

Moose



Moose in Yellowstone National Park

Moose are often brown with large, partially flat antlers. They shed their antlers every year. They have a bit of skin that hangs from their neck that people have not found a reason for. They have long, thick muzzles. Males (bulls) can be up to 1,300 pounds, females (cows) up to 800 pounds. They eat tree bark, needles, and leaves, as well as grasses. They are sometimes hunted by wolves and grizzly bears. They usually live alone.

There are fewer than 1,000 moose in Yellowstone. The fires of 1988 were very hard on the moose population. They were pushed into areas with less food and were preyed on by grizzly bears. They are mainly seen in the park's southwestern corner.

What did you learn about the moose of Yellowstone?

1. What do moose antlers look like?

They are large and partially flat.

2. What do moose eat?

Moose eat bark, needles, and leaves from trees and grasses.

3. How many moose are in Yellowstone?

There are currently only 1,000 moose in Yellowstone.

