



# Yosemite Guide

Firefighters observe the 2013 Rim Fire from Crane Flat where some helicopter operations were based. Photo by Dennis Rein

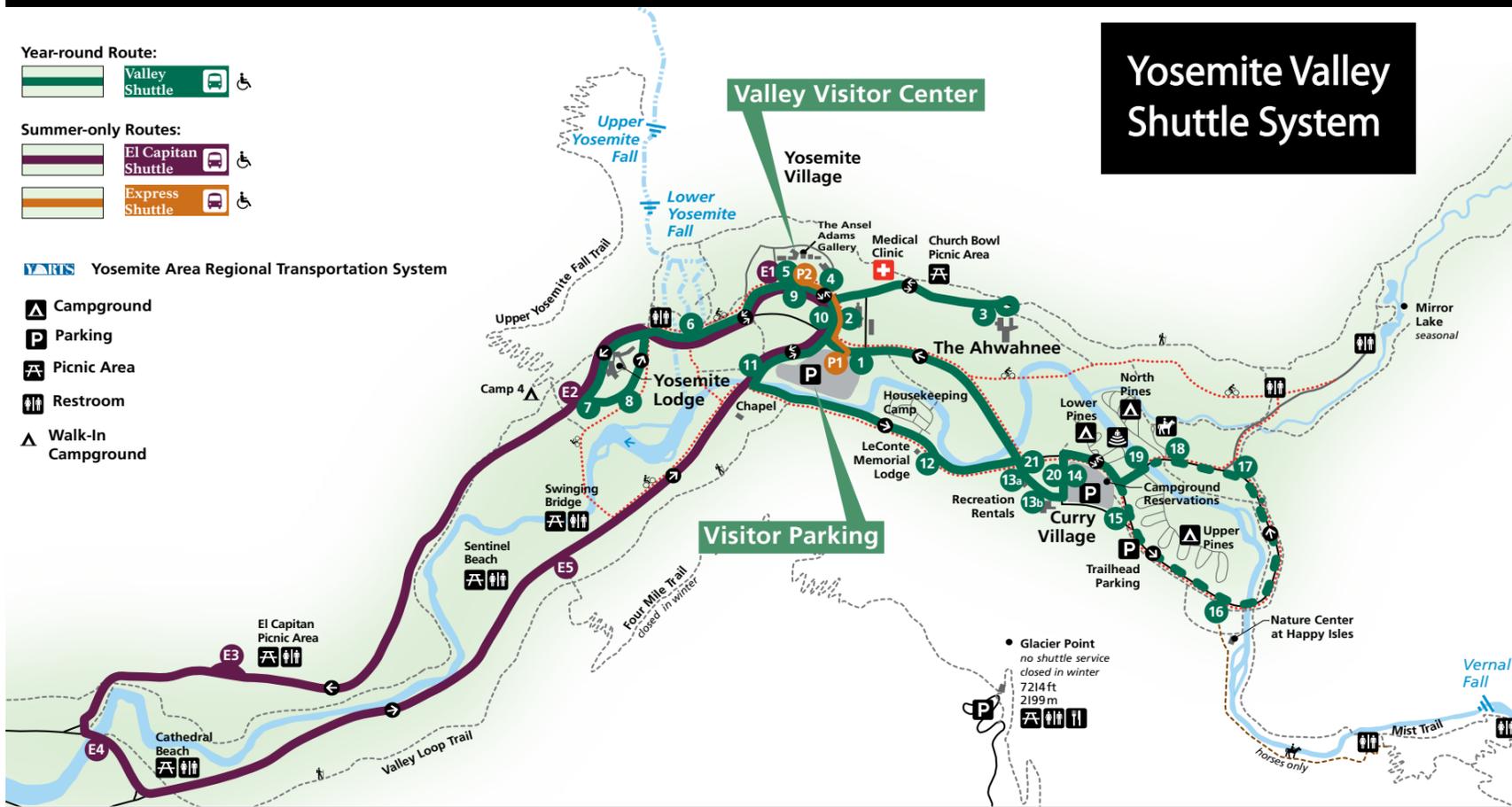


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## Yosemite Valley Shuttle System



The Valley Visitor Shuttle operates from 7 am to 10 pm and serves stops in numerical order. Shuttles run daily every 10 to 20 minutes, depending on time of day.  
The El Capitan Shuttle operates from 9 am to 6 pm. Shuttles run daily during summer every 30 minutes.  
The Express Shuttle operates from 9 am to 6 pm. Shuttles run daily during summer every 20 minutes.

Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location
1	Visitor Parking	8	Yosemite Lodge	16	Happy Isles
2	10 Yosemite Village	11	Sentinel Bridge	17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
3	YARTS The Ahwahnee	12	LeConte / Housekeeping Camp	18	Stable
4	Degnan's Deli	13a	21 Recreation Rentals	19	Pines Campgrounds
5	9 E1 YARTS Valley Visitor Center	13b	YARTS Curry Village	E3	El Capitan Picnic Area
6	Lower Yosemite Fall	14	20 Curry Village Parking	E4	El Capitan Bridge
7	E2 Camp 4	15	Upper Pines Campground	E5	Four Mile Trailhead

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# Seasonal Highlights

Keep this Guide with you to get the most out of your trip to Yosemite National Park

**D**id you enter the park via the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West)? Did you notice the many acres of burned trees along the roadside? See page 18 for the feature story on the 2013 Rim Fire.

## Travel Back in Time

Visit Wawona's Pioneer Yosemite History Center and join "Buckshot" for a horse-drawn stage ride! These 10-minute rides introduce you to an early chapter in Yosemite's history. Fun for the whole family. (See pages 8 and 9 for history center and other program information.)

## Stroll with a Ranger

Learn about the wonders of the park on a ranger-guided stroll. Programs are offered daily throughout the park on a variety of topics including waterfalls, trees, bears, geology, and more. (See area program grids for more information.)

## Have Fun with the Family

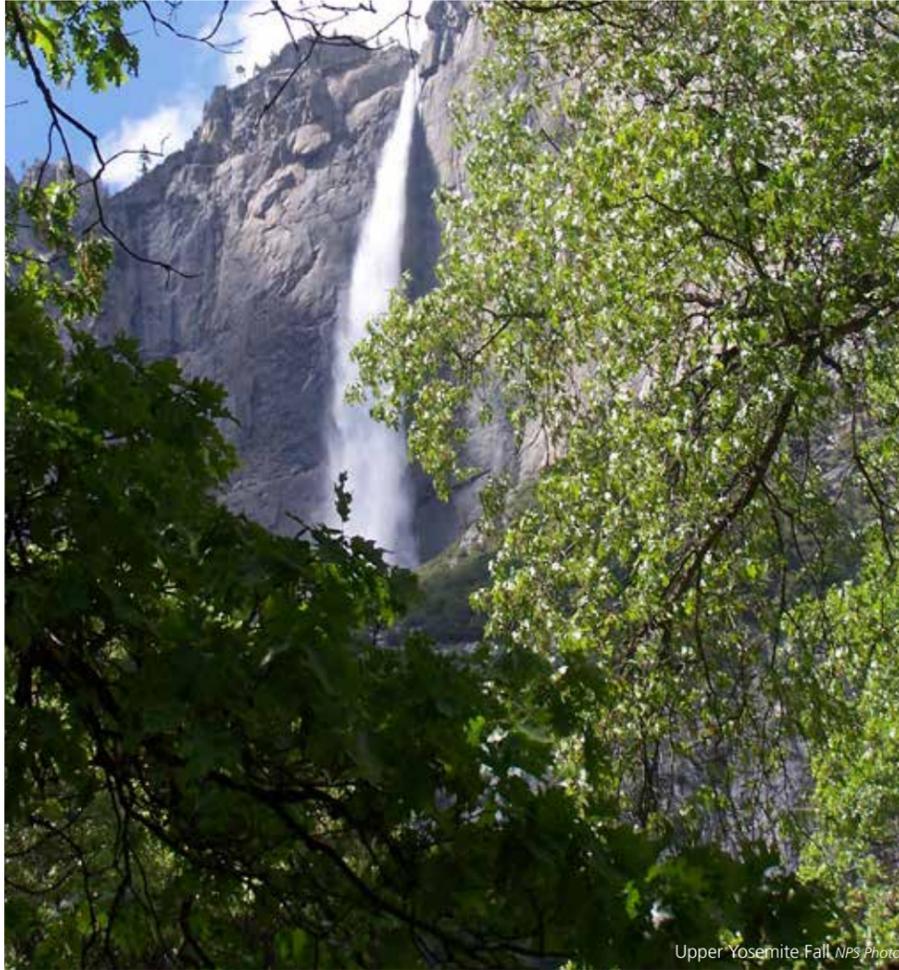
Learn about Yosemite, meet a park ranger, and have a blast by becoming a Yosemite Junior Ranger or Yosemite Little Cub. Check in at any visitor center to find out how. Stop by the Nature Center at Happy Isles for another great place to explore with the family. (See page 12 for more!)

## Ask a Climber Program

Do you see the climbers? How do they get up there? How do they get down? Where do they sleep? Join Yosemite Climbing Rangers at the El Capitan Bridge to answer any questions about rock climbing in Yosemite. Use telescopes and climbing equipment to get a glimpse into the world of climbing on the big walls of Yosemite Valley. Ask A Climber is also for climbers! Come congregate at the bridge to swap stories, talk safety, and get information about climbing routes. *Daily 11am to 3pm.*

## Take a Photography Class

Learn how to best capture the landscape of Yosemite by joining a photography expert from The Ansel Adams Gallery. Several classes are offered each week. Learn more and sign up at The Ansel Adams Gallery located in Yosemite Village



Upper Yosemite Fall, NPS Photo

## Get outside and enjoy your park!

Summer offers spectacular views of waterfalls, great hiking, and endless other opportunities for recreation.

at shuttle stops #5 and #9. (See pages 6 and 7 for times and meeting places.)

## Discover the Night Sky

Attend the "Starry Skies Over Yosemite Valley" for a wild ride through the universe to learn about stars, constellations, planets, meteors, and other night sky features, all from the comfort of Yosemite Valley. Sign up at any tour desk.

## Go to the Theater

After a day filled with exploring, relax and enjoy a show at the Yosemite Theater. Yosemite Theater presents a variety of experiences, including plays based on some of the park's most

colorful characters, inspiring films, and celebrations of Yosemite's culture and history. See pg. 6 for shows and start times.

## Get Outdoors With Yosemite Conservancy

Yosemite Conservancy is passionate about sharing Yosemite's wonders. Spend a weekend observing the lives of birds or summit Half Dome with an expert leading you every step of the way. Looking for a custom Yosemite experience? Contact us to plan a Custom Adventure for your family or group. Visit [yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures](http://yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures) or 209/379-2317 ext. 10 to find your adventure today.

## Yosemite Art Center Workshops

Yosemite Conservancy invites you to participate in one of our enriching and fun art workshops. Workshops are held Monday-Saturday in Yosemite Valley. There is a registration fee of \$10 per visitor. The Art Center also offers weekly Children's Classes, Beginner Art Workshops, and Family Craft Programs. Register in advance by calling 209/372-1442. Workshops take place at the Yosemite Art Center located next to the Village Store. Art supplies, gifts and original art are available for purchase. Open daily 9am to 4:30pm (closed at 12pm for lunch). See pg. 6 for details.

## Volunteer with a Ranger

Yosemite's vegetation communities need your help! Come volunteer as a Habitat Protector of Yosemite (HaPY) and perform ecological restoration projects in Yosemite Valley. This is a family friendly activity where you can take an active role in protecting and preserving our natural resources with a Park Ranger. Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center at 9am every Wednesday. Wear closed-toe shoes, long pants, bring water, snacks, and sun protection. Please call ahead for group sizes larger than ten. For more information, contact the volunteer office at 209/379-1850 or check out the website at <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hapy.htm>.

## Water Bottle Refilling Stations!

Drought conditions are upon us and water conservation efforts are appreciated. There are seven water bottle filling stations located in Yosemite Valley. Indoor stations can be found at Degnan's Deli and Yosemite Lodge, and outdoor filling stations can be found at Yosemite Lodge Gift Shop, in front and back of the Village Store, the Curry Village Meadow Deck Grill, and the Yosemite Valley Stables. All outdoor filling stations are marked with a water drop sign, and have a variety of fill ports. Please help us reduce waste by encouraging refilling water bottles with delicious Yosemite tap water!

## Access for People with Disabilities

Accessible parking, lodging, tours, and activities are available throughout the park.



For a complete list of accessible services, recreational opportunities, and exhibits, pick up an updated Yosemite Accessibility Guide which is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm), or call a park accessibility coordinator at 209/379-1035 for more information.



Accessible parking spaces are available just west of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. To reach these, enter the Valley on Southside Drive. Turn left on Sentinel Drive. Turn left on Northside Drive, and follow the blue and white signs.



A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors. Please contact the park's deaf services coordinator (209/372-0645) to request an interpreter. Advance notice is requested. Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advance request. Inquire at a visitor center.

Audio tours are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an accessibility coordinator for more information.

## Emergency Information

### Emergency Dial 911

Yosemite Village Garage offers 24-hour emergency roadside assistance, 209/372-1060

### For up-to-date road, weather, and park information: 209/372-0200

Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley) Open 7 days per week from 9am to 7pm for primary and urgent care needs. Phone: 209/372-4637

Dental Clinic (In Yosemite Valley) 209/372-4200

## Lost and Found

To inquire about items lost or found at one of Yosemite's restaurants, hotels, lounges, shuttle buses or tour services, call 209/372-4357. For items lost or found in other areas of the park, call 209/379-1001.

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# Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

## Entrance Fees

Reservations are NOT required to enter Yosemite.  
The park is open year-round, 24 hours/day.

