulations to protect you and the park.

Lost & Found: 307-344-2109 • Emergency 911 • Road Work Updates: 307-344-2117
**Trip Planning**

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**Tips for Exploring**
- Allow plenty of time to drive from place to place. Speed limits are 45 mph (73 kph) or lower; narrow, winding roads warrant slower speeds in many sections; and traffic is often heavy and slow.
- Allow extra time when passing through or detouring around road construction (see map on back page).
- Traffic is heavy from mid June to mid September with midday peaks.
- Allow extra time for crossing mountain passes; Sylvan, Craig, and Dunraven are all over 8,000 ft (2427 m).
- Grand Loop Road passes major scenic attractions: 142 miles (229 km) total; Upper Loop, 70 miles (113 km); Lower Loop, 96 miles (155 km).

**Note:** Driving the full Grand Loop is impossible this year because Dunraven Pass is closed due to road work.

**Self-Guiding Trails**

- Canyon Area View the colorful Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River and the Upper and Lower Falls from overlooks such as Inspiration, Grandview, and Artist Point.
- Fort Yellowstone Enjoy a walking tour of this historic site at Mammoth Hot Springs, built while the U.S. Army managed the park (1886–1918).
- Fountain Paint Pot View examples of the four types of hydrothermal features: geysers, hot springs, fumaroles, and mudpots. Eight miles (12.9 km) north of Old Faithful.
- Mammoth Hot Springs Walk by travertine terraces sculpted by hot spring activity and enjoy a scenic drive through the Upper Terraces.
- Mud Volcano Area Discover turbulent mudpots such as Mud Volcano. Smell and see Sulphur Caldron. Located 6 miles (9.6 km) north of Fishing Bridge Junction.
- Norris Geyser Basin Explore the park's hottest, most dynamic geyser basin; visit Steamboat, the world's tallest geyser, and Echinus, the world's largest acidic geyser.
- Old Faithful The world's largest concentration of geysers is located in the Upper Geyser Basin. View Old Faithful and walk trails past hundreds of geysers and hot springs.
- West Thumb Geyser Basin These boiling springs, including the famous Fishing Cone, discharge their waters into chilly Yellowstone Lake.
- Forces of the Northern Range Located 8 miles (12.9 km) east of Mammoth Hot Springs, exhibits reveal the area's geologic secrets and identify the diverse plants and animals.

**Highlights**

- **Geyser Basin**
  - **Fountain Paint Pot**
  - **Mammoth Hot Springs**
  - **West Thumb Geyser Basin**
  - **Mud Volcano Area**

- **Old Faithful**
  - Visit Old Faithful and another hydrothermal area, such as Mammoth Hot Springs, Norris, or West Thumb.
  - Visit lesser-known features such as Artist Paint Pots south of Norris, Roaring Mountain north of Norris, Terrace Springs near Madison Junction, or Natural Bridge near Bridge Bay.

- **History**
  - People have been coming to Yellowstone for more than 11,000 years. As recently as the 1800s, Native Americans crossed Yellowstone in search of buffalo and other resources. Visit historic sites such as Fishing Bridge Museum, Norris Geyser Basin Museum, Obsidian Cliff, Old Faithful Inn and Historic District, and Roosevelt Lodge Historic District.

**For more information:**
- consult the official map and guide you received at the entrance station
- ask for free handouts about park resources
- purchase materials available in the educational bookstores
- stay in touch via www.nps.gov/yell

Remember: Allow extra time for roadwork delays and closures.

**Save On Park Entrance Fees**

- **Golden Access Pass**
  - $10 (7 days, both parks)
  - $15 (7 days, both parks)
  - $20 (7 days, both Yellowstone and Grand Teton)

- **Annual Pass**
  - $15 (7 days, both parks)
  - $40 (valid one year from date of purchase)
  - $50 (valid one year from date of purchase for entrance fees at National Park Service areas)

- **Golden Eagle Pass**
  - $65 (valid one year from date of purchase at most federal fee collection areas)
  - $80 (valid one year from date of purchase for entrance fees at National Park Service areas)

- **Golden Age Pass**
  - $10 (one-time fee for lifetime pass—available to those citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. 62 years of age and older)

- **Golden Access Pass**
  - $10 (one-time fee for lifetime pass—available to those citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. who have been determined to be blind or permanently disabled)

Remember to keep your admission receipt to re-enter the park.
## Ranger Programs—North & West Side

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<td>From a classic viewpoint, enjoy the Lower Falls, the Yellowstone River, and the spectacular colors of the canyon while learning about the area’s geology and history. Discover why artists and photographers have been drawn to this special place. Join the park ranger on the lower platform at Artist Point on the South Rim Drive for this short talk.</td>
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<td>Ramble along the edge of a spectacular geyser basin and through a thriving young forest to Fairy Falls where water plunges 200 feet over a lava wall. Explore a backcountry hydrothermal area that includes Imperial Geyser on this 6.4-mile, 5-hour hike.</td>
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<td>Walk through cool forests along the scenic Firehole River and visit Lone Star Geyser, one of Yellowstone’s hidden treasures, on this family activity. Lone Star is an active geyser with a massive geyser cone that erupts a sparkling jet of steaming water every few hours. This easy riverside stroll follows an old paved road and is accessible to most.</td>
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Questions? Ask a ranger at these locations!

