# Yellowstone Winter

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**Park mission:** Preserved within Yellowstone National Park are Old Faithful and the majority of the world's geysers and hot springs. An outstanding mountain wildland with clean water and air, Yellowstone is home of the grizzly bear and wolf and free-ranging herds of bison and elk. Centuries-old sites and historic buildings that reflect the unique heritage of America's first national park are also protected. Yellowstone National Park serves as a model and inspiration for national parks throughout the world.

# Top 10 things to know

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

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

www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/rules

Give wildlife a brake. Unless posted slower, the park speed limit is 45 mph (73 kph). You may encounter animals unexpectedly, please slow down to assure yourself enough stopping distance.

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

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

Do not feed any wild animals, including birds, squirrels, and coyotes. Consuming human food is unhealthy and encourages aggressive behavior that may require the death of the animal. All food, trash, coolers, and cooking tools must be kept secure in a bear-proof container or vehicle 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.

Be wary of icy surfaces. Hazardous conditions are common in winter. Take extra caution driving on roads, and walking on boardwalks, sidewalks, steps, and trails.

Canyon, Mammoth Hot Springs, Old Faithful, and Lake. As a courtesy to others, please silence your cellphone 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 use at visitor centers. Concessioners may provide Wi-Fi to visitors for a fee.

As you enjoy trails, **be bear aware**. Bears may still be active during winter. You are safer hiking in a group or three or more people. 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 bag and dispose of pet waste.

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

# **Emergency** Dial 911

Information line 307-344-7381

TTY 307-344-2386

**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 weekends and some holidays.

#### Lodging, dining, and activity reservations

Xanterra Parks & Resorts 866-439-7375 toll free or 307-344-7311. TTY 307-344-5395 www.YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com

**Lost and found** • Call 307-344-5387 to report or retrieve items lost in lodging facilities. To report or retrieve items lost in other parts of the park, call 307-344-2109.

**Accessibility** • A printed guide for visitors who use wheelchairs is available at all visitor centers. To arrange for an ASL interpreter for NPS ranger-led 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/

# Yellowstone's final Winter Use Plan

This winter Yellowstone National Park will implement a new, long-term Winter Use Plan and final rule. This effort has been years in the making, with input from more than 1.1 million public comments. It will help ensure that a winter visit to Yellowstone will be as special tomorrow as it is today.

The park's priorities are concise: conserve the resources and values that make Yellowstone special, and provide for enjoyment of those resources and values in a way which leaves them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

#### **Key changes**

- This winter season (2013/2014) will be a transition year to allow park staff, concessioners, and the public to prepare for the new plan's changes.
- Starting December 2014, oversnow vehicles (OSVs) will be managed as "transportation events," either one snowcoach, or a group of up to 10 snowmobiles. Managing by transportation events, rather than absolute numbers of vehicles, will help reduce disturbances to wildlife and how frequently OSVs can be heard.
- The park will be cleaner and quieter because snowmobiles and snowcoaches

will be required to meet more stringent environmental protection standards for both noise and exhaust emissions. Snowmobiles must meet new best available technology (BAT) standards that are significantly lower than the amount of noise and air pollution existing BAT snowmobiles make. In addition, snowcoaches will be required, for the first time ever, to meet BAT standards.

- Limited numbers of individuals and groups will be allowed to access the park without a commercial guide. Through the developing "Non-commercially Guided Snowmobile Access Program," one non-commercially guided group of up to five snowmobiles a day will be permitted through each of the four oversnow entrances.
- The park will work with interested parties and stakeholders to develop and implement an Adaptive Management Program, which will combine science with public input to ensure OSV impacts stay within limits predicted in the final plan.

For more information visit http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/winteruse.htm.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us create and now implement a solid, science-based winter use management plan.

Enjoy your time in this spectacular place.

# Connect with the park online



Overlapping perspectives of the Roosevelt Arch.









http://twitter.com/YellowstoneNPS http://twitter.com/GeyserNPS www.facebook.com/YellowstoneNPS www.youtube.com/YellowstoneNPS www.flickr.com/photos/YellowstoneNPS



Scan this QR code with a free app for your smartphone to link directly to tripplanning resources on the park website. http://go.nps.gov/visit-ynp

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# **Snowmobile regulations**

Your guide knows the regulations, but you should be aware of them too.

