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Yosemite Valley Shuttle System

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System

Year-round Route:
 Valley Shuttle

Summer-only Route:
 El Capitan Shuttle

Legend:
 ▲ Campground
 P Parking
 Picnic Area
 Restroom
 ▲ Walk-In Campground

Stop # Location

1	Yosemite Village Parking	11	Sentinel Bridge	17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
2	10 Yosemite Village	12	Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center / Housekeeping Camp	18	North Pines Campground
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8	8 Yosemite Valley Lodge				

The Yosemite Valley Shuttle operates from 7am to 10pm and serves stops in numerical order. Shuttles run daily every 10 to 20 minutes. The El Capitan Shuttle will run from 9am to 5pm, every 30 minutes, beginning May 25. See schedules posted at shuttle stops.

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Seasonal Highlights

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

WELCOME

You made it! You're here! The following information may help maximize your time in Yosemite. Be prepared to go wild!

Ask A Ranger at the Visitor Center

All visitor centers in Yosemite National Park are staffed with knowledgeable rangers and volunteers, ready to help answer your questions, provide directions, and hand out maps and brochures. Visitor centers are located in Yosemite Valley, Big Oak Flat, Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows. See pages 5, 8, and 10 for hours and more details.

Pop-up Information Centers

Look for pop-up blue booths throughout Yosemite, which are staffed with Yosemite Conservancy volunteers who are ready to answer your questions or give you directions. If you're interested in volunteering with the Yosemite Conservancy in the park, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/volunteer.

What's New? Mariposa Grove is Open!

After three years of restoration projects, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias has re-opened. Take some time to walk among the Giants. See page 8 for details.

ARTS & CULTURE

Visit the Yosemite Museum

Learn the history of Yosemite Indians by exploring a museum collection that includes remarkable woven baskets and traditional dress. Tour the outdoor Indian Village or talk with an Indian cultural demonstrator. Shuttle stops #5 and #9.

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. Some have fees, some are free. Learn more and sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village. Shuttle stops #5 and #9. See pages 5 and 6 for more information.

Go to the Theater

After a day filled with exploring, relax and enjoy a show at the Yosemite Theater. The 2018 season includes inspiring films, plays based on some of the park's most colorful characters, and celebrations of Yosemite's culture and history. See page 6 for show descriptions and schedules.



Thunderstorms passing through Yosemite Valley. Photo by Christine Loberg

Get outside and enjoy your park!

Summer offers spectacular views of waterfalls, great hiking, and other endless opportunities for recreation. Find the adventures that will make lasting Yosemite memories for years to come.

Enjoy an Art Workshop

Get creative in Yosemite Valley this summer! Head to Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (shuttle stop #16) to join Yosemite Conservancy for an outdoor workshop with a professional artist, or bring the kids for special classes tailored to the park's youngest visitors. Open daily 9am to 4pm. See page 6 for details.

GUIDED OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Adventure Out with the Yosemite Mountaineering School

The Yosemite Mountaineering School provides outdoor adventures for people of all experience levels. We are here to help you learn how to enjoy Yosemite safely and responsibly. Give us a call to join one of our group classes or schedule

a custom outing designed specifically for your group. We offer professional guides for hiking, backpacking and rock climbing. Reservations are required. Please call (209) 372-8344 or email yms@aramark.com for more information and to make reservations.

Get Outdoors with the Yosemite Conservancy

Are you looking for a memorable way to explore the park? Go on a Custom Adventure with Yosemite Conservancy! These personalized guided programs are tailored to your interests and schedule. For additional details, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures, or call (209) 379-2317, ext. 10. See page 6 for more information.

FAMILY FUN

Stroll with a Ranger

Learn about the wonders of the park on a ranger-guided stroll. Programs are offered daily throughout the park on various topics including bears, waterfalls, and more. See pages 6, 7, 9, and 11 for details.

Explore Like A Junior Ranger!

Become a Junior Ranger and learn how you can help protect your park. To become a Junior Ranger, purchase a self-guided booklet, attend a guided program, collect a bag of trash, then take your oath and earn your badge. Guided programs are listed on pages 6, 7, 9, and 11. See page 12 for details.

Attend an Evening Program at Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center is open Wednesday through Sunday, 10am to 4pm. Free evening programs are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings at 8pm. Seating is available for 50 guests. The Center, located at shuttle stop #12, has a natural history library, a children's corner and library, and historical exhibits. Call (209) 372-4542 for details.

Drop In and Volunteer

Want to give back to the park? Consider donating some of your time with the Volunteer Drop-In Program! The Volunteer Drop-In Program is a family-friendly activity where you can take an active role in protecting and preserving our natural resources. Come create new memories while removing invasive species, collecting native seeds, and picking up litter. The Drop-In Program will meet every Friday at 9:30 am in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Projects will last 1 to 3 hours and volunteers must wear long pants and closed-toe shoes. Sun protection, water, and snacks are recommended. Youth under eighteen must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Questions? Email yose_volunteers@nps.gov, or call (209) 379-1850.

GETTING AROUND

Take the Free Shuttle

Park your car and let an expert drive you to the most scenic and historic points in the park. You will be doing your part to cut down on traffic congestion, and will be able to capture that perfect shot of Half Dome. See schedules posted at shuttle stops.

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, or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at (209) 379-1035 for more information.



Sign Language interpreting is available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at (209) 379-5250 (v/txt). Two weeks 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. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator 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.

Emergency Information

Emergency Dial 9-1-1

Yosemite Village Garage - offers 24-hour emergency roadside assistance

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. Ambulance available 24 hours by calling 9-1-1. Medical Clinic Phone: (209) 372-4637.

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, email yose_lostandfound@nps.gov

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Welcome to Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Entrance Fees

Non-commercial car, truck, RV, or van with 15 or fewer passenger seats
(No per-person fee)

Vehicle Valid for 7 days
\$35/vehicle

Motorcycle Valid for 7 days
\$30/motorcycle

Individual Valid for 7 days
\$20 (In a bus, on foot, bicycle, or horse),

Yosemite Pass \$70,
Valid for one year in Yosemite.

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

Interagency Senior Pass \$80
(Lifetime) For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.

Interagency Annual Senior Pass \$20
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.

Interagency 4th Grade Pass (Free)
(Annual) For fourth graders and their families. Must present paper voucher.

Reservations

Campground Reservations
(877) 444-6777
www.recreation.gov

Lodging Reservations
(888) 413-8869
www.travelyosemite.com
Group Sales Office: (888) 339-3481

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) 878-3329

Highway 140/49
California Welcome Center, Merced
(800) 446-5353 or (209) 724-8104
www.yosemite-gateway.org

