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SPECIAL SECTION
Wildlife in Yellowstone

Watch for Elk
Autumn is a spectacular season for watching wildlife. Elk mate in September—listen for bulls bugling; look for them in Hayden and Lamar valleys, and around Mammoth Hot Springs. BEWARE! Elk are aggressive this time of year. Watch them from a safe, legal distance of at least 25 yards.

How to Stay Safe In Yellowstone’s Superhot Places
◆ The single safest thing you can do: Stay on boardwalks and designated trails. They protect you and delicate formations.
◆ Keep your children close to you at all times; make sure they understand the danger.
◆ Do not run on boardwalks or trails in hydrothermal areas.
◆ Do not bring pets in or near hydrothermal areas.
◆ Do not swim or bathe in hydrothermal pools or streams where water flows entirely from a hydrothermal spring or pool.
◆ If the wind blows your hat or other possessions away from the boardwalk, find a park ranger to help you retrieve it. In many cases, they cannot do so safely—but they will help if they can. Never try to retrieve your own gear.
◆ See more safety tips on page 2.

SPEED KILLS
more than 100 deer, moose, bears, elk, bison, & wolves each year
SLOW DOWN
and save a life

Help Protect Wildlife Near Roads
◆ Always expect animals to be on or near the road.
◆ Follow the speed limit (maximum 45 mph unless otherwise posted).
◆ Increase caution at night and during wet or wintry conditions.
In Hydrothermal Areas

Beautiful but deadly: Yellowstone’s hydrothermal features can kill you.
- Stay on boardwalks and designated trails. They protect you and 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.
- Avoid burns and disease: don’t expose your head to thermal water by immersion, splashing, touching your face, or inhaling steam. Thermal water can harbor organisms that cause fatal meningitis or Legionnaires’ disease.
- Dangerous levels of hydrogen sulfide and carbon dioxide have been measured in some hydrothermal areas. If you feel sick, leave the location immediately.

Around Wildlife

Wild animals are dangerous. To protect yourself and wildlife, follow these guidelines and regulations at all times:
- Legally, you must stay at least 100 yards (91 m) away from bears and wolves, and at least 25 yards (23 m) away from all other animals—including bison, elk, bighorn sheep, deer, moose, and coyotes.
- Park in established turnouts and make sure your car is completely off the paved roadway. Put your vehicle into park, and engage your parking brake.
- If you exit your vehicle, stay near it so you can get inside if the animal approaches.
- Do not stand in the road to view or photograph wildlife—you could be injured or killed by other drivers.
- Never surround, crowd, approach, or follow wildlife.
- Do not block an animal’s path.
- Do not run or make sudden movements—this may cause animals to attack.
- If other people in the area are putting you in danger, leave the scene and notify a park ranger.
- Never feed wildlife, including birds.

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

BEARS live throughout the park. Be alert for tracks, do not approach carcasses, and avoid surprising bears. 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.

See also “Never Feed,” page 3, and “Bear Country Tips,” page 11.

More Safety Tips

Falling Trees Avoid areas with dead trees; they may suddenly fall, especially on windy days.

High Altitude Most of the park is above 7500 feet. Allow time to acclimate; be aware of your physical limitations; don’t overexert. Drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration from altitude and dry climate. Stop and rest often.

Stream Crossings Check at local ranger stations for stream conditions.

Swimming Most park streams, rivers, and lakes are extremely cold; swim at your own risk. Swimming in hydrothermal features is illegal.

Theft Lock your vehicle; keep valuables hidden; label valuable property with your name, address, or identification number; report theft or vandalism to a ranger.

Traffic Most park roads are narrow, rough, and busy; some have sharp dropoffs. 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.

Weather Yellowstone’s weather is unpredictable. A sunny warm day may become stormy and sometimes snowy. Lightning is common; get off water or beaches and away from ridges, exposed places, and isolated trees.

All Hazards NOAA Weather Radio If you have a weather radio receiver, tune to 162.425 MHz (Mammoth area) or 162.450 MHz (Lake area) to receive hazardous weather alerts, or go to www.crh.noaa.gov/riw/nwrl.
Know These Numbers

- 100 = the minimum number of YARDS you must stay away from a bear or wolf
- 25 = the minimum number of YARDS you must stay away from all other wildlife
- 45 = the maximum speed limit in the park unless otherwise posted
- 911 = the number to call in an emergency

These Actions Are Illegal

- Littering.
- Removing or possessing natural (wildflowers, antlers, rocks, etc.) or cultural (arrowheads, etc.) features.
- Around Thermal Features
  - Throwing anything into thermal features.
  - Swimming in hydrothermal pools. (See previous page.)
  - Traveling off boardwalks or designated trails in hydrothermal areas.
- While Driving
  - Speeding (radar enforced). All roads within the park are posted at 45 mph or slower, except for a portion of U.S. 191.
  - Driving while intoxicated (open container law enforced).
  - Leaving detachable side mirrors attached when not pulling trailers.
  - Traveling off-road by vehicle or bicycle. (Bicycling rules and riding locations are listed in a free brochure at visitor centers.)
  - Driving or riding in a vehicle without your seatbelt fastened. Each vehicle occupant must have a safety belt or child restraint system fastened when the vehicle is in motion.
- While Camping and Picnicking
  - Improperly storing food—at any time, under any circumstances (see at right).
  - Violating camping regulations and rules (see p. 6).
  - Camping outside of designated camping areas (see p. 6).
  - Camping in the backcountry without a permit (see p. 7).
  - Fishing, boating, or using a float tube without a permit (see p. 6).
- With Pets
  - Having pets off leash or on trails and boardwalks. Pets are prohibited on all trails, in the backcountry, and in hydrothermal basins. Where allowed, pets must be leashed and must remain within 100 feet (30 m) of a road or parking area. Do not leave a pet unattended or tied to an object. Boarding facilities are available outside the park.
  - Pet owners must pick up and dispose of all pet feces.
- While Watching Wildlife
  - Spotlighting (viewing with artificial light) elk, deer, or other animals.
  - Imitating elk calls or using buglers; imitating wolf howls.
  - Using electronic equipment capable of tracking wildlife.
  - Willfully remaining near or approaching wildlife, including nesting birds, within ANY distance that disturbs or displaces the animal.
- Also
  - Diving or jumping off cliffs in the Firehole swim area on Firehole Canyon Drive.

