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Ride into history with stage driver, Burrel Maier.

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Explorers. Trail Builders. Pioneers. Innkeepers. Artists. Conservationists. The story of these and other early Yosemite settlers can be found by crossing the historic covered bridge in Wawona and taking a walk through time. It is a story of the creation of one of America's first national parks. It's a story filled with hopes and dreams, struggles and conflict as our nation grappled with the concept of the preservation of wilderness.

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Tucked away in Wawona—one of Yosemite’s quieter corners—you’ll find the Pioneer Yosemite History Center, where each building represents a different chapter in Yosemite’s history.

Visitors are encouraged to enter the fascinating world of the Pioneer Yosemite History Center as if they too were pioneers. With the murmur of the Merced River’s South Fork in the background, the clang of a blacksmith’s anvil, and the whinny of nearby horses, it’s easy to imagine life in an earlier era.

### WAWONA COVERED BRIDGE

It’s fitting that the old wooden bridge, originally built by Galen Clark, serves as the entrance to the History Center. Clark’s role as one of the original conservationists and innkeepers places him in one of the earliest chapters of Yosemite’s history. After Abraham Lincoln signed legislation in 1864 protecting Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias by creating the Yosemite Grant, Clark was appointed the Guardian of the Grant. Clark’s bridge, however, didn’t resemble the covered bridge we cross today. After the Washburn family bought Clark’s Station and converted it to the Wawona Hotel as seen today, they covered the rough-hewn bridge in 1879 in the tradition of their New England origins.

### WHO WAS GEORGE ANDERSON?

Nestled away in the northwestern corner of the History Center is the simple cabin of George Anderson, built in the 1870s. Anderson, a Scottish sailor, gold-seeker, and jack-of-all trades, represents the early pioneers and settlers of the area. Although he was one of the first trail-builders of Yosemite and the local blacksmith, he is most remembered as the first person to reach the summit of Half Dome. Although many had tried to scale the summit before him, Anderson laboriously drilled holes for spikes all the way to its peak. Following the entrepreneurial spirit that energized many of Yosemite’s first settlers, Anderson soon began charging for tours to the top.



A horse soldier could go anywhere, so it was logical to call upon the U.S. Cavalry to patrol national parks before the creation of the National Park Service in 1916.

### HOMESTEADING CONFLICT

The Hodgdon cabin represents the role of the homesteaders, a controversial chapter of Yosemite’s history. Homesteaders claimed a portion of the Yosemite area under the stipulations of the Homesteading Act of 1864. The Hodgsons owned a ranch in the Sierra foothills and claimed a section of land near Yosemite as summer pasture. The Hodgsons, along with other pioneer families, opposed John Muir’s efforts to create Yosemite National Park, believing that it would erode their rights as property owners. After building the only two-story cabin in the region, and creating a summer home, the Hodgsons feared that the creation of Yosemite National Park would undermine their homesteading efforts.

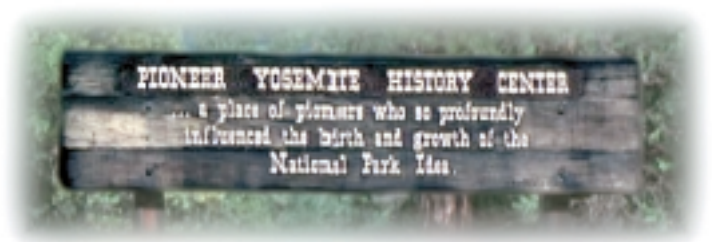
### U.S. CAVALRY CABIN

After Yosemite National Park was established in 1890, the U.S. Cavalry took up the role of “acting Superintendent,” becoming Yosemite’s first park rangers. (The National Park Service would not be created until 1916.) A force of 120 horse-soldiers would leave their post at the Presidio in San Francisco,



In 1879, this cabin was built upon the Hodgdon homestead in Aspen Valley. Like other buildings at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center, it was moved to its current site near the covered bridge.

*Photo by G. Born*



The establishment of the Yosemite Grant in 1864 laid the foundation for national parks. This story is memorialized at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona.

spending the summer patrolling the park, building trails, and stocking the lakes with fish.

### STAGECOACH COLLECTION

The Pioneer Yosemite History Center also houses a collection of restored and authentic stagecoaches, representing early travel to the Yosemite region.

After a train-ride from San Francisco to the terminus in the small foothill town of Raymond, Yosemite was still a two-day ride by stage. The stage trip was a bruising one, and one which left passengers covered with a fine coat of dust. The stage drivers were literally the “Kings of the Road,” commanding respect from all their passengers as they

navigated the rocky roads, the hair-pin curves, and dealt with the occasional bandits along the route.

### HISTORY COMES ALIVE


A blacksmith heats up iron and demonstrates a nearly forgotten art. Two sisters fetch water from the pump. A Wells Fargo clerk checks her watch, waiting for the stage to arrive. Visitors who really wish to experience a journey back into Yosemite’s past can climb aboard a horse-drawn wagon and see what our predecessors endured in order to travel to the wonders of Yosemite.

The inspiration for the Pioneer Yosemite History Center came when the flood of 1955 nearly destroyed the covered bridge. The National Park Service decided to restore it and create the Pioneer Yosemite History Center to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the Yosemite Grant (which in 1864 marked the beginning of the formal concept of establishing national parks in America).

The History Center is an outstanding example of a joint effort in preserving the heritage of the national parks. This cooperative effort includes businesses, non-profit organizations, and individual volunteers. Craftsmen trained in the preservation of historic structures use historic materials and methods to maintain the buildings’ structural integrity and historic authenticity.

The History Center’s living history program runs throughout the summer on Wednesday through Sunday afternoons. During this time you will find several of the buildings staffed by dedicated volunteers in costume who assume the roles of Yosemite pioneers.

The Pioneer Yosemite History Center is located in Wawona, about 4 miles from the park’s South Entrance along the Wawona Road, and is just a short walk from the Wawona Store parking lot. It is always open and interpretive brochures are available.

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## TO LEARN MORE...

- Beginning June 28, come watch the living history portrayals of Yosemite’s early pioneers, Wednesday through Sunday. See page 14 for details.
- Ask your stage driver, Burrell, how long it takes to ride from San Francisco to Yosemite. Stage rides take place Thursday through Sunday. See page 14 for details.
- Read *Yosemite’s Historic Wawona*, by Shirley Sargent, available at bookstores throughout the park.

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# PARK RULES

## It's the Law

**There are federal laws and regulations specific to national parks that protect Yosemite, its wildlife, historic and prehistoric sites and structures, and natural beauty. Protect your park by following these rules:**

Camping or sleeping in vehicles is permitted only in designated campsites and is prohibited along roadsides, in turnouts, or in parking lots.

Bicycles (including mountain bikes), in-line skates, and strollers must remain on paved roads and designated paved bike paths. They are not allowed on hiking trails or anywhere off-pavement.

Motor vehicles must stay on established roads open to public travel. Vehicles are not permitted off-road.

Store your food properly, keeping it away from bears and other Yosemite animals (see page 3 for details).

Pets frighten wildlife and disturb hikers. They must be leashed at all times and are not permitted on any park trails, with the exception of paved trails on the floor of Yosemite Valley.

Do not remove any objects from the park, including pine cones, rocks, leaves, obsidian, historic items, etc. If you find an object that may be prehistoric or historic, do not move it. Note its location and inform a ranger. If you must collect something, please pick up litter!

The use of metal detectors in the park is illegal. Please report possible violations to a park ranger.

Firearms and hunting are prohibited in Yosemite National Park. Report possible hunting violations to the park's tip line, 209/372-0214, or to the Department of Fish and Game's tip line, 888/DFG-CALTIP, 24 hours a day.

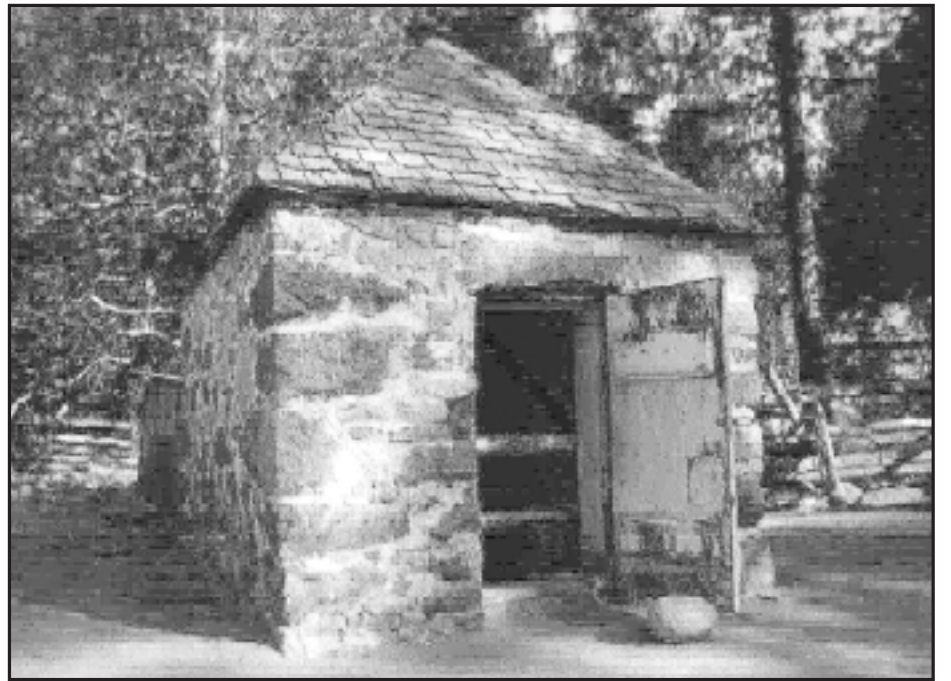
All public buildings are designated as non-smoking.

## RECREATIONAL CLOSURE ON THE EL PORTAL ROAD

Due to construction along the El Portal Road (Highway 140), 6.4 miles of the road and Merced River corridor are closed to walking, climbing, hiking, swimming, fishing, bicycling, and kayaking. Vehicular access is limited to between 6:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m., except during holiday periods.

- Traffic is not allowed to stop, use turnouts, or turn around.
- Passengers must remain in vehicles.
- No overnight parking is permitted along the road.

For more information, ask at the Arch Rock Entrance Station, park visitor centers, or call 209/372-0200.



This stone building, which now stands at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center, originally stood in Yosemite Valley's "Old Village." It was constructed as a black powder storage house but was also used as a jail and even a morgue.



## RAFTING REGULATIONS

Rafting regulations have been implemented to protect river habitat and provide for visitor safety.

The entire length of the Merced River within Yosemite Valley will be closed to all flotation devices whenever the river gauge at Sentinel Bridge reads 6.5 feet or higher.

Rafting on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley is open to any type of non-motorized vessel or other flotation device between Stoneman Bridge and Sentinel Beach from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. In addition, the South Fork of the Merced River in

Wawona is open for rafting from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily between Swinging Bridge and Wawona Campground.

Each occupant of vessels or flotation devices on park rivers must have in their possession, and readily available, an appropriately sized U.S. Coast Guard approved life vest.

In order to protect the river's banks, rafters are encouraged to get out only on sand or gravel bars, and swimmers should use sandy beaches to enter and exit the water. Rafters must be aware that fallen trees may exist in the river. This natural debris can create hazardous conditions to river users, so extreme caution should be used.

These rafting regulations may be subject to change.

## FISHING REGULATIONS

Special fishing regulations apply on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley from Happy Isles downstream through El Portal to the Foresta Road Bridge. In this stretch of the river, it is catch-and-release only for native rainbow trout. Only artificial lures or flies with barbless hooks may be used, and bait fishing is prohibited. Brown trout limits are five fish per day and ten in possession. It is the responsibility of the angler to identify fish species.

**Trout season begins on the last Saturday in April and continues through November 15.** The only exception is Frog Creek near Lake Eleanor, where fishing season does not

open until June 15 in order to protect spawning rainbow trout. All lakes and reservoirs are open to fishing year-round.

A valid California sport fishing license must be displayed by all persons 16 years of age and older who are fishing in Yosemite National Park. Licenses must be plainly visible, attached to outer clothing at or above the waistline. For more information about licenses and fishing, inquire at visitor centers.



## HELP KEEP WILDLIFE WILD

**Did you know that feeding or closely approaching any park wildlife is prohibited by federal law?** Your food

is a threat to the survival of park animals. It can damage their health, make them vulnerable to death from cars, or lead to dangerous behavior. Treat your food as if it were poison to animals, because the result is often the same. Even though animals may look tame—especially when searching for a hand-out—they are capable of inflicting serious injury, and in extreme cases, causing death. Never attempt to touch or closely approach any park wildlife. Instead, view wildlife through binoculars or telephoto lenses. A good rule-of-thumb: if an animal is aware of your presence, you're too close.

## DRIVE SAFELY

In 1999, there were 381 motor vehicle accidents in Yosemite National Park. Sixteen bears were hit by vehicles. Speeding kills wildlife and people. Slow down and follow these driving tips to avoid accidents:

- Obey posted speed limits. Slow down when road conditions warrant. Be alert to rocks in the roadway, wildlife crossing, or other unexpected situations.
- California law requires that all vehicle occupants wear seat belts, and children 4 years of age (or under 40 lbs.) be restrained in an approved child safety seat.
- Do not stop in the roadway! Find a safe turnout if you wish to take a photo, consult a map, or enjoy park scenery or wildlife.
- Be courteous. Pull into turnouts to allow other vehicles to pass.
- Vehicles commonly overheat on uphill grades during hot summer temperatures. Avoid overheating by using lower gears and turning off air conditioning.
- Brakes may overheat, catch fire, or fail on downhill grades. Avoid brake problems by using lower gears and stopping at turnouts to allow brakes to cool.
- Don't drink and drive. It's a fatal combination.

**Special regulations for the El Portal Road (Highway 140):**

- Obey lowered speed limits in construction zone. Rough road conditions exist. No stopping or turning around in construction zone.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Food storage guidelines, see page 3.
- Camping and campfires, see page 4.
- Wilderness regulations, see page 5.
- Fire safety guidelines, see page 7.
- Bicycling rules, see page 11.



# BEARS

## BEARS ARE NOT TO BLAME: STORE FOOD PROPERLY

Each year black bears are killed in Yosemite National Park as a direct result of human carelessness and improper food storage. Some call it a “bear problem,” but bears are not to blame.

Driven by their powerful sense of smell, black bears are drawn to human food. Once they get it, they continue to seek it out—from backpacks, picnic tables, ice chests, and even cars. As their natural fear of people fades, they may become aggressive. When bears become too aggressive, they often have to be killed. In 1999, there were 768 incidents involving bears, resulting in over \$224,000 in damage and five human injuries. Four bears had to be killed. The only way to stop this devastating cycle is to make sure that all food and trash are stored properly.

### NO FOOD IN CARS!

In 1999, over 318 cars were damaged by bears in the park, and most of these incidents were caused by improper food storage. If your car will be parked in Yosemite after dark, **it must not contain any food or related items.**

- Bears have damaged cars for as little as a stick of gum or an empty soda can, so thoroughly search your car and remove all potential bear attractants. Bears can clearly smell any food in a car, even when it's stored in the vehicle's trunk!
- Bears recognize ice chests, grocery bags, and other food-related containers. Such items, even when empty, have residual odors. Remove them from vehicles and store them securely. Also remove drinks, garbage, and scented articles such as soap, sunscreen, and toothpaste from vehicles. Don't forget to check the glove compartment!
- Clear your car's interior of clutter. This will reduce the chances of a bear mistaking an article for food, and increase the chances that you will find any stray french fries or other overlooked food. Child car seats should be removed from vehicles since they often have residual food smells.
- Remove all trash and place it in animal-resistant trash cans or dumpsters.

### CAMPGROUNDS

- Federal regulations require that all food and related supplies be stored and secured at all times in the metal “bear boxes” in each campsite (except when food is being prepared and eaten). Each box measures 38"x48"x22". No food storage is allowed in vehicles.
- Keep bear boxes latched and secured with their clips at all times. Bears enter campsites during the day, even when people are present.
- Dispose of garbage frequently in animal-resistant dumpsters and cans. Don't leave any garbage in your campsite, especially at night.

### LODGING

- Remove all food and food-related items from vehicles. Guests staying in hard-sided cabins must store such supplies indoors.
- Guests staying in canvas tent-cabins must store food and related items in lockers (ask at front desk for locker locations).
- Clean out trash, empty food containers, and scented articles from vehicles before leaving them parked overnight.

### PICNIC AREAS

Stay close to your food and put it away as soon as you are finished eating. Bears may enter picnic areas, even when people are present, so be prepared to scare them away.

### TRAILHEADS

It is highly recommended that no food or food-related supplies be left in vehicles parked overnight at trailheads. There are food storage boxes for backpackers at all major trailheads in the park. Ask for locations when acquiring a wilderness permit.

### WILDERNESS

The National Park Service strongly encourages backpackers to carry and use bear-resistant food storage canisters. These portable containers are the most effective way for backpackers to store food in wilder-



Illustration by Lawrence Ormsby

ness areas. Backpackers staying in designated backpacker camps adjacent to High Sierra Camps or in Little Yosemite Valley are required to use metal food storage lockers provided or portable canisters. All garbage and food items must be stored in a food locker, canister, or properly suspended from a pole. The counterbalance technique (either from a cable or a tree branch) **may not** be used where bear boxes exist. Bear resistant canisters are required at 9,600 feet elevation and above. Plan ahead—All food, garbage, and toiletries must be contained within canisters. (See article below for rental locations and canister details.)

### SAFETY

Never approach a bear, regardless of its size. If you encounter a bear, act immediately: throw small stones or sticks toward the bear from a safe distance. Yell, clap hands, bang pots together. If there is more than one person, stand together to present a more intimidating figure, but do not surround the bear. Use caution if you see cubs, as a mother may act aggressively to defend them.

When done immediately, these actions have been successful in scaring bears away. Never try to retrieve anything once a bear has it. Report all bear incidents to a park ranger (see hotline number below).

NOTE: These regulations and precautions help decrease the chance of personal injury or property damage. However, bear damage and confrontations are still possible, even when all the guidelines are followed.

## USE BEAR-RESISTANT FOOD CANISTERS

In an effort to decrease incidents between bears and people, and to keep bears wild, the National Park Service strongly encourages backpackers to use bear-resistant food canisters. These containers are the most effective way for backpackers to store food in the wilderness. All other techniques are considered delaying tactics only, as bears are largely able to undo most well-known food storage methods. Each plastic canister weighs about 3 pounds, fits in a full-sized backpack, and is capable of holding 3 to 5 days supply of food for one person.

Canisters may be rented for a flat fee of \$3 per trip plus a refundable security deposit. They may also be purchased for approximately \$75. They are available at the following locations: Year-round at the Yosemite Valley Sports Shop, Mountain Shop at Curry Village, Crane Flat Store, Wawona Store, and El Portal Market. Seasonally at Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center, Wawona Information Station, Big Oak Flat Permit/Information Station, Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station, Tuolumne Meadows Store, Tuolumne Meadows Mountaineering School, and Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center (see pages 18 and 19 for

hours). Canisters can be picked up and returned at any of the rental locations throughout the park. Increased availability of canisters parkwide and reduced rental fees are due to a cooperative agreement between the Yosemite Association and Yosemite Concession Services Corp.



Photo by Mike Floyd

### SAVE-A-BEAR HOTLINE

To report trash problems, improper food storage, bear sightings, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at 209/372-0200 (press 2, then 4). Your call can be made anonymously.

### DONATE A CANISTER & SAVE A BEAR

Make a donation to the Yosemite Association's “Save a Bear” campaign and help eliminate food-related human/bear conflicts in the wilderness. Donations will be used to purchase bear-resistant food storage canisters for use in the distribution program described in the adjacent article. The program makes canisters easily available and encourages their use.

Help save a bear by donating a bear can! Call the Yosemite Association at 209/379-2646 for more information.

## Mountain Lions

**Mountain lions are a normal and very important part of the park ecosystem, helping to keep deer populations in check. They are attracted to areas with healthy deer populations, which includes many areas of the park. Although lion attacks are extremely rare, they are possible, as is injury from any wild animal. We offer the following recommendations for your safety:**

Do not leave pets or pet food outside and unattended, especially at dawn and dusk. Pets can attract mountain lions into developed areas.



