

GRAND TETON

YOUR GUIDE TO THE PARK • FALL 2018



Changes of Autumn

The arrival of autumn breathes new life into Grand Teton National Park. As the heat of summer slowly gives way to the cooler months of fall, changes may be seen across the park. The bright green leaves of the aspens become vibrant yellow; the sun, once bright until late in the evening, sinks below the horizon earlier each day; cool breezes and

frequent rain showers wash away the haze of summer.

For many animals, fall is the time to migrate to their winter grounds. Bison, pronghorn, and elk begin moving south. Grand Teton is a corridor for many of these animals, and they follow the same path their ancestors took thousands of years before.

Pronghorn gather in large groups to head for their winter grounds near Pinedale, WY. For nearly 7,000 years, members of the Teton herd have headed to the Pinedale area where they join one of the largest gatherings of pronghorn on earth. The 150-mile migration is the second longest land migration in the Western Hemisphere.

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Jenny Lake Renewal

The multi-million dollar renewal project at Jenny Lake is making headway—2018 marks the fifth and final major construction season. Work continues around the visitor center, general store, and restrooms. Backcountry work continues at Inspiration Point and Cascade Creek.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Trails—current info at visitor centers. Trails to Hidden Falls and a scenic viewpoint called Lower Inspiration Point are open. Cascade Canyon access is via north horse trail.

Visitor Center—temporary facility with visitor information and bookstore sales. Open until Sept 23.

General Store—sells camping and hiking supplies, groceries, gifts, and snacks. Open until Sept 23.

Jenny Lake Campground—tents only. Open until Sept 30.
multi-use pathway—unaffected by construction. Due to congestion, please begin from another location.

Bears in Fall

Hawthorne, chokecherry, and other berries attract grizzly and black bears to feast on this vital food source. Park rangers will close roads, trails, and other areas if necessary for visitor safety due to bear activity and bear safety.



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

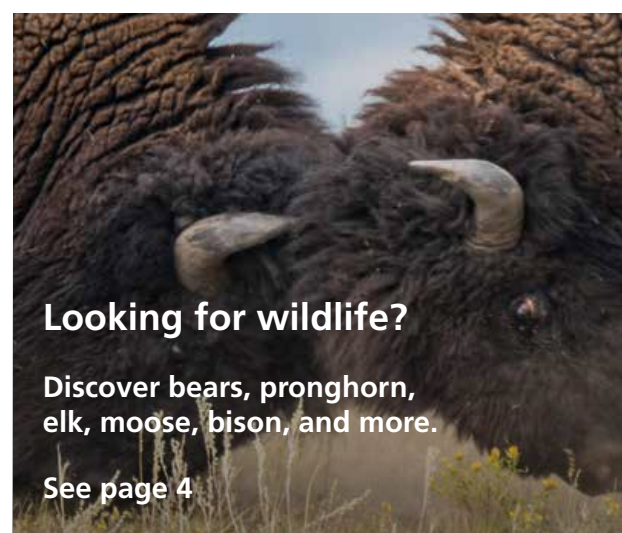
- Both black and grizzly bears can be dangerous.
- Stay at least 100 yards from bears and wolves.
- Remain in your vehicle if bears are present.
- Hike in groups, make noise, and carry bear spray.
- Keep a clean camp and always store any product with an odor properly.



Make Your Splash!

50th Anniversary of Wild & Scenic Rivers.

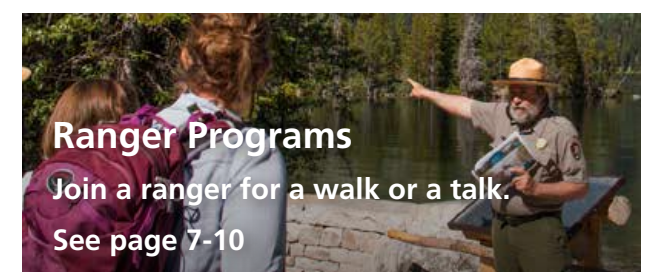
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Looking for wildlife?

Discover bears, pronghorn, elk, moose, bison, and more.

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Ranger Programs

Join a ranger for a walk or a talk.

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Want to sleep under the stars?

Campground and RV park information.

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Visitor Centers and Information

Talk to a Ranger? To speak to a Grand Teton National Park ranger call **307-739-3399** for visitor information.

Road Information	307-739-3682
Backcountry Permits	307-739-3309
Park Administration Offices	307-739-3300
TTY/TDD Phone	307-739-3301

Craig Thomas Discovery & Visitor Center

Information, park film, exhibits, permits, and bookstore. Open September 4-23 from 8am-7pm, September 24-October 28 from 8am-5pm. 307-739-3399.

Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center

Sensory exhibits and orientation to an eight-mile trail network. Open until September 23, 9am-5pm. 307-739-3654.

Jenny Lake Visitor Center

Information, bookstore. Open until September 23, 8am-5pm. 307-739-3392.

Jenny Lake Ranger Station

Closed for the season. Permits available from the Craig Thomas and Colter Bay visitor centers.

Colter Bay Visitor Center

Information, exhibits, park film, permits, and bookstore. Open until October 8, 8am-5pm. 307-739-3594.

Jackson Hole & Greater Yellowstone

Visitor Center Located in the town of Jackson, WY.

Information, exhibits, and bookstore. Open daily in September 8am-7pm. October and November 9am-5pm. 307-733-3316.

Entrance Fees

Entry Grand Teton: 7 days

\$35 per vehicle; \$30 per motorcycle;
\$20 per person for single hiker or bicyclist.

Annual Grand Teton

\$70 allows entrance to Grand Teton National Park for 12 months from date of purchase.

America the Beautiful Pass

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



Annual Pass: \$80

Military Annual Pass: Free

For active duty U.S. military personnel and dependents

Senior Lifetime Pass: \$80

Senior Annual Pass: \$20

U.S. citizens 62 or older

Access Lifetime Pass: Free

A lifetime pass for U.S. citizens with permanent disabilities

Every Kid in a Park, 4th Grade Pass: Free

Free to U.S. 4th grade students beginning September 1st of the year the student begins 4th grade. Covers entrance fees same as America the Beautiful Pass. Qualifying students must complete an online activity and print off a paper voucher to exchange for the pass. Visit: everykidinapark.gov for more information.

DISCOVER THE MAGNIFICENT LANDSCAPE AND WILD COMMUNITIES OF GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

, where the Teton Range rises abruptly from the high mountain valley known as Jackson Hole. From lush meadows and sage-covered floodplains to bare alpine rocks, the park is home to bald eagles, grizzly bears, river otters, and bison.

If you have two hours or more...

Love to hike? Grab a map and enjoy a short day hike or lakeshore walk. Get the *Day Hikes and Lakeshore Maps* bulletin for more information and options.

Are you curious? Join a ranger-led program. Check out the schedule on pages 7-10 or check at a visitor center.

Want to see wildlife? Go for a drive or hike to a popular wildlife viewing spot. See page 4 for suggested places to catch a glimpse.

Prefer a road tour? Discover the vistas from Jenny Lake Scenic Drive or the wildlife along the Moose-Wilson Road.

Attracted to water? Paddle a canoe, kayak or paddleboard on a lake (boat permit required) or rent a boat.

Like bicycling? Ride your bicycle on the multi-use pathway. You can walk, run, or rollerblade too. No dogs on the multi-use pathway, except service dogs.



If you have a day...



Want to hike? Grab a map and enjoy a day hike or take a longer trek. Join a ranger for a hike to Phelps Lake, Taggart Lake, or to Moose Ponds. Check for hiking programs on pages 7-10 or Get the *Day Hikes and Lakeshore Maps* bulletin for more information and options.

Want to go on a drive? Discover the vistas from the park's turnouts along the Teton Park Road and outer highway. Ask for a driving tour brochure at the visitor center.

Love water? Take a float trip on the Snake River or a scenic cruise on Jackson or Jenny lakes.

Interested in history? Explore the historic districts at Menors Ferry, Mormon Row, and Cunningham Cabin. Check the app for an audio tour of Menors Ferry.

If you have more than a day...

Want to hit the trail? Grab a map and enjoy an all day hike to Lake Solitude, Surprise Lake, or explore Death Canyon.

Like to paddle? Paddle String Lake and portage to Leigh Lake for solitude and spectacular views of Mount Moran. Try

camping on Leigh Lake (permit required).

Feel lucky? Try your luck fishing one of the world famous lakes or streams in the park (WY license required) or hire a fishing guide.

Seeking adventure? Obtain a backcountry permit for back-packing trip.

Want to climb a mountain? Hire a professional mountain-guide or take a climbing class.



GET OUTSIDE WITH YOUR FAMILY!

 Explore what Grand Teton has to offer the whole family. Look for special ranger programs for kids, hikes, drives, and adventures you can enjoy.

CHECKOUT A BACKPACK Learn about nature's wonders as you explore the park. Backpacks have supplies to track, sketch, and journal about the natural world. Check out a backpack at the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center or Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve.

CUNNINGHAM CABIN Explore the early life of a homesteader. Visit the oldest standing cabin in the valley located on Highway 89, between Elk Ranch Flats and Triangle X Ranch.

PICNIC Dine al fresco at one of the park picnic areas. Head north for views of Jackson Lake from six different picnic areas.



GO TO THE TOP OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN Stand on top of a mountain! Drive the highest road in the park, to 7,727 feet, Signal Mountain Summit Road. Take in the spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and Jackson Hole.

EXPLORE MENORS FERRY Learn how homesteaders and dude ranchers crossed the powerful Snake River during the early 1900s.

TAKE A HIKE WITH YOUR FAMILY Take your kids on a trail for education, exercise, and enjoyment. Explore the park with a ranger and learn about the geology, plants, people, and wildlife. Ranger hikes are recommended for families with children who are comfortable walking 2-3 miles. Great hikes for families include Taggart Lake, Hidden Falls, Phelps Lake, and Swan Lake. Check out the *Hiking Guide* in the center of this newspaper for more information and options.



Become a Junior Ranger

Are you a kid or young at heart? Learn about Grand Teton's wildlife, history, and geology by becoming a Junior Ranger. Ask for booklet at a visitor center! Booklet also available in Spanish.



CAMPING IS A GREAT WAY TO IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE STUNNING SCENERY OF GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK.

There are many options for camping. If you are feeling adventurous and searching for solitude, get a permit to pitch a tent in the backcountry. Looking for a few more comforts? You can tent camp or park and plug in your recreational vehicle at over 1,000 campsites at eight park campgrounds.

Campgrounds

Most sites offer standard amenities including modern comfort stations, potable water, metal fire grates, picnic tables, and metal bear boxes(see page 4).

