

Summer Ranger Programs

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Stars Over Yellowstone

The following programs about astronomy are offered in cooperation with the Museum of the Rockies (Bozeman, Montana). Find constellations, hear star stories, and view celestial objects through telescopes; weather permitting.

Night Sky Observing

Madison Information Station Parking Lot

10:30 PM Fridays and Saturdays: June 10 & 11 and July 8 & 9.

Find the Milky Way, planets, craters on the Moon, the center of the Galaxy, star clusters, and nebula. Telescopes available. Bring a flashlight.

Safe Solar Observing

Old Faithful Visitor Education Center area

12 noon–2 PM Saturdays: June 11 and July 9.

Safely view the sun through telescopes. Great for the whole family.

Evening programs about astronomy • Madison amphitheater

Friday, June 10, 9:30 PM • Cosmic Update 2016

What's up, what's new, and what's hot in the big wide universe and exploration of it? Presented by Mr. Jim Manning, science education consultant and former Executive Director of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.



More for kids • page 7

Teachers can bring a group to Yellowstone (with at least three weeks prior notice), have a ranger visit a school in the area, or schedule a video conference with students anywhere. Details at www.nps.gov/yell/forteachers

Strive for gold at Wildlife Olympics

During this Summer Olympics year, test your skills and compare your abilities to animals in Yellowstone. How far can you jump? How well can you see and smell? Take part in Yellowstone Wildlife Olympics on scheduled Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between noon and 3 PM. Stay for as little or as long as your plans allow.

Old Faithful (Mondays from 12–3 PM)

Near Old Faithful Visitor Education Center
June 6, 13, 20, 27 • July 4, 11, 18, 25 • August 1, 8, 15, and 22

Canyon Village (Wednesdays from 12–3 PM)

Near Canyon Visitor Education Center
June 8, 15, 22, 29 • July 6, 13, 20, 27 • August 3, 10, 17, and 24

Mammoth Hot Springs (Fridays from 12–3 PM)

Near Albright Visitor Center
June 3, 10, 17, 24 • July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • August 5, 12, 19, and 26



Stay on designated trails and boardwalks. Ground in hydrothermal areas is fragile and thin, and there is scalding water just below. Visitors have fallen through and died here. Keep your children close at hand.



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



As you enjoy trails, be bear aware. You are safer hiking in groups of three or more. Make yourself heard in areas where you can't see far around you. Do not run from a bear under any circumstance. Carry bear spray and know how to use it safely.

Canyon Village

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Ranger Adventure Hike (June 17 to September 4) Enter the wilderness world of Yellowstone's backcountry on a half-day guided hike. These free hikes vary from easy to strenuous. Some hikes are not recommended for people with heart, breathing, or serious medical conditions. All children (15 and under) must be accompanied by an adult. Descriptions available at Canyon Visitor Education Center. Reservations required—in person, or call 307-344-2550. 5 hours.	8 AM 6/19-9/4 Mt. Washburn Limit 20					8 AM 6/17-9/2 Cascade Lake Limit 15	8 AM 6/18-9/3 Ribbon Lake Limit 15
Canyon Rim Walk (May 28 to September 5) Explore the ecology, geology, and history of the canyon while walking along the South Rim Trail. Capture stunning views of the Yellowstone River, Lower Falls, and the gorgeous colors of the canyon walls. Meet at Uncle Tom's Parking Lot on the South Rim Drive. Moderate walk. 1 mile. 1½ hours.	9 AM 5/29-9/4	9 AM 5/30-9/5	9 AM 5/31-8/30	9 AM 6/1-8/31	9 AM 6/2-9/1	9 AM 6/3-9/2	9 AM 5/28-9/3
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (May 28 to September 5) Whether you are hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park's amazing wildlife from the road, this workshop is for you and your family. Learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience in this interactive demonstration. Meet in front of Canyon Visitor Education Center. ♿ Accessible. 20 minutes.	9 AM 4 PM 5/29-9/4	9 AM 4 PM 5/30-9/5	9 AM 4 PM 5/31-8/30	9 AM 4 PM 6/1-8/31	9 AM 4 PM 6/2-9/1	9 AM 4 PM 6/3-9/2	9 AM 4 PM 5/28-9/3
Canyon Talks at Artist Point (May 28 to September 5) From a classic viewpoint, enjoy Lower Falls, the Yellowstone River, and the spectacular colors of the canyon while learning about the area's natural and human history. Discover why artists and photographers continue to be drawn to this special place. Meet on the lower platform at Artist Point on the South Rim Drive. ♿ Accessible. 20 minutes. <i>*11 AM talk designed for families with children of Junior Ranger age (5-12).</i>	10:30 AM *11 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 5/29-9/4	10:30 AM *11 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 5/30-9/5	10:30 AM *11 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 5/31-8/30	10:30 AM *11 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 6/1-8/31	10:30 AM *11 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 6/2-9/1	10:30 AM *11 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 6/3-9/2	10:30 AM *11 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 5/28-9/3
Yellowstone for the Young (June 12 to August 20) Discover the wonderful geology, history, or wildlife of Yellowstone and celebrate the Centennial with us. This interactive program is designed for families with children of Junior Ranger age (5-12). Meet in front of Canyon Visitor Education Center. ♿ Accessible. 20 minutes.	3 PM 6/12-8/14	3 PM 6/13-8/15	3 PM 6/14-8/16	3 PM 6/15-8/17	3 PM 6/16-8/18	3 PM 6/17-8/19	3 PM 6/18-8/20
Canyon Evening Program (June 5 to September 5) Learn more about a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone's natural or cultural wonders in a nightly slide presentation. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at the Canyon Visitor Education Center for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Canyon Campground amphitheater. ♿ Accessible. 45 minutes.	9:30 PM 6/5-7/31 9 PM 8/7-9/4	9:30 PM 6/6-8/1 9 PM 8/8-9/5	9:30 PM 6/7-8/2 9 PM 8/9-8/30	9:30 PM 6/8-8/3 9 PM 8/10-8/31	9:30 PM 6/9-8/4 9 PM 8/11-9/1	9:30 PM 6/10-8/5 9 PM 8/12-9/2	9:30 PM 6/11-8/6 9 PM 8/13-9/3

