

Grand Teton

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway

National Park
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307 739-3300

Snowmobiling



"Gravel and boulders and sagebrush and all that is earthy was buried deep under snow on this bright morning. It haunts me like a weird ecstasy, a deep and vibrant music—that lighted snow..."Olaus Murie, *Wapiti Wilderness*

General Information

When snow depth is sufficient, snowmobile routes including the Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail (CDST) will be opened within Grand Teton National Park and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Memorial Parkway. For the unplowed portion of the Teton Park Road, the snowmobile season is generally mid-December through mid-March. The season for the CDST is considerably shorter. Travel on Jackson Lake is not recommended because of numerous hazards. See the map on the reverse side for the location of snowmobile trails.

Snowmobile regulations in Yellowstone National Park differ from those in Grand Teton National Park and the Rockefeller Parkway. For Yellowstone information call 307-344-7381.

Regulations

- A person under 16 years of age may only operate a snowmobile if accompanied and supervised within line of sight by a responsible person 21 years of age or older. The responsible person must supervise only one person under 16 years of age.
- A person under 12 years of age may only operate a snowmobile if accompanied on the same machine by a responsible person 21 years of age or older.
- Snowmobiles must exhibit a valid **Wyoming** snowmobile registration decal.
- All snowmobiles must have a working headlight and a red tail light. These lights must be on when it is dark or visibility is 500 feet or less.
- All accidents resulting in injury or property damage must be reported to a ranger station or visitor center within 24 hours of occurrence. Call 911 or 739-3300.
- Pets are allowed on plowed roads, snowmobile trails and the frozen surface of Jackson Lake, but must be leashed or physically restrained at all times.

Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail (CDST)

The CDST connects Dubois, Lander and the Togwotee Pass areas with Yellowstone National Park.

The CDST is a groomed trail and may be closed periodically for grooming. For current information on trail conditions, please call 307-739-3612; ask at the Moose Visitor Center and the Flagg Ranch Information Station; or check bulletin boards located along the CDST at the East Entrance to Grand Teton, at Signal Mountain and the Snake River Bridge at Flagg Ranch.

The CDST is located immediately adjacent to the plowed road and follows Highway 26-287 from the east park boundary to Moran Junction, then follows Highway 89 to the south entrance of Yellowstone National Park. From the east park boundary to

Jackson Lake Junction, the CDST is located on the north side of the highway. At Jackson Lake Junction the trail crosses the highway to the west side and follows an old roadbed north to Christian Creek. After crossing Christian Creek, the trail passes under the highway bridge and continues north to Flagg Ranch on the east side of the highway.

A spur trail from Jackson Lake Junction south connects the CDST with the Teton Park Road snowmobile route. This spur trail follows the north side of the Teton Park Road to Jackson Lake Dam. From Jackson Lake Dam to Signal Mountain, snowmobiles must share the roadway with wheeled vehicles, so snowmobile operators must be extremely cautious. The snowmobile route from Signal Mountain south to Taggart Lake parking area follows the unplowed road and is not groomed.

Prohibited Actions—All Trails

- Violation of the posted speed.
- Operating a snowmobile at speeds greater than what is prudent or reasonable.
- Careless or reckless operation of a snowmobile.
- Operating a snowmobile outside designated areas and trails.
- Failure to comply with a traffic sign.
- Obstructing traffic.
- Operating a snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Carrying or possessing an open container of alcohol while driving a snowmobile.
- Failure to yield the right of way.
- Operating a snowmobile with a noise level beyond 78 decibels.
- Operating a snowmobile that does not have brakes in good working order.
- Harassing wildlife.

CDST Regulations

Additional regulations for snowmobile operation on the CDST:

- **Maximum speed on the CDST is 35 mph**, except from Moran to the east park boundary where the speed limit is 45 mph.
- Snowmobiles **must** travel on the designated snowmobile trail. Travel on a roadway open to wheeled vehicles, except where designated, is prohibited.
- The CDST will be closed nightly from 8 pm to 5:30 am.
- Skiers and pedestrians are not allowed on the CDST.

Trailer Parking & Snowmobile Access Locations

- Taggart Lake Parking Area
 - Signal Mountain
 - Flagg Ranch
 - Grand Teton KOA – 6 miles east of Moran
- There is no snowmobile access at Moran.

