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A pronghorn grazes just inside the park's historic north entrance.

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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](http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/rules)



**Watch from pullouts.** If you see wildlife while driving, do not stop. Regardless of what others may do, keep moving to the next established pullout, park, and watch from a safe distance.



**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.



**Campfires** are allowed only in designated grills in park campgrounds, some picnic areas and specific backcountry campsites. Ask locally about current fire restrictions.



**Keep your distance.** 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.



**Cell phone service** may be available at Grant, Canyon, Mammoth Hot Springs, and Old Faithful. (Existing tower locations appear on a park map, page 16.) 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.



## 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](http://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, *Accessibility in Yellowstone*, is available at all visitor centers for visitors who use wheelchairs, audio and visual assisted devices. 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/](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/riw/nwr/)



**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.

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[www.nps.gov/yell](http://www.nps.gov/yell)  
<http://twitter.com/yellowstonenps>



Scan this QR code with a free app for your smartphone to link directly to trip-planning resources on the park website.

<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 year 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. Look for a separate section of ranger-led activities and schedules.
- 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](http://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

## Stay on boardwalks



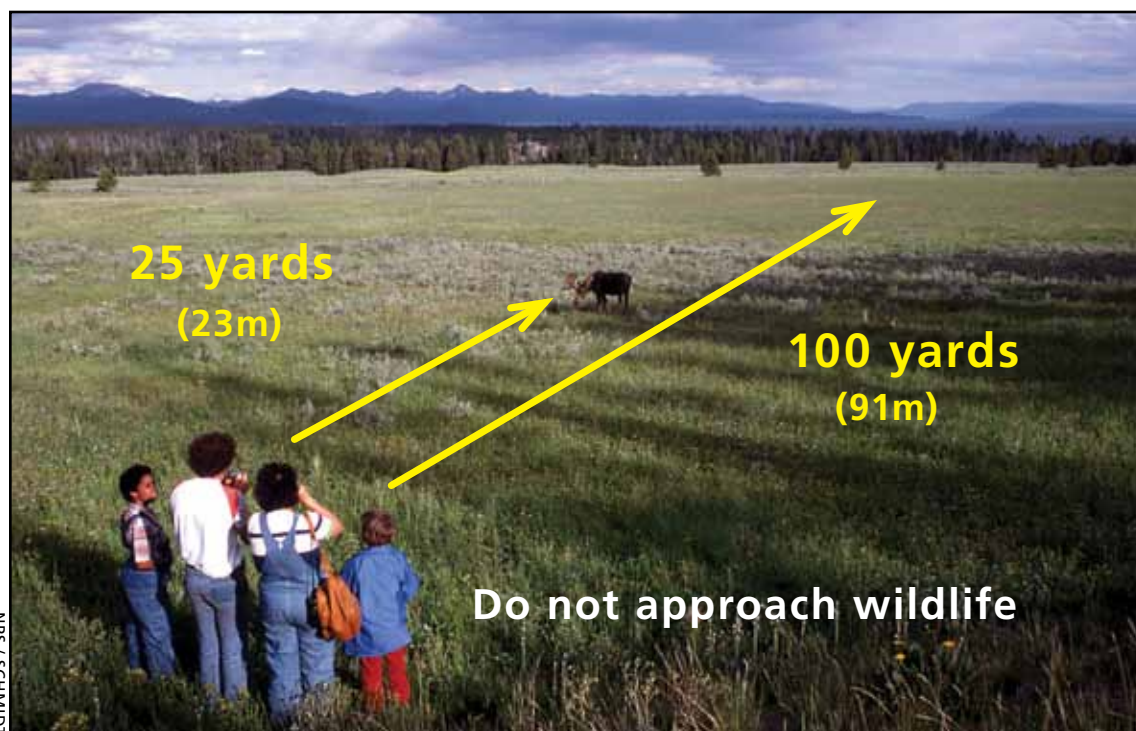
You must stay on boardwalks and designated trails around hydrothermal features. The ground surface is thin, and often overlies scalding water. Visitors have died here. Toxic gases may exist at dangerous levels in some hydrothermal areas. If you feel sick, leave immediately.

## 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



**Adjust to altitude** 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.



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



25 yards (23 m)

100 yards (91 m)

**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 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](http://www.nps.gov/yell/parkmgmt/lawsandpolicies)



Please keep children close at hand, and be sure they understand all park hazards.



