

Grand Teton Guide

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Wildlife Where?



Drive the one-way scenic drive along Jenny Lake, the Antelope Flats Road or past Oxbow Bend. These drives provide excellent wildlife viewing opportunities. Ask at a visitor center for more information. Obey speed limits for the animals' safety and yours.

See page 5 for more information on spring activities.

LIVING WITH WILDLIFE challenges all of us. Whether you are visiting Grand Teton National Park on vacation or living in the valley of Jackson Hole, encountering wildlife in their own environment is a 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 all other animals. 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.

Odors may entice bears and other animals into your campsite, picnic area or residence. 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. For the sake of wildlife follow all food storage regulations.

Whatever brings you to this special place, remember the spectacular mountains and the diverse wildlife you see. We hope you will be refreshed and restored during your visit and remain connected to this place long after you return home.

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

NEW NIGHT TIME SPEED LIMIT SAVES LIVES! The night time speed limit on US Highway 26/89/191 is now 45 mph from the park's south boundary to the boundary east of Moran Junction. Night time begins 30 minutes after sunset and lasts until 30 minutes before sunrise. Areas around Gros Ventre Junction and Moran Junction will remain 45 mph at all times.

The number of animals killed due to vehicle collisions is rising. In 2010 more than 150 animals were killed on park roads. During the

past three years, 64 percent of wildlife fatalities occurred on this section of highway. Throughout the park, 55 percent of fatalities occurred at night. In order to protect the public and to preserve wildlife populations, park officials reduced night time speed limits to give drivers and animals more reaction time. The reduced speed only adds six minutes to your trip along this section of highway.

Please obey the new night time speed limit to help us improve safety and protect wildlife.

Annual Wildlife Costs

\$155,000 personal property damage

>100 large animals killed annually

Slow Down! Stay Alert!



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 Website <http://www.nps.gov/grte/>
Grand Teton National Park Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/GrandTetonNPS>
Grand Teton National Park Tweets <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.

- 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.

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.

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 when bears are more active; early in the morning, late in the day or when it's dark. Trail running is strongly discouraged; you may startle a bear.

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.
- 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.

Please stop by a park visitor center for more information.

Be Safe!

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 to 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)

Campgrounds



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

CAMPGROUNDS

Campground fees start at \$20.50 per night per site and \$10 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 Headwaters Campground & RV Sites).

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, the Colter Bay RV Park and the Headwaters Campground & RV Sites at Flagg Ranch.

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 24 to Sept. 23
\$20.50 per night, (800) 628-9988
Filling Time: evening

Colter Bay Tent Village Park

66 tent cabin sites
Open: June 1 to Sept. 3
\$55 per night, (800) 628-9988
Filling Time: call for information

Colter Bay RV Park

112 RV sites
Open: May 24 to Sept. 23
\$57 per night, (800) 628-9988
Filling Time: call for information
RV hookups available

Gros Ventre Campground*

350 individual sites, 5 group
Open: May 4 to Oct. 7
\$20.50 per night, (800) 628-9988
Filling Time: rarely fills

Headwaters Campground & RV Sites at Flagg Ranch

175 individual sites, hook-ups
Open: June 1 to Sept. 30
\$35-\$64 per night, (800) 443-2311

Filling Time: call for information
RV hookups available

Jenny Lake Campground (tents only)

49 individual sites, 10 walk-in sites
Open: May 11 to Sept. 30
\$20.50 per night, (800) 628-9988
Filling Time: 9 a.m.

Lizard Creek Campground

60 individual sites
Open: June 8 to Sept. 3
\$20.50 per night, \$5 per person for hiker/biker campers without vehicles, (800) 672-6012
Filling Time: evening
30 foot vehicle max

Signal Mountain Campground*

86 individual sites, 1 RV hookup site
Open: May 11 to Oct. 14
\$20.50 (\$55 RV) per night, (800) 672-6012
Filling Time: noon or earlier
30 foot vehicle max

* dump station available

Go Digital

Craig Thomas Discovery & Visitor Center Auditorium



Grand Teton National Park invites you to enjoy the new Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center Auditorium. This facility serves as a launching point for grand experiences through the interpretive park film "Life on the Edge." Grand Teton National Park Foundation donors funded this new 3,600-square-foot, 154-seat auditorium, featuring recycled, sustainable, and energy-efficient materials. The auditorium is fully accessible

and equipped for the hearing impaired. Please ask at the visitor center for details.