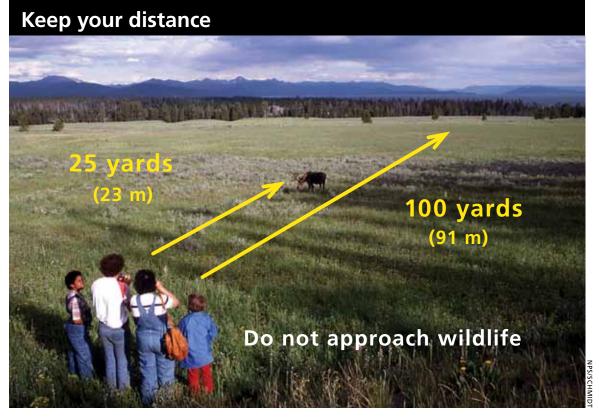
- All snowmobilers must be led by a commercial guide authorized by the National Park Service (NPS) to operate in Yellowstone National Park.
- All snowmobiles must meet NPS sound and emission requirements.
- Snowmobile operators must have a valid state motor vehicle driver's license in possession. Learner permits are not sufficient.
- Roads are open only 7 am to 9 pm. Snowmobiles are not allowed to operate in the park between 9 pm and 7 am.
- Maximum speed limit is 45 mph for snowmobiles, 35 mph for snowcoaches, or less where posted or as conditions warrant.
- · Use hand signals when turning or stopping.
- Allow enough distance between snowmobiles when traveling.
- · Pass only when safe.
- If you turn around, stay within the road width.
- Drive in single file, on the right side of the road even if the road is rough.
- When stopping, pull to the far right and park in single file.

- Do not idle your machine more than five minutes.
- Stay on designated roads. Sidehilling, bermriding, or any off-road travel is prohibited and carries a fine of up to \$5,000.
- Report accidents to a ranger.
- Operating a snowmobile while intoxicated is illegal. Possession of open alcoholic beverage containers, including bota bags, is illegal.

# Wild animals have the right of way

If bison or other wildlife are on the road, stop at least 25 yards away (100 yards for wolves or bears). Pull your machine as far as possible to the opposite side of the road and give them a chance to move off the road. Do not make sudden or erratic movements.

- Do not chase animals or cause them to run. If an animal appears agitated, do not attempt to pass. It may charge.
- If animals walk or run toward you and you cannot turn around, get off your machine and stand to the side of it, keeping the machine between you and the animals.
- If animals are standing calmly, your guide may inch toward them and assess their behavior. You may be able to pass on the opposite side of the road at a slow speed.



- · 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 covotes.
- If an animal moves closer to you, you should move to maintain the appropriate distance.
- · Do not surround, crowd, or disrupt an animal's path of movement.
- If other visitors put you or wildlife in danger, leave the scene and notify a park ranger.







25 yards (23 m)

100 yards (91 m)

# These activities are prohibited within Yellowstone

- · Willfully viewing, remaining near, or approaching wildlife—including nesting birds—within any distance that disturbs them, displaces them, or interferes with their movement
- Traveling off boardwalks or designated trails in hydrothermal areas
- Throwing anything into thermal features
- · Swimming in hot springs
- Removing or possessing natural or cultural resources (such as wildflowers, antlers, rocks, and arrowheads)
- · Leaving detachable side mirrors attached when not pulling trailers
- Traveling off-road by vehicle or bicycle
- · Camping outside of designated areas

- Spotlighting wildlife (viewing with lights)
- · Imitating elk calls or using buglers. Imitating wolf howls
- · Using electronic equipment capable of tracking wildlife

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



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

# These advisories contribute to a safer visit

- · Please keep your children close at hand and be sure that they understand all park hazards.
- Toxic gases may exist at dangerous levels in some hydrothermal areas. If you feel sick, leave immediately.
- Much of the park is above 7,500 feet (2,275 m). Allow yourself time to acclimate and drink plenty of liquids to avoid dehydration. Be aware of your physical limitations and don't overexert. Visitors with cardiac or respiratory medical history may wish to consult a physician before a visit.

# Keep your food secure

Do not feed any wildlife, including small mammals and birds. Consuming human food is unhealthy and encourages aggressive behavior that may require animals to be destroyed.



All food, trash, and scented items must be kept bear-proof at all times. Backpacks, truck beds, and snowmobile storage boxes 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
- Cooking or eating utensils
- Stoves and grills
- · Coolers and ice chests · Garbage, bagged or not
- containers

condiments, even if in

- Cosmetics and toiletries
- · Pet food and bowls

Food, including

· Pails, buckets, and wash



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.

# These activities require a permit

- · Overnight backcountry camping
- Travel with a service animal in the backcountry
- · All commercial services
- · Commercial filming and photography with props or models



# **Tours and activities**



# Authorized guides and outfitters

Many authorized guides and outfitters are ready to show you the wonders of Yellowstone, and each has a unique approach. Make sure that your guide, tour company, or other commercial service is fully authorized by the park. Report unauthorized operators to a park ranger, or contact

Concessions Management at 307-344-2271. Authorized providers are listed on the park website at www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/services.htm.