- Albright Visitor Center, Mammoth
- Canyon Visitor Center
- Fishing Bridge Visitor Center
- Grant Visitor Center
- Old Faithful Visitor Center
- Norris Geyser Basin Museum & Information Station
- West Thumb Geysers Visitors Center
- West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center
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## Camping & Fishing

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### Fishing Regulations

**Park fishing regulations are available at all ranger stations, visitor centers, and general stores.**

In Yellowstone, wildlife takes precedence over humans as consumers of fish. All fish are wild (there is no stocking), so sufficient adult fish must remain to reproduce and maintain populations and to assure genetic diversity. These facts require both a philosophical and literal distinction between recreational angling and consuming fish. In Yellowstone, angling is based on fishing for native species of wild trout in a natural setting. Fishing regulations in Yellowstone National Park have evolved as ongoing research reveals population trends and interrelationships with the rest of the Yellowstone ecosystem. Increasing numbers of anglers have also influenced the development of regulations by their impact on certain species and aquatic habitats. As of 2001, you must release all native sport fish: cutthroat trout, Arctic grayling, and mountain whitefish.

### Non-Toxic Fishing

Yellowstone National Park requires non-toxic tackle for almost all fishing. Tackles such as leaded split-shot sinkers, weighted jigs (lead molded to a hook), and soft lead-weighted ribbons for nymph fishing, are no longer allowed. Only non-toxic alternatives are allowed to accommodate these types of fishing tackle. For more information, consult the fishing regulations or contact the Yellowstone Center for Resources, PO. Box 165, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190.

### Camp Smart and Stay Safe

#### Quiet Hours

Each visitor deserves the opportunity to hear the natural sounds of this beautiful environment. Respect the other rights of other campers and comply with the law by adhering to quiet hours, 10 PM–7 AM at Fishing Bridge RV Park. No generators, loud audio devices, or other noise disturbances will be allowed during this time. Generators are only permitted in six campgrounds (see chart at left) and the Fishing Bridge RV Park.

#### Food & Odors

The future of bears and the safety of you and others depends on you. The following items—new, clean, dirty, empty, or full—may not be left outside, in tents, or in tent trailers at any time, day or night, unless in immediate use: water & beverage containers, cooking, eating, drinking utensils, stoves & grills, ice chests, trash, food, cosmetics & toiletries, pet food & bowls, pails, buckets, & wash basins.

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*You can reserve a site at the five campgrounds operated by Xanterra Parks & Resorts, indicated by * on the chart at left. For same-day reservations, call 307-344-7901 or ask at lodging activities desks. For future reservations, call 307-344-7311 or write Xanterra Parks & Resorts, PO. Box 165, YNP, WY 82190; www.g travelyellowstone.com. Fishing Bridge RV Park is for hard-sided vehicles only (no tents or tent trailers are allowed).
Always talk to a park ranger before you begin an overnight trip.

Permits & Reservations
Permits are not required for day hiking, but hikers are encouraged to check in at a ranger station for vital safety information. Backcountry use permits are required for all overnight trips and must be obtained in person at a ranger station not more than 48 hours in advance of the first date of the trip. Campers may reserve campsites for future trips in person or by mail for a $20 fee. To make reservations, check at a ranger station or write the Backcountry Office, PO Box 168, YNP, WY 82190.

For safety and resource concerns, especially regarding bears, camping is allowed in designated campsites only. Each campsite has limits for the number of people and stock allowed. The maximum stay at any single campsite varies from 1 to 3 nights. To obtain detailed information, check at a ranger station.

Prohibited
Firearms, weapons, pets, traps and nets, motorized equipment, and any type of wheeled vehicle (except wheelchairs) are prohibited in the backcountry. Wheelchairs and some types of service animals are allowed. Due to personal safety concerns, please contact the backcountry office for further information before taking a wheelchair or service animal into the backcountry.

Campsites
Campsites are permitted only in established fire pits. Burn only dead-and-down wood. Wood and ground fires are not allowed in some campsites. Your fire must be attended at all times and be completely extinguished before you leave.

Pack It In—Pack It Out
You must carry all refuse out of the backcountry, including items partly burned in fire pits (foil, tin, glass, etc.).

Sanitation
Bury human waste 6 to 8 inches (15-20 cm) below ground and a minimum of 100 feet (30 m) from water. Dispose of waste water at least 100 feet (30 m) from water or a campsite. Do not pollute lakes, ponds, rivers, or streams by washing your clothes, clothing, or dishes in them.

Should You Drink the Water?
Even though clear lake and stream water may look, smell, and taste good, Giardia and other bacterial contaminants may be present. Drinking untreated water may lead to intestinal infection. Before drinking water from lakes and streams, either filter it with a good commercial filter, treat it with a chemical treatment such as iodine or chlorine, or boil it at least one minute. Never drink water from a hot spring.

Weather
Yellowstone's weather is unpredictable. A sunny warm day may become fiercely stormy with wind, rain, sleet, and sometimes snow. Lightning is common; get off water or beaches and stay away from ridges, exposed places, and isolated trees. Without adequate clothing and gear, an easy day hike or boat trip can turn into a battle for survival. Exposure to wind, rain, or cold can result in hypothermia. This rapid loss of body heat can cause death if not treated. Early warning signs include shivering, slurred speech, memory lapses, drowsiness, and exhaustion. Cold water is a special hazard to anglers and boaters. Get into dry clothes and drink warm fluids at the first signs of hypothermia.

Stock Use
Overnight stock (horses, mules, burros, and llamas) use is permitted prior to July 1 due to forage conditions and/or wet trail conditions. Horses are not allowed in front country campsgrounds. All equine stock crossing a state line while in the park must have proof of a negative Coggins test dated within the last 12 months.

Stream Crossings
Fording a stream can be hazardous, especially during spring snowmelt or high water. Check at local ranger stations for current trail and stream conditions.

Falling Trees
Avoid areas with large numbers of dead trees (snags), which may suddenly fall—especially on windy days.

Trails
Trail conditions are highly variable. Some can be dry, while others are muddy or blocked by high river crossings or snow. Some are closed to stock. Check at a visitor center or backcountry office for current trail conditions.

