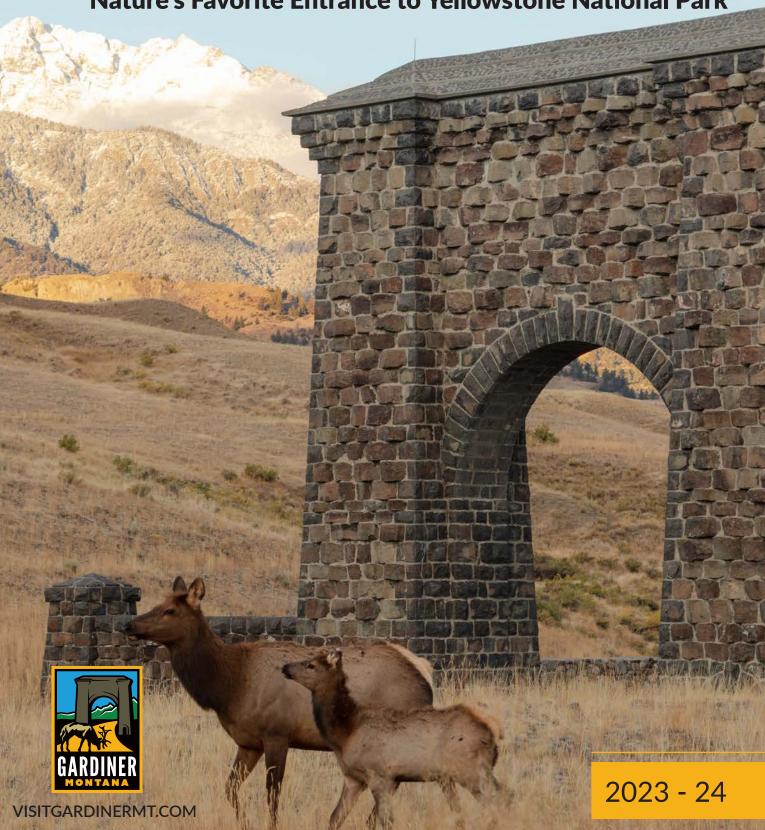
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THE ORIGINAL ENTRANCE TO YELLOWSTONE

As the original entrance to the world's first national park, the history of Gardiner, Montana, is closely tied to the history of Yellowstone National Park. Since the park was established in 1872, the "rough and tumble" community of Gardiner has been serving the needs of park visitors from around the world, although mining and ranching would later come to make up the Gardiner economy as well.

Though Gardiner was not officially founded until 1880, references to an area known as "Gardner's Hole" date back to the mid-1830s, likely named for the fur trapper Johnson Gardner. The town received its name from the Washburn-Langford-Doane party in 1870. The extra "I" is said

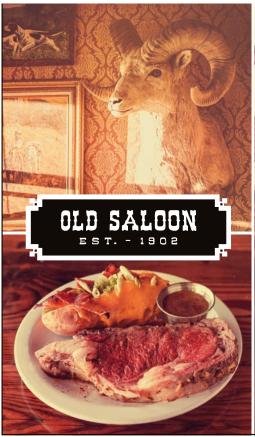
to come from a phonetic misspelling of "Gardner" when pronounced by the infamous West Virginia mountain man Jim Bridger.

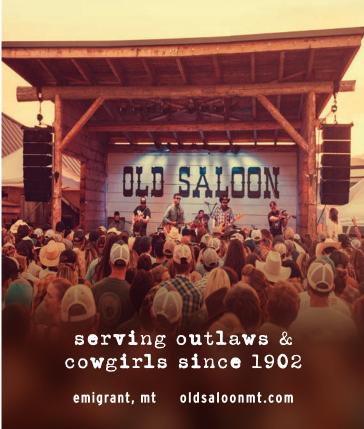
In 1883, the Northern Pacific Railway extended its Park Branch Line south from Livingston as far as Cinnabar, a railroad stop just north of Gardiner. The rail line was extended to Gardiner in 1903 and continued to operate until 1948.

The town has survived gold rushes, destructive fires, the coming and going of the railroad, and historic flooding. Today, Gardiner is home to a range of businesses that welcome visitors to Yellowstone from all over the world—from outfitters and guides to cozy diners and family-owned lodges.









GARDINER ANNUAL EVENTS

JANUARY Gardiner locals become a tight-knit family when winter arrives—but they're a welcoming bunch, too. Residents beat the cold with the yearly Chili Cook-Off competition.

FEBRUARY The annual Jardine Ski Run celebrates this mountain community's love for cross-country skiing and friendly competition.

MARCH Yellowstone's interior roads close for spring snow plowing. Cross-country skiing and wildlife watching are still popular on the Northern Range from Gardiner to Cooke City (the North East Entrance).

APRIL Many of **Yellowstone's roads open** to the public for the summer season, offering a chance to visit major attractions with minimal crowds.

MAY Bison calves dot the hillsides and spring rafting begins. The Hell's A-Roarin' Horse Drive takes place on Memorial Day weekend.

JUNE All park roads are open. The Gardiner Rodeo takes place on Father's Day weekend. Flowers are abundant on the mountainsides and the Beartooth Highway is open.

JULY The salmon fly hatch occurs on the Yellowstone River making for world-renowned dry fly fishing. The Gardiner Brewfest showcases the town's appreciation for local craft beer, good music, and great company.

AUGUST The bison rut begins in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. The annual events Yellowstone International Arts Festival and Shakespeare in the Park take the stage.

SEPTEMBER The bison rut draws to a close and the elk rut begins. Park visitation is still high—we recommend advance reservations.

OCTOBER The elk rut continues while bears begin to prepare for hibernation. Carring bear spray while hiking is always necessary. Park roads are open.

NOVEMBER With the exception of the Northern Range from Gardiner to Cooke City, most park roads close for the season.

