

YELLOWSTONE
NATIONAL PARK LODGES
XANTERRA TRAVEL COLLECTION

2019 Experience Planner

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



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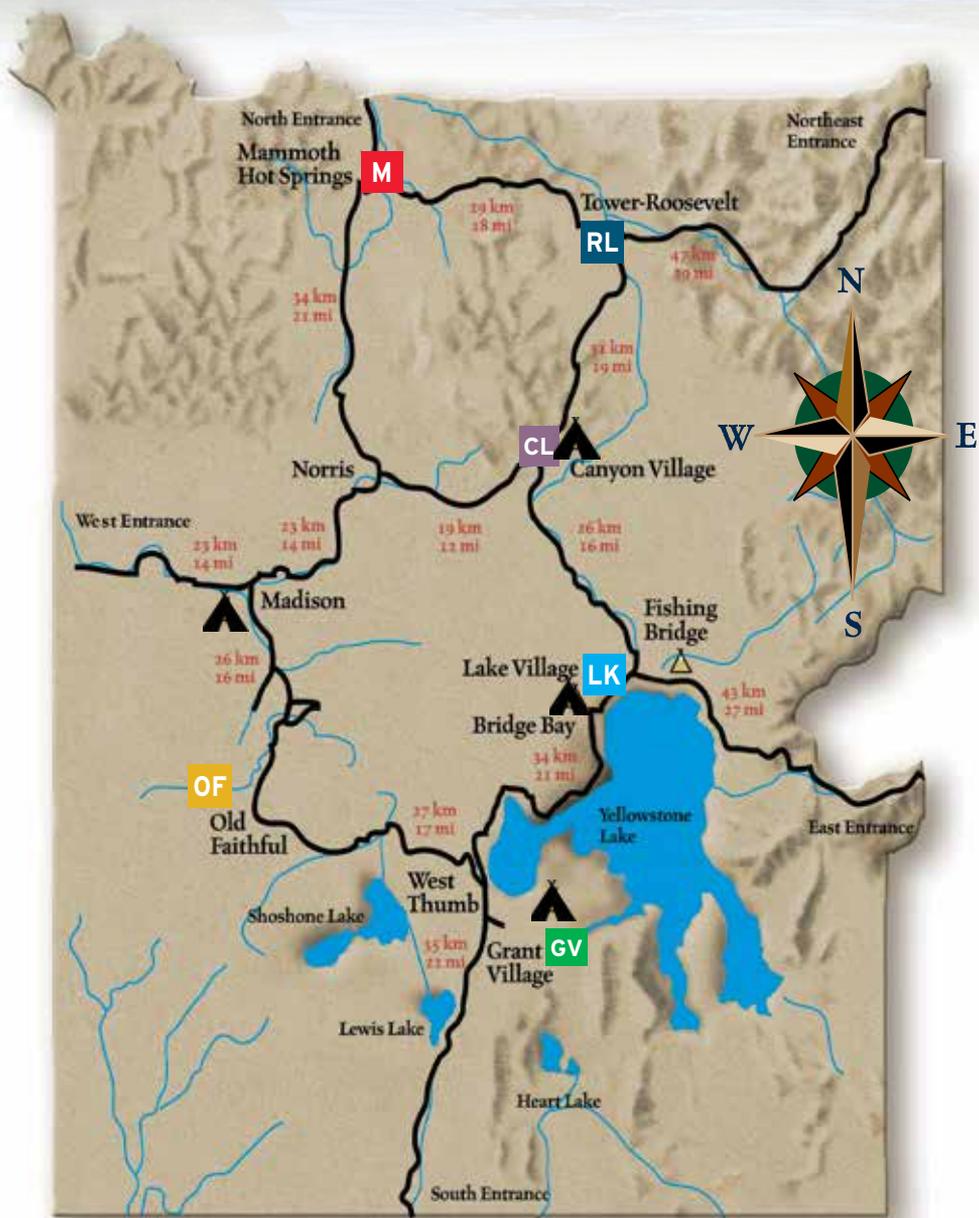
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Don't just see Yellowstone. Experience it.

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 or campground. Our fleet of touring vehicles will accommodate one person to groups of 50.

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.
- Go shopping! 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: our guides adjust for the weather by spending, as needed, more time on sights that can be seen from the vehicle, and with a gift-shop poncho for a few sightings that have to be off the bus, we'll keep you dry and help you enjoy Yellowstone to the fullest.
- 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.
- Watch wildlife! 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

The 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.

INTERNET

For those who desire internet access, we do offer wireless (and wired) internet service for a fee at the following approved locations: Mammoth Hotel, Canyon Lodge, Grant Village, Lake Lodge, Old Faithful Snow Lodge, and Lake Yellowstone Hotel (wired). Please note that due to our remote location, the internet service is much slower than typical city speeds. This means downloading and uploading media will take longer and streaming video services won't work.

For more info, please stop by the Front Desk.



5 Must-Do Yellowstone Adventures

In Yellowstone National Park, there's no shortage of adventures. 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 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. Boats are rented to groups of 2-6 people during the June-September season. More details on location pages 18, 28.

4. EXPLORE THE LARGEST BODY OF WATER IN YELLOWSTONE.

During a one-hour Scenicruise tour aboard the *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 was her builder, owner, master, and pilot. More details on location pages 18, 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 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 Grant Village Visitor center offers a stunning view of Yellowstone Lake and a crackling fire to warm its guests in cooler seasons, while interpreting fire ecology and the famous 1988 fire season in its interpretive displays.

- **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 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 other 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 require 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 boardwalks 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 ages 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 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 tiiiiiiired!" Err on the side of caution and bring a stroller along.

Mammoth Hot Springs Area

LODGING

Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel & Cabins

Open April 26 - November 3

The Mammoth Hotel was built in 1936, incorporating a wing of rooms from the former National Hotel. Mammoth lodging options include both hotel rooms with bath, and cabins with and without private bathrooms. Four hot-tub cabins are also available. The hotel has king and queen beds. Cabins have full beds and queen beds.



SHOPPING

Yellowstone Gifts at the Mammoth Hotel

Open April 26 - November 3

This shop, located in the lobby of the Mammoth Hotel, showcases a wide range of products that are earth-friendly. With handcrafted gifts from the region, a range of apparel, souvenirs and products that showcase our sustainability practices, and one of a kind jewelry, toys, and handicrafts, browsing in this store is both informative and enjoyable. Scan your selection in our interactive kiosk, and learn more about our extensive sustainability efforts.

DINING

Mammoth Hot Springs Dining Room

Open April 26 - November 3

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 26 - October 13

Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Your quick-service stop for burgers, sandwiches, and local hand-dipped ice cream from Big Dipper of Montana. 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.

Map Room Bar

Open April 26 - November 3

The corner bar in the Mammoth Map Room serves coffee and alcoholic beverages with live piano music most evenings.





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, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, and a famous geyser basin.

Daily ~ Gardiner, Montana

May 25 - Sept 14 ~ 7:30 am - 6:30 pm

Adult \$128⁰⁰ Child (3-11) \$64⁰⁰

*The park entrance fee is not included with the Gardiner tour

Daily ~ Mammoth Hotel

May 25 - Sept. 14 ~ 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Adult \$121⁰⁰ Child (3-11) \$60⁵⁰

(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 25 - Sept. 14 ~ 6:15 am - 11:30 am

Adult \$97⁰⁰ Child (3-11) \$48⁵⁰

(Children 2 and under free)

Albright Visitor Center & 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 headquarters 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-guided 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 the 100-foot 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 vehicle.

Daily ~ Mammoth Hotel

May 25 - Aug 13 ~ 4:15 pm - 8:30 pm

Aug 14 - Sept 14 ~ 3:45 pm - 8:00 pm

Adult \$71⁵⁰ Child (3-11) \$35⁷⁵

(Children 2 and under free)

Secrets of Successful Wildlife Watching

Yellowstone National Park is a place of natural wonders and 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 and 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. A few secrets for successful wildlife watching:

GO WHERE THE WILDLIFE IS

Yellowstone's huge, wide valleys make excellent habitats for wildlife. 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.

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.

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!

DON'T FEED THE 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.

MAINTAIN A SAFE DISTANCE FROM 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 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.

LISTEN, DON'T JUST LOOK

Take 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.

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.

KNOW YOUR BEAR SAFETY

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.

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. Pro tip: rent a telephoto lens so you can capture a picture from a safe distance. Posting your photos to social media? Be sure to follow and tag @YNPLodges for a chance to be featured!

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. Our National Association for Interpretation Certified Interpretive Guides are knowledgeable about Yellowstone's wildlife. Discover the park's wildlife on:

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Cruise Yellowstone Lake- On a one-hour Scenicruise of the lake, catch sight of eagles, osprey, and other birds from aboard the Lake Queen. Tours depart from Bridge Bay Marina from mid-June to about mid-September. More details on pages 18, 28.

VISIT IN WINTER

In winter in the northern one-third of the park, especially Lamar Valley, is premier wildlife watching. The cold, wind, and snow drives the wolves, bison, mule deer, and coyotes down from the high ridges and mountains to forage and hunt for food in the open meadows near the road, creating optimum viewing for Yellowstone safari-goers.

Old Faithful Area

LODGING

Old Faithful Inn

Open May 3 - October 7

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 suites, all with queen beds.

Old Faithful Lodge Cabins

Open May 10 - September 29

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 and/or single beds.

Old Faithful Snow Lodge & Cabins

Open April 26 - October 20

Recognized with the Cody Award for Western Design, the Snow Lodge features heavy timber construction, hand wrought iron accents, specially designed furnishings and unique lighting fixtures. Old Faithful Snow Lodge has both lodge rooms and cabins, all with private bathrooms.

