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The official newspaper of Grand Teton National Park & John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway



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## Welcome to Grand Teton National Park

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 American Indian prehistoric life, to the early Euro-American explorers, to the more

recent frontier settlement, of which 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 unique place. With thoughtful use and careful management, it can remain so for generations to come. As with other sites in the National

Park Service, Grand Teton preserves a piece of America's natural and cultural heritage for future generations.

While you are here, take a moment to put your cares aside: take a scenic drive, celebrate winter by skiing or snowshoeing, 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.

### Drive Safely!



Winter driving can be challenging; park roads may be covered with ice or hard-packed snow; winter storms can create white-out driving conditions. Make sure your vehicle is equipped with winter or all-season tires and carry tire chains when driving over mountain passes.

For updated road information in the park call: (307) 739-3682.

- Roads may be icy or snow-covered, drive below the speed limit when conditions warrant.
- Watch for wildlife on the roadway, especially in the evening and morning.
- Carry an emergency kit and a shovel in your vehicle. Snow storms may occur at any time. Roads may be closed for visitor safety.
- Always wear your seat belt.
- Be prepared for changing weather conditions.

### As You Drive, Keep Them Alive!

#### Annual Impacts of Vehicle Collisions with Wildlife

\$155,000 Personal property damage

100 Large animals killed annually

**Slow Down! Stay Alert!**



### 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

**Grand Teton National Park Web site**  
**Grand Teton National Park News Releases**

<http://www.nps.gov/grte/>  
<http://www.gtnpnews.blogspot.com>

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| EMERGENCY .....   | 911            |
| Park Dispatch .....                                       | (307) 739-3301 |
| Visitor Information .....                                 | (307) 739-3300 |
| Weather .....   | (307) 739-3611 |
| Road Conditions .....                                     | (307) 739-3682 |
| Backcountry & River Information .....                     | (307) 739-3602 |
| Climbing Information .....                                | (307) 739-3604 |
| Camping Information .....                                 | (307) 739-3603 |
| TDD (Telecommunication Device for Hearing Impaired) ..... | (307) 739-3400 |

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# Make the Most of Your Park Visit



Wondering how to make the most of your time in Grand Teton National Park? Take a look at the suggestions below to help plan your visit. Stop by the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center for trail maps, weather forecasts, and other trip planning assistance.

## Safety in the Backcountry

Safety is your responsibility, and depends upon your good judgment, adequate preparation and constant awareness. Backcountry users should be in good physical condition and stick to routes that are within your ability and comfort levels.

**Hypothermia and frostbite can set in quickly, and are difficult to treat while in the backcountry.** Take preventative measures, such as layering warm clothing and staying well-hydrated, to avoid the dangers of cold weather; look for signs of hypothermia and frostbite in members of your group. Traveling alone can be especially dangerous; always give friends or family a detailed itinerary and stick to that plan. Permits are required for all overnight backcountry trips and are free of charge and available at the visitor center in Moose.

## Hiking

Beginning in November most park trails will be partially or completely snow-covered. As snow begins to accumulate in the mountains, route-finding may be difficult; ask at a visitor center for recreation suggestions.

## Climbing & Backpacking

Permits are required for overnight backcountry trips and may be obtained at the visitor center in Moose. Only backcountry users with knowledge of avalanche safety and proper snow and ice equipment should venture onto steep mountain slopes. Check avalanche and weather forecasts before you leave.

## Cross-country Skiing & Snowshoeing

Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are two of the best ways to experience the exhilaration of winter. Watch for wildlife such as moose, coyote and snowshoe hares, and look for signs of wildlife in the snow.

Please respect groomed ski tracks by walking or snowshoeing beside them rather than on them.

From November 1 through April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Teton Park Road from the Taggart Lake trailhead all the way to Signal Mountain Lodge is open for non-motorized use only. You can ski or snowshoe on this road, which is intermittently groomed to provide a packed surface for snowshoeing and cross-country touring. Other places to enjoy cross-country skiing and snowshoeing include Colter Bay, Antelope Flats Road, Taggart Lake and Flagg Ranch.

## Ranger-guided Snowshoe Walks

Are you curious about winter ecology or snow science? Have you ever wanted to experience the park in the winter? A snowshoe walk with a park naturalist is the perfect way to introduce yourself to winter in the Tetons and to experience travel on snowshoes. Naturalists provide guided snowshoe walks from the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center daily when snow conditions permit, usually

late December to mid-March. Call the Discovery Center at (307) 739-3399 to make reservations. Reservations are accepted beginning December 1st of every year. A \$5 per adult, \$2 per child donation is suggested for the use of snowshoes.

