



All good things are

wild and free.

Henry David Thoreau

Yosemite National Park *Wilderness*

Protecting the natural world in the Yosemite Wilderness

Visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm for more information.



Yosemite is home to hundreds of wildlife species and thousands of plants. Leave plants and animals wild and free by allowing them to exist in their natural state. Keep wildlife wild. View animals from a distance and never feed or approach them.

Food Storage. When animals get human food, it alters their natural behavior, and they may become more aggressive in order to get human food in the future. In developed areas, do your part to protect wildlife from human food by placing



USE A BEAR CANISTER TO STORE ALL SCENTED ITEMS AND FOOD

food in a bear-proof food lockers and clipping the locks shut. Additionally, bear canisters (available for rent at wilderness centers in the park) are required for overnight trips. Bear canisters must be used to store all food, toiletries, trash and other scented items. Do

not leave these items in your car as animals can smell them and may damage your car to obtain food. Visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/bears.htm for more information.



CARRY ALL GARBAGE OUT WITH YOU AND DO NOT BURN OR BURY TRASH

Garbage. Pack out everything you pack in, and do not burn or bury trash. Don't leave trash or toilet paper for someone else to see, clean up, or for animals to eat.

Leave what you find. Leave rocks, plants and natural objects as you find them. This helps prevent the spread of non-native species and also leaves the natural world for others to enjoy. Additionally, help to preserve Yosemite's past by leaving archeological objects as you find them. Archeologists learn from artifacts and sites when they are left in place. It is illegal to damage or remove archeological objects from federal lands.

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