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Artist Point Being Restored This Year

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One of the park's most popular overlooks—Artist Point, with views of the Lower Falls of the Grand Canyon—is being restored this year. During construction, Artist Point is closed to visitors. However, you can still capture breathtaking views of the Upper and Lower Falls and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone from overlooks along the North Rim Drive—including Inspiration Point, Grand View, and Lookout Point.

Visitors will also be able to take the South Rim Drive into the parking area for Uncle Tom's Trail and a view of Upper Falls.

Portions of two trails will also be closed: Part of the South Rim Trail beyond Uncle Tom's Trail to Artist Point, and the trail from Artist Point past Lily Pad Lake to the junction with the Ribbon Lake Trail.

Tour buses and large RVs may want to avoid the South Rim Drive during construction.

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Midway Geyser Basin shows its size and spectacular colors in this aerial view captured by photographer Tom Murphy of Livingston, Montana.

Yellowstone National Park's Mission

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

Mission of the National Park Service

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

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SPEED KILLS

more than 100 deer, moose, bears, elk, bison, & wolves each year

SLOW DOWN
and save a life

Help Protect Wildlife Near Roads

- Always expect animals to be on or near the road.
- Follow the speed limit (maximum 45 mph unless otherwise posted).
- Increase caution at night and during wet or wintry conditions.

Park Information: 307-344-7381 (TDD: 307-344-2386) • Emergency—Dial 911 • Road updates: 307-344-2117

NPS/T.Madsen

Know These Numbers

25 = the number of YARDS you must stay away from all wildlife—**except . . .**

100 = the number of YARDS you must stay away from a bear

45 = the maximum speed limit in the park unless otherwise posted

911 = the number to call in an emergency

These Actions Are Illegal

- speeding (radar enforced)
- driving while intoxicated (open container law enforced)
- leaving detachable side mirrors attached when not pulling trailers
- traveling off-road by vehicle, snowmobile, or bicycle
- improperly storing food
- violating camping regulations & rules *(see p. 6)*
- overnight camping anywhere other than designated campgrounds
- having pets off leash or on trails and boardwalks
- littering
- swimming in hydrothermal pools
- diving or jumping off cliffs in Firehole swim area
- traveling off boardwalks or designated trails in hydrothermal areas
- removing or possessing natural or cultural features
- violating fishing regulations *(see p. 6)*
- feeding or approaching wildlife
- spotlighting (viewing with artificial light) elk, deer, or other animals
- imitating wolf howls, elk calls, or using elk buglers
- using electronic equipment capable of tracking wildlife

Danger!

Scalding Water

Beautiful but deadly: Yellowstone's hydrothermal features can kill you. Their waters are frequently near or above boiling. Their crust is thin, breaks easily, and often overlies scalding water.

- Stay on boardwalks and designated trails. They protect you and delicate formations.
- Keep your children close to you at all times; make sure they understand the danger.
- Pets are prohibited in hydrothermal areas.
- Swimming or bathing is prohibited in hydrothermal pools or streams where water flows entirely from a hydrothermal spring or pool.
- Where swimming is allowed, swim at your own risk. Yellowstone's waters tend to be very hot or very cold, and immersion in extreme temperature water can be fatal. Thermal water can also harbor organisms that cause a fatal meningitis infection or Legionnaires' disease. Exposing your head to thermal water by immersion, splashing, touching your face, or inhaling steam increases your risk of burns and infection.

Toxic Gases

Toxic gases exist in Yellowstone. Dangerous levels of hydrogen sulfide, carbon dioxide, and carbon monoxide have been measured in some hydrothermal areas. ***If you feel sick, leave the location immediately.***

Other Rules and Safety Information

Fishing & Boating Fishing, boating, and float tubes require permits. Regulations and seasonal restrictions apply to fishing; location restrictions apply to boating and float tubes. *See page 6.*

Backcountry Permits Permits are required for overnight backcountry use. *See page 7.*

Bicycling Bicycling is permitted on established public roads, parking areas, and designated routes; it is not allowed on backcountry trails and boardwalks. For details, ask for the bicycling brochure at a visitor center. Even for short trips, wear safety gear, including helmet and high visibility clothing. Bicycle cautiously: Roads are narrow and winding with few shoulders. Motor homes or vehicles towing trailers may have wide mirrors. Elevations range from 5,300 to 8,860 feet (1,615–2,700 m).

Falling Trees Avoid areas with dead trees (snags). They may suddenly fall, especially on windy days.

High Altitude Most of the park is above 7,500 feet (2,275 m). Allow time to acclimate; be aware of your physical limitations; don't overexert. Individuals with preexisting cardiac or respiratory problems may be at risk just by being at this altitude. Drink plenty of water to forestall dehydration. Stop and rest often.

Lost & Found Call 307-344-5387 to report or retrieve items lost in lodging facilities; call 307-344-2109 to report or retrieve items lost in other parts of the park.

Pets Pets must be leashed. They are prohibited on all trails, in the backcountry, and in hydrothermal basins. Pets are not allowed more than 100 feet (30 m) from a road or parking area. Leaving a pet unattended and/or tied to an object is prohibited.

Picnic Areas Locations are on the Official Map and Guide; those with fire grates are listed in a free handout available at visitor centers. Liquid or gas fuel stoves or self-contained charcoal grills may be used for cooking at all locations. Most picnic areas have vault toilets; only Madison has drinking water. Overnight camping is not allowed in picnic areas.

Seat Belts Each vehicle occupant must have a safety belt or child restraint system fastened when the vehicle is in motion.

Stream Crossings Check at local ranger stations for current stream conditions.

Swimming See "Danger! Scalding Water" at left.

Theft Lock your vehicle; keep all valuables hidden; label all valuable property with your name, address, or identification number; report theft or vandalism to a ranger.

Traffic Most park roads are narrow, rough, and busy; some steep sections have sharp drop-offs. Ice and road damage occur year-round. Drive cautiously and courteously; you must use pullouts to observe wildlife or scenery and to allow other vehicles to pass. Watch for animals on the road, especially at night.

Weapons No firearms or weapons, including state-permitted concealed weapons, are allowed in Yellowstone. Unloaded firearms may be transported in a vehicle when the weapon is cased, broken down or rendered inoperable, and stored in a manner that prevents ready use. Ammunition must be placed in a separate compartment of the vehicle.

Weather Yellowstone's weather is unpredictable. A sunny warm day may become stormy and sometimes snowy. Lightning is common; get off water or beaches and away from ridges, exposed places, and isolated trees.

Watch Wildlife Safely

Please remember that Yellowstone is not a zoo and the animals are not tame. **Do not approach any wildlife.** View them from the safety of your vehicle. If an animal reacts to your presence, you are too close.

Each year park visitors are injured by wildlife when they approach animals too closely. **You must stay at least 100 yards (91 m) away from bears and at least 25 yards (23 m) away from all other animals**—including bison, elk, bighorn sheep, deer, moose, wolves, and coyotes.

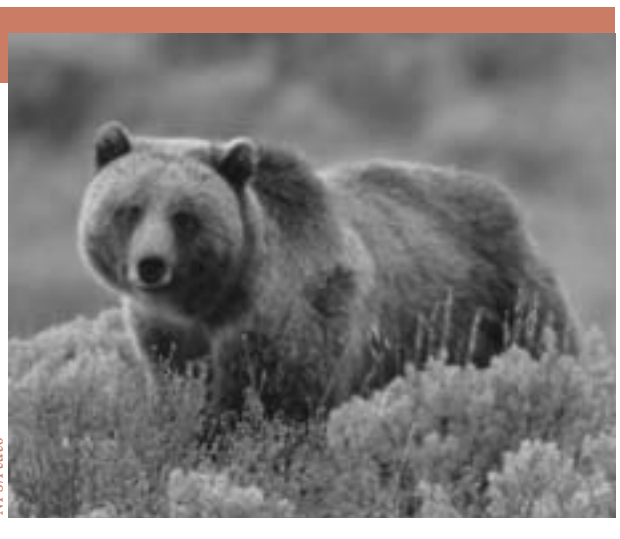
BISON are unpredictable and dangerous; they weigh up to 2,000 pounds (900 kg) and sprint 30 miles per hour (48 km/h). Visitors are injured every year.

COYOTES & WOLVES quickly learn habits like roadside feeding. This may lead to aggressive behavior toward humans and can increase the risk of the animal being hit by a vehicle or destroyed by management. ***Do not feed any wildlife.***

BEARS live throughout the park. Be alert for tracks, do not approach carcasses, and avoid surprising bears in any location or situation.

If you are injured by a bear (regardless of how minor), or if you observe a bear or bear tracks, report it to a park ranger as soon as possible. Someone's safety may depend on it.

See page 9 for more tips about watching wildlife.



NPS/Peaco

See page 7, "Bear Country Tips."

Law enforcement rangers strictly enforce all park regulations to protect you and the park.

Visitor Centers

NEW! Canyon Visitor Education Center

NPS Peaco

Open daily through Oct. 14, *then closed.*
Through Sept. 3: 8 AM–7 PM
Sept. 4–Sept. 30: 8 AM–6 PM
Oct. 1–Oct. 14: 9 AM–5 PM

Exhibits on Yellowstone's supervolcano. Information and bookstore. Call 307-242-2550.

Albright Visitor Center, Mammoth

Open daily, year-round—*except Veteran's Day (Nov. 11) and Thanksgiving (4th Thursday in November).*
Through Sept. 3: 8 AM–7 PM
Sept. 4–Sept. 30: 8 AM–5 PM
Oct. 1 through winter: 9 AM–5 PM

Information, bookstore, and exhibits on wildlife and history. Films on Yellowstone and the national park idea. Call 307-344-2263.

Fishing Bridge Visitor Center

Open daily through Sept. 30, *then closed.*
Through Sept. 3: 8 AM–7 PM
Sept. 4–Sept. 30: 9 AM–6 PM

Information, bookstore, and exhibits on the park's birds, other wildlife, and lake geology. Call 307-242-2450.

Grant Visitor Center

Open daily through Sept. 30, *then closed.*
Through Sept. 3: 8 AM–7 PM
Sept. 4–Sept. 30: 9 AM–6 PM

Information, bookstore, exhibits, video on the role of fire in Yellowstone. Call 307-242-2650.

Junior Ranger Station (at Madison Information Station)

Open daily through Sept. 3, *then closed.*
9 AM–5 PM

Madison Information Station

Open daily through Sept. 30, *then closed.*
9 AM–5 PM

Information and bookstore. Call 307-344-2821.

Museum of the National Park Ranger, Norris

Open daily through Sept. 23, *then closed.*
9 AM–5 PM

Exhibits at historic soldier station about history of the park ranger profession; video shown.

Norris Geyser Basin Museum & Information Station

Open daily through Sept. 30, *then closed.*
9 AM–5 PM

Information, bookstore, and exhibits on the hydrothermal features of Yellowstone. Call 307-344-2812.

Old Faithful Visitor Center

The visitor center is in temporary quarters near the Old Faithful Lodge. Please look for signs or ask for directions upon arrival in the area.