# **Yellowstone Association Institute**

Programs about wildlife, plants, geology, and history are perfect for curious adults and families who want to spend a day or more exploring the park with a knowledgeable guide. To find out more, call 406-848-2400 or visit www.YellowstoneAssociation.org.

#### **Xanterra Parks & Resorts**

Under its concessions contract, Xanterra offers a wide variety of park tours and activities. In summer, visitors can enjoy photo safaris, partial or full-day tours, horseback and stage-coach 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.

# **Programs for young people**



### **Junior Ranger Program**

Children ages 5 and older can become a Junior Ranger in Yellowstone. Hike, ski, or snowshoe a trail, attend a ranger-led program, and complete fun activities. Find out more and pick up your free copy of an eight–page activity paper available at a visitor center.

#### **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

# Be prepared for winter conditions

#### Clothing

Even in severe winter temperatures, you can be comfortable and safe if you dress properly to prevent chilling and overheating.

Wear clothes in several adjustable layers including:

- a windproof, hooded outer layer
- wool or other insulated garments underneath
- · wool or synthetic trousers
- wool or synthetic long underwear
- wind or rain pants for warmth on windy days
- wool socks, gaiters, or overboots
- gloves or wool mittens with waterproof shells

Avoid tight-fitting garments as they restrict circulation and increase the possibility of frostbite. Do not wear cotton clothes of any kind, including jeans, sweatshirts, underwear, socks. They retain moisture and put you at risk for hypothermia.

#### Gear

Before you rent or borrow equipment, check for fit and suitability for wilderness use. Essential items for snowmobiling include a helmet, face mask, heavily insulated gloves or

mittens, felt-lined boots, and a heavily insulated snowmobile suit.

Choose skis and boots made for touring or mountaineering. Narrow racing skis may not give you enough surface area to break trail and low shoes may not have enough ankle support.

On day trips, consider taking extra clothing, water, and food; matches or a lighter; a map and compass; and a ski repair kit. If you are planning an overnight ski trip, you must obtain a backcountry permit. In addition to the items you would include for a day trip, or an overnight trip in mild weather, you may also want to pack repair parts and tools, a shovel, a winter tent or bivouac bag, and a probe pole and transceiver.

# Park highlights



Castle geyser

#### History

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

# **Hydrothermal features**

Geysers, hot springs, mudpots, and fumaroles are evidence of ongoing volcanic activity. In the 50 miles between Mammoth Hot Springs and Old Faithful, you will see travertine terraces, acidic thermal features at Norris Geyser Basin, mudpots and geysers at Fountain Paint Pot, plus beautiful hot



Lower falls

springs at Biscuit and Black Sand basins near Old Faithful. West Thumb Geyser Basin is 17 miles east of Old Faithful. Mud Volcano is north of Yellowstone Lake.

# **Grand Canyon**

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

### Wildlife

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

	Canyon Village	Fishing Bridge	West Thumb	Mammoth Hot Springs	Old Faithful	West Entrance & Madison
Medical clinic				Year-round, except week- ends and some holidays. Mon–Thu 8:30 am–5 pm Fri 8:30 am–1 pm 307-344-7965		
Warming hut Warming huts provide shelter for skiers, snowshoers, and snowmobilers.	Canyon Visitor Education Center Lobby 12/15/13–3/13/14 approximately 9 am–3 pm Vending machine snacks, cold drinks. Restrooms open 24 hours.	12/15/13–3/15/14 Vending machine snacks, cold drinks	12/15/13–3/15/14 No food or water available	Mammoth 12/20/13–3/3/14 8 am–5 pm Vending machine snacks, cold drinks Indian Creek 12/15/13–3/3/14 Not staffed, no food or water	12/15/13–3/15/14 Daytime only. No Vending.	Madison 12/15/13–3/15/14 Light snacks and hot drinks sold during day. Vending machine, snacks available anytime
Snowmobile fuel All have credit card service at pumps.	12/15/13–3/15/14 Credit card fueling Call 406-848-7548 for assistance	12/15/13–3/15/14 Credit card fueling Call 406-848-7548 for assistance	Grant Village 12/15/13–3/15/14 Credit card fueling Call 406-848-7548 for assistance	12/20/13–3/3/14 Staffed daily 8 am–5 pm Credit card fueling Call 406-848-7548 for assistance	12/15/13–3/15/14 Credit card fueling Call 406-848-7548 for assistance	
Supplies and gifts				General Store Closed some Sundays and holidays Bear Den Ski Shop Mammoth Hotel gift shop		
Hotel				Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel 12/20/13–3/3/14	Old Faithful Snow Lodge 12/18/13–3/2/14	
Dining III				General Store Lunch available late fall through early spring Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel 12/20/13–3/3/14	Old Faithful Snow Lodge 12/18/13–3/2/14 Geyser Grill 12/15/13–3/15/14	
Campground				All year	Primitive only 12/15/13–3/15/14	

# How do geysers work?



Clepsydra Geyser

The Upper Geyser Basin of Yellowstone National Park has the largest concentration of geysers in the world. Geysers are hot springs with narrow spaces in their plumbing, usually near the surface. These constrictions prevent water from circulating freely to the surface where heat would escape. The deepest circulating water can exceed the surface boiling point (199°F/93°C).

