

Yellowstone Summer

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Park mission: Preserved within Yellowstone National Park are Old Faithful and the majority of the world's geysers and hot springs. An outstanding mountain wildland with clean water and air, Yellowstone is home of the grizzly bear and wolf and free-ranging herds of bison and elk. Centuries-old sites and historic buildings that reflect the unique heritage of America's first national park are also protected. Yellowstone National Park serves as a model and inspiration for national parks throughout the world.


Top 10 things to know


Welcome to Yellowstone. We're glad you're here.


As you enter the park, please become familiar with some of the rules and advisories that are important to a safe and enjoyable visit. More are described inside and online at


www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/rules


 **Give wildlife a brake.** Unless posted slower, top speed throughout the park is 45 mph (73 kph). To assure yourself enough stopping distance if you encounter animals unexpectedly, please slow down.


 **Watch from pullouts.** If you see wildlife while driving, do not stop or impede the safe and free flow of traffic along any portion of the roadway. Instead, find the next established pullout, park, and watch from a safe distance.


 **Campfires** are allowed only in designated grills in park campgrounds, some picnic areas and specific backcountry campsites. Ask locally about current fire restrictions. Campfires must be extinguished before leaving unattended.


 **Do not approach wildlife.** You must stay at least 100 yards (91 m) from bears and wolves. A distance of 25 yards (23 m) is required from bison, elk, and other animals. Regardless of distance, if any animal changes its behavior due to your presence, you are too close.


 **Do not feed any wild animals,** including birds. Consuming human food is unhealthy and encourages aggressive behavior that may require management action. All food, trash, coolers, and cooking tools must be kept secure in a bear-proof container unless in immediate use.

 **Stay on designated trails and boardwalks.** Ground in hydrothermal areas is fragile and thin, and there is scalding water just below. Visitors have fallen through and died here. Keep your children close at hand.

 **Avoid water hazards.** Do not take risks while fishing, wading, or crossing streams. Swimming is unsafe and prohibited in many areas. Park waters can be deceptively cold and swift. All boats and float tubes require permits.

 As you enjoy trails, **be bear aware.** You are safer hiking with groups of three or more. In areas of low visibility, make noise to avoid surprise encounters. Do not run from a bear under any circumstance. Carry bear spray and know how to use it safely.

 **Control your pet.** Pets are not allowed on trails or boardwalks, in the backcountry or hydrothermal basins. Where allowed, pets must be leashed and remain within 100 feet (30.5 m) of a road or parking area. Do not leave a pet unattended or tied to an object. Owners must bag and dispose of pet waste.

 **Cell phone service** may be available in the developed areas at Canyon, Grant, Lake, Mammoth Hot Springs, Old Faithful, Tower, and the North and West entrances. Check with your provider for coverage areas. As a courtesy to others, please silence your cellphone while enjoying Yellowstone's natural features. Wi-Fi is available to visitors at the Mammoth Hotel lounge and the Old Faithful Snow Lodge for a fee.

Emergency

Dial 911

Information line 307-344-7381

TTY 307-344-2386

Road updates 307-344-2117

Medical services • Yellowstone is on 911 emergency service, including ambulances. Medical services are available year round at Mammoth Clinic (307-344-7965), except some holidays. Services are also offered at Lake Clinic (307-242-7241) May 23–September 20 and at Old Faithful Clinic (307-545-7325) May 16–October 3.

Lodging, dining, and activity reservations

Xanterra Parks & Resorts 866-439-7375 (toll free) or 307-344-7311. TTY 307-344-5395
www.YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com

Lost and found • Call 307-344-5387 to report or retrieve items lost in lodging facilities. To report or retrieve items lost in other parts of the park, call 307-344-2109.

Accessibility • A printed guide for visitors who use wheelchairs is available at all visitor centers. To arrange for an ASL interpreter for NPS ranger-led programs, call 307-344-2251 at least three weeks in advance.

All hazards NOAA weather radio • If you have a weather radio receiver, tune to 162.425 MHz (Mammoth area) or 162.450 MHz (Lake area) to receive hazardous weather alerts. You can also check for updates posted at www.crh.noaa.gov/riw/nwr/

Foreign language translations



歡迎光臨 • 欢迎光临 • Vítejte • Bienvenue
Willkommen • Benvenuti • ようこそ
환영합니다 • Добро пожаловать • Bienvenido



Scan this QR code with a free app for your smartphone to link directly to foreign language translations on the park website.

<http://go.nps.gov/translate-ynp>

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The development of new communication technology has changed the way visitors view, share, and experience the park.

Your Yellowstone experience has been more than 140 years in the making

You are the reason that Yellowstone National Park exists here today. So are your children, and their grandchildren.

Since Yellowstone's founding as the world's first national park on March 1, 1872, it has evolved a complex stewardship mission to be both available and conserved for the enjoyment of all.

As you explore the park today, try to imagine what it was like to come here as one of those earliest visitors, and then also whether your experience will still be similar for those who visit in generations to come.

Many of the people who work and volunteer here enjoy sharing it with visitors since it allows them to see it fresh through your eyes. Please, seek us out –

- Step inside a visitor center and explore the exhibits and interpretive offerings.
- Carve time into your travel plans to attend a ranger walk, talk, or evening program. Our summer offerings begin Memorial Day weekend, and run through Labor Day weekend.
- Encourage your child to complete a Junior Ranger or Young Scientist activity booklet. Many rangers believe signing a finished booklet and leading a child through the Junior Ranger pledge is one of the most important and honor-bound duties we have.

It turns out you also mean a great deal to the economies of our gateway communities. A recent study by the US Geological Survey

economists shows that total visitor spending in the local economies surrounding Yellowstone amounted to more than \$400 million in 2012. This spending supported 5,619 jobs in the local area. The national park system as a whole, which hosted 283 million recreational visits in 2012, injected an estimated \$26.7 billion into local economies across the country, and supported 201,000 jobs nationwide. Clearly, even through hard times, Americans see national parks as valuable, and a good value.

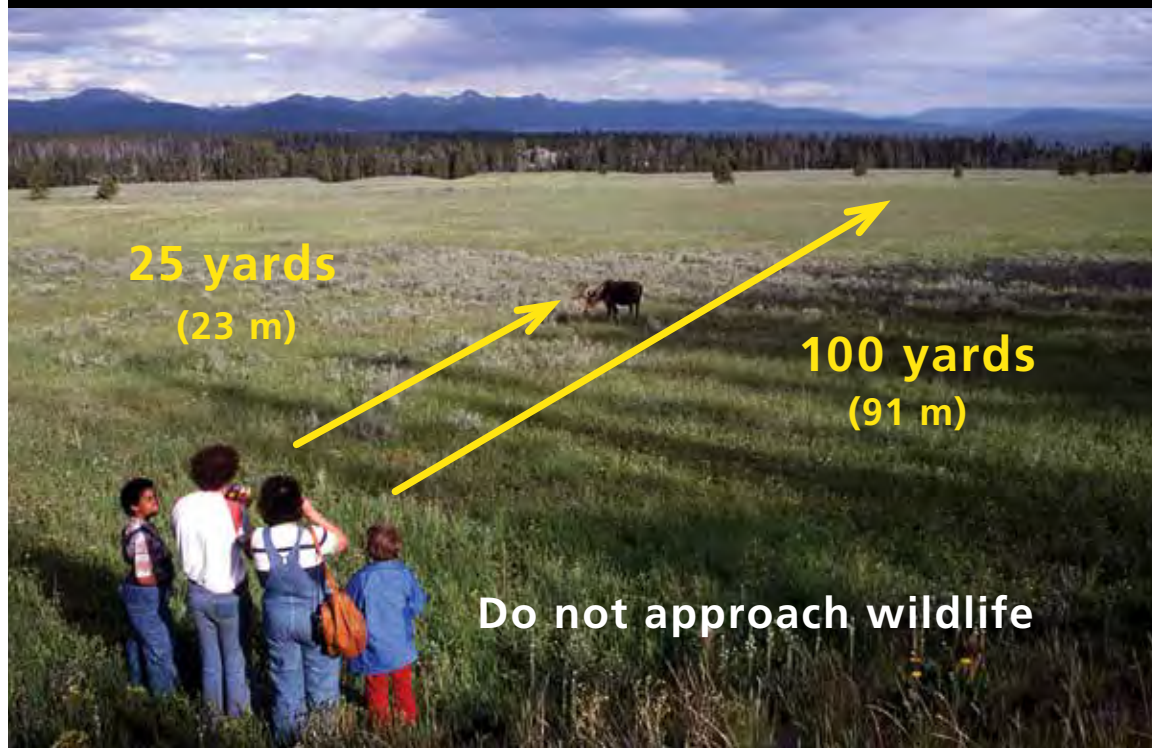
If you have suggestions for how we can further improve your experience, fill out a comment form at a visitor center, make use of contact information published here or on the park website at www.nps.gov/yell

Have a safe visit and come back soon.



