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# YELLOWSTONE

## WILDLIFE ECOLOGY

EXPLORE THE ECOSYSTEM | SURVEY WILDLIFE | RAFT THE YELLOWSTONE RIVER



### THE WORLD'S FIRST NATIONAL PARK

Upon entering the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE), you'll immediately appreciate the inspiration it provided for our national parks. The region's exceptional high-altitude plateau, characterized by its stunning scenery, diverse wildlife, and captivating thermal features, makes it an incomparable ecosystem.



### YOUR FIELD WORK

By collaborating with the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service, EPI offers the opportunity to participate in ongoing research initiatives. You'll engage in habitat restoration, bison grazing studies, visitor use behavior, and amphibian surveys, working alongside park scientists and EPI instructors in and around Yellowstone National Park.



### EXPLORING THE ECOSYSTEM

The GYE is perfect for immersing yourself in nature, surrounded by wildlife, mountains, and rivers. During your field research and service projects, you'll have the opportunity to witness the renowned Lamar Valley wolf packs and stunning thermal features of the Park. On your final day, you'll enjoy a celebratory rafting trip down the Yellowstone River.





# YELLOWSTONE WILDLIFE ECOLOGY SAMPLE ITINERARY

## DAY 1: ARRIVE IN BOZEMAN, MONTANA

- Familiarize yourself with your instructor team
- Establish your campsite on the border of Yellowstone National Park

## DAYS 2-6: TRACK WILDLIFE & COLLECT DATA

- Enhance wildlife habitat and migration by removing fencing and invasive plants
- Gather data for Yellowstone National Park's bison team
- Monitor amphibians in the Custer-Gallatin National Forest
- Acquire skills in Leave No Trace camping techniques

## DAY 7: EXPLORE GEOTHERMAL FEATURES & OBSERVE WOLVES

- Join a park wolf education specialist and observe wolves in the Lamar Valley
- Explore Yellowstone's geysers, mudpots, colored pools, and other geothermal features
- Hike the Park's scenic trails while collecting valuable data

## DAY 8: RAFT THE YELLOWSTONE & CELEBRATE YOUR EFFORTS

- Experience the exhilaration of navigating the rapids on one of the West's legendary rivers
- Commemorate the completion of your course and the effort you've invested with a celebratory event

## DAY 9: DEPART YELLOWSTONE

Length	Research & Service Hours	Coursework Hours	Focus
9 Days	20	30	conservation biology, wildlands management, scientific process



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