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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.


Top 10 things to know


Welcome to Yellowstone. We're glad you're here. 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 45 mph (73 kph). To assure yourself enough stopping distance if you encounter animals unexpectedly, please slow down.


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


 **Share the road.** Cyclists should ride single file. Drivers should pass no closer than three feet (1.0 m) to bicycles and roadside pedestrians, especially if a vehicle has large, detachable side mirrors.


 **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 wild animal changes its behavior due to your presence, you are too close.


 **Do not feed any wild animals, including birds.** 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.

 **Avoid water hazards.** Do not take risks while fishing, wading, or crossing streams. Swimming is unsafe and prohibited in many areas. Park waters can be deceptively cold and swift. All boats and float tubes require permits.

 **As you enjoy trails, be bear aware.** You are safer hiking with groups. 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 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 collect and dispose of pet feces.

 **Know your rights and 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

Emergency

Dial 911

Information line	307 344-7381
TTY	307 344-5395
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 18-Sept 24 and at Old Faithful Clinic (307 545-7325) May 15-Oct 7.

Lodging, dining, and activity reservations

307 344-7311, or 866 439-7375 toll free

307 344-5395 TTY

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 interpretive 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/



Cell phone service may be available at Grant, Canyon, Mammoth Hot Springs, and Old Faithful. As a courtesy to others, turn off your phone while enjoying Yellowstone's natural features. Wi-Fi is not available in rustic settings, National Historic Landmarks, or historic lodging. The NPS does not provide Wi-Fi for visitor use at visitor centers. Concessioners may provide Wi-Fi to visitors for a fee.

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<http://go.nps.gov/visit-ynp>

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A group of visitors prior to 1905 descend by rope to see the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River. Stairs and viewing areas have been constructed in the years since. How else do you suppose your visit differs from, and still resembles, what they experienced here more than a century ago?

Your experience in Yellowstone today has been 140 years in the making

You are the reason that Yellowstone National Park exists here today. So are your children, and their grandchildren.

This spring marks the 140th anniversary of Yellowstone's founding as the world's first national park on March 1, 1872. Through the years, it has evolved a complex stewardship mission to be both available and conserved for the enjoyment of all.

As you explore the park today, try to imagine what it was like to come here as one of those earliest visitors, and then also whether your experience will still be similar for those who visit in generations to come.

Many of the people who work and volunteer here enjoy sharing it with visitors since it allows them to see it fresh through your eyes. Please, seek us out –

- Step inside a visitor center and explore the exhibits and interpretive offerings.
- Carve time into your travel plans to attend a ranger walk, talk, or evening program. Our summer offerings begin Memorial Day weekend.
- Encourage your child to complete a Junior Ranger or Young Scientist activity booklet. Many rangers believe signing a finished booklet and leading a child through the Junior Ranger pledge is one of the most important and honor-bound duties we have.

Turns out you also mean a great deal to the economies of our gateway communities. A new study by Michigan State University estimates that total visitor spending in the local economies surrounding Yellowstone amounted to \$334 million in 2010. The national park system as a whole, which hosted 281 million recreational visits in 2010, injected an estimated \$12.13 billion into local economies across the country. Clearly, even through hard times, Americans see national parks as valuable, and a good value.



Superintendent Daniel N. Wenk

If you have suggestions for how we can further improve your experience, fill out a comment card at a visitor center, make use of contact information published here or on the park website at www.nps.gov/yell

Have a safe visit and come back soon.

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

Keep your food secure

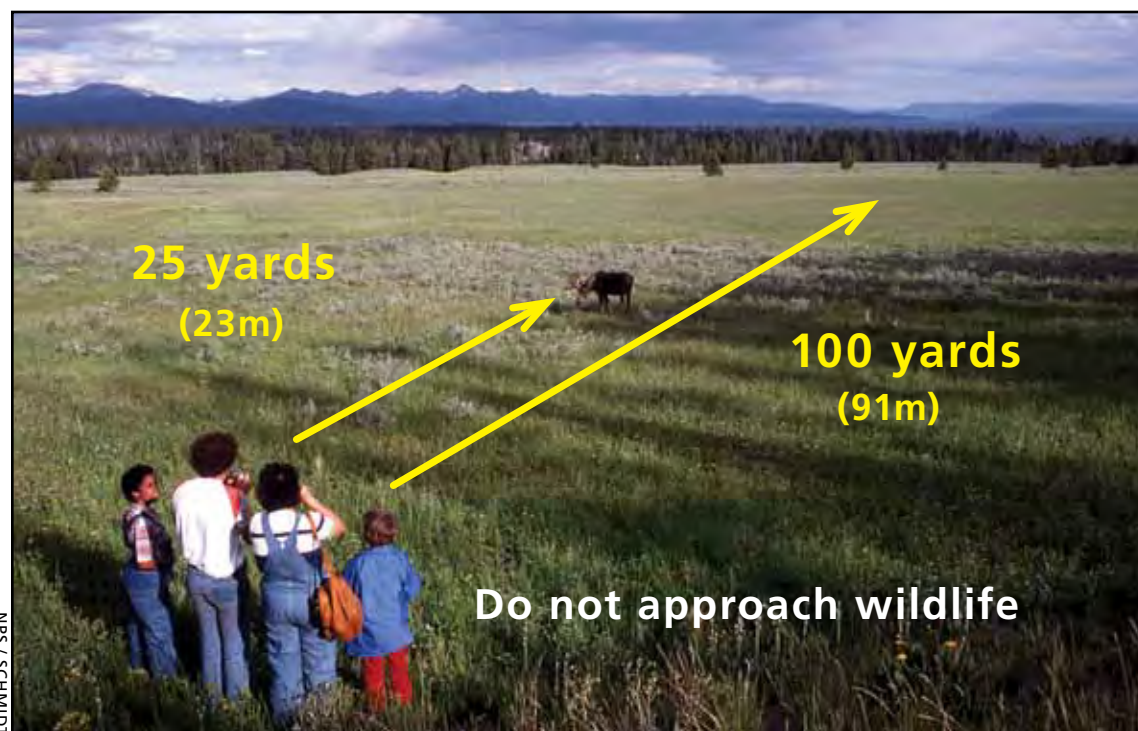


Do not feed any wildlife, including small mammals and birds. Consuming human food is unhealthy and encourages aggressive behavior that may require management action.

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



If any wild animal changes its behavior due to your presence, you are too close.



25 yards (23 m)

100 yards (91 m)

Stay on boardwalks



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

Keep your distance • Federal regulation requires you to stay at least 100 yards (91 m) away from bears and wolves, and at least 25 yards (23 m) away from all other wild animals, such as bison, elk, bighorn sheep, deer, moose, and coyote. If an animal moves within that range, you should move to maintain the appropriate distance. Do not surround, crowd, or disrupt an animal's path. If other visitors put you or wildlife in danger, leave the scene and notify a park ranger.