Bridge Bay

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Family Program (May 27 to September 4) Learn about Yellowstone's wonderful wildlife, geysers, history and much more. This is a great opportunity to complete the ranger-led activity required to earn your Junior Ranger patch. These family programs are geared towards kids of Junior Ranger age (5-12). Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Information Center or look on local bulletin boards for presentation topics. Meet at Bridge Bay Campground amphitheater. ♿ Accessible. 30 minutes.	6:30 PM 5/29-9/4	6:30 PM 5/30-8/29	6:30 PM 5/31-8/30	6:30 PM 6/1-8/31	6:30 PM 6/2-9/1	6:30 PM 5/27-9/2	6:30 PM 5/28-9/3
Bridge Bay Evening Program (May 27 to September 4) Learn more about a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone's natural or cultural wonders in a nightly slide presentation. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Information Center or look on local bulletin boards for the night's subject. Meet at the Bridge Bay Campground amphitheater. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. ♿ Accessible. 45 minutes.	9:30 PM 5/29-7/31 9 PM 8/7-9/4	9:30 PM 5/30-8/1 9 PM 8/8-8/29	9:30 PM 5/31-8/2 9 PM 8/9-8/30	9:30 PM 6/1-8/3 9 PM 8/10-8/31	9:30 PM 6/2-8/4 9 PM 8/11-9/1	9:30 PM 5/27-8/5 9 PM 8/12-9/2	9:30 PM 5/28-8/6 9 PM 8/13-9/3

