

# *Yellowstone National Park*

## *September 7, 2010*

One of the most fascinating aspects of Yellowstone National Park is how close the wildlife will come to you and your car. Almost from the moment we entered the park, buffalo and elk were near us. They are not afraid of humans. But, you need to keep your distance. In the visitor's center, they warn you of the dangers of getting too close. They show videos of buffalo and elk attacking the tourists who take a chance for a close up photo and end up getting trampled or gored.



Buffalo grazing along the roadside



Dad trying to get a up close photo!



Buffalo herd walking right past Kathy's car window!

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Large bull elk walking literally right in front of our car!



Elk herd was all around the Al-bright Visitor's Center (North Entry Gate) Photo to the left and below.



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Buffalo traffic jam!



You need to allow at least  
30—45 minutes for buffalo  
walking along the road!



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The above historic photo was the closest we got to seeing a bear at Yellowstone. The local residents of Gardiner Montana say the best spot to see a bear is usually in the evening at the dumpster behind the grocery store in Gardiner or early mornings in the yards where apple trees are located! They say you normally don't see them in the park itself!

Below: Buffalo herds were everywhere. They are like spotting cows in the country!



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