**Vehicle \$20**  
Valid for 7 days

**Individual \$10**  
In a bus, on foot, bicycle, motorcycle, or horse. Valid for 7 days.

**Yosemite Pass \$40**  
Valid for one year in Yosemite.

**Interagency Annual Pass \$80**  
Valid for one year at all federal recreation sites.

**Interagency Senior Pass \$10**  
(Lifetime) For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.

**Interagency Access Pass (Free)**  
(Lifetime) For permanently disabled U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

**Interagency Military Pass (Free)**  
(Annual) For active duty U.S. military and dependents.

## Reservations

**Campground Reservations**  
877/444-6777  
www.recreation.gov

**Lodging Reservations**  
801/559-5000  
www.yosemitepark.com

## Regional Info

**Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)**  
www.yarts.com

**Highway 120 West**  
Yosemite Chamber of Commerce  
800/449-9120 or 209/962-0429

**Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau**  
800/446-1333  
www.tcvb.com

**Highway 41**  
Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau  
559/683-4636  
www.yosemitethisyear.com

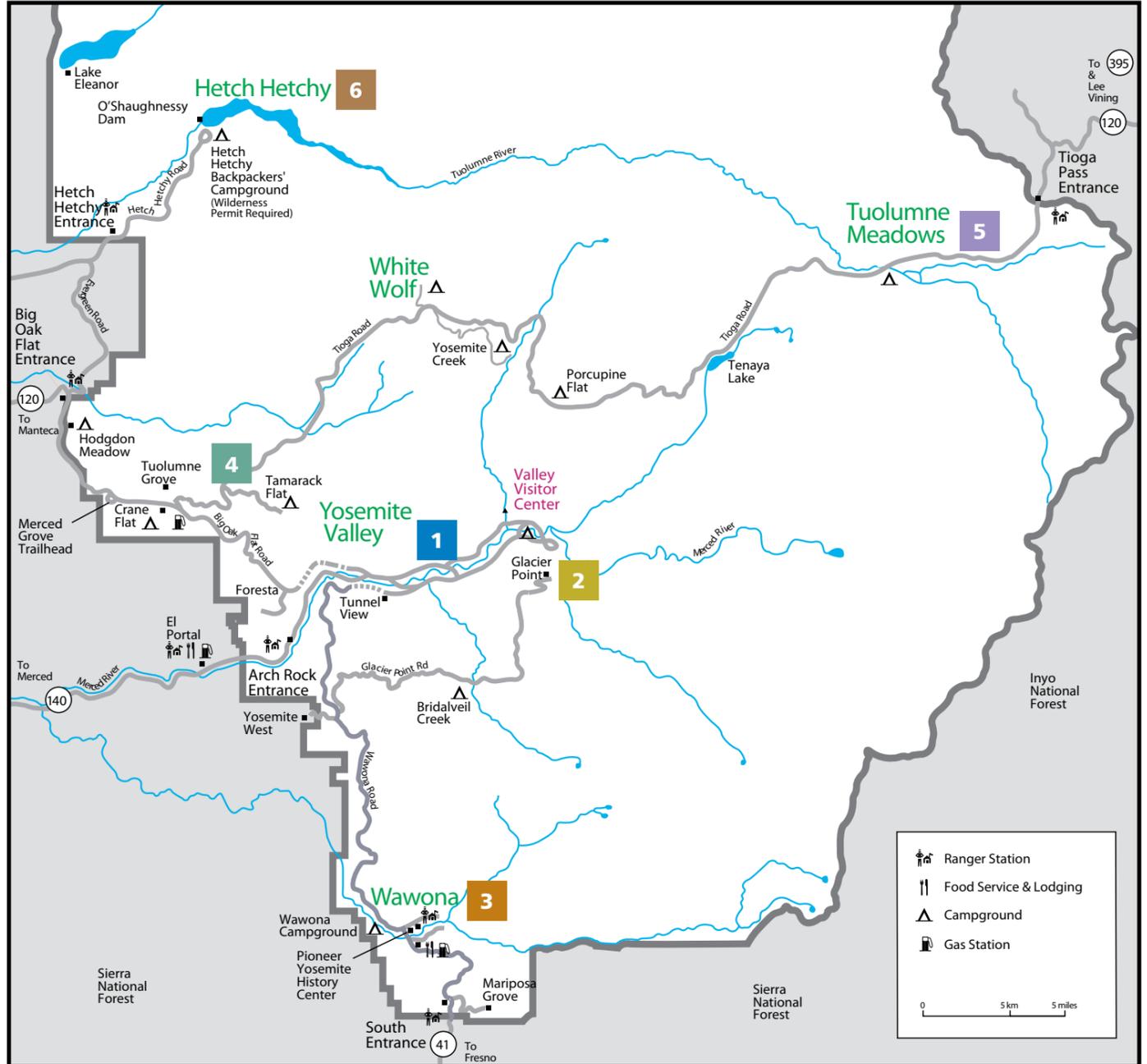
**Highway 132/49**  
Coulterville Visitor Center  
209/878-3074

**Highway 140/49**  
Mariposa County Visitor Center  
866/425-3366 or 209/966-7081

**Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau**  
209/742-4567  
www.homeofyosemite.com

**Highway 120 East**  
Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce and Mono Lake Visitor Center, 760/647-6629  
www.leevining.com

**Calif. Welcome Center, Merced**  
800/446-5353 or 209/724-8104  
www.yosemite-gateway.org



## Yosemite Valley

**1** Yosemite Valley, open all year, is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. You can get there via Highway 41/Wawona Road from Fresno, Highway 140/El Portal Road from Merced, Highway 120 west/Big Oak Flat Road from Manteca, and (during summer) via the Tioga Road/Highway 120 east from Lee Vining. Yosemite Valley is home to massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome, plunging waterfalls including the tallest in North America, and attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls slows to a trickle by August, a moderate hike will bring you to impressive Vernal and Nevada Falls. Walk to Mirror Lake, where you will see reflections of Half Dome. Gaze up at El Capitan, a massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. Whether you explore the valley by foot, bike, car, on horseback, raft, or tour, you will behold scenery that will leave you breathless and eager to see what's around the next corner.



Mirror Lake and Mount Watkins. Photo by Christine White Loberg

## Glacier Point

**2** Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and the Yosemite's high country, is located 30 miles (a one-hour drive) from Yosemite Valley or Wawona. To get there from either of these places, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), to Chinquapin, then turn onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating—some might say unnerving—view 3,214 feet down to Yosemite Valley below.



View from Glacier Point. Photo by Christine White Loberg

## Wawona and Mariposa Grove

**3** The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1 ¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park's South Entrance. The nearby Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite. Enjoy a horse-drawn stage ride, watch blacksmiths at work at the blacksmith shop, or hike one of the scenic trails. For more information, visit the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio, adjacent to the historic Wawona Hotel. This was once a painting studio for the 19th-century artist Thomas Hill. The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is a short drive or help reduce congestion by taking the free shuttle from the Wawona Store.



The Mariposa Grove Museum. Photo by Pam Meierding

## Tioga Road and Tuolumne Grove

**4** Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. It is usually open from late May or early June through sometime in November. The road's elevation ranges from 6,200 to nearly 10,000 feet, so it offers an opportunity to experience many of Yosemite's habitats. The White Wolf area, midway across the park, is the starting point for day hikes to Lukens Lake and Harden Lake. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area on the Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the grove. Or park at Merced Grove trailhead on Big Oak Flat Road and walk 1.5 steep miles down to the grove. These groves are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but are quieter and off-limits to vehicles. Remember: walking down is easier than walking back up.



Cathedral Peak. Photo by Christine White Loberg

## Tuolumne Meadows

**5** Tuolumne Meadows provides a glimpse of the High Sierra. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows surrounded by even higher granite domes and peaks. It is the jumping off place for countless hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. Stop at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center for information about hiking to Cathedral Lakes, Elizabeth Lake, Dog Lake, Lembert Dome, or along the Tuolumne River through Lyell Canyon. Take advantage of the free shuttle service in Tuolumne Meadows or the Tuolumne Meadows Tour and Hikers' Bus from Yosemite Valley.



Bridge over the Tuolumne River at Tuolumne Meadows. Photo by John Sun

## Hetch Hetchy

**6** Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the city of San Francisco, is also home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. Due to its importance as a municipal water supply, no swimming is permitted, however. Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles from Yosemite Valley. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open 7am to 9pm May 1 through Labor Day, with reduced hours during the rest of the year. Hetch Hetchy Road is accessible via the Big Oak Flat Road and Evergreen Road and is approximately a 1 ¼-hour drive from Yosemite Valley. Trailers, vehicles over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not allowed on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.



Hetch Hetchy. Photo by Erik Skindrud

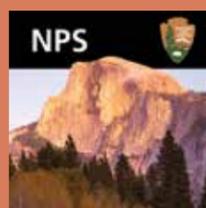
### DID YOU KNOW:

- There are more than 67 miles of trails within the Rim Fire burned area.
- Large trees and woody debris within the interior of the Rim Fire perimeter continued to smolder throughout the winter into 2014. Traces of smoke from the Rim Fire may still be visible during your visit this summer.
- Much of the Rim Fire burned through vegetation that also burned in the 1996 Ackerson Fire, which until the Rim Fire had been the largest fire in the park's recorded history.

Want the Guide on your Apple or Android device?

# Get the App!

Search **NPS-Yosemite** in app stores or at [nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit](http://nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit) to download the official park app for up-to-date listings of programs, services, an interactive map, and more!



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Android

# Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park



## The Incomparable Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Valley embraces one of the world's most outstanding concentrations of waterfalls, granite walls, meadows, wildflowers, and trees. The Valley also harbors a rich collection of human stories, from American Indian lore to the birth of the national park movement.

### Yosemite Valley

An unlimited array of possibilities await you in Yosemite Valley. Most involve sightseeing and learning about the scenery. See pages 5, 6, and 7 for more information on program topics and visitor services available.

#### Naturalist Programs

Naturalists give walks and talks every day about Yosemite's natural and cultural history. See pages 6 and 7 for scheduled walks, talks, and evening programs.

#### Walking and Hiking

From easy walks to Lower Yosemite Fall, Cook's Meadow, and Mirror Lake to strenuous hikes to the top of Yosemite Falls or Nevada Fall, Yosemite Valley has a wide range of walking and hiking possibilities. See page 17 for a list of hikes.

#### Bicycling

Several miles of bicycle paths wind through Yosemite Valley. You can use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Lodge or Curry Village. Bikes are only allowed on paved bicycle paths. Bike rentals are available from 8:30am to 8pm, last bike goes out at 6:45pm.

#### Tours

Tours listed depart from Yosemite Lodge. Tours may be weather dependent.

The **Valley Floor Tour** is a 26-mile, two-hour open-air tram tour narrated by a park ranger (weather permitting). The tour departs Yosemite Lodge several times daily. Check Tour & Activity Desk for times.

The **Glacier Point Tour** leaves Yosemite Lodge at 8:30am, 10am, and 1:30pm daily when the Glacier Point Road is open. One-way tickets are available for those who want to hike down from Glacier Point.

The **Grand Tour** includes the Valley, Glacier Point, and the Mariposa Grove. An experienced guide narrates each tour. The tour departs Yosemite Lodge at 8:45am daily.

Call 209/372-1240 for reservations or inquire at the tour desks at Yosemite Lodge, Yosemite Village, Curry Village, and The Ahwahnee.

#### Mule & Horseback Rides

Horse or mule rides begin at the stable near North Pines Campground. Stable hours are 7am to 5pm daily. Information: 209/372-8348 (reservations strongly recommended).

#### Sightseeing

Some of the famous landmarks in Yosemite Valley include:

- **Yosemite Falls** gives the Valley an extra touch of life when it's flowing with spring runoff. You can walk to its base or take the strenuous trail to its top (see page 17).
- **Half Dome**, Yosemite's most distinctive monument, dominates most views in Yosemite Valley. Forces of uplift, erosion from rivers and glaciers, and rockfall all shaped this famous feature into what we see today. Cook's Meadow, Sentinel Bridge, Tunnel View, and Glacier Point, are just a few locations with stunning views of Half Dome.
- **El Capitan**, a massive granite monolith, stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. From spring to fall, climbers come from all over the globe to scale El Capitan.
- **Happy Isles** is a place to see dramatic natural processes at work. It is easily reached by shuttle at stop #16 or by walking from Curry Village. Cross the footbridges onto the isles or wander through outdoor and indoor exhibits detailing Yosemite's geologic story.
- **Tunnel View**, along Wawona Road (Hwy 41) provides a classic view of Yosemite Valley, El Capitan, Half Dome, Sentinel Rock, Cathedral Rocks, and Bridalveil Fall. It is spectacular at sunset or after the clearing of a storm.

Hours listed are core hours for facilities and may be extended during periods of peak visitation. Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.

#### FOOD & BEVERAGE

##### Yosemite Village

###### Degnan's Loft

Monday - Friday: 5pm to 9pm  
Saturday - Sunday: 12pm to 9pm

###### Degnan's Delicatessen

7am to 6pm

###### Degnan's Cafe

11am to 5pm

###### Village Grill

11am to 5pm

##### The Ahwahnee

###### Dining Room

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Lunch: 11:30am to 3pm

Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm

Sunday Brunch: 7am to 3pm

Appropriate attire respectfully required for dinner.

Reservations strongly recommended for dinner and Sunday Brunch. 209/372-1489

###### Ahwahnee Breakfast Bar

7am to 10:30am

###### The Ahwahnee Bar

11:30am to 11pm

##### Yosemite Lodge

###### Food Court

Breakfast: 6:30am to 11am

Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm

Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm (the last 30 minutes is Grab and Go only)

###### Mountain Room Lounge

Monday - Friday

4:30pm to 11pm

Saturday & Sunday

12pm to 11pm, food service until 10pm

###### Mountain Room Restaurant

5:30pm to 9pm

Reservations taken for 8 or more. 209/372-1281 or 209/372-1403

##### Curry Village

###### Coffee Corner/Ice Cream

6am to 10pm - with ice cream service

beginning at 11am

###### Curry Village Bar

12pm to 10pm

###### Pavilion

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm

###### Pizza Deck

12pm to 10pm

###### Meadow Grill

11am to 7pm

###### Happy Isles Snack Stand

11am to 7pm (Weather Permitting)

#### BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL

##### Yosemite Village

###### The Ansel Adams Gallery

9am to 6pm

###### Yosemite Art Center

9am to 4:30pm, closed for lunch at 12pm

###### Yosemite Bookstore

###### Inside Yosemite Visitor Center

9am to 7pm

###### Yosemite Museum Store

9am to 5pm

###### Valley Wilderness Center

8am to 5pm

###### Village Store

8am to 10pm

###### Habitat Yosemite

10am to 5pm

###### Sport Shop

9am to 6pm

##### Ahwahnee

###### The Ahwahnee Gift Shop

8am to 10pm

###### The Ahwahnee Sweet Shop

7am to 10pm

##### Yosemite Lodge

###### Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

###### Nature Shop

10am to 8pm

##### Curry Village

###### Mountain Shop

8am to 8pm

###### Curry Village Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

##### Nature Center at Happy Isles

Exhibits and store, 9:30am to 5pm

# Yosemite Valley

Where to go and what to do



## Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center is open from 9am to 5pm, and bookstore hours are 9am to 7pm. The visitor center is west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9). The facility offers information, maps, and books. Explore the exhibits and learn how Yosemite's landscape formed and how people interact with it.