DECEMBER Stroll, shop, and sing at the annual Gardiner Christmas Stroll or enjoy the Christmas Tree Lighting in Mammoth Hot Springs. Park roads open to over-snow travel in mid-December.

HAVE A QUESTION? ...We've got answers

Where can I find lodging accommodations in Gardiner and Yellowstone National Park (YNP)?

The Gardiner Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center has a number of hotels, motels, cabins, and other rental opportunities listed on VisitGardinerMT.com (**see page 26**). Yellowstone National Park Lodges operates hotels, cabins, and campsites inside the park. Learn more at YellowstoneNationalParkLodges.com

Where can I find something to eat?

Gardiner has many restaurants, grab-and-go coffee shops, and food trucks. The Gardiner Market sells picnic supplies. Yellowstone also has restaurants and cafeterias available throughout the park. Look for our QR Code around town with updated information on restaurants' hours of operation. Visit page 32 for more information.

How close is Gardiner to Yellowstone National Park?

Gardiner is the North Entrance to Yellowstone. Learn more about how to get to Gardiner on **page 6**.

What is the cost to get into YNP?

The entry fee for YNP is \$35 for private, non-commercial vehicles, and \$30 for motorcycles. Entry fees are valid for seven days from the date of purchase. You can purchase an America the Beautiful annual pass, which grants you access to all US national parks for \$80, at the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce, usgs.gov/pass, park entrance stations, and other various locations. Be sure to inquire at an entrance station about discounted and specialty passes.

Will I have cell phone service or Wi-Fi?

Most national carriers have reliable cell phone service in the Gardiner area. The Gardiner Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center offers complimentary Wi-Fi. In Yellowstone, cell phone service and Wi-Fi are only available in developed areas (such as Old Faithful and Mammoth Hot Springs).



What can I expect in terms of weather?

Depending on the time of year, Yellowstone and the surrounding area experience temperatures ranging from cool to hot with occasional rain or snow showers. Check weather forecasts for up-to-date information and bring lots of layers for fluctuating weather conditions.

Where are the nearest medical facilities?

The Mammoth Clinic located in Mammoth Hot Springs, YNP can treat most minor medical situations. The nearest hospital is Livingston Healthcare located 58 miles north of Gardiner.

Should I bring my furry friend on my Yellowstone adventure?

Bringing a pet on your adventure can limit your activities in Yellowstone. Pets are not allowed on trails, boardwalks, in the backcountry, or in thermal areas. They must be physically controlled at all times and not left unattended. For more information, visit NPS.gov/yell



HUNGRY? SCAN HERE!

Check out the weekly restaurant schedule! Our hard-working eateries may have longer than typical wait periods and, at times, unpredictable hours due to staffing. Please pack your patience and be kind.

Is Gardiner open year-round?

Gardiner is the only year-round entrance to Yellowstone National Park, with access to the Northern Range to Cooke City, MT (North East Entrance). US Highway 89, which connects Gardiner to Livingston, is plowed and maintained year-round.

Where can I camp?

Both Gardiner and Yellowstone offer many camping opportunities. Visit **page 16** for more camping details.

What wildlife can I see in Gardiner?

Bison, elk, deer, and pronghorn can frequently be seen in and around the town of Gardiner. On rare occasions, bears, coyotes, bighorn sheep, fox, and moose can be seen in or outside town as well.

Is there a park or picnic area in town?

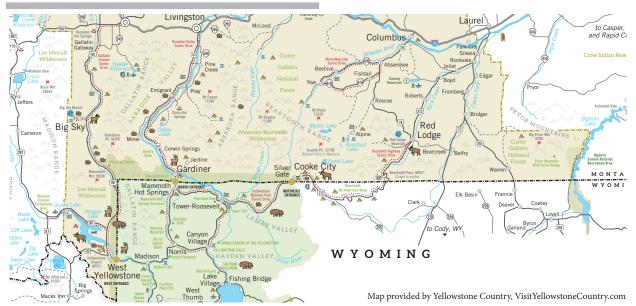
Arch Park, next to the Roosevelt Arch, has a pavilion, picnic tables, and other facilities. An additional picnic area is located at Confluence Park on Park Street overlooking the confluence of the Yellowstone and Gardner rivers.







GETTING HERE ... and getting there



DRIVE TIMES TO MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

Canyon Village 38 miles (~1 hr)

Cody, WY 130 miles (~3.5 hrs)

Cooke City, MT 56 miles (~2 hrs)

Grand Teton National Park 134 miles (~4 hrs)

Grant Village 73 miles (~2.5 hrs)

Jackson, WY 167 miles (5-6 hrs)

Mammoth Hot Springs 5 miles (~15 min)

Norris Geyser Basin 26 miles (~45 min)

Old Faithful 56 miles (~2 hrs)

Tower Fall 25 miles (~45 min)

West Yellowstone, MT 54 miles (~1.5 hrs)

Yellowstone Lake 54 miles (~2 hrs)

BY CAR

From the north, take U.S. Highway 89 from Livingston, Montana, for 53 miles until you reach Gardiner. To reach Gardiner from the east, west, or south, follow the Grand Loop Road north through Yellowstone National Park toward Mammoth Hot Springs. Then head north five miles and exit the park through the North Entrance (summertime only). In the winter, Gardiner can only be accessed from the north as interior roads are closed to personal vehicles. The northeast road from Gardiner to Cooke City is open year-round.

BY AIR

Gardiner has a small, noncommercial airport. You can take a commercial flight to one of the following airports and finish the trip by car: The Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport in Bozeman, Montana (83 miles), the Billings Logan International Airport in Billings, Montana (167 miles), the Helena Regional Airport in Helena, Montana (185 miles), and the Jackson Hole Airport in Jackson, Wyoming (165 miles).

NAVIGATING

Ride-sharing, shuttle services, and public transportation in and around Yellowstone are extremely limited (see page 30). To best experience Yellowstone, we recommend having your own vehicle or booking a private tour guide (see page 34).

