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Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act

We seek wild country for solitude and renewal in places such as Grand Teton National Park. Join us this summer in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act that preserves wild places for all of us to enjoy.

Wilderness is land “protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions and which generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man’s work substantially unnoticeable.”

A core principle of national parks is to preserve tracts of land in their natural state. In the 1920s, Arthur Carhart, Aldo Leopold, Robert Sterling Yard and others began promoting the idea of a national wilderness preservation system. In 1935 Leopold, Yard, Bob Marshall, Benton MacKaye and others formed the Wilderness Society to promote wilderness protection.

Olaus Murie arrived in Jackson Hole in 1927 as a biologist to study its famous elk herd. He became involved in the Wilderness Society accepting a council seat in 1937 and becoming the director in 1945. This

same year Olaus, along with his wife Margaret “Mardy”, brother Aldoph, and his wife Louise, purchased a ranch in what is now Grand Teton National Park. Not wanting to work from Washington, the Murie Ranch became the families’ home base and hosted many meetings of the Wilderness Society.

Olaus and his wife Mardy worked to establish the National Wilderness Preservation System and set aside the land for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The Muries, in collaboration with Howard Zahniser author of the legislation for the Wilderness Act, and others finally saw the act introduced to Congress in 1956, later signed into law on September 3, 1964. Unfortunately, neither Olaus Murie nor Howard Zahniser lived to see this event.

Grand Teton National Park includes land designated as “recommended” or “potential” wilderness for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System. By National Park Service policy, recommended and potential wilderness is managed in the same manner as congressionally designated wilderness.

The wilderness experience is uniquely American. As you visit the park, remember the tireless efforts of those who came before us to preserve these special places.

Managed Wilderness Areas



LIVING WITH WILDLIFE challenges all of us. Whether you visit Grand Teton National Park on vacation or live in the valley of Jackson Hole, encountering wildlife in their own environment is thrilling and potentially dangerous.

Observing and photographing wildlife draws many to this beautiful place; seeking out the smallest calliope hummingbird or the largest grizzly bear. We all share a responsibility to protect ourselves and the park’s animals.

Always maintain a distance of at least 100 yards from bears and wolves, and 25 yards from other wildlife. Never position yourself between an adult and its offspring. Females with young are especially defensive. Let wildlife thrive

undisturbed. If your actions cause an animal to flee, you are too close.

It is illegal to feed wildlife in the park including ground squirrels and birds. Feeding wildlife makes them dependent on people and often results in poor nutrition. Please follow food storage regulations. Allowing bears to obtain human food even once often results in aggressive behavior. The bear becomes a threat to human safety and must be relocated or killed.

Whatever brings you to this special place, remember the spectacular mountains and the diverse wildlife. We hope you will remain connected to here long after you return home.

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: www.nps.gov/grte.



Contact Information

Grand Teton National Park Website www.nps.gov/grte/
Grand Teton National Park Facebook www.facebook.com/GrandTetonNPS
Grand Teton National Park Tweets twitter.com/GrandTetonNPS
Lost & Found www.nps.gov/grte/planyourvisit/lost-found.htm

EMERGENCY	911
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 (Park Dispatch)	(307) 739-3301

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Be Bear Aware!

GRIZZLY AND BLACK 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.

- 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.

Keep a Clean Camp

Improperly stored or unattended food will be confiscated and you could be fined.

- Treat odorous products such as soap, toothpaste, fuel products, suntan lotion, and bug repellent in the same manner as food.
- Never store food, garbage or toiletries in tents.
- Place all trash in bear-resistant garbage dumpsters.
- Immediately report careless campers and all bear sightings to the campground kiosk or nearest ranger.
- Bears that receive human food often become aggressive and must be killed.

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. Bear bells are not sufficient. Be particularly careful when vegetation or terrain

limits line of sight. The use of portable audio devices is strongly discouraged.

Hike in Groups

If possible, hike in groups of three or more people. Typically, larger groups of people make more noise and appear more formidable to bears. Keep your group together and make sure your children are close at all times. Avoid hiking when bears are more active; early in the morning, late in the day or when it is dark. Trail running is strongly discouraged; you may startle a bear.

Never Approach a Bear

All bears are wild and dangerous. Each bear will react differently and their behavior cannot be predicted.

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.



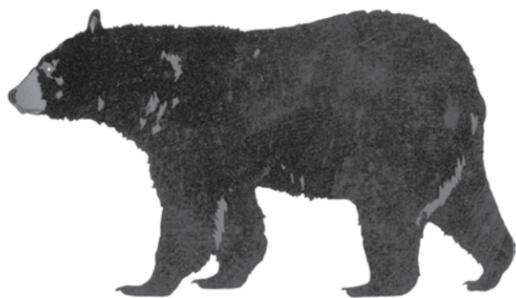
If You Carry Bear Spray

- 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.
- Bear spray 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.

Park visitor centers can demonstrate proper use of bear spray and recycle it. Come visit for more information.

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 to black.

Black Bear



- Color ranges from blonde to black
- 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



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

Visitor Centers

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Craig Thomas Discovery & Visitor Center

Located in Moose, 1/2 mile west of Moose Junction.