### YOSEMITE FILMS

Two films are shown daily, every half hour beginning at 9:30am (except on Sundays, when the first showing is at noon). The last film is at 4:30pm. "Ken Burns' Yosemite--A Gathering of Spirit" plays on the hour and The Spirit of Yosemite" plays on the half hour. Valley Visitor Center Theater.

## Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center.

### INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

Open daily from 9am to 5pm. Interprets the cultural history of Yosemite's Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present.

### YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE

Open daily from 9am to 5pm. The store offers books and traditional American Indian arts, crafts, jewelry, and books.

### YOSEMITE MUSEUM GALLERY EXHIBIT

"Yosemite, the Grand Experiment" This Yosemite Museum exhibit commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Yosemite Grant with a display of artwork, documents and artifacts from that early period. Photographs and paintings of visitors and the landscape,

including some of the earliest images, will be included from the park's museum collection. The Grand Register of the Cosmopolitan Saloon will be on view. The Edmunds report, a review of the proposed land grant sent days before the grant legislation was signed into law in 1864, will be on loan from the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Digital slide shows will supplement the paintings and photographs on exhibit. A video presentation will feature scholars discussing the importance of the grant, and the influence of painting and photography on the movement to protect public lands and remarkable scenery. An audio kiosk will feature quotations from a variety of historic figures from Yosemite's past. This project was made possible through the generous support of Yosemite Conservancy donors. Yosemite Museum Gallery, June 3 through September 30, open daily 9am to 5pm; from October 1 through October 18, open daily from 10am to noon and 1pm to 4pm.

### YOSEMITE RENAISSANCE XXX CALL FOR ENTRIES

Now in its 30th year, Yosemite Renaissance is an all-media, juried, fine art competition & exhibition on the theme of Yosemite and the environment of the Sierra Nevada. It is open to all living artists. \$4,000 in awards. Entry is by digital files. \$15 per entry (maximum of 8 entries per artist). The exhibit begins at the Yosemite Museum Gallery, February 28, 2015. For a prospectus and entry form visit: <http://www.yosemiterenaissance.org>. Deadline for entries: November 15, 2014. Yosemite Renaissance is a non-profit organization which encourages diverse interpretations of Yosemite in the visual arts.

## Wilderness Center

Open 8 am to 5 pm. Visit the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters. The Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village in between the post office and the Ansel Adams Gallery.

## Nature Center at Happy Isles

Open 9:30am to 5pm through September. Designed for nature-exploring children and their families, the nature center offers natural-history exhibits and a bookstore. The nature center is a short walk from shuttle stop # 16.

## Yosemite Art Center

The Yosemite Art Center offers a selection of original art and art supplies, as well as four hour art workshops daily (see pg. 6). Located near the Village Store, the Center is open 9am to noon and 1pm to 4:30pm.

## Yosemite Theater

Yosemite Theater offers entertainment and inspiration through a variety of live theater performances. Revel as park ranger Shelton Johnson and other performers bring the park's adventures to life! Tickets \$8 adults, \$4 children.

## The Ansel Adams Gallery

In Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center, the gallery is open daily from 9am to 6pm. The gallery offers the works of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other artists. See page 6 for photo walk times. For more information, call 209/372-4413, or visit [www.anseladams.com](http://www.anseladams.com).

### EXHIBITS

July 27 - September 13

### "Spectrum Analysis: Yosemite in Color"

The Sierra Nevada was long ago consecrated The Range of Light by John Muir – a sobriquet that has both motivated and defined artistic and environmental enterprise. As the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th passed, photographers valiantly captured the famous "light" of the Sierra on glass plates and film, often times risking physical health, financial stability and conjugal solidarity due to their long journeys and new betrothal to the landscape. Today photographers are engaging with this landscape more than ever through the medium of color film and digital capture, framing a more dynamic Yosemite that exposes a vibrancy that should surely be noted as an equal to the mythological light of the park. And while the photographer's

means of arrival are perhaps more convenient and efficient in the present day, the journey is no less exciting or revealing than it was 150 years ago. As part of The Ansel Adams Gallery's continuing celebration of the 150th anniversary of The Yosemite Grant, we are thrilled to present the exhibition, Spectrum Analysis: Yosemite in Color, as it looks at those working contemporarily with the park's full palette at their disposal. Included in the exhibit will be work by Michael Frye, Keith S. Walklet, Jeff Grandy, William Neill, Mike Osborne, Charles Cramer and more.

## LeConte Memorial Lodge

LeConte Memorial Lodge is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm. Free evening programs, scheduled for 8pm, are held on Friday and Saturday. Programs held in the building are limited to 50 guests. The Memorial has a library, children's corner, and exhibits. The Memorial is located at shuttle stop #12, across from the Housekeeping Cabins. Call 209/372-4542 for program details.

## VALLEY SERVICES

### GARAGE

Yosemite Village  
8am to 5pm / 24 hour AAA towing available  
Propane service available until 4:30pm.  
209/372-8320

### POST OFFICES

Yosemite Village  
**Main Office**  
Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm  
Saturday: 10am to 12pm  
Yosemite Lodge  
**Post Office**  
Monday-Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

### GROCERIES AND TOURS

Yosemite Village  
**Village Store Gift/Grocery**  
8am to 10pm  
**Degnan's Deli**  
7am to 6pm  
**Tour Desk - Village Store**  
7:30am to 3pm  
Yosemite Lodge  
**Gift/Grocery**  
8am to 10pm  
**Tour Desk**  
7:30am to 7pm  
Curry Village  
**Gift/Grocery**  
8am to 10pm  
**Tour Desk**  
7:30am to 3pm  
Housekeeping Camp  
**Gift/Grocery**  
8am to 8pm

### SHOWERS, LAUNDRY, AND INTERNET

**Housekeeping Camp**  
Showers 7am to 10pm  
Laundry 8am to 10pm  
**Curry Village**  
Showers open 24 hours

**Internet Kiosks**  
Degnan's Deli - 7am to 6pm  
Yosemite Lodge Lobby - open 24 hours

# SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

July 30, 2014 - September 2, 2014



## Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy is passionate about sharing the wonders of Yosemite through our Outdoor Adventure programs. Join one of the many year-round programs available and explore everything Yosemite has to offer.

- July 31 - Aug 3** Ice, Wind, & Fire
- Aug 7 - Aug 10** Hike Half Dome: The Easy Way
- Aug 7 - Aug 10** Painting Tuolumne Meadows en Plein Air
- Aug 9 - Aug 10** Tuolumne Meadows Birds & Blooms
- Aug 14 - Aug 17** Lyell Glacier Backpack Trek
- Aug 16 - Aug 17** Yosemite Photography: High Country Workshop
- Aug 21 - Aug 24** Backpack Half Dome via Clouds Rest #2
- Aug 23** North Dome & the Natural Arch Day Hike
- Aug 24** Go Climb a Peak: Summit Mt. Hoffmann
- Aug 28 - Aug 31** Backpack Half Dome via Clouds Rest #3

Find more information about these programs at [www.yosemiteconservancy.org/outdoor-adventures](http://www.yosemiteconservancy.org/outdoor-adventures) or call 209/379-2317, ext. 10. Camping and park entry are included, additional lodging options available. Custom adventures can also be arranged for individuals, families and groups. Proceeds support Yosemite Conservancy's work in the park; preserving and protecting Yosemite for generations to come.

## Yosemite Art Center Workshops (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy invites you to enjoy a hands on art experience in Yosemite Valley. Celebrated artists lead workshops from 10am to 2pm, Monday through Saturday.

- July 28 - Aug 2** Charcoal /Graphite: Classic Yosemite, Natalie Chan
- Aug 4 - Aug 9** Paint the Park Fast and Loose: Watercolor, David Peterson
- Aug 11 - Aug 16** Drawing What You See, Bob Magnuson
- Aug 18 - Aug 23** Enjoy Watercolor Landscape, Mariko Lofink
- Aug 25 - Aug 30** Pen and Ink with Watercolor, Pam Pederson
- Sept 1 - Sept 6** Capture the Beauty: Watercolor, Osamu Saito

There is a registration fee of \$10 per visitor, supplies are available for purchase.

## Yosemite Theater (YC)

Yosemite Theater offers entertainment and inspiration through a variety of live theater performances. Revel as park ranger Shelton Johnson and other performers bring the park's adventures to life! Tickets \$8 adults, \$4 children.

- Sunday (May 4 - Sept 28)** Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1903
- Monday (June 2 - Sept 8)** Filmmaking on the Edge
- Tuesday (April 29 - Sept 30)** Yosemite Search and Rescue
- Wednesday (July 2 - Oct 15)** Conversation with a Tramp: An Evening with John Muir
- Thursday (July 3 - Oct 16)** Muir Among the Animals
- Friday & Saturday (July 4 - Oct 25)** Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey

## Yosemite Mountaineering School (YMS)

YMS offers rock climbing classes, guided climbs, custom backcountry trips, and daily hikes. Experience the park with a professional guide: 209/372-8344. Open daily from 8:30am to 12pm and 1pm to 4:30pm.

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES

**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 Weddings: YosemiteValleyChapel.org  
 SUNDAY SERVICES:  
 9:15am (Sunday School Available)  
 11am (Memorial Day through Labor Day ONLY - No Sunday School)  
 6:30pm Evening chapel service  
 TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7pm (call for location)  
 THURSDAY MID-WEEK SERVICE 7pm in the chapel.  
 209/372-4831, Pastor Brent Moore Resident Minister

**ROMAN CATHOLIC**  
 Saturday, 6pm, Lower Pines Amphitheater, Shuttle Bus Stop #19  
 Sunday, 10am, Theater behind Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, 209/372-4729

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 El Portal Chapel / Worship: Sunday 11am  
 Info: 209/379-2100

**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST**  
 Christian Sabbath Worship at Lower River Amphitheater, Saturday May 24 - August 30, (No Service July 19)  
 9:45am Music/Sabbath School,  
 11am Worship Service, 12:30pm Potluck  
[www.facebook.com/YosemiteSDAChurch](http://www.facebook.com/YosemiteSDAChurch)

**LATTER-DAY SAINTS**  
 CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS  
 Sacrament Meeting, Sundays 1pm to 1:45pm  
 Memorial Day thru Labor Day, Yosemite Valley Chapel

**A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN THE NATIONAL PARKS**  
 9am Sunday at Lower Pines, Wawona, and Tuolumne Meadows campgrounds.

### SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
 7:30pm Sunday, Tuesday, & Thursday  
 DNC General Office Bldg. Yosemite Village.

**LIONS CLUB**  
 First and third Thursday of each month at noon, The Ahwahnee. Call 209/372-4475.

MORNING	
Sunday	8:00am <b>Go Climb a Peak: Summit Mt. Hoffmann</b> (August 24 only) 8 hrs. Enjoy one of the best panoramic views of Yosemite. Camping included if needed. Requires advanced reservation, please call 209/379-2317 ext. 10 (YC) \$
	9:00am <b>CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	9:30am <b>Adventure Hike-Vernal/ Nevada Falls</b> 6 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour and activity desk. Curry Village Mountaineering School. (DNC) \$
	10:30am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿ 11:00am <b>Ask A Climber</b> 4 hrs. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for this informal program. Use telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS) ♿
Monday	9:00am <b>Bike to Hike Tour</b> 2.5 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour and activity desk. Curry Village Bike Stand. (DNC) \$
	9:00am <b>CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	9:00am <b>Camera Walk</b> 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at the Ahwahnee Hotel (TAAG) ♿
	9:00am <b>Using the Digital Darkroom: Landscapes and Lightroom</b> 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$
	10:00am <b>Art Workshop</b> 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. For more information, see page 6 (YC) \$ 10:30am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿ 11:00am <b>Ask A Climber</b> 4 hrs. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for this informal program. Use telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS) ♿
Tuesday	8:15am <b>Adventure Hike- Panorama Trail</b> with one-way Glacier Point Bus ride. 8 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk. Tickets/info at any tour and activity desk. (DNC) \$
	9:00am <b>Camera Walk</b> 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) ♿
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	11:00am <b>CHILDREN'S ART SESSION</b> 1 hr. Ages 6-9 Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$
Wednesday	9:00am <b>VOLUNTEER DROP-IN PROGRAM</b> Up to 3 hrs. Become a Habitat Protector of Yosemite and perform ecological restoration projects in Yosemite Valley. Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center. Wear closed-toe shoes, long pants; bring water, snacks, sun protection. (NPS)
	9:00am <b>Bike to Hike Tour</b> 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour and activity desk. (DNC) \$
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	11:00am <b>CHILDREN'S ART SESSION</b> 1 hr. Ages 6-9 Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$
Friday	9:00am <b>CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	9:30am <b>Adventure Hike - Vernal/Nevada Falls</b> 6 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School Tickets/info at any tour and activity desk. (DNC) \$
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Saturday	8:00am <b>North Dome &amp; the Natural Arch Day Hike</b> (Aug 23 only) 10 hrs. North Dome's position directly across from Half Dome offers outstanding views of Yosemite's most iconic rock formation. Camping included if needed. Requires advanced reservation, please call 209/379-2317 ext. 10 (YC) \$
	9:00am <b>Bike to Hike Tour</b> 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour and activity desk. (DNC) \$
	9:00am <b>CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
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- AAC** American Alpine Club
- DNC** DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, Inc.
- NPS** National Park Service
- SC** Sierra Club
- TAAG** The Ansel Adams Gallery
- YC** Yosemite Conservancy
- YMS** Yosemite Mountaineering School
- \$** Programs offered for a fee



Indicates facilities accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. Short, steep inclines may be encountered.



