

**YELLOWSTONE**

NATIONAL PARK LODGES

*Legendary Hospitality by Xanterra*

# 2017 Experience Planner

A Guide to Lodging, Camping, Dining, Shopping,  
Tours, and Activities in Yellowstone



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# Don't just see Yellowstone. Experience it.

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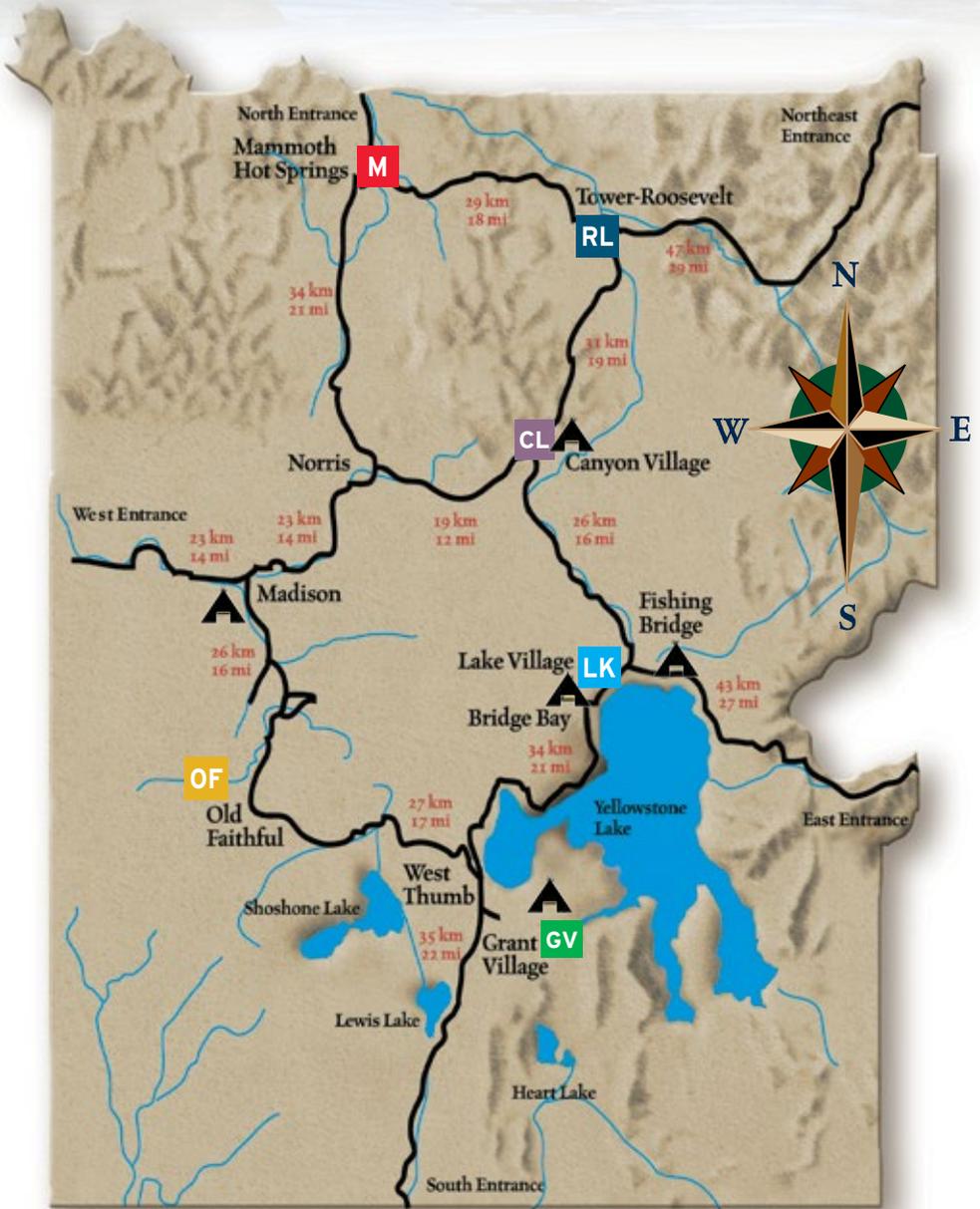


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# #ExperienceYellowstone



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## WHAT'S IN YOUR PICNIC BASKET?

Let us prepare a box lunch for you (your choice of sandwich, granola bar, chips, cookies and canned water). Order your selection the night before at any dining room or cafeteria and pick it up the next morning.

## PRIVATE CUSTOM TOURS

We can build a special touring itinerary to meet your specific interests. You, your family, and/or group of friends can spend the day or days on a private tour, going to places you want to go, based on your timing. You can leave the driving to us. We'll pick you up and drop you off at your in-park hotel/campground or gateway town. The touring vehicles include 4-passenger autos, 12-passenger vans, 13-passenger historic Yellow Buses, 14-passenger vans, and 36-50 passenger buses. Stop by the activities desk or call us at 307-344-5437 for further information and reservations.

We do have vehicles that are equipped to accommodate wheelchairs that may be used for tours with a 48-hour advance notice.

## RAINY DAY IDEAS

- Visit a National Park Visitor Center and spend some quality time enjoying the exhibits and video programs.
- Pick up your mementos in our hotel gift shops while it's wet outside.
- Play a game. Puzzles and playing cards are available for purchase in the gift shops.
- Take a tour. While driving you can play "I Spy" with the family - how many different animals can you find? How many different license plates can you find? See page 30 for an animal checklist.
- Select a comfy chair in the lobby of any of our hotels and curl up with a good book. Forgot your reading material? Our gift shops can help.
- The animals don't care if it's raining, why should you? Summer showers in Yellowstone are usually brief and refreshing, and can produce amazing rainbows. Grab your raincoat and enjoy Mother Nature at her finest.

## ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Yellowstone's National Park Service is improving our roads, and there may be some temporary closures and delays you should know about. Check the *Yellowstone Today* newspaper you received at the gate, stop by any NPS Visitor Center, or call the National Park Service at 307-344-2117 for details.

## TOUR/ACTIVITY ICON KEY

*(You'll find these symbols used with our tour/activity descriptions)*



Historic Yellow Bus Tour



Bus Tour



Bicycling



Hiking/Walking



Corral Operations



Boating



# 5 Must-Do Yellowstone Adventures

*In Yellowstone National Park, there's no shortage of adventure to be had. Whether you sign up for a guided tour with a knowledgeable park professional or choose to experience Yellowstone on your own, there's plenty to experience and discover! In fact, you may have a hard time choosing what to do during your visit.*

*To help you out, we're sharing five of our favorite "must-do" experiences.*

## 1. Discover Yellowstone by horseback.

Saddle up and explore one of Yellowstone's scenic trails. Choose a one- or two-hour ride on either the Roosevelt or Canyon trails. From atop your trusty mount, you'll see stunning park views and breathtaking scenery. Horseback rides are available June through September (Roosevelt- page 26) and June through August (Canyon-page 22). You can even combine a ride with an Old West dinner cookout! Age, weight, and height limitations apply.

## 2. Wake up to wildlife.

In the early morning, the animals of Yellowstone National Park are most active, and visitors are likely to spot plenty of critters. The Wake Up to Wildlife tour departs at dawn for Lamar Valley, where expansive views provide the best opportunities to spot all kinds of wild animals. Board the historic Yellow Bus, where you can enjoy muffins and juice, and get your day started on an exciting note! The early bird gets the worm...or bear, or antelope. More details on location pages 8, 22, 26.

## 3. Set sail for adventure.

Exploring Yellowstone on land is great, but don't forget about the opportunities to have fun on the water too. Rent a 40hp, 18-foot motorboat for an hour or the entire day! Spend an afternoon cruising around or go fishing - whatever floats your boat. Looking for something with a little less horsepower? Rent a rowboat instead. Boats are rented to groups of 2-6 people during the June-September season. More details on location pages 16, 28.

## 4. Explore the largest body of water in Yellowstone Park.

During a one-hour Scenicruise tour aboard the *MV Lake Queen II*, you can spot eagles, osprey, and other waterfowl, and maybe even elk or bison! You'll also see the remains of the *SS E.C. Waters*, an abandoned steamship near the shore of Stevenson Island, and hear all about the interesting character who had the ship built. More details on location pages 16, 28.

## 5. Experience a full day of park touring!

The Yellowstone in a Day tour travels the park's Grand Loop, with stops at the Fountain Paint Pots, Old Faithful Geyser and Old Faithful inn, the Upper and Lower Falls of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Canyon Village, and other spots along the way. Keep your eyes peeled for wildlife! This tour is also a great introduction to the park, providing an excellent overview of Yellowstone's highlights. More details on location pages 8, 13.

# National Park Service Visitor Centers & Programs

## VISITOR CENTERS

Take time to visit one or all of the Visitor Centers. Each has a unique theme and a Yellowstone Forever bookstore. National Park Visitor Centers are located at:

- Mammoth Hot Springs - The Albright Visitor Center and all the red-roofed houses with many chimneys down the street from it were built by the U.S. Cavalry as Fort Yellowstone, an army post dedicated to protecting the first national park. The beautiful stone building recently received a full interior renovation. The new exhibits focus on the ecology of Yellowstone's Northern Range, the development of the National Park idea, and the history of Fort Yellowstone. An orientation area with interactive displays offers enhanced trip planning information and Park Rangers give educational talks and tours throughout the year.

- Norris Area - The Museum of the National Park Ranger is located at the entrance to the Norris Campground. Formerly the Norris Soldier Station, exhibits in the building depict the development of the park ranger profession, from its roots in the military tradition and early Rangers to the present array of NPS staff specialized duties. The Norris Geyser Basin Museum features information on thermal features and is located on the main walkway to the geyser basin.

- Madison - The Madison Information Station and Trailside Museum was built in 1929-30. This small building currently houses the Junior Ranger Station and a Yellowstone Forever bookstore.

- Old Faithful - The Old Faithful Visitor Education Center, which opened in 2010, contains exciting interactive exhibits explaining Yellowstone's rare thermal features and a Young Scientist room for visitors of all ages. The theater features frequent showings of park videos. For geyser predictions, stop at the Visitor Education Center, call 307-344-2751, or follow on Twitter @GeyserNPS.

- Grant Village - The theme of the Grant Village Visitor Center is the fires of 1988 and the role of fire in Yellowstone. It has a theater with a presentation titled *10 Years After the Fire*.

- Fishing Bridge - The Fishing Bridge Visitor Center and Trailside Museum\* is located one mile east of Fishing Bridge Junction on the East Entrance Road. Built in 1931, it is a National Historic Landmark and houses historic bird specimens and other animal mounts.

- Canyon Village - The Canyon Visitor Education Center features Yellowstone's supervolcano concept. Through interactive exhibits, animations, audio-visuals, and real-time scientific data you will gain understanding about how Yellowstone's volcano, its geysers, hot springs, and geologic history affects all life here.

- West Yellowstone Information Center - The West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center is located outside the West Entrance of the park and is managed jointly with the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce and the US Forest Service. It is a good location for visitors to get oriented to the park, forests; and businesses available in the area.

## RANGER-LED PROGRAMS

Join a Yellowstone Park Ranger for educational programs including talks, walks, evening campfire programs; and other activities. Programs are presented from Memorial Day weekend through September and during the winter season. Check at NPS Visitor Center desks, in the *Yellowstone Today* newspaper (distributed at the entrance station when you arrived) or online at [www.nps.gov/yell](http://www.nps.gov/yell) for more information on these programs.

# Visiting Yellowstone with Kids

If it's your first time visiting Yellowstone with children, we have a few tips to share that will make your trip easier and more fun for the whole family.

**There's going to be a lot of driving, so plan accordingly!** Yellowstone is huge - 3,000 square miles, in fact - and it can take a couple of hours of driving to get from one attraction to another. There's plenty to look at, from breathtaking scenery to wildlife. Make frequent stops to give kids the chance to walk trails, take pictures, or draw things they see. Encourage kids to keep a journal of their park experience, or pick up books about Yellowstone in the visitor center bookstores or park gift shops for them to read during long stretches in the car.

**Grab a wildlife scavenger hunt sheet.** As you enter the park, ask the ranger at the station for a kids' wildlife scavenger hunt sheet and turn your sightseeing into a game! (This can also help you pass some of the long hours in the car, too.)

**Be sure to pack snacks and lunches.** With so much space between food service stations, you won't always be able to hop out of the car to grab some trail mix and bottled water. If you have room in your vehicle, fill a cooler with lunches and snacks and enjoy your meals at some of the well-marked picnic spots. There are plenty of places to buy ice and water supplies. Deli lunches and to-go food can be purchased at the park's restaurants, snack shops, and delis.

**Establish basic safety rules.** Kids have a tendency to want to get as close as they can to animals. Of course, when those animals are wild, this isn't a safe option. Make sure your kids keep a safe distance from any animals you spot during your exploration. National Park Service rules recommend staying at least 25 yards from most animals (elk, bison, moose, coyotes, etc.) and 100 yards from bears and wolves. A good rule for your kids is to stay on the path and not run ahead - everybody sticks together!

**Remember that you're going off the grid.** In Yellowstone, there's no TV, radio, and limited wifi and cell service (wireless internet is available for a fee at select lodging facilities), so kids should be prepared for what will likely be a drastic change from their everyday lives. But there are plenty of ways to keep busy! Kids can use their smartphones or tablets in different ways, such as for taking photos to create photo collage souvenirs or collecting video clips to make a movie of their adventure. In the evenings, you can play board games in the lobbies of historic lodges like the Mammoth Hotel, Old Faithful Inn, and Lake Lodge, or attend the evening Ranger programs, most of which are free.

**Check out the Junior Ranger program.** Designed for kids ages 4 and up, the self-guided Junior Ranger Program is a great way to introduce kids to the natural wonders of Yellowstone. Booklets are available for just \$3, and upon completing the age-appropriate activities listed inside the booklet, participants will receive an official Yellowstone Junior Ranger patch that's modeled after the National Park Service patch.

**Give the Young Scientist Program a try!** Suited for children age 5 and up, the Young Scientist program encourages kids to explore both the visitor centers and the park itself to solve age-appropriate science mysteries. Program booklets can be purchased for \$5 at the Canyon Visitor Education Center or Old Faithful Visitor Center. Participants who complete the program's requirements will receive either a patch (ages 5-13) or a keychain (ages 14+).

**If your kids are 3 or younger, bring a stroller.** Little legs get tired quickly and with so much ground to cover, you might not make it very far down the trail before you hear, "I'm tiiiiired!" Err on the side of caution and bring a stroller along.

