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## *A Place of Wild Wonders*



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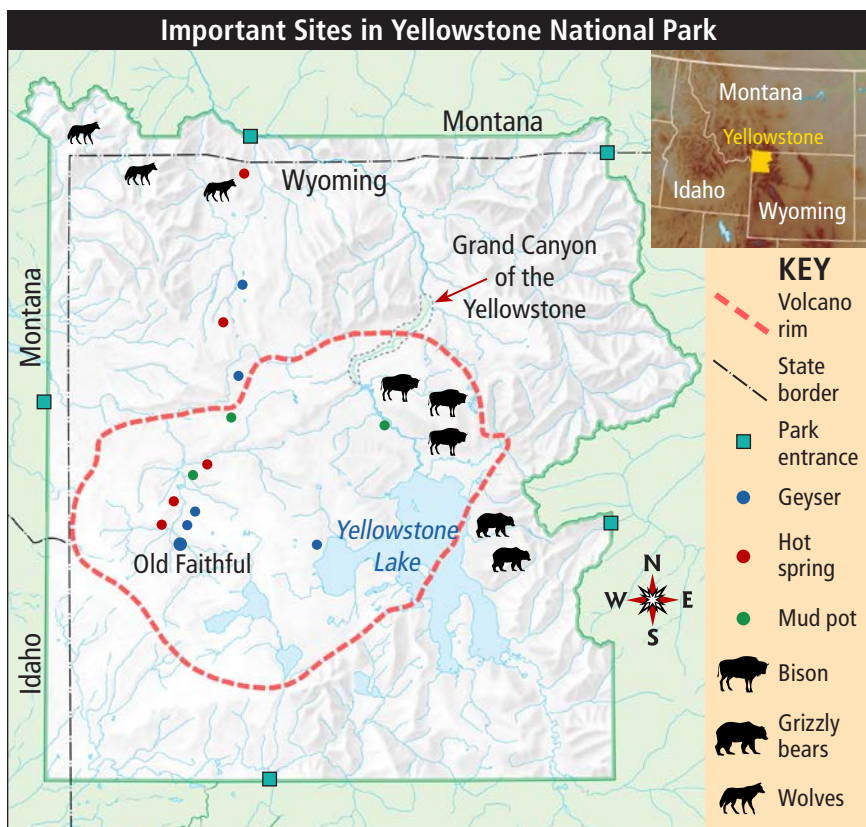
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### Focus Question

What is Yellowstone, and why do people visit there?





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## Introduction

**National parks** are areas of **protected** land.

In 1872, Yellowstone became the first national park.

What can people see there?



Yellowstone has about three hundred geysers.

## A Hot Spot

People go to Yellowstone  
to see Old Faithful.

Old Faithful is a **geyser**.

It shoots steam and hot water  
high into the air.

## Yellowstone Supervolcano

Yellowstone is home to an old caved-in volcano. The volcano has had three big eruptions. The rim of the caved-in volcano is more than 45 miles (72 km) across in some places. People still watch Yellowstone closely. The volcano doesn't look as if it is going to erupt again soon.



Yellowstone is on top of a **hot spot**.  
The hot spot made geysers,  
**hot springs**, and hot mud pools.





