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OLD TIMES AT OLD FAITHFUL #190712

Start: 7/16/2019 at 9:00 a.m.

End: 7/17/2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Location: Old Faithful

Welcome to Yellowstone National Park. If you are a newcomer to the Yellowstone Forever Institute, you will be amazed at what awaits you during each day of exploration. We are glad that you are able to join us at Old Faithful, one of the park's most iconic locations. Our goal is to provide you with an enjoyable, high-quality educational experience and a safe and memorable visit to Yellowstone.

The following information is provided to help you prepare for your program. Please read it thoroughly and call us at 406.848.2400 or email contact@yellowstone.org if you have any questions. We recommend all first-time visitors seek general park information through the National Park Service at 307.344.2107 or www.nps.gov/yell.

Important Information Included in this Document:

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From the Instructor

Welcome to the Yellowstone Forever Institute and *Old Times at Old Faithful*. This is a field program that will introduce you to the cultural history of Old Faithful Village. Yellowstone is the world's first national park, and while it boasts many unusual and rare phenomena, it is the thermal features that were most responsible for its initial preservation. Since Yellowstone's designation as a national park in 1872, the premier destination for park visitors has been the Upper Geyser Basin, home to Old Faithful and more than one hundred other geysers and hundreds of other thermal features.

The creation of a permanent village at the Upper Geyser Basin dates from 1879, when Superintendent Philetus W. Norris constructed a cabin there. With the arrival of the railroad to Cinnabar in 1883, concessionaires constructed a tent camp to offer overnight accommodations, and curio shops followed soon after. The traveling public's disapproval of such crude hostleries resulted in the construction of more appropriate structures in time, such as the Old Faithful Inn, which opened in 1904.



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Thus, three chief groups of people have influenced the evolution of the cultural landscape in the basin: the administrators, the concessionaires, and the visitors. The changing cultural landscape of Old Faithful Village is a reflection of the changing ideas and ideals of these three parties. In this program, we will visit the past, present, and potential future sites of development in the village, and gain understanding and appreciation for our past and for the changing visitor experience in Yellowstone.

We'll meet at 9:00 a.m. in front of the fireplace in the lobby of Old Faithful Inn. We will spend the day walking and visiting the various points of interest around the village, including the Old Faithful Plunge (swimming pool), Bear's Playground, the Wylie and Shaw & Powell "Permanent" Camps, the Haynes' Photo Shops, Klammer Store, BAC (campground), BAC Store, Amphitheater, Camper's Cabins, and of course, the Old Faithful Inn. Old photographs, maps, and other visual and auditory aids will help us to envision the past landscape. If convenient, we'll take in the eruptions of any large geysers we pass as we are enjoying Yellowstone, too.

There are no required reading materials for this program. The seminal work on the cultural history of the Upper Geyser Basin, Karl John Byrand's *The Evolution of the Cultural Landscape in Yellowstone National Park's Upper Geyser Basin and the Changing Visitor Experience, 1872-1990*, is unpublished and only available in the Montana State University Library at Bozeman and the Yellowstone National Park Research Library in the Heritage and Research Center in Gardiner, Montana. Some information on Old Faithful Village and the visitor experience in bygone days is included in various chapters of Richard A. Bartlett's *Yellowstone: A Wilderness Besieged* (Chapters 2, 3, 6, 9, and 10) and Aubrey L. Haines' *The Yellowstone Story Volume II* (Chapters 15 and 22).

We will be walking at least three to four miles by the end of the day, all over relatively flat terrain, so participants should be prepared for this level of exercise. We will be stopping along the way to observe and discuss. Comfortable walking shoes are a must. We'll hope for a sunny day, so bring sunscreen, a sun hat, and sunglasses. We'll be prepared for a rainy day, so bring a rain jacket or poncho and a rain hat (rain pants optional). It is doubtful that the temperature will be colder than 35° Fahrenheit (2° Celsius) at dawn, or warmer than 80° F (26°C) midday, so bring clothing to cover this range of temperatures (sweater, gloves, etc.). We will picnic along the way, so each student should pack lunch and water along. Other optional items would include a notepad, camera, and money (several of the stores have ice cream!).

See you soon!

Leslie J. Quinn

This valley is known in the wretched nomenclature of this region as the Fire Hole, and contains phenomena of thermal springs unparalleled upon the surface of the globe.

-Lieutenant Gustavus Cheyney Doane, U.S.A., 1870



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What's Included:

Your tuition includes daily outings and transportation during your program. It does not include transportation to the park, park entrance fees, meals, or lodging. Gratuities are not included in the price of programming. If you would like to recognize exceptional service by an Institute staff member, tips are appreciated. Donations to support Yellowstone Forever educational programs are also appropriate and will be used to improve and expand opportunities for people to make deep connections to Yellowstone.

