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*Distances in miles for shortest possible route. Driving times vary widely based on weather, traffic, and whether or not a bison herd is crossing the road. Yellow routes are scheduled for construction in 2016. Park officials are estimating 30-minute*
**Bird's Eye View**

**PARK OVERVIEW**

Top spots to see geysers, sleep under the stars, look for wildlife and much more

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*Grand Loop Road*

This 154-mile, figure-eight corridor connects Yellowstone's attractions with the five entrance roads. Only the stretch between the North and Northeast Entrances remains open to cars year-round; the other miles are groomed for commercial snow vehicles from December to March. The exception: the 19-mile leg over Dunraven Pass, which closes completely in winter and typically reopens by the end of May.

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**HIGHLIGHTS**

1. **Mammoth Hot Springs**  
A series of striking travertine terraces make this northern hub a can't-miss stop.

2. **Norris Geyser Basin**  
Yellowstone's oldest and hottest thermal area has two walkable zones: Porcelain and Back Basins. You'll find the world's tallest geyser, 300-foot-plus Steamboat Geyser, as well as a museum and bookstore.

3. **Artist Paint Pots**  
A 1-mile trail winds through brightly colored mudpots, geysers and steam vents.

4. **Madison area**  
A developed area where the Gibbon and Firehole Rivers join to form the Madison. An information station and the Madison Campground are here.

5. **Lower Geyser Basin**  
This large thermal area has Fountain Paint Pot and the 2-mile Firehole Lake Drive.

6. **Midway Geyser Basin**  
Famous for gorgeous Grand Prismatic Spring, the park's largest hot spring, Midway is also home to Excelsior Geyser's 200-by-300-foot crater.

7. **Upper Geyser Basin**  
If you visit only one thermal zone, make it this one. At least 150 geysers pack into one square mile here, including the world's most famous, Old Faithful.

8. **Old Faithful area**  
Here you'll find Old Faithful Inn, Old Faithful Lodge and the Snow Lodge, along with a gift shop and clinic.

9. **Shoshone Lake**  
The Lower 48's largest backcountry lake offers superb paddling and camping along its shores.

10. **Bechler area**  
Called "Cascade Corner" for its abundance of waterfalls, this remote zone offers fantastic wildlife habitat and backcountry hot spring Mr. Bubbles.

11. **Grant Village**  
The park's southern hub houses Grant Village Campground, Visitor Center and Lodge, plus a café and gas station.

12. **West Thumb**  
This area around Yellowstone Lake's "thumb" has its own small geyser basin and an information station.

13. **Bridge Bay**  
Launch or rent a boat or catch a guided fishing tour at this marina.

14. **Lake Village**  
This shoreline hub offers lodging and several cafés (see page 19). Pick up the Elephant Back Trail from this area.

15. **Fishing Bridge**  
Includes Fishing Bridge RV Park, a museum, a visitor center, café and a gas station.

16. **Yellowstone Lake**  
North America's largest high-elevation lake. Yellowstone Lake offers boating, paddling and quiet camping. The South and South-east Arms in particular offer solitude and wildlife habitat.

17. **Thorofare Valley**  
Yellowstone's southeastern corner is famed for its prime wildlife habitat and the wild Yellowstone River.

18. **Hayden Valley**  
This central valley is one of the best spots in the country to see bison, grizzlies, coyotes, wolves, moose and osprey.

19. **Pelican Valley**  
A grizzly hotbed, this zone is closed from spring to early July, then open only for dayhiking. Hike in groups and follow bear safety practices if you explore this area.

20. **Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone**  
This stunning, 1,200-foot-deep canyon houses 109-foot Upper Falls and 308-foot Lower Falls. Uncle Tom's Trail on the South Rim, a staircase bolted to the canyon's side, delves into the chasm.

21. **Canyon Village**  
This complex houses Canyon Lodge and Campground, gas and a few cafés.

22. **Dunraven Pass**  
The 8,859-foot pass is the trailhead for a 3.1-mile hike up Mt. Washburn.

23. **Tower-Roosevelt area**  
The ideal launch point for exploring Lamar Valley, this area features Roosevelt Lodge, cafés and a campground.

24. **Blacktail Plateau Drive**  
Scan for deer, elk and other wildlife on this one-way scenic drive.

25. **Lamar Valley**  
Ground zero for wolf-watching, this northeastern valley is also home to bison, badgers and bears.