Welcome to Yellowstone.
We’re glad you’re here.

Top 10 things to know
As you enter the park, please become familiar with some of the rules and advisories that are important to a safe and enjoyable visit. More are described inside and online at www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/rules.htm

1. Give wildlife a brake. Unless posted slower, top speed throughout the park is 45 mph (73 kph). To assure yourself enough stopping distance if you encounter animals unexpectedly, please slow down.

2. Watch from pullouts. If you see wildlife while driving, do not stop or impede the safe and free flow of traffic along any portion of the roadway. Instead, find the next established pullout, park, and watch from a safe distance.

3. Campfires are allowed only in designated grills in park campgrounds, some picnic areas and specific backcountry campsites. Ask locally about current fire restrictions. Campfires must be extinguished before leaving unattended.

4. Do not approach wildlife. You must stay at least 100 yards (91 m) from bears and wolves. A distance of 25 yards (23 m) is required from bison, elk, and other animals. Regardless of distance, if any animal changes its behavior due to your presence, you are too close.

5. Do not feed any wild animals, including birds. Consuming human food is unhealthy and encourages aggressive behavior that may require management action. All food, trash, coolers, and cooking tools must be kept secure in a bear-proof container unless in immediate use.

6. Stay on designated trails and boardwalks. Ground in hydrothermal areas is fragile and thin, and there is scalding water just below. Visitors have fallen through and died here. Keep your children close at hand.

7. Unmanned aircraft are prohibited. Launching, landing, or operating unmanned aircraft on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service is prohibited.

8. As you enjoy trails, be bear aware. You are safer hiking with groups of three or more. In areas of low visibility, make noise to avoid surprise encounters. Do not run from a bear under any circumstance. Carry bear spray and know how to use it safely.

9. Control your pet. Pets are not allowed on trails or boardwalks, in the backcountry or in hydrothermal basins. Where allowed, pets must be leashed and remain within 100 feet (30.5 m) of a road or parking area. Do not leave a pet unattended, tied to an object, or without adequate food, water, shade, ventilation, or other basic needs. Owners must bag and dispose of pet waste. We recommend that someone in your group remain with your pet to personally ensure their well being.

10. Cell phone service may be accessible in some developed areas and at the North and West entrances. Check with your provider for coverage areas. As a courtesy to others, please silence your mobile device while enjoying Yellowstone’s natural features. Wi-Fi is available to visitors at the Mammoth Hotel lounge, the Old Faithful Snow Lodge, Lake Lodge cafeteria, and Grant Lodges for a fee.
Medical services • Yellowstone is on 911 emergency service, including ambulances. Medical services are available year round at Mammoth Clinic (307-344-7965), except some holidays. Services are also offered at Lake Clinic (307-242-7241) May 23–September 20 and at Old Faithful Clinic (307-545-7325) May 16–October 3.

Lodging, dining, and activity reservations
Xanterra Parks & Resorts 866-439-7375 (toll free) or 307-344-7311. TTY 307-344-5395
www.YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com

Lost and found • Call 307-344-5387 to report or retrieve items lost in lodging facilities. To report or retrieve items lost in other parts of the park, call 307-344-2109.

Accessibility • A printed guide for visitors who use wheelchairs is available at all visitor centers. To arrange for an ASL interpreter for NPS ranger-led programs, call 307-344-2251 at least three weeks in advance.

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. You can also check for updates posted at www.crh.noaa.gov/riw/nwr/

Connect with the park online
Follow YellowstoneNPS
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http://go.nps.gov/translate-ynp

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Your national park experience has been nearly 100 years in the making

This spring, the newly renovated Albright Visitor Center in Mammoth Hot Springs will re-open to the public. This historic structure (above) was built by the United States Army in 1909 as bachelor officers’ quarters for the cavalry troops who protected the park before the creation of the National Park Service.

On August 25, 2016, the National Park Service will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Named to honor the legacy of Horace Albright, the first NPS Superintendent of Yellowstone and the second Director of the National Park Service, the building served as a museum, an archive, and even post office, before becoming the Albright Visitor Center in 1979. As the National Park Service looks toward our second century of service, we are committed to connecting with and encouraging the next generation of park visitors, supporters, and advocates. Since construction in 1909, this building has served the visitors and resources of Yellowstone National Park and we are excited to share this next incarnation with you.

Over the last two years, the building has been retrofitted to withstand seismic activity and for improved accessibility. Albright will feature all new exhibits on park history, leading up to the birth of the National Park Service. The diverse and abundant wildlife of the park’s northern range will be on display in exhibits that explore their natural history. An orientation area with interactive displays will offer enhanced trip planning information.