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

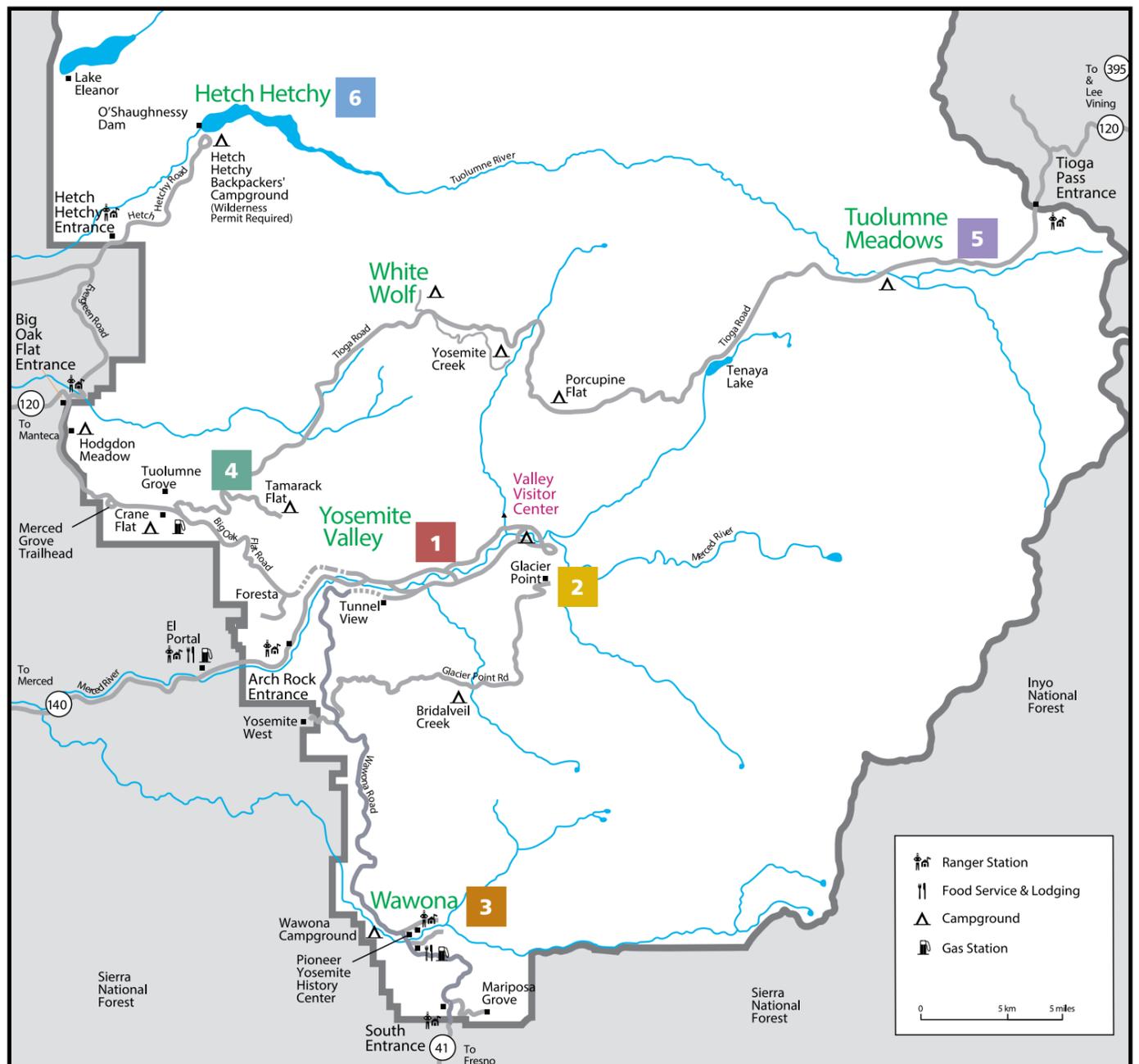
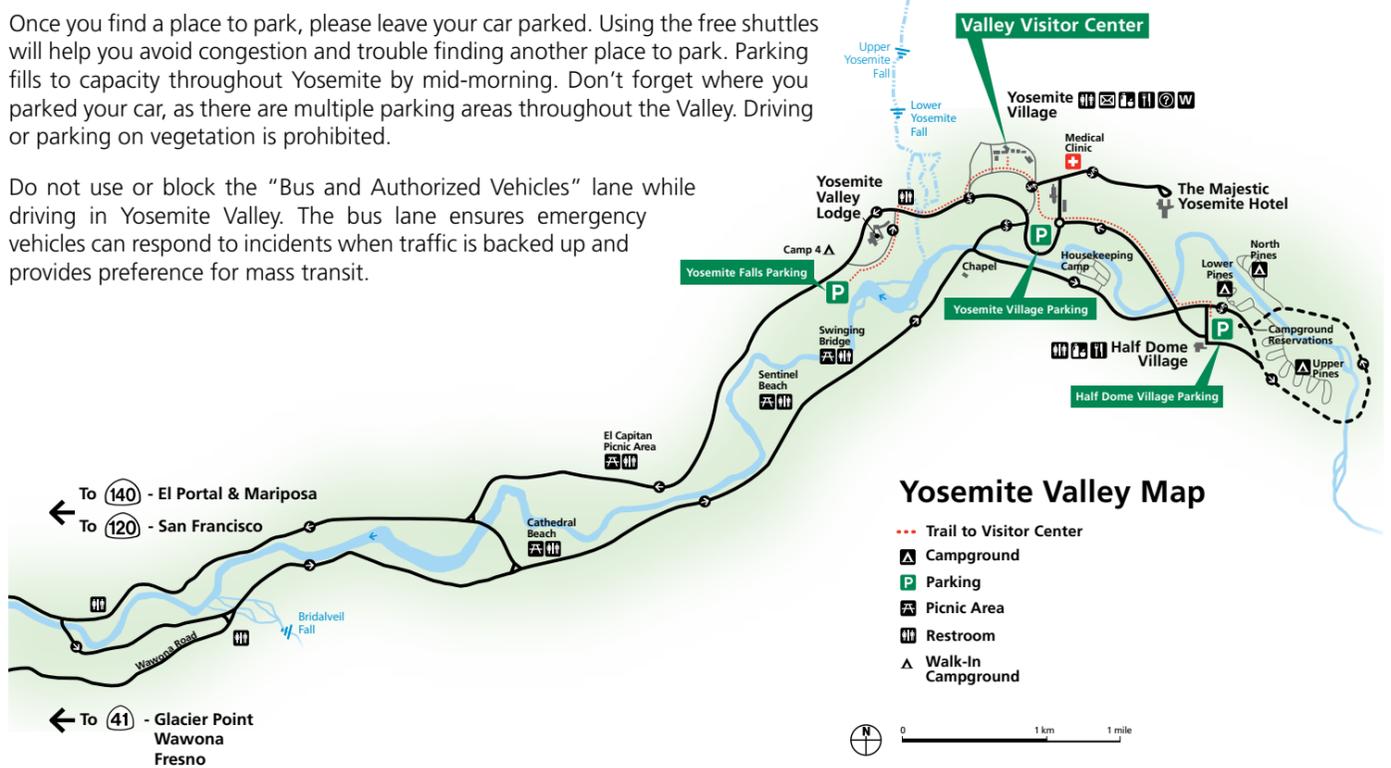
Yosemite Travel Tips

The busy summer months have arrived! If you haven't already, you're likely to experience congestion, especially in Yosemite Valley. Be prepared for two- to three-hour delays, especially in afternoons and on weekends. Plan accordingly and use restrooms when available.

If you're visiting Yosemite Valley for the day, look for parking in three major parking lots: Yosemite Falls Parking Lot, Yosemite Village Parking Lot, and at Half Dome Village Parking (formerly Curry Village). Free shuttle service to destinations throughout Yosemite Valley is available from each of these parking lots. If you have lodging or campground reservations, please park at your lodge or campsite.

Once you find a place to park, please leave your car parked. Using the free shuttles will help you avoid congestion and trouble finding another place to park. Parking fills to capacity throughout Yosemite by mid-morning. Don't forget where you parked your car, as there are multiple parking areas throughout the Valley. Driving or parking on vegetation is prohibited.

Do not use or block the "Bus and Authorized Vehicles" lane while driving in Yosemite Valley. The bus lane ensures emergency vehicles can respond to incidents when traffic is backed up and provides preference for mass transit.



Yosemite Valley

1 Yosemite Valley, open year-round, is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. 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, or tour, you will behold scenery that will leave you breathless and eager to see what's around the next corner.

Glacier Point

2 Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and 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.

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, or hike one of the scenic trails. For more information, visit the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio, adjacent to the Big Trees Lodge. This was once a painting studio for the 19th-century artist Thomas Hill.

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 November. The road's elevation ranges from 6,200 feet to nearly 10,000 feet. 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.

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, Lembert Dome, or along the Tuolumne River through Lyell Canyon. Take advantage of the Tuolumne Meadows Hikers' Bus from Yosemite Valley.

Hetch Hetchy

6 Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the City of San Francisco, is home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. The area's low elevation makes it a good place to hike in autumn and winter. The Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles (1 ¼ hour) from Yosemite Valley via the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120W) and the Evergreen Road. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open from 7am to 9pm, May 1 through Labor Day. Wilderness permits and bear canisters are available at the entrance station from 7am to 5pm. Vehicles and/or trailers over 25 feet long, and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.



Half Dome view from Glacier Point. Photo by Armand Williams



The Mariposa Grove. Photo by Christine Loberg



Tenaya Lake. Photo by Kenny Karst



Tuolumne River at Tuolumne Meadows. Photo by Ryan Alonzo



Hetch Hetchy. Photo by Sheree Peshlakai

Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park

Yosemite Valley

An unlimited array of possibilities await you in Yosemite Valley. Let your senses run wild as you learn about the scenery that surrounds you. See pages 5, 6, and 7 for more information on programs and other visitor services.

Naturalist Programs

Naturalists give walks and talks about Yosemite's natural and cultural history, every day. 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.

Tours

Tours listed below depart from Yosemite Valley Lodge and are weather dependent.

The **Valley Floor Tour** is a 26-mile, two-hour open-air tram tour narrated by a park ranger. Be sure to ask about Moonlight Tours, Starry Skies at Glacier Point Tours, and the Tuolumne Meadows Tour and Hiker's Bus.

The **Glacier Point Tour** is offered daily. One-way tickets are available for those who want to hike into Yosemite Valley from Glacier Point.

The full-day **Yosemite Grand Tour** combines Yosemite Valley, Glacier Point and Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias into one memorable tour. Bring your camera for many photo opportunities. Tour departs daily at 8:45 am.

For more information on departure times or to make reservations, call (209) 372-1240 or inquire at any of the Tour and Activity Desks at Yosemite Valley Lodge, Yosemite Village, or Half Dome Village.

Rafting

Rafting is a great way to see Yosemite Valley. Rafts can be rented at Half Dome Village from 10am to 4pm, *conditions permitting*. If you bring your own raft, see page 15 for regulatory information.

Bicycling

Experience Yosemite Valley on a bicycle. There are several miles of bicycle paths that wind through Yosemite Valley. Use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Valley Lodge or Half Dome Village, open 8am to 7pm, *weather permitting*. Bicycles are only allowed on paved roads and paved bicycle paths.



Chris Jorgensen (1860-1935), Mariposa Grove, Two Sequoias, 1910, is on display in the Yosemite Museum.

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.

Sightseeing

Some famous, awe-inspiring landmarks that Yosemite Valley is known for 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 that will grant you some 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. See if you can spot climbers on El Capitan through your binoculars and discover the thrill of the vertical wilderness on Yosemite's big walls.
- **Happy Isles** is a place to see dramatic natural processes at work. It is easily reached by shuttle at stop #16. Cross the footbridges onto the isles, wander through indoor and outdoor exhibits detailing Yosemite's geologic story, or connect with nature through daily art workshops and activities.
- **Tunnel View**, along Wawona Road (Hwy 41) showcases the immensity of the granite walls that surround Yosemite Valley, providing a classic view of 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 Kitchen
7am to 6pm

The Loft at Degnan's
12pm to 9pm

Village Grill
11am to 6pm

The Majestic Yosemite Hotel

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.

