



## YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK BACKCOUNTRY PERMIT RESERVATION INSTRUCTIONS

Reservation applications for backcountry permits are only accepted from January 1 to October 31 of each calendar year. Reservations received by March 31 will be processed in random order starting April 1. Reservations received April 1 and later will be processed in the order received after we have processed all of the requests received before April 1.

Fill out the application form. Please print legibly or fill out the form electronically.

Do not submit multiple requests for the same trip - only one member of your party may submit an application. Multiple applications submitted by the same party in an effort to increase your chances in the lottery will not be accepted.

If you have a large group which exceeds the maximum number of people allowed at a campsite, you must request an additional site(s) and fill out an additional application. Let us know that you are submitting multiple applications for the same group and we will keep the applications together for processing.

Include \$25 pre-payment with your application. Each reservation costs \$25 regardless of the number of people or nights in a single trip. Please include only one trip per application. A trip is defined as an itinerary of campsites along a trail from the entry trailhead to the exit trailhead. If you return to the road and travel to another trailhead by vehicle it constitutes a second trip and requires a separate application.

Review your application. Before submitting your reservation application make sure you have:

- ✓ Reviewed the Backcountry Trip Planner, backcountry use regulations, and reservation policies.
- ✓ Reviewed the restrictions for each campsite you are requesting. (open/closed dates, party size limits, etc.)
- ✓ Consulted a topographic map or guidebook and planned for daily hiking/boating distances, river fords and elevation changes.
- ✓ Made a copy of your completed application for your records.

Submit your reservation application by mail or fax. Requests are not accepted by e-mail or telephone. Reservations are accepted in person once backcountry offices are open for the season.

Be patient. You will receive a confirmation notice by mail or e-mail as soon as your application is processed. If we are unable to process your request we will call you to discuss alternate options. Please allow up to two weeks to receive your confirmation letter during April. Please refrain from calling to check on your status so that we can process all applications more quickly.

Pick up your permit. Your confirmation letter is not a backcountry permit. Bring your confirmation letter and permit worksheet with you to a backcountry permit office to obtain your actual permit. Please thoroughly read your confirmation letter for details on where and when you can pick up your backcountry permit.

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### Additional Information

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You may stay up to 3 consecutive nights at any one campsite unless otherwise noted in the campsite listings found in the Backcountry Trip Planner.

Slough Creek (campsites 2S1-2S8): only three nights total along Slough Creek are allowed per permit from June 15-September 15. Remember: only one member of your party may submit an application.

Shoshone Lake: the following campsites cannot be reserved for camping dates prior to the dates listed.

8Q1, 8R2, and 8S5: June 20      Campsites 8T1, 8T3 and 8T5: July 10      Campsite 8Q6: July 15      Campsite 8Q7: Aug. 1  
The remaining campsites on Shoshone Lake cannot be reserved for camping dates prior to June 10.

Yellowstone Lake: many sites on the lake require that boats be removed completely from the water. If you select one of these sites, be sure your boat can meet this requirement. Refer to the campsite listing for details.

Yellowstone Lake Dock Sites (7L5, 7L6, 7M4): Only one boat per party is permitted at the dock. Additional boats must be removed completely from the water or anchored off-shore. Shore sites at 7M4 may not be reserved for camping dates prior to July 1.

Bechler: campsites in Bechler (starting with 9) cannot be reserved for camping dates prior to July 10.

Please refer to the Backcountry Trip Planner for additional campsites and trails which may be inaccessible or closed prior to July.



# YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK BACKCOUNTRY PERMIT RESERVATION APPLICATION

FOR NPS USE
R # _____
RPB/D _____
FPB/D _____
CE _____ CM _____

### Trip Leader & Contact Information

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE(S) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

IS THIS AN ORGANIZED OR GUIDED TRIP:  YES  NO

IF YES, PLEASE LIST GROUP AFFILIATION/NAME:  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Tell Us About Your Group

# OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_ # OF BOATS \_\_\_\_\_ # STOCK \_\_\_\_\_

### Select Your Method of Travel

Foot       Motor Boat       Drop-Off by Stock

Horse       Non-Motor Boat       Drop-Off by Boat

Llama       Sailboat

### Check If Applicable

We will be using the boat shuttle on Yellowstone Lake  
Yellowstone Lake Dock Sites: we will camp on  boat  shore

Large Group with multiple applications: list group name (to the left)  
and total number of applications to have them considered together: \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUESTED ITINERARY** List dates for the night(s) you want the campsite. Use additional sheets if necessary. Please indicate your campsite choices using the three digit alphanumeric codes. Use additional pages if necessary. If we have complications reserving your trip, we prefer to expedite the booking over the phone. You will receive a reservation confirmation notice by mail or e-mail.

	First Choice:		Second Choice:		Third Choice:	
	Date (month/day)	Campsite	Date (month/day)	Campsite	Date (month/day)	Campsite
Night 1	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Night 2	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Night 3	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Night 4	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Night 5	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Night 6	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Night 7	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Night 8	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Start Trailhead	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
End Trailhead	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**OTHER OPTIONS:** In order to secure a trip, are you willing to accept minor changes to your requested itinerary (check all that apply):

similar/nearby campsites       reverse route       alternate start dates (what date can you start: \_\_\_\_\_)

**PAYMENT INFORMATION: \$25.00 US Funds** Payments are non-refundable. Select your payment method:

CHECK       MONEY ORDER       VISA       MASTERCARD       DISCOVER       AMERICAN EXPRESS

\_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number

\_\_\_\_\_|\_\_\_\_\_|\_\_\_\_\_|\_\_\_\_\_|

Expiration Date (mm/yy)

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL TO:**  
Central Backcountry Office  
P.O. BOX 168  
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190

**FAX TO:** (307) 344-2166  
  
For Information Only:  
(307) 344-2160 or yell\_backcountry\_office@nps.gov

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