

# Grand Teton

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway

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## Easy Access

### A Guide for Seniors, Families with Young Children, People with Disabilities and Visitors Seeking Less Strenuous Activities



Visitors to the national parks have diverse backgrounds and interests. Grand Teton National Park and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway offer a wide range of opportunities to people with a variety of abilities. As new facilities are built and existing ones renovated, the concept of universal design is being

implemented. Universal design means that **everyone** benefits, including seniors, families with young children and people with disabilities.

This handout contains basic information regarding accessible facilities, programs and services available in the park and

parkway. Due to continuing changes and updating of facilities, some entries in this bulletin may become out of date. Please contact the park before your visit for more information concerning your specific needs.

## Visitor Centers

Visitor centers at Moose, Colter Bay, Jenny Lake and Flagg Ranch provide interpretive programs, displays and visitor information. Information is available in a variety of formats: visual, audible and tactile. Video and slide programs, large print scripts, braille brochures and narrative audio tapes are available at Moose and Colter Bay. A "touch exhibit" of antlers and horns is a sensory highlight at the Moose Visitor Center. The haunting sound of a Native American flute sets the stage for the Indian Arts Museum, located in the Colter Bay Visitor Center. The log studio of the locally famous landscape painter, Harrison Crandall, now serves as the Jenny Lake Visitor Center, where geology of the Teton landscape is emphasized. The Flagg Ranch Information Station provides assistance and information, including map and publication sales.

Accessible parking spaces are located close to all visitor center entrances and curb cuts are provided. Accessible restroom facilities are available, although access to the restrooms and lower level of the Colter Bay Visitor Center may require assistance due to steep ramps.

The Grand Teton Natural History Association manages sales areas in each visitor center. Books, postcards, posters, audio and visual tapes and many other references are available. Sales associates provide assistance.

*Teewinot*, the park newspaper, contains important information about exploring the park and parkway. Natural and cultural history, visitor services and ranger-led activities are included. Many activities are accessible to people with mobility impairments.

TDDs, Telecommunications Devices for Deaf, hard-of-hearing and persons with speech impairments are available at the Moose Visitor Center and Colter Bay Visitor Center. Moose TDD is 307-739-3400; Colter Bay TDD is 307-739-3544.

The Golden Access Passport is available free to American citizens that have been medically determined to have a permanent disability. The Golden Age Passport is available to American citizens 62 and older for a one-time fee of \$10. Passport holders are allowed free entrance to the park for themselves and those accompanying them in the same vehicle. Camping fees are half price. Golden Access and Golden Age passports are available at entrance stations and visitor centers and may be used at all federal areas.

## Historic Sites

**Menor's Ferry** was homesteaded in 1894 by William D. Menor. A self-guided 1/2-mile loop trail begins at the chapel parking lot. Leaflets are available at the trailhead. The paved trail leads to a small natural history museum, Bill Menor's cabin and a replica of the original ferry, an early transportation display and an exhibit of old photographs housed in the historic Maude Noble cabin. Access to the buildings is limited because of steps and narrow doorways. The restrooms are not accessible.

**The Chapel of the Transfiguration**, adjacent to Menor's Ferry, was built in 1925 to serve worshippers in Jackson Hole, where dude ranches once lined the valley. Visitors may pause for a magnificent view of the Tetons through the altar window. Sunday services are held throughout the summer. A ramp leads into the rustic log building.

**Cunningham Cabin**, located six miles south of Moran, was built in 1890 by the Cunningham family, one of the early homesteaders in the valley. A self-guided 3/4-mile trail winds past the cabin and through sagebrush flats, revealing remnants of the ranch. The trail is narrow and rocky and access may be difficult for wheelchair users, especially around the historic buck and rail fence, cattle guard and animal burrows. A descriptive brochure is available at the trailhead.

## Campgrounds

There are five National Park Service campgrounds in Grand Teton National Park. Colter Bay, Jenny Lake (tents only) and Gros Ventre campgrounds are located on relatively level terrain. Lizard Creek and Signal Mountain are hilly and access is more difficult. Check at each campground for the most accessible sites. See the table on page 3 for more details. None of the National Park Service campgrounds has RV hookups.

Eight campsites along the Grassy Lake Road offer a backcountry-type experience with easy access by automobile. Accessible vault toilets are located at each level campsite. Grassy Lake Road is west of Flagg Ranch in the Rockefeller Parkway.

Concession-operated trailer villages at Flagg Ranch in the Rockefeller Parkway and Colter Bay in Grand Teton provide RV hookups. The Flagg Ranch trailer village/campground has accessible facilities, including two entirely accessible restrooms. The campground has roll-in showers with transfer seats. The Colter Bay trailer village has level pull-through sites with partially accessible restroom facilities.

