

# Grand Teton Guide

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## Welcome to Grand Teton National Park

Whether you watch wildlife, take a scenic drive, hike the trails or scale the peaks, this spectacular landscape inspires us all. The scenery, wildlife and local culture are timeless, and park staff work hard to protect these resources for you and generations to come. We hope you enjoy your visit and return often to this and other national parks. For any return visitors, you will likely notice some changes this year.

On March 1st, all federal agencies, including the National Park Service, were affected by an action known as sequestration. National parks were directed to take an across-the-board five percent reduction

in their budgets in the last half of the fiscal year. In spite of these cuts, we will continue to strive to ensure visitor safety and protect park resources.

Please visit the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center or Colter Bay Visitor Center to better plan your time and learn how to keep yourself safe in this wild landscape. The Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center, Jenny Lake Visitor Center and Jenny Lake Ranger Station will remain open this summer thanks to private financial support from park partners and friends. We are very grateful for their support.

Closures this summer include: the Flagg Ranch Information Station; all campsites and restrooms along the Grassy Lake Road; and the roads and restrooms for Spalding Bay, Schwabachers Landing and Two

Ocean Lake. See page 3 for more information on sequestration impacts.

Although some facilities and services are not available this summer, we are committed to helping you make life long memories during your visit. Enjoy your time spent in the shadow of the Teton Range, be safe, and please help us preserve the many treasures of Grand Teton National Park during this and future visits.

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LIVING WITH WILDLIFE challenges all of us. Whether you visit Grand Teton National Park on vacation or live in the valley of Jackson Hole, encountering wildlife in their own environment is thrilling and potentially dangerous.

Observing and photographing wildlife draws many to this beautiful place; seeking out the smallest calliope hummingbird or the largest grizzly bear. We all share a responsibility to protect ourselves and the park's animals.

Always maintain a distance of at least 100 yards from bears and wolves, and 25 yards from all other animals. Never position yourself between an adult and its offspring. Females with young are especially defensive. Let wildlife thrive undisturbed. If your actions cause an animal to flee, you are too close.

It is illegal to feed wildlife in the park including ground squirrels and birds. Feeding wildlife makes them dependent on people and often results in poor nutrition. Please follow all food storage regulations. Look for bear boxes at campgrounds and picnic areas. Allowing bears to obtain human food even once often results in aggressive behavior. The bear becomes a threat to human safety and must be relocated or killed.

Whatever brings you to this special place, remember the spectacular mountains and the diverse wildlife. We hope you will remain connected to this place long after you return home.

## Bears in the Fall

Would you believe that bears consume up to 20,000 calories a day in the fall? This feeding-frenzy is called "hyperphagia." Bears put on weight in fall to survive winter hibernation. Hawthorne and chokecherry bushes line the Moose-Wilson Road providing prime habitat for both black and grizzly bears. Park rangers will close this road if necessary due to bear activity.

As you travel through the park, please "Be Bear Aware."

- Both black and grizzly bears may be dangerous.
- Stay at least 100 yards from bears and wolves.
- Remain in your vehicle if bears are present.
- Hike in groups, make noise and carry bear spray.
- Keep a clean camp and always store any product with an odor properly.

## International Visitors

Des renseignements en Français sont disponibles aux centres des visiteurs dans le parc.

Sie können Informationen auf Deutsch in den Besucherzentren bekommen.

Se puede conseguir información en Español en el Centro del Visitante.

Accessibility information available at visitor centers and on the Grand Teton Web site: <http://www.nps.gov/grte>.



## Contact Information

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Grand Teton National Park Facebook  
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[www.nps.gov/grte/](http://www.nps.gov/grte/)  
[www.facebook.com/GrandTetonNPS](https://www.facebook.com/GrandTetonNPS)  
[twitter.com/GrandTetonNPS](https://twitter.com/GrandTetonNPS)

<b>EMERGENCY</b> .....	<b>911</b>
Park Dispatch .....	(307) 739-3301
Visitor Information .....	(307) 739-3300
Weather .....	(307) 739-3611
Road Construction Hotline .....	(307) 739-3614
Backcountry & River Information .....	(307) 739-3602
Climbing Information .....	(307) 739-3604
Camping Information .....	(307) 739-3603
Lost and Found .....	(307) 739-3350
TTY/TDD Emergency Calls Only .....	(307) 739-3301

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# GRAND TETON *National Park*



*National Park Service Director Horace Albright speaks at the 1929 Grand Teton National Park designation ceremony.*

FEW LANDSCAPES IN THE WORLD are as striking and memorable as that of Grand Teton National Park. Rising abruptly from the valley floor, the Tetons offer a testament to the power and complexity of nature. The mountains, valleys, lakes, rivers and skies are home to diverse and abundant plants and animals.

People have been living in the shadow of the Teton Range for more than 11,000 years. The human history of this area is extensive, beginning with prehistoric American Indians, to the early Euro-American explorers, and the more recent frontier

settlers. Today, more than 300 historic structures remain in the park.

This spectacular mountain range and the desire to protect it resulted in the establishment of Grand Teton National Park in 1929. Through the vision and generous philanthropy of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., additional lands were added, creating the present day park in 1950.

Grand Teton National Park is truly a special and unique place. With thoughtful use and careful management, it can remain so for generations to come. As with other sites

in the National Park System, Grand Teton preserves a piece of the natural and cultural heritage of America for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations.

While you are here, take a moment to put your cares aside, stroll through a sagebrush meadow, hike a park trail, sit on a quiet lakeshore, and lose yourself to the power of this place.

We hope you will be refreshed and restored during your visit, and stay connected to this magnificent landscape long after you have returned home.



## Entrance Fees

### Single Entry Grand Teton - Yellowstone: \$25 - 7 Days

Good for both Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks: \$25 per vehicle; \$12 per person for single hiker or bicyclist; \$20 per motorcycle.

### Interagency Annual Pass: \$80 - Annual

Covers entrance and standard amenity recreation fees on public lands managed by four Department of the Interior agencies—the National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the Bureau of Reclamation, and by the Department of Agriculture's U.S. Forest Service. The interagency pass is good at vehicle-based entry sites for all occupants in a single, non-commercial vehicle.

### Military Annual Pass: Free - Annual

For active duty military personnel and dependents with proper identification (CAC Card or DD Form 1173). Includes the same benefits as the Interagency Annual Pass.

### Interagency Senior Pass: \$10 - Lifetime

A lifetime pass for U.S. citizens 62 or older, offering entrance to all areas covered under the Interagency Annual Pass, non-transferable.

### Interagency Access Pass: Free

A lifetime pass for citizens with permanent disabilities, offering entrance to all areas covered under the Interagency Annual Pass, non-transferable.

### Annual Grand Teton - Yellowstone Pass: \$50.00 - Annual

Allows entrance to Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks for 12 months from date of purchase; non-transferable.

### Commercial Tour Fee: \$variable - 7 Days

Good for both Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks; non-transferable. Fee is based on the carrying capacity of the vehicle (driver not included). 1-6 carrying capacity: \$25 plus \$12 per person; 7-15 carrying capacity: \$125; 16-25 carrying capacity: \$200; 26 or more carrying capacity: \$300.

## Visitor Centers

## 2013

### Craig Thomas Discovery & Visitor Center

Located in Moose, 1/2 mile west of Moose Junction. (307) 739-3399.

May 1-June 2	8 am to 5 pm
June 3-Sept. 2	8 am to 7 pm
Sept. 3-Nov. 3	8 am to 5 pm

### Jenny Lake Visitor Center

Located 8 miles north of Moose Junction on the Teton Park Road.

Open Daily. (307) 739-3392.

June 1-Sept. 23	8 am to 5 pm
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Opening made possible by support from the Grand Teton Association.

### Jenny Lake Ranger Station

Located 8 miles north of Moose Junction on the Teton Park Road.

Open Daily. (307) 739-3343.

June 8-Sept. 8	8 am to 5 pm
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Opening made possible by support from PSAR and the Grand Teton Association.

### Colter Bay Visitor Center

Located 1 mile west of Colter Bay Junction off Highway 89/191/287.

Open Daily. (307) 739-3594.

June 3-Sept. 2	8 am to 7 pm
Sept. 3-29	8 am to 5 pm
Sept. 30-Oct. 14	9 am to 5 pm

### Flagg Ranch Information Station

Will be closed this summer due to budget reductions from sequestration

### Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center

Located 4 miles south of Moose on the Moose-Wilson Road. Open Daily. (307) 739-3654.

June 1-Sept. 22	10 am to 6 pm
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Opening made possible by support from Jackson Hole Preserve, Inc.

### Jackson Hole/Greater Yellowstone Visitor Center

Located in Jackson at 532 N. Cache, visitor information for the greater Jackson Hole area. Open Daily.

# What is sequestration?

## How does sequestration affect Grand Teton National Park?

Sequestration requires Grand Teton National Park to take a permanent five percent cut, a loss of about \$700,000 in the last half of the fiscal year and during peak visitor season.

## Why is a 5 percent cut such a big deal?

Between 2009 and 2012, the park's inflation-adjusted budget declined about eight percent. The park has already cut seasonal staff and taken other steps in response to this decline. The additional five percent cut under sequestration equates to nearly a 14 percent total decline in the park's budget since 2009.

## Why did the park close Schwabachers Landing, Spalding Bay, and Two Ocean Lake Road and Grassy Lake Road Campsites?

Decisions to close areas and facilities were not made lightly. In order to reduce the number of seasonal custodial staff we had to reduce the amount of custodial work required. The only feasible way to do this was to close facilities requiring that work. We chose less visited, more remote areas so we could focus limited resources on the areas with the greatest visitor use.

## Couldn't the park have locked the restrooms and removed the trash cans but left the road open?

We have found that when toilets and trash are unavailable, people will still dispose of their waste. This situation creates unsightly and unsanitary conditions that eventually require more time and money to clean up and restore. Additionally, all closed facilities are near sensitive wetlands so that behavior would create an unacceptable impact on important habitat.

## How was the park able to open the Laurance S. Rockefeller (LSR) Preserve Center?

Jackson Hole Preserve, Inc., trustees for Laurance S. Rockefeller, established a one-time grant to fund the LSR Preserve Center this summer. Funds came from an endowment established to address essential capital needs at the LSR Preserve, not for operating costs. Future grants for operations will not be made.

## How was the park able to open the Jenny Lake Visitor Center?

Jenny Lake Visitor Center will open through a collaboration with our park partner, the Grand Teton Association (GTA). For this season only, GTA has agreed to help fund operations of this visitor center through revenue from book sales.