Open daily through Nov. 4, *then closed.*
Through Sept. 3: 8 AM–7 PM;
information window until 8 PM
Sept. 4–Sept. 30: 8 AM–6 PM
Oct. 1–Nov. 4: 9 AM–5 PM
Reopens mid-December for winter season.

Information, bookstore, and geyser eruption predictions. Award-winning film about hydrothermal features. Call 307-545-2750.

West Thumb Information Station

Open daily through Sept. 30, *then closed.*
9 AM–5 PM

Information and bookstore.

West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center

NPS rangers available daily through Nov. 4
Through Sept. 3: 8 AM–8 PM
Sept. 4–Nov. 4: 8 AM–4 PM

Information, publications. Call 406-646-4403.

West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce staff available year-round.
Daily, through Sept. 3: 8 AM–8 PM
Sept. 4–30: 8 AM–6 PM
Monday–Friday, thereafter: 8 AM–5 PM
Call 406-646-7701.

Accessibility

Yellowstone National Park is improving accessibility for all visitors. Most vault toilets in the picnic areas and campgrounds are accessible. Some self-guiding boardwalk trails, picnic tables, campground sites, fishing areas, and backcountry campsites are also accessible. Ask for the *Visitor's Guide to Wheelchair Accessible Features in Yellowstone National Park*, available free at entrance stations, visitor centers, and on www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/parkwide-access.htm.

For more information:
Park Accessibility Coordinator
P.O. Box 168
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190
307-344-2017

TDD only (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf): 307-344-2386

Self-guiding Trails

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

Fort Yellowstone Enjoy a walking tour of this historic site at Mammoth Hot Springs, from the time of U.S. Army management (1886–1918).

Fountain Paint Pot View examples of the four types of hydrothermal features: geysers, hot springs, fumaroles, and mudpots. Eight miles (12.9 km) north of Old Faithful.

Mammoth Hot Springs Walk through ever-changing travertine terraces and enjoy a scenic drive through the Upper Terraces.

Mud Volcano Area Discover turbulent and explosive mudpots, including Mud Volcano and Dragon's Mouth. Located 6 miles (9.6 km) north of Fishing Bridge Junction.

Norris Geyser Basin Explore the hottest, most dynamic geyser basin in the park, which includes Steamboat, the world's tallest geyser, and Echinus, the world's largest acidic geyser.

Old Faithful Area The world's largest concentration of geysers is here. View Old Faithful then walk trails past hundreds of geysers and hot springs.

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

Forces of the Northern Range Volcanoes, glaciers, and fire shaped the landscape here, 8 miles (12.9 km) east of Mammoth Hot Springs. Exhibits also help identify the area's plants and animals.

NEW! America the Beautiful—*the National Parks & Federal Recreation Lands Pass*

A new pass program replaces the Golden Eagle, Golden Age, and Golden Access Passports and the National Parks Pass. The "America the Beautiful—the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass" program provides several pass options for the public to use at federal recreation sites—including national parks and wildlife refuges—where entrance fees are charged.

You can purchase the new America the Beautiful—National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Pass at one of Yellowstone's entrance stations or http://store.usgs.gov/pass. The pass is not good for camping or for some other fees such as parking fees at Mount Rushmore or cave tours at various parks. Be sure to inquire locally.

Entrance Fees

Private, noncommercial automobile	$25 (7 days, both Yellowstone and Grand Teton)
Individual motorcycle	$20 (7 days, both parks)
Single entry (foot, bike, ski, etc.)	$12 (7 days, both parks)
Yellowstone–Grand Teton Pass	$50 (valid one year from month of purchase)
America the Beautiful Pass—the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass	$80 (valid for one year from month of purchase for entrance fees to federal fee areas)
Senior Pass	$10—for U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. who are 62 or older.
Access Pass	Free—for citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. who have been determined to be blind or permanently disabled and present such documentation.

All currently valid passes will be accepted until expired, including the National Parks Pass, Golden Eagle Pass, Golden Age Passport, and Golden Access Passport.

Ranger-Led Programs

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Canyon Village							
Rim Ranger Special *Starting September 4* Join a park ranger to learn more about the fascinating geology, ecology or history of the Canyon area. Short talks offer insight into the wonders of Yellowstone, from the gorgeous waterfalls and yellow canyon to the park's amazing wildlife. Meet a ranger at Uncle Tom's Parking Area on the South Rim Drive for this short talk. ♿ *10–15 minutes*	11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 9/9–9/30	11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 9/10–9/24	11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 9/4–9/25	11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 9/5–9/26	11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 9/6–9/27	11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 9/7–9/28	11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 9/8–9/29
Walking the Rim *Starting September 8* Words can hardly convey the startling beauty of the Yellowstone River, its Grand Canyon and spectacular waterfalls. Explore the geology and natural history behind the scenery. Meet a park ranger at Uncle Tom's Parking Area on the South Rim Drive for this easy walk of approximately 1 mile. *1½ hours*	9 AM 9/9–9/30	9 AM 9/10–9/24					9 AM 9/8–9/29
Fishing Bridge/Lake							
Lake Scenic Cruise *Starting September 4* Join a park ranger on a narrated boat tour on the ethereal water of Yellowstone Lake, with views of the wondrous Absaroka Mountains, historic Lake Hotel & Village, surrounding lodgepole pine forest, and other spectacular sights. Meet on the boat at Bridge Bay Marina. **Boat tickets required** and available for purchase at the Marina ($11.50 for adults, $7.25 for kids ages 2–11, free for kids under 2). ♿ *1 hour*	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 9/9 *only*	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 9/10 *only*	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 9/4–9/11	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 9/5–9/12	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 9/6–9/13	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 9/7–9/14	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 9/8–9/15
Lake Reflections *Starting September 16* Experience Yellowstone in its true splendor as you wander through lush meadows dotted with wildflowers, through an ancient forest, and along the tranquil lakeshore with beautiful views. Meet at Indian Pond, 3 miles east of Fishing Bridge. **Easy** *1½ hours*	10 AM 9/16–9/30	10 AM 9/17–9/24	10 AM 9/18–9/25	10 AM 9/19–9/26	10 AM 9/20–9/27	10 AM 9/21–9/28	10 AM 9/22–9/29
Mud Volcano Rumble Ramble *Starting September 4* "The greatest marvel we have yet met with", declared early explorers. View colorful, vociferous and intriguing mudpots and hot springs, and find out what they reveal about Yellowstone's explosive past and future. Meet at Mud Volcano parking area. **Moderately strenuous.** *1½ hours*	3 PM 9/9–9/30	3 PM 9/10–9/24	3 PM 9/4–9/25	3 PM 9/5–9/26	3 PM 9/6–9/27	3 PM 9/7–9/28	3 PM 9/8–9/29
Fishing Bridge Evening Program *Starting September 6* Learn more about Yellowstone at this illustrated program and campfire. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center or look on local bulletin boards for daily program subjects. Meet at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center Amphitheater. ♿ *45 minutes*	8:30 PM 9/9–9/30				8:30 PM 9/6–9/27	8:30 PM 9/7–9/28	8:30 PM 9/8–9/29
Grant Village/West Thumb							
Hot Water Wilderness *Starts September 4* Come to the West Thumb Geyser Basin and explore the origins of glittering geysers, belching mudpots, and emerald hot springs. Stroll along the shores of Yellowstone Lake to uncover West Thumb's explosive past and dynamic future. Meet at the West Thumb Visitor Information Station. ♿ with assistance. *1 hour 20 minutes*	10 AM 4 PM 9/9–9/30	10 AM 4 PM 9/10–9/24	10 AM 4 PM 9/4–9/25	10 AM 4 PM 9/5–9/26	10 AM 4 PM 9/6–9/27	10 AM 4 PM 9/7–9/28	10 AM 4 PM 9/8–9/29
Under the Old Spruce *Starts September 4* Take in tales of Yellowstone's fascinating wildlife, geologic curiosities, or natural wonders in the shade of the old spruce tree at West Thumb. Relax as a ranger reveals some of Yellowstone's many mysteries. Meet under the old spruce at the West Thumb Visitor Information Station. Accessible. *15 minutes*	10:45 AM 11:15 AM 11:45 AM 9/9–9/30				10:45 AM 11:15 AM 11:45 AM 9/6–9/27	10:45 AM 11:15 AM 11:45 AM 9/7–9/28	10:45 AM 11:15 AM 11:45 AM 9/8–9/29
Grant Village Evening Program *Starts September 4* Join a park ranger for this illustrated presentation focusing on Yellowstone's natural or cultural wonders. Check locally for program topics. Meet at the Grant Village Visitor Center Auditorium, to the left of the front doors. *45 minutes*	7:30 PM 9/9 *only*	7:30 PM 9/10 *only*	7:30 PM 9/4–9/11	7:30 PM 9/5–9/12	7:30 PM 9/6–9/13	7:30 PM 9/7–9/14	7:30 PM 9/8–9/15

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Park Programs Just for Children

Yellowstone Junior Rangers

Children between the ages of 5 and 12—you are invited to become Junior Rangers! Stop by a visitor center to purchase the official Junior Ranger newspaper for $3 and complete the program requirements. You will be awarded arrowhead-shaped patches—a wolf track patch if you are between the ages of 5 and 7, a bear track patch if you are between 8 and 12.

NEW! Young Scientist Program

Students ages 5 and up—you can become a Young Scientist! Purchase your self-guiding booklet for $5 at the Canyon Visitor Education Center or Old Faithful Visitor Center through October 14. You'll investigate the mysteries of Yellowstone by following activities in the visitor center and field. (The 5–9 year old program is offered only at Old Faithful.) If you are investigating in the Old Faithful area, be sure to check out a Young Scientist Toolkit from the Old Faithful Visitor Center. Once your investigation is complete, you will be awarded an official Young Scientist patch (ages 5–12) or key chain (ages 13 and up). This program is funded by the National Science Foundation through a generous grant to the Yellowstone Park Foundation.

Electronic Field Trips

Attention middle school students and teachers—our electronic field trips, called *Windows Into Wonderland*, explore Yellowstone in depth. They are free and available to anyone with access to the Internet. Your passport to adventure is www.WindowsIntoWonderland.org.

Expedition: Yellowstone!

Check out our curriculum-based residential program by visiting www.ns.gov/yell/ey. This multi-day education program is ideal for students in grades 4–8, their teachers, and parent chaperones.