# Mammoth Hot Springs Area

## LODGING

### **Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel & Cabins**

Open Late Summer - October 10, 2017

*Rates: Cabin without Bathroom, 1 Queen - \$99*

*Two Room Cabin without Bathroom - \$192*

*Frontier Cabin - \$165*

*Standard Hotel Room without Bathroom - \$95*

*Standard Hotel Room - \$160*

*Hot Tub Cabin - \$275*

*Suite - \$530*

The Mammoth Hotel was built in 1936, incorporating a wing of rooms from the former National Hotel. Mammoth lodging options include both hotel rooms and cabins with and without private bathrooms. Four hot-tub cabins are also available in both the summer and the winter. There are over 200 units in summer season and about half of that during winter season as the cabins are closed. The hotel has queen beds; cabins have full beds and queen beds.



## SHOPPING

### **For Future Generations: Yellowstone Gifts at the Mammoth Hotel**

Open April 29 - October 10, 2017

An innovative concept that emphasizes environmental stewardship while providing a sustainable shopping experience. Visitors to the shop will view exhibits devoted to the interpretation of climate change and its impacts on our parks. Customers can learn about actions they can take to minimize their impacts on the environment, and learn about Xanterra's extensive sustainability efforts. There is also a large array of environmentally friendly products that support businesses and manufacturers in and around the Greater Yellowstone region.

## DINING

### **Mammoth Hot Springs Dining Room**

Open April 28 - October 9, 2017

Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner (first come, first-served seating). This restaurant sets a high standard for sustainable operations by being the first restaurant in the National Park Service to achieve 4-Star certification from the Green Restaurant Association. The Mammoth Dining Room delivers great selection and affordability with its "small plates" at lunch and dinner. Try our slider menu, or our popular Thai Curry Mussels. For breakfast enjoy Cream of the West 7 Grain Pancakes or our Huevos Rancheros.

### **Terrace Grill (Quick Service)**

Open April 28 - October 15, 2017

Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Your quick-service stop for burgers, sandwiches, and local hand-dipped ice cream from Big Dipper. Breakfast sandwiches are part of the morning menu.

### **Mammoth Lounge**

Recount the day's adventures in the cozy atmosphere of our lounge, located just off the Mammoth Dining Room. Here we feature locally brewed draught beers and locally distilled spirits.





# Mammoth Hot Springs Area

## ALL-DAY ADVENTURES

### Yellowstone in a Day

A great overview of the park! Recommended as a “best first activity” by many of our guests. We’ll show you the park highlights, including Old Faithful, Yellowstone Lake, and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

*Daily ~ Gardiner, Montana*

May 27 - Sept 16 ~ 7:30 am - 6:30 pm

Adult \$121<sup>00</sup> Child (3-11) \$60<sup>00</sup>

\*Park entrance fee is not included with the Gardiner tour

*Daily ~ Mammoth Hotel*

May 27 - Sept 16 ~ 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Adult \$114<sup>00</sup> Child (3-11) \$57<sup>00</sup>

(Children 2 and under free)

## ONLY HAVE A FEW HOURS?

### Wake up to Wildlife

The early morning hours and Lamar Valley’s broad vistas provide great opportunities to spot wildlife grazing or hunting on the open hillsides. If the wildlife is lying low, the spectacular scenery is sure to please. A muffin and juice will be provided.

*Daily ~ Mammoth Hotel*

May 27 - Sept. 16 ~ 6:15 am - 11:30 am

Adult \$90<sup>00</sup> Child (3-11) \$45<sup>00</sup>

(Children 2 and under free)

### Albright Visitor Center and Museum

The Albright Visitor Center and all the red-roofed, many-chimneyed houses were built by the U.S. Cavalry as Fort Yellowstone, an Army post dedicated to protecting the first national park. The beautiful stone building recently received a full interior renovation. The new exhibits focus on the ecology of Yellowstone’s Northern Range, the development of the National Park idea, and the history of Fort Yellowstone. An orientation area with interactive displays offers enhanced trip planning information and Park Rangers give educational talks and tours throughout the year.

### Ranger-Led Interpretive Walks

Interpretive walks are available throughout Yellowstone. Refer to the schedule at the National Park Service Visitor Center or in the *Yellowstone Today* newspaper you received at the entrance station. You’ll be glad you did!

### Historic Walking Tour

Did you know that the Mammoth Hot Springs area used to be the location for the U.S. Cavalry when they helped manage the park? Pick up a guide in front of the NPS Visitor Center and take a self-guiding walking tour of Mammoth’s historic Fort Yellowstone buildings.

### Take a Hike

For the latest information on trail conditions, bear closure areas and other important information, we recommend checking with a National Park Service Visitor Center before hiking in Yellowstone.

### Explore the Terraces

Drive or walk from the hotel about 1/2 mile to the boardwalks at the base of the Terraces and follow them to the thermal features at the top. Or drive to the top and park to explore on foot from there. The Upper Terrace Loop Drive is a short and scenic one-way drive from the parking lot, and is well worth the time.

### Wraith Falls

This is a short, easy, one-mile hike through open sagebrush and fir forest to the foot of Wraith Falls on Lupine Creek. The trail begins at the pull-off 1/4 mile east of the Lava Creek Picnic Area on the Mammoth - Tower road, about 5 miles east of Mammoth Hot Springs.

## AT THE END OF THE DAY...

### Evening Wildlife Encounters

The combination of early evening hours and our historic Yellow Bus creates the perfect wildlife viewing opportunity. This is prime “critter country.” Along the way, your guide’s insight will be enhanced by the nostalgic ride on board this classic touring car.

*Daily ~ Mammoth Hotel*

May 27 - Aug 15 ~ 4:15 pm - 8:30 pm

Aug 16 - Sept 16 ~ 3:45 pm - 8:00 pm

Adult \$66<sup>00</sup> Child (3-11) \$33<sup>00</sup>

(Children 2 and under free)

# Tips for Summer Wildlife Viewing

*Yellowstone National Park is a place of natural wonders, geothermal phenomena, with an abundance of diverse, free roaming wildlife. Wolves, bison, bears, otters, bald eagles, deer, elk, moose, ravens, foxes, and more call the park home. Each year these animals captivate park visitors from around the world. In the summertime, Yellowstone is full of new life, color, and the weather is at its warmest.*

*To have the best Yellowstone summer wildlife viewing experience it's important to remember that the park's animals are as wild as the landscape they inhabit.*

Here are our top ten tips to help you make the most of your summertime wildlife viewing opportunities in Yellowstone:

## **1. Go where the wildlife is.**

Yellowstone's huge, wide valleys make excellent habitats for wildlife and this is key to finding them. Your best chance to spot bears, wolves, bison, pronghorn, and many other species, is to head to Lamar Valley in Yellowstone's Northern Range. Hayden Valley is another prime spot, especially for bison in the late summer during their mating season, or "rut." Mammoth Hot Springs seems to have elk almost year-round.

## **2. Early birds and night owls catch the worms.**

Yellowstone's wildlife is most active in the early morning and evenings, away from the heat of the day. This is also the time when most park visitors have yet to arrive, or have retired for the evening.

## **3. Take the time to prepare.**

It's important to make sure you are prepared for your wildlife viewing adventure. Even in summer, you should pack warm clothing and dress in layers. Make sure you bring extra clothing in case the weather changes during your trip. Also, don't forget to bring your binoculars and/or spotting scope!

## **4. Don't feed wild animals.**

Do not feed any animals, even birds and squirrels. Consuming human food is unhealthy for wildlife. Once an animal associates humans with food, the animal can exhibit aggressive behavior in its attempts to find more.

Store food in the car or hard-sided camper when not eating or attending to it. The common saying is, "a fed bear is a dead bear" and can apply to other animals as well.

## **5. Play it safe. It's very important to maintain a safe distance from Yellowstone's wildlife.**

*Always make sure you keep at least 100 yards (91 m) between you and bears and wolves. Stay 25 yards (23 m) away from all other animals. If the animal moves closer to you—back away and give them space.*

Do not surround, crowd, or disrupt an animal's path of movement. If your activity causes the animal(s) to change its ongoing behavior, whether the animal is eating, resting, standing still, etc., stop what you're doing and move away. The goal of wildlife viewing is to observe animals without interrupting their normal activities and to avoid giving the animal the sense that you are a danger.

## 6. Be respectful and courteous.

It's always important to respect the wildlife and to not disturb them or their habitats. It's also important to be respectful of other viewers and park property. Often you'll know where wildlife has been spotted—you'll notice park visitors in a turnout using binoculars and spotting scopes. When stopping to join, make sure you are courteous and safe in approaching the turnout and wildlife watchers. They may be willing to allow you to look through their scopes if you ask politely. Also, it's critical to park your vehicle legally, and in a way that does not block traffic, nor damage vegetation or park resources.

## 7. Listen, don't just look.

Taking the time to listen to the natural sounds around you- this can help with spotting wildlife. You may hear the call of an animal, birds chirping and other noises that could tip you off to an animal being nearby.

## 8. Know your bear safety.

When wildlife viewing it's very important to always be prepared for your adventure. Carrying bear spray and knowing how to use it could make all of the difference. Remember to stay 100 yards (91m) away from bears at all times and never run from a bear- they have an instinct to chase. Learn more about bear safety in Yellowstone.

## 9. The more photos you take, the better.

Capturing the perfect photo of a wild animal can be challenging because they're constantly moving. The more photos you snap, the more likely you will get the shot you wanted all along.

## 10. Take a tour with an expert guide.

One of the safest and most productive ways to view wildlife in Yellowstone is to take a guided tour with a park expert. Discover the park's wildlife on:

**Evening Wildlife Encounters** - The combination of early evening hours and our historic Yellow Bus creates the perfect wildlife viewing opportunity. This is prime "critter country." Along the way, your guide's insight will be enhanced by the nostalgic ride on board this classic touring car. *More details on pages 8, 22.*

**Lamar Valley Wildlife Excursion** - The Northern Range, which includes Lamar Valley, provides perfect habitat for bears, wolves, elk, bison, pronghorn, and bighorn sheep. Find out what makes this area so popular with animals and people. *More details on pages 18, 22.*

**Wake up to Wildlife** - The early morning hours and Lamar Valley's broad vistas provide great opportunities to spot wildlife grazing or hunting on the open hillsides. If the wildlife is lying low, the spectacular scenery is sure to please. A muffin and juice will be provided. *More details on pages 8, 22, 26.*

**Picture Perfect Photo Safari**-Explore the thermal features and scenic areas from the Firehole River to the Madison River with a photographer-guide who knows photography, cameras, and the photo hot spots. *More details on pages 13, 17.*

# Old Faithful Area

## LODGING

### Old Faithful Inn

Open May 5 - October 8, 2017

Rates: *Old House Room without Bath* - \$119

*Old House Room with Bathroom* - \$191

*Old House 2 Room without Bathroom* - \$227

*Old House 2 Room with Bathroom* - \$294

*Standard Room West Wing* - \$236

*Premium Room West Wing* - \$262

*Premium Hotel Room* - \$251

*Superior Hotel Room* - \$277

*Junior Suite* - \$519

*Suite* - \$590

As an inspiration for rustic architecture, and as one of the most famous buildings in the National Park System, the Old Faithful Inn features a 76-foot tall lobby, a huge roughstone fireplace, overhanging balconies and railings made of spectacular twisted gnarled logs. The Old Faithful Inn offers accommodations ranging from rustic historic rooms (with and without private bathrooms) to newer suites, all with queen beds.

### Old Faithful Lodge Cabins

Open May 19 - October 1, 2017

Rates: *Cabin without Bathroom* - \$91

*Frontier Cabin* - \$151

The dining and lobby areas in Old Faithful Lodge offer fantastic views of Old Faithful Geyser and the surrounding geyser basin. Cabins are located behind the main lodge building. While some cabins have private bathrooms with shower, others have a sink only. Cabins have double or single beds.

### Old Faithful Snow Lodge & Cabins

Open April 28 - October 22, 2017

Rates: *Frontier Cabin* - \$117

*Western Cabin* - \$183

*Premium Lodge Room* - \$273 - \$293

One of two hotels in the park that is open for the winter season, Snow Lodge features heavy timber construction, hand wrought iron accents, specially designed furnishings and unique lighting fixtures. Old Faithful Snow Lodge has both rooms and cabins, all with private bathrooms. All hotel rooms and Western Cabins have shower/tub combinations. Frontier Cabins have shower only. All Frontier Cabins have double beds, Lodge Rooms have Queen or King beds, Western Cabins have queen beds.

## DINING

### Old Faithful Inn Dining Room

Open May 5 - October 8, 2017

Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The dining room has a classic signature dinner buffet offering Prime Rib carved to order, Sautéed Trout, and Barbecue Huckleberry Chicken. Menu items include Wild Alaska Salmon, Pork Osso Buco, and Quail. At lunch, enjoy a fast but satisfying Western Buffet. Breakfast options include a buffet and à la carte menu.

*Advanced dinner reservations are required and can be made by calling 307-344-7311. Dinner reservations can be made beginning May 1 for the following year with Old Faithful Inn room reservations and two months in advance without Old Faithful Inn room reservations.*

### Bear Paw Deli at Old Faithful Inn

Open May 5 - October 8, 2017

Enjoy breakfast, lunch, dinner, espresso, specialty to-go sandwiches, salads and hand-dipped local ice cream from Big Dipper at the Deli.

### Bear Pit Lounge at Old Faithful Inn

You'll find etched glass replicas of the historic Bear Pit murals depicting human-like animal characters. Drinks, sandwiches, and appetizers are served. A beverage service is also available upstairs on the 2nd floor Mezzanine of the Inn.



# Old Faithful Area

## SHOPPING

**Old Faithful Lodge Cafeteria** - *The only dining room with a view of Old Faithful Geyser!*

Open May 19 - October 1, 2017

Open for lunch and dinner. Multiple serving stations provide various selections including Noodle Bowls, Bison Meatloaf, Hot Sandwiches, Roasted Turkey carved to order, entrée salads, deli sandwiches, and more.

**Old Faithful Lodge Bakery/Snack Shop**

Bake Shop: Open May 19 - October 1, 2017

Ice Cream: Open May 19 - October 1, 2017

Fresh-baked muffins, bagels, sandwiches, and soft-serve ice cream.

**Old Faithful Inn Gift Shop**

Open May 5 - October 8, 2017

The historic Old Faithful Inn Gift Shop transports you back in time, featuring a wide selection of memorable gifts, from fun keepsakes to fine apparel. The acclaimed Inn Gallery is devoted to regional carvings and bronzes as well as exquisite Native American jewelry, drums, headdresses, fetishes, carvings, and an outstanding array of artifacts. Visit with our artist-in-residence and also see who's participating in Yellowstone Stage, a daily series of visiting regional authors and artists.