The surrounding pressure also increases with depth, similar to the ocean. Increased pressure exerted by the enormous weight of the overlying rock and water prevents the water from boiling.

As the water rises, steam forms. Bubbling upward, steam expands as it nears the top of the water column until the bubbles are too large and numerous to pass freely through the

constrictions. At a critical point, the confined bubbles actually lift the water above, causing the geyser to splash or overflow. This decreases pressure on the system, and violent boiling results. Tremendous amounts of steam force water out of the vent, and the eruption begins.

Water is expelled faster than it can enter the geyser's plumbing system, and the heat and pressure gradually decrease. The eruption stops when the water reservoir is exhausted or when the system cools.

Yellowstone's geyser basins contain fountain-type geysers and cone-type geysers. Fountain-type geysers, like Clepsydra (*above*), shoot water out in various directions from a pool of water. Cone-type geysers erupt in a concentrated jet of water from inside a rock formation.

# **Visitor centers**

#### **Mammoth Temporary Visitor Center**

Located at Mammoth Hot Springs and open daily, year round, the center offers information, a bookstore, trip planning, and ranger programs.

Open daily 9 AM-5 PM Call 307-344-2263

#### **Canyon Visitor Education Center Lobby**

Information and vending is available during open hours, restrooms are available 24 hours a day.

Open for winter season beginning 12/15/13 Open daily about 9 AM-3 PM Call 307-344-2550

# **Old Faithful Visitor Education Center**

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

Open for winter season beginning 12/15/13 Open daily 9 AM-5 PM Call 307-344-2751

# **West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center**

Inside the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce Open Weekdays 8 AM–5 PM NPS Desk

Open for winter season beginning 12/15/13Open 8 AM-4 PM

Open 8 AM-4 P. Call 307-344-2876

# **National Park Service ranger-led programs**

# Mammoth

Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Mammoth Snowshoe Discovery (December 30–February 24) Experience winter beauty on a guided snowshoe walk with a park ranger. Snowshoes can be rented at the Bear Den ski shop next to the Mammoth Hotel, or bring your own. Come prepared with warm, layered clothes, sunglasses and water. Meet at the Upper Terrace Drive entrance parking area two miles south of Mammoth. Note: If there is a lack of snow, this will become a walk without snowshoes. Moderately strenuous. Beginners welcome! 2 hours.		1:30 рм 12/30-2/24					
Northern Range Ecology Talk (December 25–March 1) The Northern Range of Yellowstone has always been a premier place to watch wildlife. Learn about how all forms of life interact here and how this ecosystem has changed since the restoration of wolves. Meet at the Mammoth Temporary Visitor Center. Accessible. 30 minutes.				3 рм 12/25-2/26			3 рм 12/28-3/1
Evening Program (December 26–March 1) Join a park ranger for an illustrated program that highlights a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone's natural, cultural, or scenic wonders. Program descriptions will be posted in the Mammoth Hotel and Mammoth Temporary Visitor Center. Meet in the Mammoth Hotel Map Room.  Accessible. 1 hour.					8 рм 12/26-2/27	8 рм 12/27-2/28	8 рм 12/28-3/1

# **Old Faithful**

Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Geysers Galore! (December 15–March 15) Discover why Yellowstone has so many geysers. Look into Yellowstone's restless geologic past (and present!) for a story of volcanoes and earthquakes. Talk starts 20 minutes prior to a predicted mid-day eruption of Old Faithful. Meet a park ranger at the benches in front of Old Faithful. Accessible. 20 minutes.	Time posted in Visitor Center 12/15–3/9	Time posted in Visitor Center 12/16–3/10	Time posted in Visitor Center 12/17–3/11	Time posted in Visitor Center 12/18–3/12	Time posted in Visitor Center 12/19–3/13	Time posted in Visitor Center 12/20–3/14	Time posted in Visitor Center 12/21–3/15
Old Faithful Evening Program (December 27–March 1) Each evening a different aspect of Yellowstone's wonders will be featured during this illustrated program in the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center. Doors open at 7 PM. Enter via the main doors on the parking lot side. Program titles and descriptions are posted at the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center and the Old Faithful Snow Lodge.  Accessible. 45 minutes.	7:30 PM 12/29-2/23					7:30 PM 12/27-2/28	7:30 PM 12/28-3/1