## How was the park able to open the Jenny Lake Ranger Station?

Generous one-time private donations to the 2013 Preventative Search and Rescue Program (PSAR) allowed the park to open the Jenny Lake Ranger Station.

## Go Digital

### WIRELESS INTERNET

Free wireless internet access is available for the public at the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center in Moose.



### MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATIONS

The Grand Teton National Park website offers a variety of audio, video and digital image products: [www.nps.gov/grte/photosmultimedia/multimedia.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grte/photosmultimedia/multimedia.htm).

### VIDEO PODCASTS

Plan your trip, view wildlife, learn about safety in bear country, understand the powerful forces that shaped these mountains, and learn about the Murie family who helped preserve this landscape from the multimedia page.



### GRAND TETON iPHONE APP

The Official App for Grand Teton National Park produced for the Grand Teton Association includes the essential information you need to plan your trip or experience the park before leaving home. Download to your iPhone: [tetonapp.com](http://tetonapp.com).



### TravelStorysGPS iPHONE APP

This free app from the Grand Teton National Park Foundation shares vivid and engaging audio stories about the history, geology, animals and activities in the park. Drive the Teton Park Road from Moose to Jackson Lake Lodge and learn about this magnificent park: [www.gtnpf.org/TravelStorysGPS.php](http://www.gtnpf.org/TravelStorysGPS.php).



## eHike String Lake



Explore the elements in a virtual hike around String Lake—earth, wind, water and fire. Discover this often overlooked gem in the park: [www.nps.gov/grte/photosmultimedia/virtualtour.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grte/photosmultimedia/virtualtour.htm)

## Write on our Wall

Like us on Facebook to get park updates, or share photos and your thoughts with our friends: [www.facebook.com/GrandTetonNPS](http://www.facebook.com/GrandTetonNPS).



Follow us on Twitter: [twitter.com/GrandTetonNPS](http://twitter.com/GrandTetonNPS).

## Learn & Discover



Visit our fun and educational website: Discover Grand Teton! The website highlights the park's history, geology, wild communities and Junior Ranger program. Go to: [www.discovergrandteton.org](http://www.discovergrandteton.org)

## Campgrounds



All five park campgrounds and two trailer villages are operated by park concessioners.

### CAMPGROUNDS

Campground fees are \$21 per night per site and \$10.50 for Senior/ Access cardholders. Jenny Lake and Colter Bay have walk-in sites available. All campgrounds provide modern comfort stations, but do not include utility hookups. (Colter Bay RV Park and Headwaters Campground & RV Sites do have hookups.)

The maximum length of stay is seven days per person at Jenny Lake and 14 days at all other campgrounds—no more than 30

days in the park per year (14 days at Jenny Lake). The campgrounds operate on a first-come, first-served basis, advance reservations are not accepted. Reservations are accepted for group camping, the Colter Bay RV Park and the Headwaters Campground & RV Sites at Flagg Ranch.

For campground status, contact entrance stations or visitor centers. Additional camping facilities are available in nearby national forests and other adjacent areas. Camping is not permitted within the park along roadsides, in overlooks or in parking areas. Doubling up in campsites is not permitted and there are no overflow facilities.

The campsites along Grassy Lake Road will be closed this summer.

### GROUP CAMPING

Advanced reservations are required for group camping at Colter Bay and Gros Ventre campgrounds. The sites range in capacity from 10 to 100 people. Call the Grand Teton Lodge Company at (800) 628-9988 or (307) 543-3100 for reservations.

### PUBLIC SHOWERS

The only public shower facility in the park is located at the Colter Bay Village Laundromat.

### RECYCLING CENTERS



Park concessioners Grand Teton Lodge Company and Signal Mountain Lodge collectively recycle more than 170 tons of material annually. When you stay in a park campground, please use the recycling containers to help keep Grand Teton National Park clean and pleasant for other campers and conserve resources.

### REDUCE YOUR USE OF DISPOSABLE PLASTIC BOTTLES

Park concessioners are joining Grand Teton National Park to reduce the sale and use of disposable plastic bottles by selling reusable containers. Save money, energy and reduce waste by using reusable bottles for water.

## PARK CAMPGROUNDS \* dump station available

### Colter Bay Campground\*

350 individual, 9 walk-in, 11 group  
Open: May 23 to Sept. 22  
\$21 per night, (800) 628-9988  
Filling Time: evening

### Colter Bay RV Park

112 RV sites  
Open: May 23 to Sept. 22  
\$60 per night pull through site, (800) 628-9988  
Filling Time: call for information  
RV hookups available

### Gros Ventre Campground\*

350 individual sites, 5 group  
Open: May 3 to Oct. 4  
\$21 per night, (800) 628-9988  
Filling Time: rarely fills

### Headwaters Campground & RV Sites at Flagg Ranch

175 individual sites  
Open: June 1 to Sept. 30  
\$64 RVs. \$35 tents. (800) 443-2311  
Filling Time: call for information

### Jenny Lake Campground (tents only)

49 individual sites, 10 walk-in sites  
Open: May 10 to Sept. 29  
\$21 per night, \$8 per person for hiker/biker campers without vehicles, (800) 628-9988  
Filling Time: 9 am

### Signal Mountain Campground\*

81 individual sites, including:

- 56 no hookups (\$21)
- 24 electric hookup sites (\$45) Discounts for Seniors/Access
- 1 full hookup site (\$55)
- Hiker/biker \$5 per person for campers without vehicles

Open: May 10 to Oct. 13  
(800) 672-6012  
Filling Time: noon or earlier  
30 foot vehicle max

# Safety & Regulations

## FIREARMS

Wyoming state regulations apply. Carrying or possessing firearms is prohibited in buildings where notice is posted. Firearms may not be discharged in a national park, except by permitted individuals during legal hunting seasons.

## FIREWORKS

Fireworks and other pyrotechnic devices are prohibited at all times in the park.

## CAMPFIRES

Campfires are allowed without a permit at designated campgrounds and picnic areas within metal fire grates, unless fire restrictions are in effect. Lakeshore backcountry sites with fire grates include: Leigh, Bearpaw and Trapper lakes. A permit may be obtained for campfires below the high water line of Jackson Lake at the Colter Bay Visitor Center. Campfires are prohibited in all other areas.

## PLANTS & ANIMALS

All plants and animals are part of natural processes and are protected within the park and parkway. Leave plants and animals in their natural setting for others to enjoy. Picking wildflowers is prohibited. Maintain a distance of at least 100 yards from bears and wolves and 25 yards from all other wildlife. Large animals are quick, powerful and unpredictable. Getting too close can result in serious injury. Take special care to avoid encounters with wildlife and to help maintain their natural fear of humans. Many small animals can carry diseases and should never be touched or handled. Allow them to find their own food do not feed them. Their natural diet ensures their health and survival.

## PETS

Pets must be restrained on a leash (6 feet or less) at all times and must stay within 30 feet of roadways. Pets are not allowed in visitor centers, on the multi-use pathway, on park trails or in the backcountry, in boats on the Snake River or lakes other than Jackson Lake. Pets are not allowed on ranger-led activities. Kennels are available in Jackson. Properly dispose of pet feces.

## BIKING

Bicycles are permitted on public roadways, the multi-use pathway and on the Colter

Bay Marina breakwater. Ride single-file on the right side of the road and wear a helmet. Riding bicycles or other wheeled vehicles in the backcountry is prohibited. **Roadway shoulders are narrow—use caution.**

## MULTI-USE PATHWAY

Only NON-MOTORIZED METHODS of transportation are permitted on the multi-use pathway. Persons with physical disabilities may use electric and battery operated transportation. The multi-use pathway is closed from dusk to dawn for wildlife and public safety.

PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED on the park pathway. Guide dogs—used for the sole purpose of aiding a person with physical disability—may travel on the pathway. Ask at a visitor center for suggestions on where to exercise your pet.

## AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

Help protect park waterways and native fish by learning how you can prevent the spread of exotic species. Inspect, clean and dry all equipment including boats, boots and waders before entering a new body of water. Never empty containers of bait, fish, plants or animals into park waters. Wyoming state law requires boaters to purchase an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) sticker, see “Boat Permit” section for more information.

## PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFDs)

All vessels must carry a USCG approved personal flotation device (PFD) of the appropriate size for each person on board. PFDs must be accessible and in good working condition. PFDs should be worn while boating. All passengers under 13 years old must wear a PFD whenever a vessel is underway or be within an enclosed cabin.

## BOATING

Motorboats are permitted on Jenny (10 horsepower maximum) and Jackson lakes. Human-powered vessels are permitted on Jackson, Jenny, Phelps, Emma Matilda, Two Ocean, Taggart, Bradley, Bearpaw, Leigh and String lakes. Sailboats, water skis and windsurfers are allowed only on Jackson Lake. Jet skis are prohibited in the park.

## REQUIRED BOAT PERMITS

- Park permit—motorized craft \$20 for 7

days or \$40 for 1 year; non-motorized craft \$10 for 7 days or \$20 for 1 year. May be purchased at Craig Thomas (Moose), Jenny Lake or Colter Bay visitor centers. The park permit is also valid in Yellowstone National Park.

- Wyoming state AIS sticker may be purchased at Snake River Anglers in Dornans and at the Colter Bay Marina.

## FLOATING THE SNAKE RIVER

Only human-powered rafts, canoes, dories and kayaks are allowed on the Snake River within the park and parkway. A permit is required for non-motorized vessels, see “Boat Permits” section above. The Snake River is a complex river to float. Constantly shifting channels and logjams present risks for boaters. Read the launch site bulletin boards for current river conditions and use caution. Accidents are common.

**For information on Snake River flows visit: [waterdata.usgs.gov/wy/nwis/current/?type=flow](http://waterdata.usgs.gov/wy/nwis/current/?type=flow).**

## FISHING

Cutthroat, lake and brown trout, and whitefish inhabit lakes and rivers of the park and parkway. A Wyoming fishing license is required to fish in the park and parkway and may be purchased at Signal Mountain Lodge front desk, Colter Bay Marina, Colter Bay Village Store, Snake River Anglers at Dornans and the Headwaters Lodge. Fishing in Yellowstone National Park requires a separate permit (fee charged); purchase permits at Yellowstone visitor centers and ranger stations. The use of non-native baitfish is prohibited.

## JACKSON LAKE

Contact visitor centers for information on the availability of services at Leek’s, Signal Mountain and Colter Bay marinas. Low water levels will increase the risk of boats striking submerged objects and landforms that are normally well beneath the surface.