Avoid hiking alone. Watch children closely and never let them run ahead or lag behind on the trail. Talk to children about lions, and teach them what to do if they meet one.



### What should you do if you meet a mountain lion?

Never approach one, especially if it is feeding or with kittens. Most mountain lions will try to avoid a 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 are not prey and may be dangerous yourself. If attacked, fight back!



**Generally, mountain lions are calm, quiet, and elusive. Sightings are rare, so if you spot one, consider yourself privileged!**



# CAMPING

## CAMPING RESERVATIONS

Reservations are required for Yosemite Valley's auto campgrounds year-round 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.

Camping reservations will be available in blocks of 1 month at a time, up to 5 months in advance, on the 15th of each month through the National Park Reservation System (NPRS).

Thus, for:

| CAMPING ARRIVAL DATE    | FIRST DAY TO MAKE RESERVATION |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| All dates thru 12/14/00 | 7/15/00                       |
| 12/15/00 thru 1/14/01   | 8/15/00                       |
| 1/15/01 thru 2/14/01    | 9/15/00                       |
| 2/15/01 thru 3/14/01    | 10/15/00                      |
| 3/15/01 thru 4/14/01    | 11/15/00                      |
| 4/15/01 thru 5/14/01    | 12/15/00, etc.                |

From May through September, campsites are in heavy demand and prospective campers are encouraged to call NPRS as early as possible in the period.

Written requests should be made to NPRS so they are received no sooner than 2 weeks before the 15th of the month that the desired camping arrival date goes on sale. Written requests will not be processed until the 15th of the month (at the same time telephone requests are being taken). Include desired location, type of equipment you will be camping in (i.e., tent, RV, etc.), as well as method of payment. Online reservations can be accessed through [reservations.nps.gov](http://reservations.nps.gov) from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Pacific time.

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Check-in/check-out time for Yosemite Valley campgrounds is 10:00 a.m. Campsites are assigned by NPRS at the time the reservation is made. Campers may request a specific campsite number if it is available at the time the reservation is made. All campsite assignments are final—you may not switch or change camp-

sites after you arrive in the park. Maximum length for recreational vehicles in Valley campgrounds is 40 feet.

Camp 4 (Sunnyside) Walk-in Campground is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis; these campsites are not wheelchair accessible. Sites are rented on a per-person basis, and six people will be placed in each campsite, regardless of the number of people in your party. Camp 4 (Sunnyside) often fills before 9:00 a.m. each day May through September.

There is a 30-day camping limit within Yosemite National Park in any calendar year; however, May 1-September 15, camping limit in Yosemite Valley is 7 days inclusive.

## OUTSIDE YOSEMITE VALLEY

Check-in/check-out time for campgrounds outside the Valley is noon. Maximum length for recreational vehicles is 35 feet.

There is a 30-day camping limit within Yosemite National Park in any calendar year; however, from May 1 to September 15, the camping limit outside the Valley is limited to a total of 14 days, except for Wawona, which is limited to 7 days. Wawona and Hodgdon Meadow are open all year. Other campgrounds outside the Valley are open only during the summer months. See grid below for details.

## CAMPING IN AREAS SURROUNDING YOSEMITE

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) operates a variety of campgrounds on a seasonal basis near Yosemite in the Inyo, Sierra, and Stanislaus National Forests. Many of these campgrounds are operated on a first-come, first-served basis; however, some may be reserved. Unlike Yosemite, the national forests allow dispersed camping in some areas (outside of designated campgrounds). Campfire permits are required. For additional information, contact the local USFS district offices: Highway 120 West, Groveland Ranger Station (Stanislaus NF) 209/962-7825; Highway 140, Mariposa Ranger Station (Sierra NF) 209/966-3638;

Highway 120 East, Mono Lake Ranger Station (Inyo NF) 760/647-3044; Highway 41, Oakhurst Ranger Station (Sierra NF) 559/683-4636. For private campgrounds and lodging 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 through NPRS; 13 to 30 people are allowed in each group campsite. Tent camping only. Pets are not permitted in group sites. Check-in/check-out time is noon.

## SERVICES

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. Shower and laundry facilities are available year-round in Yosemite Valley; see page 19 for locations and hours of service. Bear-proof food storage lockers are available in all Yosemite campgrounds (they measure 45" w x 18" h x 34" d). See *Bears Are Not To Blame* on page 3 for food storage guidelines.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Camping/sleeping in vehicles is permitted only in designated campsites.
- Maximum of 6 people (including children) and 2 vehicles per campsite.
- Pets are permitted only in specific campgrounds (check grid below). Pets must be on a leash at all times, are not allowed on any hiking trails, and may not be left unattended.
- Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- Generators may be used sparingly between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Dishwater and sewage must be disposed of in designated utility drains.
- Electrical extension cords may not be connected to campground restroom outlets.

## CAMPFIRE RULES

- To improve air quality in Yosemite Valley, campfires are permitted only between 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. from May 1 through October 15.
- Firewood collection is prohibited in Yosemite Valley. This includes "dead and down" wood.
- Outside the Valley, wood may not be gathered at elevations above 9,600 feet or in sequoia groves.
- Cutting standing trees or attached limbs, alive or dead, is prohibited, as is the use of chainsaws.
- Please start campfires with newspaper. Do not burn pine needles or cones, as they create unnecessary smoke.
- Campfires are permitted only in established fire rings.
- See fire safety information on page 7.

Reservations may be made from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Pacific time.

**TOLL-FREE RESERVATIONS:**  
800/436-7275

**ONLINE RESERVATIONS:**  
[reservations.nps.gov](http://reservations.nps.gov)  
You may reserve only one campsite at a time.

**INTERNATIONAL CALLERS:**  
301/722-1257

**TDD (TOLL-FREE):**  
888/530-9796

**MAIL-IN RESERVATIONS:**  
NPRS  
P.O. Box 1600  
Cumberland, MD 21502

Up to two campsites may be reserved at a time by mail or phone with Mastercard, Visa, Discover, personal check, or money order.

| CAMPGROUND  | ELEVATION         | MILES FROM YOSEMITE VALLEY | # OF SITES/SPACES | DAILY FEE * | RV SPACE | TENT SPACE | TAP WATER | STREAM WATER (BOTT) | FLUSH TOILETS | PIT TOILETS | PICNIC TABLES | FIRE PITS OR GRILL | PETS ALLOWED | DUMP STATION | PARKING | SHOWERS NEARBY | LAUNDRY NEARBY | GROCERIES NEARBY | SWIMMING | FISHING | HORSEBACK RIDING | NOTES** |   |
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| <b>IN YOSEMITE VALLEY</b>   |                   |                            |                   |             |          |            |           |                     |               |             |               |                    |              |              |         |                |                |                  |          |         |                  |         |   |
| <b>NORTH PINES</b>  | 4,000'<br>1,220 m | 0                          | 81                | \$15/s      | •        | •          | •         | •                   | •             | •           | •             | •                  | •            | •            | •       | •              | •              | •                | •        | •       | •                | •       | Open April-September<br>Reservations required   |
| <b>UPPER PINES</b>  | 4,000'<br>1,220 m | 0                          | 238               | \$15/s      | •        | •          | •         | •                   | •             | •           | •             | •                  | •            | •            | •       | •              | •              | •                | •        | •       | •                | •       | Open All Year<br>Reservations required  |
| <b>LOWER PINES</b>  | 4,000'<br>1,220 m | 0                          | 60                | \$15/s      | •        | •          | •         | •                   | •             | •           | •             | •                  | •            | •            | •       | •              | •              | •                | •        | •       | •                | •       | Open March-October<br>Reservations required   |
| <b>CAMP 4 WALK-IN (Sunnyside)</b>   | 4,000'<br>1,220 m | 0                          | 35                | \$3/p       | •        | •          | •         | •                   | •             | •           | •             | •                  | •            | •            | •       | •              | •              | •                | •        | •       | •                | •       | Open All Year/Walk-In<br>First-come, first-served<br>Limited parking  |
| <b>OUTSIDE YOSEMITE VALLEY</b>  |                   |                            |                   |             |          |            |           |                     |               |             |               |                    |              |              |         |                |                |                  |          |         |                  |         |   |
| <b>WAWONA</b><br>Wawona Road<br>(Highway 41)<br>near Wawona                                 | 4,000'<br>1,220 m | 27                         | 93                | \$15/s      | •        | •          | •         | •                   | •             | •           | •             | •                  | •            | •            | •       | •              | •              | •                | •        | •       | •                | •       | Open All Year<br>Reservations required<br>May-Sept. (\$15); First-come,<br>first-served Oct.-April (\$10)   |
| <b>BRIDALVEIL CREEK</b><br>Glacier Point Road   | 7,200'<br>2,194 m | 25                         | 110               | \$10/s      | •        | •          | •         | •                   | •             | •           | •             | •                  | •            | •            | •       | •              | •              | •                | •        | •       | •                | •       | Open July-early Sept.<br>First-come, first-served   |
| <b>HODGDON MEADOW</b><br>Big Oak Flat Road<br>(Hwy. 120 west near<br>Big Oak Flat Entrance) | 4,872'<br>1,484 m | 25                         | 105               | \$15/s      | •        | •          | •         | •                   | •             | •           | •             | •                  | •            | •            | •       | •              | •              | •                | •        | •       | •                | •       | Open All Year<br>Reservations required<br>May-Sept. (\$15); First-come,<br>first-served Oct.-April (\$10)   |
| <b>CRANE FLAT</b><br>Big Oak Flat Rd. near<br>the Tioga Road turnoff                        | 6,191'<br>1,886 m | 17                         | 166               | \$15/s      | •        | •          | •         | •                   | •             | •           | •             | •                  | •            | •            | •       | •              | •              | •                | •        | •       | •                | •       | Open June-September<br>Reservations required  |
| <b>TAMARACK FLAT</b><br>Tioga Road<br>(Highway 120 east)                                    | 6,315'<br>1,924 m | 23                         | 52                | \$6/s       | •        | •          | •         | •                   | •             | •           | •             | •                  | •            | •            | •       | •              | •              | •                | •        | •       | •                | •       | Open June-early Sept.<br>Three-mile access road not<br>suitable for large RVs or<br>trailers. First-come, first-served  |
| <b>WHITE WOLF</b><br>Tioga Road<br>(Highway 120 east)                                       | 8,000'<br>2,437 m | 31                         | 74                | \$10/s      | •        | •          | •         | •                   | •             | •           | •             | •                  | •            | •            | •       | •              | •              | •                | •        | •       | •                | •       | Open July-early Sept.<br>First-come, first-served.<br>Not suitable for RVs over 27'   |
| <b>YOSEMITE CREEK</b><br>Tioga Road<br>(Highway 120 east)                                   | 7,659'<br>2,333 m | 35                         | 75                | \$6/s       | •        | •          | •         | •                   | •             | •           | •             | •                  | •            | •            | •       | •              | •              | •                | •        | •       | •                | •       | Open July-early Sept.<br>Five-mile access road not<br>suitable for RVs over 24' or trailers.<br>First-come, first-served                                      |
| <b>PORCUPINE FLAT</b><br>Tioga Road<br>(Highway 120 east)                                   | 8,100'<br>2,468 m | 38                         | 52                | \$6/s       | •        | •          | •         | •                   | •             | •           | •             | •                  | •            | •            | •       | •              | •              | •                | •        | •       | •                | •       | Open July-early Sept.<br>RV access front section only.<br>First-come, first-served  |
| <b>TUOLUMNE MEADOWS</b><br>Tioga Road<br>(Highway 120 east)                                 | 8,600'<br>2,620 m | 55                         | 304               | \$15/s      | •        | •          | •         | •                   | •             | •           | •             | •                  | •            | •            | •       | •              | •              | •                | •        | •       | •                | •       | Open July through Sept.<br>½ advanced reservations,<br>½ same-day reservations.<br>25 walk-in spaces available<br>for backpackers/campers<br>without vehicles |

\*/s = per site  
/p = per person

\*\*Dates approximate

# HIKING & BACKPACKING



## SUMMER IN THE WILDERNESS

Yosemite's spectacular wilderness is a popular destination in summer. Common sense and an understanding of wilderness travel techniques are required to safely enjoy these wilderness areas. Park regulations are designed for your safety, and to ensure the survival of these wild lands and their communities of life.

In early summer, winter wilderness skills may still be necessary for many extended wilderness trips. Wilderness travelers should check trail conditions before planning a wilderness trip and pack accordingly.

### HIGH WATER/STREAM CROSSINGS

Early in the season, water from melting snow and ice may cause high water levels and swift currents. Do not underestimate the power of rushing water—it can be deadly! When crossing an unbridged creek, look for a natural bridge of logs or rocks. Be careful—they can be extremely slippery. If none is available, cross in a wide shallow spot that is not above rapids or falls. Unbuckle your waist strap, use a long stick for stability, and face upstream while crossing. Don't tie yourself into "safety ropes" — they can drown you. Water will be extremely cold, and extreme caution should be used to prevent conditions which may lead to hypothermia.

### PLAN CAREFULLY

- Use topographic maps and guidebooks to plan your trip. Carry a "topo" map and compass when on the trail and know how to use them.
- Allow plenty of time for rest, food storage, and campsite selection. You must be

4 miles from any populated area and 1 mile from any road before camping.

- Check current weather conditions and forecasts prior to your trip. Be prepared for sudden changes in weather; plan for wind, cold, rain, snow, sun, or an emergency bivouac.
- Maximum group size is 15 people for trail travel and 8 people for off-trail travel.
- Proper equipment is vital. Carry sufficient food and water.
- Plan to pack out all trash.
- Yosemite's wilderness is a wildlife preserve—pets and weapons are prohibited. Bicycles and strollers are not allowed on any trail.

Trail maps, hiking guides, and other literature may be obtained at visitor/wilderness centers or ordered from the Yosemite Bookstore, P.O. Box 230, El Portal, CA 95318, 209/379-2648 or fax 209/379-2486.

### WILDERNESS PERMITS

Free wilderness permits are required year-round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's wilderness. They are not required for day hikes. Yosemite uses a trailhead quota system which limits the number of people who may begin



Swinging Bridge in Wawona Photo by Christine White-Loberg

overnight hikes from each trailhead, each day. This system is designed to avoid overcrowding and to reduce impacts to wilderness areas. At least 40% of each trailhead quota is available on a first-come, first-served basis the day of, or one day prior to, the beginning of your trip. Permit stations are located in Yosemite Valley at the Wilderness Center, Wawona, Big Oak Flat, Hetch Hetchy, and Tuolumne Meadows. Call 209/372-0200 or go to the wilderness web site for open permit station locations and hours. Permits are also available by advance reservation.

### PROTECT WATER QUALITY, WILDLIFE, AND FRAGILE TERRAIN

- Pack out all trash and use gas stoves rather than wood fires.
- Store all food, garbage, and toiletries properly (see page 3).
- Camp in an existing, well-used campsite at least 100 feet from water.
- Bring a container to carry water to your camp from lakes or streams.
- Purify all drinking water—boil for 5 minutes, or use a Giardia-rated filter or an iodine-based purifier (see page 7).
- Dispose of human waste in a small hole at least 100 feet from water and trail. Pack out all toilet paper and personal hygiene products.
- Do all washing at least 100 feet from any water source or trail.

For wilderness information, call 209/372-0200 or go to [www.nps.gov/yose/wilderness](http://www.nps.gov/yose/wilderness)

## Watch Your Step!

**In 1999, rangers in Yosemite worked on 158 search and rescue operations. Nine people died in the park due to accidents.**

Tripping and falling are common accidents on park walkways and trails, especially in slippery conditions.



At night, artificial lighting is kept to a minimum; always carry a flashlight.



Rock climbing and scrambling are the leading causes of injury and death for unprepared and inexperienced hikers. Routes are often more difficult than they appear, and even a short fall can cause serious injury or death. Before you scramble or climb on Yosemite's rocks or walls, provide yourself with proper equipment and training.



Swift currents and wet, slippery rocks can cause you to fall and be swept over a waterfall. Never swim or wade in streams above waterfalls or in swiftly moving water.



Any unbridged stream crossing may be hazardous. If a bridge is not nearby and you must cross, do so at a wide, shallow spot that is not above rapids or waterfalls.



Supervise children closely when around all bodies of water.

## WILDERNESS PERMIT RESERVATIONS

Wilderness users who plan to enjoy Yosemite's beautiful high country during the peak season (May through September) are encouraged to make permit reservations.

Call 209/372-0200 for the latest information. Currently, reservations are available from 24 weeks to 2 days in advance of the trip start date, and can be made by writing to Wilderness Permits, P.O. Box 545, Yosemite, CA 95389, or by calling 209/372-0740.

Include the following in your request: name, address, daytime phone, number of people in the party, method of travel (i.e., ski, snowshoe, foot, horse), number of stock (if applicable), start and end dates, entry and exit trailheads, and principal destination. Include alternate dates and/or trailheads.

A \$5 per person non-refundable processing fee is charged for all reservation requests. Payment by check or money order should be made to the Yosemite Association. Credit card payments are accepted with valid card number and expiration date.

Reservation phone lines are often busy. We encourage you to make your request in writing. Mailed requests are processed simultaneously with phone requests.

## YOSEMITE VALLEY DAY HIKES

| DESTINATION / TRAIL                        | STARTING POINT                 | DISTANCE  | DIFFICULTY/<br>ELEVATION GAIN                          | APPROXIMATE<br>HIKING TIME                           | NOTES   |
|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| BRIDALVEIL FALL                            | Bridalveil Fall Parking Area   | 1/2 mile round trip (0.8 km)                                  | Easy   | 20 minutes round trip                                | ♿ with assistance   |
| MIRROR LAKE                                | Mirror Lake Shuttle Stop #16   | 1 mile to lake (1.6 km)                                       | Easy   | 1/2 hour to lake                                     | ♿ Vehicle access available with placard                             |
| LOWER YOSEMITE FALL                        | Yosemite Falls Shuttle Stop #4 | 1/2 mile round trip (0.8 km)                                  | Easy   | 20 minutes round trip                                | ♿ with assistance   |
| UPPER YOSEMITE FALL TRAIL<br>COLUMBIA ROCK | Camp 4 Shuttle Stop #5         | 2 miles round trip (3.2 km)                                   | Strenuous<br>1,000' (300 m) elevation gain             | 2 to 3 hours round trip                              | Check conditions at Visitor Center in winter                        |
| TOP OF YOSEMITE FALL                       | Same as above                  | 7.2 miles round trip (11.6 km)                                | Very Strenuous<br>2,700' (810 m) elevation gain        | 6 to 8 hours round trip                              | Check conditions at Visitor Center in winter                        |
| MIST TRAIL OR JOHN MUIR TRAIL              |                                |   |  |  |   |
| VERNAL FALL FOOTBRIDGE                     | Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #15   | 1.4 miles round trip (2.0 km)                                 | Moderate<br>400' (120 m) elevation gain                | 1 to 2 hours round trip                              | Check conditions at Visitor Center<br>Winter route available        |
| TOP OF VERNAL FALL                         | Same as above                  | 3 miles round trip (4.8 km)                                   | Strenuous<br>1,000' (300 m) elevation gain             | 2 to 4 hours round trip                              | Check conditions at Visitor Center<br>Winter route available        |
| TOP OF NEVADA FALL                         | Same as above                  | 7 miles round trip (11.3 km)                                  | Strenuous<br>1,900' (570 m) elevation gain             | 6 to 8 hours round trip                              | Check conditions at Visitor Center<br>Winter route available        |
| TOP OF HALF DOME                           | Same as above                  | 17 miles round trip (27.4 km)                                 | Extremely Strenuous<br>4,800' (1,463 m) elevation gain | 10 to 12 hours round trip                            | Cables up from June to mid-October; otherwise cable route is closed |
| GLACIER POINT<br>FOUR MILE TRAIL           | Southside Drive                | 4.8 miles one way (7.6 km)                                    | Very strenuous<br>3,200' (960 m) elevation gain        | 3 to 4 hours one way                                 | Check conditions at Visitor Center<br>Closed in winter              |
| VALLEY FLOOR LOOP                          | Yosemite Falls Shuttle Stop #4 | 13 miles full loop (20.8 km)<br>6.5 miles half loop (10.4 km) | Moderate   | 5 to 7 hours full loop<br>2.5 to 3.5 hours half loop | Get full description from Visitor Center                            |



# YOSEMITE NEWS

## On The Web

The official Yosemite NPS home page ([www.nps.gov/yose/](http://www.nps.gov/yose/)) contains the latest park information.



