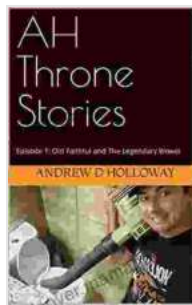


# Old Faithful: The Legendary Blower of Yellowstone National Park

Old Faithful is one of the most iconic geysers in the world, and it is a must-see for any visitor to Yellowstone National Park. Located in the Upper Geyser Basin, Old Faithful erupts regularly, every 60 to 90 minutes, sending a column of water and steam hundreds of feet into the air. The geyser's predictable eruptions have made it a popular tourist destination for over a century, and it has been featured in countless photographs, paintings, and films.



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### History of Old Faithful

Old Faithful was first discovered by European explorers in 1870. The geyser was named by the Washburn Expedition, led by Henry Washburn, who was the surveyor-general of Montana Territory. Washburn named the geyser after his wife, who had been impressed by its regular eruptions. Old

Faithful has been erupting regularly ever since it was discovered, and it has become one of the most popular attractions in Yellowstone National Park.

## **Geology of Old Faithful**

Old Faithful is a geyser, which is a type of hot spring that erupts periodically. Geysers are formed when water seeps into the ground and is heated by hot rocks. The heated water turns into steam, which builds up pressure until it erupts through a vent in the ground. The size and shape of the vent, as well as the amount of water and steam available, all affect the eruption patterns of a geyser.

Old Faithful is located in the Upper Geyser Basin, which is a geothermal area that is home to hundreds of geysers and hot springs. The Upper Geyser Basin is located on the eastern edge of the Yellowstone Plateau, which is a large volcanic caldera. The caldera was formed by a massive volcanic eruption that occurred about 640,000 years ago. The eruption emptied the magma chamber beneath the caldera, which caused the ground to collapse and form a large depression.

The Upper Geyser Basin is located within the caldera, and it is heated by the residual heat from the volcanic eruption. The heat from the caldera heats the groundwater, which turns into steam and erupts through the vents in the ground. Old Faithful is one of the most active geysers in the Upper Geyser Basin, and it is the most popular tourist attraction.

## **Eruption Patterns of Old Faithful**

Old Faithful is known for its regular eruptions, which occur every 60 to 90 minutes. The eruptions typically last for about 1.5 to 5 minutes, and they send a column of water and steam hundreds of feet into the air. The height

of the eruption can vary depending on the amount of water and steam available, as well as the atmospheric conditions.

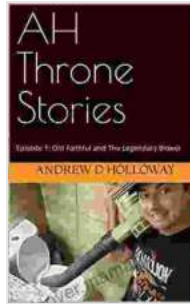
Old Faithful's eruptions are not perfectly regular, and there can be some variation in the time between eruptions and the height of the eruptions. However, the geyser's eruptions are generally predictable, which makes it a popular tourist destination.

### **The Legend of the Blower**

There is a legend associated with Old Faithful that tells the story of a mysterious creature called the Blower. The Blower is said to live in the depths of the geyser, and it is said to be responsible for causing the geyser's eruptions. The legend says that the Blower is a large, hairy creature with sharp teeth and claws. It is said to be very strong, and it is said to be able to blow water and steam out of the geyser's vent.

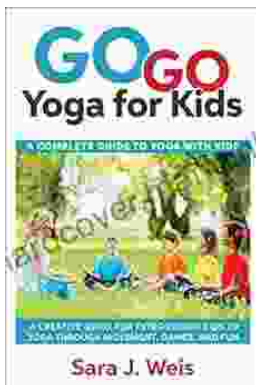
There is no scientific evidence to support the existence of the Blower, but the legend is still popular among tourists and park visitors. The legend adds to the mystique of Old Faithful, and it helps to make the geyser even more popular.

Old Faithful is one of the most iconic geysers in the world, and it is a must-see for any visitor to Yellowstone National Park. The geyser's regular eruptions, its predictable eruption patterns, and its legendary Blower all contribute to its popularity. Old Faithful is a natural wonder that is truly awe-inspiring, and it is a reminder of the power of nature.



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