## SWIMMING

Swimming is permitted in all lakes. There is a designated swimming beach at Colter Bay with picnic facilities; however, there are no lifeguards. The Snake River is a swift, cold river presenting numerous dangers; swimming is not recommended.

## HOT SPRINGS

Thermal water can harbor organisms that cause a fatal meningitis infection and Legionnaires’ disease. Exposing your head to thermal water by immersion, splashing, touching your face, or inhaling steam increases your risk of infection.

## HIKING

Hikers are reminded to stay on trails. Short-cutting is prohibited damaging fragile vegetation and causing erosion. Visitor centers sell topographic maps and trail guides. Know your limitations. Let a friend or relative know your planned destination, route and expected time of return. These precautions will greatly increase your chance of survival in an emergency. Permits are not required for day hiking. Trailhead parking areas fill early during the day in July and August. In early summer, many trails are snow-covered and you may need an ice axe.

## BACKPACKING

Grand Teton National Park and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway have more than 240 miles of trails. Obtain a backcountry permit for all overnight trips in the park or parkway at the Craig Thomas Discovery or Colter Bay visitor centers and the Jenny Lake Ranger Station. One-third of backcountry campsites in high use areas may be reserved in advance from January 5–May 15; a \$25 fee is charged for each successful reservation. Pets are not allowed on park trails or in the backcountry. **Park approved bear resistant canisters are required.** Ask at a visitor center for more details. Check out a free canister for use in the park when securing your permit.

## CLIMBING

There are many risks and hazards associated with climbing and mountain travel. Experience and good judgment are essential. The Jenny Lake Ranger Station is staffed from late May to September by climbing rangers who can provide up-to-date weather and route conditions. Also check: [www.tetonclimbing.blogspot.com](http://www.tetonclimbing.blogspot.com). Registration is not required for day climbs or cross-country hiking. Backcountry permits are required for all overnight climbs. The park DOES NOT check to see that you get safely out of the backcountry. Leave an agenda with friends or family. Solo travel is not advised.

# Teton Weather



In September the high temperature in the valley averages 69°F, but the temperatures drop as fall progresses. The nighttime temperatures often drop below freezing, and warm sunny days may alternate with rainy days and occasional snow showers.

Dress in layers and always take raingear when recreating and be prepared for changing conditions. Afternoon thunderstorms occur frequently during the summer, but are rare in fall. Since 1999, there have been 30 injuries and two fatalities in the park due to lightning.

NOAA weather forecasts are available at [www.weather.gov/riverton](http://www.weather.gov/riverton), on NOAA Weather Radio at 162.525 MHz, or by calling the National Weather Service at 1-800-211-1448.

Average Weather		Moose, WY 1958 - 2011			
Month	Average High Temp	Average Low Temp	Average Precipitation	Average Snowfall	Number Thunderstorms
January	25.9 °F	0.9 °F	2.6 in.	43 in.	0
February	31.1 °F	3.3 °F	1.9 in.	29 in.	0
March	39.3 °F	12.0 °F	1.6 in.	21 in.	0
April	49.3 °F	22.2 °F	1.5 in.	10 in.	1
May	61.0 °F	30.8 °F	2.0 in.	2.4 in.	5
June	70.7 °F	37.3 °F	1.8 in.	0 in.	11
July	80.5 °F	41.3 °F	1.2 in.	0 in.	14
August	79.0 °F	39.6 °F	1.4 in.	0 in.	12
September	69.1 °F	32.2 °F	1.4 in.	1 in.	2
October	55.7 °F	23.1 °F	1.4 in.	5 in.	0
November	38.3 °F	13.7 °F	2.1 in.	23 in.	0
December	26.5 °F	1.9 °F	2.6 in.	40 in.	0

## When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

Follow these guidelines to avoid lightning-related injuries.

- Afternoon storms are common in summer, get to a safe place before storms hit.
- Avoid mountain tops, ridges, open areas and lone trees; forested areas with trees of similar height are safer.
- Do not stand on tree roots.
- If boating, get off the water.
- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) provides a variety of material and links through their website at: [www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/outdoors.htm](http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/outdoors.htm). This site contains critical lightning safety and medical information.

# Be Bear Aware!



A sow grizzly bear and her three cubs cross a park road. Drive with caution throughout the park and watch for wildlife along the roadways for your safety and theirs. Photograph by Gary Pollock.

**GRIZZLY AND BLACK BEARS** can be anywhere in the park at any time. Odors attract bears into campgrounds and picnic areas. Regulations require that all food, garbage, toiletries, pet food, coolers and food containers (empty or full), and cookware (clean or dirty) be stored in a hard-sided vehicle with the windows rolled up or bear-resistant food locker when not in immediate use, day or night. Failure to follow regulations is a violation of federal law and may result in a citation.

- Never leave your backpack unattended!
- Never allow a bear to get human food.
- If approached by a bear while eating, put food away and retreat to a safe distance.

## Keep a Clean Camp

Improperly stored or unattended food will be confiscated and you could be fined.

- Treat odorous products such as soap, toothpaste, fuel products, suntan lotion, and bug repellent in the same manner as food.
- Never store food, garbage or toiletries in tents.
- Place all trash in bear-resistant garbage dumpsters.
- Immediately report careless campers and all bear sightings to the campground kiosk or nearest ranger.
- Bears that receive human food often become aggressive and must be killed.

## Make Noise in Bear Country

Grizzly and black bears live in the park and parkway. Bears will usually move out of the way if they hear people approaching, so make noise. Don't surprise bears! Calling out and clapping your hands at regular intervals are the best ways to make your presence known. Bear bells are not sufficient. Be particularly careful when vegetation or terrain

limits line of sight. The use of portable audio devices is strongly discouraged.

## Hike in Groups

If possible, hike in groups of three or more people. Typically, larger groups of people make more noise and appear more formidable to bears. Keep your group together and make sure your children are close at all times. Avoid hiking when bears are more active; early in the morning, late in the day or when it is dark. Trail running is strongly discouraged; you may startle a bear.

## Never Approach a Bear

All bears are wild and dangerous. Each bear will react differently and their behavior cannot be predicted.

## If You Encounter a Bear

Do not run! Bears can easily outrun you. Running may cause an otherwise non-aggressive bear to attack.

- If the bear is unaware of you, or if the bear is aware of you but has not acted aggressively, slowly back away.
- Do not drop your pack! This teaches bears how to obtain human food and often results in the death of a bear.
- Do not climb trees. All black bears, all grizzly cubs and some adult grizzlies can climb trees.

## If a Bear Approaches or Charges You

Do not run! Most bear attacks result from surprise encounters when the bear is defending their young or a food source, such as a carcass. Some bears will bluff their way out of a threatening situation by charging, then veering off or stopping abruptly. Bear experts generally recommend standing still until the bear stops and then slowly backing away.

If you are attacked, lie on the ground completely flat on your stomach. Spread your legs slightly and clasp your hands over the back of your neck. Do not move until you are certain the bear has left.

In rare cases, bears have attacked at night or after stalking people. These types of attacks may mean the bear views you as prey. If you are attacked at night or if you feel you have been stalked and attacked as prey, fight back. Do whatever it takes to let the bear know you are not easy prey.

## If You Carry Bear Spray

- Bear spray has been shown to be extremely effective in deterring bear attacks.
- Use only bear spray. Personal self-defense pepper spray is not effective.
- Keep the canister immediately available, not in your pack.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions, know how to use the spray, and be aware of its limitations, including the expiration date.
- Bear spray is not a repellent! Do not spray it on people, tents or backpacks.
- Under no circumstances should bear spray serve as a substitute for standard safety precautions in bear country.

Park visitor centers offer bear safety programs and can recycle your bear spray. Come visit for more information.

## Be Safe!

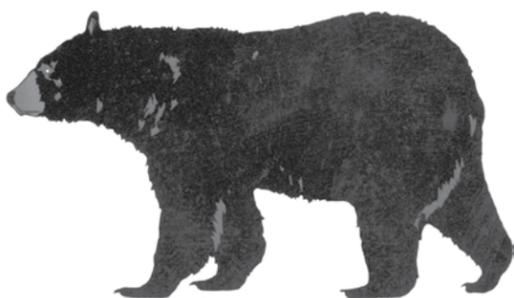
Do not leave backpacks, coolers, or bags containing food unattended for ANY length of time.



Do not leave food, garbage or coolers in the open bed of a truck or on the exterior of any vehicle.

**WHAT KIND OF BEAR DID YOU SEE?** Both grizzly bears and black bears live in the park and parkway.

## Black Bear



- Color ranges from blonde to black
- No distinctive shoulder hump
- Face profile is straight from nose to tip of ears
- Ears are tall and pointed
- Front claws are short and curved (1-2" long)

## Grizzly Bear



- Color ranges from blonde to black
- Distinctive shoulder hump
- Face profile appears dished in
- Ears are short and rounded
- Front claws are long and less curved (2-4" long)

## Let's Get Moving in Grand Teton



Let's Move Outside encourages kids, families and all park visitors to engage in outdoor activity that gets hearts pumping and bodies moving.

Part of First Lady Michelle Obama's national Let's Move campaign to end childhood obesity within a generation, the program is now underway in national parks all over the country. Look for Let's Move Outside ranger programs in Grand Teton this summer. From hiking and biking, to swimming, paddling and horseback riding, Grand Teton National Park provides ways for everyone to have fun and get healthy!

## Shuttle Bus to the Park

Alltrans, Inc. operates a daily shuttle service from the town of Jackson to Grand Teton National Park. Note: schedule may vary due to construction. Please contact Alltrans for the most current schedule.



**Cost to ride the shuttle is \$14 per person, per day for an unlimited number of rides (park entrance fees not included). Riders may get on and off the shuttle at any stop.** Drivers accept payment by cash, Visa, or MasterCard.

Season passes are also available; price depends on month purchased. **For more information, call Alltrans, Inc. 1-800-443-6133, or visit their website, [www.alltransparkshuttle.com](http://www.alltransparkshuttle.com).**

## Fall Elk Reduction

The Jackson elk herd is the largest in the world ranging from southern Yellowstone National Park, to Grand Teton National Park, the Gros Ventre River drainage, and the Teton and Gros Ventre wilderness areas.