CHECK THE STATUS

When planning your trip, first check the YNP road opening and closing dates. Yellowstone's Northern Range can be accessed year-round, however, interior park roads close to regular vehicle travel in early November and begin to reopen in mid-April. Be aware that it can take extra time to drive through Yellowstone due to traffic, the whims of wildlife, construction, and weather. We recommend giving yourself at least an extra 30 minutes beyond what you had planned to reach your destination. Check the status of park roads at NPS.gov/yell or call 307-344-2117.

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- Yellowstone National Park Protection Act, 1872

Yellowstone National Park is the crown jewel of America's national park system. At 2.2 million acres, the park is home to infinite natural wonders: steaming thermal features, abundant wildlife, sparkling lakes and rivers, plunging waterfalls, and geological wonders like the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone (pictured).

THE NORTHERN RANGE

From the eerie thermal features of Mammoth Hot Springs to the dense forests and jagged peaks at the Northeast Entrance, the Northern Range makes up the northern section of Yellowstone National Park. A hub for wildlife, some of the largest herds of elk and bison found in Yellowstone make their home in this thriving ecosystem. Coyotes, foxes, mule deer, and pronghorn are common sightings in this area, as well as the occasional black bear, wolf pack, grizzly bear, and moose.

The Northern Range is the only section of the park open to personal vehicles year-round. In summer and fall, fishing lines catch the sunlight as anglers stalk the blue-ribbon trout streams of Slough Creek and the Lamar River. Hikers and backpackers traverse rolling hills and sun-filled

Bison calf/Yellowstone NPS

meadows, while families bump along a dusty trail in covered wagons on their way to the Roosevelt cookout. In the winter months, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing—in addition to world-class wolf watching and winter landscape photography—are all popular activities. Come spring, wildlife enthusiasts hunch over spotting scopes on the lookout for bear cubs, wolf pups, and bison calves.

GRAND CANYON OF THE YELLOWSTONE & HAYDEN VALLEY

A rocky patchwork of muted yellows, burnt oranges, and dusty reds, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone is roughly 20 miles long and more than 1,000 feet deep. Best available science tells us the canyon was formed more than 600,000 years ago. when the Yellowstone River carved its way through the lava flows and volcanic tuffs left by the Yellowstone Caldera's eruption. The highlight of the Canyon is the Lower Falls of the Yellowstone where the Yellowstone River plummets over jagged cliffs to meet the canyon floor 308 feet below. In nearby Hayden Valley, grizzly and black bears are often spotted ambling through the grassy meadows in the spring. In late summer and early fall, the grunts and bellows of male bison fill the air as they jostle for the attention of females in a spectacular display known as the bison rut.

YELLOWSTONE LAKE

Farther into the park's interior lies the serene shore of Yellowstone Lake—the largest lake above 7,000' in North America. With 141 miles of shoreline, Lake can be a welcome respite from the summer crowds found in more popular areas. Although swimming is treacherous, peaceful hiking trails—including Storm Point and Elephant Back—provide excellent corri-



dors to explore the shores of the lake or take in the views of the Absaroka Mountains. "The Grand Lady of the Lake," also known as Lake Hotel, perches on the lake's northern shore. This historic hotel was built in the late 19th century and remains a popular getaway for Yellowstone visitors from all over the world.



Grand Prismatic Spring/Neala Siegle

OLD FAITHFUL & THE GEYSER BASINS

The geologically rich southwest corner of the park is divided into three regions: the Lower Geyser Basin, Midway Geyser Basin, and the

Upper Geyser Basin. Iconic Old Faithful Geyser—which delights visitors roughly every 90 minutes with an eruption—is found in the Upper Geyser Basin. The largest hot spring in North America, colorful Grand Prismatic Spring is located in Midway Geyser Basin. Visitors can witness every type of thermal feature—geysers, mudpots, hot springs, and fumaroles—at Fountain Paint Pot in the Lower Geyser Basin.

MADISON & NORRIS GEYSER BASIN

The emerald meadows and steaming thermal features that make up Madison and Norris Geyser Basin are found outside the gateway community of West Yellowstone. At Madison Junction, the Gibbon and Firehole rivers flow together to form the Madison River. The cliffs surrounding Madison Junction are part

of the rim of the Yellowstone Caldera. Norris Geyser Basin has become increasingly popular with visitors now that Steamboat Geyser—the world's tallest active geyser—has been erupting more frequently. If Steamboat isn't putting on a show, visitors can take in the vibrant green and red-orange hues of the thermal features found in Yellowstone's hottest geyser basin.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Surrounded on all sides by public lands, Gardiner is an adventure-lover's paradise. After you've had your fill of exploring the park, you'll want to spend a day or two hanging out in this laid-back Montana town letting us do what we do best—sharing our love of the great outdoors with our guests!

WHITEWATER RAFTING

Most of Gardiner's five rafting companies have been around for decades and are more than happy to share a wild ride on the Yellowstone River with guests (see page 35). If a high-octane adventure isn't for you, opt for a scenic float on calmer stretches of water that includes commentary on the natural history of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem from an expert guide.

HORSEBACK RIDING

What visit to a western frontier town would be complete without some time in the saddle? Choose between a trail ride to an old cowboy cookout, a nature ride through Yellowstone National Park, or spend the day rafting and riding with a combo package from one of Gardiner's rafting companies.

ZIPLINING

Soar above the canopy of the Gallatin National Forest on the ultimate adrenaline-pumping adventure. Montana Whitewater Rafting & Zipline Company will set you up on a zipline tour at a historic ranch property with incredible views of the mountains bordering Yellowstone National Park.

BIKING

Bicycling through Yellowstone National Park offers visitors a perspective like no other! Total immersion in the sights, scents, and sounds of nature in springtime allows cyclists to relax while also getting in a satisfying outdoor workout. Whether you're a well trained-athlete, or simply looking to try out a new activity, the range of bicycling opportunities is endless. If you're looking to rent a bike or go on a guided excursion, check out bike tours & gear rentals on page 34.