NEVER Feed ANY Animals

This includes all mammals, including chipmunks, ground squirrels, and all birds, including ducks and ravens.

COYOTES AND WOLVES quickly learn habits like roadside begging. This may lead to aggressive behavior toward humans and can increase the risk of the animal being hit by a vehicle or destroyed by management. Do not feed them.

Keep All of Your Food Out of Reach of Animals

These items—new, clean, dirty, empty, or full—may not be left outside, on picnic tables, in tents or tent trailers, in the back of pickups, or unattended in any location, at any time, day or night, unless in immediate use:

- water and beverage containers
- cooking, eating, drinking utensils
- stoves and grills
- coolers and ice chests
- trash and garbage, bagged or not
- food, including condiments, even if in containers
- cosmetics and toiletries
- pet food and bowls
- pails, buckets, and wash basins

About Cooking

- Liquid or gas fuel stoves or self-contained charcoal grills may be used for cooking at all picnic areas.
- Campfires allowed only in grills in picnic areas (those with fire grates are listed in a handout available at visitor centers).

About Firearms

As of February 22, 2010, federal law allows people who can legally possess firearms under applicable federal and state laws to legally possess firearms in Yellowstone National Park. It is your responsibility to understand and comply with those laws, including understanding locations of state boundaries within Yellowstone National Park. Federal law still prohibits firearm possession by certain individuals and in certain park facilities (such as visitor centers, government offices, some concession facilities as posted, etc.); those places are marked with signs at all public entrances. For more information, go to www.nps.gov/yell/parkmgmt/lawsandpolicies.htm.

307-344-2132
Report a crime or criminal activity.
Leave as much detail as you can—who, what, where, when.
Leave your name and number, or you can remain anonymous.

Park Tip Line

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## Visitor Centers

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**Grant Visitor Center**
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- Closed 10/1
- Call 307-344-2650

**Madison Information Station**
- 5/28–9/30 9 AM–6 PM
- Closed 10/1
- Call 307-344-2821

**Norris Geyser Basin Museum and Information Station**
- 5/28–9/30 9 AM–6 PM
- Closed 10/1
- Call 307-344-2812

**West Thumb Information Station**
- 5/28–9/30 9 AM–5 PM
- Closed 10/1
- Call 307-344-2650

**Museum of the National Park Ranger**
- 1 mile north of Norris
- 5/28–9/25 9 AM–5 PM
- Closed 9/26
- Call 307-344-7353

**Junior Ranger Station**
- At Madison Information Station
- 5/28–8/28 9 AM–6 PM
- Closed 8/29
- Call 307-344-2821

Visitor centers and information stations are open daily during their seasons unless otherwise noted. 
Ranger-led programs end September 30. 
Sign language interpreters are available for ranger-led programs if reserved in advance. 
Call three weeks ahead: 307-344-2251.

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### New Visitor Centers

**Old Faithful Visitor Education Center**
Come to Yellowstone’s newest visitor center to enjoy the dynamic exhibits about hydrothermal features. Geyser eruption predictions are posted. When the visitor center is open, you can call ahead for Old Faithful Geyser predictions—307-344-2751.

**Canyon Visitor Education Center**
Explore Yellowstone’s supervolcano and other aspects of its geology through interactive exhibits, including a Kugel globe (at left) and relief map of Yellowstone. Watch a film about Yellowstone’s geology.

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### Visitor Centers in Historic Buildings

Three visitor centers occupy historic trailside museums, some of the first in national parks:

**Norris** features exhibits about the hydrothermal features of Yellowstone.

**Fishing Bridge** has exhibits about the park’s birds and other wildlife, and Yellowstone Lake’s geology—including a relief map of its bottom.

**Madison** is the home of the Junior Ranger Station.

Three other visitor centers occupy historic buildings:

**Albright Visitor Center** at Mammoth Hot Springs is part of historic Fort Yellowstone. It dates from the time the U.S. Army managed the park, 1886–1918, and has exhibits about park history and wildlife.

**Museum of the National Park Ranger** presents the history of the park ranger profession through exhibits and videos, and through the stories of the retired rangers who volunteer at the center.

**West Thumb Information Station** offers information about the adjacent geyser basin on the shore of Yellowstone Lake.

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### Learn About Fire

The Grant Visitor Center is the place to find out what happened during the historic fires of 1988. It’s also a nice place to take in the views of Yellowstone Lake and the surrounding mountains.

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Enjoying Your Visit

Online Videos and Podcasts

Plan your visit, create a customized guide, or learn more about Yellowstone’s attractions and treasures through videos at www.nps.gov/yell or podcasts free from iTunes. Popular features include: Visiting Yellowstone A series of orientation videos that include traveling with pets, hiking and backpacking, traveling with kids, walks and day hikes, water-related rules and safety, and bicycling in Yellowstone. Exploring Yellowstone Park Ranger Orville Bach takes you on a tour of the Upper Geyser Basin, home to Old Faithful Geyser. Land to Life How extreme geologic forces create a unique landscape that supports an abundance of life. Inside Yellowstone Nearly 100 videos of very short ranger talks on park features and processes: Yellowstone InDepth Major park questions and issues are discussed by park rangers, scientists, historians, and park visitors. Funding provided by the Yellowstone Association and by Canon U.S.A., Inc., through a grant to the Yellowstone Park Foundation.

Visit Online

Old Faithful Virtual Visitor Center The OFVVVC is for explorers of all ages. Begin your online visit with a 360° view of Yellowstone National Park that lands you beside Old Faithful Geyser. Click a button to zoom into the lobby, where dozens of explorations await you. Watch animated geysers and volcano eruptions, travertine terrace growth, and microbial mat color changes. You’ll find maps, too, along with links to other online resources.

Electronic Field Trips for Students and Teachers Take one of 17 free electronic field trips, available at www.WindowsIntoWonderland.org. Funding provided by donations through the Yellowstone Park Foundation.

Webcams Stay connected to Yellowstone’s dynamic landscape through webcams located at Old Faithful, Mammoth Hot Springs, and the Mount Washburn Fire LOOKOUT. The Old Faithful live-streaming webcam was donated, along with supporting funds, by Canon U.S.A., Inc., through a grant to the Yellowstone Park Foundation.