You are the reason that Yellowstone National Park exists here today. So are your children, and their grandchildren. Many of the people who work and volunteer here enjoy sharing the park with visitors because it allows them to see it fresh through your eyes. Please, seek us out –

• Step inside a visitor center and explore the exhibits and interpretive offerings.
• Carve time into your travel plans to attend a ranger walk, talk, or evening program. Our summer offerings begin Memorial Day weekend and run through Labor Day weekend.
• Encourage your child to complete a Junior Ranger or Young Scientist activity booklet. Many rangers believe leading a child through the Junior Ranger program is one of the most important and honor-bound duties we have.

If you have suggestions for how we can further improve your experience, fill out a comment form at a visitor center, or make use of contact information published here and on the park website at www.nps.gov/yell

Have a safe visit and come back soon.
Keep your distance

- Federal regulations require you to stay at least 100 yards (91 m) away from bears and wolves, and at least 25 yards (23 m) away from all other wild animals, such as bison, elk, bighorn sheep, deer, moose, and coyotes.
- If an animal moves closer to you, you should move to maintain the appropriate distance.
- Do not surround, crowd, or disrupt an animal’s path of movement.
- If other visitors put you or wildlife in danger, leave the scene and notify a park ranger.

These activities are prohibited within Yellowstone

- Willfully remaining near or approaching wildlife, including nesting birds, within any distance that disturbs or displaces the animal.
- Traveling off boardwalks or designated trails in hydrothermal areas.
- Throwing anything into thermal features.
- Swimming in hot springs.
- Removing or possessing natural or cultural resources (such as wildflowers, antlers, rocks, and arrowheads).
- Leaving detachable side mirrors attached when not pulling trailers.

- Traveling off-road by vehicle or bicycle.
- Camping outside of designated areas.
- Spot lighting wildlife (viewing with lights).
- Imitating elk calls or using buglers. Imitating wolf howls.
- Using electronic equipment capable of tracking wildlife.

For more information, consult 36 CFR and the Superintendent’s Compendium posted online at [www.nps.gov/yell/parkmgmt/lawsandpolicies.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yell/parkmgmt/lawsandpolicies.htm)

Do not feed any wildlife, including small mammals and birds. Consuming human food is unhealthy and encourages aggressive behavior that may require animals to be destroyed.

All food, trash, and scented items must be kept bear-proof at all times. Tents, truck beds, and picnic tables are not secure. In some areas, ravens have learned how to unzip packs and scatter the contents.

None of these items, even if clean and empty, may be left unattended at any time:

- Water and beverage containers
- Cooking or eating utensils
- Stoves and grills
- Coolers and ice chests
- Garbage—bagged or not
- Food, including condiments, even if in containers
- Cosmetics and toiletries
- Pet food and bowls
- Pails, buckets, and wash basins

These activities require a permit

- Fishing
- Boating or use of float tubes
- Overnight backcountry camping
- Travel with a service animal in the backcountry
- All commercial services
- Commercial filming and photography with props or models
- Stock entry into the park requires Coggins testing

Unmanned aircraft prohibited

Launching, landing, or operating unmanned aircraft on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service is prohibited. Please check at a Visitor Center or Ranger Station for further information.

Park Tip Line • To report a crime or criminal activity please call 307-344-2132. Leave as much detail as you can. Remain anonymous, or leave a name and number.

For your health

- Toxic gases may exist at dangerous levels in some hydrothermal areas. If you feel sick, leave immediately.
- Much of the park is above 7,500 feet (2,275 m). Allow yourself time to acclimate and drink plenty of liquids to avoid dehydration. Be aware of your physical limitations and don’t over-exert. Visitors with cardiac or respiratory medical history may wish to consult a physician before a visit.
Backcountry camping

Overnight backcountry camping in Yellowstone requires a permit. Permits can be obtained up to two days before the start of your trip at any backcountry office. Permits are free prior to Memorial Day. From Memorial Day through September 10, a per-person, per-night fee applies.

- Backpackers and boaters: $3 per-person per-night (group maximum $15 per night).
- Groups with stock animals: $5 per-person per-night.

