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Park mission: Preserved within Yellowstone National Park are Old Faithful and the majority of the world's geysers and hot springs. An outstanding mountain wildland with clean water and air, Yellowstone is home of the grizzly bear and wolf and free-ranging herds of bison and elk. Centuries-old sites and historic buildings that reflect the unique heritage of America's first national park are also protected. Yellowstone National Park serves as a model and inspiration for national parks throughout the world.


Top 10 things to know


Welcome to Yellowstone. We're glad you're here.

As you enter the park, please become familiar with some of the rules and advisories that are important to a safe and enjoyable visit. More are described inside and online at

www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/rules

 **Give wildlife a brake.** Unless posted slower, the park speed limit is 45 mph (73 kph). You may encounter animals unexpectedly, please slow down to assure yourself enough stopping distance.

 **Watch from pullouts.** If you see wildlife while driving, do not stop or block the free flow of traffic along any portion of the roadway. Instead, find the next established pullout, park, and watch from a safe and legal distance.

 **Do not approach wildlife.** You must stay at least 100 yards (91 m) from bears and wolves. A distance of 25 yards (23 m) is required from bison, elk, and other animals. Regardless of distance, if any animal changes its behavior due to your presence, you are too close.



Do not feed any wild animals, including birds, squirrels, and coyotes. Consuming human food is unhealthy and encourages aggressive behavior that may require the death of the animal. All food, trash, coolers, and cooking tools must be kept secure in a bear-proof container or vehicle unless in immediate use.



Campfires are allowed only in designated grills in park campgrounds, some picnic areas and specific backcountry campsites. Ask locally about current fire restrictions. Fires must be attended and fully extinguished when no longer in use.



Stay on designated trails and boardwalks. Ground in hydrothermal areas is fragile and thin, and there is scalding water just below. Visitors have fallen through and died here. Keep your children close at hand.



Avoid water hazards. Park waters can be deceptively cold and swift. Do not take risks while fishing, wading, or crossing streams. Swimming is unsafe and prohibited in many areas. All boats and float tubes require permits.



As you enjoy trails, **be bear aware.** You are safer hiking in a group. In areas of low visibility, make noise to avoid surprise encounters. Do not run from a bear under any circumstance. Carry bear spray and know how to use it safely.



Control your pet. Pets are not allowed on trails or boardwalks, in the backcountry or hydrothermal basins. Where allowed, pets must be leashed and remain within 100 feet (30.5 m) of a road or parking area. Do not leave a pet unattended or tied to an object. Owners must bag and dispose of pet waste.



Cell phone service may be available at Grant, Canyon, Mammoth Hot Springs, Old Faithful, and Lake. As a courtesy to others, please turn off your cellphone while enjoying Yellowstone's natural features. Wi-Fi is not available in rustic settings, National Historic Landmarks, or historic lodging. The NPS does not provide Wi-Fi for visitor use at visitor centers. Concessioners may provide Wi-Fi to visitors for a fee.

Emergency

Dial 911

Information line 307-344-7381

TTY 307-344-2386

Road updates 307-344-2117



Medical services • Yellowstone is on 911 emergency service, including ambulances. Medical services are available year round at Mammoth Clinic (307-344-7965), except some holidays. Services are also offered at Lake Clinic (307-242-7241) May 24–September 22 and at Old Faithful Clinic (307-545-7325) May 17–October 4.

Lodging, dining, and activity reservations

Xanterra Parks & Resorts 866-439-7375 toll free or 307-344-7311. TTY 307-344-5395

www.YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com

Lost and found • Call 307-344-5387 to report or retrieve items lost in lodging facilities. To report or retrieve items lost in other parts of the park, call 307-344-2109.

Accessibility • A printed guide for visitors who use wheelchairs is available at all visitor centers. To arrange for an ASL interpreter for NPS ranger-led programs, call 307 344-2251 at least three weeks in advance.

All hazards NOAA weather radio • If you have a weather radio receiver, tune to 162.425 MHz (Mammoth area) or 162.450 MHz (Lake area) to receive hazardous weather alerts. You can also check for updates posted at www.crh.noaa.gov/riw/nwr/

Connect with the park online



<http://twitter.com/YellowstoneNPS>

<http://twitter.com/GeyserNPS>

www.facebook.com/YellowstoneNPS

www.youtube.com/YellowstoneNPS

www.flickr.com/photos/YellowstoneNPS



Scan this QR code with a free app for your smartphone to link directly to trip-planning resources on the park website. <http://go.nps.gov/visit-ynp>

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The development of new communication technology has changed the way visitors view, share, and experience the park.

Your Yellowstone experience has been more than 140 years in the making

You are the reason that Yellowstone National Park exists here today. So are your children, and their grandchildren.

Last spring marked the 140th anniversary of Yellowstone's founding as the world's first national park on March 1, 1872. Through the years, it has evolved a complex stewardship mission to be both available and conserved for the enjoyment of all.

As you explore the park today, try to imagine what it was like to come here as one of those earliest visitors, and then also whether your experience will still be similar for those who visit in generations to come.

Many of the people who work and volunteer here enjoy sharing it with visitors since it allows them to see it fresh through your eyes. Please, seek us out –

- Step inside a visitor center and explore the exhibits and interpretive offerings.
- Carve time into your travel plans to attend a ranger walk, talk, or evening program. Our summer offerings begin Memorial Day weekend, and run through Labor Day weekend.
- Encourage your child to complete a Junior Ranger or Young Scientist activity booklet. Many rangers believe signing a finished booklet and leading a child through the Junior Ranger pledge is one of the most important and honor-bound duties we have.

It turns out you also mean a great deal to the economies of our gateway communities. A new

study by Michigan State University estimates that total visitor spending in the local economies surrounding Yellowstone amounted to \$333 million in 2011. This spending supported 5,041 jobs in the local area. The national park system as a whole, which hosted 279 million recreational visits in 2011, injected an estimated \$30 billion into local economies across the country, and supported 252,000 jobs nationwide. Clearly, even through hard times, Americans see national parks as valuable, and a good value.

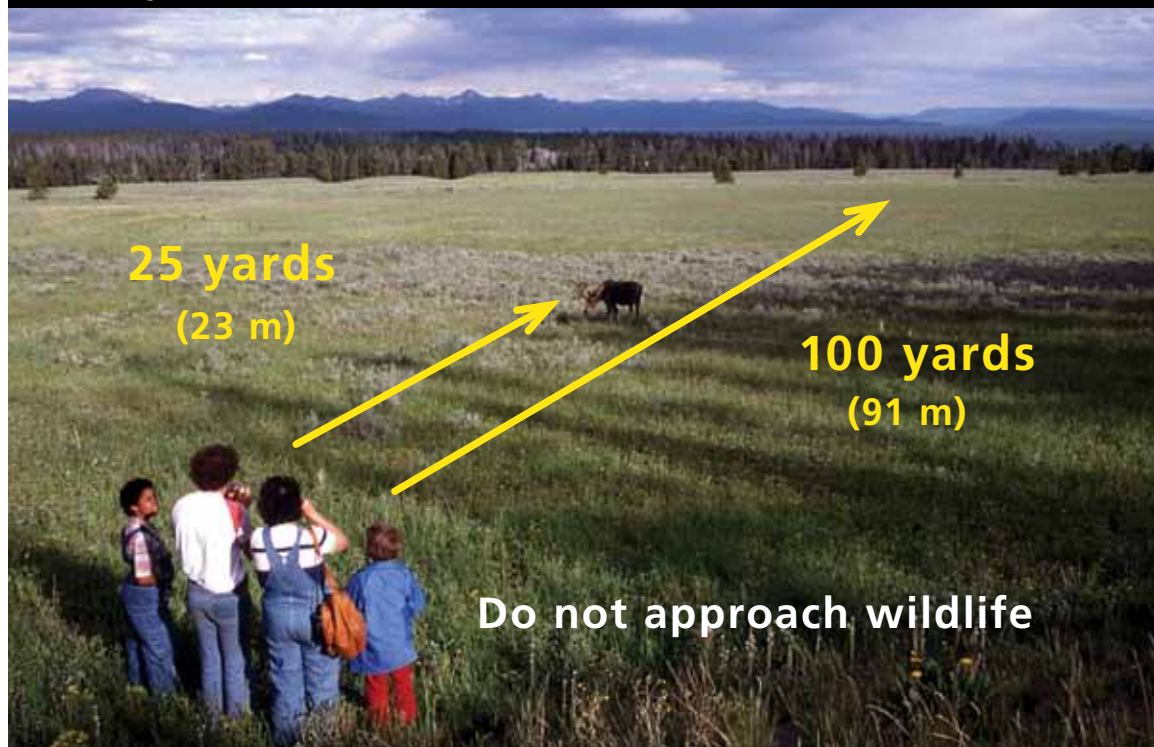
If you have suggestions for how we can further improve your experience, fill out a comment form at a visitor center, make use of contact information published here or on the park website at www.nps.gov/yell

Have a safe visit and come back soon.