These advisories contribute to a safer visit

- Please keep your children close at hand and be sure that they understand all park hazards.
- 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.



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.

These activities require a permit

- Fishing
- Boating or use of float tubes
- Overnight backcountry camping
- Travel with a service animal in the backcountry
- Stock entry into the park requires Coggins testing
- All commercial services
- Commercial filming and photography with props or models

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)
- Improperly storing food
- 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
- Diving or jumping off cliffs in the Firehole swim area on Firehole Canyon Drive

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

Backcountry camping



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Overnight backcountry camping in Yellowstone requires a permit. It's free within 48 hours before the start of your trip. Each year starting April 1, you can request advance permits and campsite reservations by mail for a \$25 fee. A backcountry trip planner is available online at www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/backcountryhiking.htm



Filter **drinking water** with a commercial filter, treat it with a chemical such as iodine or chlorine, or boil it at least one minute. Never drink water from a thermal area or hot spring.



Sanitation matters. Do not wash yourself, clothing, or dishes in lakes, ponds, rivers, or streams. Bury human waste six to eight inches (15–20 cm) below ground and a minimum of 100 feet (30 m) from water. Dispose of wastewater at least 100 feet (30 m) from water or campsites.



Campfires are allowed only in designated grills in park campgrounds, some picnic areas and specific backcountry campsites. Liquid or gas fuel stoves or self-contained charcoal grills may be used for cooking at all picnic areas.

Boating



Boating is allowed on most of Yellowstone Lake and on Lewis Lake. Only non-motorized boating is allowed on most other lakes. One river is open to non-motorized boating, the Lewis River between Lewis and Shoshone lakes. Permits are required for all boats and float tubes. Permits for motorized boats may be purchased at the South Entrance. Permits for non-motorized boats and float tubes may be purchased at the Mammoth Backcountry Office, West and Northeast entrances, and West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center. Boaters must have a Coast Guard approved “wearable” flotation device for each person.

Inspect your boat

Transporting water, fish, and any other aquatic plants and animals into park waters is illegal. Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) are non-native plants and animals that can cause irreversible harm to the existing ecosystem. New Zealand mudsnails, whirling disease, and lake trout have resulted in loss of fisheries and closure of some areas. Do not release water, plants, fish, or other animals into a body of water. If you witness a violation, contact a ranger or dial 307 344-7381.



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!
Prevent the transport of nuisance species.
Clean all recreational equipment.
www.ProtectYourWaters.net

Anglers asked to help the park wage invasive lake trout management

Visitors can help with management of invasive lake trout in Yellowstone. Annually, visitors catch about 9,000 of this nonnative species. Regulations actually require anglers to kill all lake trout that they catch in Yellowstone Lake and its tributaries.

By contrast, native fish must be released unharmed back into the water immediately. These include:

- Arctic grayling
- cutthroat trout
- mountain whitefish

Anglers are responsible for knowing how to tell the difference between species. Resources are available online at www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/fishing.htm

Yellowstone Lake's native cutthroat trout are severely threatened by lake trout, voracious predators that were introduced illegally to the lake at least 20 years ago, but not discovered until 1994. Adult cutthroat trout are a critical food source for a variety of wildlife such as bald eagles, ospreys, pelicans, cormorants, gulls, otters, and grizzly bears. Lake trout do

not serve this same role for wildlife throughout the ecosystem.

The park now targets lake trout with an intensive gill-netting program that begins each spring after ice is gone from the lake and continues into October. While managers don't expect to eliminate lake trout entirely from Yellowstone Lake, they do hope to limit growth of the population and to recover cutthroat trout to the greatest extent possible. The well being of wildlife throughout the larger ecosystem may hinge on the outcome.



NPS PHOTO

Each year, each lake trout preys upon as many as 41 cutthroat trout that might otherwise feed wildlife such as eagles, ospreys, otters, and grizzly bears.

Fishing season opens May 26

Fishing permits are required in Yellowstone. Hooks must be barbless. Tackle must be non-toxic. Leaded split-shot sinkers, soft lead-weighted ribbon, and other toxic tackle are not allowed.

Anglers 16 years or older need a permit to fish in the park. No state license is required. Younger children can fish for free under certain conditions.

The general fishing season opens May 26. Seasons at Yellowstone Lake and other areas open June 15. Permits are available as locations open, for instance at Lewis Lake starting on June 15.

Inquire at ranger stations, visitor centers, or general stores. Regulations are posted at www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/fishing.htm

Keep your eyes to the skies



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Red-tailed hawk

You can contribute an important role to science and wildlife monitoring during your visit to Yellowstone.

Last year the **Yellowstone Raptor Initiative**, with support from the Yellowstone Park Foundation, began collecting baseline data about the local abundance of raptors, or birds of prey. The park already monitors bald eagles, ospreys, and peregrine falcons. The initiative expanded that research to include golden eagles, Swainson's hawks, red-tailed hawks, American kestrels, and prairie falcons.

If you see any raptor species during your visit, please complete a raptor observation form available at all visitor centers. Each visitor center has a handbook with photos and identification tips. Yellowstone Association bookstores also offer a bird checklist.

When hiking in bear country



Be prepared for bear country

Wildlife scientists note that there is an average of one bear attack in the park each year. In 2011, in separate incidents, two visitors were mauled and killed by bears inside the park.

Hiking in bear country takes appropriate preparation. Before you set out, be sure to learn and think through fully what you need to do if you ever encounter a bear unexpectedly. While some insights and advice are offered here, deeper and more detailed resources are available at visitor centers—where public bear spray demonstrations will be offered in summer ranger programs—and on the park website.

Statistically, you're most likely to have an encounter with bears at park roadsides. If you see a bear while driving, do not stop. Regardless of what other people may do, keep moving to the next paved pullout and park safely. If the bear is within 100 yards, watch and take photographs from inside your car. Do not surround or disrupt any animal's path. If other visitors put you or wildlife in danger, leave the scene and notify a park ranger. Always comply with the instructions of park staff on scene.

As you venture beyond developed areas, stay clear of animal carcasses. As you hike, watch for gatherings of ravens, magpies, and coyotes. They can be good first indicators that an animal carcass is nearby. Bears are very protective of carcasses as a food source. A single dead animal can attract

and hold a dozen bears or more. If you find a carcass with significant portions of meat remaining, bears still may be bedded down nearby. Leave the area immediately by the same route you used to get there. When detouring around a carcass, choose a route with good visibility and where the wind is at your back so that your scent is pushed out ahead of your direction of travel. This can warn unseen bears of your presence. If it is unsafe to detour around a carcass, turn back and find another trail to explore.