Open Daily. (307) 739-3399

May 1-June 3	8 am to 5 pm
June 4-Sept. 21	8 am to 7 pm
Sept. 22-Oct. 31	8 am to 5 pm

Jenny Lake Visitor Center

Located 8 miles north of Moose Junction on the Teton Park Road.

Open Daily. (307) 739-3392

May 16-June 3	8 am to 5 pm
June 4-Sept. 1	8 am to 7 pm
Sept. 2-Sept. 23	8 am to 5 pm

Jenny Lake Ranger Station

Located 8 miles north of Moose Junction on the Teton Park Road.

Open Daily. (307) 739-3343

June 7-Sept. 7	8 am to 5 pm
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Colter Bay Visitor Center

Located 1 mile west of Colter Bay Junction off Highway 89/191/287.

Open Daily. (307) 739-3594

May 10-June 3	8 am to 5 pm
June 4-Sept. 1	8 am to 7 pm
Sept. 2-Oct. 13	8 am to 5 pm

Flagg Ranch Information Station

Located 16 miles north of Colter Bay Junction on Highway 89/191/287.

Open Daily, may be closed for lunch. (307) 543-2372

June 2-Sept. 1	9 am to 4 pm (may be closed for lunch)
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Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve Center

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

May 31-Sept. 21	9 am to 5 pm
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Entrance Fees

Single Entry Grand Teton - Yellowstone: \$25 - 7 Days

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

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.

Military Annual Pass: Free - Annual

For active duty military personnel and dependents with proper identification (CAC Card or DD Form 1173). Includes the same benefits as the Interagency Annual Pass.

Interagency Senior Pass: \$10 - Lifetime

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

Interagency Access Pass: Free

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

Annual Grand Teton - Yellowstone Pass: \$50.00 - Annual

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

Commercial Tour Fee: \$variable - 7 Days

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.

Go Digital

WIRELESS INTERNET

Free wireless internet access is available for the public at the Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center in Moose.



GRAND TETON iPHONE APP

The official app for Grand Teton National Park, produced for the Grand Teton Association, includes the essential information you need to plan your trip: tetonapp.com.



TravelStorysGPS iPHONE APP

This free app from the Grand Teton National Park Foundation shares engaging audio stories about the history, geology, animals and activities in the park. Follow the Teton Park Road from Moose to Jackson Lake Lodge and learn about this magnificent park: www.gtnpf.org/TravelStorysGPS.php.



Moving Forward

JENNY LAKE RENEWAL PROJECT

The Jenny Lake Renewal Project is a public-private project funded by Grand Teton National Park and the Grand Teton National Park Foundation.

As the primary gateway to Grand Teton's backcountry, Jenny Lake hosts million of visitors each summer. Years of impact has damaged the area's fragile habitat. This project will rehabilitate the area and protect the qualities of this iconic place.



You will notice changes over the next several years. Be aware that temporary trail reroutes and closures are part of an effort to enhance this area for long-term enjoyment. Project work began in 2013 and will last for several years. In the South Jenny Lake area, look for a new interpretive plaza, fully accessible trails and overlooks, improved access to the east boat dock and increased restroom access. From the east boat dock to Hidden Falls and Inspiration Point, look for improved trail conditions, and repairs to damaged areas on and off the trail, replaced bridges, and improved way-finding. Check at a visitor center for current conditions and closures. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

MOOSE-WILSON CORRIDOR

Grand Teton National Park is planning for the future of the Moose-Wilson corridor. This 10,300 acre corridor is in the park's southwest corner and features a remarkable variety of natural communities, cultural and wilderness resources.

The Moose-Wilson Road runs through the corridor and is the primary access to several park destinations, including Death Canyon and Granite Canyon trailheads, Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve, White Grass Ranch and Murie Ranch historic districts. The corridor also provides wildlife viewing opportunities for a number of iconic large mammal species.



Developing a comprehensive management plan for the Moose-Wilson corridor is critical to ensure the protection of key resources, values, and your experience. This summer the park will conduct visitor surveys within the corridor to determine perceptions of issues, problems and desired experience. Follow the planning process by visiting: parkplanning.nps.gov/MooseWilson, or discover the corridor through an interactive eXperience online field trip by visiting: www.nps.gov/features/grte/moosewilson/eTour.html.

eXperience Moose-Wilson



Discover the Moose-Wilson Corridor and learn about some of the issues through an interactive field trip. Visit: www.nps.gov/features/grte/moosewilson/eTour.html

Write on our Wall

Like us on Facebook to get park updates, or share photos and your thoughts with our friends: www.facebook.com/GrandTetonNPS.

Follow us on Twitter: twitter.com/GrandTetonNPS.



Campgrounds



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

CAMPGROUNDS

Campground fees are \$22 per night per site and \$11 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. (Colter Bay RV Park and Headwaters Campground & RV Sites do have hookups.)

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 (14 days

at Jenny Lake). The campgrounds operate on a first-come, first-served basis, advance reservations are not accepted. Reservations are accepted for group camping and the RV campgrounds.

For campground status, contact entrance stations or visitor centers. Additional camping facilities are available in nearby national forests and other adjacent areas. 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.