Orange metal tags on trees and posts mark trails, but may be sparse in some areas. Off-trail travel is difficult because of the terrain and the number of downed trees. Carry a map and compass, and know how to use both.

Although the risk of an encounter with a bear is low, your safety is not guaranteed. Minimize your risks by following the guidelines below.

A Ped Bear Is a Dead Bear
Do not leave packs containing food unattended, even for a few minutes. Do not drop your pack if a bear is close by (see below). Allowing a bear to obtain human food even once often results in the bear becoming aggressive about obtaining such food in the future. Aggressive bears present a threat to human safety and eventually may be destroyed or removed from the park.

While Hiking
Make bears aware of your presence on trails by making loud noises, shouting, or singing. Hike in groups and use caution where vision is obstructed. Do not hike after dark. Avoid carcasses; bears often defend this source of food.

If You Encounter a Bear
Do not run. Bears can run 30 mph (48 kph), or 44 feet/second (13 m/second), which is faster than Olympic sprinters. Running may elicit an attack from an otherwise non-aggressive bear. If the bear is unaware of you, keep out of sight and detour behind and downwind of the bear. If the bear is aware of you and is nearby but has not acted aggressively, slowly back away.

Do not drop your pack! This teaches bears a way to obtain human foods and often means the bear must be removed.

Tree climbing to avoid bears is popular advice, but not practical in many circumstances. All black bears, all grizzly cubs, and some adult grizzlies can climb trees. Plus, running to a tree may provoke an otherwise uncertain bear to chase you.

If a Bear Approaches or Charges You
Do not run. Some bears will bluff their way out of a threatening situation by charging, then veering off or stopping abruptly at the last second. Bear experts generally recommend standing still until the bear stops and then slowly backing away. If you are attacked, try to be on the ground completely flat on your stomach. Spread your legs and clasp your hands over the back of your neck. Do not drop your pack!

When Camping
Never camp in an area that has obvious evidence of bear activity such as digging, tracks, scat, or where animal carcasses are present. Odors attract bears. Avoid carrying or cooking odorous foods or other products. Keep a clean camp; do not cook or store food in your tent. All food, garbage, or other odorous items used for preparing or cooking food must be secured from bears. Hang all such items at least 10 feet (3 m) above the ground and at least 4 feet (1.2 m) out from tree trunks. Treat all odorous products such as soap, deodorant, or toiletries in the same manner as food.

Sleep a minimum of 100 yards (91m) from where you hang, cook, and eat your food. Keep your sleeping gear clean and free of food odor. Don't sleep in the same clothes worn while cooking and eating; hang those clothes in plastic bags.

Electric Peak dominates the northwest corner of the park, an area of challenging trails and abundant wildlife—including grizzlies. For a safe hike in this area, your group should include four or more people, inquire about conditions at the Mammoth Hot Springs Backcountry Office, and follow the precautions below.

Hiking & Camping in Bear Country
Many myths exist about Old Faithful, the world's most famous geyser (shown at left). The lists below can help you sort the facts from myths.

**Myths**
- No one can predict Old Faithful anymore.
- It is so predictable, you can set your watch by its eruption.
- It is the only geyser that can be predicted.
- It is the most predictable geyser.
- It erupts every hour on the hour.
- Its eruption is not as high as it used to be.
- Its eruption lasts less time than it used to.
- Park rangers can control the eruption of Old Faithful.

**Facts**
- Its eruption length and height, and the time between eruptions vary from day to day and year to year.
- As of March 2004, the eruption lasts 1½ to 5 minutes; the average interval between eruptions is 92 minutes.
- Old Faithful's height ranges from 106 feet to more than 180 feet, averaging 130 feet.
- Its average eruption length, height, and interval will change again—often as a result of an earthquake.
- 3,700 to 8,400 gallons of water are expelled per eruption, depending on the length of eruption.
- Just prior to eruption, water temperature at the vent is 204°F (95.6°C).
- It's one of more than 300 geysers in Yellowstone.
- Old Faithful is a cone geyser, a type of geyser that usually erupts in a narrow jet of water from a cone. Fountain geysers, such as Grand (also in the Upper Geyser Basin), generally shoot water out in various directions from a pool.

Geyser are dynamic and constantly evolving. They respond to small, natural changes in their plumbing systems, water temperature, the dissolved gas and mineral content of thermal waters, amount of water, amount of heat, changes in pressure, and other factors. Geyser are also affected by natural events in Yellowstone such as frequent earthquakes. The average interval between Old Faithful's eruptions increased after the 1959 Hebgen Lake Earthquake, centered 12 miles northwest of the park's west entrance. It increased again after the 1983 Borah Peak Earthquake, centered in Idaho. In 1998, another small earthquake lengthened the interval again; later, a swarm of earthquakes further increased the interval.

Occasionally, waiting for Old Faithful's eruptions can stretch beyond the predicted time. Think of it this way: you've got time now to meet other visitors, read about the park, or take a much-needed rest. So relax and enjoy the time you spend with the world's most famous geyser.

Old Faithful (above) is a cone geyser, erupting in a narrow column; Great Fountain Geyser (right, in the Lower Geyser Basin) is a fountain geyser, erupting broadly and in several directions.
Issues in Yellowstone
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Winter Use Update

The road from the North Entrance to Cooke City, MT, will be open as always and some of the park will be open to over-snow vehicles. To develop regulations for this winter, the National Park Service is preparing a Temporary Winter Use Plan Environmental Assessment.

Why is the National Park Service (NPS) doing a Temporary Winter Use Plan Environmental Assessment (EA)? NPS has an opportunity to analyze new monitoring data gathered during the 2003-2004 winter season on air quality, visibility, natural soundscapes, employee and visitor health and safety, water quality, and visitor experiences. The EA will also provide the public with some certainty about winter use management.

