

Grand Teton Guide

Spring (May) 2011 – Trip Planner (formerly *Teewinot*)

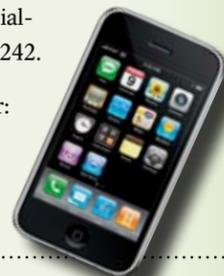
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Wildlife Where?



Take a drive on the one-way scenic loop from the North Jenny Lake Junction or take a loop drive on the Antelope Flats road in the southeast corner of the park. Both of these roads provide excellent wildlife viewing opportunities. Ask at a visitor center for more information. Please obey speed limits for the animals' safety and yours.

See page 5 for more information on spring activities.

Pets in the Park?

To ensure that you and your pet enjoy a safe visit, follow all pet regulations while inside the park. Wildlife may be drawn to pets and their owners; pets can wander away and may never be found—the park is a wild place!

See page 4 for more information



International Visitors

Des renseignements en Français sont disponibles aux centres des visiteurs dans le parc.

Sie können Informationen auf Deutsch in den Besucherzentren bekommen.

Se puede conseguir información en Español en el Centro del Visitante.

 Accessibility information available at visitor centers and on the Grand Teton Web site: <http://www.nps.gov/grte>.

Contact Information

Grand Teton National Park Web site
Grand Teton National Park News Releases
Grand Teton National Park Tweets

<http://www.nps.gov/grte/>
<http://www.gtnpnews.blogspot.com>
<http://twitter.com/grandtetonnps>

EMERGENCY	911
Park Dispatch	(307) 739-3301
Visitor Information	(307) 739-3300
Weather	(307) 739-3611
Road Construction Hotline	(307) 739-3614
Backcountry & River Information	(307) 739-3602
Climbing Information	(307) 739-3604
Camping Information	(307) 739-3603
TTY/TDD Emergency Calls Only	(307) 739-3301

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Be Bear Aware

Black and grizzly bears can be anywhere in the park at any time. Odors attract bears into campgrounds and picnic areas. Regulations require that all food, garbage, toiletries, pet food, coolers and food containers (empty or full), and cookware (clean or dirty) be stored in a hard-sided vehicle with the windows rolled up or bear-resistant food locker when not in immediate use, day or night. Failure to follow regulations is a violation of federal law and may result in a citation.

Make Noise in Bear Country

Grizzly and black bears live in the park and parkway. Bears will usually move out of the way if they hear people approaching, so make noise. Don't surprise bears! Calling out and clapping your hands at regular intervals are the best ways to make your presence known. Be particularly careful when vegetation or terrain limits line of sight.

Never Approach a Bear

All bears are wild and dangerous. Each bear will react differently and their behavior cannot be predicted. Keep children close by. Hike in groups and avoid hiking early in the morning, late in the day or when it's dark.

- Never leave your backpack unattended!
- Never allow a bear to get human food. If approached by a bear while eating, put food away and retreat to a safe distance.

If You Encounter a Bear

Do not run; bears can easily outrun you. Running may cause an otherwise non-aggressive bear to attack.

- If the bear is unaware of you, or 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 food and often results in the death of a bear.
- Do not climb trees. All black bears, all grizzly cubs and some adult grizzlies can climb trees.

If a Bear Approaches or Charges You

Do not run! Most bear attacks result from surprise encounters when the bear is defending their young or a food source, such as a carcass. 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, lie on the ground completely flat on your stomach. Spread your legs slightly and clasp your hands over the back of your neck. Do not move until you are certain the bear has left.

In rare cases, bears have attacked at night or after stalking people. These types of attacks may mean the bear views you as prey. If you are attacked at night or if you feel you have been stalked and attacked as prey, fight back. Do whatever it takes to let the bear know you are not easy prey.

Please stop by a park visitor center for more information.

If You Carry Bear Spray

- Bear spray has been shown to be extremely effective in deterring bear attacks.
- Use only bear spray. Personal self-defense pepper spray is not effective.
- Keep the canister immediately available, not in your pack.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions, know how to use the spray, and be aware of its limitations, including the expiration date.
- It is not a repellent! Do not spray it on people, tents or backpacks.
- Under no circumstances should bear spray serve as a substitute for standard safety precautions in bear country.

Help Our Bears!

Do not leave backpacks, coolers, or bags containing food unattended for ANY amount of time.

Do not leave food, garbage or coolers in the open bed of a truck or on the exterior of any vehicle.

WHAT KIND OF BEAR DID YOU SEE? Both grizzly bears and black bears live in the park and parkway. Color is misleading – both species can vary from blonde-black.

Black Bear



- No distinctive shoulder hump
- Face profile is straight from nose to tip of ears
- Ears are tall and pointed
- Front claws are short and curved (1-2" long)

Grizzly Bear



- Distinctive shoulder hump
- Face profile appears dished in
- Ears are short and rounded
- Front claws are long and less curved (2-4" long)

Entrance Fees

Single Entry: \$25 - 7 Days

DETAILS: Good for both Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks: \$25 per vehicle; \$12 per person for single hiker or bicyclist; \$20 per motorcycle.

Interagency Annual Pass: \$80 - Annual

DETAILS: The pass covers entrance and standard amenity recreation fees on public lands managed by four Department of the Interior agencies—the National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the Bureau of Reclamation, and by the Department of Agriculture's U.S. Forest Service. The interagency pass is good at vehicle-based entry sites for all occupants in a single, non-commercial vehicle.

Interagency Senior Pass: \$10 - Lifetime

DETAILS: A lifetime pass for U.S. citizens 62 or older that offers entrance to all areas covered under the Interagency Annual Pass, non-transferable.

Interagency Access Pass: Free

DETAILS: A lifetime pass for citizens with permanent disabilities, offering entrance to all areas covered under the Interagency Annual Pass, non-transferable.

Grand Teton - Yellowstone Pass: \$50.00 - Annual

DETAILS: Allows entrance to Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks for 12 months from date of purchase; non-transferable.

Commercial Tour Fee: \$ variable - 7 Days

DETAILS: Good for both Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks; non-transferable. Fee is based on the carrying capacity of the vehicle (driver not included). 1-6 carrying capacity: \$25 plus \$12 per person; 7-15 carrying capacity: \$125; 16-25 carrying capacity: \$200; 26 or more carrying capacity: \$300.

Teton Weather



From June through August the average daily temperature in the valley is 76°F, but high-elevation hiking trails are not snow-free until mid-July. Nighttime temperatures can drop to the lower 40s.

Dress in layers when recreating and be prepared for changing conditions. Afternoon thunderstorms occur frequently during the summer. Since 1999, there have been 14 injuries and one fatality in the park due to lightning. Avoid mountain tops, ridges and open areas.

