



YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK BACKCOUNTRY PERMIT RESERVATION INSTRUCTIONS

When to Apply: 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.

How to Apply: Reservation applications are not accepted by email.
Fax application to the Central Backcountry Office, 307-344-2166.
Mail application to: Central Backcountry Office; PO Box 168; Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190
Apply in person at a backcountry permit office May-October.

Do not submit multiple requests for the same trip by the same group. 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 a separate application. Note on the reservation application form that you have multiple applications.

Submit only one trip per application. A trip is defined as a contiguous itinerary of campsites along a trail/waterway from an entry trailhead to an exit trailhead. If you return to the road and travel to another trailhead or area of the park by vehicle it constitutes a second trip and requires a separate application.

Reservation Cost: \$25 per-trip. Denied requests will not incur a charge. Permit fees are collected Memorial Day-September 10 when you pick up your permit. Your confirmation letter will have details.

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.

Reservation Confirmation: Be patient. You will receive a confirmation notice by email (or US Mail) as soon as your application is processed. If we are unable to process your request we will contact you to discuss alternate options. Please allow up to three weeks to receive your confirmation letter during April.

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.

Additional Information

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): maximum of three nights total per permit at Slough Creek sites June 15-September 15. Only one application per group accepted.

Shoshone Lake: the following campsites cannot be reserved for camping dates prior to the dates listed.
8Q3, 8Q4, 8Q9, 8R1, 8R3, 8R4, 8S1, 8S2, 8S4, 8S7: June 10
8Q1, 8R2, 8S5: June 20 8T1: July 1
8T3, 8T5: July 10 8Q6: July 15 8Q7: August 1

Bechler: campsites in the Bechler area (starting with 9) cannot be reserved for camping dates prior to July 10. Permits for trips prior to July 10 can be obtained in person at a backcountry office.

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 offshore. Shore sites at 7M4 may not be reserved for camping dates prior to July 1.

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

NOTICES

Notice Regarding the Use of Cell/Satellite Phones and Personal Locator Beacons

Communication devices may be helpful, but do not guarantee your safety or rescue. It is your responsibility to accept the risks inherent with your trip and to be self-reliant in the event of an emergency.

Privacy Act Statement

General: This information is provided pursuant to Public Law 93-579 (Privacy Act of 1974), December 21, 1984, for individuals completing this form.

Authority: 54 U.S.C. §100101, NPS Organic Act; 16 U.S.C. 1131-1136, Wilderness Act; 43 U.S.C. §1701 et seq., the Federal Land Policy and Management Act; 54 U.S.C. §200301-200310, Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, as amended; 16 U.S.C. §6801-6814, the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act; 36 CFR Part 71, Recreation Fees; and, 36 CFR 1.6, Permits.

Purpose and Uses: To establish and verify an applicant's eligibility for a permit to conduct certain activities within the National Park System and to process permits for individual members of the public and organizations interested in obtaining a permit authorizing an activity. Information collected will be used to provide the public and permittees with permit-related information, to monitor activities conducted under a permit, to analyze data and produce reports to monitor the use park resources, to assess the impact of permitted activities on the conservation and management of protected species and their habitats, and to evaluate the effectiveness of the permit programs. The DOI and NPS may use the information to meet reporting requirements, to generate budget estimates and track performance, and to assist park staff with visitors' education, fee collection, resource management and protection, recreational use planning, law enforcement and public safety personnel for such purposes as emergency contact and search and rescue efforts; to provide permit holders and participants with information about parks and their partners; and to provide reports of activities conducted under an issued permit.

Based on the disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, the National Park Service may share information with first responders and Federal, state, and local governments to provide information needed to locate an individual or render aid in an emergency; to recover debts owed to the United States; to respond to a violation or potential violation of the law; in response to a court order and/or discovery purposes related to litigation; or other authorized routine use when the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled.

Effects of Nondisclosure: It is in your best interest to answer all of the questions. The U.S. Criminal Code, Title 18 U.S.C. 1001, provides that knowingly falsifying or concealing a material fact is a felony that may result in fines of up to \$10,000 or 5 years in prison, or both. Deliberately and materially making false or fraudulent statements on this form will be grounds for not granting you a Backcountry/Wilderness Use Permit.

Information Regarding Disclosure of Your Social Security Number Under Public Law 93-579 Section 7(b): Your Social Security Number is not needed to complete this form.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) and 36 CFR 1-7, 12 and 13 which authorize the National Park Service to require applicants to fill out this form to monitor resources and to protect visitors. This information is being collected to allow the park management to make value judgements necessary to enhance the safety and enjoyment of both the visitors and wildlife. All applicable parts of the form must be completed in order for your request to be considered. You are not required to respond to this or any other Federal agency-sponsored information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Estimated Burden Statement

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