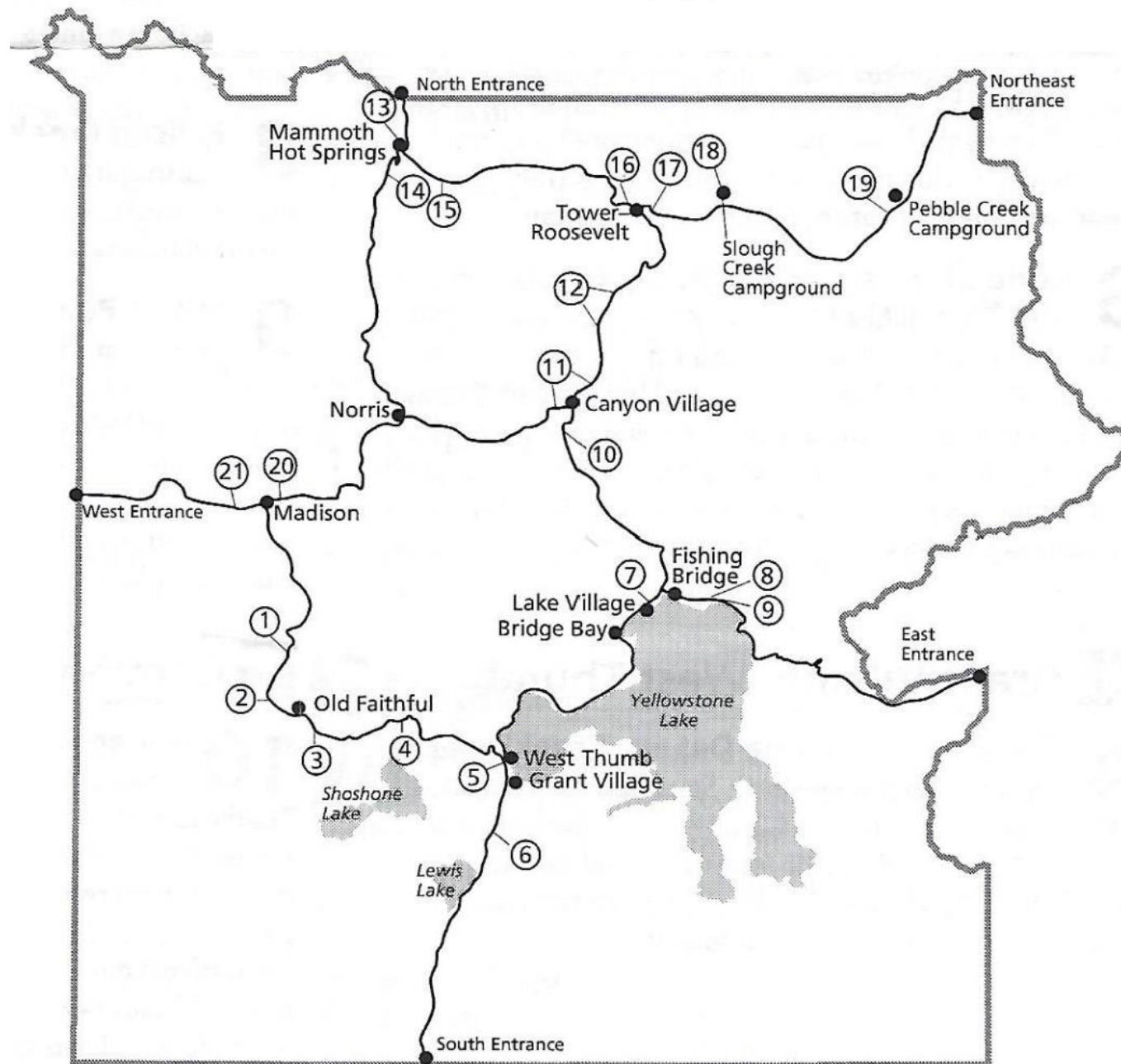


MAP OF YELLOWSTONE

Day Hike Regions



Map #	Region	Trail Name	Traffic	Type	Difficulty	Round Trip Length (mi.)	Net Climb (ft.)	Description	Best Time (Start)	Best Time (End)
1	Old Faithful	Fairy Falls	Heavy	Out and back	Easy	8.8	216	Trail travels through open meadows and young forest to the 200-ft. falls. Continue 0.65 miles past the falls through a wet area to Imperial Geyser, which has frequent minor eruptions. To access - park 1.0 mile south of Midway Geyser Basin, cross the steel bridge, walk 1.1 miles to the trailhead.	Late May (bear management)	October
2	Old Faithful	Mystic Falls	Moderate	Out and back	Moderately Strenuous	2.0	147	Trail begins at west end of the Biscuit Basin boardwalk near Avoca Spring about 2.0 miles north of Old Faithful. The trail parallels, but does not cross, the Little Firehole River for 0.7 miles. The trail climbs steeply to an overlook of the falls, which are 70 ft. To make a loop hike, which is 1.0 mile farther with elevation gain / loss of 500 ft, continue on the trail above the switchbacks until it meets the Little Firehole Meadows Trail. Turn right, descend to an overlook of Old Faithful, and continue downhill to rejoin the Mystic Falls Trail.	Late May (bear management)	October
3	Old Faithful	Lone Star Geyser	Heavy	Out and back	Easy	4.8	121	The trailhead is east of Kepler Cascades pullout, 3.5 miles southeast of Old Faithful overpass on Grand Loop Road. This level trail and bike path follows the Firehole River to the geyser. Lone star erupts 30-45 ft. about every three hours. If you witness an eruption, please note the time and report it at the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center.	May	October
4	Grant Village / West Thumb	Shoshone Lake (via DeLacy Creek)	Moderate	Out and back	Easy	5.8	291	Starting at a trailhead sign at DeLacy Creek, 8.8 miles west of the West Thumb junction, the trail runs along the forest edge and through open meadows to the shores of Yellowstone's largest backcountry lake. Moose are seen here occasionally.		
5	Grant Village / West Thumb	Yellowstone Lake Overlook	Moderate	Loop	Moderately Strenuous	1.5	200	The trail begins at a trailhead market near the entrance to the West Thumb Basin parking area and climbs through burned forest and a mountain meadow to a commanding view of Yellowstone Lake and the Absaroka Mountains. This trail is mostly level, with a moderately strenuous 400 ft. elevation gain near the overlook. Caution: hydrothermal area - stay on the designated trail and abide by detour signs at all times.	May	October