Fishing Bridge and Lake Village

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>Ranger Adventure Hike (June 20 to September 5) Enter the wilderness world of Yellowstone’s backcountry on a half-day guided hike. These free hikes vary from easy to strenuous. Some hikes are not recommended for people with heart, breathing, or serious medical conditions. All children (15 and under) must be accompanied by an adult. Descriptions available at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center. Reservations required—in person, or call 307-344-2450. 5 hours.</p>	9 AM 6/20–9/4 Yellowstone River <i>Limit 15</i>	8 AM 6/27–9/5 Avalanche Peak <i>Limit 15</i>			8 AM 6/30–9/1 Avalanche Peak <i>Limit 15</i>	9 AM 6/24–9/2 Yellowstone River <i>Limit 15</i>	
<p>Lake Scenic Cruise (June 13 to September 11) Join a park ranger on a narrated boat tour on the ethereal water of Yellowstone Lake, with views of the wondrous Absaroka Mountains, historic Lake Hotel & Village, and surrounding lodgepole pine forest. Reservations required in advance through Yellowstone National Parks Lodges. Call 307-344-7311 or stop by the Bridge Bay Marina. Other tours are available throughout the day. <i>Cost is \$17 +tax for adults, \$10 +tax for kids ages 3–11, free for kids under 3.</i> Accessible. 1 hour.</p>	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/19–9/11	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/13–9/5	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/14–9/6	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/15–9/7	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/16–9/8	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/17–9/9	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM 6/18–9/10
<p>Mud Volcano Ramble (May 27 to September 5) <i>“The greatest marvel we have yet met with,”</i> declared early explorers. View colorful, vociferous, and intriguing mudpots and hot springs, and find out what they reveal about Yellowstone’s explosive past and future. Moderately strenuous. Meet at the Mud Volcano parking area. 1½ hours.</p>	10 AM 5/29–9/4	10 AM 5/30–9/5	10 AM 5/31–8/30	10 AM 6/1–8/31	10 AM 6/2–9/1	10 AM 5/27–9/2	10 AM 5/28–9/3
<p>Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (May 27 to September 5) Whether you are hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from the road, this workshop is for you and your family. Learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience in this interactive demonstration. Meet at the Fishing Bridge Visitor Center. Accessible. 20 minutes.</p>	10:30 AM 2 PM 5/29–9/4	10:30 AM 2 PM 5/30–9/5	10:30 AM 2 PM 5/31–8/30	10:30 AM 2 PM 6/1–8/31	10:30 AM 2 PM 6/2–9/1	10:30 AM 2 PM 5/27–9/2	10:30 AM 2 PM 5/28–9/3
<p>100 Years in the Making (May 27 to September 5) Explore various aspects of the rich heritage and history of the National Park Service. Meet at the Fishing Bridge Visitor Center. Accessible. 30 minutes.</p>	2:30 PM 5/29–9/4	2:30 PM 5/30–9/5	2:30 PM 5/31–8/30	2:30 PM 6/1–8/31	2:30 PM 6/2–9/1	2:30 PM 5/27–9/2	2:30 PM 5/28–9/3
<p>Featured Creature (May 27 to September 5) Enthralling and diverse wild animals, some found few other places in North America, nor in such profusion, are revealed in Yellowstone. Discover the secrets of one of Yellowstone’s wild animals. Meet at the Fishing Bridge Visitor Center. Accessible. 30 minutes.</p>	4 PM 5/29–9/4	4 PM 5/30–9/5	4 PM 5/31–8/30	4 PM 6/1–8/31	4 PM 6/2–9/1	4 PM 5/27–9/2	4 PM 5/28–9/3
<p>Storm Point Saunter (May 27 to September 5) Wander along the ever-changing lakeshore and through a diversity of landscapes including a lush meadow dotted with wildflowers and an ancient forest of spruce, pine, and fir. Experience Yellowstone in its true splendor. Meet at Indian Pond at the Storm Point trailhead, three miles east of Fishing Bridge. Easy 2.3-mile hike. Bring water, raingear, and good hiking shoes. 2½ hours.</p>	4 PM 5/29–9/4	4 PM 5/30–9/5	4 PM 5/31–8/30	4 PM 6/1–8/31	4 PM 6/2–9/1	4 PM 5/27–9/2	4 PM 5/28–9/3
<p>Fishing Bridge Evening Program (May 27 to September 17) Learn more about a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone’s natural or cultural wonders in a nightly slide presentation. Inquire at Fishing Bridge Visitor Information Center or look on local bulletin boards for the night’s subject. Meet at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center amphitheater. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Accessible. 45 minutes.</p>	9:30 PM 5/29–7/31 9 PM 8/7–9/11	9:30 PM 5/30–8/1 9 PM 8/8–9/12	9:30 PM 5/31–8/2 9 PM 8/9–9/13	9:30 PM 6/1–8/3 9 PM 8/10–9/14	9:30 PM 6/2–8/4 9 PM 8/11–9/15	9:30 PM 5/27–8/5 9 PM 8/12–9/16	9:30 PM 5/28–8/6 9 PM 8/13–9/17



Call 307-344-2251 three weeks ahead to arrange for a sign language interpreter at ranger programs. TTY 307-344-2386



Look for this symbol in descriptions for ranger programs that are wheelchair accessible.

