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Getting There

No matter where you are coming from, traveling to Grand Teton National Park is just as memorable as exploring the park. Here are three top routes. Go to myyellowstonepark.com for more details.

**STARTING POINT: SALT LAKE CITY**

Hit desert highlights from the Great Salt Lake to Dinosaur National Monument as you travel to Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks on this 1,140-mile route.

Start in Salt Lake City and discover the city’s early history and even that of your own family at Temple Square. Then shop at City Creek Center, an open-air mall downtown. Head north to Cache Valley to visit the American West Heritage Center and then to Idaho Falls for a dose of culture. Explore America in Idaho towns like Rigby, Ashton, Driggs and Victor, home of the Spud Drive-In Theatre. Cross into Wyoming to explore Jackson and Grand Teton National Park. Farther north, you’ll discover Yellowstone National Park. From the park, head south to Kemmerer to uncover fossils and get wet at the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. Then hit dinosaur country in Vernal, Utah, and Dinosaur National Monument.

**STARTING POINT: DENVER**

Spend your first day of this incredible 1,379-mile, round-trip route in the Mile High City, checking out the art and food scene before heading west to the outdoor mecca of Winter Park, Colo., and the charming town of Grand Lake at the foot of Rocky Mountain National Park.

In the park, take Trail Ridge Road, the country’s highest paved road over the Continental Divide to Estes Park, Colo. Then head to Laramie, Wyo., for a deep dive into the Old West, interesting museums and fun breweries. Catch views of the Snowy Range Mountains before stopping in Rawlins to eat. From there, visit Sinks Canyon State Park in Lander and see a Native American performance in Riverton before reaching Jackson and Grand Teton National Park. Head north to Yellowstone before exiting the park’s East Entrance to Cody, home of the Buffalo Bill Center of the West, the hot springs of Thermopolis, authentic Casper and outdoor fun at Vedauwoo in Cheyenne.

**STARTING POINT: CHICAGO**


Enjoy the historic downtown in Custer and wildlife at Custer State Park. Then visit Crazy Horse Memorial, the world’s largest monument carving. Visit Deadwood for Wild West reenactments. In Hill City, ride The 1880 Train and in Belle Fourche, tour a museum and relax under shaded trees. Base out of Gillette, Wyo., to explore Devils Tower National Monument. Dig for dinosaurs in Thermopolis, Wyo. After exploring Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks, head to Billings, Mont., and then Medora, N.D., home of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, en route back to Chicago.
Three Entrances and a Surprise

Grand Teton National Park is shaped a bit like your left-hand thumb and is dotted with three main entrances. A surprise for many visitors is there is no Grand Teton entrance station when you head south from Yellowstone into Grand Teton. Plan on buying a seven-day, $50 pass that is good for both parks.

GRANITE CANYON ENTRANCE

If you are coming from Utah or Idaho, you might think this entrance on Moose-Wilson Road would get you into the park the quickest. The turnoff for it is at the bottom of Teton Pass on Hwy. 22 in Wilson, Wyo. But don’t be fooled. It’s a slower drive into the park, so if you are looking for a leisurely drive or for hikes near this entrance, take it. Otherwise, drive through Jackson and use Hwy. 89 to enter the park via the Moose Entrance or Moran Entrance, which will give you faster access to Jenny Lake and Jackson Lake.

MOOSE ENTRANCE

If you are staying in Jackson, the best way into the park is through the Moose Entrance. Take 191-26-89 north past the National Elk Refuge and the Jackson Hole Airport, which has arguably the best airport views in the nation.

In the Moose area, you’ll find the Craig Thomas Discovery & Visitor Center, which tells the story of the park, its wild inhabitants and cultural history through interactive exhibits and touch screens. Don’t miss the “video river,” composed of video screens on the floor that lead you on a visual journey to discover the places, people and preservation of the park.

Just a mile north of Moose on Hwy. 26, 89, 191 and east on Antelope Flats Road, you’ll find the iconic barn that appears in the foreground of so many Teton range photos. It was built by T.A. Moulton. You’ll also find the Gros Ventre Campground and the Menors Ferry Historic District where you can tour an original cabin and general store.

