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www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/rules

1. **Give wildlife a brake.** Unless posted slower, top speed throughout the park is 35 mph (56 kph). To assure yourself enough stopping distance if you encounter animals unexpectedly, please slow down.

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

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

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

5. **Be wary of icy surfaces.** Hazardous conditions are common in winter. Take extra caution driving on roads, and walking on boardwalks, sidewalks, steps, and trails.

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

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

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

9. **Control your pet.** Pets are not allowed on trails or boardwalks, in the backcountry or hydrothermal basins. Where allowed, pets must be leashed and remain within 100 feet (30.5 m) of a road or parking area. Do not leave a pet unattended or tied to an object. Owners must bag and dispose of pet waste.

10. **Cell phone service** may be available in the developed areas at Canyon, Grant, Lake, Mammoth Hot Springs, Old Faithful, Tower, and the North and West entrances. Check with your provider for coverage areas. As a courtesy to others, please silence your mobile device while enjoying Yellowstone’s natural features. Wi-Fi is available to visitors at the Mammoth Hotel lounge and the Old Faithful Snow Lodge for a fee.

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**Park mission:** Preserved within Yellowstone National Park are Old Faithful and the majority of the world’s geysers and hot springs. An outstanding mountain wildland with clean water and air, Yellowstone is home of the grizzly bear and wolf and free-ranging herds of bison and elk. Centuries-old sites and historic buildings that reflect the unique heritage of America’s first national park are also protected. Yellowstone National Park serves as a model and inspiration for national parks throughout the world.

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**Top 10 things to know**

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www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/rules
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 23–September 20 and at Old Faithful Clinic (307-545-7325) May 16–October 3.

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

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

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

All hazards NOAA weather radio • If you have a weather radio receiver, tune to 162.425 MHz (Mammoth area) or 162.450 MHz (Lake area) to receive hazardous weather alerts. You can also check for updates posted at www.crh.noaa.gov/riw/nwr/

Free NPS Geysers app
Discover the natural wonder of the most famous geyser of all, Old Faithful, and other geysers with this free app that you can use during your visit to the park and at home. App access in the park is limited by cellular network availability.

Features:
• Shows predictions for up to six Yellowstone geysers—including Old Faithful
• Learn how geysers work and why some are predictable
• View eruptions via live streaming webcam
• Browse photo galleries of past eruptions
• Follow @YellowstoneNPS activity on Twitter, YouTube, and Flickr

Yellowstone’s Winter Use Plan
Yellowstone National Park has implemented a long-term Winter Use Plan and final rule. This plan helps ensure that a winter visit to Yellowstone will be as special tomorrow as it is today.

The park’s priorities are concise: conserve the resources and values that make Yellowstone special, and provide for enjoyment of those resources and values in a way which leaves them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

Key changes
• Starting December 2014, oversnow vehicles (OSVs) will be managed as “transportation events,” either one snowcoach, or a group of up to 10 snowmobiles. Managing by transportation events, rather than absolute numbers of vehicles, will help reduce disturbances to wildlife and how frequently OSVs can be heard.
• The park will be cleaner and quieter because snowmobiles and snowcoaches are now required to meet more stringent environmental protection standards for noise and exhaust emissions. Snowmobiles must meet new best available technology (BAT) standards that are significantly lower than the amount of noise and air pollution existing BAT snowmobiles make. In addition, snowcoaches will also be required to meet BAT standards.
• Limited numbers of individuals and groups are allowed to access the park without a commercial guide. Through the “Non-commercially Guided Snowmobile Access Program,” one non-commercially guided group of up to five snowmobiles a day will be permitted through each of the four oversnow entrances. www.nps.gov/yell/parkmgmt/ngsap.
• The park will work with interested parties and stakeholders to develop and implement an Adaptive Management Program, which will combine science with public input to ensure OSV impacts stay within limits predicted in the final plan.

For more information visit www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/winteruse.