Grassy Lake Road campsites, available June 1, will require a permit beginning this summer.

Permits are available for \$2 at the Colter Bay permits office or Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center in Moose.

GROUP CAMPING

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

PUBLIC SHOWERS

The only public shower facility in the park is located at the Colter Bay Village Laundromat.



RECYCLING CENTERS

Park concessioners Grand Teton Lodge Company and Signal Mountain Lodge along with Grand Teton National Park collectively recycle more than 215 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 have joined 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 refilling your water bottle.

Colter Bay Campground*

350 individual, 9 walk-in, 11 group
Open: May 22 to Sept. 21
\$22 per night, (800) 628-9988
Filling Time: evening

Colter Bay Tent Village Park

66 tent cabin sites
Open: May 30 to Sept. 1
\$59 per night, (800) 628-9988
Filling Time: call for information

Colter Bay RV Park

112 RV sites
Open: May 22 to Sept. 28
\$65 per night pull through site, (800) 628-9988
Filling Time: call for information
RV hookups available

Gros Ventre Campground*

350 individual sites, 5 group
Open: May 2 to Oct. 3
\$22 per night, (800) 628-9988
Filling Time: rarely fills

Headwaters Campground & RV Sites at Flagg Ranch

175 individual sites
Open: June 1 to Sept. 30
\$64 RVs. \$35 tents. (800) 443-2311
Filling Time: call for information

Jenny Lake Campground (tents only)

49 individual sites, 10 walk-in sites
Open: May 9 to Sept. 28
\$22 per night, \$8 per person for hiker/biker campers without vehicles, (800) 628-9988
Filling Time: 9 am

Lizard Creek Campground

60 individual sites
Open: June 13 to Sept. 1
\$22 per night
Hiker/biker \$5 per person for campers without vehicles (800) 672-6012
Filling Time: evening
30 foot vehicle max

Signal Mountain Campground*

81 individual sites, including:

- 56 no hookups (\$22)
- 24 electric hookup sites (\$45) Discounts for Seniors/Access
- 1 full hookup site (\$55)
- Hiker/biker \$5 per person for campers without vehicles

Open: May 9 to Oct. 19
(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 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 protected within the park and parkway. Leave all items in their natural setting for others to enjoy. Picking wildflowers is prohibited. Maintain a distance of at least 100 yards from bears and wolves and 25 yards from all other wildlife. Large animals are quick, powerful, unpredictable and may injure you. Take special care to avoid encounters with wildlife and to help maintain their natural fear of humans. Small animals may carry diseases and should never be touched or fed. A natural diet ensures their survival.

PETS

Pets must be restrained on a leash (6 feet or less) at all times and must stay within 30 feet of roadways. Pets are not allowed in visitor centers, on ranger-led activities, on the multi-use pathway, park trails or in the backcountry. Pets are ONLY allowed in boats on Jackson Lake—no other waterways. Kennels are available in the area. Properly dispose of pet feces. Ask at a visitor center where to exercise your pet.

BIKING

Bicycles are permitted on public roadways, the multi-use pathway and on the Colter Bay Marina breakwater. Ride single-file on the right side of the road and wear

a helmet. Riding bicycles or other wheeled vehicles in the backcountry is prohibited.

Roadway shoulders are narrow—use caution.

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.** Guide dogs—used for the sole purpose of aiding a person with physical disability—may travel on the pathway.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

Help protect park waterways and native fish from 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. Wyoming state law requires boaters to purchase an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) sticker, see “Boat Permit” section for more information.

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

All vessels must carry a USCG approved personal flotation device (PFD) of the appropriate size for each person on board. PFDs must be accessible and in good working condition. PFDs should be worn while boating. All passengers under 13 years of age must wear a PFD whenever a vessel is underway or be within an enclosed cabin.

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 skis and windsurfers are allowed only on Jackson Lake. Jet skis are prohibited in the park.

REQUIRED BOAT PERMITS

- Park permit—motorized craft \$20 for 7 days or \$40 annual; non-motorized craft \$10 for 7 days or \$20 annual. Purchase permits at Craig Thomas (Moose), Jenny Lake or Colter Bay visitor centers. The

park permit is also valid in Yellowstone National Park.

- Wyoming AIS sticker—motorized craft WY resident \$10, non-resident \$30; non-motorized craft WY resident \$5, non-resident \$15. Purchase at Snake River Anglers (Dornans) and Colter Bay Marina.

FLOATING THE SNAKE RIVER

Only human-powered rafts, canoes, dories and kayaks are allowed on the Snake River within the park and parkway. A permit is required for non-motorized vessels, see “Boat Permits” section above. The Snake River has constantly shifting channels and logjams that may present risks for boaters. Read the launch site bulletin boards for current river conditions and use caution. Accidents are common. **For information on Snake River flows visit: waterdata.usgs.gov/wy/nwis/current/?type=flow.**

FISHING

A Wyoming fishing license is required to fish in the park and parkway and may be purchased at Signal Mountain Lodge front desk, Colter Bay Marina, Colter Bay Village Store, Snake River Anglers at Dornans and the Headwaters Lodge. For more information pick up a Fishing Brochure. Fishing in Yellowstone National Park requires a separate permit.