Other Information

- Toilets are located at Flagg Ranch, Jackson Lake Lodge and Signal Mountain.
- Gasoline is available at Flagg Ranch and Grand Teton KOA (6 miles east of Moran).
- Payphones are located at Moran Entrance Station, Signal Mountain Lodge and Flagg Ranch. Payphones at the Colter Bay Ranger Station and Moose Visitor Center are not accessible by snowmobile.

Entrance Fees

Entrance fees are collected at the Moran and Moose Entrance Stations in Grand Teton and all Yellowstone Entrance Stations. Entrance permit is good for both Grand Teton and Yellowstone for 7 days; save your receipt.

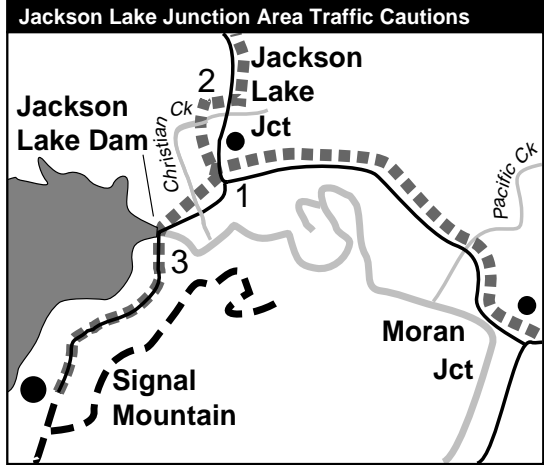
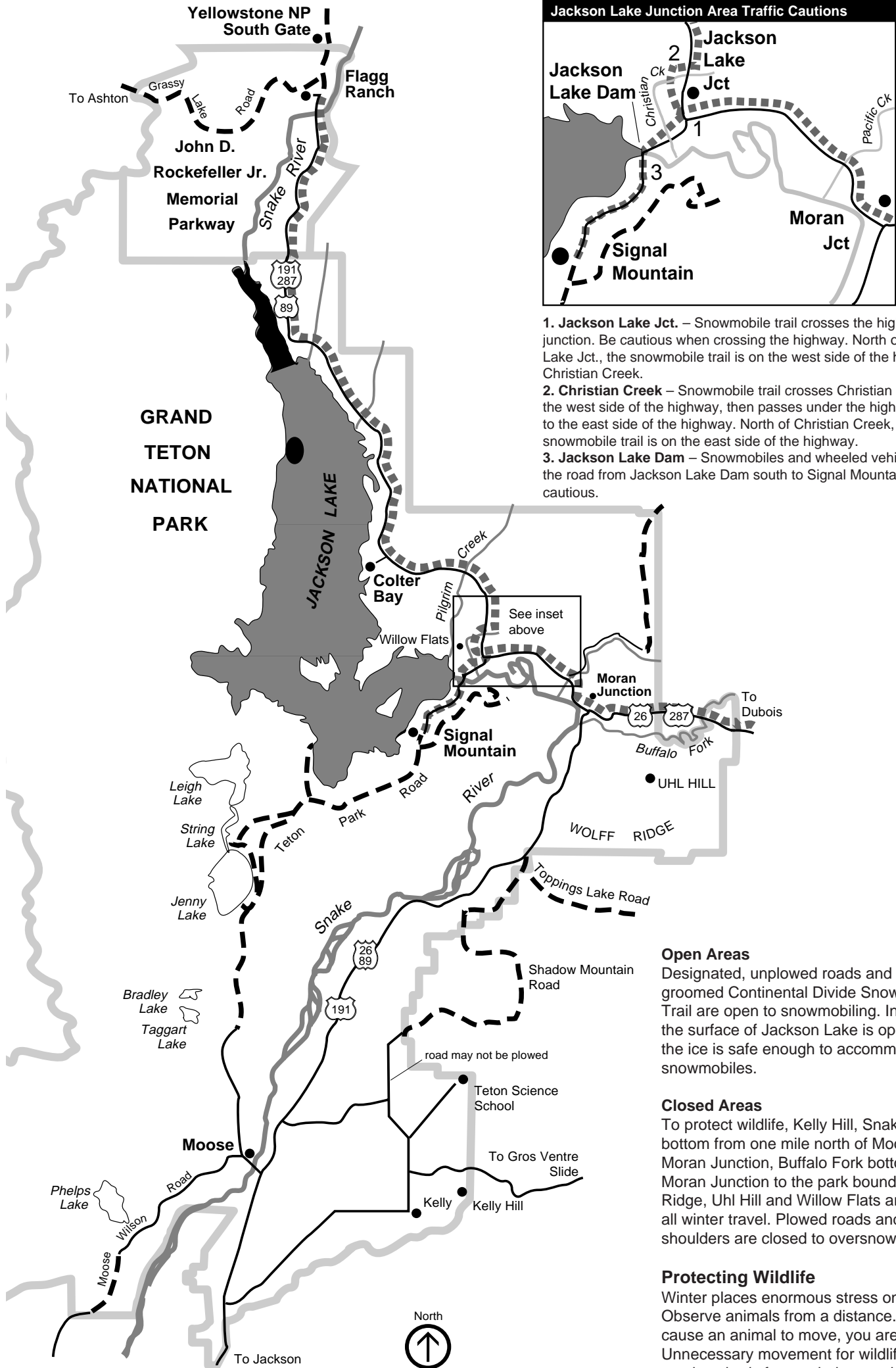
911 for emergencies
739-3612 CDST in Grand Teton
739-3300 Park Dispatch
1-800-225-5996 WY snowmobile trail conditions

