

## Bicycling Routes

Two gravel roads are open to BOTH bicycle and automotive traffic: The Old Gardiner Road and Blacktail Plateau Drive allow two-way bike traffic and one-way auto traffic. Please do not block entrance gates when parking at these locations.

The following routes (shown and numbered in blue on the map) are restricted to bicycle and foot travel only. Distances listed are one way.

### Mammoth Area

- 1 Abandoned railroad bed paralleling the Yellowstone River, beginning west of the Heritage & Research Center to the park boundary at Reese Creek (5 miles/8 km).
- 2 Bunsen Peak Road to a Mammoth housing & maintenance area (6 miles/9.7 km).

### West Entrance Area

- 3 Riverside Trail from Boundary Street trailhead (in West Yellowstone) to Barnes Road (1.4 miles/2.3 km).

### Old Faithful Area

- 4 Fountain Freight Road at the Fairy Falls Trailhead, located 6 miles (9.7 km) north of Old Faithful (5.5 miles/8.9 miles). Add 1.25 miles (2 km) if you continue on Fountain Flats Drive to Grand Loop Road.
- 5 Daisy Geyser cut-off to Grand Loop Road south of Biscuit Basin. (1 mile/1.6 km).
- 6 The paved trail from the Old Faithful Inn to Morning Glory Pool (1.4 miles/2.3 km). Bicycles are not allowed beyond Morning Glory Pool.
- 7 Lone Star Geyser Trail (south of Kepler Cascades pullout) from the Grand Loop Road to Lone Star Geyser (2.4 miles/3.9 km).

### Lake Area (check for seasonal closures)

- 8 Natural Bridge service road near Bridge Bay (1 mile/1.6 km).
- 9 The old roadbed along the lakeshore between Lake Hotel and the Grand Loop Road (1 mile/1.6 km).

### Tower-Lamar Area

- 10 Mount Washburn from the Chittenden Road parking area to the summit (2.5 miles/4 km). Bicycles are not permitted on the southern trail between the summit and Dunraven Pass parking area.
- 11 Old Chittenden service road between Grand Loop Road and Tower Fall Campground (2 miles/3.2 km). (Check locally: sometimes closed for bear management.)

## INFORMATION

If you are traveling with an organized bicycle group, contact Yellowstone National Park for permits and restrictions:

Visitor Services Office: 307-344-2107

Lodging and camping reservations:  
Xanterra Parks & Resorts: 307-344-7311  
[www.YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com](http://www.YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com)

General Information, Yellowstone National Park:  
307-344-7381  
[www.nps.gov/yell](http://www.nps.gov/yell)

## Emergency: 911

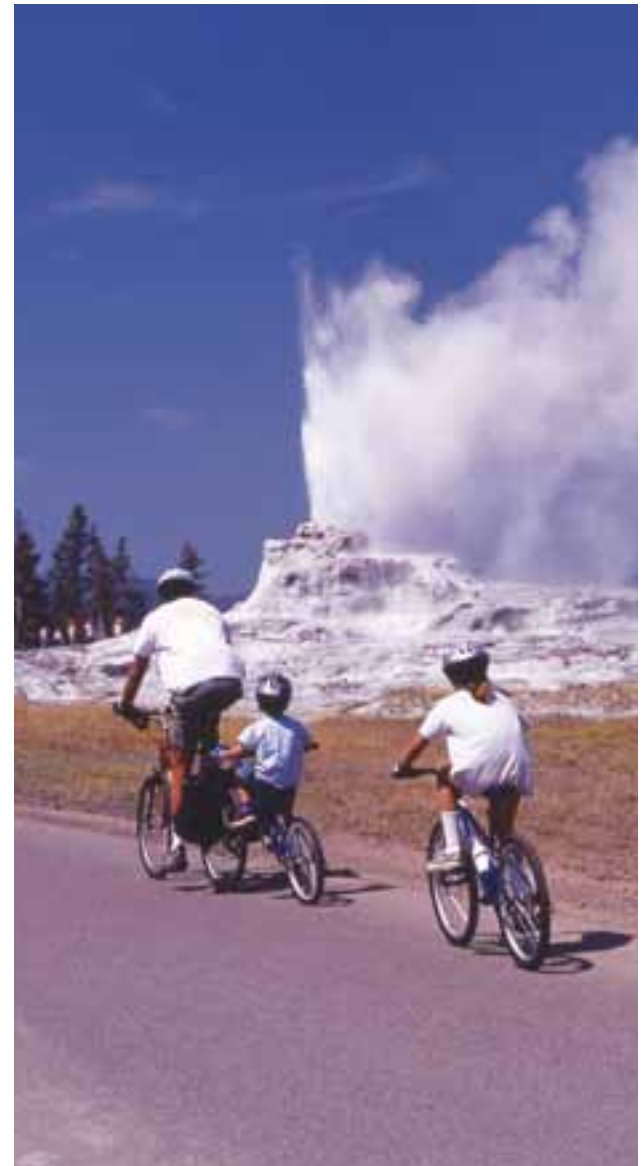


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# Bicycling in Yellowstone National Park



## Bicycling in Yellowstone

Yellowstone's bicycling opportunities can be rewarding and challenging because of terrain and climate. Snow-covered roads and mountain passes prevent bicycling from November through most of April. Cool, cloudy days are typical in May and June. Warm days with afternoon thunderstorms and cool nights characterize July and August. September and October generally have clear, cool days with occasional snowstorms.