Grant Village and West Thumb

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Scenic Lake Overlook (June 5 to September 5) Ascend through meadows, forests and past thermal features to reach a picturesque view of Yellowstone Lake surrounded by the Absaroka Mountains. Meet at the Lake Overlook Trailhead in the West Thumb Geyser Basin parking lot . Moderate hike. 2 miles. 2 hours.	9:30 AM 6/5–9/4	9:30 AM 6/6–9/5	9:30 AM 6/7–8/30	9:30 AM 6/8–8/31	9:30 AM 6/9–9/1	9:30 AM 6/10–9/2	9:30 AM 6/11–9/3
Gazing into the Abyss (May 27 to September 5) Look deep into beautiful Abyss Hot Spring and discover the secrets it holds. Meet at Abyss Hot Spring, in the West Thumb Geyser Basin , ¼-mile from the start of the boardwalk. Easy. Accessible with assistance. 10 minutes.	10 AM 11 AM 2 PM 3 PM 5/29–9/4	10 AM 11 AM 2 PM 3 PM 5/30–9/5	10 AM 11 AM 2 PM 3 PM 5/31–8/30	10 AM 11 AM 2 PM 3 PM 6/1–8/31	10 AM 11 AM 2 PM 3 PM 6/2–9/1	10 AM 11 AM 2 PM 3 PM 5/27–9/2	10 AM 11 AM 2 PM 3 PM 5/28–9/3
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (May 27 to September 5) Whether you are hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from the road, this workshop is for you and your family. Learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience in this interactive demonstration. Meet on the back porch of the Grant Visitor Center . ♿ Accessible. 20 minutes.	10 AM 4:30 PM 5/29–9/4	10 AM 4:30 PM 5/30–9/5	10 AM 4:30 PM 5/31–8/30	10 AM 4:30 PM 6/1–8/31	10 AM 4:30 PM 6/2–9/1	10 AM 4:30 PM 5/27–9/2	10 AM 4:30 PM 5/28–9/3
Junior Ranger Discovery Program (May 29 to September 5) Get ready to investigate and discover the many curiosities of Yellowstone during this interactive program geared towards kids of Junior Ranger age (4–13+). Meet at the Grant Lakeshore Pavilion, located behind the Visitor Center along the edge of the Lake. ♿ Accessible. 30 minutes.	11:30 AM 2 PM 5/29–9/4	11:30 AM 2 PM 5/30–9/5	11:30 AM 2 PM 5/31–8/30	11:30 AM 2 PM 6/1–8/31	11:30 AM 2 PM 6/2–9/1	11:30 AM 2 PM 6/3–9/2	11:30 AM 2 PM 6/4–9/3
West Thumb Geyser Basin Walk (May 27 to September 5) Take a guided walk along the beautiful shores of Yellowstone Lake while exploring the origins of glittering geysers, belching mud pots, and emerald hot springs in West Thumb’s dynamic geyser basin. Meet at the West Thumb Visitor Information Station . Roundtrip distance is ½-mile. Easy. Accessible with assistance. 1 hour.	1 PM 3:30 PM 5/29–9/4	1 PM 3:30 PM 5/30–9/5	1 PM 3:30 PM 5/31–8/30	1 PM 3:30 PM 6/1–8/31	1 PM 3:30 PM 6/2–9/1	1 PM 3:30 PM 5/27–9/2	1 PM 3:30 PM 5/28–9/3
To the Centennial and Beyond (May 29 to September 5) One hundred years and counting; explore the history of the National Park Service and share your thoughts and vision for the future our national parks. Meet on the back porch of the Grant Visitor Center . ♿ Accessible. 15 minutes.	3:30 PM 5/29–9/4	3:30 PM 5/30–9/5	3:30 PM 5/31–8/30	3:30 PM 6/1–8/31	3:30 PM 6/2–9/1	3:30 PM 6/3–9/2	3:30 PM 6/4–9/3
Ranger Rendezvous (May 27 to September 5) This early evening program is designed for the young and young at heart. Learn more about Yellowstone’s diverse geology, history, or wildlife riches. Daily programs are posted at the Grant Visitor Center. Meet behind the visitor center at the Grant Village Lakeshore Pavilion . Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. ♿ Accessible. 30 minutes.	7:30 PM 5/29–9/4	7:30 PM 5/30–9/5	7:30 PM 5/31–8/30	7:30 PM 6/1–8/31	7:30 PM 6/2–9/1	7:30 PM 5/27–9/2	7:30 PM 5/28–9/3
Grant Village Evening Program (June 19 to September 5) Learn more about a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone’s natural or cultural wonders in a nightly slide presentation. Check locally for program topics. Meet at the Grant amphitheater. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. ♿ Accessible. 45 minutes.	9:30 PM 6/19–7/31 9 PM 8/7–9/4	9:30 PM 6/20–8/1 9 PM 8/8–9/5	9:30 PM 6/21–8/2 9 PM 8/9–8/30	9:30 PM 6/22–8/3 9 PM 8/10–8/31	9:30 PM 6/23–8/4 9 PM 8/11–9/1	9:30 PM 6/24–8/5 9 PM 8/12–9/2	9:30 PM 6/25–8/6 9 PM 8/13–9/3

Albright Visitor Center

5/28–9/30 8 AM–7 PM

10/1–5/27 9 AM–5 PM

Ph: 307-344-2263

Canyon Visitor Education Center

5/1–5/27 9 AM–5 PM

5/28–9/5 8 AM–8 PM

9/6–9/30 8 AM–6 PM

10/1–10/10 9 AM–5 PM

10/11–11/6 9 AM–5 PM (Restrooms, lobby, and info desk only)

