

eight Congress of the United States
 At the *first* Session,
 the City of Washington, on Monday, the *seventh* day of December, one thousand eight
 AN ACT
 ing a grant to the State of California of the "Yo-Semite
 embracing the "Mariposa Big-tree Grove."
 enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America
 here shall be, and is hereby, granted to the State of California
 the Granite Peak of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, situated
 in the State aforesaid, and the head-waters of the Merced
 Yo-Semite Valley, with its branches or spurs, in estimated length
 ge width one mile back from the main edge of the precipice,
 up, with the stipulation nevertheless, that the said State
 from the express condition, that the premises shall be held
 ot recreation, shall be inalienable for all time, but leases
 may be granted for portions of said premises; all incomes
 privileges to be expended in the preservation and improvem
 ads leading thereto, the boundaries to be established at the
 United States Surveyor General of California, whose offic
 d by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, that
 of the local extent, and limits of the said cleft or gorge,

YOSEMITE GRANT 150TH LEGACY PROJECTS

The following projects build on the legacy of the 150th anniversary of the Yosemite Grant Act to inspire future generations.

- Mariposa Grove Restoration**
Mariposa Grove, Yosemite, CA
- Environmental Education Center**
Henness Ridge, Yosemite, CA
- Inspiring Generations: 150 Stories**
Storybook by Yosemite Conservancy
- Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit**
Documentary by Ken Burns
- Seed of the Future**
Commemorative book by Dayton Duncan
- Yosemite Grant 150th Museum Exhibit**
Yosemite Museum, Yosemite Valley, CA

For the full list of Yosemite Grant 150th Legacy Projects, visit: www.nps.gov/yose/anniversary

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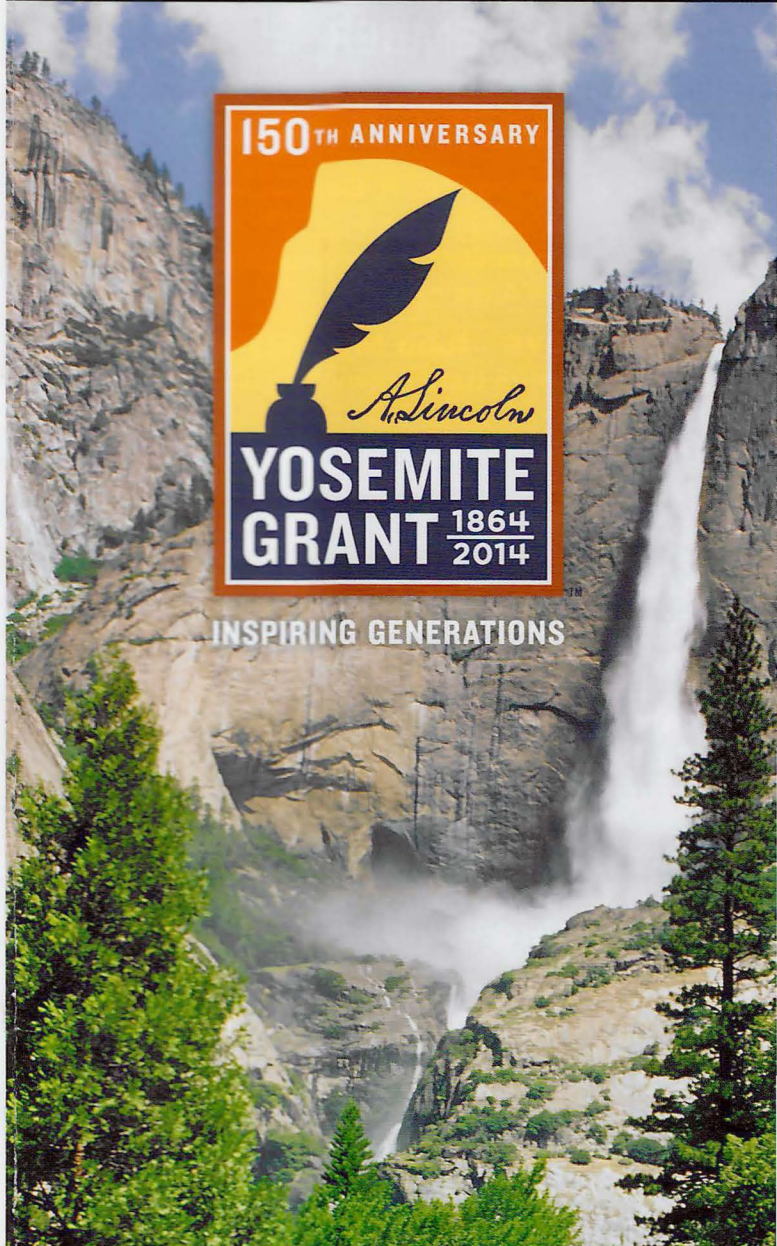
We would like to extend a special thank you to Yosemite's anniversary teams of volunteers, park partners, California State Parks, and National Park Service staff.



