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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


 **Watch from pullouts.** If you see wildlife while driving, do not stop. Regardless of what others may do, keep moving to the next established pullout, park, and watch from a safe distance.


 **Give wildlife a brake.** Unless posted slower, top speed throughout the park is 45 mph (73 kph). To assure yourself enough stopping distance if you encounter animals unexpectedly, please slow down.


 **Be wary of icy surfaces.** Hazardous conditions are common in winter. Take extra caution driving on roads, and walking on boardwalks, sidewalks, steps and trails.


 **Keep your distance.** You must stay at least 100 yards (91 m) from bears and wolves. A distance of 25 yards (23 m) is required from elk, bison, and other animals. Regardless of distance, if any wild animal changes its behavior due to your presence, you are too close.


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

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

 **Bears may be active in winter.** You are safer hiking with groups. In areas of low visibility, make noise to avoid surprise encounters. Do not run from a bear in the backcountry. Carry bear spray and know how to use it.

 **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 collect and dispose of pet feces.

 **Cell phone service** may be available at Canyon, Grant, Lake, Mammoth Hot Springs, and Old Faithful. (Existing tower locations appear on a park map, page 12) As a courtesy to others, turn off your phone 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

Park Tip Line • To report a crime or criminal activity call 307 344-2132. Please leave as much information as you can.

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.

Lodging, dining, and activity reservations

307 344-7311, or 866 439-7375 toll free

307 344-5395 TTY

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, *Accessibility in Yellowstone*, is available at all visitor centers for visitors who use wheelchairs, audio and visual assisted devices. To arrange for an ASL interpreter for NPS interpretive 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/

Use your smartphone to get instant, official predictions for the eruption of

Old Faithful Geyser ± 10 minutes

@ <http://twitter.com/GeyserNPS>



Yellowstone Winter 2013

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Winter use rules extended another year

A proposed rule to extend the existing “one-year rule” regarding the management of snowmobiles and snowcoach activity in Yellowstone National Park for the upcoming 2012–2013 winter season is moving through the rulemaking process. This action ensures this winter season will commence uninterrupted by implementing the same rules as have been in place for the past three winters.


In the meantime, the National Park Service (NPS) continues work to finalize a long-term winter use plan and rule. A draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement was released in summer 2012 that analyzes three action alternatives that present different ways visitors could experience the park in winter while protecting the park’s natural resources and values.

The NPS preferred alternative is to manage oversnow vehicle access by transportation events. A transportation event would initially equal one snowcoach or a group of seven snowmobiles (seasonal average; groups could

not exceed a maximum of 10 snowmobiles) travelling together within the park. The park would allocate 110 daily transportation events to operators who would then be able to choose whether to use their allocated transportation event for groups of snowmobiles or snowcoaches, but no more than 50 of those events would be for snowmobiles.

Four of the daily snowmobile transportation events would be reserved for noncommercially guided snowmobiles groups. Best available technology (BAT) for snowmobiles would be continued and all snowcoaches will need to be BAT standards by the 2017–2018 winter season. Also in the 2017–2018 season, maximum allowable air and sound emissions for snowmobiles would be reduced.

The park intends to have a final Winter Use Plan SEIS, a Record of Decision (ROD), and a final rule guiding winter use in place in 2013. You are encouraged to stay up to date on the planning project by visiting <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/yell>

 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
Military Pass , annual pass for active duty U.S. military personnel and their dependents with proper identification (CAC Card or DD Form 1173)	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 concessioner 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.



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 ultimately require the death of the animal.

All food, trash, and scented items must be kept bear-proof at all times. Tents, truck beds, and picnic tables are not secure. 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