Ranger-Led Programs

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mammoth Hot Springs							
Mammoth Hot Springs Terraces—Walk *Starting September 8* Discover Yellowstone's colorful geologic past and present through the rainbow hues of Mammoth Hot Springs. Learn how these dynamic terraces of travertine are unique among the park's thermal features. Route climbs stairs; may be strenuous for some. Meet at the Liberty Cap rock formation, at the base of the hot springs. *1½ hours*	9 AM 9/9–9/30						9 AM 9/8–9/29
Tales of the Travertine Terraces—Talk *Starting September 4* Discover Yellowstone's colorful geologic past and present through the rainbow hues of Mammoth Hot Springs. Learn how these dynamic terraces of travertine are unique among the park's thermal features. Meet at the Liberty Cap rock formation, at the base of the hot springs. ♿ *20 minutes*		9 AM 9/10–9/24	9 AM 9/4–9/25	9 AM 9/5–9/26	9 AM 9/6–9/27	9 AM 9/7–9/28	
Wonders of Yellowstone—Talk *Starting September 4* Yellowstone is full of wonders such as amazing geology, wildlife, history, and beauty. Join us as a ranger shares insights into one fascinating aspect of this magical place. Meet on the front lawn of the Albright Visitor Center, or in the theater if it's raining. ♿ *20 minutes*	11:30 AM 9/9–9/30	11:30 AM 9/10–9/24	11:30 AM 9/4–9/25	11:30 AM 9/5–9/26	11:30 AM 9/6–9/27	11:30 AM 9/7–9/28	11:30 AM 9/8–9/29
Elk and the Autumn Rut—Talk *Starting September 4* Have you noticed a lot of elk around the Mammoth area? Come learn why these animals congregate here every autumn at this 20 minute ranger talk. Meet the ranger on the Albright Visitor Center front lawn, or in the theater if it's raining. ♿ *20 minutes*	3 PM 9/9–9/30	3 PM 9/10–9/24	3 PM 9/4–9/25	3 PM 9/5–9/26	3 PM 9/6–9/27	3 PM 9/7–9/28	3 PM 9/8–9/29
Touring Historic Fort Yellowstone—Walk *Starting September 8* In its early days, Yellowstone National Park was protected by the U. S. Cavalry. Join a ranger on this short, relaxed walk around Fort Yellowstone to learn about important historic park events and to discover the role the Army played in protecting Yellowstone. Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center. ♿ *1 hour*	4 PM 9/9–9/30						4 PM 9/8–9/29
Calling in the Calvary—Talk *Starting September 4* In its early days, Yellowstone National Park was protected by the U. S. Cavalry. Join a ranger to learn about the Army's role in protecting Yellowstone and the National Park Idea. Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center, or in the theater if it's raining. ♿ *20 minutes*		4:30 PM 9/10–9/24	4:30 PM 9/4–9/25	4:30 PM 9/5–9/26	4:30 PM 9/6–9/27	4:30 PM 9/7–9/28	
Norris							
Windows Into Yellowstone—Walk *Starting September 4* Experience the muddy caldrons, acid geysers and clear pools of Norris Geyser Basin! Join a park ranger for a walk through this magical land and learn about the park's geologic past, present, and future. Meet at the Norris Geyser Basin Museum. Bring water, sunglasses and sunscreen. *1½ hours*	10 AM 9/9–9/30	10 AM 9/10–9/24	10 AM 9/4–9/25	10 AM 9/5–9/26	10 AM 9/6–9/27	10 AM 9/7–9/28	10 AM 9/8–9/29
Old Faithful							
Ranger Adventure Hikes *Starting September 4* Explore Yellowstone's backcountry on a half-day hike with a park ranger. Visit lesser-known hydrothermal areas, explore wildlife habitats, and experience a slice of Yellowstone's wilderness. Program locations change daily. Hikes rated from easy to strenuous. Some hikes not recommended for people with heart, breathing, or serious medical conditions. Reservations required. Information and tickets are available at these visitor centers: Old Faithful, Albright (Mammoth), Grant, Canyon and Fishing Bridge. **This is a fee program: $15 for adults, $5 for kids ages 7-15, free for kids six and under. All children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult.**			8 AM Fairy Falls Frolic 9/4–9/25	8 AM Mudpot Special 9/5–9/26	8 AM Lone Star Stroll 9/6–9/27	8 AM Shoshone Lake Discovery 9/7–9/28	8 AM Mudpot Special 9/8–9/29
Geyser Hill Walk *Starting September 4* Geyser Hill is at the heart of the world's greatest concentration of geysers. Explore this special corner of the park and learn about the relationship between Yellowstone's volcanic history and hydrothermal features on this 1¼ mile walk. Meet at the temporary Old Faithful Visitor Center. *1½ hours*	10:30 AM 9/9–9/30	10:30 AM 9/10–9/24	10:30 AM 9/4–9/25	10:30 AM 9/5–9/26	10:30 AM 9/6–9/27	10:30 AM 9/7–9/28	10:30 AM 9/8–9/29
Geysers Galore! *Starting September 4* Take a quick peek at Yellowstone's fascinating geysers and visible geologic story. Meet a park ranger at the benches in front of Old Faithful near the temporary Old Faithful Visitor Center. ♿ *10 minutes*	1:15 PM 1:45 PM 9/9–9/30	1:15 PM 1:45 PM 9/10–9/24	1:15 PM 1:45 PM 9/4–9/25	1:15 PM 1:45 PM 9/5–9/26	1:15 PM 1:45 PM 9/6–9/27	1:15 PM 1:45 PM 9/7–9/28	1:15 PM 1:45 PM 9/8–9/29
Old Faithful Evening Feature *Starting September 4* Each evening a different aspect of Yellowstone's wonders will be featured during this 45-minute outdoor talk. Meet the ranger at the benches in front of Old Faithful near the temporary Old Faithful Visitor Center. ♿ *45 minutes*	7 PM 9/9–9/30	7 PM 9/10–9/24	7 PM 9/4–9/25	7 PM 9/5–9/26	7 PM 9/6–9/27	7 PM 9/7–9/28	7 PM 9/8–9/29
West Yellowstone							
Explore Yellowstone! *Starting September 4* Would you like ideas on how to spend your time in Yellowstone? Meet a park ranger at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street) for a talk about what to see and do in the park. ♿ *20–30 minutes*	9:30 AM 9/9–9/30	9:30 AM 9/10–9/24	9:30 AM 9/4–9/25	9:30 AM 9/5–9/26	9:30 AM 9/6–9/27	9:30 AM 9/7–9/28	9:30 AM 9/8–9/29

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Sign Language Interpreters

Sign language interpreters for National Park Service interpretive programs are available.

Please make arrangements three weeks in advance by calling 307-344-2251.

Campgrounds

Listed in order of closing	Dates	Fees**	Sites	Elev (ft)	Features	RV sites
Canyon*	6/8–9/9	$17	>250	7,900	A, F, S/L, G	call for availability & reservations
Bridge Bay*	5/25–9/16	$17	>425	7,800	A, F, DS, G	call for availability & reservations
Indian Creek	6/8–9/17	$12	75	7,300	V	10@ 40′; 35 @ 30′; pull-through
Grant Village*	6/21–9/23	$17	>400	7,800	A, F, S/L, DS, G	call for availability & reservations
Norris	5/18–9/24	$14	>100	7,500	F, G	2 @ 50′ (signed); 5 @ 30′
Pebble Creek	6/8–9/24	$12	>30	6,900	V	some long pull-throughs
Tower Fall	5/18–9/24	$12	32	6,600	V	all @ 30′ or less; has hairpin curve
Fishing Bridge RV*	5/18–9/30	$35	>325	7,800	F, S/L, DS, G	call for availability & reservations
Madison*	5/4–10/28	$17	>250	6,800	A, F, DS, G	call for availability & reservations
Slough Creek	5/25–10/31	$12	29	6,250	V	14 @ 30′, walk through first to assess sites beyond #16
Lewis Lake	6/15–11/4	$12	85	7,800	V	a few @ 40′
Mammoth	All year	$14	85	6,200	A, F, G, S	most are pull-through

*Sites you can reserve.
**Fee does not include tax.

A Accessible sites available
F Flush toilets
V Vault toilets
S/L Pay showers/laundry nearby
DS Dump station
G Generators OK 8 AM–8 PM

First-Come, First-Served

Seven campgrounds are operated by the National Park Service: Indian Creek, Lewis Lake, Mammoth, Norris, Pebble Creek, Slough Creek, and Tower Fall. You cannot reserve these sites.

Reservable Sites

You can reserve a site at the five campgrounds operated by Xanterra Parks & Resorts, indicated by * on the chart.

For same-day reservations, call 307-344-7311 or ask at any campground registration desk.

For future reservations, call toll-free 866-Geyserland (866-439-7375), or write Xanterra Parks & Resorts®, P.O. Box 165, YNP, WY 82190; www.TravelYellowstone.com.

Fishing Bridge RV Park is for hard-sided vehicles only (no tents or tent trailers are allowed).

NO Overflow Camping

No overflow camping exists in Yellowstone National Park. Camping or overnight vehicle parking in pullouts, parking areas, picnic grounds, or any place other than a designated campground is not permitted. Camping is often available in neighboring communities and public lands outside the park. *(See page 13.)*

Check-in & Check-out

Check-in any time, but sites may not be available before 10 AM. Registration desks at reservable campgrounds are staffed 7 AM–10 PM, May 30–August 27; 8 AM–9 PM, early and late season. Check-out time is 10 AM.

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; no limit at Fishing Bridge.

Discounts

Holders of Senior and Access passes receive approximately a 50% discount on camping fees, except at Fishing Bridge, where no discounts apply. *(See page 5.)*

RV Length

Know your total vehicle length—total of trailer and towing vehicle or total of motorhome and towed vehicle. Use the total length to determine which campground can best accommodate your rig.

Group Camping

Group camping is available at Madison, Grant, and Bridge Bay for organized groups with a designated leader such as youth or educational groups. Fees range from $51–81 (plus tax) per night, depending on group size. Reservations are required. Call 307-344-7311 or toll-free 866-Geyserland (866-439-7375), or write Xanterra Parks & Resorts®, P.O. Box 165, YNP, WY 82190; or email YNPSA@Xanterra.com.

Quiet Hours

Each visitor deserves to hear the natural sounds of this beautiful environment. Respect this by complying with the law: generators prohibited 8 PM–8 AM; quiet hours, 10 PM–6 AM. No loud audio devices, or other noise disturbances will be allowed during this time. Generators are only permitted in seven campgrounds. *(See chart.)*

WARNING: Food & Odors Attract Bears

The future of bears, your safety, and the safety of others depend on you. The following items—new, clean, dirty, empty, or full—may not be left outside, in tents, or in tent trailers at any time, day or night, unless in immediate use:

water & beverage containers • cooking, eating, drinking utensils • stoves & grills • coolers & ice chests • trash • food • cosmetics & toiletries • pet food & bowls • pails, buckets, & wash basins

Attention Anglers!

New fishing regulations—including barbless hooks ONLY.
Read them before you fish. You are responsible for following the rules.

Fishing Season

Yellowstone's fishing season generally begins on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and continues through the first Sunday of November. Exceptions include: Yellowstone Lake opens June 15; Yellowstone Lake's tributary streams open July 15; Yellowstone River and its tributaries between Canyon and Yellowstone Lake open July 15. Other exceptions exist. Refer to park fishing regulations or the park website for additional information: www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/fishing.htm

Fishing Regulations

Obtain park fishing regulations at ranger stations, visitor centers, and general stores. They changed in 2006; know the rules.

