Day-use reservations are required: go.nps.gov/yoisw
**SAFETY ALERT**

Wearing a face mask is required in federal buildings regardless of vaccination status. Thank you for helping to keep yourself and others safe and healthy. Check local resources, area signage, and our park website for updates, www.nps.gov/yose.

**WELCOME**

Ask A Ranger

Drop by the visitor contact station located in front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center to ask your Yosemite-related questions and to get park information and updates. Follow signs to park in Visitor Parking then follow signs to the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Open 9am to 5pm. Look for visitor contact stations near other visitor centers in Tuolumne Meadows, Wawona, and Big Oak Flat.

**Reservations Required to Enter Yosemite**

A reservation is required to drive into Yosemite through September 30, 2021. You must display your permit on your dashboard at all times while inside the park. Permits are valid for three consecutive days for unlimited entries and are not valid for overnight use.

**Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center**

The Sierra Club’s Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly Le Conte Memorial Lodge) will not open this season, from May 1 through September 30, 2021, due to COVID-19. All evening programs have been cancelled for the season due to social distancing requirements. The Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center will reopen on May 1, 2022. Call 209/347-7300 for information and updates.

**How Will My Visit Be Impacted?**

The COVID-19 pandemic will continue to affect park operations in 2021. Visitation to the park will be managed in accordance with recommendations from public health officials. Visit the park website, www.nps.gov/yose for more updates and safety information.

**Currently open and available**

- An outdoor visitor contact station is located in front of the Valley Visitor Center.
- Campgrounds in Yosemite Valley are open, reservations required, see page 11.
- Select dining and shopping establishments are open and encourage social distancing.

**Not open or available at this time**

- Visitor Centers are closed until further notice; outdoor visitor contact stations available.
- Many programs are cancelled until further notice, see pages 6-8 for current programs.
- Some campgrounds are closed. There is no first come, first served camping.

**Unavailable in 2021**

- All shuttles and tours are cancelled during this time.
- Yosemite Theater and Yosemite Museum are closed at this time.
- Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and High Sierra Camps are closed at this time.

**How Will My Visit Be Impacted?**

**Summer in Yosemite**

Enjoy Yosemite's summer experience. The National Park Service is encouraging social distancing. Establishments are open and required, select dining and shopping, see pages 5-8. Some campgrounds are closed, see pages 5-8.

**Bicycling**

Experience several miles of bicycle paths in Yosemite Valley. Use your own bicycle or rent one from the Village Store in Yosemite Village, Yosemite Valley Lodge, or Curry Village, conditions permitting. See page 4 for Bike Stand hours. Or, see page 5 to learn about the Yosemite Bike Share program. Bicycles are only allowed on paved roads and paved bike paths.

**Enter a National Park**

Yosemite is a place where wilderness prevails. Prepare yourself for a wild experience. The National Park Service is bound by its mission to protect Yosemite’s natural and cultural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. Please, be attentive to the regulations in place to protect park resources (page 9) and those designed for your safety (page 8).

**Fire – Police – Medical Emergency:**

- Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Village)
  - Open 7 days per week, 9am to 7pm
  - Medical Clinic (Phone): 209/372-4637
- Roadside Assistance
  - Yosemite Village Garage – 8am to 5pm
  - 24 hour AAA towing, NO gas, propane service until 4:30pm
  - 209/372-1060
- Access for People with Disabilities
  - For a complete list of accessible services, exhibits, and recreational opportunities, pick up a Yosemite Accessibility Guide at any park entrance station or visitor center, or view online at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm, or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at (209) 379-1035.
  - Sign Language interpreting is available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at (209) 379-5250 (vtd). Two weeks advance notice is requested.
  - Assistive Listening Devices available upon advance request at any visitor center.
  - Audio tours not available in 2021. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.
  - Accessible parking spaces available west of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

**Ongoing Park Projects**

- Bridalveil Fall Rehabilitation Project
  - Why: To rehabilitate visitor facilities at the base of Bridalveil Fall and surrounding area, and to protect natural and cultural resources in the area.
  - When: 2021
  - Visitor Impact: Trail, comfort station and parking lot will not be available due to construction.
- Tioga Road Rehabilitation Plan
  - Why: To make safety improvements and manage roadless parking and traffic flow while preserving natural and cultural resources along the road.
  - When: 2021 and 2022 seasons
  - Visitor Impact: 30-minute traffic delays along Tioga Road due to construction.