DINING

Old Faithful Inn Dining Room

Open May 3 - October 7

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 and satisfying Western Buffet. Breakfast options include a buffet and à la carte menu. Dinner reservations are required and can be made at the host desk or by calling 307-344-7311.

Bear Paw Deli at Old Faithful Inn

Open May 3 - October 6

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.

Mezzanine Espresso Cart and Bar

Located upstairs on the 2nd floor mezzanine of the Inn, grab a coffee in the morning or drink in the evening.



Old Faithful Area

SHOPPING

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

Open May 10 - September 28

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 Bake Shop and Ice Cream

Bake Shop: May 10 - September 29

Ice Cream: May 10 - September 28

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



Obsidian Dining Room at Snow Lodge

Open April 26 - October 20

Open for breakfast and dinner. Choose from Wild Alaska Salmon Tostada, Bison Short Ribs, Wild Game Bolognese, and several other delicious options. Breakfast is à la carte and buffet.

Geyser Grill at Snow Lodge

Open April 19 - November 3

Quick service for lunch and dinner. Offers 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 Inn Gift Shop

Open May 5 - October 7

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

Old Faithful Lodge Gift Shop

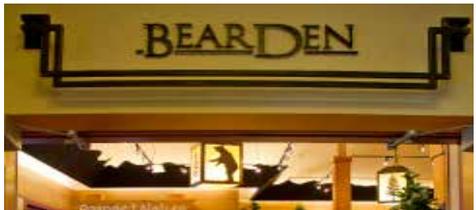
May 10 - September 29

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 our largest selection of Yellowstone gifts, and our friendly staff will 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 19 - November 3

Our Bear Den features an enticing collection of bear and wildlife themed treasures. We also showcase products that explore the unique beauty of 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 offering bikes for in-park excursions (weather permitting, early June through early October). You'll discover a large selection of regional gifts, apparel, guidebooks and media, and local specialty gourmet treats.



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 some of the famous geyser basins. Our guides know where to look for wildlife.

Daily ~ Old Faithful Inn

May 25 - Oct. 5 ~ 8:15 am - 4:30 pm

Adult \$88⁵⁰ Child (3-11) \$44²⁵

(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 25 - Oct. 5 ~ 8:15 am - 6:00 pm

Adult \$121⁰⁰ Child (3-11) \$60⁵⁰

(Children 2 and under free)

ONLY HAVE A FEW HOURS?

Firehole Basin Adventure

This three-hour exploration in a historic Yellow Bus 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 7 - Sept 6 ~ 12:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Daily ~ Old Faithful Inn

May 18 - June 5 ~ 12:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Sept 8 - Oct. 5 ~ 12:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Adult \$58⁰⁰ Child (3-11) \$29⁰⁰

(Children 2 and under free)

Picture Perfect Photo Safari

Explore the thermal features and scenic areas from the Firehole River to the Madison River in a historic Yellow Bus 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 15 - Aug. 6 ~ 5:45 am - 11:00 am

Aug. 7 - Sept. 3 ~ 6:00 am - 11:15 am

Sept. 4 - Sept. 25 ~ 6:15 am - 11:30 am

Adults \$97⁵⁰ Child (11 and under) \$48⁷⁵

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.

Daily ~ Old Faithful Inn

May 28 - August 20 ~ 4:15 pm - 6:00 pm

Sept 8 - October 5 ~ 4:15 pm - 6:00 pm

Adult \$30⁰⁰ Child (3-11) \$15⁰⁰

(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 to Morning Glory Pool and loops back past many amazing features that should not be missed. 3-miles round-trip.

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.

Old Faithful Inn Walking Tour

Come and learn the history and quirks of this National Historic Landmark.

Free Daily - Meet by the fireplace in the lobby

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

May 4 - Oct. 6 ~ 9:30 am, 11 am, 2 pm, and 3:30 pm

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.

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.

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 18 - July 23 ~ 7:15 pm - 9:30 pm

July 24 - Aug. 6 ~ 6:45 pm - 9:00 pm

Aug. 7 - Aug. 20 ~ 6:15 pm - 8:30 pm

Aug. 21 - Sept. 7 ~ 5:45 pm - 8:00 pm

Adult \$40⁰⁰ Child (3-11) \$20⁰⁰

(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.

Inspired By Yellowstone Artist Series

To say that Yellowstone has inspired artists is an understatement. In many ways, the park owes its existence to the artists who found inspiration here.

In 1870, Wyoming was a territory and Yellowstone's marvels were a mystery to Congress and most of the U.S. population. Back then – long before selfies, digital images, and Instagram – artists depicted the world's wonders for a curious public. The photographers, illustrators, and painters who portrayed Yellowstone proved instrumental in its establishment as a national park: artist Thomas Moran, and photographers William Henry Jackson and Frank J. Haynes – played a seminal role in Yellowstone's preservation.

These days, Yellowstone inspires artists from all over the world to try to capture the magic of 'Wonderland'. That's why we carry products from local artists in our gift shops. Almost 65% of our inventory is made in the USA and we regularly seek out homegrown fare at local trade shows. Throughout the summer we feature artists across the park in our 'Inspired by Yellowstone' artist series. We invite you to experience these incredible artists while they're in the park.

Old Faithful Inn

May 8-11: Artist Kathy Burk
May 15-17: Moondance Jewelry
May 20: Authors Bob Berry and Paul Horstead
June 5-8: Artist Kathy Burk
June 11-14: Tribal Marketplace
June 11-13: Photographer Tom Murphy
June 18-19: Firehole Pottery
June 20-24: Artist Peter Ray James
June 25-27: Photographer Tom Murphy
June 26-30: Artist Manny Rodriguez
July 8-12: Authors Bob Berry and Paul Horstead
July 16 & 18: Author Dennis Linnehan
July 22-27: Author Kathryn Rittmuller
June 30-August 1: Yellowstone Agate Jewelry
August 2-3: Artist Megan Sweet
August 8-9: Artist Merrycline Pickenpauh
August 19-22: Firehole Pottery
August 23-26 Fort Omotse Creations
September 2-4: Yellowstone Agate Jewelry
September 9-12: Author Elizabeth Watry
September 16-19: Author Elizabeth Watry
September 25-28: Artist Kathy Burk
September 30: Yellowstone Agate Jewelry

Lake Yellowstone Hotel

May 12-14: Dollmaker/Artist Scott Frazier
May 15-18: Artist Kathy Burk
May 31-June 3: Artist John Potter
June 4-6: Artist DG House
June 9-11: Dollmaker/Artist Scott Frazier
June 12-15: Artist Kathy Burk
June 21-24: Fort Omotse Creations
June 25-29: Artist Peter Ray James
July 3-5: Artist Tom Murphy
July 30-August 1: Artist Tom Murphy
August 16-19: Artist John Potter
September 11-14: Artist Kathy Burk
September 18-21: Artist Kathy Burk

Mammoth Hotel

July 23-26: Artist DG House
August 5-9: Artist DG House
August 20-22: Yellowstone Agate Jewelry

Dates and artists are subject to change.
For more info visit the gift shop or our website:
YNPLodges.com/inspired.





The Coolest Way to Tour Yellowstone

By Jayne Clark

Early visitors to Yellowstone explored the wonders of the park in all sorts of vehicles, from stagecoaches to surreys to snow planes (a precursor to the snowmobile).

Those transportation modes were long ago eclipsed by more modern conveyances. But one early model, the park's yellow touring buses, remains a staple. And they're as big a hit as they were when they first rolled onto Yellowstone's byways in the 1920s.

These days, a fleet of eight vintage White Motor Co. buses ferry visitors on guided wildlife-watching tours, photo safaris, sunset tours, and more. The distinctive antique yellow vehicles have retractable canvas roofs and panoramic windows, making them ideal for sightseeing. Plus, they're really cool to ride around in.

At the height of their popularity within Yellowstone in the mid-1920s, more than 400 of the vehicles operated in the park.

"Yellowstone loved to brag that they had a bus for every day of the year," says Leslie Quinn, an interpretive specialist for Yellowstone National Park Lodges/Xanterra. "Yellowstone had the second largest bus fleet in the country in the mid-20s, second only to Greyhound."

As more visitors arrived in private vehicles and explored the park on their own power, the yellow tour buses were gradually sold off. But in 2002, Xanterra purchased eight of the vehicles from the Skagway Streetcar Co., which had used them for touring the historic Alaska mining town. In 2006, the vehicles were refurbished to meet modern safety and mechanical standards and in 2007, Xanterra returned the buses to service in the park. They also added basic amenities like heaters. The bodies sit on 2007 Ford E450 van frames and motors, but the exteriors of the 13-passenger vehicles maintain their original appearance.

The Skagway Motor Co. had acquired these historic buses from around the country, where they'd served various duties. Each of the eight Yellowstone vehicles has a nickname related to its past life. Look for the name posted on the right-hand side above the windshield. For instance, there are "Big Rocky" and "Little Rocky," named for their stints in Rocky Mountain National Park. "Monty" once belonged to a collector from Vermont. And "Hollywood" appeared in an episode of M*A*S*H and in the movie Big Trouble in Little China, Quinn says.

Regularly scheduled themed tours depart from Old Faithful, Mammoth Hot Springs, and Lake Hotel from late May to October. And one of the buses can even be rented for private tours.

But wherever they roam, Yellowstone's historic yellow buses are certain to cause a stir among onlookers.

"If we had a nickel for every person who wants their picture taken in front of the bus, we'd make a fortune," Quinn says. "They're just the coolest little buggies on the planet."

Interested in touring in a historic Yellow bus?

Take one of the following tours: Firehole Basin Adventure (page 13), Lake Butte Sunset Tour (page 20), Geyser Gazers (page 13), Evening Wildlife Encounters (pages 8 or 22), Wake Up to Wildlife (pages 8, 22, or 26), or Twilight on the Firehole (page 14).