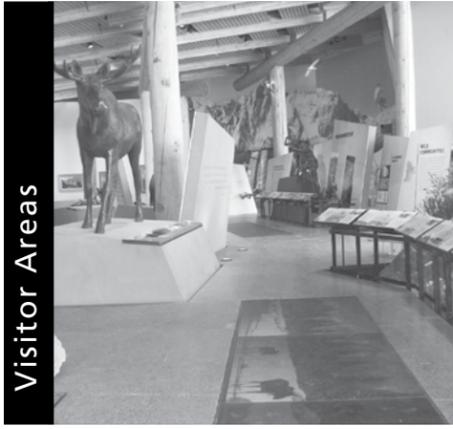
Currently the herd numbers over 11,000 animals with 2,000 elk summering in Grand Teton National Park.

When Grand Teton National Park expanded in 1950, Congress authorized an elk reduction program to continue management of the herd. Today the reduction program runs from early-October through early-December in the eastern portion of Grand Teton National Park and in the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway. Please stop by a visitor center for additional information.

# Visit Moose

Program schedules may change at any time

Moose is located 12 miles north of Jackson, Wyoming. Please see the park map on page 12 to help you plan your trip to Moose. Enjoy a variety of trails, activities, scenic drives and ranger programs as well as historic districts and iconic views of the Teton Range.



Visitor Areas

## CRAIG THOMAS DISCOVERY & VISITOR CENTER

Visit the Discovery Center for trip planning, weather, permits and camping information. Experience the video rivers, or view a film. Shop at the Grand Teton Association bookstore for gifts, books and postcards. The visitor center is open daily September 3-November 3 from 8 am to 5 pm.

## MENORS FERRY HISTORIC DISTRICT

Take a self-guided tour around the historic district and learn about Jackson Hole history through pictorial displays at the Maud Noble

Cabin. Visit the General Store (open May 25-Sept. 29 daily, 9 am-4:30 pm) and purchase turn-of-the-century-themed goods.

## MORMON ROW

Take a self-guided tour around the remaining buildings of this once vibrant community. Pick up a brochure near the "Pink House." Originally called Grovont, "Mormon Row" was a community of homesteads, a church and school. Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints settled this area around the turn of the last century.

## THE MURIE RANCH

Learn about the Murie family wilderness conservation legacy by taking this self-guided one mile roundtrip walk. Ask a ranger for directions to access the ranch and view historic buildings where landmark wilderness legislation was drafted.

## MULTI-USE PATHWAY

Bike, walk, skateboard or rollerblade on the multi-use pathway. Access the pathway from Moose. The pathway extends from Jackson to South Jenny Lake.

## Moose Ranger Programs

= accessible programs

Event	Description	Meeting Place	Date/Time Duration	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Map Chat	From park geology to the variety of wildlife that call this park home, this program will give you insight into the stories behind the scenery.	Craig Thomas Discovery & VC relief map	Sept. 3-22 11:30 am 30 minutes	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Autumn Stroll	Hike with a ranger to the scenic Taggart Lake, along the trail a variety of stories unfold. Topics vary. Bring water, binoculars, camera, sunscreen and rain gear. <b>ROUNDRIP DISTANCE:</b> 3 miles (1.5 miles guided). <b>DIFFICULTY:</b> Moderate.	Taggart Lake Trailhead	Sept. 3-22 1:30 pm 2½ hours	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Wildlife Caravan	Travel with a ranger to see wildlife during the best time of day for viewing. Be prepared to drive or ride to multiple locations. Dress warmly and bring binoculars or spotting scopes. Limited to 10 vehicles. <b>Reservations are required.</b> Please call the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center, 307-739-3399, or make reservations in person. Ride sharing will be strongly encouraged.	Craig Thomas Discovery & VC flagpole	Sept. 3-22 5 pm 3 hours	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

## Explore Jenny Lake

Program schedules may change at any time

South Jenny Lake is located 8 miles north of Moose. Please see the park map on page 12 to help you plan your trip to Jenny Lake. Explore Jenny Lake for convenient access to glacially-formed lakes and invigorating hikes while enjoying dramatic mountain scenery.



Visitor Areas

## PARKING

Parking at South Jenny Lake is highly congested and often full from 10 am to 4 pm. Plan accordingly. Watch for pedestrians.

## SOUTH JENNY LAKE

Visit the Jenny Lake Visitor Center for trip planning, weather and camping information. Learn about Teton Range geology through interactive exhibits and a short geology film. Shop at the Grand Teton Association retail area for gifts, educational books and postcards. The visitor center is open daily September 3-23 from 8 am to 5 pm. The

South Jenny Lake area includes a general store, restrooms, trailhead access, boat launch, the Exum Mountain Guide office and a ranger station. The Jenny Lake Ranger Station provides backcountry and climbing information and overnight permits. The ranger station is open May 26-September 8 from 8 am to 5 pm.

Take a shuttle boat across Jenny Lake to the mouth of Cascade Canyon (Roundtrip/One-way: adult \$12/\$7, child (2-11) \$6/\$5, under 2 years, over 80 free) or a scenic cruise (\$16 adults/\$10 children).

## NORTH JENNY LAKE

Swim in the seasonally warm waters of String Lake and then enjoy a picnic at the String Lake picnic area. Flush and pit restrooms available. Park at the String Lake Trailhead and hike across a rustic wooden bridge through a burned area and view the regeneration of a forest. Launch your canoe or kayak from the canoe launch, look for the launch area sign just past the String Lake Trailhead parking lot (permit required). Or enjoy lunch at the Jenny Lake Lodge located just past the North Jenny Lake Junction on the scenic one-way road.

## Jenny Lake Ranger Programs (All programs are great family activities)

= accessible programs

Event	Description	Meeting Place	Date/Time Duration	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lakeshore Talk	Join a ranger for an easy walk to the shore of Jenny Lake and a talk on a park topic. Topics will vary depending on the ranger leading the program and the audiences interests. <b>ROUNDRIP DISTANCE:</b> 400 yards. <b>DIFFICULTY:</b> Easy.	Jenny Lake Visitor Center flagpole	Sept. 3-22 11 am 30 minutes	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Bear Safety	Discover techniques that will help you stay safe while traveling and camping in bear country. Includes instruction in the use of bear pepper spray. <b>DIFFICULTY:</b> Easy.	Jenny Lake Visitor Center flagpole	Sept. 3-22 1:30 pm 20 minutes	■	■	■	■	■	■	■



## GRAND TETON ASSOCIATION

Grand Teton Association was established in 1937 as the park's primary partner to increase public understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of Grand Teton National Park and the Greater Yellowstone area. Since that time, the Association has been aiding the interpretive, educational, and research programs. This summer support includes funding operations of the Jenny Lake

Visitor Center, publication of the Grand Teton Guide and continuation of ranger-guided hikes.

When you make a purchase at an Association bookstore, you are supporting the educational, interpretive, and scientific programs in Grand Teton National Park. Your purchase also supports the publication of this newspaper, books and the free educational handouts available at visitor centers and entrance stations.

## EXPLORE THE MURIE RANCH

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 2:00 pm join Murie Center staff for a 30 minute tour through Mardy and Olaus' cabin and the Homestead Cabin. Learn about the history of the ranch, the Murie's life-long dedication to conservation work, and current work at The Murie Center.

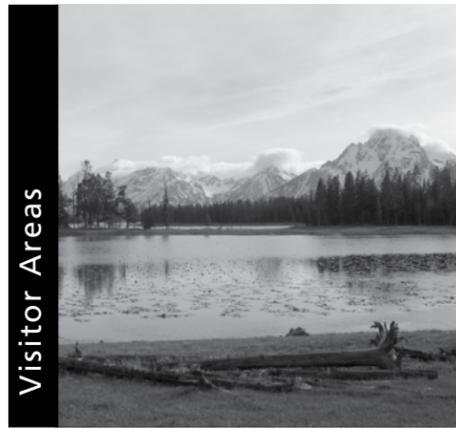


Beginning in June, continue your tour with a 30 minute walk on the "Around the World" trail established by Mardy and Olaus. Search for signs of wildlife, explore their habitat and learn about geology of the area. Please come prepared with appropriate walking shoes, water, sunscreen/hat and bear spray.

# Spend Time at Colter Bay

Program schedules may change at any time

Colter Bay is located 25 miles north of Moose. Please see the park map on page 12 to help you plan your trip. Colter Bay provides some of the best wildlife viewing opportunities in the park as well as a wide range of visitor services and trails.



## COLTER BAY

Colter Bay Visitor Center had a new look in 2012. After 40 years the artifacts from the Colter Bay Indian Arts Museum are undergoing conservation treatment. The remodeled facility proudly displays 35 new artifacts from the David T. Vernon Indian Arts Collection. Rangers provide trip planning information, trail maps and overnight backcountry permits. Shop for educational gifts in the remodeled Grand Teton Association sales area. The visitor center is open Sept. 3-29 from 8 am to 5 pm, and Sept. 30-Oct. 14 from 9 am to 5 pm.

Enjoy lunch on the lakeshore at the picnic area or take a hike on one of the area trails for great opportunities to see wildlife. You will also find an RV park, cabins, restaurant, general store, laundromat, service station and showers.

## JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR. MEMORIAL PARKWAY

The Parkway commemorates John D. Rockefeller, Jr.'s significant contributions to national parks. Mr. Rockefeller had a special interest in this area helping develop Yellowstone and establish Grand Teton

national parks. To learn more about the Rockefeller family's philanthropy ask for the "Rockefeller Legacy" brochure at any visitor center.

## JACKSON LAKE LODGE

Even if you are not staying overnight at the Jackson Lake Lodge, the historic building is worth a visit. Large mural windows showcase views of Jackson Lake and the northern Teton Range. Wildlife such as black and grizzly bears, elk and moose are frequently seen from the lodge. Access trails, a corral, gift stores and restaurants.

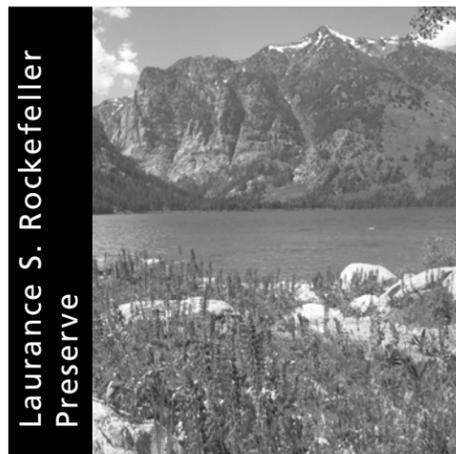
## Colter Bay Ranger Programs

= accessible programs

Event	Description	Meeting Place	Date/Time Duration	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Teton Topics 	This program gives insight to the stories behind the scenery, including geology, wildlife, history and other topics.	Colter Bay Visitor Center back deck	Sept. 3-22 11 am 30 minutes	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Oxbow Bend Wildlife Watch 	Join a ranger at the Oxbow Bend Overlook for an evening wildlife watch. Stop by anytime from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. to scan the Oxbow for birds and large mammals.	Oxbow Bend	Sept. 3-22 6-7:30 pm	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

# Experience the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve

Located four miles south of Moose on the Moose-Wilson Road, the Preserve Center offers unique sensory exhibits and trails leading to Phelps Lake, providing extraordinary views of the Teton Range. \*Due to the narrow road, trailers and oversized vehicles are not permitted on the Moose-Wilson Road.