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).

For campground status contact entrance stations or visitor centers. Camping is not permitted within the park along roadsides, at overlooks, or parking areas. Doubling up in campsites is prohibited and there are no overflow facilities.

Grassy Lake Road in the John D. Rockefeller, Jr Memorial Parkway has 20 dispersed campsites with vault toilets and bear boxes, but no potable water. These sites are free of charge and available first-come, first-served beginning June 1.



	Dates	Average Fill time	Type	Reserve	Sites	Cost per night, Standard/Senior & Access	Amenities/Restrictions
Gros Ventre Campground 307-734-4431 Groups: 307-543-3100	May 4–Oct. 12	evening	Standard site	no	264	\$29/\$14.50	dump station, 45-foot length limit
			Electric hookup	no	36	\$53/\$38.50	
			Group site	yes	5	\$31 + \$9/\$4.50 (per camper)	
Jenny Lake Campground 307-543-3390	May 4–Sept. 30	early morning	Standard site	no	49	\$29/\$14.50	tents only
			Hiker/Biker site	no	10	\$12/\$6	
Signal Mountain Campground 307-543-2831	May 11–Oct. 14	morning	Standard site	no	56	\$32/\$16 (\$11 Hiker/Biker)	pay showers nearby, dump station, 30-foot length limit
			Electric hookup	no	25	\$54/\$37	
Colter Bay Campground 307-543-2811, ext #1057 Groups: 307-543-3100	May 24–Sept. 30	afternoon	Standard site	no	322	\$31/\$15.50	pay showers nearby, dump station, 45-foot length limit
			Electric hookup	no	13	\$53/\$39	
			Hiker/Biker site	no		\$12/\$6	
			Group site	yes	11	\$31 + \$9/\$4.50 (per camper)	
Colter Bay RV Park 307-543-3100	May 10–Oct. 7	call	Pull-through site	yes	94	\$72/\$57	full hookups, no fire grates
			Back-in site	yes	9	\$62/\$47	
Lizard Creek Campground 307-543-2831	Closed for the season September 3						
Headwaters Campground 307-543-2861	June 1–Sept. 30	afternoon	Standard site	some	34	\$37.50/\$20	showers included
Headwaters RV Park 307-543-2861	May 17–Sept. 30	call	Full hookups	yes	97	\$74/\$60	showers included, 45-foot length limit

Backpacking

Obtain a backcountry permit for all overnight trips in the park or parkway at the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center until October 31 or Colter Bay Visitor Center until October 7. On November 1 and throughout the winter permits may be obtained at Park Headquarters in Moose. One-third of backcountry campsites can be reserved in advance (\$45 fee) from early January until May 15. The fee for a walk-in permit is \$35. Park approved bear-resistant food storage canisters are required. Canisters are available for free check out.

More information available at go.nps.gov/tetonbackcountry



SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS GROS VENTRE ROUNDABOUT

Gros Ventre Junction on U.S. Highway 26/89/191 will be under construction through November 2018. Expect traffic delays and plan ahead.

The Gros Ventre Road Junction has an average daily traffic volume of approximately 14,200 vehicles and almost 200 bicycle riders during the summer. Safety concerns have been identified at this location, for vehicles, bicycles/pedestrians, and wildlife. A roundabout is the most effective solution.

BE PREPARED AND PLAN AHEAD

Construction: April–November 2018

Expect: 15-minute maximum delays 5 am–8 pm

30-minute maximum delays 8 pm–5 am

No parking/stopping allowed 1/2 mile from intersection.

These construction delays should be considered in addition to busy summer traffic.

GROS VENTRE ROAD CLOSURE

The Gros Ventre Road, which provides access to Kelly and Gros Ventre Campground, may be closed for up to two weeks after September 15 between 9 am and 3 pm. Reroute via Antelope Flats Road.

PATHWAY CLOSURE

A temporary pathway closure between the Gros Ventre River Bridge and north of the Gros Ventre Intersection will occur for approximately two weeks in late September. Experienced pathway users may travel along U.S. Hwy 26/89/191 on the road shoulder.



GRIZZLY AND BLACK BEARS thrive in Grand Teton National Park and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway. You may encounter a bear anywhere at anytime. Some of the most popular areas and trails pass through excellent bear habitat. Be Bear Aware!



Hiking in bear habitat

BE ALERT
watch for bears,
fresh tracks, or scat.

MAKE NOISE
in areas with limited visibility.

CARRY BEAR SPRAY
and know how to use it.

HIKE IN GROUPS
of three or more people.

DO NOT RUN,
back away slowly.

Bear Encounter

Check at visitor centers or ranger stations for recent bear activity before hiking, and respect all bear management closure areas.

- If you encounter a bear (most common)—**slowly back away.**
- If the bear charges at you (rare)—**stand your ground and use bear spray.**
- If a bear charges and makes contact with you (very rare)—**fall onto your stomach and “play dead.”**
- If a bear stalks you, then attacks (extremely rare)—**fight back.**
- If a bear attacks you in your tent (extremely rare)—**fight back.**

Grizzly Bear

Food Storage Required

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 in a bear-resistant food locker when not in immediate use or attended to, 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, gather your food, and retreat to a safe distance.

Keep a Clean Camp

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

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



Bear spray is sold at gift shops, service stations, and bookstores inside the park, as well as in many stores in the surrounding communities.

If a bear charges at you:

- Remove the safety clip.
- Aim slightly downward and adjust for crosswind.

- Spray at the charging bear so that the bear must pass through a cloud of spray.
- If the bear continues to charge: spray into the bear’s face.

Once discharged, it is difficult to tell how much spray remains in the canister and it should be recycled. Please recycle at a visitor center.

Check the expiration date on bear spray to ensure its effectiveness.

WHAT KIND OF BEAR DID YOU SEE? Both grizzly bears and black bears live in the park and parkway. Color is misleading – both species vary from blonde to black.

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 shorter and more curved (1-2” long)

Grizzly



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

Where to Look for Wildlife



ALL 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. Remember animals are adapted to live in this environment. Please do not interfere.

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. Beavers and muskrats may swim 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 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.

ELK RANCH FLATS

Stop at Elk Ranch turnout on U.S. Highway 26/89/191 just north of Cunningham Cabin. Pronghorn, bison, elk, and even domestic animals using a grazing permit frequent this area. The open grasses 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 U.S. 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 AND MORMON ROW


East of U.S. Highway 26/89/191, one mile north of Moose Junction. Bison and pronghorn graze the flats. 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.



SAFE WILDLIFE VIEWING is everyone's responsibility. Wildlife draw many to this beautiful place seeking out the smallest calliope hummingbird or the largest grizzly bear.



 **Roadside viewing is popular**, but please keep the road clear. Use pullouts or pull completely off the roadway to the right of the white line.


 **It is illegal to feed any wildlife—birds, ground squirrels, bears, or foxes.** Wildlife start to depend on people resulting in poor nutrition. If fed, any animal may become unhealthy, bite you, and expose you to rabies.



 **Always maintain a distance of at least 100 yards from bears and wolves, and 25 yards from other wildlife.** Use binoculars or a spotting scope for a good view. Never position yourself between a female and offspring—mothers are very protective. Let wildlife thrive undisturbed. If your actions cause an animal to flee, you are too close.





GET ON THE WATER and enjoy unparalleled views of wildlife and mountains, world-class fishing, and fun around every bend. The Snake River flows through the heart of the park and features fly fishing, great wildlife viewing, and rapids depending on time of year. Many of the more accessible lakes are open for a variety of activities. Motorboats are permitted on Jenny Lake (10 horsepower maximum) and Jackson Lake. Human-powered vessels are permitted on Jackson, Jenny, Phelps, Emma Matilda, Two Ocean, Taggart, Bradley, Bearpaw, Leigh, and String lakes.


  **Boat permits and Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) decals are required for all motorized or non-motorized watercraft** including kayaks, canoes, rafts, and stand-up paddle (SUP) boards, inflatable or hard-sided. Permits may be purchased at the visitor centers in Moose, Jenny Lake (cash only) or Colter Bay.


 **Drain, Clean, Dry!** Help protect park waterways and native fish from the spread of aquatic invasive species. Drain, 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 AIS decal and have vessels inspected prior to launch at AIS check stations.


  **Sailboats, water skiing, and windsurfers** are allowed only on Jackson Lake.


 **Personal watercraft/jet skis** are prohibited on all waters within the park.

 **Pets** are only allowed on a permitted vessel on Jackson Lake, but not in lakeshore campsites or in the water. Pets are not allowed on the Snake River or any other body of water in the park.

 **A Wyoming fishing license is required** and may be purchased at Signal Mountain Lodge front desk, Colter Bay Marina, Headwaters Lodge, and Snake River Anglers at Dornans. For more information pick up a Fishing Brochure. Fishing in Yellowstone National Park requires a separate permit.

 **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; and swimming is not recommended.


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


 **Only human-powered vessels are allowed on the Snake River** within the park and parkway. A permit is required. The Snake River has constantly shifting channels and logjams that may present risks for boaters. Read the launch site bulletin boards for current river conditions.


Park Regulations & Safety



Things to Know

For a safe and enjoyable visit, please know these park regulations and safety advisories. For additional information find a ranger or visit www.nps.gov/grandteton.


 **Launching, landing or operating an unmanned aircraft, such as a drone, is prohibited.**


 **Pets** must be restrained on a leash (6 feet or less) and stay within 30 feet of roadways. Owners must properly dispose of feces. Pets are not allowed in visitor centers, on ranger-led activities, on the multi-use pathway, or on park hiking trails. Pets are ONLY allowed in boats on Jackson Lake—no other waterways. **Service animals must assist with a disability and must be trained to perform tasks to aid with the disability.** Dogs whose sole function is providing comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Visitors who plan to take a service animal into the backcountry should complete an acknowledgment form in a visitor center at their convenience.



 **Leave what you find.** Keep items in their natural setting for others to enjoy. Picking wildflowers, historic objects, archaeological artifacts, natural features, or collecting items such as antlers is prohibited. Edible fruits, berries, and nuts may be gathered by hand for personal use and consumption. The allowable limit is one quart/per species/per person/per day. The collection of mushrooms is prohibited.


  **Campfires** are allowed at designated campgrounds and picnic areas within metal fire grates, unless fire restrictions are in effect. A permit may be obtained for campfires below the high water line on the west shoreline of Jackson Lake at the Colter Bay Visitor Center. Fires are prohibited in other areas.


Fireworks and other pyrotechnic devices are prohibited at all times.


 **Wyoming state firearm 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.


 **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. Motorized vehicles, including electric bicycles (e-bikes) are prohibited on the multi-use pathway.

