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

What you need 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

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.

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.

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.

You are Responsible

Think Safety, Act Safely

Yellowstone is a Dangerous Place

Animals are Dangerous
• Do not approach or feed any animal.
• Bison and elk have injured people.
• Stay 100 yards (91 m) from bears and wolves.
• Stay 25 yards (23 m) from all other animals.

Expect Travel Hazards and Delays
• Drive cautiously and defensively.
• Allow time for road congestion.
• Do not stop on or block a road.
• Use pullouts; stay in your car to watch animals.

Be Prepared to Encounter Bears
• Carry bear spray and know how to use it.
• Hike in groups of three or more people.
• Make noise to avoid surprise encounters.
• Never run from a bear. They have an instinct to chase.

Use Caution in Thermal Areas
• Stay on boardwalks and trails.
• Thermal water can severely burn you.
• Never run, push, or shove.
• Supervise children at all times.

Anticipate Potential Hazards
• Observe safe distances and settings for selfies.
• Stay behind fencing, guard rails, and ledges.
• Use caution; park waters are cold and fast.
• Show patience and courtesy to other people.

You are Responsible for Your Safety

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North and West entrances. Cell tower locations are identified on the park map (pg. 16). 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, and at Albright Visitor Center, free of charge.
Emergency  Dial 911

Information line  307-344-7381
TTY          307-344-2386
Road updates  307-344-2117

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 13–September 24 and at Old Faithful Clinic (307-545-7325) May 13–October 2.

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/

On August 25, 2016, the National Park Service will celebrate its 100th birthday. For a century the National Park Service has cared for and protected wildlife, land, waterways, accomplishments, lessons, and stories belonging to the citizens of the United States. And we are ready to connect with and create the next generation of park visitors, supporters, and advocates.

On August 25, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed the act creating the National Park Service, a new federal bureau in the Department of the Interior. The National Park Service of the United States now comprises more than 400 areas covering more than 84 million acres in 50 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, Saipan, and the Virgin Islands. These areas are of such national significance as to justify special recognition and protection in accordance with various acts of Congress.

The National Park Service strives to meet its original goals, while filling many other roles as well: guardian of our diverse cultural and recreational resources, environmental advocate, partner in community revitalization, world leader in the parks and preservation community, and pioneer in the drive to protect America’s open space.

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.

A 1936 White Motor Company bus from the park’s historic vehicle collection drives through the Roosevelt Arch at the north entrance to Yellowstone in Gardiner, Montana.

Your national park experience has been 100 years in the making

Superintendent Daniel N. Wenk

Visit www.nps.gov/yell

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EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA™
Keep your distance

Do not approach wildlife

- 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.

Keep your food secure

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 in containers
- Cosmetics and toiletries
- Pet food and bowls
- Pails, buckets, and wash basins

Stay on boardwalks

You must stay on boardwalks and official trails around hydrothermal features. The ground surface is thin, and often overlies scalding water. Visitors have died here.

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.
- Spotlighting 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

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.

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.

Firearms—know your responsibilities.

Firearms are allowed in national parks pursuant to state and federal regulation. They are prohibited in facilities where signs are posted, such as visitor centers, government offices, and some concession operations. Discharge of firearms is prohibited. Possession and use of weapons, such as air guns, bows and arrows, spears and slingshots, is also prohibited. Details are available at www.nps.gov/yell/parkmgmt/lawsandpolicies.htm

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, regardless of equiment, and photography with props or models
- Stock entry into the park requires Coggins testing

PARK REGULATIONS AND VISITOR SAFETY
Visiting anglers asked to help manage invasive lake trout

Each year, visitors catch thousands of non-native 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 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 2015, a man was killed by a bear 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 encounters
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 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.

Recycling
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 canister. The components are sorted for recycling and diverted from landfills.

