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BEST OF YELLOWSTONE TOUR

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, WY




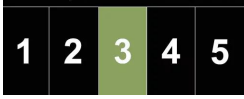


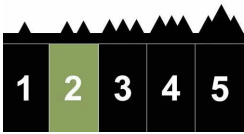




DESCRIPTION

Our Best of Yellowstone Tour features a diverse offering of 5 [Yellowstone hikes](#) that well represent the amazing attributes of America's first national park. You'll enjoy breathtaking mountain scenery, the most well-known and spectacular geysers in the park, and wildlife viewing. While driving, we can often stop at pullouts as animal sightings and additional attractions arise in this unpredictable ecosystem. You'll also enjoy the luxuries of a lodge and rustic dining each evening in two to three different locations inside and around the Park. This trip is an exceptional way to soak up the magic of Yellowstone, to enjoy absolutely fantastic hiking, and to learn about America's first — and truly spectacular — national park!

What sets the 5-day tour apart is the ability to see so much in one visit. Staying in different lodges and going on five diverse hikes creates a comprehensive experience that is truly unforgettable!

Need To Know: Hotel Deadline

New reservations on this trip within 45 days of trip start date are highly unlikely due to Yellowstone National Park's lodging cancellation policies. It's highly recommended to book at least 46 days in advance!

<p>Trip Type: Inn-Based Hiking Tour</p>	<p>Difficulty Level: </p>
<p>Solitude Level: </p>	<p>Group Size: 2-10 Guests</p>
<p>Trip Length: 5 Days</p>	<p>Distance: 30MI / 48KM</p>
<p>Hiking Distances:</p>   <p>5-7 mi</p>	<p>Backpack Weight:</p>   <p>8-12 lbs</p>
<p>Terrain:</p>  <p>Lightly Rugged</p>	<p>Max Daily Elev. ↑↓:</p>   <p>1384 ft</p>
<p>Heights Exposure:</p>   <p>Light</p>	

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 4 nights of double occupancy lodging (single occupancy requires an additional single supplement)
- Top-of-the-line daypack and trekking poles
- All meals are included from breakfast the first day through lunch on the last day

- A professional, knowledgeable, certified Yellowstone hiking guide
 - Roundtrip transportation from your hotel in Jackson Hole, Wyoming
 - Entrance fees and national park permits
 - Bear safety equipment including bear spray cannisters
 - Emergency equipment including a company-issued first-aid kit and communication device (InReach Explorer or satellite phone)
 - Mandatory 5% national park fee that passes through directly to Yellowstone
 - A Lifetime Hiking Membership entitling you, your spouse and dependents to a discount of 10% off any Wildland hiking trip after your first one (must book directly with us to receive the discount)!
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WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Clothes, raingear, and footwear
 - Sunscreen, toiletries and personal items
 - Water bottles and a headlamp or flashlight
 - Alcoholic beverages
 - Guide gratuity (industry recommendation is 10-20% of trip cost)
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Day 1

- Shuttle: 2-hour drive
- Hiking Mileage: 6 miles
- Elevation Gain/Loss: 800 feet

This [Yellowstone Hiking Tour](#) starts with a loop around Elephant Back Mountain, a moderate 3.6-mile hike with about 800 feet elevation gain and loss. The trail begins in an old growth lodge pole pine forest mixed with spruce and fir, an area also frequented by grizzly bears. After a mile of relatively mild uphill, we will climb switchbacks. Flecks of black obsidian will glitter beneath your feet. The ascent culminates to an awe-inspiring bird's eye view of the lake. We can identify many prominent landmarks from our peak, before making our trek back down the Elephants Back. The glittering expanse of Yellowstone Lake will be the focal

point of our next hike's destination: Storm Point. This relatively flat 2.3-mile loop leads to a stunning vista of the largest lake above 7,000 feet in North America. In spring, the lakeshore is a corridor for grizzly bears. The hike begins at Indian Pond, a favorite locale for bison, and continues through the forest to a bluff overlooking the picturesque shore of this hydrothermal fed lake. Before completing our loop, we will walk past enormous boulders, which are home to a colony of Yellow-bellied Marmots. If we are lucky, we may see one basking in the sun.