Yellowstone Lake Area

LODGING

Lake Yellowstone Hotel & Cottages

Open May 10 - October 7

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 Gold 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). Cottages have showers. There are 300 guest units with cottages and Sandpiper Lodge rooms containing double beds. Hotel rooms have queen or king beds.

Lake Lodge Cabins

Open June 10 - September 22

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.

Live Music

From the middle of June through the beginning of August, the Lake Hotel Quartet performs Thursday through Monday evenings in the Lake Hotel sunroom. When the quartet isn't playing, enjoy the piano stylings of Catherine Foley.

DINING

Lake Yellowstone Hotel Dining Room

Open May 10 - October 7

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 Beef Tenderloin, Wyoming Legacy beef, or Grilled Elk Chops. Dinner reservations are required and can be made at the host desk or by calling 307-344-7311.

The Lake Hotel Deli

Open May 10 - October 6

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

Lake Hotel Lounge

Located in the Sun Room of the Lake Hotel. Enjoy a drink while watching the sunset on the Lake.

Lake Lodge Cafeteria

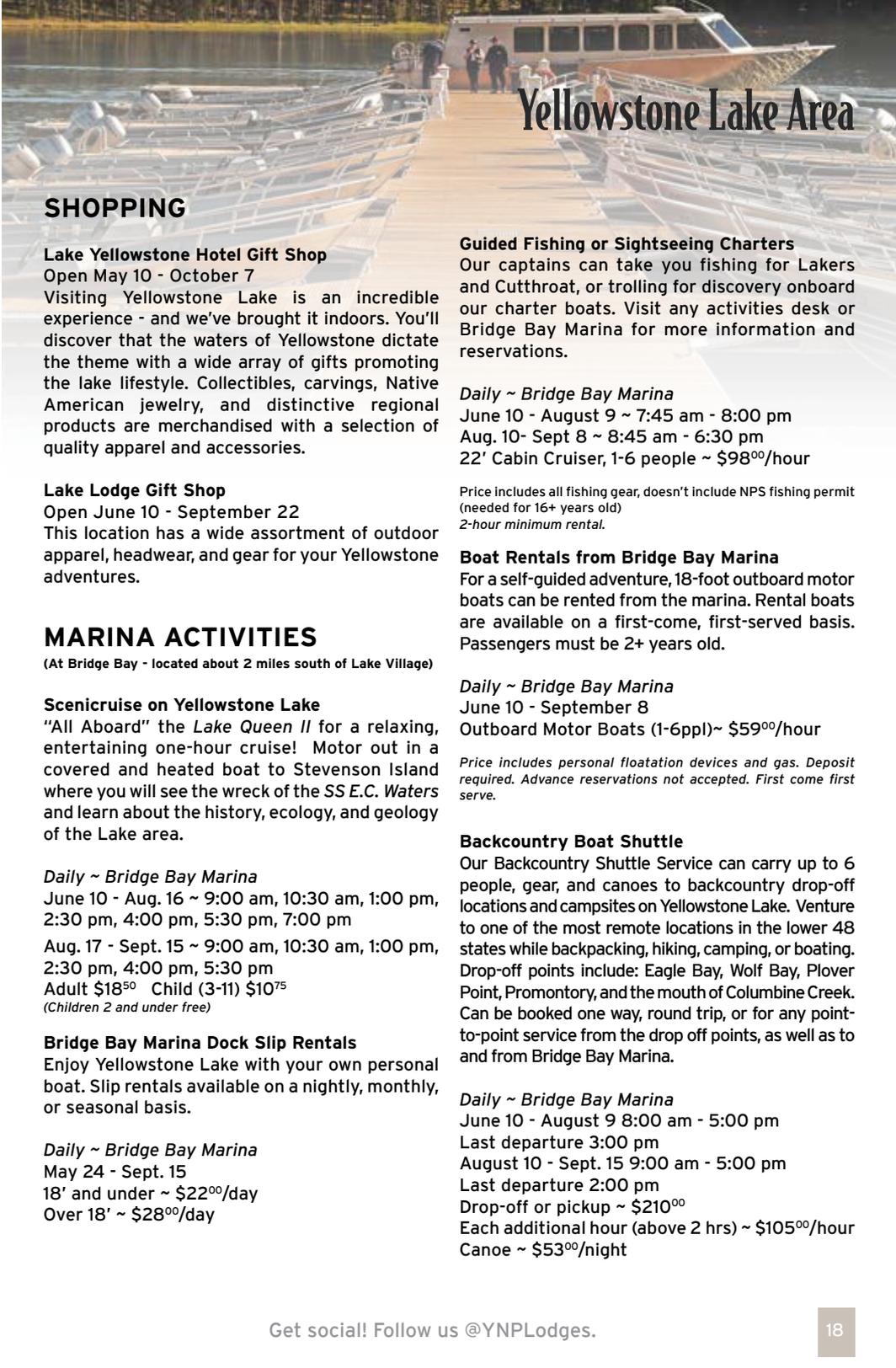
Open June 10 - September 2

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 10 - October 7

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, Native American jewelry, and distinctive regional products are merchandised with a selection of quality apparel and accessories.

Lake Lodge Gift Shop

Open June 10 - September 22

This location has a wide assortment of outdoor apparel, headwear, and gear for your Yellowstone adventures.

MARINA ACTIVITIES

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

Scenicruise on Yellowstone Lake

"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* and learn about the history, ecology, and geology of the Lake area.

Daily ~ Bridge Bay Marina

June 10 - Aug. 16 ~ 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 1:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm

Aug. 17 - Sept. 15 ~ 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 1:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:30 pm

Adult \$18⁵⁰ Child (3-11) \$10⁷⁵

(Children 2 and under free)

Bridge Bay Marina Dock Slip Rentals

Enjoy Yellowstone Lake with your own personal boat. Slip rentals available on a nightly, monthly, or seasonal basis.

Daily ~ Bridge Bay Marina

May 24 - Sept. 15

18' and under ~ \$22⁰⁰/day

Over 18' ~ \$28⁰⁰/day

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 10 - August 9 ~ 7:45 am - 8:00 pm

Aug. 10- Sept 8 ~ 8:45 am - 6:30 pm

22' Cabin Cruiser, 1-6 people ~ \$98⁰⁰/hour

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

2-hour minimum rental.

Boat Rentals from Bridge Bay Marina

For a self-guided adventure, 18-foot outboard motor boats can be rented from the marina. Rental boats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Passengers must be 2+ years old.

Daily ~ Bridge Bay Marina

June 10 - September 8

Outboard Motor Boats (1-6pp) ~ \$59⁰⁰/hour

Price includes personal floatation devices and gas. 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 canoes 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 10 - August 9 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Last departure 3:00 pm

August 10 - Sept. 15 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Last departure 2:00 pm

Drop-off or pickup ~ \$210⁰⁰

Each additional hour (above 2 hrs) ~ \$105⁰⁰/hour

Canoe ~ \$53⁰⁰/night



Yellowstone Lake Area

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 17 - Aug. 6 ~ 5:45 am - 11:00 am
Aug. 7 - Sept. 3 ~ 6:00 am - 11:15 am
Sept. 4 - Sept. 21 ~ 6:15 am - 11:30 am
Sept. 22 - Oct. 5 ~ 6:30 am - 11:45 am
Adult \$97⁵⁰ Child (11 and under) \$48⁷⁵

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 Fishing Bridge Visitor Center and Museum is 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.

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 25 - Aug. 5 ~ 5:45 pm
Aug. 6 - Aug. 26 ~ 4:45 pm
Aug. 27 - Sept. 12 ~ 4:15 pm
Sept. 13 - Sept. 26 ~ 3:45 pm
Sept. 27 - Oct. 5 ~ 3:30 pm
Free

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.



Yellowstone Lake 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 Old Faithful and explore the other geyser basins along the Firehole River and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Our guides know where to look for wildlife.



Daily ~ Lake Yellowstone Hotel
May 25 - Oct. 5 ~ 9:30 am - 6:15 pm

Daily ~ Bridge Bay Campground
May 25 - Sept. 21 ~ 9:45 am - 6:30 pm

Adult \$88⁵⁰ Child (3-11) \$44²⁵
(Children 2 and under free)

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 25 - Aug. 5 ~ 7:15 pm - 9:30 pm
Aug. 6 - Aug. 26 ~ 6:45 pm - 9:00 pm
Aug. 27 - Sept. 12 ~ 6:15 pm - 8:30 pm
Sept. 13 - Sept. 26 ~ 5:45 pm - 8:00 pm
Sept. 27 - Oct. 5 ~ 5:30 pm - 7:45 pm

Adult \$41⁰⁰ Child (3 - 11) \$20⁵⁰
(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.



Canyon Area

LODGING

Canyon Lodge & Cabins

Open May 17 - October 13

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 2016, five new sustainably built lodges were completed and opened to the public, all with LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification. 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. Location shuttle service available.

SHOPPING

Canyon Lodge Gift Store

Open May 17- October 13

This gift shop provides a broad array of apparel, gifts, and remembrances of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone and the Lower Falls. Our focus in this location is the remarkable geology of the area, so please come browse through our books, rocks, and specimens.

Canyon Outfitters

Open May 17 - October 13

For the adventure enthusiast, hiker, and nature lover-visit our store to see our selection of local and regional active wear, as well as national brands. Optics, including binoculars and spotting scopes, high quality sunglasses, and a tantalizing mix of trail ready snacks and treats all are available in our shop. Work with our Activities Team to discover what adventures appeal to you, and make your plans for tours here in our Canyon Outfitters location.



