



Rocky Mountain Creation Fellowship

"Educating the World on the Truth of Creation"

Our Mission is to develop a network of people who are committed to the education and proclamation of the inerrant word of God and its literal, six consecutive twenty-four hour days of creation.

"For in six days the Lord made the Heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them ..."
(Ex 20:11)

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Saturday-Thursday, July 23-28, 2011

(with Optional Extra Day of Activities on Friday, July 29)

adventure - family fun - christian fellowship - educational



This is it! The biggest safari RMCF has ever done – six days in the nation's 1st National Park! Yellowstone is a testament to a young earth – and you will learn how! We will cover every major area of Yellowstone – from the mountains, to the valleys, to the canyons, the geysers and fumaroles (if you don't know what that is you really need to do this safari!) and paint pots, to the petrified forests and Yellowstone Lake. This is one of the most fascinating and geologically active areas on our entire planet. Did you know 2/3rds of all the geysers on earth are located in Yellowstone? We will cover the Park from a creationist perspective so you will learn when and how the region really developed. This will be great fun for the entire family. But be prepared to walk! Yellowstone is HUGE and we have some great hikes planned so you can really see what this Park is all about!

SAFARI OVERVIEW

We will meet on Saturday night, July 23, at the Johlman's cabin in Lake Village (see information under "Accommodations"), which is on the east side of the south loop. We will have a full slate of activities each day beginning at 7a with a brief devotional. Immediately following we will set out for our destination so you must be dressed, fed and equipped prior to 7a. Sunday morning we will begin our activities among one of Yellowstone's most famous features – the Grand Canyon. Monday will be spent at the Geysers, Tuesday at Mt. Washburn for a high-flying hike (or Yellowstone Lake for the less hardy), Wednesday we head to Mammoth Springs and Thursday will be a 2nd full day with the Geysers (yes, there are lots of them!), and on Friday an optional extra day hike to some of the most famous petrified trees in the Park (but this is a fairly strenuous hike).

Each afternoon we will plan free time from 3p to 7p (we will try to be done with the main daily activity by 3p) which would be a good time for rest, showers, cook dinner or revisit a particular area of interest in the Park.

Each evening at 7p there will be creation education and fellowship time (snacks provided) at various locations around the Park.

WHAT TO BRING

General needs. Restaurants, gas, groceries, ice and firewood are available inside the Park at the major attractions. Prices are higher than those found outside the park. West Yellowstone has a full complement of services but a round-trip will take more than 3 hours. Plan to bring most of what you need into the Park. You can supplement that with services inside the Park.

Camping. The campgrounds are identical in quality and have restroom facilities with cold running water and electricity. Nice pay-showers (with hot water; open at 3p to 8p) and laundry services are located at Fishing Bridge, Canyon Village and Grant Village. A shower will cost about \$3. Tents or campers are permitted in the same campgrounds. Each campsite has a fire ring for campfires. Only Fishing Bridge has RV hook-ups.

Meals. Each family will be on their own for breakfast and dinner. There is Park rule limiting 6 persons per campsite so we will not be able to gather around the campfire for large group discussions as we have done at past safaris. Instead, the evening creation education/fellowship times will be conducted around the Johlman's Lake Village cabin or at one of the Park's museums.

Cell phones. There is cell service at the major camping areas and through much of the park.

Hiking and *EXERCISE ALERT*. The planned hikes will be from 1 to 3 mile round-trips (trust me – they are worth it!). The Mount Washburn hike will be 5.5 miles with a significant elevation change (and this one is REALLY worth it!). If you are not used to walking prepare now by taking daily walks. Wear comfortable hiking shoes (high-tops are recommended) with thick hiking socks. Blisters develop from feet sliding inside the shoe so make sure your shoes fit snugly around your feet. Weather can be unpredictable. Daytime temps could reach 90+ degrees so bring sunglasses, sunscreen and insect repellent. Evening temps could fall below 30 degrees, snow is a possibility, so bring warm clothes. A wide-brim hat is recommended for hiking. It will help keep direct sunlight off your face, ears, nose and neck. You might prefer pants rather than shorts on some hikes, like the Hoodoos. Rain gear is optional; stray thunderstorms could pass over at any time. We will be hiking through most noon-hours so bring hiking food for lunch. Granola bars, protein bars, trail mix, fruit, nuts/almonds and lots of water (I recommend at least 4 bottles per person per hike). Chocolate is good but could melt but M&M's tend to keep well in a back pack. Keep in mind when making your preparations you will have to pack out all of your trash.