Day 2

- Hiking Mileage: 6 miles
- Elevation Gain/Loss: 1,400 feet

Our second hike is one of the most beautiful in the park, a hike to the summit of Mt. Washburn at over 10,000 feet. The trail to the summit travels through picturesque subalpine parkland where wildflowers abound. Bighorn sheep are sometimes seen grazing along the hillsides. This is one of the only places in the park where hikers can get close up views and photos of the majestic sheep as they are habituated to the presence of hikers. It is a steady climb over 3 miles to the summit where we'll have a tremendous view of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone — a giant rift in a landscape of forested hills. Other sites include Yellowstone Lake, the Teton Range, Electric Peak, and an overall sense that the entire park stretches out below your feet. Following this beautiful hike, we'll drive to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone for a short stroll out to Artist Point for one of the more phenomenal waterfall views in North America — the Lower Falls of the Yellowstone River. The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone is an amazing feature at 20 miles long, 1,200 feet

deep, and a mere 4,000 feet in width on average. It was formed approximately 10,000 years ago when a large glacial ice dam in Hayden Valley burst, flooding the canyon and creating the two thunderous waterfalls and multicolored canyon walls it is known for.



Day 3

- Hiking Mileage: 5 miles
- Elevation Gain/Loss: 400 feet

Today, we visit one of the Park's most iconic features — Mammoth Hot Springs. From the boardwalks, we will view steaming travertine terraces streaked with colorful microorganisms.

Next, we will leave the crowds behind and head out on the Beaver Ponds Trail. This 5-mile loop leads us along a variety of different animal habitats. We will hike through a forest that is frequented by a variety of wildlife including bears, eventually reaching a clearing of small ponds where it is common to see waterfowl. Open scenic views will greet us as we emerge onto a grassy hilltop that is a known grazing area for pronghorn, deer and elk.



Day 4

- Hiking Mileage: appx 7 miles
- Elevation Gain/Loss: minimal

We'll start the day in the Upper Geyser Basin which hosts some of the park's most iconic features. Yellowstone is home to 60% of the world's geysers and most of them can be found here, including Old Faithful itself. Walking the boardwalks, we'll experience the basins' diverse array of geysers from thin fountains to massive eruptions. It is an impressive scene. Next we'll travel a few miles down the road for a hike out to Lone Star Geyser. This is a beautiful hike along the aptly named Firehole River to the largest backcountry geyser in the park: Lone Star Geyser. Lone Star is found in a clearing surrounded by dense forest; it erupts from a shed-sized cream colored mound. At full tilt it sprays scalding water 30-45 feet into the air. The geyser erupts about every 3 hours and a log book is kept nearby so that we'll know when the next eruption will occur.



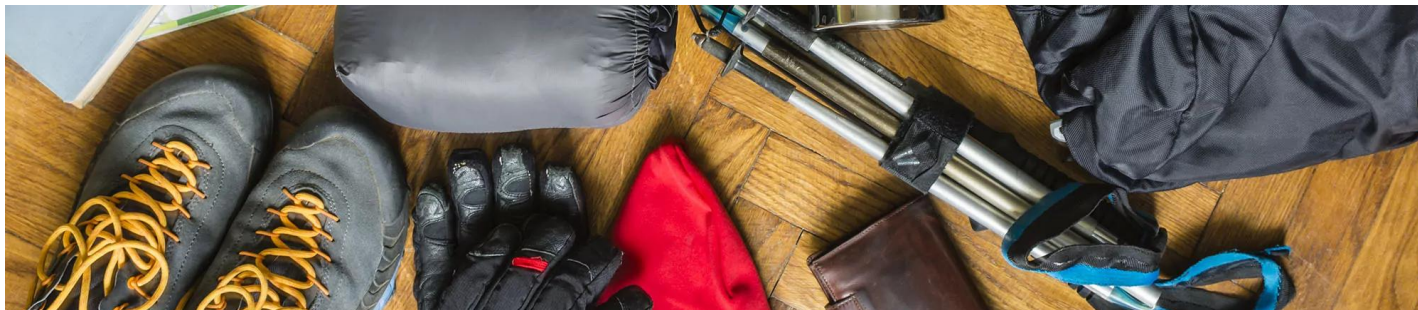
Day 5

- Hiking Mileage: 5.4 miles
- Elevation Change: 200 feet
- Shuttle: 2.5-hour drive