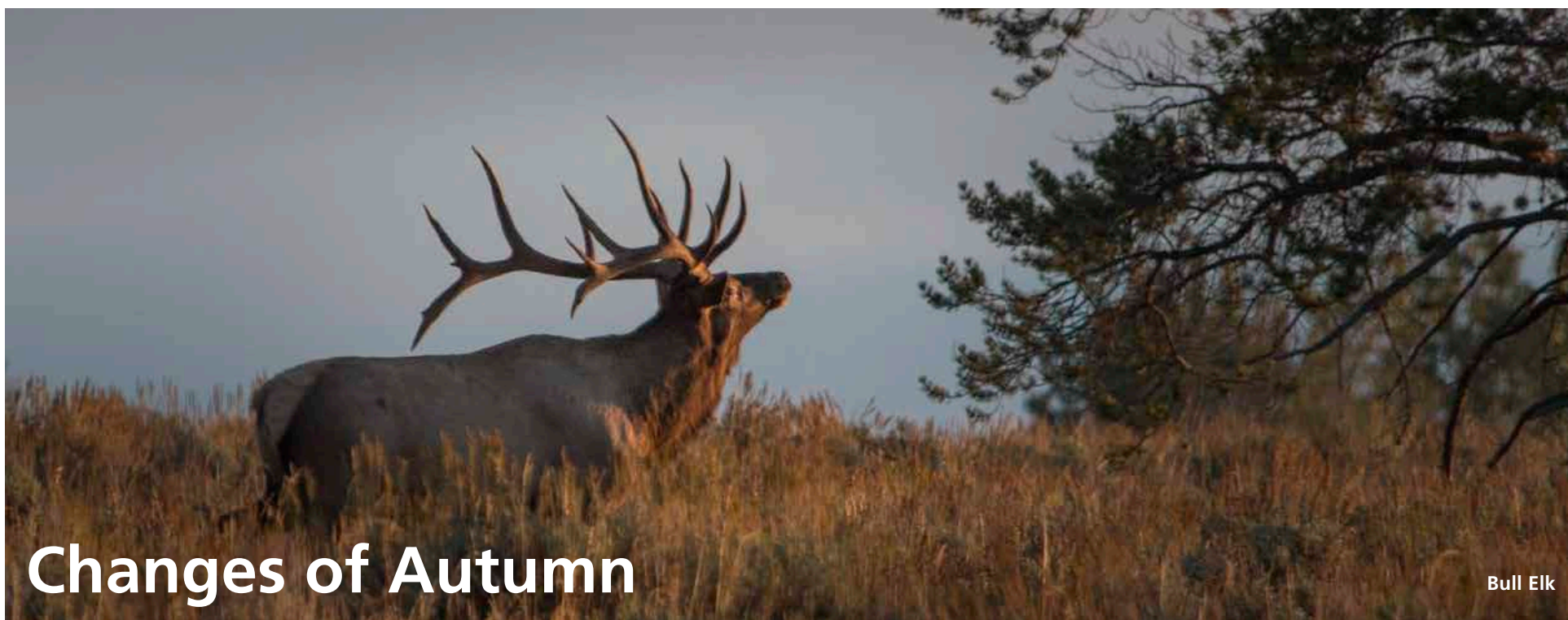
  Only use non-motorized forms of transportation on the **multi-use pathway**. Persons with physical disabilities may use battery-operated transportation. Do not access the pathway from dusk to dawn for your safety and wildlife's safety. Dogs are not allowed on the pathway. Service animals may travel on the pathway (as defined above).

 **Soaking in pools where thermal waters originate is prohibited to protect resources.** Soaking in adjacent run-off streams is allowed, provided they do not contain an originating water source. These waters may harbor organisms that cause diseases.

 **Hikers should stay on trails.** Short-cutting is prohibited and damages fragile vegetation promoting erosion. Know your limitations. For your safety, leave your itinerary with a responsible party. Solo travel is not advised. Permits are not required for day hikes. Trails may be snow-covered and require an ice axe for safe travel in late fall. **Visitor centers sell topographic maps and trail guides.**

 **Use experience and good judgment when climbing or traveling in the mountains.** The Jenny Lake Ranger Station is closed for the season. For route and climbing information or to pick up any permit involving climbing visit the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center, after October 28, go to park headquarters in Moose. Registration is not required for day climbs. Backcountry permits are required for all overnight stays. Leave your itinerary with a responsible party. Solo travel is not advised.

 **Traveling in the mountains has inherent risks** including potential rockfall. Serious injury or death could occur.



Changes of Autumn

Bull Elk

continued from cover

Members of the ungulate family – such as elk, deer, and moose – find their mates during the fall months. Listen for elk bugles in the park—a key sign of fall. Bull elk will gather harems of cow elk, then challenge other males to establish dominance. These challenges include bugling and sparring. Younger bulls will often back off from larger males, but similarly sized bulls will often confront each other. Males use these battles to show their strength, and the bulls often sustain injuries, but rarely fatal ones, during the struggle. The strongest male wins and thus earns the right to mate. As snow blows in and fall shifts into winter, elk will continue their migration south to the National Elk Refuge, where they will make their winter home.

Bison also join in on fall migration. While summers are spent in the eastern sagebrush plains of the park, the coming of fall sees bison head south to lower elevations. Less snow makes it easier to reach the grasses that are their main food source. Bison are experts at using their large heads to plow snow off the ground to reach the grass below. While you travel through Grand Teton, look out for the various animals also making their journey through the park. Fall is a time for movement and change, but will soon ease into the quiet of winter. Take in all the changes around you and breathe in the new energy that comes with the arrival of fall.




Pronghorn Buck

The Science of Color


During spring and summer, leaves use sunlight to generate food for the plant. Chlorophyll harnesses the sun's energy to convert carbon dioxide and water into carbohydrates to sustain growth, giving leaves their green color.

In fall, the length of daylight and cooling temperatures cause leaves to stop generating food. Chlorophyll breaks down and the green color disappears allowing other pigments to become visible like carotenoids that produce brilliant yellow and orange leaves. Some leaves will generate red pigments, anthocyanins, due to excess water and sugars.


Temperature and moisture control the intensity and duration of the colors. A wet growing season followed by dry, sunny autumn days with crisp, cool (but not freezing) nights seems to yield the best colors.




Quaking Aspen
Populus tremuloides



Black Hawthorn
Crataegus douglasii



Willow
Salix exigua



Narrowleaf Cottonwood
Populus angustifolia

Visit Moose

Check at a visitor center for changes to program schedule.

Enjoy a variety of trails, activities, scenic drives and ranger programs as well as historic districts and iconic views of the Teton Range.



Things to See

CRAIG THOMAS DISCOVERY & VISITOR CENTER

Visit the center for trip planning, weather, permits, and camping information. Experience the exhibits or view the park film in the auditorium. Shop at the Grand Teton Association bookstore for gifts, educational books, and postcards. The visitor center is open daily September 4–23 from 8 am–7 pm, and September 24–October 28 from 8 am–5 pm.

MENORS FERRY HISTORIC DISTRICT

Take a self-guided tour around this historic district and learn about Jackson Hole history through pictorial displays at the Maud Noble Cabin. Visit the General Store, open daily until September 23, 10 am–4:30 pm, and purchase turn-of-the-century-themed goods.

ranger for directions to access the ranch and view historic buildings where landmark wilderness legislation was drafted.

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, church, school, and swimming hole.

THE MURIE RANCH

Learn about the Murie family wilderness conservation legacy by taking this self-guided one mile roundtrip walk. Ask a

Moose Ranger Programs

	Sun	Mon	Tue	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. Meet at the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center relief map . 15 minutes.	10:30 am & 11 am 9/4-9/30	10:30 am & 11 am 9/4-9/30	10:30 am & 11 am 9/4-9/30	10:30 am & 11 am 9/4-9/30	10:30 am & 11 am 9/4-9/30	10:30 am & 11 am 9/4-9/30	10:30 am & 11 am 9/4-9/30
Autumn Stroll • Hike with a ranger along the scenic trail to Taggart Lake, where a variety of stories unfold. Topics vary. Bring water, binoculars, camera, sunscreen, and rain gear. Roundtrip Distance: 3 miles (1 ½ miles guided). Difficulty: Moderate. Meet a ranger at the Taggart Lake Trailhead . 2 ½ hours.	1:30 pm 9/4-9/30	1:30 pm 9/4-9/30	1:30 pm 9/4-9/30	1:30 pm 9/4-9/30	1:30 pm 9/4-9/30	1:30 pm 9/4-9/30	1:30 pm 9/4-9/30
Murie Home Tour • Join staff from The Murie Center of Teton Science Schools to enjoy docent-led tour of the Muries' home. Learn about the history of the ranch, the Muries' life-long dedication to conservation work, current work at the Center, and more. Meet a docent on the frontporch of the Muries' home . 30 minutes-1 hour.	2:30 pm 9/4-10/11	2:30 pm 9/4-10/11	2:30 pm 9/4-10/11	2:30 pm 9/4-10/11	2:30 pm 9/4-10/11	2:30 pm 9/4-10/11	2:30 pm 9/4-10/11
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. Reservations are required . Please call the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center, 307-739-3381, or make reservations in person. Ride sharing will be strongly encouraged. Meet at the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center Flag Pole . 3 hours.	5 pm 9/4-9/23	5 pm 9/4-9/23	5 pm 9/4-9/23	5 pm 9/4-9/23	5 pm 9/4-9/23	5 pm 9/4-9/23	5 pm 9/4-9/23

Accessible program

Things to Do

TAGGART LAKE TRAILHEAD

Drive 3.5 miles northwest of Moose Junction to enjoy a spectacular view of the Teton Range. Enjoy a 3-mile roundtrip hike to Taggart Lake or detour for a longer hike with great views of Bradley Lake and Garnet Canyon. A vault toilet, trailhead information, and brochures are available.

MULTI-USE PATHWAY

Bike, walk, skateboard, or rollerblade on the multi-use pathway. Access the pathway from Moose or Taggart Lake Trailhead. The pathway extends from South Jenny Lake to Jackson. Bike rentals are available at Dornans near Moose, in Jackson, or Teton Village.



Mardy's Front Porch Conversation Series at The Murie Ranch Voices for the Land

Sept 5, 5:45 pm–7 pm

Stories from the Field: Citizens shaping the future of conservation in Wyoming with Lisa McGee, Executive Director, Wyoming Outdoor Council.

Oct 3, 5:45 pm–7 pm

The Benefits of Conservation Grazing - Healthy Soil and More with Wendy Millet, Director, TomKat Ranch Educational Foundation

If weather permits all conversations will be held outdoors. Please bring a jacket as evenings can be chilly on the Ranch. If there is inclement weather the conversation will be moved to an indoor space on The Murie Ranch.