ON JUNE 30, 1864, amid the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Yosemite Grant Act, protecting Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove.

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Yosemite
 Yosemite Grant 150th Anniversary
 Activities Calendar



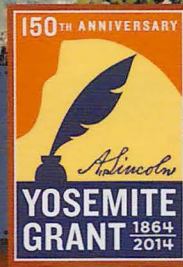
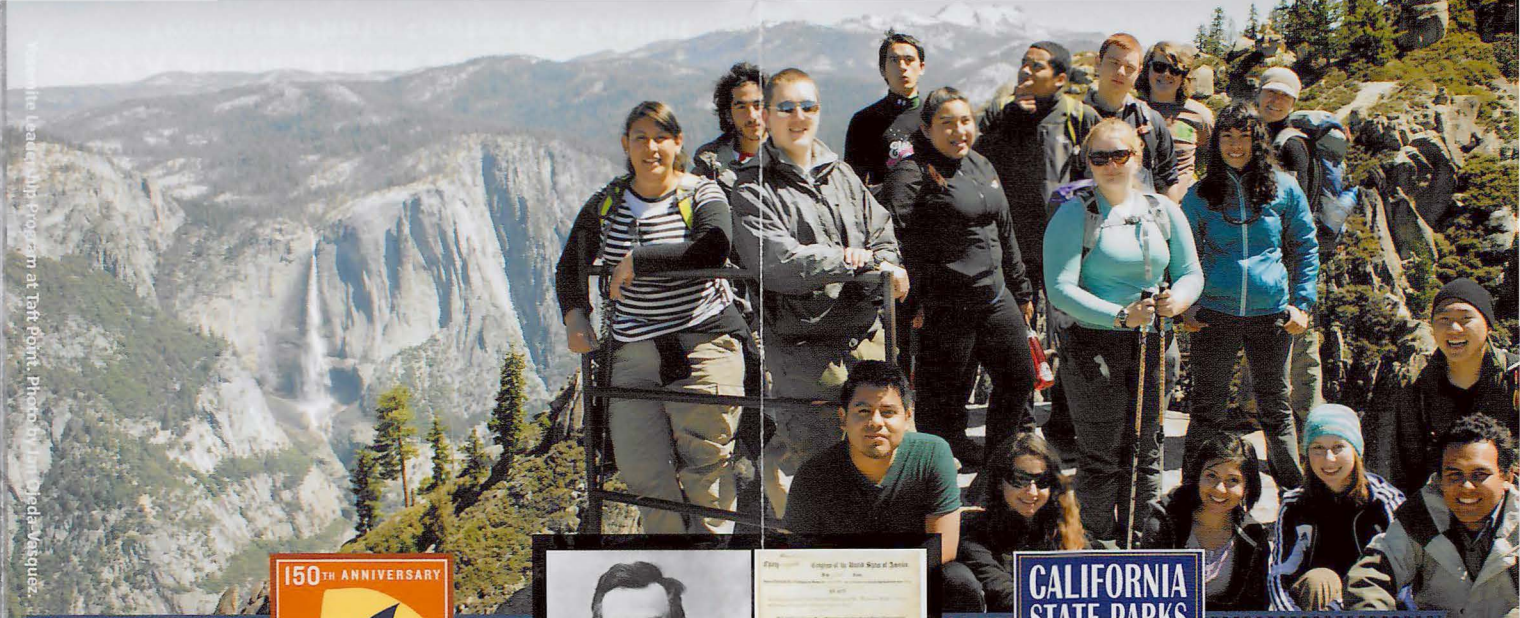
INSPIRING GENERATIONS

Join us.
 September 2013 - December 2014
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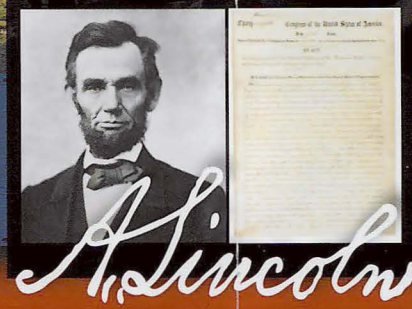
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THE START OF THE NATIONAL PARK MOVEMENT

Yosemite Leadership Program at Taft Point. Photo by Jim Ojeda-Vasquez.



