Grand Teton National Park John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway



# Saddle and Pack Stock

Horses and other stock have been historically used in the park and parkway. "Stock" is defined as horses, burros, mules, and llamas. Goats are not permitted due to the sensitivity of the local bighorn sheep population. Stock users share trails with hikers—please be considerate of other trail users.



Many trails are rocky and traverse steep terrain. High country trails may remain blocked by snow and impassable to stock until late July. Please refrain from accessing trails that are overly muddy. Check with the park permits office 307-739-3309 prior to setting out. Many horse travelers camp in the adjoining national forest land and take day rides in the park. The primary trailheads for day use are:

- · String Lake and Leigh Lake trailheads
- Poker Flats Trailhead
- Taggart Lake Trailhead

# Camping

#### **Backcountry Camping with Stock**

Backcountry camping with stock is allowed only at the five designated stock sites in the park. Fires are not allowed and a backcountry camping permit is required. The sites may be reserved in advance from early-January to mid-May through www.recreation.gov; the reservation fee is \$35. The fee for walk-in permits, available up to one day in advance, is \$25. All backcountry stock camps are signed and hitch rails are provided.

#### **Backcountry stock camp locations:**

- · North Fork of Granite Canyon
- · Death Canyon
- South Fork of Cascade Canyon
- Paintbrush Canyon below Holly Lake
- Berry Creek near Hechtman Creek

#### Stock Campsites Accessible by Vehicle

There are eight camping areas with a total of 14 sites that allow stock in the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway along the unpaved road between Flagg Ranch and Grassy Lake. The road is closed until June 1 for grizzly bear migration. Park campgrounds prohibit stock.

Camping with stock animals is allowed in adjacent national forest areas without a permit. Further information may be obtained from the Bridger-Teton National Forest, Box 1888, Jackson, Wyoming 83001, 307-739-5500 or the Targhee National Forest, Driggs, Idaho 83422, 208-354-2312.

# Regulations

## **General Regulations**

- No party may have more than 12 head of stock for day use or 12 people or 10 head of stock for overnight trips.
- Grazing is prohibited. Processed feed must be packed in and used for all overnight trips; no hay may be packed in. Where allowed, all hay used in the park must be certified as weed free in compliance with Teton County standards.
- The construction of corrals, picketing, hobbling or tying stock to natural features such as trees is prohibited. If hitch rails are not available, tie a rope between two trees away from water sources.
- Llama trekkers should yield the right of way to other stock. Give a verbal warning regarding the presence of llamas to those on horseback as soon as the riders are in hearing range. Llama trekkers should leave the trail and remain stationary until horses have passed.
- For safety reasons, only well-broken, properly shod (except llamas), gentle stock in good condition may be used.
- Keep stock animals at a slow walk when passing near people on foot or bicycle.
- Stock animals have the right-of-way. Hikers should step off the trail and remain quiet while stock animals pass.

#### Closed Trails

- All trails within the Laurance S. Rockefeller Preserve; except along the northeast and north portions of the lake. (Please see inset map on back.)
- The Multi-use Pathway except for bridges over the Snake River, Cottonwood Creek, and Ditch Creek.
- Rendezvous Mountain trail from the park boundary to the Middle Fork cutoff of Granite Canyon trail.
- Surprise and Amphitheater Lakes and Garnet Canyon from the Valley Trail.
- Hidden Falls foot trail from the Jenny Lake west shore boat dock to the junction with the horse trail west of Inspiration Point. (Please see inset map on back.)
- The foot trail on the east shore of Jenny Lake between the outlet of Jenny Lake and the junction of the

- designated horse trail north of Jenny Lake Overlook.
- Holly Lake trail from the Holly Lake hitch rail past Holly Lake to the Paintbrush Canyon trail.
- The String Lake trail and lakeshore between String Lake and Leigh Lake trailheads except adjacent to the String Lake footbridge.
- Please see Superintendent's Compendium for complete language. www.nps.gov/grte/learn/management/ upload/2018-Compendium-FINAL-am-access.pdf

# Areas Open to Stock Use

All travel with stock must be on **designated** trails with the following exceptions:

- Travel is allowed south of the RKO Road, north of the Chapel of the Transfiguration Road, east of the Teton Park Road and west of the Snake River.
- Travel is allowed east of the Snake River to the east park boundary, north of the south park boundary/Gros
  Ventre River and south of the Buffalo Fork.
- Travel is allowed between Moose Basin Divide and Forellen Divide; and between Horsethief Pass and the Moose Basin patrol cabin.
- Stock are permitted in hunt areas during the park's elk reduction program.
- In the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, offtrail travel is allowed.

### **Prohibited Actions**

The following are prohibited:

- The use of animals other than those designated as stock to transport equipment.
- The use of stock animals outside of trails, routes or areas designated for their use.
- The use of stock animals on a park road, except where travel is necessary to access designated trails, areas of private property where no alternative trails or routes have been designated; or when the road has been closed to motor vehicles.
- Free-trailing or loose-herding of stock animals.

#### **Backcountry Stock** Be Bear Aware · Black and grizzly bears live throughout the park and parkway and may be active any time of the **Phelps Lake Area** day or night. Proper food storage is required Phelps Lake TAGGART / DEATH CANYON by federal law. Do not allow bears . Overlook LAKE or other wildlife to obtain human or stock food. Refer to the park's JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER Death Canyon Backcountry brochure for proper Δ Trailhead North food storage while camping in the MEMORIAL PARKWAY backcountry. - Horses Allowed BERRY CREEK \* \* \* Horses NOT Allowed **PHELPS** Forellen LAKE OPEN i Divide OWL CREEK CANYON Moose Basin GRANITE 7Divide CANYON , Rockefeller **GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK**





Poker Flats Trailhead

Village

West Shore **Boat Dock** 

Hidden<sup>4</sup> Falls