In Yellowstone, wildlife takes precedence over humans as consumers of fish. All fish are wild (there is no stocking), so sufficient adult fish must remain to reproduce and maintain populations and to assure genetic diversity. These facts require both a philosophical and literal distinction between recreational angling and consuming fish. In Yellowstone, angling is based on fishing for native species of wild trout in a natural setting.

Fishing regulations in Yellowstone National Park have evolved as ongoing research reveals population trends and interrelationships with the rest of the Yellowstone ecosystem. Increasing numbers of anglers have also influenced the development of regulations by their impact on certain species and aquatic habitats.

Permits

Fishing All anglers 16 or older must possess a valid Yellowstone National Park fishing permit to fish in the park; state permits are not valid. 3 days—$15; 7 days—$20; season—$35. Permits are available at ranger stations, visitor centers, and Yellowstone General Stores.

Anglers 15 or younger have two options: fish without a permit under direct supervision of an adult who has a permit or obtain a free permit that must be signed by an adult. The adult must ensure the child complies with all fishing regulations and provisions.

Boats & Float Tubes You must have a permit to use boats and float tubes; their use is limited to a few locations. Obtain these permits in person at: South Entrance, Lewis Lake Campground, Grant Village Backcountry Office, Bridge Bay Ranger Station. Non-motorized boating permits only are available at the Canyon, Mammoth, and Old Faithful backcountry offices, Bechler Ranger Station, West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center, and Northeast Entrance. You must have a Coast Guard approved "wearable" personal flotation device for each person on board.

STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!™

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.
Clean all recreational equipment.
www.ProtectYourWaters.net

Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) are plants and animals not native to the park and cause irreversible harm to the naturally-functioning ecosystem that exists here. Already, New Zealand mudsnails, whirling disease, and lake trout have resulted in loss of fisheries and closure of areas that once abounded with trout. You can help prevent the spread of harmful exotic invaders!

CLEAN YOUR BOAT

CLEAN YOUR GEAR

Do not release plants, fish, or animals into a body of water unless it came out of that body of water. If you witness a violation, please contact a local park ranger, stop by a visitor center, or call 307-344-7381, dial "0."

Backcountry Tips and Regulations

Accessibility
Wheelchairs and some types of service animals are allowed in the backcountry. Contact the backcountry office for further information before taking them into the backcountry.

Campfires
Campfires are permitted only in established fire pits at certain campsites; you will be given this information when you obtain your overnight permit.

Day Hiking
Talk to a ranger at a backcountry office or visitor center before beginning a day hike. They know trail conditions, the weather forecast, and if areas are closed due to bear activity or management activities.

Drinking Water
Drinking untreated water may lead to intestinal infection. Filter water with a good commercial filter, treat it with a chemical such as iodine or chlorine, or boil it at least one minute. Never drink water from a hot spring.

Hypothermia
Exposure to wind, rain, or cold can cause hypothermia, which can kill you. Early warning signs include shivering, slurred speech, drowsiness, and exhaustion. Put on dry clothes and drink warm fluids at the first signs.

Non-native Plants
Invasive non-native plants (noxious weeds) threaten the park's ecosystem. Major threats include: spotted knapweed, ox-eye daisy, St. Johnswort, musk thistle, leafy spurge, and dalmation toadflax. If you see these or other exotic species in the backcountry, notify a ranger.

Overnight Trips
Permits are required. Obtain a permit at a ranger station not more than 48 hours in advance of the first date of the trip. You will be given full instructions about backcountry regulations and safety. You can also reserve campsites for a $20 fee. Make reservations at a ranger station or write the Backcountry Office, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190.

Pack It In—& Out
You must carry all refuse out of the backcountry, including items partly burned (foil, glass, etc.).

Sanitation
Bury human waste 6 to 8 inches (15–20 cm) below ground and a minimum of 100 feet (30 m) from water. Dispose of waste water at least 100 feet (30 m) from water or campsites. Do not wash yourself, clothing, or dishes in lakes, ponds, rivers, or streams.

Stock Use
Not all trails are open to stock. Inquire at backcountry offices and ranger stations.

Important: All stock users in Yellowstone must possess proof of a negative Coggins test performed within the last 12 months for each animal.

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If You Carry Bear Pepper Spray:
- Use ***bear*** pepper spray. Personal self-defense pepper spray is not effective.
- The canister must be immediately available, not in your pack.
- It is effective only at distances of 10–30 feet and can be adversely affected by wind, cold temperatures, and age.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions, know how to use the spray, and be aware of its limitations, including the expiration date.
- If you use the spray to stop a bear, leave the area immediately. The spray is effective for a short time and is less effective the second time.
- It is not a repellent. Don't spray it on people, tents, or backpacks.
- **Carrying bear pepper spray is not a substitute for vigilance and exercising safety precautions.**

For more safety tips, see page 2. For more backcountry travel details and regulations, stop by a backcountry ranger station or visit www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/backcountry-hiking.htm.

Bear Country Tips

A Fed Bear Is a Dead Bear
Do not leave packs containing food unattended, even for a few minutes. If a bear obtains human food even once, it often becomes aggressive about obtaining such food, and may have to be destroyed or removed from the park.

Alert Bears to Your Presence
Make loud noises, shout, or sing. Hike in groups, stay on maintained trails, and use caution if vision is obstructed. Do not hike after dark. Avoid carcasses; bears often defend this source of food.

If You Encounter a Bear
Do not run; bears can easily outrun you. Plus, running may cause an otherwise non-aggressive bear to attack. If the bear is unaware of you, keep out of sight and detour behind and downwind of the bear. If the bear is aware of you but has not acted aggressively, slowly back away.

Do not drop your pack! This teaches bears how to obtain human foods and often means the bear must be removed.

Climbing trees to avoid bears is not often practical. All black bears, all grizzly cubs, and some adult grizzlies can climb trees. Plus, running to a tree may provoke an otherwise uncertain bear to chase you.

If a Bear Approaches or Charges You
Do not run. Some bears will bluff their way out of a threatening situation by charging, then veering off or stopping abruptly. Bear experts generally recommend standing still until the bear stops and then slowly backing away. If you are attacked, try to lie on the ground completely flat on your stomach. Spread your legs and clasp your hands over the back of your neck. Do not drop your pack! It will protect your back.

The National Park Service is a proud partner of Leave No Trace, a national education program promoting responsible outdoor recreation and stewardship of our public lands through outdoor skills and ethics. NPS urges you to learn how to minimize recreation impacts and help protect Yellowstone's precious wildlands for future enjoyment. For more information, visit a backcountry office in the park or www.LNT.org.

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Get an inside look with the

Yellowstone Association Institute

Let us introduce you to Yellowstone, provide advice to make the most of your visit, and lead you into the wonders of the park.

Your private day will be approximately eight hours and include expert instruction, in-park transportation, and snacks.

DAILY CHOICES

Activity levels will be tailored to your group.

Wildlife Watching on the Northern Range

Start: 6:30 or 8 AM at Gardiner, Mammoth, Roosevelt, Lamar, or Cooke City

Discover diverse and abundant wildlife. Learn how to search for wildlife and how to use binoculars and spotting scopes effectively.

Natural History & Geology: Yellowstone Lake & Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone

Start: 8 AM at Gardiner, Mammoth, Canyon, Norris, or Lake

Explore natural and geologic history. Search for wildlife in the Hayden Valley and learn about the Yellowstone volcano on easy geology strolls.

Geysers, Mudpots, & Hot Springs: Old Faithful Area

Start: 8 AM at Gardiner, Mammoth, Norris, Madison, or Old Faithful

Take an in-depth look at how geologic features form and why they do the things they do. Learn about the wonders of the Yellowstone volcano.

Day Hiking in Yellowstone

Start: 8 AM at Gardiner, Mammoth, Canyon, Old Faithful, Lake, Roosevelt, or Madison

Explore Yellowstone's diverse landscape on carefully chosen hikes. Learn safe, low-impact backcountry travel in grizzly country.

Rates:

1–5 people $495, 6–13 people $625
Rates effective through April 13, 2008.

Advanced reservations are required.

Call 307-344-2294
Monday–Friday 8 AM to 4:30 PM

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About Old Faithful

Many myths exist about Old Faithful, the world's most famous geyser (shown at left). Use the lists below to sort the facts from myths.

Myths

- ✘ No one can predict Old Faithful anymore.
- ✘ It is so predictable, you can set your watch by its eruption.
- ✘ It is the only predictable geyser.
- ✘ It is the most predictable geyser.
- ✘ It erupts every hour on the hour.
- ✘ Its eruption is not as high as it used to be.
- ✘ Its eruption lasts less time than it used to.
- ✘ Park rangers can control Old Faithful's eruption.

Facts

- ✔ Old Faithful's eruption length and height, and the time between eruptions varies daily and yearly.
- ✔ As of March 2007, an eruption lasts 1½ to 5 minutes; the average interval between eruptions is 92 minutes.
- ✔ Old Faithful's height ranges from 106 feet to more than 180 feet, averaging 130 feet.
- ✔ Its average eruption length, height, and interval will change again—often as a result of an earthquake.
- ✔ 3,700 to 8,400 gallons of water are expelled per eruption, depending on the length of eruption.
- ✔ Just prior to eruption, water temperature at the vent is 204°F (95.6°C).
- ✔ It's one of more than 300 geysers in Yellowstone.

Sneak Peak: Old Faithful Visitor Education Center

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A new Old Faithful Visitor Education Center (shown at left) is planned. Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2008. It will provide visitors with a central location for learning about Yellowstone's hydrothermal features, the unique microorganisms that live in them, and the unique habitats created by them.

Renovation! The Old Faithful Inn

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The Old Faithful Inn (shown at left) is undergoing renovation to meet safety standards, provide more accessibility, and increase its protection from earthquakes.

The renovation is expected to be completed in 2008. Vew the work from a safe distance, and do not enter the construction area.

Visit the New Canyon Visitor Education Center

The Canyon area of Yellowstone is known for its spectacular waterfalls and colorful canyon walls. Now it's also home of the new Canyon Visitor Education Center.

Come learn about the world of Yellowstone's supervolcano—an idea that has captured the minds and imaginations of people around the world. For the first time, you can see, hear, and learn how the Yellowstone volcano, its geysers and hot springs, and geologic history shape the distribution and abundance of all life found here.

You'll find a 9,000 pound rotating globe illustrating global volcanic hotspots (shown at right) and a huge lava lamp showing how magma rises by heat convection (shown at left). Explore Yellowstone's volcanic eruptions, lava flows, glaciers, and earthquake faults through a room-size relief model of the park. You'll find these and other interactive exhibits, audiovisual productions, and real-time scientific data awaiting you at the Canyon Visitor Education Center.

Exhibit photos by NPS/Royse

Your entrance fee to the park . . .

helped pay for the renovation of the Canyon Visitor Education Center, as part of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA). This act authorizes participating parks to keep 80% of the fees to fund maintenance, repair projects, public service programs, and natural and historical resource preservation. The remaining 20% of the fees generally goes to parks that don't collect fees and to fund other National Park Service projects.

