



Yosemite Guide

Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

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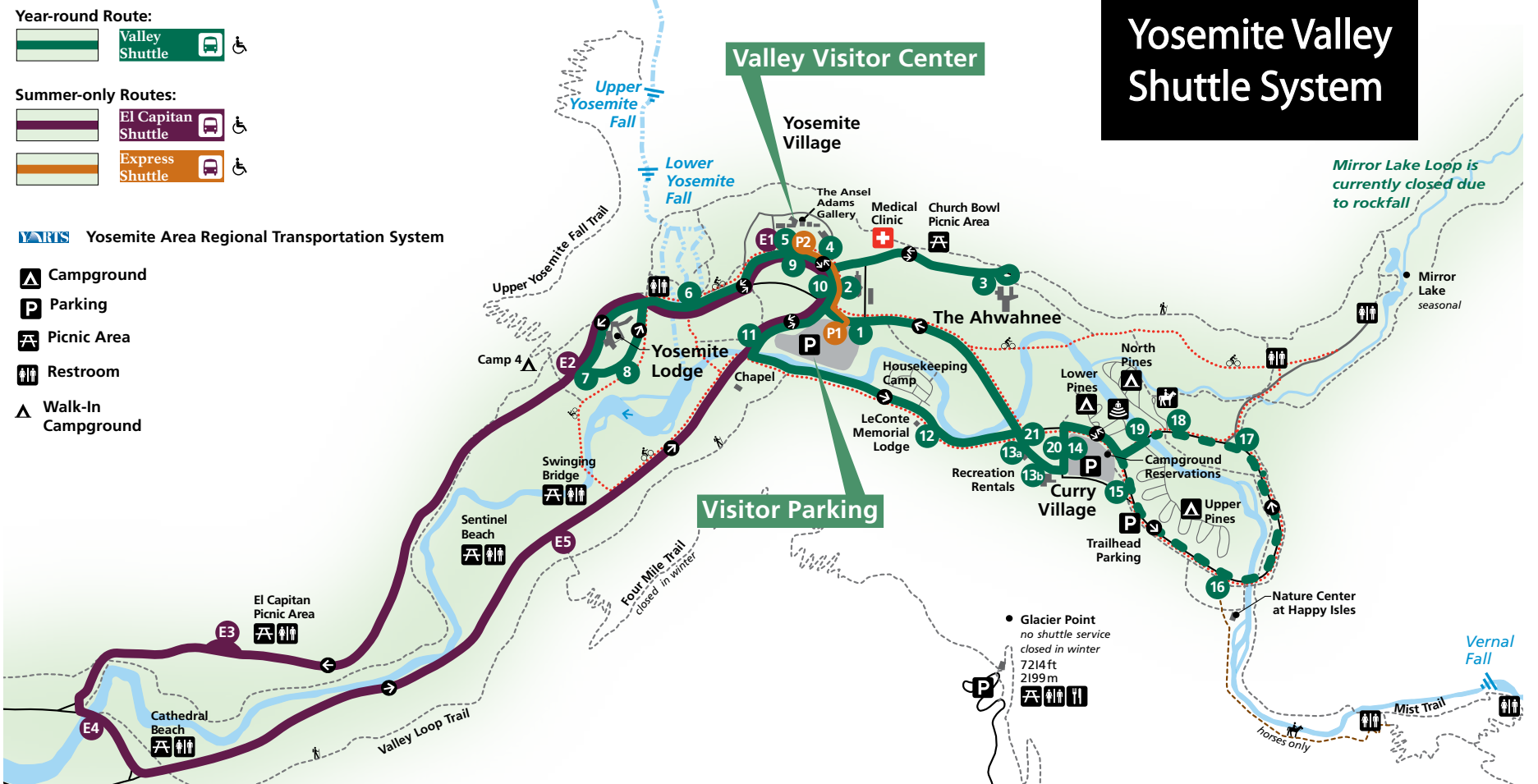


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Yosemite Valley Shuttle System



The Valley Visitor Shuttle operates from 7 am to 10 pm and serves stops in numerical order. Shuttles run daily every 10 to 20 minutes, depending on time of day.
The El Capitan Shuttle operates from 9 am to 6 pm. Shuttles run daily during summer every 30 minutes.
The Express Shuttle operates from 9 am to 6 pm. Shuttles run daily during summer every 20 minutes.

Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location
1	Visitor Parking	8	Yosemite Lodge	16	Happy Isles
2 10	Yosemite Village	11	Sentinel Bridge	17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
3	The Ahwahnee	12	LeConte / Housekeeping Camp	18	Stable
4	Degnan's Deli	13a 21	Recreation Rentals	19	Pines Campgrounds
5 9 E1	Valley Visitor Center	13b	Curry Village	E3	El Capitan Picnic Area
6	Lower Yosemite Fall	14 20	Curry Village Parking	E4	El Capitan Bridge
7 E2	Camp 4	15	Upper Pines Campground	E5	Four Mile Trailhead

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Seasonal Highlights

Keep this Guide with you to get the most out of your trip to Yosemite National Park

What do you want to do with your special time in Yosemite? In the height of summer, the possibilities are endless. Whether you want to get your heart rate up with a strenuous hike, read a book in a quiet spot, picnic, raft, or just hang out, the river is a great place to start.

Learn More about LeConte Memorial Lodge Read more about this historic structure and the programs it supports in our Feature Story on page 19.

Walk to a Waterfall

Yosemite Valley is famous for its awe-inspiring waterfalls; each as distinct as the granite cliffs they dive over. While Yosemite Falls may be dry by August, Bridalveil, Vernal, and Nevada Falls flow all year. (See page 17 for hiking information.)

Visit the other valley, Hetch Hetchy
“Almost an exact counterpart of the Yosemite. . . a visit to its counterpart may be recommended, if it be only to see how curiously nature has repeated herself.”
 -Josiah D. Whitney.

Hetch Hetchy provides spectacular vistas, waterfalls, and early season hiking. (See page 2 for a park map and area information.)

Explore a Sequoia Grove

Meet the most massive trees on earth as you explore a giant sequoia grove. Yosemite is home to three groves—the Mariposa Grove, which contains hundreds of sequoias, and the Tuolumne and Merced Groves, which each hold dozens. (See page 2 for a map of the park.)

Travel Back in Time

Visit Wawona’s Pioneer Yosemite History Center and join “Buckshot” for a horse-drawn stage ride! These



Upper Yosemite Fall NPS Photo

Get outside and enjoy your park!

Summer offers spectacular views of waterfalls, great hiking, and endless other opportunities for recreation.

10-minute rides introduce you to an early chapter in Yosemite’s history. Fun for the whole family. (See pages 8 and 9 for history center and other program information.)

Stroll with a Ranger

Learn about the wonders of the park on a ranger-guided stroll. Programs are offered daily throughout the park on a

variety of topics including waterfalls, trees, bears, geology, Yosemite Indians and more. (See area program grids on pages 6, 7, 9, and 11.)

Take a Photography Class

Learn how to best capture the landscape of Yosemite by joining a photography expert from the Ansel Adams Gallery. Several classes are offered each week.

Learn more and sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stops #5 and #9. (See pages 6 and 7 for times and meeting places.)

Discover the Night Sky

Attend the “Starry Skies Over Yosemite Valley” for a wild ride through the universe to learn about stars, constellations, planets, meteors, and other night sky features, all from the comfort of Yosemite Valley. Sign up at any tour desk. (See page 4 for tour desk locations.)

Go to the Theater

Yosemite Theatre LIVE offers entertainment and inspiration through a variety of live theater performances that bring Yosemite’s history to life. Discover the world of John Muir and other characters from the park’s rich history. (See page 7 for shows and starting times.)

Have Fun with the Family

Learn about Yosemite, meet a park ranger, and have a blast by becoming a Yosemite Junior Ranger or Yosemite Little Cub. Check in with any visitor center to find out how. Stop by the Nature Center at Happy Isles for another great place to explore with the family. (See page 12 for the Jr. Ranger Page.)

Visit the Yosemite Museum

Learn about Yosemite Indians by exploring a museum collection that includes remarkable woven baskets and traditional dress. Tour the outdoor Indian Village or talk with an Indian cultural demonstrator. The Yosemite Museum is located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stops #5 and #9. (See page 5 for museum hours and a list of gallery events and features.)

Access for People with Disabilities

Accessible parking, lodging, tours, and activities are available throughout the park.



For a complete list of accessible services, recreational opportunities, and exhibits, pick up an updated Yosemite Accessibility Guide which is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm, or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at 209/379-1035 or 209/372-0645 for more information.



Accessible parking spaces are available just west of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. To reach these, enter the Valley on Southside Drive. Turn left on Sentinel Drive. Turn left on Northside Drive, and follow the blue and white signs.



A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors. Please contact the Park Deaf Services Coordinator (209/372-0645) to request an interpreter. Advance notice is requested. Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advance request. Inquire at a visitor center.

Audio tours are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.

Emergency Information

Emergency Dial 911

Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley) Open 7 days per week from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM for primary and urgent care needs. Phone: 209/372-4637

Dental Clinic (In Yosemite Valley) 209/372-4200

For up-to-date road, weather, and park information: 209/372-0200

Sudden changes in weather are common in the Sierra Nevada. Call the number above or check at a visitor center for the most recent weather conditions

Lost and Found

To inquire about items lost or found at one of Yosemite’s restaurants, hotels, lounges, shuttle buses or tour services, call 209/372-4357. For items lost or found in other areas of the park, call 209/379-1001.

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Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Entrance Fees

Reservations are **NOT** required to enter Yosemite. The park is open year-round, 24 hours/day.

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 one year in Yosemite.

Interagency Annual Pass \$80
Valid for one year at all federal recreation sites.

Interagency Senior Pass \$10
(Lifetime) For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.

