



Deaf Services



Photo by Bob Roney

Overview

The National Park Service is committed to accessibility for all visitors. There are a variety of services available for Deaf visitors, including assisted listening devices, free Access Passes to the park, and sign language interpreting.

Upon request, an interpreter can be available for ranger programs, nature walks, Indian cultural demonstrations, the Yosemite Theatre, tours, and other activities.

Look in the *Yosemite Guide* newspaper for the schedule of programs, then contact Deaf Services or come to the Valley Visitor Center to make your request.

During the off-season, please make requests two weeks in advance to allow time to contract with an outside interpreter. During the summer, there is an interpreter in the park full time, but services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis, so make your requests as soon as possible.

Contact Information

Deaf Services Coordinator: (summer season)
209/372-0296 (V/TTY) or yose_deaf_services@nps.gov

Interpreter Requests and General Park Info (year round)
209/373-4726 (TTY), 209/372-0645 (V) or yose_deaf_services@nps.gov

In-Park Hotel and Cabin Reservations: (DNC)
559/252-2846 (TTY), 801/559-5000 (V) or www.yosemitepark.com

Campground Reservations: (NPS)
877/833-6777 (TTY), 877/444-6777 (V) or www.recreation.gov

Public Use TTYs and Accessibility Kits

Valley Visitor Center – pay phone outside
Curry Village – pay phone outside front office
Yosemite Lodge – pay phone near front desk
The Ahwahnee – pay phone in upstairs mezzanine

Deaf Kits are available in the park hotels and come with a smoke alarm light-flasher, a doorbell light-flasher, a shake-awake alarm clock, a TTY, and a phone amplifier. Request the kit when making reservations or inquire at the front desk upon arrival.

Volume Control Telephones

There are volume control phones at all the pay telephones in Yosemite Valley and in the outlying areas outside the valley.

Assisted Listening Devices

You may request use of the assisted listening devices at the Visitor Centers in Yosemite Valley, Wawona, and Tuolumne Meadows.

Access Pass

Any permanently disabled American is entitled to a pass that allows free entry to all National Parks and Federal Recreation sites. At per-vehicle fee areas, the pass allows the pass holder and all passengers free entrance. 50% discount on Park Service campgrounds. Ask at any Visitor Center.

Self-Guided Trails

There are two self-guided trails near the Valley Visitor Center. Pick up the guide booklets at the trailheads. The Indian Village Trail starts behind the Visitor Center. The Cook's Meadow Loop starts just past the Visitor Center on the bike trail towards Yosemite Falls. Guide booklets can be picked up at the kiosk outside the Visitor Center.

Service Dogs

Service dogs are allowed in the backcountry and on trails, as well as in Delaware North Companies' lodging and shuttle buses.

Captioned Movie

A spectacular, 20- minute film called the *Spirit of Yosemite* is shown throughout the day in the Yosemite Theatre, near the Valley Visitor Center. This free film is captioned at all showings. Inquire at the Visitor Center for more details.



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