Welcome to the World's First National Park

Yellowstone National Park was established in 1872, originally to protect the unique geysers, hot springs, and other hydrothermal features. Yellowstone also is a refuge for wildlife. Look for bears, wolves, elk, and other animals as you explore the park.

✱ Wildlife watching tips and more wildlife info available in Yellowstone Tracker, a special available free at visitor centers and information stations.
✱ Safety tips for your visit on page 2 of this paper.
✱ Backcountry tips and information on page 7.

Mission of the National Park Service

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 Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.
CAUTION: SCALDING WATER

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

- You must stay on boardwalks and designated trails. They exist to protect you and to preserve delicate formations.
- Keep your children close to you at all times; make sure they understand the danger.
- Pets are prohibited in hydrothermal areas.
- Swimming or bathing is prohibited in hydrothermal pools or streams where water flows entirely from a hydrothermal spring or pool.

Stay Away from Wildlife

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

Keep your distance and stay safe—and you will see more of an animal's natural behavior and activity.

Each year park visitors are injured by wildlife when they approach animals too closely. You must stay at least 100 yards (91 m) away from bears and at least 25 yards (23 m) away from all other animals—including bison, elk, bighorn sheep, deer, moose, wolves, and coyotes.

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

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

AVOID These Illegal Situations

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

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

Know These Numbers

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

Visitor Centers & Information

Dates and times subject to change.

Albright Visitor Center, Mammoth
Through May 23: 9 AM–5 PM
May 24–Sept. 1: 8 AM–7 PM
Sept. 2–Sept. 30: 9 AM–6 PM
Oct. 1 and thereafter: 9 AM–5 PM

Canyon Visitor Center
Information, bison exhibit, and bookstore. Call 307-242-2550. Open daily:
May 24–Sept. 1: 8 AM–7 PM
After Sept. 1 (Labor Day): Reduced hours.

Fishing Bridge Visitor Center
Information, bookstore, and exhibits on the park’s birds and other wildlife. Call 307-242-2450. Open daily:
May 24–Sept. 1: 8 AM–7 PM
Sept. 2–30: 9 AM–6 PM

Grant Visitor Center
Information, bookstore, exhibits, video on the role of fire in Yellowstone. Call 307-242-2650. Open daily:
May 24–Sept. 1: 8 AM–7 PM
Sept. 2–30: 9 AM–6 PM

Madison Information Station
Information, bookstore. Call 307-344-2821. Open daily:
May 24–Sept. 1: 9 AM–6 PM
Sept. 2–Oct. 12: 9 AM–5 PM

Museum of the National Park Ranger, Norris
Exhibits at historic soldier station trace development of the park ranger profession; video shown. Chat with former National Park Service employees volunteering here. Open daily:
May 24–Sept. 1: 9 AM–6 PM
Sept. 2–29: 9 AM–5 PM

Norris Geyser Basin Museum & Information Station
Information, bookstore, and exhibits on the hydrothermal features of Yellowstone. Call 307-344-2812. Open daily:
May 24–Oct. 12: 10 AM–5 PM

Old Faithful Visitor Center
Information, bookstore, and geyser eruption predictions. Award-winning film about hydrothermal features. Call 307-345-2750. Open daily:
April 18–May 23: 9 AM–5 PM
May 24–Sept. 1: 8 AM–7 PM, information window open until 8 PM
Sept. 2–30: 8 AM–6 PM
Oct. 1–Nov. 2: 9 AM–5 PM

West Thumb Information Station
Information and bookstore. Open daily:
May 24–Sept. 30: 9 AM–5 PM

West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce, Public Lands Desk
Information, publications. Call 406-646-4403. Open daily:
April 18–May 24: 8 AM–4 PM
May 23–Sept. 1: 8 AM–8 PM
Sept. 2–Nov. 2: 8 AM–4 PM

Self-Guiding Trails

Stretch your legs on these self-guiding trails. Check at a visitor center for current conditions and to purchase a trail guide for $5. The guides are also available at each trail (except Forces of the Northern Range).

Canyon Area
View the colorful Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River and the Upper and Lower Falls from overlooks; see for yourself why viewpoints are named Inspiration, Grandview, and Artist Point.

Fort Yellowstone
Enjoy a walking tour around this historic site at Mammoth Hot Springs. Most buildings were constructed during the time that the U.S. Army managed the park (1886–1918). They are now used by the National Park Service as its headquarters.

Fountain Paint Pot
View examples of the four types of hydrothermal features; geysers, hot springs, fumaroles, and mudpots. Eight miles (12.9 km) north of Old Faithful.

Mammoth Hot Springs
Hot spring activity is sculpting an ever-changing landscape of travertine terraces. Walk through active and inactive areas and enjoy a scenic drive through the Upper Terraces.

Mud Volcano Area
Discover turbulent and explosive mudpots, including Mud Volcano and Dragon’s Mouth. View—and smell—Sulphur Caldron. Located on the road between Lake and Canyon, 6 miles (9.6 km) north of Fishing Bridge Junction.

Norris Geyser Basin
Explore the hottest, most dynamic geyser basin in the park, which includes Steamboat, the world’s tallest geyser, and Echinus, the world’s largest acidic geyser.

Old Faithful
The world’s largest concentration of geysers is located in the Upper Geyser Basin. View Old Faithful then walk the trails past hundreds of geysers and hot springs.

West Thumb Geyser Basin
The boiling springs in this basin, including the famous Fishing Cone, discharge their waters into chilly Yellowstone Lake. The Absaroka Mountains provide a backdrop to this self-guiding trail.

Forces of the Northern Range
Volcanoes, glaciers, and fire have shaped the landscape here, 8 miles (12.9 km) east of Mammoth Hot Springs. Here, exhibits are your guide—they reveal the secrets of the scenery and help identify the area’s diverse plants and animals.

Accessibility Guide Available

A free Visitors Guide to Accessible Features in Yellowstone National Park is available at all entrance stations and visitor centers in the park. This guide describes which facilities have been judged to be negotiable for wheelchair users. For more information:
Park Accessibility Coordinator
P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190
307-344-2017
TDD only (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf) 307-344-2386
www.nps.gov/yell

YOUR FEE DOLLARS AT WORK

In 1996, Congress authorized a pilot fee program to demonstrate the feasibility of spreading some of the costs of managing public lands among those who use them. Yellowstone and Grand Teton are among the National Park Service units that participate in this pilot fee program. The additional funds generated by the fee increase are being used for projects that the parks have been unable to fund through yearly Congressional allocations.

Entrance and campground fees are dedicated to projects that increase the quality of the visitor experience and enhance the protection of park resources. Projects underway include a major renovation of Canyon Visitor Center including the development of new geology exhibits, campground and amphitheater upgrades, construction of a new accessible restroom at Mammoth Hot Springs, preservation of rare documents, and studies on bison.
Tips for Getting Around

- Allow plenty of time to drive from place to place. Speed limits are 45 mph (73 kph) or lower; narrow, winding roads warrant slower speeds in many sections; and traffic is often heavy and slow.
- Allow extra time when passing through or detouring around road construction (see map on back page).
- Traffic is heavy from mid June to mid September with midday peaks.
- Allow extra time for crossing mountain passes; Sylvan, Craig, and Dunraven are all over 8,800 ft (2427 m).
- Grand Loop Road passes major scenic attractions: 142 miles (229 km) total; Upper Loop, 70 miles (113 km); Lower Loop, 96 miles (155 km).
- Driving time on the Grand Loop Road varies depending on road and weather conditions, road construction, and traffic.

Only One Day Here?

Tips from Yellowstone's Rangers

One day driving tours
1. Drive to the Old Faithful area and walk around the geyser basin; drive to the Canyon area—stop at several overlooks and walk along part of the rim.
2. Add Hayden Valley to the above route—especially at the beginning or end of the day—to look for some of the park's large animals.
3. Visit the Upper Geyser Basin (Old Faithful, Biscuit Basin, Black Sand Basin); drive to Fountain Paint Pot to view mudpots; drive to Canyon and visit Artist Point. End your day at Fishing Bridge Museum on the shore of Yellowstone Lake.
4. Visit Old Faithful and one other hydrothermal area, such as Norris, West Thumb, or Mammoth Hot Springs.
5. Visit lesser-known features such as Artist Paint Pots, Natural Bridge near Bridge Bay, Roaring Mountain north of Norris, Terrace Springs near Madison Junction, or Firehole Lake Drive in the Lower Geyser Basin.