Bear spray canisters can be recycled at park hotels, stores, visitor centers, backcountry offices, and ranger stations, as well as area camping stores, and the Bozeman airport.
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- **Campgrounds**
  - **Norris 5/27–9/11**
  - **Grant Village 5/27–9/11**
  - **Fishing Bridge RV Park (hard-sided units only) 5/6–9/18**
  - **Bridge Bay RV Park (hard-sided units only) 5/6–9/18**
  - **Mammoth All Year Indian Creek 9 mi south 6/10–9/12 Norris 21 mi south 5/20–9/26**
  - **Norris Geyser Basin Museum 5/21–9/30 9 AM–6 PM 10/1–10/10 9 AM–5 PM**
  - **Madison 16 mi north 4/29–10/16**
  - **Madison Lodge Bake Shop 5/20–10/5**
  - **Museum of the National Park Ranger 5/28–9/25 9 AM–5 PM**

- **Shower**
  - **Canyon Campground 5/27–9/11**
  - **RV park 5/6–9/18**
  - **Grant Campground 6/19–9/18**

- **Laundry**
  - **Canyon Campground 5/27–9/11**
  - **RV park 5/6–9/18**
  - **Grant Campground 6/19–9/18**

- **Marina, boat tours, trail rides**
  - **Slough Creek 6 mi east 11/5–10/7 Pebble Creek 20 mi east 6/15–9/26**

- **Road Information**

- **Visitor Services**
  - **Norris 5/27–9/11**
  - **Lake Lodge 6/10–9/25**
  - **Lake Hotel 5/14–10/9**
  - **Museum of the National Park Ranger 5/28–9/25 9 AM–5 PM**

- **Visitor Information**

- **Road, service, and program schedules may change. Check locally and at www.nps.gov/YELL for current information.**
All of your food, cooking utensils, and garbage must be kept secure unless in immediate use.

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 $335 (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.

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
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Mammoth | All year | $20 | 85 | 6,200 | A, F, G | Most are pull-through
Madison Δ Ω | 4/29–10/16 | $23.50 | 278 | 6,800 | A, F, DS, G | Call for availability and reservations
Fishing Bridge RV Δ Ω † | 5/6–9/18 | $47.50 | 346 | 7,800 | F, S/L, 2S, DS, G | Call for availability and reservations
Norris | 5/20–9/26 | $20 | >100 | 7,500 | A, F, G | 2 sites are 50 ft (signed), 5 sites are 30 ft
Tower Fall | 5/27–9/26 | $15 | 31 | 6,600 | V | All sites are 30 ft or less. Has hairpin curve
Bridge Bay Δ Ω | 5/20–9/5 | $23.50 | 432 | 7,800 | A, F, DS, G | Call for availability and reservations
Canyon Δ Ω | 5/27–9/11 | $28 | 273 | 7,900 | A, F, S/L, 2S, DS, G | Call for availability and reservations
Indian Creek | 6/10–9/12 | $15 | 70 | 7,300 | A, V | 10 sites are 35 ft, 35 sites are 30 ft
Pebble Creek | 6/15–9/26 | $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 | 6/15–11/6 | $15 | 85 | 7,800 | V | All sites are 25 ft or less
Grant Village Δ Ω | 6/19–9/18 | $28 | 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.
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 tremendous 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).
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 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.

Programs for young people

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 or boardwalk.
• Complete the age-appropriate activities on geysers, wildlife, and park habitats.
• 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.

Students 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/learn/education.

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


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

Yellowstone Association Institute
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

Xanterra Parks & Resorts
Under its concessions contract, Xanterra offers a wide variety of park tours and activities. In summer, visitors can enjoy photo safaris, partial or full-day tours, horseback and stagecoach rides, and boating and fishing adventures. In winter, there are partial or full-day tours by heated snowcoach, skiing, and snowshoe adventures. For more information, pick up an Experience Planner at any hotel or visit www.YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com
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 8:30 AM, May 31 through September 8, and are limited to 15 people. For reservations, call 307-344-2264.

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 (1,615 to 2,700 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.

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.

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.
How do geysers work?

The Upper Geyser Basin of Yellowstone National Park has the largest concentration of geysers in the world. 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, 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 Lone Star 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 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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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.

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• Inside Yellowstone: Short ranger talks on park features and processes.
• Yellowstone InDepth: Major park issues are discussed by park rangers, scientists, historians, and visitors.

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Free NPS Yellowstone Geysers app

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Our award winning Environmental Management System, GreenPath, has a goal to provide stewardship and hospitality services to our guests while simultaneously preserving the natural wonders where we operate.
Partners in Sustainability

The National Park Service mission

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.

