

Yellowstone Ranger Program Schedule Summer 2023

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Even More Programs

Do you want to learn more about Yellowstone? Check the newspaper or the NPS App for daily activities and at visitor centers for local announcements for special pop-up programs being offered in your area.

Roving Rangers

Look for one of our roving rangers as you travel through the park. Don't be shy! Feel free to ask the ranger all about the park or the wildlife you might see while in Yellowstone.



Junior Ranger Program

Stop at any visitor center or museum to learn more about Yellowstone National Park's Junior Ranger Program and how to become a Junior Ranger. New this year: The Junior Ranger Program is available free of charge to kids of all ages!




Old Faithful

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Yellowstone for Kids! May 28 – September 4 20 minutes. For youth ages 5–12.	10 AM	10 AM	10 AM	10 AM	10 AM	10 AM	10 AM
Hey kids! Join a ranger and discover some of the wonders of Yellowstone during this short, interactive program! This is a great opportunity to complete the ranger-led activity required to earn your Junior Ranger badge. Meet outside on the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center.							
Experiencing Wildlife May 28 – September 30 20 minutes. For all ages.	2 PM	2 PM	2 PM	2 PM	2 PM	2 PM	2 PM
Whether you are hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park's amazing wildlife from the road, this family-friendly program is for you! Park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet outside on the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center.							
Flat Hat Chat May 28 – September 30 30 minutes. For all ages.	3 PM	3 PM	3 PM	3 PM	3 PM	3 PM	3 PM
Join a park ranger as they share one of their favorite aspects of Yellowstone's natural or cultural history. Meet outside on the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center.							
Evening Program May 28 – September 30 45 minutes. For all ages.		7 PM		7 PM			7 PM
A different aspect of Yellowstone's wonders will be featured each evening. Check at the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center for program titles and descriptions. Meet in the theater at the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center.							






Canyon Village

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Canyon Rim Walk June 15 – September 16 1½ hours. 1 mile (1.6 km) moderate walk. Explore the ecology, geology, and history of the canyon along the South Rim Trail. Enjoy stunning views of the Yellowstone River, Lower Falls, and gorgeously-colored canyon walls. Meet at the Upper Falls Viewpoints parking lot shelter on the South Rim Drive.	9 AM	9 AM	9 AM	9 AM	9 AM	9 AM	9 AM
Canyon Talks at Artist Point June 3 – September 30 20 minutes. For all ages. 	2 PM 2:30 PM	2 PM 2:30 PM	2 PM 2:30 PM	2 PM 2:30 PM	2 PM 2:30 PM	2 PM 2:30 PM	2 PM 2:30 PM
Evening Program June 24 – September 3 45 minutes. For all ages. 	7 PM	7 PM	7 PM	7 PM	7 PM	7 PM	7 PM
Learn more about Yellowstone’s natural and cultural history in this presentation highlighting one of Yellowstone’s wonders. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at the Canyon Visitor Education Center for program descriptions. Meet at the Canyon Visitor Education Center Auditorium.							


Fishing Bridge

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mud Volcano Ramble June 15 – September 9 1 hour. Moderately strenuous walk. “The greatest marvel we have yet met with,” declared early explorers. View colorful, vociferous, and intriguing mudpots and hot springs, and find out what they reveal about Yellowstone’s explosive past and future. Meet at the Mud Volcano parking area.	9 AM	9 AM	9 AM	9 AM	9 AM	9 AM	9 AM
Mud Volcano Talks June 3 – September 30 20 minutes. For all ages. Are you curious about the egg smell at Mud Volcano? Have you ever wondered why Dragon’s Mouth is called Dragon’s Mouth? Discover explanations of some of the mysterious features at Mud Volcano. Meet at the Mud Volcano parking lot.	1:30 PM 2 PM 2:30 PM	1:30 PM 2 PM 2:30 PM	1:30 PM 2 PM 2:30 PM	1:30 PM 2 PM 2:30 PM	1:30 PM 2 PM 2:30 PM	1:30 PM 2 PM 2:30 PM	1:30 PM 2 PM 2:30 PM
Tales from Wonderland June 15 – September 30 20 minutes. For all ages. 	10 AM 3:30 PM	10 AM 3:30 PM	10 AM 3:30 PM	10 AM 3:30 PM	10 AM 3:30 PM	10 AM 3:30 PM	10 AM 3:30 PM
Experiencing Wildlife June 15 – September 30 20 minutes. For all ages. 	10:30 AM 4 PM	10:30 AM 4 PM	10:30 AM 4 PM	10:30 AM 4 PM	10:30 AM 4 PM	10:30 AM 4 PM	10:30 AM 4 PM
Evening Program June 24 – September 3 45 minutes. For all ages 	9:30 PM 6/24–8/5 9 PM 8/6–9/3	9:30 PM 6/24–8/5 9 PM 8/6–9/3	9:30 PM 6/24–8/5 9 PM 8/6–9/3	9:30 PM 6/24–8/5 9 PM 8/6–9/3	9:30 PM 6/24–8/5 9 PM 8/6–9/3	9:30 PM 6/24–8/5 9 PM 8/6–9/3	9:30 PM 6/24–8/5 9 PM 8/6–9/3
Learn more about Yellowstone’s natural and cultural history in this presentation highlighting one of Yellowstone’s wonders. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at Fishing Bridge Museum for program descriptions. Meet at the Fishing Bridge Amphitheater. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight.							