Bear spray is proven to be highly successful at stopping aggressive behavior in bears.

FACT: One of the most dangerous situations you can face in nature is a sow protecting her cubs. As cute and charismatic as cubs can be, no photograph of them is ever worth risking personal injury. Always assume mother is nearby and ready to protect her young.

For the safety of others, please report all bear incidents and wildlife encounters to a park ranger immediately.

- Stay with a group of three or more people.
- Make noise in areas where you can't see far around you.
- Watch for bears and be alert for fresh tracks or scat.
- Carry bear spray and know how to use it.
- Do not run.



Scan this QR code with a free app for your smartphone to link directly to information about bears on the park website.

<http://go.nps.gov/ynp-bear>

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Watch from 100 yards





















Roadside bears, especially with cubs, can be dangerous.

Stay clear of animal carcasses



Ravens can be a good indicator that an animal carcass is nearby.

	Canyon Village	Fishing Bridge	Grant & West Thumb	Lake & Bridge Bay	Mammoth Hot Springs	Norris	Old Faithful	Tower and Roosevelt	West Entrance and Madison
Visitor information, bookstores books, videos, maps, gifts educational items 	Visitor Education Center 5/12–5/25 9 am–5 pm 5/26–9/3 8 am–8 pm 9/4–9/30 8 am–6 pm 10/1–10/14 9 am–5 pm	Visitor Center 5/23–9/30 8 am–7 pm	Visitor Center (Grant) 5/26–9/30 8 am–7 pm Information Station (West Thumb) 5/26–9/30 9 am–5 pm		Albright Visitor Center 10/1–5/25 9 am–5 pm 5/26–9/30 8 am–7 pm	Information Station 5/23–9/30 9 am–6 pm Museum of the National Park Ranger 5/26–9/23 9 am–5 pm	Visitor Education Center 4/20–5/25 9 am–6 pm 5/26–9/30 8 am–8 pm 10/1–11/4 9 am–5 pm		West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center: NPS Desk 10/1-4/30: 8 am-5 pm weekdays 5/1–5/25: 8 am–6 pm 5/26–9/2: 8 am–8 pm 9/3–9/30: 8 am–6 pm Madison Information Station 5/23–9/30: 9 am–6 pm
Medical clinic 				May 18–Sept. 24 307-242-7241	Year-round, except some holidays. 307-344-7965		May 15–Oct. 7 307-545-7325		
Service stations snacks, drinks, ice All have credit card service at pumps 24 hours a day 	Gas: 5/4–10/22 Repairs: 5/25–9/3 Wrecker: 5/4–10/15 LP gas available Call 406 848-7548 for assistance	Gas: 5/11–9/23 Repairs: 5/25–9/3 Wrecker: 5/25–9/3 LP Gas available Call 406 848-7548 for assistance	Gas (Grant): 5/25–9/30 Repairs: 5/25–9/3 Wrecker 5/25–9/3 LP Gas available Call 406 848-7548 for assistance		5/11–10/8 LP gas available Call 406 848-7548 for assistance		Lower: 5/4–10/15 Upper: 5/18–9/17 Repairs: 5/25–9/3 Wrecker: 5/4–10/15 LP gas available Call 406 848-7548 for assistance	6/8–9/3 LP gas available Call 406 848-7548 for assistance	
General stores groceries restaurant souvenirs, gear 	5/18–9/27 also has ice cream, apparel	5/11–10/1 also has ice cream, apparel	Grant 6/1–9/24 also has footwear, outdoor supplies	Lake 5/25–9/24	Year-round no restaurant lunch available late fall through early spring		Lower: 5/25–10/1 Upper: 5/4–10/15 also has ice cream, apparel	Tower 6/1–9/20 also has snacks, ice cream	
Outdoor stores recreation gear, snacks, fast food souvenirs 	Yellowstone Adventures 4/20–11/4 also has footwear, fishing supplies			Bridge Bay 6/1–9/3 also has fishing supplies					
Mini stores groceries, snacks, souvenirs 			Grant 5/18–10/1					Roosevelt 6/8–9/3	
Gift shops 	Canyon Lodge 6/1–9/23		Grant Village 5/25–9/30	Lake Hotel 5/11–9/23 Lake Lodge 6/10–9/30	Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel 4/27–10/14		Old Faithful Inn 5/18–10/14 OF Snow Lodge 4/20–11/4 Old Faithful Lodge 5/11–10/7	Roosevelt Lodge 6/8–9/3	
Hotel 	Canyon Lodge 6/1–9/23		Grant Village 5/25–9/30	Lake Hotel 5/11–9/23	Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel 5/4–10/8		Old Faithful Inn 5/18–10/14 Old Faithful Snow Lodge 5/4–10/21		
Cabins 	Canyon Lodge 6/1–9/23			Lake Hotel 5/11–9/23 Lake Lodge 6/10–9/30	Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel 5/4–10/8		OF Snow Lodge 5/4–10/21 Old Faithful Lodge 5/11–9/30	Roosevelt Lodge 6/8–9/3	
Restaurants 	Canyon Lodge 6/1–9/23		Grant Village 5/25–9/30 Lake House at Grant June 15–Sept. 23	Lake Hotel 5/11–9/23	Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel 5/4–10/8		Old Faithful Inn 5/18–10/14 Old Faithful Snow Lodge 5/4–10/21	Roosevelt Lodge 6/8–9/3	
Cafeteria 	Canyon Lodge 6/1–9/9			Lake Lodge 6/10–9/30			Old Faithful Lodge 5/11–9/30		
Snacks light meals, fast food 	Picnic Shop 6/1–9/23			Lake Hotel Deli 5/11–9/23	Terrace Grill 4/27–10/14		Old Faithful Inn, Bear Paw Deli: 5/18–10/14 Old Faithful Snow Lodge, Geyser Grill 4/20–11/4 Old Faithful Lodge Bake Shop 5/11–10/7		
Campgrounds (details page 7) ** Reservations accepted 	**Canyon 6/1–9/3 Norris 12 mi west, 5/18–9/24	**RV Park (hard-sided units only) 5/11–9/23	**Grant 6/21–9/23 Lewis Lake 9 mi south, 6/15–11/4	**Bridge Bay 5/25–9/9 **Fishing Bridge RV Park (hard-sided units only): 5/11–9/23	Mammoth All year Indian Creek 9 mi south 6/8–9/4 Norris 21 mi south 5/18–9/24	Norris 5/18–9/24	**Madison 16 mi north 5/4–10/21	Tower Fall 2.5 mi south 5/18–9/24 Slough Creek 6 mi east 6/15–10/31 Pebble Creek 20 mi east 6/15–9/24	**Madison 5/4–10/21
Showers 	Canyon Campground 6/1–9/3	RV park 5/11–9/23	Grant Campground 6/21–9/23		Mammoth Hotel 5/4–10/8		Old Faithful Inn 5/18–10/14	Roosevelt Lodge 6/8–9/3	
Laundry 	Canyon Campground 6/1–9/3	RV park 5/11–9/23	Grant Campground 6/21–9/23	Lake Lodge 6/10–9/30			Snow Lodge 5/4–10/21		
Marina, boat tours, trail rides   	Trail Rides 6/26–8/25			Bridge Bay Dock rental 5/25–9/9 Boat Tours 6/15–9/9	Trail Rides 5/25–9/8			Trail & Stagecoach Rides 6/8–9/2 Cookout 6/9–9/2	