Our final day's hike takes us through classic Yellowstone meadows and lodgepole pine forests to Fairy Falls, a 200-foot waterfall plunging off a pine-studded cliff. After we soak up the sights and sounds of Fairy Falls, we will end our tour with a stop at the Grand Prismatic overlook. The Grand Prismatic is the largest hot spring in the United States and one of the most iconic features in the park. It's a great way to close out our Yellowstone adventure. We will conclude our trip with a shuttle back to Jackson Hole and fond farewells. What a week it's been!

Please Note: We always do everything in our power to follow the set itinerary, however it can change occasionally based on temporary access restrictions, weather, lodging/campground availability, guest ability/injury, natural events like fires and flooding, and other potential causes. Normal [terms and conditions](#) apply to trips with itinerary changes.

PACKING LISTS



IMPORTANCE OF BEING PREPARED

Your safety and enjoyment will depend on your level of preparedness. It is your responsibility to arrive with the items listed below. Our [Gear Guide](#) is a resource to find more information about these items and links to online options. If you have additional questions about what to pack, please ask your guide during the pre-trip contact (~10 days prior to the trip start date) or call our Adventure Consultants 7 days a week at 928-223-HIKE (4453).

STANDARD CLOTHING CHECKLIST

The following items are required for your trip unless otherwise noted. When packing, think layered clothing systems that work together and can be easily added or removed.

(GG) = Gear Guide: see for more info and links to product options

Hiking Boots/Shoes — mid-weight, lug-soled, waterproof, and ideally well broken in ([Boots GG](#) — [Shoes GG](#))

(Note: buy your boots/shoes 1/2 size to 1 size larger than your street shoes to allow for feet swelling and thicker socks)

Secondary Footwear — supportive, lightweight, well-drained shoe or sport sandal for creek crossings and/or for comfort ([GG](#))

Hiking Socks — one pair for every day or two days of your trip. Hiking specific padded socks, no cotton please! ([Socks GG](#))

(Note: wearing thin liner socks under your hiking socks can help prevent blisters)

- Sun Hat — wide brimmed hat or baseball cap/bandana combo ([GG](#))
- Warm Hat & Gloves — lightweight beanie and light-to-mid weight fleece or wool gloves ([GG](#))
- Hiking Shirts — non-cotton, breathable short sleeve and/or long sleeve shirts ([GG](#))
(Note: long sleeve shirts provide better sun protection)
- Warm Top — mid-weight sweater or pullover of wicking material — merino wool, fleece or

polypropylene (Mid Layers GG)

- Mid Layer Insulating Jacket — down-fill or synthetic-fill insulated “puffy” jacket or warm, heavy weight fleece jacket (Mid Layers GG)
- Hiking Pants & Shorts — nylon pants AND shorts, zip-offs or leggings (GG)
- Rain Gear — waterproof jacket and pants, breathable fabric such as Gore-Tex® or coated nylon. For the pants look for side zippers that will allow you to pull them over your boots. (Rain Jackets GG — Rain Pants GG)
- Mosquito headnet — recommended for June/July, usually when there is a significant amount of mosquitos and bugs in the area. Aug/Sept may be needed but will be weather dependent.

Casual Clothing & Footwear — comfortable clothes and shoes for evenings off the trail

Personal Luggage — small duffel bag, suitcase or backpack — for extra hiking clothes and casual clothes

Important Note: Please, no cotton hiking clothes and please feel free to call us if you have any questions or you can reference the [Gear Guide](#).