Superintendent Daniel N. Wenk

Keep your distance



- Federal regulation requires you to stay at least 100 yards (91 m) away from bears and wolves, and at least 25 yards (23 m) away from all other wild animals, such as bison, elk, bighorn sheep, deer, moose, and coyotes.
- If an animal moves closer to you, you should move to maintain the appropriate distance.
- Do not surround, crowd, or disrupt an animal's path of movement.
- If other visitors put you or wildlife in danger, leave the scene and notify a park ranger.



These activities are prohibited within Yellowstone

- Willfully remaining near or approaching wildlife, including nesting birds, within any distance that disturbs or displaces the animal
- Traveling off boardwalks or designated trails in hydrothermal areas
- Throwing anything into thermal features
- Swimming in hot springs
- Removing or possessing natural or cultural resources (such as wildflowers, antlers, rocks, and arrowheads)
- Leaving detachable side mirrors attached when not pulling trailers
- Traveling off-road by vehicle or bicycle
- Camping outside of designated areas
- Spotlighting wildlife (viewing with lights)

- Imitating elk calls or using buglers. Imitating wolf howls
- Using electronic equipment capable of tracking wildlife

For more information, consult 36 CFR and the Superintendent's Compendium posted online at www.nps.gov/yell/parkmgmt/lawsandpolicies



Park Tip Line • To report a crime or criminal activity please call 307-344-2132. Leave as much detail as you can. Remain anonymous, or leave a name and number.

These advisories contribute to a safer visit

- Please keep your children close at hand and be sure that they understand all park hazards.
- Toxic gases may exist at dangerous levels in some hydrothermal areas. If you feel sick, leave immediately.
- Much of the park is above 7,500 feet (2,275 m). Allow yourself time to acclimate and drink plenty of liquids to avoid dehydration. Be aware of your physical limitations and don't overexert. Visitors with cardiac or respiratory medical history may wish to consult a physician before a visit.

Keep your food secure



Do not feed any wildlife, including small mammals and birds. Consuming human food is unhealthy and encourages aggressive behavior that may require animals to be destroyed.

All food, trash, and scented items must be kept bear-proof at all times. Tents, truck beds, and picnic tables are not secure. In some areas, ravens have learned how to unzip packs and scatter the contents.

None of these items, even if clean and empty, may be left unattended at any time:

- Water and beverage containers
- Cooking or eating utensils
- Stoves and grills
- Coolers and ice chests
- Garbage, bagged or not
- Food, including condiments, even if in containers
- Cosmetics and toiletries
- Pet food and bowls
- Pails, buckets, and wash basins

Stay on boardwalks



You must stay on boardwalks and designated trails around hydrothermal features. The ground surface is thin, and often overlies scalding water. Visitors have died here.

These activities require a permit

- Fishing
- Boating or use of float tubes
- Overnight backcountry camping
- Travel with a service animal in the backcountry
- All commercial services
- Commercial filming and photography with props or models
- Stock entry into the park requires Coggins testing



Firearms—know your responsibilities.

Firearms are allowed in national parks pursuant to state and federal regulation. They are prohibited in facilities where signs are posted, such as visitor centers, government offices, and some concession operations. Discharge of firearms is prohibited. Possession and use of weapons, such as air guns, bows and arrows, spears and slingshots, is also prohibited. Details are available at www.nps.gov/yell/parkmgmt/lawsandpolicies

Backcountry camping



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Overnight backcountry camping in Yellowstone requires a permit. It's free within 48 hours before the start of your trip. Each year starting April 1, you can request advance permits and campsite reservations by mail for a \$25 fee. The backcountry trip planner is available online at www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/backcountryhiking.htm



Filter **drinking water** with a commercial filter, treat it with a chemical such as iodine or chlorine, or boil it at least one minute. Never drink water from a thermal area or hot spring.



Sanitation matters. Do not wash yourself, clothing, or dishes in lakes, ponds, rivers, or streams. Bury human waste six to eight inches (15–20 cm) below ground and a minimum of 100 feet (30 m) from water. Dispose of wastewater at least 100 feet (30 m) from water or campsites.

Boating

Boating is allowed on most of Yellowstone Lake and on Lewis Lake. Only non-motorized boating is allowed on other lakes. Only one river is open to non-motorized boating, the Lewis River channel between Lewis and Shoshone lakes. Permits are required for all boats and float tubes. Boaters must have a Coast Guard approved wearable flotation device for each person.

All boat permits (motorized & non-motorized) can be purchased at the South Entrance, Grant Village Backcountry Office, and Bridge Bay Ranger Station. Mammoth Backcountry Office, Lewis Lake Campground, and West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center sell only **non-motorized permits**. Northeast Entrance, Canyon and Old Faithful backcountry offices, and Bechler Ranger Station sell only **float tube permits**.

All boats will be inspected by NPS rangers for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) when obtaining a permit. As a precaution, any type watercraft suspected of harboring AIS will be subject to a non-chemical decontamination treatment.

Clean • Inspect • Dry

Transporting water, or any aquatic plants and animals into park waters is illegal. **Aquatic Invasive Species** are nonnative plants and animals that can cause irreversible harm to the park ecosystem. New Zealand mudsnails, whirling disease, and lake trout have resulted in loss of native fish and closure of some areas. Watercraft users and anglers are asked to inspect all items that may come in contact with park waters, ensuring that they are clean and dry. If you witness a violation, contact a ranger or dial 307-344-7381.

Walking trails



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Stretch your legs on self-guiding trails. Most offer wayside exhibits and a printed trail guide, available for 50 cents at trailheads and visitor centers.

Canyon Area

View the colorful Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River and the Upper and Lower Falls from overlooks and walkways.

Forces of the Northern Range

Eight miles east of Mammoth, exhibits describe how volcanoes, glaciers, and fire shaped the landscape, as well as identify the area's plants and animals.

Fort Yellowstone

Enjoy a walking tour of historic sites at Mammoth Hot Springs, from the time of U.S. Army, 1886–1918.

Fountain Paint Pot

View four types of hydrothermal features—geysers, hot springs, fumaroles, and mudpots—all in one place. Eight miles (12.9 km) north of Old Faithful.

Mammoth Hot Springs

Explore along the boardwalks winding through ever-changing travertine terraces and enjoy a scenic drive through the Upper Terraces.

Mud Volcano Area

Discover turbulent and explosive mudpots, including Mud Volcano and Dragon's Mouth. Located six miles (9.6 km) north of Fishing Bridge Junction.

Norris Geyser Basin

Explore the hottest, most dynamic geyser basin. Norris includes Steamboat, the world's tallest geyser, and a variety of other geysers and hot springs.

Old Faithful Area

The world's largest concentration of active geysers is here. View Old Faithful Geyser, then walk past hundreds of active geysers and hot springs along the Firehole River.

Old Faithful Historic District

Enjoy a tour of this historic district, which includes Old Faithful Geyser, the Inn, and other buildings.

Two Ribbons

Two miles (3.2 km) east of the West Entrance, enjoy a trail that loops beside a stretch of the Madison River and through a lodgepole forest affected by the historic 1988 fires.

West Thumb Geyser Basin

The boiling springs in this basin, including the famous Fishing Cone, discharge their waters into chilly Yellowstone Lake.

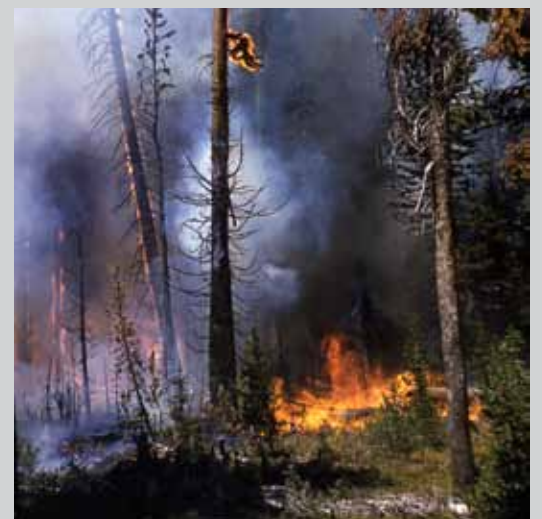
Wild lands and wildfire

Wildfire may affect your visit. Smoke may be visible from ongoing fires, and changing conditions could impact your travel plans.

Naturally occurring fires are an important part of the ecosystem. Vegetation has evolved in the presence of fire. Fire returns necessary nutrients to the soil and some species, like the lodgepole pine (*pinus contorta*), actually depend on fire.

Fire promotes habitat diversity by removing the forest overstory, allowing different plant communities to become established, and preventing trees from taking over grassland.

Periodic, patchy fires also reduce the amount of fuel available, and thereby help prevent larger, more expansive blazes across the landscape.



Campfires are allowed only in designated grills in park campgrounds, some picnic areas, and specific backcountry campsites. Ask locally about current fire restrictions.