**THINGS TO DO IN YOSEMITE VALLEY**

**Custom Yosemite Experiences**

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**The Ansel Adams Gallery**

Photography Excursions

Sign up for 2-hour photography classes, private guided tours, or camera walks led by resident staff photographers. Call ahead for reservations 209/372-4413 or visit anseladams.com/photography-education. See page 5.

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Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Experience Your America  Yosemite National Park

Entrance Fees

- **Non-commercial car, truck, RV, or van with 15 or fewer passenger seats**
  - Vehicle: Valid for 3 days
  - $35/vehicle
- **Motorcycle**
  - Valid for 3 days
  - $30/motorcycle
- **Individual**
  - Valid for 3 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.
- **U.S. Military Veterans**
  - (Free)
  - Must present suitable ID
- **Gold Star Families**
  - (Free)
  - Must present paper voucher
- **Interagency 4th Grade Pass**
  - (Free)
  - Must present paper voucher.
- **U.S. 5th Grade Voucher**
  - (Free)
  - Must present paper voucher.

Reservations

- **Day Use/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) 448-9120 or (209) 962-0429
- **Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau**
  - (800) 446-1333; www.tcvb.com
- **Highway 120 East**
  - Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce
    - (760) 647-6629, www.leevining.com

Walking Yosemite Valley

We strongly recommend moving around the east end of Yosemite Valley on foot or bike if possible. On the map below, the numbers in the white circles show the average walking time between each destination, represented by the red circles.

Yosemite Valley Walking Map

- **Average Walking Times**
- **Walking Routes**
  - Campground
  - Parking
  - Picnic Area
  - Restroom
  - Walk-In Campground

Yosemite Valley Walking Map

[Map of Yosemite Valley with walking times and routes indicated]

- **Valley Visitor Center**
- **Cathedral Beach**
- **El Capitan Picnic Area**
- **Sentinel Beach**
- **The Ahwahnee**
- **Cathedral Beach Chapel**
- **Medical Clinic**
- **Curry Village Housekeeping Camp**
- **The Ahwahnee**
- **Yosemite Village**
- **Yosemite Falls**
- **Bridalveil Fall**
- **El Portal & Mariposa**
- **San Francisco**
- **Glacier Point**
- **Wawona**
- **Fresno**
- **Yosemite Village Parking**
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[Map showing various locations and facilities within Yosemite Valley]
Yosemite Valley

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 Road

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

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 Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite.

Tioga Road and Tuolumne Grove

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

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 information center to find out about hikes to Cathedral Lakes, Elizabeth Lake, Lembert Dome, or along the Tuolumne River through Lyell Canyon. See page 6 for hiking suggestions.

Hetch Hetchy

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 8am to 5pm. Vehicles and/or trailers over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.
Services in Yosemite

Schedule

Food and Drink

YOSEMITE VILLAGE
Village Grill
11am to 5pm
Degnan's Kitchen
7am to 11am; 11:30am to 6pm
THE AHWAHNEE
Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm
The Ahwahnee Bar
2pm to 9pm
YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE
Starbucks Coffee
Closed for the Season
Base Camp Eatery
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11am to 2pm
Dinner: 4pm to 9pm
Mountain Room Bar
5pm to 9pm
Mountain Room Restaurant
Temporarily Closed
CURRY VILLAGE
Coffee Corner
6:30am to 2pm,
6:30am to 11am beginning Sep 7
Pizza Deck
12pm to 9pm
Bar 1899
12pm to 9pm,
2pm to 9pm beginning Sep 9
Meadow Grill
7am to 10am, Closes for the Season Sep 26
WAWONA AREA
Wawona Hotel Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11am to 2pm
Dinner: 5pm to 9pm
TUOLUMNE MEADOWS
Tuolumne Meadows Grill
Closed for the Season

