

Fall Ranger Programs

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Want to join a Yellowstone park ranger for a talk, walk, or campfire program? Dates, times, and locations are listed for the following areas, or check at a visitor center for special activities.

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Visitor Centers

(Check locally for dates and hours of operation)

Horace M. Albright Visitor Center

Located at Mammoth Hot Springs, in Historic Fort Yellowstone. Get immersed in the history of Yellowstone and the National Park Service, and the wildlife of Yellowstone's Northern Range.

☎ 307-344-2263

Canyon Visitor Education Center

Learn about the Yellowstone supervolcano and the forces that drive regional geology.

☎ 307-344-2550

Fishing Bridge Museum and Visitor Center

See vintage exhibits about the park's birds and other wildlife, and dive into the distinctive geology of Yellowstone Lake. ☎ 307-344-2450

Grant Visitor Center

Explore the extraordinary ecological and social impacts of the historic fires of 1988.

☎ 307-344-2650

Madison Information Station

☎ 307-344-2821

Museum of the National Park Ranger

Located one mile north of Norris, visit with retired rangers and explore the history of the park ranger profession. ☎ 307-344-7353

Norris Geyser Basin Museum and Information Station

Exhibits about the range of hydrothermal features in Yellowstone. ☎ 307-344-2812



Old Faithful Visitor Education Center

Dynamic exhibits about the world's most active hydrothermal area. Junior Ranger programs prepared especially for our younger visitors available 6/3–9/3. Call ahead for Geyser eruption predictions. ☎ 307-344-2750.

West Thumb Information Station

Pique your curiosity before exploring the adjacent geyser basin on the shore of Yellowstone Lake.

☎ 307-344-7690

West Yellowstone Visitor Info. Center

The National Park Service desk inside the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce offers trip planning, fishing permits, and ranger programs.

☎ 307-344-2876

For Children and Families

Junior Ranger

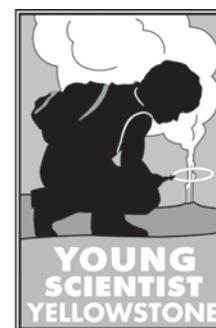
If you are age 4 or older, you can become a Yellowstone Junior Ranger. Purchase a Junior Ranger activity booklet for \$3 at a visitor center. To earn your official Yellowstone Junior Ranger patch, you need to:

- Hike on a park trail or boardwalk.
- Complete activity pages.
- Attend a ranger-led activity—and get the ranger's signature.



Young Scientist

If you are age 5 or older, you can become a Yellowstone Young Scientist. Purchase a self-guiding booklet for \$5 at the Canyon Visitor Education Center (ages 10 and up) or Old Faithful Visitor Education Center (ages 5 and up). If you are investigating in the Old Faithful area, check out a Young Scientist Toolkit for the gear you need. When you have finished the investigation, you will be awarded a Young Scientist patch or key chain.



Bridge Bay

Ranger-Led Program Description	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Lake SceniCruise (June 10 to September 15) 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. <i>Reservations required in advance through Xanterra Parks and Resorts. Call 307-344-7311 or stop by the Bridge Bay Marina. (Other tours available throughout the day.)</i> (\$18 plus tax for adults, \$10.50 plus tax for kids ages 3–11, free for kids under 3.) ♿ Accessible. 1 hour.	9 AM 10:30 AM 1 PM 6/16–9/15	9 AM 10:30 AM 1 PM 6/10–9/9	9 AM 10:30 AM 1 PM 6/11–9/10	9 AM 10:30 AM 1 PM 6/12–9/11	9 AM 10:30 AM 1 PM 6/13–9/12	9 AM 10:30 AM 1 PM 6/14–9/13	9 AM 10:30 AM 1 PM 6/15–9/14
Bridge Bay Evening Program (September 3 to September 15) Each night a park ranger will present an illustrated program highlighting a different aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders. Inquire at Fishing Bridge for program descriptions. Meet at the Bridge Bay Campground Amphitheater . <i>Dress warmly and bring a flashlight.</i> ♿ Accessible. 45 minutes.	8 PM 9/8–9/15	8 PM 9/9–9/9	8 PM 9/3–9/10	8 PM 9/4–9/11	8 PM 9/5–9/12	8 PM 9/6–9/13	8 PM 9/7–9/14