During the summer, programs are presented nightly in the Colter Bay, Signal Mountain and Gros Ventre campground amphitheaters. Campfire programs are presented several nights a week at Lizard Creek and Flagg Ranch. Lizard Creek, Colter Bay and Gros Ventre amphitheaters are accessible. Signal Mountain amphitheater is accessible with assistance.

## Picnic Areas

Currently there are two accessible picnic areas in the park. String Lake picnic area is the most accessible, with designated parking spaces, curb cuts, level sites, accessible picnic tables, paved trails and accessible vault toilets. Cottonwood Creek picnic area, located three miles north of Moose, has designated parking, curb cuts and accessible tables. The toilet is not accessible.

Two Ocean Lake trailhead and picnic area, located at the end of a three-mile unpaved road, has three level picnic sites overlooking Two Ocean Lake and an accessible vault toilet. Visitors should use caution during spring and inclement weather when the road is slippery and muddy.

## Concession Facilities

### Lodging

All lodging facilities in Grand Teton National Park provide some units which are accessible to people with disabilities. Jackson Lake Lodge has the largest number of accessible rooms. The National Park Service does not make lodging reservations, so please contact the concessioner of your choice. Lodging registration personnel

are prepared to assist you in obtaining accessible accommodations. Refer to the *Teewinot* for a list of concessioners and private companies.

### Restaurants

Accessible dining facilities are located at Flagg Ranch, Leek's Marina, Jackson Lake Lodge and Jenny Lake Lodge.

### Activities

Bus tours, float trips, fishing trips, lake cruises, horseback riding, wagon rides and mountaineering guide services are provided by concessioners and private companies. Check the *Teewinot* for additional information.

## Hiking Trails

Hiking trails in Grand Teton National Park offer varying degrees of difficulty and challenge. Some trails are easily accessible, like those at Jenny Lake, String Lake and Colter Bay. Wide, paved trails with gentle slopes lead to the shore of Jenny Lake. Stone retaining walls provide built-in benches near the lakeshore along the 3/4 mile loop. A level, paved trail, dotted with rustic log benches, follows the String Lake shoreline. Interpretive signs describe the formation of glacial lakes. The Colter Bay Lakeshore Trail, along the eastern shore of Jackson

Lake, is paved for 1/3 of a mile beginning at the marina. Easiest access to this trail is through the Colter Bay amphitheater, just north of the visitor center. An entirely accessible trail, located at the south end of the Jackson Lake dam, offers tremendous views of Jackson Lake and the Teton Range. Other trails in the park may be accessible with a higher level of difficulty depending upon your ability. Valley elevations range from 6400' to 7200'. If you have a respiratory or cardiovascular condition, consult your physician before engaging in strenuous activities.

There have been no special provisions made for accessibility in the backcountry because of the importance of maintaining the character and experience of the natural setting. Certain areas may present opportunities for a backcountry experience, depending upon an individual's capabilities. Check at visitor centers or ranger stations for specific information relating to your interests and needs.

## Waysides & Overlooks

Scenic overlooks and turnouts along park roads provide viewing opportunities from your vehicle. Most have descriptive wayside exhibits which include subjects like geology, wildlife and their habitats and fire ecology. All have designated parking spaces and curb cuts.

Some information for this site bulletin was obtained from the following publications, which may be helpful for planning a trip to Grand Teton National Park:

*Easy Access to National Parks: The Sierra Club Guide for People with Disabilities*  
Wendy Roth and Michael Tompane. Sierra Club Books, San Francisco, 1992.

*Teton National Park*  
Linda L. Olson and Tim Bywater. RNM Press, Salt Lake, 1995.

*Great American Vacations for Travelers with Disabilities*  
Fodor's Travel Publications, Inc., 1994.

*A Guide to Exploring Grand*

People of all ages and abilities visit national parks. Different levels of accessibility give visitors choices for experiencing the outdoors, based on their particular needs, skills and interests.

Your comments on accessibility are appreciated and should be directed to the Accessibility Coordinator, Grand Teton National Park, P. O. Drawer 170, Moose, WY 83012. Phone: (307) 739-3349 or TDD (307) 739-3400.

Large print available upon request.



