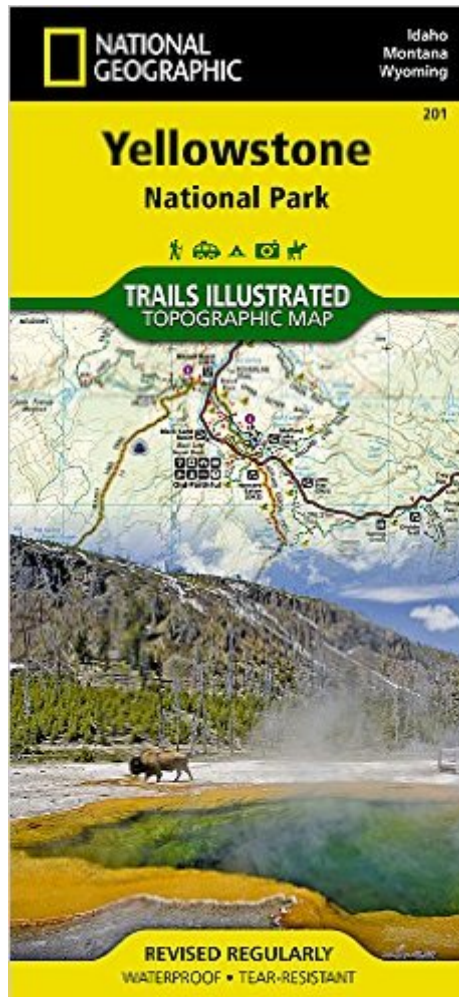


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Yellowstone National Park (National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map)



Synopsis

â ¢ Waterproof â ¢ Tear-Resistant â ¢ Topographic MapNational Geographicâ ¢ ¢s Trails Illustrated map of Yellowstone National Park is designed to meet the needs of outdoor enthusiasts by combining valuable information with unmatched detail of Americaâ ¢ ¢s first national park. Expertly researched and created in partnership with local land management agencies, this map features key points of interest including Mammoth Hot Springs, Canyon Village, Yellowstone Lake, Yellowstone Falls, Grant Village, and Old Faithful geyser area. With over 1,000 miles of mapped trails, the Yellowstone National Park map can guide you off the beaten path and back again. The clearly marked trails include mileages between intersections. Trail summaries provide elevation, duration, and difficulty for a variety of suggested hikes. The map base includes contour lines and elevations for summits, passes and many lakes. The bathymetry of Yellowstone Lake is shown with both contours and hill shading. Some of the many recreation features include: campgrounds, trailheads, boat ramps, marinas, scenic overlooks and interpretive trails. Every Trails Illustrated map is printed on "Backcountry Tough" waterproof, tear-resistant paper. A full UTM grid is printed on the map to aid with GPS navigation. Other features found on this map include: Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, Beartooth Mountains, Big Game Ridge, Buffalo Plateau, Colter Peak, Craig Pass, Crowfoot Ridge, Custer National Forest, Eagle Peak, Emigrant Peak, Gallatin National Forest, Grand Teton National Park, Granite Peak, Granite Range, Grouse Mountain, Heart Lake, Hurricane Mesa, Jedediah Smith Wilderness, John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, Lake Plateau, Lamar River, Lee Metcalf Wilderness, Lewis Lake, Lower Falls of the Yellowstone River, Mount Hancock, Mount Holmes, Mount Sheridan, Mount Wallace, Mount Washburn, North Absaroka Wilderness, Pilot Peak, Pitchstone Plateau, Ramshorn Peak, Red Mountains, Saddle Mountain, Shoshone Lake, Shoshone National Forest, Targhee National Forest, Teton National Forest, Teton Wilderness, Thorofare Plateau, Washakie Wilderness, Yellowstone Lake, Yellowstone National Park. Map Scale = 1:126,720 Sheet Size = 37.75" x 25.5" Folded Size = 4.25" x 9.25"