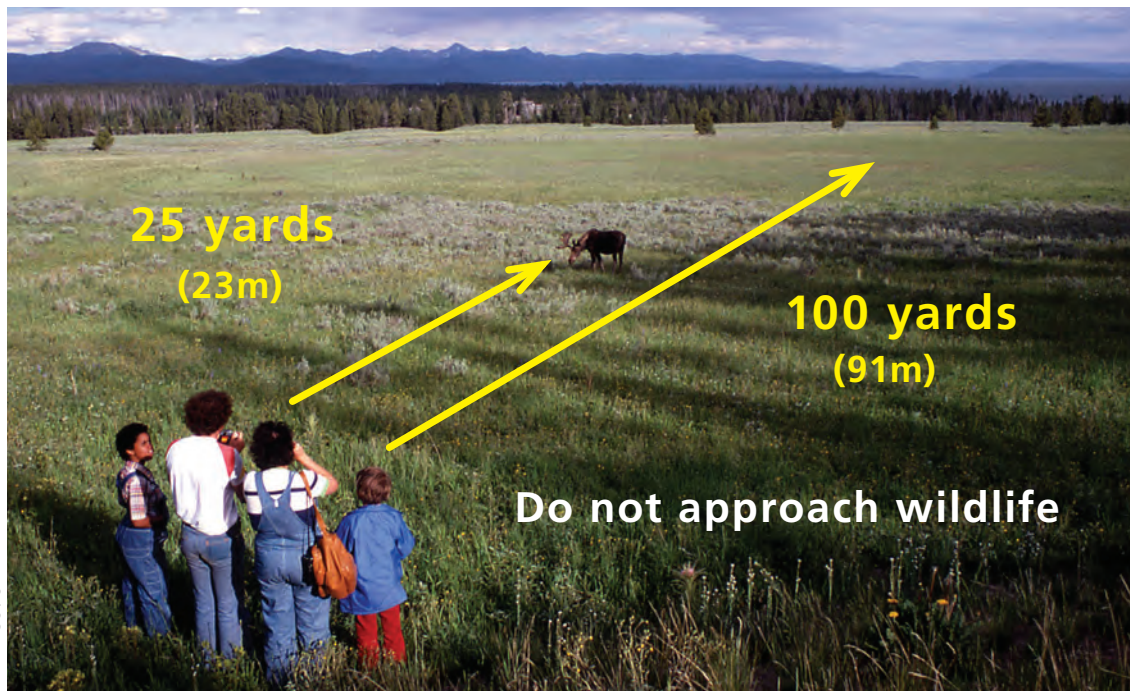


You must stay on boardwalks and designated trails around hydrothermal features. The ground surface is thin, and often overlies scalding water. Visitors have died here. Toxic gases may exist at dangerous levels in some hydrothermal areas. If you feel sick, leave immediately.

These activities require a permit

- Overnight backcountry camping
- Travel with a service animal in the backcountry
- All commercial services
- Commercial filming and photography with props or models

Adjust to altitude 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.



If any wild animal changes its behavior due to your presence, you are too close.



25 yards (23 m)

100 yards (91 m)

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 coyote. If an animal moves within that range, you should move to maintain the appropriate distance. Do not surround, crowd, or disrupt an animal's path. 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)
 - Improperly storing food
 - Leaving detachable side mirrors attached when not pulling trailers
 - Traveling off-road by vehicle, bicycle, or snowmobile
 - Fishing, from early November to Memorial Day weekend
 - 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

Please keep children close at hand, and be sure they understand all park hazards.



Know your rights and 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 on the park website at www.nps.gov/yell/parkmgmt/lawsandpolicies

	Mammoth Hot Springs	West Entrance and Madison	Canyon Village	Fishing Bridge	Old Faithful	West Thumb
Medical clinic 	Mon-Thu 8:30 am-5 pm Fri 8:30 am-1 pm 307 344-7965					
Warming hut 	Mammoth Dec 21-Mar 3, 8 am-5 pm Vending machine, snacks, cold drinks Indian Creek Dec 15-Mar 3, not staffed, no food or water	Madison Dec 15-Mar 15 Light snacks and hot drinks sold during day. Vending machine, snacks available anytime	Canyon Visitor Center Dec 15-Mar 13, Lobby 9 am-3 pm, approximately, vending machine snacks, cold drinks. Restrooms open 24 hours	Fishing Bridge Dec 15-Mar 15 vending machine snacks, cold drinks	Old Faithful Dec 15-Mar 15, daytime only	West Thumb Dec 15-Mar 15 No food or water available
Supplies and gifts 	General Store closed some Sundays and holidays Mammoth Hotel gift shop, Bear Den Ski Shop Dec 20-Mar 5				Snow Lodge Gift Shop Dec 15-Mar 4 Bear Den Ski Shop Dec 18-Mar 3	
Dining 	General Store lunch on weekdays, groceries Mammoth Hotel Dec 20-Mar 4				Snow Lodge Dec 18-Mar 3 Geyser Grill Dec 15-Mar 15	
Hotel 	Dec 20-Mar 4				Dec 18-Mar 3	
Snowmobile gas 	Dec 20-Mar 3 staffed daily 8 am-5 pm credit card fueling		Dec 15-Mar 10 credit card fueling	Dec 15-Mar 15 credit card fueling	Dec 15-Mar 15 credit card fueling	Grant Village Dec 15-Mar 15 credit card fueling
Campground 	Year round				Primitive only Dec 15-Mar 15	