DINING

M66 Bar & Grill

Open May 17 - October 12

Offering full-service dining for breakfast and dinner 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 and can be made at the host desk or by calling 307-344-7311.

Canyon Lodge Eatery

Open May 17 - October 13

The Eatery provides guests with opportunities to customize their meals with fresh sustainable items, featuring local ingredients as available.

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

Slow Food Fast. Choose from rotisserie chicken, barbecue ribs, country fried steak or Beyond Meat plant based swiss steak. Served with mashed potatoes and a choice of steamed carrots or lemon garlic green beans. Finish your plate with choices of sauce and toppers.

The Falls Cafe

Open May 17- October 13

For those on the run, the Falls Café offers house-made grab-and-go deli sandwiches, breakfast flatbreads, 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 May 17 - September 18

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 May 18 - October 13

Conveniently located in the Washburn Lodge (registration building), the Washburn Lookout offers specialty coffee drinks in the morning.

ALL DAY ADVENTURES

Circle of Fire

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

Daily ~ Canyon Lodge

May 25 - Oct. 5 ~ 7:45 am - 4:15 pm

Adult \$88⁵⁰ Child (3-11) \$44²⁵

(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

May 25 - Sept. 14 ~ 6:15 am - 11:30 am

Sept. 15 - Sept. 21 ~ 6:30 am - 11:45 am

Adult \$97⁰⁰ Child (3-11) \$48⁵⁰

(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 20 - Aug. 9 ~ 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. 10 - Sept. 8 ~ 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 \$50⁰⁰

2-hour rides

June 20 - Sept. 8 ~ 8:45 am

Ages 8 through Adult \$73⁰⁰

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

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 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, geysers, hot springs, and geologic history affect all life here.



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 insights will be enhanced by the nostalgic ride on board this classic touring car.

Daily ~ Canyon Lodge

May 25 - Aug. 13 ~ 4:15 pm - 8:30 pm

Aug. 14 - Sept. 14 ~ 3:45 pm - 8:00 pm

Sept. 15 - Sept. 21 ~ 3:30 pm - 7:45 pm

Adult \$71⁵⁰ Child (3-11) \$35⁷⁵

(Children 2 and under free)

Photography Tricks

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

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 May 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 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.

KEEP YOUR BACK TO THE SUN IF PHOTOGRAPHING PEOPLE

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, darkened 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!

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.

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.

GET SOCIAL

Posting your shots on social media? Be sure to follow and tag @YNPLodges for a chance to get featured!

Want to connect with other social media friends in person? Join an Instameet hosted by Yellowstone National Park. 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.

May 24, 7pm-sunset: Mammoth Hot Spring Terraces (Meet at Liberty Cap)

June 21, 7pm-sunset: Bunsen Peak Summer Solstice Hike (Meet at Bunsen Peak Trailhead)

July 19, 7pm-sunset: Old Faithful (Meet in front of the Art & Photography Center)

August 16, 7pm-sunset: Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone (Meet at Artist Point parking lot)

September 27, 5:30pm-sunset: Mammoth Hot Springs Elk Rut (Meet at Albright Visitor Center)

Roosevelt Area

LODGING

Roosevelt Lodge Cabins

Open May 31 - September 2

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 May 31 - September 2

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 artifacts too.

DINING

Roosevelt Lodge Dining Room

Open May 31 - September 2

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 11:30am the menu has specialties including Wild Game Chili, Bison Tamales, and our popular Taco Salad Grande with Bison, Chicken, or Black Bean Chili. Dinner fare includes our popular housemade Fried Chicken and Ribs, Pork Carnitas, and Blackened 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.



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 1 - Sept. 1 ~ 7:00 am - 11:00 am

Adults \$97⁰⁰ Child (3-11) \$48⁵⁰

(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

May 31 - Aug. 9 ~ 12:30 pm, 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm

Aug. 10 - Sept. 2 ~ 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm

Ages 8 - Adult \$50⁰⁰

2-Hour Rides

June 1 - Sept. 1 ~ 9:15 am

Ages 8 - Adults \$73⁰⁰

Go Western with a Stagecoach Adventure

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

Daily ~ Roosevelt Corral

May 31 - ~ 1:15 pm, 2:15 pm, 3:15 pm

June 1 - Aug. 9 ~ 10:45 am, 1:15 pm,

2:15 pm, 3:15 pm

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

Adult \$15⁰⁰ Child (2-11) \$8⁰⁰

(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 east of 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 1 - Aug. 9 ~ 4:45 pm Check-in

Aug. 10 - Sept. 1 ~ 3:45 pm Check-in

Sept. 2 - Sept. 7 ~ 2:45 pm Check-in

Adult \$63⁰⁰ Child (3-11) \$50⁰⁰

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

1-Hour Dinner Horseback Ride

June 1 - Aug. 9 ~ 4:15 pm Check-in

Aug. 10 - Sept. 1 ~ 3:15 pm Check-in

Adult \$89⁰⁰ Child (8-11) \$74⁰⁰

2-Hour Dinner Horseback Ride

June 1 - Aug. 9 ~ 3:30 pm Check-in

Aug. 10 - Sept. 1 ~ 2:30 pm Check-in

Adult \$97⁰⁰ Child (8-11) \$88⁰⁰

(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).

Grant Village Area

LODGING

Grant Lodge

Open May 24 - September 29

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

Location shuttle service available.

DINING

Grant Village Dining Room

Open May 24 - September 29

Open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. For dinner enjoy Prime Rib, a Bison Burger, or Wild Alaska Salmon. Dinner reservations are required and can be made at the host desk or by calling 307-344-7311.

Lake House Restaurant

Open May 31 - September 22

Open for breakfast and dinner. Offering a casual dinner menu featuring Flatbreads, Chicken Parmesan 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 31 - September 29

Located in the registration building, the Grant Village Gift Shop provides an intimate shopping experience and features gifts, souvenirs and apparel. Our knowledgeable staff is there to help with your shopping needs.

ALL DAY ADVENTURES

Circle of Fire

Discover the story and scenery behind Yellowstone's amazing geysers and hot springs. You'll have the opportunity to see Old Faithful and explore the other geyser basins along the Firehole River and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Our guides know where to look for wildlife.

Daily ~ Grant Village Registration Building

May 25 - Sept. 28 ~ 9:15 am - 6:30 pm

Adult \$88⁵⁰ Child (3-11) \$44²⁵

(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* plus learn about the history, ecology, and geology of the Lake area.

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

Daily ~ Bridge Bay Marina

June 10 - Aug. 16 ~ 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 1:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm

Aug. 17 - Sept. 15 ~ 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 1:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:30 pm

Adult \$18⁵⁰ Child (3-11) \$10⁷⁵
(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 the Front Desk or Bridge Bay Marina for more information and reservations.

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

June 10 - September 8

22' Cabin Cruiser, 1-6 people ~ \$98⁰⁰/hour

Price includes 3 rods & tackle. Doesn't include NPS Fishing Permit. 2-hour minimum rental.

Boat Rentals from Bridge Bay Marina

For some self-guided adventures, 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 10 - September 8

Outboard Motor Boats ~ \$59⁰⁰/hour

Price includes personal flotation devices and gas.

Deposit required. Advance reservations not accepted. First come, first served.

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

Grant Village - The Grant Village Visitor center offers a stunning view of Yellowstone Lake and a crackling fire to warm its guests in cooler seasons, while interpreting fire ecology and the famous 1988 fire season in its interpretive displays.

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

We're proud of our sustainability efforts. As a visitor, you can help too! Sustainable travel is all about making simple choices to reduce negative impacts on your destination. Here are a few tips:

PASS ON PLASTIC.

Pack a reusable water bottle you can refill at water bottle filling stations available throughout the park. Disposable plastic drink bottles are very hard on the environment, both in terms of their manufacturing process and their disposal. We have removed all plastic bottled water from our operations in favor of easily recyclable canned water. That helps eliminate 250,000 plastic bottles a year.

SORT IT OUT.

Bins for recycling and composting are located in our guest rooms, lobbies, and public areas. Sorting helps us divert over 60% of solid waste from the landfill annually. We can do even better with your help!

OPT OUT OF HOUSEKEEPING.

Staying more than one night? Ask the front desk about our green housekeeping program and save \$5/night. By opting out of housekeeping services, you'll help save resources by reducing the water required for linen and towel laundering and lessen the amount of cleaning products.

BE WATER WISE.

Water is a precious commodity. Short showers can save up to 10 gallons of water per person. Turning off the water between lather and rinse can save even more. Same goes when brushing teeth and shaving.

GIVE THE GIFT OF GREEN.

If you're planning on shopping, bring a reusable bag. Consider purchasing environmentally friendly merchandise, items made locally or regionally, from recycled or sustainable materials, and reusable products. We've eliminated plastic bags from our shops and carry a wide-range of sustainable products.

CHOW DOWN.

Fresh, local, and sustainable cuisine tastes great and is better for you and the environment. 60% of the food items in our restaurants are sustainable, but it's not just the food that matters. The Mammoth Hotel Dining Room is the first 4-Star Green Restaurant Association certified restaurant in a National Park.

OPT FOR GREEN TRANSPORTATION.

Conserve fuel by taking one of our guided tours. Our guides are knowledgeable about the park's geology, geography, flora, fauna, and human history, and will help you understand how, in Yellowstone, the only resource is wilderness.

Avoid idle time. Every year in the US, idling cars 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, like when stuck in a wildlife jam or construction, turn off your engine to save fuel, reduce emissions, and save money.

SLEEP ON IT.

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

A bison stands in a snowy, mountainous landscape. The background shows snow-covered trees and a clear sky. The bison is in the center, facing slightly to the right.

