



FEATURES OF RANGER PETE'S™ **Yellowstone Planner & Guide App**

The **Ranger Pete™ Yellowstone Planner & Guide App** is a labor of love created exclusively for Yellowstone visitors. We know from first-hand experience that a trip of this magnitude has many variables, such as number of touring guests, number of touring days, travel options, where to stay, what to see and do, etc. We want to limit the stress as you pre-plan, book and tour with confidence, and when it's over, we hope you not only brag to your family and friends about your adventure, but relish the opportunity to return.

The **Ranger Pete™ App** centers around honest and actual **“been-there, done-that”** advice. And here's the first tidbit of honesty - we don't claim to know everything, but of all the people that I have advised or physically escorted through the park, their one complaint was, *“I wish we had more time!”* With that said, please don't try to see everything in one quick visit. I have spent hundreds of days in Yellowstone and still have things on my park wish list!

Together, we'll make smart choices, save time and money, organize a memorable trip and learn a thing or two along the way. Since planning a trip to Yellowstone National Park takes time, your **Ranger Pete™ App** has a generous **24-month** subscription. This is **twice** as long as other programs and allows you to plan early, keep ahead of the crowds, and create a stress-free adventure.

Let's go over the app's feature!

RP® Historical Self-Tour

The app's main feature is the **Yellowstone Historical Self-Touring Program**. This feature showcases the combined historical Yellowstone knowledge of Ranger Pete and well-known Montana resident and **award-winning author, Ednor Therriault**. The function uses your device's GPS location to activate upcoming points of interest and users can choose between an audio or a text component to learn about the park's rich history and noteworthy features. The program, which contains hundreds of compelling facts and stories, will pause for visitors to investigate a site or hike a trail, and automatically resume when restarting their excursion. Some key points have a **RANGER PETE FUN FACT**, which is an entertaining trivial side note not featured on other touring apps.

RP™ Animal Spots®/Animal Sightings

There are at least **67 different species of mammals** known to live within Yellowstone, and although millions of park visitors enjoy the geographical attractions such as, geysers, mud pots and water falls, they want to see an assortment of wildlife.

RP™ Animal Spots® gives visitors *live* information about animal sightings in the park through an interactive message board with other RP™ App users. App patrons can post their **sightings or questions** to a message board which will notify the active RP® network of safety conscious animal lovers. For convenience, posts are prefixed with the **day and time - the notifier only has to list the park location and type of animal**, and a map will show the animal sightings for the day, week or month. Recipients, seeing the pinged location, can read the posted information and can judge whether to venture towards the animal sighting spot. In addition, park visitors can use the collective sighting information to determine areas in the park where the best chances of seeing a specific animal.

Ranger Pete's™ Favorite Places

A list of the Ranger Pete's™ hand picked, **Best of the Best**, favorite places to see in the park. See what you want to see, but don't leave the Yellowstone without experiencing these attractions.

Yellowstone Hiking Trails

Trailheads are marked with GPS coordinates and the color-coded pin drops indicate whether a trail is **EASY, MODERATE** or **HARD**, while blue pins denote one of **Ranger Pete's Favorite Hikes** in the park. The app is designed to cater to first timers and families, so trails over 10-miles in length or severely strenuous, are limited.

Click on the trailhead pin drop will reveal the following:

- **Trailhead Location and GPS Coordinates.**
- **Name of the Trail.**
- **Color-Coded Trail Rating** whether **EASY, MODERATE** or **HARD**.
- **Trail Length** listed in miles.
- **Duration of the Hike** or how long it will take to complete hike.
- **Brief Description of the hike** or what to see or expect.
- **Safety Notes** or trail warnings.

RP™ FOOT NOTE: For better time management, users should use this feature for pre-planning their itinerary and not as a spontaneous action. As with any trail, hikers need to carry the proper supplies and be physically and mentally prepared.

Geyser Predictions

The **Geyser Predictions** is a map showing where a geyser is located and a time chart showcasing the park's most "predictable" geysers. The Park Service calculates a previous geyser's eruption height and time span to generate the next eruption time. This is not an exact science and the times are **estimated**, with a plus and minus time frame.

Ranger Pete's™ BEST of the BEST

This feature displays Yellowstone itineraries and sectional guides. First is the **Check-Off Itinerary** which lists all the main attractions with a brief description and estimated completion times. RP® has already checked the **"don't miss" sites** and **his favorites**, you merely select any others based on your time and interests. Second, for those who want a step-by-step guided tour of Yellowstone National Park RP® offers a **35-Page Extensive Itinerary** that takes visitors from Jackson Hole, WY to Yellowstone's North Gate in Gardiner, MT. The easy-reading instructions captures the major sites, best hikes, touring tips and helpful insights for a stress-free Yellowstone adventure. In addition, if needed, there are separate **Sectional Guides** that break down the park in more detail. App users merely click on a region of interest for a brief description of the area's key attractions, trails and tips.

