



Daily Report

Daily Report - Yosemite National Park
Tuesday, May 20, 2014

WEATHER

Yosemite Valley

Today A chance of showers, then showers and thunderstorms likely after 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 59.
Tonight Showers and thunderstorms likely before 11pm, then a chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42.
Wednesday A chance of showers, then showers and thunderstorms likely after 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 70.
Thursday A slight chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 11am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 79.

El Portal

Today A chance of showers, then showers and thunderstorms likely after 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 68.
Tonight Showers and thunderstorms likely before 11pm, then a chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43.
Wednesday A chance of showers, then showers and thunderstorms likely after 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 79.
Thursday Mostly sunny, with a high near 87.

Wawona

Today A chance of showers, then showers and thunderstorms likely after 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 60.
Tonight Showers and thunderstorms likely before 11pm, then a chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38.
Wednesday A chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 70.
Thursday Mostly sunny, with a high near 77.

Tuolumne Meadows

Today Snow showers, mainly after 11am. Some thunder is also possible. High near 40.
Tonight Snow showers, mainly before 11pm. Some thunder is also possible. Low around 22.
Wednesday A chance of snow showers before 11am, then rain showers likely. Some thunder is also possible. Cloudy, with a high near 48.
Thursday A slight chance of snow showers before 11am, then a slight chance of rain showers. Some thunder is also possible. Mostly sunny, with a high near 56.

NEW AND HAPPENING TODAY

Short-Haul Training

Yosemite Helitack and the Yosemite Helicopter Rescue Team will be conducting short-haul rescue training based from in El Capitan Meadow Tuesday, May 20th-Wednesday May 21st. The training site will be Slab Happy Pinnacle on the SE face of El Cap. The climbing routes associated with the pinnacle will be closed for the duration of the training. (L. Hendy)

Chase Hasting Arrowhead

It is with great sadness that our family at Arch Rock must report that after a long and valiant battle with cancer, our dear friend and co-worker Chase Hastings is presently receiving hospice care at his home in Merced with his family. Chase had been sharing his love for Yosemite with visitors from all over the world long before he came to Arch Rock. His ability to inspire those who knew him with the joy he felt for life affected anyone he came in contact with and we are grateful to be among the many who call him friend.

We will have an arrowhead for Chase at Arch Rock by Wednesday 5/21 for anyone who wishes to sign it. We would like to get it to his family by the end of the week. (R. Lund)

Vacancies on El Portal Town Planning Committee

Attention El Portal Residents- There currently are two open seats on the El Portal Town Planning Advisory Committee. The committee serves at the bequest of Mariposa County to comment and advise on issues of importance to the safety, health, and functioning of the El Portal Community. Community members interested in serving should contact County Supervisor Lee Stetson by email at lstetson@mariposacounty.org or by phone at (209) 966 3222. (M. Ross)

Please Join us for a Burger and Music

The Shoreline Jazz Band will once again be playing at the Yosemite Valley School. Dinner will be served 5:30-7pm. Menu includes burger/dog, side salads, drink & dessert. Cost is \$10 for Adult/teens, \$5 – kids, extra burger/dog \$3. Once again, all income raised will go to towards providing staffing and enrichment for our local Valley kids. Thank you. (C. Archer)

Yosemite Conservancy Grant Proposal Writing Tutorial - Thursday May 22

If you plan to submit a grant proposal to the Yosemite Conservancy this year, please join for the Grant Proposal Writing Tutorial and Workshop on Thursday, May 22 from 1:30-5:00 in the EP Large Break Room. 1:30 to 2:30 PM will be a powerpoint presentation on how to write a strong proposal; 2:30-5:00 PM will be a writing workshop to help project managers write or hone their proposal, and have their questions answered. Also, please feel free to drop in at any time during 2:30-5:00 PM with grant proposal questions.

As a reminder, YC grant proposals are due on Friday, May 30. Please submit completed proposals, including two high resolution

pictures, to your division's folder at U://Yosemite Conservancy Proposals/2015/2015 Grant Proposal Submission. Submit proposals as a folder titled with the proposal name, and include the completed proposal form, the budget worksheet, at least 2 high resolution photographs, and any other supporting materials. (A. Adams)

Job Opportunities

Yosemite National Park Child Care Center is accepting resumes for part and full time positions and substitutes. Individuals that embrace teamwork, are cheerful, patient, consistent, have experience with children, and/or a working knowledge of childhood development, and/or coursework in early childhood and/or elementary education are welcome to apply. Positions are located in both the El Portal and Valley facilities. Please email cover letter and resume to ynpchildcare@gmail.com (L.Zisa)

Yosemite Facelift 2014 Planning Begins

The Yosemite Climbing Association's 12th annual Yosemite Facelift will take place this year September 23-28. Last year over 1,600 volunteers spent five days cleaning up the park, removing several tons of trash from roadways, trails, and steep cliffs. And to show our appreciation for all the work, the Yosemite Climbing Association arranged 6 nights of speakers and entertainment. We're getting ready to do it again, and we need your help!