# National Park Service Facilities

The following chart provides detailed information about facilities in Grand Teton National Park. Ratings are

based on *Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards* and guidelines presented in *Universal Access to Outdoor Recreation: A*

*Design Guide* based on Americans with Disabilities (ADA) accessibility guidelines.

|                                     | Designated Parking | Accessible route | Information | Toilets (Flush or Vault) | Telephone/TDD | Auditorium | Seating | Retail sales | Campsites | Fee station | RV hookups | Amphitheater | Picnic sites | Picnic tables | Fire grates | Water | Dump station |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------|------------|---------|--------------|-----------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------|--------------|
| <b>Flagg Ranch Village</b>          |                    |                  |             |                          |               |            |         |              |           |             |            |              |              |               |             |       |              |
| Information Station                 | ●                  | ●                | ●           | F●                       |               |            | ●       | ▸            |           |             |            |              |              |               |             |       |              |
| Campground/Trailer Village          |                    | ▸                | ▸           | F●                       |               |            |         |              | ●         | ▸           | ▸          |              |              |               | ▸           | ▸     |              |
| <b>Grassy Lake Road Campsites</b>   |                    |                  |             |                          |               |            |         |              |           |             |            |              |              |               |             |       |              |
|                                     |                    | ▸                |             | V●                       |               |            |         |              |           | ●           |            |              |              |               |             |       |              |
| <b>Lizard Creek Campground</b>      |                    |                  |             |                          |               |            |         |              |           |             |            |              |              |               |             |       |              |
|                                     |                    | ▸                | ▸           |                          |               |            |         |              | ○         | ▸           |            | ●            |              |               |             |       |              |
| <b>Leek's Marina</b>                |                    |                  |             |                          |               |            |         |              |           |             |            |              |              |               |             |       |              |
|                                     | ●                  | ●                |             | F▸                       | ●             |            | ▸       |              |           |             |            |              |              |               |             |       | ▸            |
| <b>Colter Bay Village</b>           |                    |                  |             |                          |               |            |         |              |           |             |            |              |              |               |             |       |              |
| Visitor Center/Museum               | ●                  | ▸                | ●           | F▸                       | TDD           | ●          | ●       | ▸            |           |             |            | ●            |              |               |             |       | ▸            |
| Campground                          | ●                  | ▸                | ▸           | F▸                       |               |            |         |              | ●         | ▸           |            |              | ▸            | ○             | ○           | ▸     |              |
| Trailer Village                     |                    | ▸                | ▸           | F▸                       |               |            |         |              | ●         | ▸           | ▸          |              |              |               |             |       | ▸            |
| <b>Signal Mountain Campground</b>   |                    |                  |             |                          |               |            |         |              |           |             |            |              |              |               |             |       |              |
|                                     |                    |                  | ▸           |                          |               |            |         |              | ○         | ▸           |            | ○            |              |               | ○           |       |              |
| <b>String Lake</b>                  |                    |                  |             |                          |               |            |         |              |           |             |            |              |              |               |             |       |              |
| Picnic Area                         | ●                  | ●                |             | V●                       |               |            |         |              |           |             |            |              | ●            | ●             |             |       | ▸            |
| Trail                               | ●                  | ●                | ●           |                          |               |            | ●       |              |           |             |            |              |              |               |             |       |              |
| Canoe Launch                        | ●                  | ▸                |             |                          |               |            |         |              |           |             |            |              |              |               |             |       |              |
| <b>South Jenny Lake</b>             |                    |                  |             |                          |               |            |         |              |           |             |            |              |              |               |             |       |              |
| Visitor Center                      | ●                  | ●                | ●           | F<br>V●                  | ●             | ●          | ●       | ▸            |           |             |            |              |              |               |             |       | ●            |
| Campground (tents only)             | ●                  | ○                | ▸           | F▸                       |               |            |         |              | ●         | ▸           |            |              |              |               |             | ▸     | ▸            |
| Trail                               | ●                  | ●                |             |                          |               |            |         |              |           |             |            |              | ●            | ●             |             |       |              |
| <b>Cottonwood Creek Picnic Area</b> |                    |                  |             |                          |               |            |         |              |           |             |            |              |              |               |             |       |              |
|                                     | ●                  | ●                |             | V●                       |               |            |         |              |           |             |            |              | ●            | ●             |             |       |              |
| <b>Moose Village</b>                |                    |                  |             |                          |               |            |         |              |           |             |            |              |              |               |             |       |              |
| Visitor Center                      | ●                  | ●                | ●           | F●                       | TDD           | ●          | ●       | ▸            |           |             |            |              | ▸            |               |             |       | ●            |
| Menor's Ferry                       |                    | ●                | ▸           |                          |               |            |         |              | ○         |             |            |              |              |               |             |       |              |
| Chapel                              |                    | ▸                | ▸           |                          |               |            | ▸       |              |           |             |            |              |              |               |             |       |              |
| <b>Gros Ventre Campground</b>       |                    |                  |             |                          |               |            |         |              |           |             |            |              |              |               |             |       |              |
|                                     |                    | ▸                | ○           |                          |               |            |         |              | ●         |             |            | ●            |              | ▸             | ○           | ○     | ▸            |

- **Accessible** – Facility complies with accessibility requirements. Provisions have been made for people with disabilities.
- **Partially accessible** – Facility meets *some* accessibility requirements. Users may require assistance.
- **Accessible with difficulty** – Facility may have significant barriers (steps, for example). Users may require assistance or need to possess extraordinary ability.