How Climate Change is Changing Yellowstone

By Jenny White

In a place that breathes wildness and offers a unique glimpse into the steaming depths of the earth, climate change is more than a data set.

It's personal. We see it daily, especially those who live and work in Yellowstone National Park.

We have fewer ski days—fewer days of those glittering, silent winter vistas. Xanterra retired the old Bombardier snowcoaches with their skis and cleated tracks in favor of snow coaches with low-pressure rubber tires that can handle the reduced snow conditions between Mammoth and Old Faithful in the winter while also improving fuel efficiency and reducing noise and emissions. Wolves have fewer days of easy hunting for ungulates in the deep snow. Bear hibernation cycles have altered.

The same audacious ecosystem that gives awe to park visitors also gives rise to a park in which every inch of ground and every plant and animal is connected, where we watch the effects of climate change cascade through the landscape.

We see it—the way spring comes earlier, and snow melts out of the mountains more quickly than it once did—flooding the nests of pelicans on the Molly islands in Lake Yellowstone and cavorting down the Yellowstone, the Snake and the Green rivers. Now, by summer, the snowpack is largely gone, and the rivers run slower, lower, and warmer, impacting millions of people downstream as they filter into the Missouri, the Columbia and the Colorado rivers. Fire seasons test new limits, and with continued climate change, they will become more frequent and intense. Forest insect pests, whose numbers have boomed in these warmer conditions, have decimated tree populations.

Like any wild place, Yellowstone is doing its best to adapt, but there will be losses and drastic changes to come. The park may very well be a strikingly different place in 15 to 30 years. Our imaginations struggle to picture what it may look like, but the mountains of scientific data gathered over the last century have begun to paint the picture.

If you read the stories—the ones written in the water flow, the footprints, and the flames—there's another message. And that is that we also have to adapt as humans—to conserve resources, to change some of our most wasteful habits.

And so when Yellowstone National Park adopts sustainability measures to improve energy efficiency, install renewable energy systems, and conserve water, it's not just for show. It's personal.

And for Dylan Hoffman, director of sustainability at Yellowstone National Park Lodges/Xanterra, keeping ambitious goals surrounding carbon emissions is about impacting global emissions as much as it is about taking care of the place where he lives. You install water-saving faucets because there are wetlands at stake. You divert more than 3 million pounds of waste from the landfill each year because you've seen the numbers about snowmelt and park temperatures.

It requires a wide-open imagination—and a good grasp of data analytics—to understand impact. A few pine bark beetles do not destroy a forest or a tree species; thousands do. Just as one water faucet may seem insignificant, conserving water in the 840-plus buildings that Xanterra manages in Yellowstone makes a big impact. As does inviting visitors to recycle, compost, and conserve. When you serve 17,000 meals a day in the park, making sustainable choices about everything from straws to utensils and where the food comes from has an effect—on carbon emissions and the local economy.

The changes keep coming in Yellowstone. Some are good; others are alarming. If nothing else, it's time to remember each of our roles in conservation and in Yellowstone's changing ecosystem.

Waste Sorting Guide-What Goes Where?

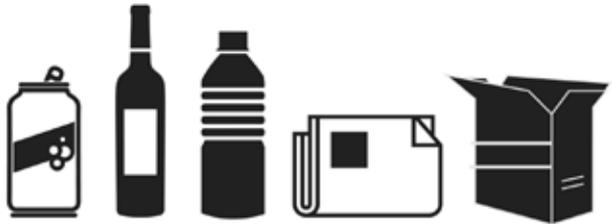
Yellowstone has a storied history concerning the management of the park's trash. Current waste management efforts are drastically different from the days when hundreds of people gathered nightly to watch bears feed on garbage in the park's dumps and enthusiastic visitors fed bears along the roads and behaved recklessly to take photographs.

These days, not only are our efforts centered around ensuring that our waste is protected from the park's wildlife, but we have a keen focus on trying to keep as much waste as possible out of our local landfills. During your stay in Yellowstone, you'll find that you have lots of opportunities to join us in our recycling and composting efforts—be it in our lodges and restaurants, rooms, and even at picnic areas and outside spaces where we have wildlife proof waste sorting stations.

HOW TO SORT WASTE IN YELLOWSTONE:

RECYCLE

Metal
Glass
Plastic (#1 and #2)
Paper
Cardboard



COMPOST

Food Waste
Tea Bags
Beverage Cups (Hot & Cold)
Paper Towels & Tissues
Disposable To-Go Items

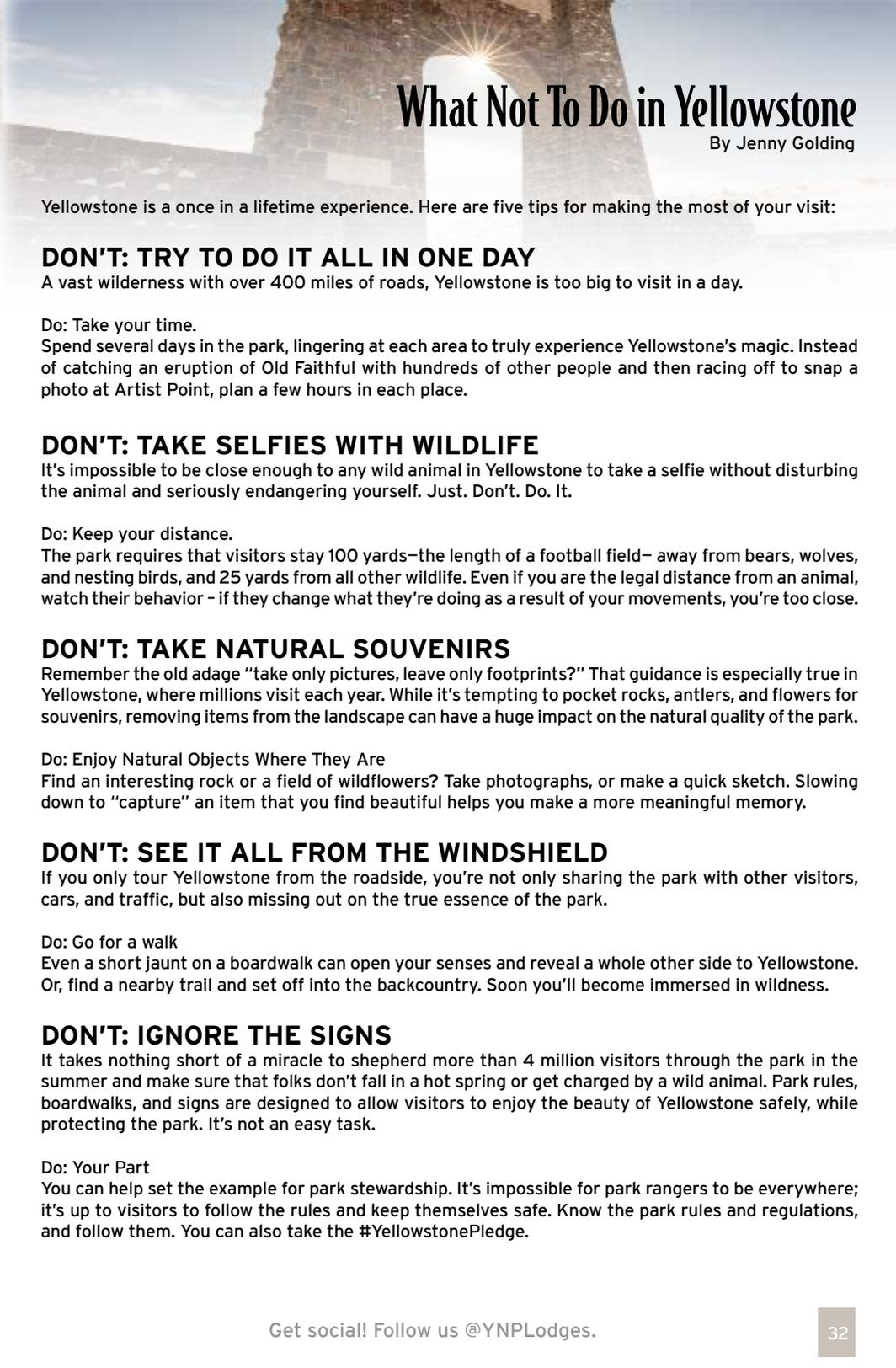


TRASH

Everything Else!
Including:
Aluminum Foil
Plastic Wrap
Snack Bags & Wrappers



Through these efforts, park visitors like you are helping us to keep about 60% of our waste out of the landfill and divert around 3 MILLION pounds of waste annually! That weight is equivalent to 1,500 bull bison every year!



What Not To Do in Yellowstone

By Jenny Golding

Yellowstone is a once in a lifetime experience. Here are five tips for making the most of your visit:

DON'T: TRY TO DO IT ALL IN ONE DAY

A vast wilderness with over 400 miles of roads, Yellowstone is too big to visit in a day.

Do: Take your time.

Spend several days in the park, lingering at each area to truly experience Yellowstone's magic. Instead of catching an eruption of Old Faithful with hundreds of other people and then racing off to snap a photo at Artist Point, plan a few hours in each place.

DON'T: TAKE SELFIES WITH WILDLIFE

It's impossible to be close enough to any wild animal in Yellowstone to take a selfie without disturbing the animal and seriously endangering yourself. Just. Don't. Do. It.

Do: Keep your distance.

The park requires that visitors stay 100 yards—the length of a football field—away from bears, wolves, and nesting birds, and 25 yards from all other wildlife. Even if you are the legal distance from an animal, watch their behavior - if they change what they're doing as a result of your movements, you're too close.

DON'T: TAKE NATURAL SOUVENIRS

Remember the old adage "take only pictures, leave only footprints?" That guidance is especially true in Yellowstone, where millions visit each year. While it's tempting to pocket rocks, antlers, and flowers for souvenirs, removing items from the landscape can have a huge impact on the natural quality of the park.