Our commitment to environmental stewardship extends to sustainable operations and facilities. Yellowstone National Park, park concessioners, and partners work together to reduce the park’s ecological footprint from our operations and the services we provide, preserving natural resources through sustainable practices and extending the benefits of resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

During your time in Yellowstone and beyond, we encourage you to do your part by practicing the following:

- Minimize waste and 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. All Yellowstone tap water is clean and ready to drink.
- In an effort to reduce harmful emissions from idling, 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 (YECC), a team of National Park Service employees, park concessioners, and non-profit partners combining efforts to realize 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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Interagency Annual Pass

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This Interagency Annual Pass is valid 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 located in visitor centers, at the Bozeman Yellowstone Airport, and Gardiner.

Area National Park Service sites

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- Craters of the Moon National Monument
  - Arco, ID 83213
  - 208-527-1300
  - www.nps.gov/crmo
- City of Rocks NR
  - Alamo, ID 83312
  - 208 824-5901
  - www.nps.gov/ciro
- Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument
  - Hagerman, ID 83332
  - 208 933-4100
  - www.nps.gov/hafo
- Minidoka Interment National Monument
  - Hagerman, ID 83332
  - 208-933-4127
  - www.nps.gov/miin
- Nez Perce National Historic Park
  - Spalding, ID 83540
  - 208-843-7020
  - www.nps.gov/nepe

**Montana**
- Big Hole Battlefield
  - Wisdom, MT 59767
  - 406-689-3155
  - www.nps.gov/biho
- Bighorn Canyon National Rec. Area
  - Fort Smith, MT 59035
  - 406-666-2412
  - www.nps.gov/bica

**Wyoming**
- Devils Tower National Monument
  - Devil’s Tower, WY 82714
  - 307-467-5283
  - www.nps.gov/deto
- Fort Laramie National Historic Site
  - Ft. Laramie, WY 82212
  - 307-837-2221
  - www.nps.gov/fola
- Fossil Butte National Monument
  - Kemmerer, WY 83101
  - 307-877-4455
  - www.nps.gov/fobu
- John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Pkwy
  - Boise, ID 83705
  - 208-334-2000
  - www.nps.gov/jrdn

Area chambers of commerce

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  - 307-733-3316

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- Cody
  - 800-393-2639
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  - 307-733-2222

Park entrance fees

Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks charge separate entrance fees. People visiting both parks can save money by purchasing a two-park pass or an Interagency Annual Pass.

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Annual Passes (Photo ID required)

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Lifetime Passes (US Citizens / Permanent Residents)

| Interagency Senior (age 62 +)              | $10 |
| Interagency Access (Permanently disabled)  | Free |

1 Annual pass for active duty U.S. military and dependents with proper identification: CAC or DD Form 1173 only.

2 Printed paper voucher from Every Kid in a Park website (http://everykidinapark.gov) must be presented to redeem annual pass. Student must be present in vehicle at time of use.

3 Golden Age Passports and Golden Access Passports are still accepted, or can be exchanged for newer passes.
Park campgrounds are run by park concessionaires and are first come, first served. Tents sites range from $22 to $35 per night. Discounts for Senior and Access pass holders are available. 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, 346 sites, 13 electric hookups, usually fills by evening
- Gros Ventre, 300 sites, 36 electric hookups, rarely fills
- Jenny Lake, 49 sites, usually fills by 9 AM
- Lizard Creek, 60 sites, usually fills by evening
- Signal Mountain, 81 sites, 24 electric hookups, usually fills by noon
Share the road. Cyclists must ride single file. Drivers should pass no closer than three feet (1.0 m) to bicycles and roadside pedestrians, especially if a vehicle has large, detachable side mirrors.

Expect construction delays

Norris to Golden Gate
Mid-May: Construction to start. Expect 30-minute delays.
June 1–September 11: Road closed 10 am to 7 am.
September 12–October 7: Road closed. Detour via Dunraven Pass.

Canyon Area Overlooks
Inspiration Point and Brink of the Upper Falls: Closed for the season.

Give wildlife a brake
More than 100 large animals are killed on park roads each year. Unless posted slower, top speed is 45 mph.

Spring road opening 2016
Weather permitting, roads open at 8 am. Changes and delays are possible.

- Open year-round
- April 15
  Mammoth to Old Faithful; Madison to West Entrance; Norris to Canyon.
- May 6
  Canyon Junction to Lake; Lake to East Entrance (Sylvan Pass).
- May 13
  Lake to South Entrance; Tower Junction to Tower Fall.
- May 13
  Old Faithful to West Thumb (Craig Pass).
- May 27
  Tower Fall to Canyon Junction (Dunraven Pass); Beartooth Highway.

Please make flexible travel plans:
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