Books, Gifts, & Apparel

YOSEMITE VILLAGE
Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore
at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center
9am to 5pm (outdoor "to-go" store)
The Ansel Adams Gallery
10am to 4pm
Village Store
8am to 8pm
THE AHWAHNEE
Gift Shop
9am to 7pm
Sweet Shop
11am to 6pm
CURRY VILLAGE
Gift/Grocery
9am to 7pm
EL PORTAL
El Portal Market
9am to 7pm
WAWONA
Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop
9am to 5pm
TUOLUMNE MEADOWS
Tuolumne Meadows Store
9am to 7pm, Closes for the Season Sep 19

Groceries

YOSEMITE VILLAGE
Village Store
8am to 8pm
YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE
Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm

Curry Village Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm

Yosemite Valley Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm

Curry Village Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm

The Ahwahnee Sweet Shop
11am to 6pm

Recreation

YOSEMITE VILLAGE
Bike Rental Stand
8am to 6pm,
10am to 5pm beginning Sep 7

Yosemite Mountaineering School
8:30am to 12pm; 1pm to 4:30pm
YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE
Bike Rental Stand
8am to 6pm,
10am to 5pm beginning Sep 7

Gas Stations

EL PORTAL
Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card
WAWONA SERVICE STATION
Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card
CRANE FLAT
Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card

General Services

Medical Clinic - Yosemite Valley
209/372-4637; Emergency: CALL 9-1-1
Monday - Friday: 9am to 7pm,
Closed during federal holidays
Yosemite Village Garage
Towing available 24 hours
NO gas in Yosemite Valley

Post Offices

YOSEMITE VILLAGE
Main Office
Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 10am to noon
YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE
Monday - Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm
EL PORTAL
Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Closed 12:30pm to 1:30pm
WAWONA
9am to 5pm

All available operations and hours of operations are subject to change. Check local resources and area signage in light of changing public health requirements related to COVID-19.
In honor of the Centennial of the 19th Amendment, Yosemite National Park researched stories of incredible women who changed this amazing place: culturally, professionally, and even the physical landscape! Some through determination, others through collaboration, each individual found the power to succeed in Yosemite.

**YOSEMITE WOMEN EXHIBIT**

Despite many challenges, on August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment was ratified, giving women the right to vote. To honor this, Yosemite is sharing stories of women who, often through sheer grit and determination, changed Yosemite, or came to this place and found themselves changed.

Visit the Tudor Lounge at The Ahwahnee from 9am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, the center offers permit reservation pick up and bear canister rentals only. The Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village in between the post office and the Ansel Adams Gallery. The Ansel Adams Gallery is open daily from 10am to 4pm. Experience a variety of fine arts, hand-crafts, and a collection of Ansel Adams original photographs. We offer half-day photography classes and private guided tours, reservations required. Call 209/372 - 4413 or visit anseladams.com/photographyeducation. Located in Yosemite Village.

**Current Exhibition**

**New Exhibition**

Starting Smart: An Evolution in Photography August 8, 2021 - October 2, 2021
The smartphone has become a dominant means of photographic interpretation and exploration. Rarely do we expect people to be separated from their phones, and by proxy, a camera. But more than a mere record keeper or selfie factory, the smartphone camera is a natural “next step” in photography as our culture has become more mobile and social – with as much creative potential as its large format or SLR predecessors.