## Winter Camping

Park campgrounds are closed during the winter; however, primitive winter camping is permitted near the Colter Bay Visitor Center for \$5 per night. Pay at the self-pay station by the restroom. Camp on the snow that covers the parking lot.

## Snowmobiling

Snowmobiling is limited in Grand Teton National Park. Please inquire at a visitor center for the most up to date snowmobiling information.

## Backcountry Skiing & Snowboarding

Jackson Hole is world-renowned for both its lift-accessed and backcountry skiing opportunities. Few places provide the scenery, variety of terrain, ease of access and challenging lines that can be found in the park's backcountry.

When skiing or snowboarding in the national park backcountry you are responsible for managing and assessing avalanche risks. Many skiers and snowboarders access the park from the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, but keep in mind that, unlike the ski resort, the park does not do control work for avalanches.

Always carry an avalanche beacon, probe and shovel and know how to use them. Before heading out on your excursion, take a look at the park map on page 4 to locate wildlife closures. For current local avalanche forecasts, information and weather conditions stop by the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center. Call the Bridger-Teton National Forest Avalanche Center for daily forecasts at (307) 733-2664.

## Fishing

Fishing in Grand Teton National Park is subject to Wyoming state regulations. A Wyoming fishing license is required for fishing in the park and parkway. Jackson Lake is open to fishing year-round except during the

spawn from October 1–November 1. Jenny, Leigh, Phelps and Two Ocean lakes are open year-round.

The Snake River is open November 1–March 31 for catch-and-release only trout fishing; from April 1–October 31, trout creel limits apply. From December 15–March 31, the Snake River floodplain is closed to all entry (including fishing) from Moran Junction to Menors Ferry near Moose to protect wildlife. Obtain fishing regulations at the Discovery Center. Use caution when wearing waders in or near swift water.

## Floating the Snake River

The Snake River from Moran Junction to Menors Ferry is closed to floating from December 15–March 31. Only hand-propelled boats are permitted on the Snake River within the park and parkway. Register non-motorized vessels (fee charged) at the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center permits desk. On the surface, the Snake River may not seem powerful, but only experienced floaters should attempt this swift, cold river.

## Boating

Motor boats are allowed only on Jackson and Jenny lakes. Human-powered vessels are permitted on Jackson, Jenny, Phelps, Emma Matilda, Two Ocean, Taggart, Bradley, Bearpaw, Leigh and String Lakes. A boat permit is required. Obtain permits and boat regulations at the Discovery Center.



## Average Temperatures

Moose, WY

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|-----------|---------------|--------------|
| January   | High 25.7 ° F | Low 1.2 ° F  |
| February  | High 31.1 ° F | Low 3.6 ° F  |
| March     | High 39 ° F   | Low 11.9 ° F |
| April     | High 49 ° F   | Low 22.1 ° F |
| May       | High 60.9 ° F | Low 30.9 ° F |
| June      | High 70.6 ° F | Low 37.2 ° F |
| July      | High 79.8 ° F | Low 41.2 ° F |
| August    | High 78.8 ° F | Low 39.6 ° F |
| September | High 68.9 ° F | Low 32.2 ° F |
| October   | High 55.9 ° F | Low 23.2 ° F |
| November  | High 38 ° F   | Low 13.7 ° F |
| December  | High 26 ° F   | Low 1.5 ° F  |

## Park Concessioners & Lodging

### CLIMBING GUIDES

**Exum Mountain Guides**  
(307) 733-2297  
Open year-round  
www.exumguides.com

**Jackson Hole Mountain Guides**  
(307) 733-4979  
Open year-round  
www.jhmg.com

### CROSS COUNTRY SKI TOURS

**Jackson Hole Mountain Resort**  
(307) 733-2292  
www.jacksonhole.com

**NOLS/RMB**  
(800) 710-6657  
www.nols.edu

**Rendezvous Ski Tours**  
(307) 353-2900  
www.skithetons.com

**The Hole Hiking Experience**  
(866) 733-4453  
www.holehike.com

### WINTER LODGING FACILITIES

**Triangle X Ranch**  
Open: late December to late March  
(307) 733-2183  
www.trianglex.com

**Dornans Spur Ranch**  
Open year-round  
(307) 733-2522  
www.dornans.com

Additional accommodations can be found in the nearby communities of Jackson, Wilson, and Teton Village. Visit the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce web site for more information at [www.jacksonholechamber.com](http://www.jacksonholechamber.com).