Superintendent Daniel N. Wenk

Keep your distance



- Federal regulations require you to stay at least 100 yards (91 m) away from bears and wolves, and at least 25 yards (23 m) away from all other wild animals, such as bison, elk, bighorn sheep, deer, moose, and coyotes.
- If an animal moves closer to you, you should move to maintain the appropriate distance.
- Do not surround, crowd, or disrupt an animal's path of movement.
- If other visitors put you or wildlife in danger, leave the scene and notify a park ranger.



These activities are prohibited within Yellowstone

- Willfully remaining near or approaching wildlife, including nesting birds, within any distance that disturbs or displaces the animal.
- Traveling off boardwalks or designated trails in hydrothermal areas.
- Throwing anything into thermal features.
- Swimming in hot springs.
- Removing or possessing natural or cultural resources (such as wildflowers, antlers, rocks, and arrowheads).
- Leaving detachable side mirrors attached when not pulling trailers.
- Traveling off-road by vehicle or bicycle.
- Camping outside of designated areas.
- Spotlighting wildlife (viewing with lights).
- Imitating elk calls or using buglers. Imitating wolf howls.
- Using electronic equipment capable of tracking wildlife.

For more information, consult 36 CFR and the Superintendent's Compendium posted online at www.nps.gov/yell/parkmgmt/lawsandpolicies



Firearms—know your responsibilities.

Firearms are allowed in national parks pursuant to state and federal regulation. They are prohibited in facilities where signs are posted, such as visitor centers, government offices, and some concession operations. Discharge of firearms is prohibited. Possession and use of weapons, such as air guns, bows and arrows, spears and slingshots, is also prohibited. Details are available at www.nps.gov/yell/parkmgmt/lawsandpolicies

Remote camera equipment

Currently, regulations and restrictions concerning the use of recreational remote controlled model aircraft in National Parks are being developed. Please check at a Visitor Center or Ranger Station for further information.



Park Tip Line • To report a crime or criminal activity please call 307-344-2132. Leave as much detail as you can. Remain anonymous, or leave a name and number.

Keep your food secure



Do not feed any wildlife, including small mammals and birds. Consuming human food is unhealthy and encourages aggressive behavior that may require animals to be destroyed.

All food, trash, and scented items must be kept bear-proof at all times. Tents, truck beds, and picnic tables are not secure. In some areas, ravens have learned how to unzip packs and scatter the contents.

None of these items, even if clean and empty, may be left unattended at any time:

- Water and beverage containers
- Cooking or eating utensils
- Stoves and grills
- Coolers and ice chests
- Garbage—bagged or not
- Food, including condiments, even if in containers
- Cosmetics and toiletries
- Pet food and bowls
- Pails, buckets, and wash basins

Stay on boardwalks



You must stay on boardwalks and official trails around hydrothermal features. The ground surface is thin, and often overlies scalding water. Visitors have died here.

These activities require a permit

- Fishing
- Boating or use of float tubes
- Overnight backcountry camping
- Travel with a service animal in the backcountry
- All commercial services
- Commercial filming and photography with props or models
- Stock entry into the park requires Coggins testing

For your health

- Toxic gases may exist at dangerous levels in some hydrothermal areas. If you feel sick, leave immediately.
- Much of the park is above 7,500 feet (2,275 m). Allow yourself time to acclimate and drink plenty of liquids to avoid dehydration. Be aware of your physical limitations and don't overexert. Visitors with cardiac or respiratory medical history may wish to consult a physician before a visit.

Backcountry camping



Overnight backcountry camping in Yellowstone requires a permit. Permits are free if acquired in person within 48 hours before the start of your trip. Each year, starting April 1, you can request advance permits and campsite reservations by mail for a \$25 fee. The backcountry trip planner is available online at www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/backcountryhiking.htm



Filter **drinking water** with a commercial filter, treat it with a chemical such as iodine or chlorine, or boil it at least one minute. Never drink water from a thermal area or hot spring.



Sanitation matters. Do not wash yourself, clothing, or dishes in lakes, ponds, rivers, or streams. Bury human waste six to eight inches (15–20 cm) below ground and a minimum of 100 feet (30 m) from water. Dispose of wastewater at least 100 feet (30 m) from water or campsites.

Boating

Boating is allowed on most of Yellowstone Lake and on Lewis Lake. Only non-motorized boating is allowed on most other lakes. Only one river is open to non-motorized boating, the Lewis River channel between Lewis and Shoshone lakes. Permits are required for all boats and float tubes. Boaters must have a Coast Guard-approved wearable flotation device for each person.

All boat permits (motorized and non-motorized) can be purchased at the South Entrance, Grant Village Backcountry Office, and Bridge Bay Ranger Station. Mammoth Backcountry Office sells only **non-motorized permits** (kayak, canoe, or float tube). Northeast Entrance, Canyon and Old Faithful backcountry offices, and Bechler Ranger Station sell only **float tube permits**.

All boats will be inspected by NPS rangers for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) when obtaining a permit. As a precaution, any type watercraft suspected of harboring AIS will be subject to a non-chemical decontamination treatment.

Clean • Inspect • Dry

Transporting water, or any aquatic plants and animals into park waters is illegal. **Aquatic Invasive Species** are nonnative plants and animals that can cause irreversible harm to the park ecosystem. New Zealand mudsnails, whirling disease, and lake trout have resulted in loss of native fish and closure of some areas. Watercraft users and anglers are asked to inspect all items that may come in contact with park waters, ensuring that they are clean and dry. If you witness a violation, call 307-344-7381 or contact a ranger.

General fishing season opens May 24

The general fishing season opens May 24. However, some areas remain closed until July 15. Fishing permits are required in Yellowstone, state-issued fishing permits are not valid within the park. Anglers 16 years or older need a permit to fish in the park. Younger children can fish for free under certain conditions.

Anglers are responsible for knowing how to tell the difference between species. Native fish must be released unharmed back into the water immediately. These include:

- Arctic grayling
- cutthroat trout
- mountain whitefish

Special tackle restrictions are also in effect for park waters:

- Hooks must be barbless.
- Tackle and lures must be non-toxic. Leaded split-shot sinkers, soft lead-weighted ribbon, and other toxic tackle are not allowed.
- Bait is not allowed. Organic bait (worms, minnows, etc.) and inorganic bait (rubber worms, scented attractant, etc.) are both prohibited.

Permits are available as locations open. Inquire at ranger stations, visitor centers, or general stores, and at select locations outside the park. Regulations are posted at

www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/fishing.htm

Visiting anglers asked to help manage invasive lake trout

Each year, visitors catch about 9,000 nonnative lake trout. Regulations require anglers to kill all lake trout that they catch in Yellowstone Lake and its tributaries.

Yellowstone Lake's native cutthroat trout are severely threatened by lake trout, voracious predators that were introduced illegally to the lake and verified in 1994. Adult cutthroat trout are a critical food source for a variety of wildlife such as bald eagles, ospreys, pelicans, cormorants, gulls, otters, and grizzly bears. Lake trout do not serve this same role for wildlife throughout the ecosystem.

The park now targets lake trout with an intensive gill-netting program that begins each spring after ice is gone from Yellowstone Lake and continues into October. While managers don't expect to eliminate lake trout entirely,

they do hope to limit growth of the population and to recover cutthroat trout to the greatest extent possible.

More information is available online at www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/fishing.htm



Each year, an individual lake trout can prey upon as many as 41 cutthroat trout.

Wild lands and wildfire

Wildfire may affect your visit. Smoke may be visible from ongoing fires, and changing conditions could impact your travel plans.

Naturally occurring fires are an important part of the ecosystem. Vegetation has evolved in the presence of fire. Fire returns necessary nutrients to the soil and some species, like the lodgepole pine (*pinus contorta*), actually depend on fire.

Fire promotes habitat diversity by removing the forest overstory, allowing different plant communities to become established, and preventing trees from taking over grassland.

Periodic, patchy fires also reduce the amount of fuel available, and thereby help prevent larger, more expansive blazes across the landscape.



Campfires are allowed only in designated grills in park campgrounds, some picnic areas, and specific backcountry campsites. Ask locally about current fire restrictions.

Be prepared for bear country



Wildlife scientists note that there is an average of one bear attack in the park each year. In 2011, in separate incidents, two visitors were killed by bears inside the park. **Your safety cannot be guaranteed.**

Hiking in bear country takes appropriate preparation. Before you set out, be sure to learn what to do if you ever encounter a bear unexpectedly.