Do: Enjoy Natural Objects Where They Are

Find an interesting rock or a field of wildflowers? Take photographs, or make a quick sketch. Slowing down to "capture" an item that you find beautiful helps you make a more meaningful memory.

DON'T: SEE IT ALL FROM THE WINDSHIELD

If you only tour Yellowstone from the roadside, you're not only sharing the park with other visitors, cars, and traffic, but also missing out on the true essence of the park.

Do: Go for a walk

Even a short jaunt on a boardwalk can open your senses and reveal a whole other side to Yellowstone. Or, find a nearby trail and set off into the backcountry. Soon you'll become immersed in wildness.

DON'T: IGNORE THE SIGNS

It takes nothing short of a miracle to shepherd more than 4 million visitors through the park in the summer and make sure that folks don't fall in a hot spring or get charged by a wild animal. Park rules, boardwalks, and signs are designed to allow visitors to enjoy the beauty of Yellowstone safely, while protecting the park. It's not an easy task.

Do: Your Part

You can help set the example for park stewardship. It's impossible for park rangers to be everywhere; it's up to visitors to follow the rules and keep themselves safe. Know the park rules and regulations, and follow them. You can also take the #YellowstonePledge.

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.

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.

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.

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 and all bear sightings to the campground registration building or nearest Ranger.

For more info on bear safety, visit www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/bearsafety.htm.



Campgrounds

CAMPGROUND DESCRIPTIONS

Madison Campground

Open April 26 - October 13

Rate: \$25²⁵/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. For all your camping necessities—we carry a selection of snacks, treats, and fixings for S'mores in our Madison Mercantile. Stop by for your convenience items, as well as souvenirs and apparel for the family.

Bridge Bay Campground

Open May 17 - September 22

Rate: \$25²⁵/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 Grant and Canyon campgrounds. No utility hookups. Sanitary RV dump station available. Showers are not included in campsite rate.

Canyon Campground

Open May 24 - September 21

Rates: \$30⁰⁰/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 7 - September 15

Rate: \$30⁰⁰/night

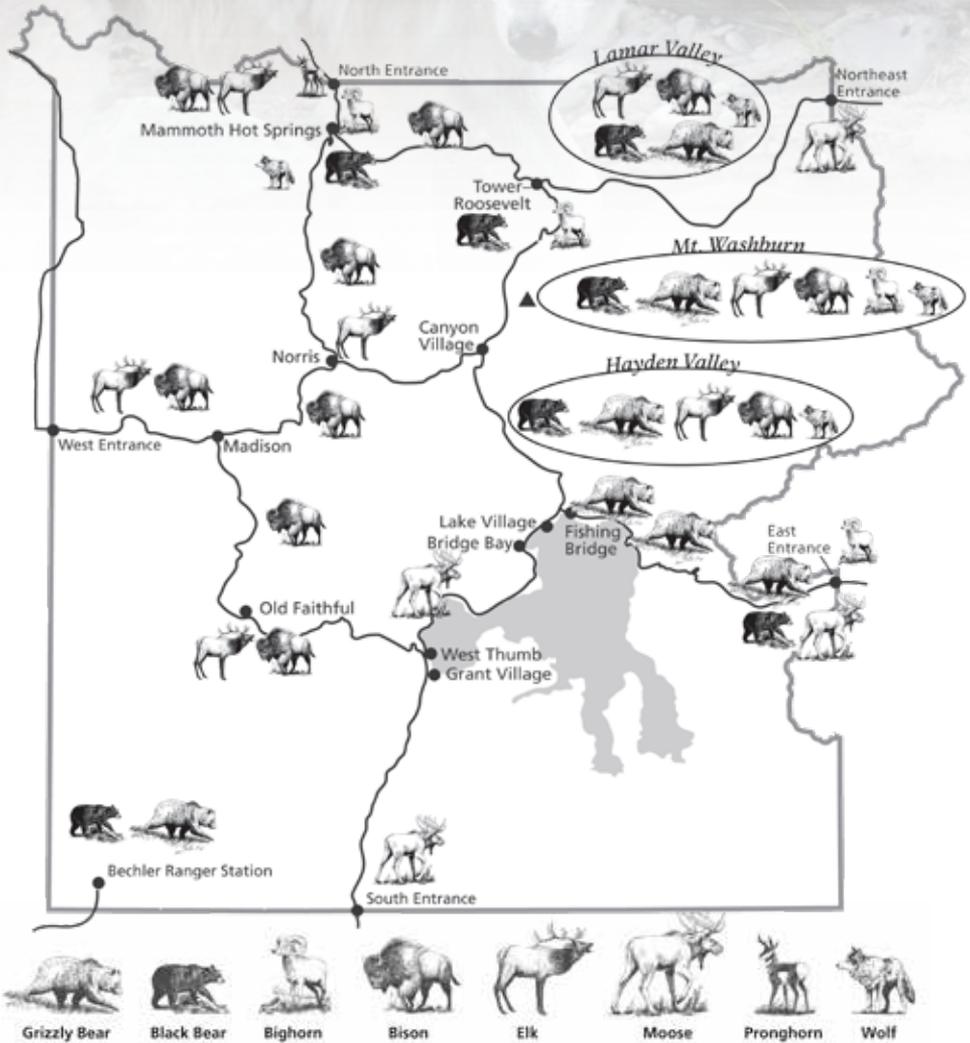
Dump Station, Pay Showers, Coin Laundry, Amphitheater

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.

Fishing Bridge RV Park is CLOSED for 2019 for major renovation.



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.
- Never 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

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| <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 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cougar | <input type="checkbox"/> Pronghorn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote | <input type="checkbox"/> Raven |
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| <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

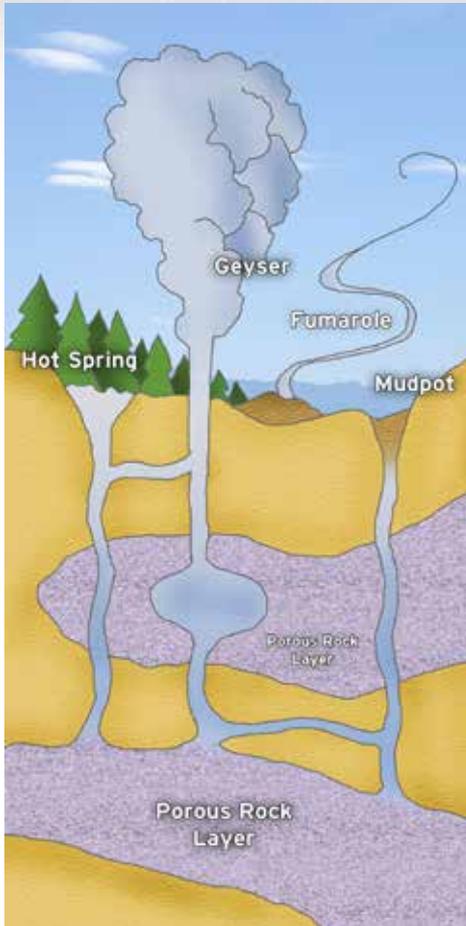


BE SAFE - AND LEGAL

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 cracks 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 some time 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
- 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

Guide to the Seasons in Yellowstone

A spectacular wilderness full of surreal hydrothermal features makes Yellowstone National Park home to stunning natural wonders that change with the seasons. This means there is no “best” time to visit Yellowstone because it depends on what you want to see and do during your visit. It offers new sights and extraordinary surprises depending on the time of year. Seasons may come and go in Yellowstone, but the magic stays all year.

SPRING

Spring is one of the most dynamic times of year in Yellowstone. As the park begins to turn green and the days grow longer, the landscape changes almost daily. Rivers run high, snow lingers in the mountains, and baby animals speckle the landscape. Weather can be a little unpredictable, however there are fewer visitors, the park is quiet, and there is much to see.

FALL

Autumn brings its own special allure; a wonderful time of year, when the heat slowly fades, the leaves change colors and a new season begins. When the summer starts to slip and fall takes hold. Cooler weather, fewer people, gorgeous colors, and prime wildlife watching make fall a magical time of the year.



SUMMER

The days between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends are the busiest and with good reason. The park is exceptionally beautiful, it's full of life, and the weather is warm. Yellowstone really shines. Enjoy the park's full slate of roaming wildlife, varied landscapes, and famous geothermal features. Explore on foot, in car, by boat, or on horseback.

WINTER

Yellowstone is a winter wonderland in the park's quiet season. When the park is blanketed in snow, it's also covered in magic. An already ethereal landscape becomes even more dramatic and enchanting. Steaming geysers, snowy basins, and frozen waterfalls. Spot elk, bison, and wolves easily against the snowy backdrop. See Yellowstone the way few others do.





Insider's Tips to Visiting Yellowstone

By Candyce H. Stapen

America's first national park is big – 2.2 million-acres big. In addition to its size, Yellowstone divides into distinctly different regions and habitats that include geysers, fumaroles, and other geothermal features plus a canyon, a lake, and a series of limestone terraces as well as an abundance of roaming wildlife. With such vastness and variety, the park can be overwhelming. To make the most of your Yellowstone visit, follow these insider tips.

SEE OLD FAITHFUL IN THE EARLY MORNING OR EVENING

Almost everyone who enters the park heads to Old Faithful. For a more intimate experience, explore the Upper Geyser Basin in the early morning before the day visitors arrive or in the late afternoon after they leave.

VISIT YELLOWSTONE LAKE IN THE AFTERNOON

While the day visitors view Old Faithful and the surrounding area, head to 136-square-mile Yellowstone Lake, the largest in the park. Consider signing up for a guided boat tour or rent a boat on your own.

