

CONTINENTAL DIVIDE EXPEDITION

A Trek with The Wild Side, LLC

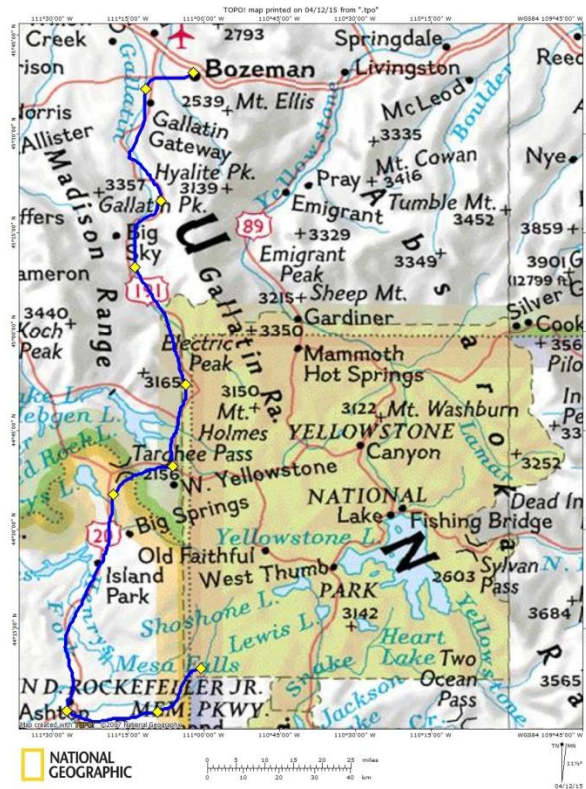


September 10-16, 2015

28.5 miles + optional side trips

The Bechler Region is the remote southwest corner of Yellowstone National Park where there are virtually no roads and only a vast network of trails.

Also, known as the Cascade Corner, the Bechler region is well-known for amazing waterfalls, lush forests and wet meadows. The route of this trek ascends through the vast meadow area of the Bechler River, up the river canyon past several major falls, to the three forks of the headwaters. Located at the headwaters are hot springs for soaking weary bones! A gentle climb leads up and over several crossings of the **Continental Divide** where sweeping views of the Madison Plateau greet travelers before descending down the Firehole River. The final leg takes us leisurely into the Old Faithful area, Yellowstone's top attraction, where we rest and relax at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge after 5 days on the trail.

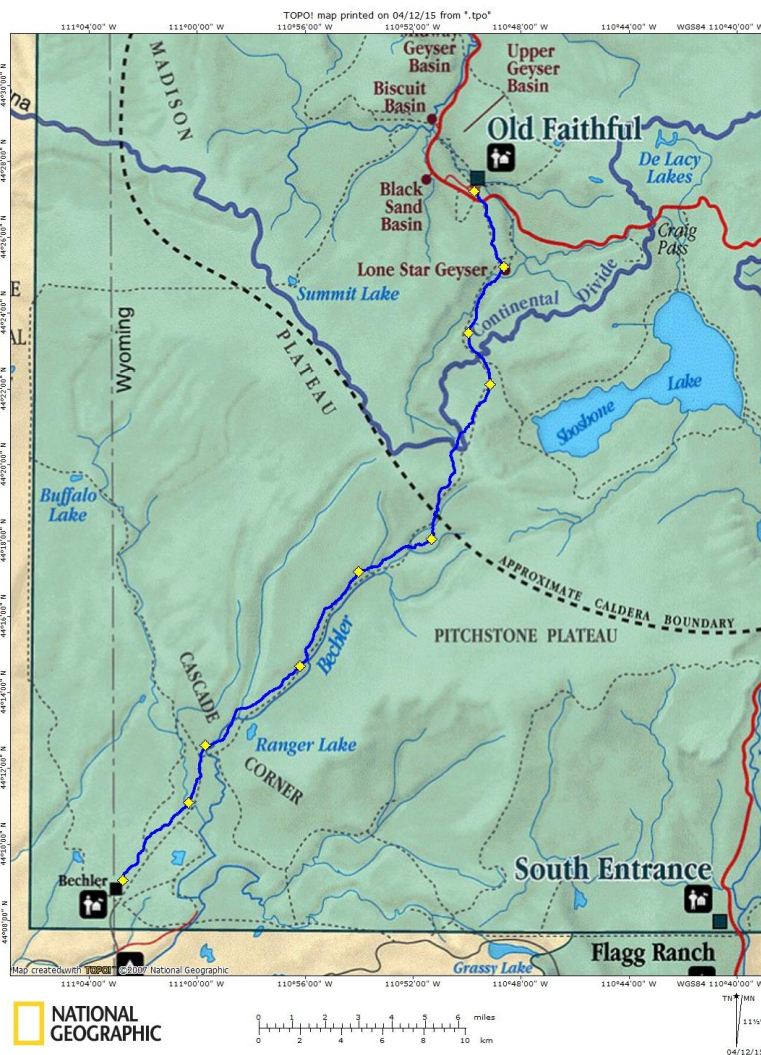


Schedule

September 10 Arrive to Bozeman, Montana, stay night at Best Western Grantree Inn (included), dinner on your own.