Camping still makes memories for a lifetime

First-come, first-served

Campsite availability is first-come, first-served at the following NPS-operated campgrounds: **Mammoth, Norris, Indian Creek, Lewis Lake, Pebble Creek, Slough Creek, and Tower Fall.** During peak season (late June to mid-August) campgrounds may fill. Arrive early to obtain a site.

Reservable sites

Reserve sites at **Canyon, Bridge Bay, Madison, Grant Village, and Fishing Bridge RV Park** through **Xanterra Parks and Resorts.** Hookups are available at Fishing Bridge RV Park, including water, sewer, and 50 amp electrical service. The RV Park is restricted to hard-sided camping units. Tents and tent trailers are not allowed. There are no picnic tables or fire grates.

Overflow camping

There are no overflow camping areas available within Yellowstone. No camping or overnight vehicle parking is allowed in pullouts, parking areas, picnic grounds, or any place other than a designated campground. Additional camping may be available in neighboring communities.

Check-in and check-out

Check-in any time, but sites may not be available before 11 am. Registration desks at Xanterra’s campgrounds are open 7 am to 10 pm during peak season, and 8 am to 9 pm during early and late season. Check-out time is 11 am.

Length of stay

Camping is limited to 14 days from July 1 through Labor Day (first Monday in September) and 30 days the rest of the year. There is no limit at Fishing Bridge.

Discounts

Holders of Senior and Access passes receive approximately a 50 percent discount on camping fees, except at Fishing Bridge, where no discounts apply.

Know your vehicle, tent, and tow sizes

If you want to reserve a site, you will be asked for the length and width of your tent, RV, or the combined length of your car or pickup and anything you are towing. For non- reservable sites, use the total length to determine which campground can best accommodate your rig.

★ Campgrounds close for season at 11 am of last date listed



All of your food, cooking utensils, and garbage must be kept secure unless in immediate use.

Quiet hours

During quiet hours, 10 pm to 6 am, no loud audio devices, or other noise disturbances are allowed. Where allowed, generators may operate only between 8 am and 8 pm.

Group camping

Group camping (tents only) is available at Madison, Grant, and Bridge Bay for organized groups with a designated leader. Fees range from \$72 to \$102 (plus tax) per night, depending on group size. Advance reservations are required.



Time and space all to yourself are always just a few steps away in Yellowstone.

Contact Xanterra Parks & Resorts

P.O. Box 165, Yellowstone WY 82190
www.YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com
Reserve_YNP@Xanterra.com
Toll-free 866-Geyserland (866 439-7375)
TDD 307 344-5395
Same day reservations 307 344-7311

Key to campground features

- Δ – Sites you can reserve
- Ω – Rate does not include tax or utility pass-through
- ‡ – Site with full hook ups
- A – Accessible sites available
- F – Flush toilets
- V – Vault toilets
- S/L – Pay showers/laundry onsite
- NS – Showers not included
- TS – Two showers included each night
- DS – Dump station
- G – Generators okay 8 am to 8 pm

In order of opening	Dates*	Rate	Sites	Elev (ft)	Features	RV sites
Mammoth	All year	\$14	85	6,200	A, F, G	Most are pull-through
Madison Δ Ω	5/4–10/21	\$20.50	278	6,800	A, F, NS, DS, G	Call for availability and reservations
Fishing Bridge RV Δ Ω ‡	5/11–9/23	\$45	346	7,800	F, S/L, TS, DS, G	Call for availability and reservations
Norris	5/18–9/24	\$14	>100	7,500	A, F, G	2 @ 50’ (signed) – 5 @ 30’
Tower Fall	5/18–9/21	\$12	31	6,600	V	All @ 30’ or less – Has hairpin curve
Bridge Bay Δ Ω	5/25–9/9	\$20.50	432	7,800	A, F, NS, DS, G	Call for availability and reservations
Canyon Δ Ω	6/1–9/3	\$25	273	7,900	A, F, S/L, TS, DS, G	Call for availability and reservations
Indian Creek	6/8–9/4	\$12	75	7,300	A, V	10 @ 35’ – 35 @ 30’ – pull-through
Pebble Creek	6/15–9/24	\$12	27	6,900	V	Some long pull-throughs
Slough Creek	6/15–10/31	\$12	23	6,250	V	14 @ 30’ – walk first to assess sites
Lewis Lake	6/15–11/4	\$12	85	7,800	V	All @ 25’ or less
Grant Village Δ Ω	6/21–9/23	\$25	430	7,800	A, F, S/L, TS, DS, G	Call for availability and reservations



Old Faithful Visitor Education Center

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Visitor centers

Albright Visitor Center

Located at Mammoth Hot Springs and open year round, the center offers information, a bookstore, exhibits on wildlife and history, and films about the park and the national park idea.

10/1–5/25 9 am–5 pm
5/26–9/30 8 am–7 pm
Call 307 344-2263

Canyon Visitor Education Center

Explore Yellowstone's supervolcano and other aspects of its geology through interactive exhibits, including a Kugel globe and relief map of Yellowstone.

5/12–5/25 9 am–5 pm
5/26–9/3 8 am–8 pm
9/4–9/30 8 am–6 pm
10/1–10/14 9 am–5 pm
Call 307 344-2550

Fishing Bridge Museum and Visitor Center

Offers exhibits about the park's birds and other wildlife, and Yellowstone Lake's geology, including a relief map of its bottom.

5/23–9/30 8 am–7 pm
Call 307 344-2450

Grant Visitor Center

Exhibits describe the park's historic fires of 1988.

5/26–9/30 8 am–7 pm
Call 307-344-2650

Madison Information Station

5/23–9/30 9 am–6 pm
Call 307 344-2876

Junior Ranger Station

5/26–9/3 9 am–6 pm

Museum of the National Park Ranger

Located one one mile north of Norris, the museum presents the history of the park ranger profession through exhibits and videos, and through the stories of the volunteer retired rangers who staff the center.

5/26–9/23 9 am–5 pm
Call 307 344-7353

Norris Geyser Basin Museum and Information Station

Features exhibits about the hydrothermal features of Yellowstone.

