

YELLOWSTONE ESSENTIALS

Whether you spend your time in the park touring the geyser basins, hiking the trails, or looking for wildlife, the right gear will elevate a good experience to a great one. Stay comfortable and see more with our guide to 18 must-haves, selected with help from field testers at our sister magazine, **BACKPACKER**.



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Travelers' Checklist

+ Don't forget these key items for trips spring through fall.

- Waterproof jacket
- Light puffy jacket or fleece
- Waterproof hiking boots
- Sunglasses & hat
- Wicking hiking shirt and shorts/pants
- Trekking poles
- Binoculars
- Sunblock
- Lip balm with SPF
- Bear spray
- Warm hat and light gloves
- Water bottles/reservoirs
- Bug spray

1 [rain shell]

COLUMBIA SLEEKER
Shield yourself from mountain storms in this ultra-budget-friendly, durable jacket. Adjustable cuffs and hood, plus a longer cut, let you seal out drips and high winds. \$80; columbia.com

2 [hiking boots]

SALEWA FIRETAIL EVO MID GTX

Supportive enough for backpacking loads but with the comfy feel of a trail runner, these boots have stiff soles and durable uppers to shield feet on rough trails. \$189; salewa.us

3 [backpack]

OSPREY TALON 22/TEMPEST 20 (W'S)
This daypack delivers lots of space and support, plus an adjustable suspension to fine-tune fit. An external hydration sleeve makes water refills easy. \$100; ospreypacks.com

4 [camera]

CANON POWER-SHOT G16

Full manual controls, great optical zoom, and integrated filters help this durable point-and-shoot deliver DSLR-quality images for an excellent price. \$500; canon.usa.com

5 [snowshoes]

ATLAS ENDEAVOR
Snowshoes are a must for winter exploration at Yellowstone. We like these because they're tough, easy to walk in, and have bindings that collapse flat for simple packing. \$220; atlas-snowshoe.com

6 [water bottle]

NALGENE 32 OUNCE ULTRALITE WIDE MOUTH

Hydration is essential at Yellowstone's high altitudes. Drink up with this lightweight bottle—it's a steal, but tough enough to last years. \$7; nalgene.com

7 [poster]

RANGER DOUG YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK
Go retro with this 13.5" x 18.25" poster print, a reproduction of a late 1930s/early 1940s Works Progress Administration art project. \$40; rangerdoug.com

8 [bear spray]

COUNTER ASSAULT BEAR DETERRENT

Protect yourself in the (extremely rare) event of a bear attack with this concentrated pepper spray, a must for responsible hiking in grizzly country. \$55; counterassault.com