Camping reservations can now be made online from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Pacific time ([reservations.nps.gov](http://reservations.nps.gov)).



The Yosemite Association's Yosemite Online ([yosemite.org](http://yosemite.org)) features visitor information, a bookstore, a listing of outdoor classes, membership news, the daily weather forecast, a live-camera view of Half Dome and Yosemite Valley, and even a 3-D QuickTime video of Yosemite Valley.



The Yosemite Fund home page ([www.yosemitefund.org](http://www.yosemitefund.org)) frequently has project updates with photographs online. The site currently features photos of the restoration work at Glacier Point. Other features include "Wild Card," "Waterfalls," and "Tips For Travelers," along with current donation information.



The Yosemite Concession Services Page ([www.yosemitepark.com](http://www.yosemitepark.com)) features 200 pages of information on lodging, shopping, dining, and park activities with links to other Yosemite-related web sites. It also includes a live-camera view of Half Dome, online gift shop, and off-season lodging reservations.



The Ansel Adams Gallery site ([www.anseladams.com](http://www.anseladams.com)) features fine art photography, gifts, calendar of events, and photos of Yosemite and Mono Lake.



YATI, Yosemite Area Traveller Information ([www.yosemite.com](http://www.yosemite.com)), web site contains the latest information on an 11,000-square-mile area containing and surrounding Yosemite. Includes lodging information, travel advisories, and road and weather conditions.



The Yosemite Institute's home page ([www.yni.org](http://www.yni.org)) describes its residential, in-park field-science program for elementary, middle, and high school students, and post-visit challenge units.

## HELP SUPPORT YOUR 379 NATIONAL PARK AREAS!

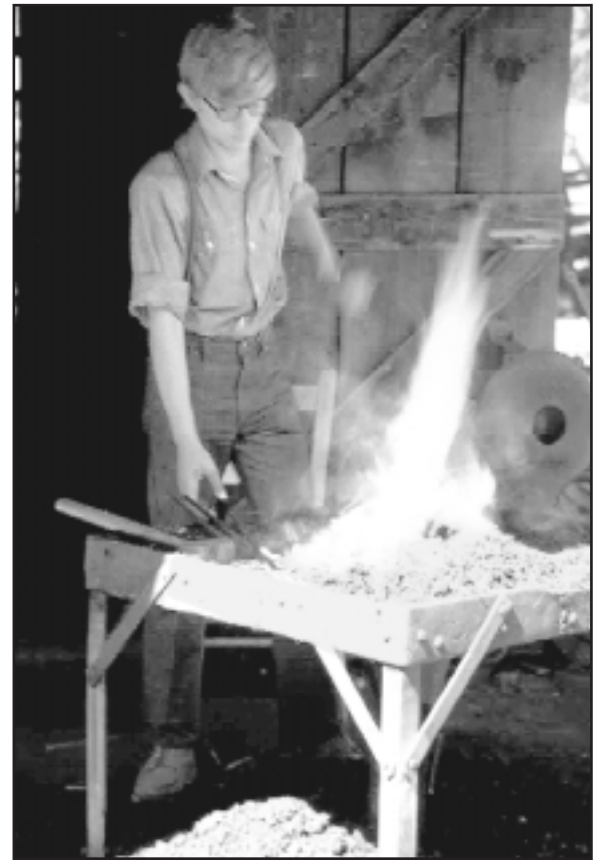
In April, the National Park Service introduced the new National Parks Pass. This \$50 pass allows unlimited entry for twelve full months to all National Park Service (NPS) sites which charge entrance fees. The Golden Eagle Pass, which provides admission to some Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Fish & Wildlife fee areas as well as NPS sites, has increased in price to \$65 this year. The National Parks Pass may be upgraded to a Golden Eagle Pass at any time during the year for an additional \$15. Both passes admit the purchaser and any accompanying passengers in a single, private, non-commercial vehicle. Use of the passes may not be transferred to another person.

The sale of the National Parks Pass will contribute significantly to the financial health of the 379 areas in the National Park System. Seventy percent of the proceeds of the sale of this pass will benefit the park where the pass is sold. The remaining 30% of the proceeds will be credited to a special fund that will benefit ALL parks, especially those that do not charge entrance fees. These proceeds may be spent only for high priority health and safety, visitor service and resource management projects in the parks.

The National Parks Pass is an attractive and durable card depicting a beautiful image of one of your National Park Service areas. Each year the pass will feature a different park. Included in the purchase price is a USA map featuring the entire National Park System and other benefits. They are available to any visitor at Yosemite entrance stations, other national parks, online at [www.nationalparks.org](http://www.nationalparks.org) or by calling 888/GOPARKS.



365 DAYS  
379 WAYS  
TO EXPERIENCE  
YOUR AMERICA



Wednesday through Sunday afternoons you might find a "pioneer" demonstrating a nearly forgotten art, such as blacksmithing, at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona. Photo by G. Born

## CLASSROOMS IN THE PARK

Yosemite National Park is the ideal outdoor classroom for exploring natural and cultural history topics. Yosemite's *Parks As Classrooms* program coordinates with the California State Curriculum Frameworks for upper elementary grades and offers ranger-led field trips for classes visiting the park. Each program lasts 1 to 2 hours. Park entrance fees are waived for the educational visit.

These programs emphasize the National Park Service message of protection and preservation of natural and cultural

resources. Fall visits feature a Miwok Indian theme. Reservations can be made beginning July 1. Class size is limited to 35 students.

**For further information regarding this and other National Park Service education programs, contact the Education Office at 209/375-9505, or visit the web site at [www.nps.gov/yose/teach.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/teach.htm). For a fee waiver application, call 209/379-1876.**



Living history volunteers bring pioneers to life! Photo by James Shull

## YARTS OFFERS VISITORS MORE OPTIONS

Yosemite visitors can now take a break from driving by riding transit into the park! The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) began optional bus service in May 2000. Full summer service runs through September 17, 2000 and will resume during the summer of 2001. The new voluntary service provides scheduled

round-trip bus service to Yosemite National Park from outlying communities including Merced, Mariposa, and Mammoth Lakes. Buses operate at hours most convenient to park visitors and provide direct service to the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and the Yosemite Valley shuttle bus system. YARTS provides riders with the highest quality service for the lowest possible cost.

**For schedule, route, and fare information visit the YARTS web site at [www.yosemite.com/yarts](http://www.yosemite.com/yarts) or call toll free 877/98-YARTS (877/989-2787).**



## A YOSEMITE SEMINAR EXPERIENCE

Like any visitor, I came to Yosemite to see its famous landmarks, but I yearned for a more in-depth look at this incredible park. A friend told me that the Yosemite Association, an educational non-profit organization, offered a wide variety of outdoor seminars for visitors. I signed up for an August class in Tuolumne Meadows (8,600 feet elevation)—*Mountain Wildflowers for the Relaxed Botanist*.

Mike Ross, our seminar instructor, led us on a leisurely hike to find flowers and plants. I was impressed with his knowledge of the area, and I appreciated his sense of humor and gentle, friendly teaching style. By 5:00 p.m. we walked back to our campsites, cooked dinner together, and later gathered for a sunset walk to Pothole Dome at the west end of Tuolumne Meadows. What a fantastic day...and we still had four more to go!

With each day I began to recognize families of plants and even blurted out a few scientific names. I highly recommend this seminar—or any that Yosemite Association offers—to visitors wanting a fun outdoor hiking and learning experience. I'll never forget this week and can hardly wait until next year's catalog of classes is mailed so I can again schedule a learning vacation!

**See the Yosemite Field Seminars 2000 catalog of seminars at [www.yosemite.org](http://www.yosemite.org) or call 209/379-2321 and YA will mail you a catalog. There are two-day and up to eight-day programs for adults and families offered February through October.**





# NATURE NOTES

## WHY ARE THE TREES DEAD?

As you drive along Yosemite roads, you may wonder why there are large stands of dead trees. Some areas were blackened by lightning-caused fires that burned thousands of acres. Although natural succession progresses at a slow pace, shrubs and sprouts from fire-adapted species have spread throughout the burned areas, and small trees are beginning to overtop the brush, hinting at the regenerated future forests growing there.

Other stands of trees show the effects of pine bark beetles. These insects live in the growing tissue between wood and bark, and the young eat their way around trees and limbs, often killing them. Pine engraver beetles have been busy above the east portal of the Wawona Tunnel, displaying their signature symptoms of dead limbs and tops. Bark beetles that kill entire trees are always working too; their evidence can be seen in individual or clumps of reddish or straw-colored pines.

Another busy insect is the lodgepole needleminer. This little gray moth lives inside of pine needles. It avoids becoming a regular menu item for predators by only emerging every other year (odd-numbered years), and so populations can really explode until it actually eats itself out of house and home. Aerial surveys last summer revealed that over 44,000 acres of lodgepole pines around Tenaya Lake have been defoliated, and many of those trees will die. The Ghost Forest wayside exhibit near Tuolumne Meadows details their story.



Young, old, and even dead trees are important in natural areas like Yosemite National Park. While the National Park Service has an effective tree hazard control program, be aware that even green trees occasionally fail, injuring people and damaging property.

## FROM THE RANGER'S LOG BOOK AT THE MERCED LAKE RANGER STATION

By Brian Mattos, NPS Forester

I think that I shall never see  
A poem more lovely than a tree,  
Unless that tree leans hazardous  
O'er camps of those who visit us.  
For doctors, moms, and lawyers, too,  
Don't understand trees like we do.  
They must see logs spread all around,  
But put their tents twixt tree and ground.  
And when winds blow or branches fall,  
They worry not one bit at all:  
Just stay there in their flimsy tent,  
Drowsing, snoring, quite content.  
Should we cut all defective trees?  
Heavens no, of course not, PLEASE!  
Just tell the campers, show them how  
Defective trees fall down, KA-POW!  
Then when they choose a place to hang out  
Trees are what they're thinking about.  
They'll choose a place where trees are firm—  
No mistletoe, no rot, no worm—  
And gaze up from their starry lairs  
Worried 'bout giardia, rain, and bears.



A Yosemite fire management crew.

Photo by Brian Grogan

## FIRE MANAGEMENT IN YOSEMITE

Fire managers in Yosemite realize that fire has been an essential part of the ecosystem for thousands of years and have used two tools since the early 1970s to restore the benefits of this natural process: *wildland fire* and *prescribed fire*.

*Wildland fires* that are caused by lightning may be allowed to burn under strictly monitored conditions in certain park wilderness areas. Since 1972, 532 lightning fires have been successfully managed by Yosemite National Park's fire staff. Where it is not prudent to allow fires to burn, the park has a policy of fire suppression combined with a prescribed fire program. *Prescribed fires* are ignited under approved conditions by qualified park fire staff to protect developed areas (like Yosemite Valley and Wawona) and in other areas with unnaturally high amounts of dead and down woody debris. Yosemite has safely conducted 188 prescribed burns since 1970.

All human caused wildland fires are immediately suppressed no matter where they

occur within the park.

All managed burns are normally signed from vantage points or along the roadways. Please heed all warning signs posted in fire areas. Occasionally, trails that are within or adjacent to fires need to be closed for safety reasons. Trail closings will be posted in the Valley's Wilderness Center and at appropriate trailheads.

Currently, there is a moratorium on both types of burning in the National Park System. To continue with fire hazard reduction in Yosemite, crews are manually clearing small trees and brush in Yosemite Valley, Mariposa Grove, and other park areas to prepare the areas for burning at a later date. Alternative methods for dealing with the debris will be experimented with this year as long as the moratorium lasts.

Visitors may obtain more information on Yosemite's Fire Management Program by visiting the exhibits in the Valley Visitor Center. If burning is permitted later this season, locations and status of the wildland and prescribed fires will be displayed in the Visitor Center and on a status board inside the Wilderness Center in Yosemite Village.



Within a few growing seasons of a fire, the forest floor is a lush mat of grasses, shrubs, and flowers. Photo by Keith Walklet

## Fire Safety

*Each year campfires, cigarettes, and human carelessness cause unwanted fires in Yosemite. These fires can be prevented by following a few simple rules.*

### CAMPFIRES

Build small campfires using only established campfire rings. Be aware of conditions such as weather and items nearby that could accidentally catch fire. Never leave a fire unattended. Put out campfires by stirring with water a half hour before you leave the site, and remember to carefully feel charred material to make certain the fire is out. See page 4 for campfire rules.



### PORTABLE CAMPING STOVES

Refuel stoves only when they are cold and in a well-ventilated area.



### CHARCOAL BRIQUETTES

Because charcoal uses oxygen rapidly, you should never use it in confined spaces, such as tents or vehicles. After use, dunk charcoal briquettes in water until cold. Check them carefully. Never empty hot or warm briquettes in trash dumpsters.



### CIGARETTES

Never smoke while walking or in an area with flammable materials. Crush butts completely before throwing them into a garbage can. Never throw cigarettes out of a car window.

## SAFE DRINKING WATER

Giardiasis is an intestinal disease caused by *Giardia lamblia*, a protozoan. Associated symptoms include chronic diarrhea, abdominal cramps, bloating, fatigue, and loss of weight. Treatment by a physician is necessary to kill the organism.

*Giardia lamblia* is carried by humans as well as some domestic and wild animals, and may contaminate lakes and streams. Whenever possible, only tap water should be used for drinking. If using surface water or melted snow, treat by boiling for 5 minutes or by using a Giardiated water filter. If used properly, an iodine-based purifier is another alternative.

The National Park Service is working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Department of Health Services to develop a program to ensure that the drinking water in Yosemite is protected. The program, one of the first in California, will be based on an assessment of potential threats to water sources.



## TICK-BORNE DISEASES

Be aware that ticks exist in the park, and consult your doctor if you believe you've been bitten. If you are diagnosed with Lyme disease or relapsing fever, and you believe you got it in Yosemite, have your doctor contact the Park Sanitarian at 209/379-1033.



# HELP YOUR PARK



## YOSEMITE ASSOCIATION

### JOIN THE YOSEMITE ASSOCIATION

The Yosemite Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the support of Yosemite National Park through a program of visitor services, publications, and membership activities. For over 70 years, the association has provided important financial support to the National Park Service, and has made possible the funding of many projects and purchases otherwise not affordable through normal government appropriations.

#### The Yosemite Association:

- Provides over \$300,000 annually to the National Park Service for its use in visitor information, educational, and interpretive programs.
- Publishes popular and award-winning books on Yosemite and operates bookstores in the park.
- Provides member-volunteers to work on meadows, trails, and other much-needed park restoration projects.
- Organizes over 60 outdoor classes and field seminars on natural history, Native American lifeways, art, and photography.
- Sponsors the Ostrander Ski Hut, Yosemite Theater, Art Activity Center, and other valuable programs.

Anyone who loves Yosemite and wishes to become more closely involved and affiliated with the park is encouraged to become a member of the Yosemite Association. Sign up for a membership through this *Yosemite Guide* and receive as a free gift *The Complete Guidebook to Yosemite National Park*. This book is informative and useful, lively and humorous, having earned the "Best National Park Guidebook" award from the National Park Service.

#### As a member, you will:

- Enjoy a 15% discount at Yosemite Association shops on all books, maps, and publications, as well as qualify for a discount on most field seminars.
- Have an opportunity to volunteer in Yosemite.
- Receive the quarterly journal, *Yosemite*, which features informative articles on both the natural and human history of the park.
- Have a chance to attend special members' events in the park.
- Have access to a members-only information line.
- Have the satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting significant projects in Yosemite National Park.

## PLEASE ENROLL ME AS A MEMBER OF THE YOSEMITE ASSOCIATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Joint/Family \$35  | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$500   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting \$50    | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$1,000                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> International \$40<br>(for members outside the U.S.) |

Yes, please send *The Complete Guidebook to Yosemite National Park*

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

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Daytime Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

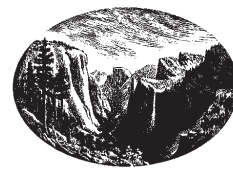
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P.O. Box 230, El Portal, CA 95318  
209/379-2646  
www.yosemite.org



## THE YOSEMITE FUND

### PROVIDING FOR YOSEMITE'S FUTURE

How do bears get into locked cars? What's the best way to store your cake—and eat it too?

During your Yosemite visit this summer, you may have the opportunity to test your bear knowledge via a visitor survey. The survey is part of a three-year study sponsored by The Yosemite Fund that examines the habitat use of Yosemite Valley black bears and the effectiveness of public information about them. Both portions

are critical to continuing the recent dramatic reduction in bear-related property damage and ensuring the welfare of Yosemite's bears.

The bear study is among the 50 projects supported this year by The Yosemite Fund, a non-profit organization that raises money from Yosemite enthusiasts to protect and restore the park and enhance the visitor's experience. Now in its 12th year, the Fund has provided over \$13 million for more than 150 projects. Thanks to gifts from dedicated "Friends of Yosemite," the Fund has:

- Installed 2,000 bear-proof food lockers throughout Yosemite
- Rehabilitated Cook's Meadow in the heart of Yosemite Valley
- Rebuilt numerous sections of Yosemite's 800+ miles of trails
- Expanded and renovated many Yosemite museums and information centers

This year, The Yosemite Fund seeks to sponsor many more projects including continued scientific research on Yosemite's wildlife, production of a new visitor orientation film, and educating school children

about Yosemite and natural resource protection.

You can help by becoming a Friend of Yosemite through a donation to the Fund. All donors of \$25 or more receive:

- *Yosemite Postcard Book*, featuring 15 extraordinary full-color views of Yosemite
- The Fund's semi-annual newsletter, *Approach*, featuring updates on the park and information about how your donation is helping Yosemite
- Acknowledgement at the Friends of Yosemite Honor Wall at the Valley Visitor Center

Please fill out the coupon below and become a Friend of Yosemite today.

## YES, I WANT TO JOIN THE FRIENDS OF YOSEMITE WHO PROVIDE FOR YOSEMITE'S FUTURE!

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift:

- |                               |                                |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000       |
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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check or money order, or charge to my VISA/MasterCard/AmEx

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

**Friends of Yosemite** receive the full-color *Yosemite Postcard Book* (\$25), beautiful Yosemite note cards (\$50) or the photo book, *Cycle of the Seasons* (\$100).

**John Muir Heritage Society** members, giving \$1,000 or more, receive invitations to events at Yosemite, a park entrance pass and other Society benefits.



THE YOSEMITE FUND  
Providing for Yosemite's Future

THE YOSEMITE FUND  
P.O. Box 637  
Yosemite, CA 95389  
415/434-1782  
www.yosemitefund.org



# JUST FOR KIDS

For activities especially for children, look for programs listed in color on pages 12-17.

## LITTLE CUBS WANTED!

Are you between the ages of 4 and 6? Yosemite has a program for YOU! *Little Cubs* is a self-guided booklet that encourages our young visitors and their families to discover Yosemite's wonders and earn a Little Cubs button. This booklet is sold in the Nature Center at Happy Isles, Yosemite Valley and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Centers, and Wawona and Big Oak Flat Information Stations.

## ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

Two historic landmarks in Yosemite Valley—the Nature Center at Happy Isles and LeConte Memorial Lodge—can help families with children explore and understand Yosemite's natural world. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., offers state-of-the-art exhibits, hands-on activities, and a small bookstore (near shuttle bus stop #15). LeConte Memorial Lodge (shuttle bus stop #11), open Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., features a children's corner and offers children's and family programs.

Enjoy the morning or afternoon with a professional naturalist and a small group of families to explore the wonders of Yosemite's natural world and cultural history. Working in partnership with Yosemite Concession Services (YCS), Yosemite Institute's "Discover Yosemite" program offers a hands-on exploratory adventure for families with children ages 6-15. Registration and information can be obtained at the front desk of any YCS lodging. Children are \$10 and parents are free. Each child must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. All sessions will depart from the Curry Village Amphitheater.

Check the activity schedules on pages 12-17 for information on specific children's program schedules and locations throughout the park. You'll find children's and family programs printed in color on these pages.