You are most likely to encounter bears at park roadsides

If you see a bear while driving, do not stop and do not block any portion of the road. Regardless of what other people do, keep moving to the next paved pullout and park safely. If the bear is within 100 yards, watch and take photographs from inside your car.

Store all food, trash, and scented items properly

All food, trash, scented items, coolers, and cooking tools must be kept secure in a bear-proof container or vehicle. Tents, truck beds, unattended packs, and picnic tables are not secure.

For your safety and the safety of others, please report all bear incidents and wildlife encounters to a park ranger immediately.

Scan this QR code with a free app for your smartphone to link directly to information about bears on the park website.

<http://go.nps.gov/ynp-bear>

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Changing climate, new challenges

The National Park Service anticipates that climate change will create significant challenges to the preservation of park resources, infrastructure, and visitor experience. Within Yellowstone specifically, scientists expect ecosystems to change due to increased temperatures and changing rain and snow patterns. Some observed and expected effects of climate change are:

- The alpine zone, which currently begins at 9,500 feet, may shift higher, decreasing or eliminating species that live in this important habitat.
- Wildland fire in the western states is expected to intensify. In Yellowstone, fires may be more frequent, but smaller and less intense.
- Increased insect or disease infestations in trees. Currently, five types of insect pest and one fungus are attacking regional forests.
- Declining wetlands will decrease essential habitat for frogs, salamanders, and many birds and insects.

- Wildlife predictions vary. Grassland animals should be able to find suitable habitat. Grizzly bears may have less of their most nutritious foods such as whitebark pine nuts and army cutworm moths.
- Native plants may be lost and replaced with nonnative invasive exotic plants more adapted to dryer conditions.



Climate change poses a major threat to sensitive species like the American pika (*Ochotona princeps*). Learn more about how pikas are helping scientists understand the impacts of climate change through the Pikas in Peril Project: <http://go.usa.gov/TTSh>

Hiking in bear habitat

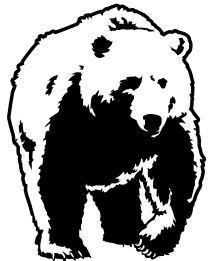
- **BE ALERT** watch for bears, fresh tracks, or scat.
- **MAKE NOISE** in areas with limited visibility.
- **CARRY BEAR SPRAY** and know how to use it.
- **AVOID HIKING ALONE**—hike with three or more people.
- **DO NOT RUN.**

Bear encounters

Remember to check at local visitor centers or ranger stations for recent bear activity before hiking, and respect all bear management closure areas. Bears and other wildlife rely on carcasses for food and will protect a food source aggressively. Bears with cubs are especially dangerous.

If you have a surprise encounter with a bear—**DO NOT RUN.** Back away slowly.

- If a bear charges you, stand your ground. Use your bear spray.
- If a bear charges and makes contact with you, fall onto your stomach and “play dead.”
- If a bear persistently stalks you, then attacks—*fight back*.
- If a bear attacks you in your tent—*fight back*.



Bear spray



Bear spray is proven to be highly successful at stopping aggressive behavior in bears.

Bear spray is sold at gift shops, outdoor stores, gas stations, and bookstores inside the park, as well as in many stores in the surrounding communities.


















Follow manufacturers' instructions for use and remember to replace any discharged canisters before your next hike or trip. Bear spray canisters (full or empty) can be dropped off for recycling at most hotels and stores, or any visitor center or ranger station.

If a bear charges at you:

- Remove the safety clip.
- Aim slightly downward and adjust for crosswind.
- Begin spraying when the charging bear is 30–60 feet (10–20 yards) away.
- Spray at the charging bear so that the bear must pass through a cloud of spray.

If the bear continues to charge:

- Spray into the bear's face.

	Canyon Village	Fishing Bridge	Grant & West Thumb	Lake & Bridge Bay	Mammoth Hot Springs	Norris	Old Faithful	Tower & Roosevelt	West Entrance & Madison
Visitor information bookstores, books, videos, maps, gifts, educational items 	Visitor Education Center 4/18–5/23 9 AM–5 PM 5/24–9/1 8 AM–8 PM 9/2–9/30 8 AM–6 PM 10/1–10/13 9 AM–5 PM	Visitor Center 5/24–9/30 8 AM–7 PM 	Visitor Center (Grant) 5/24–9/30 8 AM–7 PM Information Station (West Thumb) 5/24–9/30 9 AM–5 PM		Mammoth Temporary Visitor Center Through 5/23 9 AM–5 PM 5/24–9/30 8 AM–7 PM Oct. 1 through winter 9 AM–5 PM	Information Station 5/24–9/30 9 AM–6 PM Museum of the National Park Ranger 5/24–9/29 9 AM–5 PM	Visitor Education Center 4/18–5/23 9 AM–6 PM 5/24–9/30 8 AM–8 PM 10/1–11/2 9 AM–5 PM		West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center: NPS Desk 4/18–5/23: 8 AM–4 PM 5/24–9/1: 8 AM–8 PM 9/2–11/2: 8 AM–4 PM Madison Information Station 5/24–9/30 9 AM–6 PM
Medical clinic 				5/23–9/20 307-242-7241	Year-round, except weekends and some holidays. 307-344-7965		5/16–10/3 307-545-7325		
Service stations snacks, drinks, ice. All have credit card service at pumps 24 hours a day 	Gas: 5/2–10/20 Repairs: 5/23–9/1 Wrecker: 5/2–10/12 LP gas available Call 406-848-7548 for assistance	Gas: 5/9–9/21 Repairs: 5/23–9/1 Wrecker: 5/23–9/1 LP Gas available Call 406-848-7548 for assistance	Gas (Grant): 5/23–9/28 Repairs: 5/23–9/1 Wrecker 5/23–9/1 LP Gas available Call 406-848-7548 for assistance		5/9–10/6 LP gas available Call 406-848-7548 for assistance		Lower: 5/2–10/12 Upper: 5/16–9/15 Repairs: 5/23–9/1 Wrecker: 5/2–10/12 LP gas available Call 406-848-7548 for assistance	6/6–9/1 LP gas available Call 406-848-7548 for assistance	
General stores groceries, ice cream restaurant, souvenirs, apparel 	5/16–9/29 also has water filling station	5/9–9/25 also has water filling station	Grant 5/30–9/22 also has footwear, outdoor supplies	Lake 5/23–9/22	Year-round no restaurant lunch available late fall to early spring also has water filling station		Lower: 5/23–9/29 Upper: 5/2–10/13 also have water filling stations	Tower 5/30–9/18 also has water filling station	
Specialty/Mini stores recreation gear, snacks, fast food souvenirs 	Yellowstone Adventures 4/18–11/3 Camping and outdoor gear, footwear, fishing supplies		Grant 5/16–9/29	Bridge Bay 5/30–9/8 Camping and outdoor gear, fishing supplies				Roosevelt 6/6–9/1	
Gift shops 	Canyon Lodge 5/30–9/21		Grant Village 5/23–9/28	Lake Hotel 5/16–10/5 Lake Lodge 6/10–9/28	Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel 4/25–10/12		Old Faithful Inn 5/9–10/12 OF Snow Lodge 4/18–11/2 Old Faithful Lodge 5/16–10/5	Roosevelt Lodge 6/6–9/1	
Hotel 	Canyon Lodge 5/30–9/21		Grant Village 5/23–9/28	Lake Hotel 5/16–10/5	Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel 5/2–10/6		Old Faithful Inn 5/9–10/12 Old Faithful Snow Lodge 5/2–10/19		
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Restaurants 	Canyon Lodge 5/30–9/21		Grant Village 5/23–9/28 Lake House at Grant 5/23–9/21	Lake Hotel 5/16–10/5	Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel 5/2–10/6		Old Faithful Inn 5/9–10/12 Old Faithful Snow Lodge 5/2–10/19	Roosevelt Lodge 6/6–9/1	
Cafeteria 	Canyon Lodge 5/24–9/14			Lake Lodge 6/10–9/28			Old Faithful Lodge 5/16–10/5		
Snacks light meals, fast food 	Picnic Shop 5/30–9/21			Lake Hotel Deli 5/16–10/5	Terrace Grill 4/25–10/12		Old Faithful Inn, Bear Paw Deli: 5/9–10/12 Old Faithful Snow Lodge, Geyser Grill 4/18–11/2 Old Faithful Lodge Bake Shop 5/16–10/5		
<div> Road, service, and program schedules may change. Check locally and at www.nps.gov/YELL for current information. </div>									
Campgrounds (details page 7) ** Reservations accepted 	**Canyon 5/30–9/14 Norris 12 mi west, 5/16–9/29	**Fishing Bridge RV Park (hard-sided units only) 5/9–9/21	**Grant 6/21–9/21 Lewis Lake 9 mi south, 6/15–11/2	**Bridge Bay 5/23–9/1 **Fishing Bridge RV Park (hard-sided units only): 5/9–9/21	Mammoth All year Indian Creek 9 mi south 6/13–9/8 Norris 21 mi south 5/16–9/29	Norris 5/16–9/29	**Madison 16 mi north 5/2–10/19	Tower Fall 2.5 mi south 5/23–9/29 Slough Creek 6 mi east 6/15–10/7 Pebble Creek 20 mi east 6/15–9/29	**Madison 5/2–10/19
Showers 	Canyon Campground 5/30–9/14	RV park 5/9–9/21	Grant Campground 6/21–9/21		Mammoth Hotel 5/2–10/6		Old Faithful Inn 5/9–10/12	Roosevelt Lodge 6/6–9/1	
Laundry 	Canyon Campground 5/30–9/14	RV park 5/9–9/21	Grant Campground 6/21–9/21	Lake Lodge 6/10–9/28			Snow Lodge 5/2–10/19		
Marina, boat tours, trail rides   	Trail Rides 6/25–8/30			Bridge Bay Dock rental 5/23–9/14 Boat Tours 6/15–9/14	Trail Rides 5/23–9/6			Trail & Stagecoach Rides 6/6–8/31 Cookout 6/7–9/14	