Visitor centers

Albright Visitor Center
Located at Mammoth Hot Springs and open year round. Information, bookstore, and exhibits on wildlife and history. Films on the park and the national park idea.
Open daily, year round
9 am–5 pm
Call 307 344-2263

Canyon Visitor Education Center
Lobby open daily for information and warming hut services. Restrooms open 24 hours. Remainder of building closed in winter.
Open daily 12/15 to 3/10
About 9 am–3 pm
Call 307 344-2550

Old Faithful Visitor Education Center
Information, exhibits, films, bookstore. Geyser eruption predictions are calculated during visitor center hours and shared on signs, by telephone recordings at 307-344-2751, or via @Twitter.com/GeyserNPS
Open daily 12/15 to 3/15
9 am–5 pm
Call 307 344-2750

West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center Located in the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce. Chamber staff available year round.
Open Mon-Fri, year round
8 am–5 pm
Call 406 646-7701
NPS Desk
Rangers available daily
Open daily 12/15 to 3/15
8 am–4 pm
Call 307 344-2876



Please call 307 344-2251 at least three weeks in advance to arrange for a sign language interpreter at any program listed on page 5.

Park information in foreign languages

歡迎光臨 • 欢迎光临 • Vítejte • Bienvenue
Willkommen • Benvenuti • ようこそ
환영합니다 • Добро пожаловать • Bienvenido



Scan this QR code with a free app for your smartphone to link directly to foreign language translations on the park website.

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

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(Printed copies also available at entrance stations and visitor centers.)



Look for this symbol in descriptions for ranger programs that are wheelchair accessible. A free guide, *Accessibility in Yellowstone*, is available in park visitor centers.

National Park Service ranger-led programs

Mammoth Hot Springs	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mammoth Snowshoe Discovery Starts January 1, ends March 2. Experience Yellowstone National Park's winter beauty on a guided snowshoe walk with a park ranger. Snowshoes can be rented at the Bear Den ski shop next to the Mammoth Hotel, or bring your own. Come prepared with warm, layered clothes, sunglasses and water. Meet at the Upper Terrace Drive entrance parking area two miles south of Mammoth. Note: If there is a lack of snow, this will become a walk without snowshoes. Moderately strenuous. Beginners welcome. Two hours			2 pm 1/1 – 2/26				2 pm 1/5 – 3/2
Yellowstone's Northern Range Ecology Starts December 24, ends February 27. The Northern Range of Yellowstone has always been a premier place to watch wildlife. Learn about how all forms of life interact here and how this ecosystem has changed since the restoration of wolves. This 20-minute talk will be followed by an hour-long wildlife video. Meet at the Albright Visitor Center theater. 1 ½ hours, including video. ♿ Accessible.		3 pm 12/24 – 2/25		3 pm 12/26 – 2/27			
Evening Program Starts December 20, ends March 2. Join a park ranger for an illustrated program that highlights a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone's natural, cultural or scenic wonders. Program descriptions will be posted in the Mammoth Hotel and Albright Visitor Center. Meet in the Mammoth Hotel Map Room. 1 hour. ♿ Accessible.					8:30 pm 12/20 – 2/28	8:30 pm 12/21 – 3/1	8:30 pm 12/22 – 3/2

Old Faithful	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Geysers Galore Starts December 15, ends March 15. As you wait to watch Old Faithful erupt, discover why Yellowstone has so many geysers. Look into Yellowstone's restless geologic past (and present!) for a story that includes volcanoes and earthquakes. Meet at the benches in front of Old Faithful. Talk starts 20 minutes prior to a predicted mid-day eruption of Old Faithful. Times are posted daily at the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center. Free program. 20 minutes. ♿ Accessible.	Inquire at Old Faithful Visitor Education Center 12/16 – 3/10	Inquire at Old Faithful Visitor Education Center 12/17 – 3/11	Inquire at Old Faithful Visitor Education Center 12/18 – 3/12	Inquire at Old Faithful Visitor Education Center 12/19 – 3/13	Inquire at Old Faithful Visitor Education Center 12/20 – 3/14	Inquire at Old Faithful Visitor Education Center 12/21 – 3/15	Inquire at Old Faithful Visitor Education Center 12/15 – 3/19
Old Faithful Evening Program Starts December 28, ends March 2. Join a park ranger for an illustrated program highlighting a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone's natural, cultural, or scenic wonders. Meet in the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center. Doors open at 7 p.m.; enter via the main doors on the parking lot side. Weekly program descriptions will be posted in the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center and the Old Faithful Snow Lodge. Free program. 45 minutes. ♿ Accessible.	7:30 pm 12/30 – 2/24					7:30 pm 12/28 – 3/1	7:30 pm 12/29 – 3/2

