

10 Places to Stay Near Yellowstone in Winter for Snow and Nature Lovers

Yellowstone is one of the most popular outdoor destinations in the United States. Visiting in the winter brings out an entirely different experience worth traveling for.

Snow blankets the ground and covers the trees. Hot springs and geysers throw steam into the sky. Wolves, bison, elk, foxes, and other wildlife come down into the valleys where they have a better chance at finding food – and a better chance of being spotted by wildlife watchers. Cross-country skiers kick and glide to waterfalls and snowmobilers rev their way to Old Faithful.

This is winter in Yellowstone National Park.

The area around the park, known as the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, is a mosaic of Federal and private lands. Visitors to dude ranches ride horses on National Forests and dine in rustic luxury beneath antler chandeliers. Western hotels hand out s'more kits and encourage guests to light a campfire under the crystalline stars. There are sleigh rides and ice-skating.

Even though tourism slows in winter, there's still plenty to do, including alpine and cross-country skiing, winter fly-fishing, snowmobiling, shopping, and spending a day at a spa. The hotels, lodges, and cabins around Yellowstone have a knack for hospitality, welcoming visitors to the quiet season around the world's first National Park.

Below are some of the lodging options for a snowy, iconic winter trip near Yellowstone.

Bozeman, MT: The Lark





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This modern, boutique hotel is situated in downtown Bozeman with easy walking access to the many restaurants and shops historic downtown has to offer. [The Lark](#) isn't one of those hotels that you are anxious to leave. Each room is individually decorated with local artwork and the taco truck in the parking lot and a new coffee shop will fill your tank for adventures in the nearby mountains or simply strolling past fine dining, art galleries, coffee shops, and boutiques in historic downtown Bozeman.

Bozeman is about an hour and a half from both the west and north entrances to Yellowstone. It's even closer to a sliver of western Yellowstone not accessed through an official entrance. To get into Yellowstone, book a tour with Yellowstone Safari Company and they will pick you up at your door and show you how beautiful and full of wildlife winter in Yellowstone can be. Their guides know the plants, animals, geology, and wildlife in the park better than a guidebook. A personal tour focuses on what you want to know about Yellowstone.