5/23–9/30 9 am–6 pm
Call 307 344-2812

Old Faithful Visitor Education Center

Yellowstone's newest visitor center offers dynamic exhibits about hydrothermal features. Geyser eruption predictions are posted, or call ahead, 307-344-2751.

4/20–5/25 9 am–6 pm
5/26–9/30 8 am–8 pm
10/1–11/4 9 am–5 pm
Call 307 344-2751

West Thumb Information Station

Offers information about the adjacent geyser basin on the shore of Yellowstone Lake.

5/26–9/30 9 am–5 pm
Call 307 344-2650

West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center

Located in the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce

10/1–4/30 weekdays
8 am–5 pm
Daily thereafter 5/1–5/25
8 am–6 pm
5/26–9/2 8 am–8 pm
9/3–9/30 8 am–6 pm

NPS Desk

4/20–5/24 8 am–4 pm
5/25–9/3 8 am–8 pm
9/4–11/4 8 am–4 pm
Call 307 344-2876

Tours and activities

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, visit www.YellowstoneAssociation.org or call 406 848-2400.

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

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



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Truly short on time?

- Explore the terraces at Mammoth Hot Springs.
- Visit Lamar Valley to look for wildlife, especially at the beginning or end of the day.
- Consider taking a moderate day hike. In spring, most hiking occurs in northern areas of the park. Consult a "Dayhike Sampler," available for 50 cents at visitor center bookstores. Be sure to ask for updates on area wildlife closures.
- Walk around the Old Faithful area geyser basin.
- Visit the Upper Geyser Basin (Old Faithful, Biscuit Basin, Black Sand Basin).
- Visit some less well-known features, such as Terrace Spring near Madison Junction.
- Make plans to visit again soon.

Park highlights



Castle geyser

Hydrothermal features

In the 50 miles between Mammoth Hot Springs and Old Faithful, you will see travertine terraces at Mammoth Hot Springs, 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 17 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, is seen from overlooks in the Canyon Village area. North Rim Drive features trails and overlooks that are wheelchair



Lower falls

accessible. South Rim Drive takes you to Uncle Tom’s Point, where you can view the Upper Falls, and to Artist Point, where you can enjoy breathtaking scenery.

Lake Area

Yellowstone Lake is the largest high elevation lake (above 7,000 feet) in North America. It has 141 miles of shoreline and is more than 400 feet deep.

With the Absaroka Mountains as a stunning backdrop, this area offers boating, fishing, hiking, wildlife viewing, and hydrothermal features. You can visit historic buildings, view hydrothermal activity, and see the Yellowstone River flow from the lake on its long journey.

Four visitor areas lie along the lake’s shores: Fishing Bridge, Bridge Bay, Lake Village, and Grant Village.



Famously hot features

Yellowstone was established as the world’s first national park primarily because of its unparalleled collection of geysers, hot springs, mudpots and steam vents.

Hot springs are the most common hydrothermal features in the park. They vary from frothing mocha-like boiling to clear and calm pools of unfathomable depth.

Mudpots are acidic features with a limited water supply. Their consistency and activity vary with the seasons and precipitation.

Fumaroles or steam vents are the hottest hydrothermal features in the park. They are easier to see in cool weather.

Travertine terraces are found at Mammoth Hot Springs, where the interactions of water and limestone create chalk-white travertine.

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).

Programs for young people

Junior Ranger Program

Children between the ages of 5 and 12 can become a Junior Ranger in Yellowstone. Stop by any visitor center to pick up a free official Junior Ranger newspaper, then complete the program requirements. A wolf track patch is awarded for ages 5 to 7 and a bear track patch is awarded for ages 8 to 12.



Young Scientist Program

Children can become a Young Scientist by buying a self-guiding booklet for \$5 at the Canyon Visitor Education Center (ages 10 and up) or Old Faithful Visitor Education Center (ages 5 and above). If you investigate the Old Faithful area, check out a Young Scientist Toolkit for the gear you need. Once you finish, you will be awarded a Young Scientist patch or key chain. This program was developed with support from the National



Science Foundation through a grant to the Yellowstone Park Foundation.

Youth Conservation Corps

Since 1984, Yellowstone’s summer Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Program has recruited youth (ages 15–18) from all social, economic, ethnic, and racial backgrounds. Corps members work together under adult leadership to learn about environmental and conservation issues while completing projects such as trail rehabilitation and campground restoration. Young people develop job and leadership skills and explore opportunities for future NPS careers. Corps members also enjoy hiking, rafting, and field trips. Contact YELL_YCC_Office@nps.gov

Expedition: Yellowstone!

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

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A ranger-guided walk through Mammoth Terraces

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Walking trails



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Stretch your legs on self-guiding trails. Most offer wayside exhibits and a printed trail guide, available for 50 cents at trailheads and visitor centers.

Canyon Area View the colorful Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River and the Upper and Lower Falls from overlooks and walkways.

Forces of the Northern Range Eight miles east of Mammoth, exhibits describe how volcanoes, glaciers and fire shaped the landscape, as well as identify the area's plants and animals.

Fort Yellowstone Enjoy a walking tour of historic sites at Mammoth Hot Springs, from the time of U.S. Army, 1886–1918.

Fountain Paint Pot View four types of hydrothermal features—geysers, hot springs, fumaroles, and mudpots—all in one place. Eight miles (12.9 km) north of Old Faithful.

Mammoth Hot Springs Walk through ever-changing travertine terraces and enjoy a scenic drive through the Upper Terraces.

Mud Volcano Area Discover turbulent and explosive mudpots, including Mud Volcano and Dragon's Mouth. Located six miles (9.6 km) north of Fishing Bridge Junction.

Norris Geyser Basin Explore the hottest, most dynamic geyser basin. Norris includes Steamboat, the world's tallest geyser, and a variety of other geysers and hot springs.

Old Faithful Area The world's largest concentration of active geysers is here. View Old Faithful Geyser then walk past hundreds of geysers and hot springs.

Old Faithful Historic District Enjoy a tour of this historic district, which includes Old Faithful Geyser, the Inn and other buildings.

Two Ribbons Two miles (3.2 km) east of the West Entrance, enjoy a trail that loops beside a stretch of the Madison River and through a lodgepole forest affected by the historic 1988 fires.

West Thumb Geyser Basin The boiling springs in this basin, including the famous Fishing Cone, discharge their waters into chilly Yellowstone Lake.

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Get an inside look at park heritage

The **Heritage and Research Center**, located just beyond the North Entrance in Gardiner, Montana, offers tours each summer. Although primarily a storage and research facility, tours provide an inside look at some of the collections.

Tours are available Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 am, May 29 through Sept. 6, and are limited to 15 people. For reservations, call 307 344-2662, or sign up in the lobby, and arrive 15 minutes prior to departure.



