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

Top 10 things to know

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

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.

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.

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.

Do not approach wildlife. You must stay at least 100 yards (92 m) from bears and wolves. A distance of 25 yards (23 m) is required from bison, elk, and other animals. Regardless of distance, if an animal changes its behavior due to your presence, you are too close.

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.

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.

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As you enjoy trails, be bear aware. Bears may still be active in winter. You are safer hiking on designated trails in 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.

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

Cell phone service is limited in the park and surrounding areas. Cell service may be accessible in some developed areas and at the North and West Entrances. Cell tower locations are identified on the park map (pg. 12). Check with your provider to confirm coverage areas. As a courtesy to others, please silence your mobile device while enjoying Yellowstone’s natural features.
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) are 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 is 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 of noise and air pollution that are significantly more restricted than older 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 is working with interested parties and stakeholders to develop and implement an Adaptive Management Program, which combines 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.

Wild animals have the right of way
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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.

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
- Pails, buckets, and wash basins

Stay on boardwalks

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

These activities are prohibited within Yellowstone

- Willfully remaining near or approaching wildlife, including nesting birds, within any distance that disturbs or displaces the animal.
- Traveling off boardwalks or designated trails in hydrothermal areas.
- Throwing anything into thermal features.
- Swimming in hot springs.
- Removing or possessing natural or cultural resources (such as wildflowers, antlers, rocks, and arrowheads).
- Leaving detachable side mirrors attached when not pulling trailers.
- Traveling off-road by vehicle or bicycle.
- Camping outside of designated areas.
- Spotlighting wildlife (viewing with lights).
- Imitating elk calls or using buglers. Imitating wolf howls.
- Using electronic equipment capable of tracking wildlife.

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

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

Firearms—know your responsibilities.

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

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.
**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.

**Hydrothermal features**

**Geyser**

**Castle geyser**

**History**

The park was established in 1872 but people have visited the Yellowstone area for thousands of years. Visit Mammoth Hot Springs to walk the self-guiding trail around Fort Yellowstone. It chronicles the U.S. Army’s role in protecting the park. Other historic sites include the Norris Geyser Basin Museum, and the Old Faithful Inn and Historic District.

**Park highlights**

**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.

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**Hydrothermal features**

Geyser, hot springs, mudpots, and fumaroles are evidence of ongoing volcanic activity. In the 50 miles between Mammoth Hot Springs and Old Faithful, you will see travertine terraces, acidic thermal features at Norris Geyser Basin, mudpots and geysers at Fountain Paint Pot, plus beautiful hot springs at Biscuit and Black Sand basins near Old Faithful. West Thumb Geyser Basin is seventeen miles east of Old Faithful. Mud Volcano is north of Yellowstone Lake.

**Grand Canyon**

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

**Wildlife**

You can see a variety and abundance of wildlife. All the large mammals present when Yellowstone became a park are here today: grizzly and black bears, wolves, mountain lions, elk, bison, pronghorn, moose, and bighorn sheep. You’ll likely see several species of birds, possibly bald eagles.
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).

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 (left), 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.

Visitor centers

Albright Visitor Center
Located at Mammoth Hot Springs and open daily, year round, the center offers new wildlife and history exhibits, a bookstore, trip planning, daily ranger programs, and the park’s only free Wi-Fi.
Open daily 9 AM–5 PM
Call 307-344-2263

Canyon Visitor Education Center Lobby
Information and vending is available during open hours, restrooms are available 24 hours a day.
Opens for the winter season beginning 12/15/15
Open daily 9 AM–3:30 PM
Call 307-344-2550

Old Faithful Visitor Education Center
Visit dynamic exhibits about hydrothermal features, and regular ranger programs. Geyser eruption predictions are posted, or call 307-344-2751 for anticipated times.
Opens for the winter season beginning 12/15/15
Open daily 9 AM–5 PM
Call 307-344-2750

West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center
Inside the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce
Open Weekdays 8 AM–5 PM
NPS Desk
Opens for the winter season beginning 12/15/15
Open daily 8 AM–4 PM
Call 307-344-2876
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<td><strong>Old Faithful Snow Lodge to Divide Trailhead or Fairy Falls</strong> (Dec. 21–Feb. 27) $21 one-way. No pickups. You must return by ski or snowshoe.</td>
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**On designated tours, children aged 3–11 years old are ½ price. Rates listed are valid January 1–March 3, 2016, and do not include tax or utility fee. To reserve, stop by one of the hotel front desks or call 307-344-7311, toll-free 866–Geyserland (866-439-7375), TTY 307-344-5395. [www.YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com](http://www.YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com) **}
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.htm 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, big horn 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.

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).
Interagency Annual Pass

America the Beautiful: National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass

This Interagency Annual Pass is valid at federal recreation sites, including national parks and wildlife refuges, where entrance fees are charged. You can purchase this pass at one of Yellowstone’s entrance stations, at Yellowstone Association bookstores (inside visitor centers), or visit http://store.usgs.gov/pass

Already paid?

Apply the cost of your Yellowstone entrance fee to the purchase of this pass at Yellowstone Association stores located in visitor centers, at the Bozeman Yellowstone Airport, and Gardiner.