Canyon Village

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Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (September 3 to September 28) Whether hiking, camping, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from the road, this workshop is for you and your family! Park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet in front of the Canyon Visitor Education Center . ♿ Accessible. 20 minutes.	10 AM 3:30 PM 9/8–9/22	10 AM 3:30 PM 9/9–9/23	10 AM 3:30 PM 9/3–9/24	10 AM 3:30 PM 9/4–9/25	10 AM 3:30 PM 9/5–9/26	10 AM 3:30 PM 9/6–9/27	10 AM 3:30 PM 9/7–9/28
Canyon Talks at Artist Point (September 3 to September 28) From a classic viewpoint enjoy Lower Falls, the Yellowstone River, and the spectacular colors of the canyon while learning about the area’s history. Discover why artists and photographers continue to be drawn to this special place. Join a ranger on the lower platform at Artist Point on the South Rim Drive for this short talk. ♿ Accessible. 20 minutes.	2 PM 2:30 PM 9/8–9/22	2 PM 2:30 PM 9/9–9/23	2 PM 2:30 PM 9/3–9/24	2 PM 2:30 PM 9/4–9/25	2 PM 2:30 PM 9/5–9/26	2 PM 2:30 PM 9/6–9/27	2 PM 2:30 PM 9/7–9/28

Fishing Bridge and Lake Village

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Mud Volcano Ramble (September 3 to September 29) “The greatest marvel we have yet met with,” 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 9/8–9/29	10 AM 9/9–9/23	10 AM 9/3–9/24	10 AM 9/4–9/25	10 AM 9/5–9/26	10 AM 9/6–9/27	10 AM 9/7–9/28
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (September 3 to September 29) Whether hiking, camping, or just enjoying the park’s amazing wildlife from the road, this workshop is for you and your family! In this interactive demonstration, park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet at the Fishing Bridge Museum . ♿ Accessible. 20 minutes.	2:30 PM 9/8–9/15	2:30 PM 9/9–9/16	2:30 PM 9/3–9/17	2:30 PM 9/4–9/18	2:30 PM 9/5–9/19	2:30 PM 9/6–9/20	2:30 PM 9/7–9/21
Storm Point Saunter (September 3 to September 29) 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 , 3 miles east of Fishing Bridge. Easy 2.3-mile hike. Bring water, raingear, and good hiking shoes. 2½ hours.	4 PM 9/8–9/29	4 PM 9/9–9/23	4 PM 9/3–9/24	4 PM 9/4–9/25	4 PM 9/5–9/26	4 PM 9/6–9/27	4 PM 9/7–9/28



Second Annual Yellowstone Plein Air Invitational

The Yellowstone Plein Air Invitational, September 24–29, 2019, celebrates the current and historical importance of art in Yellowstone.

Sixteen of the nation’s best artists will paint “en plein air” (outside on-site) for five days in various locations throughout Yellowstone National Park. Park visitors have the opportunity to attend daily painting demonstrations and a paint-out that gathers all artists to paint in one location on **Saturday, September 28**.