**Old Faithful Lodge Gift Shop**

Open May 19 - October 1, 2017

Discover Yellowstone and its wonders through the many themed items you'll find at the Old Faithful Lodge Gift Shop, our premier geyser basin store. It features high energy, great selection, and fun folks to help you find just the right items. Gifts, fun souvenirs, and apparel for the entire family await you at your #1 stop to "Discover Yellowstone."

**Bear Den Gift Shop at Snow Lodge**

Open April 21 - November 5, 2017

Features an emphasis on bears and wildlife as well as winter in Yellowstone. After all, the Snow Lodge is our premier winter location. As winter fades and spring approaches, the ski shop transitions to "Bear Den Bikes", a rental program featuring bikes for in-park excursions (weather permitting, early June through early October). You'll discover a large selection of regional gifts, plus "Yellowstone Kids"- a "store within a store" with the largest selection of youth-oriented products and apparel in the park.



**Obsidian Dining Room at Snow Lodge**

Open April 28 - October 22, 2017

Open for breakfast and dinner. Choose from Wild Alaska Salmon Tostada, Montana Natural Lamb, Natural Prime Rib and several other delicious options. Breakfast is à la carte and buffet.

**Geyser Grill at Snow Lodge**

Open April 21 - November 5, 2017

Quick service for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Offers burgers, chicken sandwiches, bison bratwurst sandwiches, cold sandwiches, and other on-the-go choices.

**Firehole Lounge**

Located in the Snow Lodge serving local beers, signature cocktails, and appetizers. Look for the bears in the fireplace.



# Old Faithful Area

## ALL-DAY ADVENTURES

### Circle of Fire Tour

Discover the story and scenery behind Yellowstone's amazing geysers and hot springs. You'll have the opportunity to see and explore Yellowstone Lake, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, and the Fountain Paint Pots. Our guides know where to look for wildlife.

*Daily ~ Old Faithful Inn*

May 27 - Oct. 7 ~ 8:15 am - 4:30 pm

Adult \$82<sup>00</sup> Child (3-11) \$40<sup>00</sup>

*(Children 2 and under free)*

### Yellowstone in a Day

A great overview of the park and recommended as a "best first activity" by many of our guests. We'll show you the park highlights, including Yellowstone Lake, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, and Mammoth Hot Springs. Make your reservations at the front desk or activities desk.

*Daily ~ Old Faithful Inn*

May 27 - Oct. 7 ~ 8:15 am - 6:00 pm

Adult \$114<sup>00</sup> Child (3-11) \$57<sup>00</sup>

*(Children 2 and under free)*



## ONLY HAVE A FEW HOURS?

### Firehole Basin Adventure

This three-hour exploration will take you to where the action is "steamulating." Your guide will leave you with a new appreciation and understanding of Yellowstone's underground geothermal plumbing.

*Mon., Tue., Wed., Fri., Sun. ~ Old Faithful Inn*

June 9 - Sept 8 ~ 12:45 pm - 4:00 pm

*Daily ~ Old Faithful Inn*

May 27 - June 7 ~ 12:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Sept 10 - Oct. 7 ~ 12:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Adult \$54<sup>00</sup> Child (3-11) \$27<sup>00</sup>

*(Children 2 and under free)*

### Picture Perfect Photo Safari

Explore the thermal features and scenic areas from the Firehole River to the Madison River with a photographer-guide who knows photography, cameras, and the photo hot spots. Our specific destinations will vary based on reported wildlife sightings and seasonal conditions. Whether you're an experienced shutterbug or a point-and-shoot novice, you'll enjoy this experience. Since tours leave early in the morning, please dress warmly. A muffin and juice will be provided.

*Daily ~ Old Faithful Inn*

May 17 - Aug. 8 ~ 5:45 am - 11:00 am

Aug. 9 - Sept. 5 ~ 6:00 am - 11:15 am

Sept. 6 - Sept. 27 ~ 6:15 am - 11:30 am

Adults \$93<sup>00</sup> Child (11 and under) \$46<sup>00</sup>

### Old Faithful Inn Walking Tour

Come and learn the history and quirks of this national landmark.

*Free Daily - Meet by the fireplace in the lobby*

May 5 ~ 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm

May 6-Oct. 7 ~ 9:30 am, 11am, 2pm, and 3:30 pm

### Geyser Gazers

Join us for a 1.5 hour adventure in the *Fire Hole*, a name bestowed by mountain men of the early 19th century. Enjoy expansive views in the historic Yellow Bus (top down if the weather's nice) and take in the sights along Firehole Lake Drive, where Firehole Spring, Surprise Pool, Great Fountain Geyser, and other wonders lie adjacent to the road. From here, this tour makes its major walking stop at Midway Geyser Basin.

*Daily ~ Old Faithful Inn*

May 27 - August 22 ~ 4:15 pm - 6:00 pm

Sept 10 - October 7 ~ 4:15 pm - 6:00 pm

Adult \$28<sup>00</sup> Child (3-11) \$14<sup>00</sup>

*(Children 2 and under free)*

# Old Faithful Area

## Take a Hike



For the latest on trail conditions, bear closure areas, and other important information, we recommend checking with a National Park Service Visitor Center before hiking in Yellowstone. The NPS Visitor Center will also have the latest geyser eruption predictions.

### Upper Geyser Basin

Yellowstone is home to more thermal features than anywhere in the world—and you're smack-dab in the middle of it! One of our favorite walks in the Old Faithful area takes you down the boardwalk to Morning Glory Pool and loops back past many amazing features that should not be missed. 3-mile round-trip walk.

### Lone Star Geyser Trail

Hike or even bike along the Firehole River to this cone geyser which erupts for 30 minutes about every 3 hours. Bring a box lunch and spend some quality time in this lovely area. An easy, 4.8-mile round-trip hike from the trailhead just south of Kepler Cascades parking area.

### Observation Point

Take the boardwalk across the Firehole River and follow the signs up the hill. You'll have a bird's-eye view of the geyser basin and a front-row seat for Old Faithful's eruption. This is a steep 1-mile round-trip hike, but worth the effort.



## Rent a Bicycle



Go for a bike ride down to Morning Glory Pool or to Lone Star Geyser. Bicycle rentals are available in the Bear Den Gift Shop at Old Faithful Snow Lodge.

## National Park Service Visitor Education Center

The Old Faithful Visitor Education Center, which opened in 2010, contains exciting interactive exhibits explaining Yellowstone's rare thermal features and a Young Scientist room for visitors of all ages. The theater features frequent showings of park videos. Stop at the Visitor Education Center for the next prediction for Old Faithful Geyser and a few other geysers or call 307-344-2751.

## Ranger-led Interpretive Walks



Interpretive walks are available throughout Yellowstone. Refer to the schedule at the National Park Service Visitor Center or in the *Yellowstone Today* newspaper you received at the entrance station. You'll be glad you did.

## AT THE END OF THE DAY...

### Twilight on the Firehole



The Firehole (or Fire Hole) was named by the mountain men of the 19th century. What they experienced then still inspires visitors today. Exploring the Firehole area during the later part of the day is especially appealing as evening is a "golden hour" in Yellowstone. That later daylight adds a dramatic hue to the landscape, and wildlife tends to be more active in early mornings and evenings. This tour allows us to introduce you to an evening in the Firehole.

*Daily ~ Old Faithful Inn*

May 27 - July 25 ~ 7:15 pm - 9:30 pm

July 26 - Aug. 8 ~ 6:45 pm - 9:00 pm

Aug. 9 - Aug. 22 ~ 6:15 pm - 8:30 pm

Aug. 23 - Sept. 9 ~ 5:45 pm - 8:00 pm

Adult \$37<sup>00</sup> Child (3-11) \$18<sup>50</sup>

*(Children 2 and under free)*

### Evening Programs

Catch an interpretive program in the National Park Service Visitor Education Center, or relax with piano music in the Old Faithful Inn. Refer to the National Park Service newspaper *Yellowstone Today* you received at the gate, ask at one of the desks, or stop by the Visitor Education Center for more information on evening programs offered in the Old Faithful Area.

# Yellowstone Lake Area

## LODGING

### Lake Yellowstone Hotel & Cabins

Open May 12 - October 8, 2017

Rates: *Frontier Cabin* - \$157

*Standard Room* - \$244

*Premium Room, 1 Queen* - \$397-\$422

*Superior Lakeside Room, 1 Queen* - \$422-\$452

*Suite* - \$612

*Presidential Suite* - \$734

Upon arrival, the hotel's massive white columns welcome you to a time of classic, yet casual elegance. Among its many accolades, the Lake Hotel is a National Historic Landmark and a Green Seal-certified hotel. It recently underwent a full interior renovation, restoring its Colonial Revival qualities and features in public spaces, guest rooms, the dining room, and deli. All hotel rooms have in-room baths (tub/shower combinations). Cabins have showers. There are 300 guest units with cabins and Standard rooms containing double beds; hotel rooms have queen or king beds.

### Lake Lodge Cabins

Open June 10 - September 24, 2017

Rates: *Pioneer Cabin* - \$90

*Frontier Cabin* - \$140

*Western Cabin* - \$224

From here, time is captured in the shimmering reflections of lakeside mountains. Lake Lodge is an inviting location with cozy multiplex cabins. All cabins include private bath, some shower/tub, some shower only. The main building has a front porch overlooking Yellowstone Lake. Almost 200 units with Western cabins having queen beds and Pioneer/Frontier Cabins having full and single beds.

## DINING

### Lake Yellowstone Hotel Dining Room

Open May 12 - October 8, 2017

Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Treat yourself to the Eggs Benedict for breakfast. Unique specialty sandwiches and entrée salads are offered at lunch. And at dinner enjoy Bison Tenderloin, Wild Alaskan Salmon, or Montana Natural Lamb.

*Advanced dinner reservations are required and can be made by calling 307-344-7311. Dinner reservations can be made beginning May 1 for the following year with Lake Hotel room reservations and 2 months in advance without Lake Hotel room reservations.*

### The Lake Hotel Deli

Open May 12 - October 8, 2017

Delivers quality on-the-go options like specialty deli sandwiches and soups for lunch and dinner, and Starbucks coffee.

### Lake Hotel Lounge

Located in the Sun Room of the Lake Hotel. Enjoy a drink while listening to piano music or the Lake String quartet.

### Lake Lodge Cafeteria

Open June 10 - September 24, 2017

Offers a pleasing selection of value-priced entrée salads and to-go items. Slow-Roasted Natural Prime Rib and Turkey are carved to order. A rotating menu of daily specialties is sure to satisfy. Enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner with stunning views of Yellowstone Lake.

### Lake Lodge Lounge

Wind down from your big day at the Lake Lodge Lounge. On cool evenings, the large fireplace provides welcome warmth and atmosphere.



# Yellowstone Lake Area

## SHOPPING

### Lake Yellowstone Hotel Gift Shop

Open May 12 - October 8, 2017

Visiting Yellowstone Lake is an incredible experience and we've brought it indoors. You'll discover that the waters of Yellowstone dictate the theme with a wide array of gifts promoting the lake lifestyle. Collectibles, carvings, exquisite Native American jewelry, and distinctive regional products are merchandised with one of Yellowstone's largest apparel sections.

### Lake Lodge Gift Shop

Open June 10 - September 24, 2017

Designed to be a fun stop for kids of all ages, our staff created it with young people in mind. It's packed with a huge selection of kids' items as well as regional gifts and great apparel items.



## MARINA ACTIVITIES

(From Bridge Bay - located about 2 miles south of Lake Village)

### Scenicruise on Yellowstone Lake (from Bridge Bay Marina)

"All Aboard" the *Lake Queen II* for a relaxing, entertaining one-hour cruise! Motor out in a covered and heated boat to Stevenson Island where you will see the wreck of the *SS E.C. Waters*.

Daily ~ Bridge Bay Marina

June 12 - Aug. 11 ~ 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 1:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm

Aug. 12 - Sept. 5 ~ 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 1:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:30 pm

Sept. 6 - Sept. 10 ~ 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 1:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 4:00 pm

Adult \$18<sup>00</sup> Child (3-11) \$10<sup>50</sup>

(Children 2 and under free)

### Guided Fishing or Sightseeing Charters

Our captains can take you fishing for Lakers and Cutthroat, or trolling for discovery onboard our charter boats. Visit any activities desk or Bridge Bay Marina for more information and reservations.

Daily ~ Bridge Bay Marina

June 12 - August 11 ~ 7:45 am - 8:00 pm

Aug. 12 - Sept 3 ~ 8:45 am - 6:30 pm

22' Cabin Cruiser, 1-6 people ~ \$95<sup>00</sup>/hour

Price includes all fishing gear, doesn't include license (needed for 16+ years old)

2-hour minimum rental.

### Boat Rentals from Bridge Bay Marina

For some self-guided adventures, 16-foot rowboats and 18-foot outboard motor boats can be rented from the marina. Rental boats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Must be 2+ years old.

Daily ~ Bridge Bay Marina

June 12 - September 3

Row Boats (1-4 ppl) ~ \$10<sup>00</sup>/hour

Outboard Motor Boats (1-6 ppl) ~ \$55<sup>00</sup>/hour

Price includes personal floatation devices and gas or oars.

Deposit required.

Advance reservations not accepted. First come first serve.

### Backcountry Boat Shuttle

Our Backcountry Shuttle Service can carry up to 6 people, gear, and boats to backcountry drop-off locations and campsites on Yellowstone Lake. Venture to one of the most remote locations in the lower 48 states while backpacking, hiking, camping, or boating. Drop-off points include: Eagle Bay, Wolf Bay, Plover Point, Promontory, and the mouth of Columbine Creek. Can be booked one way, round trip, or for any point-to-point service from the drop off points, as well as to and from Bridge Bay Marina.

