

Madison & West Yellowstone

West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center

May 23–Sept. 7: 8 AM–8 PM; Sept. 8–Nov. 1: 8 AM–4 PM

Madison Information Station

May 23–Sept. 30: 9 AM–6 PM

Junior Ranger Station

May 30–Aug. 30: 9 AM–6 PM

EXPECT
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DELAYS

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Explore Yellowstone! <i>Starting May 23</i> Would you like ideas on how to spend your time in Yellowstone? Meet a park ranger at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street) for a talk about what to see and do in the park. ♻️ 20–30 minutes	9:30 AM 5/24–9/6	9:30 AM 5/25–9/7	9:30 AM 5/26–9/1	9:30 AM 5/27–9/2	9:30 AM 5/28–9/3	9:30 AM 5/29–9/4	9:30 AM 5/23–9/5
Junior Ranger Station Activities <i>Starting May 30</i> Hey kids! Join a park ranger to learn about Yellowstone’s wonderful wildlife, geysers, history and much more! This is a great opportunity to complete the ranger-led activity required to earn your Junior Ranger patch. These family programs are geared towards kids of Junior Ranger age (5–12). Meet at the Junior Ranger Station at Madison Junction. 30 minutes	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 5/31–8/30	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 6/1–8/24	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 6/2–8/25	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 6/3–8/26	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 6/4–8/27	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 6/5–8/28	10 AM 10:30 AM 11 AM 11:30 AM 2 PM 2:30 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 4 PM 4:30 PM 5/30–8/29
Afternoon Talk in West <i>Starting May 31</i> Each afternoon, a ranger will present a talk on a captivating aspect of Yellowstone’s natural or cultural history in West Yellowstone, Montana. The Museum of the Yellowstone is located at the corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street. The Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center is located at 201 South Canyon Street. Talks are free and open to the public. There is a fee if you choose to visit the rest of the Museum of the Yellowstone or the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center. ♻️ 30 minutes	2 PM MUSEUM OF THE YELLOWSTONE 5/31–9/6	2 PM MUSEUM OF THE YELLOWSTONE 6/1–9/7	2 PM GRIZZLY & WOLF DISCOVERY CTR. 6/2–9/1	2 PM MUSEUM OF THE YELLOWSTONE 6/3–9/2	2 PM GRIZZLY & WOLF DISCOVERY CTR. 6/4–9/3	2 PM MUSEUM OF THE YELLOWSTONE 6/5–9/4	2 PM GRIZZLY & WOLF DISCOVERY CTR. 6/6–9/5
Evening Program in West Yellowstone <i>Starting June 9</i> Join a park ranger for an illustrated program highlighting a fascinating aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders. Meet at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center (corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street) Everyone is welcome. The program is free. ♻️ 45 minutes			7 PM 6/9–9/1			7 PM 6/12–9/4	
Madison Evening Program <i>Starting May 24</i> Each night a park ranger will present an illustrated program highlighting a different aspect of Yellowstone’s wonders. Inquire locally on bulletin boards and at the Madison Information Station for program titles and descriptions. Meet at the Madison Amphitheater. ♻️ 45 minutes	9:30 PM 5/24–7/19 9 PM 7/26–9/6	9:30 PM 5/25–7/20 9 PM 7/27–9/7	9:30 PM 5/26–7/21 9 PM 7/28–9/1	9:30 PM 5/27–7/22 9 PM 7/29–9/2	9:30 PM 5/28–7/23 9 PM 7/30–9/3	9:30 PM 5/29–7/24 9 PM 7/31–9/4	9:30 PM 5/30–7/25 9 PM 8/1–9/5

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Stars Over Yellowstone

Safe Solar Observing

Old Faithful Temporary Visitor Center area

Saturday: June 20, July 25,
& Aug. 22, 2–5 PM

Safely view the sun through telescopes.

Night Sky Observing

Between the Madison Campground & Amphitheater

Friday & Saturday:

June 19–20 & July 24–25, 10:30 PM

Aug. 21–22, 10 PM

Find the Milky Way, Jupiter, craters on the Moon, the center of the Galaxy, star clusters, and nebula. Telescopes available. Dress warmly; bring a flashlight.

Stars Over Yellowstone is presented by The Museum of the Rockies and its partners, including the Southwest Montana Astronomical Society and the Abaetern Academy. The Museum of the Rockies is in Bozeman, Montana, at 600 Kagy Blvd.; 406-994-2251.

Enjoy Yellowstone’s unpolluted sky. Find constellations, hear star stories, and view the sun and other celestial objects through telescopes. Weather permitting.

Astronomy Evening Programs: Madison Campground Amphitheater

Friday, June 19 & Saturday, June 20
9:30 PM

Listening to the Universe by Ryan Hannahoe, Space Public Outreach Team (SPOT), Montana State University. For the past 400 years, scientists have only been able to look at the sky with instruments utilizing signals from the electromagnetic spectrum. In the near future, they will be able to expand the field of astronomy by listening to the universe by detecting gravity waves.

Friday, July 24, 9:30 PM

Grace Under Fire: the Death of Sun-Like Stars by Dr. Stacy Palen, Assistant Professor, Weber State University. Discover how the Sun—and stars like it—die.

Saturday, July 25, 9:30 PM

Astrostories: Constellation Stories from the Ancients by Dr. Stacy Palen. Learn some of the myths about constellations in the night sky.

Friday, August 21, 9 PM

Cosmic Update by Jim Manning, executive director, Astronomical Society of the Pacific. Learn the latest about what’s up in the sky and what’s new in the study of the universe.

Saturday, August 22, 9 PM

Galileo’s Universe by Jim Manning. Learn how Galileo’s modest telescope led to today’s giant instruments and incredible discoveries about the cosmos.