NOAA weather forecasts are available at www.weather.gov/riverton, on NOAA Weather Radio at 162.525 MHz, or by calling the National Weather Service at 1-800-211-1448.

Don't Get Hit!

Follow these guidelines to avoid lightning-related injuries.

- Afternoon storms are common in summer, get to a safe place before storms hit.
- Avoid mountain tops, ridges, open areas and lone trees; forested areas with trees of similar height are safer.
- Do not stand on tree roots.
- If boating, get off the water.
- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) provides a variety of material and links through their website at: <http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/outdoors.htm>. This site contains critical lightning safety and medical information.

Average Temperatures

Moose, WY

January	High 25.7 °F	Low 1.2 °F
February	High 31.1 °F	Low 3.6 °F
March	High 39 °F	Low 11.9 °F
April	High 49 °F	Low 22.1 °F
May	High 60.9 °F	Low 30.9 °F
June	High 70.6 °F	Low 37.2 °F
July	High 79.8 °F	Low 41.2 °F
August	High 78.8 °F	Low 39.6 °F
September	High 68.9 °F	Low 32.2 °F
October	High 55.9 °F	Low 23.2 °F
November	High 38 °F	Low 13.7 °F
December	High 26 °F	Low 1.5 °F

Visitor Centers 2011



Craig Thomas Discovery & Visitor Center

Located in Moose, 1/2 mile west of Moose Junction. Open Daily. Open year-round, closed Dec. 25th. Summer hours below. (307) 739-3399.

May 1-June 5	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
June 6-Sept. 25	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sept. 26-Oct. 31	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jenny Lake Visitor Center

Located 8 miles north of Moose Junction on the Teton Park Road. Open Daily. (307) 739-3392.

May 13-June 5	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
June 6-Sept. 5	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sept. 6-Sept. 25	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jenny Lake Ranger Station

Located 8 miles north of Moose Junction on the Teton Park Road. Open Daily. (307) 739-3343.

May 21-Sept. 18	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Colter Bay Visitor Center & Indian Arts Museum

Located 1/2 mile west of Colter Bay Junction on Highway 89/191/287. Open Daily. (307) 739-3594.

May 7-June 5	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
June 6-Sept. 5	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sept. 6-Oct. 10	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Flagg Ranch Information Station

Located at Flagg Ranch, 16 miles north of Colter Bay on Highway 89/191/287. Open Daily. (307) 543-2372.

June 6-Sept. 5	9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
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May be closed for lunch

Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center

Located 4 miles south of Moose on the Moose-Wilson Road. Open Daily. (307) 739-3654.

May 22-June 5	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
June 6-Sept. 5	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sept. 6-25	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For Wildlife Observers & Photographers



Seeing a grizzly bear or a moose for the first time is an exciting experience, but always keep safety in mind. Parking on the roadway slows traffic and may cause accidents. Avoid parking on vegetation (see photo) and use designated turnouts instead.

BE A RESPONSIBLE WILDLIFE OBSERVER.

Approaching wildlife stresses animals and can endanger you and your family. During the summer of 2005, a child was suddenly kicked by a moose and seriously injured. Use binoculars, spotting scopes or long lenses for close views and photographs.

Always maintain a safe distance of at least 300 feet from large animals such as bears, bison, moose and elk. Never position yourself between an adult and its offspring. Females with young are especially defensive. It is illegal to feed wildlife, including ground squirrels and birds. Feeding wild animals makes them dependent on people, and animals often bite the hand that feeds them.

Let wildlife thrive undisturbed.

Harassment is any human action that causes unusual behavior or a change of behavior in an animal. Repeated encounters with people can have negative, long-term

Always use designated turnouts when stopping to view wildlife.

impacts on wildlife, including increased levels of stress and the avoidance of essential feeding areas. Please remember, nesting birds are easily disturbed. For wildlife, raising young is a private affair. If an adult bird on a nest flies off at your approach, circles you, or screams in alarm—you are too close to the nest. Unattended

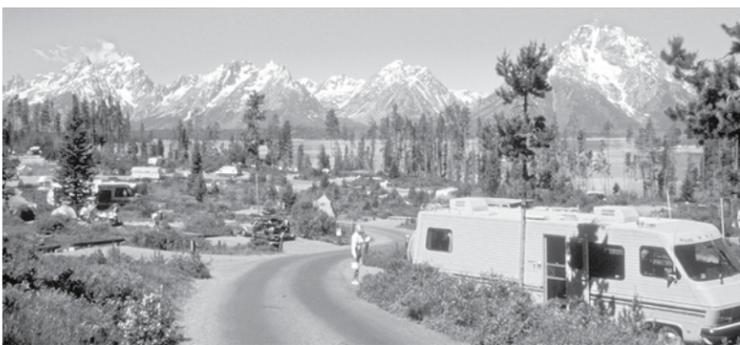
nestlings readily succumb to predation and exposure to heat, cold and wet weather.

Allow other visitors a chance to enjoy wildlife. If your actions cause an animal to flee, you have deprived other visitors of a viewing opportunity. Use an animal's behavior as a guide to your actions, and limit the time you spend near wildlife. Follow all park regulations and policies, they are designated for the wildlife's and your safety.



Photograph by Dan Ng

Campgrounds



All five park campgrounds and two trailer villages are operated by park concessioners.

CAMPGROUNDS

Campground fees start at \$20 per night per site and half price for Senior/Access cardholders. Jenny Lake and Colter Bay have walk-in sites available. All campgrounds provide modern comfort stations, but do not include utility hookups (except for Colter Bay RV Park and Flagg Ranch Campground).

The maximum length of stay is seven days per person at Jenny Lake and 14 days at all other campgrounds—no more than 30 days in the park per year.

These campgrounds operate on a first-come, first-served basis and advance reservations are not accepted, except for group camping reservations and Colter Bay RV Park and Flagg Ranch Campground.

For campground status, contact entrance stations or visitor centers. Additional camping facilities are available in nearby national forests and other areas outside the park. Camping is not permitted within the park along roadsides, in overlooks or in parking areas. Doubling up in campsites is not permitted and there are no overflow facilities.

There are eight free campsites on Grassy Lake Road that have pit toilets but no potable water.

GROUP CAMPING

Reservations are available for group camping at Colter Bay and Gros Ventre campgrounds. The sites range in capacity from 10 to 100 people. Advance reservations are required and may be made through the Grand Teton Lodge Company at (800) 628-9988 or (307) 543-3100.

PUBLIC SHOWERS

The only public shower facilities in the park are located at Colter Bay Village in the laundromat.