Shuttle Service

Flagg Ranch is authorized to provide shuttle service from Flagg Ranch to a staging area east of Moran. The fee is \$33 per snowmobile one way; \$40 roundtrip. Capacity per shuttle is 6 machines. For information and reservations, call 543-2861. Please call one day in advance.

- Watch for snow grooming equipment on the CDST and snow removal equipment on the highway adjacent to the CDST.
- Be aware of trail hazards such as open culverts, steep slopes and drop-offs, hidden obstacles and holes, bridge abutments, nearby trees, sign posts, wildlife and poor visibility.
- Be aware of your limitations and ride accordingly.
- Familiarize yourself with the map, terrain and points of reference.
- Be aware of two-way traffic on the CDST as well as automobile traffic on the highway adjacent to the CDST.
- Operate snowmobiles with headlights on.

Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail & Other Snowmobile Routes



1. **Jackson Lake Jct.** – Snowmobile trail crosses the highway at the junction. Be cautious when crossing the highway. North of Jackson Lake Jct., the snowmobile trail is on the west side of the highway until Christian Creek.
2. **Christian Creek** – Snowmobile trail crosses Christian Creek on the west side of the highway, then passes under the highway bridge to the east side of the highway. North of Christian Creek, the snowmobile trail is on the east side of the highway.
3. **Jackson Lake Dam** – Snowmobiles and wheeled vehicles share the road from Jackson Lake Dam south to Signal Mountain—be cautious.

Open Areas

Designated, unplowed roads and the groomed Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail are open to snowmobiling. In addition, the surface of Jackson Lake is open when the ice is safe enough to accommodate snowmobiles.

Closed Areas

To protect wildlife, Kelly Hill, Snake River bottom from one mile north of Moose to Moran Junction, Buffalo Fork bottom from Moran Junction to the park boundary, Wolff Ridge, Uhl Hill and Willow Flats are closed to all winter travel. Plowed roads and road shoulders are closed to oversnow vehicles.

Protecting Wildlife

Winter places enormous stress on wildlife. Observe animals from a distance. If you cause an animal to move, you are too close. Unnecessary movement for wildlife uses precious body fat needed to survive the harsh winter.

Snowmobile Routes & Designated Areas

- Plowed road
- Rivers & streams
- Park boundary
- Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail (CDST)—see inset above for traffic cautions.
- Snowmobile Route
- Jackson Lake—annual oversnow vehicle permit required for snowplanes. Inquire at Moose Visitor Center about ice conditions and hazards.
- Area containing known hazard; other hazard areas exist

Trail Distances

Moran Junction to Jackson Lake Junction 5 mi
 Jackson Lake Junction to Signal Mountain 3 mi
 Signal Mountain to Taggart Lake parking area 15 mi
 Signal Mountain summit road 5 mi

Jackson Lake Junction to Colter Bay 6 mi
 Colter Bay to Flagg Ranch 15 mi
 Flagg Ranch to Grassy Lake 11 mi
 Moose-Wilson road 2 mi