A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors. Contact 209/372-4726 (TTY) or 209/372-0645 to request an interpreter. Advance notice of 2 days is requested.



Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advanced request. Inquire at a visitor center.

	AFTERNOON	EVENING
<b>Sunday</b>	<p>1:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:30pm <b>Beginner Art Workshop</b> 2 hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:30pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> (except August 10) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk-Wild About Bears</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)</p> <p>3:30pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> (except August 10) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm <b>CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>4:30pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> (except August 10) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater: Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1903</b> 1.5 hrs. Film and presentation by ranger Shelton Johnson. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 &amp; under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>FULL MOON BIKE RIDE</b> (August 10 only) 2hrs. Tickets and information at any tour and activity desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (except August 10 and August 31) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour &amp; activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
<b>Monday</b>	<p>1:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm <b>Discovery Hike - Columbia Rock</b> 3.5 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour and activity desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>1:00pm <b>Using Your Digital Camera</b> 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk-Geology</b> 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm <b>GREAT YOSEMITE FAMILY ADVENTURE</b> 2.5 hrs. Guided adventure with GPS units. Tickets and information available at any tour &amp; activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p> <p>3:30pm <b>CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> (except August 4) 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE</b> 1 hr. Campfire ring near shuttle stop #16, look for temporary campfire signs. (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater: Filmmaking on the Edge</b> 1.5 hrs. Video and presentation by Steve Bumgardner. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 &amp; under. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Ranger Program</b> 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (except August 4) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour &amp; activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p>1:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm <b>In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams photography class</b> 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$</p> <p>1:30pm <b>YOUTH ART SESSION</b> 1.5 hrs. Ages 10+ Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:30pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk-Wild About Bears</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (bear sightings unlikely). (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm <b>GREAT YOSEMITE FAMILY ADVENTURE</b> 2.5 hrs. Guided adventure with GPS units. Tickets and information available at any tour &amp; activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p> <p>3:30pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:30pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater: Yosemite Search and Rescue</b> 1.5 hrs. Presentation, video, and discussion by John Dill. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Ranger Program - Yosemite's Wilderness</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour &amp; activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p>1:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> (except August 13) 15 mins. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm <b>Discovery Hike - Vernal Fall Bridge</b> 3.5 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour and activity desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>1:30pm <b>YOUTH ART SESSION</b> 1.5 hrs. Ages 10+ Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> (except August 13) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk-Inspiring Generations</b> (except August 13) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm <b>GREAT YOSEMITE FAMILY ADVENTURE</b> 2.5 hrs. Guided adventure with GPS units. Tickets and information available at any tour &amp; activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p> <p>3:30pm <b>CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE</b> (except August 13) 1 hr. Campfire ring near shuttle stop #16, look for temporary campfire signs. (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater: Conversation with a Tramp: An Evening with John Muir</b> 1.5 hrs. Live performance by Lee Stetson. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 &amp; under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Ranger Program</b> (except August 6 &amp; 13) 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>FULL MOON BIKE RIDE</b> (August 6 only) 2 hrs. Tickets and information at any tour and activity desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (except August 6) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour &amp; activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p>1:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm <b>Using Your Digital Camera</b> 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$</p> <p>1:30pm <b>YOUTH ART SESSION</b> 1.5 hrs. Ages 10+ Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Bike to Hike tour</b> 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour and activity desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk-Wild About Bears</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (bear sightings unlikely). (NPS)</p>	<p>6:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater: John Muir Among the Animals</b> 1 hr. A lively show for the whole family, performed by Lee Stetson. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 &amp; under. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Ranger Program - Stories of Search and Rescue</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>FULL MOON BIKE RIDE</b> (August 7 only) 2 hrs. Tickets and information at any tour and activity desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (except July 31st, and August 7) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour &amp; activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p>1:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:30pm <b>FAMILY CRAFTS</b> 2hrs. Drop-in craft program at Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk-Wild About Bears</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (bear sightings unlikely). (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm <b>GREAT YOSEMITE FAMILY ADVENTURE</b> 2.5 hrs. Guided adventure with GPS units. Tickets and information available at any tour &amp; activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p> <p>3:30pm <b>CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE</b> 1 hr. Campfire ring near shuttle stop #16, look for temporary campfire signs. (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater: Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey</b> 1.5 hrs. Film and presentation by Ron Kauk. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 &amp; under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Ranger Program</b> (except August 8) 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)</p> <p>8:00pm <b>BEN CUNNINGHAM-SUMMERFIELD, CALIFORNIA TRIBAL MEMBER: AMERICAN INDIAN STORYTELLING AND FLUTE</b> (August 1 only) 1hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) Limited to 50 guests.</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Michael Wurtz, Archivist, University of the Pacific: John Muir &amp; the Big Trees</b> (August 15 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) Limited to 50 guests.</p> <p>8:00pm <b>LEE TERKELSEN, NATURE FILM MAKER: HIKE FROM SEQUOIA TO MT. WHITNEY</b> (August 22 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) Limited to 50 guests.</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Film - Ansel Adams</b> 1 hr. Check local listing for venue (TAAG) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>FULL MOON BIKE RIDE</b> (August 8 only) 2 hrs. Tickets and information at any tour and activity desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>9:00pm <b>NIGHT PROWL</b> 1.5 hrs. Explore Yosemite at night! Tickets and information available at any tour &amp; activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour &amp; activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
<b>Saturday</b>	<p>1:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm <b>Discovery Hike - Columbia Rock</b> 3.5 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour and activity desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>1:00pm <b>In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams photography class</b> 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$</p> <p>1:30pm <b>FAMILY CRAFTS</b> 2 hrs. Drop-in craft program at Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:30pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> (except August 9) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk-Wild About Bears</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Fine Print Viewing</b> 1 hr. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Limited space (TAAG) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> (except August 9) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm <b>CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>4:30pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> (except August 9) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:30PM <b>ILLUSTRION WORKSHOP</b> 1 hr. Discover Yosemite's animals and scenery through drawing lessons. Curry Village Guest Lounge. (DNC) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater: Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey</b> 1.5 hrs. Film and presentation by Ron Kauk. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm <b>TALL TALES IN TALL MOUNTAINS</b> 1 hr. Interactive Storytelling with Steven Riley and Ty Cooney. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 &amp; under. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Jack Hoefflich, YNP Law Enforcement Ranger/Search &amp; Rescue Ranger: Search and Rescue in Yosemite</b> (August 2 and August 16 only) 1.5 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) Limited to 50 guests.</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Jeanne Wetzel Chinn, Felidae Conservation Fund: California Wolves Education Project: Being With Wolves</b> (August 9 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) Limited to 50 guests.</p> <p>8:00pm <b>LEE TERKELSEN, NATURE FILM MAKER: ALONG THE JOHN MUIR TRAIL</b> (August 23 only) 1hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) Limited to 50 guests.</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC/AAC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>FULL MOON BIKE RIDE</b> (August 9 only) 2 hrs. Tickets and information at any tour and activity desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour &amp; activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p> <p>9:00pm <b>NIGHT PROWL</b> (except August 9 and August 30) 1.5 hrs. Explore Yosemite at night! Tickets and information available at any tour &amp; activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>

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# Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point



## Explore History, Discover Giant Trees, and Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

### Wawona & Mariposa Grove

#### Coffee with a Ranger

Grab your mug and join a ranger in the Wawona Campground Amphitheater for coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. Use this time to plan your day or to get other questions answered. See page 9 for scheduled programs.

#### Evening Programs

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past. Once or twice a week, he will present an hour-long interpretive program on the vintage songs of Yosemite or the history of Wawona with slide or music accompaniment. Check with Tom at the piano for dates and times.

#### Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio

Open 8:30am to 5pm. The visitor center offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona store parking area and follow the path up the hill.



### Pioneer Yosemite History Center

Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center explores Yosemite's history and explains how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world. The center is always open, and interpretive signs and brochures are available.

#### Experience Horse-Drawn Travel

Travel into history by taking a 10-minute horse-drawn stage ride. Tickets may be purchased at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. See page 9 for dates, times, and locations. \$5/adults and \$4/child (ages 3-12)

#### Blacksmith Shop

Smell the burning coal, hear the ring of the hammer on the anvil, and watch a demonstration of the ancient art of blacksmithing. See page 9 for dates, times, and locations.

### Mariposa Grove

Located near Yosemite's South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove is the park's largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees. A few of these giants are visible in the parking area. Information about access for disabled people is available at the tram boarding area.

#### Getting to Mariposa Grove

Allow 1.5 hours driving time to reach the grove from the Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the grove parking lot. The access road to the grove may close intermittently due to limited parking.

Trailers are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road. Private vehicles longer than 25 feet are not permitted on this road.

### FREE MARIPOSA GROVE & WAWONA SHUTTLE

A shuttle stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the bus. Shuttles operate beginning at 9am, and the last shuttle leaves the grove at 6pm, or after the last tour. Please use this free bus service to help reduce congestion and parking delays.

#### Walking through the Grove

Trails into the grove extend uphill from the trailhead at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the California Tree provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations are available at the trailhead in Spanish, German, French, and Japanese.

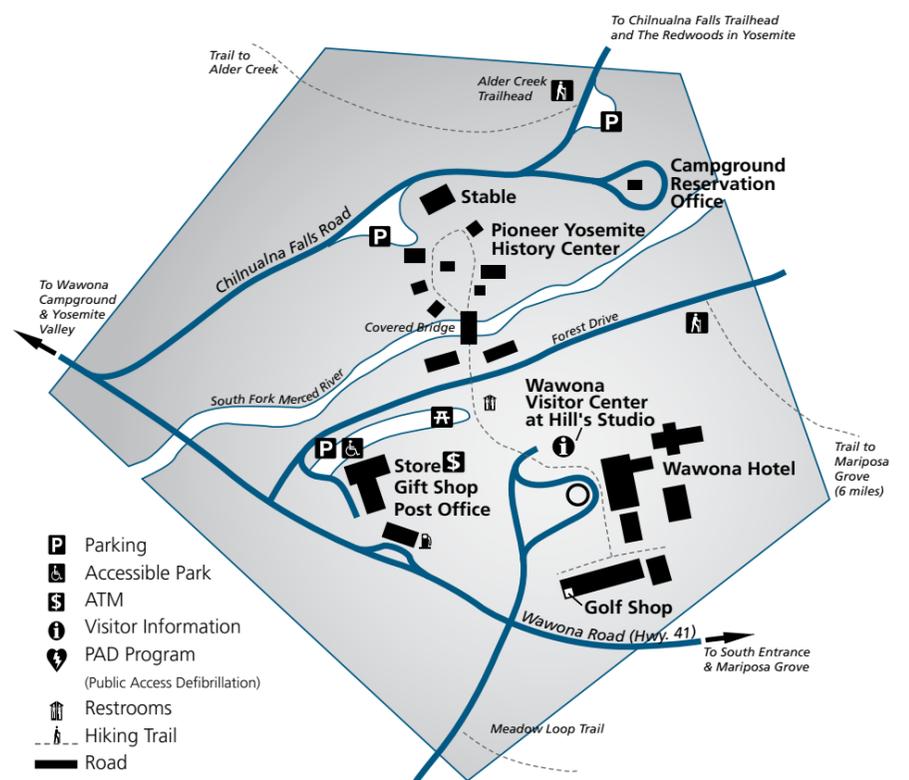
### Big Trees Tram Tour

Please visit the Big Trees Ticket Kiosk at the Big Trees Gift Shop, in the Mariposa Grove, for departure times. Open from 9:30am to 5pm.

### Mariposa Grove Museum

Open 10am to 4pm. Located in the Upper Mariposa Grove, the museum offers information, displays on giant sequoias.

**Dogs/bikes are not permitted anywhere in the Grove**



Horse-drawn stage rides with Burrell "Buckshot" Maier NPS Photo



Geology Hut. Photo courtesy Yosemite Research Library

## Glacier Point

### Evening Programs

Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening shadows in Yosemite Valley and the alpenglow (or moonrise) on the Sierra high country. Stargazing programs are offered, as well. Details at right.

Hours listed are core hours for facilities and may be extended during periods of peak visitation. Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.