Opening at The Ansel Adams Gallery on August 8, Starting Smart: An Evolution in Photography will feature images made by smartphones and printed as fine art photographs finished in gold leaf, platinum, cyanotype and pigment. Also on display will be a copy of the first photograph ever made in Yosemite by Charles L. Weed in 1859, and one of the first digital photographs of Yosemite made by Ted Orland in 1986. A monitor on hand will also feature a rotating slideshow of work by YOU, the park guest. Please visit www.anseladams.com/smart to learn how your own smartphone image could be on display in our gallery in Yosemite.

**Yosemite Bike Share**

The free Yosemite Bike Share is open for the summer season! You can use the bike share for short trips (up to two hours) in Yosemite Valley.

1. **Get connected:** Download the Yosemite Bike Share mobile app for Apple/iOS or Android in advance.
2. **Get a bike:** Use the app to unlock a bike at one of the Yosemite Bike Share stations, located at the Yosemite Village Parking Area and Yosemite Falls Day Use Parking Area.
3. **Get pedaling:** Bike safely! Use the helmet provided with the bike (or wear your own) and stay on roads and paved bike paths.

Visit yosemite.org/yosemite-bike-share to learn more about this program, see a map of bike paths and plan your routes.
Experience Your America Yosemite National Park

Yosemite Valley

Programs and Art

Yosemite Conservancy ADVENTURES AND ART CLASSES
Join Yosemite Conservancy for a memorable park experience! Preregistration is required for all Conservancy adventures and art classes.

Outdoor Adventures
Our naturalist guides lead day hikes, backpacking trips, art retreats and more. Register: yosemite.org/adventures.

Become A Junior Ranger!
You can become a Yosemite Junior Ranger by taking this self-guided handbook with you as you travel around the park and complete the activities that are the best fit for you. The Yosemite Junior Ranger handbook is sold for $3.50 plus tax at stores throughout Yosemite National Park and online. When you are done, share your booklet with a park ranger at any Yosemite visitor center during operating hours to receive your badge.

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Art Classes and Art Retreats
Outdoor art classes meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center every weekday (Monday-Friday, 10am to 2pm) through October, and are taught by professional artists. Please register in advance: yosemite.org/art.

- Aug 23-27 Pastel Landscapes with Tongyi Moo
- Aug 30 - Acrylic Painting with Candia Webb
- Sep 3 Watercolor Painting with Michael Friedland
- Sep 6-17 Watercolor Painting with Casey Cheever
- Sep 20 - Looking to stretch your creative muscles for a little longer? Join one of our upcoming art retreats! We’re offering a Plein Air Watercolor program in Yosemite Valley with artist Steve Carl, September 8-11.

Wine and Paint
Cool down after a long day in Yosemite! Join one of our virtual Wine and Paint classes, offered every Friday evening. Bring your watercolor painting supplies and a beverage of your choice, all ages are welcome. $25. Learn more and register at yosemite.org/wine-and-paint.

Outdoor Adventures
Climber Coffee (Except Aug 29): 2 hrs. Meet with NPS climbers rangers to discuss current events surrounding the climbing community. Camp 4 campground, near the registration booth. (NPS)

Ask-a-Climber (Except Aug 31): 2 hrs. Drop-in anytime during these two hours. See sign at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Information Tents for specific location near the tents. (NPS)

Ranger Talk (Except Aug 28): 2 hrs. Drop-in anytime during these two hours. See sign at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Information Tents for specific location near the tents. (NPS)

Stagecoach Stories (Except Sep 1): 4 hrs. View climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite’s big walls. West side of El Capitan bridge (NPS)

Explore Yosemite's Night Skies (Except Aug 29): 2 hrs. Join a naturalist for stargazing in the Valley. Register at yosemite.org/adventures. $25 (YC)

Cultural Demonstrations 2 hrs. Drop-in anytime during these two hours. See sign at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Information Tents for specific location near the tents. (NPS)

Ranger Talk 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Join a ranger to learn more about Yosemite’s story. Topics change daily. (NPS)

Artwork and Education
See local postings for additional naturalist walks and programs.

YOSEMITE VALLEY Outdoor Adventures are accessible, please call 209-372-0200, ext. 600, for all Conservancy adventures and art classes.