All of your food, cooking utensils, and garbage must be kept secure unless in immediate use.

Quiet hours

During quiet hours, 10 PM to 6 AM, no loud audio devices or other noise disturbances are allowed. Where allowed, generators may operate only between 8 AM and 8 PM.

Group camping

Group camping (tents only) is available at Madison, Grant, and Bridge Bay for organized groups with a designated leader. Fees range from \$110 to \$360 (plus tax and utilities) per night, depending on group size. Advance reservations are required.



Food storage boxes are available at many campsites. Proper food storage is essential to the safety of visitors and wildlife.

Contact Xanterra Parks & Resorts

P.O. Box 165, Yellowstone WY 82190
www.YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com
Reserve_YNP@Xanterra.com
Toll-free 866-Geyserland (866-439-7375)
TDD 307-344-5395
Same-day reservations 307-344-7311

Key to campground features

- Δ Sites you can reserve
- Ω Rate does not include tax or utility pass-through
- ‡ Site with full hook ups
- A Accessible sites available
- F Flush toilets
- V Vault toilets
- S/L Pay showers/laundry onsite
- NS Showers not included
- 2S Two showers included each night
- DS Dump station
- G Generators okay 8 AM to 8 PM

Camping makes memories for a lifetime

First-come, first-served

Campsite availability is first-come, first-served at the following NPS-operated campgrounds: Mammoth, Norris, Indian Creek, Lewis Lake, Pebble Creek, Slough Creek, and Tower Fall. During peak season (late June to mid-August) campgrounds may fill. Arrive early to obtain a site.

Reservable sites

Reserve sites at Canyon, Bridge Bay, Madison, Grant Village, and Fishing Bridge RV Park through Xanterra Parks & Resorts. Hookups are available at Fishing Bridge RV Park, including water, sewer, and 50 amp electrical service. Fishing Bridge is restricted to hard-sided camping units. Tents and tent trailers are not allowed. There are no picnic tables or fire grates.

Overflow camping

There are no overflow camping areas available within Yellowstone. No camping or overnight vehicle parking is allowed in pullouts, parking areas, picnic grounds, or any place other than a designated campground. Additional camping may be available in neighboring communities.

Check-in and check-out

Check-in any time, but sites may not be available before 11 AM. Registration desks at Xanterra’s campgrounds are open 7 AM to 10 PM during peak season, and 8 AM to 9 PM during early and late season. Check-out time is 11 AM.

Length of stay

Camping is limited to 14 days from July 1 through Labor Day (first Monday in September) and 30 days the rest of the year. There is no limit at Fishing Bridge.

Discounts

Holders of Senior and Access passes receive approximately a 50 percent discount on camping fees, except at Fishing Bridge, where no discounts apply.

Know your vehicle, tent, and tow sizes

If you want to reserve a site, you will be asked for the length and width of your tent, RV, or the combined length of your vehicle and anything you are towing. For non-reservable sites, use the total length to determine which campground can best accommodate your rig.

In order of opening	Dates*	Rate	Sites	Elev (ft)	Features	RV sites
Mammoth	All year	\$20	85	6,200	A, F, G	Most are pull-through
Madison Δ Ω	5/2–10/19	\$21.50	278	6,800	A, F, NS, DS, G	Call for availability and reservations
Fishing Bridge RV Δ Ω ‡	5/9–9/21	\$47.75	346	7,800	F, S/L, 2S, DS, G	Call for availability and reservations
Norris	5/16–9/29	\$20	>100	7,500	A, F, G	2 sites are 50 ft (signed), 5 sites are 30 ft
Tower Fall	5/23–9/29	\$15	31	6,600	V	All sites are 30 ft or less. Has hairpin curve
Bridge Bay Δ Ω	5/23–9/1	\$21.50	432	7,800	A, F, NS, DS, G	Call for availability and reservations
Canyon Δ Ω	5/30–9/14	\$26	273	7,900	A, F, S/L, 2S, DS, G	Call for availability and reservations
Indian Creek	6/13–9/8	\$15	75	7,300	A, V	10 sites are 35 ft, 35 sites are 30 ft pull-through
Pebble Creek	6/15–9/29	\$15	27	6,900	V	Some long pull-throughs
Slough Creek	6/15-10/7	\$15	23	6,250	V	14 sites at 30 ft – walk first to assess sites
Lewis Lake	6/15–11/2	\$15	85	7,800	V	All sites are 25 ft or less
Grant Village Δ Ω	6/21–9/21	\$26	430	7,800	A, F, S/L, 2S, DS, G	Call for availability and reservations

*Campgrounds open at 8 AM of first date listed and close for the season at 11 AM of last date listed.



Famously hot features

Yellowstone was established as the world’s first national park primarily because of its unparalleled collection of geysers, hot springs, mudpots, and steam vents.

Hot springs are the most common hydrothermal features in the park. They vary from frothing mocha-like boiling water to clear and calm pools of unfathomable depth.

Mudpots are acidic features with a limited water supply. Their consistency and activity vary with the seasons and precipitation.

Fumaroles, or steam vents, are the hottest hydrothermal features in the park. They are easier to see in cool weather.

Travertine terraces are found at Mammoth Hot Springs, where the interactions of water and limestone create chalk-white travertine.

Geysers are hot springs with narrow spaces in their plumbing, usually near the surface. These constrictions prevent water from circulating freely to the surface where heat would escape. The deepest circulating water can exceed the surface boiling point (199°F/93°C).



The Old Faithful Visitor Education Center is the educational gateway to the world’s largest concentration of geysers and thermal features.

Visitor centers

Mammoth Temporary Visitor Center

Located at Mammoth Hot Springs and open daily, year round, the center offers information, a bookstore, trip planning, and ranger programs.
Through 5/23 9 AM–5 PM
5/24–9/30 8 AM–7 PM
Oct. 1 through winter 9 AM–5 PM
Call 307-344-2263

Canyon Visitor Education Center

Explore Yellowstone’s supervolcano and other aspects of its geology through interactive exhibits, including a Kugel globe and room-size relief map of Yellowstone.
4/18–5/23 9 am–5 pm:
restrooms, lobby and info desk only.
5/24–9/1 8 AM–8 PM
9/2–9/30 8 AM–6 PM
10/1–10/13 9 AM–5 PM
Call 307-344-2550

Fishing Bridge Museum and Visitor Center

Offers exhibits about the park’s birds and other wildlife, and Yellowstone Lake’s geology, including a relief map of the lake bottom.
5/24–9/30 8 AM–7 PM
Call 307-344-2450

Grant Visitor Center

Exhibits describe the park’s historic fires of 1988.
5/24–9/30 8 AM–7 PM
Call 307-344-2650

Madison Information Station

5/24–9/30 9 AM–6 PM
Junior Ranger Station
5/24–9/1 9 AM–6 PM
Call 307-344-2876

Museum of the National Park Ranger

Located one mile north of Norris, the museum presents the history of the park ranger profession through exhibits and videos, and through the stories of retired rangers who volunteer to staff the center.
5/24–9/29 9 AM–5 PM
Call 307-344-7353

Norris Geyser Basin Museum and Information Station

Features exhibits about the hydrothermal features of Yellowstone.
5/24–9/30 9 AM–6 PM
Call 307-344-2812

Old Faithful Visitor Education Center

Yellowstone’s newest visitor center offers dynamic exhibits about hydrothermal features. Geyser eruption predictions are posted, or call ahead.
4/18–5/23 9 AM–6 PM
5/24–9/30 8 AM–8 PM
10/1–11/2 8 AM–4 PM
Call 307-344-2751

West Thumb Information Station

Offers information about the adjacent geyser basin on the shore of Yellowstone Lake.
5/24–9/30 9 AM–5 PM
Call 307-344-2650

West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center

Inside the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce
Daily 5/1–5/24 8 AM–6 PM
Daily 5/25–9/30 8 AM–8 PM
Weekdays 10/1–4/30 8 AM–5 PM

NPS Desk–Open daily
4/18–5/23 8 AM–4 PM
5/24–9/1 8 AM–8 PM
9/2–11/2 8 AM–4 PM
Call 307-344-2876

Road, service, and program schedules may change. Check locally and at www.nps.gov/YELL for current information.