### FOOD & BEVERAGE

#### Wawona

##### Wawona Hotel Dining Room

Breakfast: 7:30am to 10am  
Lunch: 11:30am to 1:30pm  
Lounge Service 5pm to 9:30pm  
Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm  
*Reservations taken for 6 or more.*  
Saturday BBQ: 5pm to 7pm

##### Golf Shop & Snack Stand

9am to 5pm weather and conditions permitting

#### Glacier Point

##### Snack Stand

10am to 5pm, conditions permitting

### GROCERIES

#### Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop

8am to 8pm

### GIFTS & APPAREL

#### Wawona

##### Wawona Store & Pioneer Shop

8am to 8pm

##### Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio (Information and Books)

8:30am to 5pm

#### Glacier Point

##### Gift Shop

9am to 6pm

#### Mariposa Grove

##### Mariposa Grove Museum

10am to 4pm

##### Big Trees Gift Shop

9am to 6pm

### POST OFFICE

#### Wawona Post Office

Monday-Friday: 9am to 5pm

Saturday: 9am to noon

### GAS STATION

#### Wawona Gas Station

8am to 6pm Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

### GOLF

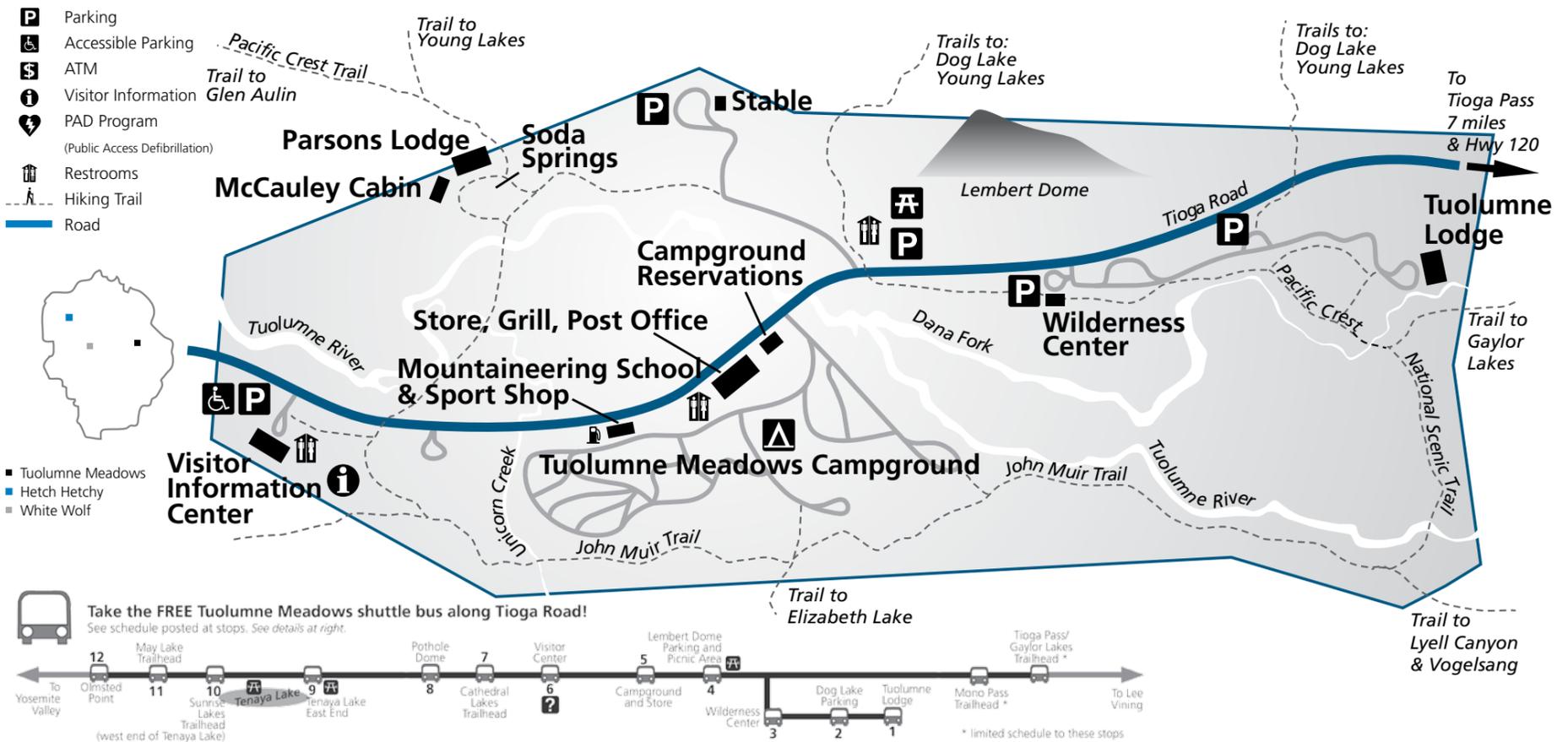
#### Wawona Hotel Golf Course

9am to 5pm, weather and conditions permitting. Nine-hole, par-35 course.

	WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE	GLACIER POINT
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00am to 2:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> 10 min each Purchase tickets in Wells Fargo Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12 (NPS) \$ 10:00am to 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center</b> (NPS) ♿ 10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 3:00pm <b>Wawona History Stroll</b> 1 hr. Wawona Hotel Fountain (NPS)	2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk - Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan</b> 1.5 hrs. Moderately difficult. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop. (NPS) 6:30pm <b>GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR</b> 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$ 7:30 pm <b>Campfire Program</b> 1 hr. Bridalveil Campground, Loop C. (NPS)
<b>Monday</b>	10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)	10:00am <b>Step Into Yosemite's Past: Walk to McGurk Meadow</b> 2 hrs. Meet at phone booth in Bridalveil Campground. (NPS) 6:30pm <b>GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR</b> 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$ 7:00pm <b>Sunset Ranger Talk</b> (August 25 & September 1 only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 7:15pm <b>Sunset Ranger Talk</b> (August 4, 11 & 18 only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS)
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 6:30pm <b>Evening Ranger Program</b> (Except Sept 2) 1 hr. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call 855/290-3499 (NPS) ♿ 5:30pm <b>Tom Bopp Performing at the Piano</b> 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Historical programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. For more details, drop by the piano early in the evening to ask Tom or stop by the front desk. Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) ♿	2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk - Cliffs and Domes</b> 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 6:30pm <b>GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR</b> 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am <b>Wawona History Stroll</b> 1 hr. Wawona Hotel Fountain (NPS) 10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> (except August 13) 1.5 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> (except August 13) 1.5 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 2:00pm to 4:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> (except August 13 & 27) 10 min each Purchase tickets in Wells Fargo Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12 (NPS) \$ 2:00pm to 5:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center</b> (NPS) ♿ 5:30pm <b>Tom Bopp Performing at the Piano</b> 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Historical programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. For more details, drop by the piano early in the evening to ask Tom or stop by the front desk. Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) ♿	6:30pm <b>GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR</b> 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00am to 2:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> (except August 28) 10 min each Purchase tickets in Wells Fargo Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12 (NPS) \$ 10:00am to 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center</b> (NPS) ♿ 10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 5:30pm <b>Tom Bopp Performing at the Piano</b> 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Historical programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. For more details, drop by the piano early in the evening to ask Tom or stop by the front desk. Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) ♿ 9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER WAWONA</b> 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$	6:30pm <b>GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR</b> 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$
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<b>Saturday</b>	8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> (Hot cocoa and tea too!) 45 mins. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿ 9:00am <b>Nature Walk with a Ranger</b> 2 hrs. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call 855/290-3499 (NPS) 9:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM</b> 1.5 hrs. Especially for ages 7-12. Meet at Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿ 10:00am to 2:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> 10 min each Purchase tickets in Wells Fargo Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12 (NPS) \$ 10:00 am to 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center</b> (NPS) ♿ 10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 5:30pm <b>Tom Bopp Performing at the Piano</b> 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Historical programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. For more details, drop by the piano early in the evening to ask Tom or stop by the front desk. Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) ♿	2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk - Cliffs and Domes</b> 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 7:00pm <b>Sunset Ranger Talk</b> (August 23 & 30 only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 7:15pm <b>Sunset Ranger Talk</b> (August 2, 9 & 16 only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Stars Over Yosemite</b> (except August 9) Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast. (NPS)

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# Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat



## Tuolumne Meadows

*Please walk on official trails to protect fragile meadow ecosystems.*

*Dogs, bicycles, and strollers are only allowed on roads open to vehicles.*

*Day-hikers and backpackers must go to the bathroom at least 100 feet away from water, trail, and camp areas; bury human waste six inches deep; pack out toilet paper and all other trash.*

**Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center**  
Visitor Center hours are 9am to 6pm. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays

**Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center**  
Open 8am to 5pm. Visit the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters. The Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center is located just south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, across from shuttle stop #3.

**Mule and Horseback Rides**  
Horse or mule rides begin at the Tuolumne Meadows stable. Stable hours are 7:30am to 5pm once open for the season. Information: 209/372-8427.

**Just for Kids**  
Programs for children include Junior Rangers, a two-hour ranger-led program for children (ages 7-12), and Campfire for Kids.

**Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley Cabin, and Soda Springs**  
Two trails, both flat and 3/4-mile long, lead to this historic area accessible only by walking. Parsons Memorial Lodge is open from 10am to 4pm. Please note, beginning August 11, the trail just east of the Visitor

Center that crosses the meadow to the bridge below Soda Springs will be closed Monday through Thursday for ecological restoration.

**Ranger Walks**  
Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, birds, flowers, history, the Tuolumne River, and more. These walks range from one to eight hours and, except for the long walks, are fairly easy.

**Evening Activities**  
Come to a traditional, ranger-led campfire program for stories, songs, and insight into Yosemite. Program topics are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. End your day with a star program - bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly.

**Parsons Memorial Lodge Summer Series**  
*Allow 30 minutes walking time to Parsons Memorial Lodge from either Lembert Dome parking area or the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Admission is free.*

**Saturday, August 2**  
2pm to 3:30pm  
**Ooolation! Singers** *A performance of nature-inspired music by young singers led by hammer dulcimer player Malcolm Dalglish, singers Charlie Jesseph, Rachel Schlafer-Parton, and Elise Witt*

**Sunday, August 3**  
2pm to 3:30pm  
**The Art of the Wild** *Illustrated talk by Jock Reynolds, artist and director, Yale University Art Gallery, and talk and reading by a special guest.*

**Saturday, August 9**  
2pm to 3pm  
**Bedrock Fractures and the Geologic Formation of Tuolumne Meadows** *Slide presentation by Richard Becker, geoscience Ph.D. candidate*

**Sunday, August 10**  
10am to noon  
**Mountain Inspiration** *Writing and yoga en plein air with Heather Sullivan, Balanced Rock co-founder and program director; bring a yoga mat or blanket, pen and paper, water, and appropriate layers of clothing.*  
2pm to 5pm  
**Bidder 70: A Lesson in Activism and Hope for Urgent Times** *Film and conversation with climate activist Tim DeChristopher*

**18th Annual Tuolumne Meadows Poetry Festival**  
Saturday and Sunday, August 16 - 17  
Morning workshops and afternoon readings with music: poets Chris Dombrowski, Jay Leeming, Norman Schaefer, Joseph Stroud, and musician Shira Kammen

**Saturday, August 16**  
10am to 11:30am  
**Writing the Ten Directions** *Poetry workshop with Jay Leeming*  
2pm to 3:30pm  
**Featured poets and music**  
7:30pm to 10pm  
**Open reading and music**

**Sunday, August 17**  
10am to 11:30am  
**The Grace of Their Intentions: Creatures in Poems** *Writing workshop with Chris Dombrowski*  
2pm to 3:30pm  
**Featured poets and music**  
*This event is supported by Poets & Writers, Inc. through a grant it has received from The James Irvine Foundation.*

**Big Oak Flat**  
**Big Oak Flat Information Station**  
Open from 8am to 5pm. The visitor center offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information,

books, bear canister rentals, and maps. The center is located just inside the park entrance on Hwy 120W.

**Ranger Programs**  
Ranger walks and evening programs are available at Hetch Hetchy, Hodgdon Meadows, Crane Flat, and White Wolf. Check local postings for details or call 209/379-1899.

**Merced Grove**  
Yosemite's quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of approximately 20 big trees accessible only on foot. It's a three-mile round-trip hike (about three hours) into the grove. The trail drops down 1.5 miles making this a moderately strenuous hike on the uphill portion. There is no potable water at the parking area or down in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you. The grove is located 3.5 miles north of Crane Flat and 4.5 miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance along the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). The trail is marked by a sign and a post labeled B-10.

**Tuolumne Grove**  
The trailhead for this grove of approximately 25 sequoias is near the intersection of the Big Oak Flat and Tioga roads at Crane Flat. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from the parking area into the grove. The trail drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The way down can seem much easier than the uphill return to the parking lot. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill portion. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guided nature trail. There is no potable water at the parking area or in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you.

**FOOD & BEVERAGE**

Tuolumne Meadows  
**Tuolumne Meadows Grill**  
 8am to 5pm  
**Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room**  
 Breakfast: 7am to 9am  
*Reservations recommended*  
 Dinner: 5:45pm to 8pm *Reservations Strongly Recommended*  
 209/372-8413

White Wolf  
**White Wolf Lodge Dining Room**  
 Breakfast: 7:30am to 9:30am.  
 Lunch: 12pm to 2pm - Take-out lunches (sandwiches)  
 Dinner: 6pm to 8pm  
*Reservations recommended*  
 209/372-8416

**GROCERIES**

Tuolumne Meadows  
**Store**  
 Daily 8am to 8pm

Crane Flat  
**Store**  
 8am to 8pm  
 24 Hour Pay at the Pump

**GIFTS & APPAREL**

Big Oak Flat  
**Big Oak Flat Visitor Center Store**  
 9am to 5pm

Tuolumne Meadows  
**Mountaineering School and Sport Shop**  
 8:30am to 6pm  
**Tuolumne Meadows Bookstore**  
 Inside the Visitor Center  
 9am to 6pm  
**Tuolumne Meadows Store**  
 8am to 8pm

**POST OFFICE**

Tuolumne Meadows  
**Post Office**  
 Monday – Friday: 9am to 5pm  
 Saturday: 9am to 1pm

**GAS STATIONS**

Tuolumne Meadows  
 9am to 6pm, Gas and propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

Crane Flat  
 8am to 8pm, Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

**FREE SHUTTLE BUS**

**Olmsted Pt. / Tuolumne / Tioga Pass**

Free shuttle service is available along the Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tioga Pass. Service begins when conditions permit. See map, page 10.

Shuttles travel between Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Olmsted Point, with stops along the Tioga Road, including Tuolumne Meadows Campground and the visitor center. The shuttle also makes morning and afternoon runs to Tioga Pass.

Service begins at the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge at 7am. Shuttles arrive at approximately 30-minute intervals between 7am and 7pm. Stop times are posted at bus stops.