The routes listed in this brochure are available when the park's roads open to vehicles; consult the park newspaper or park website for dates. Bicycling is allowed for a short time before roads open in spring and after they close in fall. Over-snow bicycling is not allowed at any time.

### Bicycle Touring

Bicycle touring through Yellowstone National Park can be a rewarding experience, although **advance preparation is essential**. More than 300 miles of roadway exist, and the distances between developed areas are long. **Road elevations range from 5,300 ft. to 8,860 ft. (1615 m to 2700 m)**, requiring extra time and energy between points of travel. Some notable climbs inside the park are: **Craig Pass** (8,261 ft/2518 m), **Sylvan Pass** (8,530 ft/2600 m), and **Dunraven Pass** (8,859 ft/2700 m).

All bicycle touring groups—private, nonprofit, commercial, etc.—must contact the Visitor Services Office (307-344-2107) for permits, special regulations, and other information.

### Repair Services

Repair services and parts are available in the gateway community of West Yellowstone, Montana, and in the more distant communities. Rentals are available from several bicycle shops outside the park and at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge (May to September).

## Regulations

- Bicycle riders on public roadways in Yellowstone must obey the same rules and regulations that apply to motorized vehicles.
- Bicycles are not allowed on park trails, boardwalks, utility corridors, or service roads (except those listed under "Bicycling Routes").
- Bicycles must exhibit a white light on the front and a red light or reflector on the rear during periods of low visibility.
- Bicycle riders on public roadways must ride in single file. Riding abreast is prohibited.

## Camping in Yellowstone

Camping for bicyclists is limited to the developed campgrounds located throughout the park. Five campgrounds accept reservations; seven are first-come, first-served. Their seasonal openings and closings are listed on the park website and in the park newspaper. Mammoth Campground is the only one open all year.

Bicycle campers need to plan logistics carefully in Yellowstone. Long distances separate campgrounds, which typically fill early each day during summer. If you have access to a vehicle, use it to find a campsite in your destination campground early each day. **Camping is not available at Old Faithful.**

A limited number of campsites are reserved for hikers and bicyclists, except at Slough Creek. Bicyclists camping without a vehicle can use these sites for \$5 per individual per night. Vehicle campsites range from \$12 to \$20 per night depending on the campground. (Fees are valid as of February 2011 and are subject to change.)

Groups are required to camp in group campsites at Madison, Bridge Bay, or Grant; call Xanterra Parks & Resorts well in advance of your arrival to check on group campsite availability.