Detailed information on backcountry permit fees and making advanced reservations is available online at www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/backcountryhiking.htm

Backcountry Offices are located at:
- Albright Visitor Center
- Tower Ranger Station
- Canyon Visitor Education Center
- Bridge Bay Marina
- Grant Village Visitor Center
- South Entrance
- Bechler Ranger Station
- Old Faithful Ranger Station
- West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center

Boating

Motorized boating is allowed on most of Yellowstone Lake and on Lewis Lake. Only non-motorized boating is allowed on most other lakes. Only one river is open to non-motorized boating, the Lewis River channel between Lewis and Shoshone lakes. Permits are required for all boats and float tubes. Boaters must have a Coast Guard-approved wearable flotation device for each person.

All boat permits (motorized, non-motorized and float tubes) can be purchased at the South Entrance, Grant Village Backcountry Office, and Bridge Bay Ranger Station. Mammoth Backcountry Office sells only non-motorized permits (kayak, canoe, or float tube). Northeast Entrance, Canyon and Old Faithful backcountry offices, and Bechler Ranger Station sell only float tube permits.

Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!

All boats will be inspected by NPS rangers for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) when obtaining a permit. As a precaution, any type of watercraft suspected of harboring AIS will be subject to a non-chemical decontamination treatment.

Transporting water, or any aquatic plants and animals into park waters is illegal. Aquatic Invasive Species are nonnative plants and animals that can cause irreversible harm to the park ecosystem. New Zealand mudsnails, whirling disease, and lake trout have resulted in loss of native fish and closure of some areas. Watercraft users and anglers are asked to inspect all items that may come in contact with park waters, ensuring that they are clean and dry. If you witness a violation, call 307-344-7381 or contact a ranger.

General fishing season opens May 23

The general fishing season opens May 23. However, some areas remain closed until July 15. Fishing permits are required in Yellowstone, state-issued fishing permits are not valid within the park. Anglers 16 years or older need a permit to fish in the park. Younger children can fish for free under certain conditions.

Anglers are responsible for knowing how to tell the difference between species. Native fish must be released unharmed back into the water immediately. These include:
- Arctic grayling
- cutthroat trout
- mountain whitefish

Visiting anglers asked to help manage invasive lake trout

Each year, visitors catch about 9,000 nonnative lake trout. Regulations require anglers to kill all lake trout that they catch in Yellowstone Lake and its tributaries.

Yellowstone Lake’s native cutthroat trout are severely threatened by lake trout, voracious predators that were introduced illegally to the lake and verified in 1994. Adult cutthroat trout are a critical food source for a variety of wildlife such as bald eagles, ospreys, pelicans, cormorants, gulls, otters, and grizzly bears. Lake trout do not serve this same role for wildlife throughout the ecosystem.

The park now targets lake trout with an intensive gill-netting program that begins each spring after ice is gone from Yellowstone Lake and continues into October. While managers don’t expect to eliminate lake trout entirely, they do hope to limit growth of the population and to recover cutthroat trout to the greatest extent possible.

More information is available online at www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/fishing.htm

Joining the herd

Bison are animals of the grasslands; they eat primarily grasses and sedges. The bison is the largest land mammal in North America.

Cows, calves, and some younger bulls comprise a herd. Mature bulls spend most of the year alone or with other bulls. Except during the rut, or mating season.

After a gestation period of 9 to 9 1/2 months, calves are born in late April and May. Orange fur makes them easy to see, even from a distance. Look for them in open country along the Lamar, Yellowstone, Firehole, and Madison rivers.

Calves can keep up with the herd about 2-3 hours after birth and are well protected by their mothers and other herd members.
Wildlife scientists note that there is an average of one bear attack in the park each year. In 2011, in separate incidents, two visitors were killed by bears inside the park. Your safety cannot be guaranteed.

Hiking in bear country takes appropriate preparation. Before you set out, be sure to learn what to do if you ever encounter a bear unexpectedly.

You are most likely to encounter bears at park roadsides
If you see a bear while driving, do not stop and do not block any portion of the road. Regardless of what other people do, keep moving to the next paved pullout and park safely. If the bear is within 100 yards, watch and take photographs from inside your car.

Store all food, trash, and scented items properly
All food, trash, scented items, coolers, and cooking tools must be kept secure in a bear-proof container or vehicle. Tents, truck beds, unattended packs, and picnic tables are not secure.

For your safety and the safety of others, please report all bear incidents and wildlife encounters to a park ranger immediately.

For more information about your safety in bear country visit www.nps.gov/yell/planyour-visit/bearsafety.htm

Bear spray is proven to be highly successful at stopping aggressive behavior in bears.