Consider one or two moderate day hikes.
Each major area of the park has several hikes suitable for brief excursions into the wilder side of Yellowstone. Consult the Dayhike Sampler, available for $25 at visitor centers.

Two or More Days?

- Explore one area of the park in depth.
- Explore one theme, such as geology, in depth. For example, visit Mammoth Hot Springs to see travertine formations and view the sedimentary layers of Mount Everts, drive through glaciated terrain to Tower Fall or the Lamar Valley; climb Mount Washburn to view the Yellowstone Caldera and evidence of glaciers, visit the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

Save On Park Entrance Fees

The National Parks Pass provides a way to save money when visiting national parks. For one annual fee of $30, you can enter all National Park System areas. You receive a great value and you also support your favorite national parks. A full 70% of the proceeds from the sales of passes at Yellowstone will go directly to projects that help visitors experience the area. The remaining proceeds go to a national fund that supports projects at any of the national parks in the system. To obtain your pass, stop by one of Yellowstone's entrance stations, or purchase the pass online at www.nationalparks.org or call toll-free: 1-888-GO-PARKS (1-888-467-2757). For an additional $15, you can upgrade your National Park Pass to a Golden Eagle Pass, which provides admission to all national parks, national wildlife refuges, and other federal fee areas. (Neither pass is good for user or parking fees, such as at Mount Rushmore.)

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Remember to keep your admission receipt in order to re-enter the park.

Highlights

Geysers & Hot Springs
Yellowstone's unparalleled array of hydrothermal features—geysers, hot springs, mudpots, and steam vents—provide evidence of the active volcano beneath our feet. In the 50 miles between Mammoth Hot Springs and Old Faithful, you'll see travertine terraces at Mammoth Hot Springs, acidic features at Norris Geyser Basin, mudpots and geysers at Fountain Paint Pot, giant hot springs at Midway Geyser Basin, plus 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.

Grand Canyon
The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River extends from just south of Canyon Village north to Tower Junction. The most famous and spectacular section, including the Upper and Lower Falls, is seen from overlooks along the North and South Rim roads near the Canyon Village area. The northernmost extent of the canyon is visible from Tower Fall and Calcite Springs overlooks, south of Tower Junction.

Lake Area
Yellowstone Lake is the largest high elevation lake (above 7,000 feet) in the Western Hemisphere. It has 110 miles of shoreline and is approximately 400 feet deep at its deepest spot. With the Absaroka Mountains as a stunning backdrop, this area offers boating, fishing, hiking, and wildlife viewing, and hydrothermal features. (Fishing and boating require permits; see page 6.) You can visit several historic buildings, view a variety of hydrothermal activity, and see the Yellowstone River flow from the lake on its long journey. Four developed visitor areas lie along the lake's shores: Fishing Bridge, Bridge Bay, Lake, and Grant/West Thumb.

History
People have been visiting Yellowstone for more than 11,000 years. As recently as the 1800s, Native American tribes crossed the Yellowstone Plateau in search of buffalo, medicinal plants, and other resources. Yellowstone National Park was established in 1872, before any surrounding territories had become states. You can visit a historic sites such as Fishing Bridge Museum, Norris Geyser Basin Museum, Obsidian Cliff, Old Faithful Inn and Historic District, Roosevelt Lodge Historic District, and Fort Yellowstone at Mammoth Hot Springs (you can take a self-guiding tour around the fort). The Roosevelt Arch is 100 years old this year.

Wildlife
Yellowstone is home to a variety and abundance of wildlife unparalleled in the lower 48 states. The animals you see are largely a matter of luck and coincidence. Please use pullouts when viewing wildlife and remember that the animals are wild. Undisturbed space is among the greatest of their needs. Respect this, and you will be rewarded by seeing more of their natural activities and discovering how they live in the wild.

For more information:
- consult the official map and guide
- consult interpretive rangers at the park's visitor centers
- ask for free site bulletins about wildlife, geology, and other park topics
- look at materials available in the educational bookstores
- stay in touch via www.nps.gov/yell
How Faithful Is Old Faithful?

Many myths exist about Old Faithful, the world’s most famous geyser (shown at left). The lists below can help you sort the facts from myths.

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

Facts
- Its eruption length and height, and the time between eruptions varies from day to day and year to year.
- As of March 2003, the eruption length ranges from 1-1/2 to 5 minutes; the average interval between eruptions is 94 minutes.
- Old Faithful’s height ranges from 106 feet to more than 180 feet, averaging 130 feet.
- Its average eruption length, height, and interval will change again—often as a result of an earthquake.
- 3,700 to 8,400 gallons of water expelled per eruption, depending on the length of eruption.
- Just prior to eruption, water temperature at the vent is 204°F (95.6°C).
- It’s one of more than 300 geysers in Yellowstone.
- Old Faithful is a cone geyser, which erupts in a narrow jet of water, usually from a cone. Fountain geysers, such as Grand (also in the Upper Geyser Basin), generally shoot water out in various directions, most often from a pool.

Geyser are dynamic and constantly evolving. They respond to small, natural changes in their plumbing systems, water temperature, dissolved gas and mineral content of thermal water, amount of water, amount of heat, changes in pressure, and other factors. Geysers are also affected by natural events in Yellowstone such as frequent earthquakes.

The average interval between Old Faithful’s eruptions increased after the 1959 Hebgen Lake Earthquake, centered 12 miles northwest of the park’s west entrance. It increased again after the 1983 Borah Peak Earthquake, centered in Idaho. In 1998, another earthquake lengthened the interval again; later, a swarm of earthquakes further increased the interval.

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

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.

Riverside Geyser erupts on a fairly regular interval of once every 6 to 6.5 hours.

How Geysers Work

Yellowstone to Build New Visitor Education Center at Old Faithful

Old Faithful Geyser is visited by more than 85 percent of the 3 million people who come to Yellowstone each year. However, the existing visitor center at Old Faithful is too small to meet visitor needs for information, orientation, and education services. A new visitor education facility is being planned, and fundraising for this project is being led by the Yellowstone Park Foundation. A $1.25 million grant from Unilever began the funding drive, followed by $2 million from ConocoPhillips and $1 million from the Coca-Cola Foundation. Additional private donations have brought the amount raised and pledged to date to $10 million. The foundation's goal is to raise a total of $15 million by the end of 2003. If you would like to contribute to the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center, please contact the Yellowstone Park Foundation: 222 East Main Street, Suite 301; Bozeman, MT 59715; 406-586-6303; www.ypf.org, or complete and mail the coupon on page 10.
Camping & Fishing

Summer/Fall 2003

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First-Come, First-Served
Seven campgrounds are operated by the National Park Service: Indian Creek, Lewis Lake, Mammoth, Norris, Pebble Creek, Slough Creek, and Tower Fall. You cannot reserve these sites.

Reservations
You can reserve a site at the five campgrounds operated by Xanterra Parks & Resorts, indicated by * on the chart at left. For same-day reservations, call 307-344-7901 or ask at lodging activities desks. For future reservations, call 307-344-7311 or write Xanterra Parks & Resorts, P.O. Box 165, YNP, WY 82190; or by calling 307-344-7311.

Camping Rules
Camping or overnight vehicle parking in pull-outs, parking areas, picnic grounds, or any place other than a designated campground are not permitted, and there are no overflow camping facilities. Camping is often available in neighboring communities and public lands outside the park.

Camping is limited to 14 days between June 15 and September 15 and to 30 days the rest of the year. There is no limit at Fishing Bridge RV Park. Check-out time for all campgrounds is 10 AM.

WARNING: Food & Odors Attract Bears
The future of bears and the safety and enjoyment of others depends on you. The following items—new, clean, dirty, empty, or full—may not be left outside, in tents, or in tent trailers.

Permits
Fishing You must have a permit to fish in Yellowstone. Anglers 16 years of age and older are required to purchase either a $10 ten-day or a $20 season permit. Anglers 12–15 years of age are required to obtain a non-fee permit; those 11 years and younger may fish without a permit but must be supervised by an adult who knows the regulations. Permits are available at all ranger stations, visitor centers, and Yellowstone General Stores. State fishing licenses are not valid in Yellowstone National Park. If you catch a lake trout in Yellowstone Lake and its tributaries—including the Yellowstone River—you must kill the fish.