RECYCLING CENTERS

Park concessioners Grand Teton Lodge Company and Signal Mountain Lodge collectively recycle more than 170 tons of material annually. When you stay in a park campground, please use the recycling containers to help keep Grand Teton National Park clean and pleasant for other campers and conserve resources.

REDUCE YOUR USE OF DISPOSABLE PLASTIC BOTTLES

Park concessioners are joining Grand Teton National Park to reduce the sale and use of disposable plastic bottles by selling reusable containers. Save money, energy and reduce waste by using reusable bottles for water.

PARK CAMPGROUNDS

Colter Bay Campground*

350 individual, 9 walk-in, 11 group
Open: May 26 to Sept. 25
\$20 per night, (800) 628-9988
Filling Time: evening

Colter Bay Tent Village Park

66 tent cabin sites
Open: June 3 to Sept. 5
\$50 per night, (800) 628-9988
Filling Time: call for information

Colter Bay RV Park

112 RV sites
Open: May 26 to Sept. 25
\$55 per night, (800) 628-9988
Filling Time: call for information
RV hookups available

Flagg Ranch Campground

175 individual sites, hook-ups
Open: May 16 to Sept. 18
\$35-\$60 per night, (800) 443-2311
Filling Time: call for information
RV hookups available

Gros Ventre Campground*

350 individual sites, 5 group
Open: May 6 to Oct. 9
\$20 per night, (800) 628-9988
Filling Time: rarely fills

Jenny Lake Campground (tents only)

49 individual sites, 10 walk-in sites
Open: May 13 to Oct. 2
\$20 per night, (800) 628-9988
Filling Time: 9 a.m.

Lizard Creek Campground

60 individual sites
Open: June 10 to Sept. 5
\$20 per night, \$5 per person for hiker/biker campers without vehicles, (800) 672-6012
Filling Time: rarely fills
30 foot vehicle max

Signal Mountain Campground*

86 individual sites, 1 RV hookup site
Open: May 6 to Oct. 16
\$20 (\$49 RV) per night, (800) 672-6012
Filling Time: noon or earlier
30 foot vehicle max

* dump station available

Safety & Regulations

FIREARMS

Wyoming state regulations apply. Carrying or possessing firearms is prohibited in buildings where notice is posted. Firearms may not be discharged in a national park, except by permitted individuals during legal hunting seasons.

FIREWORKS

Fireworks and other pyrotechnic devices are prohibited at all times in the park.

CAMPFIRES

Campfires are allowed without a permit at designated campgrounds and picnic areas within metal fire grates, unless fire restrictions are in effect. A permit may be obtained for campfires below the high water line of Jackson Lake at the Colter Bay Visitor Center. Campfires are prohibited in all other areas.

PLANTS & ANIMALS

All plants and animals are part of natural processes and are protected within the park and parkway. Leave plants and animals in their natural setting for others to enjoy. Even picking wildflowers is prohibited. Keep a respectful distance from all animals to avoid disturbing their natural routines. Large animals are quick, powerful and unpredictable. Getting too close can result in serious injury. Take special care to avoid encounters with wildlife and to help maintain their natural fear of humans. Many small animals can carry diseases and should never be touched or handled. Allow them to find their own food. Their natural diet ensures their health and survival. No matter how tempting it may be to give food to animals, feeding is prohibited.

PETS

Pets must be restrained on a leash (6 feet or less) at all times. Pets are not allowed in visitor centers, on park trails or in the backcountry (which begins six feet from roadways), in boats on the Snake River or lakes other than Jackson Lake. Pets are not allowed on ranger-led activities. Kennels are available in Jackson. Properly dispose of pet feces in garbage cans. **Pets are not permitted on the multi-use pathway.**

BIKING

Bicycles are permitted on public roadways,

the multi-use pathway and on the Colter Bay Marina breakwater. Ride on the right side of the road in single file and wear a helmet at all times. Riding bicycles or other wheeled vehicles in the backcountry, on- or off-trail, is prohibited. **Roadway shoulders are narrow—ride at your own risk.**

MULTI-USE PATHWAY

Only NON-MOTORIZED METHODS of transportation are permitted on the multi-use pathway. Persons with physical disabilities may use electric and battery operated transportation. The multi-use pathway is closed from dusk to dawn for wildlife and public safety.

PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED on the park pathway. Guide dogs—used for the sole purpose of aiding a person with physical disability—may travel on the pathway. Ask at a visitor center for suggestions on where to exercise your pet.

AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

Help protect park waterways and native fish by learning how you can prevent the spread of exotic species. Inspect, clean and dry all equipment including boats, boots and waders before entering a new body of water. Never empty containers of bait, fish, plants or animals into park waters. Ask at a permits office for information on the new Wyoming state law requiring boaters to purchase a sticker to display on their boat.

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFDs)

PFDs are strongly recommended for all persons in a private floating/boating party, and required in commercial vessels.

BOATING

Motorboats are permitted on Jenny (10 horsepower maximum) and Jackson lakes. Human-powered vessels are permitted on Jackson, Jenny, Phelps, Emma Matilda, Two Ocean, Taggart, Bradley, Bearpaw, Leigh and String lakes. Sailboats, water skiing and windsurfers are allowed only on Jackson Lake. For motorized craft, the fee is \$20 for a 7-day permit and \$40 for an annual permit; for non-motorized craft, the fee is \$10 for a 7-day permit and \$20 for an annual permit. Jet skis are prohibited on all waters within the park. Permits may be purchased at the

Craig Thomas Discovery, Jenny Lake or Colter Bay visitor centers.

FLOATING THE SNAKE RIVER

Only human-powered rafts, canoes, dories and kayaks are allowed on the Snake River within the park and parkway. Registration (\$10 for a 7-day permit; \$20 for an annual permit) of non-motorized vessels is required and may be completed at the Craig Thomas Discovery, Jenny Lake or Colter Bay visitor centers. Read the launch site bulletin boards for current river conditions. On the surface, the Snake River may not seem very powerful, but only experienced floaters should attempt this swift, cold river that has many braided channels and debris jams.

FISHING

Whitefish and cutthroat, lake, and brown trout inhabit lakes and rivers of the park and parkway. Obtain fishing regulations at visitor centers.

A Wyoming fishing license is required to fish in the park and parkway and may be purchased at Signal Mountain Lodge, Colter Bay Marina, Colter Bay Village Store, Dornan's and Flagg Ranch Lodge. Fishing in Yellowstone National Park requires a separate permit (fee charged); purchase permits at Yellowstone visitor centers and ranger stations. The use of non-native baitfish is prohibited in all parks.