Ph: 307-344-2550

Fishing Bridge Visitor Center

5/27–9/30 8 AM–7 PM

10/1–10/10 9 AM–5 PM

Ph: 307-344-2450

Grant Visitor Center

5/27–9/30 8 AM–7 PM

10/1–10/10 9 AM–5 PM

Ph: 307-344-2650

Madison Information Station

5/27–9/30 9 AM–6 PM

10/1–10/10 9 AM–5 PM

Junior Ranger Station Programs

5/27–9/5 9 AM–6 PM

Ph: 307-344-2821

Norris Geyser Basin Museum & Information Station

5/21–9/30 9 AM–6 PM

10/1–10/10 9 AM–5 PM

Ph: 307-344-2812

Old Faithful Visitor Education Center

4/15–5/27 9 AM–6 PM

5/28–9/30 8 AM–8 PM

10/1–11/6 9 AM–5 PM

Ph: 307-344-2751

West Thumb Information Station

5/27–9/30: 9 AM–5 PM

10/1–10/10 9 AM–5 PM

Ph: 307-344-2650

West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center

Inside the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce

4/15–5/27 8 AM–4 PM

5/28–9/5 8 AM–8 PM

9/6–11/6 8 AM–4 PM

Ph: 307-344-2876

Madison

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (May 28 to September 5) Whether you are hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park's amazing wildlife from the road, this workshop is for you and your family. Learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience in this interactive demonstration. Meet at the Madison Junior Ranger Station . ♿ Accessible. 20 minutes .	9 AM 5/29–9/4	9 AM 5/30–9/5	9 AM 5/31–8/30	9 AM 6/1–8/31	9 AM 6/2–9/1	9 AM 6/3–9/2	9 AM 5/28–9/3
Harlequin Lake Walk (June 13 to August 15) This moderately easy 1½-mile round-trip hike will introduce you to a beautiful and secluded home for waterfowl and beaver. Meet at the third pullout, 1.5 miles west of Madison Junction on the west entrance road , opposite the Harlequin Lake Trailhead. Bring water, raingear, good hiking shoes and a snack. 2 hours .		10 AM 6/13–8/15					
Junior Ranger Station Activities (May 28 to September 5) Learn about Yellowstone's wonderful wildlife, geysers, and history. This is a great opportunity to complete the ranger-led activity required to earn your Junior Ranger patch. These family programs are geared towards kids of Junior Ranger age (5–12). Meet at the Junior Ranger Station at Madison Junction . Accessible with assistance. 30 minutes .	Morning 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 Afternoon 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30 5/29–9/4	Morning 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 Afternoon 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30 5/30–9/5	Morning 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 Afternoon 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30 5/31–8/30	Morning 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 Afternoon 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30 6/1–8/31	Morning 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 Afternoon 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30 6/2–9/1	Morning 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 Afternoon 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30 6/3–9/2	Morning 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 Afternoon 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30 5/28–9/3
Terrace Springs Walk (June 7 to August 26) Enjoy a guided ramble through one of Yellowstone's lesser-known thermal areas to talk about life on the edge of an active volcano. Meet at the Terrace Springs parking lot, 1 mile north of Madison Junction . Accessible with assistance. 45 minutes .			4 PM 6/7–8/23			4 PM 6/10–8/26	
Madison Evening Program (May 29 to September 5) Learn more about a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone's natural or cultural wonders in a nightly slide presentation. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at the Madison Information Station for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Madison amphitheater . ♿ Accessible. 45 minutes .	9:30 PM 5/29–7/31 9 PM 8/7–9/4	9:30 PM 5/30–8/1 9 PM 8/8–9/5	9:30 PM 5/31–8/2 9 PM 8/9–8/30	9:30 PM 6/1–8/3 9 PM 8/10–8/31	9:30 PM 6/2–8/4 9 PM 8/11–9/1	9:30 PM 6/3–8/5 9 PM 8/12–9/2	9:30 PM 6/4–8/6 9 PM 8/13–9/3

West Yellowstone

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Explore Yellowstone (May 28 to September 5) Would you like ideas on how to spend your time in Yellowstone? Meet at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (corner of Yellowstone Ave. and Canyon St.) for a talk about what to see and do in the park. ♿ Accessible. 30 minutes .	9 AM 5/29–9/4	9 AM 5/30–9/5	9 AM 5/31–8/30	9 AM 6/1–8/31	9 AM 6/2–9/1	9 AM 6/3–9/2	9 AM 5/28–9/3
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (May 28 to Sept. 5) Whether you are hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park's amazing wildlife from the road, this workshop is for you and your family. Learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience in this interactive demonstration. Meet at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (corner of Yellowstone Ave. and Canyon St.). ♿ Accessible. 20 minutes .	9:30 AM 5/29–9/4	9:30 AM 5/30–9/5	9:30 AM 5/31–8/30	9:30 AM 6/1–8/31	9:30 AM 6/2–9/1	9:30 AM 6/3–9/2	9:30 AM 5/28–9/3
Afternoon Talk (May 28 to September 5) Each afternoon, a ranger will present a talk on a captivating aspect of Yellowstone's natural or cultural history in West Yellowstone, Montana. The Yellowstone Historic Center Museum is located at the intersection of Yellowstone Ave. and Canyon St. (SW corner). The Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center is located at 201 South Canyon Street. Talks are free and open to the public. <i>There is a fee if you choose to visit the rest of the centers.</i> ♿ Accessible. 30 minutes .	Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 2 PM 5/29–9/4	Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 2 PM 5/30–9/5	Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 2 PM 5/31–8/30	Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 2 PM 6/1–8/31	Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 2 PM 6/2–9/1	Yellowstone Historic Center Museum 2 PM 6/3–9/2	Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 2 PM 5/28–9/3
Evening Program in West Yellowstone (June 7 to Aug. 26) Learn more about a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone's natural or cultural wonders in an evening slide presentation. Meet at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (corner of Yellowstone Ave. and Canyon St.). ♿ Accessible. 45 minutes .			7 PM 6/7–8/23			7 PM 6/10–8/26	

