



# Welcome to Yellowstone National Park

YELLOWSTONE IS A PLACE LIKE NO OTHER.

Preserved within its boundaries are Old Faithful and the majority of the world's geysers and hot springs. An outstanding mountain wildland with clean water and air, Yellowstone is home of the grizzly bear and wolf and free-ranging herds of bison and elk. Centuries-old sites and historic buildings that reflect the unique heritage of America's first national park are also protected. **Protect Yellowstone by following park rules.**

Yellowstone can also be a dangerous place, with boiling hot, acidic thermal features; cold lakes and swift waters; wild animals; and unpredictable mountain weather. **Protect yourself by following park rules.**

**Most park lodging and camping is reserved and full. If you don't already have a reservation, you are extremely unlikely to find overnight accommodations in the park or nearby.** No camping or overnight vehicle parking is allowed in pullouts, parking areas, picnic grounds, or any place other than a designated campground. For more information, visit [go.nps.gov/YELLcampgrounds](https://go.nps.gov/YELLcampgrounds) and [go.nps.gov/YELLlodging](https://go.nps.gov/YELLlodging).



Bison adults and calves (nicknamed red dogs) on the move in the Lower Geyser Basin.

## Travel Alerts

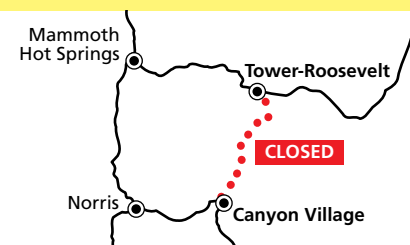


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**DELAYS AT OLD FAITHFUL**  
Expect delays of up to 15 minutes due to bridge repairs.

**TOWER TO CANYON ROAD CLOSED**  
The road between Tower-Roosevelt and Canyon Village is **CLOSED** all year.

**MOUNT WASHBURN TRAILS CLOSED**  
All trails to the top of Mount Washburn are **CLOSED**.



## COVID-19 Safety Alert

The National Park Service follows CDC guidance to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Check locally, on the park website, and in the park apps for updates and changes in park operations. Thank you for helping to keep yourself and others safe and healthy.



**If you are not yet fully vaccinated, wearing a mask is required in all common areas in buildings owned, rented, or leased by the National Park Service, including, but not limited to, park visitor centers, administrative offices, lodges, gift shops, and restaurants; and outdoors where physical distancing cannot reasonably be maintained. You should practice physical distancing** by maintaining at least 6 feet (1.8 m) of distance between you and others. Masks are not required for those under the age of two or when actively eating or drinking.



**If you are fully vaccinated, wearing a mask and physically distancing are not required indoors or outdoors unless otherwise posted.**

**Wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer. **Cover your mouth and nose** when you cough or sneeze. **If you feel sick, do not visit the park.**

## Keep Wildlife Wild

Yellowstone is an incredible place to view wildlife. All the large mammals present when Yellowstone became a park in 1872 are here today: grizzly and black bears, wolves, mountain lions, elk, bison, pronghorn, moose, and bighorn sheep.



- **Wildlife are dangerous.**
- **Do not approach, encircle, follow, or feed any animal.**
- **Bison, bears, and elk injure and kill people.**
- **Stay at least 100 yards (91 m)** from bears and wolves.
- **Stay at least 25 yards (23 m)** from all other animals, including bison and elk.
- **If an animal moves closer to you, move away** to maintain the appropriate distance.
- **Do not stop on or block a road.**
- **Use pullouts; stay in your car** to watch animals.
- **Store food and trash securely.** Backpacks are not secure.
- **Do not feed any animals,** even birds and squirrels.



Yellowstone National Park  
National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

**Emergency Information**  
Dial 911  
307-344-7381  
TTY 307-344-2386  
Park Entrance Radio 1610 AM

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

**Free National Park Service Apps**



Enrich your Yellowstone experience with one of two free, official apps: NPS Yellowstone or National

Park Service. Both apps provide self-guided audio tours, accessibility information, and detailed site and service information. Both allow you to download the content so you can use the app offline. The NPS Yellowstone app is the only one to offer live geyser predictions, live road statuses, and in-depth interpretive stories.

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# Facilities and Services

## Medical Services

### Yellowstone emergency response and ambulance service

Call 911  
Text 911 is not available in Yellowstone.

Medcor provides medical care, from emergencies to minor needs, at:

- **Mammoth Clinic**  
6/4–9/24 8:30a–5p daily  
1/1–6/3, 9/25–12/31 8:30a–5p M–F (closed Fridays 1p)  
closed 5/31, 11/25–27, 12/24–25, 31, 1/1  
307-344-7965
- **Lake Clinic**  
5/28–9/14 8:30a–8:30p daily  
9/15–9/19 10a–6:30p daily  
307-242-7241
- **Old Faithful Clinic**  
5/14–9/14 7a–7p daily  
9/15–10/1 8:30a–5p daily  
307-545-7325

## Accessibility

A **printed guide** with accessibility information is available at visitor centers. Info is also available on the **park website** ([go.nps.gov/YELLaccess](http://go.nps.gov/YELLaccess)) and in the **park apps** (see left).

**Qualified service animals** are welcome throughout the park and in all park facilities. However, they must be leashed and under your control at all times.

## Cell Service

**Cell phone service is very limited in the park and surrounding areas.** General cell coverage areas are shown on the map on the back page of this guide.

**Emergency 911 service by cell phone is only available in coverage areas. Text 911 is not available in Yellowstone.**

During peak hours and periods of heavy visitation, **the cellular network may be very slow.** Your provider may or may not roam on networks in Yellowstone.

As a courtesy to others, **silence your mobile device** while enjoying Yellowstone.

## Wi-Fi

**Available for free:**

- Albright Visitor Center in Mammoth Hot Springs

**Data speeds are very limited outside of Mammoth Hot Springs.**



Grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos*) near Obsidian Creek in late April.

## Lodging, Dining, and Tours

As one of Yellowstone's official concession companies, Yellowstone National Park Lodges offers **lodging, dining, camping, and a variety of tours and activities.**

Visit [YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com](http://YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com) for the most up-to-date information, which may change due to COVID-19.

**For reservations and information,**

ask at park hotels, or contact

Yellowstone National Park Lodges:

Phone 307-344-7311, 866-439-7375  
TDD 307-344-5395  
Online [YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com](http://YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com)  
Email [Reserve-YNP@Xanterra.com](mailto:Reserve-YNP@Xanterra.com)



Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel.

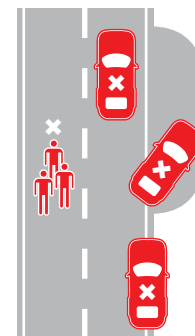
# Safety and Regulations



Safe Parking



Unsafe Parking



## Watch Wildlife Safely

### Looking for Wildlife?

- To conserve energy, most wildlife are active in the cool of **dawn or dusk**.
- Animals are everywhere in the park, but it is easier to see them in **open meadows and sagebrush** than in dense forest.
- Find a place with a broad view for your **binoculars or spotting scope**, and be prepared to wait.

### Protect Yourself and the Animals. Obey Park Rules.

- **Spotlighting**—viewing animals with artificial light—is **illegal**.
- **Calling to attract wildlife is illegal**. You may not bugle to elk, howl at wolves, or make bird calls of any kind.
- **Tracking wildlife with electronic equipment is not permitted**.

## Store Food Securely

**Do not feed any wildlife**, including small mammals and birds. Eating human food is unhealthy and encourages aggressive behavior.

All food, trash, and scented items must be kept inaccessible to bears at all times. Tents, truck beds, and picnic tables are not secure. In some areas, ravens have learned to unzip packs and scatter the contents. **None of these items, even if clean and empty, may be left unattended at any time:**

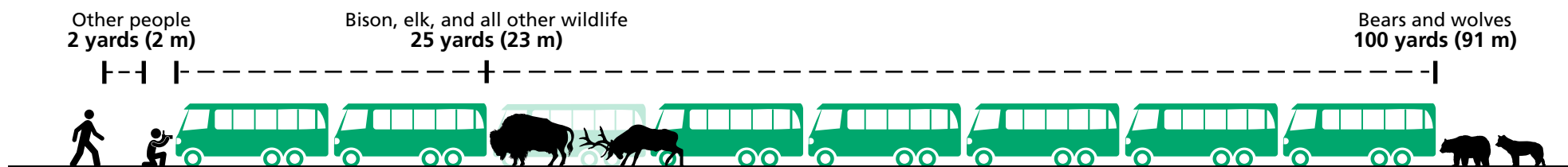
- Water and beverage containers
- Cooking or eating utensils
- Stoves and grills
- Coolers and ice chests
- Garbage, bagged or not
- Food, including condiments, even if in containers
- Cosmetics and toiletries
- Pet food and bowls
- Pails, buckets, wash basins

## Park Safely

**Stopping, parking, or standing in the road is dangerous.** Large vehicles have limited visibility. Other drivers may be distracted by wildlife and scenery. **Stay aware of traffic at all times.**

- **Use pullouts to stop.**
- **Park with all four tires fully to the right of the white line.**
- **When your vehicle is moving, keep doors closed and arms, cameras, and children inside.**
- **Do not stop your vehicle in the road or block traffic in any way.**
- **Do not stand in the road or block it with tripods, chairs, or other objects.**
- **If wildlife are nearby, stay inside your vehicle.**

Enjoy watching Yellowstone's animals but **STAY SAFE**. They are **WILD** and **DANGEROUS**.