Interagency Access Pass (Free)
(Lifetime) For permanently disabled U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Reservations

Campground Reservations
877/444-6777
www.recreation.gov

Lodging Reservations
801/559-5000
www.yosemitepark.com

Regional Info

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)
www.yarts.com

Highway 120 West
Yosemite Chamber of Commerce
800/449-9120 or 209/962-0429
Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau
800/446-1333
www.tcvb.com

Highway 41
Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau
559/683-4636
www.yosemitethisyear.com

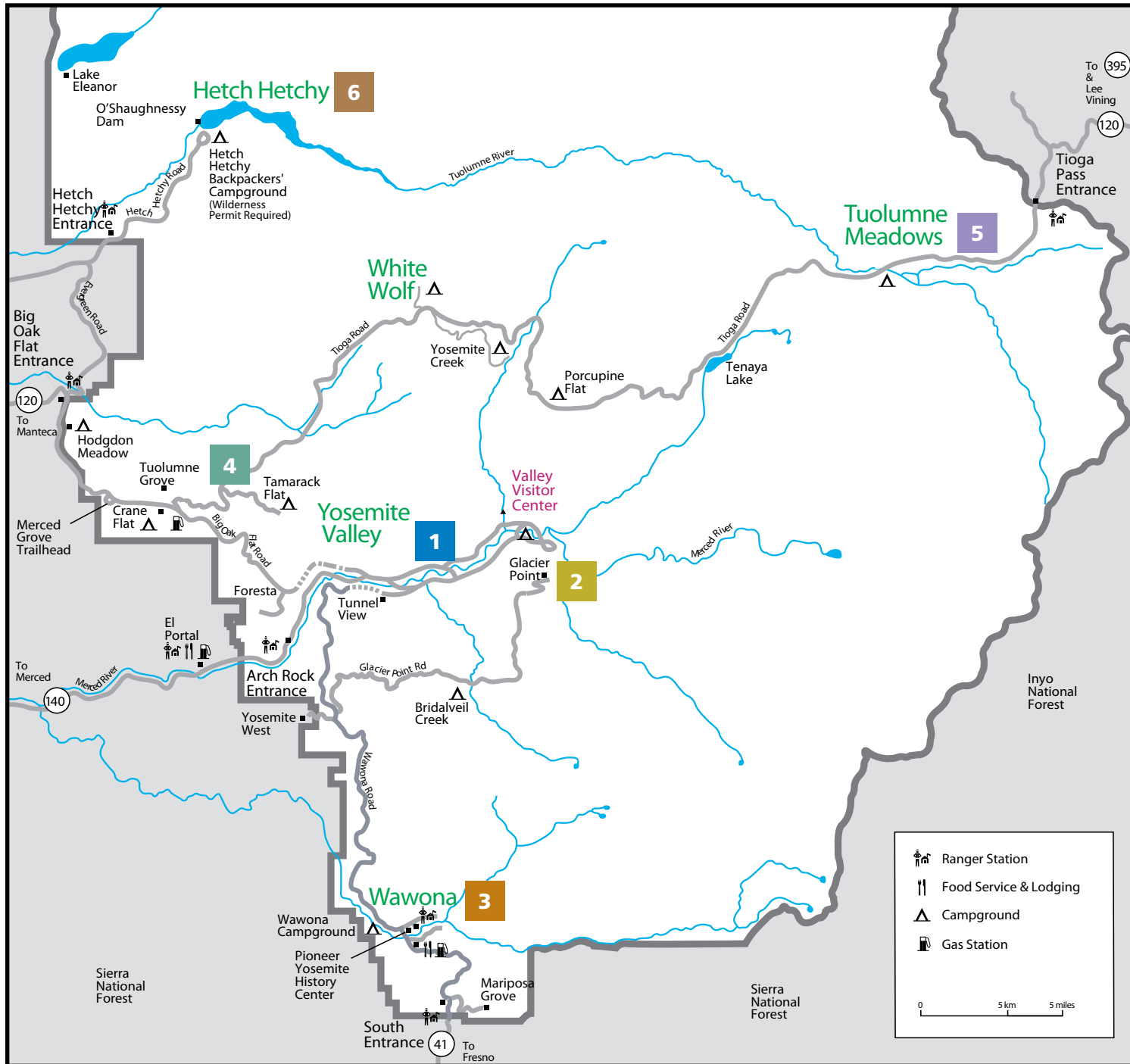
Highway 132/49
Coulterville Visitor Center
209/878-3074

Highway 140/49
Mariposa County Visitor Center
866/425-3366 or 209/966-7081

Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau
209/742-4567
www.homeofyosemite.com

Highway 120 East
Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce and Mono Lake Visitor Center, 760/647-6629
www.leevining.com

Calif. Welcome Center, Merced
800/446-5353 or 209/724-8104
www.yosemite-gateway.org



Yosemite Valley

1 Yosemite Valley, open all year, is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. You can get there via Highway 41/Wawona Road from Fresno, Highway 140/El Portal Road from Merced, Highway 120 west/Big Oak Flat Road from Manteca, and (during summer) via the Tioga Road/Highway 120 east from Lee Vining. Yosemite Valley is home to massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome, plunging waterfalls including the tallest in North America, and attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls slows to trickle by August, a moderate hike will bring you to impressive Vernal and Nevada Falls. Walk to Mirror Lake, where you will see reflections of Half Dome. Gaze up at El Capitan, a massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. Whether you explore the valley by foot, bike, car, on horseback, raft, or tour, you will behold scenery that will leave you breathless and eager to see what's around the next corner.



Mirror Lake and Mount Watkins. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Glacier Point

2 Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and the Yosemite's high country, is located 30 miles (a one-hour drive) from Yosemite Valley or Wawona. To get there from either of these places, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), to Chinquapin, then turn onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating—some might say unnerving—view 3,214 feet down to Yosemite Valley below.



View from Glacier Point. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Wawona and Mariposa Grove

3 The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1 ¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park's South Entrance. The nearby 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. Enjoy a horse-drawn stage ride, watch blacksmiths at work at the blacksmith shop, or hike one of the scenic trails. For more information, visit the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio, adjacent to the historic Wawona Hotel. This was once a painting studio for the 19th-century artist Thomas Hill. The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is a short drive or help reduce congestion by taking the free shuttle from the Wawona Store.



The Mariposa Grove Museum. Photo by Pam Meierding

Tioga Road and Tuolumne Grove

4 Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. It is usually open from late May or early June through sometime in November. The road's elevation ranges from 6,200 to nearly 10,000 feet, so it offers an opportunity to experience many of Yosemite's habitats. The White Wolf area, midway across the park, is the starting point for day hikes to Lukens Lake and Harden Lake. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area on the Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the grove. Or park at Merced Grove trailhead on Big Oak Flat Road and walk 1.5 steep miles down to the grove. These groves are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but are quieter and off-limits to vehicles. Remember: walking down is easier than walking back up.



Cathedral Peak. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Tuolumne Meadows

5 Tuolumne Meadows provides a glimpse of the High Sierra. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows surrounded by even higher granite domes and peaks. It is the jumping off place for countless hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. Stop at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center for information about hiking to Cathedral Lakes, Elizabeth Lake, Dog Lake, Lembert Dome, or along the Tuolumne River through Lyell Canyon. Take advantage of the free shuttle service in Tuolumne Meadows or the Tuolumne Meadows Tour and Hikers' Bus from Yosemite Valley.



Bridge over the Tuolumne River at Tuolumne Meadows. Photo by John Sun

Hetch Hetchy

6 Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the city of San Francisco, is also home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. Due to its importance as a municipal water supply, no swimming is permitted, however. Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles from Yosemite Valley. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open 7 am to 9 pm May 1 through Labor Day, with reduced hours during the rest of the year. Hetch Hetchy Road is accessible via the Big Oak Flat Road and Evergreen Road and is approximately a 1 ¼-hour drive from Yosemite Valley. Trailers, vehicles over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not allowed on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.



Hetch Hetchy. Photo by Erik Skindrud



Visitors in the natural history library and children's activity corner, LeConte Memorial Lodge/ Photos courtesy of the LeConte Memorial Lodge

Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park



The Incomparable Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Valley embraces one of the world's most outstanding concentrations of waterfalls, granite walls, meadows, wildflowers, and trees. The Valley also harbors a rich collection of human stories, from American Indian lore to the birth of the national park movement.

Yosemite Valley

An unlimited array of possibilities await you in Yosemite Valley. Most involve sightseeing and learning about the scenery. See pages 5, 6, and 7 for more information on program topics and visitor services available.

Ranger Programs

Rangers give walks and talks every day about Yosemite's natural and cultural history. See pages 6 and 7 for scheduled walks, talks, and evening programs.

Walking and Hiking

From easy walks to Lower Yosemite Fall, Cook's Meadow, and Mirror Lake to strenuous hikes to the top of Yosemite Falls or Nevada Fall, Yosemite Valley has a wide range of walking and hiking possibilities. See page 17 for a list of hikes.

Bicycling

Several miles of bicycle paths wind through Yosemite Valley. You can use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Lodge or Curry Village. Bikes are only allowed on paved bicycle paths.

Tours

(Tours listed below depart from Yosemite Lodge. Tours may be weather dependent.

The **Valley Floor Tour** is a 26-mile, two-hour open-air tram tour narrated by a park ranger (weather permitting). The tour departs Yosemite Lodge several times daily.

The **Glacier Point Tour** leaves Yosemite Lodge at 8:30 am, 10 am, and 1:30 pm daily when the Glacier Point Road is open. One-way tickets are available for those who want to hike down from Glacier Point.

The **Grand Tour** includes the Valley, Glacier Point, and the Mariposa Grove. An experienced guide narrates each tour. The tour departs Yosemite Lodge at 8:45 am daily.

Call 209/372-1240 for reservations or inquire at the tour desks at Yosemite Lodge, Yosemite Village, Curry Village, and The Ahwahnee.

Mule & Horseback Rides

Horse or mule rides begin at the stable near North Pines Campground. Stable hours are 7:30 am to 5 pm daily. Information: 209/372-8348 (reservations strongly recommended).

Sightseeing

Some of the famous landmarks in Yosemite Valley include:

- **Yosemite Falls** gives the Valley an extra touch of life when it's flowing

with spring runoff. You can walk to its base or take the strenuous trail to its top (see page 17).

- **Half Dome**, Yosemite's most distinctive monument, dominates most views in Yosemite Valley. Forces of uplift, erosion from rivers and glaciers, and rockfall all shaped this famous feature into what we see today. Cook's Meadow, Sentinel Bridge, Tunnel View, and Glacier Point, are just a few locations with stunning views of Half Dome.
- **El Capitan**, a massive granite monolith, stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. From spring to fall, climbers come from all over the globe to scale El Capitan.
- **Happy Isles** is a place to see dramatic natural processes at work. It is easily reached by shuttle at stop #16 or by walking from Curry Village. Cross the footbridges onto the isles or wander through outdoor and indoor exhibits detailing Yosemite's geologic story.
- **Tunnel View**, along Wawona Road (Hwy 41) provides a classic view of Yosemite Valley, El Capitan, Half Dome, Sentinel Rock, Cathedral Rocks, and Bridalveil Fall. It is spectacular at sunset or after the clearing of a storm.

Hours listed are core hours for facilities and may be extended during periods of peak visitation. Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Yosemite Village

Degnan's Loft

5pm to 9pm Monday through Friday, 12pm-9pm Saturday and Sunday

Degnan's Delicatessen

7am to 5pm

Degnan's Cafe

11am-6pm, opens for season May 25

Village Grill

11am to 5pm

Internet Kiosks

7am to 6pm

The Ahwahnee

Dining Room

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Lunch: 11:30am to 3pm

Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm

Sunday Brunch: 7am to 3pm

Appropriate attire respectfully

required for dinner.

Reservations strongly recommended for dinner and Sunday Brunch. 209/372-1489

Ahwahnee Breakfast Bar

7am to 10:30am

The Ahwahnee Bar

11:30am to 11pm

Yosemite Lodge

Food Court

Breakfast: 6:30am to 11am

Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm

Dinner: 5pm to 9:30pm (Grab and Go only 8:30-9:30pm)

Mountain Room Lounge

Monday – Friday

4:30pm to 11pm

Saturday – Sunday

Noon to 11pm, food service until 10pm

Mountain Room Restaurant

5:30pm to 9:30pm

Reservations taken for 8 or more.