## LAURANCE S. ROCKEFELLER PRESERVE CENTER

Visit the Center to learn more about Mr. Rockefeller's vision for the Preserve and his legacy of conservation stewardship. The Center will orient you to the area with unique sensory exhibits highlighting the visual, auditory and tactile qualities of the Preserve's plants and wildlife. Learn about the innovative design techniques and features that make the Center a model for energy and environmental design. Open daily June 1–September 22 from 10 am to 6 pm. The Preserve adheres to the principles of "Leave No Trace"—plan to pack out your

trash. The Preserve Center sells bear spray, but does not issue permits.

## PRESERVE TRAILS

The Preserve offers an 8-mile trail network that provides access to extraordinary views of Phelps Lake and the Teton Range, as well as other scenic and ecological features. Immerse yourself by quietly walking the trails and opening your senses to the sights, smells, sounds and textures of the various natural communities found within the Preserve. The trails will lead you along Lake Creek, Phelps Lake and adjacent ridges; and through aspen and conifer forests, wetlands

and sagebrush meadows. Watch for deer, elk, moose, black and grizzly bears. Composting toilets and benches are available at Phelps Lake.

## RANGER PROGRAMS

Join a ranger for a deeper understanding of Laurance S. Rockefeller's vision and gift. Program times are listed below.

## PARKING

Parking lot often fills from 10 am to 3 pm—consider carpooling or biking (note: the roadway is quite narrow) to help alleviate congestion and reduce our environmental footprint.

## Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Ranger Programs

= accessible programs

Event	Description	Meeting Place	Date/Time Duration	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Explore the Preserve Hike	Open your senses and immerse yourself in the pristine setting of the Preserve. Hike the Lake Creek Trail through forest and meadows to the shore of Phelps Lake, which affords dramatic views of the Teton Range. Group size is limited to 10. Please call (307) 739-3654 to make reservations. Walk-ins are welcome if space is available. Bring water, rain gear, sunscreen and insect repellent. ROUND TRIP DISTANCE: 3 miles. DIFFICULTY: Easy/Moderate. TIME: 2 to 2½ hours.	Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center Porch	Sept 3-22 9:30 am up to 2½ hours	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Nature Explorer's Backpack 	Children discover the wonders of the natural world using the tools provided in the Nature Explorer's Backpack. After a brief orientation by a ranger, each child receives a journal full of activities to guide them as they explore the Preserve trails with their family. The backpacks are available for checkout at the Preserve Center desk every day starting at 10:00 am and need to be returned by 5:00 pm that day. Recommended for children ages 6-12. Backpacks are limited, one per family please.	Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center	Sept 3-22 Backpacks may be checked out during Center hours	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

## Special Ranger Programs

Additional ranger-led programs may be offered during the fall. Please check at visitor centers for more information.

### SHOSHONEAN DAYS, Sept. 5th & 6th

Colter Bay Visitor Center. Learn about the Shoshone culture: includes presentations by Shoshone tribe members and video presentations & art demonstrations. Check at visitor centers for details.



# Five Reasons to Drink Grand Teton National Park Water

By Grand Teton National Park Green Team

- **6,500 FEET**

The average elevation of Grand Teton National Park's valley floor. At high elevation, your body loses water twice as fast as at sea level. Drink extra water for your body to function properly here.

- **5,000 SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BOTTLES**

The number of single-use plastic bottles entering the waste stream every day in Jackson Hole; only 60 percent of these bottles are recycled. Every year people spend over \$100 billion on bottled water worldwide. Purchasing eight, 16 oz. bottles of water—one gallon—may cost \$8. Instead, consider using refillable bottles or a water reservoir for your pack. You will save money and help your body cope with the elevation.

- **100% PURE**

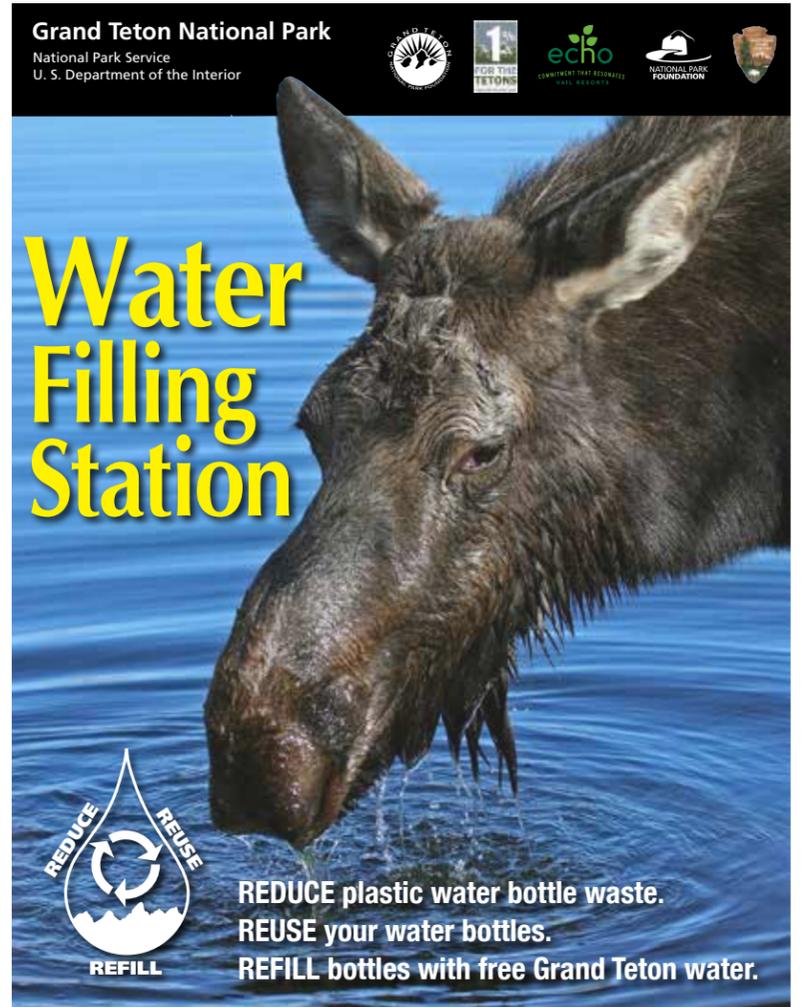
The park has retrofitted many of its drinking fountains in high traffic areas to be quick and easy water bottle filling stations. The water from these filling stations is tested more regularly than bottled water and is some of the purest water in the country. Please keep in mind, water taken directly from lakes or streams must be treated before drinking.

- **CONVENIENCE**

Filling up your reusable water bottle is easier than purchasing a bottle of water. Water bottle filling stations are found throughout Grand Teton National Park. Locations include the Craig Thomas Discovery & Visitor Center, South Jenny Lake, String Lake picnic area, Colter Bay Visitor Center, and Signal Mountain, Jackson Lake and Jenny Lake lodges. The water filling stations provide a clean and safe source of water as an alternative to buying bottled water.

- **COMMITMENT**

The National Park Service and its partners are committed to preserve and protect Grand Teton National Park for you and for future generations. With three million visitors every year, we need your help! The park has committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions 20 percent by 2020. By providing a wide range of reusable water bottles for purchase—including a low-cost, BPA free, recyclable plastic bottle with the “reduce, reuse, refill” logo—and water bottle filling stations, we can help reduce our waste stream. In addition, the park purchases 100 percent green power, provides recycling for visitors and employees, and works with the U.S. Green Building Council to ensure all new construction in the park is Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) certified. With these initiatives and your help, we can reach our greenhouse gas reduction goals and protect the park for future generations.



Grand Teton National Park  
National Park Service  
U. S. Department of the Interior

**Water Filling Station**

**REDUCE** plastic water bottle waste.  
**REUSE** your water bottles.  
**REFILL** bottles with free Grand Teton water.

## Where to Look for Wildlife



**A**LL ANIMALS REQUIRE FOOD, WATER AND SHELTER. Each species also has particular living space or habitat requirements. To learn more about wildlife habitats and behavior, attend ranger-led activities. While observing wildlife, please park in designated turnouts, not on the roadway.

### OXBOW BEND

One mile east of Jackson Lake Junction. Slow-moving water provides habitat for fish such as suckers and trout that become food for river otters, ospreys, bald eagles, American white pelicans and common mergansers. Look for beavers and muskrats swimming past. Moose browse on abundant willows at the water's edge. Elk occasionally graze in open aspen groves to the east, while grizzly bears occasionally look for prey.

### WILLOW FLATS

North of the Jackson Lake Dam moose browse on willow shrubs. At dawn and dusk, elk graze on grasses growing among willows. Predators such as wolves and grizzly bears pursue elk calves in early summer. Beavers create ponds by damming streams that also harbor muskrats and waterfowl.

Always maintain a distance of at least 100 yards from wolves and bears and 25 yards from all other wildlife. Do not feed or harass wildlife of any kind.

### ELK RANCH FLATS

Stop at the Elk Ranch turnout on highway 26/89/191 just north of Cunningham Cabin. Here you may see pronghorn, bison, elk and even domestic animals using a grazing permit. The open grasses here attract a variety of animals.

### SNAKE RIVER

Jackson Lake Dam south to Moose. Elk and bison graze in grassy meadows along the river. Bison also eat grasses on the sagebrush benches above the river. Bald eagles, ospreys and great blue herons build large stick nests within sight of the river. Beavers and moose eat willows lining the waterway.