Mammoth Hot Springs

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Ranger Adventure Hike (June 12 to September 4) Enter the wilderness world of Yellowstone's backcountry on a half-day guided hike. These free hikes vary from easy to strenuous. Some hikes are not recommended for people with heart, breathing, or serious medical conditions. All children, 15 and under, must be accompanied by an adult. Descriptions available at Albright Visitor Center in Mammoth. Reservations required—in person, or call 307-344-2263. 5 hours.	8 AM 6/12-9/4 Garnet Hill <i>Limit 15</i>		8 AM 6/14-8/30 Clagett Butte <i>Limit 15</i>		8 AM 6/16-9/1 Garnet Hill <i>Limit 15</i>		8 AM 6/18-9/3 Terrace Mountain <i>Limit 15</i>
Citizen Science at Yellowstone (June 7 to August 27) Use your observation skills and technology to aid the park in collecting scientific data on ecological changes over time. Program is in the Mammoth Area. Reservations required. Inquire at the Albright Visitor Center in Mammoth to sign up, or call 307-344-2263. Limit is 20 participants. 2 hours.			8 AM 6/7-8/23				8 AM 6/11-8/27
Hot Springs Terraces Walk (May 29 to September 5) Explore Yellowstone's powerful geologic past and present while meandering around the Mammoth Hot Springs Terraces. Learn how these dynamic travertine formations are unique among the park's thermal features. Meet at the entrance of the Upper Terrace Drive , two miles south of Mammoth village. 1½ hours.	9 AM 5/29-9/4	9 AM 5/30-9/5	9 AM 5/31-8/30	9 AM 6/1-8/31	9 AM 6/2-9/1	9 AM 6/3-9/2	9 AM 6/4-9/3
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (May 29 to September 5) Whether you are hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park's amazing wildlife from the road, this workshop is for you and your family. Learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience in this interactive demonstration. Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center. Accessible. 20 minutes.	10 AM 4 PM 5/29-9/4	10 AM 4 PM 5/30-9/5	10 AM 4 PM 5/31-8/30	10 AM 4 PM 6/1-8/31	10 AM 4 PM 6/2-9/1	10 AM 4 PM 6/3-9/2	10 AM 4 PM 6/4-9/3
Yellowstone Tales (June 5 to September 5) Yellowstone's history is full of amazing, interesting, and amusing tales. Listen close for a short story related to the human side of Yellowstone National Park. Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center. Accessible. 20 minutes.	2 PM 6/5-9/4	2 PM 6/6-9/5	2 PM 6/7-8/30	2 PM 6/8-8/31	2 PM 6/9-9/1	2 PM 6/10-9/2	2 PM 6/11-9/3
Wonders of Yellowstone (May 29 to September 5) Yellowstone is full of amazing wonders such as mountains, canyons, waterfalls, wildlife, history, and scenic beauty. Learn more about one of the fascinating aspects of this magical place. Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center. Accessible. 20 minutes.	3 PM 5/29-9/4	3 PM 5/30-9/5	3 PM 5/31-8/30	3 PM 6/1-8/31	3 PM 6/2-9/1	3 PM 6/3-9/2	3 PM 6/4-9/3
Calling in the Cavalry Walk (June 5 to September 5) In its early days, Yellowstone National Park was protected by the U. S. Army. Learn about important historic park events and to discover the role the military played in protecting Yellowstone on this short, relaxed walk around Fort Yellowstone. Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center. Accessible. 1 hour.	6 PM 6/5-9/4	6 PM 6/6-9/5	6 PM 6/7-8/30	6 PM 6/8-8/31	6 PM 6/9-9/1	6 PM 6/10-9/2	6 PM 6/11-9/3
Mammoth Evening Program (June 12 to September 5) Learn more about a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone's natural or cultural wonders in a nightly slide presentation. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at Albright Visitor Center for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Mammoth Campground amphitheater. Accessible. 45 minutes.	9:30 PM 6/12-7/31 9 PM 8/7-9/4	9:30 PM 6/13-8/1 9 PM 8/8-9/5	9:30 PM 6/14-8/2 9 PM 8/9-8/30	9:30 PM 6/15-8/3 9 PM 8/10-8/31	9:30 PM 6/16-8/4 9 PM 8/11-9/1	9:30 PM 6/17-8/5 9 PM 8/12-9/2	9:30 PM 6/18-8/6 9 PM 8/13-9/3

Tower Fall and Indian Creek Campgrounds

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Indian Creek Evening Program (June 14 to September 2) Join a wildlife education ranger for an in-depth look into some of the Yellowstone ecosystem's wildest inhabitants. Inquire locally on bulletin boards for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Indian Creek campfire circle. Accessible with assistance. 45 minutes.			7:30 PM 6/14-8/30			7:30 PM 6/17-9/2	
Tower Evening Program (June 10 to September 2) Join a wildlife education ranger for an in-depth look into some of the Yellowstone ecosystem's wildest inhabitants. Inquire locally on bulletin boards for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Tower Fall Campground amphitheater. 45 minutes.		8 PM 6/20-8/8				8 PM 6/10-9/2	