209/372-1281 or 209/372-1403

Curry Village

Coffee Corner/Ice Cream

6am to 10pm

Curry Village Bar

Noon to 10pm

Pavilion Buffet

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Pizza Deck

Noon to 10pm

Meadow Grill

11am to 8pm

Happy Isles Snack Stand

11am to 7pm

BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL

Yosemite Village

The Ansel Adams Gallery

9am to 6pm

Yosemite Art Center

9am to 4:30pm closed for lunch 12pm to 1pm

Yosemite Bookstore

Inside Yosemite Visitor Center

9am to 6pm

Yosemite Museum Store

9am to 5pm

Valley Wilderness Center

8am to 5pm

Village Store

8am to 9pm, 8am to 10pm beginning

May 25

Habitat Yosemite

11am-4pm Th/Fri/Sat/Sun, 10am to 5pm

daily beginning May 25

Sport Shop

10am to 5pm, 9am to 6pm beginning

May 25

Ahwahnee

The Ahwahnee Gift Shop

8am to 9pm, 8am to 10pm beginning

May 25

The Ahwahnee Sweet Shop

7am to 10pm

Yosemite Lodge

Gift/Grocery

8am to 8pm, 8am to 10pm beginning

May 25

Nature Shop

10am to 7pm, 10am to 8pm beginning

May 25

Curry Village

Mountain Shop

8am to 6pm, 8am to 8pm beginning

May 25

Curry Village Gift/Grocery

8am to 8pm, 8am to 9pm beginning

May 25

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Exhibits and store, 9:30am to 5pm

Yosemite Valley

Where to go and what to do

Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

Visitor center and bookstore hours are 9am to 6pm. The visitor center is just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9). The facility offers information, maps, and books. Explore the exhibits and learn how Yosemite's landscape formed and how people interact with it.

FILM: SPIRIT OF YOSEMITE

This inspiring visitor-orientation film provides a stunning overview of Yosemite's splendor. It is shown every 30 minutes, Monday through Thursday between 9:30 am and 5:30 pm, Friday and Saturday between 9:30 am and 4:00 pm and Sunday between noon and 5:30 pm in the Valley Visitor Center Theater.

Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center.

INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

Open 9 am to 5 pm. Interprets the cultural history of Yosemite's Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE

Open daily from 9 am to 5 pm. The store offers books and traditional American Indian arts, crafts, jewelry, and books.

YOSEMITE MUESUM GALLERY

Yosemite Viewed: 19th and 20th Century Landscape Paintings:

This exhibit features a selection of landscapes from the Yosemite Museum collection ranging from Thomas Ayres' 1855 drawing of the view from Inspiration Point to a late 20th century interpretation of the same scene by



Biking in Yosemite Valley, Photo by Deniere

Jane Culp. Works by Albert Bierstadt, Thomas Moran, Chris Jorgensen, Chiura Obata, and others will be included. The Cosmopolitan Register, which includes signatures of prominent visiting artists, and the Cosmopolitan interactive, will be part of the display. Yosemite Museum Gallery, June 4 through September 30, daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ansel Adams Gallery

In Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center, the gallery is open daily from 9 am to 6 pm. The gallery offers the work of Ansel Adams, other photographers and artists, camera walks, workshops, and classes. Activities are listed on the front porch.

May 14- July 1st- "Photo-Graphic Thinking" Photographs by Workshop Instructors and Assistant.

Reception May 19, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Call 209/372-4413, or visit www.anseladams.com.

Wilderness Center

The Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village adjacent to the post office. Hours are 8 am to 5 pm. Visit the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters.

Image, left:
ca. 1890 painting by Thomas F. Laycock, oil on canvas, catalog no. 23998

Yosemite Art Center

The Yosemite Art Center offers a selection of original art and art supplies, as well as four-hour art workshops Tuesday through Saturday (see pg. 6). Located south of the Village Store, the Center is open 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 4:30 pm daily.

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Open 9:30 am to 5 pm through September. Designed for nature-exploring children and their families, the nature center offers natural-history exhibits and a bookstore. The nature center is a short walk from shuttle stop # 16.

Yosemite Theater LIVE

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LeConte Memorial Lodge

LeConte Memorial Lodge is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm, with evening programs Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, and some Thursday evenings. Evening programs are scheduled for 8:00 pm and are free. The Lodge has a library, children's corner, and a new climate change exhibit. The Lodge is located at shuttle stop #12.

VALLEY SERVICES

POST OFFICES

Yosemite Village

Main Office

Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 10am to noon

Yosemite Lodge

Post Office

Monday-Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

GROCERIES AND TOURS

Yosemite Village

Village Store Gift/Grocery

8am to 9pm, 8am to 10pm beginning May 25

Degnan's Deli

7am to 5pm

Tour Desk - Village Store

7:30am to 3pm

Visitor Center

9am to 6pm

Yosemite Lodge

Gift/Grocery

8am to 8pm, 8am to 10pm beginning May 25

Tour Desk

7:30am to 7pm

Curry Village

Gift/Grocery

8am to 8pm, 8am to 9pm beginning May 25

Tour Desk

7:30am to 3pm

Housekeeping Camp

Gift/Grocery

8am to 6pm, 8am to 8pm beginning May 25

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

May 23, 2012 - June 26, 2012



An NPS Interpretive Ranger engages young park visitors during a Junior Ranger Day Program. NPS Photo

Yosemite Outdoor Adventures

The non-profit Yosemite Conservancy sponsors this year-round series of fun, engaging field programs; they're a great way to deepen your connection to our park.

June 1-3	Yosemite's Birds of Prey	Yosemite's got talons!
June 16	Exploring Yosemite's Rocky History	Long live rock!
June 22-24	Half Dome: Make it to the Top	There's no place like dome...

Find all the details at www.yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures, or call 209/379-2317, ext. 10. Park entry and camping are included, and motel rooms have already been set aside for these programs. The Conservancy also arranges Custom Adventures for individuals, families and groups: adventures@yosemiteconservancy.org.

Yosemite Art Center Workshops (YAC)

The Yosemite Art Center is open daily 9am-4:30pm (closed for lunch from 12-1PM). Workshops are offered from 10am to 2pm Tuesday through Saturday. Register for classes in advance: 209/372-1442. Suggested Donation of \$10, supplies extra. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Be prepared to work outdoors. Please call or come by for more information about classes. www.yosemiteconservancy.org/artcenter

May 22-26th	Sonja Hamilton	Watercolor; Waterfalls, and Dogwoods
May 29th-June 2nd	Roger Folk	Watercolor in Yosemite
June 5th-9th	Robert Dvorak	Drawing and Painting from the Heart
June 12th-16th	Don Fay	Watercolor for Landscape
June 19th-23rd	Tom Fong	Watercolor Bold and Free
June 26th-30th	Byron Spicer	Playful Landscape Acrylic

Yosemite Mountaineering School (YMS)

YMS offers rock climbing classes, guided climbs, custom backcountry trips, and daily hikes. Experience the park with a professional guide: 209/372-8344.

LeConte Memorial Lodge (SC)

LeConte Memorial Lodge is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm, with evening programs Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, and some Thursday evenings. Evening programs begin at 8pm and are free. The Lodge has a library, children's corner, and a climate change exhibit. The Lodge is located at shuttle stop #12.

Habitat Protectors of Yosemite (HaPY)

Be part of the solution! Join park staff to help protect Yosemite's habitat through ecological restoration and litter cleanup projects. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to work one to three hours. Volunteers must wear long pants and closed-toe shoes; a hat and sun protection is recommended, and we encourage volunteers to bring water and snacks. All tools will be provided. Groups larger than 10 should contact the volunteer program in advance: 209/379-1850.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

209-559-3690 or 903-905-3747

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Valley Chapel, Sunday 9:15am, 11am, 6:30pm; Thursday 7pm; ACMNP Campground Services 9am Lower Pines; Vacation Bible School June 20-24 9am; Bible Study throughout week. For wedding & general information: Pastor Brent Moore, www.yosemitevalleychapel.org, 209/372-4831

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Amphitheater; Sunday, 10am at Valley Visitor Center, Saturday, 6pm, Lower Pines Amphitheater, 209/372-4729.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

El Portal Chapel / Worship: Sunday 11am Info: 209/379-2100

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

Lower River Amphitheater Saturday 9:45 am Music/Sabbath School, 11 am Worship, 12:30 pm potluck.

LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Sacrament meetings. Sunday 1pm. Memorial Day - Labor Day. Yosemite Chapel.

A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN THE NATIONAL PARKS

9am Sunday at Lower Pines, Wawona, and Tuolumne Meadows campgrounds.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

7:30pm Sunday, Tuesday, & Thursday DNC General Office Bldg. Yosemite Village.

LIONS CLUB

First and third Thursday of each month at noon, The Ahwahnee. Call 209/372-4475.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Thursday at noon at The Ahwahnee. Reservations / information: 209/372-8459.

MORNING

Sunday

- 8:15am **Ranger Walk - Yosemite's Legacy** 1 1/2 hrs. Front of Valley Visitor Center (NPS)
- 9:00am **HABITAT PROTECTORS OF YOSEMITE (HaPY)** Up to 3 hours. Volunteer service performing cleanup projects in Yosemite Valley. Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center. Wear closed-toe shoes, long pants; bring water, snacks, sun protection. (NPS)
- 9:00am **CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!** 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿
- 9:00am **Discovery Hike - Vernal Falls Bridge** 3.5 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$
- 10:00am **JUNIOR RANGER WALK** 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)

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

Monday

- 8:15am **Ranger Walk - Yosemite's First People** 1 1/2 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum (NPS)
- 8:30am **Camera Walk** 1 1/2 hours. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at the Ahwahnee Hotel
- 9:00am **CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!** 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿
- 9:00am **Bike to Hike Tour** 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$.
- 9:30am **FAMILY CRAFTS** (June 18th, 23rd only) Yosemite Art Center (YC)
- 10:00am **JUNIOR RANGER WALK** 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)

Tuesday

- 8:15am **Ranger Walk - Rivers and Waterfalls** 1 1/2 hrs. shuttle stop #6 (NPS)
- 8:30am **Camera Walk** 1 1/2 hours. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery
- 9:30am **Adventure Hike - Vernal & Nevada Falls** 6 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk.(DNC) \$
- 10:00am **Art Workshop** 4hrs Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ For more information see page 6.
- 10:00am **JUNIOR RANGER WALK** 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)
- 11:00am **CHILDRENS ART** (June 26th only) 1hr Ages 6-9 Yosemite Art Center (YC)

Wednesday

- 8:15am **Ranger Walk - Geology** 1 1/2 hrs. Front of Valley Visitor Center (NPS)
- 9:00am **HABITAT PROTECTORS OF YOSEMITE (HaPY)** (Starting June 6) Up to 3 hours. Volunteer service performing ecological restoration projects in Yosemite Valley. Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center. Wear closed-toe shoes, long pants; bring water, snacks, sun protection. (NPS)
- 9:00am **Bike to Hike Tour** (Except May 23) 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$
- 10:00am **Art Workshop** 4hrs Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ For more information see page 6
- 10:00am **JUNIOR RANGER WALK** 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)