Accessibility Guide

Yellowstone National Park has published a comprehensive guide to accessibility in the park for visitors with mobility impairments. The guide also includes some information about services for visitors with hearing or visual needs. It’s available free at entrance stations, visitor centers, and on www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/parkwide-access.htm. The Yellowstone Park Foundation supported printing of this new guide.

Cell Phones

Cell phone service may be available in the Mammoth, Old Faithful, Canyon, and Grant developed areas. As a courtesy to other visitors, turn off your phone while enjoying Yellowstone’s natural features.

Youth Programs

20th Year Free! Junior Ranger Program

Since 1992, young visitors to Yellowstone National Park have participated in the Junior Ranger program. This year, to celebrate the program’s 20th summer, the park is offering it free! If you are between the ages of 5 and 12, pick up the Junior Ranger newspaper at any park visitor center, then complete the program requirements. You will be awarded a wolf track patch if you are ages 5 to 7 or a bear track patch if you are ages 8 to 12.

Young Scientist Program

If you are five years old or older, you can become a Young Scientist! Purchase a self-guiding booklet for $5 at the Canyon Visitor Education Center (ages 10 and up) or Old Faithful Visitor Education Center (ages 5 and up). If you are investigating in the Old Faithful area, check out a Young Scientist Toolkit for the gear you need. When you have finished the investigation, you will be awarded a Young Scientist patch or key chain. Development of this program was funded by the National Science Foundation through a generous grant to the Yellowstone Park Foundation.

Expedition: Yellowstone!

Teachers: We invite you, your students, and parent chaperones to participate in Expedition: Yellowstone! — a curriculum-based residential program. Through field investigations, hikes, creative dramatics, writing, and group discussions, students learn about the natural and cultural resources of Yellowstone National Park. For more information, write to Expedition: Yellowstone!, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, or visit www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/expeditionyell.htm.

Yellowstone Field Trips

Teachers, bring your students to the park for an educational field trip. Free ranger-led programs are provided for visiting school groups. Contact us for information about the programs and to schedule a free ranger program at least three weeks in advance of your Yellowstone field trip. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/yell/tours/index.htm.

Yellowstone to You

Have a National Park Ranger visit your classroom if you attend a nearby school. For more distant schools, connect with a ranger via video conference. For more information about free ranger programs for your class, visit www.nps.gov/yell/tours/index.htm.

Youth Conservation Corps

Since 1984, Yellowstone has offered a summer Youth Conservation Corps program for youth aged 15–18. Corps members work together under adult leadership learning about conservation issues while completing projects such as trail rehabilitation and recreating in and around the park. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/yell/tours/yccjobs.htm. Funding for many of these programs provided by Toyota and other contributors through grants and donations to the Yellowstone Park Foundation.

Heritage and Research Center

Yellowstone National Park’s Heritage and Research Center, located just beyond the North Entrance of the park in Gardiner, Montana, is offering tours throughout the summer. Although primarily a storage and research facility, tours of the Heritage and Research Center provide an inside look at some of the collections housed within. Tours are available Tuesday and Thursdays at 10 AM from May 31 through September 8, and are limited to 15 people. Please call 307-344-2662 for reservations or sign up in the center’s lobby, and arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the tour. The center also has an exhibit about natural resource management in the park, available for viewing in the lobby during weekdays.

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### Ranger-led Programs 

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**SAVE on Entrance Fees!**

The “America the Beautiful— the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass” provides several pass options for people to use at federal recreation sites— including national parks and wildlife refuges— where entrance fees are charged. You can purchase this pass at one of Yellowstone’s entrance stations or go to: [store.usgs.gov/pass](http://store.usgs.gov/pass). The pass is not good for camping or for some other fees such as parking fees at Mount Rushmore or cave tours at various parks. Be sure to inquire locally. Previously issued Golden Age Passports and Golden Access Passports are still accepted. You can also trade them in for the new and more durable passes.

**Entrance Fees for Yellowstone and Grand Teton**

- Private, noncommercial automobile: $25 (7 days, both Yellowstone and Grand Teton)
- Individual motorcycle: $20 (7 days, both parks)
- Single entry (foot, bike, ski, etc.): $12 (7 days, both parks)
- Yellowstone-Grand Teton Pass: $50 (valid one year from month of purchase)
- America the Beautiful Pass— the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass: $80 (valid for one year from month of purchase for entrance fees to federal fee areas)
- Senior Pass: $10—for U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. who are 62 or older.
- Access Pass: Free—for citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. who have been determined to be permanently disabled and present such documentation.

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MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS
Tales of the Travertine September 6–10
The travertine terraces at Mammoth Hot Springs are one of Yellowstone's most unusual, beautiful, and misunderstood hydrothermal features. Come learn how powerful earth forces constantly create and change these formations, and whether or not they really are “drying up.” Meet at the end of the Palette Spring boardwalk, just up from the Liberty Cap rock formation. b. 15 minutes
Wonders of Yellowstone September 6–10
Yellowstone is full of wonders such as amazing geology, wildlife, history, and beauty. Join us as a ranger shares insights into one fascinating aspect of this magical place. Meet on the front lawn of the Albright Visitor Center, or in the theater if it’s raining. b. 20 minutes
Calling in the Cavalry September 6–10
In its early days, Yellowstone National Park was protected by the U.S. Army. Join a ranger on this short, relaxed walk around Fort Yellowstone to learn about important historic park events and to discover the role the military played in protecting Yellowstone. Meet in front of the Albright Visitor Center. b. 1 hour

NORRIS
Windows Into Yellowstone September 6–10
Experience the muddied calderas, acidic geysers, and clear pools of Norris Geyser Basin! Join a park ranger for an illustrated program highlighting a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone’s volcanic geology. Meet at Steamboat Geyser, a 15-minute walk from the Norris Geyser Basin parking lot. b. 45 minutes
World’s Tallest September 6–10
Discover how geysers work at the world’s tallest active geyser! Meet at Steamboat Geyser, a 15-minute walk from the Norris Geyser Basin parking lot. In wet weather, the talk will be held at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum. Check with a ranger at the information desk. 30 minutes
Wild Yellowstone September 6–10
A park ranger will share insights into a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone National Park’s wild nature. Meet at Steamboat Geyser, a 15-minute walk from the Norris Geyser Basin parking lot. In rainy weather, the talk will be held at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum. Check with a ranger at the information desk. 20 minutes