# Craig Thomas Discovery & Visitor Center



Stop by the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center located in Moose for help with trip planning and for information. Learn about the people, wild communities and preservation of this place through engaging exhibits. Enjoy a bird's eye view of the park by walking along the one-of-a-kind Video River.

Watch the Discovery Communications, Inc. park documentary in high definition and stroll through a gallery of unique wildlife and landscape paintings. See how mountaineering has evolved in the Teton Range and learn how to place climbing protection gear on a rock wall interactive display. Children will love the touch-friendly exhibits and can discover wildlife hidden throughout the visitor center.

Get inspired by one of the greatest views in the park from the lobby and terrace and follow the peak identifiers to learn the names of the Teton mountains. The visitor center is open daily year-round, but closed on December 25th. The visitor center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from November 1, 2009 through April 30, 2009 (the center closes at 2 p.m. on Nov. 26th and Dec. 24th).

# Know Before You Go



## WINTER SAFETY

- Protect yourself. Know your equipment and your capabilities and limitations.
- Avoid skiing or snowshoeing alone. Always let someone know your planned destination, route and expected time of return.
- HYPOTHERMIA is a major cause of human fatality in mountain country. Carry extra clothing and dress to prevent hypothermia. Never leave a member of your party alone. If someone you are with begins to act or talk abnormally, make him or her put on more clothing and drink warm liquids. Learn about treating hypothermia before your trip.
- Be prepared for sudden changes in the WEATHER. Snow and weather conditions may vary considerably throughout the day and by elevation. Check the weather forecast before you venture out, and above all use common sense.
- Be alert for AVALANCHE hazards, especially in mountain canyons and along ridge tops. Inquire about current and forecasted avalanche hazard conditions at a visitor center. Call the Bridger-Teton National Forest Avalanche Center for daily forecasts at (307) 733-2664.

## PETS

During the winter, pets are not allowed away from plowed roadways or parking areas, except the unplowed portions of the Teton Park and Moose-Wilson roads. Restrain pets on a leash no longer than six feet at all times. Keep pets within six feet of roadways; pets are not allowed on trails or in the backcountry, in boats on the Snake River, in boats on lakes other than Jackson Lake or in visitor centers. Pet owners are required to clean up after their animals.

## FIREARMS

All firearms, including state-permitted concealed weapons, are prohibited in the park and parkway—except when actively pursuing game during legal hunting seasons. Unloaded firearms may be transported in a vehicle when the weapon is cased, broken down or rendered inoperable.

## CAMPFIRES

Prevent fires by following regulations. Backcountry campfires are not permitted except by permit on Leigh and Jackson lakes. Always make sure your campfire is completely out.

## Park Partners

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

**Grand Teton Association**  
P.O. Box 170  
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(307) 739-3403  
www.grandtetonpark.org

**Grand Teton National Park Foundation**  
P.O. Box 249  
Moose, WY 83012  
(307) 732-0629  
www.gtnpf.org

**Teton Science Schools**  
P.O. Box 68  
Kelly, WY 83011  
(307) 733-4765  
www.tetonscience.org

**The Murie Center**  
P.O. Box 399  
Moose, WY 83012  
(307) 739-2246  
www.muriecenter.org

**University of Wyoming/AMK Research Station**  
P.O. Box 3166  
Laramie, WY 82071-3166  
www.uwyo.edu

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



- \$35 Individual Annual Member with discount privileges
- \$50 Associate Annual Member with discount privileges and commemorative Grand Teton canvas bookbag

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Yes! I would like to be a part of the future of Grand Teton National Park.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include your check made out to the Grand Teton National Park Foundation, or supply the following credit card information.

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## 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.

