

The 9 Best Gateway Towns to U.S. National Parks

Our parks expert found the coolest small towns to stay in next door to U.S. national parks. You're welcome.

Jackson, Wyoming



The beautiful outpost of Jackson, Wyoming. Opening in 1939, Snow King Mountain Resort, on the edge of town, was Wyoming's first ski area. (Photo: Courtesy Wyoming Office Of Tourism)

Where to Eat: Creekside Market and Deli has fresh grab-and-go sandwiches and boozy slushies that hit the spot on a hot afternoon. If you're looking for an upscale dinner, [The Bistro](#) has French-inspired dishes like cassoulet and mussels and fries.