JACKSON LAKE

Contact visitor centers for information on the availability of services at Leek's, Signal Mountain and Colter Bay marinas. Low water levels will increase the risk of boats striking submerged objects and landforms that are normally well beneath the surface.

SWIMMING

Swimming is permitted in all lakes. There is a designated swimming beach at Colter Bay with picnic facilities; however, there are no lifeguards. The Snake River is a swift and cold river presenting numerous dangers; swimming is not recommended.

HOT SPRINGS

Thermal water can harbor organisms that cause a fatal meningitis infection and Legionnaires' disease. Exposing your head

to thermal water by immersion, splashing, touching your face, or inhaling steam increases your risk of infection.

HIKING

Hikers are reminded to stay on trails; shortcutting is prohibited because it damages fragile vegetation and causes erosion. Visitor centers sell topographic maps and trail guides. Know your limitations when traveling in the backcountry. If you travel alone, let a friend or relative know your planned destination, route, and expected time of return. These precautions will greatly increase your chance of survival in an emergency. Permits are not required for day hiking. Trailhead parking areas fill early during the day in July and August, so start your hike early to avoid parking problems. In early summer, many trails are snow-covered and you may need an ice axe.

BACKPACKING

Grand Teton National Park has more than 230 miles of trails of varying difficulty. Obtain the required, free backcountry permit for overnight trips at the Craig Thomas Discovery or Colter Bay visitor centers or the Jenny Lake Ranger Station. One-third of backcountry campsites in high use areas may be reserved in advance from January 5–May 15; there is a fee of \$25 per reservation. Pets are not allowed on park trails or in the backcountry. **Park approved bear resistant canisters are required for all overnight backcountry use except where bear-resistant food storage boxes are provided.** Ask at a visitor center for more details. Obtain a free canister for use in the park when registering your trip.

CLIMBING

There are many risks and hazards associated with climbing and mountain travel. Experience and good judgment are essential. The Jenny Lake Ranger Station is staffed from late May to late September by climbing rangers who can provide up-to-date weather and route conditions. Registration is not required for day climbs or cross-country hiking. Backcountry permits are required for all overnight climbs. The park DOES NOT check to see that you get safely out of the backcountry. Leave an agenda with friends or family. Solo backcountry travel is not advised.

Interested in Working in the Park?



HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT SPENDING A SUMMER WORKING IN A NATIONAL PARK? Summer seasonal positions are recruited during the winter months. A wide variety of positions provide unique challenges, and many rewards. Imagine yourself fighting wild fires, maintaining backcountry trails,

patrolling the Snake River in a boat, providing guided ranger hikes or assisting a park biologist with wolf research.

To view and apply for vacancies for all federal jobs visit www.usajobs.gov. For a list of available jobs in the Department of Interior, including the National Park Service see <http://www.doi.gov/doijobs/jobs.html>. Positions posted for Grand Teton National Park can be found under jobs listed in Moose or Moran, Wyoming. You can also learn about vacancies at <http://www.nps.gov/grte/supportyourpark/employ.htm>. For jobs in fire management, log on to www.tetonfires.com and click on the Employment link. Go to www.nps.gov/grte/supportyourpark/upload/OF510-fedres.pdf to learn how to apply for federal jobs.

Floating the Snake River

THE SNAKE IS A COMPLEX RIVER TO FLOAT. The beauty and lack of whitewater lulls floaters into inattentiveness. A tangle of channels and constant shifting of logjams present difficulties found on few whitewater rivers. Accidents are common. Use caution whenever you float.

Even boaters frequently floating the Snake should check conditions before every trip, as the river can change overnight. River flow varies greatly throughout the summer. Water depth averages two to three feet, although it exceeds 10 feet in some locations. Boulders and bottom irregularities can cause standing waves up to three feet high.

For information on Snake River flows, call 1-800-658-5771. For floating regulations and river information, stop by a visitor center and request a floating bulletin.

Spring Trip Planner 2011

Plan for variable weather and snow-covered trails when visiting Grand Teton National Park during the spring. Most park concessioners and visitor centers open in mid- to late-May. The Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center is open daily year-round, except December 25th, for your trip planning needs.

PARK ROADS

Most park roads will be open in May. The Signal Mountain Road opens when the road melts out. Plan for road construction delays. Please call (307) 739-3614.

HIKING TRAILS

Most park trails will be partially to completely snow-covered in early May. Many lower elevation trails will melt out depending on weather by mid-May. Bring water-proof shoes or hiking boots and gaiters to ensure a comfortable excursion. Mountain passes and high elevation trails will remain snow-covered up to mid-July. The park recommends that hikers travel with and know how to use an ice axe when crossing steep mountain passes. Snow on trails will often

be hiker and skier compacted and visitors will generally not need snowshoes or skis for travel. Ask at a visitor center for recommendations.



SPRING WEATHER

While it may snow during any month of the year, spring weather can be quite variable. Expect anything from rain, snow, to mild sunny weather. Wear layers when hiking and plan for weather changes that may happen rapidly

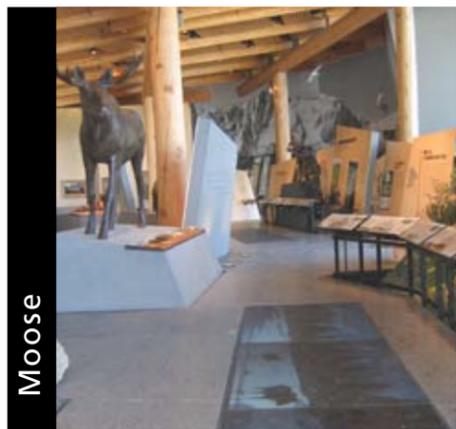
and without warning. The average maximum temperature for May is 60.9 degrees Fahrenheit and the average low temperature is 30.9 degrees Fahrenheit. The park receives an average of two inches of precipitation and 2.8 inches of snow during May.

PLANTS & WILDLIFE

As the snow melts, migratory animals begin their journeys back to their summer ranges in the park. Look for elk, pronghorn, moose and bison returning to the park. A variety of migratory birds pass through and summer in Jackson Hole. Common spring flowers include sagebrush buttercup, arrowleaf balsalmroot, low larkspur, Nuttall's violet, biscuitroot and spring beauty.

LODGING & CAMPGROUNDS

Most lodging facilities and campgrounds open in mid-to-late May as do restaurants and gift shops. The town of Jackson provides year-round lodging facilities. Contact the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce for more information at (307) 733-3316 or visit their web site at <http://www.jacksonholechamber.com/>. For park lodging and campgrounds see page 6-7.