West Yellowstone	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Snowshoe Walk Starts December 22, ends March 9. Discover Yellowstone's fascinating winter ecology while wearing snowshoes. Join a ranger for a two-mile walk into Yellowstone National Park along the Riverside Trail. Meet at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center at the corner of Yellowstone Ave and Canyon St in West Yellowstone, MT. Bring snowshoes. No experience necessary. Also bring water and a snack. For information, please call 307-344-2876. Free program. 3 hours							1:30 pm 12/22 – 3/9
Morning Talk Starts December 22, ends March 9. Join a ranger for a program highlighting an aspect of Yellowstone's natural, cultural or scenic wonders. Weekly program descriptions are posted in the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center at the corner of Yellowstone Ave and Canyon St in West Yellowstone, MT, and at the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center, 201 South Canyon St. Meet at the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center. There is a fee if you choose to visit the rest of the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center. Free program. 45 minutes. ♿ Accessible.							10 am 12/22 – 3/9

Be a Junior Ranger

Children ages 5 and older can become a Junior Ranger in Yellowstone. Hike, ski, or snowshoe a trail, attend a ranger-led program, and complete fun activities. Find out more and pick up your free copy of an eight-page activity paper available at a visitor center.



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 natural and cultural resources. Find out more at www.nps.gov/yell/forteachers



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Tours and activities

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, visit www.YellowstoneAssociation.org or call 406 848-2400.

Authorized guides and outfitters

Many authorized guides and outfitters are ready to show you the wonders of Yellowstone. 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

Warming huts

Warming huts provide shelter for skiers, snowshoers, and snowmobilers. A list of locations with dates and hours of operation appears on page 4.



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Be prepared for all conditions in Yellowstone

Even in severe winter temperatures, you can be comfortable and safe if you dress properly to prevent chilling and overheating.

- Wear clothes in several adjustable layers: including a windproof, hooded outer layer; wool or other insulated garments underneath; wool or synthetic, trousers; wool or synthetic long underwear; wind or rainpants for warmth on windy days; wool socks; gaiters or overboots; gloves or wool mittens with shells.
- Do not wear cotton clothes of any kind, including jeans, sweatshirts, underwear, socks. They retain moisture and put you at risk for hypothermia.
- Before you rent or borrow equipment, check for fit and suitability for wilderness use. Choose skis and boots made for touring or mountaineering. Narrow racing skis may not give you enough surface area to break trail and low shoes may not have enough ankle support.
- On day trips, consider taking: extra clothing; water and food; matches or lighter; map and compass; ski repair kit.
- If you are planning an overnight ski trip, carry all of the above, plus: backcountry permit; repair parts and tools; sleeping bag and closed-cell sleeping pad; shovel; easily-prepared food; small tarp; first-aid kit; stove and cooking pots; knife; tent or bivouac bag; probe pole; and transceiver.

Visit the Heritage & Research Center



The **Heritage and Research Center**, located just beyond the North Entrance in Gardiner, Montana, is the park's archives, museum collection and library storage and research facility.

In the lobby, visitors may see a temporary exhibit, *Notes from the Field: Natural Resource Management in Yellowstone*.

The HRC is open 8 am-5 pm weekdays. Research hours vary. Please contact 307 344-2563 for archives research or 307 344-2662 for museum collections.

Xanterra Parks & Resorts winter getaway value packages

Each package includes a minimum two-nights lodging, breakfast each day, a welcome gift, and a Snow Card that is good for 10 percent off all meals, select gifts, in-park transportation, tours, ski shop services, and snowmobile rentals. It is valid all winter, so keep it for your next visit.

- **Mammoth** packages include unlimited ice-skating.
- **Old Faithful** packages include unlimited ice-skating, round-trip snowcoach transportation per person.

