



Activities



Flag Ranch
Campfire Circle

The John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway was established in 1972, to commemorate the many significant contributions to conservation made by Rockefeller. The Memorial Parkway provides a symbolic and physical connection between the world's first national park, Yellowstone, and Grand Teton. The John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway offers a myriad of recreational opportunities on 24,000 acres of parkland. Refer to the map on the reverse side for locations of the following activities.

Hiking

Flagg Ranch

- **Polecat Creek Loop Trail**, 2.5 miles RT*, 2 hours, EASY
West side of level loop follows ridge above a marsh habitat. Look for waterfowl and other wildlife.
- **Flagg Canyon**, 4 miles RT, 3 hours, EASY
Access from east side of Polecat Creek Loop Trail with spectacular views of the Snake River.

Grassy Lake Road

- **Glade Creek Trail**, 7 miles RT to Grand Teton boundary, 4 hours, MODERATE. Explore the northern Teton Range via this trail. Provides excellent backpacking opportunities. A backcountry permit is required for overnight trips, available at Colter Bay Visitor Center.

Yellowstone National Park

Reach hiking opportunities in southwestern Yellowstone National Park, known as Cascade Corner, from the Grassy Lake Road. Trailheads are located a short distance west of the Parkway boundary. **Hikes include:**

- **Cascade Creek Trail**, 3.6 miles RT, 2.5 hours, MODERATE
Hike past cascades on Cascade Creek to 150' Terraced Falls.
- **Beula Lake Trail**, 4.8 miles RT, 3 hours, MODERATE
Leads to a small forest lake that is a popular fishing spot.
- **Union Falls Trail**, 14.0 miles RT, 8 hours, STRENUOUS
Visit one of Yellowstone's tallest (265') and most spectacular waterfalls. Trail requires fording several creeks.

* RT = roundtrip

Camping

Headwaters Campground & RV sites @ Flagg Ranch

Featuring 175 sites, some with RV hook-ups.
Open: June - September. Fees charged, 800-443-2311.

Grassy Lake Road

Twenty primitive campsites along a gravel road with picnic tables, pit toilets, trash cans and food storage boxes. No water. Beginning June 1, 2014, campsites require a \$2 permit, available at the Colter Bay permits office or the Craig Thomas Discovery & Visitor Center in Moose. Some sites are suitable

for small RVs. Camping stays are limited to 14 consecutive days and 30 days in a calendar year.

Sheffield Creek Campground

Bridger-Teton National Forest, 8 primitive campsites providing picnic tables, pit toilets, trash cans, food storage boxes, but no water. Fee charged, first come first served. Use caution driving in as the entrance road involves a creek crossing. In high water season (until July) the crossing will pose a problem. Not recommended for large RVs.

Snake River

The Snake River runs through the Parkway. Two sections of the river can be floated. A Grand Teton boat permit is required and available at Colter Bay, Jenny Lake, and the Craig Thomas Discovery visitor centers.

Southgate to Flagg Ranch: Advanced

Southgate Launch is 1/2-mile south of the South Entrance of Yellowstone National Park. The steep and narrow river provides challenging whitewater for rafters and kayakers. In spring, increased flow creates standing waves, haystacks, laterals, and large holes capable of flipping rafts. Scout this stretch via the Flagg Canyon Trail on the west bank of the river. At more than 4000 cfs the rapids are Class III (not recommended for canoes). Below 4000 cfs, only canoeists with advanced whitewater skills should attempt this section.

Flagg Ranch to Lizard Creek Campground: Intermediate

This section involves a mix of floating the Snake River (6 miles) and paddling on Jackson Lake (4 miles). Braided river channels make route-finding a challenge. Afternoon thunderstorms and potentially strong southwest winds produce waves that may swamp rafts and canoes. Strenuous rowing or paddling may be required. Motors may be used on Jackson Lake.