# **West Yellowstone**

Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Snowshoe Walk (December 21–March 9) Discover Yellowstone's fascinating winter ecology while wearing snowshoes. Join a ranger for a 2-mile walk into Yellowstone National Park along the Riverside Trail. Meet at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center at the corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street in West Yellowstone, Montana. Bring snowshoes—no experience necessary. Also bring water and a snack. For information, please call 307-344-2876. 3 hours.	1:30 PM 12/22-3/9						1:30 PM 12/21-3/8
Afternoon Talk in West Yellowstone (December 21–March 9) Join a ranger for a program highlighting a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone's natural, cultural, or scenic wonders. Program descriptions will be posted in the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (corner of Yellowstone Ave. and Canyon St.), and at the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center at 201 South Canyon Street. Talks are free and open to the public. There is a fee if you choose to visit the rest of the Yellowstone Historic Center or the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center.  Accessible. 45 minutes.	Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 2 PM 12/22–3/9						Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 2 PM 12/21–3/8

# **Xanterra Parks & Resorts**

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Interpretive snowcoach tours Full & half-day adventures in heated oversnow vehicles	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
From Mammoth to Old Faithful: \$90 4 hours, 30 minutes	7:30 ам	7:30 ам	7:30 ам	7:30 ам	7:30 ам	7:30 ам	7:30 ам
From Old Faithful to Mammoth: \$90 4 hours, 30 minutes	1:30 рм	1:30 рм	1:30 рм	1:30 рм	1:30 рм	1:30 рм	1:30 рм
From Old Faithful to Flagg Ranch: \$90 3 hours 15 minutes	8:30 ам	8:30 ам	8:30 ам	8:30 ам	8:30 ам	8:30 ам	8:30 AM
From Flagg Ranch to Old Faithful: \$90 4 hours 15 minutes	12:30 рм	12:30 рм	12:30 рм	12:30 рм	12:30 рм	12:30 рм	12:30 PI
Canyon Day Tour from Old Faithful (December 20–March 1): \$160 You may want to order a box lunch the evening prior.	8:15 AM- 6 PM	8:15 AM- 6 PM		8:15 ам- 6 рм		8:15 AM- 6 PM	8:15 AM 6 PM
Canyon Day Tour from Mammoth (December 24–March 1): \$160 You may want to order a box lunch the evening prior.			8:15 AM- 5:00 PM		8:15 AM- 5:00 PM		8:15 AM 5:00 PM
Firehole Basin Adventure (December 20–February 28): \$60 Leaves from Old Faithful. 3 hours 15 minutes.		12:45 рм -4 рм		12:45 рм -4 рм		12:45 рм -4 рм	
Norris Geyser Basin Tour (December 21–March 2): \$80 Leaves from Mammoth. Strenuous, if you choose to walk around the geyser basin.	12:30 рм -5:30 рм		12:30 рм -5:30 рм		12:30 рм -5:30 рм		12:30 p -5:30 p
Old Faithful Photo Safari (December 19–February 27): \$175 You may want to order a box lunch the evening prior.		7:45 AM- 2 PM			7:45 AM- 2 PM		
Old Faithful Winter Photography Adventure (December 20–February 28): \$288 Leaves from Old Faithful. You may want to order a box lunch the evening prior.			7:15 AM- 5:30 PM			7:15 AM- 5:30 PM	
<b>Grand Canyon Winter Photography Adventure</b> (December 23–February 28): \$288 Leaves from Mammoth. You may want to order a box lunch the evening prior.		7:15 AM- 5:30 PM		7:15 AM- 5:30 PM		7:15 AM- 5:30 PM	
Madison Wildlife Excursion (December 19–February 28): \$80 Leaves from Old Faithful.			12:45 рм -5:30 рм		12:45 рм -5:30 рм		12:45 p -5:30 p
Steam, Stars, and Winter Soundscapes (December 18–March 1): \$45 Leaves from Old Faithful. 2 hours 15 minutes.	6:45 рм- 9 рм	6:45 рм- 9 рм	6:45 рм- 9 рм	6:45 рм- 9 рм	6:45 рм- 9 рм	6:45 рм- 9 рм	6:45 рм 9 рм
Interpretive bus tours (no skiing)	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Wake up to Wildlife (December 21–March 2): \$48 Leaves from Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel.  Accessible. 4 hours 15 minutes.	6:45 AM- 11 AM	6:45 ам- 11 ам	6:45 ам- 11 ам	6:45 ам- 11 ам	6:45 ам- 11 ам	6:45 ам- 11 ам	6:45 AN 11 AM

Leaves from Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel. & Accessible. 7 hours		2 РМ			2 PM		2 РМ
Ski & Snowshoe tours	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Grand Canyon Ski Tour (December 19–February 27): \$178 Leaves from Old Faithful.	7:45 ам- 6 рм		7:45 AM- 6 PM		7:45 AM- 6 PM		
<b>Guided Snowshoe Tour at Old Faithful.</b> (December 22–March 1): \$36 with snowshoe rental, \$28 without snowshoe rental. 3 hours 15 minutes.	8:15 AM & 1:15 PM	8:15 ам & 1:15 рм	8:15 AM & 1:15 PM				