Moose

CRAIG THOMAS DISCOVERY & VISITOR CENTER

Visit the Discovery Center for trip planning, weather and camping information. Watch a video or learn about the park through interactive exhibits. Experience the video river and talk to a park ranger about what to see and do. Shop at the Grand Teton Association bookstore for gifts, educational books and postcards. The visitor center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily during May.

MENORS FERRY HISTORIC DISTRICT

Take a self-guided tour around the

historic district, see the Teton Range framed by windows at the Chapel of the Transfiguration and learn about Jackson Hole history through pictorial displays at the Maud Noble Cabin. Use Guide by Cell (brochure at trailhead) for additional interpretive information during your tour.

TAGGART LAKE TRAILHEAD

Drive three miles west of Moose Junction to enjoy a spectacular view of the Teton Range. The trail may be snow-covered or muddy depending on when you visit. Wear water-proof shoes if you have them to enjoy a

3-mile roundtrip hike on intermittent hard-packed snow to Taggart Lake. A pit toilet and trailhead information are available.

DORNANS

Located 1/4 mile west of Moose Junction. Stock up on snacks at the Trading Post Grocery and Deli or enjoy a sheltered panoramic view of the Teton Range at the Dornan's Pizza and Pasta Company. During May other services open for the summer season. See page 6-7 for more details.



Jenny Lake

JENNY LAKE VISITOR CENTER

Learn about Teton Range geology in the Jenny Lake Visitor Center, once the historic Crandall Studio. Park rangers provide information and hiking maps. Shop for gifts, educational books and postcards in the sales area. The visitor center opens on May 13th and is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during May, with extended hours during peak summer.

JENNY LAKE LOOP TRAIL

Walk along a glacial moraine and view a glacially carved lake and canyon from this gently rolling 7.1-mile trail. Plan for snow

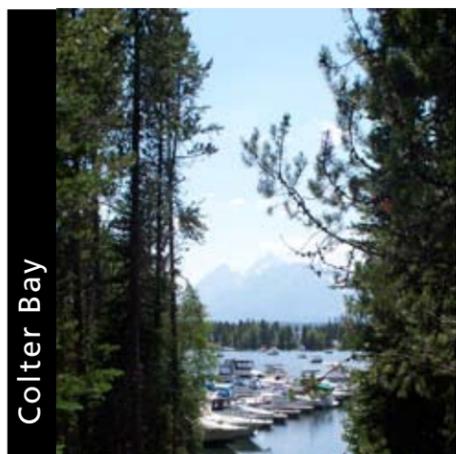
patches on the trail through early to late May; waterproof shoes recommended in early May. Access the trail from South Jenny Lake or the String Lake Trailhead.

LEIGH LAKE TRAIL

Enjoy a level trail along the east shore of String and Leigh lakes with spectacular views of Leigh Canyon and Mount Moran. This trail is 7.4 miles roundtrip to the north end of Leigh lake. Shorten your trip by turning around at any point along the way. Park at the String Lake Picnic Area for trailhead access. Pit and flush toilets available.

JENNY LAKE SHUTTLE & STORE

The Jenny Lake Boating concessioner provides scenic boat shuttles across Jenny Lake and trailhead access to Cascade Canyon. Rent a canoe or kayak to tour the lake. The shuttle boats leave from the boat dock; follow the painted moose tracks along the paved path from the visitor center. See page 6 for hours of operation. Jenny Lake Boating Schedule: May 15-May 31 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), extended hours during peak summer. Visit the Jenny Lake Store, located next to the visitor center, to stock up on snacks for your outing.



Colter Bay

COLTER BAY VISITOR CENTER

Visit the David T. Vernon Indian Arts Museum at the visitor center and view a unique collection of artifacts from Indian cultures throughout the United States. Rangers provide trip planning information, trail maps and overnight backcountry permits. Shop for educational gifts in the Grand Teton Association sales area. The visitor center opens on May 7th and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during May, with extended hours during peak summer.

COLTER BAY LAKESHORE TRAIL

Take a two-mile roundtrip, level self-guided

tour along the north shore of Colter Bay. The trail continues onto a forested peninsula on Jackson Lake, providing inspiring views of the northern Teton Range.

HERON POND & SWAN LAKE

Stroll along a 3-mile roundtrip mostly level trail with excellent opportunities to see birds and other wildlife.

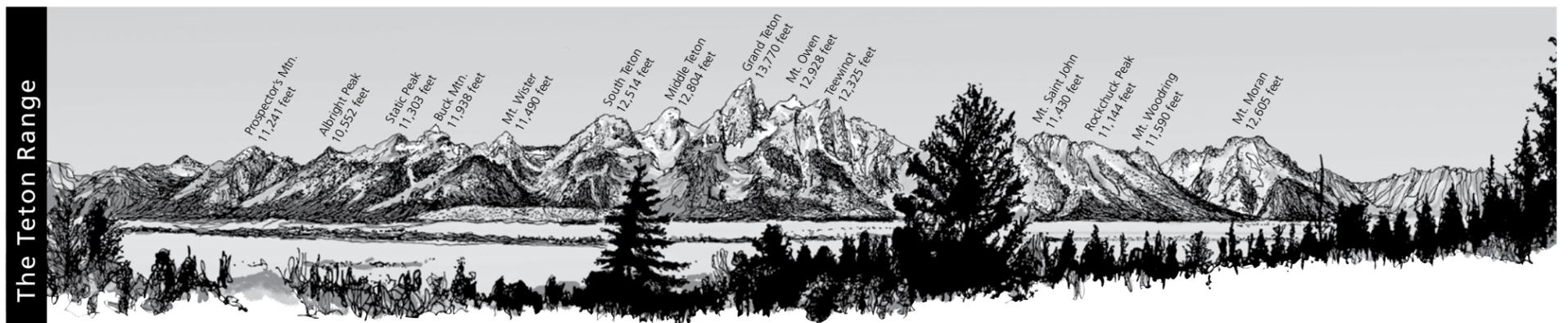
JACKSON LAKE LODGE

Located five miles south of Colter Bay, the historic Jackson Lake Lodge provides spectacular views of the Teton Range and Jackson Lake. The lodge contains gift shops,

a restaurant, a grill, bar, as well as trail access to Colter Bay. The lodge opens on May 20th. See page 6 for hours of operation.

OXBOW BEND

Located seven miles south of Colter Bay, the Oxbow Bend turnout provides a popular view of Mount Moran and the Snake River. Look for river otters, American pelicans, moose and grizzly bear tracks along the shore. Visit the Oxbow during dusk and dawn for best viewing opportunities. Do not approach wildlife, moose and bears can be extremely dangerous.