Fishing

The Snake River offers fishing throughout its course. One popular fishing spot is under the road bridge just south of Flagg Ranch. A Wyoming fishing license is required and available at Headwaters Lodge and Colter Bay Marina in addition to other fishing shops

Concession Activities

Headwaters Lodge @ Flagg Ranch

A full service lodge featuring accommodations in modern log cabin style units, a restaurant, lounge, gift shop, convenience store and gas station.

The Lodge offers guided horseback riding and raft trips. For additional information call 800-443-2311.

Ranger Activities

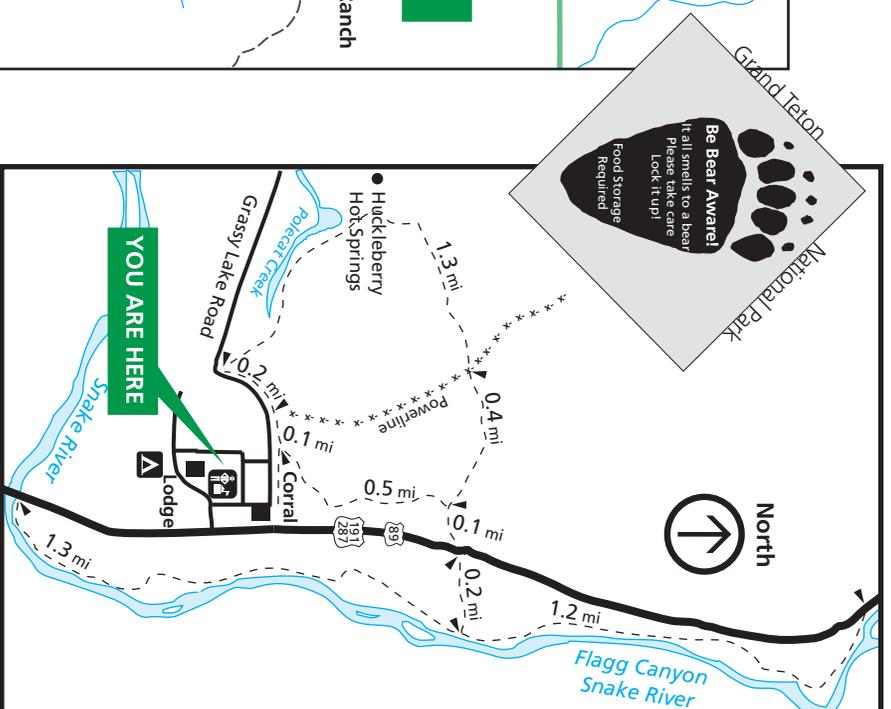
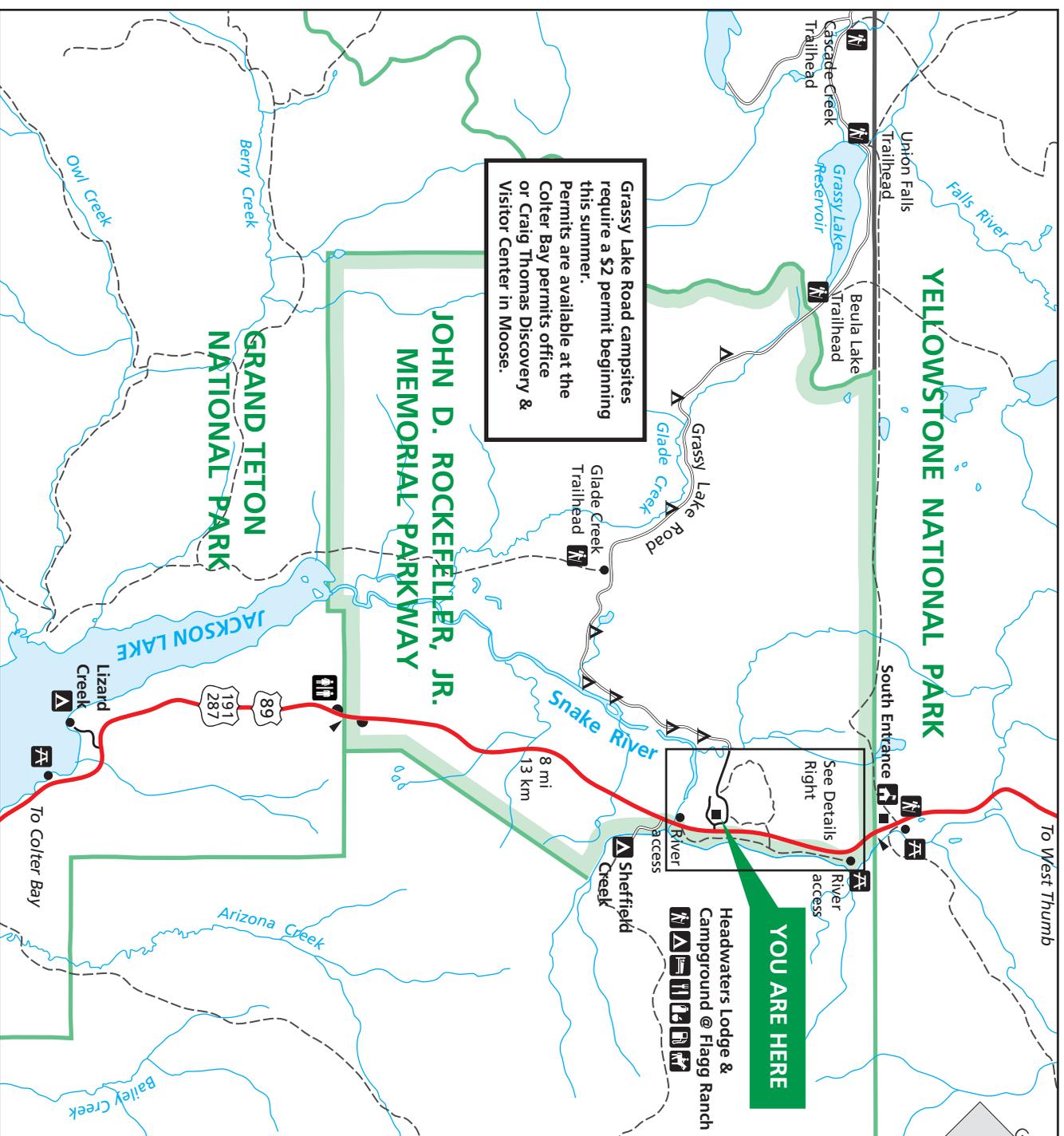
Flagg Ranch Information Station