Thursday

- 8:15am **Ranger Walk - Ahwahneechee Stories and Games** 1 1/2 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum (NPS)
- 8:30am **Camera Walk** 1 1/2 hours. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery
- 9:00am **CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!** (except May 24) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿
- 9:00am **Discovery Hike - Vernal Falls Bridge** (Except May 24) 3.5 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$
- 9:00am **HABITAT PROTECTORS OF YOSEMITE (HaPY)** (Starting June 7) Up to 3 hours. Volunteer service performing cleanup projects in Yosemite Valley. Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center. Wear closed-toe shoes, long pants; bring water, snacks, sun protection. (NPS)
- 10:00am **JUNIOR RANGER WALK** 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)
- 11:00am **CHILDRENS ART** (June 21st only) 1hr Ages 6-9 Yosemite Art Center (YC)

Friday

- 8:15am **Ranger Walk - Wild About Wildlife** 1 1/2 hrs. Front of Valley Visitor Center (NPS)
- 9:00am **CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!** (except May 25) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿
- 9:30am **Adventure Hike - Yosemite Falls 6 hrs.** (Except May 25) Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$
- 10:00am **Art Workshop** 4hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ For more information see page 6
- 10:00am **JUNIOR RANGER WALK** 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)

Saturday

- 8:15am **Ranger Walk - Trees** 1 1/2 hrs. The Ahwahnee shuttle stop #3 (NPS)
- 8:30am **Camera Walk** 1 1/2 hours. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery.
- 9:00am **HABITAT PROTECTORS OF YOSEMITE (HaPY)** (Starting June 2) Up to 3 hours. Volunteer service performing ecological restoration projects in Yosemite Valley. Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center. Wear closed-toe shoes, long pants; bring water, snacks, sun protection. (NPS)
- 9:00am **CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!** 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿
- 9:00am **Bike to Hike Tour** 2.5 hrs. (Except May 26) Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$
- 10:00am **Art Workshop** 4hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ For more information see page 6
- 10:00am **JUNIOR RANGER WALK** 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)

- AAC** American Alpine Club
- DNC** DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, Inc.
- NPS** National Park Service
- SC** Sierra Club
- TAAG** The Ansel Adams Gallery
- YAC** Yosemite Art Center
- YC** Yosemite Conservancy
- YMS** Yosemite Mountaineering School
- \$** Programs offered for a fee



Indicates facilities accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. Short, steep inclines may be encountered.



A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors. Contact 209/372-4726 (TTY) or 209/372-0645 to request an interpreter. Advance notice of 2 days is requested.



Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advanced request. Inquire at a visitor center.

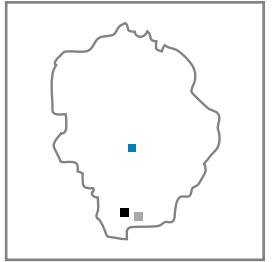
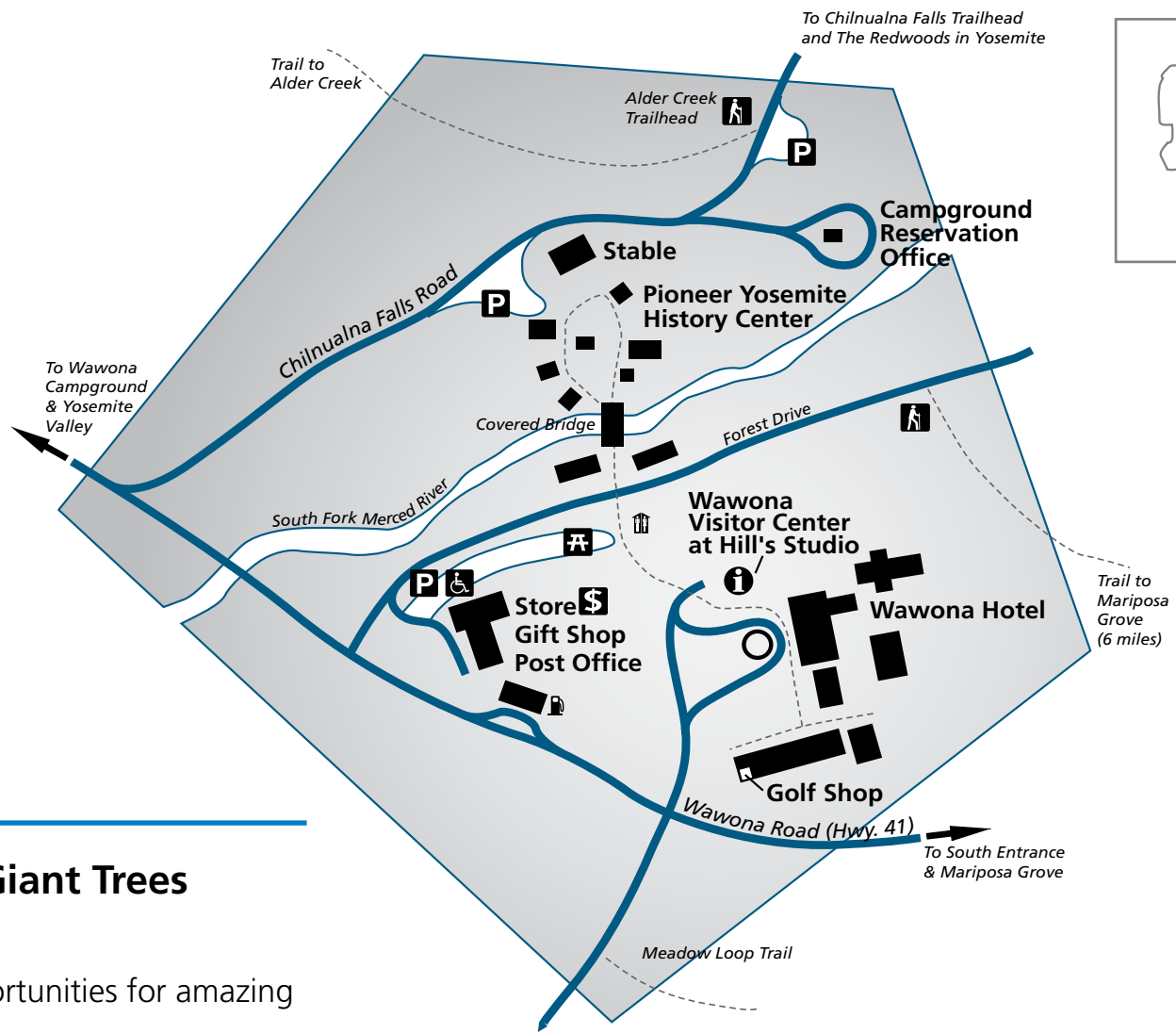
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Sunday	<p>1:30pm BEGINNER'S ART (June 17th,24th only) 2hrs Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm The Story Within The Stone 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)</p> <p>3:30pm CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)</p> <p>5:15pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)</p>	<p>6:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. See local listings for title, The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC)</p> <p>6:45pm WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00 pm Yosemite Theater LIVE: "Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1904" (except May 27) featuring Ranger Shelton Johnson. 1½ hrs. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE (June only) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program, Sierra Club 1hr. Le Conte Memorial Lodge (Shuttle bus stop #12) (SC) Dave Humphrey, YNP Branch Chief, "Yosemite Update: History, Architecture & Landscape" (June 3 only)</p> <p>Frank Helling, John Muir Historian "John Muir's Journey: Spirit of the Sierra" (June 10 only)</p> <p>Rick Deutsch, Mr. Half Dome "Hiking Half Dome" (June 17 only)</p> <p>GREG STOCK, PH.D., YNP GEOLOGIST, "RISE & FALL OF SIERRA NEVADA GLACIERS" (June 24 only)</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) &</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (begins June 3) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) ♿\$</p>
Monday	<p>1:00pm Discovery Hike - Columbia Rock 3.5 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>1:30pm BEGINNER'S ART 2hrs Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm "Using your Digital Camera" Class 4hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery \$</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk - Bears 1 1/2hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)</p> <p>3:30pm CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)</p> <p>5:15pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)</p>	<p>5:30pm Twilight Stroll 1 hour The Ahwahnee back lawn (YC)</p> <p>6:45pm WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater LIVE: "Filmmaking on the Edge" with Yosemite filmmaker Steve Bumgardner. 1½ hrs. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE (June only) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p>
Tuesday	<p>12:00pm Yosemite Forum (June 12 only) 1 hr. "Shifting Trends in Growth and Demography of High Elevation Conifers". Valley Visitor Center Auditorium (NPS)</p> <p>1:00pm LOWER YOSEMITE FALL FAMILY ACTIVITIES/ACTIVIDADES DE FAMILIA DE CASCADA BAJA DE YOSEMITE 2.5 hrs. (begins June 5/empieza 5 de Junio) informal learning activities in English and Spanish for kids and adults, along the Yosemite Falls Trail/2 horas, actividades de aprendizaje informales en Ingles y Espanol para los ninos y los adultos, en el rastro de Cascada Baja de Yosemite (DNC) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm CHILDRENS ART (June 19th,June 26th only) 1 ½ hrs Ages 10-13 Yosemite Art Center (YC)</p> <p>2:00pm "In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams" Class 4hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery \$</p> <p>2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk - Bears 1 1/2hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)</p> <p>4:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)</p> <p>5:15pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)</p>	<p>6:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. See local listings for title, The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC)</p> <p>6:45pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater LIVE: "Search & Rescue in Yosemite" with veteran ranger John Dill. 1½ hrs. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE (June only) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) ♿</p>
Wednesday	<p>1:00pm LOWER YOSEMITE FALL FAMILY ACTIVITIES/ACTIVIDADES DE FAMILIA DE CASCADA BAJA DE YOSEMITE 2.5 hrs. (begins May 30) informal learning activities in English and Spanish for kids and adults, along the Yosemite Falls Trail/2 horas, actividades de aprendizaje informales en Ingles y Espanol para los ninos y los adultos, en el rastro de Cascada Baja de Yosemite (DNC) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm Discovery Hike (Except May 23) Vernal Falls Bridge 3.5 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)</p> <p>4:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)</p> <p>5:15pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)</p>	<p>6:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. See local listings for title, The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC)</p> <p>6:45pm WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE (June only) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater LIVE: "The Spirit of John Muir" performed by Lee Stetson. 1½ hrs . Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$ (Except May 23 & May 30)</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (begins May 30) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
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Saturday	<p>1:00pm Discovery Hike (Except May 26) Four Mile Trail to Union Point 3.5 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>1:00pm LOWER YOSEMITE FALL FAMILY ACTIVITIES/ACTIVIDADES DE FAMILIA DE CASCADA BAJA DE YOSEMITE 2.5 hrs. (begins June 9/empieza 9 de Junio) informal learning activities in English and Spanish for kids and adults, along the Yosemite Falls Trail/2 horas, actividades de aprendizaje informales en Ingles y Espanol para los ninos y los adultos, en el rastro de Cascada Baja de Yosemite (DNC) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm "In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams" Class 4hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery \$</p> <p>2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk - Bears 1 1/2hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm Fine Print Tour 1 hr. Very limited space. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery.</p> <p>3:30pm CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)</p> <p>5:15pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)</p> <p>5:45pm YOSEMITE THEATER LIVE: "A YOSEMITE NIGHT'S DREAM" performed by the Traveling Lantern Theater Company. 1 hr. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$</p>	<p>6:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. See local listings for title, The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC)</p> <p>6:45pm WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE (June only) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16</p> <p>7:30pm Yosemite Theatre LIVE: Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey followed by discussion with climber Ron Kauk, featured in the film. 1½ hrs. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program, Sierra Club 1hr. Le Conte Memorial Lodge (Shuttle bus stop #12) (SC) Lee Terkelsen, NATURE VIDEOGRAPHER "ALONG THE JOHN MUIR TRAIL" NARRATED VIDEO (May 26 and June 16)</p> <p>Jeremy Evans, Photographer "Yosemite and the Sierra Nevada: Season through Photography (June 2 only)</p> <p>Dr. Barbara Mossberg, Prof. of Integrative Studies, CSU Monterey Bay "Tree-Mendous!" Tribute to Poetry & Music of Yosemite Trees" (June 9 only)</p> <p>MICHAEL BRYANT/ROBIN PLUSKIN, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MUSICIANS "CONCERT & SING ALONG: CELEBRATION OF NATURE SONGS" (June 23 only)</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC/ AAC) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>

Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point



Horse-drawn stage ride. NPS photo by Susan Michael

- Parking
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- Wawona
- Glacier Point
- Mariposa Grove

Explore History Discover Giant Trees and Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

Wawona & Mariposa Grove

Coffee with a Ranger

Grab your mug and join a ranger in the Wawona Campground Amphitheater for coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. Use this time to plan your day or to get other questions answered. See page 9 for scheduled programs.