OLD FAITHFUL
Morning on Geyser Hill September 6–10
Geyser Hill is at the heart of the world’s greatest concentration of geysers. Enjoy a morning exploration of this special corner of the park and learn about the relationship between Yellowstone’s volcanic history and hydrothermal features on this 1½-mile walk. Meet outside the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center. b. ½ hours
Geyser Galore! September 6–10
Take a quick peek at Yellowstone’s fascinating geysers and visible geologic story. Meet a ranger at the benches in front of Old Faithful near the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center. b. 30 minutes

BLACK SAND WALK
Black Sand Walk September 6–10
Discover a lesser known geyser! As you stroll through one of Yellowstone’s most striking hydrothermal areas, you’ll learn about volcanic geology and the history of Black Sand Basin on this ½-mile walk. Meet at Black Sand Basin parking lot, one mile north of Old Faithful. b. 1 hour
Geyser Discovery Stroll September 6–10
Learn about one of the rarest geological features on Earth—geyser! Accompany a ranger through the Upper Geyser Basin exploring the world of geysers. Meet at Castle Geyser, ½ mile west of Old Faithful (15-minute walk from the visitor center). b. ½ hours
Stroll Around Old Faithful September 6–10
Take an easy ½-mile walk with a ranger around Old Faithful Geyser. View dramatic hot springs and geysers while gaining insight into Yellowstone’s dynamic geology. Meet outside on the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center. b. 45 minutes

OLD FAITHFUL EVENING PROGRAM
Old Faithful Evening Program September 6–10
Each evening a different aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders will be featured during this illustrated program. Meet the ranger in the theater of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center. b. 45 minutes

MADISON
Madison Evening Program September 6–10
Each night a park ranger will present an illustrated program highlighting a different aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at the Madison Information Station for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Madison amphitheater. b. 45 minutes

WEST YELLOWSTONE, MONTANA (WEST ENTRANCE)
Afternoon Talk in West Yellowstone September 6–10
Each afternoon, a ranger will present a talk on a captivating aspect of Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history. The Yellowstone Historic Center Museum is located at the corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street. The Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center is located at 201 South Canyon Street. Talks are free and open to the public. If there is a fee if you choose to visit the rest of the museum or discovery center. b. 30 minutes
Evening Program in West Yellowstone September 6–10
Join a park ranger for an illustrated program highlighting a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders. Location: West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street). b. 45 minutes

Sign language interpreter available for ranger-led programs.
Call three weeks ahead: 307-344-2251.
Yellowstone National Park’s physical landscape has been and is being created by many geological forces. Here, some of the Earth’s most active volcanic, hydrothermal (water + heat), and earthquake systems make this national park a priceless treasure. Yellowstone was established as the world’s first national park primarily because of its unparalleled collection of geysers, hot springs, mudpots, and steam vents.

**How Geysers Work**

Geysers are hot springs with narrow spaces in their plumbing, usually near the surface. These constrictions prevent water from circulating freely to the surface where heat would escape. The deepest circulating water can exceed the surface boiling point (199°F/93°C). The surrounding pressure also increases with depth, much as it does with depth in the ocean. Increased pressure exerted by the enormous weight of the overlying rock and water prevents the water from vaporizing.

As the water rises, steam forms. Bubbling upward, steam expands as it nears the top of the water column until the bubbles are too large and numerous to pass freely through the constrictions. At a critical point, the confined bubbles actually lift the water above, causing the geyser to splash or overflow. This decreases pressure on the system, and violent boiling results. Tremendous amounts of steam force water out of the vent, and the eruption begins. Water is expelled faster than it can enter the geyser’s plumbing system, and the heat and pressure gradually decrease. The eruption stops when the water reservoir is exhausted or when the gas bubbles diminish enough to be able to rise without ejecting the water.

**Old Faithful Geyser**

Many myths exist about Old Faithful, the world’s most famous geyser (shown at left). Use the lists below to 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 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 Old Faithful’s eruption.

**Facts**

✓ Old Faithful’s eruption duration, height, and the interval between eruptions vary daily and yearly.
✓ As of January 2011, an eruption lasts 1½ to 5 minutes; the average interval between eruptions is 93 minutes.
✓ Old Faithful’s height ranges from 106 feet to 1,700 feet; the average height is 148 feet.
✓ Just prior to eruption, water temperature at the vent is 204°F (95.6°C).

**Greening the Park**

Yellowstone National Park, its concessioners, and its partners are leaders in sustainable practices that keep Yellowstone clean and “green.”

**Annual Recycling**

Final figures for 2010 show Yellowstone National Park and its concessioners kept 80% of the park’s waste out of landfills. They recycled:

- 60 tons of newspapers, office paper, and magazines
- 21 tons of aluminum and steel
- 139 tons of glass
- 45 tons of plastics
- 290 tons of cardboard
- ±35,000 small propane cylinders
- 61 tons of used tires

Look for recycling bins throughout the park.

**Cleaner Travel**

- Yellowstone National Park’s vehicle fleet includes 17 hybrids.
- Many vehicles in the park’s fleet are equipped with high-tech, fuel efficient tires.
- Since 1995, the park has been using a three-quarter ton 4x4 pickup running on 100% biodiesel fuel. It has been driven more than 200,000 miles and averages 17 miles per gallon with less smoke and fewer polluting emissions.
- All diesel-powered vehicles driven by park employees and many used by concessioners run on a 20% blend of industrial-grade vegetable oil and diesel.
- Yellowstone uses an ethanol blend in all gasoline-powered park vehicles and is the first national park to sell ethanol-blended fuel to visitors at public service stations.
- More than 40 employees participate in a Ride-Share program, commuting in a park-sponsored bus.

**Recycle Your Bear Spray Canisters**

You can now recycle bear spray canisters in Yellowstone National Park. The canisters will be emptied and the contents recycled, as well as the canister itself being crushed and recycled. To find out about dropoff locations, stop by a visitor center, hotel, or general store.