Area National Park Service sites

Idaho
Craters of the Moon National Monument
Arco, ID 83213
208-527-1300
www.nps.gov/crmo

City of Rocks NR
Alamo, ID 83312
208 824-5901
www.nps.gov/cofo

Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument
Hagerman, ID 83332
208 933-4100
www.nps.gov/hfbo

Minidoka Internment National Monument
Hagerman, ID 83332
208-933-4127
www.nps.gov/miin

Nez Perce National Historic Park
Spalding, ID 83540
208-843-7020
www.nps.gov/npnp

Montana
Big Hole Battlefield
Wisdom, MT 59767
406-689-3155
www.nps.gov/bhbo

Bighorn Canyon National Rec. Area
Fort Smith, MT 59035
406-666-2412
www.nps.gov/bica

Glacier NP
W. Glacier, MT 59936
406-888-7800
www.nps.gov/glac

Area chambers of commerce

Idaho
Grant-Kohrs Ranch
National Historic Site
Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-2070
www.nps.gov/grko

Little Bighorn
National Monument
Crow Agency, MT 59022
406-638-3217
www.nps.gov/libi

Wyoming
Devil’s Tower
National Monument
Devil’s Tower, WY 82714
307-467-5283
www.nps.gov/deto

Fort Laramie
National Historic Site
Ft. Laramie, WY 82212
307-837-2221
www.nps.gov/fola

Fossil Butte
National Monument
Kemmerer, WY 83101
307-877-4455
www.nps.gov/fobu

Grand Teton
National Park
Moose, WY 83012
307-739-3300
www.nps.gov/grte

John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Pkwy
Moore, WY 83012
www.nps.gov/jodr

Livingston
406-222-0850
Red Lodge
888-281-0625
Virginia City
800-829-2969
West Yellowstone
406-646-7701
Cody
800-393-2639
Jackson
307-733-3316

Entrance fees

Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks charge separate entrance fees. People visiting both parks can save money by purchasing a two-park pass or an Interagency Annual Pass. See http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/fees.htm to learn how fees apply for visitors entering the park via snowmobile or snowcoach.

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*Includes Grand Teton National Park

Annual Passes (Photo ID required)

Yellowstone National Park
$60

Interagency (multiple federal fee areas)
$80

Active Duty Military
Free†

Every Kid in a Park 4th Grade
Free†

Lifeline Passes
(US Citizens / Permanent Residents)

Interagency Senior (age 62+)
$10‡

Interagency Access
(Permanently disabled)
Free§

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

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

§Golden Age Passports and Golden Access Passports are still accepted, or can be exchanged for newer passes.
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VISIT any of our year-round Park Store locations: Mammoth Hot Springs, Old Faithful, Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport, Gardiner (YA Headquarters).

Food and beverage services offer a variety of selections to satisfy any wilderness hunger. Relax to a cup of coffee, scoop of ice cream, or trail ready snacks while taking in the wonders of Yellowstone. Discover volumes of books and explore the wide spectrum of collectibles and novelties in our souvenir areas; take away more than just a memory of America’s first National Park. Our apparel departments provide a variety of items relating to the different areas of the Park. We offer supplies for a cookout; a night of camping, and a day of fishing, hiking, boating, and wildlife watching. Visit Old Faithful, Grant, Fishing Bridge and Canyon Stores to experience our Pathways to Yellowstone program and meet talented local artists and authors. Through our stewardship initiatives, we protect the natural, cultural, and historic resources for future generations. Our award winning Environmental Management System, GreenPath, is recognized according to international standards, ISO 14001. Our goal is to provide stewardship and hospitality services to our guests while simultaneously preserving the natural wonders where we operate.

For more information and pricing, please visit our website or a hotel front desk.

For Reservations & Information:
307-344-7311 | TTY: 307-344-5395
YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com

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Partners Protect and Preserve

The National Park Service mission

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

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

- Please properly dispose of all waste items. Recycling bins are located throughout the park for plastic, glass, metal, paper, cardboard, propane canisters, bear spray, batteries, and more.
- Yellowstone National Park encourages you to stay hydrated during your visit. Please use a reusable water bottle and fill it up for free at our many water filling locations.
- In an effort to reduce harmful emissions from idling, please turn your vehicle off while you are parked or stopped for more than 30 seconds. Emissions can also be reduced by carpooling and utilizing transportation services to tour the park.
- Reduce energy use by turning off lights, heat, and electrical devices when you leave your rooms.
- Help reduce water consumption by being aware of your water use. Turn off water while brushing your teeth, shorten showers, and participate in towel and linen reuse programs if you are staying in park lodging.

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

You already know that Yellowstone is abundant with wildlife...rich in history and natural treasures...a paradise for hikers and anglers. But did you know that, behind the scenes, the Yellowstone Park Foundation is helping to keep it this way? Learn how you can participate in the stewardship of Yellowstone today.

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Spring road opening 2016
Weather permitting, roads open at 8 AM. Changes and delays are always possible. For road updates call 307-344-2117 or you can check locally and at www.nps.gov/YELL for current road information.

Open
The road between the North and Northeast entrances is open to wheeled vehicles year-round.

April 15
Mammoth to Old Faithful; Madison to West Entrance; Norris to Canyon.

May 6
Canyon Junction to Lake; Lake to East Entrance (Sylvan Pass).

May 13
West thumb to Old faithful; Lake to South Entrance; Tower Junction to Tower Fall.

May 27
Tower Fall to Canyon Junction (Dunraven Pass); Beartooth Highway.

Oversnow travel ends in March
Roads close to oversnow travel at 9 PM:
March 6: Mammoth to Norris.
March 8: Madison to Norris to Canyon.
March 13: Canyon to Fishing Bridge.
March 15: All other roads close to oversnow travel.

Plowed roads
Wheeled vehicles only
Groomed oversnow routes
Guided tours/permit holders only
Closed for winter

Protect park air.
Please do not idle.