Phone: (209) 372-1489

Coffee Bar

7am to 10:30am

The Majestic Bar

11:30am to 11pm

Yosemite Valley Lodge

Base Camp Eatery Starbucks
6am to 9pm

Base Camp Eatery
Breakfast: 6:30am to 11am

Lunch: 11am to 4:30pm

Dinner: 4:30pm to 10pm

Mountain Room Lounge

Monday - Friday

4:30pm to 11pm

Saturday & Sunday

Noon to 11pm

Mountain Room Restaurant

Reservations taken for 8 or more,

(209) 372-1281 or (209) 372-1403

Dinner: 5pm to 10pm

Half Dome Village

Coffee Corner/Ice Cream

6am to 10pm,

ice cream service - 11am to 10pm,

Half Dome Village Bar

11am to 10pm

Pavilion

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Pizza Deck

11am to 10pm

Meadow Grill

11am to 8pm

BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL

Yosemite Village

The Ansel Adams Gallery

9am to 6pm

Yosemite Valley Visitor Center

9am to 5pm

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center

9am to 5pm

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Yosemite Museum

9am to 5pm, *may close for lunch*

Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center

8am to 5pm

Village Store

8am to 10pm

The Majestic Yosemite Hotel

The Gift Shop

8am to 10pm

The Sweet Shop

7am to 10pm

Yosemite Valley Lodge

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

Half Dome Village

Mountain Shop

8am to 8pm

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

Happy Isles

Happy Isles Art and Nature Center

9am to 4pm

Yosemite Valley

Where to go and what to do



Yosemite Valley. NPS Photo

Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore are open from 9am to 5pm. The visitor center is near 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, in the Theater behind the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. The museum is open daily from 9am to 5pm, *may close for lunch*.

Exhibit:

Yosemite Viewed: 19th and 20th Century Landscape Paintings

This exhibit features paintings drawn from the Yosemite Museum collection, representing a variety of styles and approaches to the artistic interpretation of this grand landscape. Open daily from 10am to 4pm.

Indian Cultural Exhibit

Open daily from 9am to 5pm, *may close for lunch*. Explore the cultural history of Yosemite's Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. See Indian cultural exhibits and daily demonstrations of stone tool making, basket weaving,

beadwork, flutes, and more. Follow a self-guided accessible trail through an active re-constructed Miwok Village behind the museum to learn about the significant plants and structures.

Yosemite Museum Store

Open daily, 9am to 5pm, *may close for lunch*. Find traditional American Indian arts, crafts, jewelry, and books.

Wilderness Center

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. 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, between the post office and The Ansel Adams Gallery.

Happy Isles Art and Nature Center

Open 9am to 4pm. Designed for nature-exploring children and their families, the nature center offers natural-history exhibits and an art center. Located a short walk from shuttle stop #16.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

In Yosemite Village next to the Yosemite 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.

Exhibit:

Penny Otwell: Seeing Is Believing
May 20, 2018 – July 7, 2018

There is immensity to Yosemite that

relates to both time and place – it pervades us here; it makes us feel humble. Penny Otwell has said of her time as an artist in Yosemite that “being a painter is like being a scientist: the facts are in front of you, the arrangements are endless, conditions, premises, and conclusions all determine each painting. Asking “what if?” is my way of experimentation in making art. Motivated by the rhythm and design observed in granite forms and geological changes, my painting style is uniquely my own.”

New work by Ms. Otwell will be on display at The Ansel Adams Gallery as part of her exhibition, *Seeing is Believing* from May 20 to July 7, 2018.

New Exhibit:

Intrepid Light: Photographs by Charles Cramer

July 8, 2018 – August 18, 2018

Charles Cramer and Ansel Adams have much in common. Both have called Central California home. Early in their career, both pursued music as a profession only to be lured away by the artistic promise of photography. And both have fully embraced the landscape as a muse – especially the Sierra Nevada Mountains to be found in their relative backyard. But where they perhaps differ, is in their degree of intrepidity. Sure, in his younger years Ansel Adams was a menace on the trail, hiking long distances, high into the rugged mountains and into dangerous scenarios that would tame most backcountry enthusiasts. Then, later in life, he crisscrossed many state lines while on photographic assignments. But his adventures mostly kept to the West – and with great benefit to his soul, to photography, and to the environmental

movement. Mr. Cramer on the other hand has continued to photograph the West in his own time, while also finding inspiration and eagerness farther afield, to latitudes of unique light and land from Iceland to Antarctica. On these travels, he of course takes with him the same spirit that has coached him through many photographic journeys in Yosemite, resulting in a body of work that encompasses a diverse world envisioned as a series of spaces inherently in harmony. Each photograph speaks for itself, and to the next.

Intrepid Light: Photographs by Charles Cramer will open at The Ansel Adams Gallery on July 8 and run through August 18. Included in the exhibition will be photographs from across Charlie's far and reaching travels, as well as those made in Yosemite. We hope you find some time during your own travels in the park to stop by and see them for yourself.

VALLEY SERVICES

GARAGE

Yosemite Village

8am to 5pm, *Closed for 1 hour at noon*
24 hour AAA towing available, NO gas,
Propane service available until 4:30pm.
(209)372-1060

POST OFFICES

Yosemite Village

Main Office

Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 10am to noon

Yosemite Valley Lodge

Post Office

Monday-Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

GROCERIES AND TOURS

Yosemite Village

Village Store

8am to 10pm

Degnan's Kitchen

7am to 6pm

Tour and Activity Desk - Village Store

7:30am to 3:30pm

Yosemite Valley Lodge

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

Tour and Activity Desk

7:30am to 7pm

Bike Rentals

8am to 7pm, *weather permitting*

Half Dome Village

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

Tour and Activity Desk

7:30am to 3pm

Mountaineering School

8:30am to 5pm, *Closed for 1 hour at noon*

Bike Rentals

8am to 7pm, *weather permitting*

Raft Rentals

10am to 4pm, *weather permitting*

Housekeeping Camp

Gift/Grocery

8am to 9pm

SHOWERS AND LAUNDRY

Housekeeping Camp

Showers - 7am to 10pm

Laundry - 8am to 10pm

Half Dome Village

Showers open 24 hours

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

June 20, 2018 - July 24, 2018



Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures (YC)

Experience the park in a new way with Yosemite Conservancy's naturalist guides! Enjoy guided hikes and backpacking trips, learn traditional basket-weaving techniques, or hone photography skills with an expert. Upcoming outings include:

- June 21 – June 24** *Backpack to Half Dome: Two-Night Summit Challenge*
- June 29 – July 1** *Casual Backpack: Sunset Hike to Ostrander Lake*
- June 30 – July 1** *Birding by Sight and Sound: A Beginners Adventure**
- July 12 – July 15** *Backpack to Glen Aulin: Waterwheel Falls**
- July 19 – July 22** *Backpack to Half Dome: Two Nights via Clouds Rest*
- July 19 – July 22** *Casual Backpack: Yosemite Creek and Eagle Peak**
- July 21 – July 22** *Relaxed Birding: White Wolf**

To learn more and sign up, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or call (209) 379-2317, ext.10. Custom Adventures can be arranged for individuals and groups. Proceeds from all our programs help preserve and protect Yosemite. *Adventures marked with (*) start from Tuolumne Meadows or White Wolf.

Yosemite Theater (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy's theater program offers entertainment and inspiration through live performances, educational presentations and beautiful films. All shows start at 7pm at the Yosemite Theater, located at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, shuttle bus stops #5 and #9. Get your tickets (\$10 per person, free tickets for children under age 12) at Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores, Tour & Activity Desks (see page 5 for locations), or at the theater before show time.

Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier (Sundays). Ranger Shelton Johnson portrays a Buffalo Soldier in Yosemite in the early 1900s.

Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey (Mondays). Join rock-climber Ron Kauk for a film and conversation celebrating Yosemite's vertical world.

Yosemite Search and Rescue (Tuesdays). Hear stories about emergency response missions in the park from Yosemite's expert Search and Rescue rangers.

John Muir Series: Conversation with a Tramp (Wednesdays). Meet John Muir in the early 1900s, as he receives news on the fate of Hetch Hetchy Valley. Live performance by Lee Stetson.

John Muir Series: John Muir is Back! (Thursdays). As modern-day environmental woes threaten his beloved planet, Muir urges us to become better stewards of the natural world. Live performance by Lee Stetson.

Yosemite Conservancy Art Programs (YC)

Join Yosemite Conservancy for a range of activities at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Learn from a professional artist, drop in for a kids' activity, browse supplies and original artwork, and more. The center is open daily, 9am to 4pm. Upcoming programs include:

- June 18 – June 23** *Painting and Printmaking with Sue Fierston*
- June 25 – June 30** *Acrylic Landscapes with Faith Rumm*
- July 2 – July 7** *Yosemite in Watercolor with Faith Rumm*
- July 9 – July 14** *Pastel Landscapes for Beginners with Tsungwei Moo*
- July 16 – July 21** *Pastel Landscapes for Beginners with Tsungwei Moo*
- July 23 – July 28** *Nature Drawing for Beginners with Sean Edgerton*

Daily art classes for ages 12 and up are taught by volunteer instructors Monday through Saturday, 10am to 2pm, and are typically held outside (\$20 per person, per class, materials and supplies not included in registration price). We also offer one-hour instructed classes for children ages 2 to 12, Monday through Thursday (\$10 per person, \$30 per family, materials included). To learn more and register for any of our art programs, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/art, contact us at (209) 372-0631 or artcenter@yosemiteconservancy.org, or visit us at Happy Isles!

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Pastor Brent Moore - Resident Minister
(209) 372-4831 • YosemiteChapel@sbcglobal.net
www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org
SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE YOSEMITE CHAPEL:
9:15am - Sunday School available
11am - (Memorial Day through Labor Day Only)
6:30pm - Evening Service
WEDNESDAY MID-WEEK SERVICE
7pm, at the chapel
THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY
7pm, call chapel for location

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS
OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
Rectory Phone: (209) 372-4729
SATURDAY (Memorial Day to Labor Day)
6pm - Lower Pines Amphitheater, shuttle stop #19
SUNDAY
10am - Theater at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, shuttle stops #5/#9

CHURCH OF CHRIST (Non-denominational)
SUNDAY - 11am, El Portal Chapel
(209) 379-2100

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
Christian Sabbath Worship at Lower River Amphitheater, Saturday May 27 to Sep 2
9:45am - Music/Sabbath School
11am - Worship, 12:30pm Potluck
www.facebook.com/YosemiteSDAChurch

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Sacrament Meeting, Sundays 1pm to 1:45pm
May 27 to Sep 2, Yosemite Valley Chapel

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Yosemite Valley Chapel
Sunday - 8pm, Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30pm

LIONS CLUB
First and third Thursday of each month at noon,
The Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Call (209) 372-4475.

