



# RANGER ADVENTURE HIKES

**FREE!** Explore Yellowstone on a guided half-day hike with a park ranger! Each hike has been specially selected and is limited in the number of participants to provide you with the very best experience.

**WHEN:** June 13–September 6, starting & ending dates vary (see area listings inside).

**HOW TO SIGN UP:** You must sign up in advance at any park visitor center, where you will receive instructions, tickets, and directions to the trailhead.

## MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS AREA

*Advance sign-up required at any visitor center*

### Scenic Snow Pass 8 AM, Tuesday & Thursday

Hike through the strange, jumbled boulders of the Hoodoos and groves of aspen and Douglas-fir. Travel over Snow Pass, an early park road, then revel in the scenery of the Gallatin Range. Come explore this delightful, diverse corner of Yellowstone.

**Difficulty** Moderate (Elevation gain: 550 ft/170 m)

**Duration** 5.5–6 hours

**Total Distance** 6.8 miles/10.9 km

**Type of Trail** Loop; maintained trail. *Hikers afraid of heights may be uncomfortable on a short stretch of this trail.*

### Beaver Ponds Ramble 8 AM, Monday & Wednesday

Explore the diversity of the Mammoth Hot Springs area on this lovely hike through aspen groves, Douglas-fir woodlands, and meadows. Several tranquil ponds hold the promise of wildlife sightings, and the views of northern Yellowstone are spectacular.

**Difficulty** Moderate (Elevation gain: 600 ft/186 m)

**Duration** 4.5 hours

**Total Distance** 5 miles/8 km

**Type of Trail** Loop; hilly maintained trail.

## TOWER-ROOSEVELT AREA

*Advance sign-up required at any visitor center*

### Gem of the Rockies 8 AM, Sunday

Garnet Hill lies at the heart of Yellowstone's famed northern range, home to vast herds of wildlife. Hike through Pleasant Valley into the forest glen of Elk Creek and along the roaring Yellowstone River as we circle Garnet Hill on this "gem" of a trail.

**Difficulty** Moderate, but fairly long (Elevation gain: 300 ft/90 m)

**Duration** 6 hours

**Total Distance** 7.5 miles/12 km

**Type of Trail** Loop; stagecoach dirt road (1.5 mi/2.4 km) and maintained trail.

## CANYON VILLAGE AREA

*Advance sign-up required at any visitor center*

### Fire on the Mountain 8 AM, Friday

Enjoy one of Yellowstone's most beloved hikes to the fire lookout at the top of Mt Washburn. Learn about the area's natural and human history while taking in spectacular vistas from over 10,000 feet. Come join us for this extraordinary experience!

**Difficulty** Strenuous (Elevation gain: 1400 ft/427 m)

**Duration** 6 hours

**Total Distance** 6 miles/9.6 km

**Type of Trail** Out and back; maintained trail.

## OLD FAITHFUL AREA

*Advance sign-up required at any visitor center*

### Shoshone Lake Discovery 8 AM, Wed. & Sat.

Take a hike straight into the wilderness of Yellowstone. Follow DeLacy Creek to the pebbly shore of Shoshone Lake, the largest backcountry lake in the United States and a beautiful destination for this backcountry hike.

**Difficulty** Moderate (Elevation gain: 200 ft/60 m)

**Duration** 4.5–5 hours

**Total Distance** 6 miles/9.6 km

**Type of Trail** Out and back; maintained trail.

### Lone Star Stroll 7:30 AM, Thursday

Walk through lush forests along the Firehole River to Lone Star Geyser, one of Yellowstone's hidden treasures, on this family friendly activity. Lone Star is an active geyser with a massive geyser cone that erupts a sparkling jet of steaming water every few hours.

**Difficulty** Easy (Elevation gain: 40 ft/12 m)

**Duration** 4.5–5 hours

**Total Distance** 4.8 miles/7.7 km

**Type of Trail** Out and back; rough, partially paved road that is open to bicycles but not motor vehicles.

### Fairy Falls Frolic 7:30 AM, Tuesday & Friday

Ramble along the edge of a spectacular geyser basin and through a thriving young forest to Fairy Falls where water plunges 200 feet over a lava wall. Visit a backcountry hydrothermal area that includes Imperial Geyser.

**Difficulty** Moderate

**Duration** 5 hours

**Total Distance** 6.4 miles/10.3 km

**Type of Trail** Out and back; maintained trail.

## FISHING BRIDGE & LAKE VILLAGE AREA

*Advance sign-up required at any visitor center*

### Avalanche Peak Experience 8 AM, Saturday

For a truly "breathtaking" encounter with the wild side of Yellowstone, make the steep ascent to the knife-edged summit of Avalanche Peak (10,566 ft/3,221 m). Your efforts will be rewarded with one of the most stunning panoramic views of Yellowstone. Enjoy this peak experience!

**Difficulty** Strenuous (Elevation gain: 2100 ft/650 m)

**Duration** 6 hours

**Total Distance** 4 miles/6.4 km

**Type of Trail** Out and back; maintained, steep trail. *Hikers afraid of heights may be uncomfortable on the summit portion.*