Norris

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Windows Into Yellowstone (May 28 to September 5) Experience the muddy caldrons, acid geysers and clear pools of Norris Geyser Basin. Walk through this magical land and learn about the park's geologic past, present, and future. Meet at Norris Geyser Basin Museum . 1½ hours .	9:30 AM 5/29–9/4	9:30 AM 5/30–9/5	9:30 AM 5/31–8/30	9:30 AM 6/1–8/31	9:30 AM 6/2–9/1	9:30 AM 6/3–9/2	9:30 AM 5/28–9/3
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (May 28 to September 5) Whether you are hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park's amazing wildlife from the road, this workshop is for you and your family. Learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience in this interactive demonstration. Meet at Norris Geyser Basin Museum . 20 minutes .	10 AM 5/29–9/4	10 AM 5/30–9/5	10 AM 5/31–8/30	10 AM 6/1–8/31	10 AM 6/2–9/1	10 AM 6/3–9/2	10 AM 5/28–9/3
World's Tallest (May 28 to September 5) Explore the rare and fascinating world of geysers at the tallest active geyser on Earth. Meet at Steamboat Geyser , a 15-minute walk from the Norris Geyser Basin parking lot. In rainy weather, the talk will be held at Norris Geyser Basin Museum. 20 minutes .	2 PM 3 PM 5/29–9/4	2 PM 3 PM 5/30–9/5	2 PM 3 PM 5/31–8/30	2 PM 3 PM 6/1–8/31	2 PM 3 PM 6/2–9/1	2 PM 3 PM 6/2–9/1	2 PM 3 PM 5/28–9/3
Protecting These Special Places (June 5 to September 5) Learn about the importance of wild places such as Yellowstone and other national parks for our enjoyment and well-being, and for that of future generations. Meet at Norris Geyser Basin Museum . 20 minutes .	4 PM 6/5–9/4	4 PM 6/6–9/5	4 PM 6/7–8/30	4 PM 6/8–8/31	4 PM 6/9–9/1	4 PM 6/10–9/2	4 PM 6/11–9/3
Norris Campfire Program (June 5 to September 5) Learn more about a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone's natural or cultural wonders in an old-fashioned, cozy campfire talk. Great for the whole family. Inquire locally for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Norris Campground campfire circle . Accessible. 45 minutes .	7:30 PM 6/5–9/4	7:30 PM 6/6–9/5	7:30 PM 6/7–8/30	7:30 PM 6/8–8/31	7:30 PM 6/9–9/1	7:30 PM 6/10–9/2	7:30 PM 6/11–9/3

Get kids outdoors for better health

Junior Ranger

If you are age 4 or older, you can become a Yellowstone Junior Ranger. Stop by any visitor center to purchase a new Junior Ranger activity booklet for \$3. To earn your official Yellowstone Junior Ranger patch, you need to:



- Hike on a park trail or boardwalk.
- Complete the age-appropriate activities on geothermal geology, park wildlife, and fire ecology.
- Attend a ranger-led activity—such as a talk, guided walk, or evening campfire program—and get the ranger's signature.

Both children and adults benefit by learning more about the natural wonders of the park and sharing the fun of becoming a Junior Ranger.

Let's Move Outside

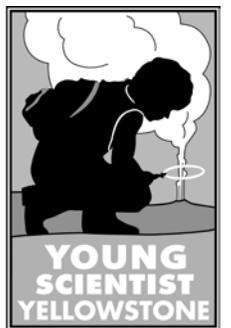
Regular exercise in nature is proven to improve children's physical and mental health. Outdoor activity helps kids maintain a healthy weight, boosts their immunity and bone health and lowers stress. Get active in Yellowstone by hiking along park trails or boardwalks, taking a guided walk with a ranger, or participating in the Yellowstone Wildlife Olympics. Afterwards, you can pick up a "Let's Move Outside" sticker or temporary tattoo from a park ranger at a visitor center.



Take part in First Lady Michelle Obama's campaign to get kids and families to take advantage of America's great outdoors—for better health and to connect with the natural world.

Young Scientist

If you are age 5 or older, you can become a Yellowstone Young Scientist. Purchase a self-guiding booklet for \$5 at the Canyon Visitor Education Center (ages 10 and up) or Old Faithful Visitor Education Center (ages 5 and up). If you are investigating in the Old Faithful area, check out a Young Scientist Toolkit for the gear you need. When you have finished the investigation, you will be awarded a Young Scientist patch or key chain.