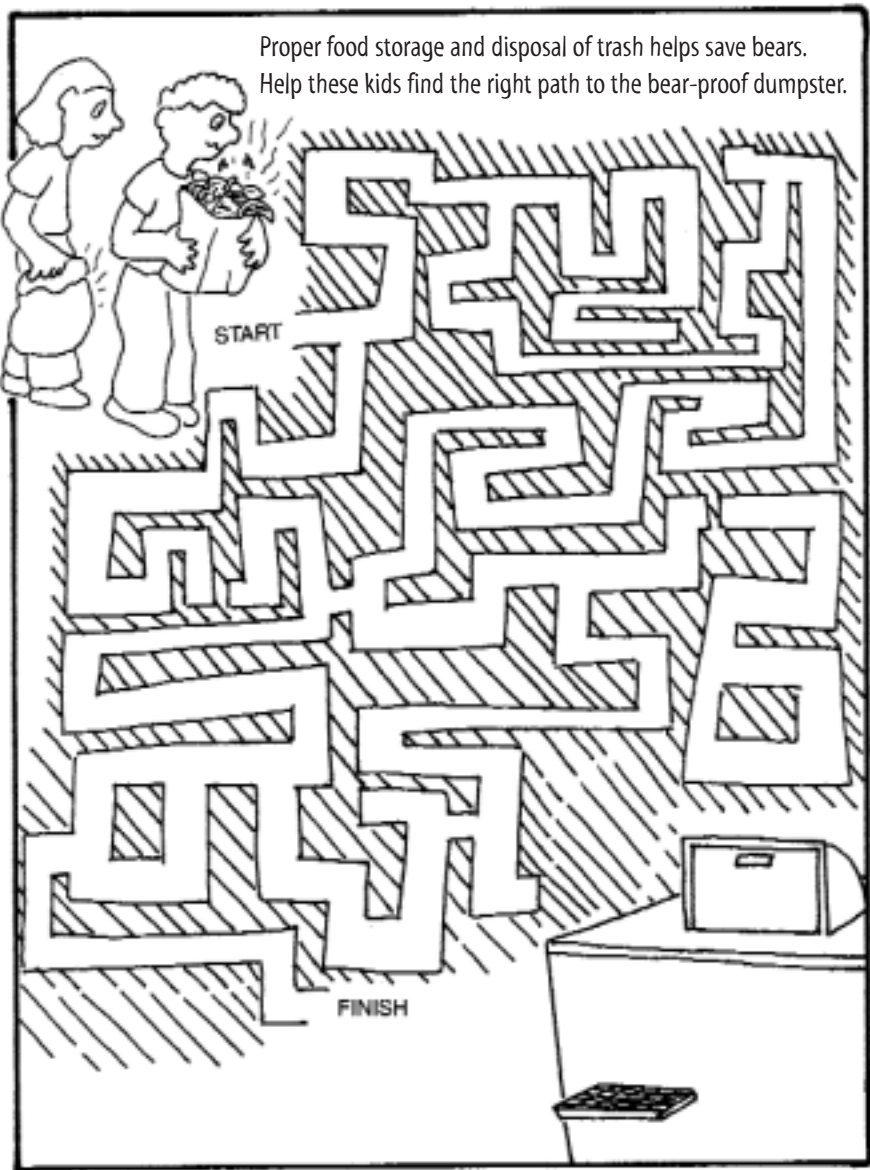
## Yosemite's Critters

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Many animals live in Yosemite though sometimes it's hard to find them. If you're patient and pay attention, you'll probably see some of the animals whose names are hidden in the block above. They can be found going up, down, across, or diagonally. Circle the words when you find them. Answers on page 18.

|              |           |             |
|--------------|-----------|-------------|
| GOPHER       | TREE FROG | COYOTE      |
| GARTER SNAKE | DEER      | MOSQUITO    |
| PIKA         | GROSBEAK  | MARMOT      |
| CHICKADEE    | MARTEN    | EAGLE       |
| TROUT        | FALCON    | PORCUPINE   |
| LADYBUG      | SQUIRREL  | GRASSHOPPER |
| JAY          | DRAGONFLY |             |

## Master a Maze



## BECOME A JUNIOR RANGER

Join a ranger on an adventure to discover the many wonders of Yosemite and earn a badge. Junior Ranger (ages 7-13) programs are offered for children in Yosemite Valley, Tuolumne Meadows, Wawona, and Crane Flat. Guided Junior Ranger Programs are free. Adults must accompany participants. A two-hour Guided Junior Ranger Program is offered every day at 10:00 a.m., at different locations.

### YOSEMITE VALLEY

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to noon  
Nature Center at Happy Isles

### TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to noon  
Lembert Dome parking area (ages 7-10 only)

### WAWONA

Thursday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to noon  
Wawona Campground Campfire Circle (July & August)

### CRANE FLAT

Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to noon  
Crane Flat Campfire Circle (ends August 19)

There is also a self-guided Junior Ranger program booklet. It is sold at the Nature Center at Happy Isles, Yosemite Valley and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Centers, and Wawona and Big Oak Flat Information Stations. In order to earn a Junior Ranger patch, children must complete the booklet, collect a bag of trash, and attend a guided program.



Master a Maze and Yosemite's Critters are based on the *Yosemite Fun Book* by Michael Elsohn Ross, available at stores throughout the park.



## What is the best way to visit Yosemite?

There is no "best way" to visit the park. Your experience in Yosemite depends on the time you have available and your interests. Many fine maps and books are sold in visitor centers and park stores to help plan your visit. Publications such as *Yosemite's Official Park Handbook*, published by the National Park Service, or *The Yosemite Visitor's Kit* are available at visitor centers, gift shops, or by mail from the Yosemite Association Bookstore, P.O. Box 230, El Portal, CA 95318, 209/379-2648, fax 209/379-2486, [yosemite.org](http://yosemite.org).

Remember that road and trail conditions and available services may change with the weather. **For current conditions and general information, call 209/372-0200.**

### TRANSPORTATION

**To and From Yosemite**  
VIA The Yosemite Connection / Gray Line  
209/384-1315 or in CA 800/369-PARK  
[www.via-adventures.com](http://www.via-adventures.com)

**FRESNO —**  
Service between Fresno/Yosemite International Airport and Fresno hotels to Yosemite Valley, seasonally. Wheelchair-lift equipped with advance notice. Schedule, prices, and reservations available by calling VIA or by visiting their web site.

**MERCED —**  
Service from Merced Amtrak Station and Transpo Center to Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Yosemite Lodge. Deluxe coaches provide several round-trips daily between Merced and Yosemite. Wheelchair-lift equipped with advance notice. Schedules available at Yosemite Lodge tour desk, Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, or by calling VIA or visiting their web site. Tickets can be purchased from drivers.

**The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)** gives park visitors a break from driving by providing transit service into Yosemite. This new voluntary operation provides scheduled round-trip transit service to Yosemite from outlying communities, including Merced, Mariposa, and Mammoth Lakes. Buses run at hours convenient to park visitors and offer seamless service with the existing shuttle bus system within the park. Summer service operates through September 17 and will resume in the summer of 2001. For schedule and service information, visit the YARTS web site at [www.yosemite.com/yarts](http://www.yosemite.com/yarts) or call toll free 877/98-YARTS (877/989-2787).

#### Within Yosemite

Free shuttle bus service is provided throughout the eastern portion of Yosemite Valley year-round. In summer, free shuttle buses run from **Wawona** to the **Mariposa Grove**, and from **Tioga Pass** to **Tenaya Lake**. Hikers' buses run daily to **Glacier Point** late spring through autumn and between **Tuolumne Meadows** and **Yosemite Valley** late June through Labor Day. Call 209/372-1240 for hikers' bus fee, schedule, and reservations, or stop by any tour desk.

### LODGING

Reservations for all overnight lodging in Yosemite can be made by calling 559/252-4848 or by writing to Central Reservations, Yosemite Concession Services, 5410 East Home, Fresno, CA 93727. Lodging in Yosemite Valley includes **Curry Village**, **Housekeeping Camp**, **Yosemite Lodge**, and **The Ahwahnee**. Lodging outside Yosemite Valley includes the **Wawona Hotel**, and in summer, **White Wolf Lodge** and **Tuolumne Meadows Lodge**. Rates range from \$45 per night for a basic tent cabin with nearby bathroom, to \$265.50 per night for a room at The Ahwahnee (rates are subject to change). Reservations are highly recommended and may be made up to 1 year and 1 day in advance.

## 1 YOSEMITE VALLEY

Yosemite Valley is world famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. It is generally open year-round and may be reached via Highway 41 from Fresno, Highway 140 from Merced (see "Important Road Information" on page 11), Highway 120 from Manteca, and in late spring through late fall via the Tioga Road (Highway 120) from Lee Vining. Many activities and services are available in Yosemite Valley. Detailed information on Yosemite Valley is available at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center in Yosemite Village. See map on the back panel, and for scheduled Valley activities, see pages 12-14.

## 2 MARIPOSA GROVE AND WAWONA

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), 2 miles from the park's South Entrance Station. The road to the Mariposa Grove is not plowed in winter and is subject to closure for extended periods. Activities include hiking, ranger-led walks, and tram tours of the Grove (weather permitting) late spring through fall. (Road work scheduled for the Mariposa Grove may reduce or eliminate tram operations.) Trail brochures, printed in English, French, Japanese, and Spanish are available at the Grove trailhead. **To reduce traffic congestion and avoid parking delays, ride the free shuttle bus (spring through fall) from Wawona to the Grove.**

The 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. Interpretive signs and a brochure provide a self-guiding tour of the Center year-round. See page 14 and 15 for activities and additional information about Wawona and the Mariposa Grove.

## 3 GLACIER POINT

Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and the High Sierra, is located 30 miles (1 hour) from Yosemite Valley. The view from Glacier Point provides an opportunity to see Yosemite Valley from its rim. From Yosemite Valley, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41) 14 miles to the Chinquapin junction, then turn left onto the Glacier Point Road. The road ends at Glacier Point. The Glacier Point Road is generally open from late spring through late fall. In winter, the road is plowed only as far as the Badger Pass Ski Area; Glacier Point can be reached via skis or snowshoes only. See page 16 for activities.

### LODGING AND ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE PARK

**YATI (Yosemite Area Traveller Information)**  
369 W. 18th Street  
Merced, CA 95340  
[www.yosemite.com](http://www.yosemite.com)

**West Highway 120**  
Highway 120 Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 1263  
Hotel Charlotte, Suite B  
Groveland, CA 95321  
800/449-9120 or 209/962-0429

**Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau**  
P.O. Box 4020  
55 West Stockton Street  
Sonora, CA 95370  
800/446-1333 or 209/533-4420  
[www.thegreatunfenced.com](http://www.thegreatunfenced.com)

**Highway 41**  
Yosemite Sierra Visitor Bureau  
40637 Highway 41  
Oakhurst, CA 93644  
559/683-4636  
[www.sierranet.net/~ysvb](http://www.sierranet.net/~ysvb)

**Highway 132/49**  
Coulterville Visitor Center  
P.O. Box 333  
5007 Main Street  
Coulterville, CA 95311  
209/878-3074

**Highway 140/49**  
Mariposa Visitor Center  
(also info. for Fish Camp, Wawona, Yosemite West)  
P.O. Box 425  
5158 Highway 140  
Mariposa, CA 95338  
800/208-2434 or 209/966-2456  
[mariposa.yosemite.net/visitor](http://mariposa.yosemite.net/visitor)

**East Highway 120**  
Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce  
and Mono Lake Visitor Center  
P.O. Box 130  
Highway 395 and 3rd Street  
Lee Vining, CA 93541  
760/647-6629  
[www.leevining.com](http://www.leevining.com)

### ENTRANCE FEES

THE PARK IS OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY,  
YEAR-ROUND.  
(fees subject to change)

| TYPE                                 | PRICE | NOTES   |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---|
| Vehicle                              | \$20  | Valid for 7 days.   |
| Individual                           | \$10  | In a bus, on foot, bicycle, motorcycle, or horse. Valid for 7 days.     |
| Yosemite Pass                        | \$40  | Valid for 1 year in Yosemite.   |
| National Parks Pass NEW (see page 6) | \$50  | Valid for 1 year in all national park areas.                            |
| Golden Eagle Pass                    | \$65  | Valid for 1 year in all federal fee areas.                              |
| Golden Age Pass (Lifetime)           | \$10  | For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.                   |
| Golden Access Pass (Lifetime)        | Free  | For blind or permanently disabled U.S. citizens or permanent residents. |

### UserFee

improves this park

Eighty percent of your \$20 entrance fee remains in Yosemite. Thanks to the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program, approved by Congress in 1995, entrance fees have been temporarily raised to help fund projects that improve the park and your visit. Projects currently underway include:

- Repairing the deteriorated sewer line that services all of Yosemite Valley
- Refurbishing the multi-purpose auditorium in Yosemite Valley

The park is awaiting approval on many other maintenance, visitor services, and natural and cultural restoration projects including:

- Replacing picnic tables, fire rings, and signs in campgrounds parkwide
- Refurbishing roads, trails, and utilities throughout the park
- Improving the shuttle bus service in Yosemite Valley

Yosemite anticipates earning \$51 million by 2001 and completing approved projects by 2004.



# YOUR VISIT

## Yosemite National Park



### 4 CRANE FLAT

Crane Flat is a pleasant forest and meadow area located 16 miles from Yosemite Valley at the junction of the Big Oak Flat Road and the Tioga Road. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area located on the Tioga Road (Highway 120), and walk 1 mile down to the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias. In winter, snowshoes or cross-country skis may be needed. For activities and area information, see page 16.

Or take a 4-mile round-trip hike or ski into the Merced Grove of Giant Sequoias, located 3.5 miles north of Crane Flat or 4.5 miles south of the Big Oak Flat entrance along the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). The trailhead is marked by a post labeled B-10 and a road sign.

### 5 TIOGA ROAD AND TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

The Tioga Road is generally open from late spring through late fall and offers a 39-mile scenic drive through forests and past meadows, lakes, and granite domes. The road's elevation ranges from 6,200 feet at Crane Flat to 9,900 feet at Tioga Pass. There are many scenic and recreational opportunities in these areas. Check visitor centers and park bulletin boards for updated information on available services and activities. From late fall through late spring, this area is only accessible by cross-country skis or snowshoes. See page 17 for activities.

### 6 HETCH HETCHY

Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water for the city of San Francisco, is also home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many less-used wilderness trails. Towering cliffs and high waterfalls are easily seen from the walkway on top of O'Shaughnessy Dam. Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles from Yosemite Valley via Highway 120 and Evergreen and Hetch Hetchy Roads. Vehicles over 25 feet are prohibited on the road due to its narrowness.

Tuolumne Meadows (summer), Glacier Point, Wawona, and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias (spring through fall). Two-hour moonlight tours show Yosemite in a different light during summer months. In winter, tours are conducted on heated and enclosed motor coaches; stops are made at the best-known scenic locations in Yosemite Valley. There is a fee for all sightseeing tours. For reservations and more information, call 209/372-1240 or stop by any hotel tour desk.

#### RECREATION

**Bicycling** More than 12 miles of paved bikeways wind through the eastern end of Yosemite Valley. Weather permitting, rental bikes, baby jogging strollers, and bicycle child trailers are available at Yosemite Lodge (all seasons) and Curry Village (summer). Check with rental agent for restrictions on rental bike use.

#### Bike Rules

**For your safety and to protect Yosemite National Park, please follow these rules:**

- California law mandates bicyclists under 18 years of age wear helmets.
- Bikes are allowed only on paved bikeways and park roads (unless the road is closed to bicycle use).
- All bikes are prohibited from pedestrian and hiking trails and off roads.
- Bicyclists must obey all posted traffic signs and travel with the flow of traffic when on roadways used by automobiles.
- Bicycles are not allowed in the construction zone on the El Portal Road.

**Horseback Riding** Weather and trail conditions permitting, 2-hour and half-day rides depart from stables in Yosemite Valley, Tuolumne Meadows, and Wawona (spring through fall). Call 209/372-8348 for information or see page 19.

#### Hiking & Backpacking

Yosemite offers over 800 miles of hiking trails parkwide. For updated trail information, visit the Wilderness Center in Yosemite Valley or call 209/372-0200. Wilderness permits are required for overnight backcountry users. For wilderness permit information and reservations, call 209/372-0740. For some ideas on hiking, as well as information about backpacking, see page 5.

#### Rock Climbing Classes

The Yosemite Mountaineering School and Guide Service offers beginner through advanced classes in Yosemite Valley spring through fall, and in Tuolumne Meadows in summer. See page 19 or call 209/372-8344 for information.

## Who To Call...

### INFORMATION

- Recorded General Park Information including: Road & Weather Conditions, Trip Planning Information, etc.** 209/372-0200
- Western U.S. National Parks** 415/556-0560
- On The Web** (see page 6)
  - NPS Home Page** [www.nps.gov/yose/](http://www.nps.gov/yose/)
  - Yosemite Concession Services** [www.yosemitepark.com](http://www.yosemitepark.com)
  - Camping Reservations** [reservations.nps.gov](http://reservations.nps.gov)
  - Yosemite Area Traveller Info.** [www.yosemite.com](http://www.yosemite.com)
  - Yosemite Association** [yosemite.org](http://yosemite.org)
  - Yosemite Institute** [www.yni.org](http://www.yni.org)
  - Yosemite Fund** [www.yosemitedfund.org](http://www.yosemitedfund.org)
  - The Ansel Adams Gallery** [www.anseladams.com](http://www.anseladams.com)
  - VIA/Gray Line** [www.via-adventures.com](http://www.via-adventures.com)

### RESERVATIONS

- Lodging Reservations** 559/252-4848 TDD 559/255-8345
- Campground Reservations** (callers from U.S. and Canada) 800/436-7275 TDD 888/530-9796
- Campground Reservations** (International callers only) 301/722-1257

### AVERAGE PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURES IN YOSEMITE VALLEY (4,000 FT/1,220 M)\*

| MONTH         | PRECIPITATION (inches/cm) | MAXIMUM (F°/C°) | MINIMUM (F°/C°) |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| January       | 6.2/15.7                  | 49/9            | 26/-3           |
| February      | 6.1/15.5                  | 55/13           | 28/-2           |
| March         | 5.2/13.2                  | 59/15           | 31/-0           |
| April         | 3.0/7.6                   | 65/18           | 35/2            |
| May           | 1.3/3.3                   | 73/23           | 42/5            |
| June          | 0.7/1.8                   | 82/28           | 48/9            |
| July          | 0.4/1.0                   | 90/32           | 54/12           |
| August        | 0.3/0.8                   | 90/32           | 53/11           |
| September     | 0.9/2.3                   | 87/30           | 47/8            |
| October       | 2.1/5.3                   | 74/23           | 39/4            |
| November      | 5.5/14                    | 58/14           | 31/-0           |
| December      | 5.6/14.2                  | 48/9            | 26/-3           |
| <b>Annual</b> | <b>37.3/94.7</b>          |                 |                 |

\*For temperatures at 8,000 feet (2,440 m), subtract 10-20 degrees.

## VISITOR CENTERS

The four visitor centers in Yosemite National Park are excellent resources for park information, wilderness permits, and park-related publications and handouts.

#### YOSEMITE VALLEY VISITOR CENTER

Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. See page 12 for more information.

#### BIG OAK FLAT INFORMATION STATION

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. See page 16 for more information.

#### WAWONA INFORMATION STATION

Open daily 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch). See page 14 for more information.

#### TUOLUMNE MEADOWS VISITOR CENTER

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. See page 17 for more information.

## VISITOR ACTIVITIES

#### PROGRAMS AND EXHIBITS

Naturalist-guided walks and programs as well as self-guided walks are available. Cultural history demonstrations of basket-weaving, beadwork, or traditional games are offered at the Indian Cultural Exhibit in Yosemite Valley. Other exhibits are in the Valley Visitor Center, Yosemite Museum, Nature Center at Happy Isles (summer), LeConte Memorial Lodge (summer), Wilderness Center, and The Ansel Adams Gallery. Check park visitor centers and bulletin boards for additional information, and see activities listed on pages 12-17.

