

Bicycling routes

Two gravel roads are open to both bicycle and automotive traffic. The Old Gardiner Road and Blacktail Plateau Drive allow two-way bike traffic and one-way auto traffic. Please do not block entrance gates when parking at these locations.

Routes shown and numbered on map are restricted to bicycle and foot travel only. Distances listed are one way.

Mammoth area

- 1 Abandoned railroad bed paralleling the Yellowstone River, beginning west of the Heritage and Research Center to the park boundary at Reese Creek (5 miles/8 km).
- 2 Bunsen Peak Road to Mammoth housing and maintenance area (6 miles/9.7 km).

West entrance area

- 3 Riverside Trail from Boundary Street trailhead (in West Yellowstone) to Barnes Road. (1.4 miles/2.3 km)

Old Faithful area

- 4 Fountain Freight Road at the Fairy Falls Trailhead, located 6 miles (9.7 km) north of Old Faithful (5.5 miles/8.9 miles). Add 1.25 miles (2 km) if you add Fountain Flats Drive to Grand Loop Road. (Expect a bear management area closure here each spring until about Memorial Day weekend.)
- 5 Daisy Geyser cut-off to Grand Loop Road south of Biscuit Basin. (1 mile/1.6 km).
- 6 The paved trail from the Old Faithful Inn to Morning Glory Pool (1.4 miles/2.3 km). Bicycles are not allowed beyond Morning Glory Pool.
- 7 Lone Star Geyser Trail (south of Kepler Cascades pullout) from the Grand Loop Road to Lone Star Geyser (2.4 miles/3.9 km).

Lake area (check for seasonal closures)

- 8 Natural Bridge service road near Bridge Bay (1 mile/1.6 km).
- 9 The old roadbed along the lakeshore between Lake Hotel and the Grand Loop Road (1 mile/1.6 km).

Tower-Lamar area

- 10 Mount Washburn from the Chittenden Road parking area to the summit (2.5 miles/4 km). Bicycles are not permitted on the southern trail between the summit and Dunraven Pass parking area.
- 11 Old Chittenden service road between Grand Loop Road and Tower Fall Campground (2 miles/3.2 km). Check locally. This area closes sometimes for bear management.

Information

If you are traveling with an organized bicycle group, permits and restrictions may apply. Contact the Visitor Services Office at 307 344-2107.

Lodging and camping reservations are available at

Xanterra Parks & Resorts

307 344-7311

www.YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com

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Bicycling in Yellowstone National Park



Bicycling in Yellowstone

Yellowstone's bicycling opportunities can be rewarding and challenging due to terrain and climate. Cool, cloudy days are typical in May and June. Warm days with afternoon thunderstorms and cool nights characterize July and August. September and October generally have clear, cool days with occasional snowstorms.

Routes listed are available when roads are open to vehicles. Consult the park newspaper or park website for dates. Bicycling is allowed for a short time before roads open in spring and after they close in fall. Bicycles are prohibited on oversnow routes in Yellowstone.

Bicycle touring

While bicycle touring in the park can be a rewarding experience, advance preparation is essential. More than 300 miles of roadway exist, and the distances between developed areas are long. Road elevations range from 5,300 ft. to 8,860 ft. (1615 m to 2700 m), which requires extra time and energy between points of travel. Some notable climbs in the park are:

- Craig Pass (8,261 ft/2518 m)
- Sylvan Pass (8,530 ft/2600 m)
- Dunraven Pass (8,859 ft/2700 m)

All bicycle touring groups—private, nonprofit, commercial—must contact the Visitor Services Office (307 344-2107) for permits, special regulations, and other information.

Repair services

Repair services and parts are available in the gateway community of West Yellowstone, Montana, and other more distant communities. Rentals are available from several bicycle shops outside the park and at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge (May to September).

Regulations

- Bicycle riders on public roadways in Yellowstone must obey the same rules and regulations that apply to motorized vehicles.
- Bicycles are not allowed on park trails, boardwalks, utility corridors, or service roads, except for those listed under “Bicycling Routes.”
- During periods of low visibility, bicycles must exhibit a white light on the front and a red light or reflector on the rear.
- Bicycle riders on public roadways must ride in single file. Riding abreast is prohibited.

Camping in Yellowstone

Camping for bicyclists is limited to developed campgrounds throughout the park. Five campgrounds accept reservations. Seven are first-come, first-served. Dates of seasonal openings and closings are listed on the park website and in the park newspaper. Only Mammoth campground is open year round.

Bicycle campers need to plan logistics carefully in Yellowstone. Long distances separate campgrounds, which typically fill early each day during summer. If you have access to a vehicle, use it to find a campsite in your destination campground early each day. Camping is not available at Old Faithful.

A limited number of campsites are reserved for hikers and bicyclists at all campgrounds, except Slough Creek. Bicyclists camping without a vehicle can use these sites for \$5 per individual per night. Vehicle campsites range from \$14 to \$45 per night depending on the campground.

Groups are required to camp in group campsites at Madison, Bridge Bay, and Grant. Call Xanterra Parks & Resorts (866 439-7375) well in advance of your arrival to check on group campsite availability.

