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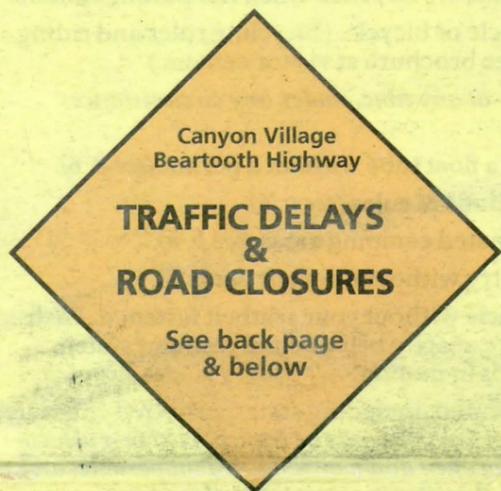
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Canyon Area Roads Under Construction This Year

See detail map on the back page.

Canyon Village, which is your starting point to view the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River, has two roads under construction this year: North Rim Drive and the spur road to Inspiration Point. You can still reach the Canyon Visitor Education Center and other visitor services, including the campground—but the rest of North Rim drive is closed, including access to Inspiration Point. See the back page and inquire locally for current conditions of both roads.

During construction, you can still reach breathtaking views of the Upper and Lower Falls and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone from Uncle Tom’s Point and Artist Point on the South Rim Drive. You can also view the brink of the Upper Falls from a spur road south of Canyon Junction.

Artist Point, which was reconstructed last year, now offers improved access to a historic view of Lower Falls.



Mammoth Hot Springs’ features change constantly. Palette Spring is shown above, as it looked in 2004. Stop by to see how it looks today—it’s just beyond Liberty Cap at the base of the terraces.

Yellowstone National Park’s 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.

Mission of the National Park Service

The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The National Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.



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While You Are Here

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Stay Safe

IN HYDROTHERMAL AREAS

Beautiful but deadly: Yellowstone's hydrothermal features can kill you. Their waters are frequently near or above boiling. Their crust is thin, breaks easily, and often overlies scalding water.

- ◆ Stay on boardwalks and designated trails. They protect you and delicate formations.
- ◆ Keep your children close to you at all times; make sure they understand the danger.
- ◆ Pets are prohibited in hydrothermal areas.
- ◆ Swimming or bathing is prohibited in hydrothermal pools or streams where water flows entirely from a hydrothermal spring or pool.
- ◆ Avoid burns & infections: don't expose your head to thermal water by immersion, splashing, touching your face, or inhaling steam. Thermal water can harbor organisms that cause fatal meningitis or Legionnaires' disease.
- ◆ Dangerous levels of hydrogen sulfide and carbon dioxide have been measured in some hydrothermal areas. If you feel sick, leave the location immediately.

AROUND WILDLIFE

Wild animals are dangerous. To protect yourself and wildlife, follow these guidelines when viewing or photographing roadside wildlife, whether you are alone or in a wildlife jam:

- ◆ You must stay at least 100 yards (91 m) away from bears and at least 25 yards (23 m) away from all other animals—including bison, elk, bighorn sheep, deer, moose, wolves, and coyotes.
- ◆ Park in established turnouts and make sure your car is completely off the paved roadway. Put your vehicle into park, and engage your parking brake.
- ◆ If you exit your vehicle, stay near it so you can get inside if the animal approaches.
- ◆ Avoid being struck by a moving vehicle—do not stand in the road to view or photograph wildlife.
- ◆ Never surround, crowd, approach, or follow wildlife.
- ◆ Don't block an animal's line of travel.
- ◆ Do not run or make sudden movements—this may cause predators to attack.
- ◆ If other people in the area are putting you in danger, leave the scene and notify a park ranger.
- ◆ Do not ever feed wildlife, including birds.

BISON are unpredictable and dangerous; they weigh up to 2,000 pounds (900 kg) and sprint 30 miles per hour (48 km/h). Visitors are injured every year.

BEARS live throughout the park. Be alert for tracks, do not approach carcasses, and avoid surprising bears. If you are injured by a bear (regardless of how minor), or if you observe a bear or bear tracks, report it to a park ranger as soon as possible. Someone's safety may depend on it. *See also "Food Regulations," at right, and "Bear Country Tips," page 7.*

MORE SAFETY TIPS

Falling Trees Avoid areas with dead trees; they may suddenly fall, especially on windy days.

High Altitude Most of the park is above 7,500 feet. Allow time to acclimate; be aware of your physical limitations; don't overexert. Drink plenty of water to forestall dehydration from altitude and dry climate. Stop and rest often.

Stream Crossings Check at local ranger stations for stream conditions.

Swimming Most park streams, rivers, and lakes are extremely cold; swim at your own risk. Swimming in hydrothermal features is forbidden, *see above*.

Theft Lock your vehicle; keep valuables hidden; label valuable property with your name, address, or identification number; report theft or vandalism to a ranger.

Traffic Most park roads are narrow, rough, and busy; some have sharp drop-offs. Ice and road damage occur year-round. Drive cautiously and courteously; you must use pullouts to observe wildlife or scenery and to allow other vehicles to pass. Watch for animals on the road, especially at night.

Weather Yellowstone's weather is unpredictable. A sunny warm day may become stormy and sometimes snowy. Lightning is common; get off water or beaches and away from ridges, exposed places, and isolated trees.

All Hazards NOAA Weather Radio If you have a weather radio receiver, tune to 162.425MHz (Mammoth area) or 162.450 MHz (Lake area) to receive hazardous weather alerts, or go to www.crh.noaa.gov/riw/nwr/.

Stay Legal

Know These Numbers

25

= the number of YARDS you must stay away from all wildlife—except...

100

= the number of YARDS you must stay away from a bear

45

= the maximum speed limit in the park unless otherwise posted

911

= the number to call in an emergency

THESE ACTIONS ARE ILLEGAL

- ◆ Speeding (radar enforced)—except for a portion of U.S. 191, all roads within the park are posted at 45 mph or slower.
- ◆ Driving while intoxicated (open container law enforced).
- ◆ Leaving detachable side mirrors attached when not pulling trailers.
- ◆ Traveling off-road by vehicle or bicycle. (Bicycling rules and riding locations are listed in a free brochure at visitor centers.)
- ◆ Improperly storing food—at any time, under any circumstances (*see below*).
- ◆ Fishing, boating, or using a float tube without a permit (*see p. 6*).
- ◆ Violating camping regulations & rules (*see p. 6*).
- ◆ Camping outside of designated camping areas (*see p. 6*).
- ◆ Camping in the backcountry without a permit (*see p. 7*).
- ◆ Driving or riding in a vehicle without your seatbelt fastened. Each vehicle occupant must have a safety belt or child restraint system fastened when the vehicle is in motion.
- ◆ Possessing a firearm or weapon, including state-permitted concealed weapons, except: *Unloaded firearms may be transported in a vehicle when the weapon is cased, broken down or rendered inoperable, and stored to prevent ready use.* Ammunition must be placed in a separate compartment of the vehicle.
- ◆ Having pets off leash or on trails and boardwalks. Pets are prohibited on all trails, in the backcountry, and in hydrothermal basins. Where allowed, pets must be leashed and must remain within 100 feet (30 m) of a road or parking area. Do not leave a pet unattended or tied to an object. Boarding facilities available in communities outside the park.
- ◆ Littering.
- ◆ Swimming in hydrothermal pools (*see above left*).
- ◆ Diving or jumping off cliffs in the Firehole swim area.
- ◆ Traveling off boardwalks or designated trails in hydrothermal areas.
- ◆ Removing or possessing natural (antlers, etc.) or cultural (arrowheads, etc.) features.
- ◆ Spotlighting (viewing with artificial light) elk, deer, or other animals.
- ◆ Calling in elk by imitating their calls or using buglers.
- ◆ Imitating wolf howls.
- ◆ Using electronic equipment capable of tracking wildlife.

FOOD REGULATIONS

The following items—new, clean, dirty, empty, or full—may not be left outside, on picnic tables, in tents or tent trailers, in the back of pickups, or unattended in any location, at any time, day or night, unless in immediate use:

water & beverage containers • cooking, eating, drinking utensils • stoves & grills • coolers & ice chests • trash • food • cosmetics & toiletries • pet food & bowls • pails, buckets, & wash basins

- ◆ Do not ever feed wildlife, including birds.
- ◆ Liquid or gas fuel stoves or self-contained charcoal grills may be used for cooking at all picnic areas (shown on the Official Map and Guide; those with fire grates are listed in a free handout available at visitor centers).
- ◆ Campfires are allowed only in established fire pits in campgrounds, picnic areas, and a few designated backcountry campsites.

COYOTES & WOLVES quickly learn habits like roadside feeding. This may lead to aggressive behavior toward humans and can increase the risk of the animal being hit by a vehicle or destroyed by management. Do not feed them.



Visitor Centers

Albright Visitor Center, Mammoth

Open daily, year-round.
Through April 17: 9 AM–5 PM
April 18–May 23: 9 AM–6 PM
May 24 & thereafter: 8 AM–7 PM

Exhibits on wildlife and history; films on Yellowstone and the national park idea. Information & YA store. Call 307-344-2263.

Canyon Visitor Education Center

Open daily beginning May 10.
May 10–23: 9 AM–5 PM
May 24 & thereafter: 8 AM–7 PM

Exhibits on Yellowstone's supervolcano. Information & YA store. Call 307-344-2550.

Fishing Bridge Visitor Center

Open daily beginning May 24: 8 AM–7 PM

Exhibits on the park's birds, other wildlife, and lake geology. Information & YA store. Call 307-242-2450.

Grant Visitor Center

Open daily beginning May 24: 8 AM–7 PM

Exhibits & video on the role of fire in Yellowstone. Information & YA store. Call 307-242-2650.

Junior Ranger Station (at Madison Information Station)

Open daily beginning May 31: 9 AM–5 PM

Madison Information Station

Open daily beginning May 24: 9 AM–5 PM

Information & YA store. Call 307-344-2821.

Museum of the National Park Ranger, Norris

Open daily beginning May 24: 9 AM–5 PM

Exhibits & video at historic soldier station trace development of the park ranger profession. Chat with former National Park Service employees volunteering here.

Norris Geyser Basin Museum & Information Station

Open daily beginning May 24: 9 AM–5 PM

Exhibits on the hydrothermal features of Yellowstone. Information & YA store. Call 307-344-2812.

Old Faithful Visitor Center

The visitor center is in temporary quarters near the Old Faithful Lodge. Please look for signs or ask for directions upon arrival in the area.

Open daily beginning April 18.
April 18–May 23: 9 AM–6 PM
May 24 & thereafter: 8 AM–7 PM;
information window until 8 PM

Award-winning film about hydrothermal features. Geyser eruption predictions. Information & YA store. Call 307-344-2750.

West Thumb Information Station

Open daily beginning May 24: 9 AM–5 PM

Information & YA store.