5 AREA DAY HIKES

HIKING

Did you know 99% of Yellowstone visitors never leave the road? Be the adventurous 1% and experience Yellowstone and southern Montana like the early explorers did by hitting the trail—though unlike them, you'll get to enjoy a warm bed, delicious food, and perhaps a soak in a local Montana hot spring (see page 18) at the end of your day!

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

BEAVER PONDS LOOP (4 MILES ROUNDTRIP)

This loop trail begins behind the Mammoth Cabins in Mammoth Hot Springs. It winds through sagebrush meadows and mature trees and offers a bird's eye view of Mammoth Hot Springs. Several pleasant beaver ponds mark the halfway point of the loop. Keep an eye out for water birds, elk, bears, mule deer, pronghorn, and moose.

YELLOWSTONE RIVER PICNIC AREA TRAIL (3.7 MILES ROUNDTRIP)

The trailhead begins at the Yellowstone River Picnic Area 1.25 miles northeast of Tower Junction on the Northeast Entrance Road. After a short but challenging climb to the rim, kids will love spotting marmots, bighorn sheep, and pronghorn along the trail as it follows the narrows of the Yellowstone River.



When camping and recreating on public lands, follow these leave no trace principles:

- Pack it in. Pack it out. This includes all garbage and waste (human too!).
- Camp only in designated areas.
- Do not start a wildfire know fire restrictions in your area.
- Keep a clean bear-safe campsite.



The Beaver Ponds Loop Trail makes a great early spring hike./Yellowstone NPS



BE BEAR AWARE

Carry bear spray and know how to use it! Bear spray is a proven method to deter a bear. You can purchase bear spray at a number of Gardiner businesses or rent it from TrailQuipt (see page 34). Learn more about safe hiking practices by scanning the QR Code.

PARADISE VALLEY

PINE CREEK FALLS (2 MILES ROUNDTRIP)

The trailhead begins at Pine Creek Campground, 17 miles south of Livingston, Montana. Located in the foothills of the Absaroka Mountains, this well-maintained trail is dog friendly. Hikers will enjoy ambling through mature forest to reach the beautiful cascades of Pine Creek Falls. For a more challenging hike, continue for another 4 miles to reach the spectacular Pine Creek Lakes.

CUSTER GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

KNOX LAKE (8 MILES ROUNDTRIP)

The trailhead is located about 40 minutes northeast of Gardiner via Jardine Road, near Bear Creek campground. This moderate hike winds through the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness to a lovely alpine lake known as Knox Lake. The trail is dog friendly and offers visitors a longer hike with a break from Yellowstone crowds.

THE OTO RANCH (2.6 MILES ROUNDTRIP)

Follow this trail to the first and oldest dude ranch in Montana. From Gardiner, follow Highway 89 approximately 10 miles north and turn onto Cedar Creek Road. The trailhead begins at the end of the road. Spend time exploring the restored buildings of the ranch or enjoy a picnic on the porch of the old lodge before turning back the way you came.

WILDLIFE WATCHING

The Gardiner area is home to some of the most abundant wildlife in the country, including wolves, elk, bison, and bears. With countless wildlife roaming right through town, it's not uncommon to get caught in a bison jam on the way to the market or spot a herd of elk napping on the high school football field!

SERENGETI OF NORTH AMERICA

Yellowstone's Lamar Valley, often referred to as "the Serengeti of North America," is just a short drive from Gardiner. For the best chance of glimpsing its famed wildlife, head out around dawn and dusk when the animals are most active and consider visiting in spring, fall, or winter.

SPRING & FALL WILDLIFE WATCHING

Springtime means baby season—including bison calves, bear cubs, elk calves, and more. Late summer and fall are wonderful times to observe the bison rut in the Lamar Valley or the elk rut in Gardiner and Mammoth Hot Springs.



Winter wildlife watchers/Eric Ian

PRO TIP

(WILDLIFE) SAFETY FIRST

For your safety, Yellowstone National Park requires visitors stay at least 100 yards from bears and wolves and 25 yards from all other animals.

WINTER WILDLIFE WATCHING

Wildlife become easier to spot during winter when the landscape is covered in a blanket of white snow. Our favorite winter wildlife sightings include river otters, groups of bull moose, and Yellowstone's famous wolf packs. Enjoy winter wildlife watching along the Yellowstone Northern Range and north of Gardiner along Highway 89.

LEAVE IT TO THE EXPERTS

For the best chance of glimpsing wildlife, go with a guide! As experts in their field, our local guides are intimately familiar with where to find those elusive animals. Many tours can be customized and include meals and transportation (see page 34).



Bison feeding near Mud Volcano/ Yellowstone NPS



Snowcoach on the Grand Loop Road/Zondra Skertich

WINTER RECREATION

Do you believe in winter magic? With striking landscapes, uncrowded attractions, and world-class wildlife-watching opportunities, wintertime is a local's favorite time of year in Gardiner and northern Yellowstone!

SNOWCOACH TOURING

Snowcoaches ferry visitors from Mammoth Hot Springs to the winter wonderlands of Old Faithful and Canyon Village in Yellowstone National Park. Book a coach with Yellowstone National Park Lodges or Yellowstone Vacations (see page 34).

WILDLIFE WATCHING

Northern Yellowstone, accessed year-round from Gardiner, is one of the premier destinations in the world for watching animals in the wild. Book a guide to increase your chances of spotting your favorite critters.

NORDIC SKIING & SNOWSHOEING

There's a snowy trail for all ages and abilities near Gardiner, but what makes the experience truly special is the sparkling mountain scenery and abundant wildlife.

SCENIC DRIVING

With snow-capped peaks and wildlife in the lower elevations, a sunny day in the Gardiner area is perfect for a scenic drive to Cooke City or through Paradise Valley (see page 14).