Be prepared for bear country



Wildlife scientists note that there is an average of one bear attack in the park each year. In 2011, in separate incidents, two visitors were killed by bears inside the park. **Your safety cannot be guaranteed.**

Hiking in bear country takes appropriate preparation. Before you set out, be sure to learn what to do if you ever encounter a bear unexpectedly.

You are most likely to encounter bears at park roadsides

If you see a bear while driving, do not stop and do not block any portion of the road. Regardless of what other people do, keep moving to the next paved pullout and park safely. If the bear is within 100 yards, watch and take photographs from inside your car.

Store all food, trash, and scented items properly

All food, trash, scented items, coolers, and cooking tools must be kept secure in a bear-proof container or vehicle. Tents, truck beds, unattended packs, and picnic tables are not secure.

For your safety and the safety of others, please report all bear incidents and wildlife encounters to a park ranger immediately.

Scan this QR code with a free app for your smartphone to link directly to information about bears on the park website.

<http://go.nps.gov/ynp-bear>

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Changing climate, new challenges

The National Park Service anticipates that climate change will create significant challenges to the preservation of park resources, infrastructure, and visitor experience. Within Yellowstone specifically, scientists expect ecosystems to change due to increased temperatures and changing rain and snow patterns. Some observed and expected effects of climate change are:

- The alpine zone, which currently begins at 9,500 feet, may shift higher, decreasing or eliminating species that live in this important habitat.
- Wildland fire in the western states is expected to intensify. In Yellowstone, fires may be more frequent, but smaller and less intense.
- Increased insect infestations in trees. Currently, four types of pine bark beetles and a spruce budworm are at work.
- Declining wetlands will decrease essential habitat for frogs, salamanders, and many birds and insects.
- Wildlife predictions vary. Grassland animals

should be able to find suitable habitat. Grizzly bears may have less of their most nutritious foods such as whitebark pine nuts, and army cutworm moths.

- Native plants may be lost and replaced with non-native invasive exotic plants more adapted to dryer conditions.



Climate change poses a major threat to sensitive species like the American pika (*Ochotona princeps*). Learn more about how pikas are helping scientists understand the impacts of climate change through the Pikas in Peril Project: <http://go.usa.gov/TTSh>

Hiking in bear habitat

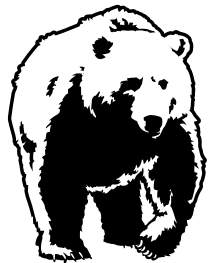
- **BE ALERT** for bears, watch for fresh tracks or scat.
- **MAKE NOISE** in areas with limited visibility.
- **CARRY BEAR SPRAY** and know how to use it.
- **AVOID HIKING ALONE**—hike with three or more people.
- **DO NOT RUN.**

Bear encounters

Remember to check at local visitor centers or ranger stations for recent bear activity before hiking, and respect all bear management closure areas. Bears and other wildlife rely on carcasses for food and will protect a food source aggressively. Bears with cubs are especially dangerous.

If you have a surprise encounter with a bear—**DO NOT RUN.** Back away slowly.

- If a bear charges you, stand your ground. Use your bear spray.
- If a bear charges and makes contact with you, fall onto your stomach and “play dead.”
- If a bear persistently stalks you, then attacks—*fight back*.
- If a bear attacks you in your tent—*fight back*.



Bear spray

Bear spray is proven to be highly successful at stopping aggressive behavior in bears.

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

Once discharged, bear spray should not be reused. Bear spray canisters can be dropped off for recycling at most hotels and stores, or any visitor center or ranger station.

If a bear charges at you:

- Remove the safety clip.
- Aim slightly downward and adjust for crosswind.
- Begin spraying when the charging bear is 30–60 feet (10–20 yards) away.
- 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.

	Canyon Village	Fishing Bridge	Grant & West Thumb	Lake & Bridge Bay	Mammoth Hot Springs	Norris	Old Faithful	Tower & Roosevelt	West Entrance & Madison	
Visitor information bookstores, books, videos, maps, gifts, educational items 	Visitor Education Center 5/25-9/2 8 AM-8 PM 9/3-9/30 8 AM-6 PM 10/1-10/14 9 AM-5 PM	Visitor Center 5/25-9/30 8 AM-7 PM	Visitor Center (Grant) 5/25-9/30 8 AM-7 PM Information Station (West Thumb) 5/25-9/30 9 AM-5 PM		Albright Visitor Center 5/25-9/30 8 AM-7 PM 10/1-winter 9 AM-5 PM	Information Station 5/25-9/30 9 AM-6 PM Museum of the National Park Ranger 5/25-9/22 9 AM-5 PM	Visitor Education Center 5/25-9/30 8 AM-8 PM 10/1-11/3 9 AM-5 PM		West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center: NPS Desk 5/24-9/2: 8 AM-8 PM 9/3-11/3: 8 AM-4 PM Madison Information Station 5/25-9/30 9 AM-6 PM	
Medical clinic 				5/24-9/22 307-242-7241	Year-round, except some holidays. 307-344-7965		5/17-10/4 307-545-7325			
Service stations snacks, drinks, ice All have credit card service at pumps 24 hours a day 	Gas: 5/3-10/21 Repairs: 5/24-9/2 Wrecker: 5/3-10/13 LP gas available Call 406-848-7548 for assistance	Gas: 5/17-9/22 Repairs: 5/24-9/2 Wrecker: 5/24-9/2 LP Gas available Call 406-848-7548 for assistance	Gas (Grant): 5/24-9/29 Repairs: 5/24-9/2 Wrecker 5/24-9/2 LP Gas available Call 406-848-7548 for assistance		5/10-10/7 LP gas available Call 406-848-7548 for assistance		Lower: 5/3-10/13 Upper: 5/17-9/16 Repairs: 5/24-9/2 Wrecker: 5/3-10/13 LP gas available Call 406-848-7548 for assistance	6/7-9/2 LP gas available Call 406-848-7548 for assistance		
General stores groceries, restaurant, souvenirs, gear 	5/17-9/26 also has ice cream, apparel	5/17-9/30 also has ice cream, apparel	Grant 6/7-9/23 also has footwear, outdoor supplies	Lake 5/31-9/23	Year-round no restaurant lunch available late fall through early spring		Lower: 5/24-9/30 Upper: 5/3-10/14 also has ice cream, apparel	Tower Fall 5/31-9/19 also has snacks, ice cream		
Outdoor stores recreation gear, snacks, fast food souvenirs 	Yellowstone Adventures 5/3-11/4 also has footwear, fishing supplies			Bridge Bay 5/31-9/9 also has fishing supplies	Road, service, and program schedules may change. Check locally and at www.nps.gov/YELL for current information.					
Mini stores groceries, snacks, souvenirs 			Grant 5/24-9/30					Tower Junction/ Roosevelt 6/7-9/2		
Gift shops 	Canyon Lodge 5/31-9/22		Grant Village 5/24-9/29	Lake Hotel 5/17-9/29 Lake Lodge 6/10-9/29	Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel 4/26-10/13		Old Faithful Inn 5/10-10/13 OF Snow Lodge 4/26-11/3 Old Faithful Lodge 5/17-10/6	Roosevelt Lodge 6/7-9/2		
Hotel 	Canyon Lodge 5/31-9/22		Grant Village 5/24-9/29	Lake Hotel 5/17-9/29	Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel 5/3-10/7		Old Faithful Inn 5/10-10/13 Old Faithful Snow Lodge 5/3-10/20			
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Restaurants 	Canyon Lodge 5/31-9/22		Grant Village 5/24-9/29 Lake House at Grant 5/24-9/22	Lake Hotel 5/17-9/29	Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel 5/3-10/7		Old Faithful Inn 5/10-10/13 Old Faithful Snow Lodge 5/3-10/20	Roosevelt Lodge 6/7-9/2		
Cafeteria	Canyon Lodge 5/31-9/8			Lake Lodge 6/10-9/29			Old Faithful Lodge 5/17-9/29			
Snacks light meals, fast food 	Picnic Shop 5/31-9/22			Lake Hotel Deli 5/17-9/29	Terrace Grill 4/26-10/13		Old Faithful Inn, Bear Paw Deli: 5/10-10/13 Old Faithful Snow Lodge, Geysers Grill 4/26-11/3 Old Faithful Lodge Bake Shop 5/17-10/6			
Campgrounds (details page 7) ** Reservations accepted 	**Canyon 5/31-9/8 Norris 12 mi west, 5/17-9/30	**Fishing Bridge RV Park (hard-sided units only) 5/10-9/22	**Grant 6/21-9/22 Lewis Lake 9 mi south, 6/15-11/3	**Bridge Bay 5/24-9/2 **Fishing Bridge RV Park (hard-sided units only): 5/10-9/22	Mammoth All year Indian Creek 9 mi south 6/14-9/9 Norris 21 mi south 5/17-9/30	Norris 5/17-9/30	**Madison 16 mi north 5/3-10/20	Tower Fall 2.5 mi south 5/24-9/30 Slough Creek 6 mi east 6/15-10/31 Pebble Creek 20 mi east 6/15-9/30	**Madison 5/3-10/20	
Showers	Canyon Campground 5/31-9/8	RV park 5/10-9/22	Grant Campground 6/21-9/22		Mammoth Hotel 5/3-10/7		Old Faithful Inn 5/10-10/13	Roosevelt Lodge 6/7-9/2		
Laundry	Canyon Campground 5/31-9/8	RV park 5/10-9/22	Grant Campground 6/21-9/22	Lake Lodge 6/10-9/29			Snow Lodge 5/3-10/20			
Marina, boat tours, trail rides 				Bridge Bay Dock rental 5/24-9/8 Boat Tours 6/15-9/8	Trail Rides 5/24-9/7			Trail & Stagecoach Rides 6/7-9/1 Cookout 6/8-9/1		



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All of your food, cooking utensils, and garbage must be kept secure unless in immediate use.