Old Faithful

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Ranger Adventure Hike (June 5 to September 4) Enter the wilderness world of Yellowstone's backcountry on a half-day guided hike. These free hikes vary from easy to strenuous. Some hikes are not recommended for people with heart, breathing, or serious medical conditions. All children, 15 and under, must be accompanied by an adult. Descriptions available at Old Faithful Visitor Education Center. Reservations required—in person, or call 307-344-2750. 5 hours.	8 AM 6/5-9/4 Shoshone Lake <i>Limit 15</i>		8 AM 6/7-8/30 Lone Star Geyser <i>Limit 20</i>		8 AM 6/9-9/1 Fairy Falls/Imperial Geyser <i>Limit 15</i>	8 AM 6/10-9/2 Shoshone Lake <i>Limit 15</i>	8 AM 6/11-9/3 Queen's Laundry <i>Limit 15</i>
Geyser Hill Walk (May 28 to September 5) Explore the heart of the world's greatest concentration of geysers and learn about the relationship between Yellowstone's volcanic history and hydrothermal features on this 1¼-mile walk. Meet outside the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center (geyser side). 1½ hours.	8:30 AM 5/29-9/4	8:30 AM 5/30-9/5	8:30 AM 5/31-8/30	8:30 AM 6/1-8/31	8:30 AM 6/2-9/1	8:30 AM 6/3-9/2	8:30 AM 5/28-9/3
Mystic Falls Walk (June 6 to September 5) Explore a special part of the Yellowstone Ecosystem while enjoying this 2½-mile walk through Biscuit Basin to Mystic Falls. Meet at the Firehole River Bridge adjacent to the Biscuit Basin parking lot , 2 miles north of Old Faithful. Moderately strenuous. 1½ hours.		9 AM 6/6-9/5		9 AM 6/8-8/31		9 AM 6/10-9/2	
Centennial Stroll Around Old Faithful (June 5 to September 5) Celebrate 100 years of history. Gain insight into Yellowstone's dynamic past on this easy ¾-mile walk to view dramatic hot springs and geysers, and. Meet outside the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center (geyser side). 45 minutes.	9:30 AM 6/5-9/4	9:30 AM 6/6-9/5	9:30 AM 6/7-8/30	9:30 AM 6/8-8/31	9:30 AM 6/9-9/1	9:30 AM 6/10-9/2	9:30 AM 6/11-9/3
Yellowstone for Kids (May 28 to September 5) Kids will discover some of the wonders of Yellowstone during this interactive presentation. Meet outside the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center (geyser side). ♿ Accessible. 20 minutes.	10 AM 5 PM 5/29-9/4	10 AM 5 PM 5/30-9/5	10 AM 5 PM 5/31-8/30	10 AM 5 PM 6/1-8/31	10 AM 5 PM 6/2-9/1	10 AM 5 PM 6/3-9/2	10 AM 5 PM 5/28-9/3
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (May 28 to September 5) Whether you are hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park's amazing wildlife from the road, this workshop is for you and your family. Learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience in this interactive demonstration. Meet outside the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center (geyser side). ♿ Accessible. 20 minutes.	11 AM 4 PM 5/29-9/4	11 AM 4 PM 5/30-9/5	11 AM 4 PM 5/31-8/30	11 AM 4 PM 6/1-8/31	11 AM 4 PM 6/2-9/1	11 AM 4 PM 6/3-9/2	11 AM 4 PM 5/28-9/3
Young Scientist Investigation (June 6 to August 29) Are the geysers alive? Is the volcano still active? Investigate these questions and more. Using the Young Scientist booklet as a guide, explore the Upper Geyser Basin with a park ranger. While it is not required, you can purchase a booklet at the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center. Meet at Castle Geyser, ½-mile west of Old Faithful (15-minute walk from the Visitor Education Center). 1¼ hours.		12 PM 1:45 PM 6/6-8/29					
Geysers Galore (May 28 to September 5) Take a quick peek at Yellowstone's fascinating geysers and visible geologic story. Meet on the boardwalk in front of Old Faithful near the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center. ♿ Accessible. 10 minutes.	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 3:15 PM 3:45 PM 5/29-9/4	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 3:15 PM 3:45 PM 5/30-9/5	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 3:15 PM 3:45 PM 5/31-8/30	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 3:15 PM 3:45 PM 6/1-8/31	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 3:15 PM 3:45 PM 6/2-9/1	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 3:15 PM 3:45 PM 6/3-9/2	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 3:15 PM 3:45 PM 5/28-9/3
Black Sand Walk (June 5 to September 5) Discover a lesser-known gem through one of Yellowstone's most striking hydrothermal areas. Learn about volcanic geology on this ½-mile walk. Meet at Black Sand Basin parking lot , one mile north of Old Faithful. 1 hour.	1 PM 6/5-9/4	1 PM 6/6-9/5	1 PM 6/7-8/30	1 PM 6/8-8/31	1 PM 6/9-9/1	1 PM 6/10-9/2	1 PM 6/11-9/3
Geyser Discovery Stroll (May 28 to September 5) Learn about one of the rarest geological features on earth—geysers. Explore the world of geysers in the Upper Geyser Basin. Meet at Castle Geyser, ½-mile west of Old Faithful (15-minute walk from the Visitor Education Center). 1½ hours.	4:30 PM 5/29-9/4	4:30 PM 5/30-9/5	4:30 PM 5/31-8/30	4:30 PM 6/1-8/31	4:30 PM 6/2-9/1	4:30 PM 6/3-9/2	4:30 PM 5/28-9/3
Old Faithful Evening Program (May 28 to September 5) Explore a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone's natural or cultural wonders in a nightly slide presentation. Meet in the theater of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center. Check at the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center for program titles and descriptions. ♿ Accessible. 45 minutes.	7 PM 5/29-9/4	7 PM 5/30-9/5	7 PM 5/31-8/30	7 PM 6/1-8/31	7 PM 6/2-9/1	7 PM 6/3-9/2	7 PM 5/28-9/3