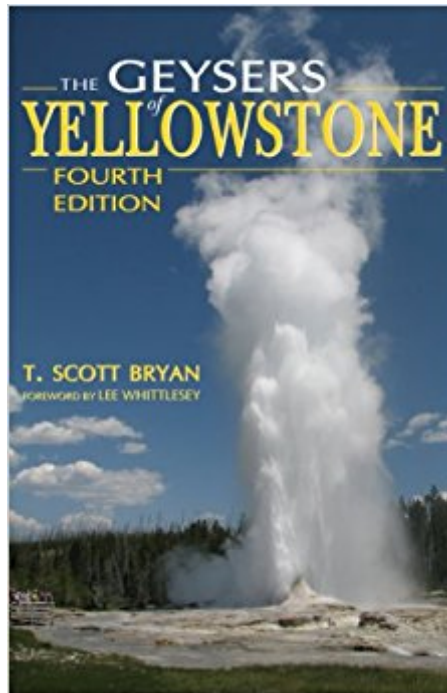




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Synopsis

This revised popular field guide describes in detail each of the more than 500 geysers in Yellowstone National Park. With updated information and a new foreword by park archivist Lee Whittlesey, *Geysers of Yellowstone* is both a reference work and a fine introduction to the nature of geyser activity for the newcomer to geothermal phenomena. A glossary of key terms is provided, along with a comprehensive appendix that discusses other geyser areas of the world. Detailed maps accompany each geyser basin described, and tables are provided for easy reference.

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“A tribute to and a tool for the geyser gazers. . . . Any visitor to Yellowstone for whom geysers carry an appeal at all needs the guide.” —Scientific American
“I don’t own a single guidebook to the geysers. I’ve never even thought about buying one. I’ve never been tempted to consult one while ambling through Yellowstone National Park. But Scott Bryans field guide-now in its fourth edition- has me wondering if it’s not time to reconsider. *Geysers of Yellowstone* tells the story of more than 700 springs, geysers, steam vents and fumaroles in the park. And in Bryan’s naturalist-former park ranger hands, the stories are fascinating, hitting on the history, geography, and science of Yellowstone’s geothermal phenomena. He’s done pretty much all the work for us. There are maps, directions, descriptions, cautionary notes, photographs, you name it. All that’s left is to grab the guidebook, stuff it in a backpack, and head for hot water.” —Sherry Devlin, *The Missoulian*

T. Scott Bryan was a seasonal employee at Yellowstone National Park from 1970 through 1986. In addition to his studies in Yellowstone, he has been to geyser fields throughout the contiguous United States, Mexico, Japan, Fiji, New Zealand, and the Valley of Geysers on the Kamchatka Peninsula of Russia, leading the first-ever U.S. study group there in 1991.

One of the Blog readers suggested this title and if you want the Doctoral Thesis on all things Geyser in Yellowstone, this is your title. It is extremely thorough and from what I can gather, covers every geyser in the park. It opens with an informative chapter "About Geysers" which lays down in great detail how geysers work. Then he provides some of the geologic background on the Yellowstone geyser basin, including the impact the many local earthquakes have had on their activity. This is followed by a general discussion of the geyser basins in the park and the relationship between them. The next twelve chapters take the park basins one by one, with descriptions and index maps for each. This index includes the name of the geyser, a reference to the particular map it is displayed on with interval, duration, and height. Bryan includes un-named geysers in this list. He concludes with an extensive chapter covering the Geyser Fields of the World. The index of geyser and hot springs is awesome, and with the Kindle edition the hyper links included increase the value of this version considerably. When I first picked this up I immediately thought of a Woody Allen film of my youth "Everything You Wanted to Know About -". It is difficult to make writing about physical phenomena interesting, but Bryan makes it much better than expected. Having said that, unless you are an absolute geyser freak I am not sure of its value. I also wish he had included the GPS coordinates (is my Bohannon bias showing?) at least for the major attractions. For simply knowing what geysers to look for perhaps Chapple does a better job but for detailed information on a particular geyser Bryan can't be beat.

Every single person whom I've ever met who has been a real expert on the geysers of Yellowstone National Park has had a copy of this book. Generally, it has been dog-eared, filled with pasted-in bookmarks, and elaborated with hand-written notations bringing various descriptions up to date. Yellowstone's geysers change from year to year. Hence this book has gone through four editions, and has grown in size by almost 50%, keeping up with those changes. This is geology on the hoof. It's the only place I know of where you need a nearly annual guidebook to keep up with the geological changes, just as if you were visiting a tourist city where buildings are built and torn down, attractions open and close, stores come and go. So the geysers of Yellowstone go dormant,

reactivate, change their periods, blow out new vents, and (in at least one case) detonate, scattering rocks and internal plumbing all over the landscape. If you want to know what's really going on, what's really worth seeing, and where it is, this is the book that tells you.

Last summer in Yellowstone National Park, I got lucky and was able to photograph several geysers as they erupted. I didn't know which geysers were worth waiting for or even how long I could expect to wait. The geysers I got to photograph were pure luck, I was next to them when they erupted. This book provides detailed information about what is known about each of the geysers in Yellowstone. Size, duration, interval, trails leading to these geysers, as well as the best place to view many of these geysers. I purchased this book right after I made reservations for this summer. The price of the book from was several dollars less expensive than if I had purchased it directly from the Yellowstone Association. Another book with great information about the waterfalls in Yellowstone national Park is... The Guide to Yellowstone Waterfalls and Their Discovery by Paul Rubinstein. This book proved to be very useful last year.

This is an outstanding book, and it is really difficult to add anything to what the other 5 star reviewers have already said. This book is especially helpful during the current national recession. Nobody can afford to travel to Europe any more. As I found out last month, the western National Parks are totally packed out with people. A first class guidebook with detailed information on what to look for is exactly what the well prepared traveler needs. But despite how helpful this book was for last month's trip, I especially appreciated the candid discussion on the near-demise of New Zealand's once "second only to Yellowstone" geyser fields. How that country could consider geothermal projects more important than such an important tourist attraction is a mystery. There may well be good reasons for tourists to consider visiting New Zealand. But for those of us with a special interest in geysers, the motivation is gone.

Well, maybe not useless but almost. I've looked at them on my Kindle, on my iPad and in the Kindle for PC app. Even when zoomed in on the Kindle they are extremely hard to read. Given that maps are important to this book, should have included better resolution maps. Guess I'm going to have to buy the hard copy. Smart marketing, . It would be nice if the next edition included geographic coordinates for the geysers.

Used to live in Montana near Yellowstone and was always fascinated by geysers. Have seen many

of them in action over the years when I lived there. Try to keep up with the latest. An exhaustive guide to the geysers. If you aren't a geyser gazer, don't buy this!

My husband wanted this. So I got it for him and he likes it. It was very informative and he learned a lot

I've been to Yellowstone 12 times and the most recent trip was our first to explore some of the back-country thermal basins. This book is a fascinating read and it is amazingly comprehensive. We are already planning our next trip and now that we have read this book we feel much better prepared to enjoy the unique experience of geyser watching. We have some favorites to see again and will make more day hikes to see geysers and hot springs that are off the beaten path.

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