Quiet hours

During quiet hours, 10 PM to 6 AM, no loud audio devices or other noise disturbances are allowed. Where allowed, generators may operate only between 8 AM and 8 PM.

Group camping

Group camping (tents only) is available at Madison, Grant, and Bridge Bay for organized groups with a designated leader. Fees range from \$110 to \$310 (plus tax) per night, depending on group size. Advance reservations are required.



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Food storage boxes are available at many campsites. Proper food storage is essential to the safety of visitors and wildlife.

Contact Xanterra Parks & Resorts

P.O. Box 165, Yellowstone WY 82190
www.YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com
Reserve_YNP@Xanterra.com
 Toll-free 866-Geyserland (866-439-7375)
 TTY 307-344-5395
 Same-day reservations 307-344-7311

Key to campground features

- Δ Sites you can reserve
- Ω Rate does not include tax or utility pass-through
- ‡ Site with full hook ups
- A Accessible sites available
- F Flush toilets
- V Vault toilets
- S/L Pay showers/laundry on site
- NS Showers not included
- 2S Two showers included each night
- DS Dump station
- G Generators okay 8 AM to 8 PM

Camping makes memories for a lifetime

First-come, first-served

Campsite availability is first-come, first-served at the following NPS-operated campgrounds: Mammoth, Norris, Indian Creek, Lewis Lake, Pebble Creek, Slough Creek, and Tower Fall. During peak season (late June to mid-August) campgrounds may fill. Arrive early to obtain a site.

Reservable sites

Reserve sites at Canyon, Bridge Bay, Madison, Grant Village, and Fishing Bridge RV Park through Xanterra Parks & Resorts. Hookups are available at Fishing Bridge RV Park, including water, sewer, and 50 amp electrical service. Fishing Bridge is restricted to hard-sided camping units. Tents and tent trailers are not allowed. There are no picnic tables or fire grates.

Overflow camping

There are no overflow camping areas available within Yellowstone. No camping or overnight vehicle parking is allowed in pullouts, parking areas, picnic grounds, or any place other than a designated campground. Additional camping may be available in neighboring communities.

Check-in and check-out

Check-in any time, but sites may not be available before 11 AM. Registration desks at Xanterra's campgrounds are open 7 AM to 10 PM during peak season, and 8 AM to 9 PM during early and late season. Check-out time is 11 AM.

Length of stay

Camping is limited to 14 days from July 1 through Labor Day (first Monday in September) and 30 days the rest of the year. There is no limit at Fishing Bridge.

Discounts

Holders of Senior and Access passes receive approximately a 50 percent discount on camping fees, except at Fishing Bridge, where no discounts apply.

Know your vehicle, tent, and tow sizes

If you want to reserve a site, you will be asked for the length and width of your tent, RV, or the combined length of your vehicle and anything you are towing. For non-reservable sites, use the total length to determine which campground can best accommodate your rig.

In order of opening	Dates*	Rate	Sites	Elev (ft)	Features	RV sites
Mammoth	All year	\$20	85	6,200	A, F, G	Most are pull-through
Madison Δ Ω	5/3–10/20	\$21	278	6,800	A, F, NS, DS, G	Call for availability and reservations
Fishing Bridge RV Δ Ω ‡	5/10–9/22	\$46.50	346	7,800	F, S/L, 2S, DS, G	Call for availability and reservations
Norris	5/17–9/30	\$20	>100	7,500	A, F, G	2 @ 50 feet (signed) – 5 @ 30 feet
Tower Fall	5/24–9/30	\$15	31	6,600	V	All @ 30 feet or less – Has hairpin curve
Bridge Bay Δ Ω	5/24–9/2	\$21	432	7,800	A, F, NS, DS, G	Call for availability and reservations
Canyon Δ Ω	5/31–9/8	\$25.50	273	7,900	A, F, S/L, 2S, DS, G	Call for availability and reservations
Indian Creek	6/14–9/9	\$15	75	7,300	A, V	10 @ 35 feet – 35 @ 30 feet – pull-through
Pebble Creek	6/15–9/30	\$15	27	6,900	V	Some long pull-throughs
Slough Creek	6/15–10/31	\$15	23	6,250	V	14 @ 30 feet – walk first to assess sites
Lewis Lake	6/15–11/3	\$15	85	7,800	V	All @ 25 feet or less
Grant Village Δ Ω	6/21–9/22	\$25.50	430	7,800	A, F, S/L, 2S, DS, G	Call for availability and reservations

*Campgrounds close for season at 11 AM of last date listed

Tours and activities



COURTESY XANTERRA PARKS & RESORTS

Authorized guides and outfitters
Many authorized guides and outfitters are ready to show you the wonders of Yellowstone, and each has a unique approach. Make sure that your guide, tour company, or other commercial service is fully authorized by the park. Report unauthorized operators to a park ranger, or contact

Concessions Management at 307-344-2271. Authorized providers are listed on the park website at www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/services.htm.

Yellowstone Association Institute

Programs about wildlife, plants, geology, and history are perfect for curious adults and families who want to spend a day or more exploring the park with a knowledgeable guide. To find out more, call 406-848-2400 or visit www.YellowstoneAssociation.org.

Xanterra Parks & Resorts

Under its concessions contract, Xanterra offers a wide variety of park tours and activities. In summer, visitors can enjoy photo safaris, partial or full-day tours, horseback and stage-coach rides, and boating and fishing adventures. In winter, there are partial or full-day tours by heated snowcoach, skiing, and snowshoe adventures. For more information, pick up an Experience Planner at any hotel or visit: www.YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com.

Programs for young people

Junior Ranger Program

Children between the ages of 5 and 12 can become a Junior Ranger in Yellowstone. Pick up a free official Junior Ranger newspaper at any visitor center to, then complete the program requirements. A wolf track patch is awarded for ages 5 to 7 and a bear track patch is awarded for ages 8 to 12.



Young Scientist Program

Children can become a Young Scientist by buying a self-guiding booklet for \$5 at the Canyon Visitor Education Center (ages 10+) or Old Faithful Visitor Education Center (ages 5+). If you investigate the Old Faithful area, check out a Young Scientist Toolkit for the gear you need. Once you finish, you will be awarded a Young Scientist patch or key chain.



Expedition: Yellowstone!

Teachers and their classes are invited to participate in this curriculum-based residential program. Through field investigations, hikes, creative dramatics, journal writing, and group discussions, students learn about the park's natural and cultural resources. Find out more at www.nps.gov/yell/forteachers



The Old Faithful Visitor Education Center is the educational gateway to the world's largest concentration of geysers and thermal features.

Visitor centers

Albright Visitor Center

Located at Mammoth Hot Springs and open daily, year round, the center offers information, a bookstore, exhibits on wildlife and history, and films about the park and the national park idea.
5/25–9/30 8 AM–7 PM
10/1–winter 9 AM–5 PM
Call 307-344-2263

Canyon Visitor Education Center

Explore Yellowstone's supervolcano and other aspects of its geology through interactive exhibits, including a Kugel globe and relief map of Yellowstone.
9/3–9/30 8 AM–6 PM
10/1–10/14 9 AM–5 PM
Call 307-344-2550

Fishing Bridge Museum and Visitor Center

Offers exhibits about the park's birds and other wildlife, and Yellowstone Lake's geology, including a relief map of its bottom.
5/25–9/30 8 AM–7 PM
Call 307-344-2450

Grant Visitor Center

Exhibits describe the park's historic fires of 1988.
5/25–9/30 8 AM–7 PM
Call 307-344-2650

Madison Information Station

5/25–9/30 9 AM–6 PM

Junior Ranger Station

5/25–9/2 9 AM–6 PM
Call 307-344-2876

Museum of the National Park Ranger

Located one one mile north of Norris, the museum presents the history of the park ranger profession through exhibits and videos, and through the stories of the volunteer retired rangers who staff the center.
5/25–9/22 9 AM–5 PM
Call 307-344-7353

Norris Geyser Basin Museum and Information Station

Features exhibits about the hydrothermal features of Yellowstone.
5/25–9/30 9 AM–6 PM
Call 307-344-2812

Old Faithful Visitor Education Center

Yellowstone's newest visitor center offers dynamic exhibits about hydrothermal features. Geyser eruption predictions are posted, or call ahead.
5/25–9/30 8 AM–8 PM
10/1–11/3 9 AM–5 PM
Call 307-344-2751