Rates listed are valid January 1 to March 4, 2013, and do not include tax or utility fee.

To reserve, stop by one of the hotel front desks or call 307 344-7311 or 866-Geyserland (866 439-7375) TTY 307 344-5395

www.YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com

Frosty Fun Package

Mammoth:

\$135 per person double
\$226 single occupancy

Old Faithful:

\$319 per person double
\$479 single occupancy



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Trail of the Wolf

Offered Monday and Thursday. Includes three nights lodging, and components of Frosty Fun, Guided Snowmobile Tour, and Wake up to Wildlife Tour.

Mammoth:

\$459 per person double
\$829 single occupancy

Old Faithful:

\$605 per person double
\$1,009 single occupancy

Nordic Heaven

Includes components of Frosty Fun, plus unlimited ski drops per person.

Mammoth:

\$191 per person double
\$282 single occupancy

Old Faithful:

\$375 per person double
\$535 single occupancy

Xanterra Parks & Resorts tours

Interpretive snowcoach tours Full and half-day adventures in heated over-snow vehicles	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
From West Yellowstone to Old Faithful; \$62	noon-3:45 pm	noon-3:45 pm	noon-3:45 pm	noon-3:45 pm	noon-3:45 pm	noon-3:45 pm	noon-3:45 pm
From Old Faithful to West Yellowstone: \$62	7:30-11 am	7:30-11 am	7:30-11 am	7:30-11 am	7:30-11 am	7:30-11 am	7:30-11 am
From Mammoth to Old Faithful: \$76	7:30 am-noon	7:30 am-noon	7:30 am-noon	7:30 am-noon	7:30 am-noon	7:30 am-noon	7:30 am-noon
From Old Faithful to Mammoth: \$76	1:30-6 pm	1:30-6 pm	1:30-6 pm	1:30-6 pm	1:30-6 pm	1:30-6 pm	1:30-6 pm
From Old Faithful to Flagg Ranch: \$76	8:30-11:45 am	8:30-11:45 am	8:30-11:45 am	8:30-11:45 am	8:30-11:45 am	8:30-11:45 am	8:30-11:45 am
From Flagg Ranch to Old Faithful: \$76	12:30-4:45 pm	12:30-4:45 pm	12:30-4:45 pm	12:30-4:45 pm	12:30-4:45 pm	12:30-4:45 pm	12:30-4:45 pm
Canyon Day Tour, from Old Faithful: \$135 You may want to order a box lunch the evening prior	8:15 am-6 pm	8:15 am-6 pm		8:15 am-6 pm		8:15 am-6 pm	
Canyon Day Tour, from Mammoth: \$135 You may want to order a box lunch the evening prior		8:15 am-5 pm		8:15 am-5 pm		8:15 am-5 pm	
Firehole Basin Adventure, from Old Faithful: \$35	12:45-4 pm	12:45-4 pm	12:45-4 pm		12:45-4 pm	12:45-4 pm	12:45-4 pm
Norris Geyser Basin Tour, from Mammoth: \$62 Strenuous, if you choose to walk around the geyser basin			12:15-5:30 pm		12:15-5:30 pm		12:15-5:30 pm
Old Faithful Photo Safari, from Old Faithful: \$162 You may want to order a box lunch the evening prior			7:45 am-2 pm		7:45 am-2 pm		7:45 am-2 pm
Steam, Stars, and Winter Soundscapes, from Old Faithful: \$38	6:30-9 pm	6:30-9 pm	6:30-9 pm	6:30-9 pm	6:30-9 pm	6:30-9 pm	6:30-9 pm

Interpretive bus tours (no skiing)	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Wake Up to Wildlife, from Mammoth: \$41	6:45-11 am	6:45-11 am	6:45-11 am	6:45-11 am	6:45-11 am	6:45-11 am	6:45-11 am
Lamar Valley Wildlife Tour, from Mammoth: \$75		7 am-2 pm			7 am-2 pm		7 am-2 pm

Ski and snowshoe tours	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Grand Canyon Ski Tour, from Old Faithful (Saturdays only): \$150							7:45 am-6 pm
Guided Snowshoe Tour, Old Faithful: \$36 with snowshoe rental \$28 without snowshoe rental	8:15-11:30 am 1:15-4:40 pm	8:15-11:30 am 1:15-4:40 pm	8:15-11:30 am 1:15-4:40 pm	8:15-11:30 am 1:15-4:40 pm	8:15-11:30 am 1:15-4:40 pm	8:15-11:30 am 1:15-4:40 pm	8:15-11:30 am 1:15-4:40 pm