Bear spray is sold at gift shops, outdoor stores, service stations, and bookstores inside the park, as well as in many stores in the surrounding communities.

If a bear charges at you:
• Remove the safety clip.
• Aim slightly downward and adjust for crosswind.
• Begin spraying when the charging bear is 30–60 feet (10–20 yards) away.
• Spray at the charging bear so that the bear must pass through a cloud of spray.

If the bear continues to charge:
• Spray into the bear’s face.

Once discharged, it is difficult to tell how much spray remains in the cannister. Follow manufacturer’s recommendations for cannister replacement.

Recycling Bear Spray
Safe disposal of bear spray can be a challenge. It can’t be taken on airplanes. And if thrown in the trash, it can injure others or become a hazard in landfills.

A group of private and public partners has developed a machine that safely removes active ingredients and propellant from each bear spray cannister. The components are sorted for recycling and diverted from landfills.

Bear spray cannisters can be recycled at park hotels, stores, visitor centers, backcountry offices, and ranger stations, as well as area camping stores, and the Bozeman airport.

Remember to check at local visitor centers or ranger stations for recent bear activity before hiking, and respect all bear management closure areas. Bears and other wildlife rely on carcasses for food and will protect a food source aggressively. Bears with cubs are especially dangerous.

If you find a fresh carcass, bears may be just out of sight. Leave the area by the same route from which you approached.

Bear encounters
If you encounter a bear (most common)—slowly back away.
If the bear charges at you (rare)—stand your ground and use bear spray.
If a bear charges and makes contact with you (very rare)—fall onto your stomach and “play dead.”
If a bear stalks you, then attacks (extremely rare)—fight back.
If a bear attacks you in your tent (extremely rare)—fight back.
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### Services and Schedules

**Visitor Information**

- **Canyon Village**
  - Visitor Education Center 4/17–5/22 8 AM–5 PM
  - Limited service 5/23–9/7 8 AM–8 PM
  - 9/8–9/30 8 AM–6 PM

- **Canyon Lodge**
  - 5/29–9/30 8 AM–7 PM

- **Lake Hotel**
  - 5/15–10/18

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- **Lake Lodge Geyser**
  - 5/15–10/18

- **Lake Lodge West Entrance**
  - 5/1–10/18

- **Lake Lodge West Entrance & Madison**
  - 5/1–10/18

- **Mammoth Hot Springs**
  - 5/1–10/21

- **Madison**
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### Road, service, and program schedules may change.

Check locally and at www.nps.gov/YELL for current information.
Camping makes memories for a lifetime

First-come, first-served
Campsite availability is first-come, first-served at the following NPS-operated campgrounds: Mammoth, Norris, Indian Creek, Lewis Lake, Pebble Creek, Slough Creek, and Tower Fall. During peak season (late June to mid-August) campgrounds may fill. Arrive early to obtain a site.

Reservable sites
Reserve sites at Canyon, Bridge Bay, Madison, Grant Village, and Fishing Bridge RV Park through Xanterra Parks & Resorts. Hookups are available at Fishing Bridge RV Park, including water, sewer, and 50 amp electrical service. Fishing Bridge is restricted to hard-sided camping units. Tents and tent trailers are not allowed. There are no picnic tables or fire grates.

Overflow camping
There are no overflow camping areas available within Yellowstone. No camping or overnight vehicle parking is allowed in pullouts, parking areas, picnic grounds, or any place other than a designated campground. Additional camping may be available in neighboring communities.

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 to 10 PM during peak season, and 8 AM to 9 PM during early and late season. Check-out time is 11 AM.

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

Discounts
Holders of Senior and Access passes receive approximately a 50 percent discount on camping fees, except at Fishing Bridge, where no discounts apply.

Know your 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 vehicle and anything you are towing. For non-reservable sites, use the total combined length of your vehicle and trailer to determine which campground can best accommodate your rig.