West Thumb Information Station

Offers information about the adjacent geyser basin on the shore of Yellowstone Lake.
5/25–9/30 9 AM–5 PM
Call 307-344-2650

West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center

Inside the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce
Daily 9/3–9/30
8 AM–6 PM
Weekdays 10/1–4/30
8 AM–5 PM
NPS Desk—Open daily
9/3–11/3 8 AM–4 PM
Call 307-344-2876

Ranger-led programs

Canyon Village

Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>Hayden Valley View (September 3–September 30)</p> <p>Walk along the upper Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River, then along an established trail through meadows and forests of the northern Hayden Valley, finally looping back to the parking area. Explore the geology and natural history of the canyon area, while enjoying a bit of its backcountry. Meet a park ranger at Uncle Tom’s Parking Lot on the South Rim Drive (road to Artist Point) for this moderate walk of approximately 3 miles. 2½ hours.</p>	10 AM 9/8–9/29	10 AM 9/9–9/30	10 AM 9/3–9/24	10 AM 9/4–9/25	10 AM 9/5–9/26	10 AM 9/6–9/27	10 AM 9/7–9/28
<p>Yellowstone Canyon Talk (September 1–September 30)</p> <p>From a classic viewpoint enjoy the Lower Falls, Yellowstone River, and the spectacular colors of the canyon while learning about the area’s natural and human history. Discover why artists and photographers continue to be drawn to this special place. Join a ranger on the lower platform at Artist Point on the South Rim Drive for this short talk.</p> <p> Accessible. 20 minutes.</p>	10:30 AM 11 AM 9/1–9/29	10:30 AM 11 AM 9/2–9/30	10:30 AM 11 AM 9/3–9/24	10:30 AM 11 AM 9/4–9/25	10:30 AM 11 AM 9/5–9/26	10:30 AM 11 AM 9/6–9/27	10:30 AM 11 AM 9/7–9/28
<p>Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (September 1–September 30)</p> <p>Whether you’re hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from the road, this quick workshop is for you and your family! Park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet in front of the Canyon Visitor Education Center.</p> <p> Accessible. 15 minutes.</p>	2 PM 9/1–9/29	2 PM 9/2–9/30	2 PM 9/3–9/24	2 PM 9/4–9/25	2 PM 9/5–9/26	2 PM 9/6–9/27	2 PM 9/7–9/28
<p>Walking the Edge (September 1–September 30)</p> <p>Enjoy learning about the ecology, geology, and history of the canyon while walking along the South Rim Trail with a ranger. Gain stunning views of the Yellowstone River, the Upper and Lower Falls, and the gorgeous colors of the canyon walls. Meet a park ranger at Uncle Tom’s Parking Lot on the South Rim Drive (road to Artist Point) for this easy walk of approximately 1 mile. 1½ hours.</p>	3 PM 9/1–9/29	3 PM 9/2–9/30	3 PM 9/3–9/24	3 PM 9/4–9/25	3 PM 9/5–9/26	3 PM 9/6–9/27	3 PM 9/7–9/28

Fishing Bridge and Lake Village

Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>Lake Scenic Cruise (September 2–September 8)</p> <p>Join a park ranger on a narrated boat tour on the ethereal water of Yellowstone Lake, with views of the wondrous Absaroka Mountains, historic Lake Hotel & Village, and surrounding lodgepole pine forest. Reservations required in advance through Xanterra Parks and Resorts. Call 307-344-7311 or stop by the Bridge Bay Marina (\$15 plus tax for adults, \$10 plus tax for kids ages 3–11, free for kids under 3 years old).</p> <p> Accessible. 1 hour.</p>	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 9/1, 9/8	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 9/2	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 9/3	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 9/4	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 9/5	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 9/6	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 9/7
<p>Storm Point Saunter (September 1–September 30)</p> <p>Wander along the ever-changing lakeshore and through a diversity of landscapes including a lush meadow dotted with wildflowers and an ancient forest of spruce, pine, and fir. Experience Yellowstone in its true splendor. Meet at Indian Pond and the Storm Point trailhead, 3 miles east of Fishing Bridge. Easy 2.3 mile hike. 2 hours.</p>	10 AM 9/1–9/29	10 AM 9/2–9/30	10 AM 9/3–9/24	10 AM 9/4–9/25	10 AM 9/5–9/26	10 AM 9/6–9/27	10 AM 9/7–9/28
<p>Mud Volcano Ramble (September 3–September 30)</p> <p>“The greatest marvel we have yet met with,” declared early explorers. View colorful, vociferous, and intriguing mudpots and hot springs, and find out what they reveal about Yellowstone’s explosive past and future. Moderately strenuous. Meet at the Mud Volcano parking area. 1½ hours.</p>	11 AM 9/8–9/29	11 AM 9/9–9/30	11 AM 9/3–9/24	11 AM 9/4–9/25	11 AM 9/5–9/26	11 AM 9/6–9/27	11 AM 9/7–9/28
<p>Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (September 3–September 30)</p> <p>Whether hiking the backcountry, camping, walking in the frontcountry, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from your car, this workshop is for you and your family. Park rangers will help you learn how to avoid dangerous encounters with wildlife in these hands-on demonstrations. Meet a park ranger at the Fishing Bridge Visitor Information Center.</p> <p> Accessible. 20 minutes.</p>	4:30 PM 9/8–9/29	4:30 PM 9/9–9/30	4:30 PM 9/3–9/24	4:30 PM 9/4–9/25	4:30 PM 9/5–9/26	4:30 PM 9/6–9/27	4:30 PM 9/7–9/28

Grant Village and West Thumb

Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Hot Water Wilderness (September 3–September 30) Stroll along the beautiful shores of Yellowstone Lake and explore the origins of glittering geysers, belching mud pots, and emerald hot springs in West Thumb’s dynamic geyser basin. Meet at the West Thumb Visitor Information Station . Round trip distance is ¾ mile. Accessible with assistance. 1 ½ hours .	11 AM 4 PM 9/8–9/29	11 AM 4 PM 9/9–9/30	11 AM 4 PM 9/3–9/24	11 AM 4 PM 9/4–9/25	11 AM 4 PM 9/5–9/26	11 AM 4 PM 9/6–9/27	11 AM 4 PM 9/7–9/28
Wildlife Wonders (September 1–September 30) Are you wondering about the best wildlife viewing areas, or perhaps how Yellowstone’s fauna have survived through time? Relax in the shade as a ranger reveals the secrets of Yellowstone’s wildlife. Meet on the back porch of the Grant Village Visitor Center . Accessible. 25 minutes .	2:30 PM 9/1–9/29	2:30 PM 9/2–9/30	2:30 PM 9/3–9/24	2:30 PM 9/4–9/25	2:30 PM 9/5–9/26	2:30 PM 9/6–9/27	2:30 PM 9/7–9/28
Grant Village Evening Program (September 3–September 29) Park rangers present illustrated talks focusing on Yellowstone’s natural or cultural wonders. Check locally for program topics. Meet at the Grant Village Visitor Center Auditorium . Accessible. 45 minutes .	7:30 PM 9/8–9/29	7:30 PM 9/9–9/23	7:30 PM 9/3–9/24	7:30 PM 9/4–9/25	7:30 PM 9/5–9/26	7:30 PM 9/6–9/27	7:30 PM 9/7–9/28

Mammoth

Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (September 3 - September 30) Whether you’re hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from the road, this quick workshop is for you and your family! Park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet in front of the Albright Visitor Center . Accessible. 15 minutes .	9:30 AM 9/8–9/29	9:30 AM 9/9–9/30	9:30 AM 9/3–9/24	9:30 AM 9/4–9/25	9:30 AM 9/5–9/26	9:30 AM 9/6–9/27	9:30 AM 9/7–9/28
Tales of the Travertine (September 3–September 30) The travertine terraces at Mammoth Hot Springs are one of Yellowstone’s most unusual, beautiful, and misunderstood hydrothermal features. Come learn how earth’s mysterious forces constantly create and change these formations. Meet at the end of the Palette Spring boardwalk , just up from the Liberty Cap rock formation. Accessible. 20 minutes .	1 PM 1:30 PM 9/8–9/29	1 PM 1:30 PM 9/9–9/30	1 PM 1:30 PM 9/3–9/24	1 PM 1:30 PM 9/4–9/25	1 PM 1:30 PM 9/5–9/26	1 PM 1:30 PM 9/6–9/27	1 PM 1:30 PM 9/7–9/28
Wonders of Yellowstone (September 1–September 30) Yellowstone is full of wonders such as mountains and canyons, wildlife, history, and beauty. A ranger will share insights into one fascinating aspect of this magical place. Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center or in the theater if it’s raining. Accessible. 20 minutes .	3 PM 9/1–9/29	3 PM 9/2–9/30	3 PM 9/3–9/24	3 PM 9/4–9/25	3 PM 9/5–9/26	3 PM 9/6–9/27	3 PM 9/7–9/28

