



# Yosemite National Park



## Pack stock

**Name:** Lyell

**Breed:** Mule

**Born in:** 2008

Yosemite has long relied on packers and their stock to carry supplies to workers in remote Wilderness stations. Each mule can carry up to 200 lbs (90kg) of food, tools, camp goods, and building materials into the backcountry to help workers build and repair trails, staff isolated ranger stations, maintain backcountry camps, and aid in research and firefighting efforts.

These mules and horses are sure-footed, calm, and capable of traveling for many miles over Yosemite's steep, rocky terrain. Even 100 years after the creation of the National Park Service, the use of pack stock remains one of the most efficient ways to support park personnel in the vast Wilderness areas of the park.



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