## Drones

Launching, landing, or operating unmanned aircraft (drones) on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service is prohibited.

## Lost and Found

Call 307-344-5387 to report or retrieve items lost in lodging facilities. In other parts of the park, call 307-344-2109 or look online: [go.nps.gov/lost-and-found](http://go.nps.gov/lost-and-found).

## Firearms

Firearms are allowed in national parks pursuant to state and federal regulations. They are prohibited in facilities where signs are posted, such as visitor centers, government offices, and some concession operations. Discharge of firearms is prohibited. Possession and use of weapons, such as air guns, bows and arrows, spears, and slingshots, is also prohibited. Details are available at [go.nps.gov/yell-laws](http://go.nps.gov/yell-laws).

## Pets

Pets are not allowed on trails or boardwalks, in the backcountry, or in hydrothermal basins. Where allowed, pets must be leashed and remain within 100 feet (30.5 m) of a road or parking area.

Do not leave a pet unattended, tied to an object, or without adequate food, water, shade, ventilation, or other basic needs. Owners must bag and dispose of pet waste. We recommend that someone in your group remain with your pet at all times to personally ensure their well being.

# Things to Do

## ▣ Camping

Yellowstone offers 12 campgrounds with over 2,000 sites.

During the park's busy season, from the beginning of May through the fall, many campsites can be reserved ahead of time. Due to high demand, **reservations are highly recommended.**

First-come, first-served sites are available during the busy season at Indian Creek, Lewis Lake, and Pebble Creek campgrounds.



A campsite at Pebble Creek Campground.

### No Overflow Camping

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

### Check-In and Check-Out

Yellowstone National Park Lodges campgrounds: check-in at 1pm, check-out at 11am.

National Park Service campgrounds: check-out at 10am.

### Length of Stay

Camping is limited to 14 days from July 1 through Labor Day (first Monday in September) and to 30 days the rest of the year.

### Discounts

Holders of Senior and Access passes receive a 50 percent discount on camping fees.

### Quiet Hours

From 10 pm to 6 am, no loud audio devices or other noise disturbances are allowed.

### Group Camping

Group camping (tents only) is available at Bridge Bay, Grant, and Madison for organized groups with a designated leader. Fees range from \$139 to \$409 plus tax and utility fee per night, depending on group size. Advance reservations are required at **307-344-5437** or **ynpsa@xanterra.com**.

### Food Storage Boxes (see right)

Available at each campsite at Indian Creek, Lewis Lake, Mammoth, Pebble Creek, and Slough Creek campgrounds. Many campsites in other campgrounds are also equipped with bear-proof storage boxes.



Food storage box

## Campgrounds

In Order of Opening	Reservation Status	Dates	Rate	Sites	Elevation (ft/m)	Features	RV sites
Mammoth Winter operations	First-come, first-served	Jan 1 – Apr 30 Oct 16 – Dec 31	\$25	38	6,200 ft (1,890 m)	A, F, G, SB	Most are pull-through
Mammoth Summer operations	All sites reservable recreation.gov	May 1 – Oct 15	\$25	85	6,200 ft (1,890 m)	A, F, G, SB	Most are pull-through
Madison	All sites reservable 307-344-7311	May 14 – Oct 17	\$27 *	278	5,800 ft (2,070 m)	A, F, DS, G	Call for availability
Canyon	All sites reservable 307-344-7311	May 21 – Sep 19	\$27 *	273	7,900 ft (2,410 m)	A, F, L, DS, G	Call for availability
Bridge Bay	All sites reservable 307-344-7311	Jun 11 – Sep 6	\$27 *	432	7,800 ft (2,285 m)	A, F, DS, G	Call for availability
Indian Creek	First-come, first-served	Jun 11 – Sep 13	\$20	70	7,300 ft (2,225 m)	A, V, SB	10 sites are 35 ft 35 sites are 30 ft
Pebble Creek	Some sites reservable recreation.gov	Jun 15 – Sep 27	\$20	27	6,900 ft (2,100 m)	A, V, SB	Some long pull-throughs
Slough Creek	All sites reservable recreation.gov	Jun 15 – Oct 12	\$20	15	5,260 ft (1,905 m)	A, V, SB	14 sites are 30 ft
Lewis Lake	First-come, first-served	Jun 15 – Nov 7	\$20	85	7,800 ft (2,285 m)	A, V, SB	All sites are 25 ft or less
Grant Village	All sites reservable 307-344-7311	Jun 18 – Sep 12	\$27 *	430	7,800 ft (2,285 m)	A, F, L, DS, G	Call for availability
Norris					CLOSED		
Fishing Bridge RV Park					CLOSED		
Tower Fall					CLOSED		

## Campground Features

- \* Rate does not include tax or utility pass-through
- A Accessible sites available
- F Flush toilets
- V Vault toilets
- L Pay laundry onsite
- DS Dump station
- G Generators allowed 8 am to 8 pm
- SB Food storage boxes available



## Campfires

are allowed only in designated grills or rings in park campgrounds, some picnic areas, and specific backcountry campsites.

Fully extinguish all campfires—they should be cool to the touch—before leaving them.

# Things to Do



Safely storing items at a backcountry site.



Cutthroat trout.



Boating on Yellowstone Lake.

## ⚠ Backcountry Camping

Overnight backcountry camping is only allowed in designated sites and requires a permit. Detailed information on backcountry permits, fees, and advanced reservations is available online: [go.nps.gov/YELLbackcountry](https://go.nps.gov/YELLbackcountry).

From Memorial Day through September 10, a per-person, per-night fee applies:

- **Backpackers and boaters: \$3 per person per night**  
Group maximum \$15 per night
- **Groups with stock animals: \$5 per person per night**

For current trail conditions visit: [go.nps.gov/YELLbackcountryreport](https://go.nps.gov/YELLbackcountryreport).



Riding the Yellowstone River Trail.

## 🐎 Horses, Mules, and Other Stock Animals

Traveling in the Yellowstone backcountry with horses, mules, or llamas is an exciting way to see the park. By their very nature, these large animals have the potential to leave great impacts on the land.

**Permits are required for both day rides and overnight trips.** To get a permit and plan a safe, enjoyable, low-impact trip, contact a backcountry office or look online at [go.nps.gov/YELLhorseride](https://go.nps.gov/YELLhorseride).

- **Trails typically open for stock use July 1.** Some trails may open earlier or later depending on trail conditions.
- **Proof of a negative Coggins test is required.**
- **Hay is prohibited in the backcountry,** and weed-free hay restrictions are enforced in other areas.
- Stock may not be left at trailheads or kept in front-country, drive-in campgrounds overnight.

## 🎣 Fishing

General fishing season opens **May 29** and closes **November 7, 2021**. Some areas remain closed until June 15. **Fishing permits are required in Yellowstone; state-issued fishing permits are not valid within the park.** Anglers 16 years or older need a permit; younger children can fish for free with a permitted adult. You can purchase a fishing permit in the park, in local gateway communities, or online via [www.recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).

Fishing regulations in Yellowstone protect the unique values of the park ecosystem and conserve native fish species. Copies of the complete park regulations are available wherever permits are sold and online at [go.nps.gov/fish](https://go.nps.gov/fish).

Possession limits and closures vary. Anglers are responsible for knowing the regulations in the area they are fishing and knowing how to tell the difference between species. **Native fish must be released unharmed back into the water immediately.**

These include:

- Arctic grayling
- Cutthroat trout
- Mountain whitefish

**These tackle and gear restrictions apply:**

- Hooks must be barbless.
- Tackle and lures must be non-toxic. Lead tackle is not allowed.
- Bait is prohibited.
- Felt-soled footwear is not permitted.



Gardner River below Osprey Falls.

## 🏊 Swimming

Park waters are swift and cold.

- **Swimming in hot springs or their runoff is prohibited.**
- **Swimming in park rivers is not recommended.** Currents can be dangerously strong and fast.
- **Swimming in Yellowstone lake is not recommended.** Average lake temperature is approximately 41°F (5°C).

## 🚤 Boating

The boating season opens **May 29** and closes **November 7, 2021**. **All watercraft (motorized boats, non-motorized boats, and float tubes) must have a permit and be inspected for aquatic invasive species by park staff.** Any watercraft suspected of harboring AIS will be subject to a non-chemical decontamination treatment.

Aquatic Invasive Species are nonnative plants and animals that can cause irreversible harm to the ecosystem. New Zealand mudsnails, whirling disease, and lake trout have already resulted in loss of native fish or closure of some park areas.

Watercraft users and anglers are asked to inspect all items that may come in contact with park waters, ensuring that they are clean, drained, and dry.

Motorized boating is allowed on Lewis Lake and most of Yellowstone Lake. Only non-motorized boating is allowed on most other lakes. Only one river is open to non-motorized boating: the Lewis River channel between Lewis and Shoshone lakes.

If you plan to boat in the park, familiarize yourself with Yellowstone National Park boating regulations and information about inspections and permits, available online at [go.nps.gov/YELLboating](https://go.nps.gov/YELLboating).