Boats & Float Tubes Permits are required for using boats and float tubes; few park waters are open to them. Obtain a permit in person for boats and float tubes from the following locations: South Entrance, Grant Village Backcountry Office, Bridge Bay Marina, and Lake Ranger Station. Non-motorized boating permits only are available at the Canyon, Mammoth, and Old Faithful backcountry offices, Becher Ranger Station, and West and Northeast Entrances. You must have a Coast Guard approved “wearable” personal flotation device for each person on board.

Fishing Season
Yellowstone’s fishing season generally begins on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and continues through the first Sunday of November. Exceptions: Yellowstone Lake opens June 15; Yellowstone Lake’s tributary streams open July 15; Yellowstone River and its tributaries between Canyon and Yellowstone Lake open July 15. Refer to park fishing regulations or the park website for additional information: www.nps.gov/yellow/planvisit/todo/fishing/index.htm

Fishing Regulations
Park fishing regulations are available at all ranger stations, visitor centers, or general stores.

In Yellowstone, wildlife takes precedence over humans as consumers of fish. All fish are wild (there is no stocking), so sufficient adult fish must remain to reproduce and maintain populations and to assure genetic diversity. These facts require both a philosophical and literal distinction between recreational angling and consuming fish. In Yellowstone, angling is based on fishing for native species of wild trout in a natural setting.

Fishing regulations in Yellowstone National Park have evolved as ongoing research reveals population trends and interrelationships with the rest of the Yellowstone ecosystem. Increasing numbers of anglers have also influenced the development of regulations by their impact on certain species and aquatic habitats. As of 2001, you must release all native sport fish: cutthroat trout, Arctic grayling, mountain whitefish.

Non-Toxic Fishing
Yellowstone National Park has implemented a fishing program using non-toxic tackle. Fishing tackle such as leaded split-shot sinkers, weighted jigs (lead molded to a hook), and soft lead-weighted ribbons for nymph fishing, are no longer allowed. Only non-toxic alternatives are allowed to accompany these types of fishing tackle. For more information, contact the Yellowstone Center for Resources, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190.

Discounts
Holders of Golden Age and Golden Access passes receive approximately a 50% discount on camping fees, except at Fishing Bridge RV Park, where no discounts apply.

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WARNING: Attract Bears
The future of bears and the safety and enjoyment of others depends on you. The following items—new, clean, dirty, empty, or full—may not be left outside, in tents, or in tent trailers.

Quiet Hours
Each camper deserves the opportunity to hear the wildlife and streams in this beautiful environment. Respect the rights of other campers and comply with the law by adhering to quiet hours, 8 PM–8 AM (10 PM–7 AM at Fishing Bridge RV Park). No generators, loud audio devices, or other noise disturbances will be allowed during this time. Generators are only permitted in six campgrounds (see chart at left) and the Fishing Bridge RV Park.

Fishing Bridge RV Park.

Camp Smart and Stay Safe
To preserve Yellowstone’s backcountry and enhance your wilderness experience, the National Park Service has established the following regulations and guidelines. Contact a ranger station before you begin an overnight trip.

Permits & Reservations
Permits are not required for day hiking, but hikers are encouraged to check in at a ranger station for vital safety information. Backcountry use permits are required for all overnight trips and must be obtained at any single campsite. Your fire must be attended at all times and be completely extinguished before you leave.

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

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

Should You Drink the Water?
Even though clear lake and stream water may look, smell, and taste good, Giardia and other bacterial contaminants may be present. Drinking untreated water may lead to intestinal infection. Before drinking water from lakes and streams, either filter it with a good commercial filter, treat it with a chemical treatment such as iodine or chlorine, or boil it at least one minute.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Winter recreation in Yellowstone National Park dates back more than 50 years and continues to grow in popularity. Controversy about winter use also has grown as scientific data revealed real and potential damage to wildlife, humans, and the ecosystem. To address these problems, the National Park Service has developed a winter use plan that was released in February 2003 and will be implemented beginning in the winter of 2003–2004.

Goals
◆ Provide a high quality, safe and educational winter experience for all visitors
◆ Provide for visitor and employee health and safety
◆ Preserve pristine air quality
◆ Preserve natural soundscapes
◆ Mitigate impacts to wildlife
◆ Minimize adverse economic impacts to gateway communities

The Preferred Alternative

The Preferred Alternative is a package that must be carried forward completely, with all components inextricably tied together. The principle components are:

◆ All snowmobiles entering the park must have Best Available Technology (BAT), with minimum reductions in hydrocarbon emissions of 90% and carbon monoxide emissions of 70%, as compared to a standard two-stroke snowmobile. Currently, machines meeting these criteria are the four-stroke snowmobiles.

◆ To address concerns about wildlife and safety, all snowmobilers in the park will be accompanied by an NPS-approved guide. Commercially guided tours will comprise 80% of the entries, non-commercially guided tours will comprise 20%. Group leaders of non-commercially guided tours will be required to attend a training and orientation program.

◆ Daily snowmobile entrance limits will be: North Entrance, 50; West Entrance, 550; South Entrance, 250; and East Entrance, 100.

◆ Implement a comprehensive monitoring and adaptive management program to assess the short- and long-term effects of management actions on park resources and values. Adjustments would be made in the management of the parks as a result of the monitoring.

Phasing In the Plan

The winter use plan will be phased in over two years to allow communities, permittees, visitors, and concessioners time to adapt. In 2003–2004 these components will be implemented:

◆ Develop a new generation of snowcoaches as a key to winter transportation.

◆ Implement daily limits.

◆ All entries (commercial and non-commercial) into Yellowstone National Park will be by reservation only.

◆ 80% of entries will be commercially guided.

◆ Comprehensive monitoring program underway.

◆ Commercially guided operations required to be BAT.

◆ Encourage rentals and private snowmobiles to be BAT.

◆ Complete concession contracting for commercially guided operations.

A copy of the FSEIS is available at: www.nps.gov/greve/winteruse/winteruse.htm.

Bison Management In the Yellowstone Area

Yellowstone’s bison are wild and they do not recognize political boundaries. However, a group of cooperating agencies have agreed to more intensively manage bison that leave the park because some bison carry the disease brucellosis. These agencies are committed to reducing the possibility of bison transmitting the disease to domestic livestock.

A bison management plan, agreed to by federal and state agencies, has been in effect since December 2000. The plan is founded on the principle of adaptive management and provides the agencies opportunity to gain knowledge and experience before proceeding to the successive steps. The biggest challenge is learning if bison and cattle can be separated successfully outside the park. To meet this challenge, the plan calls for phasing in greater tolerance of bison during winter in special management areas outside Yellowstone National Park. The adaptive management principle allows refinement of the plan as managers and scientists learn more about brucellosis, bison, cattle, and their management.

The Park’s Objectives
◆ Maintain a wild, free-ranging population of bison plus its genetic integrity and its ecological function in the Yellowstone area (providing food for predators and scavengers, grazing on Yellowstone’s grasslands).

◆ Address the risk of brucellosis transmission to protect the economic interest and viability of Montana’s livestock industry.

Plan Highlights
◆ Establish special management areas outside the park where bison will be allowed during winter when cattle are not present.

◆ Vaccinate bison when a safe and effective vaccine is available.

◆ Vaccinate and monitor cattle in specific areas near Yellowstone National Park.

◆ Haze bison onto appropriate public lands during winter or back into the park in the spring to keep bison separated from cattle.

◆ Adapt the plan as more knowledge and experience is acquired about the management of brucellosis, bison, and cattle.

You can view the federal Record of Decision at www.planning.nps.gov/document/yellbisonrod.pdf or you can request a copy of the plan by calling the park at 307-344-2207.

The Greening of Yellowstone

Greening Yellowstone

Transportation: The Park fleet runs on a variety of alternative fuels; one even uses 100% biodiesel. These fuels substantially reduce exhaust emissions. A ride-share program is available for employees living in neighboring communities. The Park also supports research on reducing snowmobile emissions and encourages the use of cleaner lube oils.