MORNING EVENTS

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Sunday	<p>8:00am Morning Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided morning stroll! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿</p> <p>9:30am Ranger Hike 3 hrs. Easy to moderate hike near the Mirror Lake loop area, Mirror Lake shuttle stop #17. (NPS)</p> <p>9:30am Adventure Hike - Vernal/Nevada Falls 6 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Half Dome Village Mountaineering School. (YH) \$</p> <p>10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p>
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Tuesday	<p>8:00am Morning Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided morning stroll! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿</p> <p>8:15am Adventure Hike - Panorama Trail With One-Way Glacier Point Bus Ride 8 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$</p> <p>9:00am Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. (TAAG) ♿</p> <p>10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/art. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See pg. 6. (YC) \$</p> <p>11:00am KIDS ART CLASS 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 2-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) \$</p>
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- AAC** American Alpine Club
- YH** Yosemite Hospitality LLC
- NPS** National Park Service
- SC** Sierra Club
- TAAG** The Ansel Adams Gallery
- YC** Yosemite Conservancy
- \$** 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 visitors. Contact (209) 379-5250 (w/txt) to request an interpreter. Advanced notice of two weeks is requested, but not required.



Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advanced request for any public program. Inquire at any visitor center or tour desk.



Audio tours are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Refer to the Accessibility Guide for details

	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Sunday	<p>12:30pm Ask-A-Climber (June 24 Only) 4 hrs. View climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. El Capitan Bridge, across from shuttle stop E4. (NPS)</p> <p>1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE 2 hrs. Drop in any time to get started or finish earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Walk - Yosemite Climbing (July 1, 8, and 15 Only) 2 hrs. Explore the whats, hows, and whys of rock climbing with a Yosemite Climbing Ranger. Meet at El Capitan Bridge, Shuttle Stop E4. (NPS)</p> <p>2:30pm Ranger Walk - Merced Meanders 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm JUNIOR RANGER SWEAR-IN 15 mins. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm FAMILY RANGER TALK - MEET YOUR YOSEMITE 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories/activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater - Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores, any Tour & Activity Desk, or at the Yosemite Theater. See pg. 6. (YC) \$</p> <p>8:30pm Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm NIGHT PROWL 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Except June 24) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p>
Monday	<p>12:30pm Ask-A-Climber (June 25 Only) 4 hrs. View climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. El Capitan Bridge, across from shuttle stop E4. (NPS)</p> <p>1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm KIDS ART CLASS 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 2-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) \$</p> <p>1:00pm Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$</p> <p>1:00pm Discovery Hike - Less Traveled Lower Valley Loop 4 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$</p> <p>2:00pm DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE 2 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm KIDS ART CLASS 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 2-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) \$</p> <p>2:30pm Ranger Walk - Yosemite's First People 1.5 hrs. Front of the Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm JUNIOR RANGER SWEAR-IN 15 mins. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm FAMILY RANGER TALK - MEET YOUR YOSEMITE 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater - Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores, any Tour & Activity Desk, or at the Yosemite Theater. See page 6. (YC) \$</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program on Natural and Cultural History 1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm NIGHT PROWL 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Except June 25 and July 23) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p>
Tuesday	<p>12:30pm Ask-A-Climber (June 26 Only) 4 hrs. View climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. El Capitan Bridge, across from shuttle stop E4. (NPS)</p> <p>1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm KIDS ART CLASS 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 2-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) \$</p> <p>1:00pm In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$</p> <p>2:00pm DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE 2 hrs. Drop in any time to get started or finish up earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm KIDS ART CLASS 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 2-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) \$</p> <p>2:30pm Ranger Walk - Wild About Bears 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm JUNIOR RANGER SWEAR-IN 15 mins. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm FAMILY RANGER TALK - MEET YOUR YOSEMITE 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater - Yosemite Search and Rescue 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores, any Tour & Activity Desk, or at the Yosemite Theater. See page 6. (YC) \$</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program on Fire in Yosemite 1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm NIGHT PROWL 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Except June 26 and July 24) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p>
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Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point



Burrel "Buckshot" Maier drives a stage coach and transports park visitors back in time to discover what life was like for the early pioneers of Yosemite National Park. NPS Photo

Explore History, Discover Giant Trees, and Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

Wawona

Evening Programs

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Big Trees Lodge lobby from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, Tuesday through Saturday, for music and stories from Yosemite's past. If you ask him, Tom might perform one of three one-hour picture shows: *Yosemite Music*, *Roosevelt & Muir 1903*, or *Wawona History*.

Old-Fashioned Fourth Of July!

You are cordially invited to join the staff of the Pioneer Yosemite History Center for an old fashioned 4th of July celebration! Activities will include a parade, speeches and games, such as gunny sack races, three-legged races, an egg toss and tug-of-war. A fun time will be enjoyed by people of all ages. This celebration takes place at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center on July 4, between 2pm and 4pm.

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio

Open daily from 8:30am to 5pm. The visitor center offers information about park activities, books, wilderness permits, trail information, bear canister rentals, and maps. Located on the grounds of the Big Trees Lodge, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the lodge or park at the Big Trees Lodge 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. Five dollars for adults and \$4 for children ages 3 to 12-years old.

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

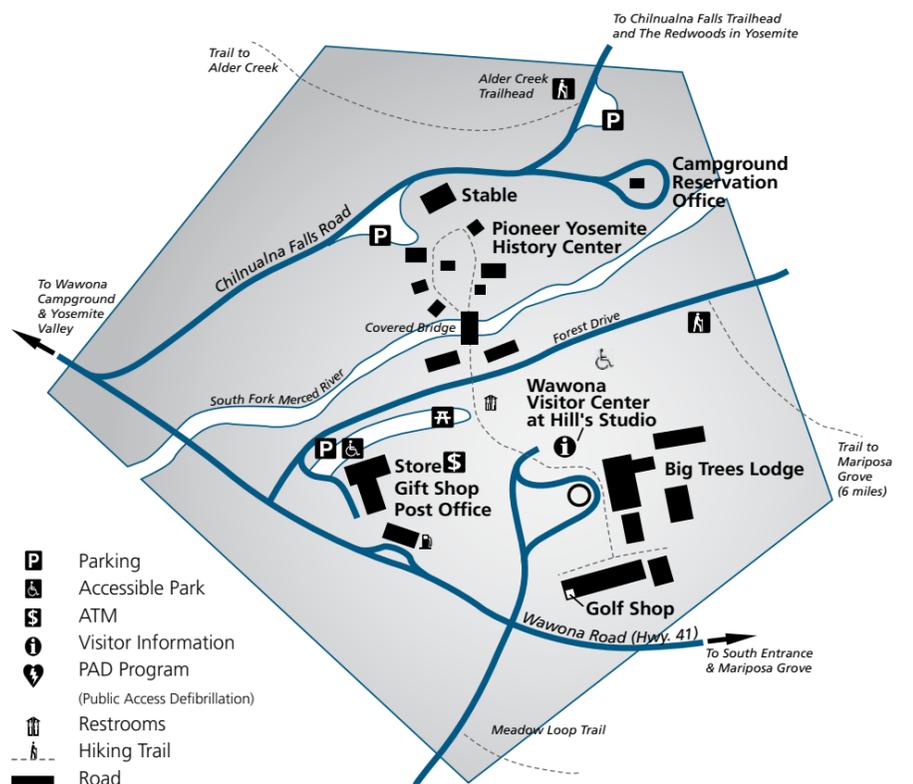
Located near Yosemite's South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is the park's largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees in the grove. Come visit one of only a few locations on earth where you can get a personal glimpse of giant sequoias, at the Mariposa Grove.

Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias reopened June 15, marking the completion of a \$40 million restoration project. This ambitious project, in partnership with Yosemite Conservancy, sought to restore the Grove by removing a parking lot at the base of the sequoias, removing commercial facilities, and restoring the hydrology to ensure that new trees can grow in a healthy environment. Additionally, a new parking area and welcome plaza have been constructed at the park's South Entrance.

Free Shuttle to the Mariposa Grove

A free shuttle provides service from the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza, to the Mariposa Grove, from 8am to 8pm, departing every 10 minutes. Private vehicles may only enter the Mariposa Grove when the shuttle bus is not operating. Only vehicles displaying an accessibility placard are permitted to drive into the Mariposa Grove at any time. There is no shuttle service between Wawona and the Mariposa Grove, for the general public. Pets are not allowed on trails in the Grove.





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. Ranger walks, sunset talks, and stargazing programs are offered for your enjoyment at this stunning location. See table for times and information.

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

Big Trees Lodge Dining Room

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Lunch: 11am to 3pm

Dinner: 5pm to 9pm

Reservations taken for 6 or more.

Lounge Service: 5pm to 9:30pm

Saturday BBQ: 5pm to 7pm,

weather permitting

Golf Shop & Snack Stand

7am to 6pm, conditions permitting

Glacier Point

Gift Shop and Snack Stand

9am to 7pm, conditions permitting

GIFTS & GROCERIES

Wawona

Big Trees Store & Pioneer Shop

8am to 8pm

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Wawona Visitor Center

8:30am to 5pm

Yosemite Conservancy Depot at Mariposa Grove

9am to 5pm, beginning June 15

Mariposa Grove

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9am to 5pm

Glacier Point

Gift Shop

9am to 7pm, conditions permitting

Snack Stand

9am to 7pm, conditions permitting

POST OFFICE

Wawona Post Office

Monday-Friday: 9am to 5pm

Saturday: 9am to noon

GAS STATION

Big Trees Lodge Service Station

8am to 5pm, Diesel & propane available.

Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

GOLF

Big Trees Lodge Golf Course

8am to 6pm, weather and conditions permitting.

Nine-hole, par-35 course. (209)375-6572

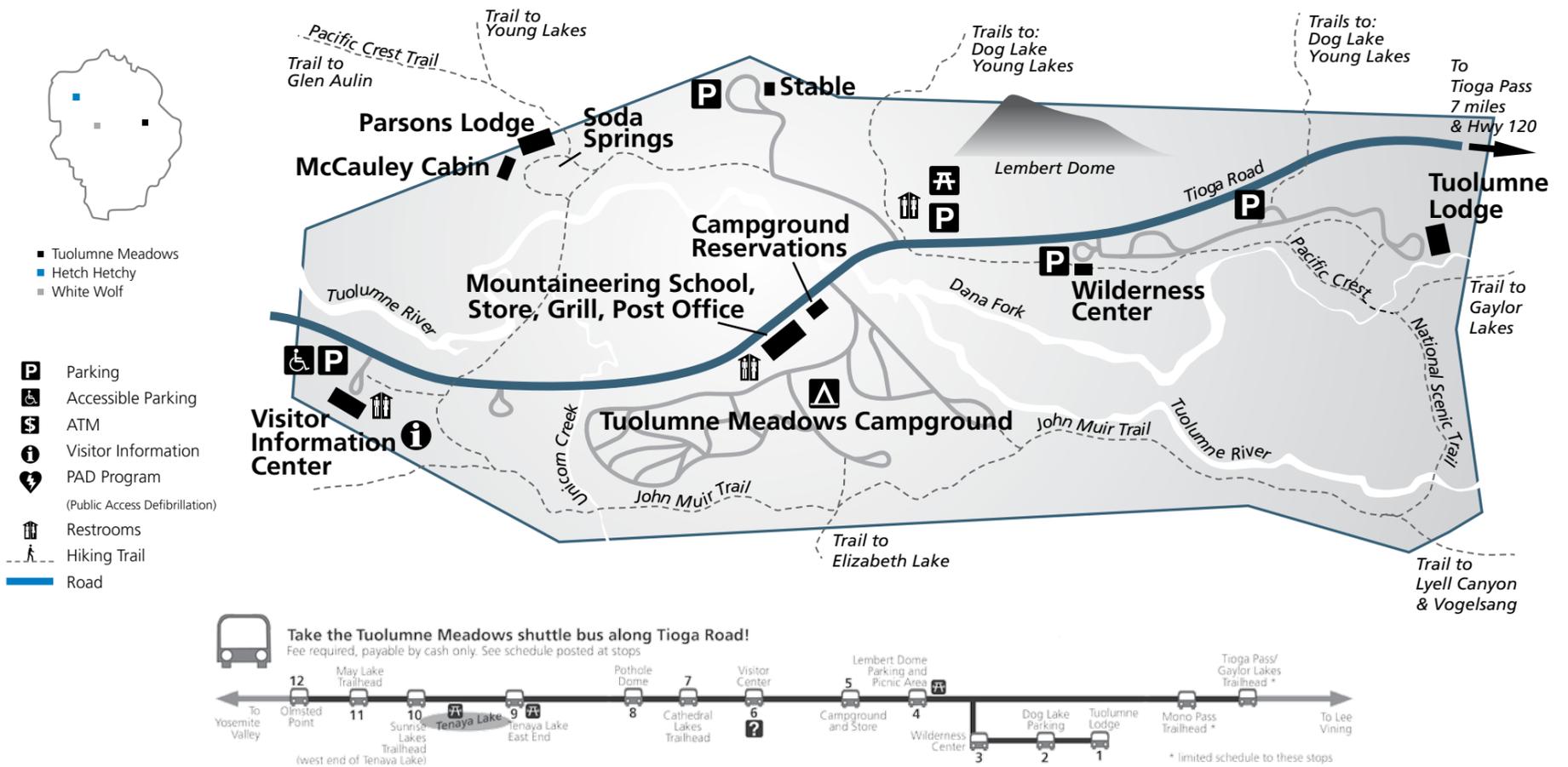
STABLES

Wawona Stable

7am to 5pm

	WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE	GLACIER POINT
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Saturday	8:30am Explore Mariposa Grove's Bird & Plant Life 2 hrs. Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist for a guided walk in Mariposa Grove. Meet at Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza Shuttle Stop. \$10/person. No pre-registration. (YC) \$ 9:00am Nature Walk with a Ranger 2 hrs. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call (855) 290-3499. (NPS) 10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 2 hrs. Meet at the Mariposa Grove Arrival Area. (NPS) 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 2 hrs. Meet at the Mariposa Grove Arrival Area. (NPS) 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 4:00pm JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM 1 hr. Especially for ages 7-12. Meet at south end of Wawona Covered Bridge. (NPS) 5:30pm Vintage Music 4 hrs. Pianist/singer Tom Bopp performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past in Big Trees Lodge lobby. See page 8 for details. (YH) ♿ 8:00pm Campfire Talk 1 hour. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿	2:00pm Ranger Walk – Cliffs and Domes (Except July 7) 2 hrs. Moderately difficult. Explore diverse ecosystems and geologic wonders on the way to towering cliff tops or summit views. Meet at Taft Point/ Sentinel Dome trailhead parking area along Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk 30 mins. Glacier Point amphitheater, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 8:45pm Stars Over Yosemite Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast. (NPS)

Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat



Within Tuolumne Meadows, one of the largest high-elevation meadows in the Sierra Nevada, the Tuolumne River meanders quietly through its meadow channel and is surrounded by a backdrop of rugged mountain peaks and glacially carved domes.

Tuolumne Meadows

- Thank you for staying on official trails to protect fragile meadow ecosystems.
- Dogs, bicycles & strollers are only allowed on roads open to public vehicle traffic.
- Day-hikers and backpackers must go to the toilet at least 100 feet away from water, trail and camp areas; bury human waste six inches deep and pack out toilet paper and all other trash.

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Open 9am to 5pm through Saturday, June 30. Open 9am to 6pm beginning July 1. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps and displays.

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

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

Just for Kids

Programs for children include Junior Rangers, 1.5 or 2-hour ranger-led program targeting ages 7 to 12, Little Cubs, a 45-minute program targeting ages 3 to 6, and 1-hour Campfire for Kids. Check for special programs posted weekly.

Ranger Walks

Join a FREE ranger program to explore new areas and learn about geology, wildlife, history, wildflowers, the Tuolumne Meadows area and more. Most are easy walks. Check the schedule for all-day hikes with a ranger to wild and beautiful places for a deeply memorable adventure.

Evening Activities

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

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 10am to 4pm. The Soda Springs are small, naturally carbonated springs that attract deer, birds and other wildlife. Please stay on the trail to help protect this unique place.

Parsons Memorial Lodge Summer Series

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

Friday, July 20 - 2pm to 3pm

Words of Preservation: Poets Laureate National Parks Tour

Texas Poet Laureates Alan Birkelbach and Carla Morton perform poetry inspired by National Parks.

Saturday, July 21 - 2pm to 3:30pm

Backpacking the Best Mountains on Earth Conversation with Kim Stanley Robinson, author of Naming Mt Thoreau, the Green Earth, Shaman, and other books.

Sunday, July 22 - 2pm to 3:30pm

The Once and Future California: Climate, Wildlife and Connection Talk and discussion with Erika Zavaleta, professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UC Santa Cruz.

Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy offers naturalist-led Outdoor Adventures throughout the park. See page 6 for more details on trips leaving from the Tuolumne Meadows and White Wolf areas.

Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. The information station offers information about park activities, books, wilderness permits, trail information, bear canister rentals, and maps. The center is located inside the park entrance on Hwy 120W.

Tuolumne Grove

The trailhead for this grove of about 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.

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 3½ miles north of Crane Flat and 4½ 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 Meadows programs, services, and trails may not be available before June due to snow and icy conditions.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Tuolumne Meadows
Tuolumne Meadows Grill
 8am to 6pm
Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room
 Breakfast: 7am to 9am
 Dinner: 5:30pm to 8pm,
 Reservations strongly recommended (209) 372-8413
 White Wolf
White Wolf Lodge Dining Room
conditions permitting
 Limited Retail: 7am to 9pm
 Breakfast: 7:30am to 10am
 Take-out Lunch: Noon to 2pm
 Dinner: 5:30pm to 8pm,
Reservations recommended, (209) 372-8416

GIFTS & GROCERIES

Tuolumne Meadows
Gift/Groceries
 8am to 8pm
Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center
 9am to 5pm
 Crane Flat
Gift/Groceries
 8am to 7pm
 Big Oak Flat
Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Big Oak Flat Information Center
 9am to 5pm

GAS STATION

Crane Flat
 8am to 7pm, *conditions permitting*
 Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump
 24 hours with credit or debit card.

TRANSPORTATION

Olmstead Point / Tuolumne / Tioga Pass
Tuolumne Meadows Shuttle Bus
 Shuttle service is available along Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tioga Pass, for a fee, payable by cash only. See map on page 10.

Shuttle service begins from the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge at 8am. The shuttles arrive at 30-minute intervals between 8am and 5pm. Stop times are posted at bus stops.

There are a number of different stops between Olmsted Point and Tioga Pass, with varying fees. For more information contact any tours and activity desk.