**Plastics to Carpet Project**

Until recently, all plastics collected in Yellowstone National Park were being held at the park and its concessioners and its partners are leaders in sustainable practices that keep Yellowston
Climate Change

Yellowstone's ecosystems will likely change as climate change advances. Scientists expect increased temperatures and changing rain and snow patterns in the park. Effects could be:
- The alpine zone, which begins at 9,500 feet, may shift higher, potentially reducing the area occupied by alpine meadows and whitebark pine forests.
- Wildland fire in the western states generally is projected to increase. In Yellowstone, scientific research is showing that fires may be more frequent than in recent times.
- Increased insect infestations in trees. Yellowstone has recently experienced an outbreak of native forest insects.
- Declining wetlands, which would decrease essential habitat for frogs, salamanders, and many birds and insects.
- Wildlife predictions vary. Bison, elk, and other grassland animals should be able to find suitable habitat. Grizzly bears may have less of their most nutritional foods such as whitebark pine nuts, army cutworm moths, and cutthroat trout.

In October 2010, Yellowstone National Park hosted a scientific conference on climate change in Yellowstone. Abstracts are available at www.greateryellowstonescience.org/gyesciconf2010; proceedings are expected this year.

Lake Trout

Yellowstone Lake’s native cutthroat trout are voracious predators of the native trout. Adult cutthroat trout have always been preyed upon by a variety of native wildlife such as bald eagles, osprey, pelicans, cormorants, gulls, otters, and grizzly bears. Lake trout cannot be eliminated from Yellowstone Lake. However, park fisheries managers hope to greatly reduce the growth of the lake trout population and recover the cutthroat trout population.

The National Park Service targets lake trout with an intensive gill-netting program that begins after ice is gone from the lake and continues into October. Since the early 1990s, this program has removed more than 600,000 lake trout. Fishing regulations require anglers to kill all lake trout caught in Yellowstone Lake and its tributaries. Anglers are an important part of lake trout management. Annually, they catch approximately 9,000 lake trout.

To find out more, ask for Yell 300, “Lake Trout,” at visitor centers or visit www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/fishing.htm.

Winter Use

As remarkable as Yellowstone National Park is during the rest of the year, the park in winter is truly a magical place of earthly eruptions on a white canvas, and of the park’s wildlife enduring extremes in a frozen landscape. The park will be open for the annual winter season from December 15, 2011, through March 15, 2012.

The wintertime enjoyment of Yellowstone and its unique resources—and lively debate about how to enjoy it—have drawn deep and passionate interest in the park for nearly 80 years. Currently, Yellowstone National Park and the National Park Service are preparing a long-term plan for managing winter use in America's first national park. Public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement are under review, and a proposed rule is out for public comment through September 6. Getting involved in Yellowstone National Park’s winter use plan means submitting your comments in person, on paper, or online. To help plan your winter visit or to review the proposed rule and make comments, go to www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/winteruse.htm.

We look forward to seeing you this winter!

When Buffalo Roam

During winter, bison often migrate to winter range along and outside the park’s north and west boundaries. This concerns the livestock industry because some bison carry the disease brucellosis, which is a problem with cattle. A bison management plan is in place to conserve the Yellowstone bison population and minimize or avoid the risk of Yellowstone bison mixing with livestock near the park.

Hazing and Capture

Bison migrating from the park may be hazed to management zones inside or outside the park. When hazing is no longer successful, bison can be captured, and may be sent to slaughter.

Understanding Bison Movement

Managers are studying bison movements to understand where, how, and where they migrate both inside and outside of the park. This may help managers anticipate large herd movements, and keep bison apart from cattle.

Vaccination

In 2010, the NPS released the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS), Remote Vaccination Program for Bison in Yellowstone National Park. The NPS is evaluating public comments and expects to release the final EIS in late 2011.

Bison Hunt

The state of Montana manages a public bison hunt on public lands outside Yellowstone National Park during the late fall and winter. In addition, several tribes exercise their treaty rights to hunt bison outside the park.

Outlook

State and federal agencies will continue to work together to prevent bison-to-cattle transmission. Each agency plays a separate role in managing this population that now has approximately 80,000 acres of habitat in Montana outside Yellowstone National Park.
Camping and Fishing

Fall 2011

Campinggrounds

Listed in Order of Opening  Dates  Rate  Sites  Elev (ft)  Features  RV sites

Mammoth  All year  $14  85  6,200  A, F, G  most are pull-through

Madison*  5/6–10/23  $20**  277  6,800  A, F, DS, G  call for availability & reservations

Fishing Bridge RV*  5/13–9/25  $28–37**  216  7,800  f, S/L, DS, G  call for availability & reservations

Norris  5/20–9/26  $14  >100  7,500  f, G  2 @ 30’ (signed); 5 @ 30’

Tower Fall  5/20–9/26  $12  31  6,600  V  all @ 30’ or less; has hairpin curve

Bridge Bay*  5/27–9/11  $20**  43  7,800  f, A, DS, G  call for availability & reservations

Slough Creek  5/27–10/31  $12  28  6,250  V  14 @ 30'; walk through first to assess sites beyond #16

Canyon*  6/3–95  $20**  272  7,900  A, F, S/L, DS, G  call for availability & reservations

Pebble Creek  6/10–9/26  $12  >30  6,900  V  some long pull-throughs

Indian Creek  6/10–9/26  $12  75  7,300  V  10 @ 40’; 35 @ 30’; pull-through

Lewis Lake  6/15–11/5  $12  85  7,800  V  a few @ 25’

Grant Village*  6/21–9/25  $20**  429  7,800  A, F, S/L, DS, G  call for availability & reservations

First-Come, First-Served
The seven campgrounds operated by the National Park Service are first-come, first-served. They often fill early in the day.

Reservable Sites
Sites at the five campgrounds operated by Xanterra Parks & Resorts can be reserved. Their contact information is below.

Fishing Bridge RV Park is for hard-sided vehicles only. No tents or tent trailers.

Xanterra Parks & Resorts
P.O. Box 165
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190
www.YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com

Toll-free: 866–Geyserland (866–439–7375)
TTY: 307-344-3395

Same day reservations: 307-344-7311

Check-in and Check-out
Check-in any time, but sites may not be available before 11 AM. Registration desks at Xanterra’s campgrounds are open 7 am–10 pm during peak season; 8 am–9 pm during early and late season. Check-out time is 11 AM.

Know Vehicle, Tent, and Tow Sizes
If you want to reserve a site, you will be asked for the length and width of your tent, RV, or the combined length of your car or pickup and anything you are towing. For non-reservable sites, use the total length to determine which campground can best accommodate your rig.

Length of Stay
Camping is limited to 14 days from July 1 through Labor Day (first Monday in September) and to 30 days the rest of the year; no limit at Fishing Bridge.

