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Winter in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem February 2 to 9, 2008

Join Wilderness Center Executive Director, Gordon Maupin and Naturalists from Teton Science School on The Wilderness Center's popular ecotour. This "vacation with education" will take you to the breathtaking scenery of the world's first national park. There is unparalleled wildlife viewing opportunities in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. On every trip the group will see Bald Eagles, Elk, Big Horn Sheep, Mule Deer, Bison, Coyotes, Moose, Trumpeter Swans, and many other magnificent species. On many trips, the group views, Wolves, Golden Eagles,



Bison graze before Old Faithful erupting hot water and steam about 100 feet into the air.

River Otters and a host of birds and other wildlife.

The scenery of the Grand Tetons has made this area the backdrop for dozens of Hollywood films. The unique geology of Yellowstone National Park's thermal features inspired the creation of the entire system of National Parks. Geysers erupting blow hot water and steam on to the surrounding landscape creating spectacular hoarfrost scenery. Enjoy it all while learning from expert naturalists along the way.

Pretrip Meeting

Pretrip Meeting: 1 p.m., Saturday, October 6, at The Wilderness Center. Gordon Maupin will answer your questions and show slides of previous trips.

Dates: Depart: **February 2, 2008**; Return: **February 9**

Accommodations: **Trapper Inn**, Jackson, Wyoming—Feb. 2, 3, 4, 8. Excellent Motel accommodations. **Old Faithful Snow Lodge**, Yellowstone National Park—Feb. 5, 6, 7.

Transportation: We will fly to Jackson Hole. The airfare is not included in the price of the trip. Limo service and/or car pools from The Wilderness Center region to the Akron-Canton Airport and return is included. Once we are in Jackson Hole, we will be traveling in vans. One van will be driven by Gordon, and others by local naturalists from the Teton Science School. The Center will provide walkie talkies so that the vehicles can remain in communication.

Cost: \$2,209 per person double occupancy. For a private room the cost is \$2,846. To register for the trip, you must make a deposit of \$250.00 per person. As soon as you register, we will put you in touch with the agent handling air travel to book flights. People are welcome to arrange their own transportation, but it is important for everyone to be in Jackson Hole for the first day of the trip.

Deadline: Please send in deposits before Nov. 1, 2007 (the sooner the better to assure a spot on the trip). The maximum number of people for the trip will be 20; the minimum 12. Register as soon as possible to assure a spot on the trip.

Included Items:

Round trip airport limo service (or airport parking fees).

All Lodging

Van Transportation

Guide Services

Admissions—National Gallery of Wildlife Art.

Dinner at the "Mangy Moose" in Teton Village and at Teton Science School and breakfasts at the Trapper Inn, three lunches and the Wort Hotel's famous Corn Chowder

A note about the weather:

While the temperature gets quite low in Jackson Hole and Yellowstone, it is amazingly comfortable. The air is very dry, so the cold does not penetrate the way it does in Ohio. In addition, the sun warms you very quickly in the thin mountain air.

What you need to bring:

Comfortable field clothing; nothing fancy
Binoculars, Camera
Flashlight
Water Bottle (A TWC Water bottle will be provided.)
Day pack
Warm snow boots
Sun Screen; Sun glasses
Hat, warm parka and long johns.
Any personal medications

The trip is not physically strenuous. There are no long hikes. People of all ages have handled the trip just fine. We do recommend that you make some effort to walk before the trip, as we will be at higher elevations. If you have health concerns you should consult with your physician to be sure of your safety.



Yellowstone Trip Itinerary

(The weather and other things can (and will) dictate what we actually do)

Sat., Feb. 2:

9:30 a.m. Arrive at Airport, must have a photo identification.
Plane leaves Akron Canton at 11:20 a.m.
Travel to Jackson (Arrive 6:15 p.m. Mountain Time), check-in, unpack, visit a grocery store, eat dinner, go to bed.
7:30 p.m. Evening meeting over dinner.

Night at Trapper Inn

Sun., Feb. 3:

7:00 a.m. Breakfast for early risers, breakfast run to Nora's Fish Creek Inn.
10:00 a.m. Teton National Park; Teton Visitor Center (snowshoe hike for those who are able along Snake River. Try to spot a Dipper (Water Ouzel).
11:30 a.m. Lunch in Jackson
1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Look for Big Horn Sheep, photography and wildlife viewing. Watch for Moose on the way to Teton Science School.
4:30 p.m. Dinner and program at Teton Science School.
7:00 p.m. Meeting following program

Night at Trapper Inn; Breakfast at Trapper, Dinner Included



Snowcoaches in Yellowstone

Mon., Feb. 4:

7:00 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Program by Naturalists at Elk Refuge; 9:30 tour Elk Refuge on sleighs (dress warmly!) at Jackson Hole Visitor Center
11:30 A.M. Lunch at National Museum of Wildlife Art followed by a Docent Tour

Afternoon Options:

Visit Teton Village (a ski resort)
National Forest Visitor Center
Shopping in Jackson
Possible return visits to Elk Refuge or Big Horn Sheep
Free Time

6:30 p.m. Dinner at the Mangy Moose;

8:30 p.m. Group Meeting at the Moose

Night at Trapper Inn; Breakfast, Dinner Included

Tues., Feb. 5:

It will take us most of the day to travel from Jackson to Flag Ranch and on into Yellowstone. The trip is magnificent!

8 a.m. Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Vans Depart for Flag Ranch (You must be packed and checked out by 8:30 a.m.) (Some luggage could stay at Trapper Inn)

12:00 p.m. All the restaurants north of Jackson are now closed; so we will have a box lunch.

1:00 p.m. Depart on Snowcoaches

4 to 5 p.m. Arrive at Old Faithful; hurry over to see it erupt.

8:15 and 8:30 p.m. Dinner

8:00 p.m. Group Meeting

Night at Old Faithful; Breakfast, Lunch included

Wed., Feb. 6:

7 a.m. Breakfast

8 a.m. Snow Coach Tours depart for the grand tour of Yellowstone — a day to remember! A box lunch is included.

8:00, 8:15 and 8:30 p.m. Dinner

8:30 p.m. Group Meeting

Night at Old Faithful; Lunch included

Thurs., Feb. 7:

Breakfast when the Dining Room Opens (6 a.m.)

We are at Yellowstone

Hike/Ski/Showshoe in the Old Faithful Geyser Basin—check times for eruptions at visitor center; rental equipment is available at the lodge.

5:00 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Group Meeting

Night at Old Faithful

Fri., Feb. 8:

7:30 a.m Breakfast, checkout

9 a.m. Snow coach departs for Flag Ranch

Afternoon arrive at the Trapper Inn—Free time, souvenir shopping, etc.

6:00 Dinner at the Wort Hotel included—Corn Chowder and nonalcoholic beverage included, additional menu items on your own.

9:00 p.m. Group Meeting

Night at Trapper Inn; Box Lunch, Corn Chowder included

Sat., Feb. 9:

6:30 a.m. Vans leave for Airport, plane departs 8:09 a.m.

3:30 p.m. Arrive in Akron-Canton. Limos take us home.

Breakfast at Trapper Included

Trumpeter Swans on the Firehole River.



Interpretive snowshoe walk along the Snake River.

The Teton Range as seen in winter from the Snake River overlook. This view was made famous by landscape photographer Ansel Adams.

