



## Olivia's & Maxwell's Trip to Yellowstone National Park

Olivia and Maxwell hiked through the trails of Yellowstone National Park. Yellowstone encompasses more than 2 million acres and has over 900 miles of hiking trails across the wilderness areas.

Yellowstone is home to a large geyser called Old Faithful. Geothermal activity, such as geysers, are very common in Yellowstone. The colors of the geothermal areas come from the high levels of acid and the minerals dissolved in the area. The basin changes daily with seismic activity and water changes, so the geysers can change at any time.

Maxwell saw a grizzly bear feeding on fish from the river. Olivia saw a grey wolf running across a hilltop in Yellowstone. Grey wolves were restored to the Yellowstone basin area 1995. Yellowstone is also home to the largest concentration of mammals in the 48 contiguous states. Over 60 different kinds of mammals live in Yellowstone.

Bighorn sheep, elk, bison and moose all call Yellowstone home. There are also black bears, coyotes, grizzly bears, wolverines and wolves. Hayden Valley in Yellowstone is a wonderful place to view wildlife. You might see grizzly bears and their cubs in the early spring, or eagles soaring overhead. Huge herds of bison roam the large plains while the birds group along the river.