Plastic Lumber: Decaying wood boardwalks are being replaced with lumber made from recycled plastic, which lasts twice as long as wood.

Recycling: The Park recycles 400 tons of paper, aluminum, glass, steel, and cardboard each year, which saves thousands of dollars in landfill fees and expands collection and marketing opportunities with neighboring counties.

Cleaning: The Park eliminated cleaning products that could be harmful to employees or the environment and replaced them with equally effective, environment-friendly products.

Energy Conservation: The Park has retrofitted many buildings to be more energy efficient. Photovoltaics, or cells converting sunlight into electricity, have been installed at some remote locations.

Greening Your Home

➔ Bike, walk and car pool whenever possible. Keep your automobile properly tuned to reduce air pollution. Purchase ethanol-blended fuels. (Now available in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks!)

➔ Recycle plastics and help your community develop a plastics recovery program. Buy plastic lumber for your deck project.

➔ Encourage businesses, schools, and your community to develop other recycling programs; buy recycled products and products that you can recycle; buy large quantities to reduce package waste.

➔ Read and understand labels. Purchase only products that protect human health and are safe for the environment.

➔ List home energy-savers (such as turning down thermostat) and put these into action.
Scientists have been studying the role of fire in Yellowstone since the mid 20th century and they continue to discover new information. The history of fire in this park and its benefits explain why Yellowstone’s managers believe fire is an essential natural force.

### The National Fire Plan

During the 2000 fire season in the United States, almost 93,000 wildland fires burned close to 7.4 million acres and destroyed numerous structures. Subsequently, recommendations were developed on how to reduce the impacts of fire on rural communities and ensure sufficient firefighting resources for the future. That report, now known as the “National Fire Plan,” identified five key points that continue to emphasize interagency approaches:

- **Firefighting:** Continue to fight fires [according to agency guidelines].
- **Rehabilitation and Restoration:** Restore landscapes and rebuild communities damaged by the wildfires of 2000.
- **Hazardous Fuel Reduction:** Invest in projects to reduce fire risk.
- **Community Assistance:** Work directly with communities to ensure adequate protection.
- **Accountability:** Be accountable and establish adequate oversight, coordination, program development, and monitoring for performance.

The House and Senate approved an appropriations bill that included $101 million for National Park Service projects and activities identified in the National Fire Plan, including those in Yellowstone.

### The Fires of 1988

#### Facts

- The summer of 1988 was the driest in the park’s recorded history.
- More than 793,000 acres (36% of the park) were affected by fire.
- Fires began outside of the park burned more than half of the total acreage.
- Humans caused 9 fires; lightning caused 42 fires.
- About 300 large mammals, primarily elk, perished.
- $120 million was spent and 25,000 people participated in this fire-fighting effort, the largest in U.S. history.
- This huge effort saved human life and property, but had little impact on the fires themselves.
- Rain and snow finally stopped the advance of the fires in September.

#### Aftermath

After the 1988 fires, a mosaic of burns, partial burns, and unburned areas provided new habitats for plants and animals and new realms for research. Scientists have learned:

- Fertile soils with good water-holding capacity and dense, diverse vegetation before the fire recovered quickly.
- Grasslands returned to their pre-fire appearance within a few years.
- Many of the burned forests were mature lodgepole; this species is recolonizing most of the burned areas.
- The first seedlings of Engelmann spruce, subalpine fir, Douglas-fir, and whitebark pine have emerged.
- Aspen reproduction has increased because fire stimulated the growth of suckers from the aspen’s underground root system and left behind bare mineral soil that provides good conditions for aspen seedlings.

#### The same location in 1989

- Some of the grasses that elk eat were more nutritious after the fires.
- Bears grazed more frequently at burned than unburned sites.
- The fires have had no observable impact on the number of grizzly bears in greater Yellowstone.
- Cavity-nesting birds, such as bluebirds, had more dead trees for their nests; birds dependent on mature forests, such as boreal owls, lost habitat.
- No fire-related effects have been observed in the fish populations or the angling experience in the six rivers that have been monitored regularly since 1988.
- Vegetation growth has slowed erosion in watersheds that had erosion and mudslides after the fires.

- Burned in 1988

In 2001, the Arthur Fire (left) was started by lightning. It had a natural cause and was within the park, but it was fought because it threatened buildings (including homes) at the East Entrance of Yellowstone National Park and in nearby communities.

If a fire is being fought in the park, you may see planes and helicopters and the bright colors of a fire camp near the road; you may also encounter travel delays. Updates available at visitor centers.

#### Yellowstone Fire Facts

- Large fires burn through forests of Yellowstone every 250–400 years.
- Large fires burn park grasslands every 25–60 years.
- Plants in the park, such as lodgepole pine and aspen, are adapted to fire.
- Each year, lightning starts an average of 22 fires.
- 80% of naturally started fires go out by themselves.
- Suppressing fires reduces the number and variety of plant and animal species.
- Until the 1970s, park managers believed they had to extinguish fires to preserve park resources.
- In 1972, scientific research led to Yellowstone allowing most natural fires to burn.
- From 1972 to 1987—most in two dry years, 1979 and 1981—234 fires burned about 35,000 acres.
- The 1988 fires brought management changes and new opportunities for research (see at left).
- Yellowstone now follows the National Fire Plan, described above.
Friends of Yellowstone

You Can Help Preserve and Protect Yellowstone

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

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

Yellowstone Park Foundation

The Yellowstone Park Foundation is dedicated to funding projects that protect, preserve, and enhance Yellowstone National Park. Its mission is to raise money for important projects and programs in Yellowstone that otherwise would go unfunded, due to shrinking federal budgets and a $600–700 million operating and infrastructure backlog for the park.

Since January 1997 the Foundation has raised in excess of $19 million to fund more than 60 projects for Yellowstone. Current and ongoing projects include:

- New interpretive exhibits for the museum at Fishing Bridge;
- A Lynx Population Study to help conserve this threatened species of wild cat;
- The Yellowstone Wolf Project, which monitors the habits, habitat needs, and ecological impacts of the park’s wolf packs;
- A new Visitor Education Center to replace the outdated and inadequate visitor center at Old Faithful (see page 3).

Now more than ever, Yellowstone needs your help! The Yellowstone Park Foundation receives no annual government funding; it relies on the generous contributions of private individuals, foundations, and corporations. For a donation of $50 or more, you will receive a special premium gift. Donors of $25 or more are recognized in Yellowstone’s Honor Book at Old Faithful for one year. Individuals who donate $1,000 or more are recognized on the Wall of Honor for one year.

Please help protect the park’s wonders and wildlife by becoming a Friend of Yellowstone.

Yes, make me a Friend of Yellowstone National Park!

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Yellowstone Association

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

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

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

Yellowstone Association
Post Office Box 117
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190
www.YellowstoneAssociation.org
(307) 344-2293
Other Opportunities to Explore

**Nearby Museums**

- **Billings, Montana**
  - Western Heritage Center, 2822 Montana Ave. Interprets the history of the Yellowstone region with interactive exhibits. 406-256-6809; heritage@wchw.org; wchw.org
- **Yellowstone Art Museum**, 401 N. 27th St. Houses the finest historical and contemporary art of the region; hosts national and international touring exhibitions. 406-256-6804; artinfo@artmuseum.org; yellowstone.artmuseum.org
- **Bozeman, Montana**
  - The Museum of the Rockies, 600 West Kagy Blvd. Best known for its paleontology, geology, western history, and Native American exhibits. 406-994-2251; wwmnor@montana.edu; museumoftherockies.org
- **Gallatin Pioneer Museum**, 317 W. Main St. Has displays on pioneer life, plus a research library and photo archives. Free. 406-522-8122; pioneermuseum@imt.net; www.pioneermuseum.org
- **Cody, Wyoming**
  - The Buffalo Bill Historical Center. Five museums—more than 300,000 square feet—devoted to western cultural and natural history. Admission to all five museums good for two consecutive days. 307-587-4771; jan@bbhc.org; www.bbhc.org
- **Dubois, Wyoming**
  - Wind River Historical Center, 909 W. Ramshorn. Features the Sheep Shep and archeology of Yellowstone’s original inhabitants. 307-435-2284; windriverhistory.org; wrh@wyoming.com
- **Helena, Montana**
- **Jackson, Wyoming**
  - The National Museum of Wildlife Art, 2820 Rungius Road. Houses the nation’s premier public collection of fine art devoted to wildlife. 800-313-9553; www.wildlifeart.org
  - Pinedale, Wyoming
  - Museum of the Mountain Man, 700 East Hennick. Features collections related to the Rocky Mountain fur trade era. 307-886-6266; museumofthemountainman@wyoming.com; www.museumofthemountainman.com
- **Livingston, Montana**
  - Livingston Depot Center, 200 W. Park St. Features railroads, western history, and art. 406-222-2300; depot@yisci.net
  - Yellowstone Gateway Museum, 118 West Chinook St. Displays extensive local and Yellowstone history. 406-222-4184; museum@yisci.net
- **International Fly Fishing Center**, 215 E. Lewis St. Features aquariums and the history of fly fishing. 406-222-9369; iffc@wt panorama.net
- **Livingston’s museums share a website**: www.livingstonmuseums.org
- **West Yellowstone, Montana**
  - Museum of the Yellowstone, Corner of Canyon St. and Yellowstone Ave. Showcases park wildlife, geology, transportation, and visitation. 406-646-1100; museum@yellowstone.com; www.yellowstonehistoriccenter.org