**BOAT PERMIT AND AIS INSPECTION LOCATIONS**  
**Motorized and non-motorized watercraft (including angler float tubes):**

- Bridge Bay Ranger Station 8a–4:30p
- Grant Village Backcountry Office 8a–4:30p
- Lewis Lake Ranger Station 8a–4:30p

**Angler float tubes only**

- Locations listed above
- Bechler Ranger Station (hours vary)
- North Entrance Station (hours vary)
- Northeast Entrance Station (hours vary)
- West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (hours vary)

For more information, visit [go.nps.gov/YELLboating](https://go.nps.gov/YELLboating) or call **406-581-9040** (Grant AIS inspector) or **406-823-9006** (Lake AIS inspector).

**🚫 Certain Boats Banned**  
**Boats with sealed internal water ballast tanks are temporarily banned** in the park to minimize the risk of introducing aquatic invasive species.

# Things to Do

## Day Hiking

**More than 1,000 miles of hiking trails** wind through Yellowstone National Park. Whether you hike for half a mile or more than 10, the backcountry can be an escape from the crowds and a chance to get in touch with the wilderness that Yellowstone preserves.

Find hikes using the free park apps (see page 2) or at [go.nps.gov/YELLdayhikes](https://go.nps.gov/YELLdayhikes). [go.nps.gov/YELLbackcountryreport](https://go.nps.gov/YELLbackcountryreport) has information on seasonal closures and trail conditions. Be prepared for wildlife encounters, hike in groups of three or more, and carry bear spray on all hikes.



Hiking the Beaver Ponds Trail.

### Hiking in Bear Country

**Hiking in bear habitat has inherent risks.** You are likely to be safer if you stay on roads and official trails, but **your safety cannot be guaranteed.** Federal regulations require you to **stay at least 100 yards (91 m) away from bears.** Learn more: [go.nps.gov/bearspray](https://go.nps.gov/bearspray).

**You can buy bear spray in Yellowstone where stores are open.**

**Bear spray cannot be taken on airplanes or thrown in the trash. Canisters can be recycled in the park.** Check locally or online for locations.



**You can rent bear spray from: Bear Aware LLC**

North end of the Canyon Visitor Education Center parking area  
May 22–September 25 8a–5:30p

Rentals include holster and belt, hiking safety information, and instructions on proper use. The cost is \$9.25 per day or \$28 per week (3–7 days) plus tax. For more information, visit [bearaware.com](https://bearaware.com).

**Return items** to the Canyon kiosk, Madison Campground, park gas stations, or the Cooke City Visitor Center.



- **BE ALERT FOR BEARS.**
- **MAKE NOISE** in areas with limited visibility.
- **CARRY BEAR SPRAY, one can with each adult, and know how to use it.**
- **HIKE IN GROUPS** of three or more people.
- **DO NOT RUN;** back away slowly.



Grizzly sow and cub.



Photographers in Lamar Valley.

## Photography

**Yellowstone is one of the best places in the world to photograph wildlife.**

### **The Name of the Game is Patience**

To get the best shot, you will spend more time waiting and observing than taking photos. Look for patterns in animal behavior that can help you get a great shot. You may have to wait a while, so be ready.

### **Know Your Camera's Limits**

A cell phone camera will not be able to capture the same resolution and detail as a more advanced standalone camera with large lenses. Good photography isn't about getting close to the animal for a close-up. It's about having the right equipment for the job.

### **Stay Safe Behind and in Front of the Camera**

An unusual vantage point can add drama to your image, but you don't want to add the drama of a hospital visit to your trip. **Never sacrifice safety for a photograph.**

- **Be Aware of Your Surroundings**  
Stay behind fences and guard rails. Never turn your back on wild animals.
- **Keep Children Close to You at All Times**  
Never try to pose them with wildlife.
- **Stay Out of the Road**  
Do not stop your vehicle in the road or stand in the roadway. Do not block any portion of the road with tripods, chairs, or other objects. Do not block the free flow of traffic.

## Bicycling

**Bicycling, including the use of e-bikes, is permitted on established public roads, parking areas, and designated routes.** Bicycles are subject to the same traffic rules as automobiles and are **prohibited on trails and boardwalks.**

Park roads are narrow and winding with few shoulders, so **regulations require cyclists to ride single file, and we strongly recommend wearing a helmet and high visibility clothing**

**and using flashing lights on both the front and rear of the bicycle.**

Road elevations range from 5,300 to 8,860 ft (1,615 to 2,700 m), and services and facilities are far apart—typically 20 to 30 miles (37 to 56 km). During April, May, and June, high snowbanks may make travel more dangerous.

Find information on the park website at [go.nps.gov/YELLbicycling](https://go.nps.gov/YELLbicycling).



Biking in the spring.



### **Smoking Is Prohibited**

in geyser basins, on trails and boardwalks, in buildings, or within 25 feet (7.6 m) of building entrances.



### **Take Only Pictures**

Removing or possessing natural or cultural resources (like wildflowers, antlers, rocks, and arrowheads) is strictly prohibited.

# Things to Do



The park's Junior Ranger patch.



Heritage Resource Center.



Yellowstone Forever Store near Roosevelt Arch.

## Become a Junior Ranger

If you're age 4 or older, you can become a **Yellowstone Junior Ranger!** This program is a way to introduce children—and those young at heart—to the natural wonders of the park as well as their own role in preserving these wonders for the future.

For more information, talk to a ranger at Albright Visitor Center, Canyon Visitor Education Center, and Old Faithful Visitor Education Center.

## Explore Park Heritage

Opportunities to connect to the past are **everywhere in Yellowstone.** Visit Mammoth Hot Springs to walk the self-guiding trail around Fort Yellowstone, which chronicles the US Army's role in protecting the park. Other historic sites include the Norris Museum, Obsidian Cliff, and the Old Faithful Inn and Historic District.

The Heritage and Research Center (above) is located just beyond the North Entrance in Gardiner, Montana. This facility is home to Yellowstone's museum collection, archives, research library, archeology lab, and herbarium. Open by appointment only. To contact, email [YELL\\_Heritage\\_Center@nps.gov](mailto:YELL_Heritage_Center@nps.gov).

## Support Your Park



**Yellowstone Forever is the official nonprofit partner of Yellowstone National Park.** Their mission of engagement and support through philanthropy and education for the park will ensure Yellowstone remains for generations to come. Programs about wildlife, plants, geology, and history are perfect for curious adults and families who want to spend a day or more exploring the park with a knowledgeable guide. To learn more, visit [Yellowstone.org](http://Yellowstone.org).

## Authorized Guides

Many authorized guides and outfitters are ready to show you the wonders of Yellowstone, and each has a unique approach. Make sure that your guide, tour company, or other commercial service is fully authorized by the park. Authorized providers are listed on the park website at [go.nps.gov/YELLtours](http://go.nps.gov/YELLtours).

Report unauthorized operators to a park ranger, or contact Concessions Management at 307-344-2271.



Covered wagons at Yanceys Hole.

### Special use permits are required for certain activities

including organized gatherings like weddings or church services, public assemblies and demonstrations, some commercial activities like commercial travel, and some types of filming and photography. For more information, call 307-344-2722.

## Make the Most of Your Visit

Yellowstone encompasses more than 2.2 million acres, most of it beyond the reach of roads. One could dedicate their entire life to experiencing the park and still never see it all. **Here are suggestions for making the most of the time you do have.**

### Tour early in the day to avoid crowds.

Most people tour the park from 10 am to 6 pm. Wildlife are most active at sunrise and sunset; arriving before 8 am improves your chances of observing animals during their active periods. Park entrance gates are open 24 hours a day.

### Visit a hidden gem.

Take a day hike, or stroll one of our historic walking tours at Fort Yellowstone or Old Faithful. Explore nearby national park units, national forests, state forests, and state parks. The region offers a variety of public lands for recreation and enjoyment.

### Only one day here?

- Drive to the Old Faithful area and walk around the Upper Geyser Basin.
- Visit Old Faithful and one other hydrothermal area, like Norris, West Thumb, or Fountain Paint Pots. Follow boardwalks and maintained trails to witness hot springs, mudpots, fumaroles, and geysers.
- Begin in Hayden or Lamar valleys to look for some of the park's large animals. Bring binoculars or a spotting scope, and enjoy animals from a safe distance.
- For a break from the road, consider one or two moderate day hikes. Always carry rain gear, extra food and water, bear spray, and other emergency equipment when venturing into the backcountry.
- Have a picnic. Unpack your basket at any of the many picnic areas throughout the park.

### Two or more days?

- Explore one theme, such as geology, in depth. For example, visit Mammoth Hot Springs to see travertine formations and view the sedimentary layers of Mount Everts, then drive through terrain shaped by glaciers to the Tower-Roosevelt area.
- Visit Yellowstone Lake, the largest high-elevation lake in the lower 48 states. Take in the spectacular views of West Thumb and the Absaroka Mountains from its shores. Explore the hot springs, mud pots, and geysers of West Thumb Geyser Basin. Hike one of the local trails, such as the Scenic Lake Overlook near West Thumb.
- Slow down and try your hand at capturing the beauty of Yellowstone through journaling, painting, or simply observing.

# Famously Hot Features

Yellowstone was established in 1872 as the world's first national park primarily because of its unparalleled collection of geysers, hot springs, mudpots, and steam vents.

**Fumaroles**, or steam vents, are the hottest hydrothermal features in the park, with temperatures well above that of boiling water. They are easier to see in cool weather.

**Geysers** erupt with steaming hot water. Variations in each geyser's underground reservoir determine whether it is regular and predictable—like Great Fountain Geyser in the Lower Geyser Basin—or irregular like Giant Geyser in the Upper Geyser Basin.