GEAR CHECKLIST

- Hydration System — 2+ liters capacity, either water bottles or bladder/hose system and an additional water bottle (GG)
(Note: We recommend always having a bottle with 1 liter of capacity as a back-up in case of a hydration system failure and to use while in camp)
- Headlamp — preferably with an L.E.D. bulb that works with AA or AAA batteries (Headlamps GG)
(Note: always test your headlamp before trips, travel/pack without batteries in device, and for longer trips (4+ days) consider a spare bulb and 1 set of spare batteries)
- Contact Lenses and Glasses — if you wear contact lenses, please also bring a pair of glasses — your contacts are likely to become dirty and may be difficult to clean
- Sunglasses, Sunscreen, Lip Balm
- Bug Repellent — preferably a product containing at least 25% “DEET”
(Note: some people are sensitive to this product)
- Toiletries
- Prescription Medication — please inform your trip leader of any medications you are taking
2-3 Face Masks; 1-2 Over-the-counter Rapid Antigen COVID-19 Tests
- Money — for any shopping you would like to do and for consideration of tipping your guide
(Note: tipping is optional but appreciated, industry recommendation is 10-20% of your trip cost based upon the quality of your experience)

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Personal Trekking Poles — as a Wildland guest, you can enjoy a 20% discount off Leki trekking poles (reservation number required.) [Click here](#) for discount. Trekking poles are provided for guests who do not bring their own. ([Trekking Poles GG](#))

Swimsuit

Support Braces — consider bringing any joint braces that may be currently needed or from past injuries (i.e. knee, ankle, elbow, etc...)

Vitamins & Supplements

RENDEZVOUS, TRANSPORTATION & LODGING



VIRTUAL PRE-TRIP ORIENTATION

Your pre-trip orientation meeting will be done virtually on a conference call with your guide and the other guests at 5:00 PM the evening before your trip starts. Your guide will go through the packing list, communicate the first day's logistics, and answer any last minute questions you have. Your guide will give you the phone number for this meeting approximately 10 days before the trip start date.

PICK UP IN JACKSON HOLE, WY

Early on the morning of Day 1 your guide will pick you up from your accommodations in Jackson Hole, Wyoming; Driggs, Idaho; or Victor, Idaho. Your guide will coordinate the time of pick up during the pre-trip orientation conference call.

TRIP CONCLUSION

This trip will conclude at approximately 7:00 PM on the last day.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES

Travel to and from the trip starting point is not included in the cost of our trips. Please plan on arriving the day before the trip leaves and departing the day after getting back from the field.

GATEWAY CITIES

Jackson Hole, WY

Jackson Hole has an airport served by United, Delta, and American Airlines. A [Black Car Service](#) provides private transportation from the Jackson Airport. Advance reservations are recommended. Uber and Lyft are also options. If you're staying in Victor or Driggs, you can [catch a bus](#) or use Lyft/Uber.

Idaho Falls, ID

Idaho Falls is home to a regional airport serviced by United Airlines, Allegiant Air and others. Flights tend to be less expensive than Jackson Hole. [Salt Lake Express](#) (800-356-9796 or 208-656-8824) offers a daily shuttle from Idaho Falls to Jackson Hole. Other options are a rental car, Uber or Lyft. A great option is to fly into Idaho Falls, rent a vehicle, and stay in Victor or Driggs, ID, where lodging is less expensive and your guide can pick you up the first morning.

Salt Lake City, UT

One can also fly into Salt Lake City and drive to Jackson Hole. It is a 4.5-hour drive from Salt Lake City to Jackson Hole on good roads. [Salt Lake Express](#) (800-356-9796 or 208-656-8824) and [Mountain States Express](#) (307-733-4629) offer daily vans from Salt Lake City to Jackson Hole. Advance reservations required.

TRANSPORTATION TO & FROM THE TRAILHEAD

We will pick you up at your hotel in Jackson Hole, Driggs or Victor early on the first day of the trip, and provide transportation back to your hotel on the last day of the trip..

STORAGE OF PERSONAL ITEMS & VEHICLES

The most secure option for your luggage will be to store it with the hotel you'll be using before and after the trip if they allow it. The best option for your vehicle is long term parking at the Jackson Hole Airport which is \$12/night. If you run into problems with where to store luggage or vehicles, please let us know.

PRE & POST-TRIP ON REQUEST LODGING

We secure limited amounts of pre and post trip lodging in Jackson, Wyoming as an optional add-on for guests of this trip. This lodging is on request, and is available on a first come, first serve basis. If interested, please [reach out directly](#) to our team to check availability.

