

Special Events Calendar

SATURDAY, April 19th

10:00am-2:00pm

Junior Ranger Exploration Fair

Drop by the fair at any time to explore some of the ways people are working to protect the park. Get to know the park's search and rescue team, talk to a ranger on horseback, find out about wilderness in Yosemite, and ask a bear biologist about black bears. Also, enter the junior ranger art contest and keep an eye out for Ranger Rick! Please meet at the Yosemite Village Mall near the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

10:30am-11:30am

Junior Ranger Walk

Come join a ranger for an interpretive talk about Yosemite's rocks, trees, and wildlife. Have fun looking for tracks, scat, and animals in Yosemite. Children that complete the one-hour walk will receive a junior ranger badge. Adult supervision and accompaniment is requested. Please meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

12:00pm-12:30pm

Wee Wild Ones

Bring your little ones ages six and under for stories and games with a DNC P&R naturalist! Adult supervision and accompaniment is requested. Please meet at the Yosemite Village Mall near the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

1:00-2:30pm

Junior Ranger Day Trash Pick Up

Become a Habitat Protector of Yosemite (HaPY) Volunteer! Join a park ranger to clean up litter and unnatural debris in the Yosemite Village Area, making the area healthier for our wildlife. Wear long pants, closed-toed shoes, sun protection, and bring water. All ages and abilities welcome. Please meet at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

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2:00pm-5:00pm

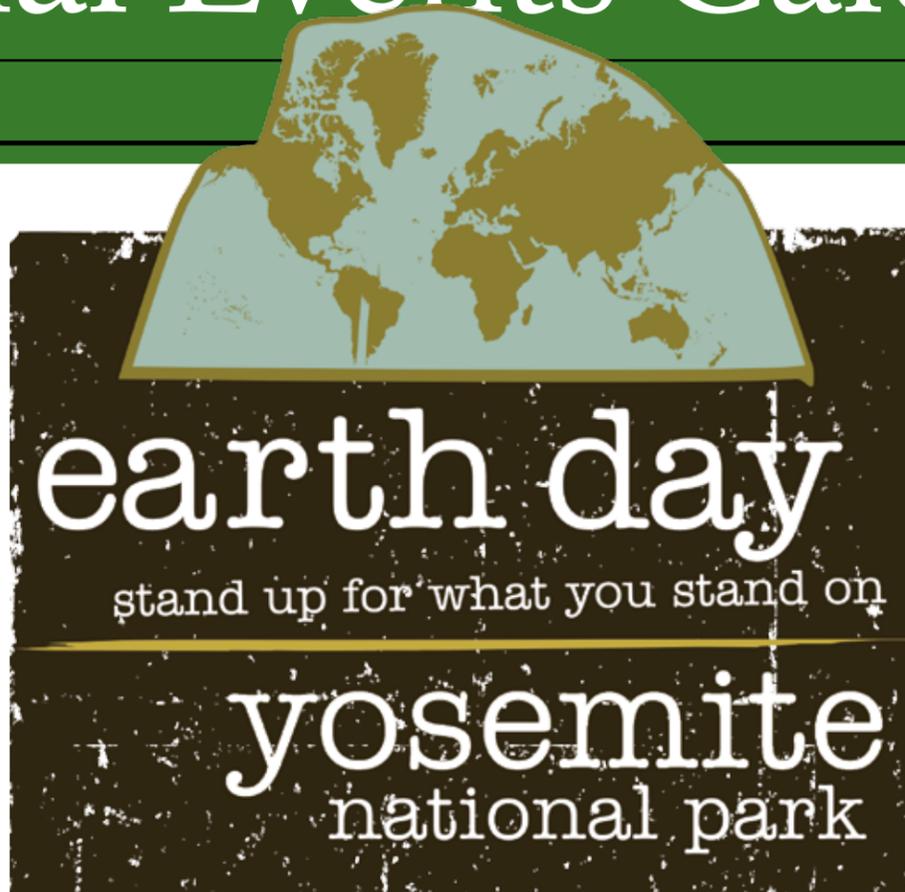
Earth Day Bike Ride

Explore Yosemite Valley with Park staff for a fun and educational bike ride about the Yosemite's environmental efforts. Space is limited so advanced sign up is required. Information and tickets available at any Tour & Activity Desk.

7:00pm-8:30pm

Earth Day Family Night

Family friendly evening with songs, entertainment, and theater, including a dramatization of The Lorax by Dr. Seuss. Adult supervision and accompaniment is requested. Please meet at Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater or in the Garden Terrace room at the Yosemite Lodge at the Falls in inclement weather.



