

Yellowstone in Winter: A Photographic Journey
With Professor Linda Rossi & Alumni Expert Bill Edwards '56
February 18-21, 2011

Logistics

This adventure starts on Friday, February 18, at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel. In the afternoon, travelers may visit the nearby Albright Visitor Center & Museum with alumni expert Bill Edwards '56. Another option will be visiting the Mammoth Hot Spring Terraces. At 6:00 p.m., the group will gather for a welcome dinner. On Saturday, the group will travel via snowcoach to Snow Lodge, where it will spend the next two days. On Monday, February 21, the group will return to Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, and the adventure will end with a farewell dinner.

Transportation to and from Yellowstone:

Most of the travelers will want to fly into Bozeman, the closest airport to Yellowstone's North Entrance, the only entrance open in the winter. Although Karst Stages runs a shuttle service between Bozeman and Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, service is very limited. The one shuttle leaves the airport sometime between 12:30 and 3:00 p.m., depending on the reservations. The trip takes 2.5 hours and costs from \$99.75 - \$309.00 per person, round trip. (The amount depends on the number of travelers.) The price does not include tip or park entrance fee (\$12.00). Their numbers are 1-800-297-4759 and 406-388-2293. For increased flexibility, it might be better to rent a car at the airport. These run from \$30-70/day, depending on type of vehicle. You may reserve a car at http://www.airport-carrentals.com/cities/bozeman_mt_us_bzn/. If you would like to share a car with other travelers, please provide us with your travel itineraries.

Camera Equipment: Linda has prepared an equipment list and suggestions.

Clothing:

Layers, layers, layers! It would be good to have three to four layers for your upper and lower body: long underwear, a light-weight fleece or wool layer, a heavier fleece or wool layer, and an outer windproof layer. (Depending on the weight of your outer layer, one of the fleece/wool layers might not be necessary. I always like to have too many, rather than two few layers, however.) Cotton is not advised – it is a poor insulator, particularly when wet. Bring thick wool socks and winter or hiking boots that are heavy enough for wearing with snowshoes

Hats & sunglasses (from Yellowstone website): Since you lose more heat through your head than any other part of your body, wear a face mask-style stocking cap or parka hood when you need maximum protection. Dark sunglasses are a must for sunny days. High altitude sunlight reflected from snow is much more intense than at lower elevations; snow-blindness may occur if sunglasses are not worn. Apply sunscreen lotion to exposed skin to avoid sunburn. For more information, see http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/winter_equip.htm

Gloves (from Linda's equipment letter) - You must have warm gloves and then a pair of mittens you can wear over them. Scott Company makes cross-country ski gloves that are good. They have moderate insulation, typically thinsulate, they have supple, leather palms and fingers and they're easy for working camera controls. The down side is that they often are not warm enough so bring a thicker pair as well.

Fingerless gloves are not recommended for Yellowstone- just too cold to operate equipment. You will need to have your fingers covered.