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

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

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



## Stay on Boardwalks

and designated trails. Do not touch any thermal features, and keep foreign objects out of springs. It can be windy, so cinch your hats, and secure your items. Unstable ground and boiling waters make hydrothermal areas extremely dangerous.



Norris Geyser Basin.

# Wild Fire

**Fires are a natural part of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.** Research shows that large fires have been occurring in Yellowstone since forests became established following the last glacial retreat 14,000 years ago.

**Yellowstone's fire season typically lasts from July to the end of September.** Lightning may ignite dozens of forest fires during a single summer. Most of them go out naturally after burning less than half an acre. Others torch isolated or small groups of trees, become smoldering ground fires, and eventually go out on their own. On rare occasions, wind-driven fires have burned through large areas of forest, as in 1988, when multiple fires crossed more than one million acres in Yellowstone and on surrounding federal lands despite massive efforts to extinguish them.

**The National Park Service allows lightning-ignited fires to burn in Yellowstone provided they are not a threat to human life and property.** The park is required to protect human life as well as the approximately 2% of Yellowstone's 2.2 million acres that are considered developed (roads, buildings, other infrastructure) while at the same time letting wildfire carry out its ecological role in the landscape as much as possible.

## How does fire benefit Yellowstone?

- Some plants have adapted to fire. In some cases, they depend on it.
- Fire promotes habitat diversity by removing the forest overstory, allowing different plant communities to become established and preventing trees from growing in meadows.
- Fire increases the rate nutrients become available to plants by rapidly releasing them from wood and forest litter and by making soil minerals weather faster. This is especially important in a cold, dry climate like Yellowstone's, where decomposition happens slower than in more hot and humid areas.
- Natural fires provide an opportunity for scientists to study the effects of fire on an ecosystem.

## Why aren't burned trees removed?

Burned and dead trees contribute to the ecosystem. Dead standing trees provide nesting cavities for many types of animals. Fallen trees provide food and shelter for animals and nutrients for the soil. However, park managers will remove dead or burned trees that pose safety hazards along roads or in developed areas.



A patchwork of trees left behind by the advancing flames of 2016's Maple Fire.



# Wild Lands and Wildlife

## Wolves in Yellowstone

Yellowstone is the site of one of the most ambitious and controversial wildlife restoration projects in the world. Although wolves once roamed from the Arctic tundra to Mexico, loss of habitat and extermination programs led to their demise throughout most of the United States by the early 1900s. In 1973, the US Fish and Wildlife Service listed the gray wolf (*Canis lupus*) as an endangered species and designated the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem as one of three recovery areas. From 1995 to 1997, 41 wild wolves were released in Yellowstone.

### Keep Wolves and Bears Wild

If you see wolves or bears on or near the roadway:

1. **Slow down and move to the side of the road** farthest from the animal(s). Continue slowly moving as they pass by.
2. **Do not stop within 100 yards (91 m)** of the animal(s). If conditions force you to stop, continue slowly moving within 10–15 seconds.
3. **If a wolf or bear begins moving toward you, leave the area immediately, but don't run.**

**Never feed a wild animal.** Wolves and bears that eat human food even once will try to get food again. These animals then have to be lethally removed.

**If a wolf or bear approaches closely, report the sighting to park rangers.**

Since then, the Yellowstone Wolf Project has yielded more than two decades of discoveries on wolf behavior, predator-prey relationships, wildlife disease management, and ecological complexity.

To dig into the details of wolves in Yellowstone, visit [go.nps.gov/wolves](http://go.nps.gov/wolves).



## Signs of Change

The National Park Service anticipates that climate change will create significant challenges to the preservation of park resources, infrastructure, and visitor experience. Within Yellowstone, scientists expect ecosystems to change due to increasing temperature, decreasing snowpack, earlier runoff, and a longer growing season. Some observed and expected effects of climate change are:

- **Alpine habitats will decrease** in area, negatively affecting species that depend on them.
- **The number and intensity of wildfires is expected to increase** in Yellowstone and across the Western US, resulting in more area burned over time. This will have a big impact on vegetation and vulnerable buildings.
- **Mountain pine beetle infestations may increase**, driven by milder winters and a longer season for more reproductive cycles, causing more mortality in certain forest types.
- **Hotter, drier summers will drive a decline in wetland areas**, reducing essential habitat for frogs, salamanders, and many bird and insect species.
- **Grizzly bears may have fewer whitebark pine nuts**, a nutritious, high-calorie food source the bears depend on as they prepare for winter hibernation.
- **Non-native, invasive plants**, able to take advantage of early spring moisture and drier summers, are starting to outcompete native vegetation within the park's lower elevation grasslands.

## Bringing Up Bear Cubs

Both grizzly and black bear cubs are born in the deep winter months while their mother hibernates. In April and May, they begin to venture out with their mother as she digs for roots, insects, and squirrels. Black bear cubs stay with their mother 1.5 years, grizzly cubs for 1.5–3.5 years (with 2.5 years most common).

Look for black bears along the edges of wooded areas in the Lamar and Hayden valleys or among the trees near Mammoth and Tower. Grizzly bears are usually seen in open areas.

See page 6 for information about safely recreating in bear country.



## Within the Herd

Yellowstone is the only place in the United States where bison have lived continuously since prehistoric times. Bison here are special: they're America's largest bison population on public land that can still migrate and adapt to diseases and predators.

Bison mainly eat grasses and sedges and are well-suited to both prairies and forests. With adult males weighing up to 2,000 pounds (900 kg), the bison is the largest land mammal in North America.

The herd is made up of cows, calves, and some younger bulls. During the rut in July and August, mature bulls display their dominance by bellowing, wallowing, and fighting with other bulls to earn the right to mate with receptive females. After 9 to 9.5 months, calves are born in late April and May. Their orange fur makes them easy to see and has earned them the nickname "red dogs."

Look for bison in open country along the Lamar, Yellowstone, Firehole, and Madison rivers.

### Bison or Buffalo?

In North America, both "bison" and "buffalo" refer to the American bison (*Bison bison*). Generally, "buffalo" is used informally, while "bison" is preferred for formal or scientific purposes.

Early European explorers called this animal by many names. Historians believe that the term "buffalo" grew from the French word for beef, *boeuf*.

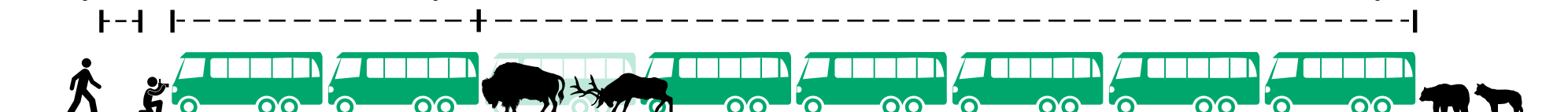


Enjoy watching Yellowstone's animals but **STAY SAFE**. They are **WILD** and **DANGEROUS**.

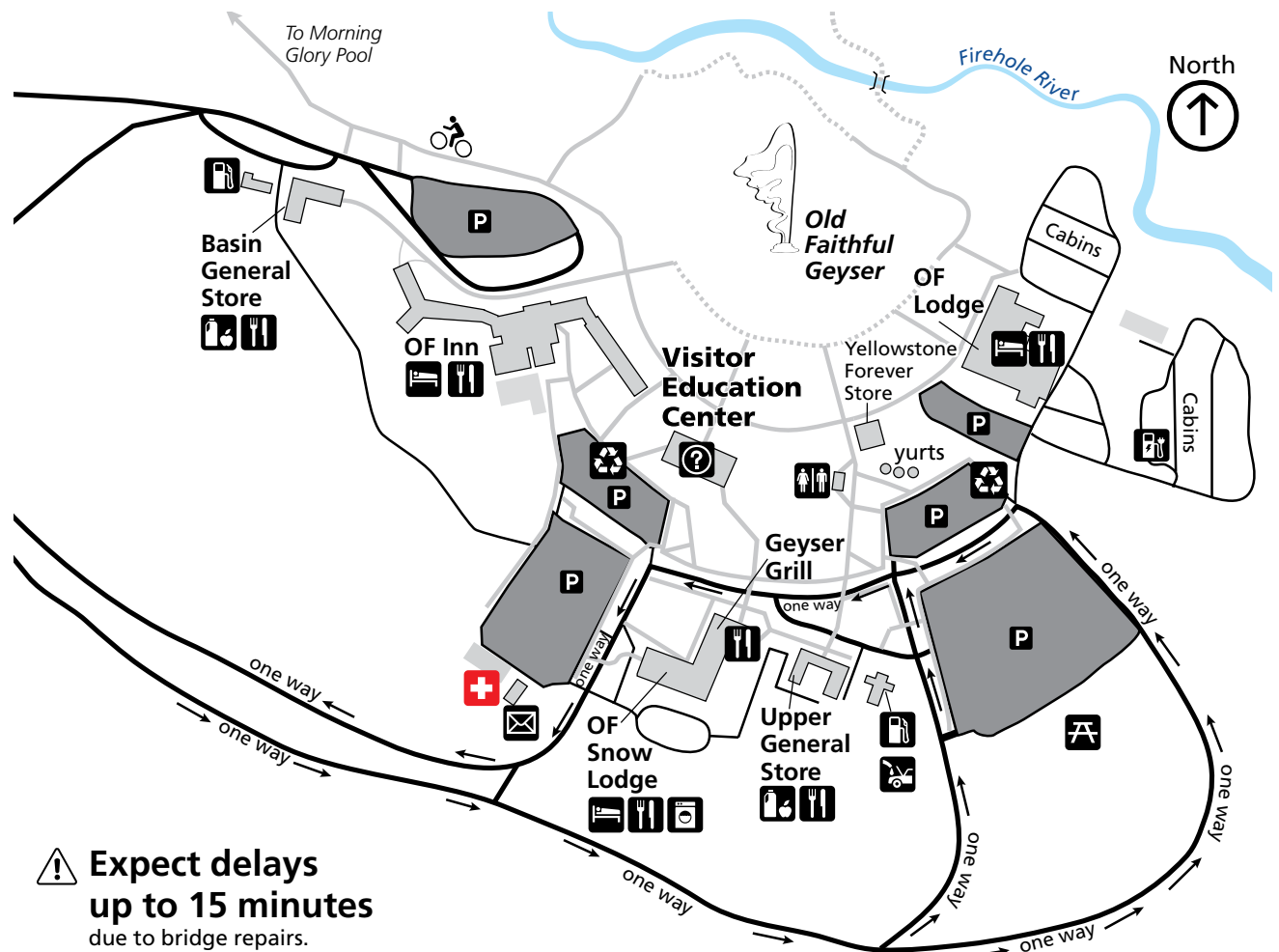
Other people  
2 yards (2 m)