In order of opening Dates* Rate Sites Elev (ft) Features RV sites
Mammoth All year $20 85 6,200 A, F, G Most are pull-through
Madison Δ Ω 5/1–10/18 $21.50 278 6,800 A, F, DS, G Call for availability and reservations
Fishing Bridge RV Δ Ω ‡ 5/8–9/20 $47.75 346 7,800 F, S/L, 2S, DS, G Call for availability and reservations
Norris 5/15–9/28 $20 >100 7,500 A, F, G 2 sites are 50 ft (signed), 5 sites are 30 ft
Tower Fall 5/22–9/28 $15 31 6,600 V All sites are 30 ft or less. Has hairpin curve
Bridge Bay Δ Ω 5/22–9/7 $21.50 432 7,800 A, F, DS, G Call for availability and reservations
Canyon Δ Ω 5/29–9/13 $26 273 7,900 A, F, S/L, 2S, DS, G Call for availability and reservations
Indian Creek 6/12–9/14 $15 70 7,300 A, V 10 sites are 35 ft, 35 sites are 30 ft
Pebble Creek 6/15–9/28 $15 27 6,900 V Some long pull-throughs
Slough Creek 6/15–10/7 $15 23 6,250 V 14 sites at 30 ft – walk first to assess sites
Lewis Lake 6/15–11/1 $15 85 7,800 V All sites are 25 ft or less
Grant Village Δ Ω 6/21–9/20 $26 430 7,800 A, F, S/L, 2S, DS, G Call for availability and reservations

*Campgrounds open at 8 AM of first date listed and close for the season at 11 AM of last date listed.

Quiet hours
During quiet hours, 10 PM to 6 AM, no loud audio devices or other noise disturbances are allowed. Where allowed, generators may operate only between 8 AM and 8 PM.

Group camping
Group camping (tents only) is available at Madison, Grant, and Bridge Bay for organized groups with a designated leader. Fees range from $110 to $360 (plus tax and utilities) per night, depending on group size. Advance reservations are required.

Food storage boxes
Food storage boxes are available at all of the campsites at Indian Creek, Pebble Creek, Slough Creek, and Tower Fall campgrounds. Many campsites in other campgrounds are also equipped with bear-proof storage boxes.

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Key to campground features
Δ Sites you can reserve
Ω Rate does not include tax or utility pass-through
‡ Site with full hook ups
A Accessible sites available
F Flush toilets
V Vault toilets
S/L Pay showers/laundry onsite
2S Two showers included each night
DS Dump station
G Generators okay 8 AM to 8 PM

Contact Xanterra Parks & Resorts
P.O. Box 165, Yellowstone WY 82190
www.YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com
Reserve_YNP@Xanterra.com
Toll-free 866-Geyserland (866-439-7375)
TDD 307-344-5395
Same-day reservations 307-344-7311

All of your food, cooking utensils, and garbage must be kept secure unless in immediate use.
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Famously hot features

Yellowstone was established as the world’s first national park primarily because of its unparalleled collection of geysers, hot springs, mudpots, and steam vents.

Hot springs are the most common hydrothermal features in the park. They vary from frothing mocha-like boiling water to clear and calm pools of unfathomable depth.

Mudpots are acidic features with a limited water supply. Their consistency and activity vary with the seasons and precipitation.

Fumaroles, or steam vents, are the hottest hydrothermal features in the park. They are easier to see in cool weather.

Travertine terraces are found at Mammoth Hot Springs, where the interactions of water and limestone create chalk-white travertine.

Geyser erupt with steaming hot water. They are hot springs with narrow spaces in their plumbing, usually near the surface. The 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).

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Outdoor classrooms. Yellowstone hosts teachers and sharing the fun of becoming a Junior Ranger. Both children and adults benefit by learning through direct experience in the outdoors. Students participate with teachers and parent chaperones in hikes, field investigations, discussions, and journal writing. Find out more at www.nps.gov/yell/forteachers.

Junior Ranger Program
If you are age 4 or older, you can become a Yellowstone Junior Ranger. Stop by any visitor center to purchase a new Junior Ranger activity booklet for $3. To earn your official Yellowstone Junior Ranger patch, you need to:

- Hike on a park trail
- Complete the age-appropriate activities on geothermal geology, park wildlife, and fire ecology.
- Attend a ranger-led activity—such as a talk, guided walk, or evening campfire program—and get the ranger’s signature.

Both children and adults benefit by learning more about the natural wonders of the park and sharing the fun of becoming a Junior Ranger.

Expedition: Yellowstone!
Live and learn in one of the most expansive outdoor classrooms. Yellowstone hosts teachers and their students in grades 4–8 in a five-day, curriculum-based residential program. Classes learn about the natural and cultural history of Yellowstone, investigate issues affecting the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, and promote stewardship and preservation in the park and in home communities. Emphasis is on learning through direct experience in the outdoors. Students participate with teachers and parent chaperones in hikes, field investigations, discussions, and journal writing. Find out more at www.nps.gov/yell/forteachers.