### BLACKTAIL PONDS

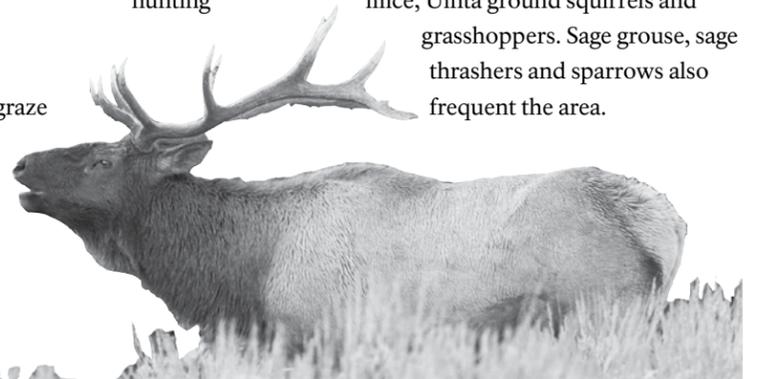
Half-mile north of Moose on Highway 26/89/191. Old beaver ponds have filled with sediment and now support grassy meadows where elk graze during the cooler parts of the day. Several species of ducks feed in the side channels of the Snake River while moose browse on willows.

### TIMBERED ISLAND

A forested ridge southeast of Jenny Lake. Small bands of pronghorn, the fastest North American land mammal, forage on nearby sagebrush throughout the day. Elk leave the shade of Timbered Island at dawn and dusk to eat grasses growing among the surrounding sagebrush.

### ANTELOPE FLATS & MORMON ROW

East of Highway 26/89/191, one mile north of Moose Junction. Bison and pronghorn may be seen grazing. Watch for coyotes, Northern harriers and American kestrels hunting mice, Uinta ground squirrels and grasshoppers. Sage grouse, sage thrashers and sparrows also frequent the area.



## Interested in Working in the Park?



HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT SPENDING A SUMMER WORKING IN A NATIONAL PARK? Summer seasonal positions are recruited during the winter months. A wide variety of positions provide unique challenges, and many rewards. Imagine yourself fighting wild fires, maintaining backcountry trails, patrolling the Snake River in a boat, providing guided ranger hikes or assisting a park biologist with wolf research.

To view and apply for vacancies for all federal jobs visit [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).

For a list of available jobs in the Department of Interior, including the National Park Service go to [www.doi.gov/public/findajob.cfm](http://www.doi.gov/public/findajob.cfm). Positions posted for Grand Teton National Park can be found under jobs listed in Moose or Moran, Wyoming. You can also learn about vacancies at [www.nps.gov/grte/supportyourpark/employ.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grte/supportyourpark/employ.htm). For jobs in fire management, log on to [www.tetonfires.com](http://www.tetonfires.com) and click on the Employment link. Go to [www.nps.gov/grte/supportyourpark/upload/OF510-fedres.pdf](http://www.nps.gov/grte/supportyourpark/upload/OF510-fedres.pdf) to learn how to apply for federal jobs.

# Fire Plays an Important Role in Grand Teton National Park

Fire has been a part of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem for thousands of years. Its presence is important for wildlife habitat, nutrient cycling, plant diversity and overall landscape health. Grand Teton National Park fire managers seek to strike a balance between restoring and maintaining natural processes associated with fire, and protecting human life and property.

## FIRE ECOLOGY IN THE PARK

Fire naturally changes the forest by creating diverse-aged tree stands, recycling nutrients into the soil and stimulating new plant growth. Fire ecology research shows that many plant and animal species benefit from the rejuvenating effects of fire.

Evidence of large fires is prevalent in Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks. Burned areas provide an opportunity for the forest to regenerate, which is evident in the plants, trees and wildlife present. Previously burned areas include: the 2009 Bearpaw Bay Fire that burned between Leigh Lake and Jackson Lake, the 2000 Teton Complex across from Colter Bay, the 1999 Alder Fire near Jenny Lake, the 1985 Beaver Creek Fire near Taggart Lake and the 1974 Waterfall Canyon Fire.

## HOW WE MANAGE FIRES

Fire managers at Grand Teton National Park



Firefighters apply fire to the landscape to reduce flammable vegetation around developed areas, like during this prescribed fire.

and surrounding agencies are guided by comprehensive fire plans. Sometimes crews monitor fires closely but take minimal action so a fire can take its natural course. This allows fire-adapted plants to resprout from roots or opens serotinous (heat-dependent) cones for seed dispersal. In some cases, fire opens areas so native plants can re-establish. When appropriate, firefighters immediately suppress all or portions of a fire to reduce risk to life and property.

Occasionally firefighters apply fire to the landscape under specific conditions to help maintain a healthy and safe forest ecosystem.

These planned ignitions, called prescribed fires, create a mosaic of diverse habitats for plants and animals. Burning accumulated fuels also minimizes risk to developments and cultural resources.

In developed areas, fire crews lower the risk of losing structures to wildfire by thinning trees and removing dead wood and brush from the forest floor.

This increases firefighter and public safety in the event of a wildfire. Firefighters pile the slash and let it dry for a year before burning it during wet weather in late spring or fall.

Specialized fire crews monitor burned areas to learn more about fire's effect on the ecosystem. This data is not only used for fire management decisions, but is also shared with wildlife biologists, vegetation ecologists, historic preservation specialists and other land management agencies to achieve common goals for a healthy ecosystem.

## YOUR ROLE IN FIRE PREVENTION

Fire season in the park coincides with the visitor season, which means you may see smoke in the air during your visit. You can do your part to prevent human-caused fires by obeying all fire restrictions and following basic fire safety rules.

- Build campfires only in designated areas, closely monitor them and make sure they are properly extinguished. Drown the fire with water, stir the remains, add more water and stir again. Make sure fire remains are cool to the touch before leaving the campsite. Campfires may be banned during times of high fire danger. Watch for signs and obey the restrictions.
- Smoke safely. Grind out smoking materials, then dispose of them in the proper receptacle. While in vehicles, smokers should use ashtrays, which should never be emptied on the ground.
- Remember fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices are prohibited at all times in the park.
- Report any fires immediately. Call Teton Interagency Fire Dispatch Center at (307) 739-3630 or tell a park employee.

For local fire information or seasonal fire job postings, visit: [www.tetonfires.com](http://www.tetonfires.com).

Follow us on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/GrandTetonNPS>

## Park Partners

Grand Teton National Park works closely with a variety of partnership organizations. Partners help accomplish park goals by supporting important projects, programs and visitor services, benefiting visitors and the park.

### PARK PARTNERS INCLUDE:

<p><b>Grand Teton Association</b> P.O. Box 170 Moose, WY 83012 (307) 739-3403 <a href="http://www.grandtetonpark.org">www.grandtetonpark.org</a></p>	<p><b>Teton Science Schools</b> 700 Coyote Road Jackson, WY 83001 (307) 733-1313 <a href="http://www.tetonscience.org">www.tetonscience.org</a></p>	<p><b>University of Wyoming/ AMK Research Station</b> Department 3166 1000 E. University Ave. Laramie, WY 82071-3166 <a href="http://www.uwyo.edu">www.uwyo.edu</a></p>
<p><b>Grand Teton National Park Foundation</b> P.O. Box 249 Moose, WY 83012 (307) 732-0629 <a href="http://www.gtnpf.org">www.gtnpf.org</a></p>	<p><b>The Murie Center</b> P.O. Box 399 Moose, WY 83012 (307) 739-2246 <a href="http://www.muriecenter.org">www.muriecenter.org</a></p>	



## Artists in the Environment

Jackson Hole attracts artists from all over the world. Watch professional artists demonstrate techniques while capturing the essence of Grand Teton National Park. Fred Kingwill, September 14. Please check at visitor centers for program times and locations.

## Writers in the Environment

Local writers share their talents by offering writing exercises for park visitors. Workshop leaders are inspiring writers and teachers who draw on the park in their published works. Meet at the flagpole in front of the Craig Thomas Discovery & Visitor Center in Moose. Bring a journal, water and a portable chair. Jana Richman, September 14, 9 am.



## A Grand Partnership

Donor gifts offer a helping hand to one of America's favorite outdoor destinations. When you support trail renewal, wildlife, and outdoor education for youth, Grand Teton National Park can deliver unforgettable experiences to visitors and strengthen resources for the future.



[www.gtnpf.org](http://www.gtnpf.org)

We invite you to become a member entitled to a 15% discount on purchases at all GTA visitor center outlets, as well as on catalog and website orders. Many cooperating association stores nationwide offer reciprocal discounts.



- \$35 Individual Annual Member with discount privileges and a unique member gift
- \$50 Family Annual Member with discount privileges and a choice of member gifts
- Additional annual memberships: \$100 Supporting Member, \$250 Sustaining Member, \$500 Gold Member with discount privileges and additional gifts
- \$1000 Platinum Member, a three-year membership includes an Interagency Annual Pass (see page 2)

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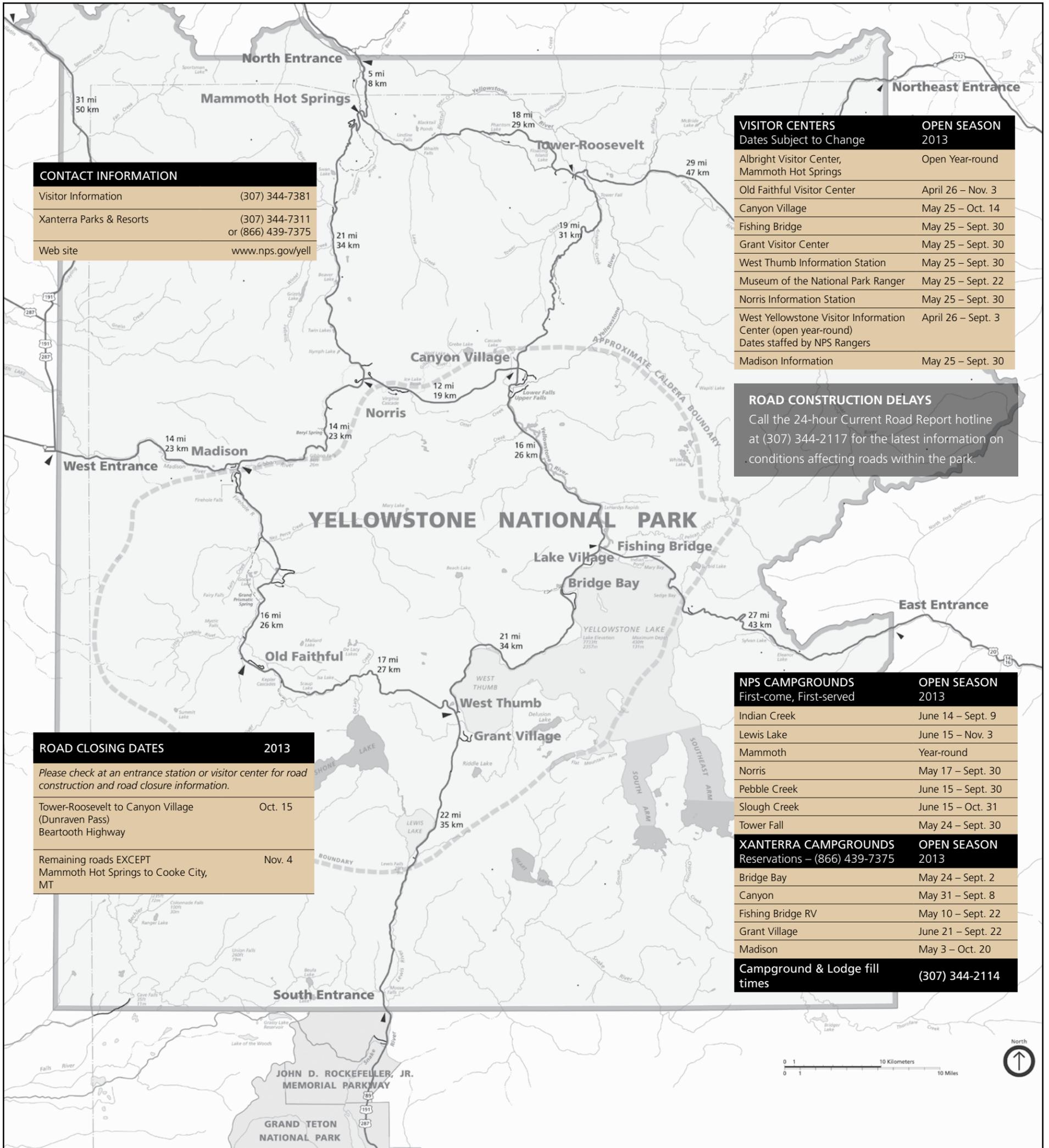
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# Services and Facilities

