



## YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK BACKCOUNTRY PERMIT RESERVATION INSTRUCTIONS

Reservation applications for backcountry permits are only accepted from January 1 to October 31 of each calendar year. Reservations received by March 31 will be processed in random order starting April 1. Reservations received April 1 and later will be processed in the order received.

Fill out the application form. Please print legibly or fill out the form electronically.

Do not submit multiple requests for the same trip - only one application per-party per-trip will be accepted.

If you have a large group which exceeds the maximum number of people allowed at a campsite, you must request an additional site(s) and fill out an additional application. Let us know that you are submitting multiple applications for the same group and we will keep the applications together for processing.

Include \$25 pre-payment with your application. Each reservation costs \$25 regardless of the number of people or nights in a single trip. Please include only one trip per application. A trip is defined as an itinerary of campsites along a trail from the entry trailhead to the exit trailhead. If you return to the road and travel to another entry trailhead, this constitutes a second trip and requires a separate application.

Review your application. Before submitting your reservation application make sure you have:

- ✓ 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 planned for daily hiking/boating distances, river fords and elevation changes.
- ✓ Made a copy of your completed application for your records.

Submit your reservation application by mail or fax. Requests are not accepted by e-mail or telephone. Reservations are accepted in person once backcountry offices are open for the season.

Be patient. You will receive a confirmation notice by mail or e-mail as soon as your application is processed. If we are unable to process your request we will call you to discuss alternate options. Please allow up to two weeks to receive your confirmation letter during April. Please refrain from calling to check on your status so that we can process all applications more quickly.

Pick up your permit. Your confirmation letter is not a backcountry permit. Bring your confirmation letter and permit worksheet with you to a backcountry permit office to obtain your actual permit. Please thoroughly read your confirmation letter for details on where and when you can pick up your backcountry permit.

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### Additional Information

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You may stay up to 3 consecutive nights at any one campsite unless otherwise noted in the campsite listings found in the Backcountry Trip Planner.

Slough Creek (campsites 2S1-2S8): only three nights total along Slough Creek are allowed per permit from June 15-September 15. Remember: only one member of your party may submit an application.

Shoshone Lake: the following campsites cannot be reserved for camping dates prior to the dates listed.

Campsites 8Q1, 8R2, and 8S5: June 20      Campsites 8T3 and 8T5: July 10      Campsites 8Q6 and 8Q7: July 15  
The remaining campsites on Shoshone Lake cannot be reserved for camping dates prior to June 10.

Yellowstone Lake: many sites on the lake require that boats be removed completely from the water. If you select one of these sites, be sure your boat can meet this requirement. Refer to the campsite listing for details.

Yellowstone Lake Dock Sites (7L5, 7L6, 7M4): Only one boat per party is permitted at the dock. Additional boats must be removed completely from the water or anchored off-shore. Shore sites at 7M4 may not be reserved for camping dates prior to July 1.

Bechler: campsites in Bechler (starting with 9) cannot be reserved for camping dates prior to July 10.

Please refer to the Backcountry Trip Planner for additional campsites and trails which may be inaccessible or closed in the early part of the season.