Young Scientist Program
Children can become a Young Scientist by buying a self-guiding booklet for $5 at the Canyon Visitor Education Center (ages 10 and older) or Old Faithful Visitor Education Center (ages 5 and older). If you investigate the Old Faithful area, check out a Young Scientist Toolkit for the gear you need. Once you finish, you will be awarded a Young Scientist patch or key chain.

Grand Canyon
The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River extends from south of Canyon Village north to Tower Junction. The most famous and spectacular section, including the Upper and Lower Falls, is seen from overlooks in the Canyon Village area.

The North Rim Drive features trails and overlooks that are wheelchair accessible. South Rim Drive takes you to Uncle Tom’s Point, where you can view the Upper Falls, and to Artist Point, where you can enjoy breathtaking scenery.

Lake Area
Yellowstone Lake is the largest high-elevation lake (above 7,000 feet) in North America. It has 141 miles of shoreline and is more than 400 feet deep.

With the Absaroka Mountains as a stunning backdrop, this area offers boating, fishing, hiking, wildlife viewing, and hydrothermal features. You can visit historic buildings, view hydrothermal activity, and see the Yellowstone River flow from the lake on its journey as the longest undammed river in America.

Four visitor areas lie along the lake’s shoreline: Fishing Bridge, Bridge Bay, Lake Village, and Grant Village.

Hydrothermal features
In the 50 miles between Mammoth Hot Springs and Old Faithful, you will see travertine terraces at Mammoth Hot Springs, acidic thermal features at Norris Geyser Basin, mudpots and geysers at Fountain Paint Pot, plus beautiful hot springs at Biscuit and Black Sand basins near Old Faithful.

West Thumb Geyser Basin is 17 miles east of Old Faithful. Mud Volcano is north of Yellowstone Lake.

Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics: www.LNT.org

Authorized guides and outfitters
Many authorized guides and outfitters are ready to show you the wonders of Yellowstone, and each has a unique approach. Make sure that your guide, tour company, or other commercial service is fully authorized by the park. Report unauthorized operators to a park ranger, or contact Concessions Management at 307-344-2271. Authorized providers are listed on the park website at www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/guidedtours.htm.

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Programs about wildlife, plants, geology, and history are perfect for curious adults and families who want to spend a day or more exploring the park with a knowledgeable guide. To find out more, call 406-848-2400 or visit www.YellowstoneAssociation.org.

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Outdoor ethics
The National Park Service is a partner of Leave No Trace, a national education program promoting responsible outdoor recreation and stewardship of public lands through outdoor skills and ethics. The seven front-country principles for Leave No Trace are:

- Know before you go
- Stick to trails and camp overnight right
- Trash your trash and pick up (pet) poop
- Leave it as you find it
- Be careful with fire
- Keep wildlife wild
- Share our trails and manage your pet

Bicycling is permitted on established public roads, parking areas, and designated routes. Bicycles are subject to the same traffic rules as automobiles and are prohibited on back-country trails and boardwalks.

Regulations require that cyclists ride single file and we strongly recommend wearing a helmet and high visibility clothing. Park roads are narrow and winding with few shoulders. During April, May, and June, high snowbanks may make travel more dangerous. Road elevations range from 5,300 to 8,860 feet (1615 to 2700 meters), and services and facilities are relatively far apart. Be wary of over-exertion.

Some gravel roads are open to both bicycle and automotive traffic. Find information on routes and safety on the park website or pick up the Bicycling in Yellowstone brochure at a visitor center or ranger station.

The Heritage and Research Center is located just beyond the North Entrance in Gardiner, Montana. This state-of-the-art facility is home to Yellowstone National Park’s museum collection, archives, research library, archeology lab, and herbarium. The temporary exhibit: “The Hayden Survey Through the Eyes of the Artists” chronicles the work of Henry Wood Elliott, Thomas Moran, and William Henry Jackson.

Although primarily a storage and research facility, tours provide an inside look at some of the collections. More than a century of historic records, nearly 90,000 photographic prints and negatives, 20,000 books and manuscripts, cultural and natural science specimens, archeological artifacts, and plant specimens from the earliest exploration of the park are curated within the facility.

Tours are available Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 AM, May 26 through September 10, and are limited to 15 people. For reservations, call 307-344-2264.

Mammoth Hot Springs
Explore along the boardwalks winding through ever-changing travertine terraces and enjoy a scenic drive through the Upper Terraces.

Mud Volcano Area
Discover turbulent and explosive mudpots, including Mud Volcano and Dragon’s Mouth. Located six miles (9.6 km) north of Fishing Bridge Junction.

