Yellowstone Fall

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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



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 elk, bison, 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 ultimately require the death of the animal. All food, trash, coolers, and cooking tools must be kept secure in a bearproof 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 in the backcounty. Carry bear spray and know how to use it.

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 Canyon, Grant, Lake, 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
ТТҮ	307 344-2386
Road updates	307 344-2117

Park Tip Line • To report a crime or criminal activity call 307 344-2132. Please leave as much information as you can.

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 seasonally 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, *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/

Park information in foreign languages

歡迎光臨•欢迎光临•Vítejte•Bienvenue Willkommen•Benvenuti•ようこそ

환영합니다 • Добро пожаловать • Bienvenido



Scan this QR code with a free app for your smartphone to link directly to foreign language translations on the park website.

http://go.nps.gov/translate-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 honorbound duties we have.

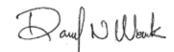
Turns out you also mean a great deal to the economies of our gateway communities. A new study by Michigan State University estimates that total visitor spending in the local economies surrounding Yellowstone amounted to \$334 million in 2010. The national park system as a whole, which hosted 281 million 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 valuble, 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.



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 ultimately require the death of the animal.

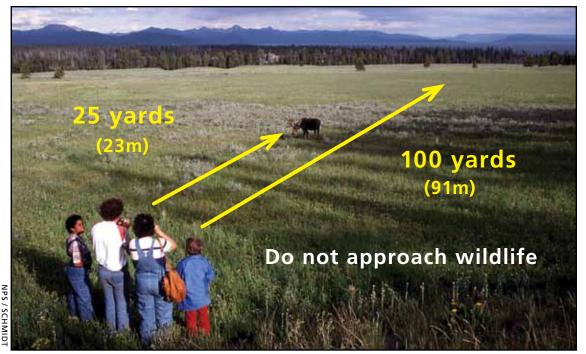
All food, trash, and scented items must be kept bearproof at all times. Tents, truck beds, and picnic tables are not secure. Ravens have learned how to unzip packs and scatter the contents.

None of these items, even if clean and empty, may be left unattended at any time:

Stay on boardwalks



- Water and beverage containers
- Cooking or eating utensils
- Stoves and grillsCoolers 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.



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

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



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

• Stock entry into the park

All commercial services

• Commercial filming and

or models

photography with props

requires Coggins testing

- Fishing
- Boating or use of float tubes
- Overnight backcountry camping
- Travel with a service animal in the backcountry

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.

Backcountry camping



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 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

Boat permits are required for all boats and float tubes. Motorized boating is allowed on most of Yellowstone Lake and on Lewis Lake. Only non-motorized boating is allowed on most other lakes. Boating is prohibited on all rivers and streams except the channel between Lewis Lake and Shoshone Lake which is open to hand propelled vessels only. 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

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



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.

Red-tailed hawk

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!

Clean <u>all</u> recreational equipment. 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.