**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 on the park website at [www.nps.gov/yell/parkmgmt/lawsandpolicies](http://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](http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/backcountryhiking.htm)



Filter **drinking water** with a commercial filter, treat with a chemical such as iodine or chlorine, or boil for at least one minute. Never drink 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 at least 200 feet (60 m) from water sources or campsites. (A minimum distance of 100 feet is required). Similar distance standards should be used for the disposal of wastewater.

## Fishing and boating



**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.

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.

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. Inquire at ranger stations, visitor centers, or general stores. Regulations are posted at [www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/fishing.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/fishing.htm)



**Boat permits are required** for all boats and float tubes. 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. Boaters must have a Coast Guard approved “wearable” flotation device for each person.

Permits for motorized boats may be purchased at the South Entrance, Lewis Lake Campground, Grant Village Backcountry Office, Bridge Bay Ranger Station.

Non-motorized boating permits only are available at the Canyon, Mammoth, and Old Faithful backcountry offices, Bechler Ranger Station, West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center, and the Northeast Entrance.

# Anglers asked to help the park wage invasive lake trout management

Anglers are responsible for knowing how to tell the difference between fish species in park waters. Resources are available online at [www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/fishing.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/fishing.htm)

Native fish – including Arctic grayling, cutthroat trout, and mountain whitefish – must be released unharmed back into the water immediately. However, regulations require anglers to kill all lake trout that they catch in Yellowstone Lake and its tributaries.

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 in the ecosystem.

The park now targets lake trout with an intensive gill-netting program that begins



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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.

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.

**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 ecosystem. 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](http://www.ProtectYourWaters.net)

## Keep your eyes to the skies

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 desk copy reference handbook with photos and identification tips. Yellowstone Association bookstores also offer a bird checklist.



Red-tailed hawk

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**Wildfire may play a role in your visit.** Smoke may be visible from ongoing fires, and changing circumstances could have an impact on your travel plans.

Fires are a natural part of the ecosystem. Vegetation has adapted to fire and in some cases may be dependent on it. Fire promotes habitat diversity by removing the forest overstory, allowing different plant communities to become established, and preventing trees from becoming established in grassland.



Campfires are allowed only in designated grills in park campgrounds, some picnic areas and specific backcountry campsites. Ask locally about current fire restrictions.



## When hiking in bear country



## Be prepared for bear country

On average, bears injure one person each year within Yellowstone National Park. In 2011, in separate incidents, two visitors were killed by bears inside the park.

Hiking in bear country takes appropriate preparation. Before you set out, ask about area closures, advisories, and seasonal food habits of local bears. Know what to do if you encounter a bear unexpectedly. Resources are available at visitor centers—where public bear spray demonstrations are offered in summer 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 pictures from inside your car. Always comply with instructions of park staff on scene.

### As you venture beyond developed areas, stay clear of animal carcasses.

Bears are very protective of carcasses as a food source. A single dead animal can attract and hold more than a dozen bears. Many may be bedded down nearby. Watch for gatherings of ravens, magpies, and coyotes. They can be good first indicators that a carcass is nearby. Leave the area immediately by the same route you used to get there.

### See a bear before you surprise it.

Be vigilant about alerting unseen bears to your presence. Some trail conditions

make it hard for bears to see, hear, or smell approaching hikers. Make noise by calling out and clapping your hands loudly at regular intervals. Bells are not enough. If you see a bear that hasn't noticed you, leave the area.

**Know how to react.** If you have a surprise encounter with a bear, do not run. Face the bear and slowly back away. If a bear charges you, stand your ground and use your bear spray. Do not drop your pack. It can help to protect your back from injury. If a bear makes contact with you, fall to the ground onto your stomach and play dead.



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

**A sow protecting her cubs is one of the most dangerous situations you can face in nature.** 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.

As you enjoy park trails –

- Hike with a group of three or more people.
- Make yourself heard 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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### Stay clear of animal carcasses









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

### Watch from 100 yards



Roadside bear sightings can be highly chaotic and dangerous. Park only in paved pullouts. Watch from no less than 100 yards. Always comply with the instructions of park staff on scene.