deer



fox



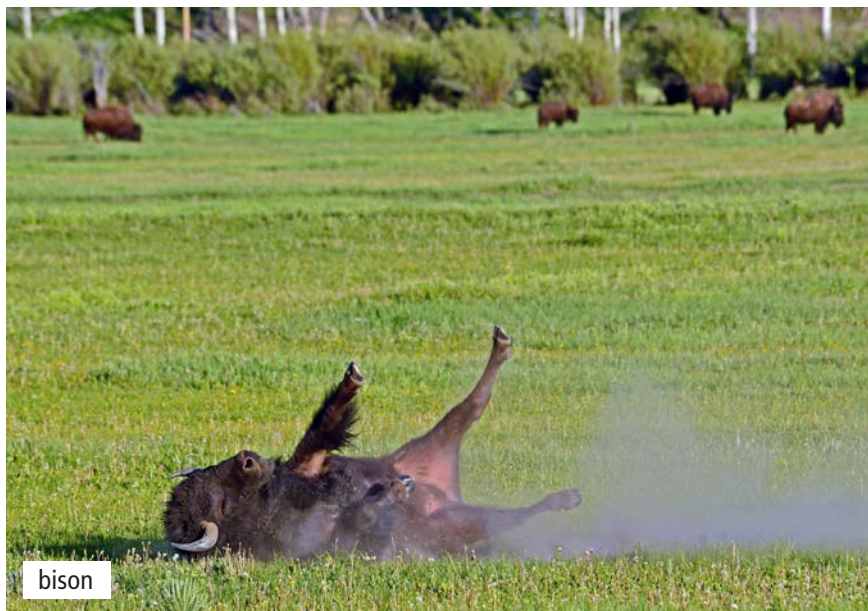
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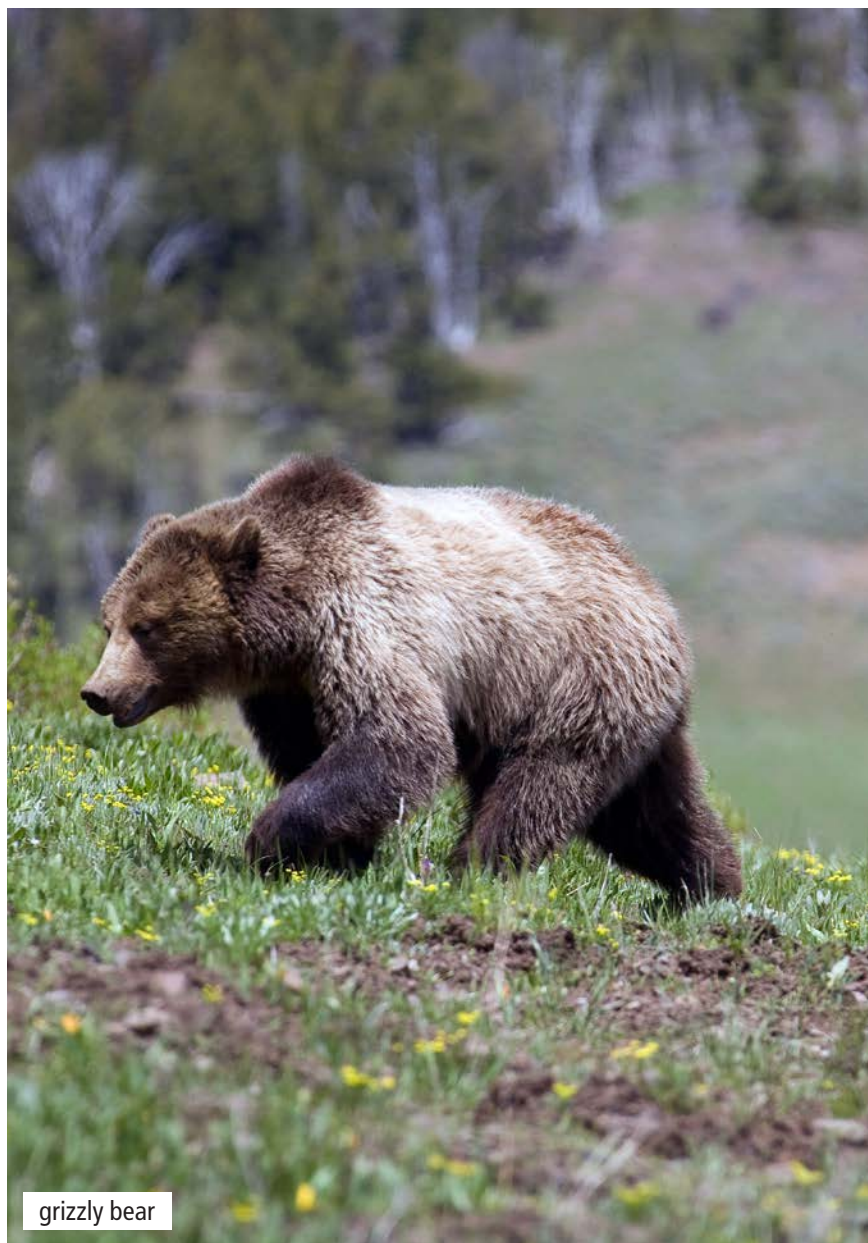
golden eagle

## Wildlife

More than 350 kinds of animals live in Yellowstone.



These animals are big and hairy.  
They roll on the ground to get rid  
of flies.



These animals are big but fast.  
They sleep in dens all winter.





These animals were forced out of Yellowstone, but people brought them back.





Old Native American shelters still stand in the park today.

## History

**Native Americans** came to Yellowstone before it was a national park.



Paintings were made to show off Yellowstone's beauty (top).  
People toured Yellowstone before it was a park (bottom).

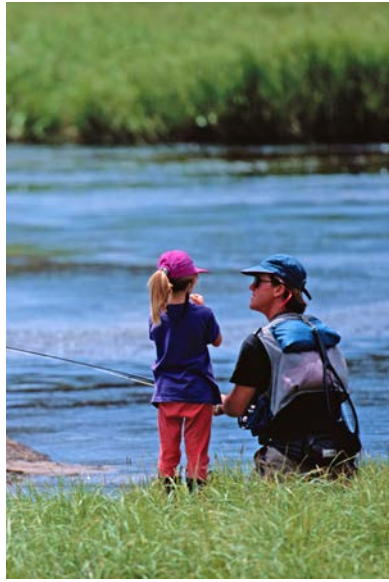
More people went to Yellowstone  
and knew it had to be protected.





This park (top) helps people remember an important battle. This park (bottom) has one of the biggest canyons in the world.

Today, there are many more national parks.



## Conclusion

Many people go to Yellowstone every year. They go to fish, hike, and camp in the park.





The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone is one of the best sights in the park (top). Travel posters show people what they can do and see in Yellowstone (left).

All national parks are great places to see, but Yellowstone was the first!

## Glossary

<b>geyser</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	a hot spring that boils from time to time and sends water and steam into the air (p. 5)
<b>hot spot</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	a place in Earth's crust where hot, liquid rock rises close to the surface (p. 6)
<b>hot springs</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	places where naturally heated underground water comes through the Earth's surface (p. 6)
<b>national parks</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	areas of land protected for their history or wonderful natural landscape and wildlife (p. 4)
<b>Native Americans</b> ( <i>n.</i> )	people whose ancestors lived in the Americas before Europeans arrived (p. 11)
<b>protected</b> ( <i>adj.</i> )	guarded or defended from harm or danger (p. 4)

## Words to Know

geyser

Native

hot spot

Americans

hot springs

protected

national parks

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## Connections

### Writing and Art

Imagine you are visiting Yellowstone. Draw a picture and write a postcard to a friend about your experience.

### Science

Choose two animals that live in Yellowstone. Use a Venn diagram to compare how the animals are alike and how they are different.

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