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 and fire rings 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 demonstations 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			Mammoth Hot Springs	Norris			West Entrance and Madison
Visitor information, bookstores books, videos,	Visitor Education Center 5/12–5/25 9 am–5 pm 5/26–9/3	Visitor Center 5/23–9/30 8 am–7 pm	Grant Visitor Center 5/26–9/30 8 am–7 pm West Thumb		Albright Visitor Center 10/1–5/25 9 am–5 pm	Information Station 5/23–9/30 9 am–6 pm Bookstore 10 am-6 pm	Visitor Education Center 4/20–5/25 9 am–6 pm		West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center: NPS Desk 10/1-4/30: 8 am-4 pm weekdays
maps, gifts, educational items	8 am–8 pm 9/4–9/30 8 am–6 pm 10/1–10/14 9 am–5 pm		Information Station 5/26–9/30 10 am-6 pm		5/26–9/30 8 am–7 pm	Museum of the National Park Ranger 5/26–9/23 9 am–5 pm	5/26–9/30 8 am–8 pm 10/1–11/4 9 am–5 pm		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		5/25 5/56. 5 diff 6 pm
Service stations snacks, drinks, ice All have credit card	Gas: 5/4–10/22 Repairs: 5/25–9/3 Wrecker: 5/4–10/15 LP bottle exchange	Gas: 5/11–9/23 Repairs: 5/25–9/3 Wrecker: 5/25–9/3 LP gas available	Gas (Grant): 5/25–9/30 Repairs: 5/25–9/3 Wrecker 5/25–9/3 LP gas available		5/11–10/8 LP bottle exchange		Lower: 5/4–10/15 Upper: 5/18–9/17 Repairs: 5/25–9/3 Wrecker: 5/4–10/15	6/8–9/3 LP bottle exchange	
service at pumps 24 hours a day	Call 406 848-7548 for assistance	Call 406 848-7548 for assistance	Call 406 848-7548 for assistance		Call 406 848-7548 for assistance		LP bottle exchange Call 406 848-7548 for assistance	Call 406 848-7548 for assistance	
General 1 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 Fall 6/1–9/20 also has snacks, ice cream	
Outdoor to 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	1 .		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 뛰	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 5/18–9/21 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	5/11-9/25	Grant Campground 6/21–9/23	Fishing Bridge RV Park 5/11–9/23	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.



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.



Campgrounds close for season atam of last date listed

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 $\Delta \Omega$	5/4–10/21	\$20.50	278	6,800	A, F, DS, G	Call for availability and reservations
Fishing Bridge RV $\Delta \Omega$ ‡	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 $\Delta \Omega$	5/25-9/9	\$20.50	432	7,800	A, F, DS, G	Call for availability and reservations
Canyon $\Delta \Omega$	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 $\Delta \Omega$	6/21–9/23	\$25	430	7,800	A, F, S/L, TS, DS, G	Call for availability and reservations



A busy day on the back porch of the Madison Information Station

Visitor centers

Albright Visitor Center

Located at Mammoth Hot Springs and open year round 5/26-9/30 8 am-7 pm 10/1-5/25 9 am-5 pm Call 307 344-2263

Canyon Visitor Education Center

Explores Yellowstone's supervolcano and other aspects of its geology 9/4–9/30 8 am–6 pm 10/1–10/14 9 am–5 pm 5/12-5/25 9 am-5 pm 5/26–9/3 8 am–8 pm Call 307 344-2550

Fishing Bridge Museum and Visitor Center

Exhibits about birds, other wildlife, and Lake's geology 5/23-9/30 8 am-7 pm Call 307 344-2450

Grant Visitor Center

Exhibits describe the 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 307 344-2821 Junior Ranger Station 5/26–9/3 9 am–6 pm

Museum of the **National Park Ranger**

One mile north of Norris Junction, the museum presents the history of the park ranger profession. Staffed by volunteer retired rangers from across the U.S. 5/26-9/23 9 am-5 pm Call 307 344-7353

Norris Geyser Basin Museum and Information Station

Exhibits about 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** Exhibits about hydrothermal features. Geyser eruption

predictions are posted, or

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

West Thumb **Information Station**

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 9/3–9/30 8 am–6 pm 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

NPS Desk

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

These symbols pertain to ranger programs descriptions



Please call 307 344-2251 at least three weeks in advance to arrange for a

sign language interpreter at any ranger program listed on pages 9-11.



Look for this symbol in descriptions for ranger programs that are wheelchair accessible. A free guide, Accessibility in Yellowstone, is available in park visitor centers.

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. 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

Programs for young people

Junior Ranger Program

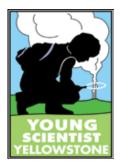
Children between the ages of 5 and older can become a Junior Ranger in Yellowstone. Stop by any visitor center to pick up a free official Junior Ranger newspaper, then complete the program requirements. A wolf track patch is



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.

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 natural and cultural resources. Find out more at www.nps.gov/yell/ forteachers

Wildlife Safety – Are You Prepared?	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

Whether hiking the backcountry, camping, walking in the frontcountry, or just enjoying the park's amazing wildlife from your car, this workshop is for you and your family. Park rangers will help you learn how to avoid dangerous encounters with wildlife in these hands-on demonstrations. 15 to 20 minutes.

