

PREMIUM EDITION

THE ULTIMATE GRAND TETON GUIDE 2026

No foothills. No gradual build-up. A wall of 13,000-foot granite peaks rising straight from the valley floor, ringed by glacial lakes and some of the best wildlife viewing in the Rockies.

"2026 Fact-Checked · Jenny Lake, Trail Closures, and Every Lake Loop Explained"

13,775FT

GRAND TETON SUMMIT

2.7B

YEARS OLD BEDROCK

1929

ESTABLISHED

230MI

OF TRAILS

JENNY LAKE

MOOSE + WILDLIFE

ALPINE LAKES

BEST HIKES

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Taggart Lake + Bradley Lake Loop

The best Jenny Lake alternative — comparable scenery, a fraction of the crowd

NO PERMIT REQUIRED

MODERATE

3–5.9 mi loop

DISTANCE

400–700 ft

ELEVATION

1.5–3 hrs

TIME

Late spring–fall

SEASON

TRAIL OVERVIEW

A loop through wildflower meadows and a glacial moraine to two lakes at the base of the peaks, delivering classic Teton scenery without Jenny Lake's crowds or boat-dock logistics. The combined Taggart-Bradley loop is longer and quieter than the Taggart Lake option alone.

TRAILHEAD + LOGISTICS

Taggart Lake Trailhead, off Teton Park Road south of Jenny Lake.

CROWD STRATEGY

Moderate, but genuinely far lighter than Jenny Lake at any given time of day.

PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS

Bradley Lake's moraine backdrop offers a different composition than Taggart's more open shoreline; morning is best for both, before wind picks up on the water.

LOCAL INSIDER TIP

This is also one of the better spots in the park for moose sightings in the early morning hours, particularly near the willows along the approach.

TRAIL TIPS + WARNINGS

None significant; a well-maintained, clearly signed loop suitable for most fitness levels.

PERMITS + ACCESS

Backcountry Camping, Boating + Climbing

Every day hike in this guide requires nothing beyond your entrance fee. Overnight backcountry camping, boating, and technical climbing overnight stays each have their own systems.

Activity	Permit?	How to Get It	Cost
All day hikes in this guide	NO	Standard park entry only	Free with entrance fee
Overnight backcountry camping	YES	Recreation.gov; reservable first Wednesday of January through May 15, first-come after that	Reservation + permit fees apply
Boating — motorized (Jenny + Jackson Lakes only)	YES	Park boating permit, purchased in person	\$40
Boating — non-motorized (most lakes + Snake River)	YES	Park boating permit, purchased in person	\$10
Mountaineering / technical climbing (day trip)	NO	No permit required for the climb itself	Free
Mountaineering with overnight bivouac	YES	Standard backcountry camping permit applies	Reservation + permit fees apply

CLIMBING THE GRAND TETON IS A TECHNICAL OBJECTIVE, NOT A HIKE

The summit of the Grand Teton (13,775 ft) requires real technical climbing — exposed rock, rope work, and route-finding — not simply a strenuous walk. Most first-time climbers use a guide service based in Jackson; no day-use permit is required for climbing itself, but an overnight approach requires the standard backcountry camping permit for wherever you plan to bivouac.

DAY-BY-DAY

The Perfect 3-Day Grand Teton Itinerary

This itinerary assumes a base in Jackson or an in-park lodge near Jenny Lake.

D1

Jenny Lake + Cascade Canyon

Region: **Jenny Lake** Arrive early — this area fills fast

MORNING

- Jenny Lake shuttle boat to Hidden Falls and Inspiration Point.
- Continue into Cascade Canyon as far as your time and legs allow, or turn back for a shorter day.

AFTERNOON/EVENING

- String Lake Loop as a relaxed, flatter add-on if you have energy left.
- Sunset at Schwabacher Landing or the Snake River Overlook.

D2

Taggart/Bradley Lakes + a High Alpine Choice

Region: **South Jenny Lake area** Pick Delta Lake or Amphitheater Lake

MORNING

- Taggart Lake + Bradley Lake Loop, timed for the best moose odds early.
- If you want a bigger day: head to Lupine Meadows Trailhead for either Delta Lake (unofficial trail, real route-finding) or Amphitheater Lake (maintained, equally dramatic).

EVENING

- Dinner at Dornan's in Moose, with a deck view of the range.

D3

Wildlife Loop + Signal Mountain

Region: **Moose-Wilson Road / Signal Mountain** Early start for wildlife

What's Inside

Built for people actually planning a trip to Grand Teton, not skimming a blog post. Here's everything you get.

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TRAIL PROFILES

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MAJOR 2026 TRAIL CLOSURE
COVERED

2026

FACT-CHECKED

TRIP-LEVEL PLANNING

- › The 2026 Death Canyon Trailhead closure and exactly how to still reach Phelps Lake this summer.
- › Which alpine lake trail is the official, maintained option and which is the unofficial, unsigned route — explained honestly so you can choose with your eyes open.
- › A complete 3-day itinerary built around Jenny Lake, Cascade Canyon, and the park's best wildlife roads.

FULL DEPTH, NOT A SUMMARY

- › **9 full trail profiles** — Jenny Lake, Cascade Canyon to Lake Solitude, Delta Lake, Amphitheater Lake, and more, each with logistics, crowd strategy, and insider notes.
- › Backcountry, boating, and climbing permit details, including what's actually required to attempt the Grand Teton summit.
- › Where to stay (Jenny Lake Lodge, Jackson, WY), dining, moose safety, a photography guide, and a "Combining Parks" section for Yellowstone.
- › An FAQ and one-page cheat sheet for a fast pre-visit refresher.

BUILT TO USE IN THE FIELD

Every page is designed to be read on your phone at the trailhead, with no cell signal required once it's downloaded.

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