Explore the visitor center. Everyone will love the engaging exhibits about

the people, wild communities and preservation of this place. Discover wildlife hidden throughout. See how mountaineering has evolved in the Teton Range and place climbing protection gear on an interactive rock wall display. Enjoy a breath-taking view of the Teton Range from the lobby, and a bird's eye view of the park by walking along the video river.

What's New

WIRELESS INTERNET

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



MULTIMEDIA PRESENTATIONS

The Grand Teton National Park website offers a variety of products: <http://www.nps.gov/grte/photosmultimedia/multimedia.htm>

VIDEO PODCASTS

Plan your trip, view wildlife, learn about safety in bear country, understand the powerful forces that shaped these mountains, and learn about the Murie family who helped preserve this landscape. These videos are also available on YouTube as user GrandTetonNP1.



INTERACTIVE PANORAMAS

View some of Grand Teton's awe-inspiring scenery through a series of panoramic images. <http://www.nps.gov/grte/photosmultimedia/pans.htm>

GUIDE-BY-CELL

Enjoy a guided ranger walk through the Menors Ferry Historic District with your cell phone. Through six recordings, learn about the settlement of Jackson Hole and establishment of the park. Call (408) 794-3878.

GRAND TETON APP

The Official App for Grand Teton National Park includes the essential information you need to plan your trip or experience the park without leaving your home. Download to your iPhone: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/grand-teton-national-park/id382628848?mt=8>



Write on our Wall

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

Follow us on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/GrandTetonNPS>.



Learn & Discover



Visit our new fun and educational website: Discover Grand Teton! We have partnered with the Grand Teton National Park Foundation to create an exciting new resource for visitors. The website highlights the park's history, geology, wild communities and Junior Ranger program.

Go to: <http://www.discovergrandteton.org> to experience the park virtually.



Entrance Fees

Single Entry: \$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.

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.

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.

Visitor Centers

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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 3	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
June 4-Sept. 23	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sept. 24-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 18-June 3	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
June 4-Sept. 3	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sept. 4-23	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 26-Sept. 9	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Colter Bay Visitor Center

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

May 26-June 3	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
June 4-Sept. 3	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sept. 4-Oct. 8	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, may be closed for lunch. (307) 543-2372.

June 4-Sept. 3	9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
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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 27-Sept. 3	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sept. 4-23	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Jackson Hole/Greater Yellowstone Visitor Center

Located in Jackson at 532 N. Cache, visitor information for the greater Jackson Hole area.

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. Lakeshore backcountry sites with fire grates include: Leigh, Bearpaw and Trapper lakes. 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. 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 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 and must stay within 30 feet of roadways. Pets are not allowed in visitor centers, on park trails or in the backcountry, 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. A park permit is required: motorized craft \$20 for 7 days and \$40 for 1 year; non-motorized craft \$10 for 7 days and \$20 for 1 year. 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. A permit is required (\$10 for 7 days; \$20 for 1 year) for non-motorized vessels and may be purchased 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 powerful, but only experienced floaters should attempt this swift, cold river that has many braided channels and debris jams. **For information on Snake River flows, call 1-800-658-5771.**

FISHING

Cutthroat, lake and brown trout, and whitefish inhabit lakes and rivers of the park and parkway.

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, Dornans and Headwaters 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, 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. 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. 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 travel is not advised.

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.