Canyon Village Visitor Education Center (Starting Sept 4, 🖪 accessible)	2 pm	2 pm	2 pm	2 pm	2 pm	2 pm	2 pm
	9/9 to 9/30	9/10 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/28	9/8 to 9/29
Fishing Bridge Visitor Information Center (Starting Sept 4, 🗟 accessible)	4:30 pm	4:30 pm	4:30 pm	4:30 pm	4:30 pm	4:30 pm	4:30 pm
	9/9 to 9/30	9/10 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/28	9/8 to 9/29
Madison Information Station (Starting Sept 4, 🖪 accessible)	3 pm	3 pm	3 pm	3 pm	3 pm	3 pm	3 pm
	9/9 to 9/30	9/10 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/28	9/8 to 9/29
Norris Geyser Basin Museum (Starting Sept 1, 🛃 accessible)	10 am	10 am	10 am	10 am	10 am	10 am	10 am
	9/2 to 9/30	9/3 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/28	9/1 to 9/29
Old Faithful Visitor Education Center, geyser side (Starting Sept 4, 🛃 accessible)	2 pm	2 pm	2 pm	2 pm	2 pm	2 pm	2 pm
	9/9 to 9/30	9/10 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/28	9/8 to 9/29
West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (Starting Sept 4, 🗟 accessible)	3 pm	3 pm	3 pm	3 pm	3 pm	3 pm	3 pm
	9/9 to 9/30	9/10 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/28	9/8 to 9/29

Canyon Village	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Yellowstone Canyon Talk (Starting Sept 1, Saccessible, 20 minutes) From a classic viewpoint, enjoy the Lower Falls, Yellowstone River, and the spectacular colors of the canyon while learning about the area's natural and human history. Discover why artists and photographers have been drawn to this special place. Join a park ranger on the lower platform at Artist Point on the South Rim Drive for this short talk.	10:30 am 11 am 2:30 pm 3 pm 9/2 to 9/30	10:30 am 11 am 2:30 pm 3 pm 9/3 to 9/24	10:30 am 11 am 2:30 pm 3 pm 9/4 to 9/25	10:30 am 11 am 2:30 pm 3 pm 9/5 to 9/26	10:30 am 11 am 2:30 pm 3 pm 9/6 to 9/27	10:30 am 11 am 2:30 pm 3 pm 9/7 to 9/28	10:30 am 11 am 2:30 pm 3 pm 9/1 to 9/29
Hayden Valley View (<i>Starting Sept 4, moderate, about three miles, 2½ hours</i>) Walk the upper Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River, then a trail through meadows and forests of northern Hayden Valley, finally looping back to the parking area. Explore the geology and natural history of the canyon area, while enjoying a bit of its backcountry. Meet a ranger at the parking lot for Uncle Tom's Point on South Rim Drive.	10 am 9/9 to 9/30	10 am 9/10 to 9/24	10 am 9/4 to 9/25	10 am 9/5 to 9/26	10 am 9/6 to 9/27	10 am 9/7 to 9/28	10 am 9/8 to 9/29
Walking the Edge (Starting Sept 4, easy walk of about a mile, 1½ hours) Enjoy learning about the ecology, geology, and history of the canyon while walking along the South Rim Trail with a ranger. Gain stunning views of the Yellowstone River, the Upper and Lower Falls, and the gorgeous colors of the canyon walls. Meet a ranger at the parking lot for Uncle Tom's Point on South Rim Drive, the road to Artist Point.	3 pm 9/9 to 9/30	3 pm 9/10 to 9/24	3 pm 9/4 to 9/25	3 pm 9/5 to 9/26	3 pm 9/6 to 9/27	3 pm 9/7 to 9/28	3 pm 9/8 to 9/29
Canyon Evening Program (<i>Starting Sept 4</i> , S <i>accessible</i> , 45 <i>minutes</i>) Join a park ranger for an illustrated program and learn more about some aspect of Yellowstone's natural or cultural history. Check bulletin boards and the visitor center for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Canyon Visitor Education Center .	7:30 pm 9/9 to 9/16					7:30 pm 9/7 to 9/21	7:30 pm 9/8 to 9/22