Bison, elk, and all other wildlife  
25 yards (23 m)

Bears and wolves  
100 yards (91 m)



# Old Faithful Village and Upper Geyser Basin



**Expect delays up to 15 minutes** due to bridge repairs.

**Stay on Boardwalks and Designated Trails.** Do not touch any thermal features, and keep foreign objects out of springs. It can be windy, so cinch your hats, and secure your items.

The Upper Geyser Basin, home of Old Faithful, hosts the greatest concentration of active geysers on Earth. They provide ample evidence of the active volcano below your feet.

Yellowstone Volcano's reservoir of partially molten rock (magma) is ~5 miles (8 km) below the surface here. This magma provides the first ingredient needed to create the area's hydrothermal features: **heat!** Rain and snow provide the second ingredient: **water**, which percolates ~0.5 miles (0.8 km) through hot, fractured rocks heated by the underlying magma reservoir. These hot, fractured rocks provide the third ingredient: the mineral **silica**. The extremely hot water below dissolves silica in the rocks. As the superheated water works its way back to the surface, it carries this silica and deposits it when it cools at the surface. In fact, Old Faithful geyser is a mound of silica that is growing ever so slowly after every eruption.

It's not the largest or most regular geyser eruption, but Old Faithful's eruptions are more frequent than the other big geysers in the park. During summer, rangers forecast eruption times for Old Faithful and five other big geysers. However, a geyser's pattern of eruptions may change at any time.

## To view forecasted eruption times:

- Use the **NPS Yellowstone app** (see page 2)
- Call **307-344-2751 (option 2)**
- Check the **@GeyserNPS** Twitter feed
- Check at the **Visitor Education Center** and many of the **area facilities**

## Not all services available

**Medcor Medical Clinic**  
5/14–9/14 7a–7p daily  
9/15–10/1 8:30a–5p daily  
307-545-7325  
**Emergency: Dial 911**

**Old Faithful Visitor Education Center**  
307-344-2750  
5/28–11/7 9a–5p (subject to change)

**Yellowstone Forever Bookstore**

**Lodging**  
Old Faithful Inn 6/4–10/11  
Old Faithful Lodge and Cabins 5/14–10/3  
Old Faithful Snow Lodge 5/7–10/31

**Food**  
Old Faithful Inn  
• Bear Paw Deli 6/4–10/11  
• Dining Room Check locally

Old Faithful Lodge and Cabins  
• Bake Shop 5/14–10/3  
• Cafeteria 5/14–10/3

Old Faithful Snow Lodge  
• Obsidian Dining Room 5/7–10/31  
• Geyser Grill 4/16–11/7

Basin General Store Soda Fountain 6/11–10/10

**Fuel**  
Lower Station 5/14–9/12  
Upper Station 4/30–10/17  
Credit card fueling available 24 hours.  
Liquid propane gas bottle exchange available.

**Repairs** 5/28–9/6  
**Wrecker** 4/30–10/17  
406-848-7548

**Shopping**  
Old Faithful General Store 5/7–10/24  
Groceries, souvenirs, and take-away foods.  
Basin General Store 6/11–10/10  
Old Faithful Inn Gift Shop 6/4–10/11  
Old Faithful Lodge Gift Shop 5/14–10/3  
Old Faithful Snow Lodge Gift Shop 5/7–11/7  
Yellowstone Forever Bookstore

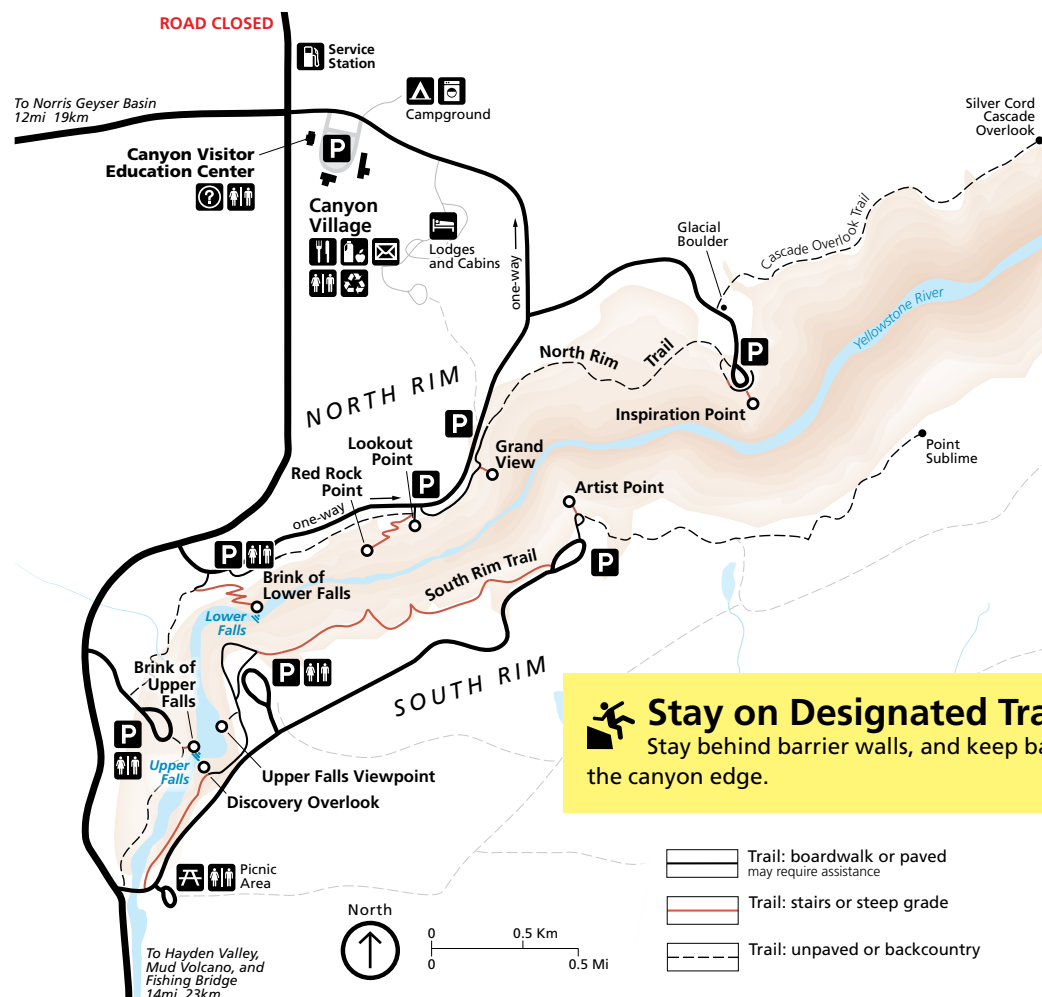
**US Post Office** Opens 5/6

**Self-guiding Trail Booklets**  
Available for the Upper Geyser Basin and the Old Faithful Historic District.

**Public Restrooms**  
At the visitor center and in stores, restaurants, hotels, gas stations, and at or near all picnic areas.

**Recycling Bins**  
Located in parking lot near yurts, near trash bins at General Stores, and in parking lot near Visitor Education Center.

# Canyon Village and Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone



**Stay on Designated Trails**  
Stay behind barrier walls, and keep back from the canyon edge.

**The Road between Canyon Junction and Tower-Roosevelt is CLOSED.**  
The closure includes all trails to the top of Mount Washburn. For details, see page 16 or visit [go.nps.gov/YELLroads](http://go.nps.gov/YELLroads).