JACKSON LAKE

Low water level may impact services at marinas. Contact visitor centers for more information. Low water levels will increase the risk of boats striking submerged objects that are normally submerged.

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, 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. Short-cutting is prohibited and damages fragile vegetation promoting erosion. Know your limitations. For your safety, leave your itinerary with friends or family. Solo travel is not advised. Permits are not required for day hikes. Trailhead parking areas fill in July and August. During early summer, trails may be snow-covered and require an ice axe for safe travel. Visitor centers sell topographic maps and trail guides.

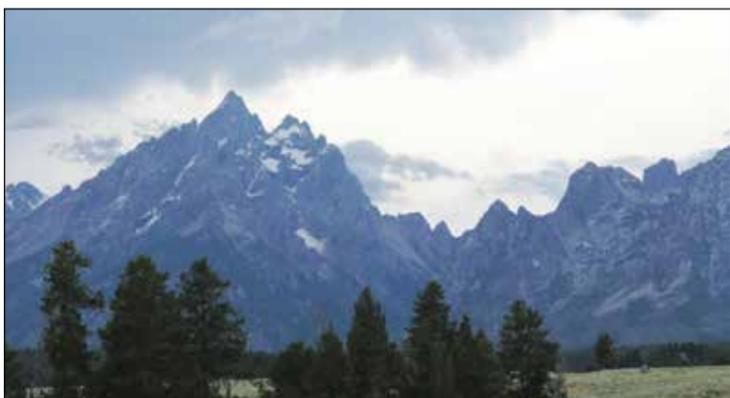
BACKPACKING

Obtain a backcountry permit for all overnight trips in the park or parkway at the Craig Thomas Discovery or Colter Bay visitor centers and the Jenny Lake Ranger Station. One-third of backcountry campsites may be reserved in advance between early January and May 15; a \$35 fee is charged for each reservation. The fee for a walk-in permit is \$25. **Park approved bear-resistant food storage canisters are required.** Check out a canister for free for use in the park when securing your permit.

CLIMBING

Experience and good judgment are essential for safe climbing and mountain travel. The Jenny Lake Ranger Station is staffed from early June to early September by climbing rangers who can provide up-to-date weather and route conditions. Also check: www.tetonclimbing.blogspot.com. Registration is not required for day climbs. Backcountry permits are required for all overnight climbs. The park DOES NOT check to see that you get safely out of the backcountry. For your safety, leave your itinerary with friends or family. Solo travel is not advised.

Teton Weather



During May and early June the average daily temperatures in the valley begin to rise from the 50s to the low 70s °F. Nighttime temperatures can still drop into the 30s °F. Be prepared for changing conditions! Days vary from sunny and warm to rain mixed with snow.

Dress in layers when recreating. Afternoon thunderstorms are less frequent in spring than during summer, but may still occur. Since 1999, there have been 30 injuries and two fatalities 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.

Weather

Moose, WY 1958 - 2013

Month	Average High Temp	Average Low Temp	Average Precipitation	Average Snowfall	Number Thunderstorms
January	26.1 °F	0.9 °F	2.6 in.	43 in.	0
February	31.0 °F	3.2 °F	1.9 in.	29 in.	0
March	39.4 °F	12.1 °F	1.6 in.	20 in.	0
April	49.3 °F	22.3 °F	1.5 in.	10 in.	1
May	60.9 °F	30.8 °F	2.0 in.	2 in.	5
June	70.7 °F	37.3 °F	1.7 in.	0 in.	11
July	80.6 °F	41.6 °F	1.2 in.	0 in.	14
August	79.2 °F	39.7 °F	1.3 in.	0 in.	12
September	69.3 °F	32.1 °F	1.4 in.	1 in.	2
October	55.7 °F	23.2 °F	1.4 in.	5 in.	0
November	38.3 °F	13.6 °F	2.1 in.	23 in.	0
December	26.5 °F	1.8 °F	2.6 in.	40 in.	0

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

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: www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov/outdoors.htm. This site contains critical lightning safety and medical information.

Spring Trip Planner 2014

Plan for variable weather and snow-covered trails when visiting Grand Teton National Park during spring. Most park concessioners and visitor centers open in mid- to late-May.

PARK ROADS

Most park roads will be open in May. The Signal Mountain Summit Road opens when the snow melts. 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 may remain snow-covered through 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

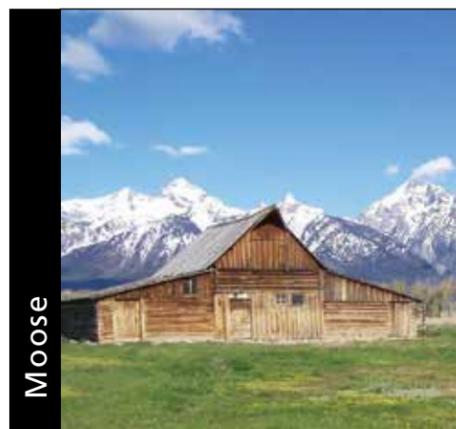
While it may snow any month of the year, spring weather can be quite variable. Expect anything from rain and snow, to mild sunny weather. Wear layers when hiking and plan for weather changes that may happen rapidly and without warning. During May, the daily high temperature averages 61°F and the low temperatures averages 31°F. The park receives around 2.0 inches of precipitation, 2 inches of snow and has 5 thunderstorms.