Skiers at Old Faithful/Zondra Skertich

5 NORDIC SKI TRAILS FOR BEGINNERS

UPPER TERRACE LOOP (1.2 miles)

This classic Yellowstone trail features steaming hot springs and expansive mountain views. Enter Yellowstone through the North Entrance in Gardiner and head south 5 miles to Mammoth Hot Springs. The loop begins at the Upper Terrace parking area.

BLACKTAIL PLATEAU (8 miles)

This popular Yellowstone ski trail traverses vistas and winds through spruce-fir forest. Locate the trail 8 miles east of Mammoth Hot Springs at a parking area across the road from a self-guiding trail or at a service road roughly 1 mile farther east.

TOWER FALL (5 miles)

This Yellowstone trail is popular with skiers for the reward at the end—frozen Tower Fall. The trail begins at the closed road just southeast of Tower Junction, roughly 18 miles east of Mammoth Hot Springs.

B BAR RANCH (distance varies)

B Bar Ranch offers groomed trails ranging from beginner to expert. From Gardiner, head north on Highway 89 for 17 miles and turn left on Tom Miner Creek Road. Cross the Carbella Bridge and turn left at the 'T.' Continue 8.5 miles to the ranch entrance; follow signs for ranch headquarters.

MILL CREEK (distance varies)

Expect friendly faces and dogs along this groomed road in Paradise Valley. (The road closes after January 1). From Gardiner, head north on Highway 89 for approximately 42 miles. Make a right onto Mill Creek Road and follow it for 11 miles until reaching the trail's parking area on the left.



Fall foliage in Paradise Valley/Jean Modesette

PARADISE VALLEY

This 53-mile-long scenic drive south of Livingston on Highway 89 offers the most direct route to Gardiner—and the North Entrance to Yellowstone—from the Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport.

TICKET TO PARADISE

Paradise Valley is a major river valley of the Yellowstone River. Characterized by sweeping views of the Absaroka-Beartooth Mountains to the east and the Gallatin Mountains to the west, the valley is known for fly-fishing, hot springs and fishing resorts, and wildlife-watching opportunities.

SEARCH FOR WILDLIFE

Made up of rich farm country and located on the doorstep of Yellowstone National Park, Paradise

Valley is a wonderful place for wildlife. Elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, and deer are often spotted along this scenic route. Be sure to utilize the pullouts along the highway for safe viewing!

SOAK IT UP

Chico Hot Springs, located in Pray, and more! Montana, approximately 25 miles south of Livingston, offers rustic and fine dining, comfortable lodging, a poolside bar, a full service spa, and natural hot springs to relax those joints after a hike. Families can also look forward to an array of other outdoor recreation activities including horseback riding and sleigh rides in the winter.

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EMIGRANT, MT

Approximately halfway between Livingston and Gardiner, MT, just

off of Highway 89, is the quiet town of Emigrant. Named after nearby mountain Emigrant Peak soaring over 10,000 ft. above, be sure to make this small town a pit stop on your way to Yellowstone. Home to Follow Yer' Nose, WildFlour Bakery, the historic Old Saloon, and more!

A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT

Try your luck on the Yellowstone River, a world-class fly-fishing stream, or stop by one of the fishing access sites for a picnic. Keep an eye out for birds of prey like ospreys and bald eagles. Sage Lodge, in Emigrant, MT, is ready to welcome guests with luxury lodging, fine dining, and guided fly-fishing trips and instruction along this mighty river.

COOKE CITY & SILVER GATE



Snowmobiling in Cooke City/Montana Office of Tourism

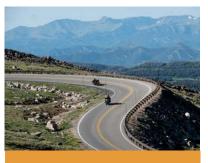
Located outside Yellowstone's Northeast Entrance, the mountain towns of Silver Gate and Cooke City offer abundant options for camping, hiking, wildlife watching, snowmobiling, ATVing, and horseback riding. The area is also the closest base camp to the spectacular Beartooth Highway and Yellowstone's wildlife-rich Lamar Valley.

COOKE CITY MONTANA MUSEUM

What motivated a man to leave hearth and home and strike out for territories, challenges, and dangers of the unknown? The communities of Colter Pass, Cooke City, and Silver Gate, updated, yet still feeling unchanged since the early days, are yours to explore and experience at the Cooke City Museum in nearby Cooke City, Montana. Open year-round, the museum offers free admission and features exhibits on the area's rich history including mining, the communities of Cooke City and Silver Gate, and the Beartooth Highway. Call 406-838-2203 for more information.

A WINTER SPORTS PARADISE

Cooke City is famously known for vast acres of snow-covered terrain in the winter months. Popular snow sports include snowmobiling, backcountry skiing, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. Start your adventure at CookeCityChamber.org or by calling 406-838-2495.



CRUISIN' THE BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY

The Beartooth Scenic Byway, dubbed the "most beautiful highway in America," beckons travelers from all over the world. The 68-mile drive takes you from Silver Gate and Cooke City, to Red Lodge, Montana. The route runs parallel to the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness and offers jaw-dropping views and plenty of outdoor recreation opportunities. Although closed to wheeled vehicles in winter, visitors can access the highway from Cooke City beginning Memorial Day weekend, weather permitting.

Beartooth Scenic Byway/Montana Office of Tourism



Summer in Cooke City/Montana Office of Tourism



national forest, and Yellowstone National Park want to provide a safe and enjoyable guest experience. Those wishing to sleep beneath the stars and enjoy a campfire are urged to maintain the pristine conditions that make this area special. Below are actions you can take to protect the natural environment and still have a memorable outdoor sleeping adventure:

Have a Plan A—and a Plan B

And we should also include a "Plan C." Campsites in Yellowstone are all reservation-only. Plan where you'd like to sleep and ensure you have a backup plan. Keep in mind camping within the town of Gardiner in parking lots, public parks, and alleyways is strictly prohibited.

Choose Campsites Carefully

If you're thinking of camping outside the park in the surrounding Custer Gallatin National Forest, scan the QR Code to learn more about dispersed camping opportunities, current conditions, developed campsites, regulations, and fees. Camphazard for campers and local residents alike.