Average Weather

Moose, WY 1958 - 2011

Month	Average High Temp	Average Low Temp	Average Precipitation	Average Snowfall	Number Thunderstorms
January	25.9 °F	0.9 °F	2.6 in.	43 in.	0
February	31.1 °F	3.3 °F	1.9 in.	29 in.	0
March	39.3 °F	12.0 °F	1.6 in.	21 in.	0
April	49.3 °F	22.2 °F	1.5 in.	10 in.	1
May	61.0 °F	30.8 °F	2.0 in.	2.4 in.	5
June	70.7 °F	37.3 °F	1.8 in.	0 in.	11
July	80.5 °F	41.3 °F	1.2 in.	0 in.	14
August	79.0 °F	39.6 °F	1.4 in.	0 in.	12
September	69.1 °F	2.2 °F	1.4 in.	1 in.	2
October	55.7 °F	23.1 °F	1.4 in.	5 in.	0
November	38.3 °F	13.7 °F	2.1 in.	23 in.	0
December	26.5 °F	1.9 °F	2.6 in.	40 in.	0

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

Spring Trip Planner 2012

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. 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 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 will remain snow-covered into 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

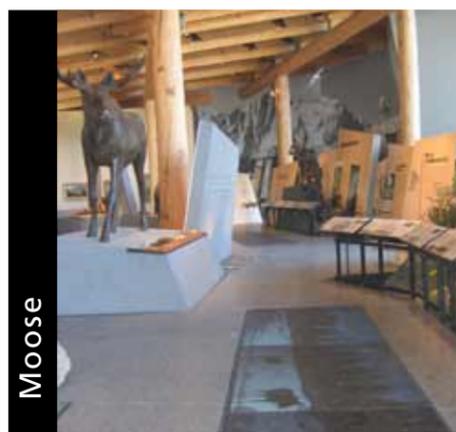
warning. The average maximum temperature for May is 61 degrees Fahrenheit and the average low temperature is 31 degrees Fahrenheit. The park receives an average of 2.0 inches of precipitation and 2.4 inches of snow during May.

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 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 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 see page 6 and for park campgrounds see page 2.



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.

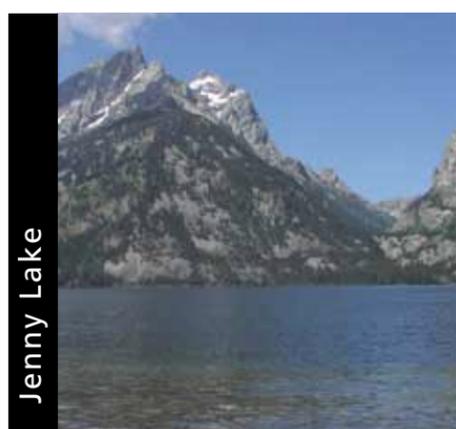
TAGGART LAKE TRAILHEAD

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 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 Dornans Pizza and Pasta Company. During May other services open for the summer season. See page 6 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 18th 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 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

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

Colter Bay Visitor Center has a new look for 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 26th 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.

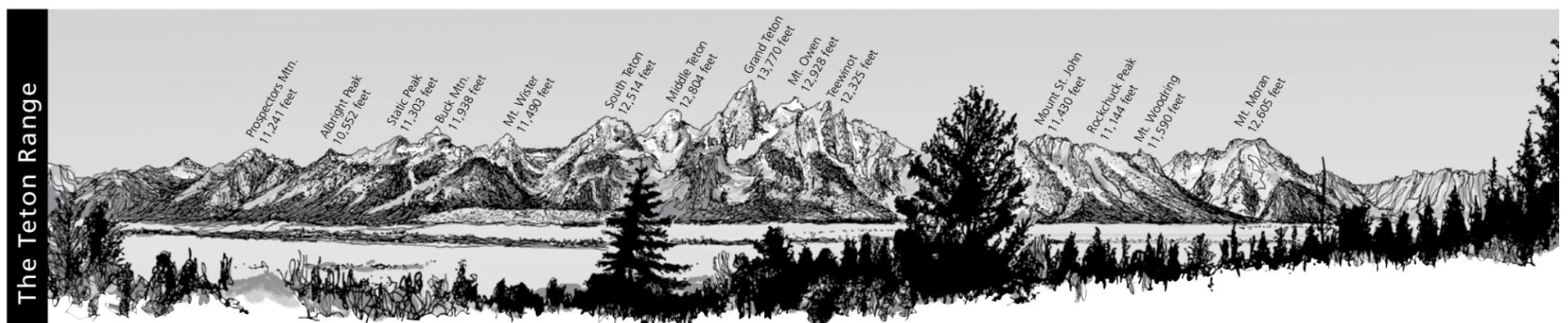
JACKSON LAKE LODGE

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 21st. 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. For your safety, do not approach wildlife.