## Not all services available

**?** **Canyon Visitor Education Center**  
Learn about the Yellowstone supervolcano and the forces that drive regional geology. 307-344-2550  
6/6–11/7 9a–5p (subject to change)

**📖** **Yellowstone Forever Bookstore**

**🏠** **Lodging**  
Canyon Lodges 5/28–10/11  
Canyon Cabins 5/21–10/3

**🏕️** **Campground**  
**Canyon Campground** 5/21–9/19

**🧺** **Laundry**

**🍴** **Food**  
Canyon Lodge 5/21–10/11  
• Eatery  
• Falls Cafe Check locally  
• Ice Creamery Check locally  
• M66 Grill Check locally

General Store Soda Fountain 5/14–10/17

**🛢️** **Fuel** 4/28–10/24  
Credit card fueling available 24 hours.  
Liquid propane gas bottle exchange available.

**🔧** **Repairs** 5/28–9/6

**🚗** **Wrecker** 4/28–10/24  
406-848-7548

**🛍️** **Shopping**  
Canyon General Store 5/14–10/17  
Groceries, ice cream, souvenirs, apparel.  
Yellowstone Adventure Store 6/25–9/12  
Camping and outdoor gear, footwear,  
fishing supplies  
Canyon Lodge Gift Shop 5/21–10/11

**🐻** **Bear Aware (Bear Spray Rental)** 5/22–9/25  
See page 6 for details.

**✉️** **US Post Office** Opens 5/20

**🐎** **Trail Rides** 6/18–9/6

**📖** **Self-guiding Trail Booklet**  
Available for the area.

**🚻** **Public Restrooms**  
At the visitor center and in stores, restaurants,  
hotels, gas stations, and at or near all picnic areas.

**♻️** **Recycling Bins**  
Located in the campground and near trash bins  
at the General Store.

The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River illustrates the park's complex geologic history in dramatic colors and shapes. The Upper and Lower Falls of the Yellowstone River add to its grandeur.

The canyon formed when the Yellowstone River cut through rhyolite lava flows previously weakened by hydrothermal activity. Hot water heated by the underlying volcanic system altered the composition of the rock from resistant rhyolite to minerals susceptible to the river's erosional power.

The 308-foot (93 m) Lower Falls marks where the volcanic bedrock beneath the river changes from hard, resistant rock to the hydrothermally altered rocks common downstream. The 109-foot (33 m) Upper Falls marks a similar shift. The multi-hued layers of the canyon result from the varying extent of hydrothermal alteration of the rhyolite flows. Look closely at dark orange, brown, and green areas near the river for still-active hydrothermal features. Their activity—and that of water, wind, and earthquakes—continue to sculpt the canyon today.

## Automated Shuttle Pilot



This summer, the park is testing low-speed, automated vehicle (AV) shuttles in the Canyon Village campground, visitor services, and visitor lodging area. The goal is to understand how AV shuttle technology can be used in parks and how visitors perceive and engage these services. Capacity is very limited, and masks are required on board. For details, check locally or visit [go.nps.gov/ShuttlePilot](http://go.nps.gov/ShuttlePilot).

# Lake Village, Fishing Bridge, and Bridge Bay



Yellowstone Lake, at 286 miles<sup>2</sup> (740 km<sup>2</sup>), is the largest high-elevation lake (above 7,000 ft / 2,130 m) in North America. The only outlet, the Yellowstone River, is at Fishing Bridge. The lake is covered by ice from December to May or June.

Powerful geologic processes shaped the shoreline of Yellowstone Lake, which overlies the edge of the Yellowstone Caldera. Glaciers carved and lava flows filled the central lake basin. 147,000 years ago, an explosive eruption left behind West Thumb basin. Many of the 1,000 to 3,000 yearly earthquakes in Yellowstone occur under the lake because of the movement of magmatic fluids below. These forces continue to reshape the lake's shoreline.

Yellowstone Lake is also the site of one of the most extensive conservation efforts in the National Park Service. Park staff work to reduce the impact of invasive lake trout (*Salvelinus namaycush*) on the survival of the native population of cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarkii bouvieri*).



**Park Waters Are Swift and Cold**  
Swimming is not recommended.

**All Watercraft Must Be Inspected and Permitted**

## Not all services available

**Medcor Medical Clinic**  
5/28–9/14 8:30a–8:30p daily  
9/15–9/19 10a–6:30p daily  
307-272-7241  
**Emergency: Dial 911**

**Fishing Bridge Museum and Visitor Center**  
CLOSED

**Lodging**  
Lake Yellowstone Hotel 5/28–10/3  
Lake Yellowstone Cottages 5/28–10/3  
Lake Lodge Cabins 6/10–9/26

**Campground**  
Bridge Bay Campground 6/11–9/6  
Fishing Bridge RV CLOSED

**Food**  
Lake Yellowstone Hotel  
• Lake Hotel Deli 5/28–10/3  
• Lake Hotel Dining Room 5/28–10/3

Lake Lodge Cabins  
• Wylie's Canteen 6/10–9/26

Fishing Bridge General Store 5/21–10/10

**Fuel (Fishing Bridge Station) 5/21–9/26**  
Credit card fueling available 24 hours.  
Liquid propane gas bottle exchange available.  
Repairs 5/28–9/6  
Wrecker 5/28–9/6  
406-848-7548

**Shopping**  
Fishing Bridge General Store 5/21–10/10  
Groceries, ice cream, souvenirs, apparel.  
Lake General Store 6/11–10/3  
Groceries, snack bar, souvenirs, apparel.  
Bridge Bay Marina Store 6/18–9/5  
Camping and outdoor gear, snacks, fishing supplies.  
Lake Hotel Gift Shop 5/28–10/3  
Lake Lodge Gift Shop 6/10–9/26

**Bridge Bay Marina**  
Backcountry Office  
Boat launch ramp, dock rentals 6/4–9/12  
Motor boat rentals 6/11–9/5  
One-hour scenic cruise boat tours of Yellowstone Lake 6/11–9/11

**US Post Office** Opens 5/11

**Public Restrooms**  
In stores, restaurants, hotels, gas stations, and at or near all picnic areas.

## West Thumb



**West Thumb Information Station**  
Pique your curiosity before exploring the boiling springs in the adjacent geyser basin on the shore of Yellowstone Lake.  
307-344-7690  
Check locally for hours.













**Self-guiding Trail Booklet**  
Available for the area.

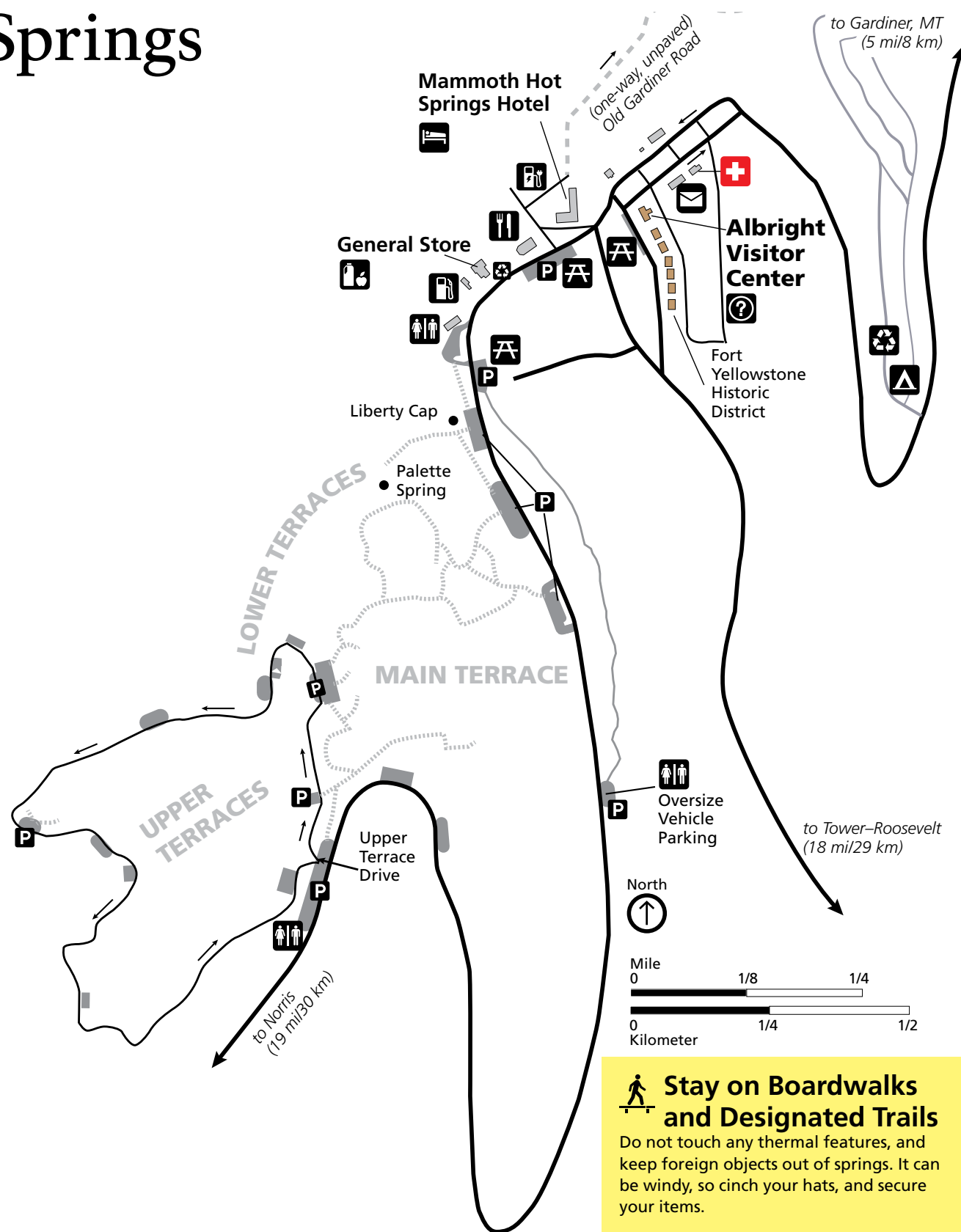
# Mammoth Hot Springs

**Mammoth Hot Springs terraces are like living sculptures**, shaped by the volume of the water, slope of the ground, and objects in the water's path. Travertine builds up rapidly here and causes the features to change quickly and constantly. Some vents may clog completely, new vents may form, and old vents may reopen. Sometimes the water is concentrated in a few springs; other times, it spreads across many outlets.