INSPIRING GENERATIONS



YOSEMITE GRANT ACT 1864-2014

Yosemite has inspired generations of people for thousands of years. On June 30, 1864, Congress enacted the Yosemite Grant Act, establishing Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove as the first protected wild land for all time. This grant marked the first California State Park.

In 1890, the land surrounding these two tracts was designated Yosemite National Park. Early conservationist John Muir's persuasive words to President Roosevelt and state authorities led to combining Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove with Yosemite National Park in 1906.

Join us in honoring the 150th anniversary of the Yosemite Grant Act, as Yosemite National Park and the surrounding region tell the story of how this inaugural act impacted the lives of the Yosemite Native American residents; inspired conservation efforts and partnerships among state and federal park systems; and continues to draw visitors from around the world.

This brochure highlights the 2013-2014 activities calendar and the special projects developed to create a legacy that will continue to inspire generations for years to come.

Learn more about the history of the Yosemite Grant Act and view the complete list of events and projects at www.nps.gov/yose/anniversary. This website also hosts a gallery of meaningful merchandise that is available for purchase.

FUTURE ANNIVERSARIES

Did you know that the world of conservation has many anniversaries over the next few years? Watch for opportunities in the Yosemite region for you to engage in these upcoming milestones:

- 2014** 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act
- 2015** 125th Anniversary of Yosemite National Park
125th Anniversary of Sequoia National Park
- 2016** 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service
50th Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act

Henry Washburn in Mariposa Grove, circa 1890.



YOSEMITE GRANT ACT 150TH ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

For the complete list, please visit www.nps.gov/yose/anniversary

2013 SEPTEMBER

- 20-21 Mountain Heritage Days**
Fresno Flats Historical Museum, Oakhurst, CA
- 21 Yosemite, Gold, and Grapes**
Mt. Bullion Vineyard, Mariposa, CA
- 21 49er Festival Celebrates Yosemite**
Groveland, CA

OCTOBER

- 4-6 Sierra Art Trails Honors Yosemite**
Southern Yosemite Communities, Oakhurst, CA
- 5 Yosemite 1864 Ale Release Party**
South Gate Brewing Co, Oakhurst, CA
- 12 Yosemite Ole Tyme Festival**
Throughout Coulterville, CA
- 18-19 Yosemite Hotrod Film Festival**
Mariposa County Fairgrounds, Mariposa, CA
- 19 Mariposa Symphony: Wilderness**
Mariposa High School, Mariposa, CA
- 25-27 Yosemite Climbing Festival**
Oakdale Community Center, Oakdale, CA
- 26 YosemiteFest**
South Gate Brewing Co, Oakhurst, CA
- 27 NPS Employee & Alumni Reunion**
Yosemite, CA

NOVEMBER

- 1-3 ITSA Film Festival Features Yosemite**
Sonora Historic Opera Hall, Sonora, CA
- 2 1850s Yosemite and Wine**
Hotel Charlotte, Groveland, CA
- 7 Yosemite Grant 150th Gala**
Yosemite Conservancy Event City Hall, San Francisco, CA
- 15-16 Gateway Expressions Exhibit**
The Ansel Adams Gallery, Yosemite, CA

DECEMBER

- 7 A Yosemite Mystery Dinner**
Hotel Charlotte, Groveland, CA
- 8 Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit**
World Premiere with Ken Burns - Yosemite Conservancy Event Los Angeles, CA
- 31 NYE - John Muir Style**
South Gate Brewing Co, Oakhurst, CA

2014 JANUARY

- 18 Yosemite is the True Gold**
Hotel Charlotte, Groveland, CA

FEBRUARY

- 27- Range of Light Film Festival**
3/2 Yosemite, CA
- 2-23 Young Masters Youth Exhibition**
Treetop Gallery, Mariposa, CA

MARCH

- 3-6 CA State Parks Conference**
Yosemite, CA
- 8 Inspiring Generations: Storytelling Fest**
Mariposa High School, Mariposa, CA
- 14 Lincoln's Battleground**
South Gate Brewing Co, Oakhurst, CA

APRIL

- 6-13 Woodcarvers Rendezvous**
Oakhurst Community Center, Oakhurst, CA
- 20-26 Yosemite Earth Week**
Yosemite Valley, Yosemite, CA

MAY

- 2-5 Art-Shaped National Parks Workshops**
Yosemite, CA
- 2-4 Butterfly Festival**
Mariposa, CA
- 13-27 A Different Look at Yosemite's Treasure Photo Contest & Exhibit**
Circle Gallery, Madera, CA
- 15-18 Chowchilla Fair Celebrates Yosemite**
Madera Fairgrounds, Chowchilla, CA
- 31 Annual John Muir Festival**
John Muir Geotourism Center, Coulterville, CA

