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# YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

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## AUTOMOBILE GUIDE MAP AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF MOTOR-DRIVEN  
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This park was established for the benefit and enjoyment of the people, and to safeguard natural conditions within its boundaries in unimpaired form for present and future generations. All visitors should read carefully the GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS IN THE CIRCULAR OF INFORMATION. Observe particularly that injury or impairment of any of the scenic features of the park or natural curiosities, such as geysers, hot springs, and beautiful formations, failure to extinguish camp fires, or the carving and writing of names on trees, platforms, formations, etc., constitutes violations of these rules and regulations, the penalties for which are the same as those prescribed for violation of the automobile regulations printed in full herein.

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ONE OF THE SEVENTEEN NATIONAL PARKS

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REMEMBER THAT YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL  
PARK BELONGS TO YOU. HELP US  
TAKE CARE OF IT.

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NOTE.—FOR ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS MAP OR FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING YELLOWSTONE OR OTHER NATIONAL PARKS ADDRESS THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

# REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ADMISSION OF AUTOMOBILES INTO THE YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK FOR THE SEASON OF 1917.

(EFFECTIVE JUNE 20, 1917)

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 2, 1917.*

Pursuant to authority conferred by section 2475, Revised Statutes, United States, and the acts of Congress approved May 7, 1894 and August 25, 1916, the following regulations governing the admission of automobiles into the Yellowstone National Park are hereby established and made public:

**1. Entrances.**—Automobiles may enter and leave the park between 6:00 a. m. and 9:30 p. m. by any of the entrances, viz., northern or Gardiner entrance, western or Yellowstone entrance, eastern or Cody entrance, southern or Snake River entrance.

**2. Automobiles.**—The park is open to automobiles operated for pleasure, but not to those carrying passengers who are paying, either directly or indirectly, for the use of machines (excepting, however, automobiles used by concessioners under permit from the Department). Careful driving is demanded of all persons using the roads. The Government is in no way responsible for any kind of accident.

**3. Motorcycles.**—Motorcycles are not permitted to enter the park.

**4. Automobile permits.**—Automobile permits must be secured at the ranger station where the automobile enters the park and will entitle the holder to go over any or all of the roads in the park. This permit must be conveniently kept so that it can be exhibited to park rangers on demand. Each permit must be exhibited to checking ranger at point of exit for verification. Automobile permits will show (a) name of station where permit is issued (b) name of owner or driver (c) State and license number of automobile.

**5. Fees.**—The fee for an automobile permit is \$7.50, and is payable in cash only. It is good for the entire season, expiring on October first of the year of issue.

**6. Direction.**—Automobiles will pass around the road system forming the "loop" in the direction opposite to that of the hands of a clock as indicated by the arrows printed in red on the automobile guide map.

The REVERSE DIRECTION may be taken as follows:

Norris Geyser Basin to Mammoth Hot Springs, between 11:00 A. M. and 1:00 P. M. and after 4:30 P. M.

Upper Geyser Basin (Old Faithful) to western entrance, any time after 1:00 P. M.

Grand Canyon to Yellowstone Lake, any time after 1:00 P. M.

Mammoth Hot Springs to Tower Falls, early enough to reach Tower Falls by noon.

Grand Canyon to Norris Geyser Basin direct, any time day or night.

The Supervisor of the park has authority to change routing of cars if necessary.

**7. Automobile stages—special privileges, etc.**—Automobile stages are operated by the Yellowstone Park Transportation Company to and through the park from the northern or Gardiner entrance, the western or Yellowstone entrance, and the eastern or Cody entrance, connecting with all trains at park terminals. These cars are of 10-passenger capacity and are painted yellow. They are required to travel on a regular schedule and they have the right of way. In order that they may encounter no delay, accident, or inconvenience from dust, other motor vehicles must not pass or attempt to pass the automobile stages on the park roads. On the other hand, if other cars are signalled for the right of way by an automobile stage, they must yield and permit it to continue on its regular schedule.

**8. Distance apart—Gears and Brakes.**—Automobiles while in motion must not be less than 50 yards apart, except for purpose of passing, which is permissible only on comparatively level or slight grades. All automobiles, except while shifting gears, must retain their gears constantly enmeshed. Persons desiring to enter the park in an automobile will be required to satisfy the ranger issuing the automobile permit that all parts of machine, particularly the brakes and tires, are in first-class working order and capable of making the trip, and that there is sufficient gasoline in the tank to reach the next place where it may be obtained. The automobile must carry at least one extra tire.

**9. Speeds.**—Speeds must be limited to 12 miles per hour ascending and 10 miles per hour descending steep grades, and to 8 miles per hour when approaching sharp curves. On good roads with straight stretches, and when no team is nearer than 200 yards, the speed may be increased to 20 miles per hour.

