



20TH ANNUAL
**President's Council
Wildlife Conservation
Workshop**
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK
August 4-8, 2011



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Join us for an insider's look at Yellowstone National Park, "the Serengeti of North America."

Far from tourists and traffic, amid the stunning scenery of Yellowstone's remote Lamar Valley, Defenders' 20th Annual Wildlife Conservation Workshop will provide you with an unforgettable experience of the park and its exceptional scenery and wildlife.

The workshop is designed to be educational and hands-on. While each day has a similar structure, the focus shifts to give you a complete overview of the Yellowstone ecosystem. You'll learn more about Defenders' programs and our work in the Northern Rockies through briefings and field trips with scientists and conservation experts. You'll also have plenty of opportunities for wildlife-viewing and hiking.* Last year's wildlife highlights included sightings of grizzlies, mule deer, mountain goats and wolves from the new Lamar Canyon pack.



2010 President's Council Yellowstone workshop participants.

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* Participants should be able to walk at least two miles over uneven terrain at altitudes ranging from 5,200 to 11,300 feet.

TRIP LEADERS

Jamie Rappaport Clark, Defenders' Executive Vice President, biologist and former director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will lead the trip and share her extensive knowledge of endangered species recovery.

Jim Clark, a professional wildlife photographer and husband of Jamie Clark, will share tips and strategies for wildlife and landscape photography throughout the trip.

Nathan Varley Ph.D., a naturalist, writer and park guide who grew up in the park, and biologist **Linda Thurston**, also a veteran park guide, will lead the wildlife viewing trips and hikes. Both have been deeply involved in Yellowstone gray wolf recovery and will share the wealth of information they have accumulated not only on wolves but also on grizzlies and other park wildlife and their intimate knowledge of Yellowstone's complex and fascinating ecology.

WORKSHOP AGENDA (subject to change)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

Defenders' staff members greet workshop participants at Bozeman airport with lunch and transportation to the Yellowstone Association Institute's Buffalo Ranch. The ranch is located in the heart of the Lamar Valley in the northeastern corner of the park, where wolves, bison, elk and grizzlies roam. Our workshop commences with a welcome dinner and orientation.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

We depart at 6 a.m. for the first of many wildlife viewing opportunities, returning to the ranch later in the morning to hear from wolf reintroduction expert Doug Smith, leader of the Yellowstone Gray Wolf Restoration Project, to learn about the wolves in the park and the changes in park ecosystem dynamics since wolves returned. Following lunch, we hike up to the historic Rose Creek wolf acclimation pen where we learn more about the events related to the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone. After dinner, participants can either relax at the ranch or take a special nature photography workshop with Jim Clark.

LODGING AND MEALS

Participants stay in the Buffalo Ranch's comfortable, twin-bed cabins. The ranch can accommodate families of four, although we do not recommend this workshop for children under 10. Bathroom facilities, private showers and dressing areas are in the restroom building steps away from the cabins. Meals are in the Yellowstone Association Institute's heated ranch house overlooking the Lamar Valley.



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WHAT TO BRING

Participants will receive a list of clothing and equipment recommended for the trip. Temperatures in the Lamar Valley typically range from the low 40s in the early morning to the mid 70s in the afternoon. Unpredictable mountain weather prevails in the high country and workshop outings take place rain or shine. We encourage participants to be prepared for everything from hot sun to cold, wind, rain and even snow. Regardless of the weather or our itinerary, attire is casual. Participants must also bring their own pillows, sleeping bags (or sheets and blankets), toiletries and towels.

COST AND CANCELLATION POLICY

The cost of the trip is \$1,500 per person. This includes three full workshop days with various experts, guided field trips, lodging, meals, use of Yellowstone Association Institute spotting scopes and other equipment, and round-trip ground transportation between Bozeman airport and Yellowstone. A deposit of \$750 is due on registration. The balance is due in full by June 30. For cancellations made at least 30 days before the trip, we will refund half of the registration fee (\$750). If we can find someone to fill the spot, we will refund the full registration fee. **Defenders requires a minimum of 10 participants and must reserve the right to cancel if that number is not met.**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

We start our day with more early morning wildlife viewing. Back at the ranch, we hear from Defenders' Northern Rockies staff about our work to promote coexistence between wolves and livestock in the region. After lunch, we hike along Specimen Ridge. Later in the day, participants can take an optional field trip to an abandoned wolf den.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

After a final morning of wildlife viewing, we convene for a review of Defenders' plans to advance wildlife conservation in Washington and a general update on Defenders' current work from Jamie Clark. Later in the afternoon, we split into groups for either a moderate or more rigorous hike, and then come together for a closing dinner and discussion.

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

After breakfast, we depart Yellowstone for the Bozeman airport.

Reserve Your Spot Today

Defenders' Yellowstone Wildlife Conservation
Workshop requires a minimum of 10
participants (maximum is 15).

To reserve your spot, please call or e-mail:

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