Daily ~ Bridge Bay Marina

June 12 - August 29 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Last departure 3:00 pm

August 30 - Sept. 12 Office hours 9:00 am - 5 pm

Last departure 2:00 pm

Shuttle ~ \$100<sup>00</sup>/hour

Towing ~ \$115<sup>00</sup>/hour

### Bridge Bay Marina Dock Slip Rentals

Daily ~ Bridge Bay Marina

May 19 - Sept. 3

18' and under ~ \$21<sup>00</sup>/day

Over 18' ~ \$28<sup>00</sup>/day

# Yellowstone Lake Area

## ALL DAY ADVENTURES

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*Daily ~ Lake Yellowstone Hotel*

May 27 - Oct. 7 ~ 9:30 am - 6:15 pm

*Daily ~ Fishing Bridge RV Park*

May 27 - Sept. 16 ~ 9:15 am - 6:00 pm

*Daily ~ Bridge Bay Campground*

May 27 - Sept. 10 ~ 9:45 am - 6:30 pm

Adult \$82<sup>00</sup> Child (3-11) \$40<sup>00</sup>

*(Children 2 and under free)*

## ONLY HAVE A FEW HOURS?

### Picture Perfect Photo Safari

Explore the northern shores of Yellowstone Lake, Hayden Valley, and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone with a photographer-guide who knows photography, cameras, photo hot spots, and prime times for viewing wildlife. Destinations will vary based on reported wildlife sightings and conditions. Whether you're an experienced shutterbug or novice, you can enjoy this tour. Because tours leave early in the morning, please dress warmly. A muffin and juice will be provided.

*Daily ~ Lake Hotel*

May 19 - Aug. 8 ~ 5:45 am - 11:00 am

Aug. 9 - Sept. 5 ~ 6:00 am - 11:15 am

Sept. 6 - Sept. 23 ~ 6:15 am - 11:30 am

Sept. 24 - Oct. 7 - 6:30 am - 11:45 am

Adult \$93<sup>00</sup> Child (11 and under) \$46<sup>00</sup>

### Ranger-Led Interpretive Walks

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### National Park Service Visitor Center

The Fishing Bridge Visitor Center and Museum is one mile east Fishing Bridge Junction on the East Entrance Road. Built in 1931, it is a National Historic Landmark and houses historic bird specimens and other animal mounts.

### Take a Hike

For the latest information on trail conditions, bear closure areas, and other important information, we recommend checking with a National Park Service Visitor Center before hiking in Yellowstone.

**Elephant Back Trail** – Enjoy this hike through a dense lodgepole pine forest to a sweeping panoramic view of Yellowstone Lake and the surrounding area. This moderately strenuous trail is a 3-mile loop starting one mile south of the Fishing Bridge Junction. This is a local favorite!

**Storm Point Trail** – This is an easy hike to scenic, windswept Storm Point. The 3-mile trail starts at the Indian Pond turnout three miles east of the Fishing Bridge Visitor Center and passes through an open meadow, a forested area, and then takes you along the lakeshore. Look for the colony of yellow-bellied marmots that make their home near the rocky point.

### Lake Yellowstone Hotel Walking Tour

No hotel has stood in any national park longer than the Lake Yellowstone Hotel. So come along as our interpretive guide shares the history, the hardships, and the idiosyncrasies of Yellowstone's oldest hostelry.

*Daily ~ Lake Hotel Lobby*

May 12 - Aug. 8 ~ 5:45 pm

Aug. 9 - Aug. 22 ~ 4:45 pm

Aug. 23 - Sept. 16 ~ 4:15 pm

Sept. 17 - Sept. 23 ~ 4:00 pm

Sept. 24 - Sept. 30 ~ 3:45 pm

Oct. 1 - Oct. 7 ~ 3:30 pm

Free



# Yellowstone Lake Area

## AT THE END OF THE DAY...

### Yellowstone Lake Butte Sunset Tour

Enjoy the scenic shores of Yellowstone Lake and breathtaking views from the Lake Butte Overlook in one of our historic Yellow Buses. It's a ride through history and nature, as tales from the past are interwoven with sights of the present. Please dress warmly since this tour leaves later in the evening.

#### *Daily ~ Lake Hotel*

May 27 - July 25 ~ 7:15 pm - 9:30 pm  
July 26 - Aug. 8 ~ 6:45 pm - 9:00 pm  
Aug. 9 - Aug. 22 ~ 6:15 pm - 8:30 pm  
Aug. 23 - Sept. 16 ~ 5:45 pm - 8:00 pm  
Sept. 17 - Sept. 23 ~ 5:30 pm - 7:45 pm  
Sept. 24 - Sept. 30 ~ 5:15 pm - 7:30 pm  
Oct. 1 - Oct. 7 ~ 5:00 pm - 7:15 pm

#### *Daily ~ Fishing Bridge RV Park*

May 27 - July 25 ~ 7:25 pm - 9:20 pm  
July 26 - Aug. 8 ~ 6:55 pm - 8:50 pm  
Aug. 9 - Aug. 22 ~ 6:25 pm - 8:20 pm  
Aug. 23 - Sept 16 ~ 5:55 pm - 7:50 pm

Adult \$38<sup>00</sup> Child (3 - 11) \$19<sup>00</sup>  
*(Children 2 and under free)*

### Lake Hotel Serenade

Take in the lake view while enjoying beautiful music. Piano and string quartet music alternate throughout the summer. The beautiful bar is conveniently located in the Sun Room if you fancy a beverage.

### Lamar Valley Wildlife Excursion

The Northern Range, which includes the expansive Lamar Valley, provides perfect habitat for bears, wolves, elk, bison, pronghorn, eagles, and bighorn sheep.

#### *Daily ~ Lake Hotel*

June 3 - Aug. 22 ~ 3:15 pm - 9:00 pm  
Aug. 23 - Sept. 9 ~ 2:45 pm - 8:30 pm

#### *Daily ~ Fishing Bridge RV Park*

June 3 - Aug. 22 ~ 3:30 pm - 8:45 pm  
Aug. 23 - Sept. 9 ~ 3:00 pm - 8:15 pm

#### *Daily ~ Bridge Bay Campground*

June 3 - Aug. 22 ~ 3:00 pm - 9:15 pm  
Aug. 23 - Sept. 3 ~ 2:30 pm - 8:45 pm

Adult \$76<sup>00</sup> Child (3-11) \$38<sup>00</sup>  
*(Children 2 and under free)*



# Trail Mix: 12 Awesome Day Hikes in Yellowstone

By Jim Morrison

Yellowstone National Park covers more than 2.2 million acres with more than 900 miles of hiking trails in backcountry wilderness. If you can't find a trail here, you can't find it anywhere.

Stop by a ranger station or the visitor center for the latest information on the condition of trails. They may be closed. Ask about bear activity, weather, and fires in the area. No permit is required for day hiking in the park, but permits are required for overnight hiking. It's impossible to explore all the beauty Yellowstone has to offer. So we've culled 12 great day hikes from the herd, each with a charm and a challenge.

## STORM POINT LOOP TRAIL

Level of Difficulty: Easy. Location: Fishing Bridge and Lake Village Area.

This is a flat, fun loop through a forest leading to a rocky peninsula jutting into Lake Yellowstone. You get the trifecta of forest, beach, and water all in one trip.

The Payoff: A great place to get away from the crowds and enjoy the beauty of a wilderness sunrise or sunset.

## TROUT LAKE

Level of Difficulty: Easy. Location: Trout Lake.

The Trout Lake hike is a pleasant walk in the woods where you might see otters feeding on cutthroat trout in the river or bears foraging. Ospreys dart from the sky to fish as well. The trail rises 150 feet through a Douglas fir forest to the lake.

The Payoff: A chance for some stellar wildlife viewing. Bring your binoculars.

## MYSTIC FALLS

Level of Difficulty: Easy. Location: Old Faithful Area.

Head through new growth forest then climb to the falls, where the river drops 70 feet as it rushes through a narrow slot. Often, geothermal activity creates an eerie steam. For more out of your trek, continue climbing past the falls to the junction with Fairy Creek Trail and head to the Biscuit Basin overlook.

The Payoff: Great views and one of Yellowstone's classic waterfalls.

## TOWER FALL OVERLOOK

Level of Difficulty: Easy. Location: Tower-Roosevelt region.

The 132-foot waterfall on Tower Creek is stunning, crashing onto the rocks below. This very short hike features minarets sculpted by water through the basalt formation.

The Payoff: A stellar photo opportunity for very little effort.

## UNCLE TOM'S TRAIL (FROM ARTIST POINT)

Level of Difficulty: Moderate. Location: Canyon Area.

Go ahead, take the stairs, if you dare. Uncle Tom's Trail carries you from the top of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone to the base of the 308-foot Lower Falls. This is more like climbing down and then back up a 20-story building. The vertical elevation change is about 500 feet at a steep angle. Don't worry. There are plenty of benches and places to rest.

The Payoff: The iconic Yellowstone view of the waterfalls from the bottom of the trail, complete with a rainbow if you're lucky, you will have an iconic view to rival the tunnel view at Yosemite or the view from the South Rim of the Grand Canyon.

## BEAVER PONDS LOOP

Level of Difficulty: Moderate. Location: Mammoth Hot Springs Area

The trail begins steep, but mellows out with views of Gardner Canyon and leads to the ponds, which features a beaver dam and lodge. It's generally not crowded and offers a good chance to see wildlife.

The Payoff: Feeling like you're alone in the backcountry wilderness on just a short hike.

### **ELEPHANT BACK MOUNTAIN TRAIL**

Level of Difficulty: Moderate. Location: Fishing Bridge and Lake Village Area.

Make time for this short hike with stunning views across Yellowstone Lake and the peaks that border its eastern edge. The hike gains 800 feet to the summit, but the trail is well maintained and it doesn't feel that steep. The forest is open, making the viewing even easier. Try late afternoon or early evening for the best light.

The Payoff: Climbing a mountain without breaking too much of a sweat for an incredible vista.

### **LONE STAR GEYSER**

Level of Difficulty: Easy. Location: Old Faithful Area.

This five-mile round trip starts with a cascade of falls and follows a river, first on one side and then the other, through a wooded valley to reach the centerpiece of Yellowstone's four backcountry geyser basins. The Lone Star Geyser erupts about every three hours. There are several log benches in the area where hikers can sit and watch for the geyser.

The Payoff: The best geyser and river hike combination in the park.

### **SOUTH RIM OF THE CANYON**

Level of Difficulty: Moderat. Location: Canyon Area.

This is a must-do, a hike along the rim of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone with stunning panoramic views of both the canyon and falls. The canyon is 20 miles long and from 800 to 1,200 feet deep, though the trail is a 4.5 mile loop when done completely. At Artist Point, you will have an iconic view to rival the tunnel view at Yosemite or the view from the South Rim of the Grand Canyon.

The Payoff: A chance to experience the roiling river and the stunning rhyolite rock formations of the canyon, guaranteed to fill the memory card on your camera.

### **BUNSEN PEAK TRAIL**

Level of Difficulty: Strenuous. Location: Mammoth Area.

This four-mile hike is short, but requires some work nearing the summit to climb a series of steep switchbacks. The vistas of the Gallatin Mountain Range are the best in the park. You'll pass a stand of dead trees with an otherworldly feel and a rock formation called Cathedral Rock. There are plenty of photo opportunities.

The Payoff: If you're lucky you may reach the telecommunications equipment on top and find you have the summit all to yourself.

### **MOUNT WASHBURN TRAIL**

Level of Difficulty: Strenuous. Location: Canyon Area.

The trail switches back and forth through a forested area with mountain top views of the Grand Tetons, and iconic in-park features like Old Faithful Geyser Basin and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. During July, wildflowers blanket the mountain. You're likely to see bighorn sheep. Nearing the summit, the temperature drops and there are often afternoon storms. Start early if you want to avoid them.

The Payoff: It will seem like you're on the top of the world. You can sit inside the lookout on top and take panoramic shots in comfort at 10,243 feet.

### **AVALANCHE PEAK**

Level of Difficulty: Strenuous. Location: Fishing Bridge and Lake Village Area.

For many Yellowstone veterans, this is their favorite hike. It begins through forests of meadows with wildflowers, passes gurgling streams, may feature patches of snow even in summer, and concludes 2,100 feet higher on a barren peak with views that stretch across Lake Yellowstone. When the trail offers options, stick to the left so you can traverse the length of the ridge with the best views.

The Payoff: Isn't the climb enough? OK, take a look at that view. Rock shelters on top make for a great place to share a sandwich.

# Canyon Area

## LODGING

### Canyon Lodge & Cabins

Open June 2 - October 8, 2017

Rates: *Western Cabin* - \$224

*Standard Lodge Room* - \$145

*Premium Lodge Room* - \$248

*Superior Lodge Room without Patio* - \$263

*Superior Lodge Room with Patio* - \$274

*Suite* - \$515

If location is everything, this is a great central base for your park explorations. Canyon Lodge offers a mix of accommodation types, from Western Cabins to a range of lodge rooms. In 2015, three new sustainably built lodges were completed and opened to the public. The final two lodges in this project were completed in September 2016. Of the five new lodges, four were LEED Certified Gold and one Silver. All guest lodging has private bathrooms. Most bathrooms have a tub/shower combination, while some have showers only. Bedding ranges from full size to king beds.

## SHOPPING

### Canyon Lodge Gift Store

Open June 2 - October 8, 2017

Focuses on wildlife in Yellowstone with interpretive souvenirs, unique plush animals, and other fine gifts and apparel.



## DINING

### M66 Bar & Grill

Open June 2 - October 8, 2017

Offering full-service dining in a casual Mission 66-themed setting, the M66 Bar & Grill features a menu of house-made soups, entrée salads, and creatively prepared beef, chicken, pork, Red trout and vegetarian dishes. Dinner reservations are required.

### Canyon Lodge Eatery

Open June 2 - October 8, 2017

Two options within The Eatery will provide guests with opportunities to customize their meals with fresh sustainable items, featuring local ingredients as available.

**Fresh Wok.** Begin with a base of greens, rice or noodles; add veggies and/or meat (chicken, salmon, steak) or tofu options; and complete it with a choice of flavorful sauces and toppers.

**Slow Food Fast** Start with greens, potatoes or pasta, add veggies and/or meat (from slow-cooked stews and braises) and finish the bowl or plate from a selection of boldly flavored sauces and toppers. Rotisserie chicken will also be featured.

### The Falls Cafe

Open June 2 - October 8, 2017

For those on the run, the Falls Café offers house-made grab-and-go flatbreads, sandwiches, salads and snacks. Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, the Falls Café also offers specialty coffee drinks and sustainably produced keg wines and beers.

### The Ice Creamery

Open June 2 - October 7, 2017

Regardless of how good your day has been, we can help you make it even better with Montana-made ice cream from Big Dipper.

### Washburn Lookout

Open June 12 - October 8, 2017

Conveniently located in the Washburn Lodge (registration building), the Washburn Lookout offers a selection of snacks, sandwiches and beverages throughout the day, including coffee drinks, beer, and wine.

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*Daily ~ Canyon Lodge*

June 3 - Oct. 7 ~ 7:45 am - 4:15 pm

Adult \$82<sup>00</sup> Child (3-11) \$40<sup>00</sup>

*(Children 2 and under free)*

## ONLY HAVE A FEW HOURS?

### Wake Up to Wildlife

The early morning hours and Lamar Valley's broad vistas provide great opportunities to spot wildlife grazing or hunting on the open hillsides. If the wildlife is lying low, the spectacular scenery is sure to please. A muffin and juice will be provided.

