

IMAGE TEAM MEETING

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Oct 12-14 2005



For more information:

<http://www.ssel.montana.edu/image-ynp/index.html>

Meeting will be held at the
Old Faithful Snow Lodge.

Pricing is about \$79.00/day.

Book in advance!

1-307-344-5566

Room block expires Sept 10.



Meeting Format

The current plan for the meeting is to hold morning sessions on the 12th, 13th, and 14th .

Afternoons will be free time.

Evening sessions will be scheduled as needed.

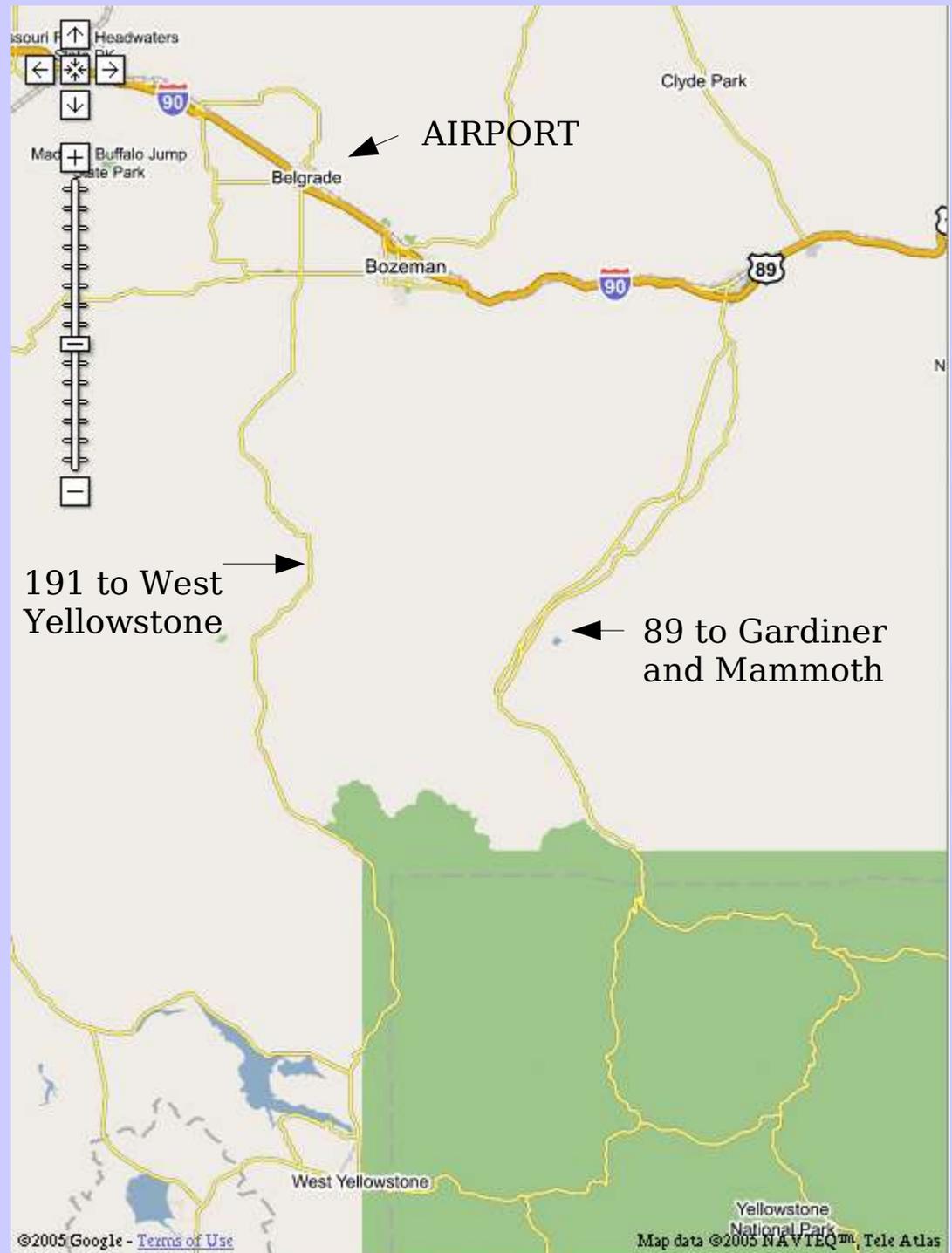
To get there:

Fly into the Bozeman Airport (BZN) which is actually in Belgrade.

Take 89 to Gardiner and the North Entrance or 191 to West Yellowstone and the West Entrance.

Park entrance fee is \$20.

My suggestion – take 89 to the North Entrance on arriving and 191 on departure.