West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center

NPS rangers available beginning April 18, 8 AM–4 PM; May 24 & thereafter, 8 AM–8 PM

Information, publications. Call 406-646-4403.

West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce staff available year-round.

Monday–Friday, 8 AM–5 PM
Call 406-646-7701.



The Yellowstone Association (YA), the park's official educational partner, operates stores in visitor centers and information stations. They feature books, maps, and videos about Yellowstone, plus other educational items.



Sign Language Interpreters

If you need a sign language interpreter for National Park Service interpretive programs, please make arrangements three weeks in advance by calling 307-344-2251.



Self-guiding Trails

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

Fort Yellowstone Enjoy a walking tour of this historic site at Mammoth Hot Springs, from the time of U.S. Army management (1886–1918).

Fountain Paint Pot View examples of the four types of hydrothermal features: geysers, hot springs, fumaroles, and mudpots. Eight miles (12.9 km) north of Old Faithful.

Mammoth Hot Springs Walk 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 6 miles (9.6 km) north of Fishing Bridge Junction.

Norris Geyser Basin Explore the hottest, most dynamic geyser basin in the park, which includes Steamboat, the world's tallest geyser, and Echinus, the world's largest acidic geyser.

Old Faithful Area The world's largest concentration of geysers is here. View Old Faithful then walk trails past hundreds of geysers and hot springs.

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

Forces of the Northern Range Volcanoes, glaciers, and fire shaped the landscape here, 8 miles (12.9 km) east of Mammoth Hot Springs. Exhibits also help identify the area's plants and animals.



Accessibility

Yellowstone National Park is improving accessibility for all visitors. Most vault toilets in the picnic areas and campgrounds are accessible. Some self-guiding boardwalk trails, picnic tables, campground sites, fishing areas, and backcountry campsites are also accessible. Ask for the *Visitor's Guide to Wheelchair Accessible Features in Yellowstone National Park*, available free at entrance stations, visitor centers, and on www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/parkwide-access.htm.

For more information:

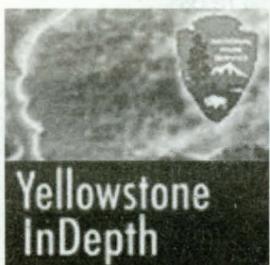
Park Accessibility Coordinator
P.O. Box 168
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190
307-344-2017

TDD only (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf): 307-344-2386

Yellowstone On the Internet

Online Videos & Podcasts Plan your visit to Yellowstone, create your own customized guide to the park, or enjoy learning more about Yellowstone's famous attractions and hidden treasures through videos available on the park's official web site (www.nps.gov/yell) or as podcasts you can download free from iTunes. Park rangers lead you on short tours in videos on the "Inside Yellowstone" series. Explore the park in greater detail with scientists, park rangers, historians, and others in the "Yellowstone InDepth" video series. These videos are produced by the

National Park Service with funding provided by the Yellowstone Association and the Yellowstone Park Foundation.



Live Streaming Video This exciting new feature provides live, full motion video of Old Faithful Geyser and geysers located on Geyser Hill. You'll also hear a park ranger talking about various hydrothermal features. This real time webcam can be launched at <http://www.nps.gov/yell/photos-multimedia/yellowstonelive.htm>. The webcam page includes links to a variety of park information.

Please note: The webcam is still considered experimental. On occasions when the webcam may be out of order, please do not contact the park; we are closely monitoring the equipment and will correct any problems as soon as possible.

The webcam was donated, along with supporting funds, by Canon U.S.A. to the non-profit Yellowstone Park Foundation.

Geysers & Hot Springs

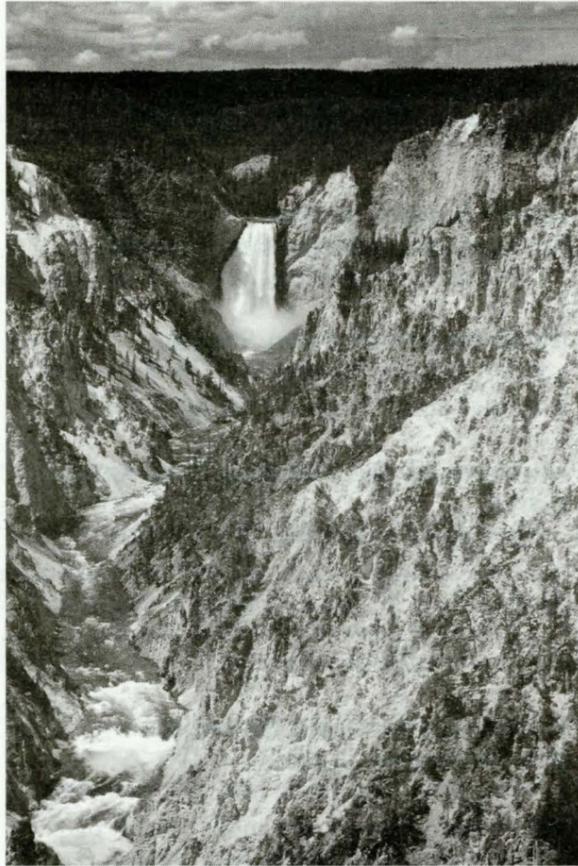
In the 50 miles between Mammoth Hot Springs and Old Faithful, you'll see travertine terraces at Mammoth Hot Springs, acidic features at Norris Geyser Basin, mudpots and colorful springs at Artists Paintpots, more mudpots and geysers at Fountain Paint Pot, a giant hot spring at Midway Geyser Basin, plus beautiful springs at Biscuit and Black Sand basins near Old Faithful. West Thumb Geyser Basin is 17 miles east of Old Faithful; Mud Volcano is north of Yellowstone Lake.

Grand Canyon

The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River extends from south of Canyon Village north to Tower Junction. The most famous and spectacular section, including the Upper and Lower Falls, is seen from overlooks in the Canyon Village area. *North Rim Drive is under construction; watch for information locally.* The northernmost section is visible from overlooks near Tower Fall, south of Tower Junction. You can also reach this section by driving north from Canyon Village over spectacular Dunraven Pass, the highest road in the park at 8,860 feet (2700 m). The road passes two trailheads for Mt. Washburn.

Lake Area

Yellowstone Lake is the largest high elevation lake (above 7,000 feet) in North America. It has 141 miles of shoreline and is more than 400 feet deep. With the Absaroka Mountains as a stunning backdrop, this area offers boating, fishing, hiking, wildlife viewing, and hydrothermal features. (*Fishing and boating require permits; see page 6.*) You can visit historic buildings, view hydrothermal activity, and see the Yellowstone River flow from the lake on its long journey. Four visitor areas lie along the lake's shores: Fishing Bridge, Bridge Bay, Lake Village, and Grant Village.



The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River features the Lower Falls (above), plunging 308 feet, and Upper Falls, 109 feet, plus spectacular formations, colors, and wildlife.

History

You can visit historic sites such as Fishing Bridge Museum, Norris Geyser Basin Museum, Obsidian Cliff, Old Faithful Inn and Historic District, Roosevelt Lodge Historic District, and Fort Yellowstone at Mammoth Hot Springs (you can take a self-guiding tour around the fort).

Only One Day Here?

Consider one of these itineraries from Yellowstone's Rangers

1. Drive to the Old Faithful area and walk around the geyser basin; drive to the Canyon area—stop at several overlooks and walk along part of the rim.
2. Add Hayden Valley to the above route—especially at the beginning or end of the day—to look for some of the park's large animals.
3. Visit the Upper Geyser Basin (Old Faithful, Biscuit Basin, Black Sand Basin); drive to Fountain Paint Pot to view mudpots; drive to Canyon and visit the new Canyon Visitor Education Center. End your day at Fishing Bridge Museum on the shore of Yellowstone Lake.
4. Visit Old Faithful and one other hydrothermal area, such as Norris, West Thumb, or Mammoth Hot Springs.
5. Visit lesser-known features such as Calcite Springs north of Tower Fall, Roaring Mountain north of Norris, Terrace Spring near Madison Junction, Firehole Lake Drive in the Lower Geyser Basin, or Natural Bridge near Bridge Bay.

Consider one or two moderate day hikes.

Each major area of the park has several hikes suitable for brief excursions into the wilder side of Yellowstone. Consult the "Dayhike Sampler," available for 50¢ at visitor center bookstores.

Two or More Days?

- ◆ Explore one area of the park in depth.
- ◆ Explore one type of attraction, such as geology or wildlife, in depth. For example, visit Mammoth Hot Springs to see travertine formations and view the sedimentary layers of Mount Everts, drive through glaciated terrain to Tower Fall or the Lamar Valley.

Park Programs Especially for Children



NEW! Young Scientist Program at Old Faithful & Canyon

Students ages 5 and up—you can become a Young Scientist! Purchase your self-guiding booklet for \$5 at the Canyon Visitor Education Center (opens May 10) or Old Faithful Visitor Center (opens April 18). You'll investigate the mysteries of Yellowstone by completing activities in the visitor center and field. The 5–9 year old program is offered only at Old Faithful. If you are investigating in the Old Faithful area, be sure to check out a Young Scientist Toolkit, which has a thermometer, stopwatch, and other gear. Once your investigation is complete, you will be awarded an official Young Scientist patch or key chain. Development of this program was funded by the National Science Foundation through a generous grant to the Yellowstone Park Foundation.

Yellowstone Junior Rangers

Children between the ages of 5 and 12—you are invited to become Junior Rangers! Stop by a visitor center to purchase the official Junior Ranger newspaper for \$3 and complete the program requirements. You will be awarded arrowhead-shaped patches—a wolf track patch (ages 5 to 7) or a bear track patch (ages 8 to 12).

Electronic Field Trips—Windows Into Wonderland

Attention middle school students and teachers—explore our electronic field trips! Since 2001, Yellowstone has been offering eTrips to share the resources and treasures of the world's first national park. Embark on seventeen exciting adventures as you look through *Windows Into Wonderland*. Your passport to adventure is www.WindowsIntoWonderland.org. These programs are free and available any time on the internet.

Bring Your Class to Yellowstone

Teachers, how would you like to spend 4 or 5 days and nights in Yellowstone with your 4th–8th grade students? We invite you, your students, and parent chaperones to participate in *Expedition: Yellowstone!*—our long-standing, curriculum-based residential program. Through field investigations, hikes, creative dramatics, journal writing, and group discussions, students learn about the natural and cultural resources of the park and the current issues affecting the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

The park charges a nominal fee to cover faculty salaries and instructional supplies. Financial aid is available for qualifying students through the Yellowstone Park Foundation's *Expedition: Yellowstone!* scholarship fund. For more information, please write: *Expedition: Yellowstone!* Coordinator, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190. The coordinator will work with you to tailor an itinerary for your students that best meets their educational needs.