Evening Programs

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past. Once or twice a week, he will present an hour-long interpretive program on the vintage songs of Yosemite or the history of Wawona with slide or music accompaniment. Check with Tom at the piano for dates and times.

Ranger Evening Programs

Join a ranger for an hour of nature, history, and insight into Yosemite. Topics vary nightly. See page 9 for dates, times, and locations.

Wawona Information Station at Hill's Studio

Open 8:30 am to 5 pm, the visitor center offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. Located on the grounds of the Wawona

Hotel, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona store parking area and follow the path up the hill.

Pioneer Yosemite History Center

Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center explores Yosemite's history and explains how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world. The center is always open, and interpretive signs and brochures are available.

EXPERIENCE HORSE-DRAWN TRAVEL

Travel into history by taking a 10-minute horse-drawn stage ride. Tickets may be purchased at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. See page 9 for dates, times, and locations.

\$4/adults and \$3/child (ages 3-12)

BLACKSMITH SHOP

Smell the burning coal, hear the ring of the hammer on the anvil, and watch a demonstration of the ancient art of blacksmithing. See page 9 for dates, times, and locations.

Nature Walks in the Mariposa Grove

Join a ranger for a nature walk in the

Mariposa Grove to discover many mysteries about these large trees. Saturdays and Sundays at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm and Monday, May 28 at 10:00 am. Meet at the Lower Grove trailhead.

Mariposa Grove

Located near Yosemite's South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove is the park's largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees. A few of these giants are visible in the parking area. Information about access for disabled people is available at the tram boarding area.

Getting to Mariposa Grove

Allow 1½ hours driving time to reach the grove from the Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the grove parking lot. The access road to the grove may close intermittently due to limited parking.

Trailers are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road. Private vehicles longer than 25 feet are not permitted on this road.

FREE MARIPOSA GROVE & WAWONA SHUTTLE

A shuttle stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the bus. Shuttles operate beginning at 9 am, and the last shuttle leaves the grove at 6 pm, or after the last tour. Please use this free bus service to help reduce congestion and parking delays.

Mariposa Grove Museum

Open 10 am to 4 pm. Located in the Upper Mariposa Grove, the museum offers information, displays on giant sequoias.

WALKING THROUGH THE GROVE

Trails into the grove extend uphill from the trailhead 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 in Spanish, German, French, and Japanese.

Dogs/bikes are not permitted anywhere in the Grove



Sequoias. Photo by Christine White Loberg



Geology Hut. Photo courtesy Yosemite Research Library

Glacier Point

Evening Programs

Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening shadows in Yosemite Valley and the alpenglow (or moonrise) on the Sierra high country. Stargazing programs are offered, as well. Details at right.

Hours listed are core hours for facilities and may be extended during periods of peak visitation. Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Wawona

Wawona Hotel Dining Room

Breakfast: 7:30am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 1:30pm
Lounge Service 5pm-9:30pm
Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm
Saturday BBQ: 5-7pm

Golf Shop & Snack Stand

9am to 5pm when golf course is open

Glacier Point

Snack Stand

Will open when potable water becomes available
9am to 5pm

GROCERIES

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop
8am to 6pm, 8am to 8pm beginning May 25

GIFTS & APPAREL

Wawona

Wawona Store & Pioneer Shop

8am to 6pm, 8am to 8pm beginning May 25

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio (Information and Books)

8:30am to 5pm

Glacier Point

Gift Shop

9am to 6pm

Mariposa Grove

Mariposa Grove Museum

10am to 4pm

Big Trees Gift Shop

9am to 5pm, 9am to 6pm beginning May 25

POST OFFICE

Wawona Post Office

Monday-Friday: 9am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to noon

GAS STATION

Wawona Gas Station

8am to 6pm Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

GOLF

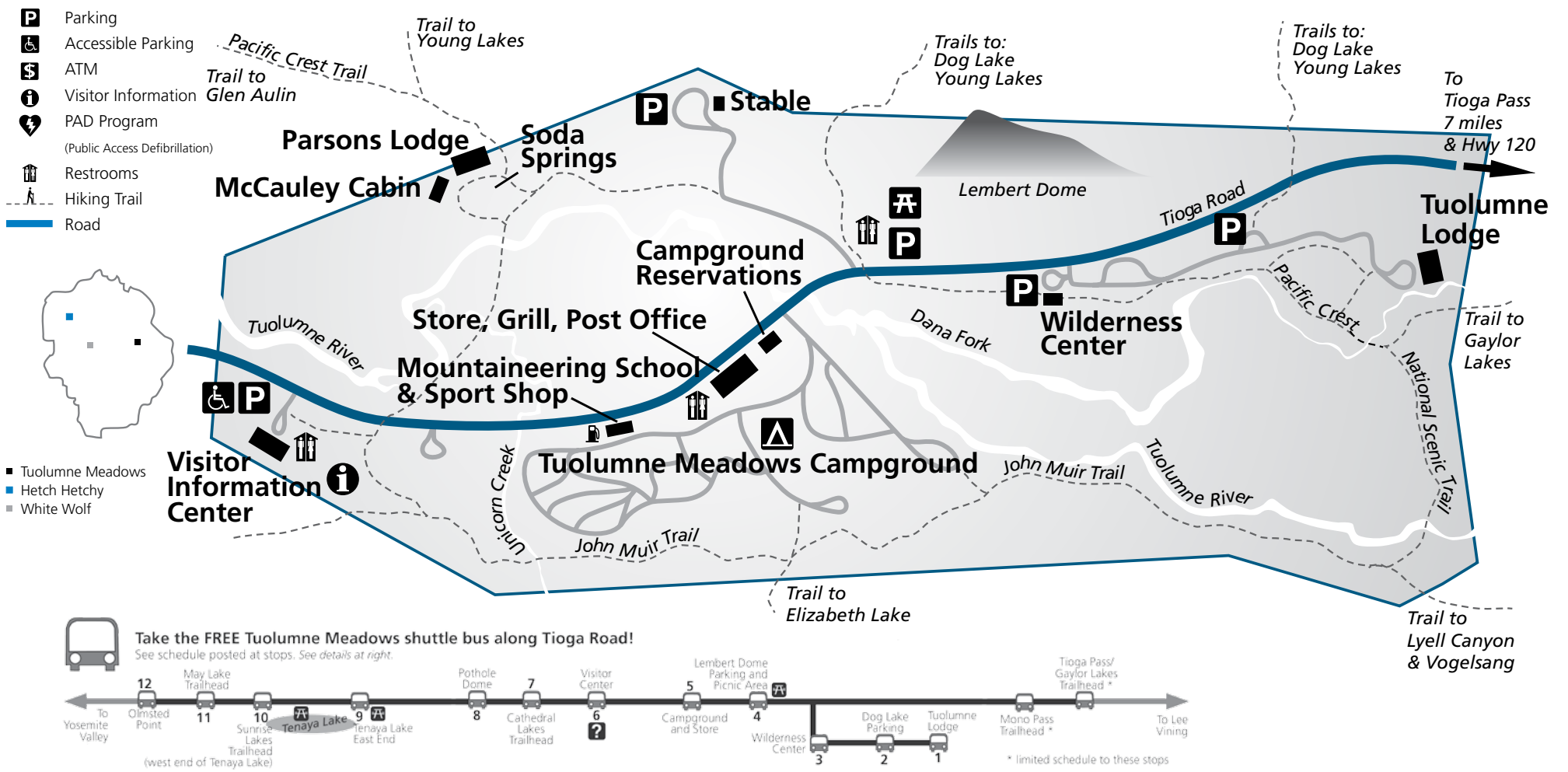
Wawona Hotel Golf Course

9am to 5pm, weather and conditions permitting. Nine-hole, par-35 course.

	WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE	GLACIER POINT
Sunday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger ¼ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿ 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 min each Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$4 adult / \$3 child 3-12 (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (except May 27 & June 3) Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) handicap symbol 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 3:00pm Wawona History Stroll (June 17 & 24 only) 1 hr. Wawona Hotel Fountain (NPS)	11:00am Hike to the Hidden Illilouette Fall 3½ hrs. Moderately difficult. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop (NPS) 7:00pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR (begins June 17) 4.5 hrs. tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) ♿ 7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley (NPS)
Monday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger (May 28 only) ¼ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿ 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (May 28 only) 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER WAWONA (except June 4) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) & \$	2:00pm Ranger Walk—Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan 1.5 hrs. Moderately difficult. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop. (NPS) 7:00pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR (begins June 18) 4.5 hrs. tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) ♿ 7:00pm Full Moon Hike to Sentinel Dome (June 4 only) 2 hrs. Dress warmly. Meet at Sentinel Dome parking area (NPS)
Tuesday	5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp, programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm, drop by the piano early in the evening & ask Tom for details, Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) ♿ 6:30pm Evening Ranger Program (June 12 & 19 only) 1 hr. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call (855) 290-3499 (NPS) ♿	7:00pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR (begins June 19) 4.5 hrs. tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) ♿
Wednesday	9:30am Wawona History Stroll (June 13 & 20 only) 1 hr. Wawona Hotel Fountain (NPS) 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (except May 23 & 30) Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿ 5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp, programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm, drop by the piano early in the evening & ask Tom for details, Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) ♿	7:00pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR (begins June 20) 4.5 hrs. tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) ♿
Thursday	10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (except May 24 & 31) Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿ 5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp, programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm, drop by the piano early in the evening & ask Tom for details, Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) ♿	7:00pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR (begins June 21) 4.5 hrs. tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) ♿
Friday	10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (except May 25, & June 1) 10 min each Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$4 adult / \$3 child 3-12 (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (except May 25 & June 1) Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿ 5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp, programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm, drop by the piano early in the evening & ask Tom for details, Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) ♿	2:00pm Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 8:30pm Stars Over Yosemite (except June 1) Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast. (NPS)
Saturday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger ¼ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿ 9:00am Nature Walk with a Ranger (June 16 & 23 only) 2 hrs. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call (855) 290-3499 (NPS) 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 min each Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$4 adult / \$3 child 3-12 (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (except May 26 & June 2) Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp, programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm, drop by the piano early in the evening & ask Tom for details, Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) ♿	7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley (NPS) 8:30pm Stars Over Yosemite (except June 2) Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast

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Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat



Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Once open for the season, hours are 9 am to 5 pm. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays.