Explore Jenny Lake

Jenny Lake provides convenient access to glacially-formed lakes and invigorating hikes while enjoying dramatic mountain scenery.

Check at a visitor center for changes to program schedule.

Things to See

PARKING

 Parking at South Jenny Lake is highly congested and often full from 9 am–4 pm. Plan accordingly. Watch for pedestrians.

JENNY LAKE VISITOR CENTER

This fall a temporary building will house the Jenny Lake Visitor Center as the visitor complex is rehabilitated. Park rangers will provide information and hiking maps, or you may shop for gifts, educational books, and postcards. The visitor center is open daily until September 23 from 8 am–5 pm.


The South Jenny Lake area includes a general store, restrooms, trailhead access, boat launch, and the Exum Mountain Guide office.

Take a shuttle boat across Jenny Lake until September 30, open 8 am–4 pm: Roundtrip/One-way: adult \$15/\$9, seniors (62+) \$12, child (2–11) \$8/\$6, under 2 years, over 80 free. Enjoy a scenic cruise (\$19 adults/\$17 seniors/\$11 child).



NORTH JENNY LAKE

Stroll along the shore of String Lake or hike to Leigh Lake and then enjoy a picnic at the String Lake picnic area. Flush and vault toilets available. Parking lots fill early, park only in designated spaces. Launch your canoe, kayak, or paddle board from the canoe launch (boat permit required). Perhaps enjoy lunch at the Jenny Lake Lodge, open until October 7, located just past the North Jenny Lake Junction on the scenic one-way road.

Horse trailer parking for String and Leigh lake use Cathedral Group Turnout.

 Bears frequent the Jenny, String, and Leigh lake area—food storage is required. Keep coolers and anything that smells locked up.




Jenny Lake Ranger Programs	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Moose Ponds Hike • Hike with a ranger along the south shore of Jenny Lake to Moose Ponds with a stunning view of Mount Teewinot. Topics vary, depending on the ranger, and may include wildlife, geology or fall ecology. Bring water, binoculars, camera, sunscreen and raingear. Roundtrip: 3 miles (1 ½ miles guided). Difficulty: Moderate uphill. Meet a ranger on the Jenny Lake Visitor Center Deck . 2 ½ hours.	8:30 am 9/4-9/23	8:30 am 9/4-9/23	8:30 am 9/4-9/23	8:30 am 9/4-9/23	8:30 am 9/4-9/23	8:30 am 9/4-9/23	8:30 am 9/4-9/23
Bear and Wildlife Safety • Discover techniques that will help you stay safe while viewing wildlife and traveling in bear country. Includes instruction in the use of bear spray. Meet a ranger on the Jenny Lake Visitor Center Deck . Wheelchair Accessible. 30 minutes. 			11 am 9/4-9/23		11 am 9/4-9/23		11 am 9/4-9/23
Discover Grand Teton • Explore the natural world of Grand Teton by joining a ranger for a short talk or demonstration. Topics vary and may be on history, wildlife or geology. Difficulty: Easy. Meet a ranger on the Jenny Lake Visitor Center Deck . 45 minutes. 	11 am 9/4-9/23	11 am 9/4-9/23		11 am 9/4-9/23		11 am 9/4-9/23	

 Accessible program



Things to Do

TRAIL CLOSURE

 Check at a visitor center for up-to-date information. Closures and detours will change during the season.

HIKING

Outstanding hikes begin in the Jenny Lake area featuring stunning views of the Teton Range, lakes, and streams. Weather may change abruptly, afternoon thunderstorms are common, bring extra clothing, and plenty of water. Dehydration can lead to serious illness and has been the cause for many rescues in the park.

BOATING

Rent a canoe or kayak from Jenny Lake Boating or take the shuttle for quick access to Cascade Canyon. If you have your own non-motorized boat, spend time on String and Leigh lakes (permit required) to enjoy unparalleled views of Mt. Moran.

BIKING

The multi-use pathway extends from the town of Jackson to South Jenny Lake—across from the visitor center. Due to limited parking at Jenny Lake, please begin your bike ride at another location.

BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING

The area around Jenny Lake provides a wide range of backcountry camping opportunities whether you are planning to climb the Grand Teton or simply want to spend an evening beside a pristine lake with your family. Permits required for all overnight stays.

SCENIC DRIVES

At North Jenny Lake Junction turn left (west) and enjoy the scenic one-way loop back to South Jenny Lake. Enjoy lake views and watch for elk and black bears.

Discover Colter Bay

Colter Bay provides some of the best wildlife viewing opportunities in the park as well as a wide range of visitor services, lake access, and trails.



Things to See

COLTER BAY

Colter Bay Visitor Center sits above the shore of Jackson Lake across from Mt. Moran. Rangers provide trip information, trail maps and backcountry permits. The building features an exhibit of American Indian art from the David T. Vernon Collection and Laine Thom Collection. Enjoy the on-going American Indian Guest Artist Program. Shop at the Grand Teton

Association bookstore for gifts, educational books, and postcards. The visitor center is open daily until October 8 from 8 am–5 pm.

Enjoy lunch at the picnic area on the lakeshore, or take a hike on one of the area trails for great opportunities to see wildlife. You will also find a campground, 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. For more information 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, open daily until October 7, 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, gift stores, and restaurants.

Colter Bay Ranger Programs	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Teton Highlights • How should you spend your time in Grand Teton? Join a ranger for suggestions to best experience your park. Meet a ranger in the Colter Bay Visitor Center auditorium . 30 minutes.	9 am 9/4-9/23	9 am 9/4-9/23	9 am 9/4-9/23	9 am 9/4-9/23	9 am 9/4-9/23	9 am 9/4-9/23	9 am 9/4-9/23
Wildlife at Willow Flats • Join a ranger for a talk about the park's diverse and spectacular wildlife. Meet a ranger at Willow Flats Overlook . 30 minutes.		11 am 9/5-9/21		11 am 9/5-9/21		11 am 9/5-9/21	
Explore the Shore • Join a ranger for a cool morning stroll along the scenic shoreline of Jackson Lake and learn about the rich natural history of Grand Teton. Distance: 1 mile. Difficulty: Easy. Meet at flagpole in front of Colter Bay Visitor Center . 1 hour.	11 am 9/4-9/25		11 am 9/4-9/25		11 am 9/4-9/25		11 am 9/4-9/25
Bear and Wildlife Safety • Discover techniques that will help you stay safe while viewing wildlife and traveling in bear country. Includes instruction in the use of bear spray. Meet a ranger at the Colter Bay Visitor Center back deck . 30 minutes.	2 pm 9/4-9/21					2 pm 9/4-9/21	
Oxbow Bend Wildlife Watch • Join a ranger at the Oxbow Bend Turnout for an evening wildlife watch with classic views. Learn about the birds and mammals that inhabit this area. Meet at the Oxbow Bend Turnout . 1 ½ hours.	6 pm 9/4-9/24	6 pm 9/4-9/24	6 pm 9/4-9/24	6 pm 9/4-9/24	6 pm 9/4-9/24	6 pm 9/4-9/24	6 pm 9/4-9/24

Accessible program

Things to Do

HIKING

Great hiking and wildlife viewing opportunities abound around Colter Bay. Enjoy hiking through a variety of natural communities with dramatic views of the northern Teton Range.

Pets are allowed in boats on Jackson Lake; all other lakes, trails and rivers are closed to pets.

WILDLIFE VIEWING

Excellent wildlife viewing opportunities are found along the road from Moran Junction to Colter Bay, especially at Willow Flats Overlook and the Oxbow Bend Turnout. Dawn and dusk offer the best opportunities.

BOATING

Rent a canoe, kayak, or motorboat from the Colter Bay Marina or launch your own boat in Jackson Lake (permit required).



Shoshonean Days, September 5-6

Learn about Shoshonean history and culture at the Colter Bay Visitor Center. The Shoshonean peoples of the Eastern Great Basin and Western Plains hunted seasonally in what is now Grand Teton National Park and left a sizable archaeological record. Their modern-day descendants still live in the region and maintain their languages and

cultural practices. Cultural speakers, video presentations, and exhibits of traditional and modern Shoshonean arts will explain the present-day influence of Shoshone peoples. Shoshone artist Clyde Hall will be the guest artist during the event.



Experience the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve

The Preserve Center offers unique sensory exhibits and trails leading to Phelps Lake, providing extraordinary views of the Teton Range.



Check at a visitor center for changes to program schedule.

Things to See

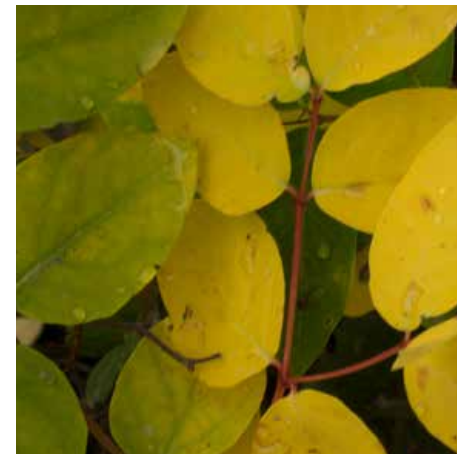
PARKING

The parking lot and trails are open 24 hours a day—no overnight parking. The lot often fills by 9 am and remains full past 4 pm. Wait times for parking can be more than one hour after the lot fills. Consider carpooling or biking to help alleviate congestion and reduce our environmental footprint. **Due to the narrow road, trailers and vehicles over 23.3 feet are prohibited on the Moose-Wilson Road.**

PRESERVE CENTER

Visit the center to discover Mr. Rockefeller’s vision for the preserve and his legacy of conservation stewardship. Orient yourself to the area through visual, auditory, and tactile exhibits of the preserve’s plants and wildlife. Learn about the innovative design techniques and features making the center a model for energy and environmental design.

Open daily until September 23 from 9 am-5 pm. The Preserve adheres to “Leave No Trace”—plan to pack out your trash. The Preserve Center sells bear spray (credit cards only), but does not issue boat or backcountry permits.



Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Ranger Programs	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Autumn at the Preserve • How do the animals and plants of the Preserve prepare for winter? Join a ranger to explore these changes during this informal discussion time. Drop-in at the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center porch . 45 minutes. ♿	9:00 am 9/4-9/23	9:00 am 9/4-9/23	9:00 am 9/4-9/23	9:00 am 9/4-9/23	9:00 am 9/4-9/23	9:00 am 9/4-9/23	9:00 am 9/4-9/23
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. Reservations required, call (307) 739-3654. Bring water, rain gear, sunscreen and insect repellent. Group Size: 10. Roundtrip Distance: 3 miles (1.5 miles guided). Difficulty: Easy/Moderate. Meet a ranger at the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center porch . 2 ½ hours.	9:30 am 9/4-9/23	9:30 am 9/4-9/23	9:30 am 9/4-9/23	9:30 am 9/4-9/23	9:30 am 9/4-9/23	9:30 am 9/4-9/23	9:30 am 9/4-9/23
Critter Chat • An animal or insect is the star of this fun, family friendly program. Meet a ranger at Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center porch . 30 minutes. ♿	3:30 pm* 9/4-9/23		3:30 pm* 9/4-9/23		3:30 pm* 9/4-9/23		3:30 pm* 9/4-9/23
Bear and Wildlife Safety • Discover techniques that will help you stay safe while viewing wildlife and traveling in bear country. Includes instruction in the use of bear spray. Meet a ranger at the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center porch . 30 minutes. ♿		3:30 pm* 9/5-9/21		3:30 pm* 9/5-9/21		3:30 pm* 9/5-9/21	

*Please allow extra travel time as parking lot is typically full during this part of the day. • ♿ Accessible program



Black Bear

Things to Do

NATURE EXPLORER’S BACKPACKS

Become a Nature Explorer! Check out a backpack from the Preserve Center between 9 am-4 pm. It’s loaded with all the tools of a naturalist including field guides, binoculars, colored pencils, a magnifying glass and a special journal that is yours to keep. Discover the wonders of the natural world as you hike to Phelps Lake as a family. The activities are recommended for children ages 6-12. Backpacks are limited, so one per family please. Backpacks need to be returned to the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center by 5 pm.

HIKING BEYOND THE PRESERVE

Go the extra mile and hike to Huckleberry Point for a picnic or some quiet time. You’ll cross a raised walkway where you might see numerous aquatic insects in the wetlands or perhaps a moose playing in the pond. Bears are often seen in the huckleberry patches along the way, so don’t set your pack down and leave it. An even bigger adventure will take you all the way around the lake and up Death Canyon or Open Canyon. Both of these beautiful glacially formed canyons provide magnificent vistas, waterfalls, wildflowers, and wildlife viewing.

REST AREAS AT PHELPS LAKE

Explore the secluded rest areas around the shores of Phelps Lake. There are six places with benches or rocks to sit on and easy access to the shallow water near the shore. These are special spots for a picnic or a nap. Be sure to keep your pack within reach as bears do frequent the area. Look for the trails leaving the main trail after you arrive at the lake either along Woodland or Lake Creek Trails. See if you can discover all six!

GRAND TETON ZERO-LANDFILL PROJECT

The National Park Service, Subaru of America Inc., National Parks Conservation Association, and park concessioners have joined together to reduce the amount of visitor-generated waste that national parks send to landfills. Together, we hope to raise public awareness about the trash problem at our parks, and to educate visitors to reduce their environmental footprint when visiting our parks and at home.

Green Your Visit

Grand Teton can be a healthy and sustainable place for you and future generations with your help.



Recycle. Bear-resistant trash and recycle containers are available throughout the park. Plastic bottles, glass, and aluminum recycling are found in most visitor areas. Additional items can be recycled, including propane canisters and bear spray. You can help Grand Teton reach its goal to be the first zero-landfill national park.

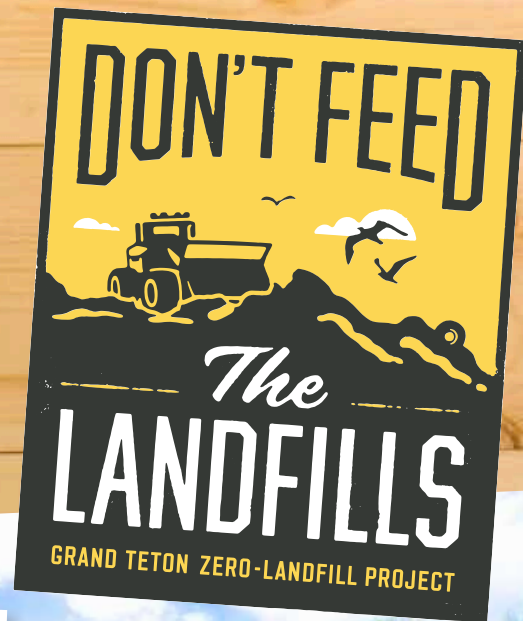
Reuse. Use one of our many refilling stations to refill your reusable water bottle. Nothing tastes better than fresh Grand Teton water. For coffee or other beverages bring an insulated mug. Reusable bottles and mugs are also available for purchase throughout the park.

Compost. If you eat at a park concessionaire, the food waste is sent to a local composting facility.

Keep the Air Clean. Don't idle your car. Idling more than 10 seconds uses more fuel than restarting your car.

Leave the car behind. Walking, hiking, and biking are low impact and have immense benefits. The park has 16 miles of multi-use pathways to get around the park plus connections to Jackson. So bring (or rent) your bike, to slow down and enjoy the view.

Enjoy locally grown and produced food. Visit any park dining facility to enjoy a healthy and sustainable meal. Our concessionaires work hard to buy local and sustainable food to provide the perfect meal for your park adventure.



We have an app for that.



Maps

Interactive official National Park Service map of Grand Teton National Park



Tours

Discover rich natural and cultural resources with self-guided tours



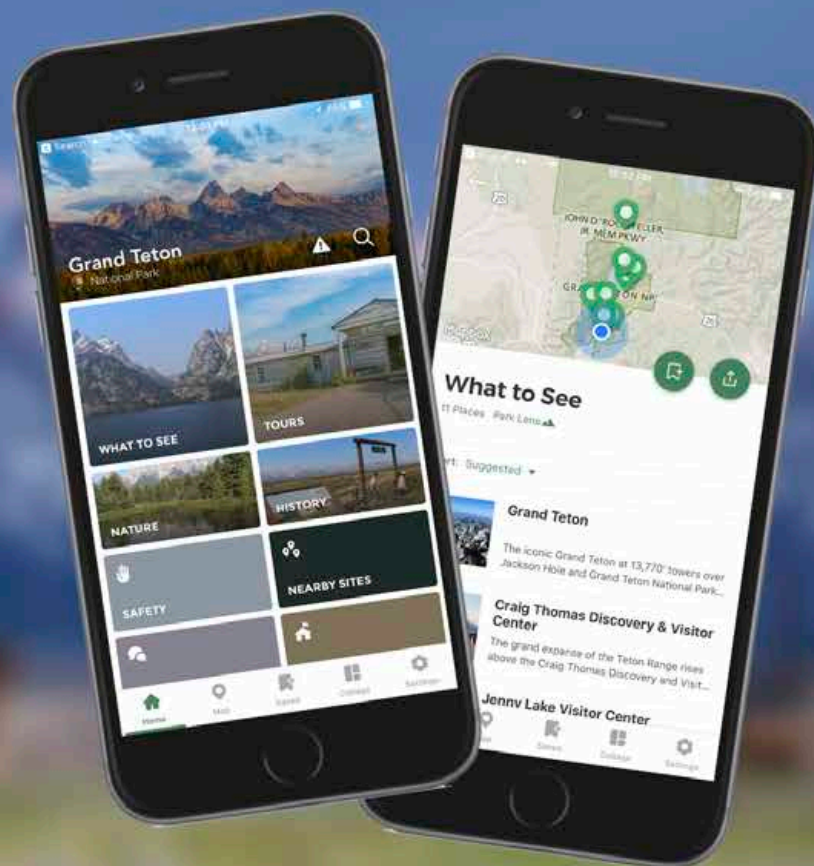
Explore

Learn more about points of interest with visiting information, hours, FAQs, and photos



Events and Ranger Programs

Find out the latest events and programs today and in the future



Download from the app stores, search *NPS Grand Teton*



Wireless Internet

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



Grand Teton Association App

The Grand Teton Association app includes essential information for planning your trip or during your visit.



TravelStoriesGPS App

The Grand Teton National Park Foundation app shares engaging audio stories about the history, geology, wildlife, and activities.

Park Partners

Park partners help accomplish park goals by supporting important projects, programs, and visitor services.

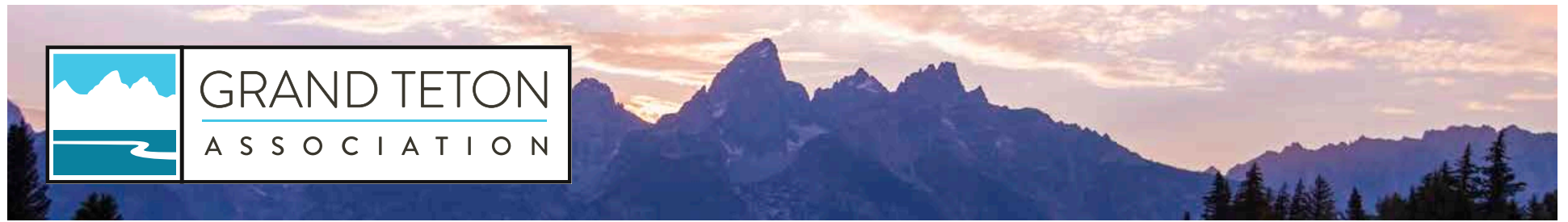
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The Grand Teton Association (GTA) was established in 1937 to increase public understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of Grand Teton National Park and the Greater Yellowstone area. The association has long been an important bridge between visitor and environment in the Tetons.

When you make a purchase or donation at a GTA store, you are supporting the educational, interpretive, and research initiatives in the park including the Snow Desk, the NPS Academy, and the Boyd Evison Graduate Research Scholarship. Your purchase also supports the publication of this newspaper, books, trail guides, and the free educational handouts available at visitor centers and entrance stations.

Discover GTA Park Bookstores at the:

- Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center
- Menors Ferry General Store
- Jenny Lake Visitor Center
- Colter Bay Visitor Center
- Flagg Ranch Information Station
- Jackson Hole and Greater Yellowstone Visitor Center in Jackson, WY
- Jackson Hole Airport

For events and programs check our website grandtetonassociation.org or follow us on social media.



Photographer in the Environment FREE WORKSHOP



Sept 8 Join photographer Henry Holdsworth to learn how to shoot a great sunrise. Meet at Schwabachers Landing at 7am



At Jenny Lake, the Grand Teton National Park Foundation has provided over \$14 million to rebuild backcountry trails and develop a new visitor experience. The National Park Service contributed \$5 million to the project.