What to Expect

Beautiful and often spectacular sights.

Because its late in the season we will almost have the park to ourselves.

Expect temperatures in the 50's during the day and in the 20's at night.

Altitude is 6000 to 8000'. If you don't come from a high altitude location you may tire easily so take it easy on the trails.

It's October. Evening rain at 6000' is snow. There shouldn't be much and it will melt during the day.

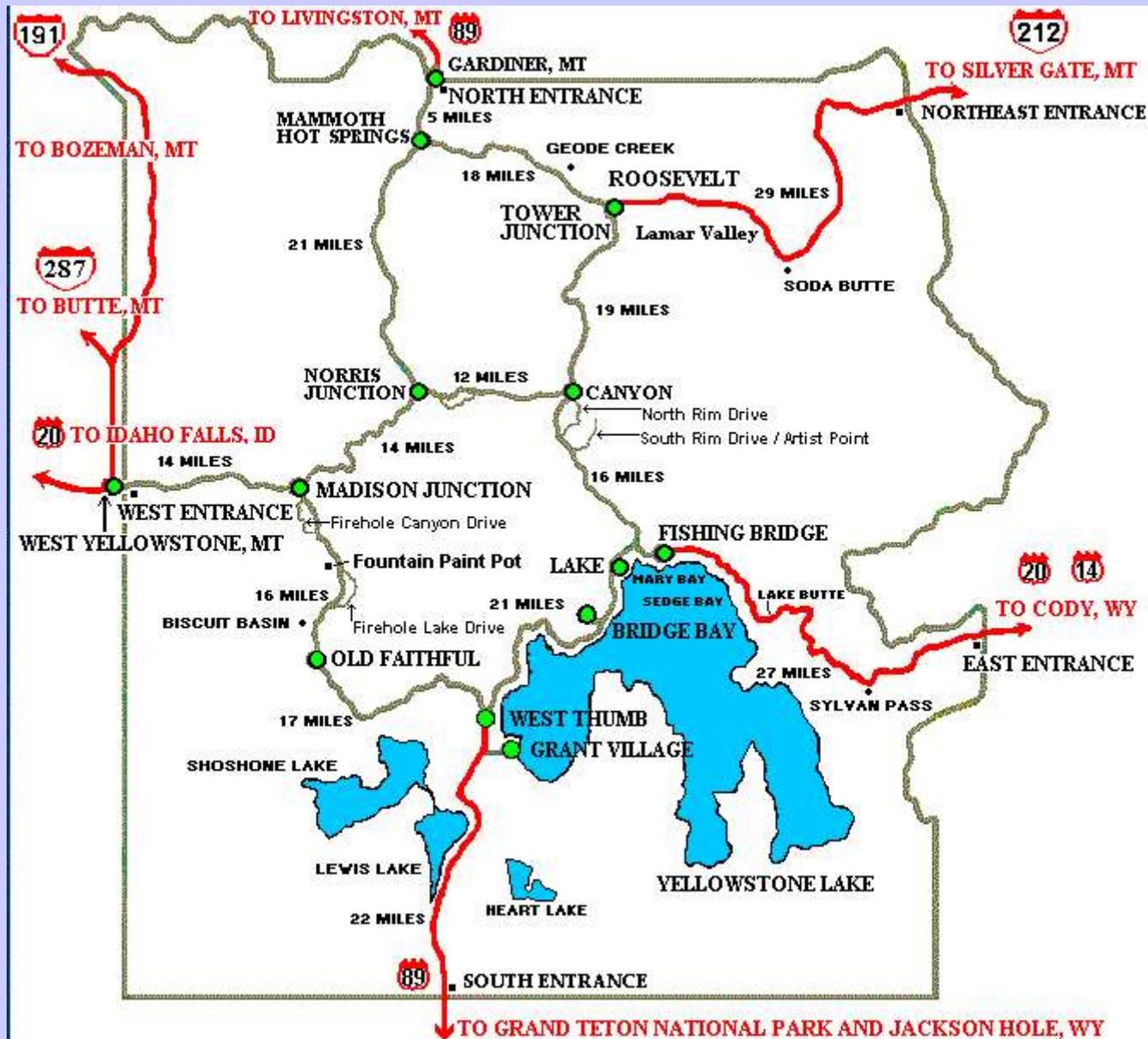
The 10 minute tour

For those of you who will arrive in the early afternoon on the 11th going to the park via 89 and the North Entrance will allow you to see many of the sights that you probably will not see otherwise.

Travel time from the airport to North entrance is about 1:40. Route 89 takes you down the heart of the Paradise Valley which is quite spectacular on its own.