Enjoy your time in this spectacular place.

Snowmobile regulations
Your guide knows the regulations, but you should be aware of them too.

• All snowmobilers must be led by a guide authorized by the National Park Service (NPS) to operate in Yellowstone National Park.
• All snowmobiles must meet NPS sound and emission requirements.
• Snowmobile operators must have a valid state motor vehicle driver’s license in possession. Learner permits are not sufficient.
• Roads are open only 7 AM to 9 PM. Snowmobiles are not allowed to operate in the park between 9 PM and 7 AM.
• Maximum speed limit is 35 mph for snowmobiles, 25 mph for snowcoaches, or less where posted or as conditions warrant.
• Use hand signals when turning or stopping.
• Allow enough distance between snowmobiles when traveling.
• Pass only when safe.

• If you turn around, stay within the road width.
• Drive in single file, on the right side of the road even if the road is rough.
• When stopping, pull to the far right and park in single file.
• Do not idle your machine more than three minutes.
• Stay on designated roads. Sidehilling, bermriding, or any off-road travel is prohibited and carries a fine of up to $5,000.
• Report accidents to a ranger.
• Operating a snowmobile while intoxicated is illegal. Possession of open alcoholic beverage containers, including bota bags, is illegal.

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• Do not chase animals or cause them to run. If an animal appears agitated, do not attempt to pass. It may charge.
• If animals walk or run toward you and you cannot turn around, get off your machine and stand to the side of it, keeping the machine between you and the animals.
• If animals are standing calmly, your guide may inch toward them and assess their behavior. You may be able to pass on the opposite side of the road at a slow speed.

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 (including snowbikes).
• 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

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 require a permit

• Overnight backcountry camping
• Travel with a service animal in the backcountry
• All commercial services
• Commercially and non-commercially guided snowmobile access.
• Still photography with props or models; commercial filming and photography regardless of equipment
• Stock entry into the park requires Coggins testing

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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

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 overexert. Visitors with cardiac or respiratory medical history may wish to consult a physician before a visit.

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 if in containers
• Cosmetics and toiletries
• Pet food and bowls
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Park Tip Line • To report details of a crime or criminal activity please call 307-344-2132. Leave as much information as you can. Remain anonymous, or leave a name and number. To immediately reach a ranger call 307-344-7381 and dial “0.”
Be prepared for winter conditions

Clothing
Even in severe winter temperatures, you can be comfortable and safe if you dress properly to prevent chilling and overheating.

Wear clothes in several adjustable layers including:
• a windproof, hooded outer layer
• wool or other insulated garments underneath
• wool or synthetic trousers
• wool or synthetic long underwear
• wind or rain pants for warmth on windy days
• wool socks, gaiters, or overboots
• gloves or wool mittens with waterproof shells.

Avoid tight-fitting garments as they restrict circulation and increase the possibility of frostbite. Do not wear cotton clothes of any kind, including jeans, sweatshirts, underwear, socks. They retain moisture and put you at risk for hypothermia.

Gear
Before you rent or borrow equipment, check for fit and suitability for wilderness use. Essential items for snowmobiling include a helmet, face mask, heavily insulated gloves or mittens, felt-lined boots, and a heavily insulated snowmobile suit.

Choose skis and boots made for touring or mountaineering. Narrow racing skis may not give you enough surface area to break trail and low shoes may not have enough ankle support.

On day trips, consider taking extra clothing, water, and food; matches or a lighter; a map and compass; and a ski repair kit. If you are planning an overnight ski trip, you must obtain a backcountry permit. In addition to the items you would include for a day trip, or an overnight trip in mild weather, you may also want to pack repair parts and tools, a shovel, a winter tent or bivouac bag, and a probe pole and transceiver.