6	Grant Village / West Thumb	Riddle Lake	Moderate	Out and back	Easy	4.8	137	The trailhead is about 3.0 miles south of Grant Village junction, just south of the Continental Divide sign. This fairly level trail crosses the Continental Divide and runs through forest and marshy meadows to the shores of a picturesque little lake.	Mid July (bear management; also depends on swan nesting)	September

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7	Fishing Bridge / Lake Village	Elephant Back Mountain	Heavy	Loop	Moderately Strenuous	3.5	793	Starting at a pullout 1.0 mile south of Fishing Bridge junction, this trail climbs 1.5 miles through a lodgepole pine forest before reaching a junction. Either trail leads in another 0.9 miles to a panoramic view of Yellowstone Lake.	April	September
8	Fishing Bridge / Lake Village	Pelican Creek	Light	Loop	Easy	0.6	16	Starting at the west end of Pelican Creek bridge, 1.0 mile east of the Fishing Bridge Visitor Center, this easy travels through forest and along the lakeshore.	June	October
9	Fishing Bridge / Lake Village	Storm Point	Moderate	Loop	Easy	2.3	98.0	Starting at a large turnout at Indian Pond, 3 miles east of the Fishing Bridge Visitor Center, this level loop crosses meadow and forest beofre reaching the tip of Storm Point, where you will find expansive views of Yellowstone Lake and surrounding mountains.	June	October
10	Canyon	Clear Lake / Ribbon Lake Loop	Heavy	Loop	Easy	3.0 to 6.0	423.0	Start at Wapiti Trailhead on South Rim Drive to Artist Point 2.0 miles south of Canyon Junction on the Grand Loop Road. This relatively level trail winds through meadows and forest and passes by three lovely backcountry lakes. You can hike the entire loop (6.0 miles) or you can turn around at Clear Lake (3.0 miles) or Lily Pad Lake (4.0 miles). Caution: Clear Lake is a hydrothermal area. Stay on the designated trail at all times.	June	October
11	Canyon	Cascade Lake	Moderate	Out and back	Easy	5.0	285.0	Choose from either the Cascade Lake or Cascade Creek Trailheads to begin this hike. The Cascade Lake Trail joins the Cascade Creek Trail after 1.3 miles. If you begin on the Cascade Lake Trail, remember to bear left on your return trip. Either way, you will hike through forest and meadow to a pretty lake.	May	September
12	Canyon	Mount Washburn	Heavy	Out and back	Strenuous	5.0 to 6.0	1,400	From an elevation of 10,243 ft., Mount Washburn offers panoramic views of ~20-50 miles in all directions. During July, wildflowers carpet the slopes. Look for bighorn sheep. The southern trail starts at the Duraven Pass Trailhead and the northern trail starts at the Chittenden Road parking area. Both climb steadily about 1,400 ft. Conditions at the summit are typically colder and windier than at the trailheads, and afternoon storms are common. Carry and extra layer of warm clothing and wind / rain gear. This is prime grizzly bear habitat - travel with caution.	June	October