	Canyon Village	Fishing Bridge	Grant & West Thumb	Lake & Bridge Bay	Mammoth Hot Springs	Norris	Old Faithful	Tower and Roosevelt	West Entrance and Madison
<b>Visitor information, bookstores</b> 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	Grant Visitor Center 5/26–9/30 8 am–7 pm  West Thumb Information Station 5/26–9/30 10 am–6 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 Bookstore 10 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
<b>Medical clinic</b> 				May 18–Sept. 24 307-242-7241	Year-round, except some holidays. 307-344-7965		May 15–Oct. 7 307-545-7325		
<b>Service stations</b> 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 bottle exchange  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 bottle exchange  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 bottle exchange  Call 406 848-7548 for assistance	6/8–9/3  LP bottle exchange  Call 406 848-7548 for assistance	
<b>General stores</b> 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 Fall 6/1–9/20 also has snacks, ice cream	
<b>Outdoor stores</b> 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					
<b>Mini stores</b> groceries, snacks, souvenirs 			Grant 5/18–10/1					Roosevelt 6/8–9/3	
<b>Gift shops</b> 	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	
<b>Hotel</b> 	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		
<b>Cabins</b> 	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	
<b>Restaurants</b> 	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	
<b>Cafeteria</b> 	Canyon Lodge 6/1–9/9			Lake Lodge 6/10–9/30			Old Faithful Lodge 5/11–9/30		
<b>Snacks</b> 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		
<b>Campgrounds</b> (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 5/18–9/21 Slough Creek 6 mi east 6/15–10/31 Pebble Creek 20 mi east 6/15–9/24	**Madison 5/4–10/21
<b>Showers</b> 	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	
<b>Laundry</b> 	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		
<b>Marina, boat tours, trail rides</b>   	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
- 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, 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, 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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## 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](http://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](http://www.YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com)



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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 Junction, 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  
Bookstore 10 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 10 am–6 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  
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9/4–11/4 8 am–4 pm  
Call 307 344-2876

### Authorized guides and outfitters

Many authorized guides and outfitters are ready to show you the wonders of Yellowstone. 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](http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/services.htm)



**Truly short on time?** If you have only a day to spend here, park rangers often recommend –

- Walk around the Old Faithful area geyser basin. Drive to the Canyon area, stop at overlooks, and walk along part of the rim.
- Add a visit to Hayden Valley to look for wildlife, especially at the beginning or end of the day.
- Visit less known features such as Calcite Springs north of Tower Fall, Roaring Mountain north of Norris, or Terrace Spring near Madison Junction.
- Make plans to visit again soon.

### Let someone else do the driving



Summer visitors can shuttle between park destinations, with connections to gateway communities. The **Linx Bus in Yellowstone** covers the southern loop with both clock-wise and counter-clockwise routes. Ride point-to-point or buy a pass for one to five days. To explore a list of stops, schedules and prices, visit [www.linx.coop](http://www.linx.coop), or call 877 454-5469.





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 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 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 interactions of water, carbon dioxide 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 NPS careers. Members also enjoy hiking, rafting, and field trips. Visit [www.nps.gov/yell/parkmgmt/yccjobs](http://www.nps.gov/yell/parkmgmt/yccjobs)

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](http://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 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.

## 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 as much as 90 percent lower emissions than an average car.
- A machine developed by a park employee and funded by the Yellowstone Park Foundation safely recycles 25,000 small propane cylinders each year.
- A partnership with the Yellowstone-Teton Clean Energy Coalition provided more than \$540,000 in Clean Cities Initiative funds for three new hybrid vehicles and an electric vehicle to be charged by solar power.

In October 2010, the park hosted a scientific conference on climate change. Abstracts available at [www.greateryellowstonescience.org/gyesciconf2010](http://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. A free brochure with routes and safety information is available at visitor centers.

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.

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**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 [YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.YellowstoneAssociation.org)



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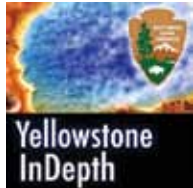




Overlapping perspectives of the Roosevelt Arch at the north entrance

## 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](http://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. Funding provided by the Yellowstone Association and by Canon U.S.A., Inc., through a grant to Yellowstone Park Foundation.

**Electronic field trips** • Especially for middle school students and teachers: Take one of 17 free electronic field trips, available at [www.WindowsIntoWonderland.org](http://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](http://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.

