

BACKCOUNTRY CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK



- We begin booking reservations for **backcountry campsites** on April 1 of the current year. On April 1, all requests in our possession will be randomly prioritized by computer and processed in that order. We continue to accept and book reservations throughout the season.
- Reservations will be accepted by mail or in person **ONLY**. Requests should be submitted on the Reservation Request Worksheet. Please write legibly. We are not responsible for illegible requests or incorrect information that may result in your application not being processed. Do not send in multiple requests for the same trip- **only ONE application per party will be accepted.**
- Each individual trip reservation costs \$20.00 regardless of the number of people or nights in a single trip. A trip is defined as an itinerary of campsites along a trail from the entry trailhead to the exit trailhead. If the party returns to the road and travels to another entry trailhead, this constitutes a second trip. If the group size exceeds the campsite limits, it is necessary to split the group and obtain another reservation with another person as the responsible party. If you are requesting more than one trip please submit each trip on a separate worksheet and, if paying by check, send a separate check for each request.
- The \$20.00 fee must accompany the reservation request. Payment can be made with cash, personal check, travelers check or money order. If your request is not booked and no reservation is made, your fee will be returned. The fee is for the service of making a reservation, so once your reservation request has been reviewed and entered into the computer, the fee can not be refunded.
- A confirmation notice, not a permit, will be mailed or given to you once the reservation is made. This confirmation notice must be exchanged for the actual Backcountry Use Permit.
- The *Backcountry Use Permit* must be obtained in person and not more than 48 hours in advance of the first camping date at a Backcountry Permit Office in the park.
- You must pick up your permit in the park before 10:00 a.m. on the day of your trip or your site(s) will be released to other campers. If you are delayed, please confirm your reservation by phone so that we may hold your reservation. Your confirmation notice will have details.
- Should the need arise, we may find it necessary to close campsites and/or trails for safety and resource protection. If this occurs, we will notify you to reroute your trip as close to the original request as possible.
- Because the demand for reservations often exceeds the availability, please call us as soon as possible if you need to cancel a reservation.

If you have questions, please call the Central Backcountry Office at (307) 344-2160.

Send To **YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK BACKCOUNTRY OFFICE**
 P.O. BOX 168 (US Mail) or Canteen Bldg. Room A, Mammoth (FedEx, UPS)
 Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190

For BC Office only:

Fee received _____

Reservation # _____

Made by _____

Confirmation sent _____

RESERVATION REQUEST WORKSHEET (please print legibly)

TRIP LEADER _____
 Last, First

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ COUNTRY _____

PHONE _____
 day phone evenings/weekend email (optional - if we need to contact you)

No. of People in your party: _____
 If your group exceeds the maximum number of people allowed at a campsite, you must request an additional site. This constitutes a second permit requiring a second name and another \$20 fee.
 Are you part of an organized group? _____
 If yes, please list your group's affiliation (school, church, scout, etc.) and name: _____

Please circle your Method of Travel

Foot • Horse, # of stock _____ • Llama, # of stock _____
 Drop Off by stock • Drop Off by boat • Sailboat
 Non-motor Boat, # of non-motor boats _____
 Motor Boat, # of motor boats _____
 (Yellowstone Lake boat users: please fill out reverse side of this form)

Your Itinerary: List dates for the night(s) you want the campsite. Use additional sheets if necessary. Please indicate your campsite choices using the three digit alphanumeric codes. Consult the Backcountry Trip Planner for a campsite listing and **the other side of this sheet for important site information.** *If your first choices are not available, we will book your trip in the order of the choices you have given. If we have complications reserving your trip, we prefer to expedite the booking over the phone. You will receive a reservation confirmation notice by mail or, if you request, by fax.*

In order to secure a trip, are you willing to accept minor changes to your requested itinerary (check all that apply):
 _____ similar/nearby campsites _____ reverse route _____ start date (what dates: _____)

<u>FIRST CHOICE:</u> DATE(S)	CAMPSITE	<u>SECOND CHOICE:</u> DATE(S)	CAMPSITE	<u>THIRD CHOICE:</u> DATE(S)	CAMPSITE
Entry Trailhead: _____		Entry Trailhead: _____		Entry Trailhead: _____	
Exit Trailhead: _____		Exit Trailhead: _____		Exit Trailhead: _____	

The RESERVATION FEE is \$20 per trip. The reservation fee is non-refundable. Payment, in US Funds, may be made by cash, money order, travelers check or personal check. Make check payable to the National Park Service.

- Before you mail in your reservation-have you:**
- ✓ Reviewed the Backcountry Trip Planner, backcountry use regulations, and reservation policies?
 - ✓ Reviewed the restrictions for each campsite you are requesting? (open/closed dates, party size limits, etc.)
 - ✓ Consulted a topographic map or guidebook and carefully planned for daily hiking/boating distances, river fords and elevation changes?
 - ✓ Made a copy of your completed application for your records?
 - ✓ Enclosed your non-refundable reservation fee of \$20 (per reservation)?

You may stay up to 3 nights at any one campsite unless the campsite list says otherwise.

SLOUGH CREEK

Campsites 2S1 – 2S8

Only three nights are allowed *per permit* from June 15 to Sept. 15. Slough Creek is a very popular destination from July through early September. Please provide alternate date and campsite choices.

BECHLER

Typically, in spring and early summer, Bechler sites (those sites beginning with the number 9) are under water or snow or not accessible due to high river crossings. To avoid making reservations that we most likely won't be able to honor, trips to the Bechler area prior to July 15 may not be reserved more than 48 hours before your trip. If the sites are dry enough and accessible for camping before July 15, you may obtain your permit for them when you arrive in the park. It's best to check at a ranger station or call the Backcountry Office for current conditions.

YELLOWSTONE LAKE

Check the campsite listing for the opening dates of individual sites.

DOCK SITES: Due to probable flooding, 7L5 and 7L6 may not be reserved for camping on days prior to June 14, and 7M4 shore sites may not be reserved for camping on days prior to July 1. These sites might be dry enough for camping earlier than these dates, and in that case you may obtain permits for them when you arrive in the park. There is only room for 1 motorboat per party at the dock. Additional boats must be anchored offshore or removed completely from the water. If you are making reservations at 7L5, 7L6, 7M4, we need to know if you plan to camp and sleep on shore, or if you plan to stay entirely on your boat.

Check one: _____ shore _____ boat.

Tell us about your boat (check all that apply): ___ berth ___ toilet ___ galley ___ longer than 20 ft.

Many of the sites on the lake require that the boat be entirely removed from the water. If you select one of these sites, be sure your boat can meet this requirement. See campsite listing for details.

Do you plan to use the Xanterra transport service across the lake, please check ___ YES or ___ NO

If yes: Where do you plan on being dropped off _____, picked up _____.

Contact Xanterra transportation department at (307) 344-5217 for reservations & information about the lake shuttle

SHOSHONE LAKE

Shoshone Lake sites cannot be reserved for camping on days prior to June 10. Also there is a high probability of early-season flooding at some sites. To avoid making reservations that we most likely won't be able to honor, sites 8Q1, 8R2, 8S4, 8S5, 8S7, & 8T1 may not be reserved for camping on days before July 1. Sites 8Q6, 8Q7, 8T3, & 8T5 may not be reserved for camping on dates before July 15. These sites might be dry enough for camping earlier than these dates, and in that case you may obtain permits for them when you arrive in the park. Please check at a ranger station or call the Backcountry Office for current conditions.

We welcome your comments: _____