The foundation provides private financial support for special projects that enhance and protect Grand Teton National Park's treasured resources. Since 1997, the Foundation has raised more than \$75 million to fund projects that

enhance Grand Teton National Park's cultural, historic, and natural resources and to help others learn about and protect all that is special in the park.

The Foundation initiates improvements, critical research, and outreach that enrich visitors' experiences and help create a stable future for Grand Teton National Park.

For more information go to gtnpf.org.



AT JENNY LAKE, 2018 is the fifth and final major construction season. Visitors will continue to enjoy the results of the project on the west side of the lake, including a new Hidden Falls viewing area and reconstructed trails that reflect the aesthetic of the original builders—the Civilian Conservation Corps. On the east shore, visitors will be able to experience a paved trail to the lake, spectacular viewpoints, benches, and interpretive exhibits.

Trail crews will complete backcountry trail construction in 2018. Rebuilt trails, such as this section above, feature the timeless feel of the original 1930s-era trail but also benefit from modern-day trail infrastructure. Upgrades include numerous stone steps, stacked stone retaining walls, new bridges, and improved drainage and hiking surfaces.

University of Wyoming–National Park Service Research Station at the AMK Ranch

The University of Wyoming–National Park Service Research Station is a cooperative effort between the University of Wyoming and the National Park Service to promote research in the Greater Yellowstone

Ecosystem. The research station is one of only eight field stations in US National Parks and is the oldest such partnership. In 2018, we celebrate 65 years of cooperation with Grand Teton National Park.

SPECIAL EVENT Human/Nature

Saturday, Sept 22 at 7 pm Jesse Burke, Adjunct Professor, Rhode Island School of Design, Keynote lecture for Society of Photographic Educators Northwest Conference. Meet at the Berol Lodge at the AMK Ranch north of Leeks Marina.



The sun begins to rise and the high peaks of the Teton Range reflect in the calm, still waters of the Snake River. Quietly and patiently the water begins cascading downstream. Once calm, now rushing, the water pulses swiftly through, crashing and sculpting the valley floor as it has for thousands of years. The river, the heart and soul of Grand Teton, amazing and strong, tranquil and serene, yet mighty and powerful, gives this park life. You will be amazed at what your river has to offer.

Wild & Scenic Rivers Act

Join the celebration! The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act turns 50 this year. The Act was created by Congress on October 2, 1968 to preserve rivers with outstanding natural, cultural, and recreational values in a free-flowing condition for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

Passage of the Craig Thomas Snake Headwaters Legacy Act in 2009 added 414 miles of rivers and streams in the Jackson Hole area to the system. The Snake River Headwaters includes 13 rivers and 25 separate river segments in Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks; the John D. Rockefeller,

Jr. Memorial Parkway; National Elk Refuge; Bridger-Teton National Forest; and small portions of state and private lands. The Snake River, which runs all the way through Grand Teton from north to south, consists of a 47-mile wild segment from a source outside the park to Jackson Lake and a 24.8-mile scenic segment from 1 mile downstream of Jackson Lake Dam to the park's south boundary. Portions of the Buffalo Fork of the Snake River, Gros Ventre River, and Pacific Creek are also designated scenic rivers.

Make your Splash! #makeyoursplash

As you travel through Grand Teton National Park, reflect on what these wild and scenic rivers mean to you. Enjoy the recreational opportunities on the Snake River including fishing, kayaking, canoeing and rafting. View the river from scenic overlooks. Hike along the river and experience the sounds, tranquility, vistas, opportunities to view wildlife and so much more. See for yourself what your river has to offer. Share your experience with us at #makeyoursplash and #mygrandteton.

"...that certain selected rivers of the Nation which, with their immediate environments, possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural or other similar values, shall be preserved in free-flowing condition, and that they and their immediate environments shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations."

—Wild & Scenic Rivers Act
October 2, 1968

EXPLORE THE WILD AND SCENIC SNAKE RIVER HEADWATERS

1 Grassy Lake Road

This scenic gravel road provides stunning views of the Snake River as well as access to fishing, advanced kayaking, primitive camping, hiking, and picnicking.

2 Snake River Bridge (Near Flagg Ranch)

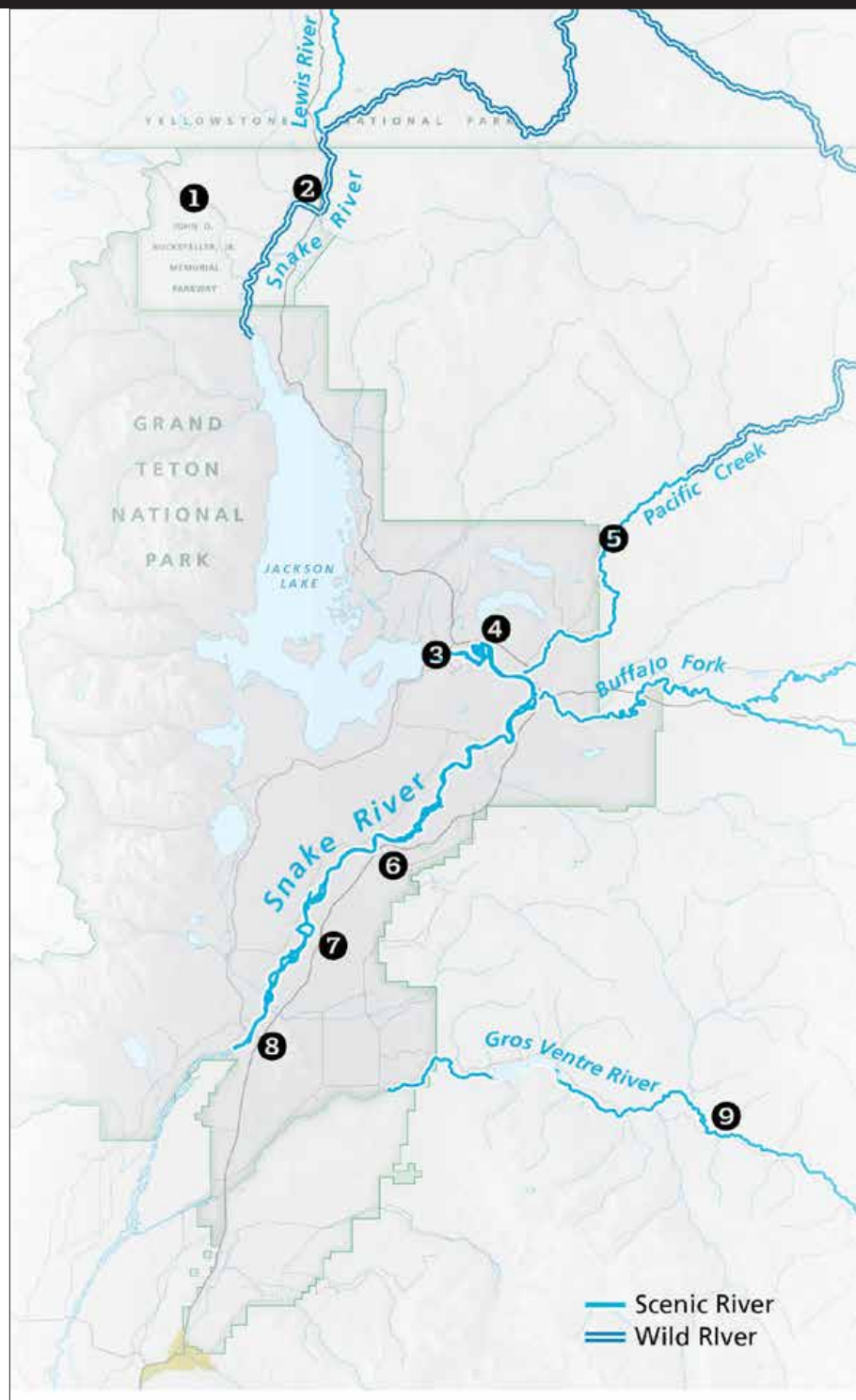
A popular area for fishing, this bridge provides beautiful views of the Snake River and is a great place to watch the sunset.

3 Jackson Lake Dam

First constructed as a log crib dam in 1906 by the Bureau of Reclamation, the Jackson Lake Dam was originally intended for temporary purposes. A portion of the dam failed in 1910, and a more permanent structure was deemed necessary. From 1911 to 1916, a new dam was built in order to control the levels of Jackson Lake for irrigation of farmlands on the Snake River in Idaho, raising the lake level 17 feet. The dam's foundation and water release structure (bridge) were replaced in 1986-1989 to meet new earthquake requirements. The dam is the reasoning behind the "Scenic" designation given to the Snake River south of Jackson Lake, in contrast to the "Wild" designation given its headwaters where there are no human-made structures.

4 Oxbow Bend

This iconic overlook is a not-to-miss stop on your Grand Teton trip. Still waters in the early morning make for perfect reflections of Mount Moran in the Snake River.



5 Pacific Creek

This tributary of the Snake River begins at Two Ocean Pass on the Continental Divide and eventually flows into the Pacific Ocean. Pacific Creek is designated "Wild" in its northern section in the Bridger-Teton National Forest and "Scenic" as it makes its way south, towards the Snake River in Grand Teton.

6 Snake River Overlook

Made famous by photographer and environmentalist Ansel Adams, this overlook provides captivating views of the Snake River and Teton Range. Adams' photograph "The Tetons - Snake River" (1942) was one of 115 images included on the Golden Record Launched into space on Voyager 1 in 1977.

7 Schwabachers Landing

A dirt road leads to another iconic view of the Teton Range and Snake River. This location features beaver ponds that not only provide calm, still waters for beautiful reflections of the mountains in the water, but also create an entire wetland community, teeming with wildlife.

8 Menors Ferry

Bill Menor built, owned, and operated this ferry in the late 1800s and early 1900s in order to provide safe crossing of the Snake River to settlers.

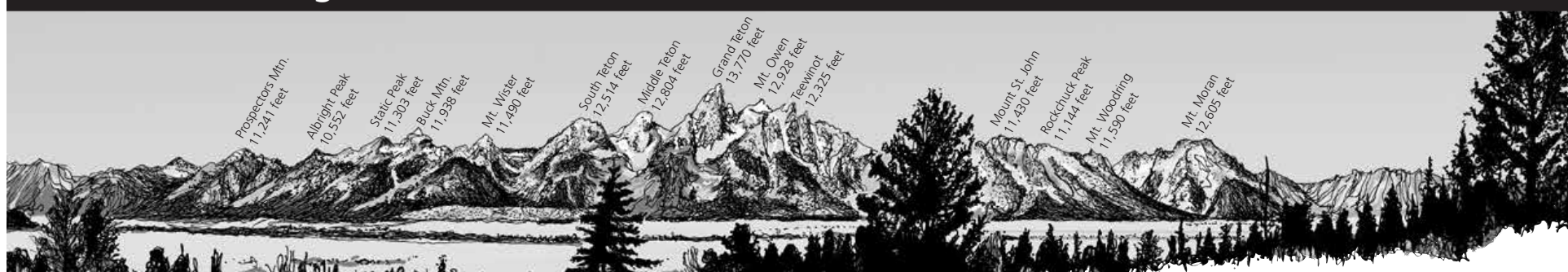
9 Gros Ventre River

Meaning "big belly" in French, the Gros Ventre River's name is thought to be a misinterpretation by French fur trappers of sign language used by local Indians. Enjoy another Scenic River in the southeastern corner of Grand Teton National Park. Moose are often seen foraging along the river's edge.

