

Grade 3

Reading Travel Itinerary

A Spectacular Adventure in Yellowstone National Park

Yellowstone National Park is a magical place that captures the hearts of everyone who visits. Spanning across Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho, it is America's first national park, established in 1872. This stunning park is famous for its geysers, hot springs, waterfalls, and incredible wildlife. Our adventure begins in the park's most famous geyser basin, where we witness the spectacular eruption of Old Faithful. This geyser is called 'Old Faithful' because it erupts very regularly, about every 90 minutes.

Next, we head to the Grand Prismatic Spring, the largest hot spring in the United States. The spring is mesmerizing with its vibrant colors ranging from blue in the center to orange and red on the outer edges. These colors are created by microorganisms that thrive in the hot water. After soaking in the beauty of the Grand Prismatic Spring, we take a short hike to see the impressive Upper and Lower Yellowstone Falls. The roar of the water is powerful, and the view is breathtaking.

No trip to Yellowstone would be complete without seeing its famous wildlife. We spend the next day exploring Lamar Valley, often called 'America's Serengeti.' Here, we have the chance to see bison, elk, and maybe even a wolf or bear from a safe distance. We also visit the Mammoth Hot Springs Terraces, a series of hot springs that have created stunning terraces over thousands of years.

Our final stop is at Yellowstone Lake, one of the largest high-altitude lakes in North America. We take a boat ride, enjoying the fresh air and beautiful scenery. As our trip comes to an end, we reflect on the amazing experiences and the beauty of nature we have witnessed in Yellowstone National Park.

Now, let's test your knowledge with some multiple-choice questions:

1. Where is Yellowstone National Park located?

- A) California
- B) Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho
- C) Florida
- D) Texas

2. Why is Old Faithful so famous?

- A) It is the largest geyser in the world
- B) It has the most beautiful colors
- C) It erupts very regularly
- D) It is the oldest geyser in the park

3. What is the Grand Prismatic Spring known for?

- A) Its large size and vibrant colors
- B) Its loud roar
- C) Its wildlife
- D) Its cold water

4. What can you see in Lamar Valley?

- A) Hot springs
- B) Waterfalls
- C) Wildlife
- D) Geysers

5. What are the Mammoth Hot Springs Terraces?

- A) A series of waterfalls
- B) A series of hot springs that have created terraces
- C) A large geyser
- D) A large lake

6. How large is Yellowstone Lake?

- A) It is the largest lake in the world
- B) It is one of the smallest lakes in North America
- C) It is one of the largest high-altitude lakes in North America
- D) It is the deepest lake in North America

7. What activity can you do on Yellowstone Lake?

- A) Hiking
- B) Swimming
- C) Boating
- D) Skiing

8. What creates the colors in the Grand Prismatic Spring?

- A) Paint
- B) Minerals
- C) Algae
- D) Microorganisms

9. How often does Old Faithful erupt?

- A) Every 30 minutes
- B) Every 90 minutes
- C) Once a day
- D) Once a week

10. What makes Yellowstone National Park a 'magical place'?

- A) Its urban areas
- B) Its geysers, hot springs, waterfalls, and wildlife
- C) Its shopping centers
- D) Its amusement parks

1. Answer: B) Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho. The passage mentions that Yellowstone National Park spans across Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho.
2. Answer: C) It erupts very regularly. The passage states that Old Faithful is famous because it erupts very regularly, about every 90 minutes.
3. Answer: A) Its large size and vibrant colors. The passage describes the Grand Prismatic Spring as the largest hot spring in the United States, known for its vibrant colors.
4. Answer: C) Wildlife. The passage mentions that Lamar Valley is often called 'America's Serengeti' and is a place to see wildlife such as bison, elk, wolves, and bears.
5. Answer: B) A series of hot springs that have created terraces. The passage explains that the Mammoth Hot Springs Terraces are a series of hot springs that have created stunning terraces over thousands of years.
6. Answer: C) It is one of the largest high-altitude lakes in North America. The passage states that Yellowstone Lake is one of the largest high-altitude lakes in North America.
7. Answer: C) Boating. The passage mentions taking a boat ride on Yellowstone Lake.
8. Answer: D) Microorganisms. The passage explains that the vibrant colors in the Grand Prismatic Spring are created by microorganisms.

9. Answer: B) Every 90 minutes. The passage states that Old Faithful erupts about every 90 minutes.

10. Answer: B) Its geysers, hot springs, waterfalls, and wildlife. The passage describes Yellowstone National Park as a magical place due to its natural features like geysers, hot springs, waterfalls, and wildlife.