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and enjoyment. This trail was closed for some years due to damage from the 1959 Hebgen Lake earthquake and winter snows. It's no longer possible to descend to the very bottom of the canyon in this area.

 A much longer but easier and less crowded trail is **Clear Lake Trail**, which begins across the road that leads to Artist Point. It soon intersects with the Wapiti Lake Trail, where you turn left (east) to reach Clear Lake in about a mile (1.5 km). A thermal area with several steaming holes lies another few hundred yards (or meters) along the trail.

You might return the same way you came or continue on past Lilypad Lake and along the canyon rim to Artist Point. The one-way hike would be less than 3 miles (4.8 km) long if you have a drop-off and pick-up arrangement at Uncle Tom's and Artist Point parking lots. You can also hike from Uncle Tom's parking area in either direction along the South Rim Trail.

(1.6)  The side road ends at **Artist Point\*\***, a must-see for the full effect of the colorful canyon and Lower Falls. Although every book about Yellowstone describes or pictures this wonderful vista, there's no substitute for standing here yourself. Absorb the unbelievable coloring of the rocks, the depth of the canyon,

### Trail from Artist Point toward Point Sublime

A short walk to the east along the rim of the canyon, following a part of the **South Rim Trail**, reveals some of the most awe-inspiring color panoramas you'll find anywhere. It's not necessary to go the entire 2 miles (3.2 km) round trip to Point Sublime to see sunset col-



*Lower Falls on the Yellowstone River is by far the most often photographed of Yellowstone's many waterfalls.*

the grace of the falls with their faint roar nearly a mile away, and the thrill of the rushing river below you. Even the attractive stonework dating from 1938 adds to the beauty of the place.

Artist Point was probably named by park photographer F. J. Haynes for the painter Thomas Moran—or even for himself!

If you think you see steam in the canyon from several viewpoints, you're not mistaken. There are several hot springs, perpetual spouters, and geysers below you.

ors. Even going a few hundred yards (meters) can reveal how the sky and canyon rival each other on a beautiful evening. You can turn south (right) away from the canyon rim to pass Lilypad Lake and continue on to Ribbon Lake or else pass Clear Lake and return