Norris

Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Windows Into Yellowstone (September 1–September 30) Experience the muddy caldrons, acid geysers and clear pools of Norris Geyser Basin! Join a park ranger for a walk through this magical land and learn about the park’s geologic past, present, and future. Meet at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum . Bring water, sunglasses and sunscreen. 1 ½ hours .	9:30 AM 9/1–9/29	9:30 AM 9/2–9/30	9:30 AM 9/3–9/24	9:30 AM 9/4–9/25	9:30 AM 9/5–9/26	9:30 AM 9/6–9/27	9:30 AM 9/7–9/28
Wild Yellowstone (September 3–September 30) Park rangers share insights into a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone’s wild nature. Meet at Steamboat Geyser , a 15-minute walk from the Norris Geyser Basin parking lot. In rainy weather, the talk will be held at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum. Accessible. 20 minutes .	2:30 PM 9/8–9/29	2:30 PM 9/9–9/30	2:30 PM 9/3–9/24	2:30 PM 9/4–9/25	2:30 PM 9/5–9/26	2:30 PM 9/6–9/27	2:30 PM 9/7–9/28
Wildlife Safety–Are You Prepared? (September 3–September 30) Whether you’re hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from the road, this quick workshop is for you and your family! Park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet on the patio in front of the Norris Geyser Basin Museum . Accessible. 20 minutes .	3:30 PM 9/8–9/29	3:30 PM 9/9–9/30	3:30 PM 9/3–9/24	3:30 PM 9/4–9/25	3:30 PM 9/5–9/26	3:30 PM 9/6–9/27	3:30 PM 9/7–9/28
Stars Above Yellowstone (September 5–September 26) Like the landscape, the night sky is part of what makes Yellowstone so special. Explore the pristine night sky over Yellowstone with a park ranger. Meet at Norris Campground entrance , near registration board and comfort station. Bring flashlight, warm clothes, and binoculars (optional). Accessible. 1 hour .					8:30 PM 9/5–9/26		

Old Faithful

Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Geyser Hill Walk (September 3–September 29) Geysers Hill is at the heart of the world’s greatest concentration of geysers. Explore this special corner of the park and learn about the relationship between Yellowstone’s volcanic history and hydrothermal features on this 1–1/4 mile walk. Meet outside on the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center. 1 ½ hours.	9 AM 9/8–9/29	9 AM 9/9–9/23	9 AM 9/3–9/24	9 AM 9/4–9/25	9 AM 9/5–9/26	9 AM 9/6–9/27	9 AM 9/7–9/28
Geysers Galore! (September 3–September 30) Take a quick peek at Yellowstone’s fascinating geysers and visible geologic story. Meet a park ranger at the benches in front of Old Faithful near the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center. Accessible. 10 minutes.	11:15 AM 11:45 AM 12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 9/8–9/29	11:15 AM 11:45 AM 12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 9/9–9/30	11:15 AM 11:45 AM 12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 9/3–9/25	11:15 AM 11:45 AM 12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 9/4–9/26	11:15 AM 11:45 AM 12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 9/5–9/27	11:15 AM 11:45 AM 12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 9/6–9/28	11:15 AM 11:45 AM 12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 9/7–9/28
Black Sand Walk (September 3–September 22) Discover a lesser-known gem! As you stroll through one of Yellowstone’s most striking hydrothermal areas, you’ll learn about volcanic geology and the unique history of Black Sand Basin on this ½-mile walk. Meet at Black Sand Basin parking lot, one mile north of Old Faithful. 1 hour.	12:30 PM 9/8–9/22	12:30 PM 9/9–9/16	12:30 PM 9/4–9/17	12:30 PM 9/4–9/18	12:30 PM 9/5–9/19	12:30 PM 9/6–9/20	12:30 PM 9/7–9/21
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (September 3–September 29) Whether hiking the backcountry, camping, walking in the frontcountry, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from your car—this workshop is for you and your family! Park rangers help you learn how to avoid dangerous encounters with wildlife in these hands-on demonstrations. Meet outside on the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center for this outdoor program. Accessible. 20 minutes.	2 PM 9/8–9/29	2 PM 9/9–9/23	2 PM 9/3–9/24	2 PM 9/4–9/25	2 PM 9/5–9/26	2 PM 9/6–9/27	2 PM 9/7–9/28
Old Faithful Evening Program (September 1–September 29) Each evening a different aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders will be featured during this 45-minute illustrated program in the theater of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center. Check at the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center for program titles and descriptions. Accessible. 45 minutes.	7 PM 9/1–9/29	7 PM 9/2–9/23	7 PM 9/3–9/24	7 PM 9/4–9/25	7 PM 9/5–9/26	7 PM 9/6–9/27	7 PM 9/7–9/28

Madison

Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Madison Evening Program (September 3–September 29) Each night a park ranger will present an illustrated program highlighting a different aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at the Madison Information Station for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Madison Amphitheater. Accessible. 45 minutes.	8 PM 9/8–9/29	8 PM 9/9–9/23	8 PM 9/3–9/24	8 PM 9/4–9/25	8 PM 9/5–9/26	8 PM 9/6–9/27	8 PM 9/7–9/28

West Yellowstone

Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Afternoon Talk in West (September 1–September 29) Each afternoon, a ranger will present a talk on a captivating aspect of Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history in West Yellowstone, Montana. The Yellowstone Historic Center Museum is located at the corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street. The Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center is located at 201 South Canyon Street. Talks are free and open to the public. <i>There is a fee if you choose to visit the rest of the Yellowstone Historic Center or the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center.</i> Accessible. 30 minutes.	Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 2 PM 9/1–9/29	Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 2 PM 9/2–9/23	Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 2 PM 9/3–9/24	Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 2 PM 9/4–9/25	Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 2 PM 9/5–9/26	Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 2 PM 9/6–9/27	Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 2 PM 9/7–9/28
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (September 3–September 29) Whether you’re hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from the road, this workshop is for you and your family! In this interactive demonstration, park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center in West Yellowstone (corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street). Accessible. 20 minutes.	3 PM 9/8–9/29	3 PM 9/9–9/23	3 PM 9/3–9/24	3 PM 9/4–9/25	3 PM 9/5–9/26	3 PM 9/6–9/27	3 PM 9/7–9/28

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Xanterra's Environmental Commitment

As the operator of Yellowstone National Park Lodges, Xanterra strives to provide Legendary Hospitality with a Softer Footprint®, so we take our role as an environmental steward of Yellowstone National Park very seriously. Our environmental management program, **Ecologix**, helps us to incorporate sustainable practices in all aspects of our operations in order to keep the Yellowstone ecosystem pristine For Future Generations to experience!

Recycle: For your convenience, we offer recycling in all our lodging and food and beverage operations and have in-room containers for plastic, cans, glass, paper, and cardboard. With help from visitors like you, last year we recycled over 2 million pounds (the equivalent of 1,000 bull bison!) of material and kept more than 70% of our waste from going into the landfill!

Eat Well and Be Well: We offer a variety of healthy and sustainable menu choices in our food and beverage outlets that are locally produced, third-party certified, vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free. Come in and try them for yourself!

Spend Sustainably: In addition to our For Future Generations: Yellowstone Gifts store at the Mammoth Hotel which serves to educate our guests on how purchasing decisions impact the environment, Xanterra is committed to purchasing items that are made in the USA. In 2012, 68% of all of our products were made domestically.

Conserve Resources: While staying in the park be sure to participate in our recycling and in-room linen and towel reuse programs. Additionally, help to conserve resources by using a reusable water bottle and not letting your vehicle idle during your time in the park.

Be Green At Home: Stewardship does not end at national park borders. You can help protect Yellowstone and other national parks from the impacts of climate change and pollution by continuing these practices at home.

For more information on our commitment to sustainability, we invite you to visit us at the environmental section of Xanterra's website at YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com

Thank you for helping us preserve Yellowstone for future generations!

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Partners in sustainability

The National Park Service mission

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Yellowstone and partners take action

As an integral part of our mission, Yellowstone National Park, park concessionaires, and partners are committed to reducing the ecological footprint of park operations and decreasing consumption of natural resources through sustainable business practices.

- In 2012, more than 59% of the park's total waste was diverted from landfills through recycling and composting.
- The park's vehicle fleet now includes 26 hybrid vehicles that have significantly lower emissions.
- High-tech tires on park trucks provide 3% fuel savings and emission reductions of more than eight metric tons of the greenhouse gas, carbon dioxide (CO₂), annually.
- Xanterra's environmental management program, **Ecologix**, helps to incorporate sustainable practices in all aspects of their operations, from locally sourced food options to visitor education.

Visitors contribute to preservation

- Consider using a reusable water bottle and filling up at special filling stations in General Stores at Mammoth, Tower, Canyon, Grant, and the upper store at Old Faithful .
- Visitors safely recycle approximately 5,000 small propane cylinders in the park each year.
- Bear spray canisters can be dropped off for recycling at most hotels and stores, or any visitor center or ranger station.
- Recycling is available in all lodging and food and beverage operations, including in-room containers for plastic, cans, glass, paper and cardboard. In 2012, nearly 2.9 million pounds of materials were recycled parkwide.
- Delaware North Companies and Xanterra are committed to providing gift shop items that are made in the USA.