We're looking for special projects to accomplish during Facelift. They can be cleanup, restoration, construction, or any other project that can be accomplished with the help of volunteers. You, as the the project coordinator, would be responsible for completing any required compliance and arranging for tools and a project leader. Please contact Heather Boothe at heather_boothe@nps.gov with project ideas.

We will be holding our first Facelift Advisory/Planning Team meeting in mid-June. If you would like to be involved in the planning process, please contact Heather for meeting information. (H. Boothe)

For Rent

One bedroom/one bathroom apartment with attached garage for rent in Mariposa. Property is located on East Whitlock Road and is only 2 minutes to Hwy 140 and 5 minutes to town. \$700/month including utilities. Call (407) 864-2232. (Y. Radanovich)

RECENT NEWS

Anniversary Updates

Yosemite Grant 150th - Upcoming Activities

Currently through May 27, A Different Look at Yosemite's Treasures at Circle Gallery in Madera, CA

Currently through 2014, Camp Mather Exhibit at Oakdale Cowboy Museum in Oakdale, CA.

Currently through 2014, Lure and Lore of Yosemite Exhibit at the Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau in Oakhurst, CA.

Currently through June 26, Three Generations of Rangers Exhibit at Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum in Groveland, CA.

Currently through Aug. 17, Carleton Watkins: The Stanford Albums, The Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University.

May 23, Yosemite Summer Art Talk and Summer Series, 10AM-Noon, Treetop Gallery, Mariposa, CA.

May 23 and 24, The Tramp and the Roughrider, 7PM, Yosemite Valley Theater

Special Showings of Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit - May 20 in Salem, MA; May 22 at Evergreen Lodge in Groveland, CA and in Calumet, MI; May 22-24 in Dallas TX; May 24 in Arco ID.

For more ongoing exhibits and detailed event information visit www.nps.gov/yose/anniversary

Wilderness Act 50th - www.wilderness50th.org

NPS 100th - www.nps.gov/subjects/centennial or www.nps.gov/calltoaction (B. Whitehead)

Save the Date: This Summer's 1st Ice Cream Social for Volunteers and Their Supervisors

Please join us as we celebrate the collective accomplishments of Yosemite National Park's volunteers with our first Ice Cream Social of the summer season, hosted by the Volunteer Programs Office. The fun takes place on Wednesday June 18 from 1pm to 2pm at the Volunteer Field Office (the Old Wellness Center behind Yosemite Lodge) in Yosemite Valley. Ice cream, toppings, fresh fruit, lemonade and cookies will be served. All park volunteers and interns and their supervisors are invited. Thank you in advance, supervisors, for informing your staff and posting this information in your work unit for the many volunteers without government email. And stay tuned for the details of our celebratory Volunteer BBQ dinner in August! (B. Visnovske)

Campground Updates

Crane Flat Campground and Tamarack Flat Campground will open for the season on May 23, 2014. Crane Flat is available by reservation via www.recreation.gov (877-444-6777), and Tamarack Flat will be operated on a first-come, first-serve basis. We have no other estimated opening dates at this time. (M. Carter)

Yosemite Announces Fire Season

Yosemite fire managers have announced that the 2014 Fire Season will begin on Monday, May 19, 2014. Fire season officially begins when seasonal firefighting equipment and personnel are in place, prepared and ready to respond. Additionally, grasses and other vegetation at the lower elevations have begun to dry out. This year, vegetation is drying out faster than average due to the low snowpack the park received over the last three winter seasons, making for fire danger above average for this time of year.

The park is currently transitioning to fire season preparedness and fire resources will be available seven days per week for suppression efforts within the park. In park fire resources for the season include: fire management officials, four Type 3 wildland engines, one helicopter, and one hand crew.