*Daily ~ Canyon Lodge*

June 3 - Sept. 16 ~ 6:15 am - 11:30 am

Sept. 17 - Sept. 23 ~ 6:30 am - 11:45 am

Adult \$90<sup>00</sup> Child (3-11) \$45<sup>00</sup>

*(Children 2 and under free)*

### Saddle Up

Whoa partner! Take the time to "slow down and smell the sagebrush" as you and your horse mosey on the trail along Cascade Creek. At Canyon Lodge Corral one-hour horseback rides are offered throughout the day, and a two-hour ride is offered in the morning. The Corral is about a mile south of Canyon Lodge. (To ride a horse a person must be at least 8 years old, 48 inches tall and weigh under 240 lbs, understand English, and ages 8-17 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or over).

*Daily ~ Canyon Corral*

1-hour rides

June 21 - Aug. 11 ~ 7:45 am, 9:15 am, 12:30 pm, 1:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 3:00 pm, 5:45 pm, 6:15 pm

Aug. 12 - Sept. 3 ~ 7:45 am, 9:15 am, 12:30 pm, 1:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 3:00 pm, 5:45 pm

Ages 8 through Adult \$49<sup>00</sup>

2 Hour Rides

June 21 - Sept. 3 ~ 8:45 am

Ages 8 through Adult \$72<sup>00</sup>

### Take a Hike

There are many trails along the North and South Rims, offering breathtaking views of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River. For information on trail conditions, bear closure areas, and other important information, we recommend checking with the NPS Visitor Center before hiking in Yellowstone.

### Ranger-Led Interpretive Walks

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### National Park Service Visitor Education Center

The Canyon Visitor Education Center features interpretive exhibits related to the Yellowstone supervolcano. Through interactive exhibits, animations, audio-visuals and real-time scientific data you will gain understanding about how Yellowstone's volcano, its geysers, hot springs, and geologic history affect all life here.

## AT THE END OF THE DAY...

### Lamar Valley Wildlife Excursion

The Northern Range, which includes Lamar Valley, provides perfect habitat for bears, wolves, elk, bison, pronghorn, and bighorn sheep. Find out what makes this area so popular with animals and people.

*Daily ~ Canyon Lodge*

June 3 - Aug. 22 ~ 4:15 pm - 8:15 pm

Aug. 23 - Sept. 9 ~ 3:45 pm - 7:45 pm

Adult \$48<sup>00</sup> Child (3-11) \$24<sup>00</sup>

*(Children 2 and under free)*

### Evening Wildlife Encounters

The combination of early evening hours and our historic Yellow Bus creates the perfect wildlife viewing opportunity. This is prime "critter country." Along the way your guide's insights will be enhanced by the nostalgic ride on board this classic touring car.

*Daily ~ Canyon Lodge*

June 2 - Aug. 15 ~ 4:15 pm - 8:30 pm

Aug. 16 - Sept. 16 ~ 3:45 pm - 8:00 pm

Sept. 17 - Sept. 23 ~ 3:30 pm - 7:45 pm

Adult \$66<sup>00</sup> Child (3-11) \$33<sup>00</sup>

*(Children 2 and under free)*

# Photography Tips

*Packed with stunning scenery, captivating wildlife, and incredible natural wonders, Yellowstone National Park is a dream destination for both professional and amateur photographers. No matter which part of the park you're touring, photo ops are around every corner.*

*Share them on your Instagram feed or decorate your home or office with your framed prints for the ultimate one-of-a-kind park souvenir - no matter what you choose to do with the photos you take at Yellowstone, they'll be treasured and enjoyed for years to come.*

Put your camera to good use during your vacation with these helpful photography tips.

## **Sign up for a Photo Safari.**

Perfect for amateur shutterbugs and avid photographers alike, the Yellowstone Photo Safari tour (more details on pages 13, 17) is a fantastic way to see some of the park's top photo ops while learning helpful photography tips from an expert. From now through early fall, daily photo safari tours depart from both the Lake Hotel and Old Faithful Inn. Participants will enjoy a tour that's tailored to the group's interest, skill levels, and equipment, so if you've only brought your smartphone, don't worry! You'll learn how to use your gear to capture the very best images of Yellowstone National Park during this five-hour tour, which covers wildlife-rich areas and/or breathtaking scenery in the park, depending on where the best opportunities are available.

## **Get an early start.**

If you're hoping to capture some wildlife for your photo album, getting an early morning start is key (one of the reasons our Photo Safaris set out so early in the morning!) Animals are most active early in the day, and the morning light can be spectacular, so skip sleeping in and head out shortly after dawn for your best chance of snapping some great wildlife shots. Bonus: You'll also be able to capture a spectacular Yellowstone sunrise!

## **Don't forget about the "golden hour."**

As the sun gets low in the sky at the end of the day, the park will be bathed in a warm, golden glow and the sky appears more saturated with color. Photographers call this the "golden hour" and there's a reason it's a preferred time of day for shooting everything from portraits to landscapes.

## **Experiment with framing your subjects in different ways.**

Remember the "rule of thirds" - rather than centering your subject in the middle of a photo, try placing them slightly off-center for a different, more interesting perspective.

## **If you're photographing people, keep your back to the sun.**

This will help you to avoid situations where your subjects are dark silhouettes against a bright background. Try to shoot so that people are lit from the side to minimize squinting into direct sunlight.

## **Mix in some black-and-white shots.**

Sure, Yellowstone's landscape is packed with vibrant colors, but sometimes a black-and-white photo can have a dramatic, artistic effect. Try mixing some monochromatic photos into your collection.

## Consider a polarizing filter.

Polarizing camera filters can help reduce the glare from bodies of water, darken skies, and adjust the balance of light in a photo. Many nature photographers use polarizing filters to capture brilliant outdoor images. If you're using Instagram to edit your photos, Valencia is an ideal filter for replicating the look of a polarizer.

## Take too many photos!

Experiment with different filters, angles, and zooms. Once you're reviewing your pictures later, you might be surprised at some of the excellent shots you've captured by accident! Keep your distance. While it might be tempting to attempt a close-up shot of some of Yellowstone's wildlife, be sure to stay a safe distance from any animals you encounter. Stay at least 100 yards from bears and wolves and at least 25 yards from other large animals. When viewing any wildlife along roads, use pullouts for extra safety and to avoid blocking traffic.

## Don't forget to be present.

In the quest for the perfect photo, it's easy to spend your entire day at Yellowstone looking at the park from behind a lens, but don't forget to put your camera down from time to time to fully experience the special moments as well.

## Take the #YellowstonePledge.

Help protect the park by being a good steward! Take the #YellowstonePledge and let everyone know on social media that you are: practicing safe selfies by never approaching animals to take a picture, staying on boardwalks in thermal areas, not throwing anything into hot springs, parking in designated areas, using pull-outs, staying in your car during a wildlife jam, following the speed limit, and more.

## Tag the shots or Enter a Contest!

If you care to share any shots via Instagram or Twitter, please tag @ynplodges or use the hashtag #ExperienceYellowstone. In addition, be sure to share your best photo with us on Facebook to be entered in our monthly Facebook Cover Photo Contest! Like 'Yellowstone National Park Lodges' on Facebook and post your photo to our page for a chance to see your photo as our Cover Photo!

## Instameets

Throughout the summer, Yellowstone National Park hosts Instameets. Make friends, take photos, exchange ideas, and share insights into the world's first national park with a park ranger. All ages, levels of experience, and cameras are welcome. Join one of the following:

April 21 @ 6:30pm: Roosevelt Arch InstaMeet - Meet at the Yellowstone Forever building in Gardiner.  
May 26 @ 7:30pm: Madison River InstaMeet - Meet at the front of the Madison Junior Ranger Station.  
June 23 @ 7:30pm: Lamar Buffalo Ranch InstaMeet - Meet at the entrance to the Lamar Buffalo Ranch.  
July 28 @ 7:00pm: Old Faithful InstaMeet - Meet at the Yellowstone Art and Photography Center.  
August 25 @ 6:30pm: Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone InstaMeet - Meet at Artist Point parking lot.  
Sept 29 @ 5:30pm: Mammoth Hot Springs InstaMeet - Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center.

# Roosevelt Area

## LODGING

### Roosevelt Lodge Cabins

Open June 9 - September 4, 2017

Rates: *Roughrider Cabin* - \$91

*Frontier Cabin* - \$145

From the front porch of the lodge, you can rock your stress to sleep and awaken your old west spirit. Roosevelt Lodge features rustic cabins. All of the 80 cabins have double beds. Most are without private bath and are heated with wood stoves, while some have electric heat and private bathroom with shower.

## SHOPPING

### Roosevelt Lodge Gift Shop

Open June 9 - September 4, 2017

The Old West has arrived. Stop by for some personal attention and find just the right gift for your cowboys and cowgirls back home. Take a look at the fine Native American jewelry and fetishes too.

## DINING

### Roosevelt Lodge Dining Room

Open June 9 - September 4, 2017

Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner (first come, first-served seating). Offers food fit for a cowboy! The breakfast menu offers traditional favorites. Starting at 11:30 am the menu has specialties including Wild Game Chili, the Wyoming Cheese Steak Sandwich, and our popular Taco Salad Grande with Bison, Chicken, or Black Bean Chili. Dinner fare includes our popular housemade Fried Chicken and Ribs, New York Strip Steak, and Pan-Fried Rocky Mountain Trout.

### Guest Lounge

Enjoy good conversation and Yellowstone signature beverages from the bar, located inside the Lodge. Sample locally distilled whiskey while you rock away your evening on the Lodge's front porch.



# Roosevelt Area

## ONLY HAVE A FEW HOURS?

### Wake Up to Wildlife

The early morning hours and Lamar Valley's broad vistas provide great opportunities to spot wildlife grazing or hunting on the open hillsides. If the wildlife is lying low, the spectacular scenery is sure to please. A muffin and juice will be provided.

*Daily ~ Roosevelt Lodge*

June 10 - Sept. 3 ~ 7:00 am - 11:00 am

Adults \$90<sup>00</sup> Child (3-11) \$45<sup>00</sup>

*(Children 2 and under free)*

### Saddle Up!

Whoa Partner! Take the time to "slow down and smell the sagebrush" as you and your horse mosey along the trail. One-hour horseback rides are offered throughout the day. Two-hour horseback rides are offered once a day. (To ride a horse a person must be at least 8 years old, 48 inches tall and weigh under 240 lbs, understand English, and ages 8-17 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or over)

*Daily ~ Roosevelt Corral*

1 hour Rides

June 9 - Aug. 11 ~ 12:00 pm, 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm

Aug. 12 - Sept. 3 ~ 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm

Ages 8 - Adult \$49<sup>00</sup>

2 Hour Rides

June 10 - Sept. 11 ~ 9:15 am

Ages 8 - Adults \$72<sup>00</sup>

### Go Western with a Stagecoach Adventure

Energize your pioneer spirit on a stagecoach ride. Feel the rumble of the replica Tally-ho coach. Hear about the history of the stagecoaches in Yellowstone. Offered throughout the day from the Roosevelt corral.

*Daily ~ Roosevelt Corral*

June 9 - June 9 ~ 1:15 pm, 2:15 pm, 3:15 pm

June 10 - Aug. 11 ~ 10:45 am, 1:15 pm,

2:15 pm, 3:15 pm

Aug. 12 - Sept. 3 ~ 10:45 am, 1:15 pm, 2:15 pm

Adult \$15<sup>00</sup> Child (2-11) \$8<sup>00</sup>

*(Children 2 and under free)*

### Take a Hike

For information on trail conditions, bear closure areas, and other important information, we recommend checking with an NPS Visitor Center before hiking in Yellowstone.

**Slough Creek Trail** - This scenic trail leads to a favorite area for catch and release anglers. The trail follows a historic wagon trail up Slough Creek through several meadows and over Plateau and Elk Tongue Creeks. This trail is moderately strenuous for the first 1.5 miles, then it is easy and takes one to three hours each way. Trailhead begins at the Slough Creek Campground (about 9 miles from Roosevelt Lodge).

## AT THE END OF THE DAY...

### Old West Dinner Cookout

Head out from Roosevelt Lodge for some cowboy grub and tall tales! Feast on sizzling steaks, our famous Roosevelt baked beans, potato salad, corn, cole slaw, corn muffins, watermelon, and fruit crisp. It's all served up with music, storytelling, wranglers, horses, and wagons. Reserve in advance.

*Daily ~ Roosevelt Corrals*

Wagon

June 10 - Aug. 11 ~ 4:45 pm Check-in

Aug. 12 - Sept. 3 ~ 3:45 pm Check-in

Sept. 4 - Sept. 9 ~ 2:45 pm Check-in

Adult \$63<sup>00</sup> Child (3-11) \$50<sup>00</sup>

*(2 and under free but must sit on parents lap)*

1- Hour Horseback Ride

June 10 - Aug. 11 ~ 4:15 pm Check-in

Aug. 12 - Sept. 3 ~ 3:15 pm Check-in

Adult \$87<sup>00</sup> Child (8-11) \$72<sup>00</sup>

2- Hour Horseback Ride

June 10 - Aug. 11 ~ 3:30 pm Check-in

Aug. 12 - Sept. 3 ~ 2:30 pm Check-in

Adult \$94<sup>00</sup> Child (8-11) \$86<sup>00</sup>

# Grant Village Area

## LODGING

### Grant Village

Open May 19 - October 1, 2017

Rates: *Premium Lodge Room - \$242*

The name honors President Ulysses S. Grant, who established Yellowstone as the world's first national park in 1872. Grant Village offers guest rooms in 6 separate lodge buildings. One bedded rooms have a queen bed and two bedded rooms have full size beds.

## DINING

### Grant Village Dining Room

Open May 19 - October 1, 2017

Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. For dinner enjoy Spicy Crab Ravioli, a Bison Burger, or Panko Crusted Halibut.

*Advanced dinner reservations are required and can be made by calling 307-344-7311. Dinner reservations can be made beginning May 1 for the following year with Grant Village room reservations and two months in advance without Grant Village room reservations.*

### Lake House Restaurant

Open May 26 - September 24, 2017

Open for breakfast and dinner. Offering a casual dinner menu featuring housemade Wildgame Meatloaf and Prime Rib. Breakfast is buffet style.

### Seven Stool Saloon

Enjoy good conversation and Yellowstone signature beverages in the Seven Stool Saloon located inside the Dining Room. Check out our local microbrews, too.