Group Camping
Group camping (tents only) is available at Madison, Grant, and Bridge Bay for organized groups with a designated leader such as youth or educational groups. Fees range from $70–100 (plus tax) per night, depending on group size. Reservations are required; contact Xanterra Parks & Resorts.

Quiet Hours
Each visitor deserves to hear the natural sounds of this beautiful environment. During quiet hours, 10 pm–6 am, no loud audio devices, or other noise disturbances are allowed. Where allowed, generators may operate only between 8 am and 8 pm.

Overflow Camping
No overflow camping exists in Yellowstone National Park. No camping or overnight vehicle parking allowed in pullouts, parking areas, picnic grounds, or any place other than a designated campground. Camping may be available in neighboring communities and public lands outside the park. (See page 13.)

Discounts
Holders of Senior and Access passes receive approximately a 50% discount on camping fees, except at Fishing Bridge, where no discounts apply. (See page 6.)

WARNING!
Food and Odors Attract Bears
The future of bears, your safety, and the safety of others depend on you. Read and follow the regulations on page 1. Never feed any animal, including bears. Never leave food unattended, even for one minute.

Campground Update
Call 307-344-2114.

Fishing in Yellowstone

Fishing Season
Yellowstone’s fishing season generally begins on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and continues through the first Sunday of November. The many exceptions are listed in the park fishing regulations.

Obtaining the Regulations
Obtain park fishing regulations at ranger stations, visitor centers, and general stores or go to www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/fishing.htm.

About the Regulations
In Yellowstone, angling is based on fishing for native species of wild trout in a natural setting. The regulations have evolved as ongoing research reveals population trends and interrelationships with the rest of the Yellowstone ecosystem. Increasing numbers of anglers also influence regulations by their impact on certain species and aquatic habitats.

Permits
All anglers 16 or older must possess a valid Yellowstone National Park fishing permit to fish in the park; state permits are not valid. 3 days—$15; 7 days—$20; season—$35. Permits are available at ranger stations, visitor centers, general stores, and flyshops in local communities.

Anglers 15 or younger have two options: fish without a permit under direct supervision of an adult who has a permit or obtain a free permit that must be signed by an adult. The adult must ensure the child complies with all fishing regulations and provisions.

Boats and Float tubes are limited to a few locations and require boat permits. Obtain these permits in person at: South Entrance, Lewis Lake Campground; Grant Village Backcountry Office, Bridge Bay Ranger Station. Non-motorized boating permits only are available at the Canyon, Mammoth, and Old Faithful backcountry offices, Bechler Ranger Station, West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center, and Northeast Entrance. You must have a Coast Guard approved “wearable” personal flotation device for each person on board.

Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) are plants and animals not native to the park that cause irreversible harm to the naturally-functioning ecosystem that exists here. Already, New Zealand mudsnails, whirling disease, and lake trout have resulted in loss of fisheries and irreversible harm to the naturally-functioning ecosystem that exists here. Already, New Zealand mudsnails, whirling disease, and lake trout have resulted in loss of fisheries and irreversible harm to the naturally-functioning ecosystem that exists here. Already, New Zealand mudsnails, whirling disease, and lake trout have resulted in loss of fisheries and irreversible harm to the naturally-functioning ecosystem that exists here. Already, New Zealand mudsnails, whirling disease, and lake trout have resulted in loss of fisheries and irreversible harm to the naturally-functioning ecosystem that exists here. Already, New Zealand mudsnails, whirling disease, and lake trout have resulted in loss of fisheries and irreversible harm to the naturally-functioning ecosystem that exists here.
Bear Country Tips

A Fed Bear Is a Dead Bear
Do not leave packs containing food unattended, even for a few minutes. If a bear obtains human food even once, it often becomes aggressive about obtaining such food, and may have to be destroyed or removed from the park.

Alert Bears to Your Presence
Make loud noises, shout, or sing. Hike in groups, stay on maintained trails, and use caution if vision is obstructed. Do not hike after dark. Avoid carcasses; bears will defend them.

If you carry bear pepper spray:
♦ Use bear pepper spray. Personal self-defense pepper spray is not effective.
♦ The canister must be immediately available, not in your pack.
♦ It is effective only at distances of 10 to 30 feet and can be adversely affected by wind, cold temperatures, and age of the spray.
♦ Follow the manufacturer’s instructions, know how to use the spray, and be aware of its limitations, including the expiration date.
♦ It is not a repellent. Don’t spray it on people, tents, or backpacks.
♦ Carrying bear pepper spray is not a substitute for vigilance and safety precautions.

If you must use bear pepper spray to stop a bear:
♦ Leave the area immediately. The spray is effective for a short time and is less effective the second time.
♦ Report the incident to park rangers at a visitor center or ranger station.

Backcountry Tips and Regulations

Accessibility
Wheelchairs and some types of service animals are allowed in the backcountry. Contact a backcountry office (see below) before taking them into the backcountry.

Campfires
Build fires only where allowed. You will be given this information when you obtain your overnight permit.

Day Hiking
Talk to a park ranger at a backcountry office or visitor center before beginning a day hike. They know trail conditions, weather forecasts, and if areas are closed due to bear or management activities.

Drinking Water
Filter water with a good commercial filter, treat it with a chemical such as iodine or chlorine, or boil it at least one minute. Never drink water from a hot spring.

Hypothermia
Exposure to wind, rain, or cold can cause hypothermia, which can kill you. Early warning signs include shivering, slurred speech, drowsiness, and exhaustion. Put on dry clothes and drink warm fluids at the first signs.

Non-native Plants
Invasive non-native plants (noxious weeds) threaten the park’s ecosystem. Major threats include: spotted knapweed, ox-eye daisy, St. Johns-wort, musk thistle, leafy spurge, and dalmation toadflax. If you see these or other exotic species in the backcountry, notify a park ranger.

Overnight Permits
Permits are required. Obtain a permit at a backcountry office not more than 48 hours in advance of the first date of the trip. You will be given full instructions about backcountry regulations and safety. You can also reserve campsites at a backcountry office or by mail (see below) for a $20 fee.

Pack It In and Out
You must carry all refuse out of the backcountry, including items partly burned (foil, 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 campsites. Do not wash yourself, clothing, or dishes in lakes, ponds, rivers, or streams.