WINDOWS INTO WONDERLAND



Yellowstone Electronic Field Trips

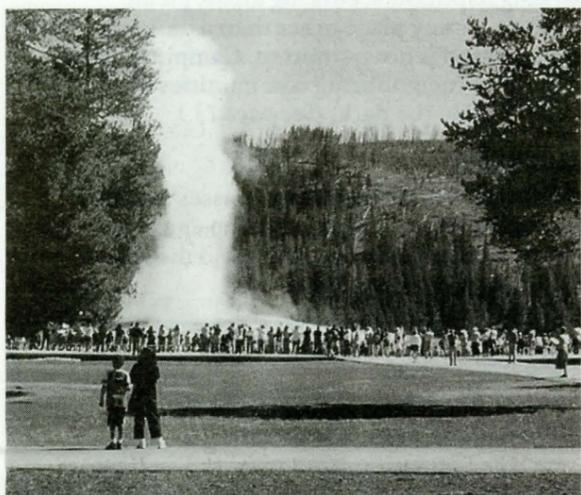
Yellowstone National Park, its concessioners, and its partners are leaders in sustainable practices that keep Yellowstone clean and "green."

Annual Recycling

In 2007, Yellowstone National Park and its concessioners recycled:

- ◆ 89 tons of newspapers, office paper, and magazines
- ◆ 30 tons of aluminum/steel
- ◆ 174 tons of glass
- ◆ 39 tons of plastic containers
- ◆ 278 tons of cardboard
- ◆ >10,000 small propane cylinders
- ◆ 6,000 used tires
- ◆ >50% of the park's solid waste into compost

Below: Old Faithful Geyser viewers stand on a plastic boardwalk made from the equivalent of three million plastic milk jugs.



Renovating the Old Faithful Inn



The Old Faithful Inn is undergoing a major three-year renovation, which will enable guests and visitors to experience the hotel much as it was 100 years ago. The primary goal is preserving a treasured National Historic Landmark and updating it to meet safety standards and provide more accessibility.

Because the Inn sits in one of the country's most active seismic zones, it will be fitted with new structural steel components providing additional strength and resilience to the structure. They will be encased in wood/log sleeves to blend with the

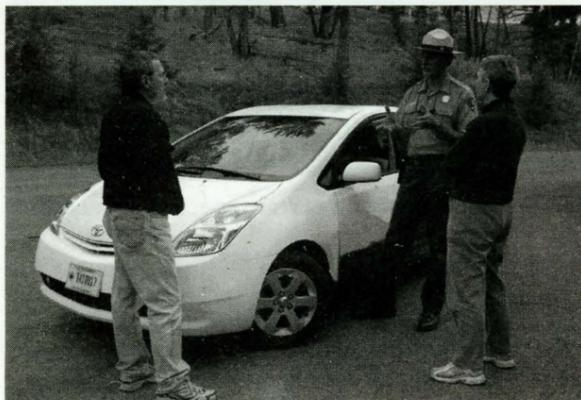
historic features. Steel reinforced concrete foundations will strengthen the existing stone foundations. The comprehensive infrastructure upgrade will also include new fire protection systems and upgraded mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems.

The renovation is expected to be completed later this year. Before the Inn opens to the public for the season, it is a construction site and significant hazards exist. View the work from a safe distance, and do not enter the construction area.

Meeting Green Building Standards

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) developed national standards for environmentally-sound buildings. Called LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System®, these standards are being applied in new Yellowstone National Park building projects such as the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center (see page 8) and the West Entrance Station.

Cleaner Travel



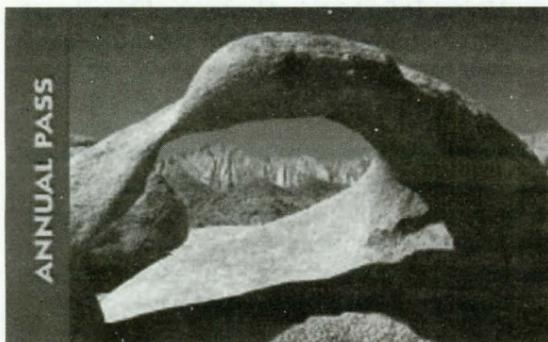
Rangers use donated Toyota Prius hybrid cars when responding to traffic jams caused by bears and other wildlife.

- ◆ Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A. Inc. has donated several hybrid vehicles to Yellowstone National Park through the Yellowstone Park Foundation. The Prius hybrid (photo at left) combines a highly efficient gasoline engine with an electric motor that, when braking, captures energy to charge its batteries. The Prius has 90% lower emissions than the average car, better fuel efficiency, and runs quietly when using only the electric motor.
- ◆ The National Park Service, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, and the University of Idaho are taking advantage of Yellowstone's extremely cold winters to test alternative fuels in harsh conditions.
- ◆ Dodge Truck, Inc. donated a three-quarter

ton 4x4 pickup to Yellowstone in 1995 to test 100% biodiesel fuel. It has been driven more than 195,000 miles and averages 17 miles per gallon with less smoke, hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxides emitted in the exhaust.

- ◆ All diesel-powered vehicles driven by park employees and many used by concessioners run on a 20% blend of industrial-grade vegetable oil and diesel.
- ◆ Yellowstone uses an ethanol blend in all unleaded park vehicles and is the first national park to sell ethanol blended fuel to visitors at public service stations.
- ◆ More than 40 employees participate in a Ride-Share program, commuting in a park-sponsored bus.

America the Beautiful—the National Parks & Federal Recreation Lands Pass



The "America the Beautiful—the National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass" program replaces the Golden Eagle, Golden Age, and Golden Access Passports and the National Parks Pass. This program provides several pass options for the public to use at federal recreation sites—including national parks and wildlife refuges—where entrance fees are charged.

You can purchase the America the Beautiful—National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass at one of Yellowstone's entrance stations or <http://store.usgs.gov/pass>. The pass is not good for camping or for some other fees such as parking fees at Mount Rushmore or cave tours at various parks. Be sure to inquire locally.

Entrance Fees

Private, noncommercial automobile	\$25 (7 days, both Yellowstone and Grand Teton)
Individual motorcycle	\$20 (7 days, both parks)
Single entry (foot, bike, ski, etc.)	\$12 (7 days, both parks)
Yellowstone-Grand Teton Pass	\$50 (valid one year from month of purchase)
America the Beautiful Pass—the National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass	\$80 (valid for one year from month of purchase for entrance fees to federal fee areas)
Senior Pass	\$10—for U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. who are 62 or older.
Access Pass	Free—for citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. who have been determined to be blind or permanently disabled and present such documentation.

Golden Age Passports and Golden Access Passports will be accepted until they expire.

Camping & Fishing

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Spring 2008

Campgrounds

Listed in order of opening	Dates	Fees**	Sites	Elev (ft)	Features	RV sites
Mammoth	All year	\$14	85	6,200	A, F, G, S	most are pull-through
Madison*	5/2-10/26	\$18.50	>250	6,800	A, F, DS, G	call for availability & reservations
Fishing Bridge RV*	5/16-9/28	\$36	>325	7,800	F, S/L, DS, G	call for availability & reservations
Norris	5/16-9/29	\$14	>100	7,500	F, G	2 @ 50' (signed); 5 @ 30'
Tower Fall	5/16-9/29	\$12	32	6,600	V	all @ 30' or less; has hairpin curve
Bridge Bay*	5/23-9/14	\$18.50	>425	7,800	A, F, DS, G	call for availability & reservations
Slough Creek	5/23-10/31	\$12	29	6,250	V	14 @ 30', walk through first to assess sites beyond #16
Canyon*	6/6-9/7	\$18.50	>250	7,900	A, F, S/L, DS, G	call for availability & reservations
Pebble Creek	6/13-9/29	\$12	>30	6,900	V	some long pull-throughs
Indian Creek	6/13-9/15	\$12	75	7,300	V	10 @ 40'; 35 @ 30'; pull-through
Lewis Lake	6/15-11/3	\$12	85	7,800	V	a few @ 40'
Grant Village*	6/21-9/21	\$18.50	>400	7,800	A, F, S/L, DS, G	call for availability & reservations

*Sites you can reserve.

**Fee does not include tax.

A Accessible sites available

F Flush toilets

V Vault toilets

S/L Pay showers/laundry nearby

DS Dump station

G Generators OK 8 AM-8 PM

First-Come, First-Served

Seven campgrounds are operated by the National Park Service: Indian Creek, Lewis Lake, Mammoth, Norris, Pebble Creek, Slough Creek, and Tower Fall. You cannot reserve these sites.

Reservable Sites

You can reserve a site at the five campgrounds operated by Xanterra Parks & Resorts, indicated by * on the chart.

For same-day reservations, call 307-344-7311 or ask at any campground registration desk.

For future reservations, call toll-free 866-Geyserland (866-439-7375), or write Xanterra Parks & Resorts, P.O. Box 165, YNP, WY 82190; www.TravelYellowstone.com.

Fishing Bridge RV Park is for hard-sided vehicles only (no tents or tent trailers are allowed).

Check-in & Check-out

Check-in any time, but sites may not be available before 10 AM. Registration desks at reservable campgrounds are staffed 7 AM-10 PM, May 24-August 27; 8 AM-9 PM, early and late season. Check-out time is 10 AM.

RV Length

Know your total vehicle length—total of trailer and towing vehicle or total of motorhome and towed vehicle. Use the total length to determine which campground can best accommodate your rig.

Length of Stay

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

Group Camping

Group camping (tents only) is available at Madison, Grant, and Bridge Bay for organized groups with a designated leader such as youth or educational groups. Fees range from \$56-81 (plus tax) per night, depending on group size. Reservations are required. Call 307-344-7311 or toll-free 866-Geyserland (866-439-7375), or write Xanterra Parks & Resorts, P.O. Box 165, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190; or email YNPSA@Xanterra.com.

Quiet Hours

Each visitor deserves to hear the natural sounds of this beautiful environment. Respect this by complying with the law: generators prohibited 8 PM-8 AM; quiet hours, 10 PM-6 AM. No loud audio devices, or other noise disturbances will be allowed during this time. Generators are only permitted in seven campgrounds. (See chart.)

NO Overflow Camping

No overflow camping exists in Yellowstone National Park. Camping or overnight vehicle parking in pullouts, parking areas, picnic grounds, or any place other than a designated campground is not permitted. Camping is often available in neighboring communities and public lands outside the park. (See page 13.)

Discounts

Holders of Senior and Access passes receive approximately a 50% discount on camping fees, except at Fishing Bridge, where no discounts apply. (See page 5.)

WARNING!

Food & Odors Attract Bears

The future of bears, your safety, and the safety of others depend on you. Read and follow the regulations on page 2. NEVER feed any animal, including bears. NEVER leave food unattended, even for one minute.

Attention Anglers!

New fishing regulations as of 2006—including barbless hooks ONLY.

Read them before you fish. You are responsible for following the rules.

Fishing Season

Yellowstone's fishing season generally begins on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and continues through the first Sunday of November. Exceptions include: Yellowstone Lake opens June 15; Yellowstone Lake's tributary streams open July 15; Yellowstone River and its tributaries between Canyon and Yellowstone Lake open July 15. Other exceptions exist. Refer to park fishing regulations or the park website for additional information: www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/fishing.htm

Fishing Regulations

Obtain park fishing regulations at ranger stations, visitor centers, and general stores. They changed in 2006; know the rules.