MORAN ENTRANCE

If you are coming from Denver via Dubois, Wyo., the Moran Entrance might be the easiest way for you to get into the park. Hwys. 26/289 flow right into it 30 miles north of Jackson, Wyo. Accessing the northern end of the park through here puts you in the heart of the Jackson Lake and Colter Bay areas. And you’re only 20 miles south of Yellowstone National Park.

A natural body of water, Jackson Lake is the largest lake in the park, and it’s 400-feet deep. There is 39 feet of reservoir storage on the top of the lake, which is why you’ll see the Jackson Lake Dam on the lake’s east side.

Along its shores you’ll find Signal Mountain Lodge, Jackson Lake Lodge, the Colter Bay Village and Colter Bay Visitor Center. The visitor center is 25 miles north of Moose.

FLAGG RANCH INFORMATION STATION

If you visit Yellowstone first, the best way to get to Grand Teton National Park is through Yellowstone’s South Entrance. Be sure to buy a Yellowstone/Grand Teton park pass for $50 to get access to both parks.

When you enter Grand Teton from Yellowstone, you’ll notice there is no formal entrance station. If you want a park newspaper, stop at the Flagg Ranch Information Station four miles south of Yellowstone or pick up a map and more information at the larger Colter Bay Visitor Center 18 miles from Yellowstone on the shores of Jackson Lake.

This end of the park is the farthest north and provides easy access to the Colter Bay District where hiking trails, the stunning Jackson Lake, canoe and kayaking opportunities, fishing, scenic drives and wildlife viewing await. You also can take a dip at the swim beach in Colter Bay.
**Where to Stay**

With dramatic mountains, lakes and wildlife, Grand Teton National Park is one of the most spectacular places to spend a vacation. Inside the park are eight different lodging options mainly clustered in the Jenny Lake and the Jackson Lake/Colter Bay areas. They range from tent cabins to luxury hotels.

**JENNY LAKE**

**JENNY LAKE LODGE**

This is the closest park property to Jackson, and like the town, it has a luxurious feel. Extravagance awaits in the form of suites, stand-alone cabins and duplex-style cabins with homemade quilts. A five-course restaurant has a menu that changes nightly, but the dining room also serves breakfast and lunch. Food is locally sourced from the Jackson Farmers Market and beyond. Reservations are required. Cruiser bikes are complementary. Make reservations at [www.gtlc.com](http://www.gtlc.com) or call 307-543-3100.

**SOUTH OF JENNY LAKE**

**AMERICAN ALPINE CLUB CLIMBERS RANCH**

If you are a rock climber, this may be the place for you. Just four miles north of the Moose headquarters, sleep on wooden bunks in primitive co-ed dormitory-style cabins that accommodate four, six or eight people. There are communal men and women’s bathrooms and a cook shelter. Make reservations at [americanalpineclub.org/gtcr-faq](http://americanalpineclub.org/gtcr-faq).

**DORNANS SPUR RANCH CABINS**

Located east of Jenny Lake, Dornans is set on 10 acres along the Snake River. This family-owned resort has eight one-bedroom cabin duplexes and four two-bedroom cabin duplexes. Each cabin has a fully-equipped kitchen, BBQ grills, handcrafted furniture and queen-sized beds with down comforters. The resort, which requires a three-night minimum stay in summer, has two restaurants, a grocery store, gas pumps, a nationally recognized wine shop, gift shop and deli. Make reservations at [dornans.com](http://dornans.com) or call 307-733-2415.

**EAST OF JENNY LAKE**

**TRIANGLE X RANCH**

Triangle X Ranch is the last dude ranch concession in the National Park Service system. Located 26 miles north of Jackson on Hwy. 89, the ranch sits on the park’s eastern edge close to the Moran Entrance. Since 1926, five generations of the Turner family have managed the ranch that has 20 cabins, ranging from one to four bedrooms, plus bathrooms with tubs and showers, a small refrigerator and porch. During peak summer season, there’s a seven-night minimum stay. Horseback riding is king, but the ranch also offers float trips. Make reservations at [trianglex.com](http://trianglex.com) or call 307-733-2183.