For more than 25 years, the Yellowstone Association Institute has provided park visitors with in-depth learning experiences that are both educational and fun. To enhance your Yellowstone visit, the institute currently offers five types of educational programs:

- **Wildlife Ed-Ventures** are one-day educational driving tours that help participants see and learn about the wildlife of Yellowstone’s Northern Range. Sunrise and Evening Ed-Ventures are offered Wednesday to Sunday, May 7 to August 31, from the Institute’s North Entrance Education Center. Cost is $55 per person ($45 for Yellowstone Association members) and includes expert instruction from an institute wildlife biologist, box breakfast, in-park transportation, and use of high-powered spotting scopes.

- ** Lodging and Learning** is an award-winning series of hotel-based learning vacations with just the right mix of education and recreation. The Lodging and Learning programs for this summer and fall are:
  - **Trails Through Yellowstone**: four days of hiking, wildlife viewing and discovery in the Mammoth, Canyon, Lake, and Old Faithful areas.
  - **Yellowstone for Families**: a four-day family learning adventure featuring activities including wildlife watching, animal tracking, nature photography, painting, and hiking.
  - **Roosevelt Rendezvous**: a four-day program that takes place in September at Roosevelt Lodge and features a daily selection of field trips for a variety of interests and ability levels.

- **Other Opportunities to Explore**

  - **Nearby national parks, battlefields, historic sites and national forests, plus chambers of commerce, are listed on pages 12-13.**

- **Explore the Park with the Yellowstone Association Institute**
  - Field seminars are intensive educational experiences that provide an inside look at the park’s wildlife, geology, history, and plant life. This summer’s schedule of more than 100 field seminars includes courses such as Ripple Effect: The Ecology of Wolf Restoration, Exploring Yellowstone Microbes, and Ghost Hotels of Yellowstone. Many of these courses are available for college credit.
  - **Backcountry Courses** are wilderness experiences designed to be both light on the land and educational. The institute offers two types of backcountry courses—backpacking and horse-packing—so people of diverse abilities can experience and learn about remote areas of the park.
  - **Group Programs** are field-based educational programs for your school, environmental organization, or other group of ten or more people. The institute is sponsored by the Yellowstone Association, a non-profit organization operated in partnership with the National Park Service to foster the public’s understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of Yellowstone National Park. For more information call 307-344-2294 or go to www.yellowstoneassociation.org.

- **Concessioner Activities**
  - Make advance reservations at any hotel front desk or activity desk.
  - Ask for additional activity information and “Experience Planners” at these locations.

  - **Horseback Rides**
    - For a western-flavored Yellowstone experience, saddle up and join a congenial guide for a trail ride from one of our three corrals—Mammoth Hot Springs (5/17-9/14), Roosevelt Lodge (6/6-8/31), or Canyon Village (6/21-8/30). 1-hour ride, $20; 2-hour ride, $42. Children must be at least 8 years old and 48 inches tall. Children 8-11 must be accompanied by a person(s) 16 years or older. Weight limit: 250 pounds. Only one rider per horse.

  - **Stagecoach Rides**
    - June 6-Aug. 31. Re vive the wild experience of a stagecoach ride at Roosevelt Lodge. Adult $7.75; child (2-11) $6.30.

  - **Old West Cookout**
    - June 7-August 31. Enjoy a delicious steak cookout dinner via horse-drawn wagon or horseback from Roosevelt Lodge. Reservations required. Wagon: Adult $39; Child (5-11) $27. Horseback: Adult $49 (one hour); Child (8-11) $39.

  - **Rustic Hot Breakfasts**
    - June 7-Sept. 7. Guides at Bridge Bay Marina tailor a trip to suit your interests. 22 ft. Cabin Cruiser (1-6 people): $37/hour; 34 ft. Cabin Cruiser (1-6 people): $74/hour.

  - **Rental rowboats, outboards, and dock slips are also available at Bridge Bay.**

  - **Bridge Bay Scenic Cruises**
    - June 6-July 31. 2 or 3-hour cruises depart Bridge Bay Marina throughout the day. Adult $38; child (2-11) $31.

  - **Historic Lake Hotel**
    - June 11–Sept. 20, Tues.–Sat. Meet at Lake Hotel, 7:30 PM or at Fishing Bridge RV Park, 7:40 PM. Adult $40; Child (16 and under) $20.

  - **Historic Yellowstone Lake “Historic” Sunset Tour**
    - June 11–Sept. 20. Meet at Lake Hotel, 7:30 PM or at Fishing Bridge RV Park, 7:40 PM. Adult $40; Child (16 and under) $20.

  - **“Historic” Sunset Tour**
    - June 6-July 31. 2 or 3-hour cruises depart Bridge Bay Marina throughout the day for tours on the northern part of Yellowstone Lake. Enjoy views of the A batoa Mountains, historic Lake Hotel, and Stevens Island. A guide provides interpretation for this spectacular area. Adult $9.75; child (2-11) $5.

  - **Bridge Bay Guided Fishing Trips**
    - June 15–Sept. 7. Guides at Bridge Bay Marina tailor a trip to suit your interests. 22 ft. Cabin Cruiser (1-6 people): $37/hour; 34 ft. Cabin Cruiser (1-6 people): $74/hour.

  - **Bridge Bay Noon Tour**
    - June 11–Sept. 20. Meet at Lake Hotel, 11 AM, 2 PM, 3:30 PM. Meet at the fireplace in the Old Faithful Inn Lobby for this 45-minute tour. Free.

  - **Teton Vista Rendezvous**
    - May 24–Sept. 20, Tues., Thurs., Sat. From Old Faithful Inn, Grant Village, Bridge Bay Campground, Lake Hotel, and Fishing Bridge RV Park. Adult $37; Teen (12–16) $18.

  - **Circle of Fire**
    - May 31–Sept. 28, Old Faithful Inn, Tues.–Sat. Meet at Lake Hotel, 7:30 PM. Adult $43; Child (16 and under) $24.

  - **Yellowstone Lake Photo Safari**
    - May 31–Sept. 28, Old Faithful Inn, Tues.–Sat. Meet at Lake Hotel, 7:30 PM. Adult $43; Child (16 and under) $24.

  - **Historic Old Faithful Inn**
    - May 9–Oct. 11. Daily, 9:30 AM, 11 AM, 2 PM, 3:30 PM. Meet at the fireplace in the Old Faithful Inn Lobby for this 45-minute tour. Free.

  - **Firehole Basin**

  - **Twilight Shadows Tour**
    - From Canyon. Adult $16; Child (12–16) $8.50.

  - **Yellowstone In a Day**

- **Faster loading**
The Yellowstone Park Foundation and Elan Financial Services have created the new Yellowstone Visa® credit card. The card is giving individuals who love Yellowstone the opportunity to help protect and preserve the park.