## SHOPPING

### Grant Village Gift Shop

Open May 19 - October 1, 2017

Located in the registration building, the Grant Village Gift Shop provides an intimate shopping experience and features special promotional items daily. If you like bargains, this is your store! Stop by for great values, good quality and friendly, helpful service.

## ALL DAY ADVENTURES

### Circle of Fire

Discover the story and scenery behind Yellowstone's amazing geysers and hot springs! You'll have the opportunity see Old Faithful and explore the Fountain Paint Pots and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Our guides know where to look for wildlife!

*Daily ~ Grant Village Registration Building*

May 27 - Sept. 30 ~ 9:15 am - 6:30 pm

Adult \$82<sup>00</sup> Child (3-11) \$40<sup>00</sup>

*(Children 2 and under free)*



# Grant Village Area

## ONLY HAVE A FEW HOURS?

### Scenicruise on Yellowstone Lake (from Bridge Bay Marina)



"All Aboard" the *Lake Queen II* for a relaxing, entertaining one-hour cruise! Motor out in a covered and heated boat to Stevenson Island where you will see the wreck of the SS *E.C. Waters*.

Daily ~ Bridge Bay Marina (Approx. 20 miles North)

Daily ~ Bridge Bay Marina

June 12 - Aug. 11 ~ 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 1:00 pm,  
2:30 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm

Aug. 12 - Sept. 5 ~ 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 1:00 pm,  
2:30 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:30 pm

Sept. 6 - Sept. 10 ~ 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 1:00 pm,  
2:30 pm, 4:00 pm

Adult \$18<sup>00</sup> Child (3-11) \$10<sup>50</sup>  
(Children 2 and under free)



### Private Sightseeing Charters

Our captains can take you fishing for Lakers and Cutthroat, or trolling for discovery onboard our charter boats. Visit the Front Desk or Bridge Bay Marina for more information and reservations.

Daily ~ Bridge Bay Marina (Approx. 20 miles North)

June 12 - September 3

22' Cabin Cruiser, 1-6 people ~ \$90<sup>00</sup>/hour

Price includes 3 rods and tackle.

2-hour minimum rental.



### Boat Rentals from Bridge Bay Marina

For some self-guided adventures, 16-foot rowboats and 18-foot outboard motor boats can be rented from the marina. Rental boats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Daily ~ Bridge Bay Marina (Approx. 20 miles North)

June 12 - September 3

Row Boats ~ \$10<sup>00</sup>/hour

Outboard Motor Boats ~ \$55<sup>00</sup>/hour

Price includes personal flotation devices and gas or oars.

Deposit required. Advance reservations not accepted.

### Take a Hike

For information on trail conditions, bear closure areas and other important information we recommend checking with a National Park Service Visitor Center before hiking in Yellowstone.

#### West Thumb Geyser Basin

Stroll through the beautiful West Thumb Geyser Basin situated on the shores of Yellowstone Lake. The boardwalk trail is just over a mile long and twists through colorful hot springs and dormant lakeshore geysers. (Located approximately 2 miles north of Grant Village.)

#### West Thumb Overlook Trail

For a great view of Yellowstone Lake and the Absaroka Mountain Range, hike the West Thumb Overlook Trail. This two-mile trail starts at the west end of the West Thumb parking lot, crosses the South Entrance Road and climbs about 400 feet through meadows and forest.

### Ranger-Led Interpretive Walks

Interpretive walks are available throughout Yellowstone. Refer to the schedule at the National Park Service Visitor Center or in the *Yellowstone Today* newspaper you received at the entrance station. You'll be glad you did!

#### National Park Service Visitor Center

The theme of the Grant Village Visitor Center is the fires of 1988 and the role of fire in Yellowstone. It has a theater and shows a presentation titled *10 Years After the Fire*.

## AT THE END OF THE DAY...

### Evening Programs

Enjoy a park ranger interpretive program. Refer to your copy of *Yellowstone Today* (the park newspaper that you received at the gate), or ask at one of the desks or stop by the Visitor Center for the schedule of programs.

# How to Travel Sustainably in Yellowstone

*At Yellowstone National Park, we're proud of our sustainability efforts. As a visitor, you can help too! Sustainable travel is all about making simple choices to reduce any negative impact on your destination. So for those heading to Yellowstone, we've put together a list of sustainable travel tips to help make your visit to Yellowstone an eco- and park-friendly experience.*

## **Pass on plastic.**

Help reduce landfill waste from landfills by packing a BPA-free reusable water bottle you can refill at water bottle filling stations throughout the park. Disposable plastic drink bottles are very hard on the environment, both in terms of their manufacturing process and their disposal. By bringing, or purchasing, a reusable water bottle you're making a huge sustainable impact. There are water bottle filling stations located throughout the park.

Our first water filling station eliminated the equivalent of 110,000 single use disposable bottles in just two years. We have even gone so far as to remove all plastic bottled water from our operations and are only selling easily recyclable canned water now. That helps eliminate the need for another 250,000 plastic bottles a year from the landfill.

## **Know where to toss your trash.**

In our guest rooms, lobbies, and throughout the park, you'll find waste stations where you can sort your waste into recyclables and compostables. This sorting process helps us divert over 56% of solid waste from the landfill annually and we can do even better with your help!

## **Don't be a drip.**

Water is a precious commodity, especially in Yellowstone. Short showers, instead of baths, can save up to 10 gallons of water per person. Turning off the shower between the lather and rinse can save even more. Same goes when brushing teeth and shaving. Don't run the water while you're brushing, just when you're ready to rinse.

You can save even more water by reusing your towels each day versus asking for new towels each day of your stay. If it's hanging, we'll leave it for you to reuse. Each day of linen reuse saves about 6 gallons of water per person.

Pop Quiz: Is Yellowstone home to more bison or towels? Answer: Towels! We stock 24,237 guest towels and about 4,000 bison live in the park. (And bison prefer to air dry.)

## **Watch the watts.**

When you leave your room, turn off all of the lights. If you've hardly spent any time in the room and it's not really dirty, consider leaving the "Do Not Disturb" sign on the door for the day. Not doing a stay-over cleaning eliminates vacuuming, and the use of cleaning chemicals and water.

## **Take nothing but pictures.**

Yellowstone is packed with stunning scenery, captivating wildlife, and some of the world's most incredible natural wonders. The park is a dream destination for professional and amateur photographers alike. So, take as many photos as you like, but make sure that is all you take with you. Never remove anything from its natural setting, and always stay on the marked trails and walkways to avoid harming natural resources (and yourself).

## Give the gift of green.

If you're planning on going shopping or picking up a few souvenirs from the Yellowstone area, take a reusable bag with you. Consider purchasing environmentally friendly merchandise, such as items made locally or regionally, from recycled or sustainable materials, and reusable products. More than 40% of items in our gift shops are sustainably produced. We've bagged the plastic bags from our shops and offer reusable tote bags for free with purchases over \$50.

## Chow down.

Fresh, local, and sustainable cuisine tastes great, is better for you and the environment, and we serve it up in our in-park restaurants. In fact, about 51% of the food items we purchase are considered sustainable, and our goal is to increase that to 70% by 2025! But it's not just the food that matters. For example, this year, the Mammoth Hotel Dining Room became the first 4-star Green Restaurant Association certified restaurant in the National Park Service.

## Opt for green transportation.

Once you're in the park try to walk or bike as much as possible. Bike rentals are available at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge, and bike shop staff can help to provide you with expert guidance as to the best places to explore by bike, based on your interests and abilities.

Instead of driving your own car, consider taking part in a guided tour. It's more eco-friendly, and our knowledgeable park guides will turn the drive into an enjoyable and informative experience.

Avoid idle time. Every year in the US, idling motor vehicles costs Americans about \$2.9 billion and generates 14.6 million tons of carbon dioxide. If you anticipate being parked for more than 10 seconds, (or are stuck in a wildlife jam or road construction) turn off your engine to save fuel, reduce maintenance, reduce emissions, and save money.

## Sleep on it.

The new lodges at Canyon Village have received the USGBC's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold and Silver certifications. They feature recycled or renewable materials, are energy efficient, and used building processes that eliminate waste. They were recently named one of the 5 Hotels for the Eco-Conscious Traveler by the NY Times.

## Why does it matter?

In Yellowstone—and in national parks across the country—the consequences of climate change have already begun to appear. Scientists monitor Yellowstone's snowpack levels, temperatures at different elevations and water sources, fire events, plant growth rates and pollen production, soil conditions, biodiversity, and various additional factors to gauge climate change's contributions to plant and wildlife shifts in growth cycles, migrations, and base geographic ranges.

*By incorporating these tips into your Yellowstone visit, collectively, we can make a huge difference in the protection of the land and incredible natural resources in the Yellowstone region for future generations!*

# Campground Information

## PLEASE READ THESE GUIDELINES FOR A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE STAY

All campgrounds operated by Yellowstone National Park Lodges have restrooms with cold water and flush toilets, coin-operated ice and soda machines, and recycling and refuse containers nearby.

### PICNIC TABLES AND FIRE GRATES

Individual campsites have one picnic table and one fire grate (except at Fishing Bridge RV Park, which does not have picnic tables or fire grates).

Group campsites have one picnic table and one fire grate for approximately every six people and are for tent camping only.

### FIREWOOD

Firewood is sold at all campgrounds except Fishing Bridge RV Park.

### FOOD STORAGE

Food storage regulations are strictly enforced at all campgrounds. Please refer to the Campground Policies section for further food storage information.

### RV SITES

Sites that accommodate RVs at Canyon, Bridge Bay, Grant Village, and Madison campgrounds are either pull-through or back-in with limited width for slide-outs and **MAY NOT BE LEVEL**; please plan accordingly. Some sites are shaded while others are in open areas. All sites at Fishing Bridge RV Park are back-in sites, located in an open area surrounded by a pine forest.



## CHECK-IN AND CAMPSITE ASSIGNMENT

- Check-ins are handled throughout the day. Your site may not be available until after the 11:00 am check-out time.
- Accessible facilities are available. Please contact us with your specific requests, and we will do our best to accommodate you.
- Check-out time at all campgrounds is 11:00 am. Please be aware that incoming campers may be waiting for the campsite you are vacating.



## BE BEAR AWARE

- Keep a clean camp! Improperly stored or unattended food will be confiscated and you could be fined.
- Treat odorous products such as soap, toothpaste, fuel products, suntan lotion, and bug spray in the same manner as food.
  - Never store food, garbage, or toiletries in tents or sleeping bags.
  - Place all trash in bear-resistant garbage dumpsters.
  - Pets must be kept under physical restraint and never left unattended.
  - Immediately report careless campers nearby and all bear sightings to the campground kiosk or nearest ranger.

# Campgrounds

## CAMPGROUND DESCRIPTIONS

### **Madison Campground**

Open April 28 - October 15, 2017

Rate: \$24.<sup>25</sup>/night

*Dump Station, Amphitheater*

Located 16 miles north of Old Faithful at the confluence of the Gibbon and Firehole Rivers, which creates the Madison River. Restaurants, pay showers, and stores are located at Old Faithful. No utility hookups. Sanitary RV dump station available, however below-freezing temperatures in spring and fall can result in dump station closures. Showers are not included in campsite rate.

### **Fishing Bridge RV Park**

Open May 5 - September 17, 2017

Rate: \$47.<sup>75</sup>/night

*Dump Station, Pay Showers, Coin Laundry, Amphitheater*

Located near Fishing Bridge Junction in the Yellowstone Lake area, the RV park is for hard sided units only. If your unit has any fabric construction on the exterior walls, we will try to accommodate you at our other campgrounds. Sites are double-wide with a limited width for slide-outs and maximum length of 40 feet (units over 40' cannot be accommodated). Electricity (20/30/50 amp), water, and sewer hookups are provided. Pay showers, coin laundry, stores, and sanitary RV dump station available. The Lifetime Interagency Pass (for seniors and individuals with permanent disabilities) is not accepted at Fishing Bridge RV Park. Individual campsite rate includes two showers per night.



### **Bridge Bay Campground**

Open May 19 - September 11, 2017

Rate: \$24.<sup>25</sup>/night

*Dump Station, Amphitheater*

Located near the west shore of Yellowstone Lake adjacent to Bridge Bay Marina, three miles south of Fishing Bridge Junction. Group sites are available. Store, boat rental, dock rental, boat launch, guided fishing trips, and scenic boat rides available. Restaurants and stores are located at Lake Hotel and Lake Lodge, two miles north. Coin laundry and pay showers are located at Fishing Bridge RV Park, 4 miles north. No utility hookups. Sanitary RV dump station available. Showers are not included in campsite rate.



### **Canyon Campground**

Open May 26 - September 24, 2017

Rats: \$29.<sup>00</sup>/night

*Dump Station, Pay Showers, Coin Laundry, Amphitheater*

Centrally located near the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. There are stores, restaurants, pay showers, and coin laundry nearby. No utility hookups. Sanitary RV dump station available. Individual campsite rate includes two showers per night.