**COLTER BAY**

**JACKSON LAKE LODGE**

This 385-room lodge has hotel rooms and cottages, a heated swimming pool and several restaurants, giving you a classic national park experience. U.S. Secretary of State James Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze signed a statement of peace and friendship here in 1989. See the lodgepole pine table, made for the signing, in the Upper Lobby area. Beyond there’s the Mural Dining Room offering fine dining, the 1950s-style Pioneer Grill and the Blue Heron Lounge named the park’s “best watering hole” for humans by the National Park Foundation. Make reservations at [www.gtlc.com](http://www.gtlc.com) or call 307-543-3100.

**COLTER BAY CABINS**

Staying here on the northern shore of Jackson Lake offers an affordable vacation with incredible access to a general store, restaurants, kayaking and horseback riding. Sleep in one of the 208 historic refurbished cabins or stay in tent cabins. Choose between one and two-room cabins with a variety of bed configurations. The tent cabins have two log walls, two weather-proof canvas walls and a weather-proof canvas roof. Each has fold-down bunk beds and a wood-burning stove but no electricity. Bring your own bedding or rent it. Make reservations at [www.gtlc.com](http://www.gtlc.com) or call 307-543-3100.

**SOUTH OF COLTER BAY**

**SIGNAL MOUNTAIN LODGE**

If you want to stay on Jackson Lake, Signal Mountain Lodge & Marina is the only lakefront accommodations in the park. Opened in the 1920s, this lodge offers five different types of cabins, plus bungalows and a lakefront retreat. Each cabin has a private bathroom and accommodates four to six people. It has three restaurants: The Trapper Grill, Peaks Restaurant and Leek’s Pizzeria. Make reservations at [signalmountainlodge.com](http://signalmountainlodge.com) or call 307-543-2831.

**NORTH OF COLTER BAY**

**HEADWATERS LODGE & CABINS AT FLAGG RANCH**

This lodge is just two miles south of Yellowstone’s South Entrance. With no Wi-Fi or cell phone service, it’s a wonderful place to disconnect. Walk to trails and the Snake River and eat at Sheffields, which serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Make reservations at [gtlc.com/lodges/headwaters-lodge-at-flagg-ranch](http://gtlc.com/lodges/headwaters-lodge-at-flagg-ranch) or 307-543-2861.
What to Expect

From what to pack to entrance fees and weather at Grand Teton National Park, here's the scoop.

WHAT TO PACK

Here's what to put in your suitcase from spring through fall Grand Teton vacations.

- Refillable water bottle/hydration system
  Reduce your park footprint by bringing your own water bottle to refill.

- Bug spray
  Spend more time enjoying the scenery and less time swatting insects.

- Binoculars
  Spot rock climbers and grizzlies from afar.

- Clothing layers
  It may seem ridiculous to pack a down jacket, winter hat and warm layers, but park temperatures can fluctuate 40 degrees in one day. Nights and mornings can be very cool.

- Rain gear
  Even on the sunniest morning, there is a chance of afternoon rains troms. Don't get caught outdoors unprepared.

- Sturdy hiking boots
  Pack a pair of supportive, breathable hiking boots.

- Daypack
  Be prepared on your hike with snacks, clothing layers and extra water.

- A sun hat, sunglasses and sunscreen
  These are a must to protect yourself from the strong sun.

- Sturdy water shoes
  If you plan on doing water sports, pack water shoes. Flip-flops are not recommended as they get stuck in the mud and fall off easily.

- Bear Spray
  Purchase bear spray at park visitor center bookstores in Colter Bay, Jenny Lake and Moose. The average price is $49.99. You also can buy it in hunting and outdoor specialty stores in Jackson. Park officials recommend hikers carry bear spray and know how to use it in the event they encounter a bear.

- Headlamp
  Carry a headlamp to attend evening ranger talks and when hiking in case you get lost or return to a trailhead later than expected.