Services and Facilities

Moose				
Lodging	Dornans Spur Ranch	Year-round	307-733-2522	Cabins with kitchens.
Food Service	Dornans Chuck Wagon	June–Sept.	307-733-2415	Western fare. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
Food Service	Dornans Pizza and Pasta Co.	Apr.–Oct.	<i>dornans.com</i>	Lunch and dinner.
Store/Gift shops	Dornans Trading Post	Apr.–Oct.		Groceries. Deli open May–Sept.
Gas	Dornans	Year-round		Automotive fuel (no diesel). Pay at pump, 24-hour with credit card.
Store/Gift shops	Dornans Gift Shop	Apr.–Oct.	307-739-1801	Gifts.
Other	Moosely Mountaineering	mid-May–Sept.	307-733-3699	Mountaineering, climbing, camping equipment.
Other	Snake River Anglers	May–Oct.	307-733-2415	Fly and spin fishing, float trips, WY fishing licenses/AIS permits.
Other	Adventure Sports	mid-May–Sept.	307-733-1800	Bike, stand-up paddle boards, kayak, and canoe rentals and sales.
Other	Barker Ewing Float Trips	May–Sept.		Float trips on the Snake River.
South Jenny Lake				
Lodging	AAC Climber's Ranch		307-733-7271	Rustic accommodations, 3 miles south of Jenny Lake.
			<i>americanalpineclub.org</i>	
Store/Gift shops	General Store	May 5–Sept. 23		Camping and hiking supplies, groceries, film, and gifts.
Boat Tours	Jenny Lake Boating	May 15–Sept. 30	307-734-9227	Boat shuttle service across Jenny Lake. Canoe and kayak rentals. Scenic cruises.
			<i>jennylakeboating.com</i>	
North Jenny Lake				
Lodging	Jenny Lake Lodge	June 1–Oct. 7	307-733-4647	Room rate includes breakfast and dinner. Cabins.
Food Service	Lodge Dining Room	June 1–Oct. 7	<i>gtlc.com</i>	Breakfast 7:30–9 am. Lunch 12–1:30 pm. Dinner 6–8:45 pm. Reservations required for all meals. Sport coat recommended for dinner.
				Gifts, books and apparel.
Store/Gift Shops	Jenny Lake Lodge	June 1–Oct. 7		
Signal Mountain				
Lodging	Signal Mountain Lodge	May 11–Oct. 14	307-543-2831	Lakefront suites, motel units, and log cabins.
Food Service	Trapper Grill	May 11–Oct. 14		Breakfast 7–11 am. Lunch/dinner 11 am–10 pm. Closes at 9 pm Sept. 24–Oct. 14.
Food Service	Peaks Restaurant	May 11–Sept. 30	<i>signalmountainlodge.com</i>	Dinner 5:30–10 pm. Closes at 9 pm Sept. 25–Sept. 30
Food Service	Deadman's Bar	May 11–Oct. 13		12:00 pm - 12:00am. Oct. 1- Oct. 13 opens at 2:30 pm M-F
Retail	Needles Gift Store	May 12–Oct. 14		8 am–10 pm. Closes at 9 pm during shoulder seasons.
Retail	Timbers Gift Store	May 12–Oct. 14		8 am–10 pm. Closes at 9 pm during shoulder seasons.
Service Station	General Store	May 5–Oct. 14		7 am–10 pm. Gas, drinks, snacks, supplies.
				Hours vary during shoulder seasons.
Showers and Laundry	Signal Mountain	May 11–Oct. 14		7 am. Last shower 10:30 pm, Laundromat open 24 hours.
Marina	Signal Marina	May 19–Sept. 16		Rentals, guest buoys, lake fishing trips, gas, and courtesy docks.
Jackson Lake Lodge				
Lodging	Jackson Lake Lodge	May 18–Oct. 7	307-543-3100	Large lodge with views across Willow Flats and Jackson Lake.
Food Service	Mural Room		<i>gtlc.com</i>	Breakfast 7–9:30 am. Lunch 11:30 am–1:30 pm. Dinner 5:30–9 pm.
				Dinner reservations recommended.
Food Service	Pioneer Grill			6 am–10:30 pm
Food Service	Blue Heron Lounge			11 am–midnight.
Store/Gift Shops	Jackson Lake Lodge			Sundries, magazines, books, gifts, souvenirs, and apparel.
Service Station				Gas and diesel.
Horseback Riding	Jackson Lake Lodge Corral	May 26–Sept. 30		Trail rides.
Triangle X				
Lodging	Triangle X Ranch	May 22–Oct. 7	307-733-2183	Full service guest ranch. Horseback riding, winter activities.
			<i>trianglex.com</i>	
Colter Bay				
Lodging	Colter Bay Cabins	May 24–Sept. 30	307-543-3100	Shared bathroom, one-room and two-room cabins available.
Lodging	Tent Village	May 25–Sept. 3	<i>gtlc.com</i>	Enclosed log/canvas deluxe tents with bunks and wood-burning stove
Food Service	Ranch House	May 24–Sept. 30		Breakfast 6:30–10:30 am. Lunch 11:30 am–1:30 pm. Dinner 5:30–9 pm.
Food Service	John Colter Cafe Court	May 25–Sept. 3		Open 11 am–10 pm.
Store/Gift Shops	General Store	May 24–Sept. 30		ATM groceries, gifts, and firewood.
Store/Gift Shops	Marina Store	May 24–Sept. 23		Fishing tackle, film, outdoor apparel, beverages, and snacks.
Convenience Store	Highway Station	April 21–Oct. 14		Gas, diesel, beverages, snacks, souvenirs, and firewood.
Marina	Colter Bay	May 24–Sept. 23		Scenic cruises, boat rentals, guided fishing, and gas.
Showers and Laundry	Colter Bay	May 24–Sept. 30		Pay showers and laundry services in the Launderette.
Leeks Marina				
Food Service	Leeks Pizzeria	May 25–Sept. 9	307-543-2494	Pizza and sandwiches. Open 11 am–10 pm. <i>signalmountainlodge.com</i>
Marina	Leeks Marina	May 19–Sept. 16	307-543-2546	Dependent on water levels. <i>signalmountainlodge.com</i>
Flagg Ranch				
Lodging	Headwaters Lodge & Cabins	June 1–Sept. 30	307-543-2861	Log style units.
Restaurant	Headwaters Lodge	June 1–Sept. 30	<i>gtlc.com</i>	Home-style menu. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
Convenience Store	Headwaters Lodge	May 11–Oct. 14		Gas, diesel, beverages, snacks, souvenirs, and firewood.
RV Park	Headwaters RV Park	May 17–Sept. 30		Essentials for camping and fishing. Camper cabins available.
Other Services				
Education	Teton Science Schools		307-733-4765	Field natural history seminars. <i>tetonscience.org</i>
Youth Backpacking	Teton Valley Ranch Camp		307-733-2958	Variety of summer camps including backpacking for boys and girls. <i>tvrcamp.com</i>
				Conservation programs and events, guided tours. <i>muriecenter.org</i>
Programs/Events	The Murie Center of TSS		307-739-2246	Mountaineering and climbing instruction. AMGA accredited.
Mountaineering	Exum Mountain Guides		307-733-2297	<i>exumguides.com</i>
				Mountaineering and climbing instruction. AMGA accredited. <i>jhmg.com</i>
Mountaineering	Jackson Hole Mountain Guides		307-733-4979	Variety of summer camps including backpacking. <i>wildernessadventures.com</i>
Youth Backpacking	Wilderness Adventures		307-733-2122	Float trips and combination trips with Wildlife Expeditions. <i>barkerewing.com</i>
Scenic Float Trips	Barker-Ewing Float Trips	Mid-May thru Sept.	307-733-1800	Float trips and fishing trips (Moose to Wilson). <i>grandfishing.com</i>
River Fishing Trips	Grand Fishing Adventures	June–Oct.	307-734-9684	Guided fishing trips. <i>grandtetonflyfishing.com</i>
River Fishing Trips	Grand Teton Fly Fishing	June–Oct.	307-690-0910	Float trips and fishing trips: Jackson Lake and Snake River. <i>gtlc.com</i>
Scenic Float & Fishing Trips	Grand Teton Lodge Company	Mid-May thru Sept.	307-543-2811	
Fishing Trips				
Scenic Float Trips	Heart 6 Ranch	June–Aug.	307-543-2477	Float trips. <i>heartsix.com</i>
Scenic Float & Fishing Trips	National Park Float Trips	Mid-May thru Sept.	307-733-5500	Float trips and fishing trips. <i>nationalparkfloattrips.com</i>
Overnight Lake Kayaking Trips	OARS	June thru Sept.	1-800-346-6277	Multi-day trips. Float trips and kayaking on Jackson Lake. <i>oars.com</i>
Scenic Float Trips & Lake Fishing	Signal Mountain Lodge	Mid-May thru Sept. 16	307-543-2831	Float trips on Snake River. Fishing trips on Jackson Lake.
			<i>signalmountainlodge.com</i>	
Scenic Float & Fishing Trips	Snake River Anglers	Mid-May thru Sept.	307-733-3699	Float trips and fishing trips. <i>snakeriverangler.com</i>
Scenic Float Trips	Solitude Float Trips	Mid-May thru Sept.	307-733-2871	Float trips (private trips available). <i>grand-teton-scenic-floats.com</i>
Scenic Float & Fishing Trips	Triangle X Ranch	Mid-May thru Sept.	307-733-2183	Float trips and fishing trips. <i>trianglex.com</i>
Medical Services				
	Medical emergencies		911	
	St. Johns Medical Center		307-733-3636	24-hour Emergency Services and Hospital. Located in Jackson. <i>tetonhospital.org</i>
				Located at Jackson Lake Lodge. Open 9 am–5 pm.
	Grand Teton Medical Clinic	May–mid Oct.	307-543-2514	<i>grandtetonmedicalclinic.com</i>
Worship Services				
	Interdenominational	May 20–Sept. 9	307-543-3011	Signal Mountain Campground Amphitheater, Sundays 8 am, 10 am, 7:30 pm.
	Interdenominational	May 20–Sept. 9	307-543-3011	Jackson Lake Lodge, Sundays 8 am, 10 am, 7:30 pm.
	Interdenominational	May 27–Sept. 9	307-543-3011	Colter Bay Village Amphitheater, Sundays 8 am, 10 am, 5:30 pm.
	Episcopal	May 27–Sept. 30	307-733-2603	Chapel of the Transfiguration, Sundays. Services 8 am and 10 am.
	Roman Catholic	June 10–Sept. 30	307-733-2516	Chapel of the Sacred Heart, Sunday mass, 5 pm. <i>olmcatholic.org</i>