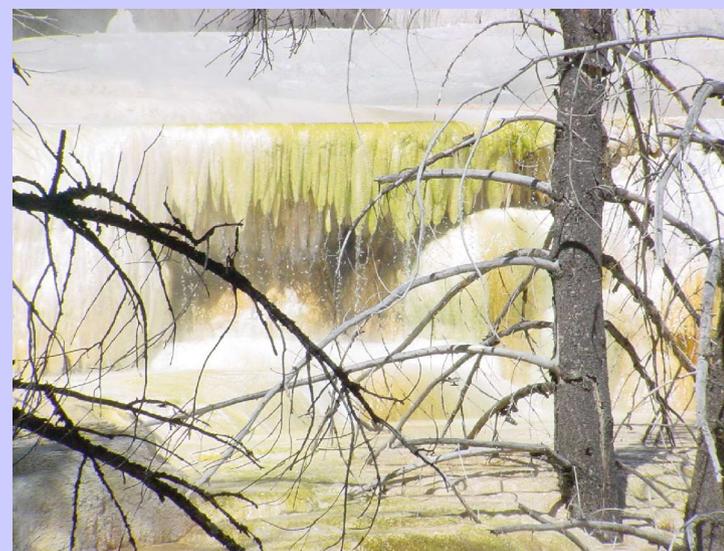
Traveling from the North Entrance to Old Faithful takes you through Mammoth and the terraces, past Norris Geyser Basin, Lower and Midway Geyser Basins, Bisquit and Black Sands Basins, and finally to Upper Geyser Basin and Old Faithful.

The Park and the Figure 8 Loop



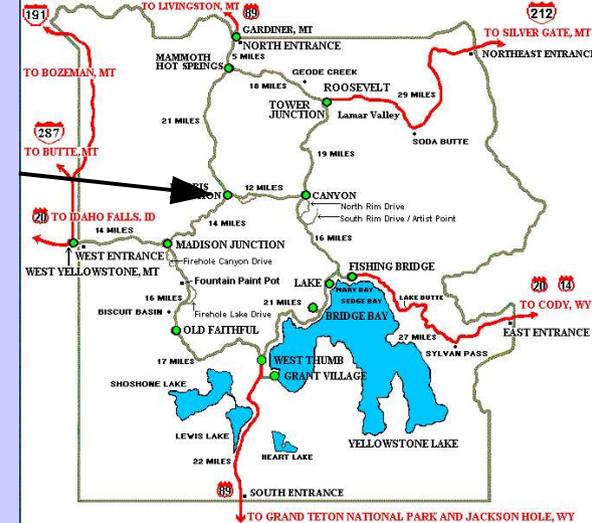
Mammoth

Elk abound around the buildings in the town. The near terraces have lost their water source but drive around to the upper terraces to see active travertine growth at canary springs.



Norris Geyser Basin

Steamboat is here – largest geyser in park. Some nice pools. You can see a lot from the upper observation point. Worth a short stop.



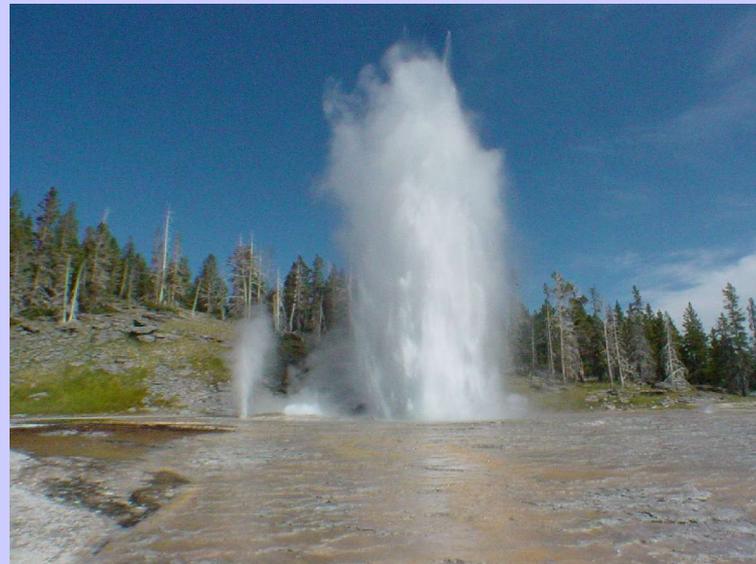
Lower/Midway Geyser Basins

Geysers, mudpots, Grand Prismatic Pool, Excelsior Geyser and more. All in these 2 nearly adjacent thermal areas.