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**MEDICAL SERVICES
AT YELLOWSTONE**



+ **Emergencies** Dial "911" or contact any National Park Service ranger within Yellowstone. Specially trained rangers provide rescue, emergency medical care, and ambulance service.

+ **Medical Clinics** Medcor operates three urgent-care clinics within Yellowstone park. The clinic at Mammoth is open year round, staffed by a board-certified physician and experienced RNs. The clinics at Lake and Old Faithful are open seasonally (see below for schedules). All of these clinics are open to the public and are staffed and equipped for most medical emergencies and routine care. Services include injury and illness treatment, x-rays, and some lab and pharmacy services. If in-patient care or advanced services are required, the clinic staff can stabilize patients and arrange for appropriate transfer to a hospital.

+ **Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center**
Air and ground ambulance, emergency medical direction, training, and trauma/ specialty care from one of the top Trauma Centers in the U.S.
www.eirmc.com

For more information visit
www.medcor.com/Yellowstone.

Mammoth Clinic (307) 344-7965
Open Year Round Mon - Fri
Jun 1 - Sept 30 also open Sat & Sun

Lake Clinic (307) 242-7241
Open May 24 - Sept 22; 7 days a week

Old Faithful (307) 545-7325
Open May 17 - Oct 4; 7 days a week

Call for hours of operation. Appointments are not required; walk-in patients are welcome.

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Foreign language translations



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 Willkommen • Benvenuti • ようこそ
 환영합니다 • Добро пожаловать • Bienvenido

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<http://go.nps.gov/translate-ynp>

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Park entrance fees



Private, noncommercial automobile , valid for seven days at both Yellowstone and Grand Teton	\$25
Individual motorcycle , seven days, both parks	\$20
Single entry (foot, bike, ski, etc) seven days, both parks	\$12
Yellowstone and Grand Teton Annual Pass , valid for one year from month of purchase for entrance to both parks	\$50
America the Beautiful: National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass , valid for one year from month of purchase for entrance fees to federal fee areas	\$80
Senior Pass , U.S. Citizens or permanent residents age 62 or older	\$10
Access Pass , U.S. Citizens or permanent residents with documentation of permanent disability	Free

America the Beautiful: National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass

This pass provides several options for people to use at federal recreation sites, including national parks and wildlife refuges, where entrance fees are charged. You can purchase this pass at one of Yellowstone's entrance stations, or visit <http://store.usgs.gov/pass>



The pass is not good for camping or for some other fees such as concessionaire parking fees at Mount Rushmore, or cave tours at various parks. Inquire locally.

Previously issued Golden Age Passports and Golden Access Passports are still accepted. They can also be exchanged toward new and more durable passes.

Chambers of Commerce

Idaho

Idaho Falls
 866-365-6943
 Eastern Idaho Visitor
 Information Center
 800-634-3246

Montana

Big Sky
 406-995-3000
 Billings
 800-735-2635
 Bozeman
 800-228-4224
 Cooke City–Silver Gate
 406-838-2495
 Gardiner
 406-848-7971
 Livingston
 406-222-0850
 Red Lodge
 888-281-0625
 Virginia City
 800-829-2969
 West Yellowstone
 406-646-7701

Wyoming

Cody
 800-393-2639
 Dubois
 307-455-2556
 East Yellowstone/
 Wapiti Valley
 307-587-9595
 Jackson
 307-733-3316

National Park Service

Idaho NPS units

Craters of the Moon NM&P
 Arco, ID 83213
 208-527-1300
www.nps.gov/crmo
 City of Rocks NR
 Alamo, ID 83312
 208 824-5901
www.nps.gov/ciro
 Hagerman Fossil Beds NM
 Hagerman, ID 83332
 208 933-4100
www.nps.gov/hafo

Minidoka Internment NM
 Hagerman, ID 83332
 208-933-4127
www.nps.gov/miin

Nez Perce NHP
 Spalding, ID 83540
 208-843-7020
 (ID,MT,OR,WA)
www.nps.gov/nepe

Montana NPS units

Big Hole NB
 Wisdom, MT 59767
 406-689-3155
www.nps.gov/biho
 Bighorn Canyon NRA
 Fort Smith, MT 59035
 406-666-2412
www.nps.gov/bica
 Little Bighorn NM
 Crow Agency, MT 59022
 406-638-3217
www.nps.gov/libi
 Glacier NP
 West Glacier, MT 59936
 406-888-7800
www.nps.gov/glac

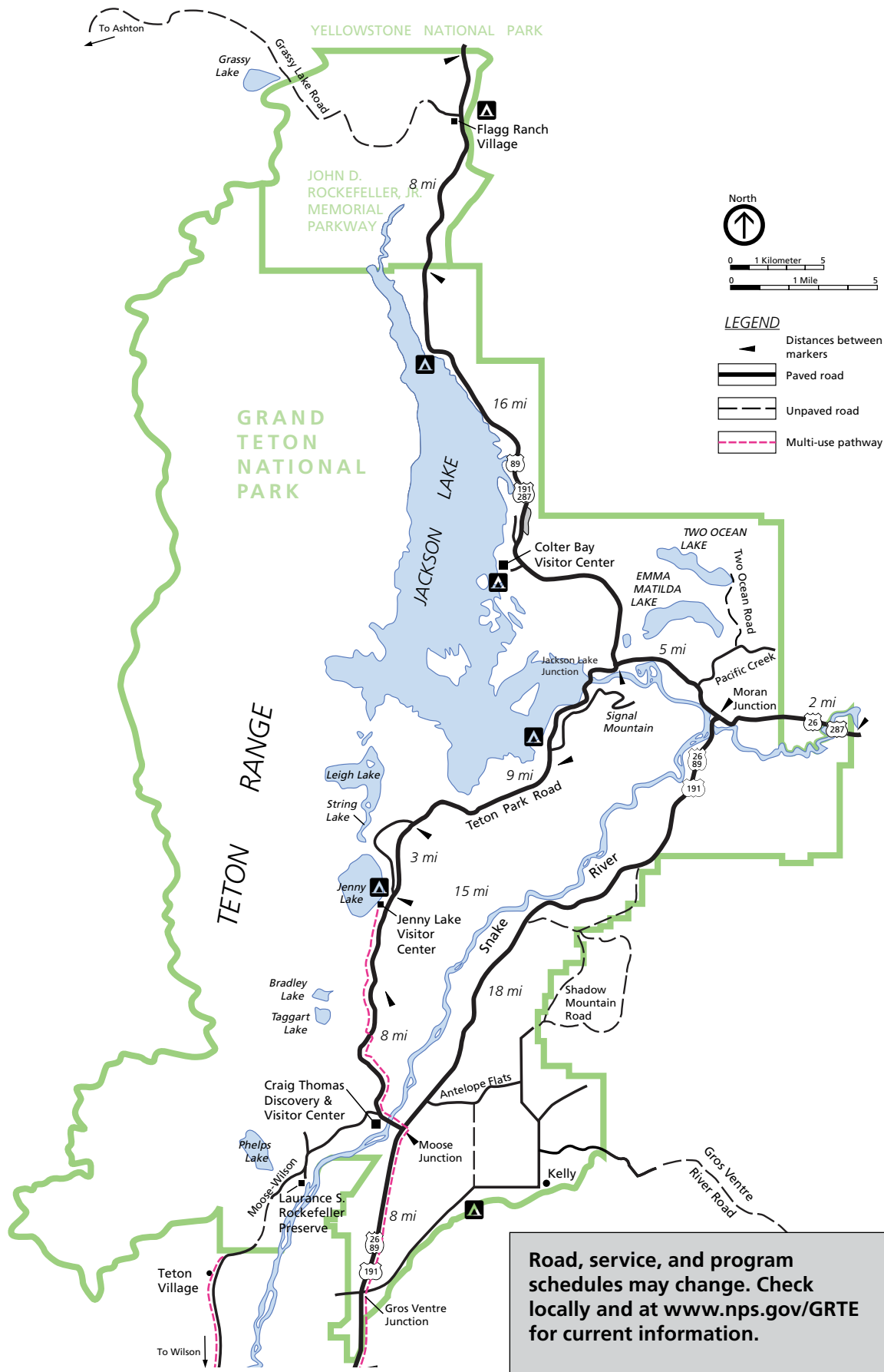
Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS
 Deer Lodge, MT 59722
 406-846-2070, ext. 250
www.nps.gov/grko

Wyoming NPS units

Devil's Tower NM
 Devil's Tower, WY 82714
 307-467-5283
www.nps.gov/deto
 Fort Laramie NHS
 Fort Laramie, WY 82212
 307-837-2221
www.nps.gov/fofa
 Fossil Butte NM
 Kemmerer, WY 83101
 307-877-4455
www.nps.gov/fobu
 Grand Teton NP
 Moose, WY 83012
 307-739-3300
www.nps.gov/grte
 John D. Rockefeller, Jr.
 Memorial Pkwy
 Moose, WY 83012
www.nps.gov/jodr

Area National Forests

Beaverhead–Deer Lodge NF
 Eight SW MT counties
 406-683-3913
www.fs.usda.gov/bdnf
 Bridger–Teton NF
 Jackson, WY 83001
 307-739-5500
www.fs.usda.gov/btnf
 Caribou–Targhee NF
 Idaho Falls, ID 83401
 208-624-3151
www.fs.usda.gov/ctnf
 Custer NF
 Billings, MT 59105
 406-657-6200
www.fs.fed.us/r1/custer/
 Gallatin NF
 Bozeman, MT 59771
 406-587-6701
www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin
 Shoshone NF
 Cody, WY 82414
 307-527-6241
www.fs.usda.gov/main/shoshone/home



Ask locally or call 307-739-3614 for updates on Grand Teton road construction projects.