In Yellowstone, wildlife takes precedence over humans as consumers of fish. All fish are wild (there is no stocking), so sufficient adult fish must remain to reproduce and maintain populations and to assure genetic diversity. These facts require both a philosophical and literal distinction between recreational angling and consuming fish. In Yellowstone, angling is based on fishing for native species of wild trout in a natural setting.

Fishing regulations in Yellowstone National Park have evolved as ongoing research reveals population trends and interrelationships with the rest of the Yellowstone ecosystem. Increasing numbers of anglers have also influenced

the development of regulations by their impact on certain species and aquatic habitats.

Permits

Fishing All anglers 16 or older must possess a valid Yellowstone National Park fishing permit to fish in the park; state permits are not valid. 3 days—\$15; 7 days—\$20; season—\$35. Permits are available at ranger stations, visitor centers, and Yellowstone General Stores.

Anglers 15 or younger have two options: fish without a permit under direct supervision of an adult who has a permit or obtain a free permit that must be signed by an adult. The adult must ensure the child complies with all fishing regulations and provisions.

Boats & Float Tubes You must have a permit to use boats and float tubes; their use is limited to a few locations. Obtain these permits in person at: South Entrance, Lewis Lake Campground, Grant Village Backcountry Office, Bridge Bay Ranger Station. Non-motorized boating permits only are available at the Canyon, Mammoth, and Old Faithful backcountry offices, Bechler Ranger Station, West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center, and Northeast Entrance. You must have a Coast Guard approved "wearable" personal flotation device for each person on board.



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.
Clean all recreational equipment.
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Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) are plants and animals not native to the park and cause irreversible harm to the naturally-functioning ecosystem that exists here. Already, New Zealand mudsnails, whirling disease, and lake trout have resulted in loss of fisheries and closure of areas that once abounded with trout. You can help prevent the spread of harmful exotic invaders!

CLEAN YOUR BOAT

CLEAN YOUR GEAR

Do not release plants, fish, or animals into a body of water unless it came out of that body of water. If you witness a violation, please contact a local park ranger, stop by a visitor center, or call 307-344-7381, dial "0."

Backcountry Tips and Regulations

Accessibility

Wheelchairs and some types of service animals are allowed in the backcountry. Contact the backcountry office for further information before taking them into the backcountry.

Campfires

Campfires are permitted only in established fire pits at certain campsites; you will be given this information when you obtain your overnight permit.

Day Hiking

Talk to a ranger at a backcountry office or visitor center before beginning a day hike. They know trail conditions, the weather forecast, and if areas are closed due to bear activity or management activities.

Drinking Water

Drinking untreated water may lead to intestinal infection. Filter water with a good commercial filter, treat it with a chemical such as iodine or chlorine, or boil it at least one minute. Never drink water from a hot spring.

Hypothermia

Exposure to wind, rain, or cold can cause hypothermia, which can kill you. Early warning signs include shivering, slurred speech, drowsiness, and exhaustion. Put on dry clothes and drink warm fluids at the first signs.

Non-native Plants

Invasive non-native plants (noxious weeds) threaten the park's ecosystem. Major threats include: spotted knapweed, ox-

eye daisy, St. Johnswort, musk thistle, leafy spurge, and dalmatian toadflax. If you see these or other exotic species in the backcountry, notify a ranger.

Overnight Trips

Permits are required. Obtain a permit at a ranger station not more than 48 hours in advance of the first date of the trip. You will be given full instructions about backcountry regulations and safety. You can also reserve campsites for a \$20 fee. Make reservations at a ranger station or write the Backcountry Office, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190.

Pack It In—& Out

You must carry all refuse out of the backcountry, includ-

ing items partly burned (foil, glass, etc.).

Sanitation

Bury human waste 6 to 8 inches (15–20 cm) below ground and a minimum of 100 feet (30 m) from water. Dispose of waste water at least 100 feet (30 m) from water or campsites. Do not wash yourself, clothing, or dishes in lakes, ponds, rivers, or streams.

Stock Use

Not all trails are open to stock. Inquire at backcountry offices and ranger stations.

IMPORTANT: All stock users in Yellowstone must possess proof of a negative Coggins test performed within the last 12 months for each animal.



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Geysers, Mudpots, & Hot Springs: Old Faithful Area

Start: 8 AM at Gardiner, Mammoth, Norris, Madison, or Old Faithful

Take an in-depth look at how geologic features form and why they do the things they do. Learn about the wonders of the Yellowstone volcano.

Day Hiking in Yellowstone

Start: 8 AM at Gardiner, Mammoth, Canyon, Old Faithful, Lake, Roosevelt, or Madison

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Rates:

1–6 people \$495, 7–13 people \$625
Rates effective through April 13, 2009.

Advanced reservations are required.

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Bear Country Tips

A Fed Bear Is a Dead Bear

Do not leave packs containing food unattended, even for a few minutes. If a bear obtains human food even once, it often becomes aggressive about obtaining such food, and may have to be destroyed or removed from the park.

Alert Bears to Your Presence

Make loud noises, shout, or sing. Hike in groups, stay on maintained trails, and use caution if vision is obstructed. Do not hike after dark. Avoid carcasses; bears often defend this source of food.

If You Encounter a Bear

Do not run; bears can easily outrun you. Plus, running may cause an otherwise non-aggressive bear to attack. If the bear is unaware of you, keep out of sight and detour behind and downwind of the bear. If the bear is aware of you but has not acted aggressively, slowly back away.

Do not drop your pack! This teaches bears how to obtain human foods and often means the bear must be removed.

Climbing trees to avoid bears is not often practical. All black bears, all grizzly cubs, and some adult grizzlies can climb trees. Plus, running to a tree may provoke an otherwise uncertain bear to chase you.

If a Bear Approaches or Charges You

Do not run. Some bears will bluff their way out of a threatening situation by charging, then veering off or stopping abruptly. Bear experts generally recommend standing still until the bear stops and then slowly backing away. If you are attacked, try to lie on the ground completely flat on your stomach. Spread your legs and clasp your hands over the back of your neck. Do not drop your pack! It will protect your back.

If You Carry Bear Pepper Spray:

- ◆ Use bear pepper spray. Personal self-defense pepper spray is not effective.
- ◆ The canister must be immediately available, not in your pack.
- ◆ It is effective only at distances of 10–30 feet and can be adversely affected by wind, cold temperatures, and age of the spray.
- ◆ Follow the manufacturer's instructions, know how to use the spray, and be aware of its limitations, including the expiration date.
- ◆ If you use the spray to stop a bear, leave the area immediately. The spray is effective for a short time and is less effective the second time.
- ◆ It is not a repellent. Don't spray it on people, tents, or backpacks.
- ◆ Carrying bear pepper spray is not a substitute for vigilance and exercising safety precautions.

For more safety tips, see page 2. For more backcountry travel details and regulations, stop by a backcountry ranger station or visit www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/backcountry-hiking.htm.



The National Park Service is a proud partner of Leave No Trace, a national education program promoting responsible outdoor recreation and stewardship of our public lands through outdoor skills and ethics. NPS urges you to learn how to minimize recreation impacts and help protect Yellowstone's precious wildlands for future enjoyment. For more information, visit a backcountry office in the park or www.LNT.org.



Old Faithful Geysers

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Sneak Peak: Old Faithful Visitor Education Center



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A new Old Faithful Visitor Education Center (shown above) is planned. Construction is expected to begin this year; the center is expected to open in August 2010. It will provide visitors with a central location for learning about Yellowstone's hydrothermal features, the unique microorganisms that live in them, and the unique habitats created by them.

About Old Faithful

Many myths exist about Old Faithful, the world's most famous geyser (shown at left). Use the lists below to sort the facts from myths.

Myths

- ✗ No one can predict Old Faithful anymore.
- ✗ It is so predictable, you can set your watch by its eruption.
- ✗ It is the only predictable geyser.
- ✗ It is the most predictable geyser.
- ✗ It erupts every hour on the hour.
- ✗ Its eruption is not as high as it used to be.
- ✗ Its eruption lasts less time than it used to.
- ✗ Park rangers can control Old Faithful's eruption.

Facts

- ✓ Old Faithful's eruption duration, height, and the interval between eruptions varies daily and yearly.
- ✓ As of March 2008, an eruption lasts 1½ to 5 minutes; the average interval between eruptions is 90 minutes.
- ✓ Old Faithful's height ranges from 106 feet to more than 180 feet, averaging 130 feet.
- ✓ 3,700 to 8,400 gallons of water are expelled per eruption, depending on the length of eruption.
- ✓ Just prior to eruption, water temperature at the vent is 204°F (95.6°C).

How Geysers Work

Geysers are hot springs with narrow spaces in their plumbing, usually near the surface. These constrictions prevent water from circulating freely to the surface where heat would escape. The deepest circulating water can exceed the surface boiling point (199°F/93°C).

The surrounding pressure also increases with depth, much as it does with depth in the ocean. Increased pressure exerted by the enormous weight of the overlying rock and water prevents the water from vaporizing.

As the water rises, steam forms. Bubbling upward, steam expands as it nears the top of the water column until the bubbles are too large and numerous to pass freely through the constrictions. At a critical point, the confined bubbles actually lift the water above, causing the geyser to splash or overflow. This decreases pressure on the system, and violent boiling results. Tremendous amounts of steam force water out of the vent, and the eruption begins.

Water is expelled faster than it can enter the geyser's plumbing system, and the heat and pressure gradually decrease. The eruption stops

when the water reservoir is exhausted or when the gas bubbles diminish enough to be able to rise without ejecting the water.



Great Fountain Geysers

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Visit the Canyon Visitor Education Center



Your entrance fee to the park . . .

helped pay for the renovation of the Canyon Visitor Education Center, as part of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA). This act authorizes participating parks to keep 80% of the fees to fund maintenance, repair projects, public service programs, and resource preservation. The remaining 20% of the fees generally goes to parks that don't collect fees and to fund other National Park Service projects.

The Canyon area of Yellowstone is known for its spectacular waterfalls and colorful canyon walls. Now it's also home of the new Canyon Visitor Education Center.

Come learn about the world of Yellowstone's supervolcano—an idea that has captured the minds and imaginations of people around the world. For the first time, you can see, hear, and learn how the Yellowstone volcano, its geysers and hot springs, and geologic history shape the distribution and abundance of all life found here.

You'll find a 9,000 pound rotating globe illustrating global volcanic hotspots (shown at right) and a huge lava lamp showing how magma rises by heat convection (shown at left). Explore Yellowstone's volcanic eruptions, lava flows, glaciers, and earthquake faults through a room-size relief model of the park. You'll find these and other interactive exhibits, audiovisual productions, and real-time scientific data awaiting you at the Canyon Visitor Education Center.