A selection of the artists’ “wet paintings” produced during the week will be displayed alongside studio-produced pieces at the Old Faithful Lodge Recreation Hall. These pieces will be available for viewing and purchase on Sunday, September 29. A portion of proceeds from the event will benefit Yellowstone National Park priority projects and education initiatives. <https://www.yellowstone.org/plein-air-2019/>

Grant Village & West Thumb

Ranger-Led Program Description	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (September 3 to September 14) Whether you're hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park's amazing wildlife from the road, this workshop is for you and your family! In this interactive demonstration, park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet on the back porch of the Grant Village Visitor Center. Accessible. 20 minutes.	10:30 AM 4:00 PM 9/8	10:30 AM 4:00 PM 9/9	10:30 AM 4:00 PM 9/3–9/10	10:30 AM 4:00 PM 9/4–9/11	10:30 AM 4:00 PM 9/5–9/12	10:30 AM 4:00 PM 9/6–9/13	10:30 AM 4:00 PM 9/7–9/14
West Thumb Geyser Basin Walk (September 3 to September 14) 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.	11 AM 4:00 PM 9/8	11 AM 4:00 PM 9/9	11 AM 4:00 PM 9/3–9/10	11 AM 4:00 PM 9/4–9/11	11 AM 4:00 PM 9/5–9/12	11 AM 4:00 PM 9/6–9/13	11 AM 4:00 PM 9/7–9/14
Gazing into the Abyss (September 3 to September 14) With a park ranger, look deep into beautiful Abyss Hot Spring and discover the secrets it holds. Meet at Abyss Hot Spring located in the West Thumb Geyser Basin, ¼-mile from the start of the boardwalk. Easy. Accessible with assistance. 10 minutes.	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 2:30 PM 9/8	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 2:30 PM 9/9	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 2:30 PM 9/3–9/10	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 2:30 PM 9/4–9/11	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 2:30 PM 9/5–9/12	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 2:30 PM 9/6–9/13	1 PM 1:30 PM 2 PM 2:30 PM 9/7–9/14

Madison

Ranger-Led Program Description	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (September 3 to September 30) Whether you're hiking a backcountry trail, camping, or just enjoying the park's amazing wildlife from the road, this talk is for you and your family! In this interactive demonstration, park rangers will help you learn where to look for animals and how to safely enjoy your wildlife watching experience. Meet at the Madison Information Station. Accessible. 20 minutes.	9:30 AM 9/8–9/29	9:30 AM 9/9–9/30	9:30 AM 9/3–9/24	9:30 AM 9/4–9/25	9:30 AM 9/5–9/26	9:30 AM 9/6–9/27	9:30 AM 9/7–9/28
Madison Evening Program (September 3 to September 30) Learn more about Yellowstone's natural and cultural history in this presentation highlighting one of Yellowstone's wonders. Inquire locally for program descriptions. Meet at the Madison Amphitheater. Accessible. 45 minutes.	8 PM 9/8–9/29	8 PM 9/9–9/30	8 PM 9/3–9/24	8 PM 9/4–9/25	8 PM 9/5–9/26	8 PM 9/6–9/27	8 PM 9/7–9/28

Mammoth

Ranger-Led Program Description	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Hot Springs Terraces Walk (September 3 to September 28) Explore Yellowstone's powerful geologic past and present on 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.	11 AM 9/8–9/22	11 AM 9/9–9/23	11 AM 9/3–9/24	11 AM 9/4–9/25	11 AM 9/5–9/26	11 AM 9/6–9/27	11 AM 9/7–9/28
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (September 3 to September 28) Whether you plan to hike, camp, or just enjoy 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. Meet in front of Albright Visitor Center. Accessible. 20 minutes.	2 PM 9/8–9/22	2 PM 9/9–9/23	2 PM 9/3–9/24	2 PM 9/4–9/25	2 PM 9/5–9/26	2 PM 9/6–9/27	2 PM 9/7–9/28

Norris

Ranger-Led Program Description	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Windows Into Yellowstone Walk (September 3 to September 21) Experience the muddy cauldrons, 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 9/8–9/15	9:30 AM 9/9–9/16	9:30 AM 9/3–9/17	9:30 AM 9/4–9/18	9:30 AM 9/5–9/19	9:30 AM 9/6–9/20	9:30 AM 9/7–9/21
World's Tallest (September 3 to September 28) Explore the rare and fascinating world of geysers at the tallest active geyser on earth! Meet at Steamboat Geyser, a 10-minute walk from the Norris Geyser Basin parking lot. In rainy weather, the talk will be held at Norris Geyser Basin Museum. Check with the ranger at the information desk. 20 minutes.	2 PM 9/8–9/22	2 PM 9/9–9/23	2 PM 9/3–9/24	2 PM 9/4–9/25	2 PM 9/5–9/26	2 PM 9/6–9/27	2 PM 9/7–9/28