**10. Horns.**—The horn will be sounded on approaching curves or stretches of road concealed for any considerable distance by slopes, overhanging trees, or other obstacles; and before meeting or passing other machines, riding or driving animals, or pedestrians.

**11. Lights.**—Automobiles must be equipped with head and tail lights, the headlights to be of sufficient brilliancy to insure safety in driving at night, and all lights must be kept lighted after dark when automobile is on the roads. Headlights must be dimmed when passing other automobiles or horse-drawn vehicles.

**12. Muffler cut-outs.**—Muffler cut-outs must be closed while approaching or passing riding horses, horse-drawn vehicles, hotels, or camps.

**13. Teams.**—When teams, saddle horses, or pack trains approach, automobiles will take the outer edge of the roadway, regardless of the direction in which they may be going, taking care that sufficient room is left on the inside for the passage of vehicles and animals. Teams have the right of way, and automobiles will be backed or otherwise handled as may be necessary so as to enable teams to pass with safety. In no case must automobiles pass animals on the road at a speed greater than 8 miles per hour.

**14. Accidents.**—When, due to breakdowns or accidents of any other nature, automobiles are unable to keep going, they must be immediately parked off the road or, where this is impossible, on the outer edge of the road.

**15. Damages.**—The owners of automobiles will be responsible for any damage caused by accident or otherwise.

**16. Garages, repairs, supplies, free automobile camps.**—Gasoline, oils, tires and accessories are available for purchase at regular supply stations at Mammoth Hot Springs, Upper Geyser Basin (Old Faithful), Yellowstone Lake and Grand Canyon. Repair shops and garages are maintained at these points. Automobile supplies may also be procured at Tower Falls Camp. Prices of supplies and rates for repair work are strictly regulated by the National Park Service. Free public camps for motorists and shelters for cars are maintained at points indicated on the automobile guide map.

**17. Reduced engine power—Gasoline, etc.**—Due to the high altitude of the park roads, averaging nearly 7,000 feet, the power of all automobiles is much reduced, so that a leaner mixture and about 50 per cent more gasoline is required than at lower altitudes. Likewise one lower gear will generally have to be used on grades than would be necessary elsewhere. A further effect that must be watched is the heating of the engine on long grades, which may become serious unless care is used.

**18. Fines and penalties.**—Violation of any of the foregoing regulations governing motor traffic in the park will be punishable by revocation of automobile permit, or by immediate ejection from the park, or by a fine not to exceed \$500.00, or by any combination of these penalties, and be cause for refusal to issue a new automobile permit to the offender without prior sanction in writing from the Secretary of the Interior.