Express snowcoach trips

Old Faithful Express to West Yellowstone:

\$59 one way, daily, 6:30-8:30 am and 2:15-4:30 and 5:00-7:15 pm. For the early express, you may want to order a box breakfast the evening prior

West Yellowstone Express to Old Faithful:

\$59 one way, daily, 9-11:15 am

Ski and snowshoe drops and shuttles

Old Faithful Snow Lodge to either Divide or Fairy Falls: \$16.50 one way, daily at 7:45, 8:45, 9:45 and 10:45 am. No pickups. You must return by ski or snowshoe.

Mammoth Hotel to Indian Creek: \$16.50 round trip, daily at 8:15 and 10 am, 12 noon, 1:45 and 3:30 pm. Last pickup from Indian Creek is 4:30 pm.

JOIN THE PACK!

Receive a **FREE** gift and enjoy savings throughout the park when you become a member.



Photo: Diane Simpson

Join the nonprofit
Yellowstone Association
and receive

25% OFF

your first purchase **PLUS 15% OFF** future purchases in any of our educational Park Stores in visitor centers and at the North Entrance.

AND GET 15% OFF*

all purchases in retail locations operated by **Yellowstone General Stores and Xanterra Parks & Resorts® Gift Shops** located throughout Yellowstone National Park.



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ASSOCIATION**

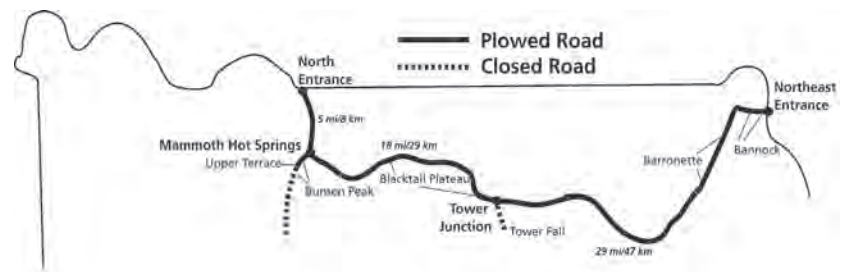
Contact us directly at: **406-848-2400**
Online at: **www.YellowstoneAssociation.org**

*Exclusions apply. Inquire at each location for details.
You must present membership card to receive discounts.

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Northern Range Ski Trails

- **Upper Terrace** In winter, Upper Terrace Drive becomes a groomed 1.5-mile loop ski trail. You'll have views of the steaming lower terraces and historic Fort Yellowstone. This is a hydrothermal area; please stay on the trail.
- **Bunsen Peak** This 6-mile trail (one-way) follows the old Bunsen Peak road; in places it is steep and has sharp turns. Along the trail, you will have views of the Gallatin Mountains and the Gardner River Canyon. For trail conditions, suggested starting points, and shuttles, ask at the Bear Den Ski Shop next to the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel.
- **Blacktail** This trail begins 8 miles east of Mammoth and follows an unplowed 8-mile road (one-way). Enjoy vistas of meadows surrounded by mountain peaks, and look for elk, deer, coyotes, and bison scattered throughout their winter range.
- **Tower Area** Ski trails may be available. Check locally for updates.
- **Barronette** This 3.5-mile trail (one-way) follows Soda Butte Creek along an old roadway that parallels the Northeast Entrance Road at the base of Barronette Peak. It travels through a forest and offers spectacular scenery and consistently good snow conditions.



Old Faithful Ski Trails

- **Lone Star Geyser** This moderate 9-mile trail (round-trip) begins at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge and takes you to Kepler Cascades. From there, you follow a groomed service road alongside the Firehole River to Lone Star Geyser. The geyser erupts about every three hours from a 12-foot high cone. Beginning skiers should return the same way; more advanced skiers might like to return via the Howard Eaton Trail, which is steep and requires caution.
- **Fairy Falls** Catch a snowcoach shuttle at Old Faithful Snow Lodge to the southern end of the Fairy Falls trailhead at the steel bridge. From here you can ski to one of the most spectacular ice-encrusted falls in the park. You will be skiing on a snowcoach route then through areas of burned forest so be alert for falling trees. You can ski back to Old Faithful by following the trail next to the snow vehicle road until you reach the Biscuit Basin Trail, which takes you through the Upper Geyser Basin past Morning Glory Pool and Geyser Hill. The entire trip is about 11 easy miles round-trip.