TAKE A HIKE

Don't just see Yellowstone's wonders through your car window. Walking even a ¼ mile on a boardwalk or trail offers you a more complete sense of Yellowstone's features and landscape.

LOOK FOR WILDLIFE AT THE RIGHT TIMES

Your best chance of spotting the park's legendary bison as well as other critters is in the early morning or evening.

EXPLORE LAMAR VALLEY

Often less-visited than other areas, Lamar Valley's habitat draws wildlife and the open vistas create optimum viewing conditions. You may see elk, bear, coyote, bighorn sheep, and eagles, especially if you arrive early. Consider booking the park's early-morning Wake Up to Wildlife Tour.

STOP AT THE VISITOR CENTERS

Each facility presents educational exhibits that focus on their region of the park. While at the centers, check for the ranger programs.

LOOK AT THE STARS

Go outside after dark. Walk 100 yards from your lodge or drive a short distance to a turnout, then park, scan the lot for wildlife and if none is present, exit your car to look up at the dazzling display of stars. With little light pollution, the night sky is a wonder.

CARRY A FLASHLIGHT

Since the park keeps the outdoor lighting soft, bring a flashlight for comfort, especially when traveling with young children.

BRING BINOCULARS

Stay a safe distance from the wildlife. If you want to see what a bison or elk looks like up close, view them through your binoculars.

A group of four people, two men and two women, are standing in a mountainous landscape. They are wearing outdoor gear like hats, sunglasses, and backpacks. The background shows a vast, open landscape with mountains under a blue sky with some clouds.

Reasons to Work in Yellowstone National Park

Finding a job is easy. Finding a job that'll change your perspective, deliver bucket-list caliber experiences, and open doors to an exciting and successful career? That's a different story - one you can write for yourself at Yellowstone National Park. Here are just a few of the many reasons to work in Yellowstone:

MEET INCREDIBLE PEOPLE.

Yellowstone attracts people from all over the world and from all walks of life, so if you love to meet new and interesting people, there's no better place to work! The simple lifestyle, the superb quality of life, and the stunning natural setting attract all kinds of folks, from students to established professionals looking for a career change, to semi-retired people. Yellowstone staffers describe the park as "inclusive" - a place to make lifelong friends.

LIVE IN ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL PLACES.

With 2.2 million acres of gorgeous outdoors to explore, Yellowstone is not your typical office environment. The only traffic jam you're going to experience on the way to work is a herd of elk or bison in the road. If you're a person who appreciates the outdoors and enjoys spending time in nature, there's no better way to mix business with pleasure. Breathtaking geyser basins, plunging waterfalls, serene lakes, rugged trails and canyons: no matter what kind of landscape you love, you'll find it here in the park, and you'll be able to explore and experience it.

TRY BUCKET-LIST EXPERIENCES EVERY DAY.

If adventure is what you crave, Yellowstone delivers. Get out of your comfort zone and make memories that last a lifetime. In between work shifts, you'll have access to various activities like horseback riding, boat tours, wildlife viewing tours, hiking, fishing - all for a discount or free! The quality of life and access to activities in Yellowstone is second to none, and there's always something new waiting to be discovered. It's like getting to enjoy a mini-vacation every day!

ENJOY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD.

If you love working at Yellowstone, there's no need to say goodbye when the season ends. As part of the Xanterra Travel Collection family, you'll have plenty of opportunities to grow, travel, and work in Yellowstone or elsewhere within the Xanterra family.

IT'S A SIMPLE LIFESTYLE.

With low-cost onsite housing and meal plans, affordable medical services, a free recreation program, and discounts from gateway businesses, one can save money and avoid unnecessary hassle. Seldom is there even a need to deal with traffic on the morning commute, as employee housing is typically just a short walk away from the work station. Working at Yellowstone makes life simple.

WANT TO WORK IN YELLOWSTONE?

With positions in hospitality, food and beverage, guest services, maintenance, transportation, reservations, and more, Yellowstone welcomes team members from all over the world who share a passion for the environment and a desire to create unforgettable experiences for guests. Ready for an adventure you'll never forget? Check out current job positions and apply online to join our team at YellowstoneJobs.com.

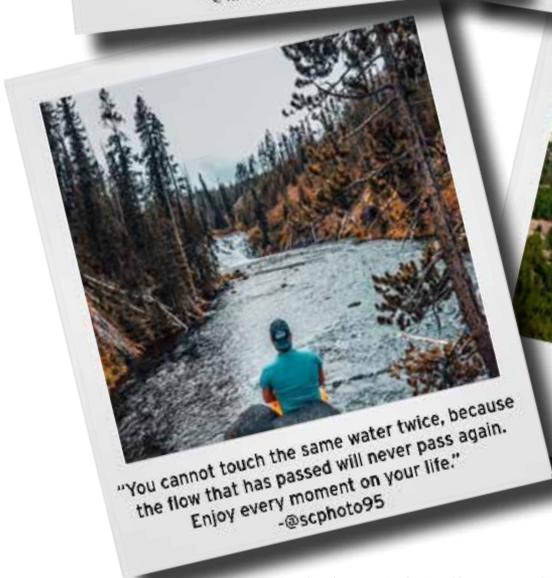


Yellowstone Jobs

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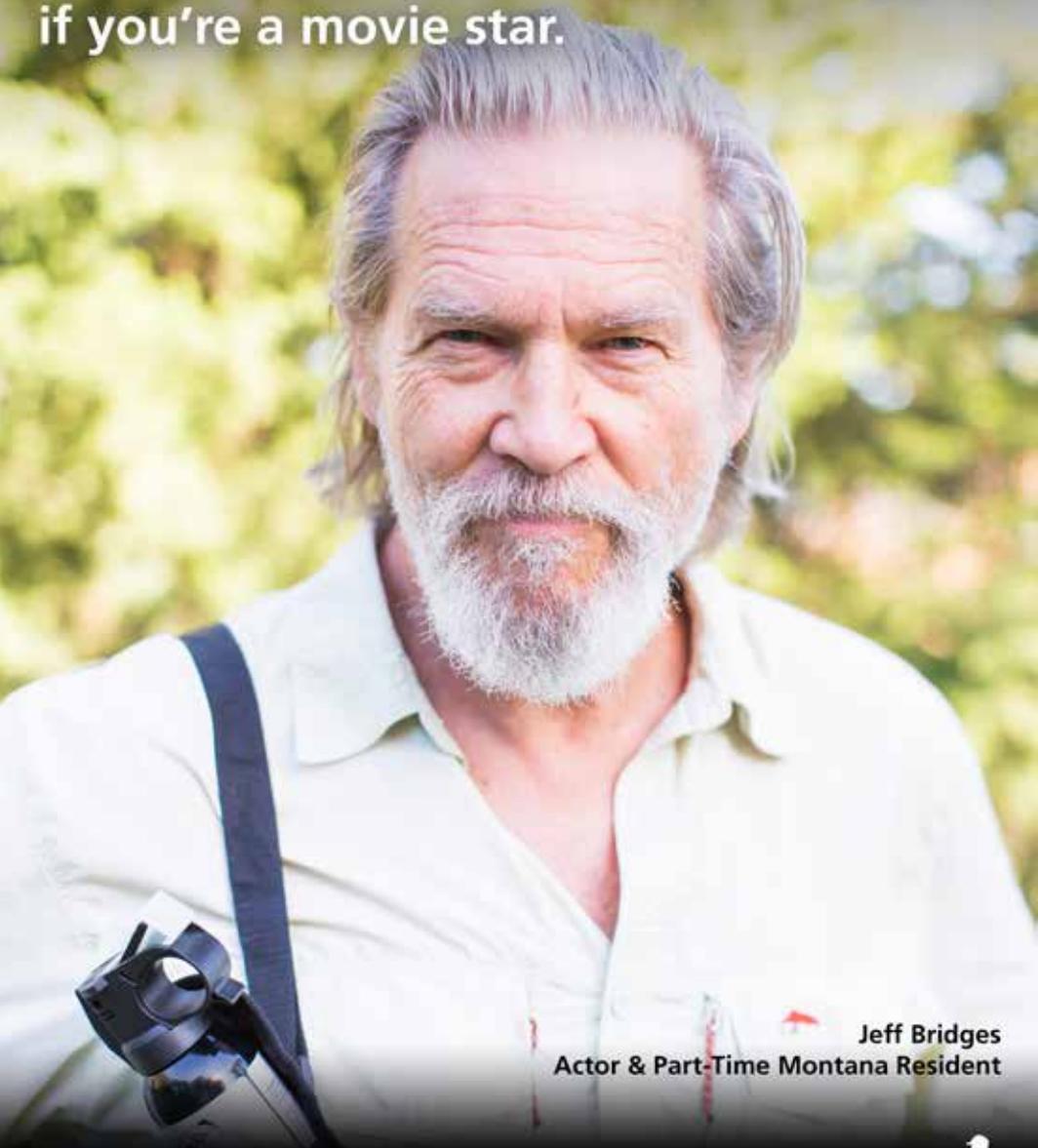
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Visit Yellowstone.org or one of the 11 Yellowstone Forever educational stores (located in visitor centers) to sign up.

Supporter benefits include:

- 15% discount on retail purchases throughout Yellowstone National Park at all Yellowstone Forever Park Stores, hotel gift shops, and Yellowstone General Stores.*
- Seasonal discounts for in-park lodging.
- Discounts at cooperating association stores in other national parks.
- Discounts on Yellowstone Forever Institute programs and early registration.

* Proof of support required. Exclusions apply. Inquire within.

