

Resuming Operations

With the enactment of the continuing resolution, the National Park Service is preparing to resume regular operations though the schedule for individual parks may vary depending on staff size and complexity of operations. Many parks which have been accessible throughout the lapse in appropriations remain accessible with basic services. Visitors should contact individual parks or visit park websites for the latest information opening schedules and accessibility and visitor services. Some parks which have been closed throughout the lapse in appropriations may not reopen immediately.

Timeline for Resumption of Operations at Yellowstone National Park

Date: January 26, 2019

With the enactment of the continuing resolution, staff at Yellowstone National Park will resume regular operations beginning tomorrow. Employees are happy to return to work serving the American people and welcoming visitors to Yellowstone. Here are the details for the next few days:

- On Sunday, January 27, visitor centers that are normally open at this time of year will reopen by 11:00 a.m. (this includes the Albright Visitor Center, the Old Faithful Visitor Education Center, the lobby of the Canyon Visitor Education Center, and the ranger-staffed desk at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center). As soon as visitor centers open, the public will again be able to obtain backcountry permits.
- The park will resume collecting entrance fees on Sunday, January 27.
- On Monday, January 28 a majority of furloughed staff will return and open the remaining park functions. For example, employees will begin to process the backlog of applications for special use permits, film permits, commercial use authorizations, and research permits. By midday Monday, the public will also be able to obtain permits for the non-commercially-guided snowmobile access program. The public affairs office will reopen on Monday.
- The park asks for patience as employees work to reopen facilities and operations in a manner that is safe for them and the public. There is a lot of snow removal needed around buildings and safety checks that must be completed.
- Again, the park extends a special thank you to the concessioners, especially Xanterra Travel Collection, who made donations during the shutdown enabling NPS staff to groom roads and allow oversnow access to continue. In addition, we thank our local gateway communities and partners who provided incredible support over the last 35 days, not only for the park, but also for our NPS family.

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