JUNE

- 7 Yosemite Art, Wine, & Wheels**
Mariposa, CA
- 24 Yosemite Celebration**
Fairgrounds, Mariposa, CA
- 28-29 Way Out West in 1864**
The Groveland Hotel, Groveland, CA

6/30 ANNIVERSARY DAY

- 28-30 Yosemite Grant 150th Activities**
Yosemite, CA
- 28-30 Yosemite Grant 150th Party**
Oakhurst Community Park, Oakhurst, CA
- 30 Mariposa Grove Restoration Ceremony**
Yosemite Conservancy Event Mariposa Grove, Yosemite, CA
- 30 Yosemite Melodrama Series**
Golden Chain Theatre, Oakhurst, CA
- 30 Abe Signs the Grant**
Lincoln Library & Museum, Harrogate, TN

JULY

- 1-31 Yosemite Art Month**
Oakdale, CA
- 4 July 4th Yosemite Festival**
Bridgeport, CA
- 5-6 Sierra Professional Artists Event**
The Groveland Hotel, Groveland, CA
- 5-6 Mid-Sierra Loggers Jamboree**
North Fork Recreation Center, North Fork, CA
- 25-30 Mount Sing Pilgrimage Chinese American Contributions**
Wawona, Yosemite, CA

AUGUST

- 7 Youth in Yosemite Symposium**
Yosemite, CA
- 9-11 Native Youth Cultural Exchange**
Yosemite, CA
- 25 National Park Service turns 98**
Yosemite, CA

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Wilderness Act 50th Anniversary**
Yosemite, CA
- 20 49er Festival Celebrates Yosemite**
Groveland, CA
- 28 Reenactment - Governor Low Accepts the Yosemite Grant - CA State Park Event**
Sacramento, CA

OCTOBER

- 1 Yosemite National Park turns 124**
Yosemite, CA
- 12-13 Oakhurst's Yosemite Fall Festival**
Oakhurst Community Park, Oakhurst, CA

ONGOING PROGRAMS

SEP 1, 2013 - DEC 31, 2014
Sequoiascape Exhibit
Yosemite International Airport, Fresno, CA

JAN 1 - DEC 31, 2014
Early Land Preservation Exhibit
Virtual Exhibit- on anniversary website

JAN 15 - DEC 15, 2014
Lure & Lore of Yosemite Exhibit
Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau, Oakhurst, CA

JAN 25 - DEC 27, 2014 (4th Sat./month)
Wild, Wonderful Yosemite Lecture Series
King Vintage Museum, Oakhurst, CA

FEB 28 - MAY 3, 2014
Yosemite Renaissance Art Exhibit
Yosemite Museum Gallery, Yosemite, CA

APR 23 - AUG 17, 2014
Carleton Watkins: The Stanford Albums
The Cantor Arts Center at Stanford University, CA

MAY 2 - SEP 26, 2014 (Friday mornings)
Yosemite Workshop and Summer Art Series
Mariposa Arts Council Treetop Gallery, Mariposa, CA

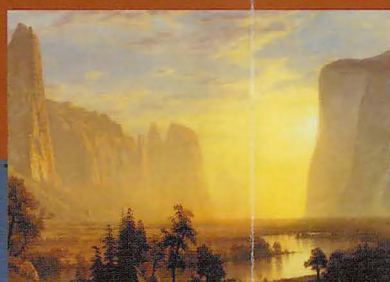
MAY 18 - DEC 31, 2014
Camp Mather Exhibit
Oakdale Cowboy Museum, Oakdale, CA

MAY 19 - JUL 6, 2014
Inspiring Generations Exhibit Yosemite Valley
The Ansel Adams Gallery, Yosemite, CA

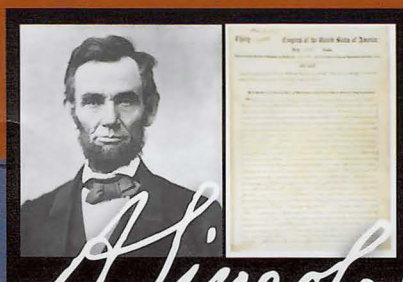
JUN 1 - OCT 1, 2014
Yosemite Grant 150th Exhibit
Yosemite Museum Gallery, Yosemite, CA

JUN 29, 2014 - JAN 11, 2015
The Yosemite Idea: Constructing an American Wilderness Exhibit
California Historical Society, San Francisco, CA

ON JUNE 30, 1864,
President Abraham Lincoln signed the Yosemite Grant Act, protecting Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove - thereby designating the first CA State Park, and inspiring the national park movement.



Yosemite Valley, Albert Bierstadt, 1868.



Galen Clark, first park ranger, circa 1858.