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

Open 8 am to 5 pm. The wilderness center offers wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, visitor information, maps, and general park information. The Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center is located just south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, at shuttle stop #3.

Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley Cabin, and Soda Springs

Two trails, both flat and 3/4-mile long, lead to this historic area accessible only by walking. Parsons Memorial Lodge may be open from 10 am to 4 pm beginning in late June. Soda Springs are small, naturally-carbonated springs that attract birds and deer, especially at sunrise and sunset.

Just for Kids

Programs for children include Junior Rangers, a two-hour, ranger-led program for children (ages 7-12), and Campfire for Kids. Programs not scheduled to begin until late June.

Ranger Walks

Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, birds, flowers, history, the Tuolumne River, and more. These walks range from one to eight hours and, except for the long walks, are fairly easy. On Friday, end your day with a Music Walk. This easy stroll will inspire and delight. Programs not scheduled to begin until late June.

Evening Activities

Come to a traditional, ranger-led campfire program for stories, songs, and insight into Yosemite. Program topics vary, and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. End your day with a star program—bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. Programs not scheduled to begin until late June.

Mule and Horseback Rides

Horse or mule rides begin at the Tuolumne Meadows stable. Stable hours are 7 am to 5 pm once open for the season. Information: 209/372-8427.

Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open 8 am to 5 pm. The information station offers general park information, books and maps. It also provides wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, trail, and backpacking information.

Merced Grove

Yosemite's quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of about 20 big trees accessible only on foot. It's a three-mile round-trip hike (about three hours) into the grove. The trail drops down 1.5 miles making this a moderately strenuous hike on the uphill portion.

There is no potable water at the parking area or down in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you. The grove is located 3½ miles north of Crane Flat and 4½ miles south of the Big Oak

Flat Entrance along the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). The trail is marked by a sign and a post labeled B-10. Tuolumne Grove

Tuolumne Grove

The trail head for this grove of about 25 sequoias is near the intersection of the Big Oak Flat and Tioga roads at Crane Flat. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from the parking area into the grove. The trail drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The way down can seem much easier than the uphill return to the parking lot. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill portion. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guided nature trail. There is no potable water at the parking area or in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you.

Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows Grill

When open hours of operation will be as follows:
8am to 5pm

Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room

When open, hours of operation will be as follows:
Breakfast - Reservations recommended - 7am-9am
Dinner-Reservations Strongly Recommended - 5:45pm - 8:00pm

White Wolf

White Wolf Lodge

When open, hours of operation will be as follows:
Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Lunch - Sandwiches , beverages, and snacks available at the front desk store
Dinner - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Reservations recommended

GROCERIES

Tuolumne Meadows

Store

Opens for the season Friday, June 2
Daily 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. weather permitting

Crane Flat

Store

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Effective Friday, May 27th 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. / 24 Hour Pay at the Pump

GIFTS & APPAREL

Tuolumne Meadows

Mountaineering School and Sport Shop

8:30am to 6pm

Tuolumne Meadows Bookstore

Inside the Visitor Center
9am to 5pm, when Visitor Center is open

Tuolumne Meadows Store

Opens for the season Friday, June 2
Daily 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. weather permitting

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

POST OFFICE

Tuolumne Meadows

Post Office

Monday – Friday: 9am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to 1pm

GAS STATIONS

Tuolumne Meadows

Gas and propane available.
Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

Crane Flat

9am to 5pm, 9am to 7pm beginning May 25.
Diesel & propane available.
Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

FREE SHUTTLE BUS

Olmsted Pt. / Tuolumne / Tioga Pass

See map, page 10. Free shuttle service is available along the Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tioga Pass. Service begins when conditions permit.

Shuttles travel between Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Olmsted Point with stops along the Tioga Road, including Tuolumne Meadows Campground and the visitor center. The shuttle also makes morning and afternoon runs to Tioga Pass.

Service begins at the Lodge at 7 am. Shuttles arrive at approximately 30-minute intervals between 7 am and 7 pm.

	TUOLUMNE MEADOWS	WHITE WOLF	CRANE FLAT/ HODGDON MEADOW/ HETCH HETCHY
Sunday	Check local postings for programs possibly scheduled before June 27	Check local postings for Ranger Programs or call the Big Oak Flat Information station at (209) 379-1899	Check local postings for Ranger Programs or call the Big Oak Flat Information station at (209) 379-1899
Monday	Check local postings for programs possibly scheduled before June 27	Check local postings for Ranger Programs or call the Big Oak Flat Information station at (209) 379-1899	Check local postings for Ranger Programs or call the Big Oak Flat Information station at (209) 379-1899
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Become a Junior Ranger

Ages 3 and up can earn a badge while exploring the park

Yosemite National Park offers a wide variety of wide variety of programs and activities for kids of all ages! To find kid-friendly programs, see pages 6, 7, 9, and 11 of the Guide for program descriptions:

Programs printed in **ALL CAPS & COLOR** are especially for Children and their Families

Be a naturalist. Look for these common Yosemite wild animals. If you see one, make a note by the animal's picture below. If you don't see any of these wild animals during your visit, choose one you did see and draw it in the box on this page. Where did you see it? What was it doing? Also, remember never to feed or approach an animal.



Coyote



Black bear



Golden-mantled ground squirrel

All issue illustrations by Tom Whitworth

Follow these steps to earn your Junior Ranger badge.*

1. With an adult, pick a trail to walk. See page 17 of this Guide or stop by a visitor center to choose your trail. As you go, walk quietly, watch, listen, and think.

Write the name of the trail you walked. _____

2. Explore with your senses! Record the following.

I see: _____

I hear: _____

I smell: _____

I touch: _____

3. Leave no Trace! If you see trash or rubbish, pick it up. Junior Rangers learn to be good park stewards by bringing in a bag of trash. Recycle any recyclable materials you pick up or bring along.

4. Learn more. Go to a ranger-led program or visit with an Indian Cultural Demonstrator. What program did you attend? Have the ranger or demonstrator sign below.

Signed by: _____

5. Write down something you learned from a ranger or Indian Cultural Demonstrator.

6. Think about this. Why do people work to protect national parks?

7. When you complete this page, take it to a visitor center. There you will take your oath and receive your Junior Ranger badge.

*Expanded Junior Ranger and Little Cub programs (and the chance to earn a patch) are available in the *Junior Ranger* or *Little Cub Handbooks*, which can be purchased at any Yosemite Conservancy bookstore.

Bears and Wildlife

Enjoying wildlife safely and responsibly



Sow and Cub. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Keep Wildlife Wild!

Black bears, coyote, deer, and grey squirrels are just a few of the many animal species in the park that are active year round. Learn how to help protect Yosemite's wildlife.

Store Your Food Properly.

4,000 to 20,000 calories worth of grasses, berries, acorns, and grubs—that's the typical daily diet of most bears. It's a lot easier for a bear to eat the thousands of calories of food in an ice chest than it is to spend all day nibbling at grasses. Their incredible sense of smell allows them to detect things we can't, which helps them find food—a black bear can smell a dead deer three miles away. To top it off, bears have excellent vision and can see in color, so they recognize ice chests, grocery bags, and other food containers as potential food sources.

If you see a bear, scare it away or keep your distance.

You may not see a bear during your visit because they naturally avoid people. However, if you see one in a developed area (like a campground or parking lot), act immediately to scare it away: Make noise and yell as loud as possible. If there is more than one person, stand together to present a more intimidating figure, but do not surround the bear.

If you see a bear anywhere else, consider yourself lucky—but keep your distance (at least 50 yards, or about the distance made by four shuttle buses parked end to end). If you get too close, you will be helping the bear become used to being around people. Bears that become

comfortable around humans lose their natural fear of us and may become too aggressive. When that happens, they sometimes have to be killed.

Drive the speed limit.

The most common human-related cause of death for a black bear in Yosemite is being hit by a car. Slow down! Driving too fast is almost always the cause of these accidental deaths.

Red Bear, Dead Bear

Did you notice the red bear markers as you drove through the park? Each of them mark a place where a bear was recently hit. Every year bears, hundreds of deer, and countless other animals are killed while trying to cross park roads. Many of these deaths could have been avoided if drivers observed posted speed limits.

Please remember that Yosemite National Park is a wildlife preserve: by driving the speed limit you are helping to protect the park and its wildlife.

Backpackers: Save Your Food, Save A Bear

Bear resistant food canisters are 2.7-pound containers that can be used to store five or more days of backpacker food when meals are carefully planned. Canisters have an inset lid that bears are

unable to open. When used correctly, bears learn that—although they smell like food—the canisters are not worth investigating.

Report Bear Sightings!

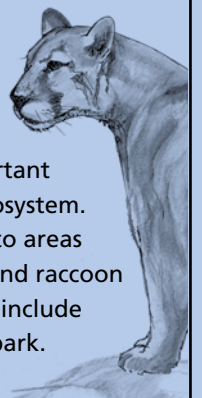
To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at 209/372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park's website (www.nps.gov/yose/bears).

Coyotes

Watching a coyote hunting for mice in one of Yosemite's many meadows can be an amazing wildlife experience. Coyotes are opportunistic carnivores that primarily prey on small mammals. Like bears, their diets change throughout the year with food availability.

Unfortunately, coyotes sometimes change their natural behavior to try to obtain human food. Approaching, and/or feeding coyotes can cause them to lose their natural fear of humans. Please do not stop to feed coyotes that you see along the sides of the roads. This encourages them to frequent roadsides to beg for food, endangering both coyotes and drivers.

Mountain Lions



Mountain lions are a normal and important part of the park ecosystem. They are attracted to areas with healthy deer and raccoon populations, which include many areas of the park. Although lion attacks on humans are extremely rare, they are possible, just as is injury from any wild animal.

For your safety:

Do not leave pets or pet food outside and unattended. Pets can attract mountain lions.

Avoid hiking alone. Watch children closely and never let them run ahead or lag behind on the trail. Teach children what to do if they see a lion.

What should you do if you meet a mountain lion?

Never approach one, especially if it is with kittens. Most lions will avoid 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 may be dangerous. If attacked, fight back!

Mountain Lions are magnificent creatures and native to Yosemite. Generally, they are calm, quiet, and elusive. Sightings are rare, so if you spot one, consider yourself privileged!

How to Store Food

"Food" includes any item with a scent, regardless of packaging. This may include items that you do not consider food, such as canned goods, bottles, drinks, soap, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, ice chests (even when empty), and unwashed items used for preparing or eating meals.