Water follows the path of least resistance, whether above- or underground. Scientists estimate that, at any given time, only about 10 percent of the water in the Mammoth Hot Springs system is on the surface. The features are always changing, but the overall activity of the entire area and the volume of water discharge remain relatively constant.

## Not all services available

-  **Medcor Medical Clinic** (see page 2 for details)  
Every day 6/4–9/24; Weekdays only rest of year  
307-344-7965  
**Emergency: Dial 911**
-  **Horace M. Albright Visitor Center**  
Get immersed in the history of Yellowstone and the National Park Service and the wildlife of Yellowstone's Northern Range. 307-344-2263  
6/6–11/7 9a–5p (subject to change)
-  **Yellowstone Forever Bookstore**
-  **Lodging**  
Mammoth Hotel 4/30–11/28  
Mammoth Cabins 5/7–10/11
-  **Campground**  
Mammoth Campground Year-round
-  **Food** *limited indoor dining*  
Mammoth Dining Room 5/21–11/28  
Mammoth Hotel Map Room and Bar 5/21–11/28  
Terrace Grill 4/30–10/11
-  **Fuel** 5/7–10/3  
Credit card fueling available 24 hours.  
Liquid propane gas bottle exchange available.
-  **Shopping**  
Mammoth General Store Year-round  
Groceries, ice cream, souvenirs, apparel.  
Public water bottle filling station.  
Mammoth Gift Shop 4/30–11/28
-  **US Post Office** Year-round
-  **Self-guiding Trail Booklets**  
Available for the Mammoth Terraces and Fort Yellowstone.
-  **Public Restrooms**  
In stores, restaurants, hotels, gas stations, and near terraces trailheads.
-  **Recycling Bins**  
Located near the General Store, the visitor center, the Mammoth restrooms, and at the campground.



## Fort Yellowstone

For the decade after Yellowstone National Park was established in 1872, the park was under serious threat from those who would exploit, rather than protect, its resources. In 1886, the US Army stepped in to help.

**The buildings of Fort Yellowstone are a testament to the long history of our first national park and of the important role the army played in preserving it for the future.** They remind us that the resources we find within Yellowstone's boundaries are not only natural ones, but cultural as well. Our interactions with Yellowstone continue to shape our idea of what a national park should be, just as they did during the days of Fort Yellowstone.



# Norris



## Park in This Area at Your Own Risk

When Steamboat Geyser erupts, dissolved minerals in the spray can damage glass and metal surfaces on vehicles.

### Norris Geyser Basin Museum

307-344-2812

Opens May 30 9a–5p

 Yellowstone Forever Bookstore

 Museum of the National Park Ranger  
CLOSED

 Campground  
Norris Campground CLOSED

 Self-guiding Trail Booklet  
Available for the area.

# Madison

 Madison Information Station CLOSED

 Yellowstone Forever Bookstore CLOSED

 Campground 5/14–10/17  
Madison Campground

# West Yellowstone

### Visitor Information Center


Inside the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce. Trip planning information and fishing permits.

307-344-2876

Chamber of Commerce 8a–8p  
NPS Desk Check locally


# Tower-Roosevelt

**Not all services available**


 Lodging  
Roosevelt Lodge and Cabins Check locally

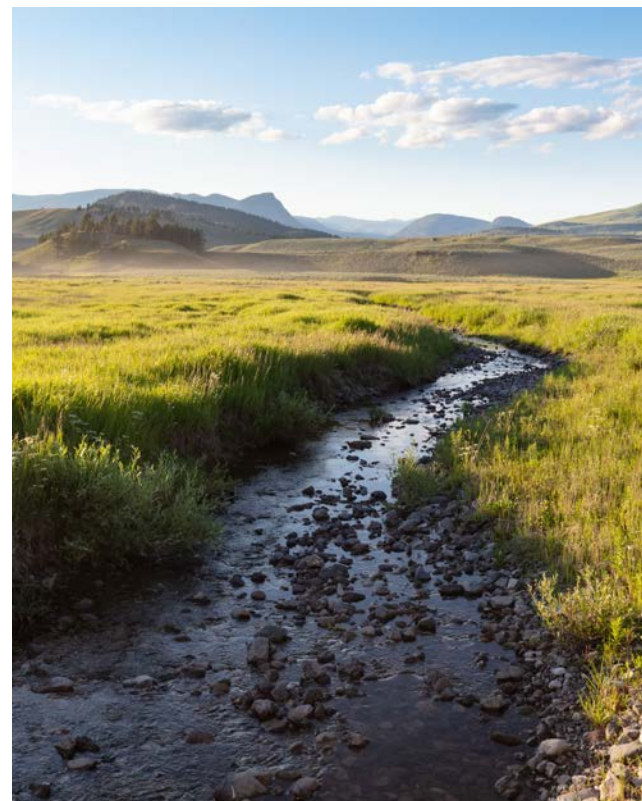
 Campground  
Tower Fall Campground CLOSED

 Food  
Old West Dinner Cookout 6/5–9/12  
Roosevelt Lodge *limited indoor dining*  
• Roosevelt Lodge Dining Room 6/4–9/6

 Fuel 6/4–9/5  
Credit card fueling available 24 hours.  
Restrooms. Convenience store.

 Trail Rides 6/4–9/5




 Shopping  
Tower Fall General Store CLOSED  
Roosevelt Mini Store CLOSED  
Roosevelt Lodge Gift Shop CLOSED



# Grant Village




**Not all services available**

 Grant Visitor Center  
Explore the extraordinary ecological and social impacts of the historic fires of 1988.  
307-344-2650  
Check locally for hours.  
 Yellowstone Forever Bookstore  
 Backcountry Office




 Lodging  
Grant Village 6/18–10/3


 Campground  
Grant Village Campground 6/18–9/12

 Laundry


 Food  
Grant Village 6/18–10/3  
• Grant Village Dining Room


Lake House at Grant Check locally

 Fuel 5/28–9/19 (5/28–9/6 for repairs/wrecker)  
Credit card fueling available 24 hours.  
RV liquid propane tanks filled.  
 Repairs  Wrecker 406-848-7548

 Shopping  
Grant General Store 6/18–9/26  
Groceries, snack bar, souvenirs, apparel.  
Grant Mini Store 5/28–10/3  
Camping and outdoor gear, footwear, fishing supplies.  
Grant Village Gift Shop 6/18–10/3

 US Post Office Opens 5/12

 Public Restrooms  
In stores, restaurants, hotels, gas stations, and at or near all picnic areas.

 Recycling Bins  
Located in the campground and near trash bins at the General Store.

# A Global Legacy

Yellowstone National Park was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978 because it protects significant geological phenomena and processes. It is also a unique manifestation of geothermal forces, natural beauty, and wild ecosystems where rare and endangered species can thrive. As one of the few remaining intact large ecosystems in the northern temperate zone, Yellowstone's ecological communities provide unparalleled opportunities for conservation, study, and enjoyment of large-scale wildland ecosystem processes.

## Yellowstone es un lugar peligroso

### Mantenga distancia de los animales

- No se acerque ni alimente a ningún animal.
- Los bisontes, los osos y los alces han herido y matado personas.
- Manténgase a 100 yardas (91 m) de osos y lobos.
- Manténgase a 25 yardas (23 m) de todos los demás animales.
- Nunca corra si ve a un oso.
- Camine en grupos, haga ruido y lleve gas pimienta para osos.

### Sea prudente en las zonas termales

- Permanezca en los paseos marítimos y en los senderos.
- El agua caliente puede causar graves quemaduras o la muerte.
- Nunca corra ni empuje.
- Supervise a los niños en todo momento.
- No está permitido fumar en las cuencas de los géiseres ni en los edificios.

### Usted es responsable de su seguridad.

## Yellowstone présente de multiples dangers

### Restez à distance des animaux

- Ne vous approchez pas et ne nourrissez pas les animaux.
- Les bisons, les ours, et les wapitis ont déjà été à l'origine de blessés et de morts.
- Restez à 100 yards (91 m) des ours et des loups.
- Restez à 25 yards (23 m) de tous les autres animaux.
- Ne courez jamais devant un ours.
- Restez en groupe lors des randonnées, faites du bruit, et conservez un vaporisateur de gaz poivré sur vous.

### Soyez prudent (e) dans les zones thermales

- Restez sur les passages en bois et les sentiers.
- L'eau très chaude peut provoquer des blessures graves ou entraîner le décès.
- Soyez attentif / attentive à ne jamais courir, vous pousser ou vous bousculer.
- Surveillez constamment les enfants.
- Il est interdit de fumer dans les bassins des géysers et les bâtiments.

### Vous êtes responsable de votre sécurité.

## Der Yellowstone-Park ist gefährlich

### Halten Sie sich von Tieren fern

- Nähern Sie sich keinen Tieren an und füttern Sie sie nicht.
- Bisons, Bären und Elche haben in der Vergangenheit Menschen verletzt und getötet.
- Bleiben Sie 100 Yard (91 m) von Bären und Wölfen entfernt.
- Bleiben Sie 25 Yard (23 m) von allen anderen Tieren entfernt.
- Laufen Sie niemals von einem Bären weg.
- Wandern Sie in einer Gruppe, machen Sie Lärm und tragen Sie ein Bärenspray bei sich.