Road conditions and safety

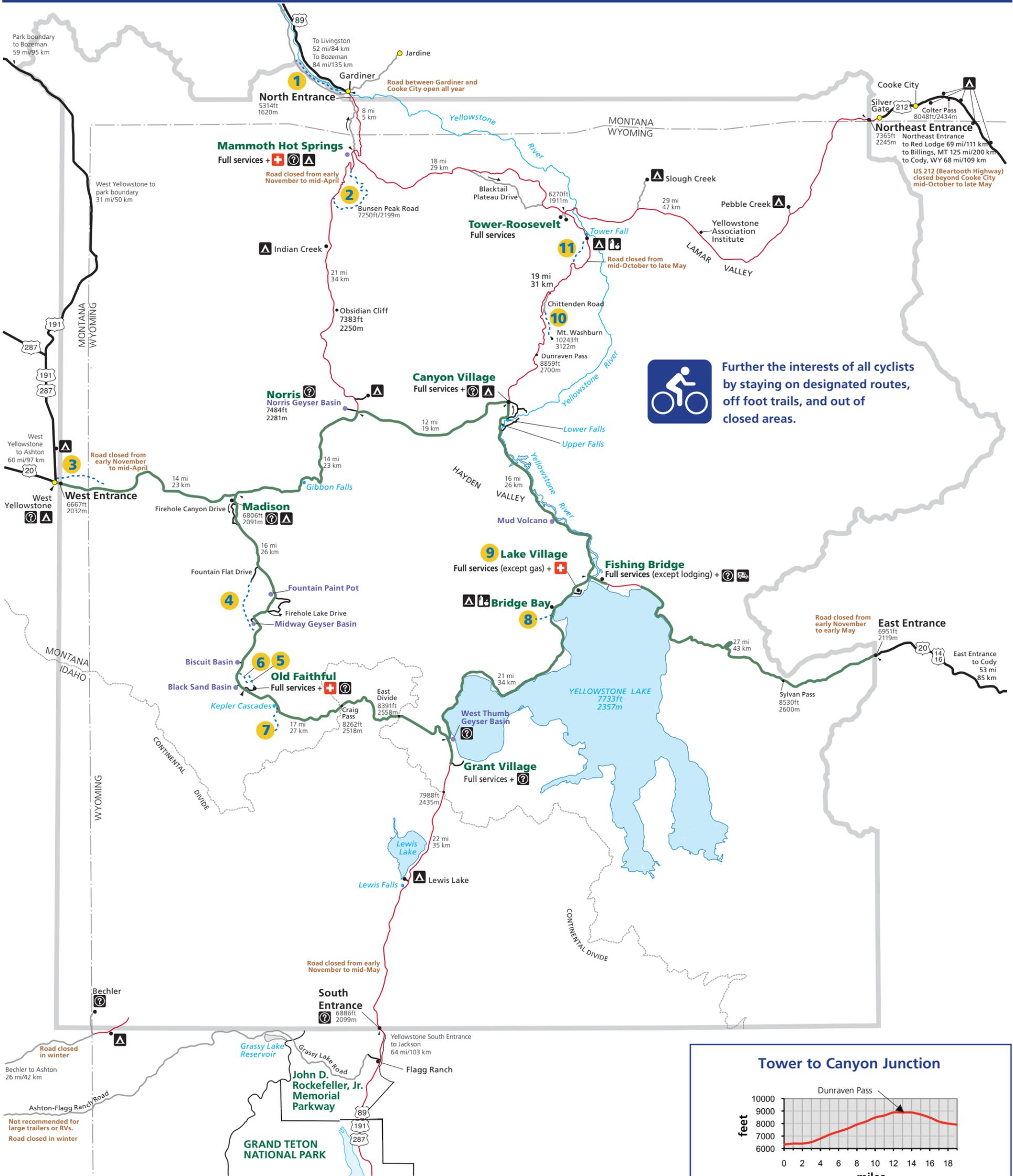
Review the map opposite for road information –

- **Red roads** are narrow and rough without road shoulders. Consider poor road conditions when planning your bicycle travel in the park.
- **Spring caution** – During May and June, high snowbanks make travel more dangerous, especially in the south-central area of the park.
- **Road construction** – A parkwide road improvement plan is underway. Expect road construction; inquire locally for details.
- **Be visible** – Wear a helmet and high visibility clothing. Heavy traffic, large vehicles, wide mirrors, narrow roads, and erratic driving behavior are all hazards that contribute to the bicycle-motorist related accidents in the park.
- **Plan for traffic** – Road congestion is heaviest from mid-June to mid-September with daily peaks from mid-morning to late afternoon. Plan your route to avoid peak traffic periods and the most heavily-used roadways that serve well-known points of interest. If you impede traffic flow, pull over to allow motorists to pass you more safely. On the few service roads open to bikes, yield the right-of-way to other users such as hikers or horse riders.



Keep your distance. You must stay at least 100 yards (91 m) from bears and wolves. A distance of 25 yards (23 m) is required from bison, elk, and other animals. Regardless of distance, if any wild animal changes its behavior due to your presence, you are too close.

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Further the interests of all cyclists by staying on designated routes, off foot trails, and out of closed areas.

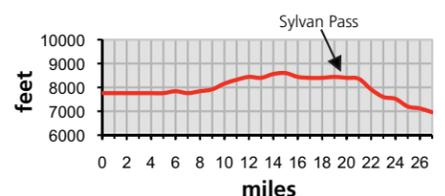
Tower to Canyon Junction



Old Faithful to West Thumb



Fishing Bridge to East Entrance



Road construction

Check the park newspaper or website for delays or closures.

Backcountry camping

Backcountry camping requires permits. Inquire at visitor centers or information stations. Do not use this map for backcountry hiking.

Fishing

Fishing requires a Yellowstone National Park permit. State permits are not valid in the park and state regulations do not apply.



- Distance indicator
- Day-use bicycling/hiking trail
- Improved road
- Unimproved road
- Highways
- Gravel road
- One-way road

- Full Services =**
- Stores
 - Food
 - Lodging
 - Recycling
 - Fuel

- Other Services**
- Medical clinic
 - Visitor center or information station
 - Campground
 - RV park

Check the park website or newspaper for seasonal dates of services and facilities.