



This blog post was used by a Wyoming tourism bureau to appeal to early spring travelers and jumpstart the tourist season. They specifically requested a ground-based perspective highlighting the benefits of traveling by bicycle.

SPRING AT GRAND TETON

After a long winter in the concrete jungle, it's time to start planning your summer vacation getting back to nature. But don't think you have to wait until summer. Avoid the crowds and truly immerse yourself into the 'nature' part of nature by taking a spring tour of the Grand Tetons.

Enjoy Nature's Wildness

Experience nature in its full glory, including the guessing game of whether the grounds will look more like winter or summer, at Grand Teton National Park. Some years, the park is covered in snow until sometime in June while other years see the snow gone as early as April. Depending on when you go, you may be able to discover entirely new activities.

For example, the snows are plowed off the roadways every spring, but for a short while, those roads are not yet open to vehicular traffic. This is an excellent time to visit the park on your bicycle, enjoying wide, smooth roadways free of cars as you drink in the grandeur of the scenery all around you -- and perhaps surprise a random wild moose or bison grazing in the fields. Be sure to keep your camera ready!

Don't Forget the Soundscape

While you refresh your soul in the natural environment, be sure to enjoy the soundscape as well. Releasing yourself from the city and the summer tourists by visiting the park in the spring gives you the opportunity to enjoy the sounds of nature without as much interference from the sounds of the modern world. Be sure to record a segment on your cell phone for your soundscape enjoyment back at home.

Watch Nature at Work

It's easy in the city to assume nature never changes, but visiting the Grand Tetons in the spring will quickly relieve you of that impression. Sit for an hour and watch the amazing changes nature works on her landscape as spring enters the park. Snows sink into the ground to reveal brilliant fields of green tallgrass dotted with gorgeous red and yellow wildflowers. Ice melts to release babbling brooks and roaring streams. Still, clear lakes reflect the amazing world around you and remind you to look up into the awe-inspiring skylines that develop over the mountains.

The Grand Tetons have much to offer you no matter when you come to visit. Escape the crowds and get the richest experience possible with a much-needed spring vacation.