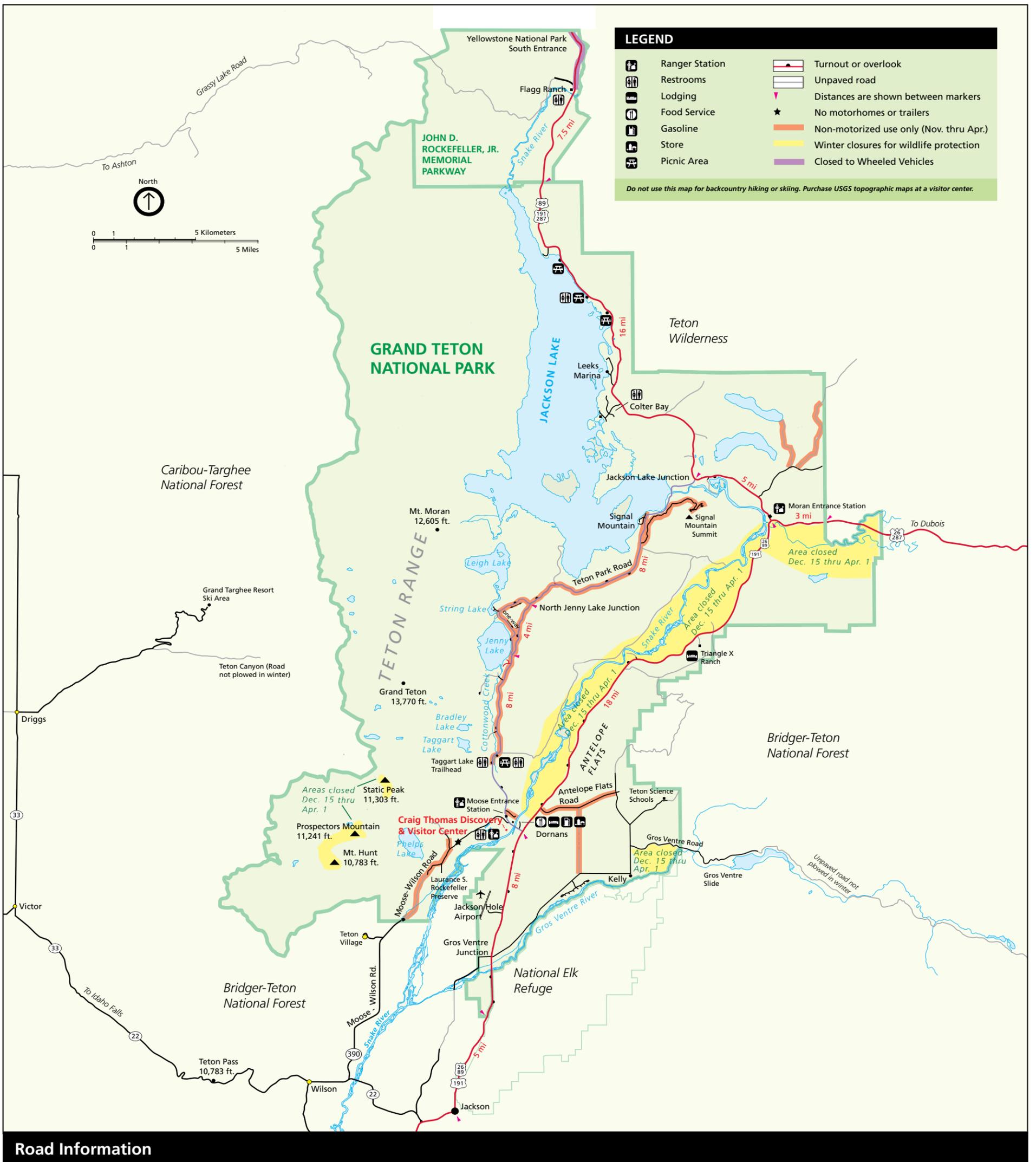
When you make a purchase at an Association bookstore, profits are returned to the park in the form of donations to support park programs. Your purchase also supports the publication of this newspaper, books, and the free educational handouts available at visitor centers and entrance stations.

## GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK FOUNDATION

The Grand Teton National Park Foundation was established in 1997 as the only private, nonprofit organization dedicated exclusively to raising money for projects that protect, preserve, and enhance

Grand Teton National Park. The foundation relies solely on the generous contributions of private individuals, foundations, and corporations. If you would like to become a member of the Grand Teton National Park Foundation please fill out the coupon above and return it with your donation.

# Park Map



## Road Information

### As you Drive Keep Them Alive

Every year drivers kill more than 100 large animals, causing property damage and personal injury. Drive at or below all posted speed limits, and drive cautiously during dawn and dusk when animals are most active. Moose, deer, elk, bison, wolves and grizzly and black bears cross roadways and can be especially difficult to see at night.



### Accessible Roads During Winter

The park's main roadways, Highway 89/191 and Highway 26/287, are plowed and open for winter travel from the town of Jackson to Flagg Ranch near Yellowstone National Park's south boundary. Park roads are often snow-covered and icy. Be prepared for winter driving conditions. In addition, wildlife can linger near park roads, so be alert, and drive slowly for their safety and yours.

### Seasonal Road Closures

Much of the Teton Park Road (also called the inner park road) and the Moose-Wilson Road are closed to vehicles during the winter months. See the map for additional seasonal road closures. The unplowed section of the road from Taggart Lake parking area to Signal Mountain—a distance of 15 miles—is open to non-motorized use only (skiers and snowshoers).