Continuing Education Credit

Many of our Field Seminars are recognized by universities across the country. We are happy to provide a letter of completion and supporting documentation that you can submit to the institution of your choice to request approval for university credit or CEUs.

Lodging Option

Rooms will be held until 30 days prior to the program in the Old Faithful area for students attending this program for an additional charge. To make your reservation, please call 866.439.7375 and give them the Yellowstone Forever Institute program name.

How to Prepare for this Program:

How fit do you need to be?

This program is an activity level 2 and students enrolled in this program are expected to be active participants. This program will include hikes up to 3 miles per day with elevation gains up to 600 feet with some off-trail hiking possible. We recommend you begin an exercise program right away if you have not already done so. Participants residing at lower elevations may want to arrive a day early to adjust to the altitude. To learn more about how specific medical conditions can be affected by Yellowstone's environment and our activities, please visit www.Yellowstone.org/experience/health-information/

General Clothing and Equipment List

Much of your time will be spent outdoors and all programs are held rain, snow, or shine. You should be prepared for a variety of mountain weather conditions and temperatures. Appropriate clothing, equipment, and footwear are very important. Spring, summer, and fall temperatures can range from below freezing in the mornings to 85 degrees Fahrenheit in the afternoons. The layered use of garments for protection against the wind, sun, and temperature extremes should guide your clothing choices. Loose-fitting layers allow you to maintain a comfortable and dry body as outside temperatures change, and as your own body temperature and moisture output changes with different levels of exertion. Some colder-weather items may not be needed in July or August, but please keep in mind that Yellowstone's weather is unpredictable.



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Equipment:

Yellowstone Forever field staff assigned to your program will be carrying a first aid kit, bear spray, and emergency communication device.

- Daypack**, with enough capacity to carry extra clothes, water, lunch, camera, binoculars, field guides, etc.
- Water bottle**, one-quart is the minimum recommended. Camelback or similar hydration systems work well in summer but can freeze in winter.
- Sunglasses**
- Sunscreen/lip protector**, sun at high altitude can burn unprotected skin quickly.
- Camera, binoculars**
- Notebook/pencil**
- Pocket hand and foot warmers**, recommended November through May.
- Flashlight/Headlamp**, a small light for walking to and from your cabin in the evenings and mornings.
- Alarm**, so you're on time for the day's activities.

Summer Clothing:

- Insulating underwear**, capilene, polypropylene, or similar wicking fabric.
- Midweight insulating layer**, light, 200-weight synthetic fleece or wool shirt/pullover.
- Heavyweight insulating layer**, wool, down, or heavy-weight fleece jacket, for less-active times.
- Waterproof and windproof outer layer**, lightweight and breathable. Jackets and pants are recommended.
- Short sleeved shirt**, cotton okay in summer, but synthetic wicking shirts are ideal.
- Pants**, synthetic hiking pants, lightweight pile/fleece pants or tights or similar. Jeans are not recommended.
- Hats**, both a brimmed sun hat and an insulating hat for cool weather.
- Gloves**, lightweight glove liners and a pair of wool/fleece gloves or mittens.
- Socks**, light wool or synthetic liner sock with heavier wool or synthetic outer sock. The inner-outer sock combination helps prevent blistering, wicks moisture and reduces friction. Cotton socks do not wick moisture and are not recommended.
- Hiking boots**, that provide stability, traction, and comfort. Unless you've consistently hiked in athletic shoes, bring boots that provide ankle support.
- Off-duty shoes**, sandals, athletic shoes, or other leisure footwear.

Park Stores

Our Park Stores feature more than 900 books, maps, and videos to help you plan your visit, along with a wide selection of shirts, hats, and other logo items to remind you of your visit to Yellowstone. Yellowstone Forever supporters receive a 15 percent discount on merchandise online or at any of our 11 locations in and around Yellowstone. Proceeds directly support Yellowstone. Visit: Shop.Yellowstone.org



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Supporter Program

Yellowstone Forever Supporters directly fund priority park programs and projects. Supporters also provide scholarships for teachers and help expand programming for underserved youth. Benefits include a subscription to our magazine *Yellowstone Quarterly*, early registration and discounts for Yellowstone Forever Institute programs, and discounts on retail purchases throughout Yellowstone (exclusions apply). If you are not yet a supporter of Yellowstone Forever, an introductory subscription (one year) to our magazine *Yellowstone Quarterly* is included with your tuition. For more information, visit: Yellowstone.org/donate

Code of Ethics

The Yellowstone Forever Institute is committed to demonstrating a high standard of appropriate and ethical behavior in Yellowstone. As a participant in a Yellowstone Forever Institute program, we ask you to adhere to the following Code of Ethics. In addition to the ethics highlighted below, the Institute abides by all National Park Service rules and regulations. We also practice Leave No Trace guidelines for traveling responsibly in the wilderness.

