

Yellowstone Ranger Programs August 25, 2016

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100 Years: Let's Celebrate!

The National Park Service turns 100 on August 25, 2016, and everyone can take part in the celebration. Throughout the park, you will find special activities and programs that will connect you with the colorful history and spectacular features of Yellowstone. We invite you to become part of the next generation of park visitors, supporters, and advocates as we begin our next century of service to America's national parks.

Join park rangers for regularly scheduled and special centennial programs. Program locations, descriptions, and times are listed below. Check at visitor centers for additional programs.

Traveling can be very stressful and it is easy to get overwhelmed. Please remember to **pack your patience** and show courtesy to others.

Canyon Village

Ranger Programs

Canyon Rim Walk 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
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone 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
Canyon Talks at Artist Point 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. *11 AM talk designed for families with children of Junior Ranger age (5–12).	10:30 AM *11 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM
Canyon Evening Program 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 PM

Bridge Bay

Ranger Programs

Family Program 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
Bridge Bay Evening Program 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 PM

Fishing Bridge and Lake Village

Ranger Programs

Ranger Adventure Hike 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.	8 AM Avalanche Peak Limit 15
Lake Scenic Cruise 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.	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 1:15 PM

Road, service, and program schedules may change.
Check locally and at www.nps.gov/YELL for current information.

Fishing Bridge and Lake Village (cont.)

Ranger Programs

Mud Volcano Ramble “ <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 .	10 AM
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone 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 .	10:30 AM 2 PM
100 Years in the Making Explore various aspects of the rich heritage and history of the National Park Service. Meet at the Fishing Bridge Visitor Center . ♿ Accessible. 30 minutes .	2:30 PM
Featured Creature 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 .	4 PM
Storm Point Saunter 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 .	4 PM
Fishing Bridge Evening Program 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 .	9 PM

Grant Village and West Thumb

Ranger Programs

Scenic Lake Overlook 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
Gazing into the Abyss 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
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone 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
Junior Ranger Discovery Program 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
West Thumb Geyser Basin Walk 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
To the Centennial and Beyond 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
Ranger Rendezvous 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
Grant Village Evening Program 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 PM

Madison

Ranger Programs

Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone 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
Junior Ranger Station Activities 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
Madison Evening Program 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 PM



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

West Yellowstone

Ranger Programs	Thurs
Explore Yellowstone 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
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone 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
Afternoon Talk 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.	Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 2 PM

Old Faithful

Ranger Programs	
Ranger Adventure Hike 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 Fairy Falls/ Imperial Geyser Limit 15
Geyser Hill Walk 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
Centennial Stroll Around Old Faithful 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. Meet outside the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center (geyser side). 45 minutes.	9:30 AM
Yellowstone for Kids 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
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone 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
Geysers Galore 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

 **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.

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

Avoid the crowds

Park gates are open 24-hours. If possible, avoid use of the North Entrance to enter or leave the park on August 25. Traffic is likely to be congested in Gardiner, MT, and on Highway 89 North.

Visitors can avoid crowds by traveling early in the day. Most people tour the park from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Wildlife are most active at sunrise and sunset, arriving before 8 AM helps to optimize your chances of observing animals during their active periods.

Old Faithful (cont.)

Ranger Programs	
Black Sand Walk 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
Geyser Discovery Stroll 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
Old Faithful Evening Program 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

Mammoth Hot Springs

Ranger Programs		Thurs
Ranger Adventure Hike 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 Garnet Hill Limit 15
Hot Springs Terraces Walk 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
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone 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
Yellowstone Tales 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
Wonders of Yellowstone 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
Calling in the Cavalry Walk 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
Mammoth Evening Program 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 PM
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 between noon and 3 pm. Stay for as little or as long as your plans allow. Meet near the Albright Visitor Center.		12-3 PM

Norris

Ranger Programs	
Windows Into Yellowstone 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
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone 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
World's Tallest 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
Protecting These Special Places 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
Norris Campfire Program 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

Visit REI Village!

REI is an official partner of the NPS and joins us in celebrating the 100th Anniversary on August 25, 2016, in Mammoth Hot Springs.

Look for interactive map stations, DIY giveaways, Instagram photo printing, and more, all with a National Park Service theme aimed at highlighting the Centennial experience.

Current Fire Activity

There are several fires burning within the park. For more information on Yellowstone fires, call the local public fire information line (307-344-7102) or visit the following websites:

- www.nps.gov/yell/learn/management/currentfireactivity.htm
- inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4940/

 **Give wildlife a brake.** Unless posted slower, top speed throughout the park is 45 mph (73 kph). To assure yourself enough stopping distance if you encounter animals unexpectedly, please slow down.



Yellowstone Live!

Get real-time road status for Yellowstone National Park at <http://go.nps.gov/yellroads>