Tuolumne Meadows Hiker's Bus

The hiker's bus leaves Yosemite Valley once daily, starting from Curry Village in the morning. The bus departs from Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center mid-afternoon. Visit a Tours and Activity desk for scheduled departures and to purchase tickets.

HIGH SIERRA CAMPS

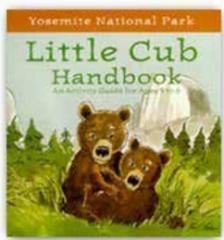
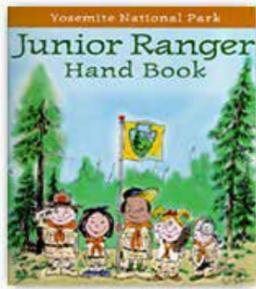
Glen Aulin, May Lake, Merced Lake, Sunrise, Vogelsang
 Breakfast: 7:30am
 Dinner: 6:30pm
 Limited Retail: 1pm to 5pm

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS		HETCH HETCHY, HODGDON MEADOW, CRANE FLAT & WHITE WOLF		
See local postings for additional naturalist walks and programs		See local postings for additional naturalist walks and programs		
Sunday	8:00am	Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)	9:00am	WHITE WOLF FAMILY NATURE WALK 1.5 hours. Join a ranger-naturalist to learn about Yosemite's wildlife. Meet at the White Wolf amphitheater. Wear sturdy footwear and be prepared to walk. (NPS)
	10:00am	Ranger Walk – Nature Journaling and the Art of Re-creation 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring a sketchbook/journal, pen and pencil with an eraser. (NPS) ♿	9:30am	JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM 1 hr. All ages welcome. Exploration of the Crane Flat Campground area, games, stories, etc. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from the 200 loop). Wear sturdy footwear and be prepared to walk. (NPS)
	11:00am	WHO LIVES IN YOSEMITE? WILDLIFE STORIES 45 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center porch. (NPS) ♿		
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS)		
	2:00pm	Ranger Walk – Indians in the High Country (Except July 22) 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. (NPS)		
	2:00pm	Parsons Summer Series (July 22 Only) 1.5 hrs. Details on page 10. (NPS)		
	3:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿		
Monday	8:00pm	Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)		
	8:30pm	Stars Over Mono Lake 1.5 hrs. Meet at South Tufa in Mono Basin. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS) ♿		
	10:00am	The Endangered Frogs at Dog Lake, Ranger Hike 4 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 3 miles. Dog Lake parking lot. Bring lunch, water and raingear. (NPS)	9:00am	Hodgdon Meadow Wildflower Bloom Monitoring Walk 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist to learn to identify wildflowers and help update a weekly bloom list for Hodgdon Meadow. Wear sturdy footwear. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground Kiosk. (NPS)
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿		
	2:00pm	Ranger Walk – From Bears to Butterflies: High Country Wildlife 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office. (NPS)		
	3:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	8:30pm	Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist for a traditional high country campfire program. See local postings for each week's subject. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater (across from the 200 loop). (NPS)
	8:00pm	Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)		
Tuesday	8:30pm	Stars Over Mono Lake 1.5 hrs. Meet at South Tufa in Mono Basin. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS) ♿		
	10:00am	Botanical Walks 2 hrs. (NPS) June 26: Tuolumne Meadows Meet at Visitor Center, shuttle stop #6. July 3: Pothole Dome Meet at Pothole Dome trailhead, shuttle stop #8. July 10: Bennettville Meet at Junction Campground trail 2 miles east of Tioga Pass (Saddlebag Road). July 17: Ellery Lake Meet at Ellery Lake dam turnout, east of Tioga Pass. July 24: Gaylor Ridge Meet at Gaylor Lakes trailhead/Tioga Pass. Steep trail.	2:00pm	Giant Sequoia Walk 45 mins. Join a ranger-naturalist for a walk through the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias to learn about these fascinating trees. Meet at the picnic tables at the lower end of the Tuolumne Grove, a mile walk downhill from the parking area. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water. (NPS)
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	8:30pm	YOSEMITE NIGHT SKY 2 hrs. Crane Flat area. Make reservations at the Big Oak Flat info station (209) 379-1899. Limited to 20 participants. (NPS) ♿
	2:00pm	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Pothole Dome parking lot. (NPS)		
	3:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿		
	7:00pm	Ranger Walk – Sunset 45 mins. Lambert dome picnic area. (NPS)		
	8:00pm	Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)		
Wednesday	7:30am	Ranger Walk – Birds (Except June 20) 3 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS)	9:00am	Ranger on the Dam 1 hr. Stop by anytime during this hour and talk with a ranger-naturalist to learn about the Hetch Hetchy Valley and O'Shaughnessy Dam. (NPS) ♿
	8:30am	Awakening to the Meadows: Stretching and Observation (Except June 20) 1.5 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring a mat, pad or towel. (NPS)	7:00pm	Twilight Meadow Observation and Sketching Walk 1 hr. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground campfire circle near the group campsites. Leisurely walk with stops. Wear sturdy footwear. Supplies provided if needed. (NPS)
	10:00am	DISCOVERY WALK FOR LITTLE CUBS (Except June 20) 50 mins. Ages 4-6. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Office. (NPS)	7:00pm	Nature Writing Workshop 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist and learn the many ways you can use writing to connect with the beauty of Yosemite's high country. White Wolf amphitheater. Supplies provided if needed. (NPS)
	10:00am	Ranger Walk – Geology Of Tuolumne Meadows (Except June 20) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome trailhead. (NPS)		
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except June 20) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿		
	1:30pm	The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River (Except June 20) 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. (NPS)		
	3:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except June 20) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿		
Thursday	7:00pm	CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS (Except June 20) 45 mins. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)		
	8:00pm	Campfire (Except June 20) 1 hr Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)		
	9:30pm	Ranger Talk – Stars (Except June 20) 1 hr. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)		
	10:00am	Ranger Walk – Domes and Meadows (Except June 21) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome trailhead. (NPS)	8:00am	Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. Stop by anytime during this hour for free coffee and to learn about the park. Bring your own mug and questions. Hodgdon Meadow Campground. Check kiosk posting for location. (NPS)
	11:00am	Ranger Hike – Tenaya Lake Exploration (Except June 21) 3 hrs. Easy. 2 miles. East end of Tenaya Lake, parking lot – shuttle stop #9. Bring lunch, water and raingear. (NPS)	10:00am	Giant Sequoia Walk 45 mins. Join a ranger-naturalist for a walk through the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias to learn about these fascinating trees. Meet at the picnic tables at the lower end of the Tuolumne Grove, a mile walk downhill from the parking area. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water. (NPS)
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except June 21) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿		
	2:00pm	Ranger Walk – Secrets of a Kettle Pond 2 hrs. (Except June 21) Pothole Dome trailhead. Shuttle stop #8. (NPS)		
Friday	3:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except June 21) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿		
	8:00pm	Campfire (Except June 21) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)		
	8:00am	Coffee with a Ranger (Except June 22) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)	8:00am	Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. Stop by anytime during this hour for free coffee and to learn about the park. Bring your own mug and questions. Crane Flat Campground amphitheater. Check campground kiosk posting for location. (NPS)
	10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK (Except June 22) 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Dog Lake parking lot. (NPS)	7:00pm	Bear Walk 1 hr. Learn about these amazing creatures who call Yosemite home. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from the 200 loop). Wear sturdy footwear. (NPS)
	10:00am	Ranger Walk – A Place Long Traveled: History of Tuolumne Meadows (Except June 22) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. Shuttle stop #6. (NPS)		
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except June 22) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿		
	2:00pm	Ranger Walk – Wildflowers of Tuolumne Meadows (Except June 22) 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. (NPS)		
Saturday	3:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except June 22) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿		
	8:00pm	Campfire (Except June 22) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)		
	7:30am	Ranger Walk – Birds (Except June 23) 3 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS)	8:00am	Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. Stop by anytime during this hour for free coffee and to learn about the park. Bring your own mug and questions. Hodgdon Meadow Campground. Check kiosk posting for location. (NPS)
	10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK (Except June 23) 2 hrs. Ages 7-12 Lambert Dome picnic area. (NPS)	2:00pm	Giant Sequoia Walk 45 mins. Join a ranger-naturalist for a walk through the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias to learn about these fascinating trees. Meet at picnic tables at the lower end of the Tuolumne Grove, a mile walk downhill from the parking area. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water. (NPS)
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except June 23) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	8:30pm	Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist for a traditional high-country campfire program. See local postings for each week's subject. Meet at the White Wolf Campground fire circle. (NPS)
	2:00pm	Parsons Summer Series (July 21 Only) 1.5 hrs. See details on pg. 10. (NPS)		
	3:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except June 23) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿		

Programs printed in **ALL CAPS AND COLOR** are especially for children and their families.

Just For Kids

Experience the Adventures of a Junior Ranger



Here Is How YOU Can Become A Junior Ranger!

Every year, hundreds of thousands of youth are sworn in as Junior Rangers in National Parks across the country! At Yosemite alone more than 20,000 youth participate in the Yosemite Junior Ranger Program, earning themselves an official Junior Ranger patch and badge! You could become Yosemite's newest Junior Ranger today by completing the following steps:

- Purchase your **Junior Ranger Hand Book** at any of the Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores located in the Visitor Centers, or at the Village Store
- Complete the pages in your Junior Ranger Booklet
- Attend a Guided Program.
- Return your completed book to the staff at a Visitor Center, or the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, or attend a Junior Ranger Swear-in Ceremony.
- Take your official Junior Ranger Pledge.
- Earn your official Junior Ranger Badge along with a Junior Ranger Patch or a Little Cub Button.



JUST FOR FUN - Explore, Learn and Protect!