#### TOURS

For a relaxing and informative experience, take a sightseeing tour on a bus or open-air tram (weather permitting). These tours, narrated by knowledgeable guides, operate daily to most points of interest in the park, including Yosemite Valley (year-round),

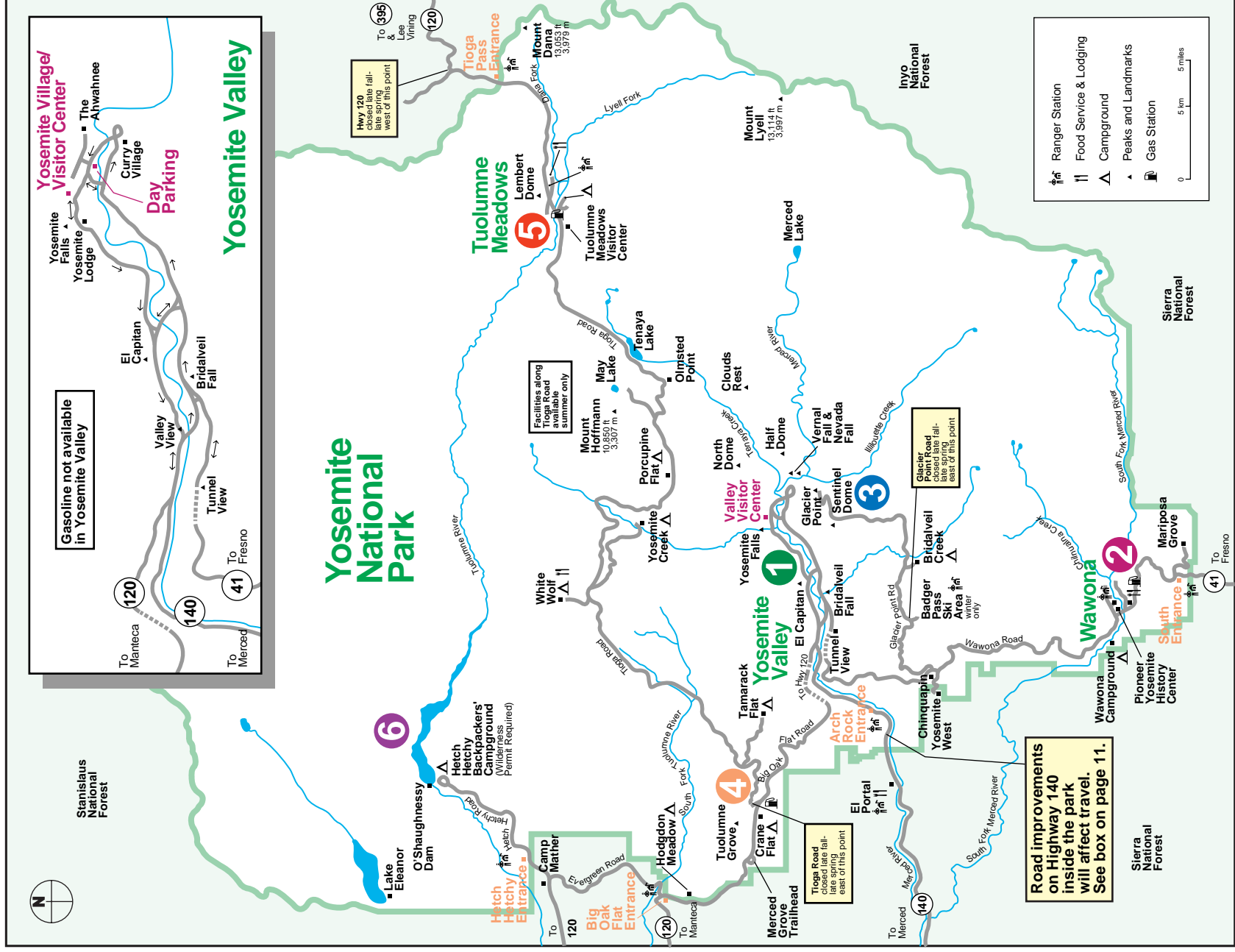
Services for deaf visitors will be available during the summer months, June through August. For further information or to request an interpreter for specific dates during the late spring and summer, call Deaf Services Coordinator, Nanette Oswald at 209/372-4726 (TDD) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily, or write to: Deaf Services Program, Valley Interpretation, P.O. Box 577, Yosemite, CA 95389. The TDD number for lodging reservations is 559/255-8345. The TDD number for campground reservations is 888/530-9796. Campground reservations can be made online at [reservations.nps.gov](http://reservations.nps.gov) between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Pacific time.





# PLANNING YOUR VISIT

## AREAS TO VISIT IN YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK



Gasoline not available in Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Village/Visitor Center

Day Parking

Yosemite Valley

Road improvements on Highway 140 inside the park will affect travel. See box on page 11.





# ACTIVITIES

## YOSEMITE VALLEY

### VALLEY VISITOR CENTER

Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle bus stops #3 and #7). Information, maps, books, exhibits, and a multilingual *One Day in Yosemite* program. ♻️

#### YOSEMITE: ITS GRACE AND GRANDEUR

This inspiring audiovisual program provides a good introduction to Yosemite's splendor. It is shown regularly in the Visitor Center Auditorium; show times are posted on auditorium doors (ends July 9). ♻️

#### DRAFT YOSEMITE VALLEY PLAN

"Yosemite's Future" Open House—An open house for the Yosemite Valley Plan will be held every Wednesday through Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. through early July in the Valley Visitor Center Auditorium. Join a Yosemite National Park staff member to view exhibits and text about the *Draft Yosemite Valley Plan*. Materials will be on hand for you to review; you are also invited to submit written comments on the plan during the official public comment period through early July. ♻️

### ANSEL ADAMS GALLERY

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village next to the Visitor Center. The Gallery offers works of Ansel Adams and contemporary photographers. For more information, call the Gallery at 209/372-4413 or visit their web site at [www.anseladams.com](http://www.anseladams.com). ♻️

#### GALLERY EXHIBITS

July 6-August 15: Photography of Barbara Brundage

August 16-September 30: Images by Michael Frye to coincide with the release of his new book from the Yosemite Association, *The Photographer's Guide to Yosemite*.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

June 20-July 5: Premier of the new film "Yosemite, Ascending Rhythm, They Climb in Beauty" by Sterling Johnson. Flat panel display with theater sound system will be installed for viewing in the Gallery. Special Yosemite climbing exhibit coincides with premier.



This symbol indicates programs and facilities suitable for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

### NATURE CENTER AT HAPPY ISLES

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This family-oriented nature center includes natural history exhibits, interactive displays, and a bookstore geared to nature-exploring families. Nearby are short trails focusing on the area's four different environments; forest, river, talus, and fen. You can also see substantial evidence of the huge 1996 rockfall from the Glacier Point cliff far above the Nature Center. The Center is a short walk from shuttle bus stop #15. ♻️

### YOSEMITE MUSEUM

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. ♻️

#### INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

Open daily 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Displays interpret the cultural history of Yosemite's native Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Demonstrations of basket-weaving, beadwork, and/or traditional games are presented.

#### MUSEUM GALLERY

Open daily 10:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Historic paintings from the Yosemite Museum collection.

#### THE MUSEUM SHOP

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Offering traditional American Indian arts and crafts and books on related subjects.

### THE INDIAN VILLAGE OF AHWAHNEE

Located behind the Yosemite Museum and always open. Join Indian Cultural Program staff for demonstrations or programs about Ahwahneechee skills and culture. Programs are usually offered from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. inside the Indian Cultural Exhibit or outside in the Indian Village of Ahwahnee. Inquire in the Indian Cultural Exhibit for daily schedule. ♻️

### LECONTE MEMORIAL LODGE

Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Located at shuttle stop #11. The LeConte Memorial Lodge, Yosemite's first public visitor center, is operated by the Sierra Club and features a children's corner, library, and a variety of environmental education and evening programs. For more information on programs, see activities scheduled below, bulletin boards at the LeConte Memorial, campgrounds, Valley Visitor Center, and post office. You may also call 209/372-4542.

### WILDERNESS CENTER

Open daily 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village between The Ansel Adams Gallery and the post office. One-stop resource for backpackers in need of wilderness permits, maps, and guidebooks. Displays and information on pre-trip planning, minimum impact camping techniques, and Yosemite wilderness. ♻️

### SELF-GUIDING TRAILS

There are four self-guiding trails in Yosemite Valley: two near the Visitor Center in the Yosemite Village area, one at the east end of the Valley near Mirror Lake, and one commemorating the history of Curry Village.

*The Miwok in Yosemite* is a short loop trail that winds through the Indian Village of Ahwahnee, a reconstructed Miwok-Paiute village. A booklet is available at the trailhead and in the Visitor Center. Large print materials are available in the Visitor Center for the visually impaired. The trail begins behind the Yosemite Museum. ♻️

*Changing Yosemite* is a 1-mile trail that begins in front of the Visitor Center, near shuttle bus stop #3. It winds through a nearby meadow and explores the changes that have led to the Yosemite we experience today. A booklet is available at the trailhead, and large print materials are available for the visually impaired at the Visitor Center. ♻️

*Mirror Lake Interpretive Trail* is a short loop adjacent to Mirror Lake, a seasonal lake on Tenaya Creek. Exhibits focus on the rich natural history of the area, Native American use, and history of this popular destination. To reach the start of the trail, walk 1 mile from shuttle bus stop #16 to the disabled parking spaces near the lake. The self-guiding trail begins here. ♻️

*The Legacy of Curry Village* is an easy stroll commemorating the early days of Camp Curry. Pick up a map and guide at the Curry Village front desk or tour desk.

### YOSEMITE CEMETERY

This historic cemetery is located across the street and just west of the Yosemite Museum. People buried here include Native Americans, casual park visitors, and people who played important roles in the development of what is now Yosemite National Park. A *Guide to the Yosemite Cemetery* is available at the Valley Visitor Center.

## WALKS AND TALKS

Join a ranger or naturalist for an easy walk to explore Yosemite's natural and cultural history. Programs are usually offered mornings and afternoons daily. Topics may include geology, forest ecology, wildlife, human history, and current park management issues.

A special "Yosemite Buffalo Soldiers" walk, presented by ranger Shelton Johnson, may also be available; check at the Valley Visitor Center for specific schedule information.

## CAMERA PROGRAMS

Join professional photographers from Kodak or The Ansel Adams Gallery as they help you discover Yosemite through the camera's eye. Various photo walks occur daily and range from capturing the dramatic light of sunrise or sunset, to offering tips on how to take great pictures in Yosemite. Some walks have limited space and require advance sign-up; check listings below.

## EVENING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Evening programs include talks, films, slide presentations, storytelling, and music about Yosemite's human and/or natural heritage. Offered by National Park Service rangers, or staff from Yosemite Concession Services, Sierra Club, and Kodak. These programs last one hour and are usually held outdoors (weather permitting) unless otherwise noted.

The *Twilight Walk*, led by an NPS ranger, explores the magical time of dusk in Yosemite Valley. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight.



other performances this season. *Conversation With a Tramp* is a moving performance detailing Muir's action surrounding his spirited defense of Hetch Hetchy Valley. *The Spirit of John Muir* details Muir's wild side and is filled with exciting tales of his mountain adventures. Each show is 1½ hours. Tickets are \$7/adults, \$6/senior, and \$3/children (12 and under).

#### MUSIC FOR ALL AGES

Come laugh, sing, dance, and listen to Gail Dreifus and Denise Ludington's Recycled String Band as their upbeat, educational programs celebrate Yosemite and the environment. *Wild Ecology Tunes* will take you on a musical adventure from Yosemite to the rain forest, while *Yosemite By Song and Story* weaves together many of Yosemite's highlights, from

waterfalls to black bears. On Wednesday nights the band will be playing at the Happy Isles campfire circle...s'mores are included! Each show is one hour. Tickets are \$6/adult, \$5/senior (62+), and \$3/children (12 and under).

#### PIONEER WOMAN VISITS YOSEMITE

Sarah Hawkins invites you to share her experiences as a pioneer woman in her two performances, *Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a Fourth Marriage, Part One* and *Sarah Hawkins-Pickaxes and Petticoats, Part Two*. Actress Connie Stetson portrays the independent Sarah Hawkins and tells of her wagon train trek, and of her adventures with the gold-seeking 49ers in part one of the series. Part two continues with more true stories of the gold rush and reveals Sarah's answer to Apple Abbott's marriage proposal. Parts one and two can be seen in any order. Each show is 1 hour. Tickets are \$6/adult, \$5/senior (62+), and \$3/children (12 and under).



Come help Yosemite Theatre celebrate its seventeenth season! The National Park Service recognizes Yosemite Theatre as the best interpretive program of its type in the National Park System. Tickets may be purchased at the Valley Visitor Center, the Yosemite Lodge tour desk, or if seating is still available, at the time of performance. Unless indicated below, all shows are given at the Visitor Center auditoriums and are wheelchair accessible. See schedule below for dates and times.

#### JOHN MUIR IN YOSEMITE NEW! *The Tramp and The Roughrider*

Join John Muir and President Theodore Roosevelt at their historic meeting at Glacier Point! This new production, featuring Lee Stetson as John Muir, and Doug Brennan as President Theodore Roosevelt, illuminates the 1903 encounter between these two extraordinary men as they trade opinions, stories and adventures, and talk of "doing some forest good."



#### MORE MUIR

Actor Lee Stetson's vibrant portrayal of John Muir has enthralled Yosemite visitors for the past 17 years. See him in two



Yosemite Theater programs are in shaded boxes below and are offered for a fee. See prices above.

YCS = Yosemite Concession Services  
NPS = National Park Service  
AAG = Ansel Adams Gallery

YI = Yosemite Institute  
YA = Yosemite Association  
\$ = Program offered for a fee

Programs listed below in color are especially for children and families.

## MONDAY

9:00 a.m.  
Photo Walk & Class (basic skills), 1½ to 2 hours  
Sign up/meet on Gallery porch, space limited to 15  
Weather permitting (AAG)

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk—Survival Arts of the Ahwahneechee, 1 to 1½ hours  
Behind Visitor Center ♻️

Ranger Walk—Junior Rangers, 2 hours, see "Just for Kids" page 9

1:00 p.m.  
Ranger Walk/Talk—The Bear Facts, 1 to 1½ hours  
Curry Village Amphitheater

2:00 p.m.  
Ranger Walk—Yosemite's Legacy, 1 to 1½ hours, front of Visitor Center ♻️

6:45 p.m.  
Twilight Stroll (August & September), 1 hour, Ahwahnee outdoor patio (YCS)

7:00 p.m.  
Yosemite Theatre—Yosemite by Song and Story (except July 3, 17, August 14 & 21) 1 hour, Visitor Center Auditorium \$ ♻️

7:30 p.m.  
Twilight Stroll (June & July), 1 hour, Ahwahnee outdoor patio (YCS)

8:30 p.m.  
Evening Program, 1 hour, Lower Pines Amphitheater (NPS) ♻️  
Family Evening Program, 1 hour, Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) ♻️  
Starry Skies Over Yosemite Valley (August & September), 1 hour  
Sign up/details at any lodge tour desk, meet near Yosemite Lodge \$ (YCS)

9:00 p.m.  
Starry Skies Over Yosemite Valley (June and July), 1 hour,  
Sign up/details at any lodge tour desk, meet near Yosemite Lodge \$ (YCS)



# ACTIVITIES

## YOSEMITE VALLEY

### TUESDAY (No NPS Ranger Programs August 8)

- 6:30 a.m.**  
Sunrise Photo Walk (June & July), 2 hours  
Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge tour desk (Kodak/YCS)
- 7:00 a.m.**  
Sunrise Photo Walk (August), 2 hours  
Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge tour desk (Kodak/YCS)
- 9:00 a.m.**  
How Do You Catch a Fish in Yosemite? 1 to 1½ hours  
Meet in front of the Village Sport Shop, near shuttle bus stop #2 (YCS)
- 10:00 a.m.**  
Ranger Walk/Talk—Yosemite Wildlife, 1 to 1½ hours  
Front of Visitor Center ☼
- Yosemite Photo Tips Walk, ½ hour  
Front porch Nature Center at Happy Isles (Kodak/YCS)
- 10:30 a.m.**  
Yosemite Photo Tips Walk, ½ hour  
Front porch Nature Center at Happy Isles (Kodak/YCS)
- 1:00 p.m.**  
Ranger Walk/Talk—The Bear Facts, 1 to 1½ hours  
Curry Village Amphitheater ☼
- 2:00 p.m.**  
Discover Yosemite Family Program, 3 hours  
Sign up/details at any lodge tour desk \$ (YCS/YI)  
Ranger Walk—Small Wonders, 1 to 1½ hours, shuttle bus stop #15 ☼
- 6:30 p.m.**  
Twilight Ranger Walk (August 15 & 22 only), 1½ hours  
Shuttle bus stop #13
- 7:00 p.m.**  
Yosemite Theatre—Wild Ecology Tunes (except August 15 & 22), 1 hour  
Visitor Center Auditorium \$ ☼
- 7:30 p.m.**  
Twilight Ranger Walk (ends August 8), 1½ hours, shuttle bus stop #13  
Old-fashioned Campfire & Sing-along with S'mores!  
1½ hours, tickets/information at any lodge tour desk or Valley Visitor Center  
Takes place near Curry Village \$ (YCS/YI)
- 8:00 p.m.**  
Yosemite Theatre—John Muir: Conversation With a Tramp  
(except June 20, July 4 & August 22), 1½ hours, Visitor Center Auditorium \$ ☼
- 8:30 p.m.**  
Evening Program—Picturing Yosemite's Treasures, 1 hour, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (Kodak/YCS) ☼  
Evening Program, 1 hour, Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS) ☼  
Yosemite Theatre—Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a Fourth Marriage, Part 1  
(ends June 27), 1 hour, Visitor Center Auditorium \$ ☼

### WEDNESDAY (No NPS Ranger Programs July 19)

- 6:30 a.m.**  
Sunrise Photo Walk (June & July), 2 hours  
Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge tour desk (Kodak/YCS)
- 7:00 a.m.**  
Sunrise Photo Walk (August), 2 hours  
Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge tour desk (Kodak/YCS)
- 10:00 a.m.**  
Ranger Walk—Junior Rangers, 2 hours, see "Just for Kids" page 9  
Children's Photo Walk, 1 hour, Ahwahnee Concierge desk  
Ages 6-12 and accompanied by legal guardian (Kodak/YCS)  
Discover Yosemite Family Program, 3 hours  
Sign up/details at any lodge tour desk \$ (YCS/YI)
- 1:00 p.m.**  
Ranger Walk/Talk—The Bear Facts, 1 to 1½ hours, shuttle bus stop #17
- 2:00 p.m.**  
Discover Yosemite Family Program, 4 hours  
Sign up/details at any lodge tour desk \$ (YCS/YI)  
Ranger Walk—Merced Meanders, 1 to 1½ hours, shuttle bus stops #12 & 20
- 5:30 p.m.**  
Mewu Eh—Indian Roundhouse Program (begins June 28), 1 to 1½ hours  
Behind Visitor Center ☼
- 6:45 p.m.**  
Twilight Stroll (August & September), 1 hour, Ahwahnee outdoor patio (YCS)
- 7:30 p.m.**  
Twilight Stroll (June & July), 1 hour, Ahwahnee outdoor patio (YCS)  
Yosemite Theatre—Old-fashioned Campfire & Sing-along with the Recycled String Band! (except August 16 & 23), 1½ hours, tickets/information at any lodge tour desk or Valley Visitor Center, takes place near Curry Village \$ (YCS/YA)
- 8:00 p.m.**  
Yosemite Theatre—John Muir: The Tramp & the Roughrider  
(except June 21, July 5, & August 23), 1½ hours, Visitor Center Auditorium \$ ☼  
Animals and Their Senses (July 5, August 2 & 23 only), 1 hour  
Shuttle bus stop #11, LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)
- 8:30 p.m.**  
Evening Program, 1 hour, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS/AAG) ☼  
Evening Program, 1 hour, Lower Pines Amphitheater (NPS) ☼  
Evening Program—Yosemite, Picturing its Treasures, 1 hour  
Curry Village Amphitheater (Kodak/YCS) ☼  
Film—Ansel Adams, Photographer, 1 hour  
Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (AAG) ☼  
Yosemite Theatre—Sarah Hawkins: Pickaxes and Petticoats, Part 2  
(ends June 28) 1 hour, Visitor Center Auditorium \$ ☼