Major hikes on the schedule:

- 1) Grand Canyon of Yellowstone – approx. 2 ½ miles, little elevation change
- 2) Geyser Basins – various distances, little elevation change
- 3) Hoodoos – 3 miles, 200 foot elevation increase at start, downhill rest of way
- 4) Mammoth – Upper and Lower Terraces, 2 miles, short elevation changes
- 5) Mt. Washburn (optional): 5.5 miles round-trip, 2500 foot elevation change
- 6) Yellowstone Lake (alt. for Mt. Washburn): 2 miles, little elevation change
- 7) Crystal Creek Fossil Trees: 3 miles round-trip, 1500 foot elevation change
- 8) Lone Star Geyser (optional): 3 miles round-trip, little elevation change

Creation Education. We will discuss Yellowstone from a young earth creation perspective. The primary discussion points will include: (1) the ice age and glaciation, (2) rapid petrification, (3) how catastrophism forms major geological features, (4) volcanism and the flood, and (5) canyon formation. In addition, we will cover how the many geo-thermal features of Yellowstone (the geysers, mud pots, springs and hot pools) work. And you will learn about these things by getting face-to-face with them – not through dry lectures and books!

FOOD

Bring easy-to-eat foods that do not require cooking for lunches and snacks while hiking (see comments under **Hiking**). All picnic areas in YNP are first-come first-served and there are picnic areas all over the park. We will try to use those that complement the days activities and the planned creation education, but most days we will be eating in the field. You can cook for breakfasts and dinners Sunday through Friday at your campsite or cabin. Campsites have metal rings for wood fires. You can purchase wood in the park or bring your own. Bring snack foods for

hikes that can easily be carried and eaten without making a mess. Remember, chocolate can melt. You will need LOTS of water. Bottled water is usually easiest. Whatever trash you produce you must carry with you until you can dispose of it in appropriate trash receptacles.

Grocery services are available at several areas in the Park (such as Canyon and Fishing Bridge) but selections are limited and they are pricey. It would be best to bring what you need into the Park. Ice is available at Fishing Bridge, Lake Village and Grant Village, and a few other areas we will be traveling to. Traveling to West Yellowstone for supplies could take up to half-a-day and you will probably burn more \$\$ in gas than you would save over buying inside the park.

CONVENIENCES

The Lake Lodge cabins have private bathrooms. The major camping areas have pay-shower facilities, ice, and laundry. The major attractions have hot food service and limited groceries. The campground restroom facilities consist of toilets, cold running water and electric.

DIRECTIONS TO YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

You can't miss it. YNP is in the NW corner of the great state of Wyoming. Creationists are among the most intelligent of God's people. You will have no trouble getting there. If you do we will assume you are a closet evolutionist and therefore are unable to think on your own.

If coming from Denver you can enter the park through the East Entrance or the South Entrance. The East Entrance would be the longer route but would allow driving through Cody and Shoshone Canyon, which is highly recommended. Entering through the South Entry would take you past the Teton's, which is also recommended. If you are adventurous and have extra time (at least 2 hours) the North Entry would take you through the very beautiful Chief Joseph Scenic By-way and you would enter the Park through the Lamarr Valley. Extremely recommended! That is my favorite part of the Park. You cannot make a wrong choice here!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED !!!

You must complete and return a registration form if you are planning to participate in this Safari. We must plan snacks, safari and education materials for all participants so we must have your Registration Form so we know you are coming and how many to prepare for. There will be one Safari Packet per registration form.

Your Registration Form **MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 31**. We will accept only 10 registration forms on a first-come, first-served basis. So make your plans quickly!

IMPORTANT NOTE: By registering for this safari you are committing to attend all safari functions. You may not pick and choose which parts you wish to participate in and go off on your own the rest of the time. The 3p-to-7p Free Time block has been included to service your inner nomad. You will be taking a spot on this Safari that someone else could have had. Therefore do not register for this safari unless you will commit to 100% attendance.

IMPORTANT - OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS

Yellowstone is a H-U-G-E area so we need to keep everyone as close together as possible. The Johlman's will be staying in a cabin at Lake Lodge, which is in the Lake Village area just south of the East Entry. Lake Lodge Pioneer cabins (one bed) and Lake Lodge Western cabins (two beds) have private bathrooms and are priced at \$70 and \$170 per night, respectively, before taxes and fees. We have reserved 9 Pioneer cabins and 3 Western cabins under Rocky Mountain Creation Fellowship through March 31. The cabins do not have fire rings for wood fires or cooking grills but you can bring your own gas or charcoal grill to cook outside. Make cabin reservations at 307-344-5437 under our group. Tell the agent you are with Rocky Mountain Creation Fellowship and that you would like to be as close to the Johlman's cabin as possible (assuming, of course, that you would want to be).

Lake Yellowstone Hotel is in the same area but the nightly cost is greater than \$200 and reservations can be difficult to get.

Campers with tents may go to Bridge Bay which is about 6 miles south of Lake Lodge so you will be far from the evening activities. There are some RV spaces without hookups there. The overnight fee is \$19.50. Fishing Bridge has RV spaces with hook-ups for \$28.00 per night and is located on the East Entry road about 8 miles north of Lake Lodge.

We do not have any special arrangements for hotel rooms, camping or RV sites; make those through 866-439-7375.