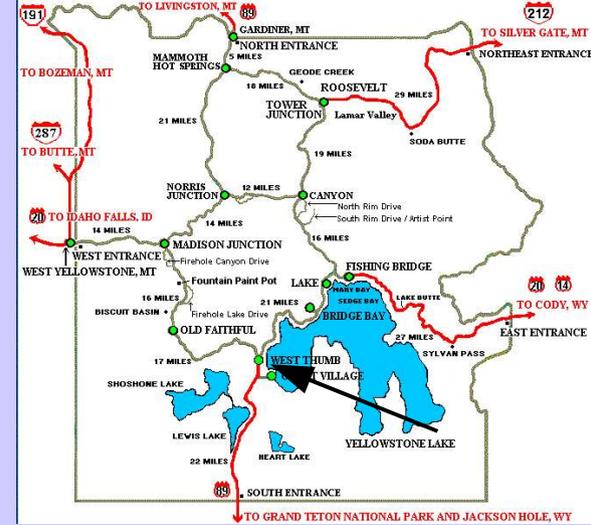
Upper Geyser Basin

Geysers, pools, more geysers and more pools. Old Faithful, Grand, Daisy, Beehive, and Riverside Geysers. Morning Glory pool. Take dirt trail away from Morning Glory for even more pools!



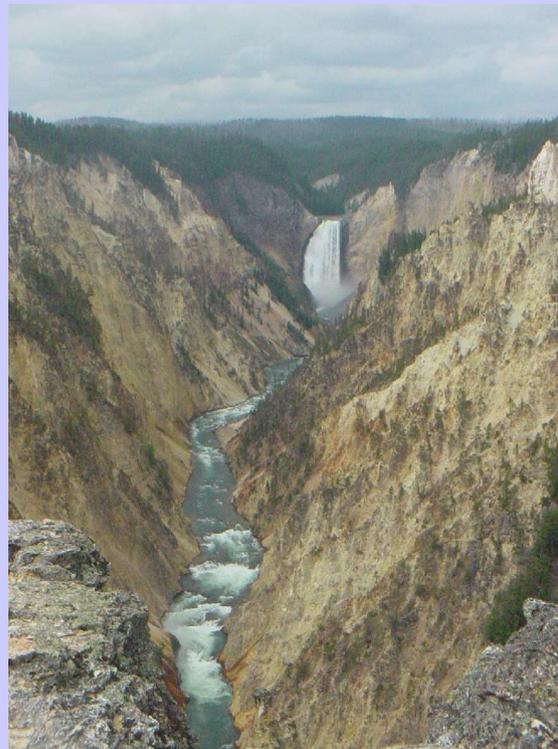
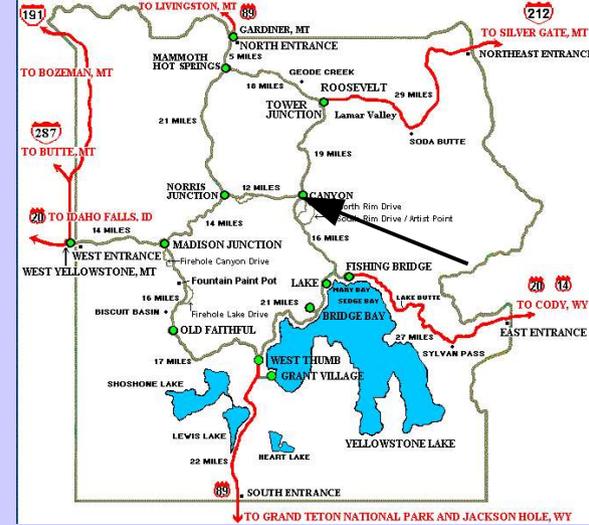
West Thumb Thermal Area

A very small area containing some of the most spectacular pools in the park. Sits right on the shore of Yellowstone Lake



Canyon

Upper and Lower Falls. South rim drive has the classic views and Uncle Tom's Trail! North rim drive has short trails leading to the tops of the falls.



Afternoon Hikes

Weather permitting and if there is interest I will lead a couple of afternoon hikes.

Fairy Falls: Level easy hike to Fairy Falls. A short distance from Old Faithful. Has the only good view of the Grand Prismatic Pool. Falls are tall and you can walk right up to the base of them. A short distance beyond are two "geysers in the wild." While the trail is popular not many know of the Grand Prismatic view or the geysers beyond.

Mt Washburn: Steadily rising. Climbs about 2000' in 2.5 miles going to the top which is over 10,000'. Views on the way up and at the top are spectacular. You can see most of the park. Hike is easier than it sounds. In Oct we will have to check both conditions and weather. Stop and Canyon and West Thumb on return trip.

Alternate: Mystic Falls. Close by. Some good altitude gain. Best overlook of the entire Upper Geyser Basin I've found.