## Outdoor ethics

The National Park Service is a partner of **Leave No Trace**, a national education program promoting responsible outdoor recreation and stewardship of public lands through outdoor skills and ethics. Learn how to minimize recreation impacts and protect Yellowstone's wildlands for future enjoyment. Visit a backcountry office in the park, or [www.LNT.org](http://www.LNT.org)



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

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Idaho towns

**Idaho Falls**  
866 365-6943  
**Eastern Idaho Visitor Information Center**  
800 634-3246

Montana towns


**Big Sky**  
406 995-3000  
**Billings**  
800 735-2635  
**Bozeman**  
800 228-4224  
**Cooke City–Silver Gate**  
406 838-2495  
**Gardiner**  
406 848-7971  
**Livingston**  
406 222-0850  
**Red Lodge**  
888 281-0625  
**Virginia City**  
800 829-2969  
**West Yellowstone**  
406 646-7701

Wyoming towns

**Cody**  
800 393-2639  
**Dubois**  
307 455-2556  
**East Yellowstone/ Wapiti Valley**  
307 587-9595  
**Jackson**  
307 733-3316

Idaho NPS units

**Craters of the Moon NM&P**  
Arco, ID 83213  
208 527-1300  
[www.nps.gov/crmo](http://www.nps.gov/crmo)  
**City of Rocks NR**  
Alamo, ID 83312  
208 824-5901  
[www.nps.gov/ciro](http://www.nps.gov/ciro)  
**Hagerman Fossil Beds NM**  
Hagerman, ID 83332  
208 933-4100  
[www.nps.gov/hafo](http://www.nps.gov/hafo)

 Park entrance fees	
Private, noncommercial automobile, valid for seven days at both Yellowstone and Grand Teton	\$25
Individual motorcycle, seven days, both parks	\$20
Single entry (foot, bike, ski, etc) seven days, both parks	\$12
Yellowstone and Grand Teton Annual Pass, valid for one year from month of purchase for entrance to both parks	\$50
America the Beautiful: National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass, valid for one year from month of purchase for entrance fees to federal fee areas	\$80
Senior Pass, U.S. Citizens or permanent residents age 62 or older	\$10
Access Pass, U.S. Citizens or permanent residents with documentation of permanent disability	Free

America the Beautiful: National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass

This pass provides several options for people to use 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, or visit <http://store.usgs.gov/pass>  
The pass is not good for camping or for some other fees such as concessioner parking fees at Mount Rushmore, or cave tours at various parks. Inquire locally.  
Previously issued Golden Age Passports and Golden Access Passports are still accepted. They can also be exchanged toward new and more durable passes.



Minidoka Internment NM

Hagerman, ID 83332  
208 933-4127  
[www.nps.gov/miin](http://www.nps.gov/miin)

Nez Perce NHP

Spalding, ID 83540  
208 843-7020  
(ID,MT,OR,WA)  
[www.nps.gov/nepe](http://www.nps.gov/nepe)

Montana NPS units

**Big Hole NB**  
Wisdom, MT 59767  
406 689-3155  
[www.nps.gov/biho](http://www.nps.gov/biho)  
**Bighorn Canyon NRA**  
Fort Smith, MT 59035  
406 666-2412  
[www.nps.gov/bica](http://www.nps.gov/bica)  
**Little Bighorn Battlefield NM**  
Crow Agency, MT 59022  
406 638-3217  
[www.nps.gov/libi](http://www.nps.gov/libi)  
**Glacier NP**  
West Glacier, MT 59936  
406 888-7800  
[www.nps.gov/glac](http://www.nps.gov/glac)

Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS

Deer Lodge, MT 59722  
406 846-2070, ext. 250  
[www.nps.gov/grko](http://www.nps.gov/grko)

Wyoming NPS units

**Devil's Tower NM**  
Devil's Tower, WY 82714  
307 467-5283  
[www.nps.gov/deto](http://www.nps.gov/deto)  
**Fort Laramie NHS**  
Fort Laramie, WY 82212  
307 837-2221  
[www.nps.gov/fofa](http://www.nps.gov/fofa)  
**Fossil Butte NM**  
Kemmerer, WY 83101  
307 877-4455  
[www.nps.gov/fobu](http://www.nps.gov/fobu)  
**Grand Teton NP**  
Moose, WY 83012  
307 739-3300  
[www.nps.gov/grte](http://www.nps.gov/grte)  
**John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Pkwy**  
Moose, WY 83012  
[www.nps.gov/jodr](http://www.nps.gov/jodr)

Area USFS units

**Beaverhead–Deer Lodge NF**  
Eight SW MT counties  
406 683-3913  
[www.fs.usda.gov/bdnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/bdnf)  
**Bridger–Teton NF**  
Jackson, WY 83001  
307 739-5500  
[www.fs.usda.gov/btnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/btnf)  
**Caribou–Targhee NF**  
Idaho Falls, ID 83401  
208 624-3151  
[www.fs.usda.gov/ctnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/ctnf)  
**Custer NF**  
Billings, MT 59105  
406 657-6200  
[www.fs.fed.us/r1/custer/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/custer/)  
**Gallatin NF**  
Bozeman, MT 59771  
406 587-6701  
[www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin/)  
**Shoshone NF**  
Cody, WY 82414  
307 527-6241  
[www.fs.usda.gov/main/shoshone/home](http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/shoshone/home)