Observing wildlife: We will do our best to have as little impact on wildlife as possible. Animals will be observed from a distance, using high-powered spotting scopes to help keep our presence from affecting their behavior. Participants should not expect to get close-up photographs of wildlife. The Yellowstone Forever Institute will adhere to National Park Service regulations by keeping a minimum distance of 25 yards from bison, elk, bighorn sheep, deer, moose, coyotes and nesting birds and 100 yards from bears and wolves. We will not entice wildlife with food, animal calls or any actions that change their behavior.

Leave what you find: It is illegal to remove natural or cultural artifacts (plants, animals, bones, rocks, etc.) from Yellowstone. Yellowstone Forever Institute instructors have permission from the National Park Service to manipulate plants, rocks, bones, etc. for educational purposes and will return them to their natural positions and locations.

General etiquette: Yellowstone Forever Institute groups will be considerate of other visitors and respect the quality of their experience. Voices and vehicle sounds carry great distances and affect both wildlife and people—remaining silent or very quiet while watching wildlife lets the sounds of Yellowstone (including wolf howls) prevail.

Roads and vehicles: Expect wildlife on the road, and drive at or below the posted park speed limits. When stopping to observe wildlife or other park features, the Yellowstone Forever Institute will move vehicles entirely off the road. If there is no safe pullout available, we will drive to the next safe place and walk back to observe the wildlife. We will not stop in the middle of the road, and should a traffic jam develop as a result of our activities, we will cease the activity.

Properly dispose of waste: We will pack out all trash, leftover food and litter. Your instructor will discuss techniques for properly disposing of human waste in the field.



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Traveling lightly: When hiking or walking in Yellowstone, we will use existing trails and boardwalks. We will follow appropriate techniques when walking off-trail. Walking around muddy or wet places in the trail increases erosion and negatively affects the resource; proper equipment is essential to hiking ethically. Participants should come adequately prepared with the equipment listed for their course and should expect to walk through mud, snow or puddles in the trail.

Thank you for helping us set a good example in Yellowstone!

Field Seminar Cancellation and Refund Policy

If you cancel within seven calendar days of your registration date, your payment is refundable less a \$50 per person per course processing fee. Under most circumstances, if you cancel on the eighth calendar day or after, from the date of registration, 100% of registration payments will be forfeited. If lodging is cancelled after the eighth calendar day from the date of registration, 100% of lodging payments will be forfeited. Applicable taxes will be refunded in the event of program or lodging cancellations. We reserve the right to cancel a course up to 30 days before the first class day. If we cancel, you will receive a full refund of your payment. We urge you to take out accident, baggage, and trip cancellation insurance through a travel agent or website such as [TravelGuard.com](https://www.travelguard.com). Travel insurance can help protect you against financial loss if you must cancel or interrupt your trip.



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Yellowstone Map **YELLOWSTONE FOREVER**



POINT TO POINT DISTANCE		Miles/Kilometers
North Entrance to Mammoth Hot Springs	5 mi/8 km	
Mammoth Hot Springs to Norris	21 mi/34 km	
Norris to Canyon	12 mi/19 km	
Norris to Madison	14 mi/23 km	
Madison to West Entrance	14 mi/23 km	
Madison to Old Faithful	16 mi/26 km	
Old Faithful to West Thumb	17 mi/27 km	
West Thumb to South Entrance	22 mi/35 km	
West Thumb to Bridge Bay	21 mi/34 km	
Fishing Bridge to East Entrance	27 mi/43 km	
Fishing Bridge to Canyon	16 mi/26 km	
Canyon to Tower Falls	19 mi/31 km	
Roosevelt to Northeast Entrance	29 mi/47 km	
Roosevelt to Lamar Buffalo Ranch	11 mi/17 km	
Roosevelt to Mammoth Hot Springs	18 mi/29 km	

ELEVATIONS		feet/meters
North Entrance	5314 / 1620	
West Entrance	6667 / 2032	
South Entrance	6886 / 2099	
East Entrance	6951 / 2119	
Mammoth Hot Springs	6239 / 1902	
Old Faithful	7365 / 2254	
Grant Village	7733 / 2357	
Lake	7784 / 2373	
Canyon	7734 / 2357	
Roosevelt	6270 / 1911	



OPEN ROADS

YF FACILITIES

ENTRANCE GATES

COMMON POINTS OF INTEREST

1 mile (mi) = 1.609344 kilometers (km)