### Vorsicht in Thermalbereichen

- Bleiben Sie auf Geh- und Wanderwegen.
- Das heiße Wasser kann zu schweren Verbrennungen oder Tod führen.
- Niemals laufen, schubsen oder stoßen.
- Achten Sie stets auf Ihre Kinder.
- Rauchen ist nicht gestattet in Geysirbereichen oder Gebäuden.

### Sie sind für deren Sicherheit verantwortlich.

## Национальный парк Йеллоустоун опасен.

- Перемещайтесь только по дощатым настилам и оборудованным тропам.
- Не бросайте в гидротермальные объекты предметы, в том числе монеты и мелкие камни.
- Не курите в зданиях и гейзеровых бассейнах.
- Не прикармливайте диких животных и птиц.
- В соответствии с законом все посетители должны держаться на расстоянии не менее 91 м (100 ярдов) от медведей и волков и не менее 23 метров (25 ярдов) от других животных, включая бизонов, вапити и койотов.

## Yellowstone è pericolosa

- Percorrere le passerelle e i sentieri.
- Non lanciate oggetti, come monete e sassolini, nelle formazioni idrotermali.
- È vietato fumare nei bacini dei geysers o negli edifici.
- Non date da mangiare agli animali selvatici, compresi gli uccelli.
- La legge richiede che tutti i visitatori restino ad almeno 91 metri (100 iarde) da orsi e lupi, e ad almeno 23 metri (25 iarde) da tutti gli altri animali, inclusi bisonti, renne e coyote.

## 在黄石国家公园要处处小心危险

### 请与动物保持距离

- 请勿靠近或给任何动物喂食。
- 野牛、熊和麋鹿都曾致人受伤或死亡。
- 请与熊或狼保持100码 (91米) 的距离。
- 请与其他动物保持25码 (23米) 的距离。
- 不要从熊面前逃跑。
- 请结伴而行, 制造噪音并携带防熊喷雾。

### 请小心温泉

- 请勿离开木栈道或游径。
- 热水可导致严重烫伤或死亡。
- 请勿奔跑、推搡或拥挤。
- 请时刻照管好您的小孩。
- 间歇泉盆地或建筑物内不允许吸烟。

### 您对自己的安全负责。

## イエローストーンは危険な場所です

### 動物から距離を置いて下さい

- 絶対に動物に近づいたり、エサを与えたりしないで下さい。
- バイソン、熊やヘラジカが人に危害を加え、死に至るケースも発生しています。
- 熊や狼からは100ヤード(91メートル)離れて下さい。
- その他すべての動物からは25ヤード(23メートル)離れて下さい。
- 熊に出くわしても、絶対に走らないで下さい。
- ハイキングする時はグループで行動し、音を立て、熊撃退スプレーを携帯して下さい。

### 高温地帯では注意して下さい

- 遊歩道や小道を歩いて下さい。
- 高温地帯により重度のやけどを負ったり、死に至るケースがあります。
- 絶対に走ったり、押ししたり、押しのけたりしないで下さい。
- 常にお子様から目を離さないで下さい。
- 間欠泉盆地や建物内は禁煙です。

### 自分自身の身の安全に責任を持って下さい。

## 엘로스톤 국립 공원은 위험한 장소입니다.

- 보드워크와 등산로를 벗어나지 마십시오.
- 동전과 조약돌을 포함하는 물체들을 열수 구역에 던지지 마십시오.
- 간헐천 지대나 건물에서는 흡연이 허용되지 않습니다.
- 새를 포함하는 야생동물에게 먹이를 주지 마십시오.
- 법률에 의하면, 모든 방문객들은 공과 늑대로부터 최소한 100야드(91미터), 그리고 들소, 엘크, 코요테를 포함하는 다른 모든 동물들은 최소한 25야드(23미터)의 거리를 유지해야 합니다.

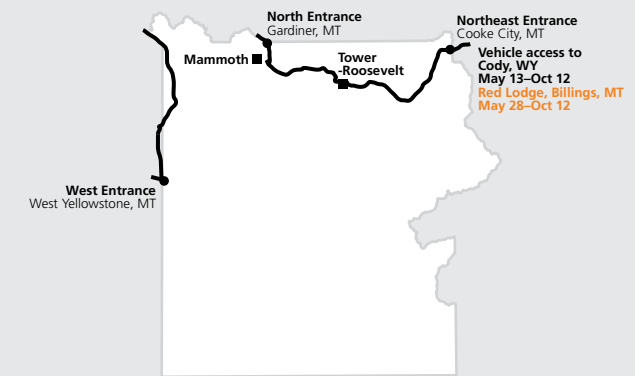
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# Park Roads

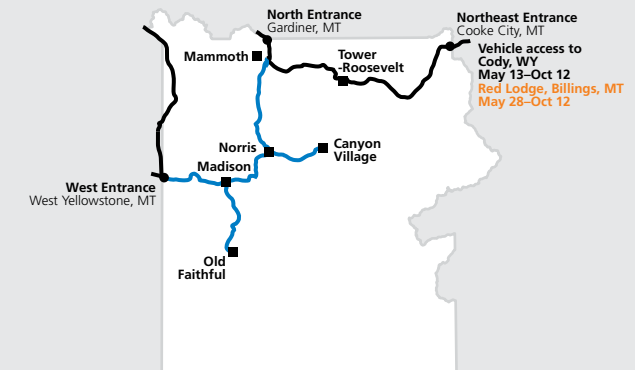


# Road Schedule

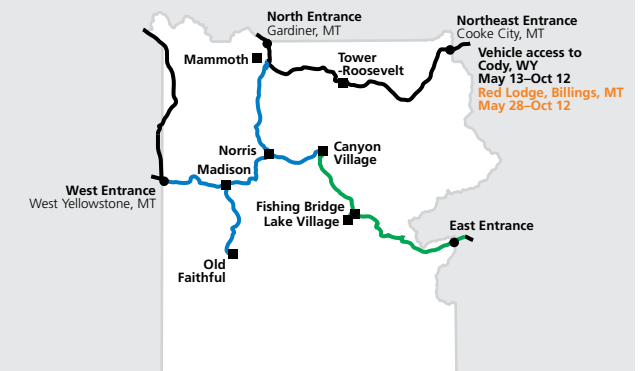
Weather permitting, roads open/close at 8 am on the day listed. Changes and delays are possible.



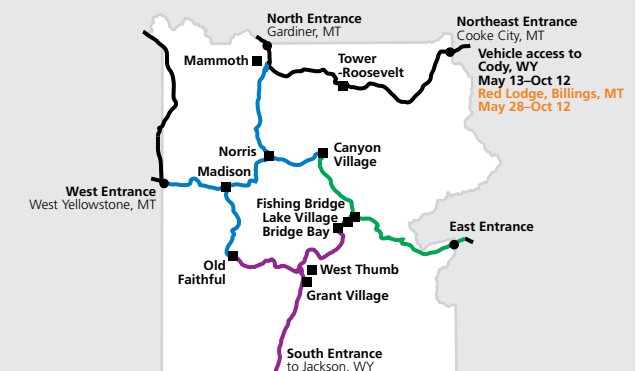
## Roads Open Year-Round



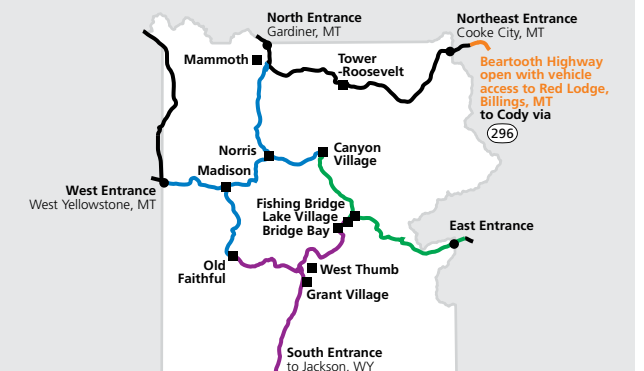
## Roads Open April 16–November 8



## Roads Open May 7–November 8



## Roads Open May 14–November 8



## Roads Open May 28–October 12

## Travel Alerts

### 1 Tower-Roosevelt to Canyon Village CLOSED

No access between Tower-Roosevelt and Canyon. Trails to the top of Mount Washburn are also closed.

### 2 North Entrance Expect delays and traffic pattern changes.

The entrance station is open.

### 3 Old Faithful Expect delays up to 15 minutes due to bridge repairs.

## Drive Cautiously

The park speed limit is 45 mph (72 kph) unless posted slower. Icy and wet roads require extra attention.

Watch for wildlife on or near roadways.

Keep the road clear at all times, even when watching wildlife. Don't stop, stand, or walk in the road. Use a pullout if you need to stop for any reason.

## Share the Road

Cyclists must ride single file. Drivers should pass no closer than 3 feet (1 m) to bicycles and roadside pedestrians.

## Separate Fee for Grand Teton

Visit [nps.gov/GRTE](http://nps.gov/GRTE) for more information.

## Road Status Updates

Hotline 307-344-2117  
 Online [go.nps.gov/YELLroads](http://go.nps.gov/YELLroads)  
 Mobile alerts text 82190 to 888-777