

What to Bring for Your Yellowstone Vacation

Yellowstone National Park is full of beautiful views and opportunities for adventure. And to make the most of your visit, you'll definitely want to pack a few extra items in addition to your travel basics.

The Right Shoes

If you're going to stay on the go, you definitely need the correct footwear—and we're not just talking about style. Sturdy sandals and hiking boots are both a must if you're going to get out on the trails. And, if you're the kind of who likes to head out for a jog, be sure to pack trail running shoes.

Moisture-Wicking Socks

Basic cotton socks are a big no-no when you're hitting the trails or standing all day. We always suggest that our guests stock up on hiking socks, which are designed to wick moisture and protect feet against blisters.

Outdoor Clothing

Breathable, quick-drying fabrics are a must in Yellowstone. Clothing specifically made for hiking is one of your best bets, as it's designed for long-wearing comfort. And to really protect yourself, look for brands that also include sun protection.

A Packable Jacket

Even though it's warm during the day, it can get a little chilly in Yellowstone and West Yellowstone in the evening. We suggest a fleece jacket; something that's light to carry but provides coverage and warmth. You might want to toss in a rain poncho too...just in case Mother Nature decides to turn the sprinklers on during your stay.

Skin Protection

Being in the great outdoors can take a toll on your skin. We suggest ensuring that you bring and use a high-quality sunscreen, your favorite lip balm, insect repellant and hand sanitizer. To keep it and other things organized and easily accessible, toss a lightweight fanny pack or daypack into your luggage.

Electronics

It's unlikely you'll want to spend much time on your phone or gaming device when you're in Yellowstone, but there are a couple of things you're going to want to have handy. Cell phone service at the heights of the season can be lackluster, so if you're traveling in a group, walkie talkies tend to work best. And because you're probably going to want to take a lot of pictures and video, having a charger for your phone is a must.

For the 2020 Season: Guests in Yellowstone National Park are encouraged to bring and wear masks/face coverings in response to COVID-19 and to adhere to social distancing guidelines.