Park highlights



Castle geyser

Hydrothermal features

In the 50 miles between Mammoth Hot Springs and Old Faithful, you will see travertine terraces at Mammoth Hot Springs, acidic thermal features at Norris Geyser Basin, mudpots and geysers at Fountain Paint Pot, plus beautiful hot springs at Biscuit and Black Sand basins near Old Faithful. West Thumb Geyser Basin is 17 miles east of Old Faithful. Mud Volcano is north of Yellowstone Lake.

Grand Canyon

The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River extends from south of Canyon Village north to Tower Junction. The most famous and spectacular section, including the Upper and Lower Falls, is seen from overlooks in the Canyon Village area.

The North Rim Drive features trails and overlooks that are wheelchair accessible. South

Rim Drive takes you to Uncle Tom's Point, where you can view the Upper Falls, and to Artist Point, where you can enjoy breathtaking scenery.

Lake Area

Yellowstone Lake is the largest high-elevation lake (above 7,000 feet) in North America. It has 141 miles of shoreline and is more than 400 feet deep.

With the Absaroka Mountains as a stunning backdrop, this area offers boating, fishing, hiking, wildlife viewing, and hydrothermal features. You can visit historic buildings, view hydrothermal activity, and see the Yellowstone River flow from the lake on its journey as the longest undammed river in America.

Four visitor areas lie along the lake's shoreline: Fishing Bridge, Bridge Bay, Lake Village, and Grant Village.



Lower falls

Programs for young people



Junior Ranger Program

If you are age 4 or older, you can become a Yellowstone Junior Ranger. Stop by any visitor center to purchase a new Junior Ranger

activity booklet for \$3. To earn your official Yellowstone Junior Ranger patch, you need to:

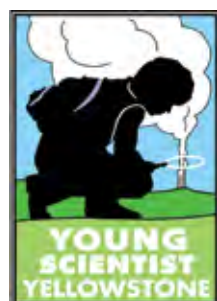
- Hike on a park trail
- Complete the age-appropriate activities on geothermal geology, park wildlife, and fire ecology.
- Attend a ranger-led activity—such as a talk, guided walk, or evening campfire program—and get the ranger's signature.

Both children and adults benefit by learning more about the natural wonders of the park and sharing the fun of becoming a Junior Ranger.

Expedition: Yellowstone!

Live and learn in one of the most expansive outdoor classrooms. Yellowstone hosts teachers and their students in grades 4–8 in a five-day,

curriculum-based residential program. Classes learn about the natural and cultural history of Yellowstone, investigate issues affecting the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, and promote stewardship and preservation in the park and in home communities. Emphasis is on learning through direct experience in the outdoors. Students participate with teachers and parent chaperones in hikes, field investigations, discussions, and journal writing. Find out more at www.nps.gov/yell/forteachers.



Young Scientist Program

Children can become a Young Scientist by buying a self-guiding booklet for \$5 at the Canyon Visitor Education Center (ages 10 and older) or Old Faithful Visitor Education Center

(ages 5 and older). If you investigate the Old Faithful area, check out a Young Scientist Toolkit for the gear you need. Once you finish, you will be awarded a Young Scientist patch or key chain.

Tours and activities

Authorized guides and outfitters

Many authorized guides and outfitters are ready to show you the wonders of Yellowstone, and each has a unique approach. Make sure that your guide, tour company, or other commercial service is fully authorized by the park. Report unauthorized operators to a park ranger, or contact Concessions Management at 307-344-2271. Authorized providers are listed on the park website at

www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/services.htm.

Yellowstone Association Institute

Programs about wildlife, plants, geology, and history are perfect for curious adults and families who want to spend a day or more exploring the park with a knowledgeable guide. To find out more, call 406-848-2400 or visit

www.YellowstoneAssociation.org.

Xanterra Parks & Resorts

Under its concessions contract, Xanterra offers a wide variety of park tours and activities. In summer, visitors can enjoy photo safaris, partial or full-day tours, horseback and stage-coach rides, and boating and fishing adventures. In winter, there are partial or full-day tours by heated snowcoach, skiing, and snowshoe adventures. For more information, pick up an Experience Planner at any hotel or visit

www.YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com.



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Outdoor ethics

The National Park Service is a partner of **Leave No Trace**, a national education program promoting responsible outdoor recreation and stewardship of public lands through outdoor skills and ethics. Leave No Trace is based on seven principles:

- Plan ahead and prepare
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find
- Minimize campfire impacts
- Respect wildlife
- Be considerate of other visitors

Learn how to minimize recreation impacts and protect Yellowstone's wildlands for future enjoyment. Visit a back-country office in the park, or www.LNT.org.

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Bicycle safely



Bicycling is permitted on established public roads, parking areas, and designated routes. Bicycles are subject to the same traffic rules as automobiles and are prohibited on back-country trails and boardwalks.

Regulations require that cyclists ride single file and we strongly recommend wearing a helmet and high visibility clothing. Park roads are narrow and winding with few shoulders. During April, May, and June, high snowbanks may make travel more dangerous. Road elevations range from 5,300 to 8,860 feet (1615 to 2700 meters), and services and facilities are relatively far apart. Be wary of over-exertion.

Several gravel roads are open to both bicycle and automotive traffic. Find information on routes and safety at www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/bicycling or pick up the *Bicycling in Yellowstone* brochure at a visitor center or ranger station.

An inside look at park heritage



The **Heritage and Research Center** is located just beyond the North Entrance in Gardiner, Montana. This state-of-the-art facility is home to Yellowstone National Park's museum collection, archives, research library, archeology lab, and herbarium. The temporary exhibit: "*The Hayden Survey Through the Eyes of the Artists*" chronicles the work of Henry Wood Elliott, Thomas Moran, and William Henry Jackson.

Although primarily a storage and research facility, tours provide an inside look at some of the collections. More than a century of historic records, nearly 90,000 photographic prints and negatives, 20,000 books and manuscripts, cultural and natural science specimens, archeological artifacts, and plant specimens from the earliest exploration of the park are curated within the facility.

Tours are available Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 AM, May 27 through September 4, and are limited to 15 people. For reservations, call 307-344-2264 or sign up in the lobby, and arrive 15 minutes prior to departure.

Walking trails



Stretch your legs on self-guiding trails. Most offer wayside exhibits and a printed trail guide, available for a \$1 donation at trailheads and visitor centers.

Canyon Area

View the colorful Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River and the Upper and Lower Falls from overlooks and walkways.

Forces of the Northern Range

Eight miles (12.9 km) east of Mammoth, exhibits describe how volcanoes, glaciers, and fire shaped the landscape, as well as identify the area's plants and animals.

Fort Yellowstone

Enjoy a walking tour of historic sites at Mammoth Hot Springs, from the time of U.S. Army, 1886–1918.

Fountain Paint Pot

View four types of hydrothermal features—geysers, hot springs, fumaroles, and mudpots—all in one place. Eight miles (12.9 km) north of Old Faithful.

Mammoth Hot Springs

Explore along the boardwalks winding through ever-changing travertine terraces and enjoy a scenic drive through the Upper Terraces.

Mud Volcano Area

Discover turbulent and explosive mudpots, including Mud Volcano and Dragon's Mouth. Located six miles (9.6 km) north of Fishing Bridge Junction.

Norris Geyser Basin

Explore the hottest, most dynamic geyser basin. Norris includes Steamboat, the world's tallest geyser, and a variety of other geysers and hot springs.

Old Faithful Area

The world's largest concentration of active geysers is here. View Old Faithful Geyser, then walk past hundreds of active geysers and hot springs along the Firehole River.

