

YELLOWSTONE LODGING



OLD FAITHFUL INN

From 1991-1993, A&E Architects was involved in a comprehensive renovation of the guest rooms in the east and west wings of the Old Faithful Inn in Yellowstone National Park.

Old Faithful Inn, a National Historic Landmark which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a distinctive example of rustic park architecture. The Inn represents one of the few remaining log hotels in the United States. Its unique design has made the Inn a significant part of the history of Yellowstone National Park. Architect Robert C. Reamer designed the rustic building to blend in with the natural environment of Yellowstone, which also served to heighten the "western experience" expected by turn-of-the-century park visitors.

A total of 83 rooms were renovated in the first phase east wing, while 57 rooms were renovated in the second phase west wing. The construction phases were compressed to two consecutive winters to allow complete guest use of the facility during the normal summer tourist season.

The guest rooms and corridors were renovated to be compatible with the historical fabric of the original design, but reconfigured and modified to provide for the demands and convenience of today's traveler.

Design and construction were completed in budget and on schedule. Great care was taken in the renovation of the rooms and furniture selection to insure compatibility with the rustic park architecture of the Inn. A&E's full-time on-site project representative was key in assisting the contractor in working out the logistics during winter construction.