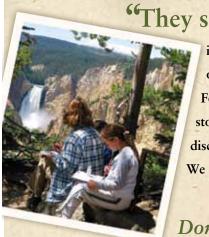
Fishing Bridge and Lake Village	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lake Scenic Cruise (Starting Sept 1, Saccessible, one hour) Join a ranger on a boat tour on the ethereal water of Yellowstone Lake, with views of the Absaroka Mountains, historic Lake Hotel and Village, and surrounding lodgepole pine forest. Advance reservations required, Xanterra Parks and Resorts. Call 307-344-7311 or stop by Bridge Bay Marina (\$15 plus tax for adults, \$10 plus tax for kids ages 3-11, free for kids under 3).	9:15 am	9:15 am	9:15 am	9:15 am	9:15 am	9:15 am	9:15 am
	10:45 am	10:45 am	10:45 am	10:45 am	10:45 am	10:45 am	10:45 am
	1:15 pm	1:15 pm	1:15 pm	1:15 pm	1:15 pm	1:15 pm	1:15 pm
	9/2 to 9/9	9/3	9/4	9/5	9/6	9/7	9/1 to 9/8
Storm Point Saunter (Starting Sept 1, easy hike of 2.3 miles, about two hours) Wander along the ever-changing lakeshore and through a diversity of landscapes including a lush meadow dotted with wildflowers and spruce, pine, and fir. Experience Yellowstone in its true splendor. Meet at Indian Pond and the Storm Point trailhead.	10 am 9/2 to 9/30	10 am 9/3 to 9/24	10 am 9/4 to 9/25	10 am 9/5 to 9/26	10 am 9/6 to 9/27	10 am 9/7 to 9/28	10 am 9/1 to 9/29
Mud Volcano Ramble (Starting Sept 4, moderately strenuous, 1½ hours) "The greatest marvel we have yet met with," declared early explorers. View colorful, vociferous, and intriguing mudpots and hot springs, and find out what they reveal about Yellowstone's explosive past and future. Meet at the Mud Volcano parking area.	11 am 9/9 to 9/30	11 am 9/10 to 9/24	11 am 9/4 to 9/25	11 am 9/5 to 9/26	11 am 9/6 to 9/27	11 am 9/7 to 9/28	11 am 9/8 to 9/29
Featured Creature (<i>Starting Sept 4</i> , S <i>accessible</i> , <i>30 minutes</i>) Enthralling and diverse wild animals, found few other places, nor in such profusion, are revealed in Yellowstone. Unveil the story of one of them. Meet at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center .	2:30 pm	2:30 pm	2:30 pm	2:30 pm	2:30 pm	2:30 pm	2:30 pm
	9/9 to 9/30	9/10 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/28	9/8 to 9/29
River Reflections (<i>Starting Sept 4, 20 minutes</i>) From a picturesque spot along the Yellowstone River, explore Fishing Bridge area history and one of the most important cogs in the motor of the Yellowstone ecosystem: the rare, mysterious, wily, polka-dotted and beautiful cutthroat trout. Meet on the west side of the Fishing Bridge .	3:30 pm	3:30 pm	3:30 pm	3:30 pm	3:30 pm	3:30 pm	3:30 pm
	9/9 to 9/30	9/10 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/28	9/8 to 9/29