The Teton Range

Prospectors Mtn.
11,241 feet

Albright Peak
10,552 feet

Static Peak
11,303 feet

Black Mtn.
11,938 feet

Mt. Wilster
11,490 feet

South Teton
12,514 feet

Middle Teton
12,804 feet

Grand Teton
13,770 feet

Mt. Owen
12,928 feet

Treewinnet
12,325 feet

Mourit St. John
11,430 feet

Rockchuck Peak
11,144 feet

Mt. Woodring
11,590 feet

Mt. Moran
12,605 feet

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.
Food Service	Dornans Chuck Wagon	June 9-Sept. 23	(307) 733-2415 x203	Western fare. Breakfast 7-11 a.m., lunch 12-3 p.m., dinner (Sun.-Thurs.) 5-9 p.m.
	Dornans Pizza and Pasta Co.	Year-round	(307) 733-2415 x204	Open: 11:30 a.m.; Closes: May 5 or 7 p.m., June-Sept. 9:30 p.m..
	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 a.m.-6 p.m. June-Sept. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Store/Gift shops	Dornans Gift Shop	Year-round	(307) 733-2415 x301	May & Sept. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. June-Aug. 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
	Moosely Mountaineering	Mid-May-Sept.	(307) 739-1801	Mountaineering, climbing, camping equipment. 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
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 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. 16		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	June 1-Oct. 7	(307) 733-4647 or	Modified American Plan. Cabins.
Food Service	Lodge Dining Room	June 1-Oct. 7	(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	June 1-Oct. 7		Gifts, books, and apparel.
Signal Mountain				
Lodging	Signal Mountain Lodge	May 11-Oct. 14	(307) 543-2831 or	Lakefront suites, motel units, and log cabins.
Food Service	Peaks Dining Room	May 11-Sept. 30	(800) 672-6012	Dinner 5:30-10 p.m.
	Trapper Grill	May 11-Oct. 14		Breakfast 7-11 a.m. Lunch/dinner 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Closes at 9 p.m. Sept. 24-Oct. 14
Store/Gift Shops	Needles Gift Store	May 12-Oct. 14		8 a.m.-10 p.m. Closes at 9 p.m. during shoulder seasons.
	Timbers Gift Store	May 12-Oct. 14		8 a.m.-10 p.m. Closes at 9 p.m. during shoulder seasons.
Convenience Store	Signal Service Station	May 5-Oct. 14		7 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Gas, drinks, snacks, supplies. Hours vary during shoulder seasons.
Marina	Signal Marina	May 19-Sept. 16		Rentals, guest buoys, lake fishing trips, gas and courtesy docks.
Jackson Lake Lodge				
Lodging	Jackson Lake Lodge	May 21-Oct. 4	(307) 543-3100 or	Large lodge with views across Willow Flats and Jackson Lake.
Food Service	Mural Room	May 21-Oct. 4	(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 21-Oct. 4		6 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
Store/Gift Shops	Blue Heron Lounge	May 21-Oct. 3		11 a.m.-midnight.
Service Station	Jackson Lake Lodge	May 21-Oct. 4		Sundries, magazines, books, gifts, souvenirs, and apparel.
Horseback Riding	Jackson Lake Lodge Corral	May 21-Oct. 4		Gas and diesel.
		May 26-Oct. 3		Trail rides.
Triangle X				
Lodging	Triangle X Ranch	May 25-mid-Oct. Dec. 26-mid-Mar.	(307) 733-2183	Full service guest ranch. Horseback riding, winter activities.
Colter Bay				
Lodging	Colter Bay Cabins	May 24-Sept. 23	(307) 543-3100 or	Shared-bathroom, one-room and two-room cabins available.
	Tent Village	June 1-Sept. 3	(800) 628-9988	Enclosed log/canvas deluxe tents with bunks and wood-burning stove
Food Service	Ranch House	May 24-Sept. 23		Breakfast 6:30-10:30 a.m., lunch 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dinner 5:30-9 p.m.
	Cafe Court	June 1-Sept. 3		Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Store/Gift Shops	General Store	May 24-Sept. 23		ATM groceries, gifts, and firewood.
	Marina Store	May 24-Sept. 16		Fishing tackle, film, outdoor apparel, beverages, and snacks.
Convenience Store	Highway Station	April 21-Oct. 14		Gas, diesel, beverages, snacks, souvenirs, and firewood.
Horseback Riding	Colter Bay Corral	June 2-Sept. 3		Breakfast and dinner rides, wagon seats available. Trail rides.
Marina	Colter Bay	May 25-Sept. 16		Scenic cruises. Boat rentals. Guided fishing. Gas. Water dependent.
Showers	Colter Bay	May 24-Sept. 24		Pay showers.
Launderette	Colter Bay	May 24-Sept. 24		Laundry services.
Leek's Marina				
Food Service	Leek's Pizzeria	May 19-Sept. 15	(307) 543-2494	Pizza and sandwiches. Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Marina	Leek's Marina	May 19-Sept. 16	(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 1-Nov. 1		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-Sept. 23		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.
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	Located in Jackson.
	St. Johns Medical Center	Year-round	(307) 733-3636	Located at Jackson Lake Lodge. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
	Grand Teton Medical Clinic	May 21-Oct. 4	(307) 543-2514	
Worship Services				
	Interdenominational	June 3-Sept. 2	(307) 543-3011	Gros Ventre Campground Amphitheater, Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
		June 3-Sept. 2		Jenny Lake Amphitheater, Sundays, 8 a.m.
		May 20-Sept. 23		Signal Mountain Campground Amphitheater, Sundays, 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
		May 20-Sept. 23		Jackson Lake Lodge, Sundays, 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
		May 27-Sept. 23		Colter Bay Village Amphitheater, Sundays, 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
		June 3-Sept. 2		Flagg Ranch Campfire Circle, Sundays, 8 a.m., 10 a.m.
	Episcopal	May 27-Sept. 30	(307) 733-2603 x102	Chapel of the Transfiguration, Sundays. Holy Eucharist, 8 a.m., service, 10 a.m.
	Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints	May 27-Sept. 23	(307) 543-2811	Jackson Lake Lodge, Sundays, Sacramento 5:45 p.m. Sunday school 6:50 p.m., Priesthood/Relief Society 7:45 p.m.
	Roman Catholic	June 2-Sept. 30	(307) 733-2516	Chapel of the Sacred Heart, Saturday mass, 5 p.m., Sunday mass, 5 p.m.