	TUOLUMNE MEADOWS	WHITE WOLF	CRANE FLAT/ HODGDON MEADOW/ HETCH HETCHY
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Ranger Hike - Lumbert Dome</b> 3 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 3 miles. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. Bring snacks and water. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Parsons Summer Series Program</b> (August 10 only) 2 hrs. See details on preceding page. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Poetry Workshop - The Grace of Their Intentions: Creatures in Poems</b> (August 17 only) 1.5 hrs. Parsons Lodge. Bring pen and paper. (NPS) 11:30am <b>Tenaya Lake Cleanup and Conversation with climber Ron Kauk</b> 1.5 hrs. East end of Tenaya Lake, shuttle stop #9 (NPS) 12:00pm <b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm <b>Parsons Summer Series Program</b> (except August 24 and 31) 1.5 to 3 hrs. See details on preceding page. (NPS) 2:00pm <b>Indians in the High Country</b> (August 24 and 31 only) 2 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area (NPS) 3:00pm <b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 8:00pm <b>Campfire</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	8:30pm <b>Stars Over White Wolf</b> (except August 17) 1 hr. Meet across from White Wolf Lodge. (NPS)	9:00am <b>Ranger on the Dam</b> (except August 31) 2 hrs. An informal opportunity to engage with a NPS Ranger at Hetch Hetchy. Ranger will be on or near the O'Shaughnessy Dam. (NPS) 7:30pm <b>Ranger Campfire Program</b> 1 hr. Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from 200's loop). (NPS)
<b>Monday</b>	10:00am <b>Ranger Walk - Domes and Meadows</b> 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 (NPS) 12:00pm <b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk - Bears and Other Wildlife</b> 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS) 3:00pm <b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 8:00pm <b>Campfire</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Stars Over Mono Lake</b> 1.5 hrs. Meet at South Tufa in Mono Basin. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS) ♿	9:00am <b>Ranger Walk - Wildflowers and Other Rooted Things</b> (except August 18) 1 hr. Meet across from White Wolf Lodge. (NPS) 6:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM</b> (except August 18) 1 hr. All ages welcome. Adults accompany young children. Meet across from White Wolf Lodge. (NPS)	6:30pm <b>Twilight Walk</b> (except September 1) 1 hr. Meet at Hodgdon Meadow Campground campfire circle. (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Yosemite's Night Sky - Crane Flat</b> area 1.5 hr. Sign up at Big Oak Flat Information Station or by calling 209/379-1899. (NPS)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00am <b>Ranger Hike - Along the River to Tuolumne Fall</b> (August 19 & 26 only) 6-8 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 10 miles. Meet at Lumbert Dome picnic area. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Botanical Walk</b> (NPS) <b>August 5: Gaylor Ridge</b> 2 hrs. Meet just outside of Tioga Pass Entrance Station on north side of road. Steep trail. <b>August 12: Bennettsville Mine</b> 4 hrs. Meet at Tioga Lake turnout east of Tioga Pass. Bring lunch and raingear. 12:00pm <b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 (NPS) 3:00pm <b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 7:00pm <b>Ranger Walk - Sunset</b> 45 mins. Lumbert Dome picnic area (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Campfire</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	9:00am <b>Geology Walk</b> 1 hr. Meet across from White Wolf Lodge. (NPS)	12:00pm <b>Ranger in the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias</b> 2 hrs. An informal opportunity to learn about the big trees. Meet ranger down in the grove (1 mile downhill from parking lot). (NPS)
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30am <b>Ranger Walk - Birds</b> (except August 13) 2.5 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) 8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> (except August 13) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) 10:00am <b>DISCOVERY WALK FOR LITTLE CUBS</b> (except August 13) 50 mins. Ages 4-6. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS) 10:00am <b>Ranger Walk - Geology of Tuolumne Meadows</b> (except August 13) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 (NPS) 12:00pm <b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> (except August 13) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 1:30pm <b>Ranger Walk - The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River</b> (except August 13) 2 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area (NPS) 3:00pm <b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> (except August 13) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 7:00pm <b>CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS</b> (except August 13) 45 mins. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) ♿ 8:00pm <b>Campfire</b> (except August 13) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 9:30pm <b>Ranger Talk - Stars</b> (except August 13) 1 hr. Lumbert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	6:30pm <b>Twilight Walk</b> (except August 13) 1 hr. Meet across from White Wolf Lodge. (NPS)	1:00pm <b>Ranger in the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias</b> (except August 13) 2 hrs. An informal opportunity to learn about the big trees. Meet ranger down in the grove (1 mile downhill from parking lot). (NPS) 7:30pm <b>Ranger Campfire Program</b> (except August 13) 1 hr. Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from 200's loop). (NPS)
<b>Thursday</b>	9:15am <b>Ranger Hike - Gaylor Lakes Basin</b> 5 to 6 hrs. Strenuous. 5 miles. Meet at Gaylor Lakes parking lot at Tioga Pass. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Ranger Walk - Domes and Meadows</b> 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 (NPS) 12:00pm <b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk - The Secret Life of Plants</b> 2 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area (NPS) 3:00pm <b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 7:00pm <b>Ranger Walk - Sunset</b> 45 mins. Lumbert Dome picnic area (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Campfire</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	9:00am <b>Bears and Other Wildlife Walk</b> 1.5 hrs. Meet across from White Wolf Lodge. (NPS)	8:00am <b>Bird Walk</b> 1 hr. Meet at Hodgdon Meadow Campground campfire circle. (NPS) 6:30pm <b>Rim Fire in Yosemite</b> (except August 21) 1 hr. Meet at Hodgdon Meadow Campground campfire circle. (NPS) 7:30pm <b>Ranger Campfire Program</b> (except August 21) 1 hr. Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from 200's loop). (NPS)
<b>Friday</b>	8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) 10:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Ranger Walk - A Place Long Traveled: History of Tuolumne Meadows</b> 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center shuttle stop #6 (NPS) 12:00pm <b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 1:30pm <b>Ranger Walk - High Country Hawk Watch</b> 3 hrs. Gaylor Lakes trailhead. Steep. 1 mile. Binoculars available. (NPS) 3:00pm <b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 6:30pm <b>Ranger Walk - Music and Mountains</b> 1 hr. 15 mins. Lumbert Dome picnic area (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Campfire</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	7:30pm <b>Ranger Campfire Program</b> 1 hr. White Wolf Campground campfire circle. (NPS)	10:00am <b>Ranger on the Dam</b> 2 hrs. An informal opportunity to engage with a NPS Ranger at Hetch Hetchy. Ranger will be on or near the O'Shaughnessy Dam. (NPS) 6:30pm <b>Bear Walk</b> 1 hr. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from 200's loop). (NPS)
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30am <b>Ranger Walk - Birds</b> 2.5 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) 9:15am <b>Ranger Hike - Mono Pass</b> (except August 16) 6-8 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 8 miles. Meet at Mono Pass trailhead. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS) 10:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Lumbert Dome picnic area. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Poetry Workshop - Writing the Ten Directions</b> (August 16 only) 1.5 hrs. Parsons Lodge. Bring pen and paper. (NPS) 12:00pm <b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm <b>Parsons Summer Series Program</b> (except August 23 and 30) 1-2 hrs. See details on preceding page. (NPS) 2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk - Winter's A-Comin'!</b> (August 23 and 30 only) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 (NPS) 3:00pm <b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 7:00pm <b>CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS</b> 45 mins. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm <b>Parsons Summer Series Program</b> (August 16 only) 2.5 hrs. See details on preceding page. (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Campfire</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 9:30pm <b>Ranger Talk - Stars</b> 1 hr. Lumbert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	7:30pm <b>Ranger Campfire Program</b> 1 hr. White Wolf Campground campfire circle. (NPS)	2:00pm <b>Ranger on the Dam</b> 2 hrs. An informal opportunity to engage with a NPS Ranger at Hetch Hetchy. Ranger will be on or near the O'Shaughnessy Dam. (NPS) 7:30pm <b>Ranger Campfire Program</b> 1 hr. Hodgdon Meadow Campground campfire circle. (NPS) 7:30pm <b>Ranger Campfire Program</b> 1 hr. Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from 200's loop). (NPS)

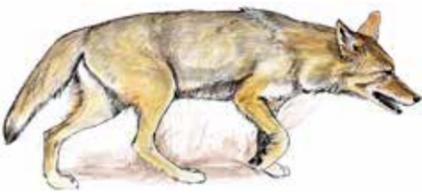
# Become a Junior Ranger

Follow these steps to earn your Junior Ranger badge.\*

Yosemite National Park offers a wide variety of programs and activities for kids of all ages! To find kid-friendly programs, see pages 6, 7, 9, and 11 of the Guide for program descriptions:

Programs printed in **ALL CAPS & COLOR** are especially for Children and their Families

**Be a naturalist.** Look for these common Yosemite wild animals. If you see one, make a note by the animal's picture below. If you don't see any of these wild animals during your visit, choose one you did see and draw it in the box on this page. Where did you see it? What was it doing? Also, remember never to feed or approach an animal.



Coyote



Black bear



Golden-mantled ground squirrel

## Follow these steps to earn your Junior Ranger badge.\*

1. With an adult, pick a trail to walk. See page 17 of this Guide or stop by a visitor center to choose your trail. As you go, walk quietly, watch, listen, and think.

Write the name of the trail you walked. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Explore with your senses! Record the following.

I see: \_\_\_\_\_

I hear: \_\_\_\_\_

I smell: \_\_\_\_\_

I touch: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Leave no Trace! If you see trash or rubbish, pick it up. Junior Rangers learn to be good park stewards by bringing in a bag of trash. Recycle any recyclable materials you pick up or bring along.

4. Ask a Ranger! What President signed the Yosemite Grant Act on June 30, 1864, setting aside Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove for special protection? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Learn more. Go to a ranger-led program or visit with an Indian Cultural Demonstrator. What program did you attend? Have the ranger or demonstrator sign below.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Write down something you learned from a ranger or Indian Cultural Demonstrator.

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7. Think about this. Why do people work to protect national parks?

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8. When you complete this page, take it to a visitor center. There you will take your oath and receive your Junior Ranger badge.

\*Expanded Junior Ranger and Little Cub programs (and the chance to earn a patch) are available in the Junior Ranger or Little Cub Handbooks, which can be purchased at any Yosemite Conservancy bookstore.

# Bears and Wildlife

Enjoying wildlife safely and responsibly



Black bear rooting for insects in log. Photo by Karen Amstutz

## Keep Wildlife Wild!

Black bears, coyote, deer, and grey squirrels are just a few of the many animal species in the park that are active year round. Learn how to help protect Yosemite's wildlife.

### Store Your Food Properly.

4,000 to 20,000 calories worth of grasses, berries, acorns, and grubs—that's the typical daily diet of most bears. It's a lot easier for a bear to eat the thousands of calories of food in an ice chest than it is to spend all day nibbling at grasses. Their incredible sense of smell allows them to detect things we can't, which helps them find food—a black bear can smell a dead deer three miles away. To top it off, bears have excellent vision and can see in color, so they recognize ice chests, grocery bags, and other food containers as potential food sources.

### If you see a bear, scare it away or keep your distance.

You may not see a bear during your visit because they naturally avoid people. However, if you see one in a developed area (like a campground or parking lot), act immediately to scare it away: Make noise and yell as loud as possible. If there is more than one person, stand together to present a more intimidating figure, but do not surround the bear.

If you see a bear anywhere else, consider yourself lucky—but keep your distance (at least 50 yards, or about the distance made by four shuttle buses parked end to end). If you get too close, you will be helping the bear become used to being around people. Bears that become

comfortable around humans lose their natural fear of us and may become too aggressive. When that happens, they sometimes have to be killed.

### Drive the speed limit.

The most common human-related cause of death for a black bear in Yosemite is being hit by a car. Slow down! Driving too fast is almost always the cause of these accidental deaths.

### Red Bear, Dead Bear

Did you notice the red bear markers as you drove through the park? Each of them mark a place where a bear was recently hit. Every year bears, hundreds of deer, and countless other animals are killed while trying to cross park roads. Many of these deaths could have been avoided if drivers observed posted speed limits.

Please remember that Yosemite National Park is a wildlife preserve: by driving the speed limit you are helping to protect the park and its wildlife.

### Backpackers: Save Your Food, Save A Bear

Bear resistant food canisters are 2.7-pound containers that can be used to store five or more days of backpacker food when meals are carefully planned. Canisters have an inset lid that bears are

unable to open. When used correctly, bears learn that—although they smell like food—the canisters are not worth investigating.

### Report Bear Sightings!

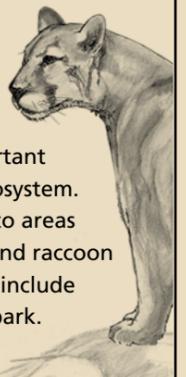
To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at 209/372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park's website ([www.nps.gov/yose/bears](http://www.nps.gov/yose/bears)).

### Coyotes

Watching a coyote hunting for mice in one of Yosemite's many meadows can be an amazing wildlife experience. Coyotes are opportunistic carnivores that primarily prey on small mammals. Like bears, their diets change throughout the year with food availability.

Unfortunately, coyotes sometimes change their natural behavior to try to obtain human food. Approaching, and/or feeding coyotes can cause them to lose their natural fear of humans. Please do not stop to feed coyotes that you see along the sides of the roads. This encourages them to frequent roadsides to beg for food, endangering both coyotes and drivers.

## Mountain Lions



Mountain lions are a normal and important part of the park ecosystem. They are attracted to areas with healthy deer and raccoon populations, which include many areas of the park. Although lion attacks on humans are extremely rare, they are possible, just as is injury from any wild animal.

### For your safety:

Do not leave pets or pet food outside and unattended. Pets can attract mountain lions.

Avoid hiking alone. Watch children closely and never let them run ahead or lag behind on the trail. Teach children what to do if they see a lion.

### What should you do if you meet a mountain lion?

Never approach one, especially if it is with kittens. Most lions will avoid confrontation. Always give them a way to escape.

Don't run. Stay calm. Hold your ground, or back away slowly. Face the lion and stand upright. Do all you can to appear larger. Raise your arms. If you have small children with you, pick them up.

If the lion behaves aggressively, wave your arms, shout, and throw objects at it. The goal is to convince it that you may be dangerous. If attacked, fight back!

Mountain Lions are magnificent creatures and native to Yosemite. Generally, they are calm, quiet, and elusive. Sightings are rare, so if you spot one, consider yourself privileged!

### How to Store Food

"Food" includes any item with a scent, regardless of packaging. This may include items that you do not consider food, such as canned goods, bottles, drinks, soap, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, ice chests (even when empty), and unwashed items used for preparing or eating meals.

LOCATION	FOOD STORAGE	WHY?
<b>Your Vehicle</b>	You may store food in your car (with windows closed) only during daylight hours. Do not store food in your car after dark: use a food locker. Remember to clear your car of food wrappers, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats. Never leave unattended food strapped to the outside of a vehicle or in a pickup truck bed.	Bears can smell food, even if it's sealed in the trunk or glove compartment, and they recognize boxes and bags as potential food sources. They can easily and quickly break into all kinds of vehicles!
<b>Your Campsite or Tent Cabin</b>	You must store all your food in food lockers—not in your tent or tent cabin. A food locker is available at each campsite and tent cabin. Food may be stored out of sight in hard-sided RVs with windows closed.	Bears may enter campsites when people are present, and some will even check food lockers to see if they're secured. Keep food lockers closed and latched at all times, even when you are in your campsite or tent cabin.
<b>Picnic Areas &amp; on the Trails</b>	Do not leave food unattended. Always keep food within arm's reach. Don't turn your back to your food.	Bears may investigate picnic areas or backpacks for food even when people are present, so be alert.
<b>Backpacking in the Wilderness</b>	Bear resistant food containers are required throughout the Yosemite Wilderness. Hanging food is prohibited in Yosemite.	In Yosemite and the southern Sierra, bear canisters are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.