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. Drive the one-way scenic drive along Jenny Lake, the Antelope Flats Road or past Oxbow Bend for excellent wildlife viewing opportunities. A variety of migratory birds pass through and summer in Jackson Hole. Common spring flowers include sagebrush buttercup, arrowleaf balsamroot, 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 opportunities. Contact the Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce for more information at (307) 733-3316 or visit their web site at www.jacksonholechamber.com. For park lodging see page 6 and for park campgrounds see page 3.



CRAIG THOMAS DISCOVERY & VISITOR CENTER

Visit the Discovery Center for trip planning, weather and camping information. Experience a new exhibit of artifacts from the David T. Vernon Indian Arts Collection. Follow the journey of these artifacts once housed at the Colter Bay Visitor Center.

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 am to 5 pm daily during May; extended hours beginning June 4th.

MENORS FERRY HISTORIC DISTRICT

Take a self-guided tour around the historic district, see the Teton Range framed by a window in the Chapel of the Transfiguration and learn about Jackson Hole history through displays at the Maud Noble Cabin.

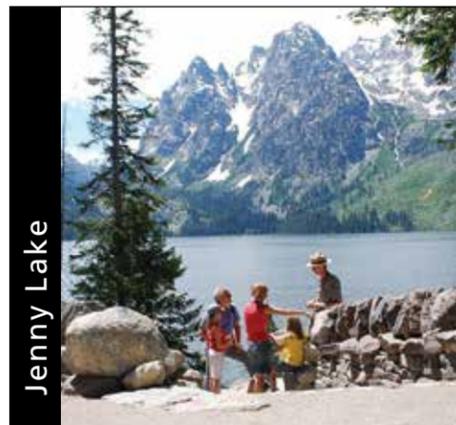
TAGGART LAKE TRAILHEAD

Drive 3.5 miles northwest of Moose Junction to enjoy a spectacular view of the Teton

Range. The trail may be snow-covered or muddy during early season. Wear water-proof shoes if you have them to enjoy a 3-mile roundtrip hike 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 Dornans Pizza and Pasta Company. During May other services open for the summer season. See page 6 for more details.



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 16 from 8 am to 5 pm daily with extended hours beginning June 4th.

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

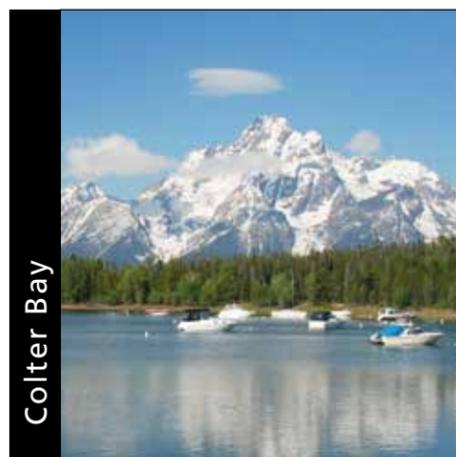
snow patches on the trail through May; waterproof shoes recommended in early May. Access the trail from South Jenny Lake or the String Lake Trailhead.

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 toilets available.

JENNY LAKE SHUTTLE & STORE

Jenny Lake Boating provides scenic boat shuttles across Jenny Lake to the mouth of Cascade Canyon. They also offer 1 hour scenic lake cruises, and kayak and canoe rentals depending on water temperature. Operations are scheduled to begin May 15 (10 am to 4 pm) with extended hours during summer. The shuttle boats leave from the boat dock; follow the painted moose tracks along the paved path from the visitor center. Visit the Jenny Lake Store (opening May 10), located next to the visitor center, to stock up on snacks for your outing.



COLTER BAY VISITOR CENTER

Colter Bay Visitor Center opened with a new look in 2012. After 40 years the artifacts from the Colter Bay Indian Arts Museum are undergoing conservation treatment. The remodeled building proudly displays 35 new artifacts from the David T. Vernon Indian Arts Collection. Rangers provide trip planning information, trail maps and overnight backcountry permits. Shop for educational gifts in the remodeled Grand Teton Association sales area. The visitor center opens on May 10th from 8 am to 5 pm, with extended hours beginning June 4th.

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.