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TYPE	LOCATION	DATES	PHONE	DESCRIPTION
<b>Moose</b>				
Lodging	Dornans Spur Ranch	Year-round	(307) 733-2522	Cabins with kitchens.
Food Service	Dornans Chuck Wagon	June 8-Sept. 22	(307) 733-2415 x203	Western fare. Breakfast 7-11 am, lunch 12-3 pm, dinner (Sun.-Thurs.) 5-9 pm
	Dornans Pizza and Pasta Co.	Year-round	(307) 733-2415 x204	Open: 11:30 am; Closes: May 5 or 7 pm, June-Sept. 9:30 pm
	Dornans Trading Post	Year-round	(307) 733-2415 x201	Groceries. Deli open June-Sept.
	Dornans Wine Shoppe	Year-round	(307) 733-2415 x202	May 10 am-6 pm June-Sept. 10 am-10 pm
Store/Gift shops	Dornans Gift Shop	Year-round	(307) 733-2415 x301	May & Sept. 8 am-6 pm; June-Aug. 8 am-8 pm
	Moosely Mountaineering	May 10-late Sept.	(307) 739-1801	Mountaineering, climbing, camping equipment. Peak season open daily 9 am-8 pm
Service Station	Dornans	Year-round		Automotive fuel (no diesel). Pay at pump, 24-hour with credit card.
Other	Snake River Anglers	May-Oct.	(307) 733-3699	Spin and fly fishing, float trips, Wyoming fishing licenses.
	Adventure Sports	May-Sept.	(307) 733-2415 x302	Bike, stand-up paddle boards, kayak, and canoe rentals and sales. 8 am-8 pm
	Barker Ewing Float Trips	Mid-May-Sept.	(307) 733-1800	Float trips on the Snake River. 8 am-6 pm. Hours vary during shoulder season.
<b>South Jenny Lake</b>				
Lodging	AAC Climber's Ranch	June 18-Sept. 12	(307) 733-7271	Located 3 miles south of Jenny Lake. Rustic accommodations.
Store/Gift shops	General Store	May 11-Sept. 15		Camping and hiking supplies, groceries, film, and gifts.
Boat Tours	Jenny Lake Boating	May 15-Sept. 30	(307) 734-9227	Shuttle & tours across Jenny Lake. Canoe & kayak rentals.
<b>North Jenny Lake</b>				
Lodging	Jenny Lake Lodge	June 1-Oct. 6	(307) 733-4647 or	Modified American Plan. Cabins.
Food Service	Lodge Dining Room	June 1-Oct. 6	(800) 628-9988	Breakfast 7:30-9 am. Lunch 12-1:30 pm. Dinner 6-8:45 pm.
				Reservations required for all meals. Jackets recommended for dinner.
Store/Gift Shops	Jenny Lake Lodge	June 1-Oct. 6		Gifts, books and apparel.
<b>Signal Mountain</b>				
Lodging	Signal Mountain Lodge	May 10-Oct. 13	(307) 543-2831 or	Lakefront suites, motel units, and log cabins.
Food Service	Peaks Dining Room	May 10-Sept. 29	(800) 672-6012	Dinner 5:30-10 pm
	Trapper Grill	May 10-Oct. 13		Breakfast 7-11 am. Lunch/dinner 11 am.-10 pm. Closes at 9 pm. Sept. 23-Oct.13
Store/Gift Shops	Needles Gift Store	May 10-Oct. 13		8 am-10 pm. Closes at 9 pm during shoulder seasons.
	Timbers Gift Store	May 10-Oct. 13		8 am-10 pm. Closes at 9 pm during shoulder seasons.
Convenience Store	Signal Service Station	May 4-Oct. 13		7 am-10:30 pm. Gas, drinks, snacks, supplies. Hours vary during shoulder seasons.
Marina	Signal Marina	May 18-Sept. 15		Rentals, guest buoys, lake fishing trips, gas and courtesy docks.
<b>Jackson Lake Lodge</b>				
Lodging	Jackson Lake Lodge	May 20-Oct. 6	(307) 543-3100 or	Large lodge with views across Willow Flats and Jackson Lake.
Food Service	Mural Room	May 20-Oct. 6	(800) 628-9988	Breakfast 7-9:30 am. Lunch 11:30 am-1:30 pm. Dinner 5:30-9 pm.
				Dinner reservations recommended.
	Pioneer Grill	May 20-Oct. 6		6 am-10:30 pm
	Blue Heron Lounge	May 20-Oct. 6		11 am-midnight.
Store/Gift Shops	Jackson Lake Lodge	May 20-Oct. 6		Sundries, magazines, books, gifts, souvenirs and apparel.
Service Station		May 20-Oct. 6		Gas and diesel.
Horseback Riding	Jackson Lake Lodge Corral	May 25-Sept. 29		Trail rides.
<b>Triangle X</b>				
Lodging	Triangle X Ranch	May 25-mid-Oct. Dec. 26-mid-Mar.	(307) 733-2183	Full service guest ranch. Horseback riding, winter activities.
<b>Colter Bay</b>				
Lodging	Colter Bay Cabins	May 23-Sept. 22	(307) 543-3100 or	Shared-bathroom, one-room and two-room cabins available.
	Tent Village	May 31-Sept. 2	(800) 628-9988	Enclosed log/canvas deluxe tents with bunks and wood-burning stove
Food Service	Ranch House	May 23-Sept. 22		Breakfast 6:30-10:30 am. Lunch 11:30 am-1:30 pm. Dinner 5:30-9 pm.
	Cafe Court	May 31- Sept. 2		Open 11 am-10 pm.
Store/Gift Shops	General Store	May 23-Sept. 22		ATM groceries, gifts, and firewood.
	Marina Store	May 23-Sept. 15		Fishing tackle, film, outdoor apparel, beverages, and snacks.
Convenience Store	Highway Station	April 20-Oct. 13		Gas, diesel, beverages, snacks, souvenirs and firewood.
Horseback Riding	Colter Bay Corral	June 1-Sept. 10		Breakfast and dinner rides, wagon seats available. Trail rides.
Marina	Colter Bay	May 24-Sept. 15		Scenic cruises. Boat rentals. Guided fishing. Gas. Water dependent.
Showers	Colter Bay	May 23-Sept. 22		Pay showers.
Launderette	Colter Bay	May 23-Sept. 22		Laundry services.
<b>Leeks Marina</b>				
Food Service	Leeks Pizzeria	May 24-Sept. 8	(307) 543-2494	Pizza and sandwiches. Open 11 am-10 pm.
Marina	Leeks Marina	May 18-Sept. 15	(307) 543-2546	Dependent on water levels.
<b>Flagg Ranch</b>				
Lodging	Headwaters Lodge & Cabins	June 1-Sept. 30	(307) 543-2861 or	Log style units.
Food/Store/Shop	Headwaters Lodge	June 1-Sept. 30	(800) 443-2311	Home-style menu. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
Convenience Store	Headwaters Lodge	May 17-Oct. 13		Gas, diesel, beverages, snacks, and souvenirs, and firewood.
Campground	Headwaters Campground & RV	June 1-Sept. 30		Essentials for camping and fishing. Camper cabins available.
Horseback Riding	Headwaters Corral	June 1-Aug. 30		One hour, two hour, 1/2 day and full day trail rides.
<b>Other Services</b>				
Education	Teton Science Schools	Year-round	(307) 733-4765	Field natural history seminars.
Programs/Events	The Murie Center	Year-round	(307) 739-2246	Conservation programs and events, guided tours of the historic Murie Ranch.
Mountaineering	Exum Mountain Guides	Year-round	(307) 733-2297	Mountaineering and climbing instruction. AMGA accredited.
	Jackson Hole Mountain Guides	Year-round	(307) 733-4979	Mountaineering and climbing instruction. AMGA accredited.
Floating/Fishing	Barker-Ewing Float Trips		(307) 733-1800	Float trips and combination trips with Wildlife Expeditions.
	Flagg Ranch Company		(800) 443-2311	Float trips and fishing trips.
	Grand Fishing Adventures		(307) 734-9684	Guided fishing trips (Moose to Wilson)
	Grand Teton Fly Fishing		(307) 690-0910	Guided fishing trips.
	Grand Teton Lodge Company		(307) 543-2811	Float trips and fishing trips.
	Heart Six Guest Ranch		(888) 543-2477	Float trips.
	Lost Creek Ranch		(307) 733-3435	Float trips and fishing trips.
	National Park Float Trips		(307) 733-5500	Float trips and fishing trips.
	OARS		(800) 346-6277	Float trips and kayaking on Jackson Lake. Multi-day trips.
	Signal Mountain Lodge		(307) 543-2831	Float trips and Jackson Lake boat rentals.
	Snake River Anglers		(307) 733-3699	Float trips and fishing trips.
	Solitude Float Trips		(307) 733-2871	Float trips (private trips available).
	Triangle X Ranch		(307) 733-2183	Float trips and fishing trips.
<b>Medical Services</b>				
	Medical emergencies	Year-round	911	
	St. Johns Medical Center	Year-round	(307) 733-3636	Located in Jackson.
	Grand Teton Medical Clinic	May 20-Oct. 3	(307) 543-2514	Located at Jackson Lake Lodge. Open 9 am-5 pm. After hours phone (307) 733-8002
<b>Worship Services</b>				
	Interdenominational	June 2-Sept. 1 June 2-Sept. 1 May 19-Sept. 22 May 26-Sept. 22 May 26-Sept. 22 June 2-Sept. 1	(307) 543-3011	Gros Ventre Campground Amphitheater, Sundays, 9:30 am. Jenny Lake Camp Circle, Sundays, 8 am. Signal Mountain Campground Amphitheater, Sundays, 8 am, 10 am, 7:30 pm. Jackson Lake Lodge, Sundays, 8 am, 10 am, 7:30 pm. Colter Bay Village Amphitheater, Sundays, 8 am, 10 am, 5:30 pm. Flagg Ranch Campfire Circle, Sundays, 8 am, 10 am.
	Episcopal	May 26-Sept. 29	(307) 733-2603 x102	Chapel of the Transfiguration, Sundays. Holy Eucharist services 8 am and 10 am.
	Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints	May 26-Sept. 1	(307) 543-2811	Jackson Lake Lodge, Sundays, Sacrament 2 pm. Sunday school 3:20 pm, Priesthood/Relief Society 4:15 pm.
	Roman Catholic	June 2-Sept. 29	(307) 733-2516	Chapel of the Sacred Heart, Saturday mass, 5 pm, Sunday mass, 5 pm.