1. Who am I?

a.) I am a small mammal who is often mistaken for a Chipmunk, but unlike the Chipmunk, the two stripes on my back only go up to my neck, not to my head. Who am I?

b.) My excellent sense of smell might lead me right to your cooler, your car or your tent which is why it is important to store all your food properly! I also have excellent vision and can recognize a grocery bag or food containers! Who am I?

c.) I am a four legged mammal who can be found in the high country. Some people think I have antlers but I actually have horns! Who am I?



*Black Bear



*Ring-tailed Cat



*Coyote



*Ground Squirrel

*Illustrations by Binta Wold

2. Draw a picture of something you saw while visiting Yosemite National Park!



3. The animals located to the right all call Yosemite National Park home. Circle the animal(s) you saw during your visit to Yosemite. Write three ways you can protect Yosemite's wildlife.

- a.) _____
- b.) _____
- c.) _____

Bears and Wildlife

Enjoying wildlife safely and responsibly



Black bear "logging in." 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!

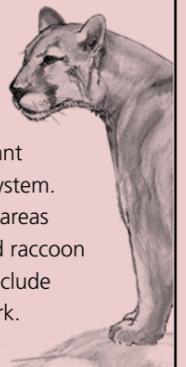
To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at (209) 372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park's website (go.nps.gov/bears).

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?
Your Vehicle	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!
Your Campsite or Tent Cabin	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.
Picnic Areas & on the Trails	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.
Backpacking in the Wilderness	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.

KEEP WILDLIFE WILD



Respect animals at a distance
Never feed or approach them

Protect Yourself...



Park rangers conduct Swift Water Rescue Training in Yosemite Valley, intending to practice rescue techniques and to educate the public on potential dangers related to swift water conditions. Photo by Al Golub

Enjoying Yosemite

Summer is a popular time to visit Yosemite, and for good reasons; daylight hours are long and the weather is usually warm. Plant and animal life are vibrant. High country trails that have been hiding for months are now waiting to be hiked and the waterfalls are still full. However, summer conditions present unique challenges which you must consider to ensure your outdoor enjoyment.

Weather

Dehydration and exhaustion can occur during any season but we are particularly vulnerable during the summer heat. Always carry more water than you need. Without rationing water, make sure your hike or outdoor activity is half over before your water is half gone. Prevent dehydration by sipping lots of water throughout the day and frequently eating salty, easy-to-digest snacks. Thunderstorm season is here. Remember, there is no safe place outside when you can hear thunder. Follow the saying, "when thunder roars, go indoors." If you cannot reach a building or car (with a hard top), hike down and away from ridges and outcroppings. Do not be the tallest object or near a tall object.

Rivers and Stream

Yosemite's streams are a huge temptation for the curious, the photographer, and the overheated and weary hiker simply wanting to cool tired feet. Do not be fooled! Yosemite's water is deceptively dangerous and unforgiving. Visitors are strongly urged to enjoy moving or falling water from a safe distance. Please: Do NOT leave the safety of the trail.

Boating / Floating

Before boating or floating, check the Park's website at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/water.htm for allowable locations and conditions. We urge you to wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD). Mishaps occur suddenly, you may not have time to put on your PFD. Make sure your watercraft is safe for water conditions.

Yosemite's Trails

Yosemite's 800 miles of trails pass through natural areas and endure all the forces of nature including flooding, fire, erosion, and slides. Trails may be damaged from weather and past fires. Snow can be present over higher elevation trails. Always carry a good topo map and compass (GPS optional) and know your location, including your back route, in case you need to turn around.

Yosemite's Roads

Yosemite's roads are as dangerous as the roads near your home, with additional hazards such as rock fall and abundant wildlife, including deer and bear. There are many sites to distract drivers. If you cannot devote 100% of your attention to your driving, please pull off the road into a designated pull-off or parking area. Buckle up! Park rangers enforce California's Motor Vehicle Code on park roads.

For All Seasons

- Don't approach *moving* water.
- Stay on established trails – do not take shortcuts, go over fences, or approach water. *Most of Yosemite's non-traffic related serious injuries occur off trail.*

- Carry plenty of food and water; stay hydrated and snack often.
- "10 hiking essentials" – including a flashlight or headlamp, sunglasses, sunscreen, navigation, and a signaling method (mirror and whistle).
- Let someone know – always leave your travel and hiking plan, including intended route, destination, and time of return, with a trusted person. If no one knows you are missing, no one is going to be looking for you.
- And remember this truism: **you** are responsible for **your** safety.

Hantavirus Information

Mice are an important part of the ecosystem, but can carry diseases harmful to humans. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread to humans via the droppings, urine, or saliva of infected rodents. Not all rodents are infected with hantavirus, but infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You may come into close proximity to rodents during your visit, so take steps to protect yourself from HPS. HPS risk is greater inside enclosures where deer mice are present. If staying in guest lodging, tell housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice in your room. Do not clean the area yourself. Keep doors to guest lodging shut and keep food in sealed containers. If you are camping and backpacking, do not pitch tents near rodent burrows or droppings. HPS often begins with flu-like symptoms such as aches, fever, and chills, one to seven weeks after exposure, progressing to cough and difficulty in breathing. Seek medical attention immediately if you experience

these symptoms and mention any potential rodent exposures. For more information on hantavirus visit: www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm.

Plague

Plague is an infectious bacterial disease that is carried by squirrels, chipmunks and other wild rodents and their fleas. When an infected rodent becomes sick and dies, its fleas can carry the infection to other warm-blooded animals including humans.

Never feed wildlife, avoid dropping food scraps when eating outside, and pitching a tent near or disturbing rodent burrows. Wear insect repellent with DEET, and tell a park ranger if you see a dead animal.

Early symptoms of plague may include high fever, chills, nausea, weakness, and painful swelling at the site of an insect bite or lymph node. If you develop these symptoms within 6 days of visiting an area at risk for plague in the park, see your doctor and inform them you may have been exposed. Plague is treatable with antibiotics if given in time.

Avoid Contact with Wildlife

Wild animals in Yosemite can transmit diseases, including plague, rabies, and hantavirus. Keeping your distance and your food from wildlife not only protects them, it also protects you. If you encounter a mammal, particularly a raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote, or bat, that is behaving erratically, don't touch it. Report the sick animal to a park employee. Storing your food properly will reduce your exposure to rodents and their fleas, which may carry plague.

...and Yosemite's Wild Places

Protecting park resources



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 Wilderness and 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 permit requirements and regulations in place to protect park resources and those designed for your safety.

Wilderness Permit Details

Wilderness permits are required for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness. For summer trips 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. Go to www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm to check trailhead availability and for more information on how to make a reservation. Reservations can be made by fax, phone or mail. To make a reservation by phone, call (209) 372-0740, Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm and Saturday from 9am to 4pm. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm, the Leave No Trace website at www.lnt.org, or the Friends of Yosemite Search and Rescue website at www.friendsofyosar.org

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 2018, May 11 through October 9, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 pre-season lottery permits have already been issued for 2018. 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 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: www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm. For backpackers more information is available at: www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm

Rafting

Conditions permitting, rafting on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley (Clark's Bridge to Sentinel Beach) and the South Fork of the Merced River in Wawona is open from 10am to 6pm daily to non-motorized vessels or flotation devices.

- The entire length of the Merced River in Yosemite Valley is closed to all flotation devices when 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 have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device.
- 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.

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

Daytime temperatures can reach above 100 ° Fahrenheit in the summer. 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 paved roads and paved bike paths. Pets are not allowed anywhere in the Mariposa or Merced sequoia groves, 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.
- Please clean up and deposit pet feces in trash receptacles.
- Pets are not allowed in lodging facilities, Camp 4, or other buildings in the park.
- Pets may not be left unattended.

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.

Backwoods Bathroom Etiquette

Help us keep our water clean! Human waste must be buried at least 6 inches deep, and at least 100 feet away from any source of water. Toilet paper must be packed out.

Trail Etiquette

Trails are built to help you find your way into (and out of) the Wilderness, but they're also carefully designed to minimize impact on the landscape and prevent erosion. Please stay on the trail to help protect your park.

Tuolumne Water

Did you know that water from Tuolumne Meadows provides drinking water to over 2.6 million people, and irrigation water to thousands of acres? Help keep this water clean by using established restrooms and staying on trails.

YOSEMITE GUARDIANS

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park's most important guardians. With over 5 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 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.

Camping



Camping in Yosemite. Photo by Ray Santos

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.

GENERAL CAMPING INFORMATION

To check same-day camping availability, call (209) 372-0266

Services

- 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 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 in length are not recommended for Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat campgrounds. 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.

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 or call (877) 444-6777 or TDD (877) 833-6777 from 7am to 9pm, Pacific time, March through October, or from 7am to 7pm, November through February. Call (518) 885-3639 if you're dialing from outside the U.S. and Canada.