The Teton Range

Prospector's Mtn.
11,241 feet

Albright Peak
10,552 feet

Slate Peak
11,303 feet

Buck Mtn.
11,938 feet

Mt. Wister
11,498 feet

South Teton
12,514 feet

Middle Teton
12,804 feet

Grand Teton
13,770 feet

Mt. Owen
12,928 feet

Teewinot
12,225 feet

Mt. Saint John
11,430 feet

Rocky Peak
11,144 feet

Mt. Wooding
11,550 feet

Mt. Moran
12,605 feet

Services and Facilities

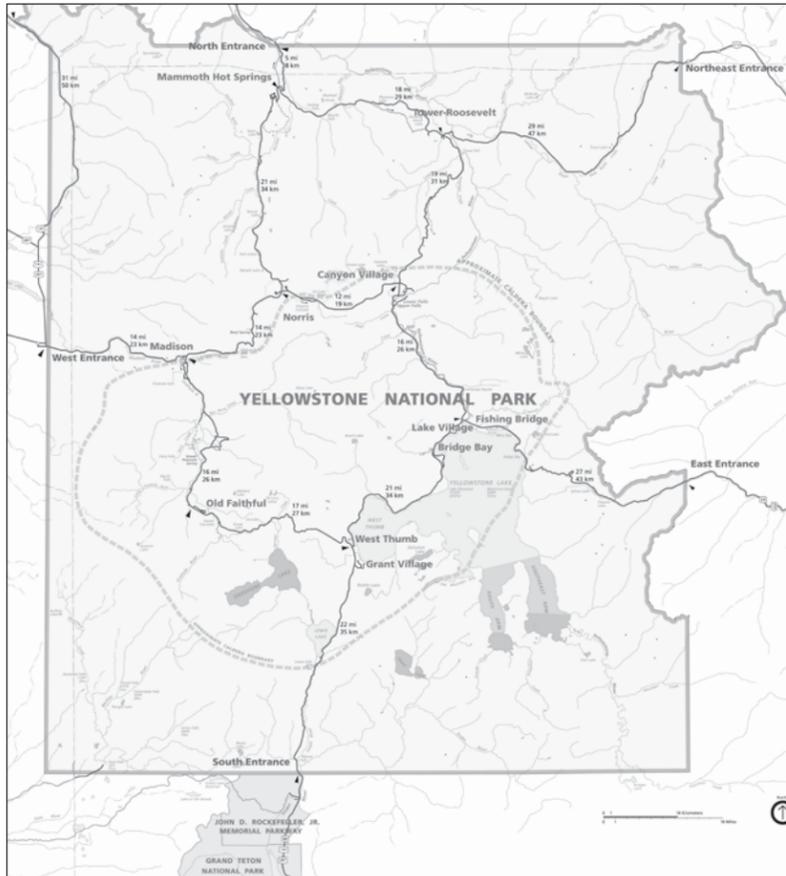
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TYPE	LOCATION	DATES	PHONE	DESCRIPTION
Moose				
Lodging	Dornan's Spur Ranch	Year-round	(307) 733-2522	Cabins with kitchens.
Food Service	Dornan's Chuck Wagon	June 11-Sept. 18	(307) 733-2415 x203	Western fare. Breakfast 7-11 a.m., lunch 12-3 p.m., dinner (Sun.-Thurs.) 5-9 p.m.
	Dornan's Pizza and Pasta Co.	Year-round	(307) 733-2415 x204	Open: 11:30 a.m.; Closes: May: 5 or 7 p.m., June-Sept.: 9 p.m.. Oct.-Mar.: 3 p.m.
	Dornan's Trading Post	Year-round	(307) 733-2415 x201	Groceries. Deli open May-Sept.
	Dornan's Wine Shoppe	Year-round	(307) 733-2415 x202	May 10 a.m.-6 p.m. June-Sept. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Oct.-Mar. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Store/Gift shops	Dornan's Gift Shop	Year-round	(307) 733-2415 x301	May & Sept. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. June-Aug. 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Oct.-Apr. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
	Moosely Seconds	Mid-May-Sept.	(307) 739-1801	Mountaineering, climbing, camping equipment. 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Service Station	Dornan's	Year-round		Automotive fuel (no diesel). Pay at pump, 24-hour with credit card.
Other	Snake River Anglers	May-Oct.	(307) 733-3699	Spin and fly fishing, float trips, Wyoming fishing licenses.
	Adventure Sports	May-Sept.	(307) 733-2415 x302	Bike, kayak, and canoe rentals and sales. 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
	Barker Ewing Float Trips	Mid-May-Sept.	(307) 733-1800	8 a.m.-6 p.m. Guided scenic float trips along the Snake River inside the park.
South Jenny Lake				
Lodging	AAC Climber's Ranch	June 11-Sept. 11	(307) 733-7271	Located 3 miles south of Jenny Lake. Rustic accommodations.
Store/Gift shops	General Store	May 14-Sept. 18		Camping and hiking supplies, groceries, film, and gifts.
Boat Tours	Jenny Lake Boating	May 15-Sept. 30	(307) 734-9227	Shuttle & tours across Jenny Lake. Canoe & kayak rentals.
North Jenny Lake				
Lodging	Jenny Lake Lodge	May 30-Oct. 9	(307) 733-4647 or	Modified American Plan. Cabins.
Food Service	Lodge Dining Room	May 30-Oct. 9	(800) 628-9988	Breakfast 7:30-9 a.m. Lunch 12-1:30 p.m. Dinner 6-8:45 p.m.
				Dinner reservations required.
Store/Gift Shops	Jenny Lake Lodge	May 30-Oct. 9		Gifts, books, and apparel.
Signal Mountain				
Lodging	Signal Mountain Lodge	May 6-Oct. 16	(307) 543-2831 or	Lakefront suites, motel units, and log cabins.
Food Service	Peaks Dining Room	May 6-Oct. 2	(800) 672-6012	Dinner 5:30-10 p.m. Sept. 27-Oct. 3, 5:30-9 p.m.
	Trapper Grill	May 6-Oct. 16		Breakfast 7-11 a.m. Lunch/dinner 11 a.m.-10 p.m. (Sept. 27-Oct. 17, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.)
Store/Gift Shops	Needles Gift Store	May 7-Oct. 16		8 a.m.-10 p.m. Hours vary during shoulder seasons.
	Timbers Gift Store	May 7-Oct. 16		8 a.m.-10 p.m. Hours vary during shoulder seasons.
Convenience Store	Signal Service Station	April 30-Oct. 16		7 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Gas, drinks, snacks, supplies. Hours vary during shoulder seasons.
Marina	Signal Marina	May 21-Sept. 11		Rentals, guest buoys, lake fishing trips, gas and courtesy docks.
Jackson Lake Lodge				
Lodging	Jackson Lake Lodge	May 20-Oct. 9	(307) 543-3100 or	Closes at 11 a.m. on Oct. 3.
Food Service	Mural Room	May 20-Oct. 9	(800) 628-9988	Breakfast 7-9:30 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dinner 5:30-9 p.m.
				Dinner reservations recommended.
	Pioneer Grill	May 20-Oct. 9		6 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