About the Fee Program

- ◆ Allows most of the fees collected at a public area to be spent directly on behalf of that area.
- ◆ Encourages each agency to develop equitable fee collection programs, whether the public areas are large or small, urban or wilderness, natural or historical.
- ◆ Promotes the collection of fees where fees can cover the cost of a new activity, or—in some cases—for activities that previously were free.



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Wildlife Gallery

Spring 2008

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Spring in Yellowstone is a feast for your eyes and ears and sense of wonder. Young mammals are being born all around the park, birds are returning or passing through in their timeless migration, frogs call in the ponds. Listen and look for the sights special to this time of year.



Mountain bluebirds (far left) return to Yellowstone National Park while winter still cloaks the landscape. These insect eaters feast on the beetles and other scavengers consuming animals killed by the winter. As they flit to and from perches, they look like pieces of the sky flying about.

The **mourning cloak butterfly** (center left) winters over, tucked into crevices of trees and rocks. It is often the first butterfly seen each year; look for it on a sunny, late-winter day. As spring progresses, mourning cloaks begin laying eggs on trees and shrubs.

Sandhill cranes (left) return to Yellowstone in April, usually in pairs, flying up rivers to their nesting territories. Listen for their guttural calling as they fly or forage; because they blend well with their grassland

habitat, they are heard long before seen. However, if you observe a long-legged, tall bird, look closely—it's likely to be the sandhill.

Both **grizzly and black bear cubs** were born in the deep winter month of January, while their mother still hibernated. But come March and April, they begin to venture out, accompanying their mother as she digs for roots, insects, and squirrels. Look for black bears (below, left) along the edges of trees in the Lamar and Hayden valleys, or among the trees near Mammoth and Tower. Grizzly bears are usually seen in the open areas.

Bighorn sheep (below) give birth on the sheer cliffs between Tower Junction and Tower Fall. They and their lambs blend in with the columnar basalt, but be patient—sometimes just a hint of movement is all you need to finally spot them.

Orange fur makes a **bison calf** (bottom) easy to see, even from a distance. Look for them beginning in April in open country along the Lamar, Yellowstone, Firehole, and Madison rivers. Calves can keep up with the herd shortly after being born, and they are well protected by their mothers and other bison adults.



STAY SAFE!

Wild animals are dangerous. To protect yourself and wildlife, follow these guidelines whether you are alone or in a wildlife jam:

- ◆ Park in a turnout and make sure your car is completely off the road.
- ◆ Put your vehicle into park and engage your parking brake.
- ◆ Stay near your vehicle so you can retreat if the animal approaches.
- ◆ Do not stand in the road.
- ◆ Never surround, crowd, approach, or follow wildlife.
- ◆ Never come between mothers and their young.
- ◆ Don't block an animal's line of travel.
- ◆ Do not run or move suddenly—this may cause predators to attack.
- ◆ If other people in the area are putting you in danger, leave the scene and notify a park ranger.
- ◆ Do not ever feed wildlife, including birds.

You Can Help Preserve and Protect Yellowstone

In our increasingly crowded and developed world, Yellowstone National Park provides a source of refuge and renewal for those who enter its quiet places. The park's magnificent wilderness areas offer a glimpse of what our continent was like when humans first gazed in wonder upon its steaming geysers, thundering waterfalls, and abundant wildlife. However, Yellowstone exists today only because generations who came before us understood its value and made its preservation a priority.

Because so many visitors who love Yellowstone want to help ensure that it stands wild and unimpaired for our future, two separate organizations have been established. The Yellowstone Park Foundation and the Yellowstone Association work in partnership with the National Park Service and each other to provide a means for visitors to contribute to Yellowstone's preservation. Please help us protect and preserve this national treasure. Your contribution to either organization will designate you as a true friend of Yellowstone; contributors of \$1,000 or more will have their names displayed on the park's Honor Wall at Old Faithful, receiving special recognition as stewards and benefactors of Yellowstone National Park. Yellowstone will exist tomorrow as one of America's most treasured places only if our generation understands its value and makes its preservation our priority.



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Managing Bison

Yellowstone's bison are wild and sometimes leave the park. Some bison carry the disease brucellosis. The National Park Service and other agencies are committed to reducing the possibility of bison transmitting the disease to domestic livestock.

The bison management plan was implemented to conserve the Yellowstone bison population and minimize or avoid the risk of Yellowstone bison mixing with livestock on private and public lands surrounding the park. This plan is founded on the principle of adaptive management, which allows refinement of the existing plan as managers and scientists learn more about how bison use winter ranges in Montana, and about the risk of brucellosis transmission between bison and cattle.

When Bison Leave the Park

In response to winter weather conditions, bison usually migrate to winter range along and outside the park's north and west boundaries. According to the plan, bison migrating from the park may be hazed to acceptable habitats—usually back inside the park. When hazing is no longer successful, the bison can be captured. Captured calves may be sent to quarantine.

Vaccination

State and federal agencies have developed vaccination programs to be used at boundary capture facilities. The National Park Service is undergoing an environmental study to evaluate vaccinating bison throughout the park using remote delivery methods that do not require handling individual bison.

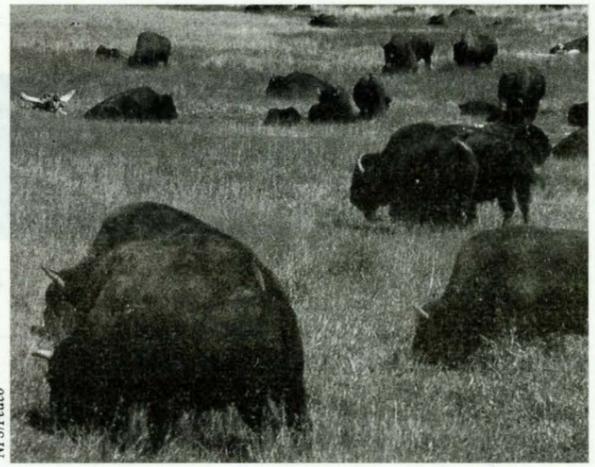
Bison Hunt

The state of Montana authorizes a bison hunt on public lands outside Yellowstone National Park during the late fall and winter. Through the hunt, the state manages the number of bison on low-elevation winter ranges within the state.

In addition, the Nez Perce and the Confederated Salish-Kootenai are exercising their treaty rights to hunt bison outside the park.

Quarantine

A bison quarantine feasibility study is being conducted outside the north boundary of



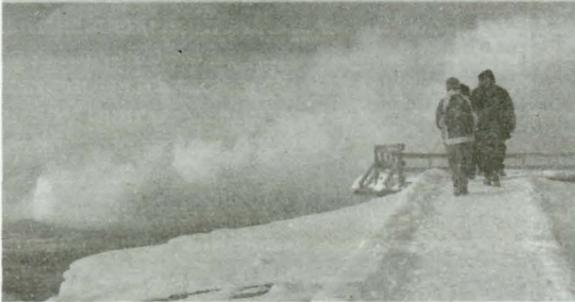
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Yellowstone National Park. A protocol is being tested to certify disease-free bison. If successful, quarantine could provide a way for Yellowstone bison to be a part of bison conservation in other places.

Outlook

The agencies will continue to monitor bison abundance, distribution and movements, and brucellosis prevalence in the population. In addition, they will continue to advance the management program toward greater tolerance for bison on low-elevation winter range outside Yellowstone.

Visitor Winter Use



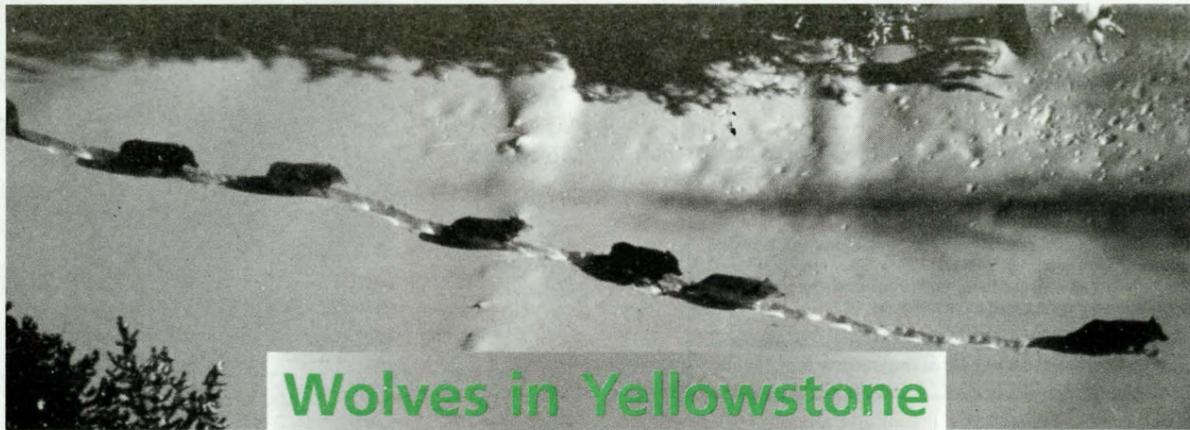
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In December 2007, the National Park Service adopted a new winter use plan for Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway that ensures park visitors have a range of appropriate winter recreation opportunities that do not impair or irreparably harm park resources or values.

BEGINNING WITH WINTER 2008–2009, all snowmobiles and snowcoaches in Yellowstone will be commercially guided; up to 540 snow-

mobiles will be allowed each day, up to 83 snowcoaches. By the 2011–2012 season, all snowcoaches will be required to meet emission and sound requirements. Snowmobile and snowcoach travel will continue to be restricted to existing park roads, groomed for their use. Sylvan Pass will be open unless conditions warrant closing it due to avalanche danger.

For the more information, go to www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/winteruse.htm.



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Wolves in Yellowstone

Wolves were restored to Yellowstone in 1995, and they have flourished. At the start of 2008, 11 packs live in the park with more than 170 individuals. Spring is one of the best seasons to look for them as they travel through the park hunting to feed themselves and their pups.

Food for the Masses

- ◆ In winter, wolves eat primarily elk.
- ◆ In summer, wolves add mule deer and smaller animals to their diet.
- ◆ Wolves sometimes kill bison.
- ◆ Scientists know of only one bighorn sheep killed by wolves in ten years.
- ◆ A wolf's stomach can hold about 20 pounds of meat. So when a pack kills a 500-pound female elk, they can easily fill their bellies and leave a lot of meat for scavengers.
- ◆ Ravens arrive at a kill in less than two minutes; often more than two dozen will wait around until the wolves are done.
- ◆ Other scavengers include magpies, bald and golden eagles, and coyotes.
- ◆ Grizzly bears can take over wolf kills, chasing off the wolves before they finish eating.

Enjoy watching wolves, but stay safe and be aware of how your actions can affect the animals. See page 2 for more information about watching wildlife in Yellowstone.

Who Manages the Wolves?

The wolves in Yellowstone National Park are managed by the National Park Service. Outside park boundaries, the states of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming manage the wolves according to management plans approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

Are They an Endangered Species?