About the Fee Program

- ◆ Allows most of the fees collected at a public area to be spent directly on behalf of that area.
- ◆ Encourages each agency to develop equitable fee collection programs, whether the public areas are large or small, urban or wilderness, natural or historical.
- ◆ Promotes the collection of fees where fees can cover the cost of a new activity, or—in some cases—for activities that previously were free.

Wildlife Gallery

Autumn is a spectacular season for watching wildlife. Elk mate in September—listen for bull elk bugling; look for them in Hayden and Lamar valleys and around Mammoth Hot Springs. Moose, deer, bighorn sheep, and pronghorn also mate in the fall. Bears—both black (left) and grizzly—are in their super-eating phase called hyperphagia, putting on weight before hibernation. And birds are moving in their timeless migration.

This howling wolf was seen near Blacktail Ponds, east of Mammoth Hot Springs. You can see its radio collar and also that it is shedding its thick winter fur. To learn more about wolves, ask for the free handout, "Restoration of Wolves," at visitor centers.

Bear: NPS/Douglass; Moose: NPS/Foott; Wolf: NPS/Peaco

BE SAFE!

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.
- Never come between mothers and their young.
- Don't block an animal's line of travel.
- Do not run or move suddenly—this may cause predators to attack.
- If other people in the area are putting you in danger, leave the scene and/or notify a park ranger.
- Do not ever feed wildlife, including birds.

Other Park Highlights

Geysers & Hot Springs

The Old Faithful area—home to hundreds of hot springs and geysers—is just one of many "hot" areas in the park. See travertine terraces at Mammoth Hot Springs, acidic features at Norris Geyser Basin, mudpots at Fountain Paint Pot and Mud Volcano, and colorful hot springs at Midway and West Thumb.

Grand Canyon

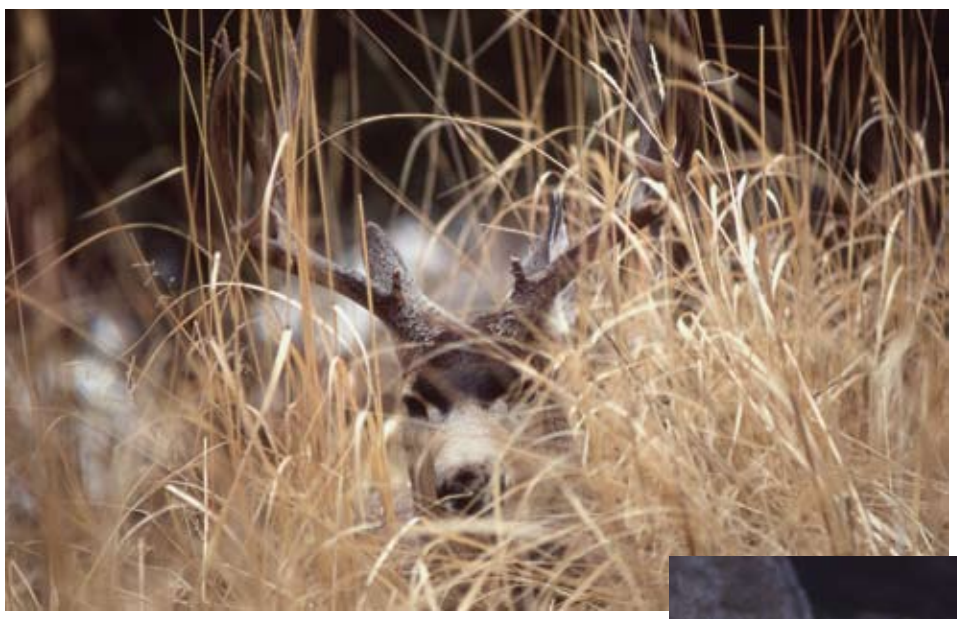
View the spectacular Upper and Lower Falls and colorful canyon walls from overlooks in the Canyon Village area. (Part of South Rim Drive and Artist Point are closed for reconstruction.) See the northernmost section of the canyon from overlooks near Tower Fall, south of Tower Junction.

Lake Area

Don't miss the largest high elevation lake (above 7,000 feet) in North America. With the Absaroka Mountains as a stunning backdrop, this area offers boating, fishing, hiking, wildlife viewing, and hydrothermal features. (Fishing and boating require permits; see page 6.)

History

You can visit historic sites such as Fishing Bridge Museum, Norris Geyser Basin Museum, Obsidian Cliff, Old Faithful Inn and Historic District, Roosevelt Lodge Historic District, and Fort Yellowstone at Mammoth Hot Springs.



NPS/Foott

Its rack full grown and sharpened, this mule deer (left) awaits the October mating season.

If you are among rocks and hear a nasal squeak, it might be a pika (below), letting its neighbors know you are near. In winter, pikas live on piles of grass they stored in summer and fall.

Yellowstone Podcasts

Create your own customized guide to Yellowstone with podcasts (short videos) you can download free from iTunes or www.nps.gov/yell. "Inside Yellowstone" features rangers who provide fast facts about the park, including wildlife. "Yellowstone InDepth" explores the park with park rangers, scientists, historians, and visitors.

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You Can Help Preserve and Protect Yellowstone

In our increasingly crowded and developed world, Yellowstone National Park provides a source of refuge and renewal for those who enter its quiet places. The park's magnificent wilderness areas offer a glimpse of what our continent was like when humans first gazed in wonder upon its steaming geysers, thundering waterfalls, and abundant wildlife. However, Yellowstone exists today only because generations who came before us understood its value and made its preservation a priority.

Because so many visitors who love Yellowstone want to help ensure that it stands wild and unimpaired for our future, two separate organizations have been established. The Yellowstone Park Foundation and the Yellowstone Association work in partnership with the National Park Service and each other to provide a means for visitors to contribute to Yellowstone's preservation. Please help us protect and preserve this national treasure. Your contribution to either organization will designate you as a true friend of Yellowstone; contributors of $1,000 or more will have their names displayed on the park's Honor Wall at Old Faithful, receiving special recognition as stewards and benefactors of Yellowstone National Park. Yellowstone will exist tomorrow as one of America's most treasured places only if our generation understands its value and makes its preservation our priority.

Yellowstone Park Foundation

You Can Help Protect the Wonders & Wildlife of Yellowstone National Park

The Yellowstone Park Foundation works in cooperation with the National Park Service to fund projects and programs that protect, preserve, and enhance the natural and cultural resources and the visitor experience of Yellowstone National Park.

Funded projects include:
- wildlife conservation
- trail reconstruction
- historic preservation
- new educational exhibits

Yellowstone continues to need *your* help! Please join us in protecting the wonders and wildlife of Yellowstone.

With a donation of $25 or more, you will become a Friend of Yellowstone and receive our newsletters, annual report, a logo window decal, and other great benefits. When you return the coupon below with your donation, you will also receive an official Yellowstone Park Foundation t-shirt!

To become a Friend of Yellowstone, please complete and mail the coupon below. You can also donate online and learn more about the Yellowstone Park Foundation at www.ypf.org

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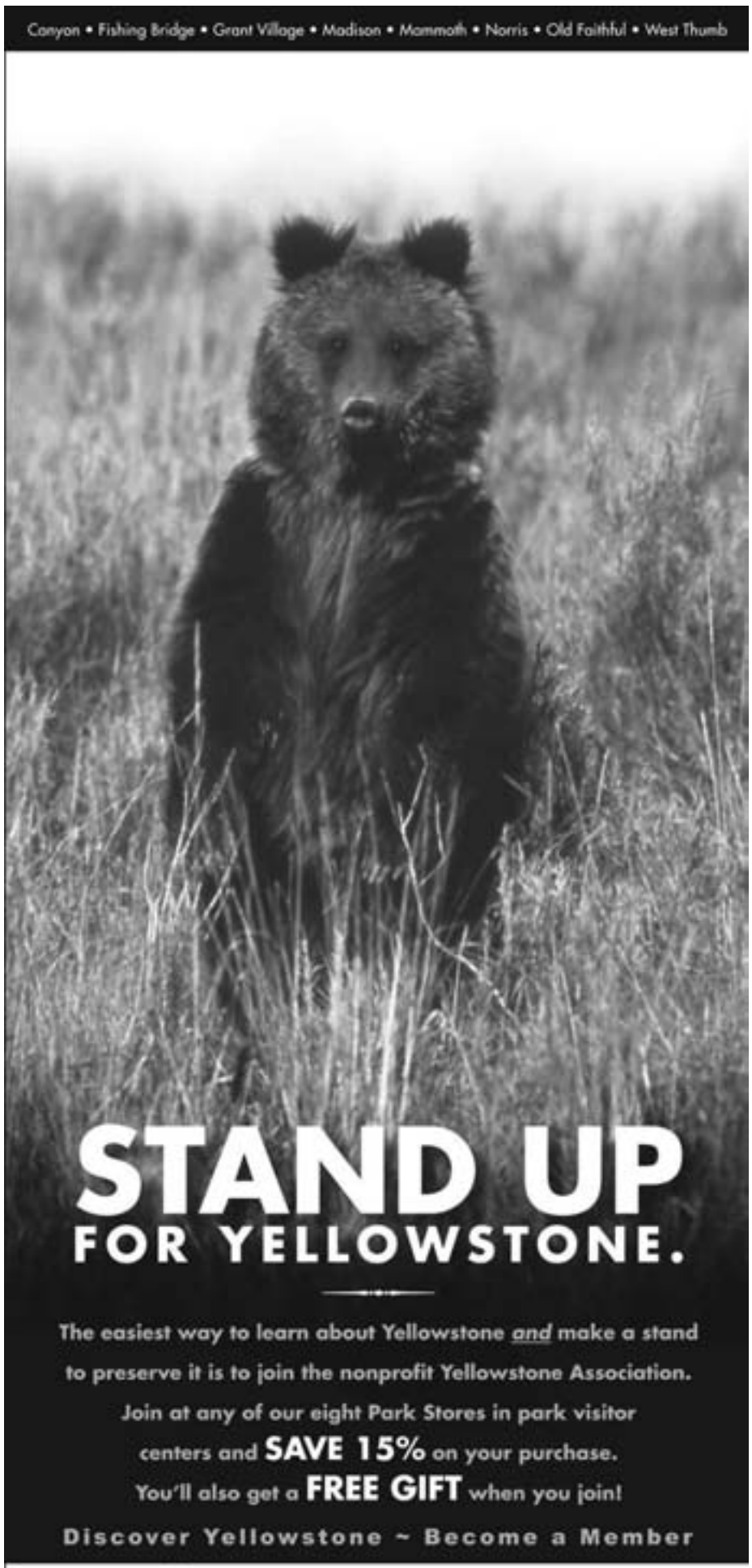

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The easiest way to learn about Yellowstone *and* make a stand to preserve it is to join the nonprofit Yellowstone Association. Join at any of our eight Park Stores in park visitor centers and SAVE 15% on your purchase. You'll also get a FREE GIFT when you join!