PRE & POST-TRIP RECOMMENDED LODGING

Pre and post-trip lodging is your responsibility. We recommend the below-listed accommodations. Staying in downtown Jackson is an enjoyable experience with fine dining and a diversity of great food, shopping, a nightly town square “shootout” (a mock shootout by actors in western costume), a rodeo at least two nights a week, and fresh mountain air. Make your reservations early as Jackson is a tourist community and rooms book early.

Victor, ID and Driggs, ID offer a more affordable (and often more available), rural, small-town guest experience below the majesty of the Grand Teton.

JACKSON HOLE

Mountain Modern Inn (Recommended*)

** This is also the location of the pre/post trip on request lodging*

[Website](#) / Phone: 307-733-4340

49er Quality Inn and Suites

[Website](#) / Phone: 307-733-7550

Antler Inn

[Website](#) / Phone: 307-733-2535

Elk Country Inn

[Website](#) / Phone: 307-733-2364

Wyoming Inn of Jackson Hole

[Website](#) / Phone: 307-734-0035

The Lexington at Jackson Hole

[Website](#) / Phone: 307-733-2648

Super 8 by Wyndham Jackson Hole

[Website](#) / Phone: 307-733-6833

The Cache House (Hostel)

[Website](#) / Phone: 307-733-3668

VICTOR, ID

Fin and Feather Inn

(Does not allow long term parking)

[Website](#) / Phone: 208-787-1007

Teton Valley Motel

[Website](#) / Phone: 208-787-6666

DRIGGS, ID

Teton West Motel

[Website](#) / Phone: 208-354-2363

Super 8 by Wyndham Driggs

[Website](#) / Phone: 208-953-1919

TRIP INSURANCE

We strongly recommend purchasing trip insurance. We designed our terms and conditions with trip insurance in mind. When you register for a trip, your spot is no longer available to other guests. Therefore, if you discover inside of 30 days (prior to your trip departure date) that you are unable to travel, no refund is available. With trip insurance, not only is your payment to Wildland covered, but your flights, hotels and other travel costs can also be insured.

Read more about our [trip insurance recommendations](#).

CHECK THE WEATHER FORECAST FOR YOUR TRIP

We recommend using NOAA's website (www.weather.gov) for the most accurate 5-day weather forecasts. [Click here](#) to see a forecast for Yellowstone National Park.



PACK WEIGHT AND CONTENTS

You will be hiking with a light day pack that we provide. You're also welcome to bring your own. The contents will be what you need for the day — rain gear, an extra layer or two, snacks, water, sunscreen...etc.

ESTIMATED PACK WEIGHT: 8-12 POUNDS

ESSENTIAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Essential Eligibility Criteria (“EEC”) have been specifically identified to help you understand the skills and abilities necessary to participate on each Wildland trip, and they apply uniformly to all potential trip participants, irrespective of the presence or absence of any disability.

Once you identify a trip in which you may be interested, please carefully review the **EEC** and itinerary details. If after reviewing the EEC that apply to your desired trip, you determine you need an accommodation in order to meet the EEC, please **contact us** prior to registering to discuss your requested accommodation.

The EEC exist for your own safety and the safety and enjoyment of all participants. If you are unable to meet the EEC for the trip, with or without an accommodation, you are not eligible for that trip. If you register and arrive for a trip for which you do not meet the EEC, you will be disqualified from participation on the trip and will be dismissed or evacuated from the trip without a refund.

TRAINING TIPS



The better shape you're in the more fun you'll have! We recommend very strongly that you train for your trip.

TRAINING BY HIKING

If you have access to hiking trails in hilly or mountainous terrain, this is the ideal way to train. If not, we recommend using the Stairmaster machine (with rotating stairs like an escalator) or actually training on stairs. Nothing prepares you for a trip better than the activity itself!

Train at least 3 days a week. Start with short hikes or workouts (1-hour in length) with a light daypack. From week to week build the length and intensity of your hikes/workouts and gradually increase your pack weight until you're comfortably able to hike 6-8 hours a day carrying the weight you'll have on your trip. It's best to begin your training regimen at least 12 weeks prior to your trip. Also be sure to use the boots you'll have on your trip to break them in.