The Teton Range



Prospectors Mtn.
11,241 feet

Albright Peak
10,552 feet

Static Peak
11,303 feet

Buck Mtn.
11,938 feet

Mt. Wister
11,490 feet

South Teton
12,514 feet

Middle Teton
12,804 feet

Grand Teton
13,770 feet

Mt. Owen
12,928 feet

Reevinsnot
12,325 feet

Mount St. John
11,450 feet

Rocky Peak
11,144 feet

Mt. Wooding
11,590 feet

Mt. Moran
12,605 feet

Yellowstone National Park



Yellowstone Visitor Information

307-344-7381

nps.gov/yellowstone

VISITOR CENTERS

Albright Visitor Center, Mammoth Hot Springs	Open Year-round
Old Faithful Visitor Center	April 20–Nov. 4
Canyon Village	April 20–Nov. 4
Fishing Bridge	May 25–Sept. 3
Grant Visitor Center	May 25–Oct. 8
West Thumb Information Station	May 25–Oct. 8
Museum of the National Park Ranger	May 26–Sept. 23
Norris Information Station	May 19–Oct. 8
West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (NPS staffing limited in winter)	Open Year-round
Madison Information	May 25–Oct. 8

NPS CAMPGROUNDS

First-come, First-served

Indian Creek	June 8–Sept. 10
Lewis Lake	June 15–Nov. 4
Mammoth	Year-round
Norris	May 18–Sept. 24
Pebble Creek	June 15–Sept. 24
Slough Creek	June 15–Oct. 8
Tower Fall	May 25–Sept. 24

XANTERRA CAMPGROUNDS

Reservations 1-866-439-7375

Bridge Bay	May 18–Sept. 23
Canyon	May 25–Sept. 23
Fishing Bridge RV	May 11–Sept. 5
Grant Village	June 8–Sept. 16
Madison	April 27–Oct. 14

Campground Information and Status

nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/campgrounds.htm

Yellowstone National Park Lodges

yellowstonenationalparklodges.com

307-344-7311 or 1-866-439-7375

Lodging Information and Status

nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/lodging.htm



Fire crossing the highway



Green shoots appear after a fire

The 2016 Berry Fire was the biggest wildland fire since the park was established in 1929.

On July 25, 2016 a lightning strike ignited a fire below Forellen Peak. The remote location on the west side of Jackson Lake allowed the fire to remain undetected for several days until a passing aircraft reported a wisp of light gray smoke.

Early Progression

The Berry Fire alternated between slow creeping on moist days, spotting from windblown embers when trees torched, and major crown fire events when it was hot, dry, and windy. Interestingly, areas of forest regrowth after the 1988 Yellowstone fires and more recent fires in the 2000s slowed the fire's growth but did not stop its spread.

Crossing the Highway

The fire experienced two major growth days when the forces of high winds, dry air, and hot temperatures combined with optimal fuels. On August 22, 2016 the fire pushed five miles—crossing Jackson Lake and the highway, and entering the Bridger-Teton National Forest. Rangers closed the road, and firefighters cleared the burning trees and stopped the fire along the highway corridor.

Flagg Ranch

On September 11, 2016 another strong wind event pushed a finger of the fire over seven miles northeast passing through the Flagg Ranch area. Fortunately, firefighters were ready with sprinkler systems. In addition, the park thinned the forest fuels over the past decade. No buildings were lost.

After the Burn

A big fire can only operate on the landscape freely when certain conditions are met. It takes careful risk assessment, hard work, and a balanced approach—including the ability to suppress the fire. Under these conditions a powerful natural process can act on this landscape, mostly unhindered, as it has done for thousands of years.

What will park staff do in 2018?

- Trail crews will clear fallen trees from trails and improve drainage in burn areas.
- Interpretive staff will tell the story of fire ecology.
- Vegetation crews will eradicate weeds that colonize burned areas along the highway.
- Fire-effects crews will study plant regrowth.
- Prescribed burns may be done.
- Rangers and wildlife biologists will monitor ungulates and bears using the burned area.

Fire's Role in the 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.

HOW WE MANAGE FIRES

Comprehensive plans guide fire managers. Sometimes crews monitor fires closely but take minimal action so a fire can follow its natural course. This allows fire-adapted plants to re-sprout from roots or opens cones for seed dispersal. Fire opens areas so native plants can re-establish. When appropriate, firefighters suppress all or portions of a fire to reduce risk to life and property.

Occasionally firefighters apply fire to the landscape to help maintain a healthy and safe forest. These planned ignitions create a mosaic of diverse habitats.

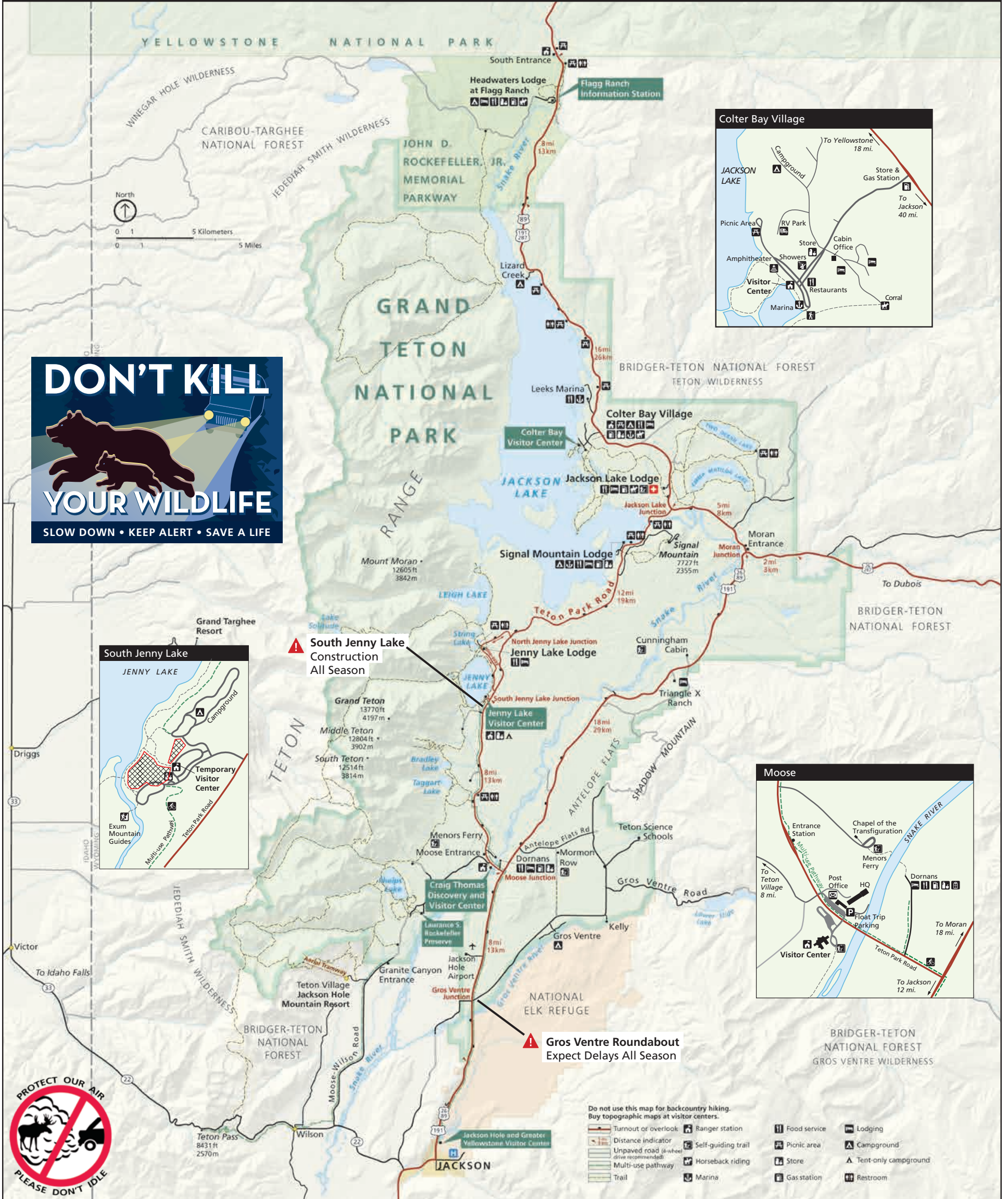
YOUR ROLE IN FIRE PREVENTION

Fall can still fire season, and you may see smoke. Help prevent human-caused fires by following these basic safety rules.

- Build campfires only in designated areas and closely monitor them. Make sure they are properly extinguished and cool to the touch before leaving the campsite. Campfires may be banned during times of high fire danger.
- Smoke safely. Grind out smoking materials, then dispose of them in the proper receptacle. While in vehicles, smokers should use ashtrays.
- 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 notify a park employee. For local fire information or seasonal fire job postings, visit: www.tetonfires.com.

Grand Teton National Park



For Emergencies
DIAL 911
OR TEXT



Launching, landing or operating an unmanned aircraft, such as a drone, is prohibited.



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Need More Info?

Talk to a Ranger? To speak to a Grand Teton National Park ranger call **307-739-3399** for visitor information.

Road Information 307-739-3682
 Backcountry Permits 307-739-3309
 Park Administration Offices 307-739-3300
 TTY/TDD Phone 307-739-3301

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Park Construction

Jenny Lake

- Trails to Hidden Falls and a scenic viewpoint called Lower Inspiration Point are open.
- No flush toilets.
- Limited parking, especially for buses, RVs, and trailers
- Come early or arrive late to avoid crowds.

See page 12 for more information.

Gros Ventre Roundabout

- Expect traffic delays
15-minute max delays 5 am–8 pm
30-minute max delays 8 pm–5 am
- Construction delays should be considered in addition to busy seasonal traffic.

See page 6 for more information.

Be Safe, Go Slow, Be Aware

Thank you for being patient as your park is renewed for the future.