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

Enjoy a variety of Yosemite Conservancy programs and art classes throughout Yosemite National Park. For all Conservancy adventures and art classes, advance registration is required. Some programs may require prepayment, while others are free. Programs generally take place at the Yosemite Conservancy Visitor Center or other locations in Yosemite Valley. Specific times and locations will be announced at registration. See local postings for additional naturalist walks and programs; programs are subject to cancellation if weather or other factors affect safety or greatly reduce the effectiveness of an activity. For more information, call 209-372-0200, ext. 600. Pre-registration required.
Glacier Point

SUNSET RANGER PROGRAMS
Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening shadows in Yosemite Valley and the alpenglow (or moonrise) on the Sierra high country. Stargazing programs, ranger walks, and summer talks are all offered for your enjoyment at this stunning location. Times and location are listed below.

Tuolumne Grove
The trailhead for the Tuolumne Grove, which consists of approximately 25 sequoias, is near the intersection of the Big Oak Flat and Tioga roads at Crane Flat. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from the parking area into the grove. The trail drops 500 feet in one mile. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill portion. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile nature trail. There is no potable water available. 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. There is no potable water at the parking area or down in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you. The grove is located 3.5 miles north of Crane Flat and 4.5 miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance along the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). The trail is marked by a sign and a post labeled B-10. Tuolumne Grove.

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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. There is no potable water at the parking area or down in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you. The grove is located 3.5 miles north of Crane Flat and 4.5 miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance along the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). The trail is marked by a sign and a post labeled B-10. Tuolumne Grove.

Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station
Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, the center offers permit reservation pick up, bear canister rentals and visitor information only. Bookstore is closed. The center is located inside the park entrance on Hwy 120.


Yosemite Visions
Celebrate art in Yosemite with a glimpse into how this amazing place has inspired artists in the past. Look for art-themed drop-in programs throughout the park and create your own Yosemite-inspired masterpiece with hands-on activities.
Wawona and Mariposa Grove

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park

Explore History, Discover Giant Trees, and Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

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**Wawona Challenge Scavenger Hunt**
Pick up a booklet at either location to complete challenges that will make you explore the park in fun, new ways! Return the booklet to ONLY the Redwoods in Yosemite Office or Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza Information Station to earn a FREE PRIZE! See schedule to the left.

**Junior Ranger Program**
Join ranger naturalists for a short nature stroll on this family-friendly program full of learning opportunities and fun activities! See schedule to the left.

**Wagon Demonstration**
Find our stage driver, horses, and wagon touring around the Yosemite History Center in style! 1890s style, that is! Watch the wagon roll across the famous Wawona Covered Bridge and through our collection of historic buildings. Learn about early transportation in Yosemite from the only stage driver park ranger in the National Park Service. See schedule to the left.

**WAWONA VISITOR CENTER AT HILL’S STUDIO**
Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, the center offers wilderness permit reservation pick up and bear canister rentals only. Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona Store parking area and follow the path up the hill.

**Yosemite History Center**
Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. A visit to the 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.

**Mariposa Grove**
Visiting the Mariposa Grove in 2021 is more challenging than most years. Damage from a devastating winter windstorm has closed many of the lower trails, including the main hiking trail to the Grizzly Giant. From the lower grove Arrival Area, walk up the access road to the Grizzly Giant. Access to the grove is on foot from the Welcome Plaza near the park’s south entrance. This requires an additional four miles (6.5 km) of walking round-trip to the grove. Be prepared for a substantial hike and carry at least 1.5 liters of water per person when hiking to the grove. Vehicles with a disability placard may access the lower grove Arrival Area.
Explore the High Sierra in and around Tuolumne Meadows

When the Tioga Road is open, the drive through 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.