What did we learn from this past winter? Preliminary information indicates that park resources were not impaired last winter. An average of 259 snowmobiles entered Yellowstone each day during January and February 2004. Also, all snowmobilers in Yellowstone were led by commercial guides, and the vast majority of snowmobiles met best available technology requirements.

How will another round of planning impact the public and surrounding communities? The EA will bring a level of certainty to the process and all involved parties. Due to ongoing litigation in federal courts, it is currently unclear what winter use management plan will be in place for this coming winter or for future winters, and specifically, whether or not snowmobiles will be permitted. This uncertainty has proven to be very difficult for the visiting public and businesses in the gateway communities, which must begin planning for winter operations long before the winter season begins.

Will continued snowmobile use be considered in the EA? The EA will analyze park snowmobile use subject to limitations such as limited numbers, best available technology, and guiding requirements, and a snowcoach-only alternative.

The Greening of Yellowstone

Yellowstone National Park implements a variety of projects to prevent pollution, reduce waste, recycle materials, and use alternative fuels. It has also developed successful partnerships between the National Park Service, local and state governments, and a consortium of private interests. As you visit the park, look for evidence of these projects.

- Alternative Fuels: Some park vehicles run on renewable alternative fuels made from soybeans; vehicle oils and lubricants are vegetable-based products; and visitors can purchase ethanol blended fuels for their vehicles at park service stations.
- Employee Rideshare Program: The park provides a commuter bus for employees living within 50 miles of the park.
- Plastic Lumber: Yellowstone has more than 15 miles of wood boardwalk. As these boardwalks decay, they are being replaced with lumber made from recycled plastic, which lasts much longer than wood.
- Recycling: The park annually recycles 400 tons of paper, glass, aluminum, steel, and cardboard, saving thousands of dollars in landfill fees and expanding collection & marketing opportunities with neighboring communities.
- Composting: The park helped build a large composting facility in West Yellowstone, saving thousands of dollars in landfill fees and providing landscaping materials. About half the garbage collected in the park is composted.
- Cleaning: The park uses cleaning products that are effective and environment-friendly.
- Energy Conservation: The park has retrofitted many buildings to be more energy efficient. Photovoltaics panels, which convert sunlight into electricity, have been installed at some remote locations.
- Partnerships: The park works with its concessioners and other partners to develop other greening programs. For example, the Yellowstone Park Foundation and Toyota have provided four hybrid vehicles for staff use.

What You Can Recycle in Yellowstone

- glass
- steel & aluminum cans
- paper
- cardboard
- #1 plastic
- magazines

Look in campgrounds and some parking areas for a row of large brown metal containers marked with the recycling symbol.
Friends of Yellowstone

You Can Help Preserve and Protect Yellowstone

In our increasingly crowded and developed world, Yellowstone National Park provides a source of refuge and renewal for those who enter its quiet places. The park’s magnificent wilderness areas offer a glimpse of what our continent was like when humans first gazed in wonder upon its steaming geysers, thundering waterfalls, and abundant wildlife. However, Yellowstone exists today only because generations who came before us understood its value and made its preservation a priority.

Because so many visitors who love Yellowstone want to help ensure that it stands wild and unimpaired for our future, two separate organizations have been established. The Yellowstone Park Foundation and the Yellowstone Association work in partnership with the National Park Service and each other to provide a means for visitors to contribute to Yellowstone’s preservation. Please help us protect and preserve this national treasure. Your contribution to either organization will designate you as a true friend of Yellowstone; contributors of $1,000 or more will have their names displayed on the park’s Honor Wall at Old Faithful, receiving special recognition as stewards and benefactors of Yellowstone National Park.

Yellowstone will exist tomorrow as one of America’s most treasured places only if our generation understands its value and makes its preservation our priority.

Yellowstone Park Foundation

The Yellowstone Park Foundation was founded in 1996 to help address Yellowstone’s growing needs and shrinking federal budgets. The Foundation’s mission is to fund projects and programs that protect, preserve, and enhance Yellowstone National Park, today and for future generations.

With the help of generous donations from individuals, foundations, and corporations, the Yellowstone Park Foundation has successfully funded more than 85 projects that directly enhance your family’s visit to Yellowstone. Examples include wildlife conservation, trail reconstruction, and new educational exhibits. But there is so much more to do.

Now, more than ever, Yellowstone needs your help!

Please join us in protecting the wonders and wildlife of Yellowstone. With a donation of $25 or more, you will become a Friend of Yellowstone.

Once you are a Friend of Yellowstone, you’ll receive our semiannual newsletters and annual report, keeping you up-to-date on how your contribution is making a difference in Yellowstone. You will also be recognized in the Honor Book at Old Faithful for one year.

Please complete and mail the coupon below. You can also learn more about the Yellowstone Park Foundation and donate online at www.ypf.org.

YES! I Want to be a Friend of Yellowstone National Park.
Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation of:

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Mail donations to: The Yellowstone Park Foundation
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www.ypf.org

YELLOWSTONE ASSOCIATION

The nonprofit Yellowstone Association operates eight educational bookstores, a field school, and a membership program for Yellowstone visitors.

For maps, guidebooks, and other educational materials, please visit a Yellowstone Association bookstore at any of these convenient locations:

Our friendly staff can also tell you about the benefits of Yellowstone Association membership (including a discount on store purchases!) and the many classes available at the Yellowstone Association Institute.