Until February 2008, the wolves of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem were listed as a federally endangered species, designated an experimental and non-essential population. However, the biological requirement for removing the wolf from the endangered species list has been achieved: Three years of 30 breeding pairs across the three recovery areas. Plus, USFWS has approved the wolf management plans of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. As a result, USFWS has proposed delisting the gray wolf from the federal endangered species list in these states, and in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks. Litigation may delay the delisting or management changes related to the delisting.

For More Information

www.nps.gov/yell

Books and other publications are available through the Yellowstone Association at its stores in visitor centers, online at www.YellowstoneAssociation.org, or by calling toll-free 877-967-0090.

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MEDICAL SERVICES AT YELLOWSTONE

Emergencies

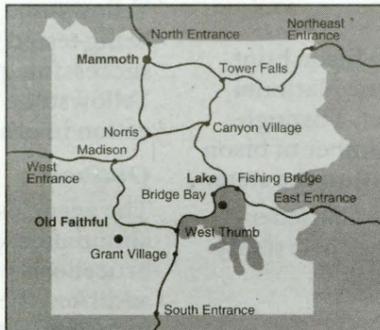
Dial "911" or contact any National Park Service ranger within the park boundaries. Specially trained rangers provide rescue, emergency medical care, and ambulance service.

Medical Clinics

Medcor operates three urgent-care clinics within the park. The clinic at Mammoth is open year round, staffed by a board-certified physician and a team of experienced RN's. 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 as well as for 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 outside the park.



CLINIC	DATES	DAYS	HOURS
Mammoth Open Year Round (307) 344-7965	January 2 – May 23	Monday – Friday Closed 5/26	8:30 am – 5:00 pm; closed Fridays at 1 pm
	May 27 – September 30	7 days a week	8:30 am – 5:00 pm
	October 1 – December 31	Monday – Friday Closed 11/24 – 11/28 Closed early 12/24 Closed 12/25 – 12/26	8:30 am – 5:00 pm; closed Fridays at 1 pm
Lake Open Seasonally (307) 242-7241	May 23 – September 22	7 days a week	8:30 am – 8:30 pm; On-call after hours through 911
Old Faithful Open Seasonally (307) 545-7325	May 16 – September 14	7 days a week	7:00 am – 7:00 pm; On-call after hours through 911
	September 15 – October 5	Thursday – Monday Closed Tue. and Wed.	8:30 am – 5:00 pm

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Yellowstone General Stores



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Enjoy a nice break from your travels. Yellowstone General Stores are unique in architecture and located in scenic settings at each major area throughout Yellowstone National Park (see map). Visitors will find our staff to be helpful in assisting with merchandise, scenic stops or the latest wildlife sightings.

Food and beverage services offer a variety of selections to satisfy any wilderness hunger. Relax with a cup of coffee, ice cream, or snack while taking in the wonders of Yellowstone National Park. We also offer a full line of grocery items to meet your day trip or camping needs.

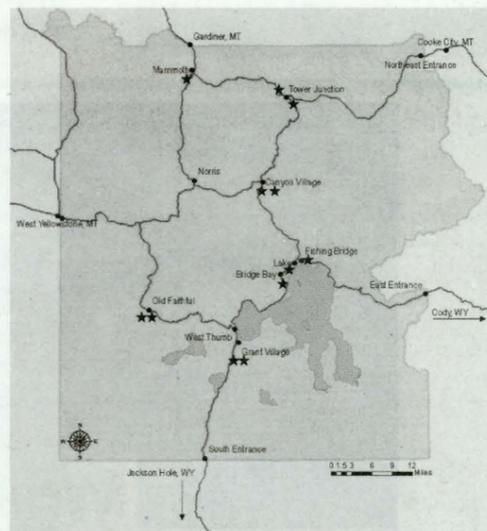
Explore the wide spectrum of collectibles, novelties, and apparel in our souvenir sections and take away more than a memory. Personal memories may also be preserved at our photo centers, which offer digital film processing.

Outdoor enthusiasts can find a variety of supplies and equipment to explore Yellowstone National Park!

Visit Old Faithful, Grant, Fishing Bridge and Canyon General Stores to join our "Pathways at Yellowstone" Program where you will meet talented and interesting artists and authors who make unique Yellowstone products!

Yellowstone General Stores is grateful for the opportunity to operate within Yellowstone National Park, and feels an obligation of stewardship toward the natural, cultural, and historic resources for future generations. Our Environmental Management System, "GreenPath" is recognized according to international standards, ISO 14001. We implement programs to minimize our impact while operating in a unique pristine environment and strive for continual environmental improvement.

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY: 911

Lodging, dining, camping, activities:

307-344-7311 or

TDD 307-344-5395

Park Information:

307-344-7381

Park Tip Line

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Call the tip line to report a crime or criminal activity.

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Grand Teton National Park

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Make time for a visit to our neighbor to the south, Grand Teton National Park. This park offers spectacular scenery and its own campgrounds, exhibits, and activities. More information is in the park newspaper, *Teewinot*, or at www.nps.gov/grte. Newspapers are available at Grand Teton visitor centers and entrance stations.

Visit the new Craig Thomas Discovery & Visitor Center in Moose!

All dates and hours are approximate.

Campgrounds

First come, first served. For current status of campgrounds, ask at entrance stations or visitor centers in Grand Teton National Park.

Campground	Fee	Fills by:	Opens:
Colter Bay (350 sites)	\$17	Rarely fills	late May
Gros Ventre (360 sites)	\$17	Evening	early May
Jenny Lake (49 sites)	\$19	11 AM	mid-May
Lizard Creek (60 sites)	\$18	Rarely fills	early June
Signal Mt. (86 sites)	\$18	Afternoon	mid-May

Jenny Lake is open to tents only. Other campgrounds accommodate tents, trailers, and recreational vehicles (30-foot restriction at Signal Mt.). All campgrounds have modern comfort stations, but none have utility hookups. The maximum stay is 7 days at Jenny Lake, 14 days at other campgrounds, 30 days total per year.

Lodging

Make your reservations directly:

Colter Bay Cabins (opens late May)	800-628-9988
Colter Bay RV Park (opens late May)	800-628-9988
Dornan's Spur Ranch Cabins (all year)	307-733-2522
Flagg Ranch Resort (opens mid-May)	307-543-2861 or 800-443-2311
Jackson Lake Lodge (opens mid-May)	800-628-9988
Jenny Lake Lodge (opens early June)	307-733-4647
Signal Mt. Lodge (opens mid-May)	800-672-6012

Lodging can also be found in communities surrounding Grand Teton.

Information

Colter Bay Visitor Center & Indian Arts Museum—May 10 to October 13. Information, audiovisual programs, permits, and publication sales. Phone: 307-739-3594.

Flagg Ranch Information Station—early June to early September. Phone: 307-543-2372.

Jenny Lake Ranger Station (climbing information)—late May to mid-September. Phone: 307-739-3343.

Jenny Lake Visitor Center—May 10–Sept. 27. Information, publication sales. Phone: 307-739-3392.

Craig Thomas Visitor Center (Moose)—Open year-round. Information, audiovisual programs, exhibits, permits, publication sales. Phone: 307-739-3399.

Telecommunications device for the deaf only (TDD): 307-739-3400.

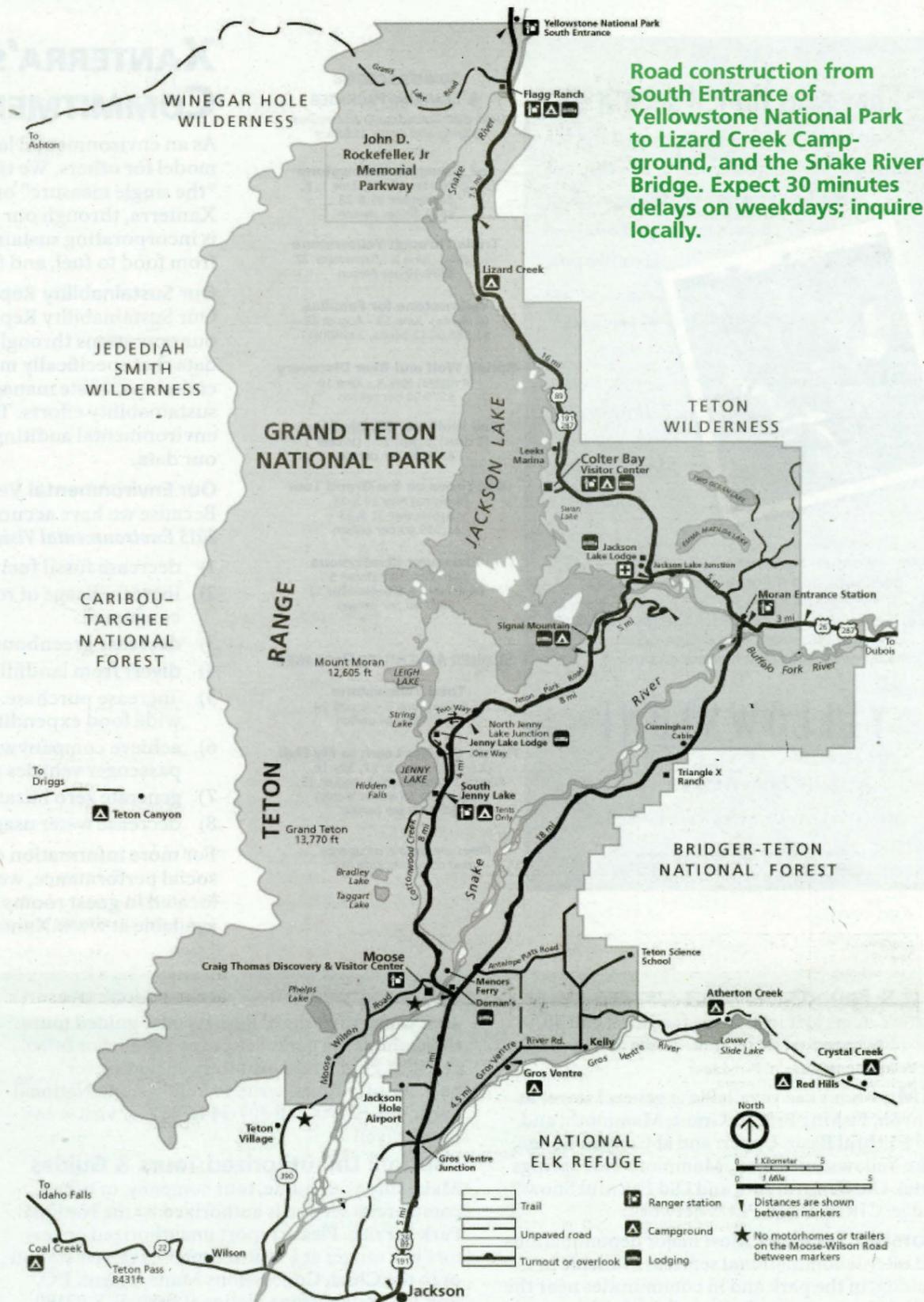
Medical Clinic

Grand Teton Clinic, located near Jackson Lake Lodge. Daily, late May to early October. Call 307-543-2514 or after hours 307-733-8002.