The Flagg Ranch Information Station introduces visitors to the Parkway and Grand Teton National Park and sells maps, field guides, post cards, and children's books. The station is open daily from early June to Labor Day.

Ranger Programs

In summer, Park Rangers present interpretive programs. Check the park newspaper for program schedules and additional information about ranger activities.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway Area Map



For Your Safety

- **BE BEAR AWARE!** Avoid surprising bears by making loud noise like shouting or clapping your hands. Proper food storage is required. Never leave a backpack unattended. Ask a ranger or check the park newspaper for more information.
- Always maintain a distance of at least 100 yards from bears and wolves, 25 yards from all other wildlife
- Grassy Lake Road is a maintained gravel road. While passable to any vehicle in good conditions it can be dusty and washboarded. Four wheel drive is recommended. Use caution when traveling and be aware of rapidly changing conditions. The road is closed in winter.
- Carry drinking water.
- Be prepared for rapid weather changes; bring rain gear and extra clothing. High elevation may cause breathing difficulties; pace yourself.
- Snow melts gradually, leaving valley trails by mid-June, canyon trails by late July. Be careful crossing snowfields and streams.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Solo hiking and off-trail hiking are not recommended.
- Check with a ranger for up-to-date information on trail conditions.

Hot Springs

Soaking in pools where thermal waters originate is prohibited to protect resources. Soaking in adjacent run-off pools or streams is allowed, provided they do not contain an originating water source. These waters may 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.

Stock Use

Horse use is allowed on and off trails in the Parkway. Different rules apply in Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks. Ask for the Grand Teton stock brochure. Campsites along Grassy Lake Road allow stock.