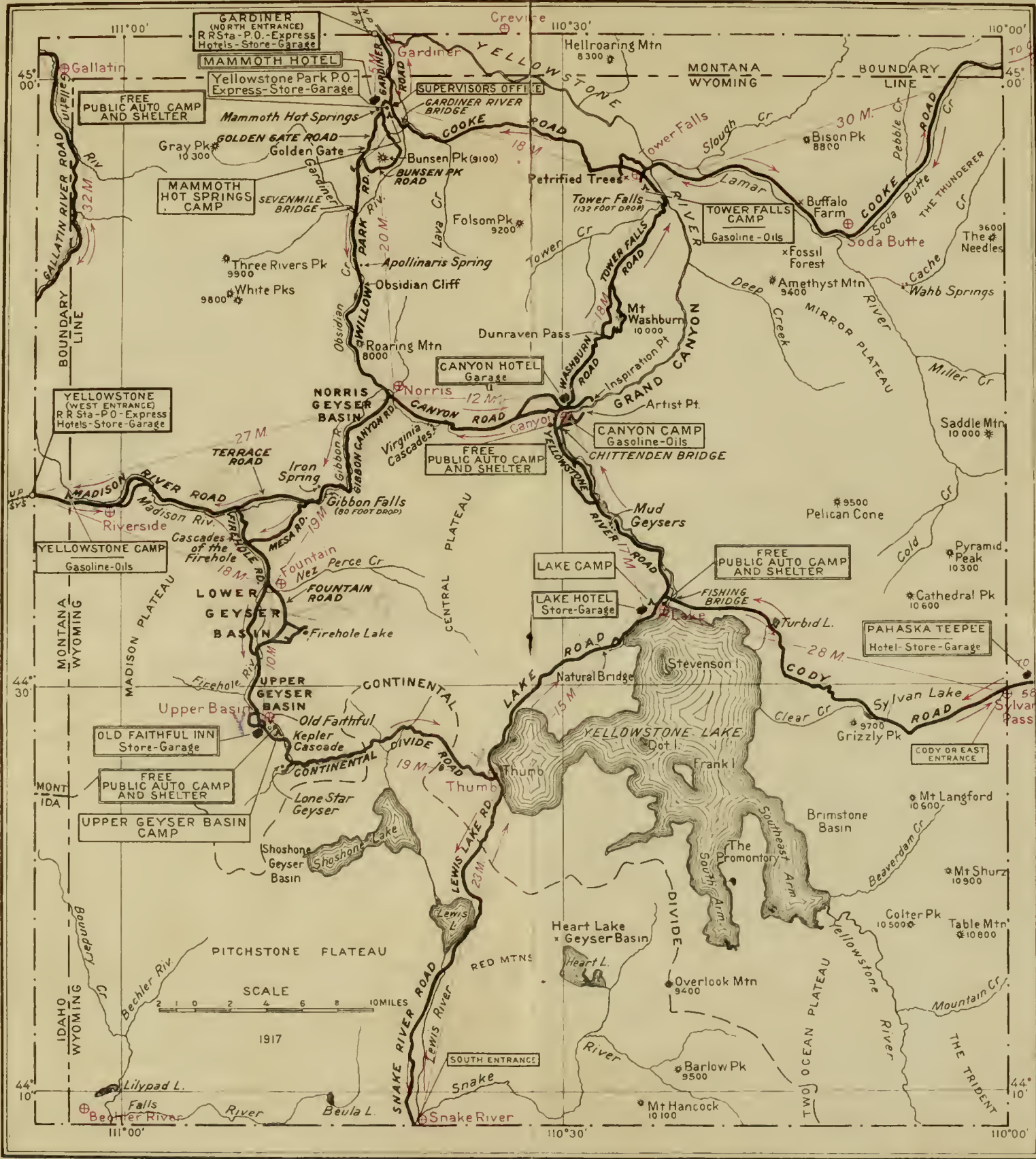
**19.** These regulations do not apply to motor traffic on the county road in the northwest corner of the park.

JOSEPH J. COTTER,  
*Acting Superintendent of  
National Parks.*

Approved January 2, 1917.

STEPHEN T. MATHER,  
*Assistant to the Secretary.*

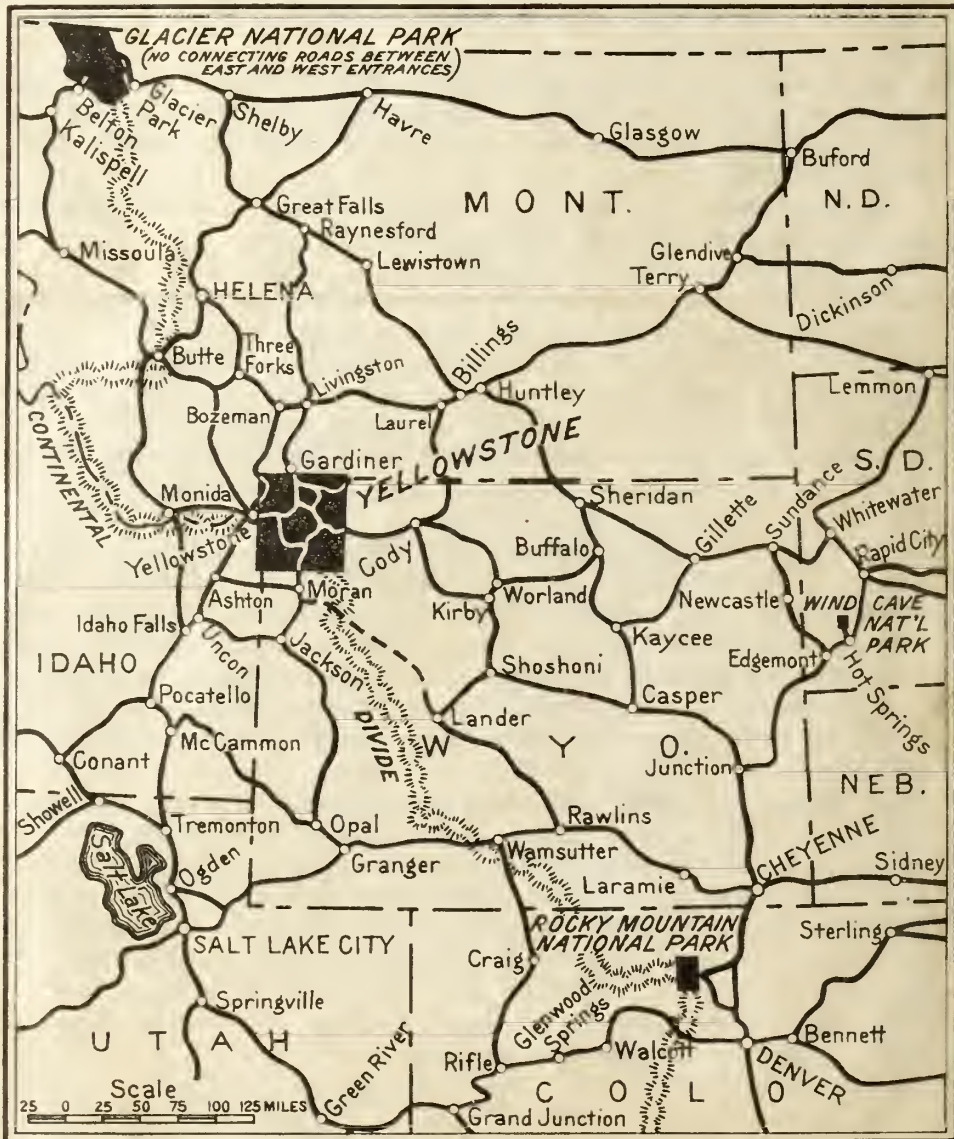
⊕ Denotes Ranger Station  
→ Direction of Travel  
Distances given are between main points by road.



