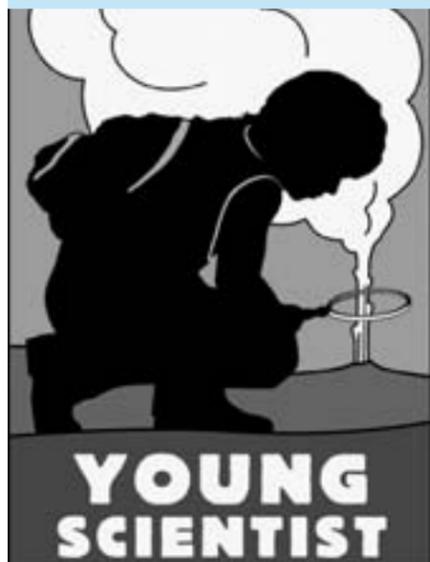


# RANGER PROGRAMS



Summer  
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Have a few minutes? An hour? Half a day?  
Want to ask a few questions? Explore the park in depth?  
Ranger Programs offer something for everyone!



## Especially for Children

### Young Scientist Program

If you are five years old or older, you can become a Young Scientist! Purchase a self-guiding booklet for \$5 at the Canyon Visitor Education Center (ages 10 and up) or Old Faithful Visitor Center (ages 5 and up). If you are investigating in the Old Faithful area, check out a Young Scientist Toolkit for the gear you need. Once you have completed the investigation, you will be awarded a Young Scientist patch or key chain.

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### Junior Ranger Program

If you are between the ages of 5 and 12, you can become a Junior Ranger! Stop by any park visitor center or the Junior Ranger Station located at Madison for details on how you can learn more about Yellowstone. Purchase the official Junior Ranger newspaper for \$3 and complete the program requirements. Ranger-led programs especially for Junior Rangers and their families are offered at most areas. You will be awarded a wolf track patch if you are ages of 5 to 7, a bear track if you are ages 8 to 12.

## Attention Teachers!

The National Park Service invites you and your class to participate in *Expedition: Yellowstone!*—a curriculum-based, residential program designed for grades 4–8. Through field investigations and interdisciplinary activities, students learn about the natural and cultural resources in Yellowstone National Park. For more information, write to *Expedition: Yellowstone!*, PO Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190 or visit [www.nps.gov/yell/ey](http://www.nps.gov/yell/ey)

Two teacher workshops will be offered this year, providing educators with invigorating ideas for instruction in any setting. If you plan to bring your class to the park, you may be able to arrange a ranger-led program by calling 307-344-2318. Visit [www.nps.gov/forteachers](http://www.nps.gov/forteachers) to learn more about these programs and to keep informed about upcoming programs.

## Road Work In Park

*Details on back page of park newspaper.*

Yellowstone's roads are being improved. Expect 30 minute delays and some nightly closures. Major projects are:

**Grand Loop Road** between Norris and Madison, including the stretch that goes through Gibbon Canyon. This area will experience nightly closures during the summer, and close for the season on August 17.

**East Entrance Road** at Sylvan Pass

**Outside Yellowstone:**

Beartooth Highway, outside Northeast Entrance and beyond Cooke City

Grand Teton National Park

Highways in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho

EXPECT  
TRAFFIC  
DELAYS

## Ranger Talks

During the day, you can join ranger talks scheduled all around the park. You can find out fascinating facts about wildlife, history, and geology. The programs range from casual drop in conversations such as “Coffee With a Ranger” to longer talks held outdoors in various locations and in comfortable indoor auditoriums. If you have children, look for ranger talks geared for kids at Canyon, Old Faithful, and plenty of activities at the Junior Ranger Station at Madison.

## Ranger Walks

Feel like stretching your legs while you learn about Yellowstone? Then look for ranger-led walks. You can explore the meadows of the Canyon area and walk along its rims; enjoy wildlife watching in Hayden Valley; stroll along the Yellowstone River, Yellowstone Lake, and walk among the hydrothermal wonders of the geyser basins and Mud Volcano. And if you would prefer a boat ride—check out the Lake Scenic Cruise, which is operated by a concessioner but features a park ranger guide on select trips.

## Ranger Adventure Hikes

Yellowstone National Park offers exceptional opportunities for you to explore backcountry trails with a park ranger. Each hike has been specially selected to show you wonders of the park that most visitors never see. Hikes are limited to 15 people, and **you must sign up in person and in advance at a specific visitor center.** Hike details are on page H.

## Evening Programs

Visitors of all ages enjoy the classic ranger evening programs, which are held in all the major areas. Enjoy the stories and fascinating facts that rangers can tell, view stunning photography, and just have fun and relax! Most programs begin at 9 or 9:30, but you'll find earlier programs at Norris, Fishing Bridge, and Old Faithful. The topics change frequently; check at a visitor center or campground bulletin board to find out what's being presented while you are here.

### Star Parties

Astronomy programs are presented one weekend each summer month in the Madison Area. See page E for more information.

## Program Accessibility



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.



Yellowstone National Park is improving accessibility for all visitors. Many, but not all, of our ranger programs are accessible: look for the wheelchair symbol at the end of each program description. For more park accessibility information, ask for the guide to wheelchair accessible features in Yellowstone; available free at entrance stations, visitor centers, and on [www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/parkwide-access.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/parkwide-access.htm).