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Managing Bison

Yellowstone's bison are wild and sometimes leave the park. Some bison carry the disease brucellosis. The National Park Service and other agencies are committed to reducing the possibility of bison transmitting the disease to domestic livestock.

The bison management plan was implemented to conserve the Yellowstone bison population and minimize or avoid the risk of Yellowstone bison mixing with livestock on private and public lands surrounding the park. This plan is founded on the principle of adaptive management, which allows refinement of the existing plan as managers and scientists learn more about how bison use winter ranges in Montana, and about the risk of brucellosis transmission between bison and cattle.

When Bison Leave the Park

In response to winter weather conditions, bison usually migrate to winter range along and outside the park's north and west boundaries. According to the plan, bison migrating from the park may be hazed to acceptable habitats—usually back inside the park. When hazing is no longer successful, the bison can be captured. Captured calves can be sent to quarantine.

Vaccination

State and federal agencies have developed vaccination programs to be used at boundary capture facilities. The National Park Service is undergoing an environmental study to evaluate vaccinating bison throughout the park using remote delivery methods that do not require handling individual bison.

Bison Hunt

The state of Montana authorizes a bison hunt on public lands outside Yellowstone National Park during the late fall and winter. Through the hunt, the state manages the number of bison on low elevation winter ranges within the state.

In addition, the Nez Perce and the Confederated Salish-Kootenai are exercising their treaty rights to hunt bison outside the park.

Quarantine

A bison quarantine feasibility study is being conducted outside the north boundary of Yellowstone National Park. A protocol is being tested to certify disease-free bison. If successful, quarantine could provide a way for Yellowstone bison to be a part of bison conservation in other places.

NPS/Peaco

Outlook

The agencies will continue to monitor bison abundance, distribution and movements, and brucellosis prevalence in the population. In addition, they will continue to advance the management program toward greater tolerance for bison on low-elevation winter range outside Yellowstone.

Visitor Winter Use

The National Park Service expects to complete the Winter Use Plans Final Environmental Impact Statement, along with the associated Record of Decision and Final Rule, in time for the 2007–08 winter season. However, for 2007–2008, the parks plan to operate under the same program that has guided winter use since 2004. Visitors will be able to tour Yellowstone on up to 720 Best Available Technology, commercially guided snowmobiles and/or on a snowcoach. Under this program of managed use, the unacceptable air pollution, noise, wildlife harassment, and diminished visitor experiences of the past have been significantly improved.

The parks will open for winter use on December 19, 2007. For more information, go to www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/winteruse.htm.

FIRE! In Yellowstone

- Large fires burn through Yellowstone's forests every 150–300 years and through grasslands every 25–60 years.
- Plants, such as lodgepole pine and aspen, are adapted to fire.
- Each year, lightning starts an average of 22 fires, most of them go out before burning one acre.
- Suppressing fires reduces the number and variety of plant and animal species.
- Until the 1970s, park managers believed putting out fires preserved park resources.
- In 1972, scientific research led to the park allowing most natural fires to burn.
- The 1988 fires brought new opportunities for research.
- Today, many fires caused by lightning in Yellowstone are allowed to burn if they don't threaten people or buildings.
- If a fire is being suppressed in the park, you may have travel delays; check at visitor centers.
- To find out more about fire, ask for the free handout, "Fire As a Natural Force" (Yell 288), available at visitor centers.

Keeping Yellowstone "Green"

Yellowstone National Park, its concessioners, and its partners are keeping Yellowstone clean and "green."

Annual Recycling

In 2006, Yellowstone National Park and its concessioners recycled:

- 133 tons of newspapers, office paper, and magazines
- 24 tons of aluminum/steel
- 192 tons of glass
- 22 tons of plastic containers
- 463 tons of cardboard
- 8,000 small propane cylinders
- 4,000 used tires
- 60% of the park's solid waste (into compost)

"Green" Building

Yellowstone National Park is applying national standards for environmentally-sound buildings to new park building projects, such as the West Entrance Station, which is currently under construction.

The new Old Faithful Visitor Education Center, which begins construction in 2008, will include these "green" features:

- Recycled materials and salvaged wood
- "Snow zones"—a natural soil moisture recharge system surrounding the building
- Locally and regionally manufactured materials
- A ventilation system in the foundation that acts as a thermal buffer to protect the sensitive geothermal area
- A multi-zone heating and cooling system that allows for a reduced heated space in winter
- Renewable resource cork flooring
- Composite wall coverings and roof shingles made from recycled materials
- Low-flow restroom plumbing
- Use of earth-friendly cleaning supplies

Clean & Efficient Travel

- Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. donated four Prius hybrid vehicles to Yellowstone National Park through the Yellowstone Park Foundation. The Prius hybrid (photo below) combines a highly efficient gasoline engine with an electric motor that, when braking, captures energy to charge its batteries. The Prius has 90% lower emissions than the average car, better fuel efficiency, and runs quietly when using only the electric motor.
- The National Park Service, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, and the University of Idaho are taking advantage of Yellowstone's extremely cold winters to test alternative fuels in harsh conditions.
- Dodge Truck, Inc. donated a three-quarter ton 4x4 pickup to test 100% biodiesel fuel. It averages 17 miles per gallon with less smoke, hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxides emitted in the exhaust.
- All diesel-powered vehicles driven by park employees and many used by concessioners run on a 20% blend of industrial-grade vegetable oil and diesel.
- Yellowstone uses an ethanol blend in all unleaded park vehicles and is the first national park to sell ethanol blended fuel to visitors at public service stations.

NPS/Peaco

Rangers use donated Toyota Prius hybrid cars when responding to traffic jams caused by bears and other wildlife.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Medical Services 2007 Season

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MEDICAL SERVICES AT YELLOWSTONE

Emergencies
Dial "911" or contact any National Park Service ranger within the park boundaries. Specially trained rangers provide rescue, emergency medical care, and ambulance service.

Medical Clinics
Medcor operates three urgent-care clinics within the park. The clinic at Mammoth is open year round, staffed by a board-certified physician and a team of experienced RN's. The clinics at Lake and Old Faithful are open seasonally (see below for schedules).

All of these clinics are open to the public and are staffed and equipped for most medical emergencies as well as for routine care. Services include injury and illness treatment, x-rays, and some lab and pharmacy services.

If in-patient care or advanced services are required, the clinic staff can stabilize patients and arrange for appropriate transfer to a hospital outside the park.

CLINIC	DATES	DAYS	HOURS
Mammoth Open Year Round (307) 344-7965	January 1 – May 31	Monday – Friday Closed 5/28	8:30 am – 5:00 pm; closed Fridays at 1 pm
	June 1 – September 7	7 days a week Closed 9/3	8:30 am – 5:00 pm
	September 7 – December 31	Monday – Friday Closed 11/22, 11/23 & 12/25	8:30 am – 5:00 pm; closed Fridays at 1 pm
Lake Open Seasonally (307) 242-7241	May 25 – September 25	7 days a week	8:30 am – 8:30 pm; On-call after hours through 911
Old Faithful Open Seasonally (307) 545-7325	May 17 – September 14	7 days a week	7:00 am – 7:00 pm; On-call after hours through 911
	September 15 – October 8	Thursday – Monday Closed Tue. and Wed.	8:30 am – 5:00 pm

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Yellowstone Medical Providers

National Park Service Rangers
Professionals trained in fire, rescue, emergency medicine, law enforcement, and wilderness operations. www.nps.gov

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Stay Safe & Healthy at Yellowstone
Yellowstone is a large wilderness area with many natural hazards, including wild animals, scalding hydro-thermal features, freezing temperatures, blinding snow, thin ice, deep and running water, and high altitude. Please follow all national park regulations and common-sense precautions to stay safe and healthy while enjoying your visit to Yellowstone.

Yellowstone General Stores

Yellowstone General Stores operates 12 retail stores with every attempt to cater to all of your needs while visiting the world's first national park.

Enjoy a nice respite from your travels. Yellowstone General Stores are unique in architecture and located in scenic settings at each major area throughout Yellowstone National Park (see map). Visitors will find our staff to be helpful in assisting with merchandise, scenic stops or the latest wildlife sightings.

Food and beverage services offer a variety of selections to satisfy any wilderness hunger. Relax with a cup of coffee, ice cream, or snack while taking in the wonders of Yellowstone National Park. We also offer a full line of grocery items to meet your day trip or camping needs.

Explore the wide spectrum of collectibles, novelties, and apparel in our souvenir sections and take away more than a memory. Personal memories may also be preserved at our photo centers, which offer digital film processing.

Outdoor enthusiasts can find a variety of supplies and equipment to explore Yellowstone National Park!

Visit Old Faithful, Grant, Fishing Bridge and Canyon General Stores to join our "Pathways at Yellowstone" Program where you will meet talented and interesting artists and authors who make unique Yellowstone products!

Yellowstone General Stores is grateful for the opportunity to operate within Yellowstone National Park, and feels an obligation of stewardship toward the natural, cultural, and historic resources for future generations. Our Environmental Management System, "GreenPath" is recognized according to international standards, ISO 14001. We implement programs to minimize our impact while operating in a unique pristine environment and strive for continual environmental improvement.

Yellowstone General Stores is a division of Delaware North Companies Parks and Resorts, a leading hospitality company managing concession operations at our nation's treasures.

Apparel
Books
Jewelry
Souvenirs
Gifts
ATMs

Digital Photo Processing
Sporting Goods
Groceries
Food & Beverage

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY: 911

Lodging, dining, camping, activities:
307-344-7311 or
TDD 307-344-5395

Park Information:
307-344-7381

Park Tip Line
307-344-2132
Call the tip line to report a crime or criminal activity. Leave as much detail as you can—who, what, where, when. Leave your name and number, or you can remain anonymous.

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Make time for a visit to our neighbor to the south, Grand Teton National Park. This park offers spectacular scenery and its own campgrounds, exhibits, and activities. More information is in the park newspaper, *Teewinot*, or at www.nps.gov/grte. Newspapers are available at Grand Teton visitor centers and entrance stations.

Visit the new Craig Thomas Discovery & Visitor Center in Moose!

Campgrounds

First come, first served; camping fee is $17 per night, except Jenny Lake, which is $19. For current status of campgrounds, ask at entrance stations or visitor centers in Grand Teton National Park. Approximate filling times and operating dates are:

Colter Bay (350 sites)	Rarely fills	5/25–9/23
Gros Ventre (360 sites)	Evening or may not fill	5/4–9/30
Jenny Lake (49 sites)	11 AM	5/11–9/30
Lizard Creek (60 sites)	Rarely fills	6/8–9/3
Signal Mountain (86 sites)	Mid-afternoon	5/11–10/13

Jenny Lake is open to tents only. Other campgrounds accommodate tents, trailers, and recreational vehicles (30-foot restriction at Signal Mt.). All campgrounds have modern comfort stations, but none have utility hookups. The maximum length of stay is 7 days at Jenny Lake, 14 days at other campgrounds, 30 days total per year.