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CONTACT INFORMATION	
Visitor Information	(307) 344-7381
Xanterra Parks & Resorts	(307) 344-7311 or (866) 439-7375
Web site	www.nps.gov/yell

VISITOR CENTERS Dates Subject to Change	OPEN SEASON 2013
Albright Visitor Center, Mammoth Hot Springs	Open Year-round
Old Faithful Visitor Center	April 26 – Nov. 3
Canyon Village	May 25 – Oct. 14
Fishing Bridge	May 25 – Sept. 30
Grant Visitor Center	May 25 – Sept. 30
West Thumb Information Station	May 25 – Sept. 30
Museum of the National Park Ranger	May 25 – Sept. 22
Norris Information Station	May 25 – Sept. 30
West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (open year-round) Dates staffed by NPS Rangers	April 26 – Sept. 3
Madison Information	May 25 – Sept. 30

**ROAD CONSTRUCTION DELAYS**  
Call the 24-hour Current Road Report hotline at (307) 344-2117 for the latest information on conditions affecting roads within the park.

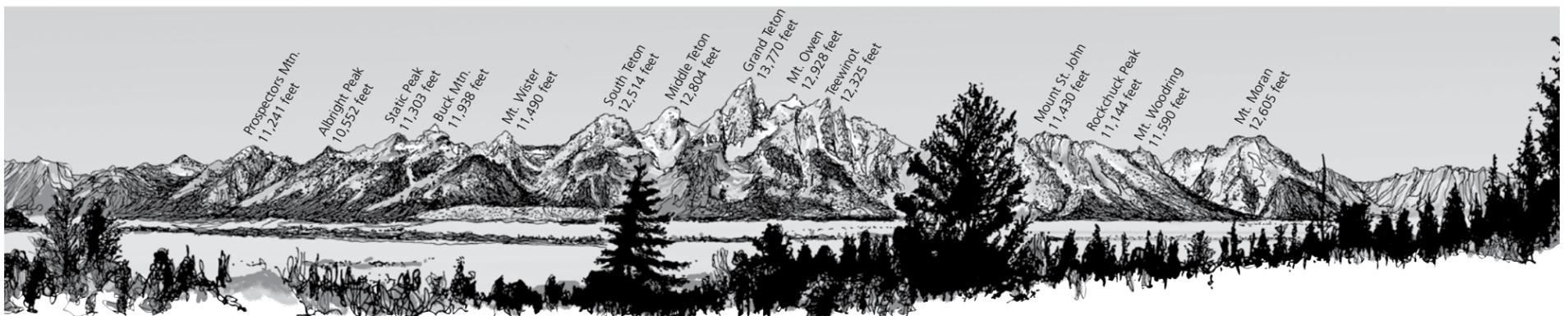
ROAD CLOSING DATES	2013
<i>Please check at an entrance station or visitor center for road construction and road closure information.</i>	
Tower-Roosevelt to Canyon Village (Dunraven Pass) Beartooth Highway	Oct. 15
Remaining roads EXCEPT Mammoth Hot Springs to Cooke City, MT	Nov. 4

NPS CAMPGROUNDS First-come, First-served	OPEN SEASON 2013
Indian Creek	June 14 – Sept. 9
Lewis Lake	June 15 – Nov. 3
Mammoth	Year-round
Norris	May 17 – Sept. 30
Pebble Creek	June 15 – Sept. 30
Slough Creek	June 15 – Oct. 31
Tower Fall	May 24 – Sept. 30

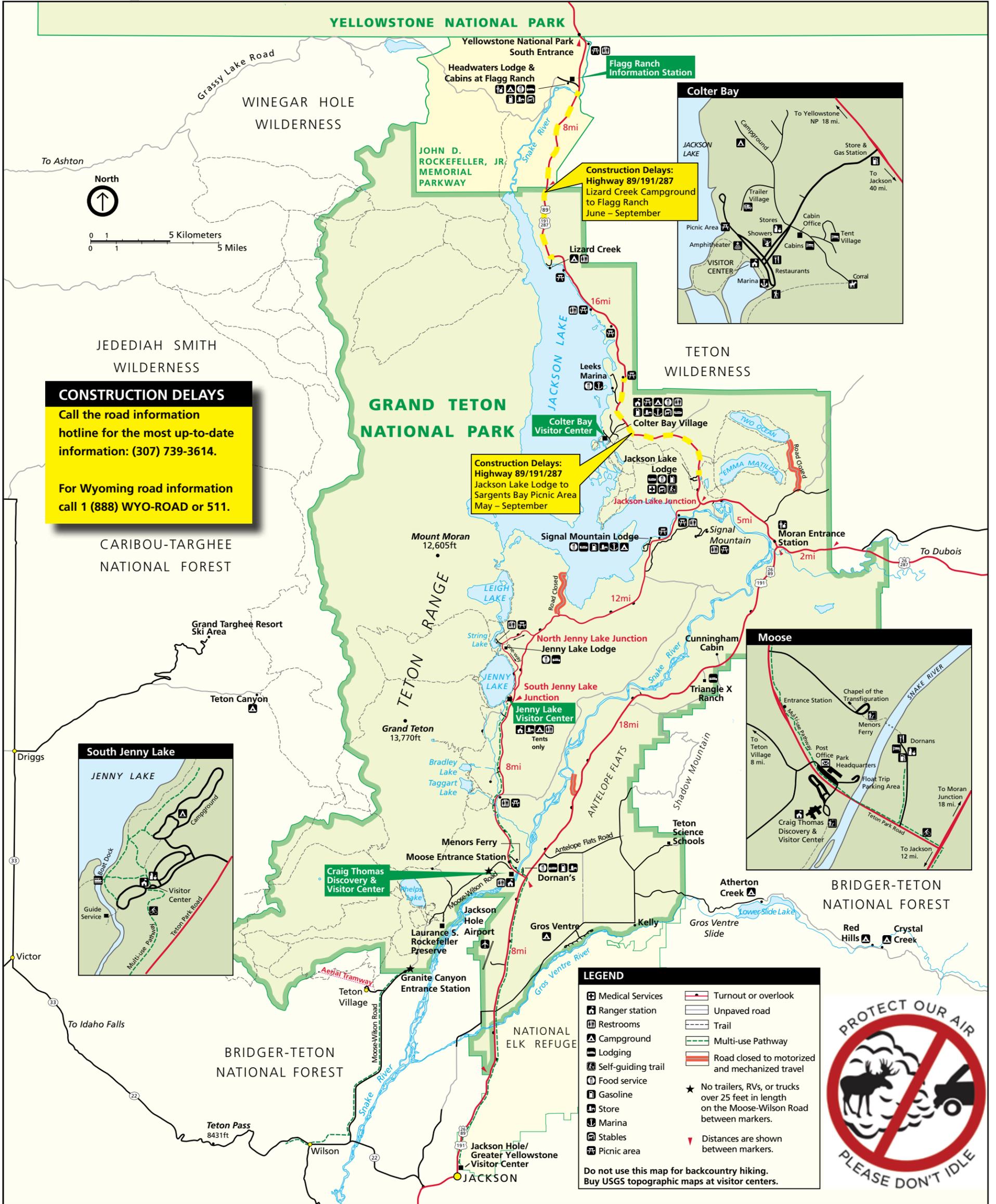
XANTERRA CAMPGROUNDS Reservations – (866) 439-7375	OPEN SEASON 2013
Bridge Bay	May 24 – Sept. 2
Canyon	May 31 – Sept. 8
Fishing Bridge RV	May 10 – Sept. 22
Grant Village	June 21 – Sept. 22
Madison	May 3 – Oct. 20

**Campground & Lodge fill times** (307) 344-2114

# The Teton Range



# Park Map



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 For Wyoming road information call 1 (888) WYO-ROAD or 511.

**Construction Delays:**  
 Highway 89/191/287  
 Jackson Lake Lodge to Sargents Bay Picnic Area  
 May - September

**Construction Delays:**  
 Highway 89/191/287  
 Lizard Creek Campground to Flagg Ranch  
 June - September

**SAVE A LIFE  
 45 AT NIGHT**

NIGHT TIME SPEED LIMIT SAVES LIVES!  
 The night time speed limit on US Highway 26/89/191 is now 45 mph from the park's south boundary to the boundary east of Moran Junction. Night time begins 30 minutes after sunset and lasts until 30 minutes before sunrise. Areas around Gros Ventre Junction and Moran Junction will remain 45 mph at all times. The number of animals killed due to vehicle

collisions is rising. In 2010 more than 150 animals were killed on park roads. During the past three years, 64 percent of wildlife fatalities occurred on this section of highway. Throughout the park, 55 percent of fatalities occurred at night. In order to protect the public and to preserve wildlife populations, park officials reduced night time speed limits to give drivers and animals more reaction time. The reduced speed only adds six minutes to your trip along this section of highway.

Please obey the new night time speed limit to help us improve safety and protect wildlife.

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