Grant Village

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Hot Water Wilderness Walk June 17 – September 16 1 hour. ½ mile (0.8 km) easy walk.  with assistance Take a guided walk near the beautiful shores of Yellowstone Lake while exploring the origins of glittering geysers, belching mud pots, and emerald hot springs in West Thumb’s dynamic geyser basin. Meet at the West Thumb Visitor Information Station.	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM
Gazing into the Abyss June 10 – September 30 10 minutes. For all ages.  with assistance Look deeply into beautiful Abyss Hot Spring and discover the secrets it holds. Meet at Abyss Hot Spring located in the West Thumb Geyser Basin, 0.25 miles (0.4 km) from the start of the boardwalk.	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM
Experiencing Wildlife June 17 – September 30 20 minutes. For all ages.  Whether hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from the road, this quick workshop is for you. Learn where to look for animals and how to safely watch them. Meet on the back porch of the Grant Village Visitor Center.	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM
Wildlife Wonders June 17 – September 30 20 minutes. For all ages.  Yellowstone is home to many different types of wildlife. Rangers will showcase different animals and their brilliant life strategies that they need to survive in such a wild place. Meet on the back porch of the Grant Village Visitor Center.	2:30 PM	2:30 PM	2:30 PM	2:30 PM	2:30 PM	2:30 PM	2:30 PM
Evening Program June 24 – September 3 45 minutes. For all ages.  Learn more about Yellowstone’s natural and cultural history in this presentation highlighting one of Yellowstone’s wonders. Inquire locally and on bulletin boards for program descriptions. Meet at the Grant Village Visitor Center Amphitheater. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight.	9:30 PM 6/24–8/5 9 PM 8/6–9/3	9:30 PM 6/24–8/5 9 PM 8/6–9/3	9:30 PM 6/24–8/5 9 PM 8/6–9/3	9:30 PM 6/24–8/5 9 PM 8/6–9/3	9:30 PM 6/24–8/5 9 PM 8/6–9/3	9:30 PM 6/24–8/5 9 PM 8/6–9/3	9:30 PM 6/24–8/5 9 PM 8/6–9/3


Mammoth Hot Springs

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Experiencing Wildlife June 11 – September 4 20 minutes. For all ages.  Whether hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from the road, this quick workshop is for you. Learn where to look for animals and how to safely watch them. Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center.	11 AM 3 PM	11 AM 3 PM	11 AM 3 PM	11 AM 3 PM	11 AM 3 PM	11 AM 3 PM	11 AM 3 PM
Calling in the Cavalry June 25 – September 4 30 minutes. For all ages.  In its early days, Yellowstone National Park was protected by the US Army. Learn about important historic park events and discover the role of the US military in protecting Yellowstone on this short, relaxed walk around Fort Yellowstone. Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center.	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM

Madison

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Experiencing Wildlife June 4 – August 19 20 minutes. For all ages. Whether hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from the road, this quick workshop is for you. Learn where to look for animals and how to safely watch them. Meet at the Madison Information Station.	9 AM	9 AM	9 AM	9 AM	9 AM	9 AM	9 AM

West Yellowstone

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Flat Hat Chat June 4 – August 19 30 minutes. For all ages.  A National Park Service ranger will discuss a captivating aspect of Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history. Meet at the Yellowstone Historic Center Museum (SW corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street) or the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center (201 South Canyon Street). Talks are free and open to the public. <i>There is a fee if you choose to visit the rest of the Yellowstone Historic Center or the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center.</i>	2 PM Yellowstone Historic Center Museum	2 PM Yellowstone Historic Center Museum	2 PM Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center	2PM Yellowstone Historic Center Museum	2 PM Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center	2 PM Yellowstone Historic Center Museum	2 PM Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center

Norris

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Exploring the Yellowstone Volcano June 11 – September 23 20 minutes. For all ages. Yellowstone has more geysers, hot springs, mud pots, and fumaroles than any other place on earth. Where does all their heat and water come from? Are they really inside a big volcano? Join us to learn about these amazing hot water features and how you can more safely explore them throughout the park. Meet at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum.	10 AM	10 AM	10 AM	10 AM	10 AM	10 AM	10 AM
World's Tallest June 11 – September 23 20 minutes. For all ages. Explore the rare and fascinating world of geysers at the tallest active geyser on Earth! Meet at Steamboat Geyser (15-minute walk from the Norris Geyser Basin parking lot).	2:30 PM	2:30 PM	2:30 PM	2:30 PM	2:30 PM	2:30 PM	2:30 PM