Grant Village and West Thumb	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Scenic Lake Overlook (Starting Sept 1, moderate two-mile hike, two hours) Ascend through meadows, forests and past thermal features to reach a picturesque view of Yellowstone Lake surrounded by the Absaroka Mountains. Meet at Lake Overlook Trailhead in the West Thumb Geyser Basin parking lot. Bring water and a snack.	9:30 am 9/2 to 9/30	9:30 am 9/3 to 9/24	9:30 am 9/4 to 9/25	9:30 am 9/5 to 9/26	9:30 am 9/6 to 9/27	9:30 am 9/7 to 9/28	9:30 am 9/1 to 9/29
Hot Water Wilderness (Starting Sept 1, 🛃 accessible with assistance, easy, roundtrip is ¾-mile, 1-½ hours.) Take a stroll along the beautiful shores of Yellowstone Lake while exploring the origins of glittering geysers, belching mud pots, and emerald hot springs in West Thumb's dynamic geyser basin. Meet at the West Thumb Visitor Information Station.	10:30 am						
	4 pm						
	9/2 to 9/30	9/3 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/28	9/1 to 9/29
Lakeside Legends (<i>Starting Sept 1</i> , B <i>accessible</i> , 30 <i>minutes</i>) Yellowstone's past is filled with rich and vivid stories of American Indians, early explorers, and the first park rangers. Dive into the past and listen to a ranger recount the tales of early Yellowstone. Meet on the back porch of the Grant Village Visitor Center .	11 am						
	9/2 to 9/30	9/3 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/28	9/1 to 9/29
Looking into the Abyss (Starting Sept 1, Saccessible with assistance, easy, ¼-mile from the start of the boardwalk. Ten minutes.) Stare deep into beautiful Abyss Hot Spring and let a park ranger share with you the secrets it beholds. Meet at Abyss Hot Spring located in the West Thumb Geyser Basin.	1 pm						
	1:30 pm						
	2 pm						
	9/2 to 9/30	9/3 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/28	9/1 to 9/29
Wildlife Wonders (Starting Sept 1, 🗟 accessible, 25 minutes.) Are you wondering about the best wildlife viewing areas or perhaps how Yellowstone's fauna have persisted through time? Then relax in the shade as a ranger reveals the secrets of Yellowstone's wildlife. Meet on the back porch of the Grant Village Visitor Center.	2:30 pm						
	9/2 to 9/30	9/3 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/28	9/1 to 9/29
Grant Village Evening Program (Starting Sept 4, Staccessible, 45 minutes) Join a ranger for this presentation focusing on Yellowstone's natural or cultural wonders. Check locally for program topics. Meet at the Grant Village Visitor Center Auditorium.	7:30 pm						
	9/9 to 9/30	9/10 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/28	9/8 to 9/29

Mammoth Hot Springs	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Wonders of Yellowstone (<i>Starting Sept 1</i> , S <i>accessible</i> , 20 <i>minutes</i>) Yellowstone is full of wonders such as amazing geology, wildlife, history, and beauty. Join us as a ranger shares insights into one fascinating aspect of this magical place. Meet on the front lawn of the Albright Visitor Center , or in the theater if it's raining.	3 pm	3 pm	3 pm	3 pm	3 pm	3 pm	3 pm
	9/2 to 9/30	9/3 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	8/29 to 9/26	8/30 to 9/27	8/31 to 9/28	9/1 to 9/29
Tales of the Travertine (<i>Starting Sept 4</i> , S <i>accessible</i> , <i>15 minutes</i>) The travertine terraces at Mammoth Hot Springs are one of Yellowstone's most unusual, beautiful, and misunderstood hydrothermal features. Come learn how powerful earth forces constantly create and change these formations, and whether or not they really are "drying up." Meet at the end of the Palette Spring boardwalk, near Liberty Cap.	11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am
	1 pm	1 pm	1 pm	1 pm	1 pm	1 pm	1 pm
	9/9 to 9/30	9/10 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/28	9/8 to 9/29
Calling in the Cavalry (<i>Starting Sept 1</i> , S <i>accessible, one hour</i>) In its early days, the park was protected by the U. S. Army. Join a ranger on this short, relaxed walk around Fort Yellowstone to learn about important historic park events and to discover the role the military played in protecting Yellowstone. Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center .	6 pm	6 pm	6 pm	6 pm	6 pm	6 pm	6 pm
	9/2 to 9/30	9/3 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/28	9/1 to 9/29