Tuolumne Meadows

- Thank you for staying on official trails to protect fragile meadow ecosystems.
- Dogs, bicycles, and strollers are only allowed on roads that are open to vehicles.
- 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 late September. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps and displays. Look for the green information tent in the corner of the Visitor Center parking lot. Also, programs are posted on sign boards in the campground and around Tuolumne Meadows (Subject to change due to construction).

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 through September 24. Soda Springs are small, naturally carbonated springs that attract deer, birds and other wildlife. Stay on the trail to help protect this unique place.

Wilderness Center

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, the center offers permit reservation pick up and bear canister rentals only. The Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center is located just south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge.

Just For Kids

Programs for children include Junior Rangers, a 2-hour ranger-led program targeting ages 7-12. See local postings for schedule.

Ranger Walks

Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, wildlife, history, wildflowers, the Tuolumne River, and more. These walks are fairly easy. See local postings for schedule.

Illustrations by Tom Whitworth
Choose Your Adventure

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

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes*

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Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

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*Things to 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. 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. Each year, unsuspecting visitors are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when swimming in these areas.
- If you plan to hike or backpack above 8,000 feet, it may still be winter-like conditions. Expect snowy, flooded, and/or muddy conditions. Check current conditions at a wilderness or visitor center before starting hike.

COVID-19 Coronavirus

PARK UPDATE

- If you are not fully vaccinated, wearing a mask is required in crowded outdoor spaces on federal land.
- Some trails may be closed or rerouted. Please comply with all posted signs.

Sentinel Dome, a trail off of Glacier Point Road. NPS Image / Sheree Peshlakai
**Wilderness Permits**

Wilderness permits are required for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness. Following adaptive management guidelines and the need to protect the health and safety of our visitors and employees, there will no longer be first come first serve (FCFS) permits issued in the park for 2021. The FCFS quota will be available through a rolling lottery using the advanced reservation system. Please go to www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm to check trailhead availability and for more information on how to apply for these permits. Reservations can be made online at yosemite.org/yose-wilderness-permit-request-form. A processing fee of $5 per permit plus $5 per person is charged to each confirmed reservation. 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

**YOSEMITE VALLEY**

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, the center offers permit reservation pick up and bear canister rentals only. The Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village, between the post office and The Ansel Adams Gallery.

**WAWONA**

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, the center offers permit reservation pick up and bear canister rentals only. Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona Store parking area and follow the path up the hill.

**BIG OAK FLAT**

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, the center offers permit reservation pick up and bear canister rentals only. The center is located just inside the park entrance on Hwy 120W.

**TUOLUMNE MEADOWS**

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, the center offers permit reservation pick up and bear canister rentals only. The Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center is located just south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge.

**HETCH HETCHY**

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, only permit reservation pick up and bear canister rentals are available at the entrance station.

**Half Dome Permits**

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week when the cables are up for 2021, through October 11, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 preseasong lottery permits have already been issued for 2021. Additional day use permits will be released by daily lottery throughout the season. Applications for daily permits will be accepted 3 days prior to the desired hiking date between midnight and 4pm. To apply, visit Recreation.gov or call 877/444-7777. 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 the rolling lottery system (25 per day). Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area may descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit. More information is available at: http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm. For backpackers more information is available at: http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm.

**Camping Reservations**

For the 2021 season, campgrounds that will be open are Upper, Lower and North Pines, Wawona, Bridalveil Creek and Tuolumne Meadows. Campground reservations are available up to five months in advance and are released on the 15th of each month at 7am Pacific time. Log onto the website or call as soon as possible as most campgrounds fill within a few minutes of the opening period. Camp 4 will be available via a one-day-inadvance lottery on recreation.gov, and each site will be assigned to only one party.

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

Sleeping in vehicles and frontcountry camping are only permitted in designated campgrounds.

**Zero Landfill Initiative: Propane Cylinders**

Exciting news, campers: You can now buy reusable, returnable Little Kamper propane canisters in Yosemite, including at The Village Store, Curry Village Gift Shop, Mountain Shop, Wawona Store and El Portal Market. Here’s how it works:

1. Purchase a canister.
2. Use up the fuel.
3. Bring the canister back to any store that participates in the Little Kamper propane exchange program (which uses green flammek 1 b. tanks).
4. Trade in your empty canister for a full one at a low price.