# Protect Yourself...

Keep safety in mind as you explore the park



## Permit Required to Hike Half Dome

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week when the cables are up for 2014, May 23 through October 14, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 pre-season lottery permits have already been issued for 2014. In addition, approximately 50 permits will be released by daily lottery throughout the season based on estimated under-use and cancellation rates (exact number may change throughout the summer). Applications for daily lotteries will be accepted 2 days prior to the desired hiking date between midnight and 1pm. To apply, visit [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov) or call 877/444-6777. A non-refundable application fee applies to all submissions and a use fee applies to winning applicants. Finally, a daily quota of 75 Half Dome permits will be available to overnight users with an appropriate wilderness permit (use fee applies). These permits may be acquired through early reservations (50 per day) or day before walk-up (25 per day). Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area may descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit. More information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm>. For backpackers more information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm>.

## Keep yourself safe while exploring your park.

There are many ways to experience the wildness of Yosemite. While the forces of nature can create unexpected hazardous conditions, with a little common sense and some pre-planning, you can minimize the risks associated with many activities.

### Stay on Trail

- Many accidents occur because visitors leave a trail or pathway. Off trail travel can be extremely dangerous, especially next to waterways where rocks have been polished.
- Scrambling on boulders, wading across streams or rivers, and travelling beyond railings or other barriers may put you one slip away from a fatal accident.
- Avoid shortcuts. Visitors commonly get “ledged out” after cutting across trails.

### Around Water

- Never swim or wade upstream from of a waterfall, even if the water appears shallow and calm. Each year, unsuspecting visitors are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when swimming in these areas.
- Mountain water is very cold, no matter what time of year it is. Yosemite’s rivers are fed by melted snow, and even expert swimmers can quickly lose their strength in the icy water.
- Ask a ranger about safe places to swim.
- Swimming is not permitted in the Hetch Hetchy reservoir or in Emerald Pool above Vernal Fall.

### Water Quality

To protect yourself from disease, treat any surface water before drinking. Treatment methods include boiling for five minutes, use of a Giardia-rated water filter, or iodine-based purifier. To prevent the spread of Giardia and other water-borne disease organisms, use restroom facilities where available, and always wash hands afterwards with soap and water. In natural areas where facilities are not available, wash, camp, and bury human waste at least 100 feet away from any water source or trail, burying human waste six inches deep and pack out any toilet paper.

### Traffic Safety

Roads leading to the park are two-lane, narrow, and winding. When traveling on park roads you can protect yourself, other visitors, and park wildlife by observing the

following simple rules: Please obey posted speed limits. Yosemite’s roads are used by both visitors and park wildlife. Use turnouts to pull completely out of the road, to take photos, consult the park map, or simply enjoy the park’s scenery and wildlife.

### Hantavirus Information

Mice are an important part of the ecosystem, but can carry diseases that are harmful to humans. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread in the droppings and saliva of infected rodents. Not all rodents are infected with hantavirus, but infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You can be in close proximity to park rodents, so it is important you take steps to protect yourself from HPS.

Tell housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice in your tent or cabin and do not clean up the area yourself. Keep doors shut and do not eat or bring food into your cabin that is not in a sealed container. Do not pitch tents near rodent burrows or droppings. HPS begins with aches, fever, and chills 1- 8 weeks after exposure, progressing to cough and difficulty breathing. Seek medical attention immediately if you experience these symptoms.

For more information on rodent-borne diseases and other environmental safety hazards visit: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm>

### Safe Bat Encounters

Yosemite has an ecologically rich population of bats. The park’s bat species are active mainly at night, but can occasionally be seen in daylight. If you see a bat that is behaving erratically, is unafraid of humans, or is lying on the ground, it may be sick.

Humans can get some diseases that make bats sick, including rabies, so it is important not to touch or approach bats closely. If you see a bat on the ground or acting sick, do not approach it and contact the wildlife management office at 209/372-0476.

### Hiking, Backpacking, River and Creek Crossings, and Rock Climbing

- Tell someone your plan and when you hope to return.
- Avoid dehydration or heat exhaustion; carry and drink plenty of water, at least three liters of water per person, more on hot days, and bring high-energy food.
- Carry a map and know where you are at all times, with a planned route.
- Altitude sickness can develop at altitudes as low as 8,000 feet. Descend to a lower elevation should it develop.
- Know the weather and prepare for changes. Retreat from exposed mountaintops, high ridges, and open granite slabs at the first sign of thunder or lightning.
- Bring a flashlight in case you need to stay on the trail longer than expected.
- Be prepared to set up emergency shelter even when out just for the day.
- Admire wildlife from a distance to prevent injury to you or animals.

### Wilderness Permit Information

Wilderness permits are required year round for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness. Permits are issued and bear canisters are available for rent at the Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center, the Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center, the Big Oak Flat Information Center, Hill’s Studio in Wawona, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station during hours of operation. Check the website at [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm) or call the park’s main phone line at 209/372-0200, for additional information. 60 percent of the trailhead quota is available in advance. Reservations are taken from 24 weeks to two days in advance of the start of your trip. A processing fee of \$5 per permit plus \$5 per person is charged to each confirmed reservation. Check the park’s website for trailhead availability and call 209/372-0740. 40 percent of the trailhead quota is available for first come first serve. First come first serve permits are available the day of at opening and the day before starting at 11am.

# ...and Yosemite

## Protecting park resources



### Yosemite Guardians

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park's most important guardians. With nearly 4 million people watching over its special plants, animals, historic, and archeological sites, imagine how well-protected these park resources could be!

During your visit to Yosemite be aware that there are people who either unknowingly or intentionally harm park resources. Please contact a park official if you see any of the following illegal acts:

- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants
- Hunting animals
- Collecting reptiles and butterflies
- Picking up archeological items, such as arrowheads
- Using metal detectors
- Driving vehicles into meadows
- Biking off of paved roads
- Camping outside of designated campgrounds
- Possession of weapons inside federal facilities
- Possessing or using marijuana, including medical marijuana
- Operating an unmanned aircraft system ("drone")

If you see activities that could harm people or park resources, jot down any descriptions or a vehicle license plate number and call the park dispatch office at 209/379-1992.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm) and find a copy of the Superintendent's Compendium. This document is a compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions made by the superintendent, in addition to what is contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7 and 34), and other applicable federal statutes and regulations.

## Protecting Yourself and the Park

Prepare yourself for a wild experience. Yosemite is a place where natural forces—such as rockfall, fire, and flood—are constantly at work. Here, wildlife freely roams. This is a place where wilderness prevails. The National Park Service recognizes the importance of Yosemite's natural processes and is bound by its mission to protect them for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. While you are enjoying your visit, be attentive to the special regulations in place to protect park resources and those designed for your safety.

### Rafting

Conditions permitting, rafting on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley (Stoneman Bridge to Sentinel Beach) and the South Fork of the Merced River in Wawona is open from 10am to 6pm daily to any type of non-motorized vessel or other flotation device.

- The entire length of the Merced River in Yosemite Valley is closed to all flotation devices whenever the river gauge at Sentinel Bridge reads 6.5 feet or higher. Ask at a visitor center for conditions and obey all posted signs.
- You must wear or have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device immediately available.
- Fallen trees and other natural debris in the river create important habitat for fish and other wildlife. Be alert—they can also create hazards for rafters.

### Bicycling

Each season, plants are crushed from bicycle travel in meadows, campgrounds, and picnic areas. Please respect park resources and keep bicycles on paved roads and paved bicycle trails. Bikes are not allowed

to travel off paved trails. Mountain biking opportunities are available in designated areas outside of Yosemite.

### Fishing

Fishing in Yosemite is regulated by state law. A valid California sport-fishing license is required for those persons age 16 years and older. When fishing, the license must be plainly visible by attaching it to an outer layer of clothing above the waistline.

- Trout season runs through November 15 (except Frog Creek near Lake Eleanor, which opens June 15).
- Special fishing regulations apply on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley from Happy Isles downstream to the Foresta Bridge in El Portal. Within these reaches of the river, it is catch-and-release only for rainbow trout. Brown trout limits are five fish per day. Only artificial lures or flies with barbless hooks may be used.
- The use of live or dead minnows, bait fish or amphibians, non-preserved fish eggs or roe is prohibited.

### Pets

Keep in mind, daytime temperatures can reach above 100° Fahrenheit in the summer. Make sure to keep your pet cool and well-hydrated. In Yosemite, pet owners have a few rules to follow:

- Pets are only allowed in developed areas and on roads and paved bike paths. Pets are not allowed anywhere in the Mariposa or Merced sequoia groves. They are not allowed on trails, in wilderness areas, or where signs are posted prohibiting them.
- Pets must be on a leash (6 feet or less) or otherwise physically restrained.
- For the courtesy of others, human companions are responsible for cleaning up and depositing pet feces in trash receptacles.
- Pets are not allowed in any lodging facilities or other buildings within the park and are not allowed in some campgrounds.
- Pets may not be tied to an object and left unattended.

## Weather in Yosemite

Dressing in layers and bringing plenty of water can help you stay safe through Yosemite's changing weather conditions. As is true of all mountainous regions, weather in the Sierra Nevada can change rapidly any season of the year. Elevation plays a major role in temperature and precipitation variability, and Yosemite ranges in elevation from 2,000 feet to more than 13,000 feet above sea level. It is not uncommon for clouds to build up suddenly, bringing rain and/or thunderstorms to an otherwise sunny day. In September and October, temperatures in Tuolumne Meadows can dip well below freezing, while day time temperatures at lower elevations, like Yosemite Valley and Hetch Hetchy, can soar to over 100° F.



Upper Yosemite Fall, NPS photo

# Camping



Camping in Yosemite. Photo by Ray Santos

## General Info...

**To check same-day camping availability, call 209/372-0266**

### Services

- All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker (33" d x 45" w x 18" h). See page 5 for food storage regulations.
- Toilets are available in campgrounds; however, Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat have non-flushing vault toilets only and no potable water.
- Shower and laundry facilities are available year-round in Yosemite Valley.
- RVs over 24 feet are not recommended for Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat campgrounds, and RVs are not permitted in walk-in and group campsites. There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer only in Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows.

### Regulations

- Proper food storage is required 24 hours a day.
- A maximum of six people (including children) and two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
- Quiet hours are from 10pm to 6am.
- Where permitted, pets must be on a leash and may not be left unattended.

### Campfires

- In Yosemite Valley between May 1 and September 30, campfires are permitted between 5pm and 10pm. At other times of the year and in out-of-Valley campgrounds, fires are permitted at any time, as long as they are attended.
- Firewood collection (including pine cones and pine needles) is not permitted in Yosemite Valley; you may purchase firewood at stores near the campgrounds.

## An adventurous overnight experience

Yosemite National Park contains 13 popular campgrounds. Up to seven are on a reservation system, the rest are first-come, first-served. From April through September, reservations are essential and the first-come, first-served sites often fill by noon during these months.

### Camping Reservations

Reservations are required March through November for campsites in Yosemite Valley's car campgrounds and summer through fall for Hodgdon Meadow, Crane Flat, Wawona, and half of Tuolumne Meadows. All other campgrounds (except group and stock campgrounds) are first-come, first-served. Campground reservations are available up to five months in advance, on the 15th of each month at 7am Pacific time. Log onto the website or call as soon as possible as some campgrounds fill within a few minutes of the opening period.

ARRIVAL DATE	FIRST DAY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS (7 AM PT)
Dec. 15 – Jan. 14	Aug. 15
Jan. 15 – Feb. 14	Sept. 15
Feb. 15 – Mar. 14	Oct. 15
Mar. 15 – Apr. 14	Nov. 15
Apr. 15 – May 14	Dec. 15
May 15 – Jun. 14	Jan. 15
Jun. 15 – Jul. 14	Feb. 15
Jul. 15 – Aug. 14	Mar. 15
Aug. 15 – Sep. 14	Apr. 15
Sep. 15 – Oct. 14	May 15
Oct. 15 – Nov. 14	Jun. 15
Nov. 15 – Dec. 14	Jul. 15

For campground reservations, visit [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) (recommended) or call 877/444-6777 or TDD 877/833-6777 or 518/885-3639 from outside the US and Canada.

### Hours:

- 7am to 7pm Pacific time (November through February)
- 7am to 9pm Pacific time (March through October)

Reservation offices in the park are located in the visitor parking area at Curry Village (shuttle bus stop #14), the Tuolumne Meadows Campground entrance, in Wawona off Chilnualna Falls Road, and at Big Oak Flat Information Station.

### Yosemite Valley

There is a 30-day camping limit within Yosemite National Park in a calendar year; however, May 1 to September 15, the camping limit is 14 days and only seven of those days can be in Yosemite Valley or Wawona.

Camp 4 is a walk-in campground and is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis; these campsites are not wheelchair accessible. Sites are available on a per-person basis, and six

people will be placed in each campsite, regardless of number of people in your party. Camp 4 often fills before 9 am each day, May through September.

### Camping in Areas Surrounding Yosemite

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) operates a variety of campgrounds on a seasonal basis near Yosemite. For additional information, contact Groveland Ranger Station at 209/962-7825; Mariposa Ranger Station at 209/966-3638; Mono Lake Ranger Station at 760/647-3044; or Oakhurst Ranger Station at 559/683-4636. For private campgrounds outside Yosemite, call the respective chamber of commerce or visitor bureau listed on page 10.

### Group Campgrounds

There are group campsites at Tuolumne Meadows, Hodgdon Meadow, Wawona, and Bridalveil Creek Campgrounds. Reservations can be made the same way as individual site reservations; 13 to 30 people are allowed in each group campsite. Tent camping only. Pets, RVs, and generators are not permitted in group sites.