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](http://www.nps.gov)





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](http://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

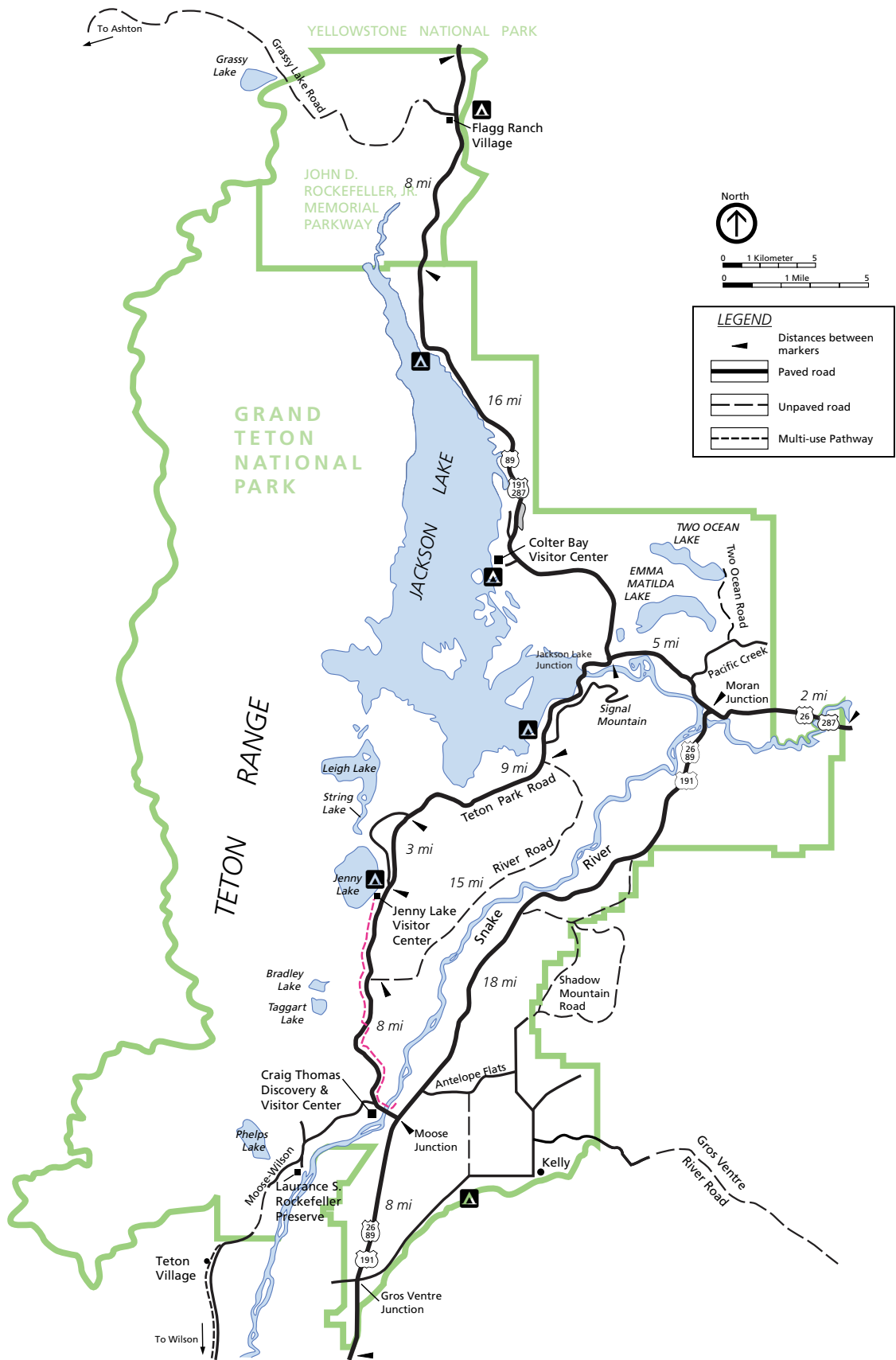
**Jenny Lake Lodge**  
307 733-4647

**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.

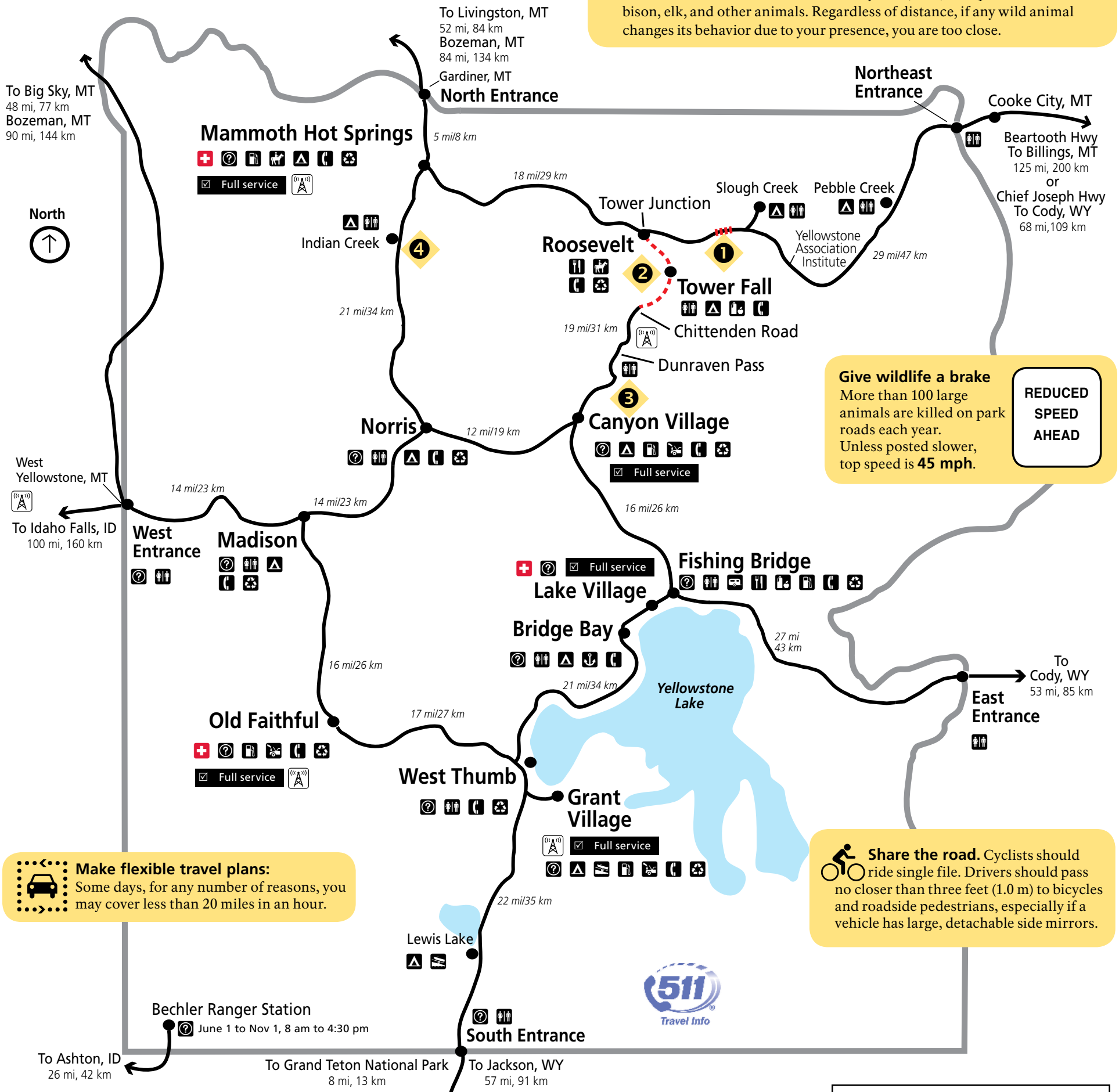
The maximum stay is seven days at Jenny Lake, 14 days at other campgrounds, 30 days total per year.

- **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





**Keep your distance.** 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.



**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**

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

**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.

**Watch from pullouts.**  
If you see a wild animal while driving, do not stop. Regardless of what others may do, keep moving to the next established roadside pullout and park safely. If an animal moves within a required minimum distance to you (see above), watch and take pictures from inside your car. Always comply with instructions of park staff on scene.

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

### Expect construction delays

- 1** Northeast entrance road (Lamar River Bridge): Possible 30-minute delays, except holidays
- 2** Tower-Roosevelt Junction to Chittenden 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