Campgrounds

Park campgrounds are run by park concessionaires and are **first come, first served**. All sites cost \$20.50. Operating seasons vary. Ask at park entrance stations or visitor centers for current status updates.

Jenny Lake is open to tents only. Other campgrounds accommodate tents, trailers, and recreational vehicles. The maximum stay is seven days at Jenny Lake, 14 days at other campgrounds, 30 days total per year.

There is a 30-foot restriction at Signal Mountain and Lizard Creek. All of the park's campgrounds have modern comfort stations, but none have utility hookups.

- **Colter Bay**, 350 sites, usually fills by evening
- **Gros Ventre**, 350 sites, rarely fills
- **Jenny Lake**, 49 sites, usually fills by 9 AM
- **Lizard Creek**, 60 sites, rarely fills
- **Signal Mountain**, 86 sites, usually fills by noon

More next door



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Mount Moran and the Teton Range

Grand Teton National Park offers spectacular scenery, campgrounds, exhibits, and an abundance of outdoor activities. Hiking, sightseeing, boating, floating the Snake River, horseback riding, and fishing are all available depending on seasonal conditions.

Backcountry camping requires a free permit from the Craig Thomas or Colter Bay visitor centers, or the Jenny Lake Ranger Station.

Boating requires a Grand Teton (or Yellowstone) boating permit, sold at most visitor centers. A Wyoming fishing license is required to fish in the park.

Grand Teton Guide, the park newspaper, is available at entrance stations and visitor centers, or on the park website at www.nps.gov/grte

Visitor centers

Colter Bay Visitor Center

Information, exhibits, audiovisual programs, permits, and publication sales, 307-739-3594

Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center

Open year-round, except Dec. 25. Information, audiovisual programs, exhibits, permits, publication sales, 307-739-3399

Flagg Ranch Information Station—Closed

Jenny Lake Ranger Station

Open daily until early September, 8 AM–5 PM.

Jenny Lake Visitor Center

Open June 1 to September 23, 2013, 8 AM–5 PM. Information, publications sales, 307-739-3392

Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center

Open daily until September 23, 10 AM–6 PM..

Lodging

Colter Bay Cabins 800-628-9988

Colter Bay RV Park 800-628-9988

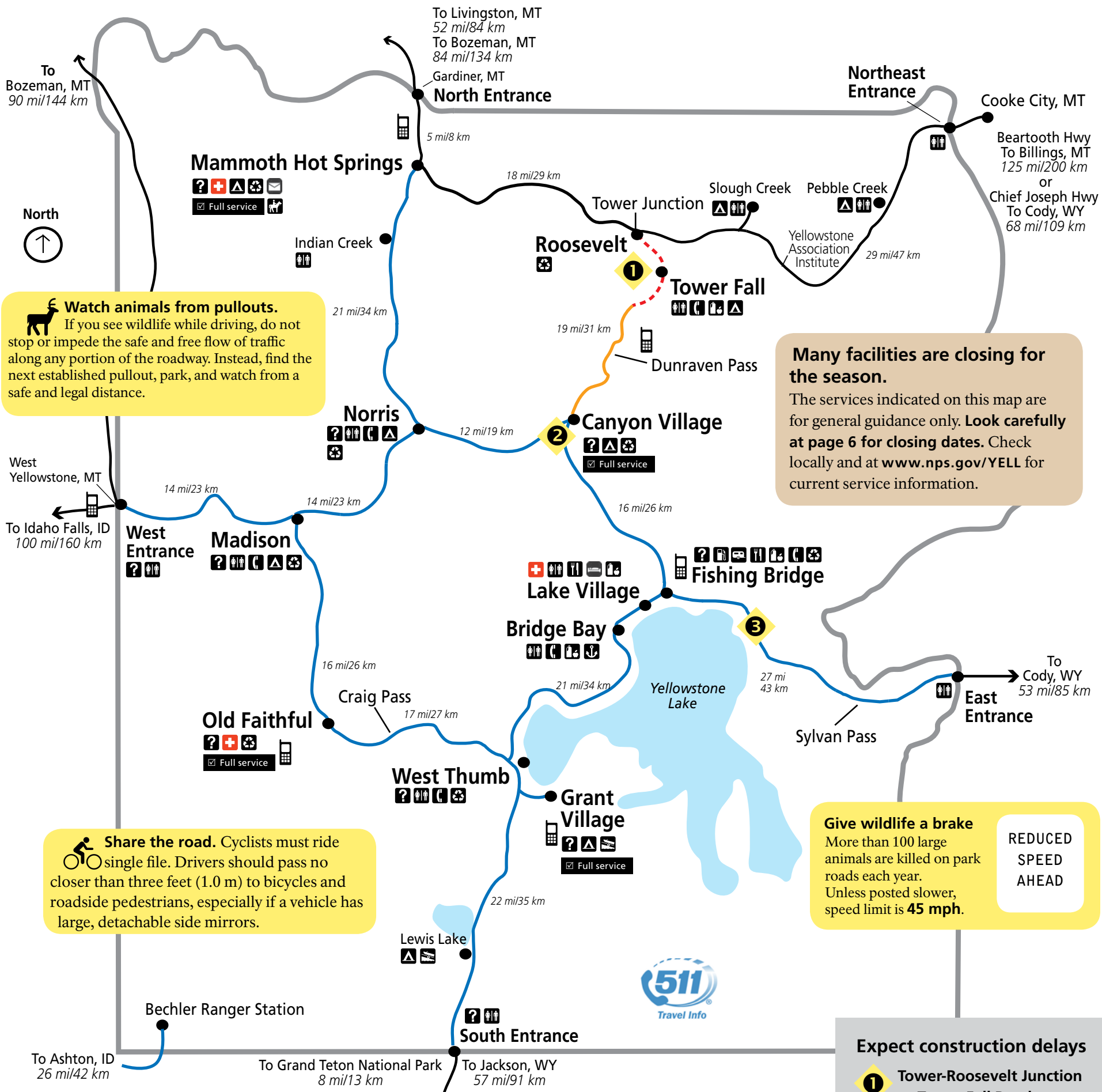
Dornan's Spur Ranch Cabins 307-733-2522

Headwaters Lodge & Cabins at Flagg Ranch
307-543-2861, 800-443-2311

Jackson Lake Lodge 800-628-9988

Jenny Lake Lodge 307-733-4647

Signal Mountain Lodge 800-672-6012



Watch animals from pullouts.
If you see wildlife while driving, do not stop or impede the safe and free flow of traffic along any portion of the roadway. Instead, find the next established pullout, park, and watch from a safe and legal distance.

Many facilities are closing for the season.
The services indicated on this map are for general guidance only. **Look carefully at page 6 for closing dates.** Check locally and at www.nps.gov/YELL for current service information.

Share the road. Cyclists must ride single file. Drivers should pass no closer than three feet (1.0 m) to bicycles and roadside pedestrians, especially if a vehicle has large, detachable side mirrors.

Give wildlife a brake
More than 100 large animals are killed on park roads each year. Unless posted slower, speed limit is **45 mph**.

REDUCED SPEED AHEAD

Road closing 2013
Changes and delays are always possible. For road updates, call 307-344-2117 or check locally and at www.nps.gov/YELL for current road information.

Open year-round
October 15
Tower Fall to Canyon Junction (Dunraven Pass).
November 4
Closed to travel.

- Full service** = restrooms, food service, general store, lodging, fuel
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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Clinic | General store | Auto service |
| Restrooms | Lodging | Horseback riding |
| Visitor center or information station | Camping | Marina Boat launch |
| Fuel | RV camping
Hard-sided units only | Recycling |
| Food service | Phone | Cell phone tower
Connectivity is limited |

Expect construction delays

- 1 Tower-Roosevelt Junction to Tower Fall Road:** Gravel-surfaced road. Open with possible 30-minute delays. Possible closures 11 PM to 7 AM nightly.
- 2 Canyon Village Parking Area:** Open—watch for construction in pedestrian area.
- 3 9-Mile Slide Repair** May 28–Oct. 17 possible 15-minute delays. One-lane traffic.