Norris Geyser Basin
Explore the hottest, most dynamic geyser basin. Norris includes Steamboat, the world’s tallest geyser, and a variety of other geysers and hot springs.

Old Faithful Area
The world’s largest concentration of active geysers is here. View Old Faithful Geyser, then walk past hundreds of active geysers and hot springs along the Firehole River.

Old Faithful Historic District
Enjoy a tour of this historic district, which includes Old Faithful Geyser, the Inn, and other historic buildings.

Two Ribbons
Two miles (3.2 km) east of the West Entrance, enjoy a trail that loops beside a stretch of the Madison River and through a lodgepole forest affected by the historic 1988 fires.

West Thumb Geyser Basin
The boiling springs in this basin, including the famous Fishing Cone, discharge their waters into chilly Yellowstone Lake.

Where biology and geology thrive
Fumaroles, or steam vents, are abundant at Roaring Mountain. They are the hottest hydrothermal features in the park. They have so little water that it all flashes into steam before reaching the surface. The result is a loud hissing of steam and gases. They are easier to see in the cool weather of spring and early mornings.

Amid Roaring Mountain’s steam and sulfur-rich gases, microscopic organisms are hard at work. This barren slope is the perfect home for Sulfolobus acidocaldarius. Billions upon billions of these thermophiles live here, consuming hydrogen sulfide gas and helping convert it into sulfuric acid. The acid breaks the mountain’s volcanic rock into clay, accelerating erosion. Small, but mighty in numbers, Sulfolobus acidocaldarius help shape Roaring Mountain.

Roaring Mountain is located approximately six miles north of Norris Geyser Basin.
How do geysers work?

The surrounding pressure also increases with depth, similar to the ocean. Increased pressure exerted by the enormous weight of the overlying rock and water prevents the water from boiling as it heats up.

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 system cools.

Yellowstone’s geyser basins contain fountain-type geysers and cone-type geysers. Fountain-type geysers shoot water out in various directions from a pool of water. Cone-type geysers, like Lonestar Geyser (photo left) erupt in a concentrated jet of water from inside a rock formation.

Signs of spring renewal

Spring in Yellowstone is a feast for your senses. Young animals are being born all around the park, birds are returning or passing through in their timeless migration, frogs call in the ponds. Listen and look for the sights special to this time of year.

Mountain bluebirds (above) return to Yellowstone National Park while winter still cloaks the landscape. These insect eaters feast on the beetles and other scavengers consuming animals killed by the winter. As they flit to and from perches, they look like pieces of the sky flying about.

Both grizzly and black bear cubs were born in the deep winter months of January and February, while their mother still hibernated. In March and April, they begin to venture out with their mother as she digs for roots, insects, and squirrels. Look for black bears along the edges of wooded areas in the Lamar and Hayden valleys, or among the trees near Mammoth and Tower. Grizzly bears are usually seen in open areas.

Sandhill cranes also return to Yellowstone in April, usually in pairs. Listen for their guttural calling; because they blend well with their grassland habitat, they are heard long before they are seen. If you observe a long-legged, tall bird, look closely—it’s likely to be the sandhill.

Bighorn sheep (below) give birth on the sheer cliffs between Tower Junction and Tower Fall. They and their lambs blend in with the columnar basalt, but be patient—sometimes just a hint of movement is all you need to finally spot them.

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Webcams • Stay connected to Yellowstone’s dynamic landscape through park webcams located at Old Faithful, Mammoth Hot Springs, and Mount Washburn Fire Lookout: [www.nps.gov/yell/photosmultimedia/webcams.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yell/photosmultimedia/webcams.htm)

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Old Faithful has its own following @GeyserNPS on Twitter. This feed offers predictions for the eruption of Old Faithful Geyser ± 10 minutes throughout the day.

Videos and podcasts • Learn about Yellowstone’s treasures through videos available on the park website, the YellowstoneNPS YouTube channel, or free from iTunes.

- Minute out in it: video shorts of the special sights and sounds of Yellowstone.
- Visiting Yellowstone: A series of orientation videos.
- Exploring Yellowstone: Ranger Bach takes you on a tour of the Upper Geyser Basin, home to Old Faithful Geyser.
- Inside Yellowstone: Short ranger talks on park features and processes.
- Yellowstone InDepth: Major park issues are discussed by park rangers, scientists, historians, and visitors.

Canon U.S.A., Inc., through a grant to the Yellowstone Park Foundation, supports multimedia education projects. These include the Old Faithful live-streaming webcam, more than one hundred videos and podcasts, and the new geyser app.