September 11 After breakfast (included), depart for

trailhead at Bechler Ranger Station, southwest Yellowstone National Park. Driving route takes us up the Gallatin Canyon to West Yellowstone, then over the continental divide into Idaho south



to Ashton. Picnic lunch served along the way. From Ashton we travel to Bechler Ranger Station where we check in with the rangers before hitting the trail. First leg of hiking is a modest 4 miles to the edge of Bechler Meadows. (3.5 miles)

September 12 Trek through the lovely Bechler

Meadows in the morning, watching for moose, elk, and a variety of birds.

The afternoon segment ascends the rugged Bechler River Canyon, past an assortment of amazing waterfalls to a campsite near Albright Falls.

Optional evening trip to soak at Mr. Bubbles, a natural hot springs on the Ferris Fork (10 miles + 3 miles)



September 13 After an optional morning return to Mr. Bubbles, ascend up past the 3 river confluence of the Bechler River to its headwaters. High elevation meadows on the Madison Plateau afford

views of the Pitchstone Plateau, Red Mountains, and Teton Range. Optional evening climb of Douglas Knob (5 miles + 1 mile)

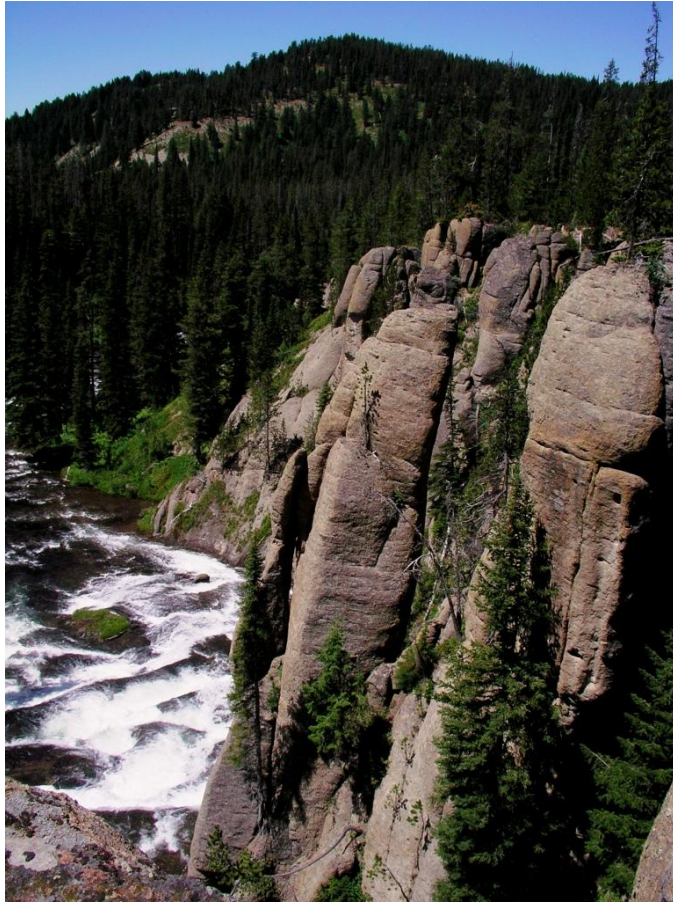
September 14 The route gradually climbs through forest and meadow crossing the Continental Divide twice before descending the upper Firehole River



valley. Our campsite sits near the Lone Star Geyser which has an eruption cycle of roughly 3 hours. (8.5 miles)

September 15 The remaining trail passes various hot spring areas as it gradually descends into the Old Faithful area

where we can check prediction times and possibly catch some world-class geyser eruptions. Arrival at



the Old Faithful Snow Lodge at the end of the trail comes with culture shock, a shower, a comfy night's stay, and dinner at the Obsidian Room (included). (4 miles + geyser basin walks)

September 16 After breakfast, depart for Bozeman via West Yellowstone and the Gallatin Canyon. We will be able to make flight times anytime before NOON in Bozeman. We can adjust the schedule based on afternoon flight times. (0 miles)

Price: \$1750/person

Includes all transportation, meals in the backcountry, some meals as noted outside the backcountry, lodging (2 nights), guiding, and national park fees.

Participants are expected to carry their own gear and a portion of group food. Staff will carry group gear, as well as, prepare and serve all meals in the wilderness.

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