Yellowstone National Park



VISITOR CENTERS Dates Subject to Change	OPEN SEASON 2012
Albright Visitor Center, Mammoth Hot Springs	Open Year-round
Old Faithful Visitor Center	April 20 – Nov. 4
Canyon Village	May 12 – Oct. 14
Fishing Bridge	May 23 – Sept. 30
Grant Visitor Center	May 26 – Sept. 30
West Thumb Information Station	May 26 – Sept. 30
Museum of the National Park Ranger	May 26 – Sept. 23
Norris Information Station	May 23 – Sept. 30
West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (open year-round) Dates staffed by NPS Rangers	Apr. 20 – Nov. 4
Madison Information	May 23 – Sept. 30

ROAD OPENING DATES	2012
<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 20
Canyon to Lake Lake to East Entrance	May 4
Lake to South Entrance, West Thumb to Old Faithful, Tower Junction to Tower Fall	May 11
Tower Fall to Canyon (Dunraven Pass) Beartooth Highway	May 25

NPS CAMPGROUNDS First-come, First-served	OPEN SEASON 2012
Indian Creek	June 18 – Sept. 10
Lewis Lake	June 15 – Nov. 4
Mammoth	Year-round
Norris	May 18 – Sept. 24
Pebble Creek	June 15 – Sept. 24
Slough Creek	June 15 – Oct. 31
Tower Fall	May 18 – Sept. 24

XANTERRA CAMPGROUNDS Reservations – (866) 439-7375	OPEN SEASON 2012
Bridge Bay	May 25 – Sept. 9
Canyon	June 1 – Sept. 3
Fishing Bridge RV	May 11 – Sept. 23
Grant Village	June 21 – Sept. 23
Madison	May 4 – Oct. 21

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.	

Interested in Working in the Park?