- RP™ Check-Off Itinerary
- RP™ 35-Page Extensive Park Itinerary
- Grand Canyon of Yellowstone
- Lake Hotel Area
- Lamar Valley/Tower Junction Area
- Mammoth Springs Area
- Old Faithful Area
- West Thumb Area

Local Weather

The Weather program provides a 5-day extended weather forecast for Yellowstone and surrounding gate towns. A great tool for pre-planning each days activities.

- **YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK**
- **CODY**, Wyoming (West Gate)
- **COOKE CITY**, Montana (Northeast Gate)
- **GARDINER**, Montana (North Gate)
- **JACKSON HOLE**, Wyoming (South Gate)
- **WEST YELLOWSTONE**, Montana (West Gate)
- As well as an **optional** destination selected by the user

Roadwork and Delays

Roadwork and Delays shows current road construction inside the park. Unfortunately, due to winter weather conditions road repair and construction has to be done in the Spring, Summer or Fall. A map of the main roadway highlights any problem areas in **RED**. Click on the colored area to reveal a screen denoting the proposed project. This function does not show traffic accidents, wildlife congestion or unexpected snow closures. **NOTE:** Always check road conditions and closures **before** starting your travels.

Emergency and Park Phone Numbers

An all-in-one Yellowstone Park phone list. Scroll through the list of contacts and click on the desired phone number to activate the **auto-dialing** function.

Lodging and Campgrounds

The **Lodging and Campgrounds** feature is for the park visitors spending the night in one of the Park's **Hotels, Lodges** or **Campgrounds**. The app displays pin drops marking **Lodging (BLUE)** and **Campground (BROWN)** sites. Click on individual pin drops to get information about a location or scroll the regional list of Lodges & Campgrounds. Select a Hotel or Campground from the list to get detailed information.

- Each location contains a brief description, GPS Coordinates and contact information.
- A **BLUE** pin indicates lodging (hotels and cabins).
- A **BROWN** pin denotes campgrounds.

Food & Beverage

The **Food and Beverage** icon denotes park concessions ranging from snacks to fine dining. A map provides the broad overlook of destinations while individual pins reveal the location's specific information, and users can scroll the regional food and beverage list. Click on a particular venue to review details about the establishment. A copy of Park **restaurant and diner menus** are available too.

- A **BLUE** pin indicates food concession's which range from simple snacks to sit-down dinners.
- A **BROWN** pin denotes beverages and range from fountain drinks to vending machines.

Restrooms

The Restroom feature may seem a little trite, but Yellowstone is a very large park with the bulk of its restrooms in the Park's populated sections and the remain in more remote locations. The app uses color-coded pin drops to highlight the location of **flushable toilets (BLUE)** as well as the more remote **vault toilets (BROWN)**. A map shows the location of Park facilities while color-coded pins relay a rest station's GPS coordinates.

Service Stations

With all the Park attractions, it's easy to forget to check your fuel gauge. There are seven service stations within Yellowstone. All the gas stations provide 24/7 credit card capability, however, only four of the seven offer towing and minor vehicle repair work. The station's phone numbers are provided, and a GPS map indicates the nearest location.

Yellowstone History

This is a series of recorded events that have occurred in Yellowstone history. The historic information will appear on your screen and users have the option of **turning the function on or off**.

In-Park Church Services Locations & Daily Bible Verse

Find the closest Sunday Church Service to your hotel or campground with our **list of Summertime Worship Services** offered within the park. Pin drops provide the times, locations and GPS coordinates.

Second, it's hard to walk through Yellowstone and not believe in a Supreme Creator. With that said, the **Daily Bible Verse** component of the app references a daily verse about God's creation with an emphasis on nature. The information will appear on your screen and users have the option of **turning the function on or off**.

Pre-Planning Questions

Seven basic questions you need to answer **before planning your first trip to Yellowstone**. These questions start the thought process on **determining** to start initial planning, **developing** a vacation budget, **deciding** how many days, **judging** where to stay, **selecting** the best time of year to visit, **electing** what to see, **figuring** how to get there, and **creating** an agenda. Once answered the custom **itinerary pages** in the **RP® Best of the Best** section will be valuable. Heck, we even have a **RP® Touring Yellowstone with Young Children Tip Sheet**.

Packing Checklist

A simple, yet extensive list of items to consider while packing for a trip to Yellowstone National Park. Scroll to review the list or print the pdf version.

Photo Tips

One thing you can take out of the park is memories so bring a quality camera. To help we have listed a handful of **tried and true photo tips** used by the experts to help park visitors capture great camera shots. For inspiration, we have spotlighted some of **Ranger Pete's® Favorite Photographs**.

Yellowstone Trivia

Who doesn't like to play trivia? There are dozens of questions about Yellowstone Park that start-off easy and gradually get more difficult. These questions are a great way to get ready for your trip and to use while traveling or in the car between park attractions.

Comments for Ranger Pete™

Have a question? Always glad to help. In addition, we need your constructive feedback. Hopefully all positive, but until all the bugs are worked out app users are encouraged to share their concerns or delights.

Official Ranger Pete® Gear

Purchase your custom-made long sleeve t-shirts and embroidered ball cap from the Ranger Pete website. Great to wear **before, during** or **after** your visit to Yellowstone National Park. RP® App buyers are eligible for a **\$5.00 discount**