Before Leaving Home

Group Size
Individual campsites accommodate one to six people. Groups of seven to 12 people must use designated group sites that are larger and more durable. In winter, parties are limited to 20 people.

Backcountry Conditions
Snow conditions vary annually. Snow usually melts from valley trails, by mid-June but remains in parts of the high country through summer. Safe travel over Paintbrush Peak and Moose Basin divides and Hurricane Mt. Meek and Fox Creek passes may require an ice axe and knowledge of ice augers in August.

Climbing and Mountaineering
Permits are not required for day climbs. Climbers planning to stay in the backcountry overnight must have a permit to camp or bivouac. Current information is available at the Jenny Lake Ranger Station. For weather, call 709-3343. In winter, call 709-3100. Check for conditions at www.tetonclimbing.blogspot.com.

From early June through late September, pick up all permits for Garnet Canyon or any trip involving technical climbing or mountaineering at the Jenny Lake Ranger Station.

Fishing
There are fish in backcountry lakes and streams. Anglers must have a Wyoming fishing license to fish in the park. Obey closed areas and by using existing trails, scars from overuse may heal. Please respect these efforts by staying out of closed areas and by using existing trails.

Backcountry Safety Video
Before you pick up your permit, you will be required to watch a backcountry safety video. Please visit the backcountry website (www.nps.gov/grte/planyourvisit/back.htm) or ask at a permit office for more information.

In The Backcountry

Please help keep Grand Teton’s backcountry look and feel like the area you came to enjoy for your next visit and for generations to come.

Leave No Trace

Leaving trace is not litter, scrapes, food left, trash or toilet paper.

When camping, do not camp in designated sites.

In camping zones, if improved sites are used, please reserve them as soon as possible. During summer, pick up permits at the Craig Thomas, Jackson Hole, or Jenny Lake Ranger Stations. All permits involving technical climbing or mountaineering or any permit for Garnet Canyon must be picked up at the Jenny Lake Ranger Station when they are open (early June through late September). During winter, call 709-3100 for more information.

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In Bear Habitat

Weather

Fishing
Established creel limits. For specific fishing regulations, ask for the Anglers must have a Wyoming State fishing license to fish in the park. Obey closed areas and by using existing trails.

Bear Spray
Carry bear spray and know how to use it. The park offers bear spray demonstrations during daily summer. Keep your bear spray readily accessible at all times, not in your pack. Be careful not to accidentally discharge it.

Avoid Encounters
Avoid surprising bears. If bears hear you coming, they may move away. To avoid an unexpected bear encounter, hike in groups and make noise such as clapping your hands or calling out. Bear bells are not sufficient. Be aware of your surroundings and watch for signs of bears, especially in dense vegetation, near streams, when it is windy or when crossing a hill. Avoid hiking between dusk and dawn. The use of portable audio devices is strongly discouraged.

If You Encounter a Bear
Do not run. If a bear harasses or attacks you, it may be responding aggressively to a perceived threat. Run may be erratic or unpredictable and is not recommended. The best way to escape is to limp away. Do not turn around.

Camping and Hiking In Bear Habitat

All persons camping in the park’s backcountry are required to use Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC) approved canisters for food storage. Canisters may be checked out for free when you pick up your permit. Food storage boxes are available at some sites. For a list of approved portable bear-resistant food canisters please visit the IGBC website (www.grizzly.org). All food, garbage, toiletries and any odorous item that may attract a bear, must be stored in a bear-resistant food canister when not in immediate use, day and night. Prepare food, eat and store your food canister at least 100 yards downstream from your tent. Store your canister and clean cooking gear on the ground hidden in brush or behind rocks. Do not place canister near a cliff or water source. Do not store anything odorous in your sleeping bag or tent. Leave packs away from your tent.

Do not cook in your tent or sleep in the same clothes you wore while cooking.

Keep a clean camp. Pack out all garbage, do not burn. Do not return food, packs or garbage unattended. Bears are active at any time.

Grand Teton National Park
The table below summarizes weather at Moose, WY, 6647 ft. Temperatures in the Teton Range can change quickly and be much colder at upper elevations. Check the local area weather forecasts for up-to-date, detailed information before starting your trip.

Moose, WY, 6467 ft
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J F M A M J J A S O N D
Temperature
Average Daily High
26 31 39 49 61 71 81 79 69 56 38 27
Average Daily Low
1 3 12 22 31 42 50 46 38 27 14 2
Extreme High
50 55 63 78 88 91 97 97 88 83 67 53
Extreme Low
-48 -42 -35 -20 7 20 26 22 9 4 -2 42
Days above 50°F
31 23 17 12 14 12 11 9 8 8 12 14
Days below 32°F
31 29 26 17 6 5 4 9 12 16 21 29
Precipitation
Average
2.6 1.9 1.6 1.5 2.0 1.7 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.4 2.1 2.6
Maximum
5.8 6.0 4.2 3.9 4.9 4.8 3.6 4.2 3.9 3.6 5.3 7.8
Max. 24 hr. precip.
1.5 4.0 4.1 4.1 4.1 2.5 1.5 4.1 1.4 1.5
Average Snowfall
49 29 20 14 20.8 0 4 0 5 23 40 0
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