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The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The National Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

As an integral part of our mission, Yellowstone National Park, park concessioners, and park partners are committed to reducing the ecological footprint of park operations and preserving natural resources through sustainable practices. During your time in Yellowstone and beyond, we encourage you to do your part by practicing the following:

- Please properly dispose of all waste items. Recycling bins are located throughout the park for plastic, glass, metal, paper, cardboard, propane canisters, bear spray, batteries, and more.

- Yellowstone National Park encourages you to stay hydrated during your visit. Please use a reusable water bottle and fill it up for free at our many water filling locations.

- In an effort to reduce harmful emissions from idling, please turn your vehicle off while you are parked or stopped for more than 30 seconds. Emissions can also be reduced by carpooling and utilizing transportation services to tour the park.

- Reduce energy use by turning off lights, heat, and electrical devices when you leave your rooms.

- Help reduce water consumption by being aware of your water use. Turn water off while brushing your teeth, shorten showers, and participate in towel and linen reuse programs if you are staying in park lodging.

This sustainability message is brought to you by the Yellowstone Environmental Coordinating Committee, a team of National Park Service employees, park concessioners, and non-profit partners working together to combine extensive resources to elevate the potential for sustainability achievements in Yellowstone National Park. The YECC is comprised of representatives from Delaware North Companies, Medcor Inc., National Park Service, Xanterra Parks & Resorts, Yellowstone Association, Yellowstone Park Foundation, and Yellowstone Park Service Stations.

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Medical Clinics Medcor operates three urgent-care clinics within Yellowstone park. The clinic at Mammoth is open year round, staffed by a board-certified physician and 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 and routine care. Services include emergency 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.

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This pass provides several 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, at Yellowstone Association bookstores (inside visitor centers), or visit http://store.usgs.gov/pass

The pass is not good for camping or for some other fees such as concessionaire parking fees at Mount Rushmore, or cave tours at various parks. Inquire locally.

Already paid? Apply the cost of your Yellowstone entrance fee to the purchase of this pass at Yellowstone Association stores in Mammoth Hot Springs, Canyon, Fishing Bridge, Grant Village, West Thumb, Old Faithful, Madison, Norris, Bozeman Yellowstone Airport, and Gardiner.

Area chambers of commerce

Idaho
Idaho Falls 866-365-6943
Montana
Big Sky 406-995-3000
Billings 800-735-2635
Bozeman 800-228-4224
Cooke City–Silver Gate 406-838-2495
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Wyoming
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Area National Park Service sites

Idaho
Craters of the Moon National Monument
Arco, ID 83213
208-933-4100
www.nps.gov/cirmo

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* Previously issued Golden Age Passports and Golden Access Passports are still accepted. They can also be exchanged for newer, more durable passes.

Park entrance fees (subject to change)

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Park campgrounds are run by park concessionaires and are first come, first served. All sites cost $22.00. Operating seasons vary. Ask at park entrance stations or visitor centers for current status updates.

Jenny Lake is open to tents only. Other campgrounds accommodate tents, trailers, and recreational vehicles. The maximum stay is seven days at Jenny Lake, 14 days at other campgrounds, 30 days total per year.

There is a 30-foot restriction in effect at Signal Mountain and Lizard Creek. All of the park’s campgrounds have modern comfort stations. There are RV sites with full hookups at Colter Bay RV park and at Headwaters Campground and RV park.

- **Colter Bay**, 350 sites, usually fills by evening
- **Gros Ventre**, 350 sites, rarely fills
- **Jenny Lake**, 49 sites, usually fills by 9 AM
- **Lizard Creek**, 60 sites, usually fills by evening
- **Signal Mountain**, 81 sites, usually fills by noon. 24 electric hookups, 1 full hookup.

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- **Colter Bay Cabins** 800-628-9988
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- **Jenny Lake Lodge** 307-733-4647; toll-free 800-628-9988
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**Boating** requires a Grand Teton boating permit, sold at most visitor centers. A Wyoming fishing license is required to fish in the park.

**Grand Teton National Park** offers spectacular scenery, campgrounds, exhibits, and an abundance of outdoor activities. Hiking, sightseeing, boating, floating the Snake River, horseback riding, and fishing are all available depending on seasonal conditions.

**Backcountry camping** requires a permit from the Craig Thomas or Colter Bay visitor centers, or the Jenny Lake Ranger Station. Walk-in permits are $25, permits with a reservation are $35.

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