

NATIONAL PARKS ROAD TRIPS

While Wyoming's open roads were made for cruising, the state's national parks offer unmatched sights and experiences that can only be had in the Cowboy State. These scenic drives through Wyoming's national parks are favorites of locals and visitors alike — so pack your binoculars, camera and road trip snacks.



GRAND TETON LOOP *42 miles*

The scenic loop drive takes visitors through 42 miles of Grand Teton's picture-perfect landscapes.

Hit the road in the town of **Moose** — 13 miles north of **Jackson**. Take Highway 191 north to Moran, then head northwest on Highway 191 until you reach Teton Park Road. Stay on Teton Park Road to follow the loop until you arrive back in Moose.

Search for wildlife at **Oxbow Bend**, including moose, river otters and black bears and stop for photos at pristine

Jenny and Jackson lakes at the base of the Teton. If you're up for added adventure, take a detour from Teton Park Road up winding Signal Mountain Summit Road for a jaw-dropping view. While the loop is only 42 miles long, designate several hours to take in all the sights along the way. Not-to-be-missed highlights include **Schwabacher Landing, Snake River Overlook** and the **Craig Thomas Discovery and Visitor Center**.

MAMMOTH TO OLD FAITHFUL VIA CANYON VILLAGE

*126 miles
(summer only)*

While you'll take the long way from Mammoth Hot Springs to Old Faithful, your time will be well spent

along one of the most picturesque drives in Yellowstone National Park.

Begin the day by taking in the sights and strolling through the small town of **Mammoth** near **Yellowstone's north entrance**. Head east toward Tower Junction on Grand Loop Road, which you will follow to **Canyon Village**. Stretch your legs on a hike to the **Brink of the Lower Falls at Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone** or take a walk to the **Artist's Point Overlook**.

After jumping back on Grand Loop Road, follow the Yellowstone River to Yellowstone Lake. Watch otters playing in the lake or continue to the **West Thumb** and take a



walk on the boardwalk to see the colorful thermal pools that line the freshwater lake. From there, you're only a short drive west to **Old Faithful Geyser** and the **Upper Geyser Basin**.

Room or the historic **Old Faithful Inn Dining Room** (reservations recommended). From here, you can unwind in the lodge or venture up the road to see **Grand Prismatic Spring** and **Firehole Falls**.

Once you arrive at Old Faithful, tour the **Old Faithful Inn** while you wait for the legendary geyser to erupt (approximately every 90 minutes). Grab a bite at the **Old Faithful Bear Paw Deli, Geyser Grill, Obsidian Dining**

While this route from Mammoth to Old Faithful is only 126 miles, pack your patience and allow plenty of time for scenic stops and to pause for only-in-Yellowstone views.



#YELLOWSTONEPLEDGE

Help the National Park Service protect Yellowstone for the enjoyment of future generations by taking the Yellowstone Pledge, a personal promise to help protect yourself and be a steward of the park by taking safe selfies, following speed limits, staying on boardwalks and trails, and keeping a safe distance from wildlife. Then, share your favorite park photos with the hashtag #YellowstonePledge to encourage others to do the same.

FROM TOP: GRAND CANYON OF THE YELLOWSTONE; JEFF DIENER; SCHWABACHER LANDING; JASON HATFIELD.