Old Faithful Historic District

Enjoy a tour of this historic district, which includes Old Faithful Geyser, the Inn, and other historic buildings.

Two Ribbons

Two miles (3.2 km) east of the West Entrance, enjoy a trail that loops beside a stretch of the Madison River and through a lodgepole forest affected by the historic 1988 fires.

West Thumb Geyser Basin

The boiling springs in this basin, including the famous Fishing Cone, discharge their waters into chilly Yellowstone Lake.



Truly short on time?

- Explore the terraces at Mammoth Hot Springs.
- Take a stroll through Yellowstone's military past with a walking tour of Historic Fort Yellowstone.
- Visit Lamar Valley to look for wildlife, especially at the beginning or end of the day.
- Consider taking a hike. Many areas of the park have short or moderate day hikes. Consult a "Dayhike Sampler," available at visitor centers. Be sure to ask for updates on area wildlife closures.
- Attend a ranger talk. From 15-minute presentations to 2-hour tours, programs are available throughout the park. See the Ranger Program supplement for times and locations.
- Visit the Museum of the National Park Ranger at Norris. The museum is staffed by retired park rangers who volunteer their time and share their wealth of experience.
- Tour the Upper Geyser Basin (Old Faithful, Biscuit Basin, Black Sand Basin).
- Visit some less well-known features, such as Terrace Spring near Madison Junction.
- View some of the cascades and waterfalls, like Rustic Falls near the Golden Gate, or Firehole Falls along the Firehole Canyon Drive.
- Take a five-mile scenic drive, slightly off the beaten path, on the (one-way, dirt) Blacktail Plateau Drive.
- Make plans to visit again soon.

How do geysers work?



Lonestar Geyser

The Upper Geyser Basin of Yellowstone National Park has the largest concentration of geysers in the world. Geysers are hot springs with narrow spaces in their plumbing, usually near the surface. These constrictions prevent water from circulating freely to the surface where heat would escape. The deepest circulating water can exceed the surface boiling point (199°F/93°C).

The surrounding pressure also increases with depth, similar to the ocean. Increased pressure exerted by the enormous weight of the overlying rock and water prevents the water from boiling as it heats up.

As the water rises, steam forms. Bubbling upward, steam expands as it nears the top of the water column until the bubbles are too large and numerous to pass freely through the constrictions. At a critical point, the confined bubbles actually lift the water above, causing the geyser to splash or overflow. This decreases pressure on the system, and violent boiling results. Tremendous amounts of steam force water out of the vent, and the eruption begins.

Water is expelled faster than it can enter the geyser's plumbing system, and the heat and pressure gradually decrease. The eruption stops when the water reservoir is exhausted or when the system cools.

Yellowstone's geyser basins contain fountain-type geysers and cone-type geysers. Fountain-type geysers shoot water out in various directions from a pool of water. Cone-type geysers, like Lonestar Geyser (*photo left*) erupt in a concentrated jet of water from inside a rock formation.



Digital Yellowstone

Yellowstone's digital presence brings the park to you online. Get started on the park website at www.nps.gov/yell/photosmultimedia

Webcams • Stay connected to Yellowstone's dynamic landscape through a network of park webcams located at Old Faithful, Mammoth Hot Springs, and the Mount Washburn Fire Lookout:
www.nps.gov/yell/photosmultimedia/webcams.htm

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Follow Old faithful with **@GeyserNPS** on Twitter. This feed offers predictions for the eruption of Old Faithful Geyser ± 10 minutes through out the day.

Videos and podcasts • Plan your visit, customize your guide to the park, or learn more about Yellowstone's attractions and treasures through online videos available on the park website, on the YellowstoneNPS YouTube channel, or free from iTunes.

- *Visiting Yellowstone*: A series of orientation videos.
- *Exploring Yellowstone*: Park Ranger Orville Bach takes you on a tour of the Upper Geyser Basin, home to Old Faithful Geyser.
- *Inside Yellowstone*: Short ranger talks on park features and processes.
- *Yellowstone InDepth*: Major park questions and issues discussed by park rangers, scientists, historians, and visitors.



Electronic field trips • Especially for middle school students and teachers. Take one of 17 free electronic field trips, available at www.WindowsIntoWonderland.org.

Old Faithful Virtual Visitor Center is for explorers of all ages, from young children to their great grandparents. Watch animations of a geyser eruption, volcano eruption, travertine terrace growth, and color changes in microbial mats. You'll find maps, along with a fly-over of Yellowstone.

The Old Faithful live-streaming webcam was donated, along with supporting funds, by Canon U.S.A., Inc., through a grant to the Yellowstone Park Foundation.

Where biology and geology thrive

Among the first life forms to evolve on earth were microbes whose descendants now live in extreme high-temperature, sometimes acidic, habitats like those in and around thermal features. The heat-loving microorganisms called thermophiles—"thermo" for heat, "phile" for lover—survive and thrive in Yellowstone's active volcanic environment.

Nourished by energy and chemical building blocks available in the hot springs, the microbes construct vividly colored communities. Community shapes, colors, and locations vary depending on the types of microbes, the pH (acidity or alkalinity), and the temperature of the feature.

Millions of individual microbes can connect into long strands called filaments. Some filaments tangle, forming mats. Flowing water brings other microbes, organic matter, and minerals that add to the mat. Mats can be thin as tissue paper or thick as lasagna. Due to their fragility, they must not be touched.

Dozens of types of microbes from all three domains of life can exist in these mats, from Archea in the hottest, most acidic features to the more widespread Bacteria and Eukarya.



Microorganisms thrive in the shallow pools around a geyser cone.

Thermophiles and their environments provide a living laboratory for scientist who continue to study the many mysteries of Yellowstone's extreme habitats.

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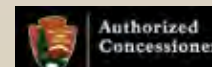


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The National Park Service mission

The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The National Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.

As an integral part of our mission, Yellowstone National Park, park concessioners, and park partners are committed to reducing the ecological footprint of park operations and preserving natural resources through sustainable practices. During your time in Yellowstone and beyond, we encourage you to do your part by practicing the following:

-  Please properly dispose of all waste items. Recycling bins are located throughout the park for plastic, glass, metal, paper, cardboard, propane canisters, bear spray, batteries, and more.
-  Yellowstone National Park encourages you to stay hydrated during your visit. Please use a reusable water bottle and fill it up for free at our many water filling locations.
-  In an effort to reduce harmful emissions from idling, please turn your vehicle off while you are parked or stopped for more than 30 seconds. Emissions can also be reduced by carpooling and utilizing transportation services to tour the park.
-  Reduce energy use by turning off lights, heat, and electrical devices when you leave your rooms.
-  Help reduce water consumption by being aware of your water use. Turn water off while brushing your teeth, shorten showers, and participate in towel and linen reuse programs if you are staying in park lodging.

This sustainability message is brought to you by the Yellowstone Environmental Coordinating Committee, a team of National Park Service employees, park concessioners, and non-profit partners working together to combine extensive resources to elevate the potential for sustainability achievements in Yellowstone National Park. The YECC is comprised of representatives from Delaware North Companies, Medcor Inc., National Park Service, Xanterra Parks & Resorts, Yellowstone Association, Yellowstone Park Foundation, and Yellowstone Park Service Stations.

**MEDICAL SERVICES AT YELLOWSTONE**

**Emergencies** Dial “911” or contact any National Park Service ranger within Yellowstone. Specially trained rangers provide rescue, emergency medical care, and ambulance service.

**Medical Clinics** Medcor operates three urgent-care clinics within Yellowstone park. The clinic at Mammoth is open year round, staffed by a board-certified physician and experienced RNs. The clinics at Lake and Old Faithful are open seasonally (see below for schedules). All of these clinics are open to the public and are staffed and equipped for most medical emergencies and routine care. Services include injury and illness treatment, x-rays, and some lab and pharmacy services. If in-patient care or advanced services are required, the clinic staff can stabilize patients and arrange for appropriate transfer to a hospital.