Yosemite Conservancy, the National Park Service, and Yosemite Hospitality— in alliance with the Zero Landfill Initiative—are working together to reduce improper disposal of single-use propane carafers and send less waste to our local landfill. Help us by doing your part!

* This project was made possible in part by a grant from the National Park Foundation through the generous support of Subaru of America.

**PARK UPDATE**

- Camping during the 2021 season is by reservation only.
- Same day availability must be accessed via recreation.gov as there is no walk-up service.
- There is no first come, first served camping.
- Group sites are not available this year.

**General Camping Information**

- Services: All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker. See page 13 for food storage regulations.
- Shower and laundry facilities are not available during the 2021 season.
- 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.
- Firewood collection of dead and down wood is permitted within the boundaries of campgrounds in Yosemite Valley, and can otherwise be gathered anywhere in the park that is outside Yosemite Valley, below 9,600 feet, and not in a sequoia grove.
Protecting yourself...

Keep yourself safe while exploring your park

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

ENJOYING YOSEMITE

Summer is a popular time to visit Yosemite, and for good reason; 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 particularly 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 also approaching. 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 STREAMS

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 urged strongly urged to enjoy moving or falling water from a safe distance. Please: Do NOT leave the safety of the trail.

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 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.

FOR ALL SEASONS

• Let someone know – always leave travel and hiking plans, including intended routes and estimated time of return, with a trusted person.
• Stay on established trails
• River, streams and lakes can be hazardous all year. Maintain awareness and crossing water should only be attempted where it is safe.
• Regardless of season you still need to stay hydrated and snack frequently! If you are sweating, replace lost salts with salty snacks.
• 10 hiking essentials – includes sunglasses, sunscreen, a signaling mirror and whistle.
• Plague is an infectious bacterial disease carried by squirrels, chipmunks and other rodents and their fleas. To protect yourself, never feed wildlife, avoid dropping food when eating outside, avoid pitching a tent near rodent burrows, wear insect repellent with DEET, and immediately tell a park ranger if you see a dead animal. For more information visit: http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm.

WILDERNESS ETIQUETTE: HOW TO POOP IN THE WOODS

• When nature calls, make sure you are 200 feet away from any water source.
• Carry a trowel so you can dig a hole in the dirt that is at least 6 inches deep so you’re able to bury your waste.
• In the winter, human waste still needs to be buried 6 inches deep in soil not snow or carried out in a WAG bag.
• Pack out toilet paper, don’t bury it or try to burn it!
FOOD STORAGE

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.

STORE YOUR FOOD PROPERLY

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. Please report bear sightings by calling (209) 372-0322.

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 are 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 causing the bear to 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. Report bear sightings and incidents to the Save-A-Bear hotline (209)372-0322 or by emailing yose_bear_mgmt@nps.gov.

How to Store Food

“Food” includes any item with a scent, regardless of packaging. This includes items you may not consider food, such as canned goods, bottles, drinks, soap, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, ice chests (even when empty), and unwashed dishes.

LOCATION

FOOD STORAGE

Your Vehicle

You may store food in your car (both 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.

Your Campsite or Tent Cabin

Keep 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 boxes with windows closed.

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 cannot be the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.

CLEAN WATER IS A PRECIOUS RESOURCE FOR ALL LIVING BEINGS

You can protect these waters and this pristine watershed which supplies drinking water for 2.7 million people.

- Protect fragile plants and soils: Trampling vegetation and compressing soils affects the movement and cleanliness of water.
- Walk and camp on durable surfaces: Use established trails, campsites, rock, and gravel to minimize your impact. Walk single file and keep groups small.
- Pack it in, pack it out: Pack out toilet paper, hygiene products, leftover food, trash, and litter from campsites, rest areas, and trails. Leave no trace!
- Wash yourself or dishes 200 feet away from water sources.
- Use restroom facilities or bury human waste: Bury human waste in a hole at least 6 inches (15 centimeters) deep and at least 200 feet (60 meters) from streams and lakes.