Drop-offs and skier shuttles (minimum 3 people)	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Old Faithful Snow Lodge to either Divide or Fairy Falls (December 19–March 2): \$20	8:15 ам	8:15 ам	8:15 ам	8:15 ам	8:15 ам	8:15 ам	8:15 ам
One way. No pickups. You must return by ski or snowshoe.	9:15 <sub>АМ</sub> (Fairy)	9:15 <sub>АМ</sub> (Fairy)	9:15 ам (Fairy)	9:15 <sub>АМ</sub> (Fairy)	9:15 <sub>АМ</sub> (Fairy)	9:15 <sub>АМ</sub> (Fairy)	9:15 <sub>АМ</sub> (Fairy)
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Mammoth Hotel to Indian Creek (December 22–March 2): \$20 round-trip. Pick–up at Indian Creek is at 3:00 pm.	9:15 ам	9:15 ам		9:15 ам		9:15 ам	

Winter getaway value packages	Mammoth Includes unlimited ice-skating	Old Faithful Includes round-trip snowcoach fares
<b>Frosty Fun</b> includes two–nights lodging, breakfast each day, a welcome gift, and a Snow Card that is good for 10 percent off all meals, select gifts, in–park transportation, tours, ski shop services, and snowmobile rentals. Card is valid all winter.	\$139 per person double \$230 single occupancy	\$349 per person double \$518 single occupancy
<b>Trail of the Wolf</b> Offered Monday and Thursday. Includes three nights lodging, components of Frosty Fun, Guided Snowmobile Tour, and Wake up to Wildlife Tour.	\$495 per person double \$900 single occupancy	\$665 per person double \$1,109 single occupancy
<b>Nordic Heaven</b> Includes components of Frosty Fun, plus unlimited ski drops per person	\$195 per person double \$286 single occupancy	\$405 per person double \$574 single occupancy

Rates listed are valid January 1 to March 4, 2014, and do not include tax or utility fee.

Lamar Valley Wildlife (December 21–March 1): \$89

To reserve, stop by one of the hotel front desks or call 307-344-7311 or toll-free 866–Geyserland (866-439-7375), TTY 307-344-5395.

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# **Ski Trails**

#### **Northern Range Ski Trails**

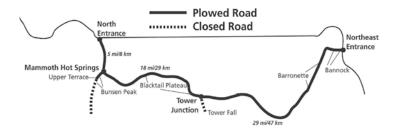
In winter, **Upper Terrace Drive** becomes a groomed 1.5-mile loop ski trail. You'll have views of the steaming lower terraces and historic Fort Yellowstone. This is a hydrothermal area; please stay on the trail.

The 6-mile **Bunsen Peak** trail (one-way) follows the old road; it is steep and has sharp turns. Along the trail, you will have views of the Gallatin Mountains and the Gardner River Canyon. For trail conditions, suggested starting points, and shuttles, ask at the Bear Den Ski Shop next to the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel.

**Blacktail trail** begins 8 miles east of Mammoth and follows an unplowed 8-mile road (one-way). Enjoy vistas of meadows surrounded by mountain peaks, and look for elk and bison scattered throughout their winter range.

**Tower area:** Ski trails may be available. Check locally.

The **Barronette** trail (3.5-miles, one-way) follows Soda Butte Creek along an old roadway that parallels the Northeast Entrance Road at the base of Barronette Peak. It travels through a forest and offers spectacular scenery and consistently good snow conditions.



# **Old Faithful Ski Trails**

Lone Star Geyser Trail is a moderate 9-mile trail (round-trip) that begins at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge and takes you to Kepler Cascades. From there, you follow a groomed service road alongside the Firehole River to Lone Star Geyser. The geyser erupts about every three hours from a 12-foot high cone. Beginning skiers should return the same way; more advanced skiers might like to return via the Howard Eaton Trail, which is steep and requires caution.

Catch a snowcoach shuttle at Old Faithful Snow Lodge to the southern end of the **Fairy Falls** trailhead at the steel bridge. From here you can ski to one of the most spectacular ice-encrusted falls in the park. You will be skiing through areas of burned forest so be alert for falling trees. You can ski back to Old Faithful by following the trail next to the snow vehicle road until you reach the Biscuit Basin Trail, which takes you through the Upper Geyser Basin past Morning Glory Pool and Geyser Hill. The entire trip is about 11 easy miles round-trip.

