



Yellowstone Wild Code of Ethics

As a licensed Commercial Use Permit holder with Yellowstone National Park we must follow all park rules and regulations. Additionally, as life-long proponents of wildlife and wild places, we will also follow our own ethical wildlife viewing practices. We will take this opportunity to teach you about how we can have the very best viewing and photography opportunities possible without having negative impacts and respecting the animals' space and movements as they go about their lives.

While on tour with Yellowstone Wild, we will observe the following park rules (subject to law enforcement):

- Keep at least 25 yards from all wildlife
- Keep at least 100 yards from wolves and bears
- Avoid remaining near or approaching wildlife, including birds, at any distance that disturbs or displaces the animal.

It is also our ethical responsibility to make sure that our actions do not inflict undue stress or hardship upon the animals that we are observing. Wild animals in a natural setting do not have easy lives and the last thing we want to do is make

their lives any more difficult. Your guide is an expert at reading animal behavior, and the moment that our presence is bothering an animal we MUST back off until we are no longer disturbing its natural behavior.

This is where our optics prove invaluable. We use only the finest quality Swarovski spotting scopes so that we can thoroughly enjoy our wildlife sightings at a distance that allows the animals to carry on about their business as if we were not there. In fact, much of the time they probably don't know we are there, yet our high powered and crystal clear optics give us an up-close and personal view.

Furthermore, we must be mindful of any animal feeding on or resting near a carcass. Approaching such an area may drive the animal(s) away and deprive them of valuable food. It is also important to remember that a carcass is regularly scavenged upon by any number of other animals, including grizzly bears, who will violently defend such a food source. Approaching such an area is strictly prohibited and can seriously put people in danger. Finally, it is important to be mindful of the other park visitors and biologists who may also be observing the same animals. We promote quiet, respectful behavior to maximize everyone's wild Yellowstone experience.



Leave No Trace

Take only photographs and leave only footprints. What we find in the park stays in the park. Yellowstone is full of surprises and we celebrate the privilege of being able to find them in their natural state. While we greatly enjoy finding these treasures, we also want the next wanderers who come along to have the same experience of discovery as we did.

Restroom Stops

We will make multiple restroom stops throughout our tour. At any given location, we are always within 10-15 minutes of a Park Service restroom, and we routinely make restroom runs when guests request. We strongly advise our guests to stay well hydrated and not refrain from drinking liquids as an effort to keep from having to go to the bathroom. Park service restrooms are generally well maintained and relatively clean. And again, we can get you to a restroom within 10-15 minutes from anywhere in the park.