



# Yellowstone National Park



This story takes place in Yellowstone National Park, in Wyoming (USA). The park first opened on March 1, 1872 and it is the oldest national park in the world. Thousands of visitors go to Yellowstone every year, and summer is the busiest season. It is a big, beautiful park, with high mountains, forests, rivers, lakes and sixty different kinds of animals. Some of these animals are in danger of extinction,<sup>1</sup> but they are safe in the park. Here they can start families and avoid the danger of extinction. Forest rangers live in the park all year and they have a very important job. They look after the animals, trees and plants, and help the visitors.

1. **Extinction** : when a kind of animal does not exist anymore.



Lower Fall of Yellowstone River.



Old Faithful geyser.

When a visitor does not know much about camping and exploring the mountains, rivers and forests, the forest ranger gives him/her useful information. There are eight visitor centers, where people can get maps of the park and its trails, a calendar of events and even the weather report for the day. There are also twelve big campsites and a lot of hotels. There are a lot of fun things to do and see in the park, such as taking a boat ride on the lake, riding a horse, climbing the mountains, birdwatching and camping.

Yellowstone is famous for its geysers, <sup>2</sup> there are more than 300 in the park! Old Faithful is perhaps the most famous geyser in the world because it sends hot

2. Geyser : very hot water that comes up from the earth.





A road crossing the park.

water into the air regularly about every 90 minutes. And it is never late! Visitors like taking pictures of Old Faithful. Other important geysers in the park are Grand Geyser, Grotto Geyser, Riverside Geyser and Lion Geyser Group.

There are also some beautiful waterfalls<sup>3</sup> in the park, such as Firehole Falls, Tower Falls and Gibbon Falls.



An elk.

## 1 COMPREHENSION CHECK

Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false ones.

- |  | T                        | F                        |
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| 1 Yellowstone is the biggest national park in the world.     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 A lot of people visit the park in the summer.              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 There are sixty different kinds of animals in Yellowstone. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Forest rangers work in the park during the summer months.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 A geyser is a small river with very hot water.             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Old Faithful is not the only geyser in Yellowstone.        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. Waterfall :