Lodging

Make your reservations directly:

Colter Bay Cabins (May 25–Sept. 30)	800-628-9988
Colter Bay RV Park (May 25–Sept. 3)	800-628-9988
Dornan's Spur Ranch Cabins (all year)	307-733-2522
Flagg Ranch Resort (May 12–Oct. 7)	307-543-2861 or 800-443-2311
Jackson Lake Lodge (May 17–Sept. 30)	800-628-9988
Jenny Lake Lodge (June 1–Oct. 6)	307-733-4647
Signal Mt. Lodge (May 11–Oct. 14)	800-672-6012

Lodging can also be found in communities surrounding Grand Teton.

Information

Colter Bay Visitor Center & Indian Arts Museum—May 12 to October 8. Information, audiovisual programs, permits, and publication sales. Phone: 307-739-3594.

Flagg Ranch Information Station—June 4–Sept. 3. Phone: 307-543-2372.

Jenny Lake Ranger Station (climbing information)—May 19 to mid-September. Phone: 307-739-3343.

Jenny Lake Visitor Center—May 13–Sept. 28. Information, publication sales. Phone: 307-739-3392.

Craig Thomas Visitor Center (Moose)—Open year-round. Information, audiovisual programs, exhibits, permits, publication sales. Phone: 307-739-3399.

Telecommunications device for the deaf only (TDD): 307-739-3400.

Medical Clinic

Grand Teton Clinic, located near Jackson Lake Lodge. Daily, late May to early October.
Call 307-543-2514 or after hours 307-733-8002.

Emergency: dial 911.

Activities

Hiking, sightseeing, boating, floating the Snake River, horseback riding, and fishing are available depending on seasonal conditions. Backcountry camping requires a free permit from the Moose or Colter Bay visitor centers or the Jenny Lake Ranger Station. Boating requires a Grand Teton boating permit, sold at visitor centers. A Wyoming fishing license is required to fish in Grand Teton National Park.

For more information about Grand Teton National Park: call 307-739-3300 or visit the website, www.nps.gov/grte

Area Communities

Services are available in communities near Yellowstone; contact these Chambers of Commerce:

Montana

Big Sky	406-995-3000
Billings	800-735-2635
Bozeman	800-228-4224
Cooke City–Silver Gate	406-838-2495
Gardiner	406-848-7971
Livingston	406-222-0850
Red Lodge	888-281-0625
West Yellowstone	406-646-7701

Wyoming

Cody	800-393-2639
Dubois	307-455-2556
East Yellowstone/Wapiti Valley	307-587-9595
Jackson	307-733-3316

Idaho

Idaho Falls	866-365-6943
Eastern Idaho Visitor Information Center	800-634-3246

Nearby Public Lands

Big Hole National Battlefield	406-689-3155
Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area	406-666-2412
Bridger–Teton National Forest	307-739-5500
Caribou–Targhee National Forest	208-624-3151
Gallatin National Forest	406-587-6701
Glacier National Park	406-888-7800
Grant–Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site	406-846-3388
Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument	406-638-2621
Shoshone National Forest	307-527-6241
Virginia City National Historic Landmark	406-843-5247

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December 26*-February 27
$545 per person

Winter Wildlife Expedition
(4 nights) Available
January 5 & 19, February 2 & 16
$545 per person

Yellowstone on Skis
(4 nights) Available
December 29*, January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23
$869 per person

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(5 nights) Available
December 24*-February 25
$1029 per person

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Rates starting at
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Rates are double occupancy and do not include tax.
Rates for December packages may be higher.

Xanterra's Long Term Commitment to Sustainability

As an environmental leader in the hospitality industry, we serve as a role model for others. We take this role seriously. The days of recycling being "the single measure" of environmental responsibility are long gone. Today Xanterra, through our environmental management system called ***Ecologix***, is incorporating sustainable practices in all aspects of our operations, from food to fuel, and from emissions reduction to renewable energy.

Our Sustainability Report is our environmental report card!
Our Sustainability Report details the environmental impacts related to our operations throughout the U.S. To do this we use our ***Ecometrix***, data that specifically measure our energy and resource consumption, emissions, waste management, recycling, pollution prevention and overall sustainability efforts. To validate our findings, we enlisted a third-party environmental auditing firm; their assessment confirms the accuracy of our data.

Our Environmental Vision Goals chart our course!
Because we have accurate metrics in place, we have established our ***2015 Environmental Vision Goals***. These include:

1) decrease fossil fuel usage by 30% based on year 2000 usage
2) increase usage of renewable energy to provide 7% of total electricity consumed
3) decrease greenhouse gas emissions by 30% based on year 2000
4) divert from landfill 50% of all solid waste generated
5) increase purchase of sustainable food items to 50% of all company-wide food expenditures
6) achieve companywide average fuel economy standard of 35 mpg for all passenger vehicles (under 10 persons) purchased annually
7) generate zero hazardous waste
8) decrease water usage by 25% based on year 2003

For more information on Xanterra's commitment to sustainability and social performance, we invite you to review our ***Sustainability Report***, located in guest rooms and lodging front desks. The information is also available at www.Xanterra.com.

ATM 24-hour cash available at Yellowstone General Stores at Canyon, Fishing Bridge, Grant, Mammoth, and Old Faithful Basin Upper; and at Canyon Lodge, Lake Yellowstone Hotel, Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, Old Faithful Inn, and Old Faithful Snow Lodge. CIRRUS and PLUS network.

Backcountry Tours Write to Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190 or call the National Park Service, 307-344-7381, or visit www.nps.gov/yell for a list of certified outfitters.

Diesel Fuel Available at all service stations except at Old Faithful Upper and Tower.

Guided Tours The Yellowstone Association Institute and Xanterra Parks & Resorts offer guided tours throughout the park. See pages 7 & 14. For other certified guides and outfitters, call the National Park Service, 307-344-7381, or visit www.nps.gov/yell

Reservations For lodging, dining, camping, and activity reservations, call Xanterra Parks & Resorts, 307-344-7311, TDD 307-344-5395, or toll-free 866-439-7375. You can also make reservations at lodging front desks or activities desks.

*Dinner reservations required at Grant Village Restaurant, Lake Yellowstone Hotel Dining Room, Old Faithful Inn Dining Room.

Worship Services Worship services take place in the park and in communities adjacent to the park, and include most major denominations and interdenominational services during the summer months. Schedules available on bulletin boards at campgrounds and visitor centers.

What You Can Recycle in Yellowstone: glass, cans, paper, cardboard, plastic bottles with narrow necks, office paper, magazines, small propane canisters (used with camp stoves and lanterns). See map on back page for general locations; inquire locally.

YPSS
YELLOWSTONE PARK SERVICE STATIONS INC.

Yellowstone Park Service Stations, Inc. has been serving Yellowstone visitors since 1947. We operate seven service stations with limited retail items and four repair/towing facilities. See page 15 for dates and locations of operation.

Snacks • Drinks • Ice • Auto Repair/Parts • Tires • Towing/Recovery

LP Gas is available at Fishing Bridge and Grant Village. Towing and repair services are available at Old Faithful, Grant Village, Fishing Bridge, and Canyon.

Present this ad at one of our auto repair facilities for $5 off one oil change or tire repair. No appointment necessary!

YPSS Celebrates Yellowstone Explorers of Yesteryear and Today

One of the most interesting visitors to the Yellowstone area in 1865 was Father Francis Xavier Kuppens, a Belgian priest of the Jesuit Order, who offered this recollection 32 years later:

About the years 1865-66 I was stationed at the old Mission of St. Peter's on the Missouri River near the mouth of Sun River. A great part of that winter and spring I spent with the Pigeon [Piegan] Indians roaming from place to place south . . . It was while leading this nomad life that I first heard of the Yellowstone. Many an evening in the tent of Baptiste Champagne or Chief Big Lake the conversation, what little there was of it, turned on the beauties of that wonderful spot. I do not know that the narrator always adhered strictly to facts, but making allowance for fervid imagination there was sufficient in the tale to excite my curiosity and awaken in me a strong desire to see for myself this enchanted if not enchanting land. In the spring with a small party of Indians hunting buffalo, I persuaded a few young men to show me the wonderland of which they had talked so much. Thus I got my first sight of the Yellowstone. I shall not attempt to describe it, that has been done by many abler pens than mine; but you may be sure that before leaving I saw the chief attraction—the Grand Cañon, hot and cold geysers, variegated layers of rock, the Fire Hole, etc. I was very much impressed with the wild grandeur of the scenery.

May your wanderings in and reflections of Yellowstone bring you the simple peace and lasting memories experienced and recorded by Father Kuppens.