Stock Use
Inquire at backcountry offices and ranger stations for which trails are open to stock. Important: All stock users in Yellowstone must submit upon request proof of a negative Coggins test performed within the last 12 months for each animal.

For more information, contact the Backcountry Office, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190; 307-344-2165; www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/backcountryhiking.htm
In the early years after the National Park Service was created in 1916, its first Director, Stephen T. Mather, knew that building public support for a fledgling National Park System was crucial for its future. Resourcefulness and philanthropy helped sustain our parks then, and have played important roles throughout the history of the system. In Yellowstone National Park, two nonprofit partners—The Yellowstone Park Foundation and The Yellowstone Association—support the National Park Service’s mission and goals.

The Yellowstone Park Foundation (YPF) is the park’s official fundraising partner. YPF works in cooperation with the National Park Service to fund projects and programs that protect, preserve, and enhance natural and cultural resources and the visitor experience in Yellowstone. One of YPF’s most visible accomplishments is providing over half of the funding needed to build the new Old Faithful Visitor Education Center. The Old Faithful live streaming webcam is another innovative service that has been funded by Canon U.S.A., Inc., through the Yellowstone Park Foundation, and dozens of other projects have been accomplished thanks to YPF’s support.

The Yellowstone Association (YA) is the park’s official nonprofit educational partner. YA works in cooperation with the National Park Service in its primary role of supporting visitor information, orientation, and education through the sales of educational materials and services in park visitor centers. Proceeds from sales and memberships have funded exhibits at the Canyon Visitor Education Center, the new geology film, Yellowstone: Land to Life, web videos and podcasts, and dozens of outdoor exhibits, publications, online features, and other NPS programs. See below to find out more about each organization.

Supporting Yellowstone

With the support of Friends of Yellowstone
the Yellowstone Park Foundation funds critical Park projects such as:
- wildlife & fisheries conservation
- hiking trail restoration
- historic preservation
- $15 million toward the new state-of-the-art Old Faithful Visitor Education Center
and many more. To learn more or to donate online, visit us at
www.ypf.org

Preserving the Wonders and Wildlife of Yellowstone National Park

Text YELLOWSTONE to 59444 to donate $10*

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AND GET 15% OFF*
all purchases in retail locations operated by Yellowstone General Stores and Xanterra Parks & Resorts® Gift Shops located throughout Yellowstone National Park.

Contact us directly at: 406-848-2400
Online at: www.YellowstoneAssociation.org

*Exclusions apply. Inspire at each location for details. You must present membership card to receive discounts.

INSPIRE. EDUCATE. PRESERVE.

Road, service, and program schedules can change. Always check locally for updates!
Grand Teton National Park

Make time to visit our neighbor to the south, Grand Teton National Park. This park offers spectacular scenery and its own campgrounds, exhibits, and activities. More information is in the park newspaper, Tetonnow, or at www.nps.gov/grte. Newspapers are available at Grand Teton visitor centers and entrance stations.

All dates and hours are approximate.

Campgrounds
First come, first served. For current status of campgrounds, ask at entrance stations or visitor centers in Grand Teton National Park.

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Jenny Lake is open to tents only. Other campgrounds accommodate tents, trailers, and recreational vehicles (30-foot restriction at Signal Mnt. and Lizard Creek). All campgrounds have modern comfort stations, but none have utility hookups. The maximum stay is 7 days at Jenny Lake, 14 days at other campgrounds, 30 days total per year.

Lodging
Make your reservations directly:

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Lodging can also be found in surrounding communities.

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Medical Clinic
Grand Teton Clinic, located near Jackson Lake Lodge. Daily, late May to early October. Call 307-543-2514 or after hours 307-733-8002.

Activities
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 Craig Thomas 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.

Emergency: dial 911.
TTY/TDD: Emergency only, 307-739-3301.

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

Road Work Delays
- Between Moose & Jackson: up to 15 minute delays June–October
- Between Lizard Creek Campground and Jackson Lake Lodge: up to 30 minute delays starting mid-August

Expect delays in additional areas. Inquire locally or call 307-739-3304 for Grand Teton National Park road project updates.

Other Nearby National Park Units and National Forests

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

Yellowstone.
Don’t just see it, experience it.

WINTER PACKAGES
GETAWAY & ADVENTURE PACKAGES AT MAMMOTH INCLUDE:
- Minimum of 2 nights lodging • Breakasts per person • Variety of activities • Winter Gift Store Credit Card • Discounted for Two Winter Packages, 50% Off Lodging for Three
GETAWAY PACKAGES AT MAMMOTH
- Savings up to 15% off per person double occupancy, 6-night stay
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GETAWAY PACKAGES AT OLD FAITHFUL SNOW LODGE
- Savings up to 15% off per person double occupancy, 6-night stay
- 2-night Minimum • Breakasts per person • Activities • Winter Gift Store Credit Card

ADVENTURE PACKAGE - TRAIL OF THE WOLF
- From Mammoth
- Starting at $139 per person double occupancy, 6-night stay
- Includes: 1-night stay at Mammoth, 4-night stay at Yosemite, 1-half day tour, 1-day guided wildlife tour, 1-day guided snowcoach tour, 1-half day ice skating.

ADVENTURE PACKAGE - TRAIL OF THE WOLF
- From Old Faithful Snow Lodge
- Starting at $189 per person double occupancy, 6-night stay
- Includes: 1-night stay at Old Faithful, 4-night stay at Yosemite, 1-half day tour, 1-day guided wildlife tour, 1-day guided snowcoach tour, 1-half day ice skating.

For Reservations & Information:
866-439-7375 | YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com

More about Xanterra
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- xanterra.com

Xanterra’s Long Term Commitment to Sustainability

Xanterra provides hospitality in some of the most beautiful places on earth, and we take our role of environmental stewardship very seriously. Through our biology program, we incorporate sustainable practices in all aspects of our operations, from food to fuel, and from emissions reduction to renewable energy.

You can help us protect Yellowstone in the following ways:

Recycle: For your convenience, we now offer in-room recycling containers for plastic, paper, glass, cardboard, and aluminum. Recycling bins are also located throughout the park. With help from visitors like you, last year we recycled over 1.9 million pounds of material and diverted over 70% of our waste from the landfill.

Choose Green: Visit our new for Future Generations: Yellowstone Gifts store in the Mammoth Hotel and check out the wide selection of sustainable products and cool exhibits on climate change.