Respect Other Visitors and Wildlife By properly disposing of waste—including RV wastewater—you can ensure campsites remain pristine for you and your fellow campers. All of Yellowstone and the surrounding area is considered bear country, so food and other items must be stored appropriately. Remember your neighbors also enjoy quiet nights, dark skies, and trails and campsites free of trash, wastewater, and human byproducts.

Happy Camping!

CAMPING DO'S & DON'TS IN BEAR COUNTRY



Always maintain a clean camp by storing food, garbage, cooking utensils, and even cosmetics in a bear-proof storage container or a secure vehicle.

Learn more about the do's and don'ts of camping in the GYE by scanning the QR Code.

THE YELLOWSTONE RIVER

The longest free-flowing river in the lower 48

For over 670 miles, the Yellowstone River runs unbridled from its headwaters near Yellowstone Lake downstream to the Missouri River in North Dakota. The smaller Gardner River flows into the Yellowstone River at the eastern edge of Gardiner. Loved by anglers and whitewater enthusiasts alike, the Yellowstone River offers a perfect complement of world-class fishing, whitewater rapids, and scenic floats.

Anglers know this river as one of the most famous blue-ribbon trout fisheries in the United States. With year-round access and a host of annual hatches, the Yellowstone offers every level of angler a chance to experience the magic of catching a trout on fly. Book with an outfitter or guide for expert instruction and the added bonus of inside information on the best fishing spots and what the fish are biting on (see page 34).



A summer's evening overlooking the Yellowstone River/Anthony Pavkovich

Those wishing to get more than just their feet wet can choose from one of Gardiner's five rafting companies (see page 35) for a memorable half-day, full-day, or overnight adventure. Family-friendly thrills of class I, II, and III rapids await, as well as stunning views of the surrounding mountains and abundant wildlife like elk, bald eagles, pronghorn, and more.



LOCAL HOT SPRINGS

After a long day of hiking or cross-country skiing, relax those tired muscles in one of two area hot springs. Whether you prefer a rustic experience soaking with elk and deer in sight or a weekend getaway with poolside service, the Gardiner area offers something for every hot springs enthusiast.

YELLOWSTONE HOT SPRINGS

The area's newest hot springs are nestled along the Yellowstone River in Corwin Springs, just ten minutes from Gardiner. Guests can choose from a main pool heated to a comfortable 98°F-100°F; a hot plunge at 103°F-105°F; or the cold plunge at 60°F-70°F—all are fed by fresh mineral-rich water. The outdoor pools are situated along the banks of the Yellowstone River and offer sweeping views of the surrounding two mountain ranges. Look for elk, deer, bald eagles, and other wildlife while you're soaking. A fire pit and outdoor tables offer places to relax.

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Soaking is not allowed in hydrothermal features in Yellowstone and the result of attempting to do so can be deadly—even re sulting in legal action. Currently there is not an area established for safe soaking in the park.

In the mist at an area hot spring/Lynn Donaldson



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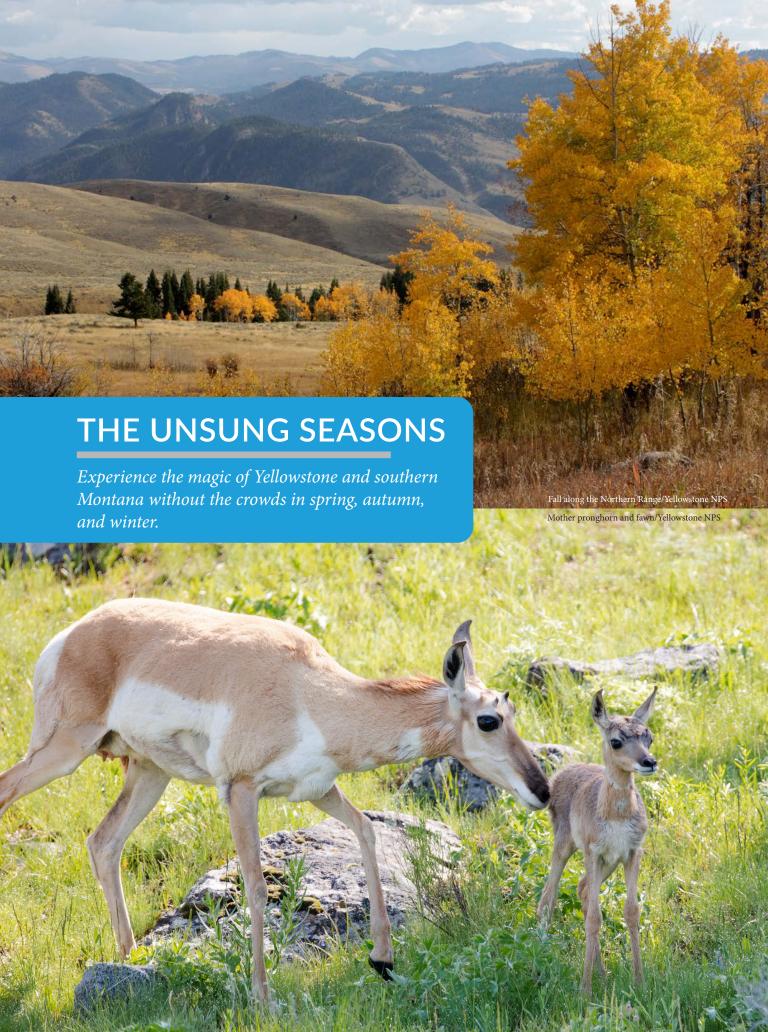
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Free from the intensity of summer crowds, this charming season offers a more intimate experience of the Gardiner area. Residents live among abundant wildlife, many of which are quite active in the springtime as they give birth. April and May are wonderful times to watch a small elk calf take its first steps or witness the rusty-red coat of a baby bison against impossibly green hillsides. Top that off with early spring wildflowers and waterfalls flowing at their peak and you have yourself a nature photographer's paradise.



