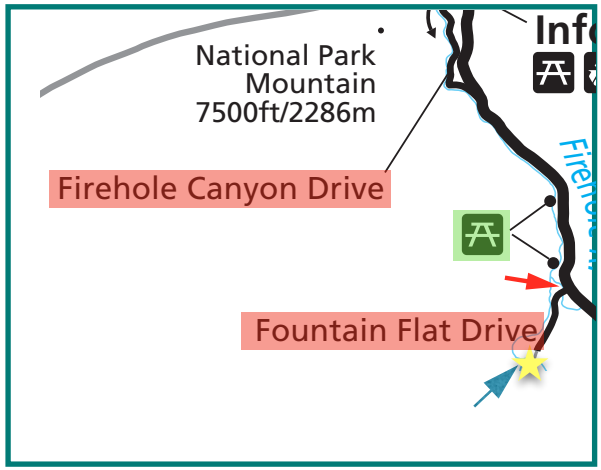
Tour 1

To get to West Yellowstone, Montana from Rexburg: Take Highway 20 through Ashton & Island Park to West Yellowstone.

West Yellowstone, Madison, Old Faithful, West Thumb

- Begin at **West Yellowstone, Montana**.
- Enter the Park at the **West Entrance**.
- Follow the Madison River to **Madison Junction, 14 miles.**
- Turn Right at the junction.
- Approximately **1 mile** up, take the **Firehole Canyon Drive** on the Right.
- This is a short side road that will take you past some pretty waterfalls. No swimming allowed but you can enjoy some scenic views from your car if you want.



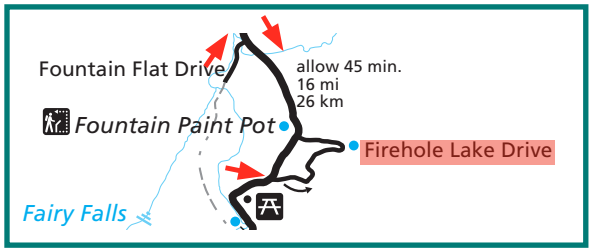
- About **3 miles** after the exit from Firehole Canyon Drive, turn Right at **Fountain Flat Drive**.
- There is a picnic spot to the right, if you'd like to stop. It's called **Nez Perce** Picnic Area. There are 2 toilets here.
- Continue on this road for **1.5 miles** and park at the end.
- Take the gravel trail (easy) by walking or riding a bike to **Ojo Caliente Hot Spring.** You can explore the area around here quite easily.

- ***Not recommended for little children as there are no barriers around these hot springs and they could easily fall in.**

- Plan on about **45 minutes to 1 hour** to visit this area.

Ojo Caliente Spring

- Exit back the way you came in. Turn **Right** (south) toward Old Faithful.



- About **2 miles** up you will enter Lower Geyser Basin. You can stop at Fountain Paint Pot if you like, but it is usually crowded - and you can see most of it from the road as you drive past.
- Another **1.25 miles** up will be the entrance to Firehole Lake Drive. Turn **Left** and follow the one-way road past these geysers and pots.(You will drive past the EXIT of this one-way road before you get to the ENTRANCE.)
- Plan on about 30 minutes to stop and walk around or just 5-8 minutes to drive through.
- **Great Fountain Geyser** has one of the tallest sprays in the park and is a spectacular sight, if you are lucky enough to be there when it goes off! Check the times (either at the geyser or on the app) and try to make it when it is erupting - you'll thank us! (We believe it is better than Old Faithful).

Great Fountain Geyser