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## THINGS TO DO IN JACKSON HOLE WYOMING DURING SPRING

Looking for an interesting place to visit this spring that offers something different from the norm? Consider a trip to Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Never heard of it? You should have. From this location, you have a number of choices for how you want to leave ‘normal’ behind.

### Yellowstone National Park

Yellowstone is one of the United States’ greatest treasures. Many people have heard of “Old Faithful,” a geyser that erupts with boiling water every 65 - 90 minutes, pushing the water as high as 185 feet at times. However, Old Faithful is not the only nor the most spectacular of the geysers in the park. If you’re lucky, when taking a [tour of the lower loop](#) of the park, you may get a glimpse at Steamboat Geyser, less predictable but more impressive, capable of pushing water 300 feet into the air and venting impressive amounts of steam after each eruption.

Covering an area of just under 3,470 square miles, this massive park is filled with gorgeous lakes, extensive canyons, gurgling rivers, and inspiring mountain ranges. Sitting atop the largest supervolcano on the continent, Yellowstone also features lava flows and volcanic rocks for the avid geologist to discover. All that space is filled with a diverse range of mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, and plants, making it the most famous megafauna location in the continental U.S.

### Grand Teton National Park

Just 10 miles south of Yellowstone is Grant Teton National Park, part of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem and incorporating the 40-mile-long Teton Mountain Range. The park is named for the tallest mountain in the Teton Range at 13,775 feet. It towers over the valley of Jackson Hole and offers a number of lakes and rivers to be explored. Geologists have identified some of the oldest rocks on the continent within this park, dating back nearly 2.7 billion years, and, if you hurry, you may even catch some small glaciers still lurking about the taller peaks.

The park features more than 1,000 drive-in campsites with access to hiking trails, mountaineering, fishing, and other outdoor activities with plenty of [tour companies](#) offering specialized tours depending on the time of year and personal interest.

### Outdoor activities

Both of these parks can offer a number of activities for visitors including:

Camping

Fishing

Hiking

Wildlife Viewing

Boating

Climbing

### **The National Elk Refuge**

Located at the south end of Grand Teton National Park is the National Elk Refuge, 25,000 acres dedicated to preserving the nation's largest herd of elk which was decimated in the early 1900s by the encroaching city and loss of access to winter feeding. Once believed to have numbered in the range of 25,000 individual animals, the herd now averages around 7,500 elk which migrate from the southern parts of Yellowstone each winter looking for exposed grasslands.

Activities within the park vary depending on time of year but can include horse drawn sleigh rides and wildlife viewing of bison, bighorn sheep, pronghorn, mule deer, and trumpeter swans among others. Rare wolves and grizzly bears have also been spotted within the park.