Fall in Gardiner and northern Yellowstone is spectacular—especially if you love wildlife watching, nature photography, and classic mountain town recreation. Fall marks the start of the elk rut—or mating season—where bulls challenge one another and lock antlers to determine breeding rights with females. Fall is also ideal for crisp hikes and a chance to visit the park's geyser basins with far fewer crowds. Whether you're looking for a relaxing long weekend or a week-long excursion, this is the time to plan your Yellowstone getaway.



Locals will tell you winter is a particularly special time of year. With fewer crowds, abundant wildlife, and stunning winter vistas, Gardiner and Yellowstone National Park resemble a real-life snow globe when the snow flies. Yellowstone's North Entrance, located right in Gardiner, is the only park entrance open to personal vehicles year-round, offering convenient access to the park's famous Northern Range. See our three-day sample itinerary on page 22 for tips on how to make the most of your winter adventure.

THREE-DAY ITINERARIES CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE







SAMPLE THREE-DAY ITINERARIES



WINTER

DAY ONE: WILDLIFE WATCHING

Start your trip bright and early with a drive through the Yellowstone Northern Range, open year-round to personal vehicles. Renowned for its wildlife, the Northern Range offers unparalleled views and opportunities to see everything from bison to moose. Traveling with a guide and starting early in the day are the best ways to ensure you spot as many creatures as possible.

DAY TWO: CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AND HOT SPRINGS

Ready to stretch your legs? Take advantage of the Nordic ski trails both in Yellowstone and in our surrounding national forest. Stop in at Parks' Fly Shop in Gardiner or the Bear Den Ski Shop in Mammoth to pick up gear and tips on which trails are best suited to you. After a long day of skiing, enjoy a good meal and a soak in one of our area hot springs (see page 18).

DAY THREE: MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS EXPLORATION

Start your day at the Albright Visitor Information Center in Mammoth to learn about the history of Yellowstone before exploring the Terraces. After a break for a warm lunch, perfect your pirouette at the free Mammoth skating rink, which includes complimentary skate rentals on-site. End your day with local flavor at one of Gardiner's cozy restaurants.



SPRING

DAY ONE: THE GRAND LOOP/GEYSER GAZING

From Gardiner, head south into Yellowstone past Mammoth Hot Springs, stopping at Norris and Midway geyser basins before reaching Old Faithful. After a day of exploration, head east toward Yellowstone Lake and north through Hayden Valley. If time allows, be sure to stop at the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone before completing the loop back at Mammoth Hot Springs.

DAY TWO: OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Grab a cup of coffee and take a stroll through town. While you window shop, stop at one of our adventure companies to plan out your excursion for the day. Choose between rafting the Yellowstone River, ziplining through the Gallatin National Forest, or taking a horseback ride. Many companies offer a package deal so you can take on several activities in the same day!

DAY THREE: THE NORTHERN RANGE

Spend your final day in our favorite part of the park: the Yellowstone Northern Range. Heading east from Mammoth Hot Springs, travel along "the Serengeti of North America" for a chance to spot Yellowstone's most famous critters. In the spring, highlights include bison calves and clumsy black bear cubs. For optimal wildlife viewing, book with a local guide (see page 34).



FALL

DAY ONE: ELK RUT & PHOTOGRAPHY

After a leisurely breakfast, pack your camera and head out to the Yellowstone Northern Range to take in the fall foliage and abundant wildlife watching. Fall in Gardiner and northern Yellowstone means elk mating season is in full swing—evenings in Mammoth are often a great time to watch bull elk compete for the attention of females.

DAY TWO: HIKING

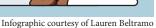
With temperatures cooling off, fall offers some of the best hiking of the year. If trekking in bear country intimidates you, book with one of our local guides who can provide spotting scopes, bear spray, and a picnic lunch. After your hike, spend a relaxing evening in Gardiner watching the elk roam—try the Iron Horse or a picnic in Arch Park for a great view.

DAY THREE: SCENIC DRIVING

Whichever way you head home, be sure to leave yourself extra time. If you're heading north, travel along the Yellowstone River into Paradise Valley. Stay on the main highway or take East River Road for views of the river and Absaroka Mountains. If heading east, drive through Yellowstone and over the scenic Beartooth Highway (see page 15).

WINTER PACKING LIST







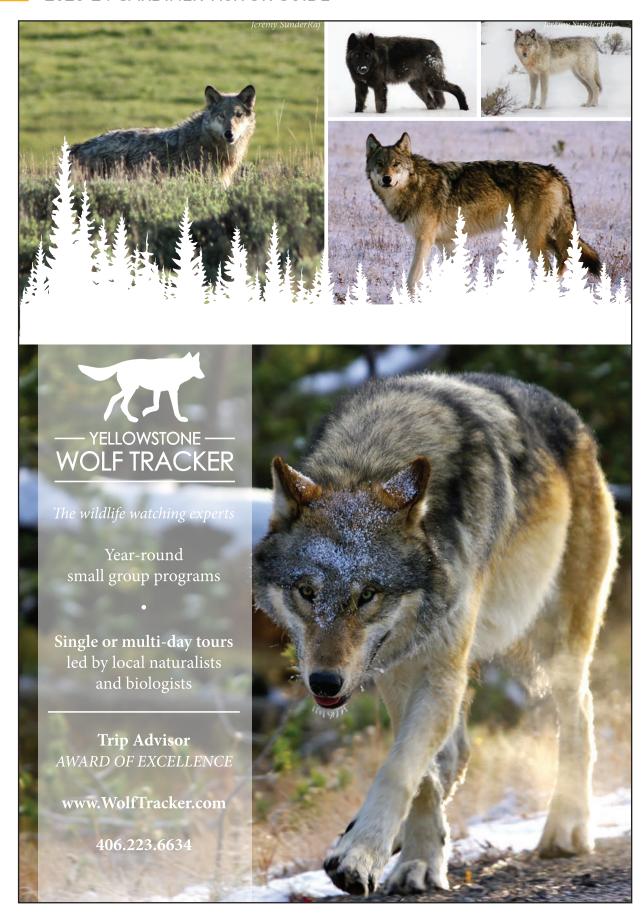
A bighorn sheep welcomes you to Gardiner/Phil Sonier