#### West Yellowstone Ski Trail

**Riverside trail** begins on Boundary Street and heads one mile through forest to the upriver and downriver loops. Both loops provide scenic views of the Gallatin Range and Madison River. Total distance varies from 2 to 7 miles, depending on your route. Round-trip mileages from trailhead: Upriver loop 3.5 miles, downriver loop (short) 6.6 miles, downriver loop (long) 9 miles.



# Be safe and smart while skiing and snowshoeing in Yellowstone

Skiing and snowshoeing are excellent ways to experience the unique beauty and solitude of a winter in Yellowstone. The trails in Yellowstone offer a wide range of scenery, terrain, and difficulty. Before venturing out into Yellowstone's winter wonderland, make sure you have properly planned and are prepared for the challenges brought on by extreme cold and deep snow.

#### **Be Prepared**

- Let friends or family know where you are going and when you plan on returning. Do not travel alone.
- Evaluate your party's capabilities and plan your outing so that everyone will enjoy it.
   Also know your equipment's capabilities and weaknesses, and be prepared to make repairs.
- Exertion in dry mountain air can dehydrate you. Carry and drink plenty of water, and bring high energy food.
- Be prepared to set up an emergency shelter. Bring a first-aid kit, space blanket, extra clothing, and headlamp.
- Carry and know how to use a map and compass or other navigational aid.
- Protect yourself from the intense winter sun. Use sunglasses or ski goggles and sunscreen.

# **Winter Hazards**

- Check weather and avalanche forecasts. High winds and snow can create dangerous whiteout and high avalanche conditions where route finding may become difficult.
- Do not leave designated trails in hydrothermal areas. Avoid getting close to geysers, hot springs, or mudpots. You may fall through overhanging snow ledges or thin crust.
- Know how to recognize avalanche terrain and avoid known avalanche paths.
   Avalanches are more likely to occur during

- or after heavy fresh snowfall, high winds, or extreme temperature changes.
- Hypothermia and frostbite can set in quickly. Take preventative measures to avoid the dangers of cold weather. Stay dry and learn how to recognize the signs of hypothermia and frostbite.
- Bears may be active at any time of year—be alert for signs of bear activity.

#### Etiquette

- Do not walk on showshoe or ski trails.
- Snowshoe parallel to the ski track.
- Yield to faster skiers or those going downhill.
- Detour around wildlife—do not approach.

For detailed information on winter trails, routes, and winter safety, contact the Central Backcountry Office or request a Winter Backcountry Trip Planner (available online or from any Visitor Center or Backcountry Office).



# Foreign language translations

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Park entrance fees	
<b>Private, noncommercial automobile</b> , 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
<b>Military Pass</b> , annual pass for active duty U. S. military personnel and their dependents with proper identification (CAC card or DD Form 1173).	Free

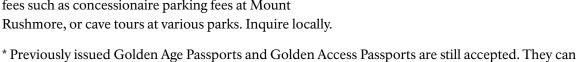
America the Beautiful: National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass

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 concessionaire parking fees at Mount

also be exchanged for newer, more durable passes.

Rushmore, or cave tours at various parks. Inquire locally.



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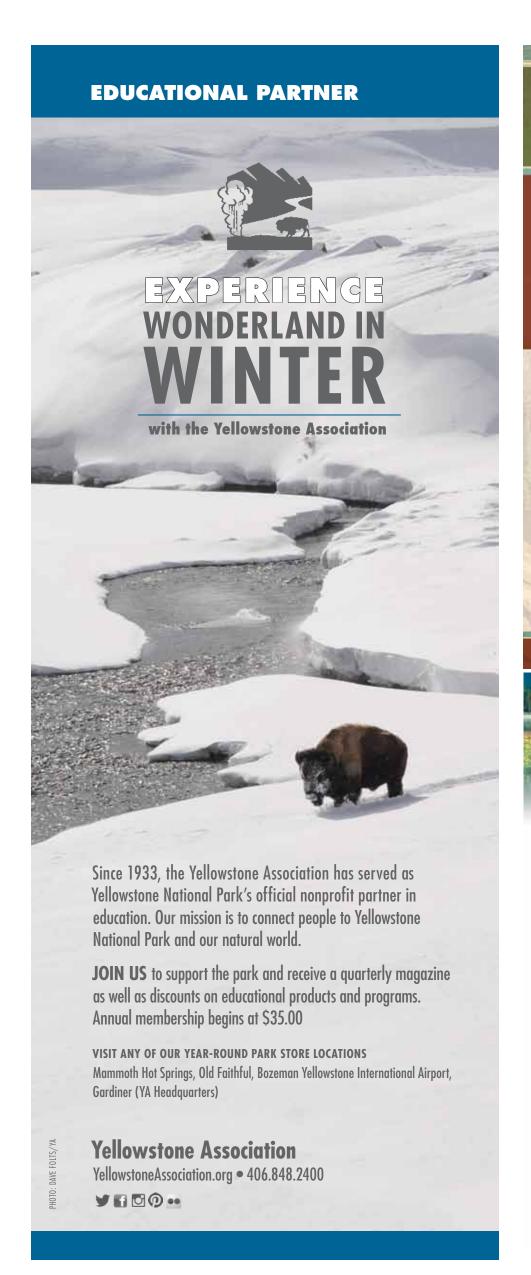
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# Environmental Commitment