Yellowstone Association
Post Office Box 117
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190
www.YellowstoneAssociation.org
(307) 344-2293
Explore the Park with the Yellowstone Association Institute

The Institute is a nonprofit field school operated in partnership with the National Park Service. For more than 25 years, we have provided visitors with outstanding opportunities to experience Yellowstone in a small group with an expert instructor. We offer five types of educational programs throughout the year:

**Lodging and Learning** is an award-winning series of educational programs based at park hotels. Participants explore the park with an Institute naturalist and return to the hotels for lodging, meals, and evening programs. Fall and winter Lodging and Learning programs include:

- Roosevelt Rendezvous—four days in your own cabin at Roosevelt Lodge, with a daily selection of field trips for a variety of interests and ability levels.
- Fall Wolf and Elk Discovery—three days learning about Yellowstone's major predator and prey species during the elk mating season.
- Winter Wolf Discovery—two or three days learning about Yellowstone's charismatic wolves with an Institute wolf biologist.
- Winter Wildlife Expedition—two days learning about the abundant and varied wildlife of Yellowstone's Northern Range.
- Wonderland—five days exploring Yellowstone's winter environment including wildlife watching, skiing, snowshoeing, and interpretive snowcoach trips to Old Faithful and Canyon.
- Yellowstone on Skis—five days of interpretive ski tours exploring the geyser basins, the wildlife-rich Northern Range, and Yellowstone's Grand Canyon.
- Old Faithful Winter Adventure—four days exploring the Old Faithful area including skiing, snowshoeing, and an interpretive snowcoach trip to Canyon.

**Field Seminars** are short courses that provide a closer look at specific subjects, from nature writing to wolf biology. College professors, research scientists, park staff, and other experts teach these programs. Most courses last from one to four days and are limited to 13 participants. Many courses are at the Institute's Buffalo Ranch Field Campus in the Lamar Valley.

**Backcountry Courses** are wilderness experiences that allow participants to backpack to remote areas of the park under the guidance of professional outdoor leaders. For some courses, a guest expert accompanies the group to guide the investigations, hikes, creative dramas, journal writing, and group discussions, students learn about the natural and cultural history of the park and the current issues affecting the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

The park charges a nominal fee to cover faculty salaries and instructional supplies. Financial aid is available for qualifying students through the Yellowstone Park Foundation's Expedition: Yellowstone! scholarship fund. For more information, please write: Expedition: Yellowstone! Coordinator, PO Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190. The coordinator will work with you to tailor an itinerary for your students that best meets their educational needs.

**Especially for Children**

**Join the Yellowstone Junior Rangers**

Children between the ages of 5 and 12—you are invited to become Junior Rangers! Stop by any park visitor center for details on how you can learn more about Yellowstone. Purchase the official Junior Ranger newspaper for $3 and complete the program requirements. As Junior Rangers you will be awarded arrowhead-shaped patches—a wolf track patch if you are between the ages of 5 and 7, a bear track patch if you are between 8 and 12, or a winter patch if you complete the winter Junior Ranger program offered December through March.

**Live in Yellowstone!**

Teachers, how would you like to spend 4 or 5 days and nights in Yellowstone with your 4th-8th grade students? We invite you, your students, and parent chaperones to participate in *Expedition: Yellowstone!*—our long-standing, curriculum-based residential program. Through field investigations, hikes, creative dramas, journal writing, and group discussions, students learn about the natural and cultural history of the park and the current issues affecting the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

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**Electronic Field Trips—Windows Into Wonderland**

Attention middle school students! Climb aboard our electronic bus and look through its *Windows Into Wonderland*! Your passport to adventure is www.windowsintowonderland.org.

Beginning September 8, explore the microscopic life forms that color Yellowstone's thermal rainbows in *"Hot Colors—Windows Into Hidden Worlds"*, funded by the National Science Foundation, the Yellowstone Park Foundation, and Montana State University's Thermal Biology Institute. Later this fall, the National Science Foundation sponsors an investigation of the fiery forces pushing beneath the ground. You can learn about the park's past and present volcanic history. Discover how the wolves of Yellowstone are doing on their "Road to Recovery". Join us on March 9, 2005 for an electronic investigation of the last ten years of ecological changes in Yellowstone. This program is part of *Eyes on Yellowstone* is made possible by Canon. 

Journey through earlier eTrips and explore Yellowstone's history, fire ecology, wolves, bears, art, trumpet swans, geology, and predators.

Tell your teachers about the online pre-trip and post-trip lesson plans for each eTrip. Although geared for your age, *Windows Into Wonderland* is exciting for everyone.

**Registration is free to all**, so be sure to help us spread the word.

*Eyes on Yellowstone* is made possible by Canon represents the largest corporate donation for wildlife conservation in Yellowstone National Park.

**Your Fee Dollars at Work**

Yellowstone National Park participates in the Interagency Recreational Fee Demonstration Program. Begun in 1996 as an experiment, the program authorizes participating parks to keep 80% of the fees collected. These funds have been, and will continue to be, used for maintenance, repair projects, public service programs, signs, and natural and historical resource preservation. The remaining 20% of the revenue is generally distributed to parks that do not collect fees, but have similar needs, and to fund other servicewide initiatives. Congress has extended this program until December 31, 2005. The program is being continually evaluated, and may be extended again.

**Why the emphasis on recreational use fees?**

Managing public lands requires a major financial investment, which comes mostly from general tax revenues. Recreational use fees assure that actual users pay an increased share of operational costs, and these fees are applied to projects at the area where they were collected.

**The Recreational Fee Demonstration Program:**

- **Allows a significant portion of the fees collected at a public area to be spent directly on behalf of that area.**
- **Encourages each agency to develop fair and equitable fee collection programs, whether the public areas are large or small, urban or wilderness, natural or historical.**
- **Promotes the collection of fees where such fees can cover the cost of a new activity.** In some cases, visitors will have to pay for activities that previously were free.