Norris	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Windows Into Yellowstone (Starting Sept 1, 1-½ hours) Experience the muddy caldrons, acid geysers and clear pools of Norris Geyser Basin. Join a ranger for a walk through this magical land and learn about the park's geologic past, present, and future. Meet at Norris Geyser Basin Museum. Bring water, sunglasses and sunscreen.	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am	9:30 am
	9/2 to 9/30	9/3 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/28	9/1 to 9/29
Wild Yellowstone (<i>Starting Sept 1</i> , S <i>accessible</i> , 20 <i>minutes</i>) A ranger will share insights into a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone's wild nature. Meet at Steamboat Geyser , a 15-minute walk from the parking lot. In rainy weather, the talk will be held at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum. Check with ranger at information desk.	2:30 pm	2:30 pm	2:30 pm	2:30 pm	2:30 pm	2:30 pm	2:30 pm
	9/2 to 9/30	9/3 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/28	9/1 to 9/29
World's Tallest (<i>Starting Sept 4</i> , S <i>accessible</i> , <i>20 minutes</i>) Discover how geysers work at the world's tallest active geyser. Meet at Steamboat Geyser , a 15-minute walk from the Norris Geyser Basin parking lot. In rainy weather, the talk will be held at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum. Check with ranger at information desk.	3 pm	3 pm	3 pm	3 pm	3 pm	3 pm	3 pm
	9/9 to 9/30	9/10 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/28	9/8 to 9/29
Stars Above Yellowstone (<i>Starting Sept 6</i> , S <i>accessible, one hour</i>) The night sky above is part of what makes Yellowstone so special. Join a ranger to explore the pristine night sky over Yellowstone. Meet at Norris Campground entrance , near registration board and comfort station. Bring flashlight, warm clothes and binoculars (optional).					8:30 pm 9/6 to 9/27		

Old Faithful	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Geyser Hill Walk (<i>Starting Sept 4</i> , 1- ¹ /4 <i>mile walk</i> , 1- ¹ /2 <i>hours</i>) Geyser Hill is at the heart of the world's greatest concentration of geysers. Explore this special corner of the park and learn about the relationship between the park's volcanic history and hydrothermal features. Meet outside on the geyser side of Old Faithful Visitor Education Center .	9 am						
	9/9 to 9/30	9/10 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/28	9/8 to 9/29
Geysers Galore (<i>Starting Sept 4</i> , S <i>accessible</i> , <i>10 minutes</i>) Take a quick peek at Yellowstone's fascinating geysers and visible geologic story. Meet a park ranger at the benches in front of Old Faithful near the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center.	11:15, 11:45 am	11:15, 11:45 am	11:15, 11:45am	11:15, 11:45 am	11:15, 11:45 am	11:15, 11:45 am	1:15, 11:45 am
	12:15, 12:45	12:15, 12:45	12:15, 12:45	12:15, 12:45	12:15, 12:45	12:15, 12:45	12:15, 12:45
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	2:15, 2:45 pm						
	9/9 to 9/30	9/10 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/28	9/8 to 9/29
Black Sand Walk (<i>Starting Sept 4, half-mile walk, one hour</i>) Discover a lesser-known gem. You'll learn volcanic geology and the unique history of a striking hydrothermal area. Meet at Black Sand Basin parking lot, one mile north of Old Faithful.	12:30 pm						
	9/9 to 9/30	9/10 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/28	9/8 to 9/29
Old Faithful Evening Program (<i>Starting Sept 1</i> , S <i>accessible. 45 minutes</i>) Each evening a different aspect of Yellowstone's wonders will be featured during an illustrated program in the theater of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center . Check at the center for program titles and descriptions.	7 pm 9/2 to 9/30	7 pm 9/3 to 9/24	7 pm 9/4 to 9/25	7 pm 9/5 to 9/26	7 pm 9/6 to 9/27	7 pm 9/7 to 9/28	7 pm 9/1 to 9/29
West Yellowstone and Madison	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Afternoon Talk in West (<i>Starting Sept 4</i> , accessible, 30 minutes) Each afternoon, a ranger presents a talk about the park's natural or cultural history. The Yellowstone Historic Center Museum (YHCM) is at the corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street. The Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center (GWDC) is at 201 South Canyon Street. Talks are free and open to the public. There is a fee to visit the rest of YHCM or GWDC.	2 pm						
	9/9 to 9/23	9/10 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/21	9/8 to 9/22
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Madison Evening Program (<i>Starting Sept 4</i> , S <i>accessible</i> , 45 <i>minutes</i>) Each night a ranger will present a program about an aspect of Yellowstone's wonders. Check bulletin boards for program descriptions. Meet at the Madison Amphitheater .	8 pm						
	9/9 to 9/30	9/10 to 9/24	9/4 to 9/25	9/5 to 9/26	9/6 to 9/27	9/7 to 9/28	9/8 to 9/29