Hydrothermal features
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Grand Canyon
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Wildlife
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Junior Ranger Program
Children ages 4 and older can become a Yellowstone Junior Ranger. Get the Junior Ranger activity book for $3 at a visitor center and ask for the free winter supplement. Hike, ski or snowshoe a trail, attend a ranger-led program, and complete fun activities in the Junior Ranger book to earn an official Junior Ranger patch.

Expedition: Yellowstone!
Teachers and their classes are invited to participate in this curriculum-based residential program. Through field investigations, hikes, creative dramas, journal writing, and group discussions, students learn about the park’s natural and cultural resources. Find out more at www.nps.gov/yell/forteachers

Tours and guides
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/services.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.

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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 underlying rock and water prevents the water from boiling.

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, like Clepsydra (above), shoot water out in various directions from a pool of water. Cone-type geysers erupt in a concentrated jet of water from inside a rock formation.
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**Canyon Day Tour from Old Faithful** (December 19–February 28): $166.50
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<td>Old Faithful Photo Safari:</td>
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**Grand Canyon Winter Photography Adventure** (December 22–February 27): $300
Leaves from Old Faithful. You may want to order a box lunch the evening prior. Full day.

**Madison Wildlife Excursion** (December 18–February 28): $88
Leaves from Old Faithful. 4 hours 45 minutes.

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<td>Steam, Stars, and Winter Soundscapes</td>
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<td>Wake up to Wildlife:</td>
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**Ski & Snowshoe tours**

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<td>Grand Canyon Ski Tour:</td>
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<td>Guided Snowshoe Tour at Old Faithful:</td>
<td>$36</td>
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<td>Loneset Excursion Snowshoe or Ski:</td>
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**Drop-offs and skier shuttles (minimum 3 people)**

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<td>Old Faithful Snow Lodge to Divide Falls or Fairy Falls:</td>
<td>$21</td>
<td>One way. No pickups. You must return by ski or snowshoe.</td>
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**Mammoth Hotel to Tower Junction** (December 22–March 2): $31 round-trip.

**Winter getaway value packages**

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<td>Frosty Fun</td>
<td>$149</td>
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<td>Old Faithful</td>
<td>$389</td>
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**Frosty Fun** includes two–nights lodging, breakfast each day, a welcome gift, and a Snow Card that is good for 10 percent off all meals, select gifts, in–park transportation, tours, ski shop services, and snowmobile rentals. Card is valid all winter.

**Trail of the Wolf** Offered Monday and Thursday. Includes three nights lodging, components of Frosty Fun, Guided Snowmobile Tour, and Wake Up to Wildlife Tour.

**Nordic Heaven** Includes components of Frosty Fun, plus unlimited ski drops per person.

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On designated tours, children aged 3 to 11 years old are ½ price. Rates listed are valid January 1 to March 3, 2015, and do not include tax or utility fee. To reserve, stop by one of the hotel front desks or call 307-344-7311 or toll-free 866–Geyserland (866-439-7375), TTY 307-344-5395.

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Ski and snowshoe trails

Yellowstone offers a variety of enjoyable and challenging trails for skiing and snowshoeing throughout the park. Track is set on a few trails, others may be groomed, and all unplowed roads and trails are open to skiing and snowshoeing. Equipment rental is available in several communities around the park; and ski shop services, including lessons, rentals, and repairs, are available at the Bear Den ski shops at Mammoth Hot Springs and Old Faithful.

Brochures with general trail maps and trail descriptions can be obtained at visitor centers, ranger stations, and ski shops. Some suggested trails are also listed below. One-way or round-trip skier shuttles may be offered to specific trails in the park for a fee. See page 7 for shuttle details and visit www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/skiyell for more information.

Northern Range trails

In winter, Upper Terrace Drive becomes a groomed 1.5-mile loop ski trail. You’ll have views of the steaming lower terraces and historic Fort Yellowstone. This is a hydrothermal area; please stay on the trail.

The 6-mile Bunsen Peak trail (one-way) follows the old road; it is steep and has sharp turns. Along the trail, you will have views of the Gallatin Mountains and the Gardner River Canyon.