West Yellowstone Ski Trail

- **Riverside** This trail begins on Boundary Street and heads one mile through forest to the upriver and downriver loops. Both loops provide scenic views of the Gallatin Range and Madison River. Total distance varies from 2 to 7 miles, depending on your route. Round-trip mileages from trailhead: Upriver loop 3.5 miles, downriver loop (short) 6.6 miles, downriver loop (long) 9 miles.

Partners essential to achieving Yellowstone's mission, goals

In the early years after the National Park Service was created in 1916, Stephen T. Mather, its first director, knew that building public support for the fledgling agency was crucial for its future. In Yellowstone, two nonprofit partners have proven to be essential in supporting the park's mission and goals.

The **Yellowstone Park Foundation** (YPF) is the official fundraising partner. YPF works in cooperation with the NPS to fund projects and programs that protect, preserve, and enhance natural and cultural resources and visitor experience. One of its significant achievements was providing more than half of the funds needed to construct the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center. The Old Faithful live streaming webcam is another innovative service that has been funded by Canon U.S.A. through YPF. Dozens of other projects have been accomplished thanks to YPF's support. Call 406 586-6303, or visit www.ypf.org



The **Yellowstone Association** (YA) is the park's official nonprofit educational partner. YA works in cooperation with the park in its primary role of supporting visitor information, orientation, and education through the sales of educational materials and services in park visitor centers. Proceeds from sales and memberships have funded exhibits at Canyon Visitor Education Center, a new geology film, *Yellowstone: Land to Life*, web videos and podcasts, and dozens of exhibits, publications, online features, and other programs. Call 406 848-2400, or visit www.YellowstoneAssociation.org



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Self-guiding trails

Mammoth Hot Springs

- Walk through ever-changing travertine terraces and enjoy a scenic drive through the Upper Terraces.

Fort Yellowstone

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

Forces of the Northern Range

- Eight miles east of Mammoth Hot Springs, walk among evidence of volcanoes, glaciers, and fire; and learn about the area's plants and animals.

Old Faithful Area

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

Old Faithful Historic District

- Enjoy a walking tour of this historic district, which includes Old Faithful Geyser, the Inn and other distinctive buildings. The Inn is not open to the public in winter.

THE YELLOWSTONE PARK FOUNDATION



With the support of *Friends of Yellowstone* the Yellowstone Park Foundation funds critical Park projects such as:

- wildlife & fisheries conservation
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- historic preservation
- \$15 million toward the new state-of-the-art Old Faithful Visitor Education Center

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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**
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Mammoth Clinic (307) 344-7965
Open year round. Winter hours:
Monday - Thursday 8:30 am to 5 pm
Friday 8:30 am to 1 pm

Old Faithful Clinic (307) 545-7325
Open mid May to early October and
intermittently in January.
Call Mammoth Clinic for specifics.

Lake Clinic (307) 242-7241
Open mid May to late September.
Closed in winter.

**Appointments are not required;
walk-in patients are welcome.**



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Snowmobile regulations

Your guide knows the regulations, but you should be aware of them too.

- All snowmobilers must be led by a commercial guide authorized by the National Park Service (NPS) to operate in Yellowstone National Park.
- All snowmobiles must meet NPS sound and emission requirements.
- Snowmobile operators must have a valid state motor vehicle driver's license in possession.
- Roads are open only 7 am to 9 pm. Snowmobiles are not allowed to operate in the park between 9 pm and 7 am.
- Maximum speed limit is 45 mph or less where posted or as conditions warrant.
- Speed limit is 35 mph West Entrance to Madison, Madison to Old Faithful.
- Use hand signals when turning or stopping.
- Allow enough distance between snowmobiles when traveling.
- Pass only when safe.
- If you turn around, stay within the road width.
- Drive on the right side of the road even if the road is rough.
- Drive in single file.
- Do not idle your machine more than five minutes.
- When stopping, pull to the far right and park in single file.
- Stay on designated roads. Sidehilling, bermriding, or any off-road travel is prohibited and carries a fine of up to \$5,000.
- Report accidents to a ranger.
- Operating a snowmobile while intoxicated is illegal. Possession of open alcoholic beverage containers, including bota bags, is illegal.