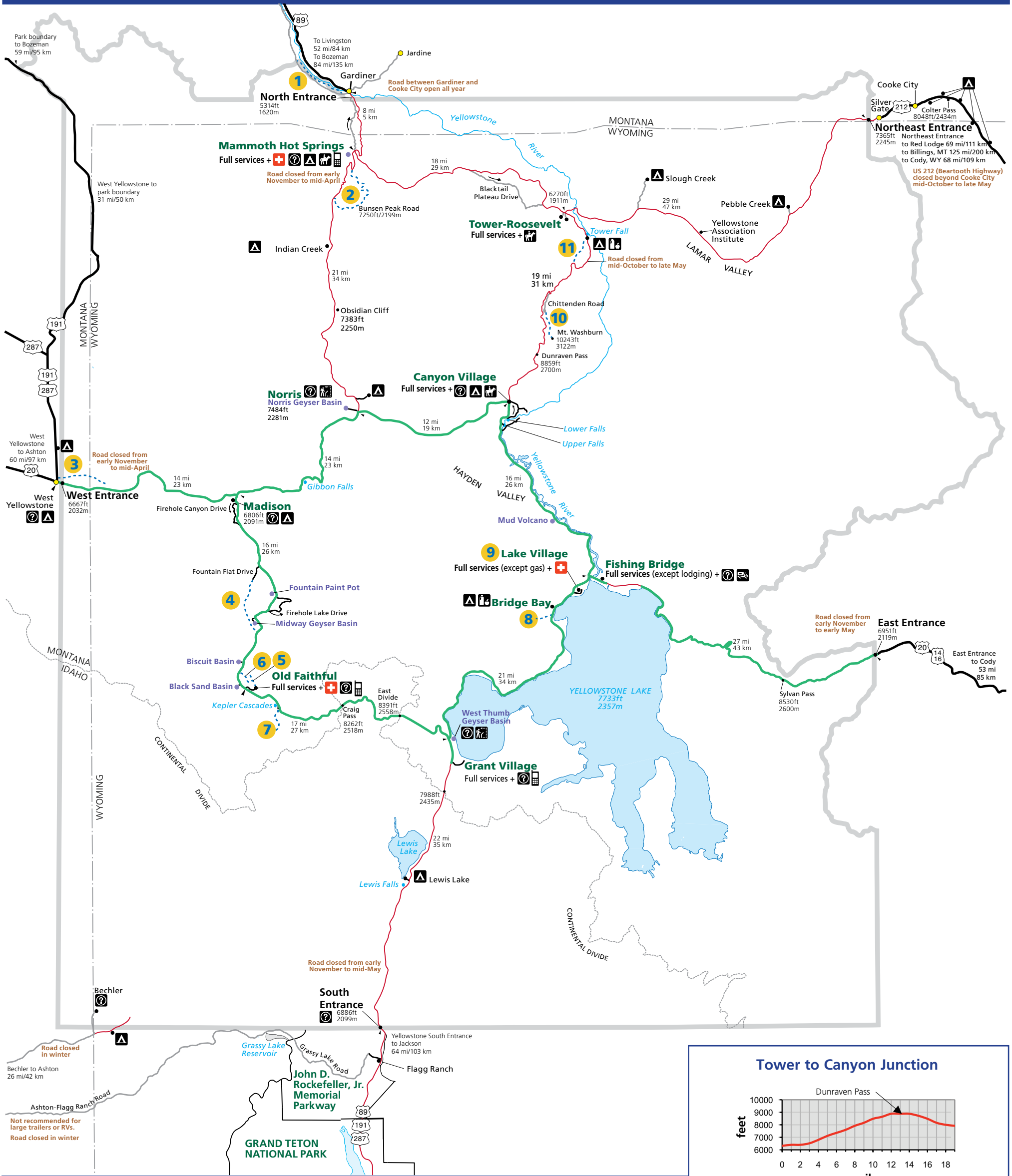
## Road Conditions and Safety

Review the map on the opposite side of this brochure for road information.

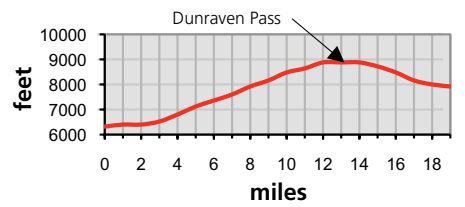
- **RED ROADS** are narrow and rough without road shoulders. Consider these poor road conditions when planning your bicycle travel in the park.
- **SPRING CAUTION:** During May and June, high snowbanks make travel more dangerous, especially in the south-central area of the park.
- **ROAD CONSTRUCTION:** A parkwide road improvement plan is underway. **Expect road construction; inquire locally for details.**
- **BE VISIBLE!** Heavy traffic, large vehicles, wide mirrors, narrow roads, and erratic driving behavior are potential hazards that contribute to the bicycle-motorist related accidents that occur each year in the park. **Wear a helmet and high visibility clothing!**
- **PLAN FOR TRAFFIC.** Traffic is heaviest from mid-June to mid-September with daily peaks from mid-morning to late afternoon. Roads most heavily used are those serving the well-known points of interest in the park. Plan your route to avoid peak traffic periods and heavily used roadways. Pull over to allow motorists to pass if you are impeding traffic flow. On the few service roads open to bikes, yield the right-of-way to other users such as hikers or horse riders.

Further the interests of all cyclists by staying on designated routes, off foot trails, and out of closed areas.

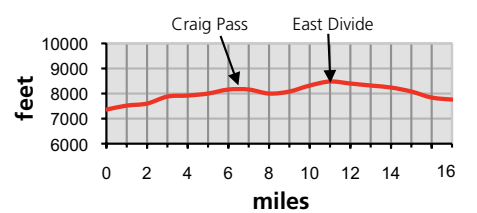
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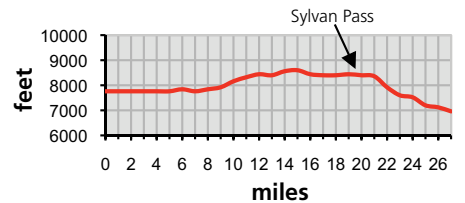
**Tower to Canyon Junction**



**Old Faithful to West Thumb**



**Fishing Bridge to East Entrance**



## Road construction

Check park newspaper or website for delays or closures.

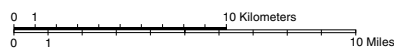
## Backcountry Camping

Backcountry camping requires permits; inquire at visitor centers or information stations.

Do not use this map for backcountry hiking.

## Fishing

Fishing requires a Yellowstone National Park permit. State permits are not valid in the park and state regulations do not apply.



- 00mi / 00km Distance indicator
- Day-use bicycling/hiking trail
- Improved road
- Unimproved road
- Highways
- Gravel road
- One-way road

- Full Services =**
- Stores
  - Food
  - Lodging
  - Recycling
  - Fuel

- Other Services**
- Medical clinic
  - Visitor center or information station
  - Campground
  - RV park
  - Trail rides
  - Cell phone service may be available
  - Self-guiding Trail

Check the park website or newspaper for seasonal dates of services and facilities.