Old Faithful

Ranger-Led Program Description	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Geyser Hill Walk (September 3 to September 30) Geysers Hill is at the heart of the world's greatest concentration of geysers. Explore this special corner of the park and learn about the relationship between Yellowstone's volcanic history and hydrothermal features on this 1¼ mile walk. Meet outside on the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center. 1½ hours.	9 AM 9/8–9/29	9 AM 9/9–9/30	9 AM 9/3–9/24	9 AM 9/4–9/25	9 AM 9/5–9/26	9 AM 9/6–9/27	9 AM 9/7–9/28
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (September 3 to September 30) Whether you plan to hike, camp, or just enjoy 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. Meet outside on the geyser side of the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center. Accessible. 20 minutes.	11 AM 4 PM 9/8–9/29	11 AM 4 PM 9/9–9/30	11 AM 4 PM 9/3–9/24	11 AM 4 PM 9/4–9/25	11 AM 4 PM 9/5–9/26	11 AM 4 PM 9/6–9/27	11 AM 4 PM 9/7–9/28
Geysers Galore (September 3 to September 30) Take a quick peek at Yellowstone's fascinating geysers and visible geologic story. Meet on the boardwalk in front of Old Faithful Geyser 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 9/8–9/29	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 3:15 PM 3:45 PM 9/9–9/30	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 3:15 PM 3:45 PM 9/3–9/24	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 3:15 PM 3:45 PM 9/4–9/25	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 3:15 PM 3:45 PM 9/5–9/26	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 3:15 PM 3:45 PM 9/6–9/27	12:15 PM 12:45 PM 1:15 PM 1:45 PM 2:15 PM 2:45 PM 3:15 PM 3:45 PM 9/7–9/28
Old Faithful Evening Program (September 3 to September 30) Each evening a different aspect of Yellowstone's wonders will be featured during this 45-minute illustrated program 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 9/8–9/29	7 PM 9/9–9/30	7 PM 9/3–9/24	7 PM 9/4–9/25	7 PM 9/5–9/26	7 PM 9/6–9/27	7 PM 9/7–9/28

Tower Campground

Ranger Program Descriptions	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Tower Evening Program (September 3 to September 21) Peer into the lives of some of the Yellowstone ecosystem's wildest inhabitants. Inquire locally on bulletin boards for program descriptions. Meet at the Tower Fall Campground Amphitheater. 45 minutes.			7 PM 9/3–9/24				7 PM 9/7–9/21

West Yellowstone

Ranger-Led Program Description	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone (September 3 to September 30) Whether you're hiking, camping, or enjoying 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. Meet at the West Yellowstone Visitor Info Center in West Yellowstone (<i>corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street</i>). Accessible. 20 minutes.	9:30 AM 9/8–9/29	9:30 AM 9/9–9/30	9:30 AM 9/3–9/24	9:30 AM 9/4–9/25	9:30 AM 9/5–9/26	9:30 AM 9/6–9/27	9:30 AM 9/7–9/28
Afternoon Talk in West (September 3 to September 30) 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 at the corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street. 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 Yellowstone Historic Center or the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center.</i> Accessible. 30 minutes.	Historic Center Museum 2 PM 9/8–9/29	Historic Center Museum 2 PM 9/9–9/30	Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 2 PM 9/3–9/24	Historic Center Museum 2 PM 9/4–9/25	Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 2 PM 9/5–9/26	Historic Center Museum 2 PM 9/6–9/27	Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center 2 PM 9/7–9/28