In preparation for the fire season, the park will begin defensible space inspections throughout Yosemite's communities, including Aspen Valley, Hodgdon Meadows, Foresta, El Portal, Yosemite Valley, and Wawona starting on Monday, June 9. Residents and homeowners are urged to clear a defensible space of 100 feet or to property lines around homes and other structures in an effort

to reduce the risk of fire hazards.

With the official declaration of fire season, pile burning will be discontinued throughout the park until the fire potential is elevated statewide and has moved peak fire season conditions earlier than predicted.

Yosemite National Park urges local residents and visitors to "Please be Fire Safe," when residing and visiting the park and other public lands. Special attention should be given when departing campgrounds, backcountry camping sites, and picnic areas to make sure all campfires have been appropriately doused with water.

For more information about fire in Yosemite National Park, please visit <http://www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/firemanagement.htm> (G. Wuchner)

Congratulations to Garrett Chun for receiving his LEED Accredited Professional Credential!

This achievement designates expertise in the design, construction, operation and maintenance of buildings and sites that save energy, use fewer resources, reduce pollution, and contribute to healthier environments. Garrett's expertise in these areas will help Yosemite approach projects in ways that align with the Park's 2020 Strategic Vision sustainability goals. (J. Chisum)

Clinic Open 7 Days a Week

Yosemite Medical Clinic is now on the summer schedule. We are open 7 days a week from 9 AM to 7 PM.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

EI Portal Road Closure in Old EI Portal (Night Work---May 19th thru May 22nd-----8PM to 8AM--Road To Be Closed After Last Shuttle Bus Run)

Starting next Monday night, May 19th crews will repair the short segment of the EI Portal Road located just west of the EI Portal post office, between Foresta Road and CA St. Rte. 140. This is the roughly 500-ft. of connector road in Old EI Portal between Odgers Entrance Road and the Post Office. The Crews will be working from 8PM to 8AM and the road will be closed after the last Shuttle Bus run at night, so please use alternate roads for entering and exiting Old EI Portal. This short section of road will be closed to all traffic between 8 pm and 8 am, except for Emergency Vehicles, Shuttle Bus and the School bus. Please use Foresta Road or Crane Creek Road as a detour to enter and exit Old EI Portal during these 4-nights of road work. There will also be up to 15 minute delays with flaggers on the Foresta Road at this intersection. Also, there will be some noise associated with the construction equipment, during these 4-nights of work, so please be patient while we complete these repairs. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Michael Pieper at (209) 200-1131. (M. Pieper)

Traffic Delays on Village Drive May 19 - May23

Beginning Monday, May 19th until Friday, May 23rd from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Village Drive will be directed one-lane traffic due to construction at the Valley Administration Building. Delays of 10 minutes are expected. Please use alternate routes if possible. (K. White)

Construction in Wawona

Construction for the communications tower in Wawona will begin Monday, May 19 and is scheduled to last until Friday, May 30th. The tower is being constructed behind the prescribed burn trailer. Concrete foundations will be poured today, May 19th and Friday, May 23. Trenching across the road to the wood lot is scheduled for Friday, May 23. The road to the wood lot is scheduled to reopen that evening. (K. Blew)

ACTING DESIGNATIONS

Ed Dunlavey will be Acting Chief Ranger until mid-June. He can be reached at 209-372-0501.

Sheri Ogden will be acting chief of BRM, May 9 - May 27. She can be reached at 372-0316.

Rachel Mazur will be Acting Branch Chief of Wildlife from Sunday, February 9 through Saturday, May 31.

Sue Beatty will be Acting Branch Chief for Vegetation and Ecological Restoration until further notice. She can be reached at 209-379-3290.

Barbara Beroza will be Acting Curator until further notice.

Zach Allely will be Acting Chief of Administration until further notice. He can be reached at 379-1042.

Garrett Dickman will be Acting Invasive Plant Program Manager until further notice. He can be reached at 209-379-3282.

Alison Colwell will be Acting Park Botanist until further notice. She can be reached at 209-379-3295.

For submissions, please email yose_daily_report@nps.gov (there's no need to email anyone else). Submission guidelines and Daily Report FAQs can be found here: <http://go.nps.gov/dailyreport>. Yosemite's Daily Report is an internal memorandum of long standing intended to provide timely administrative information needed for daily park operations. The primary purpose of the report is to serve as a communication tool for park management to pass specific operational information to field employees of Yosemite National Park, park partners, concessioners, and related government agencies in a fast and efficient manner and offer a format for interdivisional, interagency, and general intra-park notifications.