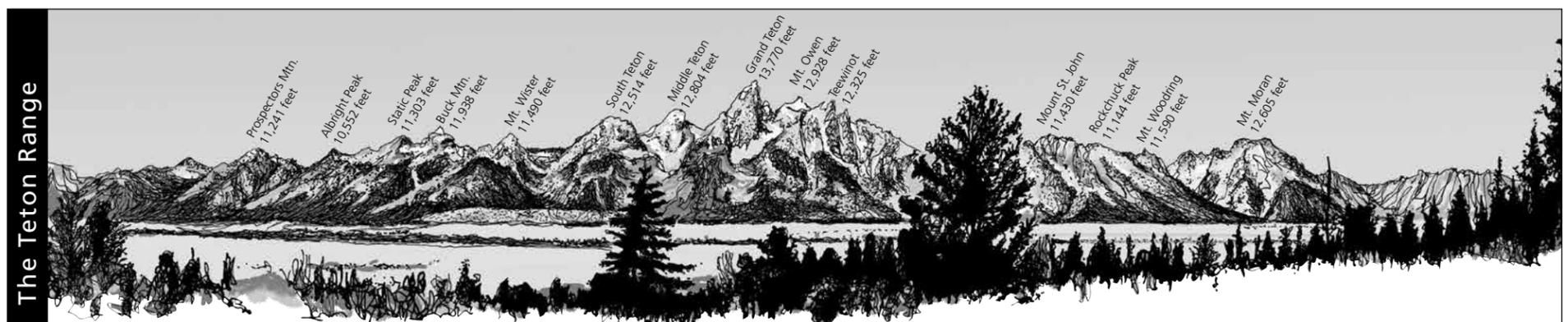
JACKSON LAKE LODGE

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 19th. See page 6 for hours of operation.

OSBOW BEND

Located seven miles south of Colter Bay, the Oxbow Bend turnout offers 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. Fore your safety, do not approach wildlife.



Services and Facilities

Dates subject to change at any time.