Store locations:

Bozeman Airport, Canyon, Fishing Bridge, Gardiner, Grant, Madison, Mammoth Hot Springs, Norris, Old Faithful, Quake Lake, West Thumb, and online shop.yellowstone.org



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9 Reasons to Visit Yellowstone in Winter

Yellowstone is spectacular in winter. Blanketed by snow, the 2.2 million acre park exudes a mythical beauty. Here's why it's worth bundling up to visit the park in winter:

1. WINTER WILDLIFE

More than 45 species are on the move in winter, and the snow makes it even easier to spot them.

2. SPECTACULAR SKIING

With more than 100 miles of scenic cross-country ski trails, the park is a paradise for both novice and experienced skiers.

3. BREATHTAKING GEYSERS

Check out more than 60 geysers and geothermal features, which are often even more awe-inspiring in the winter.

4. EMBRACE HYGGE

Get cozy by the fireplace, curl up with a book and a cup of hot cocoa, play a board game- there are lots of ways to warm up and relax in winter.

5. TRAVEL BY SNOWCOACH

Climb aboard this one-of-a-kind vehicle that's specially equipped to navigate Yellowstone's challenging winter terrain with oversize low pressure tires.

6. GET ACTIVE

In addition to skiing, you can also try snowshoeing or ice skating during the winter. There are plenty of ways to enjoy the fresh air!

7. SAVOR PEACE AND QUIET

We all need to recharge sometimes, and Yellowstone's peaceful surroundings and snow-covered landscape create the perfect place to unwind.

8. SNAP A PICTURE-PERFECT SHOT

Join a Winter Photo Safari to learn how to take stunning, frame-worthy photos or simply snap some wintery shots as you explore.

9. SEE WINTER WONDERS

Ice fog, a frosty waterfall, ghost trees, monkey flowers...winter in Yellowstone means a host of incredible natural phenomena you can't see during the warmer months.





Yellowstone Snowcoaches: The Ultimate Ticket to Ride

By Jayne Clark

The new fleet of vans plying the snow-packed roadways of Yellowstone in winter is certain to turn heads. Not only are they taller than street-ready vans, they boast panoramic side windows. But the truly odd components are their oversized tires – about 4' tall and 3' wide – that are inflated to such a low pressure (a mere 7 or so pounds) they look like partially deflated balloons.

Consider the latest incarnation of Yellowstone's 13-passenger snowcoaches the ultimate 21st-century sleigh, providing a ride through one of the world's most extraordinary landscapes.

Most of the fleet of 33 vehicles feature innovations certain to wow even winter-averse park visitors. And those odd-looking tires are the key to success. Distributing the vans' weight over a broad area prevents them from sinking into the snow and getting stuck. The design enables travel in a landscape where seasonal snowfall can total up to 600 inches, and snowpack can reach as much as 10 feet above the roadways' surface.

Not that sometimes-epic winter conditions have deterred visitors of late. Winter tourism remains quieter than at other times of the year (just one of the plusses to visiting in winter). There was a time when most of Yellowstone's visitors were private snowmobilers and a few cross-country skiers. "Now people who come in the summer find themselves wondering what this place is like when it's a lot colder and covered in snow," says Leslie Quinn, a long-time snowcoach driver.

There are ample ways to find out, thanks to a variety of day trips and multi-day packages from mid-December to early March. Two lodges – Old Faithful Snow Lodge and Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, about 50 miles apart – remain open in winter. Snowcoaches ferry visitors between the two, plus run ski shuttles and guided tours.

Multi-day offerings include guided ski and snowshoeing trips to the spectacular Grand Canyon of Yellowstone. Shorter adventures include a drive along the Firehole River with stops to view wildlife. A one-of-a-kind outing is the Steam, Stars, and Winter Soundscapes tour. Participants are outfitted with non-skid devices for their boots, flashlights and steaming hot chocolate in a souvenir mug. Snowcoaches take them to Yellowstone's geyser basins for stargazing.

"We have dark skies in Yellowstone like they don't have anywhere in the U.S.," Quinn says. "To stand quietly and experience the wilderness in the night by just listening is remarkable."

For six decades, the Canadian company Bombardier manufactured park snowcoaches. The classic, 10-passenger vehicles were equipped with tracks in the rear and skis in the front. They were efficient for navigating on snowpack, but interiors weren't so commodious for passengers. Inward-facing bench seats gave riders clear views of each other – but not of the vistas they'd come for. Though roof hatches could be raised for more optimal views, for safety reasons the vehicles had to be stopped when doing so.

A later innovation in the 1980s mounted cleat tracks at the rear, and skis on the front of vans. The forward-facing seats were an improvement for passengers, but the steel cleats were unfriendly to asphalt roads when the snowpack melted. The 1980s also brought Swedish-made military vehicles. They were "unstoppable, but slow and loud," Quinn says.

Not only does the newest fleet of snowcoaches offer comfort and panoramic views, they're more fuel-efficient, getting up to 12 miles per gallon, compared to just 3 miles per gallon in earlier models. Sustainability along with winter's magic – it's doesn't get much better than that.

Lodging & Learning Winter Packages

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

All **Lodging & Learning Standard Packages** 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 adult 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:

- Two nights lodging at newly renovated Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, three nights at Old Faithful Snow Lodge
- Four breakfasts, four lunches, and five dinners

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 package:

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

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 lodging at newly renovated Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, two nights lodging at Old Faithful Snow Lodge
- Six breakfasts, five lunches, and six dinners
- Cross country ski rental and instruction





Getaway & Adventure Winter Packages

WILD ABOUT WINTER PACKAGE

This four-night package allows visitors to experience the best of Yellowstone in winter. Based primarily out of Mammoth Hot Springs, this package offers a little bit of everything: witnessing the majesty of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, exploring the thermal features at Old Faithful, seeking out wildlife in Lamar Valley and strolling the Mammoth Terraces.

Standard Package includes:

- Three nights Mammoth Hot Springs
- One night at Old Faithful Snow Lodge
- All meals
- All in-park transportation including snowcoach from Mammoth to Canyon & Old Faithful and bus tour to Lamar Valley
- Interpretive Guide
- Baggage handling
- One welcome gift per adult
- Snow Card discount card per adult

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**

Frosty Fun at Old Faithful Snow Lodge includes:

- 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**

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

***Gratuities are included.

COUPLES WINTER ADVENTURE PACKAGE

This five-night 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
- Interpretive guide
- Baggage handling
- One welcome gift per adult
- Snow Card discount card per adult





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

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

Head out for a day in search of some of the infamous wildlife in Lamar Valley. The snowy landscape creates a perfect background for showing off the critters that are out there. Our guides do a lot of networking with others in the field to do their best to assure that they get you to where the wildlife is. Lunch is included.

Wake Up to Wildlife Tour-Mammoth

Come with us on a morning winter wildlife safari! The Northern Range is an excellent habitat for wildlife, there are wide open grassy valleys that in the winter are covered with less snow than other locations in the park making it a bit easier to get to that food source. Lamar Valley and an area called Little America are home to bison, elk, coyote, wolves, eagles, bighorn, and many other smaller but no less interesting creatures. Tour includes a muffin and juice.

SNOWCOACH TOURS

Grand Canyon Day Tour-Old Faithful & Mammoth

Travel through meadows and pine forests, that often provide 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 around 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 will be the focal point of this search for wildlife in their winter habitat.

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.

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.

CUSTOM TOURS

Build your own custom winter adventure. Whether you prefer sight-seeing, skiing, snowshoeing, or wildlife watching, we can help create your perfect day.

Winter Transportation, Lodging, & Reservations

TRAVEL BY SNOWCOACH

Our regularly scheduled snowcoach service between Mammoth and Old Faithful is more than just a ride. Each leg of the trip is also an interpretive tour, providing some limited opportunities to stop along the way*.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

We offer a daily shuttle that allows guests to avoid renting a vehicle while our experienced drivers handle the winter roads. The shuttle will operate daily with stops at the Mammoth Hot Springs, a designated Bozeman hotel, and the Bozeman Airport.



LODGING

Old Faithful Snow Lodge

December 16, 2019 - March 1, 2020

From this snowy haven elevated at approximately 7,365 feet, you can set out on a variety of explorations, either on your own or with one of our knowledgeable guides. Oversnow transportation is required to access the Snow Lodge.

Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel

December 16, 2019 - March 2, 2020

Explore Yellowstone's Northern Range in winter filled with wildlife, skiing, snowshoeing, and sensational scenery. Rooms were recently remodeled and now all feature private baths.

SKI TRAILS & SHUTTLES

Yellowstone National Park boasts incredible cross-country skiing and abundant wilderness trails. Both beginners and advanced skiers will find trails to suit their needs. A number of trails in the park are groomed for classic stride as well as skate skiing.

In addition, we offer ski shuttles (for a fee) in the Old Faithful and Mammoth areas that drop you off at popular ski locations like Fairy Falls Trail, Indian Creek, Lone Star, and more.

RENTALS & LESSONS

We offer ski touring rental packages, ski instruction (both group and private), and snowshoe rentals. For more info visit our ski shops.

DINING

Old Faithful Snow Lodge Dining Room

For a warm escape and great meal, visit the Obsidian Dining Room. Enjoy breakfast, lunch, or dinner, with reservations required for dinner. The Firehole Lounge is also open, perfect for sitting back and propping up your feet with a drink in front of the fireplace.

Old Faithful Geyser Grill

The Geyser Grill is one of our quick-service outlets specializing in burgers, chicken sandwiches, value meals, deli sandwiches, salads, and more.

Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel Dining Room

The Mammoth Hotel Dining Room, the first four-star green restaurant in the National Parks, serves up a menu of value-priced entrees and our popular "Small Plate" selections.

Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel Map Room Bar

The corner bar in the Map Room serves coffee and alcoholic beverages with live piano music most evenings.

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