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"I love you like a fat kid loves cake!"

— Scott Adams

Yellowstone Rangers Answer Visitors' Most Popular Questions

Yellowstone National Park rangers love answering questions from visitors. Summer brings many curious travelers to the park's amazing thermal areas.

The most asked question might surprise you. It's "Where is the bathroom?" Rangers hear this question more than any other across the entire park.

After that, people want to know about the hot water temperatures. The heat changes a lot between different areas. All geysers have boiling water. But hot springs can be much cooler.

Norris Geyser Basin is the hottest spot in the whole park. Scientists found temperatures of 459 degrees deep underground! That's much hotter than boiling water.

Mammoth Hot Springs stays cooler because the water travels farther before reaching the surface. Rangers enjoy sharing these fun facts with curious visitors every day.

Scientists Work to Save Beautiful Ocean Reefs

Beautiful coral reefs grow in warm ocean waters around America. These underwater gardens are home to colorful fish and sea life. You can find them in Florida, Hawaii, and the Caribbean.

Coral reefs help people in many wonderful ways. They protect our shores from big waves during storms. Millions of visitors come to see these amazing underwater worlds. Many people have jobs helping tourists enjoy the reefs.

Like gardens on land, coral reefs need care to stay healthy. Ocean water that gets too warm can hurt the coral. Pollution from land can also cause problems for sea life.

Scientists have a new plan to help coral reefs stay strong. They will watch the reefs closely and help them grow back when needed. Many groups are working together on this important project.

The goal is to keep these ocean treasures healthy for years to come. Future generations will be able to enjoy swimming near colorful coral reefs. This plan will help protect sea life and the beautiful underwater world.

NASA Opens Competition for Space Laboratory Management

NASA has exciting news about one of its most important research centers. The Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California does amazing work exploring space.

The laboratory has been managed by the same university since the 1930s. Now NASA wants to see if other groups might bring fresh ideas to help run this special place.

The laboratory has created some of NASA's greatest discoveries. It builds spacecraft that travel to distant planets. It also develops new technology that helps us learn about the universe.

NASA believes competition might lead to even better results. Different management teams could bring new ways of thinking. This could help the laboratory work faster and discover more exciting things about space.

The space industry has grown a lot in recent years. Many new companies now work on space projects. NASA wants to make sure it uses the best possible methods to explore the cosmos and make new discoveries.

Animals & Wildlife

Amazing Ocean Animals Making a Comeback

Great news from the ocean! Many sea animals that were in trouble are now doing much better.

Right whales had their best baby season in many years. These giant ocean mammals had 23 new babies this year. That's the most babies born since 2009! Scientists saw about 500 whales swimming in warm southern waters where they have their babies. This shows the whale families are getting healthier.

Sea turtles around the world are also doing much better. For many years, these gentle creatures were in danger. But now their numbers are growing again. Scientists are protecting the beaches where turtles lay their eggs. One scientist says sea turtles are very strong animals. When people help them, they do very well.

Hawaiian monk seals are safer too. These special seals live only in Hawaii. They used to get tangled in old fishing nets and plastic trash in the water. People worked hard to clean up the ocean around Hawaii. Now 70 percent fewer seals get caught in trash.

Even salmon fish are swimming back to their home rivers in bigger numbers. All these ocean animals show that when people work together to help, amazing things can happen!

Forest Service Helps Rural Schools and Communities

The Forest Service is sending \$248 million to help rural communities across America. This money will go to areas near national forests.

The funds will help local schools get what they need. They will also fix roads and bridges in small towns. Some money will help communities prepare for wildfires too.

Forest Service Chief Tom Schultz says this shows how much they care about rural areas. The money helps build important things like schools and roads. It also helps keep forests healthy and communities safe.

This program has been helping people for over 100 years. It started in 1908 when the government decided to share money from forests. The money comes from timber sales and other forest activities.

Over the past ten years, the Forest Service has given \$2.4 billion to help rural communities. This steady support helps small towns provide good schools and safe roads for families.

Activity Time - Word Search

Find the words below in the puzzle. Words go across or down only.

Words to Find:

SPRINGS

RANGERS

PLANET

GEYSER

SPACE

OCEAN

MONEY