TYPE	LOCATION	DATES	PHONE	DESCRIPTION
Moose				
Lodging	Dornans Spur Ranch	Year-round	(307) 733-2522	Cabins with kitchens. dornans.com
Food Service	Dornans Chuck Wagon	June 14-Sept. 21	(307) 733-2415 x203	Western fare. Breakfast 7-11 am, lunch 12-3 pm, dinner (Sun.-Wed.) 5-9 pm
	Dornans Pizza and Pasta Co.	Year-round	(307) 733-2415 x204	Open: 11:30 am; Closes: May 5 or 7 pm, June-Sept. 9:30 pm
	Dornans Trading Post	Year-round	(307) 733-2415 x201	Groceries. Deli open June-Sept.
	Dornans Wine Shoppe	Year-round	(307) 733-2415 x202	May 10 am-6 pm June-Sept. 10 am-10 pm
Store/Gift shops	Dornans Gift Shop	Year-round	(307) 733-2415 x301	May & Sept. 8 am-6 pm; June-Aug. 8 am-8 pm
	Moosely Mountaineering	mid-May-Sept.	(307) 739-1801	Mountaineering, climbing, camping equipment. Peak season open daily 9 am-8 pm
Service Station	Dornans	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, stand-up paddle boards, kayak, and canoe rentals and sales. 8 am-8 pm
	Barker Ewing Float Trips	mid-May-Sept.	(307) 733-1800	Float trips on the Snake River. 8 am-6 pm. Hours vary during shoulder season.
South Jenny Lake				
Lodging	AAC Climber's Ranch	June 7-Sept. 12	(307) 733-7271	Rustic accommodations, 3 miles south of Jenny Lake. https://americanalpineclub.org
Store/Gift shops	General Store	May 11-Sept. 15		Camping and hiking supplies, groceries, film, and gifts. www.gtlc.com
Boat Tours	Jenny Lake Boating	May 15-Sept. 21	(307) 734-9227	Shuttle & tours across Jenny Lake. Canoe & kayak rentals. www.jennylakeboating.com
North Jenny Lake				
Lodging	Jenny Lake Lodge	June 1-Oct. 5	(307) 733-4647 or	Modified American Plan. Cabins.
Food Service	Lodge Dining Room	June 1-Oct. 5	(800) 628-9988	Breakfast 7:30-9 am. Lunch 12-1:30 pm. Dinner 6-8:45 pm.
			www.gtlc.com	Reservations required for all meals. Jackets recommended for dinner.
Store/Gift Shops	Jenny Lake Lodge	June 1-Oct. 5		Gifts, books and apparel.
Signal Mountain				
Lodging	Signal Mountain Lodge	May 9-Oct. 19	(307) 543-2831 or	Lakefront suites, motel units, and log cabins.
Food Service	Peaks Dining Room	May 9-Oct. 5	(800) 672-6012	Dinner 5:30-10 pm. Closes at 9 pm Sept. 22-Oct. 5.
	Trapper Grill	May 9-Oct. 19	signalmountainlodge.com	Breakfast 7-11 am. Lunch/dinner 11 am-10 pm. Closes at 9 pm Sept. 22-Oct. 19
Store/Gift Shops	Needles Gift Store	May 10-Oct. 19		8 am-10 pm. Closes at 9 pm during shoulder seasons.
	Timbers Gift Store	May 10-Oct. 19		8 am-10 pm. Closes at 9 pm during shoulder seasons.
Convenience Store	Signal Service Station	May 3-Oct. 19		7 am-10:30 pm. Gas, drinks, snacks, supplies. Hours vary during shoulder seasons.
Marina	Signal Marina	May 17-Sept. 14		Rentals, guest buoys, lake fishing trips, gas and courtesy docks.
Jackson Lake Lodge				
Lodging	Jackson Lake Lodge	May 19-Oct. 5	(307) 543-3100 or	Large lodge with views across Willow Flats and Jackson Lake.
Food Service	Mural Room	May 19-Oct. 5	(800) 628-9988	Breakfast 7-9:30 am. Lunch 11:30 am-1:30 pm. Dinner 5:30-9 pm.
			www.gtlc.com	Dinner reservations recommended.
	Pioneer Grill	May 19-Oct. 5		6 am-10:30 pm
	Blue Heron Lounge	May 19-Oct. 4		11 am-midnight.
Store/Gift Shops	Jackson Lake Lodge	May 19-Oct. 5		Sundries, magazines, books, gifts, souvenirs and apparel.
Service Station		May 19-Oct. 5		Gas and diesel.
Horseback Riding	Jackson Lake Lodge Corral	May 25-Sept. 28		Trail rides.
Triangle X				
Lodging	Triangle X Ranch	mid-May-mid-Oct. Dec. 26-mid-Mar.	(307) 733-2183 trianglerx.com	Full service guest ranch. Horseback riding, winter activities.
Colter Bay				
Lodging	Colter Bay Cabins	May 22-Sept. 28	(307) 543-3100 or	Shared-bathroom, one-room and two-room cabins available.
	Tent Village	May 30-Sept. 1	(800) 628-9988	Enclosed log/canvas deluxe tents with bunks and wood-burning stove
Food Service	Ranch House	May 22-Sept. 28	www.gtlc.com	Breakfast 6:30-10:30 am. Lunch 11:30 am-1:30 pm. Dinner 5:30-9 pm.
	Cafe Court	May 30-Sept. 1		Open 11 am-10 pm.
Store/Gift Shops	General Store	May 22-Sept. 28		ATM groceries, gifts, and firewood.
	Marina Store	May 22-Sept. 21		Fishing tackle, film, outdoor apparel, beverages, and snacks.
Convenience Store	Highway Station	April 19-Oct. 12		Gas, diesel, beverages, snacks, souvenirs and firewood.
Horseback Riding	Colter Bay Corral	June 7-Sept. 8		Breakfast and dinner rides, wagon seats available. Trail rides.
Marina	Colter Bay	May 23-Sept. 21		Scenic cruises. Boat rentals. Guided fishing. Gas. Water dependent.
Showers	Colter Bay	May 22-Sept. 21		Pay showers.
Laundrette	Colter Bay	May 22-Sept. 21		Laundry services.
Leeks Marina				
Food Service	Leeks Pizzeria	May 23-Sept. 7	(307) 543-2494	Pizza and sandwiches. Open 11 am-10 pm. signalmountainlodge.com
Marina	Leeks Marina	May 17-Sept. 14	(307) 543-2546	Dependent on water levels.
Flagg Ranch				
Lodging	Headwaters Lodge & Cabins	June 1-Sept. 30	(307) 543-2861 or	Log style units.
Food/Store/Shop	Headwaters Lodge	June 1-Sept. 30	(800) 443-2311	Home-style menu. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
Convenience Store	Headwaters Lodge	May 16-Oct. 12	gtlc.com/headwaters-lodge.aspx	Gas, diesel, beverages, snacks, and souvenirs, and firewood.
Campground	Headwaters Campground & RV	June 1-Sept. 30		Essentials for camping and fishing. Camper cabins available.
Horseback Riding	Headwaters Corral	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. www.tetonscience.org
Programs/Events	The Murie Center	Year-round	(307) 739-2246	Conservation programs and events, guided tours. www.muriecenter.org
Mountaineering	Exum Mountain Guides	Year-round	(307) 733-2297	Mountaineering and climbing instruction. AMGA accredited. exumguides.com
	Jackson Hole Mountain Guides	Year-round	(307) 733-4979	Mountaineering and climbing instruction. AMGA accredited. www.jhmg.com
Floating/Fishing	Barker-Ewing Float Trips		(307) 733-1800	Float trips and combination trips with Wildlife Expeditions. https://www.barkerewing.com
	Flagg Ranch Company		(800) 443-2311	Float trips and fishing trips. www.gtlc.com/headwaters-lodge.aspx
	Grand Fishing Adventures		(307) 734-9684	Guided fishing trips (Moose to Wilson). www.grandfishing.com
	Grand Teton Fly Fishing		(307) 690-0910	Guided fishing trips. www.grandtetonflyfishing.com
	Grand Teton Lodge Company		(307) 543-2811	Float trips and fishing trips: Jackson Lake and Snake River. www.gtlc.com
	Heart 6 Guest Ranch		(888) 543-2477	Float trips. heartsix.com
	Lost Creek Ranch		(307) 733-3435	Float trips and fishing trips. lostcreek.com
	National Park Float Trips		(307) 733-5500	Float trips and fishing trips. nationalparkfloattrips.com
	OARS		(800) 346-6277	Float trips and kayaking on Jackson Lake. Multi-day trips. www.oars.com
	Signal Mountain Lodge		(307) 543-2831	Float trips and fishing trips: Jackson Lake and Snake River. signalmountainlodge.com
	Snake River Anglers		(307) 733-3699	Float trips and fishing trips. www.snakeriverangler.com
	Solitude Float Trips		(307) 733-2871	Float trips (private trips available). www.grand-teton-scenic-floats.com
	Triangle X Ranch		(307) 733-2183	Float trips and fishing trips. trianglerx.com
Medical Services				
	Medical emergencies	Year-round	911	
	St. Johns Medical Center	Year-round	(307) 733-3636	Located in Jackson. www.tetonhospital.org
	Grand Teton Medical Clinic	May 19-Oct. 4	(307) 543-2514	Located at Jackson Lake Lodge. Open 9 am-5 pm. grandtetonmedicalclinic.com
Worship Services				
	Interdenominational	June 1-Aug. 24 June 1-Aug. 24 May 18-Sept. 7 May 25-Sept. 21 May 25-Sept. 7 June 1-Aug. 24	(307) 543-3011	Gros Ventre Campground Amphitheater, Sundays 9:30 am. Jenny Lake Amphitheater, Sundays 8 am. Signal Mountain Campground Amphitheater, Sundays 8 am, 10 am, 7:30 pm. Jackson Lake Lodge, Sundays 8 am, 10 am, 7:30 pm. Colter Bay Village Amphitheater, Sundays 8 am, 10 am, 5:30 pm. Flagg Ranch Campfire Circle, Sundays 8 am, 10 am.
	Episcopal	May 25-Sept. 28	(307) 733-2603 x102	Chapel of the Transfiguration, Sundays. Services 8 am and 10 am. stjohnsjackson.diowy.org
	Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints	May 25-Sept. 7	(307) 543-2811	Jackson Lake Lodge, Sundays. Sacrament 5:45 pm. Sunday school and Priesthood/Relief Society based on attendance. www.mormon.org/meetinghouse
	Roman Catholic	June 8-Sept. 14	(307) 733-2516	Chapel of the Sacred Heart, Sunday mass, 5 pm. www.olmcatholic.org