	Blue Heron Lounge	May 20-Oct. 9		11 a.m.-midnight.
Store/Gift Shops	Jackson Lake Lodge	May 20-Oct. 9		Sundries, magazines, books, gifts, souvenirs, and apparel.
Service Station		May 20-Oct. 9		Gas and diesel.
Horseback Riding	Jackson Lake Lodge Corral	May 28-Oct. 1		Trail rides.
Triangle X				
Lodging	Triangle X Ranch	May 28-mid-Oct. Dec. 26-mid.Mar.	(307) 733-2183	Full service guest ranch. Horseback riding, winter activities.
Colter Bay				
Lodging	Colter Bay Cabins	May 26-Sept. 25	(307) 543-3100 or	Shared-bathroom, one-room and two-room cabins available.
	Tent Village	June 3-Sept. 5	(800) 628-9988	Enclosed log/canvas deluxe tents with bunks and wood-burning stove
Food Service	Ranch House	May 26-Sept. 25		Breakfast 6:30-10:30 a.m., lunch 11:30 a.m.-1:30p.m. Dinner 5:30-9 p.m.
	Cafe Court	June 3- Sept. 5		Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Store/Gift Shops	General Store	May 26-Sept. 25		ATM groceries, gifts, and firewood.
	Marina Store	May 26- Sept. 18		Fishing tackle, film, outdoor apparel, beverages, and snacks.
Convenience Store	Highway Station	April 23-Oct. 16		Gas, diesel, beverages, snacks, souvenirs, and firewood.
Horseback Riding	Colter Bay Corral	June 4-Sept. 5		Breakfast and dinner rides, wagon seats available. Trail rides.
Marina	Colter Bay	May 27-Sept. 18		Scenic cruises. Boat rentals. Guided fishing. Gas. Water dependent.
Showers	Colter Bay	May 26-Sept. 26		Pay showers.
Launderette	Colter Bay	May 26-Sept. 26		Laundry services.
Leek's Marina				
Food Service	Leek's Pizzeria	May 25-Sept. 5	(307) 543-2494	Pizza and sandwiches. Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Marina	Leek's Marina	May 21-Sept. 11	(307) 543-2546	Dependent on water levels.
Flagg Ranch				
Lodging	Flagg Ranch Resort	May 16-Sept. 1	(307) 543-2861 or	Log style units.
Food/Store/Shop	Flagg Ranch Resort	May 16-Sept. 18	(800) 443-2311	Home-style menu. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
Campground	Flagg Ranch Resort	June 1-Sept. 18		Essentials for camping and fishing. Diesel.
Horseback Riding	Flagg Ranch Resort	June 1-Aug. 31		One hour, two hour, 1/2 day and full day trail rides.
Other Services				
Education	Teton Science Schools	Year-round	(307) 733-4765	Field natural history seminars.
Programs/Events	The Murie Center	Year-round	(307) 739-2246	Conservation programs and events, guided tours of the historic Murie Ranch.
Lost and Found	Property Office	Year-round	(307) 739-3450	Contact the nearest visitor center.
Mountaineering	Exum Mountain Guides	Year-round	(307) 733-2297	Daily basic and intermediate schools. AMGA accredited.
	JH Mountain Guides	Year-round	(307) 733-4979	Guide service for individuals or small groups. AMGA accredited.
Float Trips	Barker-Ewing Float Trips		(307) 733-1800	Float trips and combination trips with Wildlife Expeditions.
	Heart 6 Guest Ranch		(307) 543-2477	Fishing and float trips.
	Solitude Float Trips		(307) 733-2871	Float trips (private trips available).
	Snake River Anglers		(307) 733-3699	Floating and fishing trips.
	Signal Mountain Lodge		(307) 543-2831	Float trips and Jackson Lake boat rentals.
	Flagg Ranch Resort		(307) 543-2861	Floating and fishing trips.
	OARS		(800) 346-6277	Float trips and kayaking on Jackson Lake.
	Nat'l Park Float Trips/Triangle X		(307) 733-5500	Floating and fishing trips.
	Grand Teton Lodge Company		(307) 543-2811	Scenic float trips, lunch and dinner trips.
	Lost Creek Ranch		(307) 733-2699	Scenic float trips, fishing, hiking and horseback riding.
Recycling				
	Throughout the park	Year-round		Look for recycling bins throughout the park, in lodges and campgrounds.
Medical Services				
	Medical emergencies	Year-round	911	
	St. Johns Medical Center	Year-round	(307) 733-3636	Located in Jackson.
	Grand Teton Medical Clinic	May 20-Oct. 9	(307) 543-2514	Located at Jackson Lake Lodge. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Services and Facilities Continued Please note: order of columns different for worship services than other services.