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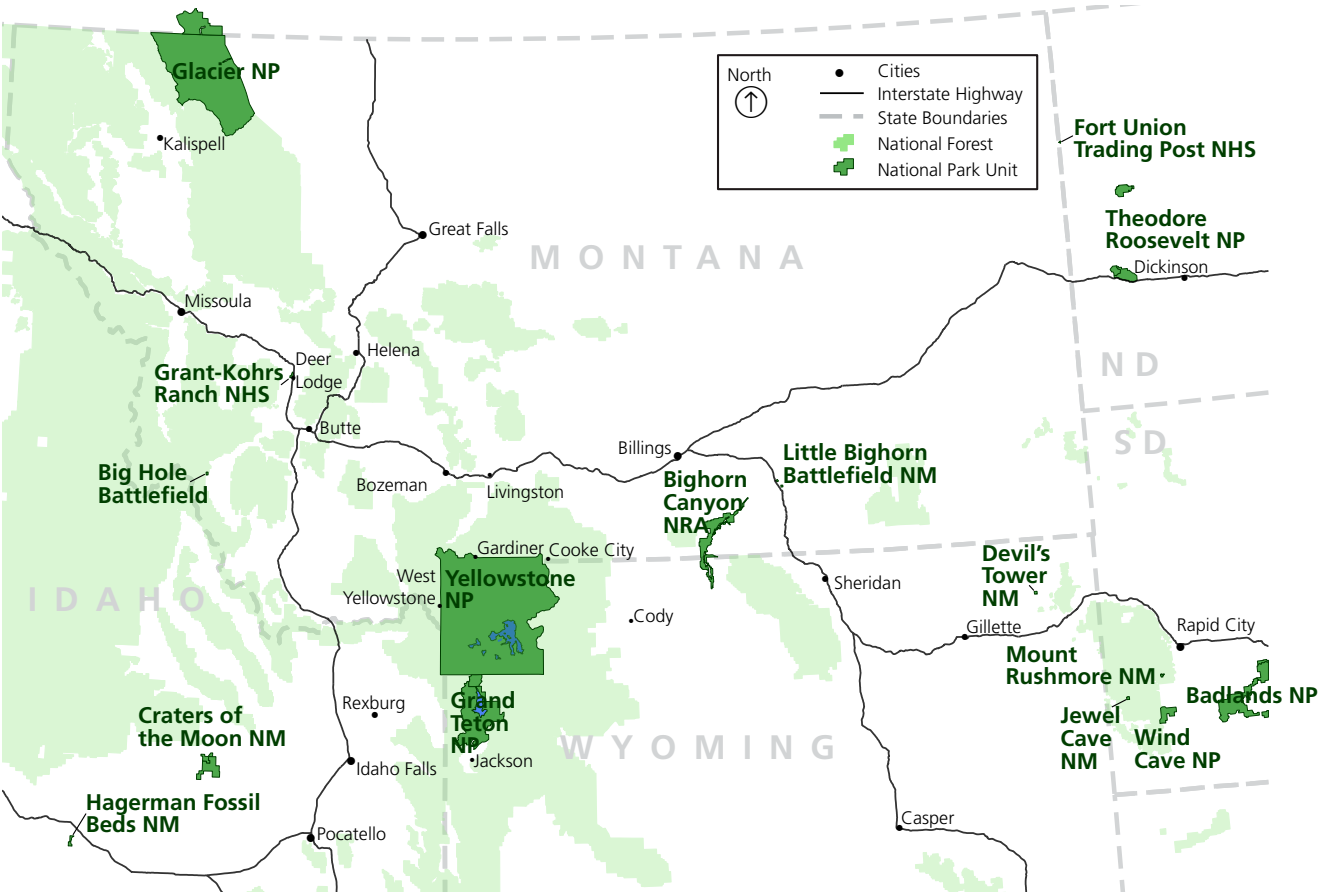
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This pass provides several options for people to use at federal recreation sites, including national parks and wildlife refuges, where entrance fees are charged. You can purchase this pass at one of Yellowstone’s entrance stations, at Yellowstone Association bookstores (inside visitor centers), or visit <http://store.usgs.gov/pass>

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Single entry (foot, bike, ski, etc) seven days, both parks	\$12
Yellowstone and Grand Teton Annual Pass, valid for one year from month of purchase for entrance to both parks	\$50
America the Beautiful: National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass, valid for one year from month of purchase for entrance fees to federal fee areas	\$80
Senior Pass, U.S. Citizens or permanent residents age 62 or older*	\$10
Access Pass, U.S. Citizens or permanent residents with documentation of permanent disability*	Free
Military Pass, annual pass for active duty U. S. military personnel and their dependents with proper identification (CAC card or DD Form 1173).	Free

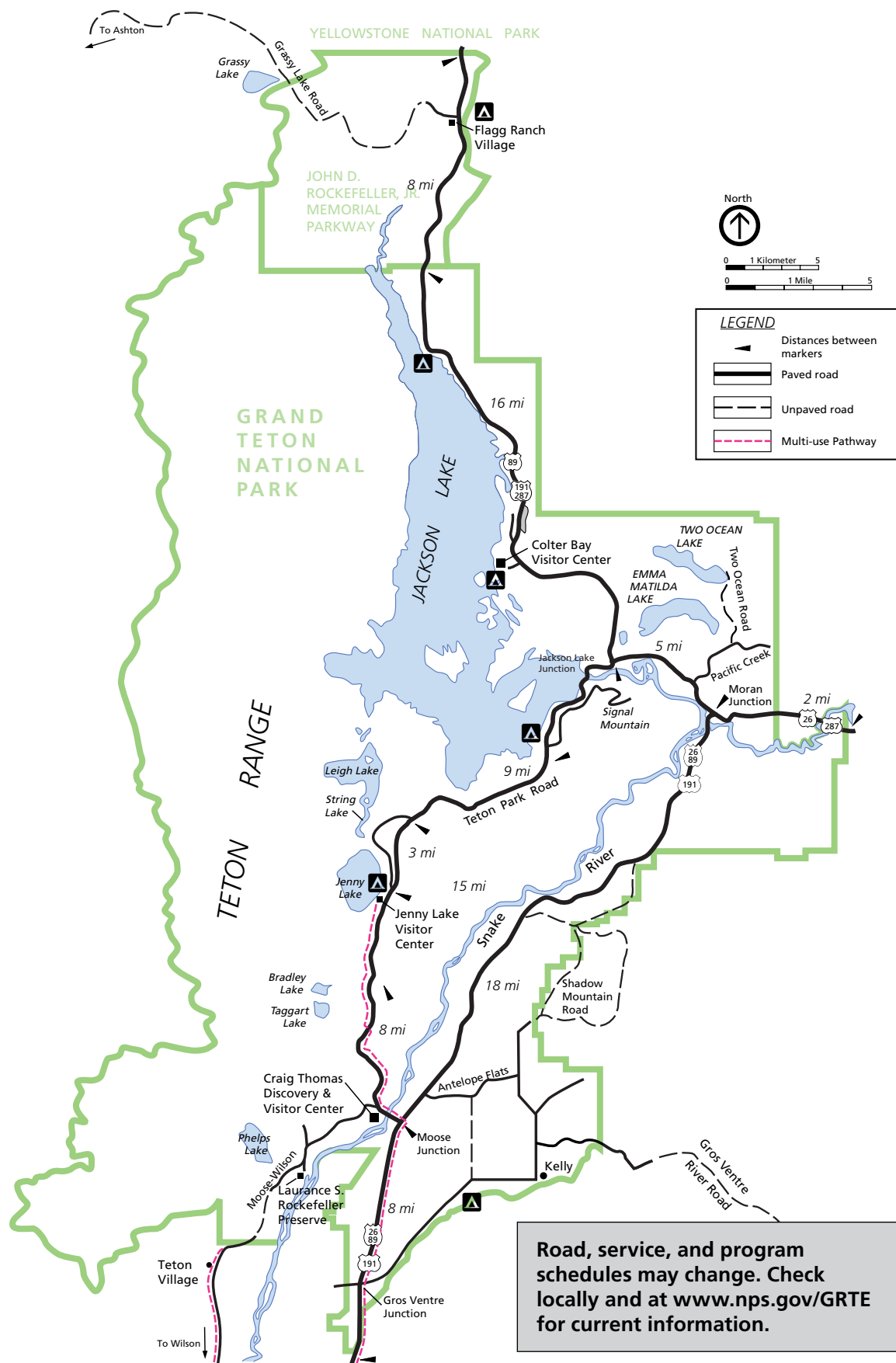
* Previously issued Golden Age Passports and Golden Access Passports are still accepted. They can also be exchanged for newer, more durable passes.