Park and partners seek to lead by example for sustainable change

The National Park Service is working to anticipate significant risks and challenges that climate change will have on park resources, infrastructure, and visitor experience. Within Yellowstone specifically, scientists expect ecosystems to change due to increased temperatures and changing rain and snow patterns.



One of 17 hybrids in the park's fleet

Other effects could include:

- The alpine zone, which begins at 9,500 feet, may shift higher, with species such as whitebark pine almost entirely lost to the ecosystem. Whitebark pine nuts are an important component of a grizzly bear's diet.
- Wildland fire in the western states generally is expected to intensify. In Yellowstone, research suggests that fires may become more frequent but become smaller and less intense.
- Increased insect infestations in trees. Currently, two types of pine bark beetles and a spruce budworm are at work.
- Declining wetlands, which will decrease essential habitat for frogs, salamanders, and many birds and insects.
- Grizzly bears may have less of their most valuable foods, such as whitebark pine nuts, army cutworm moths, and cutthroat trout.

In response to these challenges, Yellowstone, its concessioners, and its partners have set ambitious goals to demonstrate leadership with sustainable practices that could help to reduce the impact of climate change.

- In 2011, more than 74 percent of the park's total waste was diverted from landfills through recycling and composting.
- The park's vehicle fleet now includes 17 hybrids that have 90 percent lower emissions than an average car.
- High-tech tires on park trucks provide 10 percent fuel savings and emission reductions that amount to more than eight metric tons of carbon dioxide annually.
- A machine developed by a park employee and funded by the Yellowstone Park Foundation safely recycles 25,000 small propane cylinders each year.

In October 2010, the park hosted a scientific conference on climate change. Abstracts available at www.greateryellowstonescience.org/gyesciconf2010

Cycle safely



Bicycling is allowed on public roads, parking areas, and designated routes. It is prohibited on boardwalks and backcountry trails.

Ride single file and wear a helmet and high visibility clothing. Park roads are narrow and winding with few shoulders. Be wary of over-exertion. Road elevations range from 5,300 to 8,860 feet.

“They said they’d seen it all



in Yellowstone. We politely suggested one of our Lodging and Learning packages. Four days later, that same family couldn’t stop talking about all the *new* things they’d discovered about the park, *and themselves*. We just smiled.”

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Xanterra's Long Term Commitment to Sustainability

Xanterra provides hospitality in some of the most beautiful places on earth, and we take our role of environmental stewardship very seriously. Through **Ecologix**, our environmental management program, we incorporate sustainable practices in all aspects of our operations, from food to fuel, and from emissions reduction to renewable energy.

ecologix
Xanterra's Environmental Commitment

You can help us protect Yellowstone in the following ways:

Recycle: For your convenience, we offer recycling in our lodging and food and beverage operations and have in-room containers for plastic, paper, glass, cardboard, steel, and aluminum. Recycling bins are also located throughout the park. With help from visitors like you, last year we recycled over 2 million pounds of material and diverted more than 70% of our waste from the landfill!



Eat Well: In 2011, the Mammoth Hotel Dining Room became a Certified Green Restaurant and all of our restaurants offer a variety of sustainable menu choices including our great tasting Marine Stewardship Council certified salmon, locally sourced meat and game, and fair trade, organic coffee.

Conserve Resources: When staying in the park's guest rooms, take advantage of the linen and towel reuse program, and be sure to turn off lights and heat when you leave the room.

Be Green at Home: Stewardship does not end at national park borders. You can help protect Yellowstone and other national parks from the impacts of climate change and pollution by adopting green practices at home.

For more information on our commitment to sustainability, we invite you to visit us at the environmental section of Xanterra's website at www.YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com or scan this code:



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Partners essential to achieving Yellowstone's mission, goals

In the early years after the National Park Service was created in 1916, Stephen T. Mather, its first director, knew that building public support for the fledgling agency was crucial for its future. Resourcefulness and philanthropy helped sustain the NPS then and have played important roles throughout the history of the system.

In Yellowstone, two nonprofit partners have proven to be essential in supporting the park's mission and goals.

The **Yellowstone Park Foundation** (YPF) is the official fundraising partner. YPF works in cooperation with the NPS to fund projects and programs that protect, preserve, and enhance natural and cultural resources and visitor experience. One of its significant achievements was providing more than half of the funds needed to construct the new Old Faithful Visitor Education Center.

The Old Faithful live streaming webcam is another innovative service that has been funded by Canon U.S.A. through YPF. Dozens of other projects have been accomplished thanks to YPF's support. Call 406 586-6303, or visit www.ypf.org

The **Yellowstone Association** (YA) is the park's official nonprofit educational partner. YA works in cooperation with the park in its primary role of supporting visitor information, orientation, and education through the sales of educational materials and services in park visitor centers. Proceeds from sales and memberships have funded exhibits at Canyon Visitor Education Center, a new geology film, Yellowstone: Land to Life, web videos and podcasts, and dozens of outdoor exhibits, publications, online features, and other programs.

Call 406 848-2400, or visit www.YellowstoneAssociation.org



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AT YELLOWSTONE**



Emergencies Dial "911" or contact any National Park Service ranger within Yellowstone. Specially trained rangers provide rescue, emergency medical care, and ambulance service.

Medical Clinics Medcor operates three urgent-care clinics within Yellowstone park. The clinic at Mammoth is open year round, staffed by a board-certified physician and experienced RNs. The clinics at Lake and Old Faithful are open seasonally (see below for schedules). All of these clinics are open to the public and are staffed and equipped for most medical emergencies and routine care. Services include injury and illness treatment, x-rays, and some lab and pharmacy services. If in-patient care or advanced services are required, the clinic staff can stabilize patients and arrange for appropriate transfer to a hospital.

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Call for hours of operation. Appointments are not required; walk-in patients are welcome.

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Overlapping perspectives of the Roosevelt Arch at the north entrance

Stay connected with Yellowstone online

For more than a decade, the park has hosted web-based programs that bring Yellowstone to you online. Get started on the park website at www.nps.gov/yell/photosmultimedia



Old Faithful Virtual Visitor Center is for explorers of all ages, from young children to their great grandparents. Begin your online visit with a flyover of Yellowstone that lands you beside Old Faithful Geyser. Click a button to zoom into the lobby, where dozens of explorations await you. Watch animations of a geyser eruption, volcano eruption, travertine terrace growth, and microbial mats color changes. You'll find maps, along with links to other online resources.

Videos and podcasts • Plan your visit, customize your guide to the park, or learn more about Yellowstone's attractions and treasures through online videos available on the park website, or free from iTunes.