- Elan will donate a portion of every purchase made with the Yellowstone Visa card to the Yellowstone Park Foundation at no additional cost to the cardholder. The money raised from the credit card program will help fund projects in Yellowstone that are beyond the financial capacity of the National Park Service.
- The Yellowstone Visa card features a low introductory APR, seasonal discounts with advance reservations at select Yellowstone National Park Lodges, and many other benefits.
- To apply for the card over the phone, or to request an application, call 888-327-2265 and ask for extension 8302.
- To apply for the Yellowstone Visa online, log onto the Yellowstone Park Foundation’s website at www.ypf.org.

Nearby National Parks, Battlefields, and Monuments

- Bear Paw National Battlefield
- Big Hole National Battlefield
- Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area
- Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve
- Devil's Tower National Monument
- Fossil Butte National Monument
- Glacier National Park
- Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site
- John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway
- Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument
- Nez Perce National Historic Park
- Nez Perce National Historic Trail
- Fossil Butte National Monument
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Grand Teton National Park

Make time for a visit to our neighbor to the south, Grand Teton National Park. This park offers spectacular scenery and its own campgrounds, exhibits, and activities. Consult the park newspaper, Teewinot, for complete information. Newspapers are available at Grand Teton visitor centers and entrance stations.

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

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

Lodging—Make your reservations directly, using these phone numbers:

- Jenny Lake Lodge (May 31–Oct. 5) 307-733-4647
- Colter Bay Cabins & RV Park (May 23–Sept. 28) 800-628-9988
- Flagg Ranch Resort (May 23–Sept. 29) 307-543-2861
- or 800-443-2311
- Jackson Lake Lodge (May 18–Oct. 5) 800-628-9988
- Signal Mt. Lodge (May 10–Oct. 19) 800-672-6012
- Dornan’s Cabins (all year) 307-733-2522

Lodging can also be found in communities surrounding Grand Teton.

Colter Bay Visitor Center & Indian Arts Museum—

May 10–May 23: 8 AM–5 PM; May 24–June 1: 8 AM–7 PM; June 2–Sept. 1: 8 AM–8 PM; Sept. 2–Oct. 5: 8 AM–5 PM; closed for the season thereafter. Information, audiovisual programs, permits, and publication sales. Phone: 307-739-3594.

Flagg Ranch Information Station—June 2–Sept. 1: 9 AM–5:30 PM; Closed for the season thereafter.


Jenny Lake Visitor Center—June 2–Sept. 1: 9 AM–5:30 PM; Sept. 2–8, 8 AM–5 PM; closed for the season thereafter. Information, publication sales. Phone: 307-739-3392.

Moose Visitor Center—Open year-round. Through June 1, 8 AM–5 PM daily; June 2–Sept. 1: 8 AM–7 PM; 8 AM–5 PM starting Sept. 2. Information, audiovisual programs, exhibits, permits, publication sales. Phone: 307-739-3399.

Telecommunications device for the deaf only (TDD): 307-739-3400.

Clinic—Grand Teton Clinic, located near Jackson Lake Lodge. May 18–Oct. 5 or after hours 307-733-8002.

Emergency: dial 911.

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

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

Nearby Public Lands

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

Area Communities

- Montana
  - Big Sky 406-995-3000
  - Billings 800-735-2635
  - Bozeman 800-228-4224
  - Cooke City–Silver Gate 406-838-2495
  - Gardiner 406-848-7971
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Believing that sound and profitable business practices go hand-in-hand with serious environmental initiatives without eroding other priority, concessioner Xanterra Parks & Resorts has formalized and enhanced its environmental program.

Called “Ecologix, Xanterra’s Environmental Commitment,” the multi-faceted Environmental Management System is rooted in Xanterra’s long-held belief that all business decisions must balance economic viability with ecological responsibility.

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

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

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

In addition to recycling 575,000 pounds of materials in 2002, Xanterra-Yellowstone’s environmental efforts range from a conversion to cleaner burning 4-stroke motors on its rental boats and snowmobiles to offering sustainable cuisine in its restaurants. “We’re making great strides,” noted Jim McCaleb, General Manager of Xanterra’s Yellowstone National Park Lodges. “For example, our ongoing conversion to compact fluorescent lighting in our facilities so far represents the equivalent of removing 600 cars from the road for a year.”

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

Medcor provides healthcare services at Mammoth Hot Springs, Old Faithful, and Lake Village. Hours of operation are listed on page 15; see the road map on the back cover for locations.

Delaware North operates Yellowstone General Stores, which provide groceries, film, souvenirs, and other items. Hours of operation are listed on page 15; see the road map on the back cover for locations.

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

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

May your wanderings in and reflections of Yellowstone bring you the simple peace and lasting memories experienced and recorded by Father Kuppens.
Lodging, Food, Gas, Activities

**Bridge Bay**

**Stores**
- Bridge Bay Marina Store (general store, snacks, beverages): May 23–September 14

**Other Services**
- Bridge Bay Marina—Dock rental: May 23–September 14
- Scenic cruises/_excursions: May 31–September 14
- Outboards, guide boats: June 15–September 7

**Canyon Village**

**Lodging**
- Canyon Lodge—Rooms: May 30–September 14
- Western cabins: May 30–September 14
- Pioneer/ Frontier cabins: May 30–August 25

**Food Services**
- Canyon Lodge Dining Room: May 30–September 14
- Canyon Lodge Cafeteria: May 30–August 25
- Canyon Picnic Shop—(light meals, snacks, & fast foods): May 30–September 14

**Stores**
- **Canyon Nature Store** (light meals, beverages, snacks, photo shop, gifts, & souvenirs): April 25–October 26
- Canyon General Store (beverages & snacks): May 4–September 28
- Canyon Lodge Gift Shop: May 30–September 14

**Service Stations**
- **Canyon Village**: May 2–November 2
- **Canyon Repair Service**: May 23–September 1
- **Wrecker service**: May 16–October 20

**Other Services**
- Canyon Village Camper Services—Showers and laundry: June 6–September 7
- Trail rides: June 21–August 30

**Fishing Bridge**

**Stores**
- Fishing Bridge RV Park Gift Shop: May 16–September 28
- **Fishing Bridge General Store** (general store, light meals, snacks, & fast foods): May 3–September 28

**Service Stations**
- **Fishing Bridge Service Station**: May 16–September 28
- **Fishing Bridge Repair Service**: May 23–September 1
- **Wrecker service**: May 23–September 1
- **Fishing Bridge LP Gas Plant**: May 16–September 15

**Other Services**
- Fishing Bridge RV Park—Showers and laundry: May 16–September 28

**Grant Village**

**Lodging**
- Grant Village—Rooms: May 23–September 28

**Food Services**
- Grant Village Restaurant: May 23–September 28
- Grant Village General Store: May 9–September 30

**Stores**
- **Grant Village Ministore** (general store, beverages, snacks): May 9–September 30
- **Grant Village General Store** (general store, light meals, snacks, & fast foods): May 24–September 24
- **Grant Village Gift Shop**: May 23–September 28

**Service Stations**
- **Grant Village Service Station**: May 23–September 28
- **Grant Village Repair Service**: May 23–September 1
- **Wrecker service**: May 23–September 22
- **Grant Village LP Gas Plant**: May 23–September 28

**Other Services**
- Grant Village Camper Services—Showers and laundry: June 21–September 28

**Lake Yellowstone**

**Lodging**
- Lake Yellowstone Hotel—Rooms, cabins: May 16–October 6
- Lake Lodge—Cabins: June 10–September 21

**Food Services**
- **Lake Yellowstone Hotel Dining Room**: May 16–October 6
- **Lake Lodge Cafeteria**: June 10–September 21
- **Lake Yellowstone Hotel Deli**: May 16–October 5

**Stores**
- Lake General Store (general store, light meals, snacks & beverages): J: May 16–October 6
- **Lake Yellowstone Hotel Gift Shop**: May 16–October 6
- **Lake Lodge Gift Shop**: June 10–September 21

**Other Services**
- **Lake Clinic**: May 12–September 30; 307-242-7241
- **Lake Lodge—Laundry**: June 10–September 21

**Mammoth Hot Springs**

**Lodging**
- **Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel—Rooms and cabins**: May 2–October 6
- **Mammoth Terrace Grill**: May 9–October 12

**Stores**
- **Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel Dining Room**: May 2–Oct. 6
- **Mammoth General Store**: May 9–October 12