**Your Fee Dollars at Work in Yellowstone**

- **Replacement of boat launch ramps at Grant and Lewis lakes.**
- **Reconstruction of the Canyon Visitor Center, including new exhibits about the park's geology.**
- **Repair and replacement of signs and exhibits.**
- **Studies on pronghorn ecology and other wildlife and natural resources.**
- **Preservation of rare books, journals, and manuscripts.**

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Ecologix: Xanterra’s Environmental Commitment

Believing that sound and profitable business practices go hand-in-hand with serious environmental initiatives without eroding either priority, concessioner Xanterra Parks & Resorts, has formalized and enhanced its environmental program. Called “Ecologix, Xanterra’s Environmental Commitment,” the multi-faceted Environmental Management System is rooted in Xanterra’s long-held belief that all business decisions must balance economic viability with ecological responsibility.

“When you are privileged to live and work in some of the most beautiful places on earth as we are, we as a company must do everything we can to protect those places,” said Jim Harma, director of environmental affairs for Xanterra Parks & Resorts. “Ecologix unifies all of our operations, providing guidance for our company and its employees for integrating increased environmental performance while maintaining economically sound business practices.”

Ecologix is designed to ensure that Xanterra embraces the following unifying commitments:

• Continual improvement of the environmental performance of all operations
• Compliance with all environmental regulations and policies
• Incorporation of the best management practices into all operations, using pollution prevention and environmental sustainability strategies as core objectives
• Flexibility to respond to community and property environmental priorities

In addition to an extensive recycling program, Xanterra-Yellowstone’s environmental efforts range from a conversion to cleaner burning 4-stroke motors on its rental boats and snowmobiles to offering sustainable cuisine in its restaurants. “We’re making great strides,” noted Jim McCaleb, General Manager of Xanterra’s Yellowstone National Park Lodges. “For example, our ongoing conversion to compact fluorescent lighting in our facilities so far represents the equivalent of removing 600 cars from the road for a year.”

Xanterra has been widely recognized for its environmental initiatives and programs. Xanterra recently released its 2003 Sustainability Report, the first-ever by a national park concessioner. The company received the 2002 Environmental Achievement Award from the Region 9 Office of the Environmental Protection Agency in recognition of its advocacy efforts in Death Valley and Grand Canyon national parks. Xanterra also received consecutive Department of Interior Environmental Achievement Awards in 2001 and 2002 and the 2001 Travel Industry Association’s Odyssey Award in the “Environment” category. It was the only national park concessioner and one of only 13 winners in the country to receive the DOI award in 2001.

They said they’d seen it all in Yellowstone. We politely suggested one of our Lodging and Learning packages. Four days later, that same family couldn’t stop talking about all the new things they’d discovered about the park, and themselves.

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YPSS Celebrates Yellowstone Explorers of Yesteryear and Today

One of the most interesting visitors to the Yellowstone area in 1865 was Father Francis Xavier Kuppens, a Belgian priest of the Jesuit Order, who offered this recollection 32 years later:

About the years 1865-66 I was stationed at the old Mission of St. Peter’s on the Missouri River near the mouth of Sun River. A great part of that winter and spring I spent with the Pigeon [Piegan] Indians roaming from place to place south... It was while leading this nomad life that I first heard of the Yellowstone. Many an evening in the tent of Baptiste Champagne or Chief Big Lake the conversation, what little there was of it, turned on the beauties of that wonderful spot. I do not know that the narrator always adhered strictly to facts, but making allowance for fervid imagination there was sufficient in the tale to excite my curiosity and awaken in me a strong desire to see for myself this enchanted if not enchanting land. In the spring with a small party of Indians hunting buffalo, I persuaded a few young men to show me the wonderland of which they had talked so much. Thus I got my first sight of the Yellowstone. I shall not attempt to describe it, that has been done by many abler pens than mine; but you may be sure that before leaving I saw the chief attraction—the Grand Canyon, hot and cold springs, variegated layers of rock, the Fire Hole, etc. I was very much impressed with the grandeur of the scenery.

May your wanderings in and reflections of Yellowstone bring you the simple peace and lasting memories experienced and recorded by Father Kuppens.
Make time for a visit to our neighbor to the south, Grand Teton National Park. This park offers spectacular scenery and its own campgrounds, exhibits, and activities. Consult the park newspaper, Teewinot, for complete information. Newspapers are available at Grand Teton visitor centers and entrance stations.

Campgrounds—First come, first served; camping fee is $12 per night. Advanced reservations are not accepted. Campgrounds fill to capacity during July and August. For current status of campgrounds, ask at entrance stations or visitor centers in Grand Teton National Park. Approximate filling times and operating dates are as follows:

- Colter Bay (350 sites) 12 noon 5/28-9/27 (noon)
- Gros Ventre (360 sites) Evening or may not fill 5/1-10/18 (noon)
- Jenny Lake (49 sites) 8 AM 5/14-9/27 (noon)
- Lizard Creek (60 sites) 2 PM 6/4-9/7 (noon)
- Signal Mountain (86 sites) 10 AM 5/7-10/18 (noon)

Jenny Lake is open to tents only. Other campgrounds accommodate tents, trailers, and recreational vehicles (30-foot restriction at Signal Mt.). All campgrounds have modern comfort stations, but none have utility hookups. The maximum length of stay is 7 days at Jenny Lake and 14 days at all other NPS campgrounds.

Lodging—Make your reservations directly, using these phone numbers:
- Colter Bay Cabins & RV Park (May 28-Sept. 26) 800-628-9988
- Dornan's Cabins (all year) 307-733-2522
- Flagg Ranch Resort (May 21-Sept. 26) 307-543-2861 or 800-443-2311
- Jackson Lake Lodge (May 21-Oct. 6) 800-628-9988
- Jenny Lake Lodge (May 28-Oct. 10) 307-733-4647
- Signal Mt. Lodge (May 8-Oct. 17) 800-672-6012

Lodging can also be found in communities surrounding Grand Teton.