LOCATION	FOOD STORAGE	WHY?
Your Vehicle	You may store food in your car (with windows closed) only during daylight hours. Do not store food in your car after dark: use a food locker. Remember to clear your car of food wrappers, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats. Never leave unattended food strapped to the outside of a vehicle or in a pickup truck bed.	Bears can smell food, even if it's sealed in the trunk or glove compartment, and they recognize boxes and bags as potential food sources. They can easily and quickly break into all kinds of vehicles!
Your Campsite or Tent Cabin	You must store all your food in food lockers—not in your tent or tent cabin. A food locker is available at each campsite and tent cabin. Food may be stored out of sight in hard-sided RVs with windows closed.	Bears may enter campsites when people are present, and some will even check food lockers to see if they're secured. Keep food lockers closed and latched at all times, even when you are in your campsite or tent cabin.
Picnic Areas & on the Trails	Do not leave food unattended. Always keep food within arm's reach. Don't turn your back to your food.	Bears may investigate picnic areas or backpacks for food even when people are present, so be alert.
Backpacking in the Wilderness	Bear resistant food containers are required throughout the Yosemite Wilderness. Hanging food is prohibited in Yosemite.	In Yosemite and the southern Sierra, bear canisters are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.



Protect Yourself...

Keep safety in mind as you explore the park



Permit Required to Hike Half Dome

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week when the cables are up for 2012, May 25 to October 8, conditions permitting. This interim measure increases safety along the cables while the park develops a long-term plan to manage use on the Half Dome Trail. In addition to the 300 permits per day released during the preseason lottery, approximately 50 permits will be available each day by lottery during the hiking season. These permits will be available based on the estimated rate of use and cancellations of permits (the exact number may change through the summer). The daily lotteries will have an application period two days prior to the hiking date with a notification late that night. To apply for a permit, visit Recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777. An application fee applies to all and a use fee applies to winning applicants. Backpackers with an appropriate wilderness permit can receive a Half Dome permit when they pick up their wilderness permit (use fee applies). Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area can descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit. More information is available at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm.

Keep yourself safe while exploring your park.

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

Around Water

- Stay away from swiftly-moving water. Keep children from wandering on or near these hazards. Choose swimming areas carefully and swim only during low water conditions.
- Always supervise children closely.
- Avoid areas of whitewater, where streams flow over rocky obstructions.
- Never swim or wade upstream from of a waterfall, even if the water appears shallow and calm. Each year, unsuspecting visitors are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when swimming in these areas.
- Swimming is not permitted in the Hetch Hetchy reservoir or in Emerald Pool above Vernal Fall.

Water Quality

To protect yourself from disease, treat any surface water before drinking. Treatment methods include boiling for five minutes, use of a Giardia-rated water filter, or iodine-based purifier. To prevent the spread of Giardia and other water-borne disease organisms, use restroom facilities where available, and always wash hands afterwards with soap and water. In natural areas where facilities are not available, wash, camp, and bury human waste at least 100 feet away from any water source or trail, burying human waste six inches deep and pack out any toilet paper.

Traffic Safety

Roads leading to the park are two-lane, narrow, and winding. When traveling on park roads you can protect yourself, other visitors, and park wildlife by observing the following simple rules: Please obey posted speed limits. Yosemite's roads are used by both visitors and park wildlife. Use turnouts

to pull completely out of the road, to take photos, consult the park map, or simply enjoy the park's scenery and wildlife.

Effects of Altitude

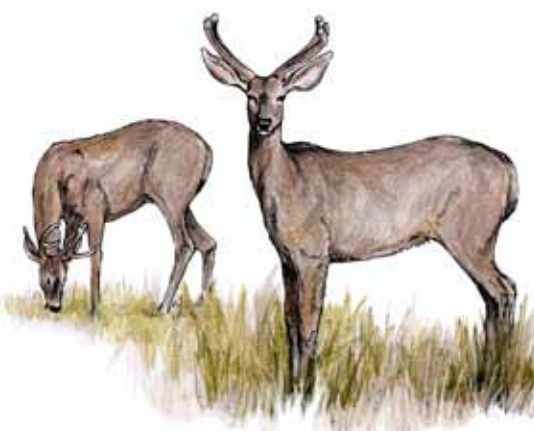
Altitude sickness may develop in otherwise healthy and fit people who are exposed to rapid increases in altitude. It can develop at altitudes as low as 8,000 feet (Yosemite Valley's elevation is 4,000 feet). Should altitude sickness develop, descend to a lower elevation.

Hiking, Backpacking, River and Creek Crossings, and Rock Climbing

- Tell someone where you are going and when you are due back.
- Carry and know how to use a map and compass.
- Know how to use your gear and carry basic repair materials.
- Check weather forecasts.
- Avoid dehydration or heat exhaustion; carry and drink plenty of water, and bring high-energy food.
- Be prepared to set up emergency shelter even when out just for the day.
- Know how to use your gear and carry basic repair materials.
- Summer trails are not marked for winter use. When trails have full or partial snow coverage, good navigation skills are necessary.
- During spring runoff and high water any unbridged river or creek crossing can be hazardous. Always take extra time and use good judgment when crossing rivers and creeks.

Wilderness Permit Information

Wilderness permits are required year round for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness. Permits are issued and bear canisters are available for rent at the Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center, the Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center, the Big Oak Flat Information Center, Hill's Studio in Wawona, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station during hours of operation. Call the park's main phone line at 209/372-0200, or check the web at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm, for additional information. 60% of the trailhead quota is available in advance. Reservations are taken from 24 weeks to two days in advance of the start of your trip. A processing fee of \$5 per permit plus \$5 per person is charged to each confirmed reservation. Check the park's website for trailhead availability and call 209/372-0740. 40% of the trailhead quota is available for first come first serve. First come first serve permits are available the day of opening and the day before starting at 11am.



...and Yosemite

Protecting park resources



Protecting Yourself and the Park

Prepare yourself for a wild experience. Yosemite is a place where natural forces—such as rockfall, fire, and flood—are constantly at work. Here, wildlife freely roams. This is a place where wilderness prevails. The National Park Service recognizes the importance of Yosemite's natural processes and is bound by its mission to protect them for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. While you are enjoying your visit, be attentive to the special regulations in place to protect park resources and those designed for your safety.

Rafting

Conditions permitting, rafting on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley (Stoneman Bridge to Sentinel Beach) and the South Fork of the Merced River in Wawona is open from 10 am to 6 pm daily to any type of non-motorized vessel or other flotation device.

- The entire length of the Merced River in Yosemite Valley is closed to all flotation devices whenever the river gauge at Sentinel Bridge reads 6.5 feet or higher. Ask at a visitor center for conditions and obey all posted signs.
- You must wear or have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device immediately available.
- Fallen trees and other natural debris in the river create important habitat for fish and other wildlife. Be alert—they can also create hazards for rafters.

Fishing

Fishing in Yosemite is regulated by state law. A valid California sport-fishing license is required for those persons age 16 years and older. When fishing, the license must be plainly visible by attaching it to an outer layer of clothing above the waistline.

- Trout season runs through November 15 (except Frog Creek near Lake Eleanor, which opens June 15).
- Special fishing regulations apply on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley from Happy Isles downstream to the Foresta Bridge in El Portal. Within these reaches of the river, it is catch-and-release only for rainbow trout. Brown trout limits are five fish per day. Only artificial lures or flies with barbless hooks may be used.
- The use of live or dead minnows, bait fish or amphibians, non-preserved fish eggs or roe is prohibited.

Pets

Keep in mind, daytime temperatures can reach above 100° Fahrenheit in the summer. Make sure to keep your pet cool and well-hydrated. In Yosemite, pet owners have a few rules to follow:

- Pets are only allowed in developed areas and on roads and paved bike paths. Pets are not allowed anywhere in the Mariposa or Merced sequoia groves. They are not allowed on trails, in wilderness areas, or where signs are posted prohibiting them.

- Pets must be on a leash (6 feet or less) or otherwise physically restrained.
- For the courtesy of others, human companions are responsible for cleaning up and depositing pet feces in trash receptacles.
- Pets are not allowed in any lodging facilities or other buildings within the park and are not allowed in some campgrounds.
- Pets may not be tied to an object and left unattended.

Bicycling

Bike rentals at Curry Village and Yosemite Lodge are open 9am to 6pm (8:30am to 8pm beginning June 15). Each season, plants are crushed from bicycle travel in meadows, campgrounds, and picnic areas. Please respect park resources and keep bicycles on paved roads and paved bicycle trails. Bikes are not allowed to travel off paved trails. Mountain biking opportunities are available in designated areas outside of Yosemite.

Yosemite Guardians

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park's most important guardians. With 4 million people watching over its special plants, animals, historic, and archeological sites, imagine how well-protected these park resources could be!

During your visit to Yosemite be aware that there are people who either unknowingly or intentionally harm park resources. Please contact a park official if you see any of the following illegal acts:

- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants
- Hunting animals
- Collecting reptiles and butterflies
- Picking up archeological items, such as arrowheads
- Using metal detectors
- Driving vehicles into meadows
- Biking off of paved roads
- Camping outside of designated campgrounds
- Possession of weapons inside federal facilities

If you see activities that could harm people or park resources, jot down any descriptions or a vehicle license plate number and call the park dispatch office at 209/379-1992.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm and find a copy of the Superintendent's Compendium. This document is a compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions made by the superintendent, in addition to what is contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7 and 34), and other applicable federal statutes and regulations.

Weather in Yosemite

Dressing in layers and bringing plenty of water can help you stay safe through Yosemite's changing weather conditions. As is true of all mountainous regions, weather in the Sierra Nevada can change rapidly any season of the year. Elevation plays a major role in temperature and precipitation variability, and Yosemite ranges in elevation from 2,000 feet to more than 13,000 feet above sea level. It is not uncommon for clouds to build up suddenly, bringing rain and/or thunderstorms to an otherwise sunny day. In September and October, temperatures in Tuolumne Meadows can dip well below freezing, while day time temperatures at lower elevations, like Yosemite Valley and Hetch Hetchy, can soar to over 100° F.



Upper Yosemite Fall, NPS photo

Camping



Camping in Yosemite. Photo by Ray Santos

General Info...

To check same-day camping availability, call 209/372-0266

Services

- All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker (33" d x 45" w x 18" h). See page 5 for food storage regulations.
- Toilets are available in campgrounds; however, Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat have non-flushing vault toilets only and no potable water.
- Shower and laundry facilities are available year-round in Yosemite Valley.
- RVs over 24 feet are not recommended for Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat campgrounds, and RVs are not permitted in walk-in and group campsites. There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer only in Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows.

Regulations

- Proper food storage is required 24 hours a day.
- A maximum of six people (including children) and two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
- Quiet hours are from 10 pm to 6 am.
- Where permitted, pets must be on a leash and may not be left unattended.

Campfires

- In Yosemite Valley between May 1 and September 30, campfires are permitted between 5 pm and 10 pm. At other times of the year and in out-of-Valley campgrounds, fires are permitted at any time, as long as they are attended.
- Firewood collection (including pine cones and pine needles) is not permitted in Yosemite Valley; you may purchase firewood at stores near the campgrounds.

A primitive overnight experience

Yosemite National Park contains 13 popular campgrounds. Up to seven are on a reservation system, the rest are first-come, first-served. From April through September, reservations are essential and the first-come, first-served sites often fill by noon during these months.

