



OBSIDIAN BLUFF, YELLOWSTONE PARK
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A HUGE precipice of obsidian or natural glass is one of the wonders and delights of Yellowstone Park. This natural phenomenon is a part of a prehistoric obsidian lava flow that covers an extensive area of the park. At many places this obsidian lies layer upon layer and forms rugged cliffs and bluffs that frequently reach an elevation of 250 feet. The main park roadway between Mammoth Hot Springs and Norris Geyser leads directly past the base of these bluffs, affording the tourists an excellent opportunity of viewing the strange spectacle. When the sun strikes against the glassy formation the reflected glow is of dazzling beauty. The road itself is constructed from obsidian boulders crushed into fragments, forming probably the only glass road in the world. Travelers frequently mount to the tops of the cliffs, as the view from there, overlooking Beaver Lake, is inspiring. In early days obsidian supplied the Indians with material for black arrowheads and knives.