Emergency: dial 911.

Activities

Hiking, sightseeing, boating, floating the Snake River, horseback riding, and fishing are available depending on seasonal conditions. Backcountry camping requires a free permit from the Moose or Colter Bay visitor centers or the Jenny Lake Ranger Station. Boating requires a Grand Teton boating permit, sold at visitor centers. A Wyoming fishing license is required to fish in Grand Teton National Park.



For more information about Grand Teton National Park: call 307-739-3300 or visit the website, www.nps.gov/grte

Area Communities

Services are available in communities near Yellowstone; contact these Chambers of Commerce:

Montana	Wyoming
Big Sky 406-995-3000	Cody 800-393-2639
Billings 800-735-2635	Dubois 307-455-2556
Bozeman 800-228-4224	East Yellowstone/Wapiti Valley 307-587-9595
Cooke City–Silver Gate 406-838-2495	Jackson 307-733-3316
Gardiner 406-848-7971	Idaho
Livingston 406-222-0850	Idaho Falls 866-365-6943
Red Lodge 888-281-0625	Eastern Idaho Visitor Information Center 800-634-3246
West Yellowstone 406-646-7701	

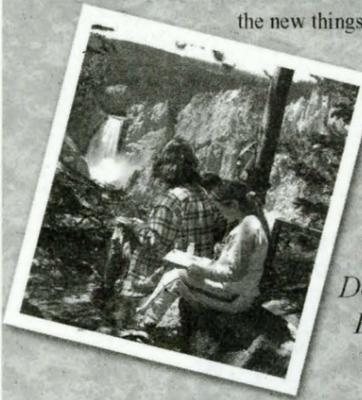
Nearby Public Lands

Big Hole National Battlefield 406-689-3155	Gallatin National Forest 406-587-6701	Shoshone National Forest 307-527-6241
Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area 406-666-2412	Glacier National Park 406-888-7800	Virginia City National Historic Landmark 406-843-5247
Bridger–Teton National Forest 307-739-5500	Grant–Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site 406-846-3388	
Caribou–Targhee National Forest 208-624-3151	Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument 406-638-2621	

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(4 nights) June 13 - August 18
\$1,988.00 (2 adults, 2 children)

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(4 nights) May 4 - June 10
\$579.00 per person

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(3 days) August 27 - October 1
\$579.00 per person

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(6 nights) May 18 & 25, September 21 & 28
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Roosevelt Rendezvous
(4 nights) September 5, September 9 & September 13
\$639.00 per person

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Total Yellowstone
(5 nights) June 8 - August 24
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(2 nights) June 13, 27, July 18, August 1 (families only), August 15, September 5 (women's only)
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Rates are double occupancy and do not include tax

XANTERRA'S LONG TERM COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

As an environmental leader in the hospitality industry, we serve as a role model for others. We take this role seriously. The days of recycling being "the single measure" of environmental responsibility are long gone. Today Xanterra, through our environmental management system called *Ecologix*, is incorporating sustainable practices in all aspects of our operations, from food to fuel, and from emissions reduction to renewable energy.

Our Sustainability Report is our environmental report card!

Our Sustainability Report details the environmental impacts related to our operations throughout the U.S. To do this we use our *Ecometrix*, data that specifically measure our energy and resource consumption, emissions, waste management, recycling, pollution prevention and overall sustainability efforts. To validate our findings, we enlisted a third-party environmental auditing firm; their assessment confirms the accuracy of our data.

Our Environmental Vision Goals chart our course!

Because we have accurate metrics in place, we have established our *2015 Environmental Vision Goals*. These include:

- 1) decrease fossil fuel usage by 30% based on year 2000 usage
- 2) increase usage of renewable energy to provide 7% of total electricity consumed
- 3) decrease greenhouse gas emissions by 30% based on year 2000
- 4) divert from landfill 50% of all solid waste generated
- 5) increase purchase of sustainable food items to 50% of all company-wide food expenditures
- 6) achieve companywide average fuel economy standard of 35 mpg for all passenger vehicles (under 10 persons) purchased annually
- 7) generate zero hazardous waste
- 8) decrease water usage by 25% based on year 2003

For more information on Xanterra's commitment to sustainability and social performance, we invite you to review our *Sustainability Report*, located in guest rooms and lodging front desks. The information is also available at www.Xanterra.com.

Lost & Found Call 307-344-5387 to report or retrieve items lost in lodging facilities; call 307-344-2109 to report or retrieve items lost in other parts of the park.

ATM 24-hour cash available at general stores at Canyon, Fishing Bridge, Grant, Mammoth, and Old Faithful Basin Upper; and at Canyon Lodge, Lake Yellowstone Hotel, Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, Old Faithful Inn, and Old Faithful Snow Lodge. CIRRUS and PLUS network.

Worship Services Most major denominations and interdenominational services available in summer, in the park and in communities near the park. Information on bulletin boards at campgrounds and visitor centers.

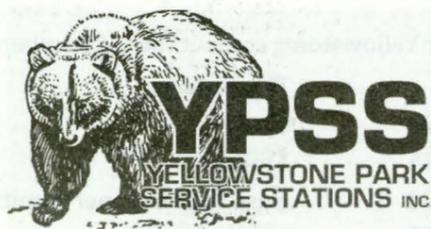
Tours The Yellowstone Association Institute and Xanterra Parks & Resorts offer guided tours throughout the park. See pages 7 & 14. For other certified guides and outfitters, including for backcountry tours, write to Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, call 307-344-7381, or visit www.nps.gov/yell

Caution: Unauthorized Tours & Guides Make sure your guide, tour company, or other commercial service is authorized by the National Park Service. Please report unauthorized operators to a ranger at a visitor center or ranger station or to the Chief, Concessions Management, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190; 307-344-2271.

Reservations For lodging, dining, camping, and activity reservations, call Xanterra Parks & Resorts, 307-344-7311, TDD 307-344-5395, or toll-free 866-439-7375. You can also make reservations at lodging front desks or activities desks.

Dinner reservations required at Grant Village Restaurant, Lake Yellowstone Hotel Dining Room, Old Faithful Inn Dining Room.

Recycling You can recycle glass, cans, paper, cardboard, plastic bottles with narrow necks, office paper, magazines, small propane canisters (used with camp stoves and lanterns), household batteries. See map on back page for general locations; inquire locally.



Yellowstone Park Service Stations, Inc. has been serving Yellowstone visitors since 1947. We operate seven service stations with limited retail items and four repair/towing facilities. See page 15 for dates and locations of operation.

Snacks • Drinks • Ice • Auto Repair/Parts • Tires • Towing/Recovery

LP Gas is available at Fishing Bridge and Grant Village.
Diesel fuel available except at Old Faithful Upper and Tower.
Towing and repair services are available at Old Faithful, Grant Village, Fishing Bridge, and Canyon.

Present this ad at one of our auto repair facilities for \$5 off one oil change or tire repair. No appointment necessary!

YPSS Celebrates Yellowstone Explorers of Yesteryear and Today

One of the most interesting visitors to the Yellowstone area in 1865 was Father Francis Xavier Kuppens, a Belgian priest of the Jesuit Order, who offered this recollection 32 years later:

About the years 1865-66 I was stationed at the old Mission of St. Peter's on the Missouri River near the mouth of Sun River. A great part of that winter and spring I spent with the Pigeon [Piegan] Indians roaming from place to place south . . . It was while leading this nomad life that I first heard of the Yellowstone. Many an evening in the tent of Baptiste Champagne or Chief Big Lake the conversation, what little there was of it, turned on the beauties of that wonderful spot. I do not know that the narrator always adhered strictly to facts, but making allowance for fervid imagination there was sufficient in the tale to excite my curiosity

and awaken in me a strong desire to see for myself this enchanted if not enchanting land. In the spring with a small party of Indians hunting buffalo, I persuaded a few young men to show me the wonderland of which they had talked so much. Thus I got my first sight of the Yellowstone. I shall not attempt to describe it, that has been done by many abler pens than mine; but you may be sure that before leaving I saw the chief attraction—the Grand Cañon, hot and cold geysers, variegated layers of rock, the Fire Hole, etc. I was very much impressed with the wild grandeur of the scenery.

May your wanderings in and reflections of Yellowstone bring you the simple peace and lasting memories experienced and recorded by Father Kuppens.

