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SPRING & FALL – Suggested Yellowstone Clothing List

Unpredictability more than anything else characterizes Yellowstone's weather. In the Spring and Fall you should be prepared for a variety of mountain temperatures and weather conditions, with daytime temperatures ranging from 30-65 degrees, but falling into the teens at night-time.

The grass will be wet in the morning, so breathable water-proof pants or gators work well.

Thunderstorms are common in the afternoon.

Snow is not uncommon in the Spring and Fall.

At any time of year, be prepared for sudden changes throughout the day.

You should not need winter boots or a heavy expedition type winter parka.

The layering system works best for protection against wind, sun, insects and temperature.

For further information go to: www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/weather.htm

Suggested Packing List

- Insulating underwear: capilene, polypropylene or wool.
- Mid-weight insulating layer: a light fleece or wool shirt/pullover.
- Quick-drying, long-sleeve shirts for sun and insect protection.
- Heavier insulating layer: wool, down or heavy fleece jacket for early mornings.
- Pants: synthetic hiking pants or lightweight fleece pants or tights. NOT JEANS.
- Water and windproof outer layer: lightweight, breathable jacket and pants.
- Hats: brimmed sun hat + insulating hat.
- Gloves: lightweight glove liners + wool/fleece gloves.
- Socks: light wool + winter weight expedition wool. NO COTTON.
- Hiking boots providing stability, traction and comfort. Preferably with ankle support.
- Bathing suit – in case we decide to take a dip in Boiling River or Chico Hot Springs.
- Pocket hand and foot warmers for early morning.
- Sunscreen and Chapstick.
- Water Bottle and small thermos flask.
- Headlamp.