10:30am-2:00pm

Earth Day and Junior Ranger Day Village Celebration

Wander between the Village Store and the Visitor Center where games, interactive activities and demonstrations allow you to experience how the park and its partners are implementing sustainability practices; explore with National Park Service, DNC Parks and Resorts at Yosemite, The Ansel Adams Gallery, NatureBridge, Yosemite Conservancy and more. Earth-Lovin' Lil' Ones Tent and Stage, the National Park Service, Yosemite Conservancy, and DNC Parks and Resorts in Yosemite team up to provide easy, kid-friendly, and earth-friendly crafts and face painting at the Children's Tent. Nearby, find music, fun, and games at the Children's Stage. Visit the Earth Day Welcome booth or the Children's Stage to find out the schedule of children's activities!

SUNDAY, April 20th

8:00pm-9:00pm

Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit

Join ranger Shelton Johnson for a screening of Ken Burns' documentary film "Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit". People have been inspired by Yosemite for thousands of years. Learn about how some of them helped to support the idea of national parks after it began here with the Yosemite Grant in 1864. Meet ranger Shelton, who is featured in the film. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater.

MONDAY, April 21st

8:00pm-9:00pm

Visiting Yosemite: A Journey Through Time

Take a trip back in time with ranger Dean Shenk as he shares his decades of experience at Yosemite National Park. Learn how the early Yosemite pioneers helped shape the way we see the park today. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater.

TUESDAY, April 22nd- Earth Day!

9:00am-10:30am

Photo Walk: Ansel Adams and the Yosemite Landscape

Join The Ansel Adams Gallery for an interpretive walk to learn more about

Ansel's contributions to the environmental movement. Open to all levels. Bring your own camera. Please sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Space is limited to 15 participants. Please meet for the walk at The Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village.

10:30am-1:30pm

Earth-Friendly Product Faire

The Village Store sells approximately 500 sustainable and/or organic products. About 30% of health and beauty products are also sustainable and/or organic. Explore between the Village Store and Village Mall to visit with vendors to discover how Yosemite's products are Earth-friendly.

11:00am-11:30am

Children's Yoga

Bring awareness to your body and your connection with the earth in a fun yoga session for the whole family. Offered by the Balanced Rock Foundation. Please meet at the Children's Stage, in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

11:30am-1:30pm

Sustainable Salad Bar Tasting

Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts (DNC P&R) has a company-wide initiative to incorporate sustainable practices into all business decisions. Sample some of the organic and sustainable foods used in DNC P&R at Yosemite's kitchens in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

11:45am-12:15pm

Wee Wild Ones

Bring your little ones ages six and under for stories and games with a DNC P&R naturalist! Adult supervision and accompaniment is requested. Please meet at the Children's Stage in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

12:00pm-4:00pm

Universal Waste Collection

Doing a spring cleaning? Bring your universal and electronic wastes to the Village Recycling Center. Items accepted at the Recycling Center include TV sets, computers and monitors, small electronics, spent fluorescent bulbs, spent batteries and ink cartridges. Please make sure to wipe your personal data from these items before turning them in for recycling. Household hazardous waste will not be accepted (e.g., paints, solvents, pesticides). Yosemite Village Recycling Center.

12:30pm-1:00pm

Live Earth Music for Kids

Come sing along for a celebration for all ages! This interactive event will have you singing and dancing about the wonders of Mother Earth. Adult supervision and accompaniment is requested. Please meet at the Children's Stage in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

1:00pm-1:30pm

Earth Day Cupcakes and Lemonade

Enjoy an Earth Day Cupcake and a cup of lemonade in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

1:00pm-2:30pm

Earth Day Trash Pick Up

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1:00pm-5:00pm

Photography Class: In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams

Photographer Ansel Adams immortalized Yosemite National Park through his classic black & white images that pushed the popularity of landscape photography while helping to motivate the American environmental movement. Through the course of the class, you will visit a number of locations from where Ansel composed some of his most famous images. You will receive insight into Ansel's life, photography and philosophies as well as basic lessons in photographic technique. Please sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Space is limited to 10 participants. Please meet for the walk at The Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village. (\$)

1:15pm-1:45pm

Children's Storytelling

Get ready for a delightful good time with stories and songs that celebrate the earth! Adult supervision and accompaniment is requested. Please meet at the Children's Stage in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

4:30pm-6:00pm

Yosemite Journal Reflections

Please join Balanced Rock Founder, Heather Sullivan, for a peaceful valley stroll and facilitated journal-writing session. This session will allow us to observe and express both our inner and outer landscapes weaving together the majestic Yosemite waterfalls, granite walls, flora, and fauna with the effect it has on our own being. Be amazed with what inspiration can flow forth in such a short time together. Open to adults and children. Adult supervision and accompaniment is requested with children. Please meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Bring a journal and pen. Some supplies will be provided.