### THURSDAY

- 6:30 a.m.**  
Sunrise Photo Walk (June & July), 2 hours  
Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge tour desk (Kodak/YCS)
- 7:00 a.m.**  
Sunrise Photo Walk (August), 2 hours  
Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge tour desk (Kodak/YCS)

- 9:00 a.m.**  
Digital Imaging Demonstration, 1 hour, sign up/takes place at Gallery Limited to 10 (AAG) ☼
- 10:00 a.m.**  
Ranger Walk—Edges and Open Places, 1 to 1½ hours, shuttle bus stop #6 ☼  
Yosemite Photo Tips Walk, ½ hour  
Front porch Nature Center at Happy Isles (Kodak/YCS)  
All About Bears (June 22, July 6, 13, August 3 & 24 only), 2 hours  
Shuttle bus stop #11, LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)
- 10:30 a.m.**  
Yosemite Photo Tips Walk, ½ hour  
Front porch Nature Center at Happy Isles (Kodak/YCS)
- 1:00 p.m.**  
Ranger Talk—The Bear Facts, 1 to 1½ hours  
Curry Village Amphitheater ☼
- 1:30 p.m.**  
Dynamic Moments in Nature (June 22, July 6, 13, August 3 & 24 only)  
2 hours, shuttle bus stop #15 (Sierra Club)
- 2:00 p.m.**  
Ranger Walk—Yosemite's Living Landscape (geology), 1 to 1½ hours  
Shuttle bus stop #15 ☼  
Old Yosemite Village History Walk, 1 to 1½ hours  
Shuttle bus stop #10 (YCS)  
Discover Yosemite Family Program, 3 hours  
Sign up/details at any lodge tour desk \$ (YCS/YI)
- 6:30 p.m.**  
Twilight Ranger Walk (August 17 & 24 only), 1½ hours  
Shuttle bus stop #17
- 7:00 p.m.**  
Yosemite Theatre—Wild Ecology Tunes (June 22, 29 & July 6 only), 1 hour  
Visitor Center Auditorium \$ ☼
- 7:30 p.m.**  
Twilight Ranger Walk (ends August 10), 1½ hours, shuttle bus stop #17  
Old-fashioned Campfire & Sing-along with S'mores! 1½ hours  
Tickets/information at any lodge tour desk or Valley Visitor Center  
Takes place near Curry Village \$ (YCS/YI)
- 8:00 p.m.**  
Evening Program (June 22 only), 1 hour  
LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)  
Yosemite Theatre—Spirit of John Muir (except July 6), 1½ hours  
Visitor Center Auditorium \$ ☼
- 8:30 p.m.**  
Family Evening Program, 1 hour, Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) ☼  
Evening Program, 1 hour, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (NPS) ☼  
Yosemite Theatre—Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a Fourth Marriage, Part 1  
(ends June 29), 1 hour, Visitor Center Auditorium \$ ☼

### FRIDAY

- 6:30 a.m.**  
Sunrise Photo Walk (June & July), 2 hours  
Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge tour desk (Kodak/YCS)
- 7:00 a.m.**  
Sunrise Photo Walk (August), 2 hours  
Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge tour desk (Kodak/YCS)
- 10:00 a.m.**  
Firefall, the "Stentor," Dancehalls of Curry Village—A Walk Back in Time  
(except September 1), 1 to 1½ hours, Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS)  
Ranger Walk/Talk—Ahwahneechee Stories and Games, 1 to 1½ hours  
Behind the Visitor Center ☼  
Ranger Walk—Junior Rangers, 2 hours, see "Just For Kids" page 9  
The Stories Nature Tells (June 23, July 7, 14, August 4, 25 & September 1 only)  
2 hours, shuttle bus stop #11, LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)
- 1:00 p.m.**  
Ranger Walk/Talk—The Bear Facts, 1 to 1½ hours  
Curry Village Amphitheater
- 1:30 p.m.**  
Aquatic Field Trip (June 23, July 7, 14, August 4, 25 & September 1 only)  
2 hours, shuttle bus stop #15 (Sierra Club)
- 2:00 p.m.**  
Discover Yosemite Family Program, 4 hours  
Sign up/details at any lodge tour desk \$ (YCS/YI)  
Ranger Walk—Plants Big & Small, 1 to 1½ hours, shuttle bus stop "A"
- 7:30 p.m.**  
Old-fashioned Campfire & Sing-along with S'mores! 1½ hours  
Tickets/information at any lodge tour desk or Valley Visitor Center  
Takes place near Curry Village \$ (YCS/YI)
- 8:00 p.m.**  
Evening Program, 1 hour, LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)  
Earthy Tunes (July 21 only), 1 hour, LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)  
Evening Adventure: Wonders of the Night (June 23, July 7, 14, August 4, 25 & September 1 only), 2 hours, shuttle bus stop #10 (Sierra Club)  
Yosemite Theatre—John Muir: The Tramp & the Roughrider  
(except June 23, 30 & July 7), 1½ hours, Visitor Center Auditorium \$ ☼  
Yosemite Theatre—Spirit of John Muir (June 23 & 30 only), 1½ hours  
Visitor Center Auditorium \$ ☼
- 8:30 p.m.**  
Evening Program, 1 hour, Lower Pines Amphitheater (NPS) ☼  
Evening Program, 1 hour, Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) ☼  
Evening Program—Picturing Yosemite's Treasures, 1 hour  
Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (Kodak/YCS) ☼  
Yosemite Theatre—Sarah Hawkins: Pickaxes and Petticoats, Part 2  
(ends June 30), 1 hour, Visitor Center Auditorium \$ ☼

## Yosemite Theatre presents

# THE TRAMP AND THE ROUGH RIDER

A  
New  
Production

Join John Muir and President Theodore Roosevelt at their historic meeting at Glacier Point! This new production, featuring Lee Stetson as John Muir and Doug Brennan as President Theodore Roosevelt, illuminates the 1903 encounter between these two extraordinary men as they trade opinions, stories and adventures, and talk of "doing some forest good."





# YOSEMITE VALLEY & WAWONA



## SATURDAY

**6:30 a.m.**  
Sunrise Photo Walk (*June & July*), 2 hours  
Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge tour desk (Kodak/YCS)

**7:00 a.m.**  
Sunrise Photo Walk (*August*), 2 hours  
Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge tour desk (Kodak/YCS)

**9:00 a.m.**  
Photo Walk & Class (black & white), 1½ to 2 hours  
Sign up/meet on Gallery porch, limited to 15, weather permitting (AAG)

**10:00 a.m.**  
Ranger Walk/Talk—Granite & Ice (geology), 1 to 1½ hours  
Shuttle bus stop #4 &

Secrets of the Meadow (*June 24, July 8, 15, August 5, 26 & September 2 only*)  
2 hours, shuttle bus stop #10 (Sierra Club)

Discover Yosemite Family Program, 3 hours  
Sign up/details at any lodge tour desk \$ (YCS/YI)

Children's Photo Walk, 1 hour, Ahwahnee Concierge desk  
Ages 6-12 and accompanied by a legal guardian (Kodak/YCS)

**10:30 a.m.**  
Ansel Adams Gallery Fine Print Viewing, 1 hour  
Space limited/sign up at Gallery &

**1:00 p.m.**  
Ranger Walk/Talk—The Bear Facts, 1 to 1½ hours  
Curry Village Amphitheater &

**1:30 p.m.**  
Ranger Walk—Yosemite's First People, 1 to 1½ hours  
Behind Visitor Center &

**2:00 p.m.**  
Discover Yosemite Family Program, 3 hours  
Sign up/details at any lodge tour desk \$ (YCS/YI)

Ranger Walk—The Age of Muir, 1 to 1½ hours, shuttle bus stop #10

**4:00 p.m.**  
Late Afternoon Photo Walk, 1 to 1½ hours  
Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge tour desk (Kodak/YCS)

**7:00 p.m.**  
Twilight Adventure: A Walk Back in Time (*June 24, July 8, 15, August 5, 26 & September 2 only*), 2 hours, shuttle bus stop #17 (Sierra Club)

**8:00 p.m.**  
Evening Program, 1 hour, LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

Earthy Tunes (*July 22 only*), 1 hour, LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

Yosemite Theatre—John Muir: Conversation with a Tramp (*except July 8*)  
1½ hours, Visitor Center Auditorium \$ &

**8:30 p.m.**  
Evening Program, 1 hour, Lower Pines Amphitheater (NPS) &  
Evening Program, 1 hour, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS) &  
Evening Program, 1 hour, Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &  
Starry Skies Over Yosemite Valley (*August & September*), 1 hour  
Sign up/details at any lodge tour desk, meet near Yosemite Lodge \$ (YCS)

**9:00 p.m.**  
Starry Skies Over Yosemite Valley (*June and July*), 1 hour  
Sign up/details at any lodge tour desk, meet near Yosemite Lodge \$ (YCS)

## SUNDAY

**9:00 a.m.**  
Photo Walk & Class (color & digital), 1½ to 2 hours  
Sign up/meet on Gallery porch, limited to 15, weather permitting (AAG)

**10:00 a.m.**  
Ranger Walk—Living Meadows, 1 to 1½ hours, shuttle bus stop #10 &

**1:00 p.m.**  
Ranger Walk/Talk—The Bear Facts, 1 to 1½ hours, shuttle bus stop #17

**1:30 p.m.**  
Hidden Treasures (*June 25, July 9, 16, August 6, 27 & September 3 only*)  
2 hours, shuttle bus stop #15 (Sierra Club)

**2:00 p.m.**  
Ranger Walk—Ranger's Choice, 1 to 1½ hours, front of Visitor Center

**6:45 p.m.**  
Twilight Stroll (*August & September*), 1 hour, Ahwahnee outdoor patio (YCS)

**7:30 p.m.**  
Twilight Stroll (*June & July*), 1 hour, Ahwahnee outdoor patio (YCS)

**8:00 p.m.**  
Evening Program, 1 hour, LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

Earthy Tunes (*July 23 only*), 1 hour, LeConte Memorial Lodge

Essence of Night (*June 25 & September 3 only*), 2 hours  
Shuttle bus stop #10 (Sierra Club)

Animals and their Senses (*July 9 & 16 only*), 1 hour  
Shuttle bus stop #11, LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

**8:30 p.m.**  
Evening Program, 1 hour, Lower Pines Amphitheater (NPS) &  
Evening Program, 1 hour, Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &  
Evening Program, 1 hour, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS/AAG) &

## FREE ART CLASSES

Free, informal outdoor classes in various art mediums are available for adults through the Art Activity Center, located at the east end of Yosemite Village next to the Village Store. Supplies are available for purchase at the Center which is open 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Classes begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until 2:00 p.m.

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| June 19-25        | Mary Spivey<br>Watercolor                      |
| June 26-July 2    | Tom Fong<br>Watercolor                         |
| July 3-9          | Don Fay<br>Watercolor                          |
| July 10-16        | Jim Murray<br>Sketching/Drawing                |
| July 17-23        | Francis Wei<br>Chinese Painting                |
| July 24-30        | Ruben Guzman<br>Mexican Paper Sculpture        |
| July 31-August 6  | Bill McQuary<br>Mixed Media/Painting           |
| August 7-13       | Carolyn Fitz<br>Black Ink/Watercolor           |
| August 14-20      | Marciano Martinez<br>Watercolor                |
| August 21-27      | Pam Pederson<br>Pen/Ink/Watercolor             |
| August 28-Sept. 3 | Anne Longman<br>Pen/Pencil on Watercolor Paper |
| September 4-10    | Vivian Deland<br>Watercolor                    |

## WAWONA

### WAWONA INFORMATION STATION

Open daily 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch). Offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trails, books, and maps. From Highway 41 in Wawona, take the Chilnualna Falls Road to the first right-hand turn past the stable. Phone 209/375-9501 &

### PIONEER YOSEMITE HISTORY CENTER

See horse-drawn wagons, walk across a covered bridge, and visit historic buildings out of Yosemite's past. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center will explain how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and throughout the world. The Center is always open, and explanatory signs and brochures are available. &

#### YOSEMITE'S HISTORY COMES TO LIFE

Five days a week (starting June 28) join volunteers who portray historic figures from Yosemite's past and bring the birth and growth of America's first national park to life. Wednesday (except July 19) from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### TAKE A STAGE RIDE

Take a stage ride and experience the adventure of horse-drawn stage travel in Yosemite. These 10-minute rides are offered beginning June 28 on Wednesdays (except July 19) from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to noon and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The stage departs from the Wells Fargo Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. \$3/adult; \$2/child (ages 3-12).

#### PIONEER YOSEMITE HISTORY CENTER BOOKSTORE

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch). Offers books, maps, and information.

### HILL'S STUDIO

Visit the art studio and gallery of famous 19th century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Hill's Studio, on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, is open Saturday evenings, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (July & August). Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona Store/Pioneer Yosemite History Center parking area and follow the path up the hill. &

### EVENING PROGRAMS

Come to a campfire! Share in a park tradition by joining a ranger for an hour of stories, legends, and fun. Program topics vary each night and are posted in the Wawona Campground. Meet at the amphitheater in the "B" loop of the Wawona Campground at 8:00 p.m. (except July 19 and August 8).

Discover Wawona's human and natural heritage in a 1-hour presentation offered by Yosemite Concession Services (YCS) staff at the Wawona Hotel.

Tom Bopp, pianist/singer at the Wawona Hotel since 1983, performs Tuesday through Saturday nights from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the lobby, often including songs and stories from Yosemite's past. Programs with slides, historic Yosemite music, or Wawona history are presented on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights at 8:30 p.m. Schedule subject to change; please inquire at hotel front desk.

### JUST FOR KIDS

Join a Junior Ranger Program to have fun exploring the secrets of nature. Kids ages 8-12 can meet a ranger at the Wawona Campground Campfire Circle in July and August on Sunday and Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for this 2-hour adventure. &



### WILDFLOWERS IN WAWONA

Discover the beautiful world of wildflowers that bloom in Wawona. A morning nature walk, *Wawona's Wildflowers*, will be offered each week until mid-July. Look for fliers at

the Wawona Information Station, Wawona Campground, or accommodations. Call 209/375-9501 for more information.



This symbol indicates programs and facilities suitable for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

Programs printed below in color are especially for children and their families.

## MONDAY

**8:00 p.m.**  
Campfire, 1 hour, Wawona Campground Campfire Circle &

## TUESDAY

**8:00 p.m.**  
Campfire (*except August 8*), 1 hour, Wawona Campground Campfire Circle &

**8:30 p.m.**  
Vintage Songs of Yosemite or History of Wawona with Tom Bopp, 1 hour  
Wawona Hotel Lounge (YCS)

## WEDNESDAY

**8:00 p.m.**  
Campfire (*except July 19*), 1 hour, Wawona Campground Campfire Circle &

**8:30 p.m.**  
Wawona: Spirit of Yosemite, 1 hour  
Wawona Hotel Sunroom (above the golf shop) (YCS)

## THURSDAY

**9:00 a.m.**  
Mariposa Big Trees Photo Walk (*begins June 29*), 2 hours  
Sign up at the Wawona Hotel, meet at the Mariposa Grove Gift Shop (YCS)

**9:30 a.m.**  
Junior Rangers (*July and August*), 2 hours  
Wawona Campground Campfire Circle &

**8:00 p.m.**  
Campfire, 1 hour, Wawona Campground Campfire Circle &

**8:30 p.m.**  
Vintage Songs of Yosemite or History of Wawona with Tom Bopp, 1 hour  
Wawona Hotel Lounge (YCS)

## FRIDAY

**8:00 p.m.**  
Campfire, 1 hour, Wawona Campground Campfire Circle &

## SATURDAY

**6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
Hill's Studio (*July and August*) &

**8:00 p.m.**  
Campfire, 1 hour, Wawona Campground Campfire Circle &

## SUNDAY

**9:30 a.m.**  
Junior Rangers (*July and August*), 2 hours  
Wawona Campground Campfire Circle &

**8:00 p.m.**  
Campfire, 1 hour, Wawona Campground Campfire Circle &



# SEQUOIA GROVES

## MARIPOSA GROVE

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, located at the southernmost end of Yosemite, is the largest stand of giant sequoias in the park (about 500 trees).

### TO GET TO THE GROVE

Allow 1½ hours driving time to the Mariposa Grove from Yosemite Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the parking area in the Grove, but several giant sequoias can be seen from there. Information about access for the disabled is available at the tram boarding area. The access road to the Grove may close intermittently due to limited parking and/or snow. Trailers and motor homes are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road.

**Please use the free shuttle service between Wawona and the Mariposa Grove (see below).**

### FREE MARIPOSA GROVE/ WAWONA SHUTTLE BUS

The shuttle bus stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Shuttles operate daily during the summer beginning at 9:00 a.m. Last shuttle leaves Wawona at 4:30 p.m.; last shuttle leaves the Grove at 6:00 p.m. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the shuttle bus.

Trailers and motor homes are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road from South Entrance to the Mariposa Grove. **Due to narrow roads and very limited parking, visitors are strongly encouraged to use this free bus service to help alleviate congestion and lengthy parking delays.**

### WALKING

The trailhead for walking up through the Grove is located at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the California Tree provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations are available at the trailhead (Spanish, German, French, Japanese).

### DISTANCE & ELEVATION

| DESTINATION        | DISTANCE FROM TRAILHEAD | ELEVATION GAIN   |
|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Grizzly Giant      | 0.8 mile/1.3 km         | 400 feet/122 m   |
| Grove Museum       | 2.1 miles/3.5 km        | 800 feet/292 m   |
| Fallen Tunnel Tree | 2.5 miles/4.0 km        | 1,000 feet/305 m |
| Wawona Point       | 3.0 miles/4.8 km        | 1,200 feet/438 m |

### MARIPOSA GROVE MUSEUM

Open 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch). Offers giant sequoia displays, books, maps, and information.

### TRAM SCHEDULE FOR THE MARIPOSA GROVE

Trams run every day in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias for a 1-hour tour through the lower and upper groves. The first tram is at 9:00 a.m. and the last tram is at 5:30 p.m., running every 15 to 20 minutes from the boarding area. \$8.50/adults, \$7.75/seniors (62 or older), \$4.50/children (5-12), \$25 maximum for a family (parents and their children under 16). Children under 5 ride free.

### RANGER WALKS

Four times daily, ranger programs are offered in the Mariposa Grove. Join a ranger for an easy 90-minute walk through the lower portion of the Mariposa Grove to explore the forest and learn the secrets of the trees' survival. Each afternoon, rangers also conduct a *Tram Ride & Ranger Walk*. Meet the ranger for a 3-hour program at the tram boarding area to ride into the heart of the upper Mariposa Grove, then walk back to the starting point (2½ miles). Arrive at least 10 minutes early for tram seating. See tram information for schedule and cost.

There are times when the parking lot at the Mariposa Grove is full and closed to private vehicles. Allow plenty of time to take the free Mariposa Grove/Wawona Shuttle Bus.

### MONDAY

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
12:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
1:30 p.m.  
Tram Ride & Ranger Walk, 3 hours, tram boarding area  
2:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead

### TUESDAY (NO PROGRAMS AUGUST 8)

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
12:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
1:30 p.m.  
Tram Ride & Ranger Walk, 3 hours, tram boarding area  
2:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead

### WEDNESDAY (NO PROGRAMS JULY 19)

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
12:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
1:30 p.m.  
Tram Ride & Ranger Walk, 3 hours, tram boarding area  
2:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead

### THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
12:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
1:30 p.m.  
Tram Ride & Ranger Walk, 3 hours, tram boarding area  
2:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead



Mariposa Grove Museum

Photo courtesy of Christine White-Loberg

### FRIDAY

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
12:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
1:30 p.m.  
Tram Ride & Ranger Walk, 3 hours, tram boarding area  
2:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead

### SATURDAY

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
12:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead

1:30 p.m.  
Tram Ride & Ranger Walk, 3 hours, tram boarding area  
2:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead

### SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
12:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead  
1:30 p.m.  
Tram Ride & Ranger Walk, 3 hours, tram boarding area  
2:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 1½ hours, Lower Grove trailhead

## OTHER SEQUOIA GROVES

### YOSEMITE'S SECRET SEQUOIAS

#### TUOLUMNE GROVE

The Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West) and the Tioga Road (Highway 120 East). The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the Tuolumne Grove, a cluster of about 25 sequoias. Now closed to cars, this 2-mile (3.2 km) round-trip walk has an elevation change of 500 feet (150 meters) and will take approximately 2 hours. The downhill walk is relatively easy, though it is moderately strenuous on the uphill return. Once in the Tuolumne Grove, there is an easy half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

#### MERCED GROVE

Yosemite's quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, accessible only on foot. It's a 2-mile hike into the grove from the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located 3.5 miles north of Crane Flat or 4.5 miles south of the big Oak Flat entrance, the trailhead is marked by a post labeled B-10 and a road sign. Allow about 3 hours for the 4-mile round-trip hike to this small group of sequoias (about 20 trees).

