

Ultimate Visitor's Guide to Yellowstone National Park: Resources You Need for an Unforgettable Adventure

Important Phone Numbers

- **Emergency Services:** Dial 911
- **Park Headquarters:** 307-344-7381
- **Visitor Information:** 307-344-7381
- **Road and Weather Updates:** 307-344-2117
- **Backcountry Permits Office:** 307-344-2160
- **Lost and Found:** 307-344-7381
- **Campground Information:** 877-444-6777 (Recreation.gov)

Entrance Information

- **Entrance Fees:**
 - **Private Vehicle:** \$35 (7-day pass)
 - **Motorcycle:** \$30 (7-day pass)
 - **Individual (hiker, bicyclist):** \$20 (7-day pass)
 - **Annual Park Pass:** \$70
- **Main Entrances:**
 - **North Entrance:** Near Gardiner, Montana
 - **West Entrance:** Near West Yellowstone, Montana
 - **South Entrance:** Near Jackson, Wyoming
 - **East Entrance:** Near Cody, Wyoming
 - **Northeast Entrance:** Near Cooke City, Montana

Visitor Centers

- **Albright Visitor Center:** Located at Mammoth Hot Springs
- **Canyon Visitor Education Center:** Near the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone
- **Old Faithful Visitor Education Center:** Near the Old Faithful Geyser
- **West Thumb Information Center:** Near Yellowstone Lake
- **Grant Visitor Center:** Near the southern entrance
- **Fishing Bridge Visitor Center:** Near the Yellowstone River

Campgrounds

1. **Madison Campground**
 - **Location:** Near West Entrance
 - **Phone:** 877-444-6777 (Recreation.gov)
 - **Features:** Reservations available, tent and RV sites, restrooms, and picnic areas.
2. **Grant Village Campground**
 - **Location:** Near West Thumb
 - **Phone:** 877-444-6777 (Recreation.gov)
 - **Features:** Reservations available, tent and RV sites, restrooms, and picnic areas.
3. **Canyon Campground**
 - **Location:** Near the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone
 - **Phone:** 877-444-6777 (Recreation.gov)
 - **Features:** Reservations available, tent and RV sites, restrooms, and picnic areas.
4. **Bridge Bay Campground**

- **Location:** Near Yellowstone Lake
 - **Phone:** 877-444-6777 (Recreation.gov)
 - **Features:** Reservations available, tent and RV sites, restrooms, and picnic areas.
5. **Mammoth Campground**
- **Location:** Near North Entrance
 - **Phone:** 877-444-6777 (Recreation.gov)
 - **Features:** First-come, first-served sites, tent and RV sites, restrooms, and picnic areas.

Lodging and Accommodations

- **Inside the Park:**
 - **Old Faithful Inn**
 - **Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel & Cabins**
 - **Lake Yellowstone Hotel & Cabins**
 - **Canyon Lodge & Cabins**
 - **Grant Village**
 - **Roosevelt Lodge & Cabins**
- **Outside the Park:**
 - **Gardiner, MT:** Yellowstone Gateway Inn, Absaroka Lodge
 - **West Yellowstone, MT:** Best Western Desert Inn, Explorer Cabins at Yellowstone
 - **Cody, WY:** The Cody Hotel, Buffalo Bill's Irma Hotel
 - **Jackson, WY:** The Wort Hotel, Cowboy Village Resort

Hiking and Trails

- **Popular Trails:**
 - **Fairy Falls Trail:** Near Midway Geyser Basin
 - **Mount Washburn Trail:** Near Dunraven Pass
 - **Lamar Valley Trail:** Wildlife viewing
 - **Uncle Tom's Trail:** Near Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone
 - **Norris Geyser Basin Trails:** Geothermal features

Backcountry Permits

- **How to Obtain:** Permits required for overnight stays in the backcountry. Obtain at visitor centers or ranger stations.
- **Reservation System:** Advance reservations available online at Recreation.gov

Transportation

- **Scenic Drives:** Grand Loop Road connects major sites and attractions.
- **Shuttle Service:** Limited in-park shuttle services; consider guided tours.

Wildlife and Safety

- **Wildlife Viewing:** Bison, elk, bears, wolves, and other wildlife are common. Always maintain a safe distance.
- **Bear Safety:** Carry bear spray, make noise on trails, and store food properly.
- **Trail Conditions:** Check for updates on trail closures and conditions at visitor centers or the park's website.

Additional Resources

- **Park Maps and Guides:** Available at visitor centers or online on the [Yellowstone National Park website](#)

- **Ranger Programs:** Educational programs, guided hikes, and evening talks offered throughout the park.
- **Weather Information:** Be prepared for rapidly changing conditions; check forecasts regularly.

Highly Rated Campgrounds Near Yellowstone National Park

1. **Yellowstone Grizzly RV Park**
 - **Location:** 210 S Electric St, West Yellowstone, MT 59758
 - **Phone:** 406-646-4466
 - **Features:** Full hookups, WiFi, laundry facilities, pet-friendly areas.
2. **Yellowstone KOA Mountainside**
 - **Location:** 1545 Targhee Pass Hwy, West Yellowstone, MT 59758
 - **Phone:** 406-646-7606
 - **Features:** Full hookups, WiFi, pool, hot tub, playground, laundry facilities.
3. **Buffalo Crossing RV Park**
 - **Location:** 109 S Faithful St, West Yellowstone, MT 59758
 - **Phone:** 406-646-4300
 - **Features:** Full hookups, WiFi, laundry facilities, pet-friendly areas.
4. **Gardiner KOA**
 - **Location:** 550 Old Yellowstone Trail S, Gardiner, MT 59030
 - **Phone:** 406-848-7566
 - **Features:** Full hookups, WiFi, pool, hot tub, playground, laundry facilities.
5. **Cody KOA Holiday**
 - **Location:** 5561 Greybull Hwy, Cody, WY 82414
 - **Phone:** 307-587-2369
 - **Features:** Full hookups, WiFi, pool, hot tub, playground, laundry facilities.

Highly Rated Restaurants Near Yellowstone National Park

1. **The Buffalo Bar**
 - **Location:** 335 US-20, West Yellowstone, MT 59758
 - **Phone:** 406-646-1176
 - **Cuisine:** American, bar food, local beers.
2. **Wild West Pizzeria & Saloon**
 - **Location:** 14 Madison Ave, West Yellowstone, MT 59758
 - **Phone:** 406-646-4400
 - **Cuisine:** Italian, pizza, American.
3. **Tumbleweed Bookstore & Cafe**
 - **Location:** 501 Scott St, Gardiner, MT 59030
 - **Phone:** 406-848-2225
 - **Cuisine:** Coffee, sandwiches, vegetarian options.
4. **Cafe Madriz**
 - **Location:** 311 N Canyon St, West Yellowstone, MT 59758
 - **Phone:** 406-646-9245
 - **Cuisine:** Spanish, tapas, seafood.
5. **The Cody Cattle Company**
 - **Location:** 1910 Demaris Dr, Cody, WY 82414
 - **Phone:** 307-272-5770
 - **Cuisine:** American, steakhouse, live entertainment.

6. **Old Faithful Inn Dining Room**

- **Location:** Inside Yellowstone National Park, near Old Faithful Geyser
- **Phone:** 307-344-7311
- **Cuisine:** American, fine dining with local specialties.