Service Locations & Schedules

	Canyon Village	Fishing Bridge	Grant & West Thumb	Lake & Bridge Bay	Mammoth Hot Springs	Norris	Old Faithful	Tower & Roosevelt	West Entrance & Madison
Visitor Center Information Station *Details on p. 3*	Visitor Education Center 5/26–9/3 8 AM–7 PM 9/4–9/30 8 AM–6 PM 10/1–10/14 9 AM–5 PM	Visitor Center 5/26–9/3 8 AM–7 PM 9/4–9/30 9 AM–6 PM	Visitor Center (Grant) 5/26–9/3 8 AM–7 PM 9/4–9/30 9 AM–6 PM Information Station (West Thumb) 5/26–9/30 9 AM–5 PM		Visitor Center through 5/25 9 AM–5 PM 5/26–9/3 8 AM–7 PM 9/4–9/30 8 AM–5 PM 10/1 and thereafter 9 AM–5 PM	Information Station 5/26–9/30 9 AM–5 PM Museum of the National Park Ranger 5/26–9/23 9 AM–5 PM	Visitor Center 4/20–5/25 9 AM–5 PM 5/26–9/3 8 AM–7 PM 9/4–9/30 8 AM–6 PM 10/1–11/4 9 AM–5 PM		West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center NPS rangers available 4/20–5/26, 8 AM–4 PM 5/27–9/3, 8 AM–8 PM 9/4–11/4, 8 AM–4 PM Information & Junior Ranger Station (Madison) 6/2–9/30; 9 AM–5 PM
Medical clinic				May 25–Sept. 25 See page 12.	Year-round See page 12.		May 17–Oct. 6 See page 12.		
Service station *snacks, drinks, ice* *** Credit card service at pump*	**Gas: May 4–Oct. 14 Repairs: May 25–Sept. 3 Wrecker: May 18–Oct. 14 Call 406-848-7333 for assistance	**Gas: May 18–Sept. 16 Repairs: May 25–Sept. 3 Wrecker: May 25–Sept. 3 LP Gas available Call 406-848-7333 for assistance	Gas (Grant): May 25–Sept. 23 Repairs: May 25–Sept. 3 Wrecker: May 25–Sept. 3 LP Gas available Call 406-848-7333 for assistance		May 11–Oct. 8 Call 406-848-7333 for assistance		**Lower: May 4–Oct. 14 **Upper: May 22–Sept. 3 Wrecker: May 18–Oct. 14 Repairs: May 25–Sept. 3 Call 406-848-7333 for assistance	June 8–Sept. 3 Call 406-848-7333 for assistance	
General Store *groceries restaurant souvenirs camping & fishing gear*	May 20–Oct. 9 (also has ATM, espresso, jewelry)	May 11–Oct. 7 (also has ATM, photo processing, jewelry)	Grant May 25–Sept. 23 (also has ATM, jewelry)	Lake May 19–Sept. 30	Year-round (no restaurant)		Lower: May 25–Oct. 7 Upper: May 4–Oct. 21 (also photo processing)	Tower May 18–Sept. 29 (no restaurant)	
Outdoor Store *recreation gear snacks souvenirs fast food*	Yellowstone Adventures Apr. 20–Oct. 21			Bridge Bay June 1–Sept. 9					
Mini Store *groceries, some camping & fishing gear souvenirs*			Grant May 14–Oct. 6					Roosevelt June 8–Sept. 2	
Gift shop *(in lodging facilities)*	Canyon Lodge June 1–Sept. 16		Grant Village May 25–Sept. 30	Lake Hotel May 18–Oct. 7 Lake Lodge June 10–Sept. 23	Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel May 4–Oct. 14		Old Faithful Inn May 11–Oct. 14 Old Faithful Snow Lodge April 20–Nov. 4 Old Faithful Lodge May 18–Oct. 4	Roosevelt Lodge June 8–Sept. 3	
Hotel	Canyon Lodge June 1–Sept. 16		Grant Village May 25–Sept. 30	Lake Hotel May 18–Oct. 7	Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel May 4–Oct. 8		Old Faithful Inn May 11–Oct. 14 Old Faithful Snow Lodge May 4–Oct. 21		
Cabins	Canyon Lodge June 1–Sept. 16			Lake Lodge June 10–Sept. 23 Lake Hotel May 18–Oct. 7	Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel May 4–Oct. 8		Old Faithful Lodge May 18–Sept. 16 Old Faithful Snow Lodge May 4–Oct. 21	Roosevelt Lodge June 8–Sept. 3	
Restaurant *(see also General Store)*	Canyon Lodge June 1–Sept. 16		Grant Village May 25–Sept. 30 Lake House at Grant May 25–Sept. 23	Lake Hotel May 18–Oct. 7	Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel May 4–Oct. 8		Old Faithful Inn May 11–Oct. 14 Old Faithful Snow Lodge May 4–Oct. 21	Roosevelt Lodge June 8–Sept. 3	
Cafeteria	Canyon Lodge June 1–Sept. 2			Lake Lodge June 10–Sept. 23			Old Faithful Lodge May 18–Sept. 15		
Snacks, light meals, fast food *(see also stores)*	Picnic Shop June 1–Sept. 16			Lake Hotel Deli May 18–Oct. 7	Terrace Grill May 4–Oct. 14		Old Faithful Inn, Bear Paw Snack Shop: May 11–Oct. 14 Old Faithful Snow Lodge, Geyser Grill April 20–Nov. 4 Old Faithful Lodge Bake Shop May 18–Sept. 30		
Campground *Details on p. 6* *** Reservations accepted*	**Canyon: 6/8–9/9 (laundry) Norris, 12 mi east, 5/18–9/24	**RV Park (hard-sided units only; laundry) 5/18–9/30	**Grant: 6/21–9/23 (laundry) Lewis Lake, 10 mi south, 6/15–11/4	**Bridge Bay: 5/25–9/16 **Fishing Bridge RV Park (hard-sided units only; laundry): 5/18–9/30	Mammoth: All year Indian Creek, 9 mi south, 6/8–9/17 Norris, 21 mi south, 5/18–9/24	5/18–9/24	**Madison, 16 mi north, 5/4–10/28	Tower Fall, 3.5 mi south ,5/18–9/24 Slough Creek, 7 mi east, 5/25–10/31 Pebble Creek, 18 mi east, 6/8–9/24	**Madison, 5/4–10/28
Showers	At campground	At RV park	At campground		Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel 5/4–10/8		Old Faithful Inn 5/11–10/14	Roosevelt Lodge June 8–Sept. 3	
Marina Boat Tours Trail Rides	Trail Rides June 17–Sept. 1			Bridge Bay: Dock rental 5/25–9/16 Boat Tours 6/1–9/16	Trail Rides May 11–Sept. 16			Trail & Stagecoach Rides; Cookout June 9–Sept. 2	

YELLOWSTONE

- Visitor center or information station
- Medical clinic
- Restrooms
- Telephone
- Service station
- General Store, Mini Store, Gift Shop
- Lodging
- Food
- Campground
- Camping: hard-sided units only
- Showers
- Marina
- Trail rides
- Recycling

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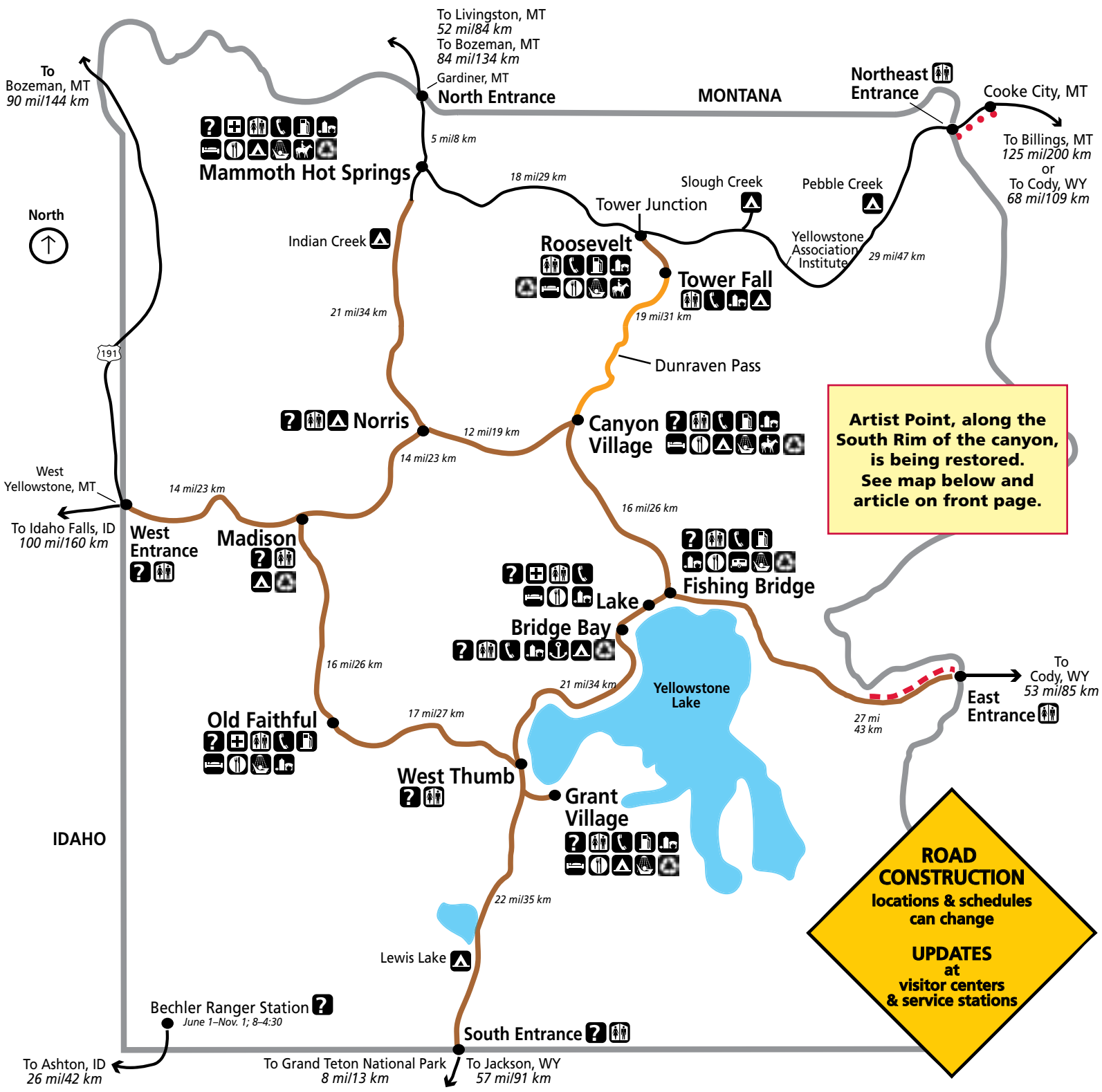


Artist Point, along the South Rim of the canyon, is being restored. See map below and article on front page.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION
locations & schedules can change

UPDATES
at
visitor centers & service stations

Road Closing Schedule

Closes October 9
Canyon Junction to Tower Fall, including Dunraven Pass.

Closes November 5 at 8 AM

Open year-round

Road Construction

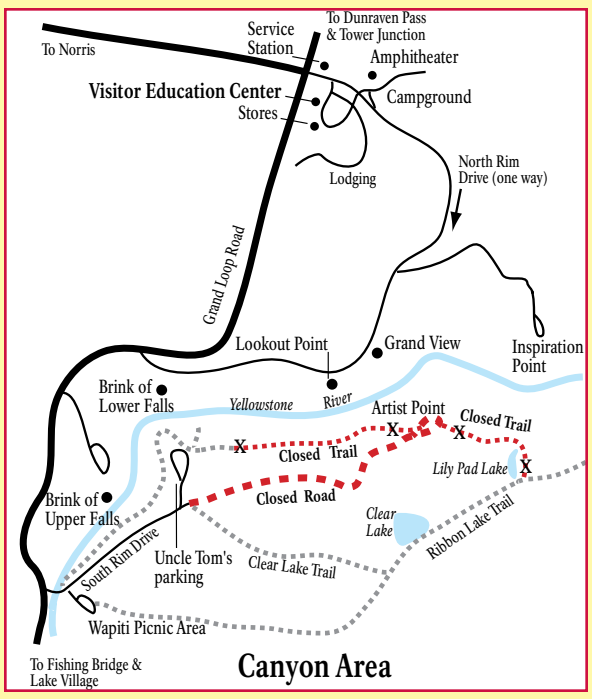
Canyon Village →

Artist Point
Through Nov. 3: South Rim Drive from Uncle Tom's parking area to Artist Point CLOSED; Artist Point area CLOSED.

North Rim Drive
July 9–Sept. 9: OPEN daily 6 AM–10 PM; POSSIBLY CLOSED 10 PM–6 AM
MAY CLOSE EARLY FOR SEASON.

East Entrance
Open through Nov. 5 (if conditions allow)
THROUGH NOV. 5:
OPEN with half hour delays
NO NIGHT CLOSURES

Beartooth Highway (US 212),
Northeast Entrance through Cooke City: Expect construction to start mid-summer and continue through October 15 with half-hour delays Monday–Friday, but no weekend or holiday work. **For construction updates on this highway *only*, call 888-285-4636.**



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Park Information: 307-344-7381 (TDD: 307-344-2386) • Emergency—Dial 911 • Road updates: 307-344-2117