DRIVE THE SPEED LIMIT

Clean water is a precious resource for all living beings.

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park’s most important guardians. During your visit, 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 (209) 379-1992.

E-BIKES

E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors less than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed and must adhere to a 15mph speed limit.

FISHING

Stream and river fishing in Tuolumne Meadows and Yosemite Valley to Parkline (Merced River) is open through November 15. You must have a valid California Fishing License with you. All lakes and reservoirs are open to fishing year-round.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm.
Over the years Yosemite National Park has experienced an increase in visitors traveling to the park with pets. While furry family members are welcome to visit the park, many might be unaware of the rules they must follow when they arrive. This can lead to issues like resource damage, disturbance of wildlife, unsafe behavior, and the experience of other visitors being impacted.

The Yosemite B.A.R.K. Ranger program was launched in 2021 as an easy way for visitors to remember how to visit Yosemite responsibly with a pet. Furry family members who are interested in becoming a B.A.R.K. Ranger, just like Yosemite’s B.A.R.K. Ranger Ambassador Bear, must first learn and follow the B.A.R.K. Ranger Code. The B.A.R.K. Code stands for: Bag your pets waste, Always wear a leash, Respect wildlife, and Know where you can go. By following these simple actions, visitors and their pets are helping to protect Yosemite!

Visitors with furry family members are asked to bag their pet’s waste and throw it away whenever nature calls. Some may think that pet feces is a natural fertilizer for our environment, but actually it can spread diseases to park wildlife, introduce non-native plant seeds, and pollute rivers and lakes. Additionally, stepping in poop left behind by a pet owner can be an unpleasant experience for other visitors!

Human companions can keep their pet, wildlife, and other people safe by always using a leash not more than six feet long when in Yosemite. Unleashed pets can stress or injure wildlife, scare other visitors, and are more likely to have a dangerous encounter. Some people, especially children, are frightened of dogs and at times highly visited areas of Yosemite can be very crowded. Leashed pets should be well behaved around other people. This helps to protect the experience of other visitors.

There are more than 400 species of wildlife that call Yosemite home. A pet that respects wildlife keeps clear of other animals, stays on trails and out of natural habitats for Yosemite’s wild species. Pets should always stay at least 50 yards away from bears and 25 yards from other wildlife. Remember that pet food is also bear food! All pet food must be secured in a food locker when left unattended.

Places where pets can go in Yosemite can be limited so visitors are advised to plan ahead for their day’s activities. Pets should not be left unattended anywhere in the park or left alone in a hot vehicle. High temperatures in a car can be a serious threat to pets and visitors should consider leaving them at home in the comfort of air conditioning.

In Yosemite pets are allowed in developed areas, on fully paved roads, sidewalks, bicycle paths (except when signed as not allowing pets), and in campgrounds (except walk-in campgrounds and group campsites e.g., Camp 4 and backpackers camps). Although it’s paved, pets are not allowed on the trail to Vernal Fall in Yosemite Valley. Visitors are encouraged to check Yosemite’s website for a full list of where pets can go in Yosemite.

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Supporting Your Park
Providing for Yosemite’s Future

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 lifetime 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
Yosemite Conservancy inspires people to support projects and programs that preserve Yosemite National Park and enrich the visitor experience for all. Thanks to generous donors, the Conservancy has provided over $140 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: yosemite.org or 415/434-1782.

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Yosemite Volunteers: Serving Yosemite
Over 10,374 volunteers donated more than 139,500 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.

Lose Something in Yosemite?
To inquire about items lost or found at one of Yosemite’s restaurants, hotels, or lounges, 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

National Park Service App
Search “National Park Service” in the app stores or use the QR code.