Colter Bay Visitor Center & Indian Arts Museum—
May 8-28, 8 AM-5 PM; May 29-June 6, 8 AM-7 PM; June 7-Sept. 6, 8 AM-7 PM; Sept. 7- Oct. 3, 8 AM-5PM. Information, audiovisual programs, permits, and publication sales. Phone: 307-739-3594.

Flagg Ranch Information Station—June 7-September 6, 9 AM-4 PM.

Jenny Lake Ranger Station—May 15 through June 6, 8 AM-4:30 PM; June 7-Sept. 6, 8 AM-6 PM; Sept. 7-27, 8 AM-4:30 PM. Backcountry permits and climbing information. Phone: 307-739-3343.

Jenny Lake Visitor Center—June 7-Sept. 26, 8 AM-7 PM. Information, publication sales. Phone: 307-739-3392.

Moose Visitor Center—Through June 6, 8 AM-5 PM; June 7-Sept. 6, 8 AM-7 PM; thereafter 8 AM-5 PM. Information, audiovisual programs, exhibits, permits, publication sales. Phone: 307-739-3399. Telecommunications device for the deaf only (TDD): 307-739-3400.

Clinic—Grand Teton Clinic, located near Jackson Lake Lodge. Daily, May 21-Oct. 6, 10 AM-6 PM. Call 307-543-2514 or after hours 307-733-8002.

Emergency: dial 911.

Hiking, sightseeing, boating, floating the Snake River, horseback riding, and fishing are available depending on seasonal conditions. Backcountry camping requires a free permit from the Moose or Colter Bay visitor centers or the Jenny Lake Ranger Station. Boating requires a Grand Teton boating permit, sold at visitor centers. A Wyoming fishing license is required to fish in Grand Teton National Park.

For more information about Grand Teton National Park: call 307-739-3300 or visit the website, www.nps.gov/grte

Nearby Public Lands

Big Hole National Battlefield 406-689-3155
Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area 406-666-2412
Bridger-Teton National Forest 307-739-5500
Caribou-Targhee National Forest 208-624-3151
Gallatin National Forest 406-587-6701
Glacier National Park 406-888-7800
Grand Teton National Park 307-739-3300
Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site 406-846-3388
Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument 406-638-2621
Shoshone National Forest 307-527-6241
Virginia City National Historic Site 406-843-5247

Area Communities

Services are available in communities near Yellowstone.
For information, contact these Chambers of Commerce:

Montana
Big Sky 406-995-3000
Billings 800-735-2635
Bozeman 800-228-4224
Cooke City Silver Gate 406-838-2495
Gardiner 406-843-5247
Livingston 406-222-0850
Red Lodge 888-281-0625
West Yellowstone 406-646-7701

Wyoming
Cody 800-393-2639
Dubois 307-455-2556
East Yellowstone/Wapiti Valley 307-587-9995
Jackson 307-733-3316
Idaho Falls 866-365-6943
Eastern Idaho Visitor Information Center 800-634-3246
MEDICAL SERVICES AT YELLOWSTONE

Emergencies
Dial "911" or contact any National Park Service ranger within the park boundaries. Specially trained rangers provide rescue, emergency medical care, and ambulance service.

Medical Clinics
Medcor operates three urgent-care clinics within the park. The clinic at Mammoth is open year-round, staffed by a board-certified physician and a team of experienced RNs. The clinics at Lake and Old Faithful are open seasonally (see below for schedules).

All of these clinics are open to the public and are staffed and equipped for most medical emergencies as well as for routine care. Services include injury and illness treatment, x-rays, and some lab and pharmacy services.

If in-patient care or advanced services are required, the clinic staff can stabilize patients and arrange for appropriate transfer to a hospital outside the park.

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Yellowstone Medical Providers
National Park Service Rangers
Professionals trained in fire, rescue, emergency medicine, law enforcement, and wilderness operations. www.nps.gov

Medcor
Medical staff, systems, software and services on-site and on-line across the country. www.medcor.com

Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center
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Stay Safe & Healthy at Yellowstone
Yellowstone is a large wilderness area with many natural hazards, including wild animals, scalding hydro-thermal features, freezing temperatures, blinding snow, thin ice, deep and running water, and high altitude. Please follow all national park regulations and common-sense precautions to stay safe and healthy while enjoying your visit to Yellowstone.

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Lodging, Food, Gas, Activities

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### Bridge Bay
- **Stores**
  - General Store (convenience store, grocery, souvenirs, camping and fishing equipment): May 29-September 19
- **Other Services**
  - Bridge Bay Marina—Dock rental: May 28-September 19
  - Scenicruiser excursions: June 4-September 19
  - Outboards, guide boats: June 15-September 12

### Canyon Village
- **Lodging**
  - Canyon Lodge—Rooms: June 4-September 19
  - Western cabins: June 4-September 19
  - Pioneer/Frontier cabins: June 4-September 6
- **Food Services**
  - Canyon Lodge Dining Room: June 4-September 19
  - Canyon Lodge Cafeterias: June 4-September 6
  - Canyon Picnic Shop—(light meals, snacks, & fast foods): June 4-September 19
- **Other Services**
  - Canyon Adventures (outdoor recreational goods, souvenirs, snacks, fast food): April 23-October 24
  - General Store (photo processing, restaurant, ice cream, grocery, jewelry, gifts, souvenirs, camping supplies, ATM): May 22-27
  - Canyon Lodge Gift Shop: June 4-September 19