**Service Stations**
- **Mammoth Hot Springs Service Station**: May 7–October 6
- **Mammoth Terrace Grill**: May 9–October 6
- **Wrecker service**: May 23–September 1

**Other Services**
- **Mammoth Clinic**: Open year-round. Through May 30, open Monday–Friday, 8:30AM–5PM, closed 1–2 PM; closed Wednesday afternoons. June 1–Sept. 30: open seven days a week, 8:30 AM–5 PM, closed 1–2 PM; 307-344-7965

**Old Faithful**

**Lodging**
- **Old Faithful Inn—Rooms**: May 9–October 12
- **Old Faithful Snow Lodge—Rooms and cabins**: May 2–October 12
- **Old Faithful Lodge—Cabins**: May 16–September 14

**Food Services**
- **Old Faithful Inn Dining Room**: May 9–October 12
- **Old Faithful Inn, Pony Express Snack Shop**: May 9–October 12
- **Old Faithful Snow Lodge Restaurant**: May 2–October 12
- **Old Faithful Snow Lodge, Geyser Grill Fast Food**: May 16–November 2
- **Old Faithful Lodge Cafeteria**: May 16–September 14
- **Old Faithful Lodge Snack Shops**: May 16–September 21

**Stores**
- **Old Faithful Inn Gift Shop**: May 9–October 12
- **Old Faithful Snow Lodge Gift Shop**: May 2–November 2
- **Old Faithful Lodge Gift Shop**: May 16–September 28
- **Old Faithful Basin Lower Store** (general store, light meals, snacks, & fast foods): May 9–October 27
- **Old Faithful Basin Upper Store** (general store, light meals, snacks, & fast foods): April 18–September 26

**Service Stations**
- **Old Faithful, Lower Service Station**: April 18–November 2
- **Old Faithful, Upper Service Station**: May 23–August 18
- **Old Faithful Repair Service**: May 23–August 18
- **Wrecker service**: May 2–October 20

**Other Services**
- **Old Faithful Clinic**: May 5–October 17; 307-545-7325
- **Old Faithful Lodge—Showers**: May 16–September 14

**Tower/Roosevelt**

**Lodging**
- **Roosevelt Lodge—Cabins**: June 6–September 1

**Food Services**
- **Roosevelt Lodge Dining Room**: June 6–September 1
- **Roosevelt Lodge Dinner Cookout**: June 7–August 31

**Stores**
- **Roosevelt Store** (general store, beverages, snacks): June 6–August 31
- **Roosevelt Lodge Gift Shop**: June 6–September 1
- **Roosevelt Lodge Service Station**: June 6–September 1
- **Roosevelt Lodge Gift Shop**: June 6–September 1
- **Wrecker service**: May 2–October 20

**Service Stations**
- **Tower Junction Service Station**: June 6–September 1

**Other Services**
- **Trail rides**: June 6–August 31
- **Stagecoach Rides**: June 6–August 31
- **Roosevelt Lodge—Showers**: June 6–September 1

**Automatic Banking**
- 24-hour cash available at the Fishing Bridge General Store, Grant Village General Store, Lake Yellowstone Hotel, Mammoth General Store, Mammoth Hotel, Old Faithful Inn, Old Faithful Snow Lodge, Old Faithful Upper Store, Canyon General Store, and Canyon Lodge. CIBERS and PLUS automatic network machines will be in service for cash anytime during the lodging facilities’ seasons.

**Medical Services**
- **Lake Clinic**: May 12–May 15, 8:30 AM–5:00 PM; May 16–September 30: daily, 8:30 AM–8:30 PM. 307-242-7241
- **Mammoth Clinic**: Open year-round. Through May 30, open Monday–Friday, 8:30 AM–5 PM, closed 1–2 PM; closed Wednesday afternoons. June 1–September 30: open daily, 8:30 AM–5 PM, closed 1–2 PM, 307-344-7965
- **Old Faithful Clinic**: May–May 15, 8:30 AM–5:00 PM; May 16–September 15: 7:00 AM–7:00 PM; Sept. 16–Oct. 17: 8:30 AM–5 PM; 307-545-7325

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

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

**Worship Services**
- Worship services take place in the park and in communities adjacent to the park, and include most major denominations and interdenominational services during the summer months. Information available on bulletin boards at campgrounds and visitor centers, or at www.nps.gov/yell.

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**Reservations**

CALL Xanterra Parks & Resorts, 307-344-7311 or TDD 307-344-5395, for lodging, dining, camping, and activity reservations.

You can also make reservations at any lodging front desk or activities desk.
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All service stations in Yellowstone offer environmentally sensitive fuels, specially formulated by ConocoPhillips to reduce hydrocarbon emissions and decrease other pollution-related problems.

This map shows roads/facilities; see the previous page for dates of operation. For daily lodging update, call 344-2114.

**Road Closing Schedule**

Tower to Chittenden Road; Beartooth Pass (U.S. 212 to Red Lodge, MT): October 14

All other park roads close for the season at 8 AM November 3 except the North Entrance to Cooke City road, which is open all year.

Road Work

- **May Be Closed**
- **Expect Delays**

Road work updates available at visitor centers.

Visitor center or information station

Gasoline/ fuel

Lodging

General store

Marina

Telephones

Food service

Clinic

Campground

Full Services (includes lodging, food service, store, rest rooms, phone)

Restrooms

Camping: hard-sided units only

Experience Yellowstone's wild side on a Ranger Adventure Hike

A park ranger will guide you into the beautiful backcountry on one of eight different Ranger Adventure Hikes. Stroll along the Firehole River to one of the park's backcountry geysers, visit bubbling backcountry mudpots, trek up a mountain pass with breathtaking scenic views, or hike through wildflower-filled meadows along a cool, sparkling creek. Whatever hike you choose, be ready for fun and adventure as you immerse yourself in the natural wonders of Yellowstone's wilderness.

These very popular half-day fee hikes take place every day (except Sunday) from June 16 through August 30, at 8 AM (7:30 AM for the Lone Star Stroll). Hikes are offered from the Old Faithful, Mammoth Hot Springs, and Tower areas. The eight Ranger Adventure Hikes range from easy walks to strenuous treks. Some hikes are not recommended for people with heart or breathing problems or other serious medical conditions. Inquire at a park visitor center to find the right hike for you.

The Ranger Adventure Hikes are offered as a fee program. Fee programs are those activities that go beyond the scope of our basic interpretive programs, serve a small segment of the visiting public, and tend to be relatively expensive to offer. Fees charged for these hikes go directly back into the program's budget and help us provide staff and supplies for the activities. They are not intended to replace free interpretive programs. Purchase tickets in advance for a Ranger Adventure Hike at visitor centers in Old Faithful, Grant Village, Fishing Bridge, Canyon, or Mammoth. Cost is $15 for adults (ages 16+), $5 for kids ages 7 to 15, and free for kids ages 6 and under. For more information about individual Ranger Adventure Hikes, refer to the Mammoth and Old Faithful program schedules on pages F–G or inquire at a park visitor center.

Do you want to explore a geyser basin on a casual ranger-guided walk? Share the fun of a family-oriented talk with your kids? Enjoy the kinship of a ranger-led evening campfire program? Trek through wild backcountry meadows on a half-day Ranger Adventure Hike? No matter how you want to experience the park, Yellowstone has a ranger program for you.

You'll find listings of ranger-led activities listed by area on the following pages. Ranger-guided walks, short talks, and evening programs take place daily throughout the park. Ranger Adventure Hikes depart from trailheads only a short drive from many areas. All programs except the Ranger Adventure Hikes are free to the public.