As the operator of Yellowstone National Park Lodges, Xanterra strives to provide Legendary Hospitality with a Softer Footprint®, so we take our role as an environmental steward of Yellowstone National Park **very** seriously. Our environmental management program, **Ecologix**, helps us to incorporate sustainable practices in all aspects of our operations in order to keep the Yellowstone ecosystem pristine For Future Generations to experience!

Recycle: For your convenience, we offer recycling in all our lodging and food and beverage operations and have in-room containers for plastic, cans, glass, paper, and cardboard. With help from visitors like you, last year we recycled over 2 million pounds (the equivalent of 1,000 bull bison!) of material and kept more than 70% of our waste from going into the landfill!

Eat Well and Be Well: We offer a variety of healthy and sustainable menu choices in our food and beverage outlets that are locally produced, third-party certified, vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free. Come in and try them for yourself!

**Spend Sustainably.** In addition to our For Future Generations: Yellowstone Gifts store at the Mammoth Hotel which serves to educate our guests on how purchasing decisions impact the environment, Xanterra is committed to purchasing items that are made in the USA. In 2012, 68% of all of our products were made domestically.

Conserve Resources: While staying in the park be sure to participate in our recycling and in-room linen and towel reuse programs. Additionally, help to conserve resources by using a reusable water bottle and not letting your vehicle idle during your time in the park.

**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 continuing these 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

Thank you for helping us preserve Yellowstone for future generations!



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# Partners in sustainability

#### The National Park Service mission

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

#### Yellowstone and partners take action

As an integral part of our mission, Yellowstone National Park, park concessionaires, and partners are committed to reducing the ecological footprint of park operations and decreasing consumption of natural resources through sustainable business practices.

- In 2012, more than 59% of the park's total waste was diverted from landfills through recycling and composting.
- The park's vehicle fleet now includes 26 hybrid vehicles that have significantly lower emissions.
- High-tech tires on park trucks provide 3% fuel savings and emission reductions of more than eight metric tons of the greenhouse gas, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), annually.
- Xanterra's environmental management program, Ecologix, helps to incorporate sustainable practices in all aspects of their operations, from locally sourced food options to visitor education.

#### Visitors contribute to preservation

- Consider using a reusable water bottle and filling up at special filling stations in General Stores at Mammoth, Tower, Canyon, Grant, Fishing Bridge, and the upper and lower stores at Old Faithful.
- Visitors safely recycle approximately 5,000 small propane cylinders in the park each year.
- Bear spray canisters can be dropped off for recycling at most hotels and stores, or any visitor center or ranger station.
- Recycling is available in all lodging and food and beverage operations, including in-room containers for plastic, cans, glass, paper, and cardboard. In 2012, nearly 2.9 million pounds of materials were recycled parkwide.
- Delaware North Companies and Xanterra are committed to providing gift shop items that are made in the USA.





# MEDICAL SERVICES



- Emergencies Dial "911" or contact any National Park Service ranger within Yellowstone. Specially trained rangers provide rescue, emergency medical care, and ambulance service.
  - Medical Clinics Medcor operates three urgent-care clinics within Yellowstone park. The clinic at Mammoth is open year round, staffed by a board-certified physician and experienced RNs. The clinics at Lake and Old Faithful are open seasonally (see below for schedules). All of these clinics are open to the public and are staffed and equipped for most medical emergencies

and routine care. Services include injury and illness treatment, x-rays, and some lab and pharmacy services. If in-patient care or advanced services are required, the clinic staff can stabilize patients and arrange for appropriate transfer to a hospital.

Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center

Offering air and ground ambulance, trauma/ specialty care, and support for back country medical rescues, EIRMC teams with Medcor to provide Park visitors access to one of the top Trauma Centers in the U.S. www.eirmc.com

For more information visit www.medcor.com/Yellowstone.

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Old Faithful Clinic (307) 545-7325 Open mid May to early October and intermittently in January. Call Mammoth Clinic for specifics.

Lake Clinic (307) 242-7241 Open mid May to late September Closed in winter.

Appointments are not required; walk-in patients are welcome.

# Fundraising Partner



With your support, the Yellowstone Park Foundation funds critical Park projects, such as:

- wildlife & fisheries conservation
- hiking trail restoration
- historic preservation
- Yellowstone Youth Conservation Corps.

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