Eat Well: Our restaurants also offer a variety of sustainable choices including our great tasting Xanterra Stewardship Council certified salmon and fair trade, organic coffee. In 2010, 32% of our food purchases were sustainable!

Conserve Energy: When staying in the park’s guest rooms, take advantage of the linen reuse program and be sure to turn off lights and heat when you leave the room.

Be Green at Home: Stewardship does not end at national park borders. You can help protect Yellowstone and other national parks from the impacts of climate change and pollution by adopting sustainable practices at home.

Don’t just see it, experience it. Yellowstone. Getaway & Adventure Packages at Yellowstone National Park Lodges

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### Service Locations and Schedules

**Fall 2011**

**Canyon Village**
- **Visitor Information Center**: 7/8; 9/10
- **Fishing Bridge**: 8/1 - 9/10
- **Grant and West Thumb**: 8/1 - 9/9
- **Lake and Bridge Bay**: 8/3 - 9/11

**Grant Village**
- **Visitor Center**: 8/1 - 9/11
- **Lake Lodge**: 8/1 - 9/10

**Lake McDonald**
- **Visitor Center**: 8/1 - 9/11
- **Lake McDonald**

**Mammoth Hot Springs**
- **Visitor Center**: 8/1 - 9/11
- **Mammoth Hot Springs**

**Norris**
- **Visitor Education Center**: 8/1 - 9/11
- **Norris**

**Old Faithful**
- **Visitor Education Center**: 8/1 - 9/11
- **Old Faithful**

**Tower and Roosevelt**
- **Visitor Information Center**: 8/1 - 9/11
- **Visitor Information Center**: 8/1 - 9/11

**Visitor Information & Bookstore**
- **boots, ribbons, mugs, other educational items**
- **ATM**: 8/1 - 9/11

**Medical Clinic**
- **Facilities**
- **Details on p. 6**

**Auto Service & C-Store**
- **Credit card service at pumps 24 hours a day**
- **Fuel**: 8/1 - 9/11
- **Wrecker**: 8/1 - 9/11

**General Store**
- **Gift Shop**: 8/1 - 9/11
- **Cafeteria**: 8/1 - 9/11

**Outdoor Store**
- **Sundries**: 8/1 - 9/11
- **Food**: 8/1 - 9/11

**Mini Store**
- **Kiosk**: 8/1 - 9/11

**Gift Shop**
- **(in lodging facilities)**

**Hotel**
- **Canyon Lodge**: 8/1 - 9/11
- **Grant Village**: 8/1 - 9/11
- **Lake Hotel**: 8/1 - 9/11
- **Lake Lodge**: 8/1 - 9/11

**Cabin**
- **Canyon Lodge**: 8/1 - 9/11
- **Grant Village**: 8/1 - 9/11

**Restaurant**
- **(see also General Store)**

**Cafeteria**
- **Canyon Lodge**: 8/1 - 9/11
- **Canyon Lodge Deli**: 8/1 - 9/11

**Snack Lights**
- **meals**: 8/1 - 9/11
- **Fast food**

**Campground**
- **Details on p. 6**
- **Reservations accepted**

**Shower**
- **Canyon Campground**: 8/1 - 9/11

**Laundry**
- **Canyon Campground**: 8/1 - 9/11

**Marina**
- **Boat Tours & Trail Rides**: 8/1 - 9/11

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**Accessibility**
- Entrance stations and visitor centers have a free comprehensive guide for visitors with mobility impairments. Guide includes some other accessibility information.
- ATM available in stores and lodging at all major areas of the park. Inquire locally.
- **Cell Phones**
  - Limited service in the park. As a courtesy to others, turn off your phone while enjoying Yellowstone's natural features.

**Lodging/Campground Update**
- Call 307-344-2114.

**Lost and Found**
- Call 307-344-3587 to report or retrieve items lost in lodging facilities; call 307-344-2109 for items lost elsewhere in park.

**Recycling**
- Glass, cans, paper, cardboard, plastic, plastic bags, small propane canisters (used with camp stoves and lanterns), bear spray canisters, and household batteries can be recycled in Yellowstone National Park. Inquire locally.

**Reservations**
- For lodging, dining, camping, and concession activities, call 307-344-7311 or toll-free 866-439-7375, TTY: 307-344-5395. Dinner reservations required at Grant Village, Lake Hotel, and Old Faithful Inn.

**Worship Services**
- Most major denominations and interdenominational services available in summer. Information at all major areas.
**Pavement Preservation Projects**

Expect 30-minute delays and pilot vehicles, except on holidays:

- **August**
  - Canyon Junction to Chittenden Road
  - South 8 miles from Mammoth Upper Terraces Drive
  - Madison Junction to West Entrance
  - Grant Village Junction to South Entrance
  - West 5 miles from Tower Junction
  - Mammoth Hot Springs area

- **September**
  - Mammoth Hot Springs area

**Grand Teton National Park**

See page 13. For construction updates in Grand Teton only, call 307-739-3614.

**Road Work**

1. **Northeast Entrance Road, Lamar River Bridge**
   - Possible 30-minute delays, except holidays

2. **Beartooth Highway (US 212)**
   - For construction updates on this highway only, call 888-285-4636.
   - Beartooth Lake bridge: May 27 to September 30 expect 30-minute delays, except holidays

**SPEED KILLS**
more than 100 big animals each year

**SLOW DOWN**
and save a life

**Road Information**

- To Livingston, MT: 52 mi/84 km
- To Bozeman, MT: 84 mi/134 km
- Gardiner, MT: North Entrance
- To Ashton, ID: 26 mi/42 km
- To Idaho Falls, ID: 100 mi/160 km
- To Bozeman, MT: 90 mi/144 km
- To Jackson, WY: 57 mi/91 km
- To Livingston, MT: 70 mi/113 km

**SH扑THE ROAD**

- To Cody, WY: 53 mi/85 km
- To Billings, MT: 125 mi/200 km
- Chief Joseph Hwy: 68 mi/109 km
- To Ashton, ID: 26 mi/42 km
- To Idaho Falls, ID: 100 mi/160 km
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**Other Services**

- Medical clinic
- Visitor center or information station
- Auto Service
- Store
- Campground
- RV park
- Trail rides
- Marina
- Boat launch
- Boat tour
- Cell phone service may be available

All areas listed have restrooms & recycling; most have telephones. See also page 15.

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