Dress for extreme cold. Essential items include a helmet, face mask, heavily insulated gloves or mittens, feltlined boots, and a heavily insulated snowmobile suit. Avoid tight-fitting garments as they restrict circulation and increase the possibility of frostbite.

Wild animals have the right of way. If bison or other wildlife are on the road, stop at least 25 yards away (100 yards for wolves or bears). Pull your machine as far as possible to the opposite side of the road and give them a chance to move off the road. Do not make sudden or erratic movements.

- Do not chase animals or cause them to run. If an animal appears agitated, do not attempt to pass. It may charge.
- If animals walk or run toward you and you cannot turn around, get off your machine and stand to the side of it, keeping the machine between you and the animals.
- If animals are standing calmly, your guide may inch toward them and assess their behavior. You may be able to pass on the opposite side of the road at a slow speed.

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Be safe and smart while skiing and snowshoeing in Yellowstone

Skiing and snowshoeing are excellent ways to experience the unique beauty and solitude of a winter in Yellowstone. The trails in Yellowstone offer a wide range of scenery, terrain, and difficulty. Before venturing out into Yellowstone's winter wonderland, make sure you have properly planned and are prepared for the challenges brought on by extreme cold and deep snow.

Be Prepared

- Let friends or family know where you are going and when you plan on returning. Do not travel alone.
- Evaluate your party's capabilities and plan your outing so that everyone will enjoy it. Also know your equipment's capabilities and weaknesses, and be prepared to make repairs.
- Exertion in dry mountain air can dehydrate you. Carry and drink plenty of water, and bring high energy food.
- Be prepared to set up an emergency shelter. Bring a first-aid kit, space blanket, extra clothing, and headlamp.
- Carry and know how to use a map and compass or other navigational aid.

- Protect yourself from the intense winter sun. Use sunglasses or ski goggles and sunscreen.

Winter Hazards

- Check weather and avalanche forecasts. High winds and snow can create dangerous white-out and high avalanche conditions where route finding may become difficult.
- Do not leave designated trails in hydrothermal areas. Avoid getting close to geysers, hot springs, or mudpots. You may fall through overhanging snow ledges or thin crust.
- Know how to recognize avalanche terrain and avoid known avalanche paths. Avalanches are more likely to occur during or after heavy fresh snowfall, high winds, or extreme temperature changes.
- Hypothermia and frostbite can set in quickly. Take preventative measures to avoid the dangers of cold weather. Stay dry and learn how to recognize the signs of hypothermia and frostbite.
- Bears may be active at any time of year—be alert for signs of bear activity.




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Etiquette

- Do not walk on snowshoe or ski trails.
- Snowshoe parallel to the ski track.
- Yield to faster skiers or those going downhill.
- Detour around wildlife—do not approach.

For detailed information on winter trails, routes, and winter safety, contact the Central Backcountry Office or request a Winter Backcountry Trip Planner (available online or from any Visitor Center or Backcountry Office).



“They said they’d seen it all in Yellowstone. We politely suggested one of our Winter Packages. Four days later, that same family couldn’t stop talking about all the *new* things they’d discovered about the park, *and themselves*. We just smiled.”

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Xanterra's Environmental Commitment

Help Protect Yellowstone!

Xanterra provides hospitality in some of the most beautiful places on earth, and we take our role of environmental stewardship very seriously. Through Ecologix, our environmental management program, we incorporate sustainable practices in all aspects of our operations, from food to fuel, and from emissions reduction to renewable energy.

Recycle: For your convenience, we offer recycling in our lodging and food and beverage operations and have in-room containers for plastic, paper, glass, cardboard, steel, and aluminum. Recycling bins are also located throughout the park. With help from visitors like you, last year we recycled over 2 million pounds of material and diverted more than 70% of our waste from the landfill!

Eat Well: In 2011, the Mammoth Hotel Dining Room became a Certified Green Restaurant and all of our restaurants offer a variety of sustainable menu choices including our great tasting Marine Stewardship Council certified salmon, locally sourced meat and game, and fair trade, organic coffee.

Conserve Resources: When staying in the park's guest rooms, take advantage of the linen and towel reuse program, and be sure to turn off lights and heat when you leave the room.

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 adopting green 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 or scan this code:

Thank you for helping us preserve Yellowstone for future generations!