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13	Mammoth	Beaver Ponds Loop	Heavy	Loop	Moderately Strenuous	5.0	764	The trail begins between Liberty Cap and a stone house in Mammoth. It follows Clematis Creek, climbing 350 ft. through forest to meadows of sage and stands of Douglas Fir and aspen. After hiking 2.5 miles, you reach the beaver ponds. You might see beavers or their sign, but you are more likely to see muskrats and water birds. The trail continues through mixed forest and meadows and ends on the Old Gardiner Road behind the Mammoth Hotel.	May	October
14	Mammoth	Bunsen Peak	Heavy	Out and back	Moderately Strenuous	4.6	1,300	The trail begins at the entrance of the Old Bunsen Peak Road Trail, 5.0 miles south of Mammoth on the Grand Loop Road. Climb 1,300 ft. through forest to the summit, which features panoramic views. Return by the same route. The nearby Old Bunsen Peak Road Trail is closed to vehicles but open for hiking and biking.	May	October
15	Mammoth	Wraith Falls	Heavy	Out and back	Easy	0.6	65.0	The trail begins at a pullout 0.5 miles east of Lava Creek Picnic Area on the Grand Loop Road. This short, easy trail passes through sagebrush meadows, marshland, and mixed conifer forest to the base of 79-ft. Wraith Falls on Lupine Creek.	May	October
16	Tower-Roosevelt	Lost Lake Loop	Moderate	Loop	Moderate	2.8	669	The trail starts behind Roosevelt Lodge and climbs 300 ft. up a forested hillside. At the junction, veer right (west). You reach Lost Lake in 0.2 miles. From there, follow the trail through a ravine to the Petrified Tree parking area. From the parking lot, the trail climbs to a sagebrush meadow, descends to teh Tower Ranger Station area, and then 0.2 miles to Roosevelt Lodge. If you encounter horses, move to the downhill side of the trail and remain still until they have passed.	June	September
17	Tower-Roosevelt	Yellowstone River Picnic Area	Heavy	Loop	Moderate	3.7	456.0	Begin at the Yellowstone River Picnic Area, 1.25 miles northeast of Tower Junction on the Northeast Entrance Road. The trail climbs steeply to the east rim of the Narrows of the Yellowstone River and then follows the rim. Return the same way or make a loop by continuing to the next trail junction, where you need to turn left and descend to the road. (The Specimen Ridge Trail, strenuous and poorly marked, continues to the northeast.) Walk west along the road for 0.7 miles to the picnic area.		

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18	Lamar Valley	Slough Creek (to first meadow)	Moderate	Out and back	Moderately Strenuous	3.4		The trail starts on the gravel road to Slough Creek Campground, where the road bears left. The Slough Creek Trail climbs through Douglas Fir forest, passes through an open area, and then descends to the first meadow of Slough Creek. This trail leads to popular fishing spots and to a private ranch north of the park, so expect to see people, horses, and an occasional wagon. If you encounter horses, move to the downhill side of the trail and remain still until they have passed.	May	September
19	Lamar Valley	Trout Lake	Heavy	Loop	Moderate	1.2	200.0	The trail starts from a small pullout about 1.5 miles south of Pebble Creek Campground on the Northeast Entrance Road and climbs about 150 ft. through Douglas Fir forest to the lake.	May	September
20	Madison	Purple Mountain	Light	Out and back	Strenuous	6.4	2,129.0	Look for the trailhead at a turnout about 0.25 miles north of Madison Junction. You climb 1,500 ft. in 3.2 miles to a panoramic view of the Gibbon and Madison rivers.	May	September
21	Madison	Harlequin Lake	Moderate	Out and back	Easy	1.0	137.0	Park at the third pullout 1.5 miles west of Madison Junction on the West Entrance Road. Follow the gentle, uphill trail to a small lake.	June	September

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