### **Grant Village Campground**

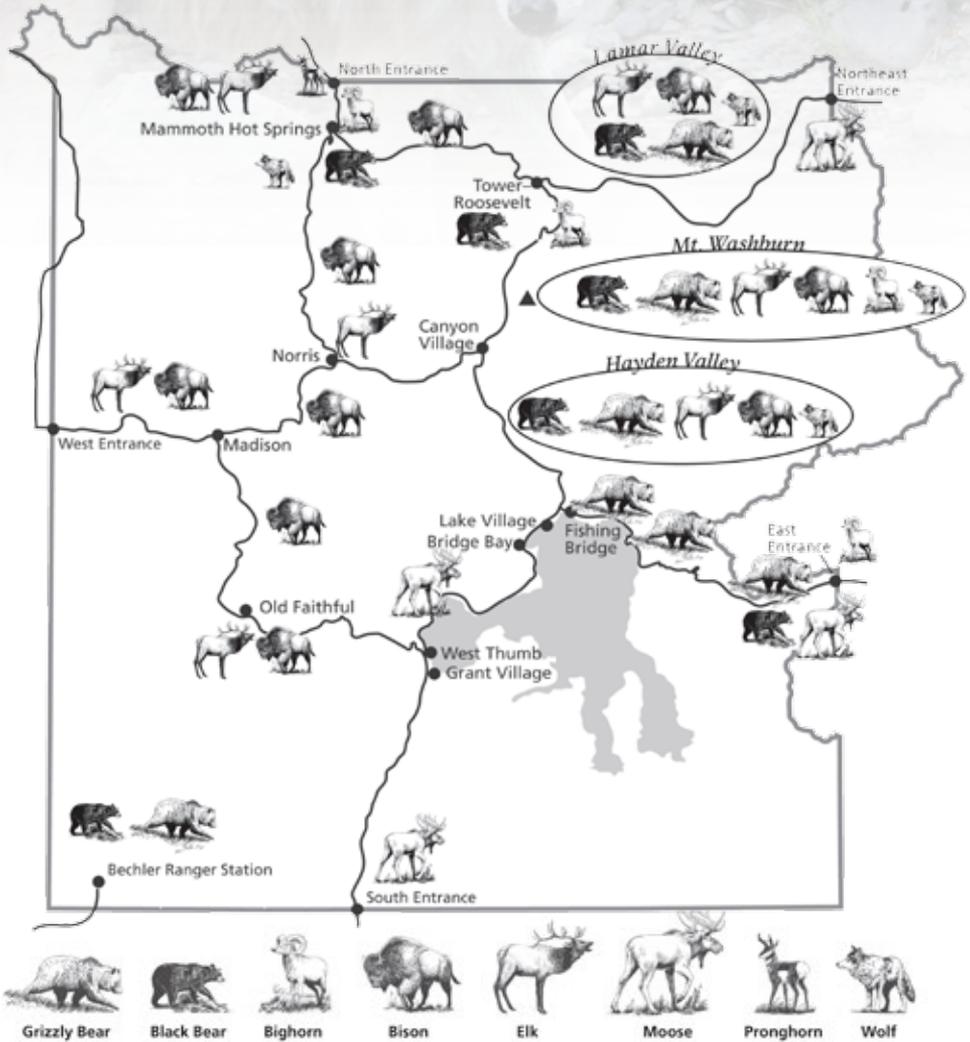
Open June 9 - September 17, 2017

Rate: \$29.<sup>00</sup>/night

*Dump Station, Pay Showers, Coin Laundry, Amphitheater*

Located on the southwest shore of Yellowstone Lake, 22 miles north of the South Entrance. Group sites are available. Stores, restaurants, pay showers and coin laundry are within one mile. No utility hookups. Sanitary RV dump station available, however below-freezing temperatures in spring and fall can result in dump station closures. Individual campsite rate includes two showers per night.

# Animals In Yellowstone



## MAMMAL LOCATION MAP

Use the map above as a guide to areas frequented by these big mammals, and the list on the next page to check off all the mammals - big and small - while visiting Yellowstone National Park.

*Illustrations and information provided by the NPS*

## HIKING SAFETY

Minimize your risks of a bear encounter by making loud noises, shouting, or singing. *Always* carry bear spray in the backcountry. Hike in groups of 3 or more and use caution where vision is obstructed. Do not hike after dark. Avoid carcasses; bears often defend this source of food. Obtain more information by visiting a Ranger Station.

# Animals In Yellowstone

## ANIMALS IN THE PARK

More than 70 mammals live in Yellowstone, and the 8 to the left are the ones most visitors want to see. The map to the left shows the most likely places to see the big mammals, but what you see will vary with the weather, season, and behavior of the animals. You might see these and other animals in other places in the park, or you might not see any at all. Enjoy looking for and watching wildlife.

## BE CAREFUL

Wild animals are dangerous. To protect yourself and wildlife, follow these guidelines whether you are alone or in a wildlife jam:

- Park in a turnout and make sure your car is completely off the road.
- Put your vehicle into park and engage your parking brake.
- Stay near your vehicle so you can retreat if the animal approaches.
- Do not stand in the road.
- Never surround, crowd, approach, or follow wildlife.
- Don't block an animal's line of travel.
- Do not run or move suddenly - this may cause predators to attack.
- If other people in the area are putting you in danger, leave the scene and/or notify a park ranger.
- Do no ever feed wildlife, including birds.
- Always carry bear spray when hiking backcountry trails.

## QUICK COMPARE: CANIDS

### Fox

- Red fur, dark legs
- 9-12 pounds



### Coyote

- Tan to gray fur
- 25-35 pounds



### Wolf

- Gray, black, or white
- 80-100 pounds



## ANIMAL CHECKLIST

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Badger             | <input type="checkbox"/> Lynx                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bald Eagle         | <input type="checkbox"/> Mallard                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beaver             | <input type="checkbox"/> Marten                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bison              | <input type="checkbox"/> Mink                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bighorn Sheep      | <input type="checkbox"/> Moose                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Bear         | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Goat          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bobcat             | <input type="checkbox"/> Osprey                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chipmunk, Least    | <input type="checkbox"/> Pika                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cougar             | <input type="checkbox"/> Pronghorn              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote             | <input type="checkbox"/> Raven                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deer, Mule         | <input type="checkbox"/> River Otter            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deer, White-tailed | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowshoe Hare          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elk                | <input type="checkbox"/> Striped Skunk          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fox                | <input type="checkbox"/> Squirrel, Uinta Ground |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gray Wolf          | <input type="checkbox"/> Trumpeter Swan         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grizzly Bear       | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow-bellied Marmot  |

## QUICK COMPARE: BEARS

### Black Bear

- No shoulder hump
- Rump higher than shoulder



### Grizzly Bear

- Shoulder hump
- Rump lower than shoulder

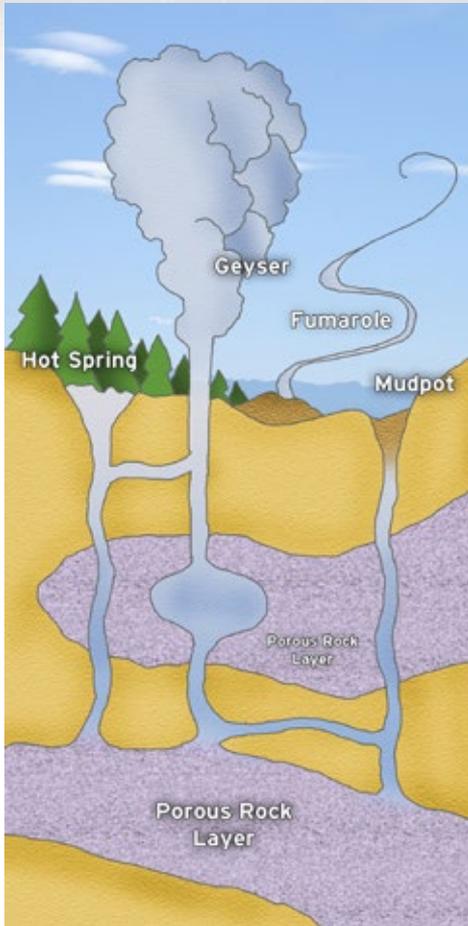


## BE SAFE - AND LEGAL

Stay at least 100 yards (91 m) away from bears and wolves.

Stay at least 25 yards (23 m) away from *all* other animals - including bison, elk, bighorn sheep, deer, moose, and coyotes.

# Thermal Features In Yellowstone



## FOUR TYPES OF THERMAL FEATURES

**Geyser:** A geyser is a hot spring with the intriguing habit of tossing underground water in the air. It's the equivalent of a giant pressure cooker; even though the temperature of water deep down may be well above boiling, the weight and pressure of the water above prevents that boiling from happening. Eventually, though, the pressure builds enough to push the water in the upper reaches up and out, causing an overflow. That overflow, in turn, relieves the pressure on

the super-heated water below, causing it to flash into steam. That flash, that explosion through a narrow, constricted place in the rocks, is what sends water shooting into the air.

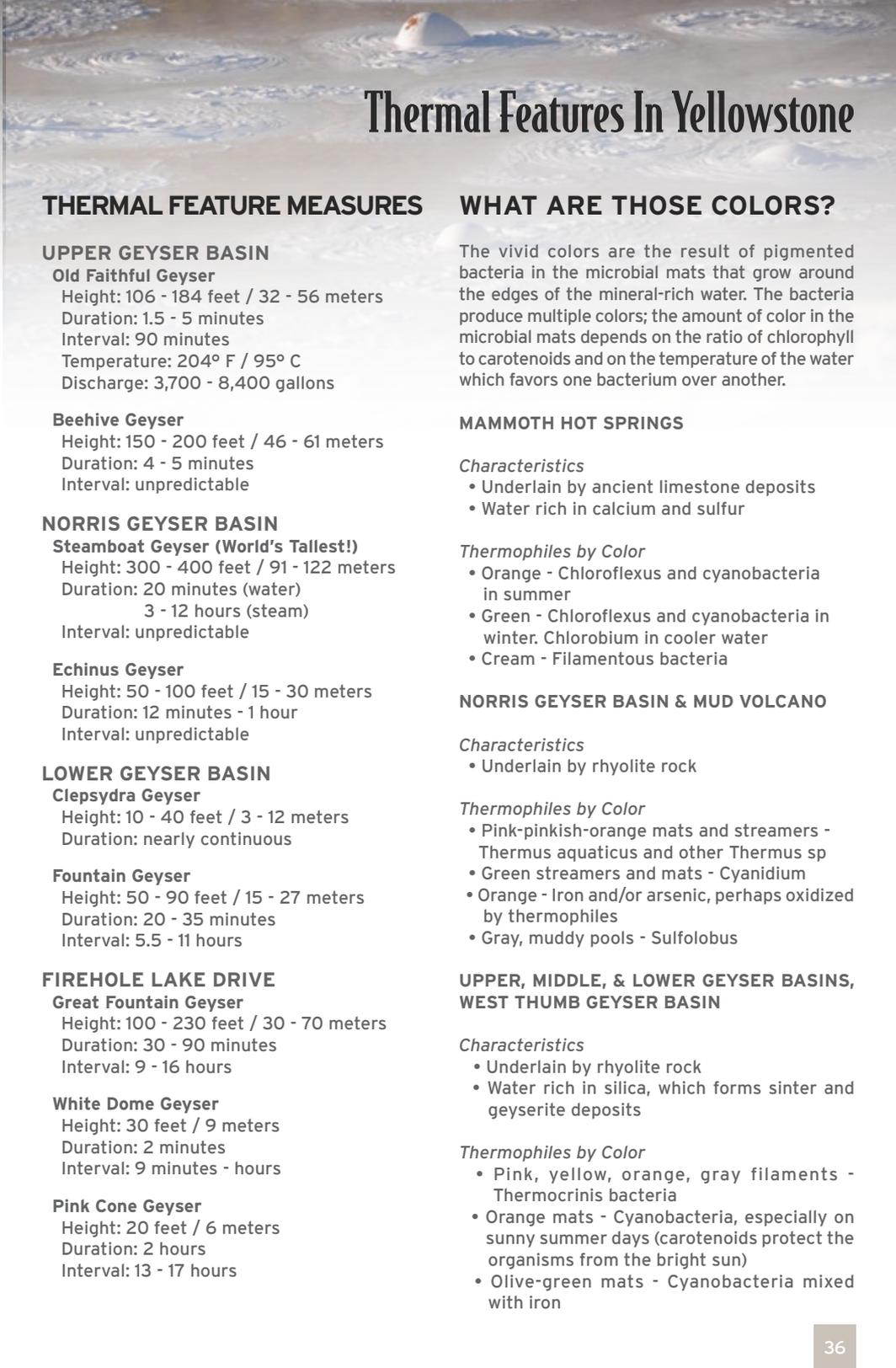
**Hot Spring:** Hot springs are similar to geysers, but they have no constrictions in their plumbing. Convection prevents water from reaching the temperature needed to set off the chain reaction leading to an eruption. The many beautiful colors you see in hot springs are caused by light refraction, suspended mineral particles, and heat-loving microorganisms.

**Fumarole (also called a steam vent):** In simplest terms, a fumarole is a vent in the Earth's crust. Modest amounts of groundwater come into contact with hot rocks underground and are turned to steam. This steam rushes up through a series of crack and fissures and out the vent, sometimes with enough force to create a loud hiss or roar.

**Mudpot:** Mudpots occur in places where microorganisms help convert hydrogen sulfide, which rises from deep within the earth, into sulfuric acid. The acid dissolves surrounding rock into clay, which mixes with rising steam and groundwater to form mud of varying colors and consistencies.

## HIKING AROUND THE PARK AND THERMAL FEATURES

We invite you to spend a few hours hiking the area's scenic trails. The thin ground in the thermal areas breaks easily, and often overlies scalding water. Stay on the trail. There are numerous trails suitable for day hiking. Begin your hike by stopping at a Ranger Station or Visitor Center for information. Trail conditions may change suddenly and unexpectedly. Bear activity, rain or snow storms, high water, and fires may temporarily close trails. At a minimum, carry water, a raincoat or poncho, a warm hat, insect repellent, sunscreen, and a first aid kit. It is recommended that you hike with a party size of three or more, and carry bear spray. No permit is required for day hiking.



# Thermal Features In Yellowstone

## THERMAL FEATURE MEASURES

### UPPER GEYSER BASIN

#### Old Faithful Geyser

Height: 106 - 184 feet / 32 - 56 meters

Duration: 1.5 - 5 minutes

Interval: 90 minutes

Temperature: 204° F / 95° C

Discharge: 3,700 - 8,400 gallons

#### Beehive Geyser

Height: 150 - 200 feet / 46 - 61 meters

Duration: 4 - 5 minutes

Interval: unpredictable

### NORRIS GEYSER BASIN

#### Steamboat Geyser (World's Tallest!)

Height: 300 - 400 feet / 91 - 122 meters

Duration: 20 minutes (water)

3 - 12 hours (steam)

Interval: unpredictable

#### Echinus Geyser

Height: 50 - 100 feet / 15 - 30 meters

Duration: 12 minutes - 1 hour

Interval: unpredictable

### LOWER GEYSER BASIN

#### Clepsydra Geyser

Height: 10 - 40 feet / 3 - 12 meters

Duration: nearly continuous

#### Fountain Geyser

Height: 50 - 90 feet / 15 - 27 meters

Duration: 20 - 35 minutes

Interval: 5.5 - 11 hours

### FIREHOLE LAKE DRIVE

#### Great Fountain Geyser

Height: 100 - 230 feet / 30 - 70 meters

Duration: 30 - 90 minutes

Interval: 9 - 16 hours

#### White Dome Geyser

Height: 30 feet / 9 meters

Duration: 2 minutes

Interval: 9 minutes - hours

#### Pink Cone Geyser

Height: 20 feet / 6 meters

Duration: 2 hours

Interval: 13 - 17 hours

## WHAT ARE THOSE COLORS?

The vivid colors are the result of pigmented bacteria in the microbial mats that grow around the edges of the mineral-rich water. The bacteria produce multiple colors; the amount of color in the microbial mats depends on the ratio of chlorophyll to carotenoids and on the temperature of the water which favors one bacterium over another.

### MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS

#### Characteristics

- Underlain by ancient limestone deposits
- Water rich in calcium and sulfur

#### Thermophiles by Color

- Orange - Chloroflexus and cyanobacteria in summer
- Green - Chloroflexus and cyanobacteria in winter. Chlorobium in cooler water
- Cream - Filamentous bacteria

### NORRIS GEYSER BASIN & MUD VOLCANO

#### Characteristics

- Underlain by rhyolite rock

#### Thermophiles by Color

- Pink-pinkish-orange mats and streamers - Thermus aquaticus and other Thermus sp
- Green streamers and mats - Cyanidium
- Orange - Iron and/or arsenic, perhaps oxidized by thermophiles
- Gray, muddy pools - Sulfolobus

### UPPER, MIDDLE, & LOWER GEYSER BASINS, WEST THUMB GEYSER BASIN

#### Characteristics

- Underlain by rhyolite rock
- Water rich in silica, which forms sinter and geyserite deposits

#### Thermophiles by Color

- Pink, yellow, orange, gray filaments - Thermocrinis bacteria
- Orange mats - Cyanobacteria, especially on sunny summer days (carotenoids protect the organisms from the bright sun)
- Olive-green mats - Cyanobacteria mixed with iron

# 10 Reasons to Visit Yellowstone in Winter

Yellowstone is spectacular in winter. Blanketed by snow, the 2.2-million-acre park exudes a mythical beauty. The abundance of warm-weather visitors that make Yellowstone the fourth most visited National Park are gone and the wildlife and world-famous geysers as well as the bubbling mudpots, hissing fumaroles (steam vents), and hot springs remain.

Here's why it's worth bundling up to visit the park from mid-November through March.

## 1. Experience the park as few others do.

In winter, with only two hotels open and park access primarily by guided oversnow transportation, experiencing Yellowstone's canyons, woods, wildlife, and hydrothermal forces can be a much more intimate experience.

## 2. See the geysers against the snow.

The contrast of the grayish-white steam of the geysers against the snow and the stunningly blue skies creates a heightened sense of the Earth's powerful forces. In winter when Old Faithful, the geyser that regularly shoots sprays of water more than 100 feet in the air, erupts, the near-boiling water hits the chilly air forming "geyser rain." Watch as these tiny icy crystals and flakes fall to the ground.

## 3. Spot animals easily.

Against the snowy background, the elk, bison, wolves, and other animals become relatively easy to spot and you can also see their tracks in the snow.

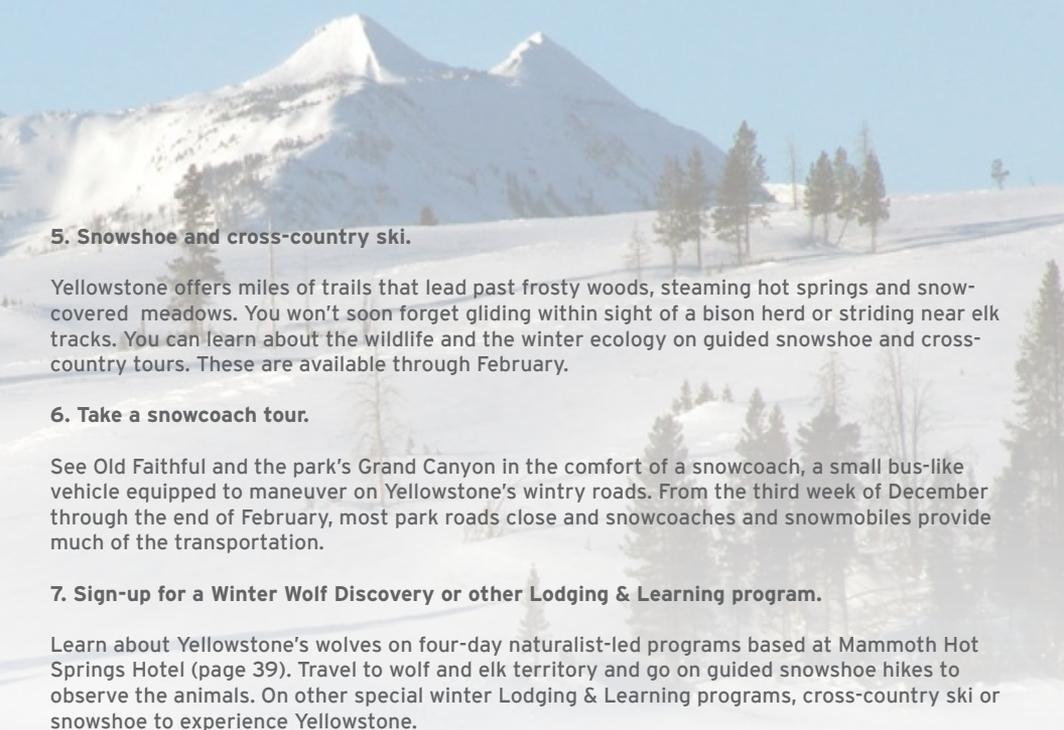
## 4. View bison with winter coats.

In winter huge balls of snow dangle from the bison's beards and especially in geyser basins they get a frosty covering. That, combined with the beasts' breath hanging in the frigid air like fire, make the formidable animals look even more impressive.

## 5. Snowshoe and cross-country ski.

Yellowstone offers miles of trails that lead past frosty woods, steaming hot springs, and snow-covered meadows. You won't soon forget gliding within sight of a bison herd or striding near elk tracks. You can learn about the wildlife and the winter ecology on guided snowshoe and cross-country tours. These are available through February.





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## 6. Take a snowcoach tour.

See Old Faithful and the park's Grand Canyon in the comfort of a snowcoach, a small bus-like vehicle equipped to maneuver on Yellowstone's wintry roads. From the third week of December through the end of February, most park roads close and snowcoaches and snowmobiles provide much of the transportation.

## 7. Sign-up for a Winter Wolf Discovery or other Lodging & Learning program.

Learn about Yellowstone's wolves on four-day naturalist-led programs based at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel (page 39). Travel to wolf and elk territory and go on guided snowshoe hikes to observe the animals. On other special winter Lodging & Learning programs, cross-country ski or snowshoe to experience Yellowstone.

## 8. Go on a winter photo safari.

The contrasts of clear blue skies, snow-blanketed fields, steamy geysers and woolly animals make for memorable images.

## 9. Enjoy the Mammoth Hot Springs area.

The travertine terraces formed by the hot springs bubbling through the limestone look like frozen waterfalls year-round. With fewer visitors, take your time admiring the formations then ice skate for free on Mammoth's rink.

## 10. Book lodging on shorter notice.

Not everyone can plan nearly a year in advance. For summer, it's not unusual for certain dates in Yellowstone's lodges to be booked many months in advance. Except for Christmas week, winter is the one time of the year when you can find rooms even on short notice.





# Lodging & Learning Winter Packages

Our award-winning Lodging & Learning programs combine the renowned expertise of the Yellowstone Forever Institute with the accommodations and our own lodging, food, and transportation services. "Hands-on" exploration of the park in winter will excite your mind and body.

*(All prices are per person plus tax, utility fee and gratuity. Minimum of 4 people required for course to occur.)*

All **Lodging & Learning Package's** include: instruction by an Institute naturalist guide; in-park transportation, lodging; one welcome gift per adult; unlimited ice skate rental and ice skating; one Snow Card discount card per person good for an additional 10% discount on select gift shop items, tours, rentals and some meals (except designated special events); and evening programs with the National Park Service & Yellowstone National Park Lodges.

**"Learn-to-Ski" Add-On** (available for specific packages). Fine-tune your Nordic skills by adding a group ski lesson on the day prior to the start of your Lodging & Learning package. The "Learn-to-Ski" Add-On includes the extra night's lodging and the per person additions of the ski lesson, full day ski rentals, ski drop, and breakfast.

## OLD FAITHFUL WINTER EXPEDITION

From your cozy hotel, venture into the heart of Yellowstone's winter wilderness to experience remote and spectacular winter gems. Stops include the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone and Yellowstone Lake in search of wildlife, steaming thermal features, pristine winter views, and the true sense of winter wilderness.

*(Participants - 10 max, 4 min & at least 12 years old)*

Adding to the standard package:

- Four nights at Old Faithful Snow Lodge
- Four breakfasts, four lunches, and one dinner

Offered December 18, 2017-February 20, 2018\*

\$1,999 per person double occupancy

\$2,489 per person single occupancy

## WINTER WOLF DISCOVERY

Join a Yellowstone Forever Institute naturalist guide for an experience into the beautiful landscape of Lamar Valley, where Yellowstone's wolves are often spotted. This is your best chance to see and learn about these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat.

*(Participants - 12 max, 4 min & at least 12 years old)*

Adding to the standard Lodging & Learning package the Winter Wolf Discovery also includes:

- Four nights lodging at Mammoth Hot Springs
- Three breakfasts, three lunches, and one dinner

Offered December 17, 2017 - February 26, 2018\*

\$859 per person double occupancy

\$1,109 per person single occupancy

## WINTER IN WONDERLAND

This program is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of Yellowstone in winter. Discover incredible wildlife, awesome geysers, and frosted landscapes.

*(Participants - 10 max, 4 min & at least 12 years old)*

Adding to the standard package:

- Four nights at Old Faithful Snow Lodge
- Four breakfasts, four lunches, and one dinner
- Cross country ski and snowshoe rental

Offered December 19, 2017 - February 19, 2017\*

\$2,049 per person double occupancy

\$2,539 per person single occupancy

*\*Package prices higher during Christmas Holiday and President's Day Weekend*



# Getaway & Adventure Winter Packages

## FROSTY FUN GETAWAY PACKAGE

This is our basic winter package that is built around value and convenience.

Frosty Fun at Mammoth Hotel includes:

- Minimum of two nights lodging
- One breakfast per person per night
- One welcome gift per adult
- Unlimited ice skate rental and ice skating
- One Snow Card discount card per adult\*\*

Available Dec. 16, 2017 - March 3, 2018

Starting at \$169 per person double occupancy  
\$295 per person single occupancy  
\$17 per child (12 and under)

Frosty Fun at Old Faithful Snow Lodge:

- Minimum of two nights lodging
- One breakfast per person per night
- Round trip snowcoach transportation per person from Mammoth to Old Faithful
- One welcome gift per adult
- Unlimited ice skate rental and ice skating
- One Snow Card discount card per adult\*\*

Available Dec. 16, 2017 - March 3, 2018

Starting at \$479 per person double occupancy  
\$725 per person single occupancy  
\$111 per child (12 and under)

\*\* Snow Card discount card offers 10% discounts on select gift shop items, tours, rentals & meals (except special events)

## COUPLES WINTER ADVENTURE PACKAGE

This four-day package takes visitors on a winter excursion into the heart of Yellowstone to experience the geyser basins, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone and its magnificent waterfalls, the backcountry hush of winter wilderness, and even a nighttime tour.

Standard Couples Package includes:

- Three nights Old Faithful Snow Lodge
- All meals
- Round trip snowcoach transportation per person from Mammoth to Old Faithful
- Baggage handling
- One welcome gift per adult
- Snow Card discount card per adult

Available Dec. 16, 2017 - March 1, 2018

Starting at \$1,209 per adult double occupancy

Couples Plus Package

Enhance your Yellowstone Couples Adventure package by reserving our "Plus" package which includes all the standard couples package features while allowing you to spend your first and last night at historic Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, includes our popular Wakeup to Wildlife Tour, and all meals.

Available Dec. 16, 2017 - March 1, 2018

Starting at \$1,459 per adult double occupancy





# Winter Tours & Activities

## SKI AND SNOWSHOE TOURS

### *Grand Canyon Ski Tour-Old Faithful*

Enjoy a special day of ski touring at the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Travel by snowcoach with experienced guides to trails along the canyon rim to view the frozen Lower Falls. Lunch is included.

### *Grand Canyon Snowshoe Tour-Old Faithful*

Spend up to 2 wonderful hours at the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone and snowshoe up to 3 miles. The trails around the canyon offer stunning views of the canyon and its waterfalls. Lunch is included.

### *Old Faithful Snowshoe Tour-Old Faithful*

Snowshoeing is fun and easy to learn. Tour destination will vary throughout the Old Faithful Area based on snow conditions and participant's ability.

### *Lone Star Excursion-Old Faithful*

Follow the beautiful Firehole River on skis or snowshoes on this five mile round-trip adventure to Lone Star Geyser on the beautiful tree-lined trail which offers great views of the Firehole River and meadows.

## VEHICLE TOURS

### *Lamar Valley Wildlife Tour-Mammoth*

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### *Wake Up to Wildlife Tour-Mammoth*

Follow the beautiful Firehole River on skis or snowshoes on this five mile round-trip adventure to Lone Star Geyser on the beautiful tree-lined trail which offers great views of the Firehole River and meadows

## CUSTOM TOURS

Build your own custom winter adventure through Yellowstone National Park. Whether you prefer a leisurely morning, skiing through the backcountry, an exciting afternoon zipping along freshly groomed trails, we can help you create your perfect day.

## SNOWCOACH TOURS

### *Grand Canyon Day Tour-Old Faithful & Mammoth*

Travel through meadows and pine forests, that often provides prime wildlife viewing opportunities on our way to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Lunch is included.

### *Across the Great Divide-Old Faithful*

Traversing Craig Pass, we'll cross the Continental Divide on our way to Yellowstone Lake, where we'll walk around the West Thumb Geyser Basin, taking in such notable features as Abyss Pool, Black Pool, the Fishing Cone, and Lakeshore Geyser.

### *Winter Photo Safari-Old Faithful*

This photo tour travels by snowcoach seeking the best possible scenic and wildlife photographic opportunities. The guide will determine the best route based on current conditions as they relate to photography. Lunch is included.

### *Firehole Basin Adventure-Old Faithful*

Spend a few hours in the valley of the Firehole River. Discover the unique nature of this area, home to steam-enshrouded thermal features and wildlife who benefit from the thermal influence.

### *Madison Wildlife Excursion-Old Faithful*

The 7-mile corridor that parallels the Madison River west of Madison Junction will be the focal point of this search for wildlife in their winter habitat.

### *Norris Geyser Basin Tour-Mammoth*

Norris Geyser Basin has been a well kept winter secret. Seen in the winter by very few people you can be one of the few that enjoy the influence of winter's magic in this special place.

### *Steam, Stars & Soundscapes-Old Faithful*

Yellowstone does not go to sleep when the sun goes down, in fact, much of it is just waking up. Join us in an adventure that will stimulate all of your senses.

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