CALL NOW FOR ALL RESERVATIONS. Yellowstone has a lot of "day-of" availability for campsites but not necessarily where you will want to be. Also, because of the logistical difficulties of taking a large group to Yellowstone (which you will understand better once you see the narrow roadways, heavy and slow moving traffic – which stops frequently for wildlife – and the itsy-bitsy parking lots at the trailheads) we are limited to taking only 10 registrations. We expect those slots to go quickly. Do not delay your decision until next January or February. The Safari will be full by then AND you will most likely be unable to get your preferred reservations. If you wait you will be too late!

There are no motel options for this safari. The only motels are in West Yellowstone and Cody. Travel time to the group from those areas will take more than one hour each way. We cannot afford to wait for motel people to join us to get started.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK SAFARI SCHEDULE *(itinerary is subject to change)*

Daily activities will begin at 7a with a brief group devotional and generally conclude by 3p. 3p to 7p will allow for activity over-runs, drive time and some free time to re-visit some areas, take showers and dinner. We will have a nightly fellowship and education activity at 7p which will consist of some fun creation education at the cabins or a visit to one of the Park's museums and/or film shows, some of which are very informative (there is a brand new one at the Geyser's and the one at the Canyon is very good).

Sat 6:00P Meet at Lake Lodge at the Johlman's cabin
- Social time, orientation and S'Mores/chips/pop

Sun 7a – 3p Grand Canyon of Yellowstone
3p – 7p Free time
7p Education & fellowship (snacks)

Mon 7a – 3p Geysers
- West Thumb & Yellowstone Lake, Lower Basin, Firehole Lake Drive, Upper Basis, Fairy Falls
3p – 7p Free time
7p Education & fellowship (snacks)

Tue 7a – 3p Mt. Washburn hike (see under Safari Details)
Alternate – Yellowstone Lake
3p – 7p Free time
7p Education & fellowship (snacks)

Wed 7a – 3p Mammoth Springs
- Hoodoos to Upper, Lower, Drive Hoodoos and Rustic Falls, Tom Miner Basin
3p – 7p Free time
7p Education & fellowship (snacks)

Thu 7a – 3p Geysers
- Upper Basin, Black Sand & Biscuit,
- Optional hike: Lone Star Geyser
3p – 7p Free time
7p Education & fellowship (snacks)

OPTIONAL:

Fri 7a – 3p Petrified Trees & Lamarr Valley
- Northeast section, Tom Miner Basin, Crystal Creek, Amethyst Mtn

BAD WEATHER ALERT

There will be no rain date. We are going for it no matter what the Lord may bring! However, forest fires are a different story and could shut us down. Watch the RMCF website (www.youngearth.org) for updates right up to July 22. You may wish to bring ponchos or other rain gear for protection. But pray for good weather and no fires!

REFUNDS

There will be no refunds. Once you have registered you have taken a space that will not be available to anyone else, supplies will be purchased and materials prepared. Be sure you will be able to attend before you register. As the Scripture says, "Let your yes be yes and your no be no." (Matt 5:37).

PURPOSE OF RMCF SAFARIS

A Creation Safari provides an opportunity to enjoy Christian fellowship and obtain some Creation education in the midst of what He hath wrought! Evolution has become the mythological basis of our modern culture. It is claimed – and we are expected to believe - that all of the complex biological and non-biological structures in the universe developed through chance, materialistic processes. A Safari is an excellent time to come face-to-face with a small portion of that complexity and to hear the associated Creation side of the story.

WHAT DOES A SAFARI COST?

RMCF does not charge for a Safari beyond the registration fee, which covers the cost of the Safari Packet (one per registration), fellowship time snacks and goodies, "Guide to Yellowstone" book (one per registration) and the "official" Safari picture DVD (which will be mailed to each registration address a few weeks after the Safari). All RMCF leaders are volunteers.

Yellowstone National Park has an entrance fee which you will need to take care personally when you enter the park. The annual National Park pass is recommended. It allows unlimited access to all National Parks & Monuments for one year from date of purchase.

SAFARI QUESTIONS? Please call Ed at 307-752-6674 or Janie at 307-752-6488. Please address Registration questions to Phil Budd. His contact information is included at the bottom of the registration form.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK SAFARI

Registration Form

REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 31. After that date, please call Ed or Janie Johlman at 307-752-6674 or 307-752-6488.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Email address (REQUIRED) _____

PERSONS IN YOUR PARTY:

Name	Age	Name	Age
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FEES

Registration Fee: \$40.00

(pays for the Safari Packet, "Guide to Yellowstone" book, nightly fellowship snacks and goodies, official safari CD and other safari expenses)

Please make check payable to **Rocky Mountain Creation Fellowship** and mail it, with this Registration Form, to:

Phil Budd
CREATION SAFARI
P.O. Box 215
Pine, CO 80470

Phone number: 303-816-1571

As with any outdoor location, Yellowstone National Park can be a dangerous place. Some of the locations we will visit in and around the Park will present hazards in the form of elevation, narrow hiking trails and wild animals. The possibility of injury is present. RMCF will do everything possible to guide this tour in a safe and enjoyable manner but will accept no liability for injuries that may occur to any participant. Each registrant accepts responsibility for his or her own actions.

Signature of registrant, parent or guardian REQUIRED

Date