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FEES BY THE NUMBERS

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FEE FOR U.S. CITIZENS 62 AND OLDER FOR THE SENIOR PASS

$25
FEE FOR MOTORCYCLISTS, WALKERS AND CYCLISTS FOR A SEVEN-DAY PASS

$30
FEE FOR A SEVEN-DAY VEHICLE PASS

$50
COST OF THE GRAND TETON/YELLOWSTONE SEVEN-DAY PARK PASS

$60
COST OF A GRAND TETON ANNUAL PASS

$80
PRICE OF THE INTERAGENCY ANNUAL PASS FOR ALL NATIONAL PARK SITES

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Get ready for a vacation of a lifetime. Here are some of our favorite things to do in Grand Teton from amazing hiking trails to scenic boat rides and the best huckleberry milkshake ever.

**BREAKFAST IN THE MURAL DINING ROOM**
Start the day with breakfast at the Mural Dining Room in Jackson Lake Lodge for a delicious breakfast with unforgettable views. The floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows offer outstanding views of the Tetons.

**STRING LAKE LOOP**
Hike this easy 3.8-mile loop around String Lake and see mountains reflected in the lake’s waters. Its shallow, warmer waters make it a good spot to take a dip or rent a kayak. Walk clockwise to mellow the elevation grade. Access it by heading northwest at the North Jenny Lake Junction and right at String Lake.

**DRIVE TETON PARK ROAD**
Spot wildlife and stop for a picnic on this 21-mile scenic drive in the park. It stretches from Moose to Jackson Lake Junction.

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**GET A HUCKLEBERRY MILKSHAKE**
Stop at the Pioneer Grill in the Jackson Lake Lodge for the best milkshake ever. After you take a sip, you’ll understand why bears seek out huckleberry bushes to feast.
VISIT MORMON ROW
Founded in the 1890s by Mormon settlers from Idaho, this community was once home to 27 homesteads. Today you can see T.A. Moulton’s famous barn that appears in many photos of the Tetons. Drive north from Jackson on highway 191 past Moose Junction and turn right onto Antelope Flats Road and drive for about 1.5 miles. A trail brochure and interpretive sign can be found at the parking lot.

HIKE TO AMPHITHEATER LAKE
This beautiful trail gives you great views of the 13,770-foot Grand Teton and Mt. Owens that stands nearly 13,000 feet high.

BLUE HERON LOUNGE
Get a drink in the evening at the Blue Heron Lounge in Jackson Lake Lodge, named the best watering hole for humans in the park by the National Park Foundation.

JACKSON LAKE BOAT CRUISE
Go on a scenic cruise for a breakfast, lunch or dinner cruise on Jackson Lake where you’ll fuel up on great views and food on Elk Island. Being on Jackson Lake gives you a whole different perspective.
Wildlife of Grand Teton
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Moose
You can spot a male moose easily by its huge antlers that can stretch up to six feet. Females don’t have antlers. As the largest member of the deer family, moose have long snouts, bulbous noses and extra skin under their throats, which set them apart from other animals. They are enormous, weighing up to 1,800 pounds. On land they can reach speeds of up to 35 miles per hour, but they also are good swimmers that can paddle several miles at a time.

WHERE TO SEE THEM: Spot moose along Moose-Wilson Road near willows, Cascade Canyon, Oxbow Bend, Blacktail Ponds, Mormon Row and Antelope Flats Road.

Grizzly Bear
Spotting a grizzly in the park 25 years ago was an unusual experience. Today, the Greater Yellowstone region is home to about 700 grizzlies. Weighing up to 700 pounds, grizzlies, also known as “brown bears,” have a distinctive hump between their shoulders, a long snout and shorter ears than black bears. While their front claws measure between 2-4 inches, black bears’ claws are 1-2 inches. They typically have blonde-tipped fur on their backs and flanks.

WHERE TO SEE THEM: Look for them at Willow Flats, Oxbow Bend, Two Ocean and Emma Mathilde lakes and Cascade and Death canyons.