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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 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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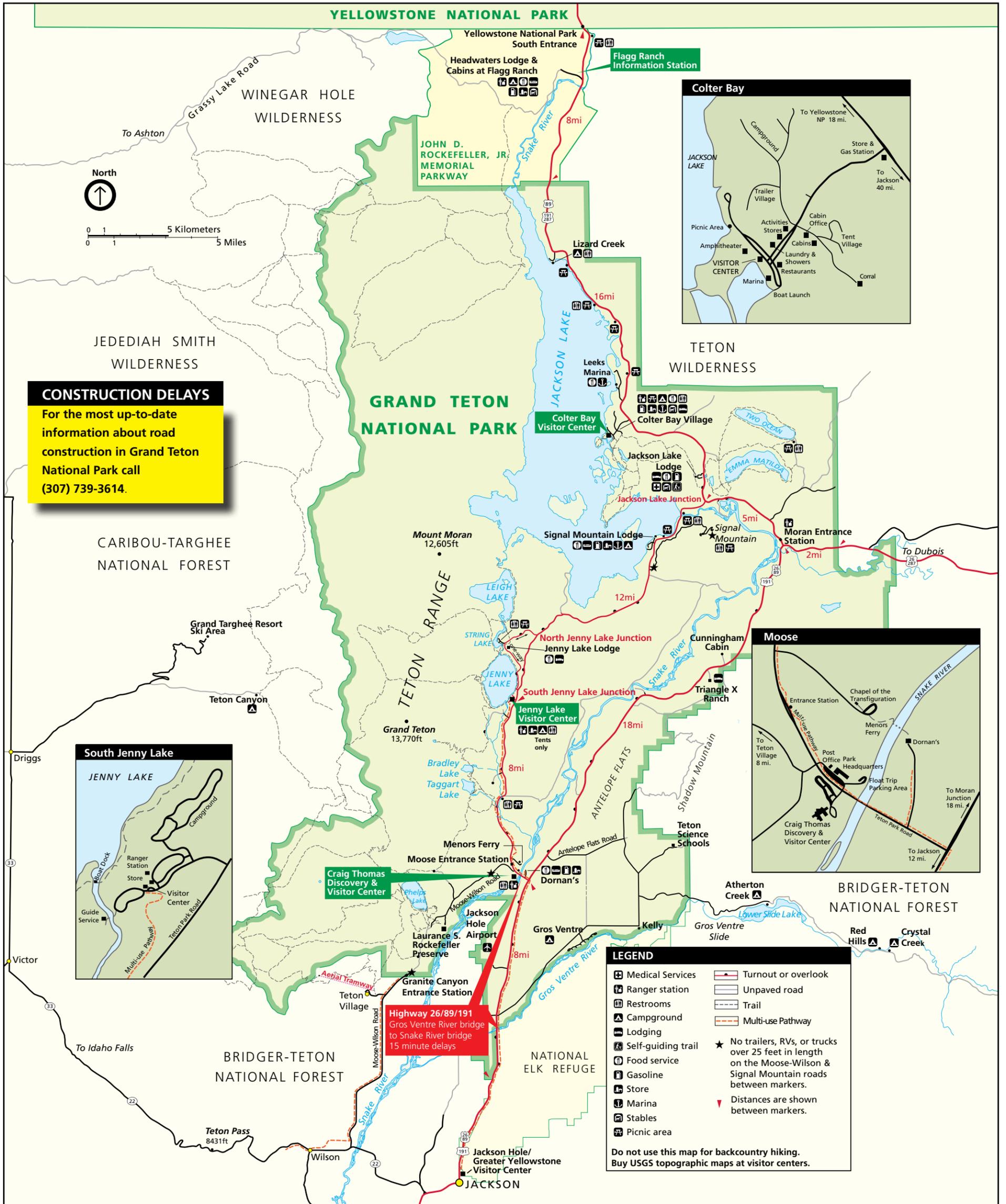
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that reconnect youth to nature, and wildlife research and protection.

By funding initiatives that go beyond what the National Park Service could accomplish on its own, Foundation friends solve park challenges and create a solid future for Grand Teton.

Grand Teton National Park Map



Road Information

Road Work Delays
Road improvements will take place in Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks throughout the 2012 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.



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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.