TYPE	DENOMINATION	DATES	PHONE	LOCATION/TIME
Worship Services	Interdenominational	June 5-Aug. 28 June 5-Aug.28 May 29-Sept. 25 May 22-Oct. 12 May 29-Sept. 15 June 5-Aug. 28	(307) 543-3069	Gros Ventre Campground Amphitheater, Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Jenny Lake Amphitheater, Sundays, 8 a.m. Signal Mountain Campground Amphitheater, Sundays, 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Jackson Lake Lodge, Sundays, 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Colter Bay Village Amphitheater, Sundays, 8 a.m., 5:30 p.m. Flagg Ranch Campfire Circle, Sundays, 8 a.m., 10 a.m.
	Episcopal Latter Day Saints	Late May-Sept. May 29-Sept. 4	(307) 733-2603 x102 (307) 733-6337	Chapel of the Transfiguration, Sundays. holy eucharist, 8 a.m., worship service, 10 a.m. Jackson Lake Lodge, Sundays, Sacrament 5:45 p.m. Sunday school 7 p.m., priesthood/relief society 7:55 p.m.
	Roman Catholic	Late May-Sept. 5	(307) 733-2516	Chapel of the Sacred Heart, Saturday mass, 5:30 p.m., Sunday mass, 5 p.m.

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VISITOR CENTERS Dates Subject to Change	OPEN SEASON 2011
Albright Visitor Center, Mammoth Hot Springs	Open Year-round
Old Faithful Visitor Center	April 15 – Nov. 6
Canyon Village	May 8 – Oct. 16
Fishing Bridge	May 28 – Sept. 30
Grant Visitor Center	May 28 – Sept. 30
West Thumb Information Station	May 28 – Sept. 30
Museum of the National Park Ranger	May 28 – Sept. 25
Norris Information Station	May 28 – Sept. 30
West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (open year-round) Dates staffed by NPS Rangers	Apr. 15 – Nov. 6
Madison Information	May 28 – Sept. 30
ROAD OPENING DATES	2011
<i>Please check at an entrance station or visitor center for road construction and road closure information.</i>	
Mammoth to Old Faithful Madison Junction to West Entrance Norris Junction to Canyon	April 15
Canyon to Lake Lake to East Entrance	May 6
Lake to South Entrance, West Thumb to Old Faithful, Tower Junction to Tower Fall	May 13
Tower Fall to Canyon (Dunraven Pass) Beartooth Highway	May 27

NPS CAMPGROUNDS First-come, First-served	OPEN SEASON 2011
Indian Creek	June 10 – Sept. 12
Lewis Lake	June 15 – Nov. 5
Mammoth	Year-round
Norris	May 20 – Sept. 26
Pebble Creek	June 10 – Sept. 26
Slough Creek	May 27 – Oct. 31
Tower Fall	May 20 – Sept. 26
XANTERRA CAMPGROUNDS Reservations – (866) 439-7375	OPEN SEASON 2011
Bridge Bay	May 27 – Sept. 11
Canyon	June 3 – Sept. 5
Fishing Bridge RV	May 14 – Sept. 25
Grant Village	June 21 – Sept. 25
Madison	May 6 – Oct. 23
CONTACT INFORMATION	
Visitor Information	(307) 344-7381
Xanterra Parks & Resorts	(307) 344-7311 or (866) 439-7375
Web site	www.nps.gov/yell
ROAD CONSTRUCTION DELAYS	
Call the 24-hour Current Road Report hotline at (307) 344-2117 for the latest information on conditions affecting roads within the park.	

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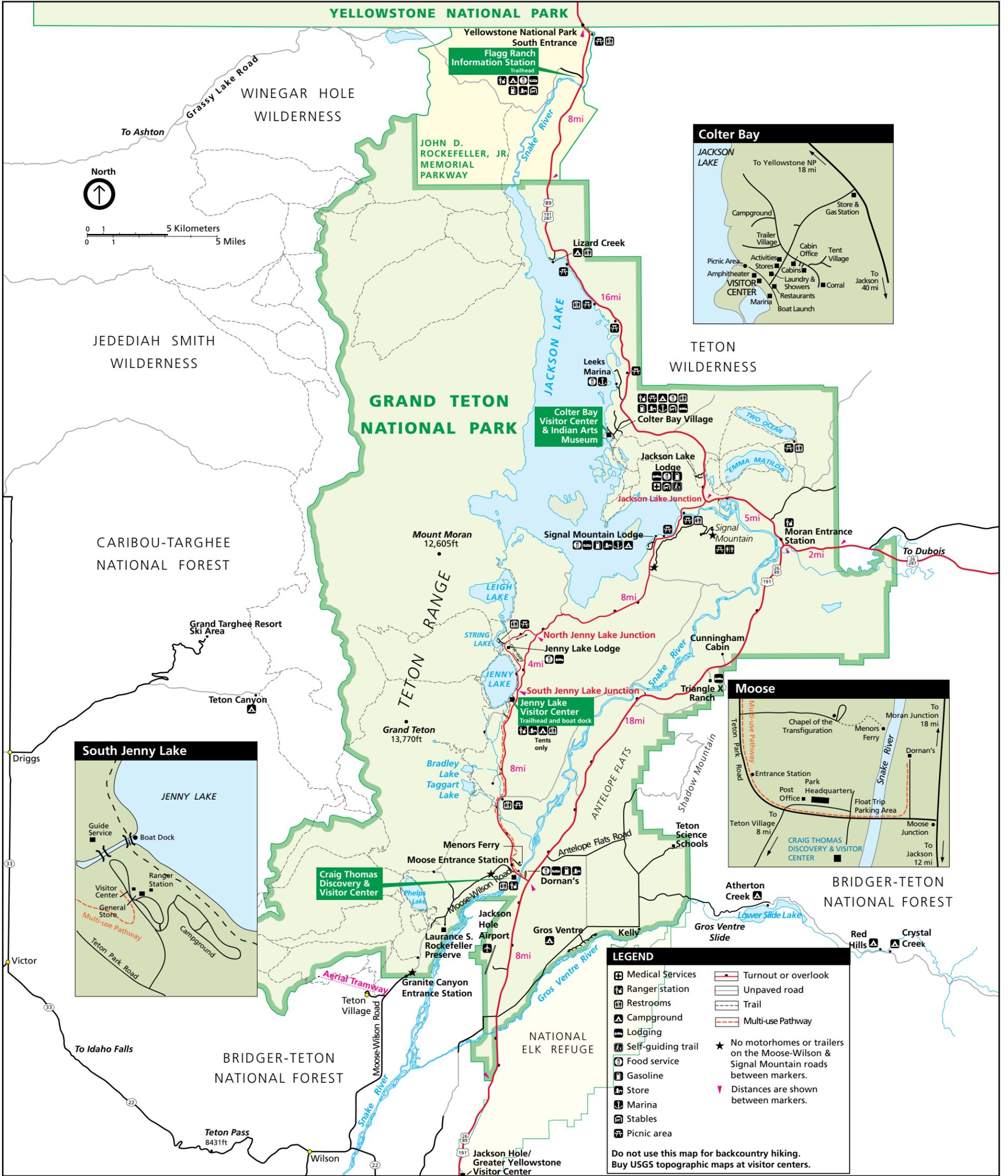


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Road Work Delays
 Road improvements will take place in Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks throughout the 2010 season. Changes in schedule may occur at any time. **For the most up-to-date information about road construction in Grand Teton National Park call (307) 739-3614.** For information about Yellowstone roads call (307) 344-2117 or visit www.nps.gov/yell. See page 11 for more info.



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As You Drive Keep Them Alive
 Every year drivers kill about 100 large animals, causing property damage and personal injury. Drive at or below all posted speed limits, and drive cautiously during dawn and dusk when animals are most active. Moose, deer, elk, bison, wolves and grizzly and black bears cross roadways and can be especially difficult to see at night.

Park in Designated Turnouts
 It may be tempting to park on the roadway to take photographs or watch wildlife, but this practice is not safe. Pull over in a designated turnout for your safety and that of other motorists.