Blacktail trail begins 8 miles east of Mammoth and follows an unplowed 8-mile road (one-way). Enjoy vistas of meadows surrounded by mountain peaks, and look for elk and bison scattered throughout their winter range.

Tower Fall trail begins at the parking area southeast of Tower Junction. It follows the unplowed Tower-Canyon road for 2.5 miles up a gradual slope past Calcite Springs Overlook to Tower Fall. Great views of the Yellowstone River Canyon, occasional bison, bighorn sheep, and bald eagles.

Old Faithful trails

Lone Star Geyser trail is a moderate 9-mile trail (round-trip). It begins at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge and takes you to Kepler Cascades. From there, follow a groomed service road alongside the Firehole River to Lone Star Geyser. The geyser erupts about every three hours from a 12-foot high cone. Beginning skiers should return the same way; more advanced skiers may choose to return via the steeper Howard Eaton Trail.

Take a shuttle to the southern end of the Fairy Falls trailhead, leading to one of the most spectacular ice-encrusted falls in the park. Be alert for falling trees in areas of burned forest. Return to Old Faithful on the trail next to the road until you reach Biscuit Basin Trail, which crosses the Upper Geyser Basin and Morning Glory Pool for an easy 11-mile round-trip.

West Yellowstone trail

Riverside trail begins on Boundary Street and heads one mile through forest to the Upriver and Downriver loops. Both loops provide scenic views of the Gallatin Range and Madison River. Total distance varies from 2 to 9 miles, depending on your route.

Be safe and smart while skiing and snowshoeing in Yellowstone

Skiing and snowshoeing are excellent ways to experience the unique beauty and solitude of a winter in Yellowstone. The trails in Yellowstone offer a wide range of scenery, terrain, and difficulty. Before venturing out into Yellowstone’s winter wonderland, make sure you have properly planned and are prepared for the challenges brought on by extreme cold and deep snow.

Be prepared

- Let friends or family know where you are going and when you plan on returning. Do not travel alone.
- Evaluate your party’s capabilities and plan your outing so that everyone will enjoy it. Also know your equipment’s capabilities and weaknesses, and be prepared to make repairs.
- Exertion in dry mountain air can dehydrate you. Carry and drink plenty of water, and bring high energy food.
- Be prepared to set up an emergency shelter. Bring a first-aid kit, space blanket, extra clothing, and headlamp.
- Carry and know how to use a map and compass or other navigational aid.
- Protect yourself from the intense winter sun. Use sunglasses or ski goggles and sunscreen.

Winter hazards

- Check weather and avalanche forecasts. High winds and snow can create dangerous whiteout and high avalanche conditions where route finding may become difficult.
- Do not leave designated trails in hydrothermal areas. Avoid getting close to geysers, hot springs, or mudpots. You may fall through overhanging snow ledges or thin crust.
- Know how to recognize avalanche terrain and avoid known avalanche paths. Avalanches are more likely to occur during or after heavy fresh snowfall, high winds, or extreme temperature changes.
- Take preventative measures to avoid the dangers of cold weather. Stay dry and learn how to recognize the signs of hypothermia and frostbite—they can set in quickly.
- Bears may be active at any time of year—be alert for signs of bear activity.

Etiquette

- Do not walk on showshoe or ski trails.
- Snowshoe parallel to the ski track.
- Yield to faster skiers or those going downhill.
- Detour around wildlife—do not approach.

For detailed information on winter trails, routes, and winter safety, contact the Central Backcountry Office or request a Winter Backcountry Trip Planner (available online or from any visitor center).
America the Beautiful: National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass

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Park entrance fees (subject to change)

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

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- Please properly dispose of all waste items. Recycling bins are located throughout the park for plastic, glass, metal, paper, cardboard, propane canisters, bear spray, batteries, and more.
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May 8
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