GRAND TETON

In Grand Teton National Park you’re in the heart of the wilderness, surrounded by landscapes of rivers, waterfalls, valleys and mountains. Welcome to the land of wild animals: you may come across elk, wolves, bison and elk. Watch out for bears! You’re on their territory now. If the name of this park sounds very French, it is thanks to the French trappers who discovered it. They named it for the shape of the mountains seen from the west.
WHAT TO DO

JENNY LAKE TRAIL ★★
Distance (round-trip): 12.2 km
Time (round-trip): 3 to 5 hours
Level: Intermediate

This 12.2-km trail encompasses 2 of the park’s beautiful attractions: Inspiration point ★★ (offering spectacular views of Grand Teton Valley and Jenny Lake) and Hidden falls ★★★ (a 30-m cascading waterfall in the middle of the forest). It is open from May 1 to October 31. For families or people with limited time, note that you can take a paid shuttle boat from the Jenny Lake Visitor Center with the Teton Boating Company. The boat crosses the lake and shortens the hike, making it easier and more accessible.

SIGNAL MOUNTAIN SUMMIT ROAD ★★
This scenic route climbs straight to the top of Signal Mountain and offers sweeping views of the park. Note that the road is closed in winter from November 1 to April 30 inclusively.

GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK ★★
Season: Open year-round, 24 hours a day
Visitor centers:
• Jenny Lake Visitor Center is open daily from late May to late September, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (until 7 p.m. in high season).
• Craig Thomas Discovery & Visitor Center is open daily from mid-March to late October, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (8 a.m. to 7 p.m. in high season and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in low season).
• Colter Bay Visitor Center is open daily from early May to early October, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (until 7 p.m. in high season).
Entry fee: $35/vehicle including occupants. Valid 7 days. Purchase the America the Beautiful Pass for $80 if you plan to visit more than 2-3 parks.
Shuttle service inside the park? No

www.nps.gov/grte/index.htm
DESTINATIONS

SNAKE RIVER OVERLOOK ★
This viewpoint offers stunning views of Snake River with the mountains in the background.

MOULTON BARN ★★
Moulton Barn is a picturesque old barn on Mormon Row at the foot of the Teton Range. It is the most photographed spot in the park. Don’t miss it! The access roads to get there are closed in winter from November 1 to April 30 inclusively.
NEARBY

JACKSON ★★
This is a lovely little town that is worth a visit! Just a stone’s throw from Grand Teton National Park, you are sure to be charmed by its Far West feel and lively atmosphere. The town is home to many shops, restaurants, art galleries and much more. Right in the centre is George Washington Memorial Park, commonly known as “Jackson Town Square”, which features a majestic arch made of shed elk antlers in each corner of the square.

Don’t miss the Town Square Shoot Out, a theatrical representation of a Far West shootout presented at the northeast corner of the square every evening at 6 p.m. (except Sundays) since 1957. Arrive around 5:30 to be sure of getting a good spot from which to enjoy this fun, free show.

And if you’re 21 or older, you simply must go have a drink at the legendary Million Dollar Cowboy Bar, 25 North Cache Street.

JACKSON HOLE AERIAL TRAM ★★
If you feel like having your breath taken away by an absolutely fabulous view, be sure to make a stop in Teton Village to take a ride on the Jackson Hole Aerial Tram. The original Aerial Tram began operations in 1966. It held up to 52 people and took 10.5 minutes to reach the top.

In December 2008, the first tram was replaced by a new bigger and sleeker version, able to hold 100 people and whisk up to an elevation of 10,000 feet in only 9 minutes! Known affectionately as “Big Red” or “The Red Heli”, it operates every day from mid-May until the beginning of October, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Once at the top of Rendezvous Peak, there are several things you can do... sit and marvel at the view, tackle one of the many hiking trails, or take a tasty break at Corbet’s Cabin to enjoy one of their delicious waffles.

3275, WEST VILLAGE DRIVE, TETON VILLAGE
307-739-2753
WWW.JACKSONHOLE.COM/AERIAL-TRAM.HTML

FESTIVAL

Grand Teton Music Festival
Dates: early July to late August 2021
This major classical musical festival was founded in 1962 with the mission of providing exhilarating musical experiences. It features a world-class orchestra consisting of top talent from across the country, including more than 200 musicians from 64 orchestras and 47 institutions of higher learning.

www.andydevinedaysfestival.com

★ Noteworthy ★★ Worth the detour ★★★ Must see
WHERE TO EAT

IN THE PARK

1. DORAN’S PIZZA PASTA COMPANY ($$)
Housed inside the Spur Bar, this unpretentious restaurant offers a great variety of pizzas, fresh pasta, bowls, sandwiches and salads, with a breathtaking view of the Snake River and the mountains of Grand Teton National Park. Please note that, while the restaurant is family friendly, only adults are allowed on the patio overlooking the river. Open Mondays from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday-Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
200, MOOSE STREET, MOOSE
307-733-2415
DORNANS.COM

2. MURAL ROOM / JACKSON LAKE LODGE ($$$-$$$$)
Guests come here for the unforgettable sweeping views of the Teton Range, to admire the magnificent murals painted by Carl Roters, and to enjoy a fine culinary experience typical of the Rocky Mountains. The menu offers local beef, wild game, and sustainable seafood such as local trout and wild salmon. Even the bread is freshly made at the in-house bakery. Open daily from mid-May to early October, 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for breakfast, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for lunch, and 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. for dinner.
JACKSON LAKE LODGE
307-543-3463
WWW.GTLC.COM/DINING/MURAL-ROOM-JACKSON-LAKE-Lodge

OUTSIDE THE PARK

PERSEPHONE ($-$$$)
This café-restaurant is a favorite with the locals. They have pastries, sandwiches, soups, salads and much more, but the star attraction is certainly the coffee, which is roasted on site and shipped all over the world. They have an impressive variety of roasts from across the planet, most of which are certified organic. Open daily from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. in high season.
145, EAST BROADWAY, JACKSON
307-200-6708
WWW.PERSEPHONEBAKERY.COM

TETON THAI ($$-$$$$)
The best Thai restaurant in Jackson. Husband-and-wife owners Sam and Suchada serve up authentic Thai cuisine with classic dishes such as Chicken Pad Thai, Beef Panang, green curry dishes, Pad Gar Pow Duck, and the best imperial rolls on the planet! You can select your desired spice level on a scale from one to five. The kitchen uses Suchada’s original family recipes from Thailand. In summer, open Monday-Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Open every day in winter from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
7342, GRANITE LOOP ROAD, TETON VILLAGE / 307-733-0022
WWW.TETONTHAIVILLAGE.COM

BAR J CHUCKWAGON ($$-$$$$)
Bar J Chuckwagon offers a complete experience: a hearty ranch-style meal and authentic cowboy entertainment. The menu features grilled chicken, beef, pork rib or steak, served with baked potatoes, beans, homemade biscuits, apple sauce and spice cake. The talented Bar J Wranglers play a variety of musical instruments, sing and share cowboy tales. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner bell is at 7 p.m. Before the meal, you can visit the gift shops, take a horse-drawn carriage ride and chat with the cowboys! Reservations required. Open daily for dinner from Memorial Day weekend (last Monday in May) until the last Saturday in September. Note they are closed on Sundays after Labour Day (1st Monday in September).

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