- *Visiting Yellowstone*: A series of orientation videos that include traveling with pets, hiking and backpacking, traveling with kids, walks and day hikes, water-related rules and safety, and bicycling in Yellowstone.
- *Exploring Yellowstone*: Park Ranger Orville Bach takes you on a tour of the Upper Geyser Basin, home to Old Faithful Geyser.
- Watch *Land to Life*, a new film on how extreme geologic forces create a unique landscape that supports an abundance of life.
- *Inside Yellowstone*: About 100 videos of very short ranger talks on park features and processes.
- *Yellowstone InDepth*: Major park questions and issues are discussed by park rangers, scientists, historians, and park visitors.

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Electronic field trips • Especially for middle school students and teachers: Take one of 17 free electronic field trips, available at www.WindowsIntoWonderland.org. Funding provided by donations through the Yellowstone Park Foundation.

Webcams • Stay connected to Yellowstone's dynamic landscape through a network of park webcams located at Old Faithful, Mammoth Hot Springs, and the Mount Washburn Fire Lookout to www.nps.gov/yell/photosmultimedia/webcams.htm

The Old Faithful live-streaming webcam was donated, along with supporting funds, by Canon U.S.A., Inc., through a grant to the Yellowstone Park Foundation.

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You can purchase this pass at one of Yellowstone’s entrance stations, or visit <http://store.usgs.gov/pass>

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Little Bighorn Battlefield NM Crow Agency, MT 59022 406 638-3217 www.nps.gov/libi	John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Pkwy Moose, WY 83012 www.nps.gov/jodr	
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There are about 400 units in the National Park System. To learn more about the National Park Service and its programs in America’s communities, please visit www.nps.gov

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NEIGHBORING PARKS, FORESTS, TOWNS



Mount Moran and the Teton Range

Grand Teton National Park offers spectacular scenery, campgrounds, exhibits, and an abundance of outdoor activities. Hiking, sightseeing, boating, floating the Snake River, horseback riding, and fishing are all available depending on seasonal conditions.

Backcountry camping requires a free permit from the Craig Thomas or Colter Bay visitor centers, or 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 the park.

Teewinot, the park newspaper, is available at entrance stations and visitor centers, or on the park website at www.nps.gov/grte

Visitor centers

Colter Bay Visitor Center
Information, audiovisual programs, permits, and publication sales, 307 739-3594

Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center
Open year-round, except Dec 25. Information, audiovisual programs, exhibits, permits, publication sales, 307 739-3399

Flagg Ranch Information Station, 307 543-2372

Jenny Lake Ranger Station (climbing information and permits) Mid-May to mid-September 307 739-3343

Jenny Lake Visitor Center
Information, publications sales, 307 739-3392

Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center
Sensory exhibits and orientation to an eight-mile trail network, 307 739-3654

Lodging

Colter Bay Cabins
800 628-9988

Colter Bay RV Park
800 628-9988

Dornan's Spur Ranch Cabins
307 733-2522

Headwaters Lodge & Cabins
307 543-2861
800 443-2311

Jackson Lake Lodge
800 628-9988

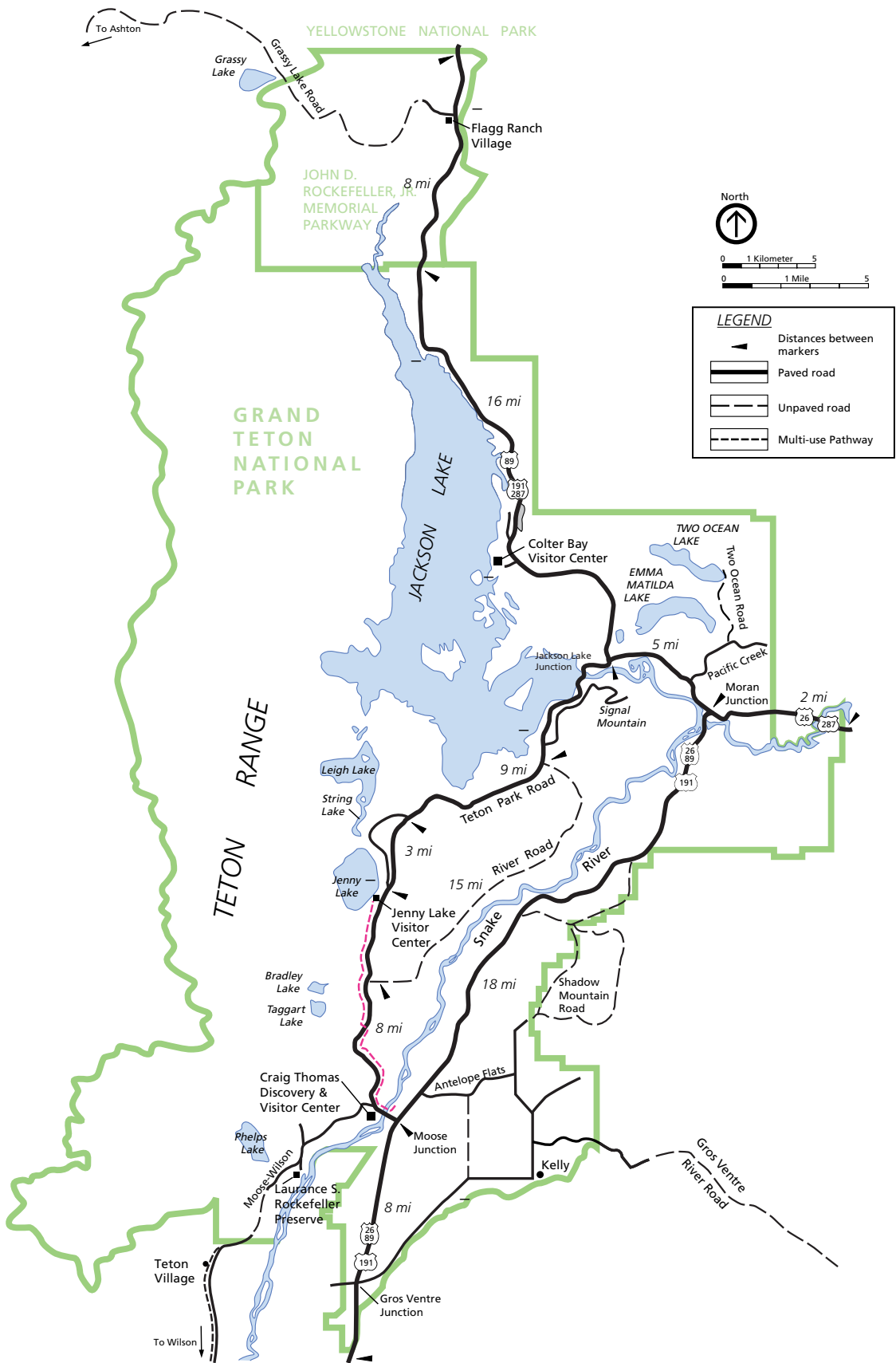
Jenny Lake Lodge
307 733-4647

Signal Mountain Lodge
800 672-6012



Emergency Dial 911
TTY: 307 739-3400

Emergency Medical:
Grand Teton Clinic, located near Jackson Lake Lodge, is open daily from late May to early October.
307 543-2514 or
307 733-8002 after hours



Ask locally or call 307 739-3614 for updates on Grand Teton road construction projects.