### RANGER WALK

Join a ranger for a 2½-hour walk to the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias. Walks depart daily at 1:30 p.m. (beginning July; except July 19 & August 8) at the Tuolumne Grove parking area.



Photo courtesy of Christine White-Loberg



# GLACIER POINT & TIOGA ROAD



## GLACIER POINT

### RANGER WALKS

Join a ranger for a walk to discover Yosemite's unique, tucked-away places. See a pioneer cabin near a beautiful meadow, explore the red fir forest in the Canadian life zone, or hike to a seldom-seen waterfall.

### EVENING PROGRAMS

Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening shadows in Yosemite Valley and the alpenglow on the Sierra high country, or come for the sunset and stay for the moonrise. On some evenings, a star program will be co-hosted by rangers and volunteers from astronomical societies. Bring warm clothing.

Traditional campfires are offered at Bridalveil Creek Campground. Meet at the campground amphitheater in "C" loop, across from site #79 (if campground is closed, *Sunset Talks* will be given).

On Thursday evenings, photographers will not want to miss the *Alpenglow Photo Walk*, lead by representatives from Kodak (in association with Yosemite Concession Services)



Half Dome from Glacier Point

NPS Photo

### MONDAY

2:00 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 2 hours  
Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road

7:45 p.m.  
Full Moon Rising (*August 14 only*), Glacier Point railing &

8:00 p.m.  
Campfire, 1 hour, Bridalveil Creek Campground, C Loop &

### TUESDAY

9:30 a.m.  
Ranger Walk, 2-1/2 hours  
Phone booth at Bridalveil Creek Campground

7:15 p.m.  
Sunset Talk (*begins August 8*), ½ hour, Glacier Point railing &

7:45 p.m.  
Sunset Talk (*ends August 1*), ½ hour, Glacier Point Railing &

### WEDNESDAY

1:00 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 3 hours  
Front of the Glacier Point Gift Shop

7:15 p.m.  
Sunset Talk (*begins August 9*), ½ hour, Glacier Point railing &

7:45 p.m.  
Sunset Talk (*ends August 2*), ½ hour, Glacier Point Railing &

### THURSDAY

2:00 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 2 hours  
Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road

6:45 p.m.  
Alpenglow Photo Walk (*August*), 1 to 1½ hours  
Glacier Point Amphitheater (Kodak/YCS)

7:15 p.m.  
Alpenglow Photo Walk (*June & July*), 1 to 1½ hours  
Glacier Point Amphitheater (Kodak/YCS)

8:00 p.m.  
Campfire, 1 hour, Bridalveil Creek Campground, C Loop &

### FRIDAY

9:30 a.m.  
Ranger Walk, 2½ hours  
Phone booth at Bridalveil Creek Campground

7:15 p.m.  
Sunset Talk (*begins August 11*), ½ hour, Glacier Point railing &

7:45 p.m.  
Sunset Talk (*ends August 4*), ½ hour, Glacier Point Railing &

8:30 p.m.  
Stars Over Yosemite (*begins June 30*), 1 to 2 hours  
Glacier Point Amphitheater, subject to cancellation if overcast  
On July 14 and August 11, there will be a campfire program instead of astronomy

### SATURDAY

2:00 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 2 hours  
Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road

7:15 p.m.  
Sunset Talk (*begins August 12*), ½ hour, Glacier Point railing &

7:45 p.m.  
Sunset Talk (*ends August 5*), ½ hour, Glacier Point Railing &

8:15 p.m.  
Full Moon Rising (*July 15 only*), Glacier Point railing &

8:30 p.m.  
Stars Over Yosemite (*begins July 1*), 1 to 2 hours  
Glacier Point Amphitheater, subject to cancellation if overcast  
On July 15 and August 12, there will be a campfire program instead of astronomy

### SUNDAY

2:00 p.m.  
Ranger Walk, 2 hours  
Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road

7:15 p.m.  
Sunset Talk (*begins August 13*), ½ hour, Glacier Point railing &

7:45 p.m.  
Sunset Talk (*ends August 6*), ½ hour, Glacier Point Railing &

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## CRANE FLAT/BIG OAK FLAT/WHITE WOLF

### BIG OAK FLAT INFORMATION STATION

Open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. Wilderness permits available 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Station is located just inside the park at the Big Oak Flat Entrance Station (Highway 120 West), and offers park orientation material, trail information, books, and maps. Phone 209/379-1899 &

### CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS

Share in a park tradition of stories, legends, and fun at Crane Flat and White Wolf. Campfire programs are rustic in style and recapture the tradition of storytelling and audience participation. Program topics vary and are posted at the campgrounds and White Wolf Lodge.

### RANGER WALKS

Join a ranger to discover Yosemite's special places. Short walks are offered to giant sequoia groves, meadows, and forests. Longer walks will explore Yosemite's seldom-visited areas, including lakes and natural arches. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water, lunch, and rain gear.

Once a week join a ranger on an *Earth Walk*. Kids and their families are invited to experience Yosemite's wonders through all their senses.

Programs printed below in color are especially for children and their families.

### MONDAY

Check local listing for time  
Ranger Walk, 2 hours, White Wolf Lodge

8:00 p.m.  
Campfire, 1 hour, Crane Flat Campfire Circle &  
Campfire, 1 hour, White Wolf Campfire Circle &

### TUESDAY

8:00 p.m.  
Campfire (*except August 8*), 1 hour, Crane Flat Campfire Circle &

### WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk (*begins June 28; except July 19*), 4-6 hours  
White Wolf Lodge, wear sturdy shoes, bring water and lunch

8:00 p.m.  
Campfire (*except July 19*), 1 hour, Crane Flat Campfire Circle &

### THURSDAY

8:00 p.m.  
Campfire, 1 hour, Crane Flat Campfire Circle &  
Campfire, 1 hour, White Wolf Campfire Circle &

### FRIDAY

9:30 a.m.  
Ranger Earth Walk, 1½ hours, White Wolf Lodge  
Mt. Hoffmann Lunch Hike, 4-6 hours  
May Lake parking lot, wear sturdy shoes, bring water and lunch

8:00 p.m.  
Campfire, 1 hour, Crane Flat Campfire Circle &  
Campfire, 1 hour, White Wolf Campfire Circle &

### SATURDAY

9:30 a.m.  
Ranger Walk to Yosemite's Only Natural Arch, 4-6 hours  
Porcupine Creek trailhead, wear sturdy shoes, bring water and lunch

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk—Junior Rangers (*July 1–August 19*), 2 hours  
See "Just for Kids" page 9, Crane Flat Campfire Circle

8:00 p.m.  
Campfire, 1 hour, Crane Flat Campfire Circle &  
Campfire, 1 hour, White Wolf Campfire Circle &

### SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.  
Lunch Hike with a Ranger, 4-6 hours  
(check local listing for destination) Big Oak Flat Information Station, wear sturdy shoes, bring water and lunch

8:00 p.m.  
Campfire, 1 hour, Crane Flat Campfire Circle &  
Campfire, 1 hour, White Wolf Campfire Circle &



# TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

## TUOLUMNE MEADOWS VISITOR CENTER

Open 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays. Phone 209/372-0263 ♿

### SPECIAL EVENTS AT PARSONS MEMORIAL LODGE

Come to historic Parsons Memorial Lodge in July and August for a series of free programs—guest speakers, slide presentations, music, and poetry. All programs, unless otherwise noted, begin at 2:00 p.m. and last approximately 1 hour. Allow 30 minutes walking time to Parsons Memorial Lodge from either Lembert Dome parking area or the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center.

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| <b>Saturday, July 15</b>          | <b>NEW PROGRAM:</b> “Bears” Success, with Kate McCurdy, Wildlife Biologist   |
| <b>Sunday, July 16</b>            | The Underwater Forest at Tenaya Lake, with Phil Caterino, Research Diver   |
| <b>Monday, July 17, 7:00 p.m.</b> | The Spirit of John Muir and Hetch Hetchy Valley, Performance by actor Lee Stetson  |
| <b>Saturday, July 22</b>          | Yosemite Poets, Kristina Rylands and Mike Cole   |
| <b>Sunday, July 23</b>            | What’s Going On with Yosemite Toads? with Dr. Walt Sadinski, Ecologist   |
| <b>Saturday, July 29</b>          | The Natural History of the Belding Ground Squirrel, with Nicole Checker, Research Biologist                                    |
| <b>Sunday, July 30</b>            | Yosemite’s Front Yard: The Great Central Valley, Reading and conversation with author Gerald Haslam                            |
| <b>Saturday, August 5</b>         | Mining History of Yosemite’s Eastern Frontier, with writer Susan Guhm  |
| <b>Sunday, August 6</b>           | Is Mono Lake Saved? Slide presentation by the Mono Lake Committee  |
| <b>Saturday, August 12</b>        | Indian Life in the Mountains, with Bob Fry, Ranger Naturalist  |
| <b>Sunday, August 13</b>          | Ansel Adams: The Man, The Artist, with Yosemite photographer Jeff Nixon  |
| <b>August 19 and 20</b>           | Fourth Annual Tuolumne Meadows Poetry Festival with Nanao Sakaki, Joseph Stroud, and Patti Trimble with guitarist Bill Horvitz |

### PARSONS MEMORIAL LODGE AND SODA SPRINGS

Discover the natural and human history of Tuolumne Meadows and hike to the place where John Muir and Robert Underwood Johnson conceived the idea of establishing Yosemite National Park. This area is an easy 1-mile walk from Lembert Dome parking area or from the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Come see the new exhibit – *Place, People, Possibility* – at Parsons Memorial Lodge. Staffed by park volunteers, the Lodge is usually open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### FREE TUOLUMNE/OLMSTED POINT/TIOGA PASS SHUTTLE BUS

**Service will begin June 23 and continue through September 10. Due to limited trailhead parking, use of the free shuttle buses is strongly advised.**

Shuttles travel between Tuolumne Lodge and Olmsted Point with stops along the Tioga Road, including Tuolumne Campground and the Visitor Center. The shuttle also makes two morning (9:00 a.m. and noon) and two afternoon (3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.) runs to Tioga Pass.

Service begins at Tuolumne Lodge at 7:00 a.m. Shuttle buses arrive at approximately 30-minute intervals between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The last shuttle bus leaves Olmsted Point at 6:30 p.m. Schedules are subject to change. Please check route maps at the Visitor Center or shuttle bus stops for details.

### RANGER WALKS AND TALKS

Join a ranger to explore the Tuolumne area and learn about geology, birds, flowers, Indians, history, and more. These walks range from 1 to 8 hours and all but the long walks are fairly easy.

Several times a week, longer hikes are offered to lakes, domes, or passes. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water, lunch, and rain gear.

On Thursdays and Saturdays, end your perfect day with a Music Walk. These easy, early evening strolls will inspire and delight.

### JUST FOR KIDS

Programs for children include Junior Rangers two days a week, a kids’ campfire program, and a family lunch walk. Junior Rangers is a 2-hour program in which children (ages 7-10) join a ranger to explore Yosemite’s high country.

### EVENING ACTIVITIES

Come to a campfire and take part in a tradition! Join a ranger for campfire singing, storytelling, and answers to some of your questions about Yosemite. Program topics vary and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center.

A special campfire for children is scheduled Wednesdays at the Conness Circle in the “C” loop of the campground.

Join the *Star Party* on Saturday evenings. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. Programs will be canceled if the sky is overcast. When there is a full moon, *Moonlight Walks* replace the *Star Party*.

Sign up at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center for a *Night Prowl* on Monday nights and experience the world without light.

Programs printed below in color are especially for children and their families.

Programs will be limited until the Tuolumne Meadows Campground opens for the season. If the campground is open, programs will begin June 20. Check with visitor centers or local fliers for additional programs.

♿ Indicates programs suitable for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

#### MONDAY

9:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk to the top of Lembert Dome, 3 hours (moderate)  
Lembert Dome parking area

2:00 p.m.  
Ranger Walk Along the River, 2 hours, Lembert Dome parking area

8:00 p.m.  
Campfire, 1 hour, Dana Circle, Tuolumne Meadows Campground ♿

9:15 p.m.  
Night Prowl (ends August 21), 1½ hours, limited to 35  
Sign up at Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

#### TUESDAY (NO PROGRAMS AUGUST 8)

10:00 a.m.  
Junior Rangers (ages 7-10), 2 hours, Lembert Dome parking area

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk to Puppy Dome, 2 hours, Lembert Dome parking area

2:00 p.m.  
Ranger Walk—Indians, 2 hours, Lembert Dome parking area

8:00 p.m.  
Campfire, 1 hour, Dana Circle, Tuolumne Meadows Campground ♿

#### WEDNESDAY (NO PROGRAMS JULY 19)

7:30 a.m.  
Ranger Walk—Birds, 2 hours, Lembert Dome parking area

9:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk—On the Way to Glen Aulin: Cascades and Domes  
6 hours (moderate/6-8 miles) Lembert Dome parking area

11:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk—Family Discovery Hike, 3 hours  
Bring lunch and water, Tuolumne Lodge front porch

1:00 p.m.  
Ranger Walk—John Muir and Geology, 2 hours  
Pothole Dome road marker T-29

7:00 p.m.

Kids’ Campfire, 1 hour, Conness Circle, Tuolumne Meadows Campground

8:00 p.m.  
Campfire, 1 hour, Dana Circle, Tuolumne Meadows Campground ♿

#### THURSDAY

10:00 a.m.  
Junior Rangers (ages 7-10), 2 hours, Lembert Dome parking area

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk—Meadows, 2 hours, Lembert Dome parking area

2:00 p.m.  
Ranger Walk—Lakes, 2 hours, Pothole Dome road marker T-29

6:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk—Music for Parks, 1½ hours, Lembert Dome parking area

8:00 p.m.  
Campfire, 1 hour, Dana Circle, Tuolumne Meadows Campground ♿

#### FRIDAY

9:15 a.m.  
Ranger Walk to Mono Pass, 6-8 hours (moderate/10 miles)  
Mono Pass trailhead, road marker T-37

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk—Animals, 2 hours, Lembert Dome parking area

2:00 p.m.  
Ranger Walk—Useful and Edible Plants, 2 hours  
Lembert Dome parking area

8:00 p.m.  
Campfire, 1 hour, Dana Circle, Tuolumne Meadows Campground ♿

#### SATURDAY

9:15 a.m.  
Ranger Walk (one-way) to Tuolumne via Gaylor Lakes (ends August 26)  
6-7 hours (moderate) Tioga Pass shuttle bus stop  
(take 9:00 a.m. bus from Tuolumne Lodge)

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk—Flowers and Seeds, 2 hours, Lembert Dome parking area

1:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk—Bears, 1½ hours, Tuolumne Campground entrance  
(parking limited; take shuttle)

6:30 p.m.  
Ranger Walk—A Place for Music, 1½ hours, Lembert Dome parking area

8:00 p.m.  
Campfire, 1 hour, Dana Circle, Tuolumne Meadows Campground ♿

9:30 p.m.  
Star Party (except July 15 & August 12), 1 hour  
Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly! Tuolumne Campground entrance  
Moonlight Walk (July 15 & August 12 only), 1½ hours  
Tuolumne Campground entrance

#### SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.  
Ranger Walk—History, 2 hours, Lembert Dome parking area

12:15 p.m.  
Ranger Walk—Lunch at Tioga Pass (July 2-August 20)  
3 hours, bring lunch and water, Tioga Pass shuttle bus stop  
(take noon bus from Tuolumne Lodge)

2:00 p.m.  
Ranger Walk—Geology, 2 hours, Pothole Dome road marker T-29

8:00 p.m.  
Campfire, 1 hour, Dana Circle, Tuolumne Meadows Campground ♿

# FACILITIES & SERVICES

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## EMERGENCY 911

**Fire – Police – Medical**  
**Emergency: Dial 911,**  
**24 hours a day**  
**(from hotel room 9-911)**

## MEDICAL

**Yosemite Medical Clinic**  
 Emergency care: 24 hours daily

**Drop-in and Urgent Care:**  
 Daily 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Scheduled appointments:**  
 Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Saturday 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Located on Ahwahnee Drive in Yosemite Valley, the clinic provides routine and emergency medical care for park employees, residents, and visitors. Experienced nursing staff, emergency physicians, nurse practitioner, and support staff on duty. Services include a limited pharmacy, lab, x-ray, and physical therapy. 209/372-4637

**Paramedic/Ambulance Service:**  
 24 hours daily

## Dental Services

Adjacent to Medical Clinic. For hours, call 209/372-4200. If no answer, call 209/372-4637.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

For advanced reservations or information (rooms or activities), call 559/252-4848 ([www.yosemitepark.com](http://www.yosemitepark.com))  
 For availability on day of arrival, check at any front desk.

## RESTAURANTS

These hours of operation are approximate. For current dining hours, call 209/372-1000, extension 8.

### Food Service Price Key:

\$ = entrees under \$7  
 \$\$ = \$7-\$14 entrees  
 \$\$\$ = \$15-\$20 entrees  
 \$\$\$\$ = more than \$20 entrees

## Yosemite Village

Breakfast – 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
 Lunch/Dinner – 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Meals served daily in one or more of the following locations:

### DEGNAN'S

DEGNAN'S DELICATESSEN  
 Sandwiches, snacks, soup and salad \$  
 DEGNAN'S FAST FOOD & ICE CREAM \$

### THE VILLAGE GRILL

Burgers, sandwiches, fries, chicken strips, soft-serve ice cream, and beverages \$

### PASTA PLUS

Fresh pasta, salads, and dessert \$\$

## Yosemite Lodge

Breakfast – 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
 Lunch – 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
 Light snacks – 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Dinner – 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Meals served daily in one or more of the following locations:

### CAFETERIA

Complete breakfasts, entrees, sandwiches, and desserts \$

### COFFEE CORNER

Freshly ground coffees, espressos, lattes, cappuccinos, fruit, baked goods, desserts, soft drinks, and boxed lunches \$

### GARDEN TERRACE SALAD BUFFET

All you can eat, self-serve salad bar featuring soups, pasta, dessert, and at dinner, carved-to-order meats \$-\$

### THE MOUNTAIN ROOM

Spectacular views of Yosemite Falls featuring pasta, steak, fresh fish, and other specialties \$-\$\$\$\$

### MOUNTAIN ROOM BAR & LOUNGE

Light snack service available \$  
 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. weekdays  
 Noon to 10:00 p.m. weekends

### POOL REFRESHMENT STAND

*weather permitting*  
 Hot dogs, soda, ice cream \$  
 Noon to 5:00 p.m.

## The Ahwahnee

An elegant dining experience in one of America's premier dining rooms

Breakfast – 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. \$-\$  
 Sunday Brunch – 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. \$\$\$  
 Lunch – 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. \$\$  
 Dinner – 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. \$\$\$\$  
 Dinner reservations suggested,  
 call 209/372-1489

### AHWAHNEE BAR

Classic cocktails, specialty drinks, light snacks  
 Noon to 10:00 p.m. \$-\$\$\$

## Curry Village

Over 100 years of family-oriented dining experience  
 Meals served daily in one or more of the following locations:

### COFFEE AND ICE CREAM CORNER

Freshly ground coffees, espressos, lattes, cappuccinos, fruit, baked goods, dessert, soft drinks, boxed lunches, and ice cream \$  
 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### PAVILION

All you can eat buffet \$-\$  
 Breakfast – 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
 Dinner – 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### HAMBURGER STAND

Burgers, chicken, fish sandwiches, chicken strips, salad, side orders, and soft drinks \$  
 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### PIZZA & BAR

Enjoy pizza, salad, and full service bar under the stars \$-\$  
 Noon to 9:30 p.m.