Campground offices in the park are located in the visitor parking area at Half Dome Village (shuttle bus stop #14), the Tuolumne Meadows Campground entrance, in Wawona off Chilnualna Falls Road, and at the 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 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 2018 (APPROXIMATE)	MAX RV LENGTH	MAX TRAILER LENGTH	RESERVATIONS REQUIRED?	DAILY FEE	# OF SITES	PETS	WATER
Yosemite Valley - Upper Pines	All year	35 ft	24 ft	All Year	\$26	238	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Valley - Lower Pines	Mar 30 - Nov 30	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$26	60	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Valley - North Pines	Mar 26 - Nov 5	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$26	81	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Valley - Camp 4	All year	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$6/person	35	No	Tap
South - Wawona	All year	35 ft	35 ft	April - Oct 15	\$26	93	Yes	Tap
South - Bridalveil Creek	July 1 - Sep 17	35 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$18	110	Yes	Tap
North - Hodgdon Meadow	All year	35 ft	30 ft	Apr 9 - Oct 15	\$26	105	Yes	Tap
North - Crane Flat	May 25 - Oct 15	35 ft	30 ft	Yes	\$26	166	Yes	Tap
North - Tamarack Flat	Jun 2 - Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
North - White Wolf	Jun 15 - Oct 1	27 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$18	74	Yes	Tap
North - Yosemite Creek	Jul 1 - Sep 4	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	75	Yes	Creek (boil)
North - Porcupine Flat	Jul 6 - Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
North - Tuolumne Meadows	Jun 15 - Sep 24	35 ft	35 ft	50%	\$26	304	Yes	Tap

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

Hiking



Hikers on the Mist Trail, Yosemite National Park. Photo by Brian Ward

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 for purchase 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	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	7 miles round-trip, 5 to 6 hours	Strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Top of Half Dome	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	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 full loop	Moderate

Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
Wawona - Meadow Loop	Big Trees Lodge	3.5 miles round-trip, 1.5 hours	Easy
Wawona - Swinging Bridge Loop	Wawona Store / Pioneer Yosemite History Center Parking Area	4.75 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
Mariposa Grove - Big Trees Loop	Mariposa Grove Arrival Area	0.3 mile round trip, 30 to 45 mins.	Easy
Mariposa Grove - Grizzly Giant Loop Trail	Mariposa Grove Arrival Area	2.1 miles round trip, 1.5 to 2 hours	Moderate
Glacier Point Area - Taft Point	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Easy to Moderate
Glacier Point Area - Sentinel Dome	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
Tuolumne Meadows - Soda Springs / Parsons Lodge	Lembert Dome Parking Area	1.5 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Tuolumne Meadows - Lembert Dome	Lembert Dome Parking Area	4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderately Strenuous
Tuolumne Meadows - John Muir Trail through Lyell Canyon	Dog Lake Parking Area	8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours	Easy, 200-foot gain
Tuolumne Meadows - Elizabeth Lake	Tuolumne Meadows Group Campground	4.8 miles round trip, 4 to 5 hours	Moderate
Tioga Road - Lukens Lake	White Wolf ¹	5.4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderate
Tioga Road - Yosemite Valley via Porcupine Creek	Porcupine Creek ¹	7 miles one-way, 4 to 6 hours	Moderate, 4,000-foot loss
Tioga Road - Yosemite Valley via Yosemite Creek	Lukens Lake Trailhead ¹	10.5 miles one-way, 5 to 9 hours	Moderately Strenuous 3,500 to 4,000-foot loss
Tioga Road - Yosemite Valley via Clouds Rest	Tenaya Lake ¹	19 miles one-way, 10 to 12 hours	Strenuous
Hetch Hetchy Area - Wapama Falls	O'Shaughnessy Dam	5 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Easy to Moderate

FEATURED HIKE

Mirror Lake Loop

Distance: 5 miles / 8 kilometers

Elevation Gain: 200 feet

Difficulty: Moderate

Time: 2 to 3 hours

Trailhead: Mirror Lake (shuttle stop # 17)

Trail Description:

This trail begins at shuttle stop #17. The first mile of this trail is a paved service road that leads directly to Mirror Lake. You may access the loop trail from the end of the paved path. The loop follows Tenaya Creek beyond the lake, and crosses two bridges after the Snow Creek Trail junction before returning past Mirror Lake on the south side of Tenaya Canyon.

Mirror Lake is often referred to as Mirror Meadow in late summer due to the lack of water and the influx of grasses and sandy areas, however, this hike allows for exhilarating views of Half Dome and Mt. Watkins. Exhibits along the trail tell the story of Mirror Lake's lake-to-meadow succession, and also highlight some of the cultural history of the area.

Know Before You Go:

- Swimming is not permitted in the Hetch Hetchy reservoir or in Emerald Pool above Vernal Fall.
- Stay away from swiftly-moving water. Keep children from wandering on or near these hazards. Choose swimming areas carefully and swim only during low water conditions.
- Always supervise children closely.
- Avoid areas of whitewater, where streams flow over rocky obstructions.
- Never swim or wade upstream from a waterfall, even if the water appears shallow and calm. Nearly every year, unsuspecting visitors are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when swimming in these areas.

Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias: Reopens After Multi-Year Restoration Project

Story by Sue Beatty



Restored wetland areas in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. NPS Photo

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is the largest of three groves within Yosemite National Park and contains nearly 500 mature giant sequoias. Giant sequoias (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) are a superlative species, being among the rarest, oldest and largest living organisms in the world. These towering trees occur naturally in only one place on the planet: on the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada in California, where water from the mountain snowpack seeps through the soil to reach the sequoias' shallow roots.

People have appreciated these big trees for thousands of years. They so inspired early visitors that in 1864, in the midst of the Civil War, Congress passed landmark legislation signed by President Lincoln to permanently preserve both the Mariposa Grove and Yosemite Valley “for public use, resort, and recreation” (Act of June 30, 1864). To ensure that Yosemite's most famous forest continues to thrive for generations to come, Yosemite National Park and the Yosemite Conservancy collaborated to undertake the largest ecological restoration project in park history.

In July 2015, the grove closed temporarily to ensure visitor safety during the major restoration work, and restoration experts began working in the grove to reverse

damage and mitigate threats to the sequoias' long-term resilience. This large, comprehensive project is now coming to completion and the Mariposa Grove will reopen on June 15, 2018.

Begin the journey to the grove by parking at the new 300 car parking lot near the South Entrance of Yosemite and acquire information about the grove at the Welcome Plaza interpretive displays before boarding the free shuttle. Upon exiting the shuttle, discover a glorious view of giant sequoias, a new boardwalk, and an accessible trail that winds amongst the big trees. People with an accessible placard will be allowed to drive their car to the Mariposa Grove Arrival Center and the Grizzly Giant.

At the new Welcome Plaza, a thick slice from the trunk of a fallen 805-year old giant sequoia will offer a special “inside look” at the ancient, awe-inspiring trees. Along the trails in the grove, a series of signs, sculptures and interactive exhibits will share stories about the natural and human history of this legendary landmark.

Several restoration actions transformed the former Grove to its awe-inspiring experience today, including:

- Relocating parking lot and removing gift shop from within the Grove

- Removing asphalt roads
- Constructing a boardwalk to allow natural surface water flow
- Implementing prescribed fire within the grove to increase healthy forest dynamics
- De-compacting soils, seeding and revegetating with native plants
- Daylighting a stream channel
- Improving culverts and natural water flow
- Rehabilitating historical rock walls at Wawona Point
- Improving signs and way finding within the Grove
- Installing new interpretive displays

These actions improved giant sequoia habitat by restoring soils that were denuded, eroded, or compacted around

the base of the giant trees. They improved the natural hydrology and enhanced wetlands which are so important in providing water to the trees. The removal of the parking lot, tram tours, generators, and delivery trucks has also returned the natural quiet to the grove.

This remarkable transformation, like hundreds of other projects in the park, is possible thanks to many people — planners, managers, restoration workers, volunteers, the traditionally associated tribes, and donors — invested in protecting Yosemite for the future. Yosemite Conservancy partnered with the National Park Service to make this extraordinary restoration possible. To learn how you can help preserve Yosemite, visit yosemiteconservancy.org.



New interpretive displays at the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza. NPS Photo.

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.

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The Ansel Adams Gallery



The Ansel Adams Gallery, owned by the family of photographer Ansel Adams since 1902, is a center that celebrates the arts and the natural grandeur of our environment. It cultivates an aesthetic appreciation and concern for our world by offering visitors a unique variety of literature and art, as well as programs that inspire creativity. Visit online at: www.anseladams.com.

Yosemite Hospitality LLC



Yosemite Hospitality, a subsidiary of Aramark, operates lodging, food and beverage, retail, recreational activities, tours, interpretive programs, transportation, and service stations under contract with the U.S. Department of Interior with a focus on delivering authentic and memorable guest experiences. Yosemite Hospitality is committed to providing park stewardship in collaboration with the National Park Service in effort to protect and preserve the park for millions of park visitors to enjoy. Visit www.TravelYosemite.com for more information.

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

Yosemite Conservancy



Providing For Yosemite's Future

Yosemite Conservancy inspires people to support projects and programs that preserve Yosemite National Park and enrich the visitor experience. Thanks to generous donors, the Conservancy has provided \$119 million in grants to the park to restore trails and habitat, protect wildlife, provide educational programs, and more. The Conservancy's guided adventures, volunteer opportunities, wilderness services and bookstores help visitors of all ages connect with Yosemite. Learn more: yosemiteconservancy.org or (415) 434-1782.

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Yosemite Volunteers: Serving Yosemite

Over 10,734 volunteers donated more than 139,520 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/getinvolved/volunteer.htm or call the volunteer office at (209) 379-1850.



Yosemite Zero Landfill Initiative

Help make Yosemite the first Zero Landfill park in the country. Through the Zero Landfill Initiative, Yosemite is reducing the amount of trash sent to the landfill every year. In partnership with Yosemite Hospitality, we are making it easier to participate by adding more recycling containers with better labels.

Here are 3 things you can do to help:

1. Toss excess packaging before leaving home by repacking food in reuseable containers.
2. Use a refillable water bottle/travel mug. Camping? Use refillable propane canisters.
3. Put trash/recycling in correct bins.



Yosemite Name Changes

The names of the following facilities in Yosemite have changed:

- Half Dome Village (formerly Curry Village)
- Yosemite Valley Lodge (formerly Yosemite Lodge)
- The Majestic Yosemite Hotel (formerly The Ahwahnee)
- Big Trees Lodge (formerly Wawona Hotel)
- Yosemite Ski & Snowboard Area (formerly Badger Pass Ski Area)
- Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge)

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 or email yose_lostandfound@nps.gov.