Following is how a program may look:

First Week	Work Up To
Tuesday: 1-hour hike/workout with daypack	Monday: 2-3 hour hike/workout with daypack
Thursday: 1-hour hike/workout with daypack	Wednesday: 2-3 hour hike/workout with daypack
Sunday: 2-hour hike/workout with daypack	Thursday: 2-3-hour hike/workout with daypack
	Sunday: 7-hour hike with the weight you'll have on your trip

SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING IDEAS

There are many other activities that are easily incorporated into your daily life to build your overall fitness. Cross training is important to strengthen opposing muscle groups and it helps to avoid over-use injuries. Supplemental training ideas include:

- Bike to work or when running errands.
- Gym activities including step aerobics, treadmill, bicycling, or elliptical trainers to name a few. A modest weight training program focusing on the muscles that support the ankles, knees, back, and shoulders is also beneficial.
- Swimming is a great way to build endurance and cardiovascular fitness and is easy on the joints.
- Walk to work instead of driving. Run your errands by walking and carry your groceries home in a backpack.
- Yoga and/or Pilates classes can build strength throughout your body while also improving your flexibility.
- Intramural sports
- Jogging is another option, however if you are not a regular runner it can easily lead to injuries that backpacking may then exacerbate. Undertake a jogging routine with care.

FLEXIBILITY AND HYDRATION

Flexibility is an important part of training. Remember to stretch before and after your workouts. For the two weeks leading up to your trip cut your workouts in half to avoid arriving fatigued. Also for a 72-hour period before your trip commences, ensure that you are consuming sufficient amounts of sodium and fluids. Doctors agree that hikers increase the likelihood of experiencing problems if they are sodium depleted (e.g., follow a low sodium diet) or are dehydrated (due to travel or using diuretics such as coffee or alcohol).

Important note: Always consult with your physician before commencing with a workout program.

GROUP TRAVEL



If you're joining one of our scheduled trekking tours you'll be hiking with fellow outdoor enthusiasts. Please

carefully examine the trip materials and difficulty level prior to registering to select a trip that matches your ability level. If you need assistance selecting the right trip we are more than happy to help.

We make every effort to accurately set expectations and effectively screen guests, however it is inevitable on some trips there will be a discrepancy in fitness levels. Consider that the trip may be a once in a lifetime opportunity for your fellow travelers and it is important to respect each guest's individual condition, needs and desires.

Finally, guided groups are required by land management agencies to stay together on the trail. Hiking together can require patience and flexibility. If hiking at a very specific pace is extremely important to you, you may want to consider booking a private trip.



TIPPING YOUR GUIDE

Tipping your guide is greatly appreciated! Wildland guides, and outdoor/backcountry guides in general, do much more than lead guests down the trail. Although supported by amazing in-town staff, they often work independently in the field due to permit and logistical constraints. The guide is responsible for the group's safety, menu planning (including dietary restrictions), cooking for the group, prepping and taking care of the gear, handling livestock (on stock-supported trips), driving, complying with government regulations, ensuring guest satisfaction, and generally making sure the tour runs smoothly. They wear many hats and are extraordinary at what they do!

The industry standard tip amount for hiking and backpacking guides is between 10% and 20% of the tour cost per person, depending on your level of satisfaction. If you have any questions about tipping, feel free to call us 7 days a week at 800-715-HIKE (4453)!



GUIDE SHIFTS

Guides are required to take 8 hours off each 24-hour period to sleep, recuperate, take personal/down time...etc. In addition, as part of the 8 hours off they must sleep/rest or be in their tents/rooms uninterrupted for a minimum of 5 hours each night. We ask guests to respect these requirements and to not interrupt guides' off time and sleep time unless there is a true emergency.



Thank You! The Wildland Trekking Company is dedicated to delivering an exceptional travel experience that exceeds your every expectation. We believe travel and adventure are two of life's great joys and take seriously our role in helping you create a trip of lasting memories. In addition to our role as your travel partner and outfitter we are dedicated to the promotion of stewardship and conservation in the regions we visit. One of our commitments is to use Wildland as a tool toward long-term sustainability of the Earth's environment and its communities. If there is anything we can do to further inform or help you prepare for your upcoming adventure please do not hesitate to contact us. Thanks for the opportunity to serve you and we look forward to seeing you soon!



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Feel free to call us for more info — we're here 7 days a week!