Elk
About 11,000 elk live in the Jackson Hole area and an estimated 7,300 spend the winter in the National Elk Refuge near the park. Adult bull elk weigh up to 700 pounds while adult females may weigh up to 500 pounds. Their rear ends are white and often give them away to passersby. Elk congregate at lower elevations during mating season, also known as “the rut,” from September to October, making fall the best time to spot them.

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Black Bear
These omnivores can weigh up to 400 pounds and stretch from two to four feet tall. They can be black, blond or brown, which can lead visitors to misidentify them as grizzlies. In spring, they feast on shrubs and new shoots in the forest. Throughout the summer and fall, they retreat to higher elevations, chasing berries and trout. Black bears hibernate during winter and mate during summer.

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Wolf
From the 1930s to 1998, wolves were absent from Grand Teton after decades of hunting had wiped the predator out. In 1998, a pair of wolves from Yellowstone moved to Grand Teton and gave birth to pups. The duo was part of a Yellowstone reintroduction program that brought 14 Canadian wolves to Yellowstone in 1995, followed by subsequent reintroductions. Today, there are about 58 wolves that roam in six packs in the Grand Teton area, with about 450 in the Greater Yellowstone area.

WHERE TO SEE THEM: In Grand Teton, look for them in Willow Flats. You are more likely to catch sight of them in the northern parts of Yellowstone.

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What Off-Season?

Here are the top seven ways to enjoy the area around Grand Teton National Park long after the summer crowds have left.

1. **SLEIGH RIDE IN NATIONAL ELK REFUGE**
   - **WHERE:** Established in 1912, it’s located just five minutes from downtown and offers rides mid-December through early April.
   - **WHY GO:** How often in life do you get to ride a sleigh and see between 6,000-7,000 elk up-close and safely?

2. **SNOWSHOE WITH A PARK RANGER**
   - **WHERE:** This guided snowshoe hike led by a ranger begins at the Taggart Lake trailhead in Grand Teton National Park. Rent snowshoes beforehand at Craig Thomas Discovery & Visitor Center for a nominal fee.
   - **WHY GO:** Your expert snowshoe guide/park ranger will keep you on track and give you a multi-dimensional window into what makes the park so grand. Tours are offered four days per week from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Dec. 26 through mid-March, snow conditions permitting. Reservations are required at 307-739-3399.

3. **SNOWMOBILE ON TOGWOTEE PASS**
   - **WHERE:** The gorgeous 9,659-foot pass is across the Jackson Hole valley in the Absaroka mountains.
   - **WHY GO:** Unbelievable snow conditions and groomed trails for every ability make this a memorable experience.

4. **SEE WORLD-RENOWED ARTISTS**
   - **WHERE:** National Museum of Wildlife Art
   - **WHY GO:** At some point, you’re going to want to warm up indoors. Stop in here to see TINY: Charismatic Minifauna from the Permanent Collection, an ode to the tiny creatures through the eyes of artists like Pablo Picasso.

5. **SNOWMOBILE IN YELLOWSTONE**
   - **WHERE:** Start in Jackson with one of the park’s authorized South Entrance snowmobile companies, Old Faithful Snowmobile Tours or Scenic Safaris. Once on snowmobile, you’ll explore areas like Old Faithful and Black Sand Basin.
   - **WHY GO:** See magnificent bison, wolves, eagles and geysers without the crowds in Yellowstone’s winter wonderland.

6. **DOWNHILL SKI AT A RESORT**
   - **WHERE:** Choose between the low-key Grand Targhee Resort in Alta, Wyo., and the more challenging Jackson Hole Mountain Resort in Teton Village outside of Jackson, Wyo.
   - **WHY GO:** Ski thousands of vertical feet at either resort, soaking in the outstanding views of the Teton range.

7. **CROSS-COUNTRY SKI IN THE PARK**
   - **WHERE:** In Grand Teton National Park, Teton Park Road from Taggart Lake to Signal Mountain Lodge is closed to vehicles in the winter, but it is groomed for classic and skate skiing.
   - **WHY GO:** Beautifully groomed trails beneath the world-class Tetons set the bar high for any skiing you do afterwards in your life.