Ranger programs feature topics as diverse as Yellowstone itself. Learn more about the park's eruptive geology, diverse wildlife, spectacular wildflowers, vast forests, and the role of fire. Discover the rich history of America's first national park. A world of wonder awaits, and ranger programs are a fun and educational way to enrich your Yellowstone experience.
### Ranger-Led Programs

**Canyon Village**  
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| Words can hardly convey the startling beauty of the Yellowstone River, its Grand Canyon and spectacular waterfalls. Explore the geology and natural history behind the scenery. Meet a park ranger at Uncle Tom’s Parking Lot on the South Rim Drive (road to Artist Point).  1½ hours
| Walk along the upper Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River, then along an established trail through meadows and forest, finally looping back to the parking area. Explore the geology and natural history of the canyon area, while enjoying a bit of its backcountry. Meet a park ranger at Uncle Tom’s Parking Lot on the South Rim Drive (road to Artist Point).  2½ hours
| The Canyon for Kids **Starting June 8** | 10 AM 6/8-9/1 | 10 AM 6/8-9/1 | 10 AM 6/8-9/1 | 10 AM 6/8-9/1 | 10 AM 6/8-9/1 | 10 AM 6/8-9/1 | 10 AM 6/8-9/1 |
| Come discover something special about the canyon in a talk or activity geared for families with children of Junior Ranger age—5 through 12. Join the park ranger on the lower platform at Artist Point on the Canyon South Rim Drive.  20–30 minutes
| From a classic viewpoint, enjoy the Lower Falls, the Yellowstone River, and the spectacular colors of the canyon while learning about some aspect of the area. Discover why artists and photographers have been drawn to this special place. Join the park ranger on the lower platform at Artist Point on the South Rim Drive for this short talk.  10 minutes
| Join a park ranger for the evening to learn more about some aspect of Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at visitor centers for program titles and descriptions. “Meet at the Canyon Campground Amphitheater.  30 minutes
| *Weather and snow levels permitting.
| KODAK Morning Photo Walk **Starting June 24** | 8 AM 6/24-8/26 | 8 AM 6/24-8/26 | 8 AM 6/24-8/26 | 8 AM 6/24-8/26 | 8 AM 6/24-8/26 | 8 AM 6/24-8/26 | 8 AM 6/24-8/26 |
| Join the Kodak Ambassador for an easy 1–1½ mile walk to view the waterfalls along the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Learn techniques for capturing excellent photos in early morning light. ½ hour
| KODAK Photography Demonstration **Starting June 24** | 10:30 AM 1 PM 6/24-8/26 | 10:30 AM 1 PM 6/24-8/26 | 10:30 AM 1 PM 6/24-8/26 | 10:30 AM 1 PM 6/24-8/26 | 10:30 AM 1 PM 6/24-8/26 | 10:30 AM 1 PM 6/24-8/26 | 10:30 AM 1 PM 6/24-8/26 |
| Learn the top photo spots in Yellowstone and easy techniques—such as lighting, composition, film choice, camera techniques—for producing outstanding photographs. Bring your camera. Meet at Canyon Visitor Center Auditorium.  1 hour

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**Ranger-led programs end after Labor Day, September 1.**
## Ranger-Led Programs

### Summer 2003

#### Fishing Bridge/Lake Village Areas

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<td>Take a leisurely morning stroll to observe the birds and mammals of Hayden Valley. Meet the park ranger at the large pullout in Hayden Valley, 9 1/2 miles north of Fishing Bridge Junction and 6 miles south of Canyon Junction. <strong>2 hours</strong></td>
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<td>One way to learn about Yellowstone's world class trout and aquatic ecosystems is through the art of fly-fishing. Join a ranger for a talk on the importance of catch and release for the preservation of wild trout and an introduction to the sport. Bring fly rods if you have them. Meet at the Nez Perce Ford Picnic Area, 3 miles north of Fishing Bridge Junction. <strong>1 1/2 hours</strong></td>
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<td>Yellowstone Lake offers evidence of the powerful forces that continue to shape the face of Yellowstone. Walk through meadow, forest, and along the lakeshore to learn more about the largest lake at high elevation in North America. Meet at Indian Pond, 3 miles east of Fishing Bridge. <strong>2 hours</strong></td>
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<td>Early explorers described the Mud Volcano area as “the greatest marvel we have yet met with.” Find out what these intriguing mudpots have to tell us about Yellowstone’s explosive past and future. Moderately strenuous. Meet at Mud Volcano parking area. <strong>2 hours</strong></td>
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<td>People often wonder why no fishing is allowed from the “Fishing Bridge.” The answer to this question tells of some of the greatest disasters and the greatest triumphs of fisheries management in Yellowstone. Observe cutthroat trout from this famous bridge and learn about the current challenges they face. Meet the park ranger on the west side of Fishing Bridge for this short talk. <strong>20 minutes</strong></td>
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<td>Yellowstone has been called the wildlife wonder of the continent, the American Serengeti. Park rangers will discuss a different bird or other wildlife species daily. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center about what the “featured creature” is today. Meet at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center or a short walk starting from a nearby location in the area (requiring a car caravan to the trailhead). <strong>1 1/2 hours</strong></td>
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<td>What are all these odd hot springs? Why does Yellowstone National Park have so much wildlife?</td>
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<td>Norris Geyser Basin has many of the unique characteristics that make Yellowstone National Park so special. While you’re at Norris, stop by and enjoy this ranger talk in beautiful surroundings. Meet at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum. 8 1/2 hours.</td>
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<td>Explore Yellowstone’s backcountry on a half-day hike with a park ranger. Visit lesser-known hydrothermal areas, explore wildlife habitats, and experience a slice of Yellowstone’s wilderness. Program locations change daily. Hikes rated from easy to strenuous. Some hikes not recommended for people with heart, breathing or serious medical conditions. Information and tickets are available at these visitor centers: Old Faithful, Albright (Mammoth), Grant, Canyon, and Fishing Bridge. This is a fee program: $15 for adults, $5 for kids ages 7–15, free for kids six and under. All children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. See article on Page A for more information.</td>
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<td>Mammoth has always been the headquarters of Yellowstone National Park, now 131 years old. On this short relaxed walk, a ranger will recount some of the important and fascinating historic happenings in this, the world’s first national park. Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center.</td>
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<td>Wildlife, history, rocks and mountains, fire, plants, explorers—these topics are being served up on the lawn outside the Albright Visitor Center. Prepared for consumption by our family audiences!</td>
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<td>Sample some of Yellowstone’s wonders at this half-hour ranger talk. A different topic is served up daily, featuring wildlife, geology or history. Meet the ranger on the lawn outside the Albright Visitor Center, or on the front porch if it’s raining.</td>
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**MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS AREA**

Program Descriptions Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
### Ranger-Led Programs Summer 2003

**Old Faithful Area**

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<td>Explore Yellowstone's backcountry on a half-day hike with a park ranger. Visit lesser-known hydrothermal areas, explore wildlife habitats, and experience a slice of Yellowstone's wilderness. Program locations change daily. Hikes rated from easy to strenuous. Some hikes not recommended for people with heart, breathing or serious medical conditions. Information and tickets are available at these visitor centers: Old Faithful, Albright (Mammoth), Grant, Canyon, and Fishing Bridge. This is a fee program: $13 for adults, $5 for kids ages 7-15, free for kids six and under. All children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. See article on Page A for more information.</td>
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Outdoor programs are subject to cancellation due to dangerous weather conditions.
**Especially for Children**

**Summer 2003**

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**Yellowstone’s Junior Rangers**

Children between the ages of 5 and 12 can participate in the park’s official Junior Ranger Program. See page 3 of the park newspaper for more information or ask a ranger at any visitor center or information station.

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**Live in Yellowstone!**

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

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

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**Surf Over to Yellowstone’s Electronic Field Trips**

Middle school students, climb aboard our electronic bus and look through its Windows Into Wonderland! Your passport to adventure is www.windowsintowonderland.org. Journey through existing electronic field trips about Yellowstone’s history, fire ecology, wolves, bears, and art. Stay on board for more! During the 2003–2004 school year, we will air three new electronic field trips featuring videos of park researchers and ParkKids—local children helping to promote resource stewardship.

“Taking Wing with the Trumpeter Swans of Yellowstone,” funded by the Bernice Barbour Foundation, offers you a golden opportunity to become a trumpeter swan and to spend one day as this magnificent bird. As part of the project Eyes on Yellowstone,* made possible by Canon, two other field trips will bring Yellowstone directly into the world’s classrooms and living rooms. “Zooming in on Hayden Valley” demonstrates how geological forces provide the habitat for Hayden’s wildlife ensemble. “To Eat or Be Eaten in Hayden Valley” explores the relationships between predators and prey. Check out the bear’s menu! Are you on it?

Teachers, you can register online and access the park’s electronic field trips and their lesson plans. Although geared for middle school students, Windows Into Wonderland is exciting for all ages. Registration is free to all, so be sure to tell your friends!

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