

Yellowstone National Park

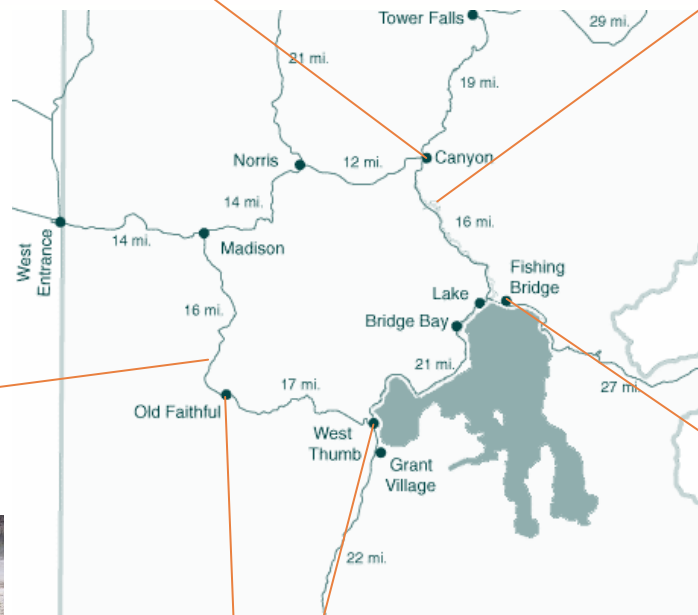
Montana, Wyoming, & Idaho



What is Yellowstone?

Established in 1872, Yellowstone National Park is America's first national park. It was made a UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, Cultural Organization) natural heritage site in 1978. Located in Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho, it is home to a large variety of wildlife including grizzly bears, wolves, bison, and elk. Preserved within Yellowstone National Park are Old Faithful and a collection of the world's most extraordinary geysers and hot springs, and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone.

Grand Canyon of Yellowstone:
At roughly 20 Miles long, the canyon ranges up to 1,200 feet (360 m) deep, and between 1,500 to 4,000 feet (450-1,200 m) wide.



Hayden Valley:
Geographically, Hayden Valley is the heart of the Yellowstone Plateau. The valley is at 8,000 feet (2,440 m), surrounded by 12,000 foot (3,660 m) mountains.



Grand Prismatic Spring:
It measures approximately 370 feet (112.8 m) in diameter and is over 121 feet (37 m) deep.



Fishing Bridge:
The bridge crosses the Yellowstone River, above the cutthroat spawning area. Although you cannot fish from the bridge, this is a great place to observe fish.



Old Faithful Geysers:

One of 300 geysers found in the Yellowstone National Park, each eruption varying between 90 to 184 feet (27 to 56 meters) and lasts between 1 1/2 to 5 minutes. Every eruption releases between 5,000 to 8,000 gallons of water.



West Thumb:
Overlooking Yellowstone Lake, the largest lake at high elevation in North America.