Area chambers of commerce

- Idaho**
Idaho Falls
866-365-6943
- Montana**
Big Sky
406-995-3000
Billings
800-735-2635
Bozeman
800-228-4224
Cooke City–Silver Gate
406-838-2495
Gardiner
406-848-7971
- Wyoming**
Cody
800-393-2639
Jackson
307-733-3316
- Livingston**
406-222-0850
Red Lodge
888-281-0625
Virginia City
800-829-2969
West Yellowstone
406-646-7701

Area National Park Service units

- Idaho**
Craters of the Moon National Monument
Arco, ID 83213
208-527-1300
www.nps.gov/crmo
City of Rocks NR
Alamo, ID 83312
208 824-5901
www.nps.gov/ciro
Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument
Hagerman, ID 83332
208 933-4100
www.nps.gov/hafo
Minidoka Internment National Monument
Hagerman, ID 83332
208-933-4127
www.nps.gov/miin
Nez Perce National Historic Park
Spalding, ID 83540
208-843-7020
www.nps.gov/nepe
Montana
Big Hole Battlefield
Wisdom, MT 59767
406-689-3155
www.nps.gov/biho
Bighorn Canyon National Rec. Area
Fort Smith, MT 59035
406-666-2412
www.nps.gov/bica
- Little Bighorn**
National Monument
Crow Agency, MT 59022
406-638-3217
www.nps.gov/libi
Glacier NP
W. Glacier, MT 59936
406-888-7800
www.nps.gov/glac
Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site
Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-2070
www.nps.gov/grko
Wyoming
Devil’s Tower National Monument
Devil’s Tower, WY 82714
307-467-5283
www.nps.gov/deto
Fort Laramie National Historic Site
Ft. Laramie, WY 82212
307-837-2221
www.nps.gov/fola
Fossil Butte National Monument
Kemmerer, WY 83101
307-877-4455
www.nps.gov/fobu
John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Pkwy
Moose, WY 83012
www.nps.gov/jodr



Ask locally or call 307-739-3614 for updates on Grand Teton road construction projects.

Campgrounds

Park campgrounds are run by park concessionaires and are **first come, first served**. All sites cost \$22.00. Operating seasons vary. Ask at park entrance stations or visitor centers for current status updates.

Jenny Lake is open to tents only. Other campgrounds accommodate tents, trailers, and recreational vehicles. The maximum stay is seven days at Jenny Lake, 14 days at other campgrounds, 30 days total per year.

There is a 30-foot restriction in effect at Signal Mountain and Lizard Creek. All of the park's

campgrounds have modern comfort stations. There are RV sites with full hookups at Colter Bay RV park and at Headwaters Campground and RV park.

- **Colter Bay**, 350 sites, usually fills by evening
- **Gros Ventre**, 350 sites, rarely fills
- **Jenny Lake**, 49 sites, usually fills by 9 AM
- **Lizard Creek**, 60 sites, rarely fills
- **Signal Mountain**, 81 sites, usually fills by noon. 24 electric hookups, 1 full hookup.

More next door



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Mount Moran and the Teton Range

Grand Teton National Park offers spectacular scenery, campgrounds, exhibits, and an abundance of outdoor activities. Hiking, sightseeing, boating, floating the Snake River, horseback riding, and fishing are all available depending on seasonal conditions.

Backcountry camping requires a permit from the Craig Thomas or Colter Bay visitor centers, or the Jenny Lake Ranger Station. Walk-in permits are \$25, permits with a reservation are \$35.

Boating requires a Grand Teton boating permit, sold at most visitor centers. A Wyoming fishing license is required to fish in the park.

Grand Teton Guide, the park newspaper, is available at entrance stations and visitor centers, or on the park website at www.nps.gov/grte

Visitor centers

Colter Bay Visitor Center

Information, exhibits, audiovisual programs, permits, and publication sales, 307-739-3594

Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center

Information, audiovisual programs, exhibits, permits, publication sales, 307-739-3399

Flagg Ranch Information Station 307-543-2372

Jenny Lake Ranger Station

Climbing information and permits. Open Mid-May to mid-September 307-739-3343

Jenny Lake Visitor Center

Information, publications sales, 307-739-3392

Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center

Sensory exhibits and orientation to an eight-mile trail network, 307-739-3654.

Lodging

Colter Bay Cabins 800-628-9988

Colter Bay RV Park 800-628-9988

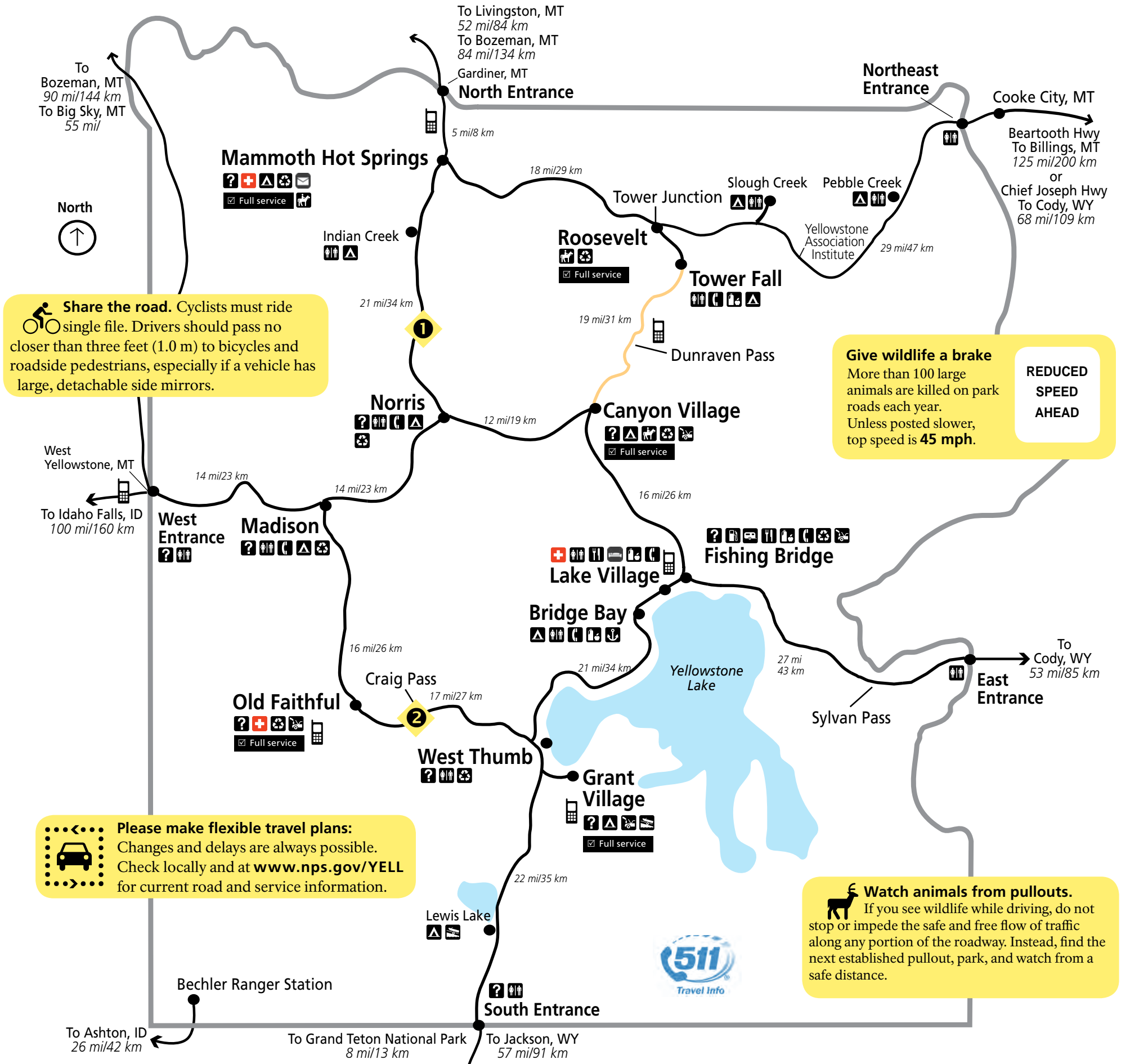
Dornan's Spur Ranch Cabins 307-733-2522

Headwaters Lodge & Cabins at Flagg Ranch
307-543-2861, 800-443-2311

Jackson Lake Lodge 800-628-9988

Jenny Lake Lodge 307-733-4647; toll-free 800-628-9988

Signal Mountain Lodge 800-672-6012



Road opening 2014

Changes and delays are always possible. For road updates, call 307-344-2117 or check locally and at www.nps.gov/YELL for current road information.

Open
May 23
Tower to Canyon Junction (Dunraven Pass). Beartooth Highway

Full service = restrooms, food service, general store, lodging, fuel

Clinic

Restrooms

Visitor center or information station

Fuel

Food service

General store

Lodging

Camping

RV camping
Hard-sided units only

Phone

Auto service

Horseback riding

Marina

Recycling

Cell phone tower
Check with your provider for coverage

Boat launch

Expect construction delays

1 Gibbon River (north of Norris CG) to Apollinaris picnic area
Possible 30-minute delays.

Beginning mid-June, possible nightly closures from 11 PM to 7 AM.

2 Isa Lake bridge replacement
Beginning June 2, possible 30-minute delays.

Road between West Thumb and Old Faithful closes for the season on September 2, 2014.