8:00pm-9:00pm

A Glimpse into Yosemite's Early Chinese History

During the mid 1800s and early 1900s, there were many Chinese working in Yosemite Valley and in surrounding areas of the park. Join ranger Yen-Yen Chan to hear the stories of how and why they came here and the many significant contributions they made during the early days of this park.

WEDNESDAY, April 23rd

8:00pm-9:00pm

American Indians and National Parks

Human history in Yosemite goes back for thousands of years. Join ranger Ben Cunningham-Summerfield, a cultural interpreter at Yosemite, to learn about the displacement of these native peoples and how they are still connected to this park. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater.

THURSDAY, April 24th

8:00pm-9:00pm

Wild Wanderings

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act by joining us in discovering four W's of Wilderness in Yosemite. Where is it? Why do we protect it? Who can enjoy it? What does it mean to us in the park and back at home? Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater.

FRIDAY, April 25th

7:00pm-9:00pm

Fate of Heaven: A Discussion About the Future of National Parks

Enjoy a screening of the classic Yosemite documentary film, "Fate of Heaven" followed by a provocative conversation about Yosemite's past and the fate of our park into the future. Seating limited, sign up in advance at the visitor center or arrive early. Yosemite Lodge Garden Terrace Room.

SATURDAY, April 26th

8:00pm-9:00pm

Yosemite Sesquicentennial: 150 Years of Stories

Ranger Bob Roney will delight us with stories of Yosemite, then and now. Learn about the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias and the role it played in the preservation of Yosemite as a public park in 1864. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater.

SUNDAY, April 27

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Yosemite Grant 150th Anniversary - June 30, 2014

For tens of thousands of years, humans have changed, and have been changed by this place we now call Yosemite. The Ahwahneechee lived here for generations, followed by the arrival of Europeans in the mid-1800s. The rugged terrain challenged many early travelers— with only 650 visitors from the mid-1850s to mid-1860s making the journey to Yosemite Valley by horseback or stagecoach.

On June 30, 1864, President Abraham Lincoln's signature enacted the protection and preservation of Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias to the State of California as an inalienable public trust. This milestone act was the first time a federal government set aside a piece of land purely for preservation for the people. John Muir sparked the designation of Yosemite National Park in 1890.

Yosemite's strong environmental stewardship has taken shape through key historic events. In addition to the Yosemite Grant 150th anniversary, over the next several years we plan to honor Yosemite's heritage through a series of upcoming anniversaries:

June 30, 2014	150th anniversary of the Yosemite Grant
September 3, 2014	50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act
October 1, 2015	125th anniversary of Yosemite National Park
August 25, 2016	100th anniversary of the NPS

The park, park partners, and gateway communities are hosting a multitude of activities that will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Yosemite Grant Act, a bill that ushered in the national park idea and started the CA State Park system. Over 180 activities are occurring in gateway communities and in the park throughout the year. These include anniversary activities like art contests, poetry readings, parades, film festivals, academic lectures, symphonies, living history, and more!

ANNIVERSARY WEBSITE

Have you seen the anniversary website www.nps.gov/yose/anniversary? It is exploding with content! The site includes a Yosemite timeline with images and interesting facts, a calendar of over sixty community activities, visitor and community Yosemite stories, inspirational quotes and a video – among many ways that you can get involved!

OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE

With over 80 products sanctioned, Sierra Artists and other USA-based vendors have been working hard to produce high-quality commemorative merchandise. The first commemorative items, including the commemorative Pendleton blanket, will hit the park shelves this summer.

150 STORIES BOOK

Last year, we received hundreds of inspirational and meaningful Yosemite stories for the 150th anniversary story book. Pick up your copy of inspiring Yosemite stories from any Yosemite Conservancy outlet in the park.

For more information on the activities being planned, projects being implemented, or commemorative merchandise being sold in honor of the upcoming anniversaries in Yosemite, please see the 2014 Anniversary Events Calendar on the next page of this section, or visit www.nps.gov/yose/anniversary