Service Locations & Schedules

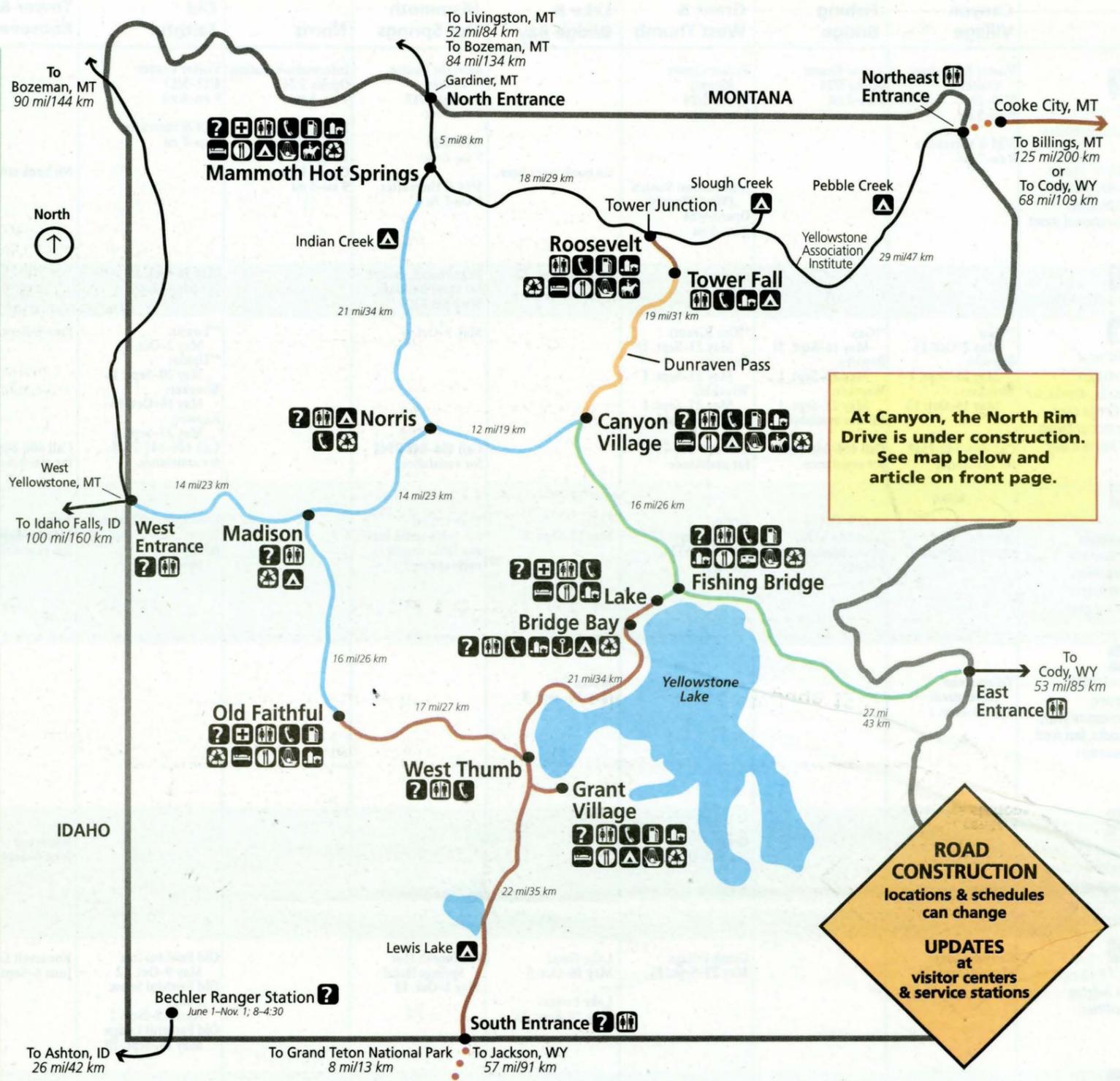
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	Canyon Village	Fishing Bridge	Grant & West Thumb	Lake & Bridge Bay	Mammoth Hot Springs	Norris	Old Faithful	Tower & Roosevelt	West Entrance & Madison
? Visitor Information	Visitor Education Center 5/10-23 9 AM-5 PM 5/24 & thereafter 8 AM-7 PM	Visitor Center Opens 5/24 8 AM-7 PM	Visitor Center (Grant) Opens 5/24 8 AM-7 PM Information Station (West Thumb) Opens 5/24 9 AM-5 PM	No book store here.	Albright Visitor Center through 4/17 9 AM-5 PM 4/18-5/23 9 AM-6 PM 5/24 & thereafter 8 AM-7 PM	Information Station Opens 5/24 9 AM-5 PM Museum of the National Park Ranger Opens 5/24 9 AM-5 PM	Visitor Center 4/18-5/23 9 AM-6 PM 5/24 & thereafter 8 AM-7 PM	No book store here.	West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center NPS rangers available 4/18-5/23, 8 AM-4 PM 5/24 & thereafter 8 AM-8 PM Information Station (Madison) Opens 5/24 9 AM-5 PM
+ Medical clinic				May 23-Sept. 22 See page 12.	Year-round, except for some holidays. See page 12.		May 16-Oct. 5 See page 12.		
🛠 Service station snacks, drinks, ice ** Credit card service at pump 24 hours a day	**Gas: May 2-Oct. 13 Repairs: May 23-Sept. 1 Wrecker: May 16-Oct. 13 Call 406-848-7548 for assistance	**Gas: May 16-Sept. 21 Repairs: May 23-Sept. 1 Wrecker: May 23-Sept. 1 LP Gas available Call 406-848-7548 for assistance	**Gas (Grant): May 23-Sept. 28 Repairs: May 23-Sept. 1 Wrecker: May 23-Sept. 1 LP Gas available Call 406-848-7548 for assistance		May 9-Oct. 6 Call 406-848-7548 for assistance		**Lower: May 2-Oct. 13 **Upper: May 20-Sept. 1 Wrecker: May 16-Oct. 13 Repairs: May 23-Sept. 1 Call 406-848-7548 for assistance	June 6-Sept. 1 Call 406-848-7548 for assistance	
🛒 General Store groceries restaurant souvenirs camping & fishing gear	May 18-Oct. 1 (also has ATM, espresso, jewelry)	May 9-Oct. 6 (also has ATM, photo processing, jewelry)	Grant May 23-Sept. 22 (also has ATM, jewelry)	Lake May 17-Sept. 3	Year-round (no restaurant; lunch available winter & early spring)		Lower: May 23-Oct. 6 Upper: May 2-Oct. 20 (also photo processing)	Tower May 16-Sept. 15 (no restaurant)	
🏕 Outdoor Store recreation gear, snacks, fast food souvenirs	Yellowstone Adventures Apr. 18-Nov. 2			Bridge Bay May 30-Sept. 8					
🛒 Mini Store groceries, some camping & fishing gear, souvenirs			Grant May 12-Oct. 6					Roosevelt June 6-Sept. 1	
🛍 Gift shop (in lodging facilities)	Canyon Lodge May 30-Sept. 14		Grant Village May 23-Sept. 28	Lake Hotel May 16-Oct. 5 Lake Lodge June 10-Sept. 21	Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel May 2-Oct. 12		Old Faithful Inn May 9-Oct. 12 Old Faithful Snow Lodge April 18-Nov. 2 Old Faithful Lodge May 16-Sept. 28	Roosevelt Lodge June 6-Sept. 1	
🏨 Hotel	Canyon Lodge May 30-Sept. 14		Grant Village May 23-Sept. 28	Lake Hotel May 16-Oct. 5	Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel May 2-Oct. 6		Old Faithful Inn May 9-Oct. 12 Old Faithful Snow Lodge May 2-Oct. 19		
🏠 Cabins	Canyon Lodge May 30-Sept. 14			Lake Hotel May 16-Oct. 5 Lake Lodge June 10-Sept. 21	Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel May 2-Oct. 6		Old Faithful Lodge May 16-Sept. 14 Old Faithful Snow Lodge May 2-Oct. 19	Roosevelt Lodge June 6-Sept. 1	
🍴 Restaurant (see also General Store)	Canyon Lodge May 30-Sept. 14		Grant Village May 23-Sept. 28 Lake House at Grant May 23-Sept. 21	Lake Hotel May 16-Oct. 5	Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel May 2-Oct. 6		Old Faithful Inn May 9-Oct. 12 Old Faithful Snow Lodge May 2-Oct. 19	Roosevelt Lodge June 6-Sept. 1	
🍽 Cafeteria	Canyon Lodge May 30-Aug. 31			Lake Lodge June 10-Sept. 21			Old Faithful Lodge May 16-Sept. 14		
🍌 Snacks, light meals, fast food (see also stores)	Picnic Shop May 30-Sept. 14			Lake Hotel Deli May 16-Oct. 5	Terrace Grill May 2-Oct. 12		Old Faithful Inn, Bear Paw Snack Shop: May 9-Oct. 12 Old Faithful Snow Lodge, Geyser Grill April 18-Nov. 2 Old Faithful Lodge Bake Shop May 16-Sept. 28		
🏕 Campground Details on p. 6 ** Reservations accepted	**Canyon: 6/6-9/7 (laundry) Norris, 12 mi east, 5/16-9/29	**RV Park (hard-sided units only; laundry) 5/16-9/28	**Grant: 6/21-9/21 (laundry) Lewis Lake, 10 mi south, 6/15-11/3	**Bridge Bay: 5/23-9/14 **Fishing Bridge RV Park (hard-sided units only; laundry): 5/16-9/28	Mammoth: All year Indian Creek, 9 mi south, 6/13-9/15 Norris, 21 mi south, 5/16-9/29	Norris: 5/16-9/29	**Madison, 16 mi north, 5/2-10/26	Tower Fall, 3.5 mi south, 5/16-9/29 Slough Creek, 7 mi east, 5/23-10/31 Pebble Creek, 18 mi east, 6/13-9/29	**Madison, 5/2-10/26
🚿 Showers	At campground	At RV park	At campground		Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel 5/2-10/6			Roosevelt Lodge 6/6-9/1	
🚤 Marina Boat Tours Trail Rides	Trail Rides 6/6-8/30			Bridge Bay: Dock rental 5/23-9/14 Boat Tours 5/30-9/14	Trail Rides 5/23-9/13			Trail & Stagecoach Rides 6/6-8/31 Cookout 6/7-8/31	

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- Visitor center or information station
- Medical clinic
- Restrooms
- Telephone
- Service station
- General Store, Mini Store, Gift Shop
- Lodging
- Food
- Campground
- Camping: hard-sided units only
- Showers
- Marina
- Trail rides
- Recycling



At Canyon, the North Rim Drive is under construction. See map below and article on front page.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION
locations & schedules can change
UPDATES
at
visitor centers & service stations

SPEED KILLS
more than
100
deer
moose
bears
elk
bison
wolves

each year



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The services listed above begin opening in mid-April. Check page 15 for details.

Road Opening Schedule

- Open year-round**
- April 18**
Mammoth & West Entrance to Old Faithful; Norris to Canyon
- May 2**
Canyon Junction to Lake to East Entrance
- May 9**
Old Faithful to South Entrance & Lake to West Thumb (earlier if conditions allow); Tower Junction to Tower Fall; Cooke City to Chief Joseph Scenic Highway (if conditions allow)
- May 23**
Tower Fall to Canyon Junction; Beartooth Pass (if conditions allow)

Road Construction

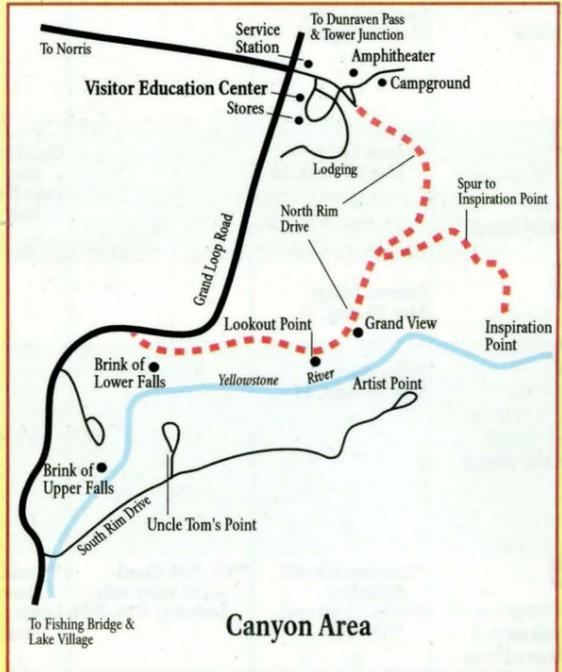
Canyon Village →

North Rim Drive
Beginning this spring, date to be determined: CLOSED from Camper Services to Grand Loop Road, including Inspiration Point.

South Rim Drive
Open, with possible spring delays or temporary closure at Artist Point.

••••• **Beartooth Highway (US 212)**,
Northeast Entrance through Cooke City:
May 27–October 15 open with possible half-hour delays Monday–Friday, but no weekend or holiday work. For construction updates on this highway *only*, call 888-285-4636.

••••• **South Entrance into Grand Teton (US 89/191/287)**,
Construction begins in April with 30 minute delays on weekdays. For construction updates on this highway *only*, call 307-739-3614.



Canyon Area

www.nps.gov/yell • www.YellowstoneAssociation.org • www.TravelYellowstone.com

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Park Information: 307-344-7381 (TDD: 307-344-2386) • Emergency—Dial 911 • Road updates: 307-344-2117