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Offseason Outing

Jackson, Wyoming, got its first snow in mid-September last year—which made leaf-peeping all the more spectacular. Typically, though, powderhounds don't crowd Jackson until November. Translation: Now that the summer travelers are gone, you can have this remote, charming Rocky Mountain town mostly to yourself. —DALIAH SINGER



SEE THE (ARTISTIC) SIGHTS

Built into a hill that overlooks the National Elk Refuge (see "Meet The Locals"), the **National Museum of Wildlife Art** is home to more than 5,000 works, including pieces by artists of renown such as Georgia O'Keeffe and John James Audubon. Save time to head to nearby Grand Teton National Park, where you can attempt your best Ansel Adams impression at the same overlook where he cap-

tured his famous "The Tetons and the Snake River" in 1942.

MEET THE LOCALS

One of Jackson's best attributes is its proximity to natural areas (Yellowstone National Park, Bridger-Teton National Forest), which makes wildlife sightings likely. **The National Elk Refuge**, for instance, is home to roughly 47 mammal species, including the largest wintertime elk herd in North America. Tip: You'll have the best luck spotting these creatures at dawn or dusk.

DEFY GRAVITY

You won't have any trouble scoring an endorphin rush on the 100-plus miles of hiking and mountain biking trails near downtown, but the real adrenaline buzz rests with **Jackson**

Hole Mountain Resorts's new via ferrata (pictured above). (Via ferratas are essentially paths along mountainsides or cliffs that are protected with cables and rungs so climbers can experience thrills without the danger of falling.) Choose from three loops that range from beginner to advanced; the more

difficult routes include a precarious walk along a 120-foot-long suspension bridge.

DROP SOME DOUGH

For quirky shops, you'll want to point your cowboy boots toward **Gaslight Alley**, a strip of locally owned boutiques in the center of downtown. Our favorite



stores are Mountain Dandy for barware and Made for hilarious cards. But don't overlook the turquoise jewelry at Native and mountain-modern furnishings at Twenty Two Home. And if you're staying in Teton Village, check out the newest location of Stio Mountain Studio for a gear-closet update.

GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT

The scent of freshly baked dough will draw you in the front door of six-year-old **Persephone Bakery**. The creative salads, made with vegetables from the Vertical Harvest greenhouse nearby, will



WHERE TO STAY

In Downtown Jackson: Hotel Jackson; rooms start at \$259

On The Outskirts Of Town: Snake River Sporting Club; cabins start at \$275

In Teton Village: Four Seasons Resort and Residences Jackson Hole; rooms start at \$509

persuade you to stay for lunch. (Don't leave without some bread prepared daily using regional wild yeast.) For dinner, we recommend the **Local Restaurant & Bar**, a modern steak house that's as focused on responsible food sourcing as it is on a perfect char.

DRINK UP

Spend happy hour at **Bin22**, a wine bar, bottle shop, and specialty market that hums with after-work crowds clinking wine glasses and noshing on items from the tapas menu. Hop heads will prefer a pint at **Snake River Brewing**, Wyoming's oldest brewery, while spirit connoisseurs can appreciate the craftsmanship at the **Rose**, a dimly lit cocktail lounge serving expertly mixed tipples.