Fox kits are born in late April/Yellowstone NPS



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When you arrive in Gardiner, be sure to stop by the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center, centrally located at 216 Park Street. Whether heading into Yellowstone or continuing your journey farther into Montana, our friendly staff can help you plan every step of your journey. If you don't have time to visit during business hours take advantage of our 24/7 information vestibule, public restroom facility, free maps, information, and WiFi. Travel recommendations are available no matter where you are by calling 406-848-7971 or at VisitGardinerMT.com.

YNP ROAD STATUS & CURRENT CONDITIONS

Be prepared – there are major road construction projects in YNP this year that may effect your journey into the park. **There are currently**

no construction projects scheduled through the North Entrance of Gardiner. Plan ahead, learn more about current YNP road status by scanning the QR Code.



WHAT'S THE WEATHER?

Check out Gardiner's extended forecast from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Please note that weather inside of Yel-

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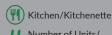
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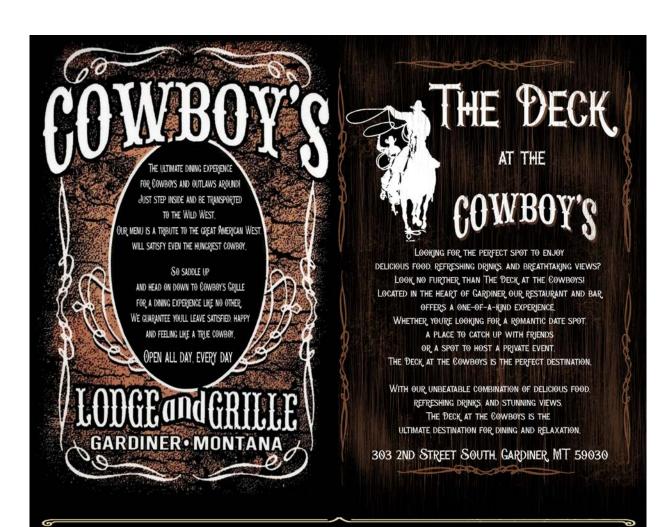




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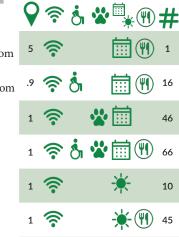
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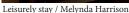
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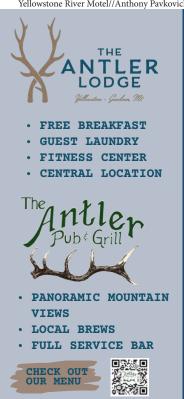






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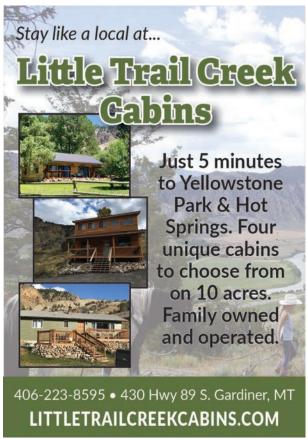


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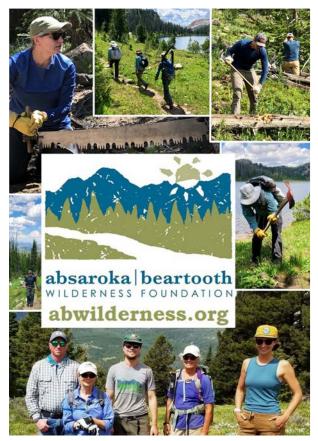
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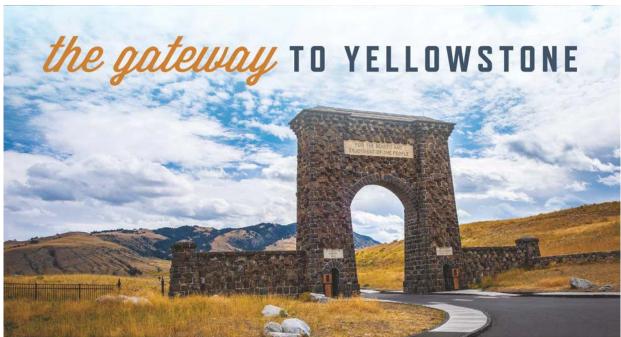
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omy at a standstill, ending our season just as soon as it had begun. Our small, family-operated businesses to began the unthinkable task of navigating an unknown economic future. But, remember, we are resilient.

In what felt like record-breaking time, contractors of Yellowstone National Park reconnected our gateway community to the park, with the eventual opening of a new North Entrance Road on October 30, 2022. The new road fol-

lows the route of the historic Old Gardiner Road, which served as the original entrance road

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taineers. Residents today echo many of the same qualities as these classic westerners – hardworking, welcoming, and resilient.

One could argue that our town's resiliency has never shown brighter than in the time since June 13, 2022, when unprecedented flood levels of the Yellowstone River and it tributaries damaged homes, bridges, and highways in Yellowstone and beyond. Its damage was so severe that access into Yellowstone via the North Entrance Road from Gardiner was cut off. This put Gardiner's tourism-based econ-

for YNP until it was rerouted in 1884. The new road was completed in just under 4 months.

While you're visiting Nature's Favorite Entrance to Yellowstone National Park, we invite you to kick back, relax, and know that because the road to economic recovery is still ahead for many Gardiner businesses, your dollar goes further.

We hope you enjoy your stay in our historic entrance!









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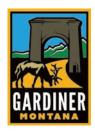








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