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 ${\it Recycle}$: 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 Treen 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.

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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. 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 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 exhibits, publications, online features, and other programs. Call 406 848-2400, or visit www.YellowstoneAssociation.org



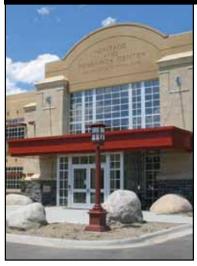
Truly short on time? If you have only a day to spend here, park rangers often recommend –

- 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.



Plan for a winter visit to Yellowstone on the park website www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/visiting-yellowstone-in-winter

Get an inside look at park heritage



The **Heritage and Research Center**, located just beyond the North Entrance in Gardiner, Montana, is the park's archives, museum collection and library storage and research facility.

In the lobby, visitors may see a temporary exhibit, *Notes from the Field: Natural Resource Management in Yellowstone.*

The HRC is open 8 am-5 pm weekdays. Research hours vary. Please contact 307 344-2563 for archives research or 307 344-2662 for museum collections.

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- Videos and podcasts Plan your visit, or learn more about park attractions and treasures
- **Electronic field trips** Take one of 17 free electronic field trips designed for middle school students at www.WindowsIntoWonderland.org
- Webcams offer views of Old Faithful, Mammoth Hot Springs, and the Mount Washburn Fire Lookout

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Grand Teton National Park

Grand Teton Guide, the park newspaper, is available at entrance stations and visitor centers, or online at www.nps.gov/grte

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.