## Campgrounds in Yosemite National Park\*

CAMPGROUND	OPEN 2014 (APPROX)	MAX RV LENGTH	MAX TRAILER LENGTH	RESERVATIONS REQUIRED?	DAILY FEE	# OF SITES	PETS	WATER
YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Upper Pines	All year	35 ft	24 ft	March 19 - Dec 1	\$20	238	Yes	Tap
Lower Pines	Mar 26 - Oct 27	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$20	60	Yes	Tap
North Pines	Apr 2 - Nov 3	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$20	81	Yes	Tap
Camp 4	All year	No RVs/trailers	n/a	First-come, first-served	\$5/pers.	35	No	Tap
SOUTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Wawona	All year	35 ft	35 ft	April 17- Oct 7	\$20	93	Yes	Tap
Bridalveil Creek	June 13 - Sep 22	35 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$14	110	Yes	Tap
NORTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Hodgdon Meadow	All year	35 ft	27 ft	Apr 17 - Oct 15	\$20	105	Yes	Tap
Crane Flat	May 23 - Oct 14	35 ft	27 ft	Yes	\$20	166	Yes	Tap
Tamarack Flat	May 23 - Oct 1	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$10	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
White Wolf	May 30 - Sep 15	27 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$14	74	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Creek	June 6 - Sep 8	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$10	75	Yes	Creek (boil)
Porcupine Flat	June 13 - Oct 15	24 ft (limited)	20 ft	First-come, first-served	\$10	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
Tuolumne Meadows	June 8 - Sep 28	35 ft	35 ft	50%	\$20	304	Yes	Tap

\* Exact campground opening and closing dates are subject to conditions.

# Hiking



Glacier Point at the top of the Four Mile Trail, Yosemite National Park. Photo by Kirsten Friedman

## Choose your adventure

With over 800 miles of hiking trails, what better way to enjoy the beauty of Yosemite than on foot? Ask a ranger at any visitor center for one of several free, day-hike handouts. Excellent maps and guidebooks are available at bookstores throughout the park.

## Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
Bridalveil Fall	Bridalveil Fall Parking Area	0.5 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Lower Yosemite Fall	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	1.0 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Upper Yosemite Fall Trail to Columbia Rock	Camp 4 Near Shuttle Stop #7	2 miles round-trip, 2 to 3 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Upper Yosemite Fall	Same as above	7.2 miles round-trip, 6 to 8 hours	Very Strenuous 2,700-foot gain
Mirror Lake ( a seasonal lake)	Mirror Lake Shuttle Stop #17	2 miles, 1 hour round-trip to Mirror Lake, 5 miles, loop around lake	Easy
Vernal Fall Footbridge	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	1.4 miles round-trip, 1 to 2 hours	Moderate, 400-foot gain
Top of Vernal Fall	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	3 miles round-trip, 2 to 4 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Nevada Fall	same as above	7 miles round-trip, 5 to 6 hours	Strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Top of Half Dome	same as above	14 miles (via Mist Trail) or 16.3 miles (via John Muir Trail) round-trip, 10 to 12 hours	Extremely Strenuous, 4,800-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point	Southside Drive	4.8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours one-way	Very Strenuous, 3,200-foot gain
Valley Floor Loop	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	13 miles full loop, 5 to 7 hours	Moderate

## Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
WAWONA			
<b>Wawona Meadow Loop</b>	Wawona Hotel	3.5 miles round-trip, 1.5 hours	Easy
<b>Swinging Bridge Loop</b>	Wawona Store / Pioneer Yosemite Hist. Ctr. Parking Area	4.75 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
GLACIER POINT ROAD			
<b>Taft Point</b>	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Easy to Moderate
<b>Sentinel Dome</b>	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
TUOLUMNE MEADOWS AREA			
<b>Soda Springs / Parsons Lodge</b>	Lembert Dome Parking Area	1.5 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
<b>Lembert Dome</b>	Lembert Dome Parking Area	4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderately Strenuous
<b>John Muir Trail through Lyell Canyon</b>	Dog Lake Parking Area	8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours	Easy, 200-foot gain
<b>Elizabeth Lake</b>	Tuolumne Meadows Group Campground	4.8 miles round trip, 4 to 5 hours	Moderate
TIOGA ROAD			
<b>Lukens Lake</b>	White Wolf <sup>1</sup>	5.4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderate
<b>Yosemite Valley via Porcupine Creek</b>	Porcupine Creek <sup>1</sup>	7 miles one-way, 4 to 6 hours	Moderate, 3,500- to 4,000-foot loss
<b>Yosemite Valley via Yosemite Creek</b>	Lukens Lake Trailhead <sup>1</sup>	10.5 miles one-way, 5 to 9 hours	Moderately Strenuous 3,500- to 4,000-foot loss
<b>Yosemite Valley via Clouds Rest</b>	Tenaya Lake <sup>1</sup>	19 miles one-way, 10 to 12 hours	Strenuous
HETCH HETCHY			
<b>Wapama Falls</b>	O'Shaughnessy Dam	5 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Easy to Moderate

<sup>1</sup>These are drop-off points via the Tuolumne Meadows Hikers' Bus.

## Featured Hike

### Cathedral Lakes (moderate)

Begin along the Tioga Road, at Cathedral Lakes trailhead, 1/2 mile west of the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center, Shuttle Stop #7

#### Trail Description:

**7 miles/11.3 km round-trip, 1,000 ft/ 305 m elevation gain; 4 to 6 hours round-trip.**

Begin your hiking adventure in Tuolumne Meadows on this High Sierra trail that will lead you to the glistening alpine lakes located beneath the picturesque Cathedral, Echo and Tresidder peaks. The Cathedral Lakes are considered to be among some of the most scenic lakes in Tuolumne Meadows.

The trail climbs steadily to Upper Cathedral Lake. Near the top of the climb, it passes a spur trail to Lower Cathedral Lake (0.5 mile to lake). The return hike follows the same route.

Be prepared for mosquitos and marshy conditions. Please walk on official trails to protect the fragile meadow ecosystems.

This is one of the busiest trails in the Tuolumne Meadows area. Since parking at the trailhead is limited, consider taking the free shuttle bus.

#### Things to know before you go:

- Bring and consume plenty of water and snacks along the way as you hike, keeping you hydrated and replenishing your energy.
- Wear appropriate, sturdy hiking footwear and bring extra layers for changing weather conditions (raingear, warmer layers, etc.).
- Check the weather before you go and be prepared for any changes. Retreat from exposed mountaintops, high ridges, and open granite slabs at the first sign of thunder or lightning.
- Carry a flashlight with extra batteries, a first-aid kit, and any additional medications you might need during the hike.



# Rim Fire

## Rim Fire Recovery Underway



Young trees and a carpet of wildflowers growing in the Hetch Hechy area where the Rim Fire burned last year. Photo by Wende Rehlaender

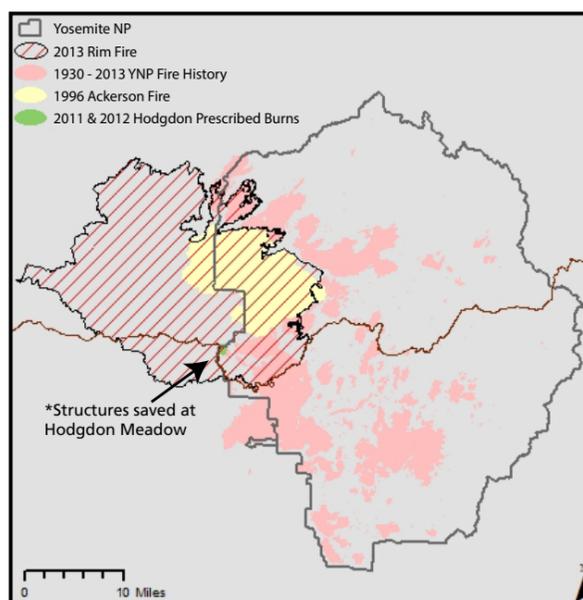
It was a day like any other in the remote and rugged foothills of California's Sierra Nevada. A late summer heat wave was baking much of the state, worsening an already record-breaking drought, when the fire started in the tinder-box landscape. Although initially thought to be caused by a campfire, the investigation still continues.

The fire was first reported at 3:25pm on Friday, August 17th and within 4 days, 100,000 acres of national forest adjacent to Yosemite National Park, an area three times the size of Oakland, was ablaze. The Rim Fire would burn 257,314 acres, destroy 112 structures, cost over \$127 million to fight, and become the third largest wildfire in California history.

**What was damaged from the fire?** About 38% of the vegetation in the Rim Fire burned very intensely. While these areas will have the greatest amount of ecological change, it doesn't mean they'll be permanently damaged. Though some areas outside of Yosemite National Park sustained heavy damage, the area burned within the park seemed to fair better. Bulldozers are often used to create fire breaks to try to stop advancing flames, particularly when roads or natural barriers aren't available. Fortunately, firefighters in Yosemite were able to use both the Tioga and Big Oak Flat Roads as fire control lines, preventing long term scars on the land that are sometimes left by bulldozers. One of the biggest concerns for firefighters and park managers was to protect the ancient giant sequoia trees in the Tuolumne and Merced Groves. Firefighters worked around the clock to remove live and dead vegetation from around the groves. Their efforts helped to save these age-old sentinels from the flames of this intense fire.

**How did earlier fires make a difference?** When the Rim Fire spread into Yosemite, it was critical to keep it out of the Merced River drainage. If this had happened, the fire could have potentially threatened the communities of El Portal, Foresta, Yosemite Valley, Yosemite West and Wawona. Firefighters were

able to control the fire before it entered the Merced drainage by working in places where a series of earlier fires and vegetation thinning had reduced the fuel load adjacent to the Big Oak Flat and Tioga Road near Crane Flat. These thinned out areas formed a 'catcher's mitt' around the edge of the fire where firefighters could safely use burning operations to keep the fire out of the Merced drainage. As the Rim Fire approached park facilities and residences in Hodgdon, it again moved into vegetation that had been previously treated with prescribed fire and thinning, which slowed the fire, allowing firefighters to safely defend this small community. Rock formations combined with sparse fuel left over from past lightning fires which had been managed in the wilderness limited growth of the Rim Fire to the north.



*The 2013 Rim Fire completely burned over the 1996 Ackerson Fire on the west side of Yosemite, but was controlled along Tioga Road where less fuel was available due to previous prescribed burning and thinning. Likewise, past fires to the north and northeast had also reduced the available fuel, making it possible for the fire to burn itself out along this edge. Park structures could be saved in Hodgdon because fuel had been removed there as well.*

**What can we learn from this fire?** National parks are valuable natural laboratories where scientists can study nature's processes in action. When dramatic events such as the Rim Fire occur, there is an incredible amount we can learn. Scientists will be studying how and why the Rim Fire behaved as it did, as well as how the ecosystem recovers. The results of this work will be posted on the park website, [www.nps.gov/yose](http://www.nps.gov/yose).

As a natural process, fire has many ecological benefits, but it can also threaten life or property. Removing vegetation from around the structures in Hodgdon, before the fire, made it possible for firefighters to protect them. This is what homeowners are asked to do, too, and is why 100 feet of defensible space is required in California – it really makes a difference.

**Where can I see the effects of the fire?**

**Tioga Road:** Nearly every turn-out and wayside along the road will provide a view of where the Rim Fire burned in the park from the Tuolumne Grove parking area to White Wolf.

**White Wolf Campground:** Near the White Wolf camping area, the fire footprint will be most visible by hiking out to Harden Lake. You will also see the fire effects from many other natural fires that have occurred in the area.

**Highway 120 (Big Oak Flat Road):** Driving from the park boundary to Crane Flat, you will see evidence of how the fire burned more intensely in some areas and less intensely in others. This variation creates a mosaic effect with many different kinds of habitat which enhances biodiversity.

**Evergreen Road:** This route also shows variation in fire intensity. The firefighting effort to protect valuable recreational facilities is most evident between Evergreen Lodge and Hetch Hetchy. Examples of hazardous tree removal are also evident here. Whenever you explore a recently burned area, be sure you understand the hazards you may encounter and take precautions. Safety always comes first.

# Supporting Your Park

## Enhance the Visitor Experience

It takes a legion of people working together to protect this special park for you and future generations of visitors. You too can extend your connection to Yosemite well after you return home by getting involved with the organizations that partner to preserve Yosemite.

This publication was made possible by the Yosemite Park Partners listed on this page. Read more below or visit [www.yosemitepartners.org](http://www.yosemitepartners.org) to learn more about helping these organizations provide for the future of Yosemite National Park.



### The Ansel Adams Gallery

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### DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite

DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite (DNC) operates hotels, restaurants, sightseeing tours, recreational activities, interpretive programs, stores, shuttles and service stations in the park under contract with the U.S. Department of the Interior. DNC encourages its employees to develop a strong relationship with the park during their tenure.

For more information and employment opportunities with DNC at Yosemite, visit online at [www.YosemitePark.com](http://www.YosemitePark.com)



### NatureBridge

NatureBridge provides residential field science programs for youth in the world's most spectacular classroom - Yosemite National Park. Through active student engagement, our faculty teaches science, history, and the arts and gives these subjects context through personal experience. A NatureBridge learning adventure strives to foster a life-long connection to the natural world and responsible actions to sustain it. Find out more about our year-round programs for schools and summer programs for individual teens at [www.naturebridge.org/yosemite](http://www.naturebridge.org/yosemite)



### Yosemite Conservancy

Through the support of donors, Yosemite Conservancy provides grants and support to Yosemite National Park to help preserve and protect Yosemite today and for future generations. The work funded by Yosemite Conservancy is visible throughout the park, from trail rehabilitation to wildlife protection and habitat restoration. The Conservancy is dedicated to enhancing the visitor experience and providing a deeper connection to the park through outdoor programs, volunteering and wilderness services. Thanks to dedicated supporters, the Conservancy has provided more than \$81 million in grants to Yosemite National Park. Donate now or learn more at [www.yosemiteconservancy.org](http://www.yosemiteconservancy.org) or call 800/469-7275.



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### Volunteer For Your Park!

Over 10,100 volunteers donated more than 170,000 hours of service to Yosemite last year, restoring native habitat, working in visitor centers, serving as camp hosts, studying wildlife, cleaning up litter and more. Would you like to serve? We have group and individual volunteer opportunities, both short term and long term. Learn more at [www.nps.gov/yose/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm) or call the volunteer office at 209/379-1850.



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