## Happy Isles

**SNACK STAND**  
 Rewarding refreshments after a long hike. Soft drinks, ice cream, snacks, bottled water \$  
 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Tuolumne Meadows

**GRILL**  
 A quick breakfast, lunch, or dinner before or after exploring \$  
 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### TUOLUMNE MEADOWS LODGE

**DINING ROOM**  
 Rustic, family-style dining adjacent to the Tuolumne River

Breakfast – 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. \$-\$  
 Dinner – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. \$\$-\$\$\$  
 Meals are served family style and dinner reservations are advised,  
 call 209/372-8413

## White Wolf Lodge

A cozy dining room with outdoor seating  
 Breakfast – 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. \$-\$  
 Dinner – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. \$\$-\$\$\$  
 Dinner reservations advised,  
 call 209/372-8416

## Wawona Hotel

Old world charm with a relaxing atmosphere  
 Breakfast – 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. \$-\$  
 Lunch – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$-\$  
 Dinner – 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. \$\$-\$\$\$  
 Dinner reservations advised for 10 or more, 209/375-1425  
 Saturday BBQ on Lawn – 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. \$-\$  
 Sunday Breakfast Buffet – 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$-\$  
 Sunday Brunch – 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$\$\$

## Glacier Point

**SNACK STAND**  
 Comfortable facility serves snacks to ease hunger after a hike or drive to the Point. Spectacular sunset views. \$  
 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## BEVERAGE SERVICES

**YOSEMITE LODGE MOUNTAIN ROOM BAR & LOUNGE**  
 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. weekdays  
 Noon to 10:00 p.m. weekends

**CURRY VILLAGE TERRACE**  
 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**AHWAHNEE BAR**  
 Noon to 11:00 p.m.

**WAWONA HOTEL LOBBY LOUNGE**  
 Service to lobby lounge and verandas  
 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

## GROCERIES

**YOSEMITE LODGE GIFT/GROCERY**  
 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**VILLAGE STORE**  
 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Full service grocery store

**DEGNAN'S DELICATESSEN**  
 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**HOUSEKEEPING CAMP**  
 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**CURRY VILLAGE STORE**  
 Camping supplies and prepackaged snacks  
 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**WAWONA STORE**  
 Camping and fishing supplies, including fishing licenses and bear canister rental  
 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**CRANE FLAT**  
 Convenience store, bear canister rental  
 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**TUOLUMNE MEADOWS STORE**  
 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**EL PORTAL MARKET**  
 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Bear canister rental, \$3 per day

## GIFTS, BOOKS & APPAREL

### Yosemite Village

**THE ANSEL ADAMS GALLERY**  
 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Books, original photographs, cards, Native American crafts, photography supplies, camera rentals, and more. 209/372-4413 [www.anseladams.com](http://www.anseladams.com)

**YOSEMITE BOOKSTORE**  
 Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Located at the Valley Visitor Center. Books, maps, posters, and information

**YOSEMITE MUSEUM BOOK SHOP**  
 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Books, traditional Indian arts and crafts 209/372-0295

**VILLAGE STORE**  
 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Features signature Yosemite apparel, books, glassware, and postcards

**HABITAT YOSEMITE**  
 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Degnan's building. Interpretive gifts and souvenirs inspired by nature

**SPORT SHOP**  
 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Camping and fishing supplies, bear canister rental, California fishing licenses

**ART ACTIVITY CENTER**  
 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located south of Village Store. Free art classes daily. Books, art supplies, and fine local art

**WILDERNESS CENTER**  
 Open 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Guidebooks, maps, wilderness permits, bear canister rental, and trip-planning displays

**Nature Center at Happy Isles**  
 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch)  
 Family-oriented bookstore

## Yosemite Lodge

**GIFT/GROCERY**  
 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Newly remodeled facility offers a wide selection of Yosemite apparel, books, souvenirs, and convenience items

**NATURE SHOP**  
 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Unique sculptures, distinctive apparel, music, and videos

## The Ahwahnee

**GIFT SHOP**  
 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Features signature Ahwahnee apparel, china, jewelry, and Native American crafts

**SWEET SHOP**  
 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Magazines, newspapers, candies, cookies, and sundry items

## Curry Village

**MOUNTAIN SHOP**  
 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Full climbing gear outfitter, hiking apparel, bear canister rental

**GIFT/GROCERY**  
 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Snacks, souvenirs, film, and apparel

## Tuolumne Meadows

**GROCERY STORE**  
 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuolumne-specific apparel, last-minute food supplies for backpacking and high country picnics  
 209/372-8435

**MOUNTAINERING SCHOOL AND SPORT SHOP**  
 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Full climbing gear outfitter, maps, bear canister rental, dehydrated food, and backpacking supplies

**TUOLUMNE MEADOWS BOOKSTORE**  
 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Located in the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

## Wawona

**WAWONA HOTEL GOLF SHOP**  
 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Signature Wawona apparel, snacks, and golf supplies

**WAWONA STORE**  
 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Local crafts and souvenirs

**PIONEER YOSEMITE HISTORY CENTER BOOKSTORE**  
 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch)  
 Books, maps, and information

## Mariposa Grove

**GIFT SHOP**  
 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cards, bottled water, snacks, and memorabilia

**MUSEUM SHOP**  
 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch)

## Glacier Point

**GIFT SHOP**  
 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
 Apparel, books, souvenirs, and binocular rental

Solution to *Yosemite's Critters* from page 9.

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## RECREATION

*Conditions permitting*

### YOSEMITE LODGE TOUR DESK

(after-hours ticket sales available at front desk)  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-1240

### SIGHTSEEING TOURS

Two-hour open-air tram (weather permitting) or bus tours, or all-day and half-day bus tours depart daily from lodging facilities in Yosemite Valley. Inquire at tour/transportation desks at the Ahwahnee, Yosemite Lodge, Curry Village, Village Kiosk.

### MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL

Yosemite Mountaineering School offers lessons and guided climbing at all levels, overnight backpacking, and guided day hikes to spectacular areas of Yosemite and the high country.

#### CURRY VILLAGE

(located in the Mountain Shop)  
8:30 a.m. to Noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Classes meet at 8:30 a.m.  
209/372-8344

#### TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

(located next to gas station)  
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
209/372-8435

### BEAR CANISTER RENTAL

Available for \$3 per trip at the Wilderness Center, Yosemite Valley Sports Shop, Curry Village Mountain Shop, Big Oak Flat Information Station, Crane Flat Store, Wawona Store, Wawona Information Station, Tuolumne Meadows Mountain Shop, Tuolumne Meadows Store, Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station, and the El Portal Market. Canisters may be rented or returned at any rental location in the park.

### BIKE RENTALS

Daily, weather permitting, with hourly and daily rates. Baby-joggers, wheelchairs, and six-speed bikes with trailers.

#### YOSEMITE LODGE

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
209/372-1208

#### CURRY VILLAGE

8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
209/372-8319

### SWIMMING POOLS

#### YOSEMITE LODGE

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### CURRY VILLAGE

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### RAFTING

Rafting may be available June to August, weather and river conditions permitting. Raft rental available at Curry Village Raft Stand (shuttle bus stops #12 & 20).  
9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 209/3721-8341

### WAWONA GOLF COURSE & TENNIS

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## STABLES

Two-hour and four-hour rides depart daily. All-day rides, private rides, and pack trips into Yosemite's spectacular wilderness may also be arranged. Private horse boarding is available. Call for reservations.

#### YOSEMITE VALLEY

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
209/372-8348

#### TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
209/372-8427

#### WAWONA

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
209/375-6502

## SHOWERS & LAUNDROMAT

### SHOWERS

CURRY VILLAGE  
24 hours

HOUSEKEEPING CAMP  
7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### LAUNDROMAT

HOUSEKEEPING CAMP  
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

## GAS STATIONS

### CRANE FLAT

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Diesel available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

### TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

### WAWONA

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

### Auto Service, Towing, and Repair (AAA)

#### VILLAGE GARAGE

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Towing 24 hours. Emergency gasoline & propane available  
209/372-8320

## POST OFFICES

### Main Post Office (Yosemite Village)

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to Noon

### Yosemite Lodge Post Office

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Curry Village Post Office

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Wawona Post Office

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### Tuolumne Meadows Post Office

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to Noon

### El Portal Post Office

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,  
1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## SERVICES FOR DISABLED

An accessibility brochure is available at park entrance stations and visitor centers.

Wheelchair rental available at Yosemite Medical Clinic, 209/372-4637, and bike stands, 209/372-1208 or 209/372-8319.

## LOST AND FOUND

To inquire about items lost or found at one of Yosemite's restaurants, hotels, lounges, shuttle buses, or tour services, call Yosemite Concession Services at 209/372-4357, or write YCS Lost & Found, P.O. Box 578, Yosemite National Park, CA 95389.

For items lost or found in other areas of the park, call the National Park Service at 209/379-1001, or write to NPS Warehouse, 5083 Foresta Road, B-759, El Portal, CA 95318.

## RECYCLING

### Village Store Recycling Center

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Bottles and cans may also be returned to place of purchase or park gas stations.

## ATM

### Yosemite Village

South of Village Store (Bank of America)  
Inside Village Store (Heritage Oaks Bank)

### Yosemite Lodge

Inside main registration area

### Curry Village

Inside gift shop

### Wawona

Inside Wawona Store

### Tuolumne Meadows

Inside Tuolumne Grocery Store

### El Portal

On Hwy. 140 at Yosemite View Lodge

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Babysitting

Limited babysitting available for registered guests in YCS accommodations equipped with private bath and telephone. Children must be 3 years of age and out of diapers. Requests must be made prior to arrival. 2 hour minimum. 24 hour cancellation policy. Availability not guaranteed.

### kennel

Located at the Yosemite Valley stable. Dogs must be gentle, over 10 pounds, and proof of shots or license required.  
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-8348

### Employment Opportunities

Would you like to be part of Yosemite's future? Employment opportunities exist at Yosemite National Park with the National Park Service, Volunteers in Parks, and Yosemite Concessions Services.

#### YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

For vacancy information on the web:

[www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov)

Employment hotline:

209/372-0200-6-1-1

(for permanent positions)

209/372-0200-6-1-2

(for seasonal positions)

To contact the Yosemite National Park Human Resource Office, call 209/379-1805 or write: Yosemite National Park, Human Resource Office, P.O. Box 700, El Portal, CA 95318

#### VOLUNTEERS IN PARKS

Individuals and groups interested in community service projects in Yosemite can call the Volunteer Program Manager at 209/379-1850. Free camping is provided and entrance fees are waived during your work project.

#### YOSEMITE CONCESSION SERVICES

Contact Yosemite Concession Services Corporation at the General Offices in Yosemite Village or call 209/372-1236.

## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

### Yosemite Association

Outdoor seminars, some for college credit. P.O. Box 230, El Portal, CA 95318  
209/379-2321 [yosemite.org](http://yosemite.org)

### Yosemite Institute

Non-profit environmental education organization. Week-long, field-based sessions for school groups, teachers, and other groups. P.O. Box 487, Yosemite, CA 95389. 209/379-9511 [www.yni.org](http://www.yni.org)

### NPS Education Branch

Ranger-guided programs, resource information, teacher workshops. Wawona Ranger Station, P.O. Box 2027, Wawona, CA 95389 209/375-9505. For entrance waivers for educational groups, call 209/379-1876 [www.nps.gov/yose/teach.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/teach.htm)

## SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

### Al-Anon

YOSEMITE VALLEY: Wednesday 7:00 p.m., YCS General Office Building (Employee Training Center) Yosemite Village

### Alcoholics Anonymous

YOSEMITE VALLEY: Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday 7:30 p.m., YCS General Office Building (Employee Training Center), Yosemite Village

### Narcotics Anonymous

YOSEMITE VALLEY: Saturday 7:30 p.m., YCS General Office Building (Employee Training Center), Yosemite Village

### Lions Club

Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at Noon, The Ahwahnee. Call 209/372-4475 for information.

### Rotary International

Meets Thursdays at Noon for lunch, The Ahwahnee. Visiting Rotarian families and guests welcome. For reservation or information, call 209/372-1016.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### Church of Christ

Inquiries, directions, other services, contact Ron Skelton. 209/379-2307

### EL PORTAL CHAPEL

Worship Service: Sunday 9:00 a.m.

### Yosemite Community Church (Protestant Nondenominational)

Pastor Brian Empie 209/372-4831  
Rev. John K. Paris available for weddings and counseling. Call number above.

### YOSEMITE VALLEY CHAPEL (year-round) Worship Service

Sunday 9:15 a.m., Thursday 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

### Children's Church

Sunday 9:15 a.m.

### Other Worship Service

Sunday 9:00 a.m. at Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater\*

#### TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

(when campground opens)

#### Worship Service

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Dana Campfire Circle\*

#### WAWONA

#### Worship Service

Sunday 9:00 a.m. in Wawona Campground Amphitheater\*

#### Bible Studies

Call for location

Thursday 7:00 a.m. (Prayer Group)

\*Affiliated with "A Christian Ministry in the National Parks"

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Doug Warcup 209/722-7623  
Jerry Calister 209/723-4736

### Yosemite Valley Sacrament Service

1:00 p.m. daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day at Yosemite Chapel

### Roman Catholic

Rev. Dennis Alvernaz, Resident Pastor  
209/372-4729

Mass in Yosemite Valley (until July 9):  
Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m.,  
Visitor Center West Auditorium

### Mass in Yosemite Valley (beginning July 10):

Saturday 7:30 p.m., Yosemite Chapel  
Sunday 10:00 a.m., Visitor Center East Auditorium

### Mass in Wawona

Saturday 4:30 p.m., Old School House

### Seventh-Day Adventist

Pastor Frank McMurry 209/532-0229

Sabbath School: Saturday 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service: Saturday 11:00 a.m.

Yosemite Valley (*Memorial Day through Labor Day*) at Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (near shuttle bus stop #18)

### Yosemite Christian Ministries\*

Pastor Steve Hughes 209/379-2428

For information on weddings, call number above.

#### Worship Service

Sunday 7:00 p.m., Yosemite Chapel

#### Worship Walk

Sunday 9:00 a.m., Happy Isles, starts at shuttle bus #15

#### Solid Rock/Climbers for Christ

Call Pastor for location, times, and additional information.

### El Portal Community Church\*

Pastor Russ Marsh 209/379-2255  
Assoc. Pastor Steve Hughes 209/379-2428

Worship Service: Saturday 7:30 p.m., El Portal Chapel (*first and third weekends*)

Sunday 10:30 a.m., El Portal Chapel (*second, fourth, fifth weekends*)

For information on Bible studies, children's and youth activities, call number above.

\*Associated with the California Southern Baptist Convention

### Wawona Christian Fellowship

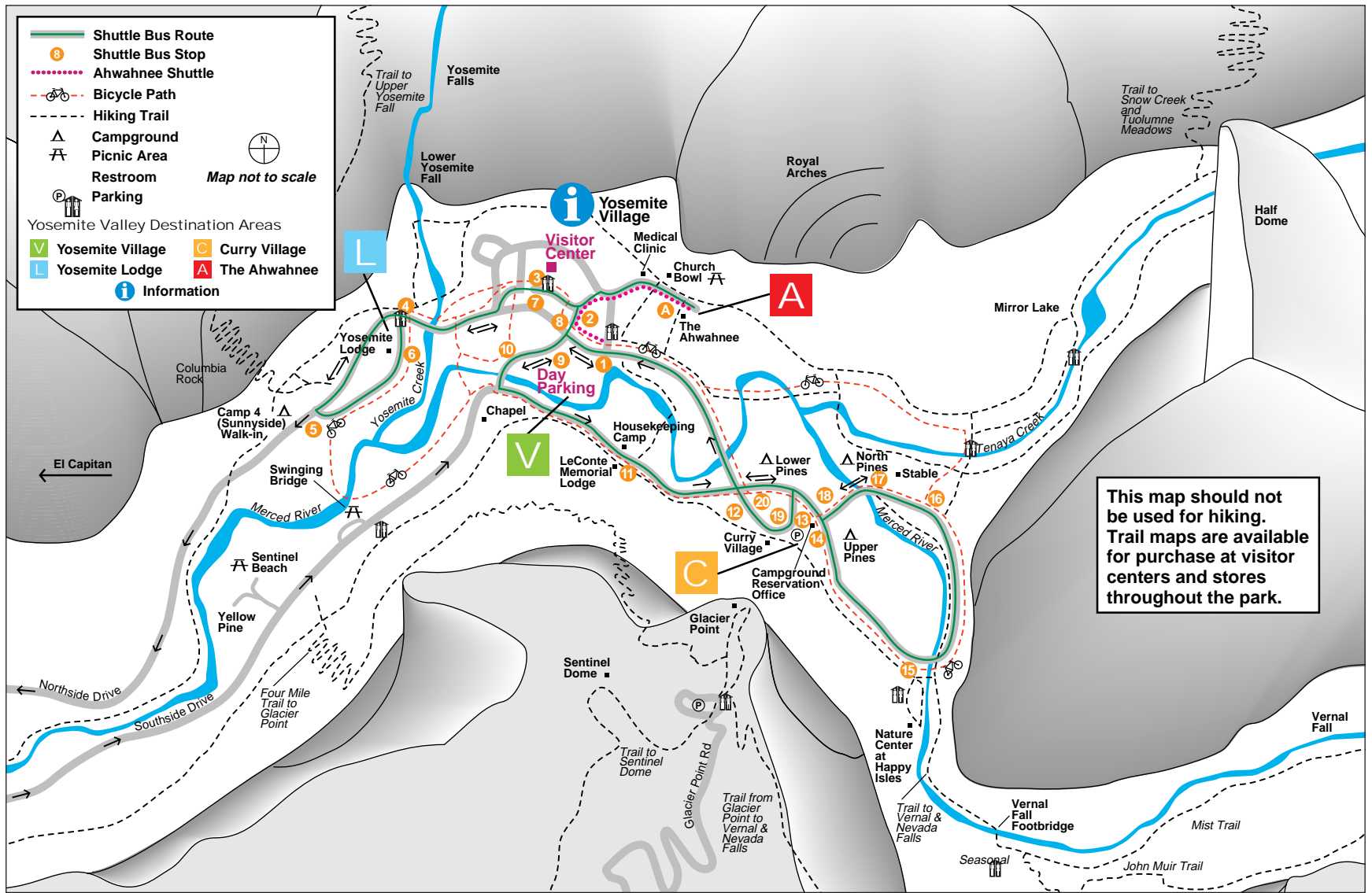
Pastor David Adamcik 209/966-3039

#### WAWONA COMMUNITY CENTER

Worship Service: Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Women's Bible Study: Wednesday 1:00 p.m.





This map should not be used for hiking. Trail maps are available for purchase at visitor centers and stores throughout the park.

# RIDE THE FREE YOSEMITE VALLEY SHUTTLE BUS



**Schedules and routes may vary.**  
Shuttle buses operate daily at 10-minute intervals, except during early morning and late evening hours when intervals may be 20 minutes. All buses follow the same route, serving stops in numerical order.

## SCHEDULE:

June 20 – September 4, 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

- A** The Ahwahnee
- 1** Yosemite Village/Day Parking
- 2** Yosemite Village
- 3** Visitor Center
- 4** Yosemite Falls  
*(Service ends 8:00 p.m.)*
- 5** Yosemite Lodge/Camp 4
- 6** Yosemite Lodge
- 7** Visitor Center
- 8** Yosemite Village
- 9** Yosemite Village/Day Parking
- 10** Sentinel Bridge/  
Yosemite Chapel Parking
- 11** Housekeeping Camp/  
LeConte Memorial Lodge
- 12** Bike & Raft Rental
- 13** Curry Village
- 14** Upper Pines Campground
- 15** Happy Isles  
*(Service ends 8:30 p.m.)*
- 16** Mirror Lake  
*(Service ends 8:30 p.m.)*
- 17** Stable  
*(Service ends 8:30 p.m.)*
- 18** Pines Campgrounds
- 19** Curry Village
- 20** Bike & Raft Rental