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

Lodging

Colter Bay Cabins 800 628-9988

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

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

Station, 307 543-2372

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

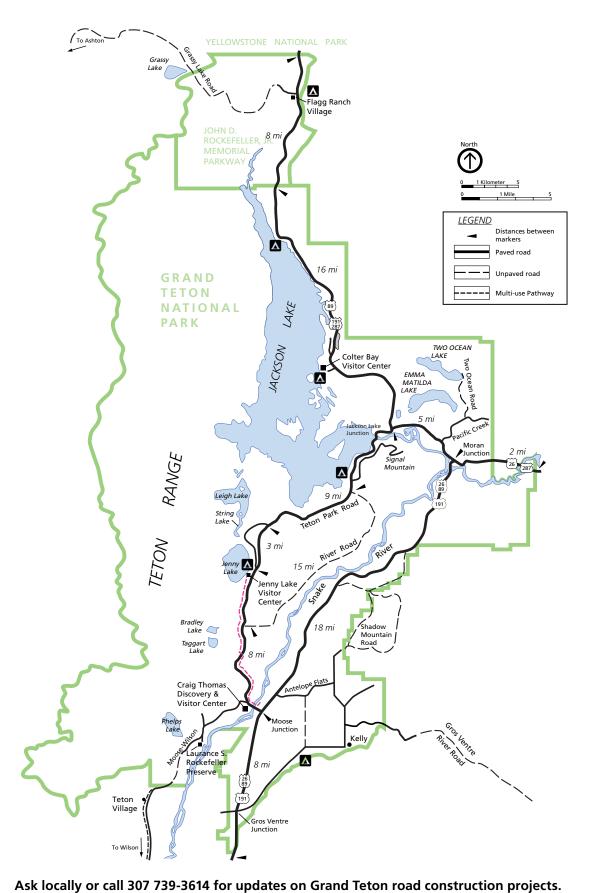


 Emergency
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 TTY:
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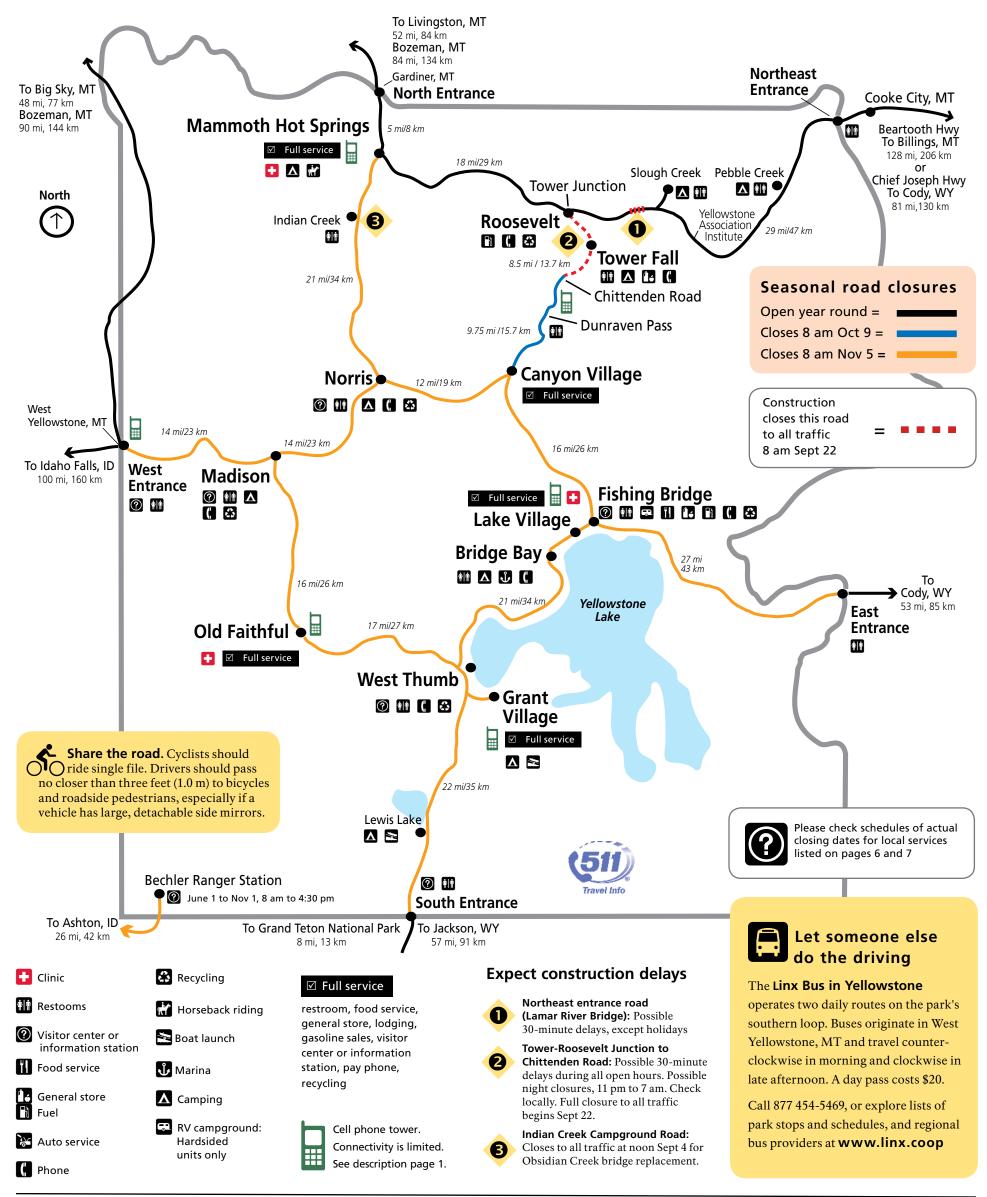
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Campgrounds

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



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