### Fishing Bridge
- **Service Stations**
  - Fishing Bridge: April 30-November 7
  - Canyon Repair Service: May 28-September 6
  - Wrecker service: May 14-October 18
- **Other Services**
  - Fishing Bridge Camper Services—Showers and laundry: June 11-12

### Grant Village
- **Lodging**
  - Grant Village—Rooms: May 28-October 3
- **Food Services**
  - Grant Village Restaurant: May 28-October 3

### Lake Yellowstone
- **Stores**
  - General Store (convenience store, grocery, souvenirs): May 14-October 5
  - General Store (restaurant, ice cream, grocery, jewelry, gifts, souvenirs, camping supplies, ATM): June 5-September 22
- **Service Stations**
  - Grant Village Gas Station: May 28-October 3
  - Grant Village Campers Service Station: May 28-October 3

### Mammoth Hot Springs
- **Lodging**
  - Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel—Rooms, cabins: May 21-October 11
  - Lake Lodge—Cabins: June 10-September 26
- **Food Services**
  - Lake Yellowstone Hotel Dining Room: May 21-October 11
  - Lake Lodge Cafeteria: June 10-September 26
  - Lake Yellowstone Hotel Deli: May 21-October 11
- **Other Services**
  - Lake Clinic—Seasonal. See page 14 for dates, hours, and phone number.

### Old Faithful
- **Lodging**
  - Old Faithful Inn—Rooms: May 7-October 15
  - Old Faithful Snow Lodge—Rooms and cabins: May 14-October 17
  - Old Faithful Lodge—Cabins: May 21-September 19
- **Food Services**
  - Old Faithful Inn Dining Room: May 7-October 15
  - Old Faithful Inn, Pony Express Snack Shop: May 7-October 15
  - Old Faithful Snow Lodge Restaurant: May 14-October 17
  - Old Faithful Snow Lodge, Geyser Grill Fast Food: April 16-November 7
  - Old Faithful Lodge Cafeteria: May 21-September 19
  - Old Faithful Lodge Bake Shop: May 21-September 26
- **Stores**
  - Old Faithful Inn Gift Shop: May 7-October 15
  - Old Faithful Snow Lodge Gift Shop: April 16-November 7
  - Old Faithful Gift Shop: May 21-October 3
  - General Store—Old Faithful Lower (restaurant, grocery, gifts, souvenirs): May 7-October 18
- **Service Stations (tentative, pending repairs)**
  - Old Faithful, Lower Service Station: April 30-November 7
  - Old Faithful, Upper Service Station: May 28-August 23
  - Old Faithful Repair Service: May 28-August 23
  - Wrecker Service: April 30-November 7
- **Other Services**
  - Old Faithful Clinic—Seasonal. See page 14 for dates, hours, and phone number.

### Tower/Roosevelt
- **Lodging**
  - Roosevelt Lodge—Cabins: June 11-September 6
  - Roosevelt Lodge Dining Room: June 11-September 6
  - Roosevelt Lodge Dinner Cookout: June 12-September 5
- **Food Services**
  - General Store—Convenience Store: June 11-September 6
  - General Store—Roosevelt (convenience store, grocery, souvenirs): May 7-October 18
  - Roosevelt Lodge Gift Shop: June 11-September 6
  - Old Faithful Snow Lodge Restaurant: May 14-October 17
- **Service Stations**
  - Tower Junction Service: June 11-September 6
  - Stagecoach Rides: June 11-September 5
  - Roosevelt Lodge—Showers: June 11-September 6

### Automatic Banking
24-hour cash available at Yellowstone General Stores at Canyon General, Fishing Bridge, Grant Village, Mammoth, and Old Faithful Basin Upper; and at Canyon Lodge, Lake Yellowstone Hotel, Mammoth Hotel, Old Faithful Inn, and Old Faithful Snow Lodge. CIRRUS and PLUS automatic network machines will be in service for cash any time during the store and lodging facilities' seasons.

### Campgrounds
See page 6 for camping information; call for reservations or plan to select sites early in the day.

### Medical Services
Available at Mammoth Hot Springs (year round), Lake Village and Old Faithful (seasonally). Dates, hours, and phone numbers listed on page 14.

### Reservations
Call Xanterra Parks & Resorts, 307-344-7311 or TDD 307-344-5395, for lodging, dining, camping, and activity reservations.
You can also make reservations at any lodging front desk or activities desk.

* Dinner reservations required. Inquire at any lodging front desk or dining room host stand.
** Diesel fuel is available at these stations.

### Guided Tours
The Yellowstone Association Institute and Xanterra Parks & Resorts offer a variety of guided tours throughout the park. See page 11.

### Backcountry Tours
Write to Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190 or call the National Park Service, 307-344-7381, for a list of certified outfitters.

### Worship Services
Worship services take place in the park and in communities adjacent to the park, and include most major denominations and interdenominational services during the summer months. Schedules available on bulletin boards at campgrounds and visitor centers.
Yellowstone


This map shows roads/facilities; see the previous page for dates of operation.

Visitor center or information station
General store
Food service
Full Services (includes lodging, food service, store, rest rooms, phone)

Gasoline/ fuel
Marina
Clinic
Restrooms

Lodging
Telephones
Campground
Camping: hard-sided units only

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Road Closing Schedule
East Entrance Road, Sylvan Lake to East Entrance: Oct. 3, 8 PM
Tower to Chittenden Road; Beartooth Pass (US 212 to Red Lodge, MT): Oct. 12, 8 AM
All other park roads close for the season Nov. 8, 8 AM, except the North Entrance to Cooke City road, which is open all year.

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All service stations in Yellowstone offer environmentally sensitive fuels, specially formulated by ConocoPhillips to reduce hydrocarbon emissions and decrease other pollution-related problems.

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