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Customer Reviews

I like to hike in the national parks and use Trails Illustrated maps when they are available. Trail books often have small maps of the trails they describe, and those maps are fine for short hikes, but it's a good idea to have a larger topographic map for longer hikes. TI maps are durable and have a water resistant coating. (Good for when you get caught in the rain; probably less so if you fall in a creek.) TI maps mark the trails and their topographic features. The elevation markings give you a good idea of how steep a portion of a trail is. I've used TI's Yellowstone map for several trails and always found them to be accurate and helpful. I recently purchased the 2008 revision. Unfolded, the map paper is the same size as the 1998 revision, but feels substantially heavier. The park map, however, is now a bit bigger and is split with the north half of the park on one side and the south on the other (with a generous overlap between the two). The written information about the park that was previously on the back is still present, but is reduced in size and located in several smaller boxes spread around the map. A new feature is that the information on the map does not end abruptly at the park boundary. Thus, for example, if you use the north entrance to the park you can see some additional trails, picnic, camping, and fishing areas marked to the north of the park as you come in on US 89. I don't use it, but the map now indicates that it is GPS compatible with a full UTM grid. TI's Yellowstone map is worth having if you plan to do any hikes longer than a few miles. The 2008 is a good buy, particularly if you have an older revision that is showing some wear. If your older revision is in good shape (they are durable after all!) you can probably get by with it.

This map is typical Trails Illustrated high quality paper, with an adequate legend and area tips in the margins. The scale is approximately 1:126,720 with a 100ft. contour interval and covers the entire park. Trail mileage is marked in red between each major trail intersection and a few intersections have lat/lon coordinates. The "drive in" campsites are marked. The map DOES NOT have trail head identifications or back country campsite locations that coincide with the N.P.S system. A better choice for backcountry trip planning would be the "quad" maps for the park; "Mammoth Hot Springs-

T.I. # 303", "Yellowstone Lake-T.I. #305", "Tower/Canyon- T.I. #304", and " Old Faithful-T.I. #302". All of these maps are available here at .

This map is just what I hoped it would be, a detailed, large map of the Park for these older eyes! The north half of the park is on one side and the south on the other. The map shows a lot of detail at a reasonable size that no other map that I looked at showed. You need this if you are going to visit the park.

It serves the purpose. The two problems I have with all these maps is the ledger colors are so close to the same for biking and hiking its almost impossible to tell the difference. The second problems there is not a lot of difference in the detail between the main map that covers the whole part and the area maps that are suppose to give more detail. I could have easily gotten by with just the main map and saved a little money.

We love the Trails Illustrated series of maps. They're made of a wonderful waterproof material, resistant to tearing, and therefore perfect for hauling around in the elements on a hike. Topographic detail is super-useful even if you're not doing big backcountry hiking, good for just exploring the park. I recommend you buy this pack before a trip to Yellowstone. Getting all four maps gives you a break in the price, plus you'll pay a real premium for individual maps sold at stores in and around the park.

Cons- This map has very little detail on it. They could have fit the **WHOLE** park on one side, and then put detail of the highlight areas (Old Faithful, Fishing bridge, Canyon Village, etc) on the back side. This map is one side the **NORTH** part of the park, and other side is **SOUTH**. I was disappointed at the lack of detail. Example- this map didn't even have Morning Glory pool on it. For research, use the online maps the USDS puts on the park website, and get detail maps of areas you want, or specific back country hiking maps if that's what you're after. Pros- well finished, water resistant, easy folding, easy to read.

I wanted some detail to augment the familiarity I already have with the park. The scale and detail really helps to plan a more in depth visit if you're thinking about a little or a lot of hiking. I use 'Hiking Yellowstone Park' by Bill Schneider with these maps and it's a great combo. For the long hikes I wasn't interested in, I read the routes and noted the many attractions that were at the beginning of

the routes and located them on the maps. Using the four different maps and concentrating on a quarter of the park at a time is invaluable. Only downer is they're large to use in the car, but great for planning.

I have always had good luck with Nat Geo maps having well labeled and marked trails. This map is no exception. I recently planned a backpacking trip in the southern section of Yellowstone so immediately picked this map up to plan the trip. As usual the map is a nice heavy waterproof material that can hold up to the elements and general beating a map takes when on multi-night backpacking trips. The northern and southern section of the map are separated on the front and back of the map allowing for a more detailed view of both sections. All of the trails listed were correct and up to date in all the areas we traveled in the park. As a user of many other brands of maps in the past, I can say this map (and Nat Geo in general) is the best option.

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