



Winter Wildlife Ecology Program







Highlights

- Experience Yellowstone's geothermal wonders cloaked in snow
- Track Yellowstone's wildlife on snowshoes
- Soak in a geothermally heated river surrounded by a snowy landscape

Stunning Vistas: As soon as you enter the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, you'll understand why it inspired our national parks. The landscape's singular beauty, abundance of wildlife, and fascinating thermal features combine to make this high-altitude plateau a distinctive and extraordinary ecosystem. Experiencing Yellowstone in the winter is a unique treat—there is a solitude and beauty in winter in Yellowstone that you can't find during the crowded, busy summer months.

Your Field Work: You'll spend a day with Rick McIntyre observing Yellowstone's wild wolves, learning the story of wolf reintroduction, and exploring how one species can significantly impact an entire ecosystem's functioning.

Once-in-a-lifetime Experience: You'll spend a week in the small, western town of Gardiner, Montana on the north edge of Yellowstone National Park, home of the famous Roosevelt Arch entrance to the park. Each day you'll get out into Yellowstone's snowy landscape to snowshoe, observe wildlife, explore geothermal features, or collect data about wildlife movements. On our last day together, we'll celebrate by plugging into a geothermally heated river in Yellowstone National Park to enjoy the hot waters while looking out over a sparkling, snowy landscape.







Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1: Arrive in Bozeman, Montana

- · Get to know your instructor team
- Head south to Gardiner, MT—the gateway to Yellowstone National Park
- Settle into the lodge that will be your home for the next week

Days 2-4: Wildlife Tracking & Watching in Yellowstone

- · Learn to snowshoe
- · Wolf watch in the amazing Lamar Valley with a wolf education specialist from Yellowstone
- Learn to identify species and their activities based on tracks left in the snow

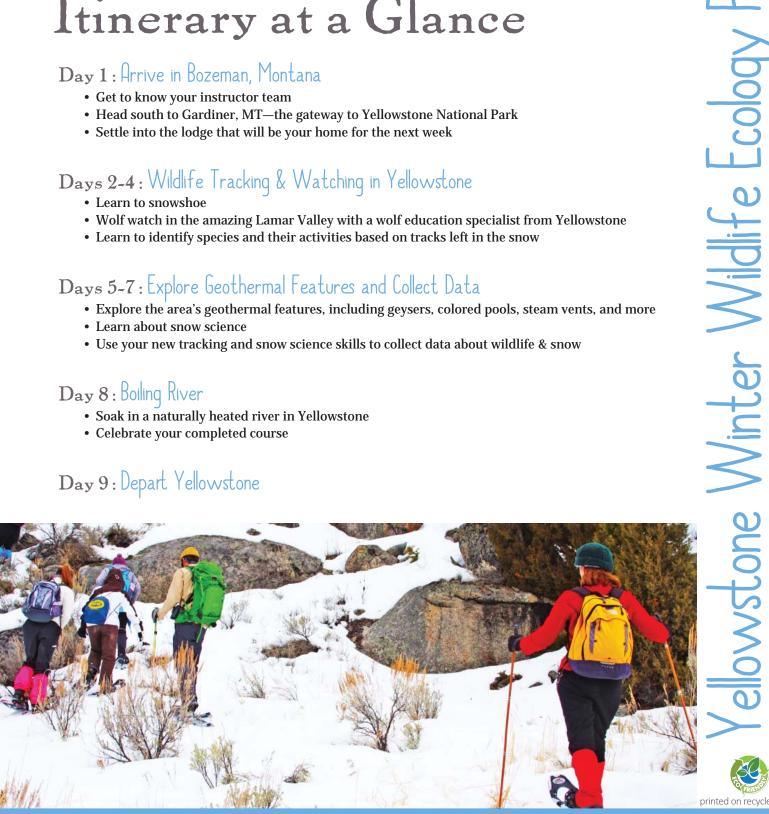
Days 5-7: Explore Geothermal Features and Collect Data

- Explore the area's geothermal features, including geysers, colored pools, steam vents, and more
- Learn about snow science
- · Use your new tracking and snow science skills to collect data about wildlife & snow

Day 8: Boiling River

- · Soak in a naturally heated river in Yellowstone
- Celebrate your completed course

Day 9: Depart Yellowstone





Itineraries may vary based on course dates, group size, etc. • Contact: info@ecologyproject.org