

General Regulations



All vessels, including float tubes, require an inspection and a permit.

Boating

Vessel inspections & permits

The boating season begins the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and extends through October 31. All vessels—including float tubes—require a boat permit, a life vest for each passenger, and an emergency sound device such as a whistle or air horn. All vessels must be checked by NPS inspectors to ensure they are free of aquatic invasive species before entering any park waters. See Yellowstone’s Boating Regulations or visit go.nps.gov/YELLais for details.



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Be A Good Steward. Clean. Drain. Dry.

StopAquaticHitchhikers.org

Aquatic invasive species jeopardize the ecological, recreational, and economic values of the entire Yellowstone area. Please protect Yellowstone waters:

- 1. CLEAN** water, mud, plants, fish, and all other foreign material from your boats, trailers, and other equipment—including **waders, boots, clothing, and nets**—use high-pressure, hot (>140°F) water to treat all gear before you enter Yellowstone National Park.
- 2. DRAIN** your boat hull and live well in a safe location (a flat, paved, dirt, or gravel area) away from all park surface waters. Do not dump water from other sources into Yellowstone waters.
- 3. DRY.** Ensure all gear is clean and **completely dry for 5 days**—including waders, boots, clothing, and nets—before fishing another stream or lake in the park.
- 4. DO NOT BRING BAIT** into Yellowstone National Park. No natural or organic bait such as minnows, salmon eggs, worms, insects, or foodstuffs—alive or dead—are allowed.
- 5. NEVER MOVE** water, fish, other animals, or plants from one stream or lake to another. It is illegal to transport live fish within the park.

See Yellowstone’s aquatic invasive species brochure or the park website for additional details.