**AUTOMOBILE GUIDE MAP SHOWING  
ROADS IN THE YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK  
WYOMING-MONTANA-IDAHO**

## DISTANCES.

|                                      | Miles. |                                           | Miles. |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>GARDINER (North entrance)</b>     |        | To Yellowstone Camp.....                  | 25½    |
| To Mammoth Hot Springs, Hotel—       |        | To Yellowstone R. R. Sta.....             | 27     |
| Camp—Free Public Auto Camp.....      | 5      | To Upper Geyser Basin, Hotel—Camp—        |        |
| <b>YELLOWSTONE (West entrance.)</b>  |        | Free Public Auto Camp.....                | 29     |
| To Yellowstone Camp.....             | 1½     | <b>UPPER GEYSER BASIN (Old Faithful).</b> |        |
| To Upper Geyser Basin, Hotel—Camp—   |        | To Thumb of Yellowstone Lake.....         | 19     |
| Free Public Auto Camp.....           | 30     | To Yellowstone Lake, Hotel—Camp—          |        |
| <b>CODY, WYO.</b>                    |        | Free Public Auto Camp.....                | 34     |
| To Pahaska Tepee.....                | 56     | To South Entrance.....                    | 42     |
| To East Entrance.....                | 58     | To Moran, Wyo.....                        | 66     |
| To Yellowstone Lake, Hotel—Camp—     |        | <b>YELLOWSTONE LAKE.</b>                  |        |
| Free Public Auto Camp.....           | 86     | To Canyon, Hotel—Camp—Free Public         |        |
| <b>MORAN, WYO. (Ben Sheffields )</b> |        | Auto Camp.....                            | 17     |
| To South Entrance.....               | 24     | To East Entrance.....                     | 28     |
| To Yellowstone Lake, Hotel—Camp—     |        | To Pahaska Tepee.....                     | 30     |
| Free Public Auto Camp.....           | 62     | To Cody, Wyo.—R. R. Sta.....              | 86     |
| To Upper Geyser Basin, Hotel—Camp—   |        | To Moran, Wyo. (Ben Sheffields).....      | 62     |
| Free Public Auto Camp.....           | 66     | <b>CANYON.</b>                            |        |
| <b>MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS.</b>          |        | To Norris Geyser Basin.....               | 12     |
| To Norris Geyser Basin.....          | 20     | To Tower Falls Camp via Dunraven          |        |
| To Tower Falls Camp.....             | 18     | Pass.....                                 | 18     |
| To Petrified Trees.....              | 16     | To Summit of Mt. Washburn.....            | 10     |
| To Buffalo Farm.....                 | 30     | <b>TOWER FALLS CAMP.</b>                  |        |
| To Cooke City.....                   | 51     | To Petrified Trees.....                   | 2      |
| To Gardiner R. R. Sta.....           | 5      | To Mammoth Hot Springs, Hotel—            |        |
| <b>NORRIS GEYSER BASIN.</b>          |        | Camp—Free Public Auto Camp.....           | 18     |
| To Canyon, Hotel—Camp—Free Public    |        | To Buffalo Farm.....                      | 12     |
| Auto Camp.....                       | 12     | To Cooke City.....                        | 33     |



**MAP SHOWING POSITION OF  
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK  
IN WYOMING-MONTANA-IDAHO  
WITH PRINCIPAL CONNECTING ROADS**