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VISITOR CENTERS 2014

Albright Visitor Center, Mammoth Hot Springs	Open Year-round
Old Faithful Visitor Center	April 26 - Nov. 2
Canyon Village (tentative)	April 18
Fishing Bridge	May 24 - Sept. 30
Grant Visitor Center	May 24 - Sept. 30
West Thumb Information Station	May 24 - Sept. 30
Museum of the National Park Ranger	May 24 - Sept. 29
Norris Information Station	May 24 - Sept. 30
West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (NPS staffing limited in winter)	Open Year-round
Madison Information	May 24 - Sept. 30

ROAD OPENING 2014

Please check at an entrance station or visitor center for road construction and road closure information.

West Yellowstone and Mammoth Hot Springs to Old Faithful, Norris to Canyon	April 18
Canyon to Lake, Lake to East Entrance	May 2
South Entrance to Lake West Thumb to Old Faithful (Craig Pass)	May 9
Tower Fall to Canyon (Dunraven Pass) Beartooth Highway	May 23

NPS CAMPGROUNDS 2014

Indian Creek	June 13 - Sept. 8
Lewis Lake	June 15 - Nov. 2
Mammoth	Year-round
Norris	May 16 - Sept. 29
Pebble Creek	June 15 - Sept. 29
Slough Creek	June 15 - Oct. 7
Tower Fall	May 23 - Sept. 29

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Bridge Bay	May 23 - Sept. 1
Canyon	May 30 - Sept. 14
Fishing Bridge RV	May 9 - Sept. 21
Grant Village	June 21 - Sept. 21
Madison	May 2 - Oct. 19

Campground & Lodge Fill Times (307) 344-2114

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Yellowstone National Park Lodges www.YellowstoneNationalPark-Lodges.com	(307) 344-7311 or (866) 439-7375
Yellowstone National Park website	www.nps.gov/yell

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of Interior, including the National Park Service go to www.doi.gov/public/findajob.cfm. 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 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.

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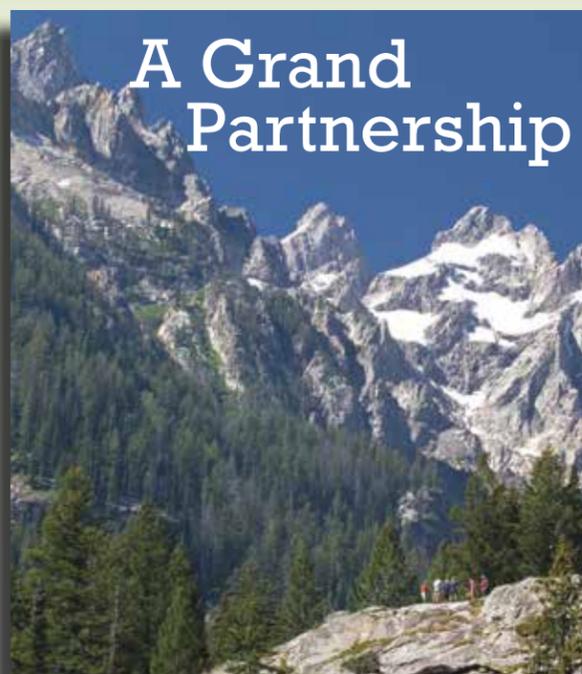
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the interpretive, educational and research programs of our partners.

We provide educational materials, fund learning programs, give research grants, host art events, and much more. Please consider shopping at our online store or becoming a member to help us carry out the essential work we do.

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