

Mammoth Hot Springs



Mammoth Hot Springs terraces are like living sculptures, shaped by the volume of water, the slope of the ground, and objects in the water's path. Travertine builds up rapidly here and causes the features to change quickly and constantly. Some vents will clog completely, new vents may form, and old vents may reopen. Sometimes the water is concentrated in a few springs while at other times it may spread across many outlets.

In every case, water follows the path of least resistance, whether above ground or underground. Scientists estimate that, at any given time, only about 10 percent of the water in the Mammoth Hot Springs system is on the surface. The features are always changing, but the overall activity of the entire area and the volume of water discharge remain relatively constant. Here, as in few other places on earth, rock forms before your eyes.

Local Services

Horace M. Albright Visitor Center
Located at Mammoth Hot Springs, in Historic Fort Yellowstone. Get immersed in the history of Yellowstone and the National Park Service, and the wildlife of Yellowstone's Northern Range. Open daily, year round.

Phone: 307-344-2263

5/25–9/30 8 AM–7 PM
10/1–5/24 9 AM–5 PM

Backcountry Office located inside.

Yellowstone Forever Bookstore inside.

Lodging

Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel 4/27–9/4. Showers available for \$2. Cabins 4/27–10/14.

Campground

Mammoth Campground is open year-round.

Food

Mammoth Hotel Dining Room 4/27–10/14
Terrace Grill 4/27–10/14

Fuel

Credit card fueling 24-hours; year-round.
Liquid propane gas bottle exchange 5/11–9/30



Stay on boardwalks and designated trails. Do not touch any thermal features and keep foreign objects out of springs.

Shopping

Mammoth General Store open year-round. Sells groceries, ice cream, souvenirs, apparel. Has a public water bottle filling station.

Mammoth Hotel Gift Store 4/27–9/3

Other

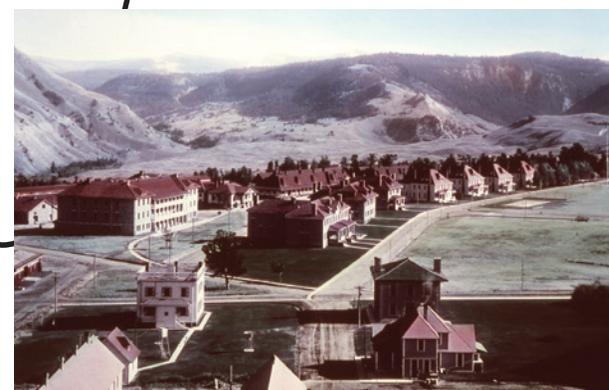
Medical Clinic 6/1–9/27, open daily 8:30 AM–5 PM; 9/28–5/31 open weekdays. Phone: 307-344-7965 **Emergency dial 911**

U.S. Post Office

Self-guiding trail booklets are available for the Mammoth Terraces and Fort Yellowstone.

Public restrooms are located at all visitor centers, stores, restaurants, hotels, gas stations, and at or near all picnic areas.

Recycling bins are located near the General Store and at the campground.



Fort Yellowstone

For the decade after Yellowstone National Park was established in 1872, the park was under serious threat from those who would exploit, rather than protect, its resources. In 1886, the U.S. Army stepped in to help.

The buildings of Fort Yellowstone are a testament to the long history of our first national park and of the important role the Army played in preserving it for the future. They remind us that the resources we find within Yellowstone's boundaries are not only natural ones, but cultural as well. Our interactions with this wilderness continue to shape our idea of what a national park should be, just as they did during the days of Fort Yellowstone.