Campgrounds

Park campgrounds are first come, first served. All sites cost \$20.50. Operating seasons vary. Ask at park entrance stations or visitor centers for current status updates.

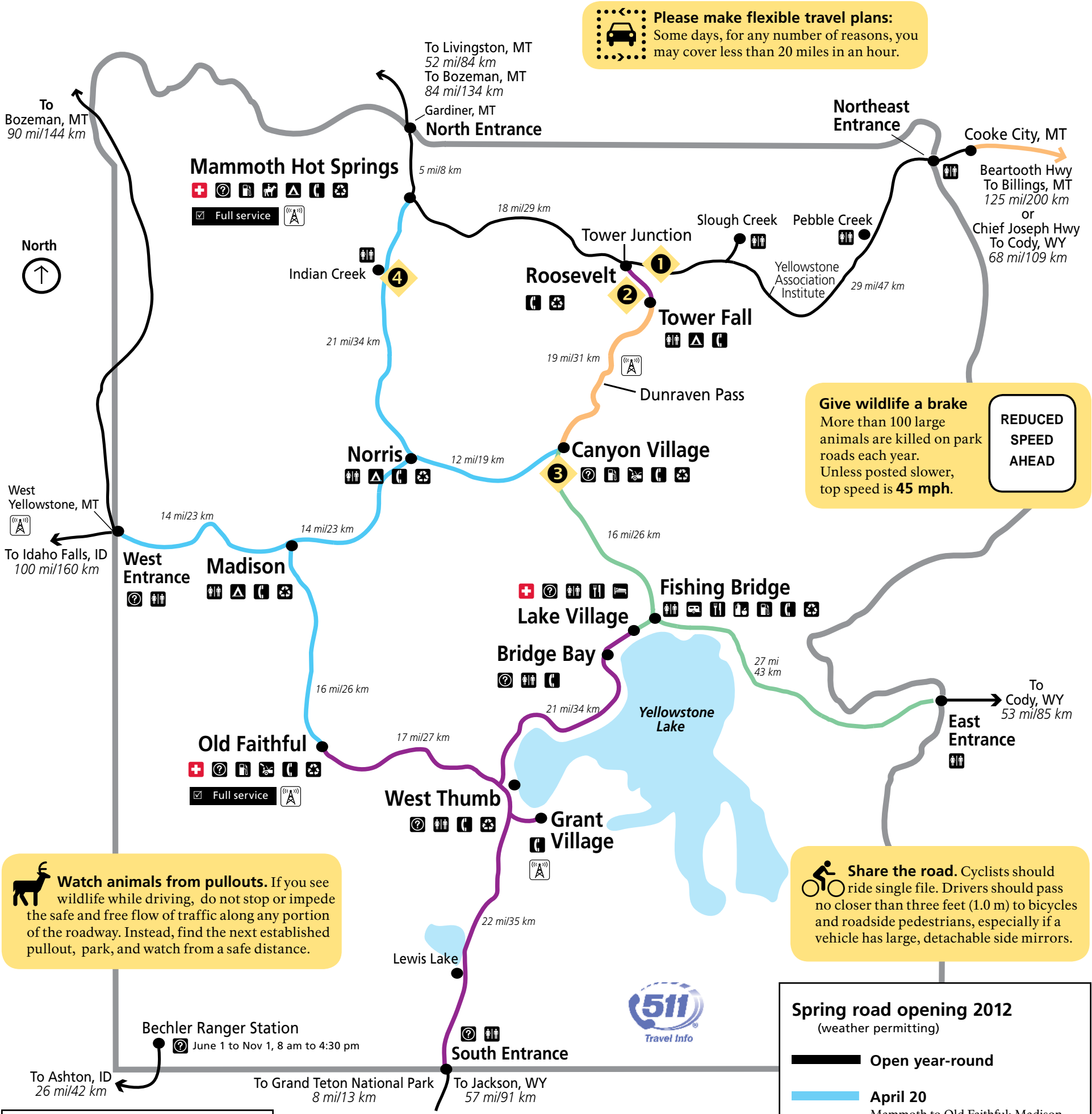
Jenny Lake is open to tents only. Other campgrounds accommodate tents, trailers, and recreational vehicles. There is a 30-foot restriction at Signal Mountain and Lizard Creek. All of the park's campgrounds have modern comfort stations, but none have utility hookups.

The maximum stay is seven days at Jenny Lake, 14 days at other campgrounds, 30 days total per year.

- **Colter Bay**, 350 sites, usually fills by evening
- **Gros Ventre**, 350 sites, rarely fills
- **Jenny Lake**, 49 sites, usually fills by 9 am
- **Lizard Creek**, 60 sites, rarely fills
- **Signal Mountain**, 86 sites, usually fills by noon



Please make flexible travel plans:
Some days, for any number of reasons, you may cover less than 20 miles in an hour.



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

REDUCED SPEED AHEAD

Watch animals 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.

Share the road. Cyclists should ride single file. Drivers should pass no closer than three feet (1.0 m) to bicycles and roadside pedestrians, especially if a vehicle has large, detachable side mirrors.

Expect construction delays

- 1 Northeast entrance road (Lamar River Bridge):** Resumes in March or April with possible 30-minute delays, except holidays
- 2 Tower-Roosevelt Junction to Tower Fall Road:** Starts early June
- 3 Canyon Village Parking Area:** Starts early July
- 4 Indian Creek Campground Road:** Obsidian Creek bridge replacement begins after Labor Day

- Full service** = restroom, food service, general store, lodging
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| Clinic | Fuel | Horseback riding |
| Restrooms | Auto service | Marina |
| Visitor center or information station | Phone | Camping |
| Food service | General store | RV campground: Hardsided units only |
| Cell phone tower. Connectivity is limited. | Recycling | |

Spring road opening 2012
(weather permitting)

- Open year-round**
- April 20**
Mammoth to Old Faithful; Madison to West Entrance; Norris to Canyon
- May 4**
Canyon Junction to Lake to East Entrance (Sylvan Pass)
- May 11**
Old Faithful to West Thumb (Craig Pass); Lake to South Entrance; Tower Junction to Tower Fall
- May 25**
Tower Fall to Canyon Junction (Dunraven Pass); Beartooth Highway