Camping Reservations

Reservations are required March through November for campsites in Yosemite Valley's car campgrounds 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. Campground reservations are available up to five months in advance, on the 15th of each month at 7 am Pacific time. Log onto the website or call as soon as possible as some campgrounds fill within a few minutes of the opening period.

ARRIVAL DATE	FIRST DAY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS (7 AM PT)
Dec. 15 – Jan. 14	Aug. 15
Jan. 15 – Feb. 14	Sept. 15
Feb. 15 – Mar. 14	Oct. 15
Mar. 15 – Apr. 14	Nov. 15
Apr. 15 – May 14	Dec. 15
May 15 – Jun. 14	Jan. 15
Jun. 15 – Jul. 14	Feb. 15
Jul. 15 – Aug. 14	Mar. 15
Aug. 15 – Sep. 14	Apr. 15
Sep. 15 – Oct. 14	May 15
Oct. 15 – Nov. 14	Jun. 15
Nov. 15 – Dec. 14	Jul. 15

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

Hours:

- 7 am to 7 pm Pacific time (November through February)
- 7 am to 9 pm Pacific time (March through October)

Reservation offices in the park are located in the visitor parking area at Curry Village (shuttle bus stop #14), the Tuolumne Meadows Campground entrance, in Wawona off Chilnualna Falls Road, and at Big Oak Flat Information Station.

Yosemite Valley

There is a 30-day camping limit within Yosemite National Park in a calendar year; however, May 1 to September 15, the camping limit is 14 days and only seven of those days can be in Yosemite Valley or Wawona.

Camp 4 is a walk-in campground and is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis; these campsites are not wheelchair accessible. Sites are available on a per-person basis, and six

people will be placed in each campsite, regardless of number of people in your party. Camp 4 often fills before 9 am each day, May through September.

Camping in Areas Surrounding Yosemite

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) operates a variety of campgrounds on a seasonal basis near Yosemite. For additional information, contact Groveland Ranger Station at 209/962-7825; Mariposa Ranger Station at 209/966-3638; Mono Lake Ranger Station at 760/647-3044; or Oakhurst Ranger Station at 559/683-4636. For private campgrounds 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 the same way as individual site reservations; 13 to 30 people are allowed in each group campsite. Tent camping only. Pets, RVs, and generators are not permitted in group sites.

Campgrounds in Yosemite National Park*

CAMPGROUND	OPEN 2012 (APPROX)	MAX RV LENGTH	MAX TRAILER LENGTH	RESERVATIONS REQUIRED?	DAILY FEE	# OF SITES	PETS	WATER
YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Upper Pines	All year	35 ft	24 ft	March 15- Nov 26	\$20	238	Yes	Tap
Lower Pines	March 3-Oct 29	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$20	60	Yes	Tap
North Pines	April 6-Oct 5	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$20	81	Yes	Tap
Camp 4	All year	No RVs/trailers	n/a	First-come, first-served	\$5/pers.	35	No	Tap
SOUTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Wawona	All year	35 ft	35 ft	April 8 – Oct 1	\$20	93	Yes	Tap
Bridalveil Creek	July 13 - Sept 9	35 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$14	110	Yes	Tap
NORTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Hodgdon Meadow	All year	35 ft	27 ft	Apr 18 – Oct 15	\$20	105	Yes	Tap
Crane Flat	July – Oct 9	35 ft	27 ft	Yes	\$20	166	Yes	Tap
Tamarack Flat	July – Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$10	52	No	Creek (boil)
White Wolf	July – Sep 17	27 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$14	74	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Creek	July – Sep 10	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$10	75	Yes	Creek (boil)
Porcupine Flat	July – Oct 15	24 ft (limited)	20 ft	First-come, first-served	\$10	52	No	Creek (boil)
Tuolumne Meadows	July – Sep 26	35 ft	35 ft	50%	\$20	304	Yes	Tap

* Exact campground opening and closing dates are subject to conditions.

Hiking



Hikers on the Mist Trail, Yosemite National Park. Photo by Brian Ward

Featured Hike

The Mist Trail to Vernal and Nevada Falls

Vernal Fall footbridge: 1.6 miles/2.6 km round-trip; 1.5 hours with 400 ft./122 m elevation gain

Vernal Fall: 2.4 miles/3.9km round-trip; 3 hours with 1,000 ft./366 m. elevation gain (via Mist Trail)

Nevada Fall: 5.4 miles/8.7km round-trip; 5 to 6 hours with 2,000 ft./610 m. elevation gain (via Mist Trail)

Begin at Happy Isles (**shuttle stop #16**)

Trail Description:

An excellent view of Vernal Fall is visible from the footbridge at 0.75 miles (1.3 km). Beyond the bridge, at 0.2 miles, the Mist Trail and the John Muir Trail diverge. To proceed directly to the top of Vernal Fall, follow the Mist Trail 0.5 mile (0.8 km) up a steep granite stairway of over 600 steps. Prepare for slippery footing and a tremendous amount of waterfall spray in spring and early summer. The top of Nevada Fall may be reached by continuing 1.3 miles (2.1 km) along the Mist Trail.

Things to know before you go:

- Swimming is not permitted in the Hetch Hetchy reservoir or in Emerald Pool above Vernal Fall.
- Stay away from swiftly-moving water. Keep children from wandering on or near these hazards. Choose swimming areas carefully and swim only during low water conditions.
- Always supervise children closely.
- Avoid areas of whitewater, where streams flow over rocky obstructions.
- Never swim or wade upstream from of a waterfall, even if the water appears shallow and calm. Each year, unsuspecting visitors are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when swimming in these areas.



Choose your adventure

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

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
Bridalveil Fall	Bridalveil Fall Parking Area	0.5 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Lower Yosemite Fall	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	1.0 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Upper Yosemite Fall Trail to Columbia Rock	Camp 4 Near Shuttle Stop #7	2 miles round-trip, 2-3 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Upper Yosemite Fall	Same as above	7.2 miles round-trip, 6-8 hours	Very Strenuous 2,700-foot gain
Mirror Lake (a seasonal lake) <i>Mirror Lake trail temporarily closed after Tenaya Creek due to rockfall</i>	Mirror Lake Shuttle Stop #17	2 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Vernal Fall Footbridge	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	1.4 miles round-trip, 1-2 hours	Moderate, 400-foot gain
Top of Vernal Fall	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	3 miles round-trip, 2-4 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Nevada Fall	same as above	7 miles round-trip, 5-6 hours	Strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Top of Half Dome	same as above	14 mi (via Mist Trail) or 16.3 mi (via John Muir Trail) round-trip, 10-12 hours	Extremely Strenuous, 4,800-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point	Southside Drive	4.8 miles one-way, 3-4 hours one-way	Very Strenuous, 3,200-foot gain
Valley Floor Loop	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	13 miles full loop, 5-7 hours full loop	Moderate

Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
WAWONA			
Wawona Meadow Loop	Wawona Hotel	3.5 miles round-trip, 1.5 hours	Easy
Swinging Bridge Loop	Wawona Store / Pioneer Yosemite Hist. Ctr. Parking Area	4.75 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
GLACIER POINT ROAD			
Taft Point	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Easy to Moderate
Sentinel Dome	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
TUOLUMNE MEADOWS AREA			
Soda Springs / Parsons Lodge	Lembert Dome Parking Area	1.5 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Lembert Dome	Lembert Dome Parking Area	4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderately Strenuous
John Muir Trail through Lyell Canyon	Dog Lake Parking Area	8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours	Easy, 200-foot gain
Elizabeth Lake	Tuolumne Meadows Group Campground	4.8 miles round trip, 4 to 5 hours	Moderate
TIOGA ROAD			
Lukens Lake	White Wolf ¹	5.4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderate
Yosemite Valley via Porcupine Creek	Porcupine Creek ¹	7 miles one-way, 4 to 6 hours	Moderate, 3,500- to 4,000-foot loss
Yosemite Valley via Yosemite Creek	Lukens Lake Trailhead ¹	10.5 miles one-way, 5 to 9 hours	Moderately Strenuous 3,500- to 4,000-foot loss
Yosemite Valley via Clouds Rest	Tenaya Lake ¹	19 miles one-way, 10 to 12 hours	Strenuous
HETCH HETCHY			
Wapama Falls	O'Shaughnessy Dam	5 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Easy to Moderate

¹These are drop-off points via the Tuolumne Meadows Hikers' Bus.

LeConte Memorial Lodge

First Permanent Visitor Center in Yosemite Valley & Home of the Sierra Club in Yosemite National Park



*By Bonnie J. Gisel, Ph.D., Curator,
LeConte Memorial Lodge*

Before Yosemite National Park undertook the construction of a visitor center and before the National Park Service was created in 1916, the Sierra Club, in 1903, built LeConte Memorial Lodge, the first permanent public information center in Yosemite Valley. The Memorial honors the life and legacy of Dr. Joseph LeConte, founding member and board member of the Sierra Club; professor of Geology at the University of California, Berkeley; and colleague of John Muir. LeConte supported Muir's ideas about the glaciation of Yosemite Valley at a time when Josiah Whitney, director of the California Geological Survey, not only disagreed with Muir's findings but went so far as to call him a sheepherding ignoramus.

Open to all Yosemite National Park visitors from May 1 until September 30, Wednesday through Sunday, from 10 am until 4 pm, the Memorial offers interpretive exhibits that showcase the life of LeConte, the history of Yosemite National Park including the significant work undertaken by Muir and Robert Underwood Johnson to create Yosemite National Park, the Sierra Club's environmental victories, and climate change. In addition there is a natural

history library and a children's activity corner. Free programs are offered Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings at 8:00 pm and present natural history and environmental issues; storytelling; concerts; art activities; narrative hiking videos; the history of Yosemite Valley and Yosemite National Park and the many individuals whose memory we have not forgotten—including Galen Clark, Theodore Roosevelt, and, of course, John Muir. The Sierra Club, created in 1892 to assist in the preservation of the newly created Yosemite National Park, founded in 1890, established a presence in Yosemite Valley in 1898. Renting two rooms in a small cottage built by Adolph Sinning, a Yosemite wood carver, the Sierra Club "Reading Room" provided photographs, an herbarium [a collection of dried native plants], maps, and books, and enabled the Club to assist visitors and work with authorities in preserving the Park. When LeConte died in Yosemite Valley in July 1901, just as the Sierra Club was about to embark from Curry Village on its first High Sierra trip (today called "Outings"), a decision was made to build LeConte Memorial Lodge not far from where LeConte died. The \$4,500 necessary to fund the construction of the Memorial was contributed by faculty, alumni, and students from the University of California; faculty from Stanford

University; prominent San Francisco merchants; geologists and mining engineers; and LeConte relatives and friends. The Sierra Club levied a \$1.00 assessment on each of its 764 members to help fund the construction.

The design for LeConte Memorial Lodge is attributed to John White, who was influenced by his brother-in-law Bernard Maybeck. Maybeck, who developed the "First Bay Tradition" of architecture, was renowned for incorporating the stylistic qualities of Gothic Tudor Revival and the Arts and Crafts movement. He proposed that building design should be derived from native building materials and that the site location should determine the design of the building. Maybeck favored sharply pitched roofs, high central spaces without horizontal ties, and a massive fireplace that dominated a focal wall. LeConte Memorial Lodge captures these elements, and adopted the verticality, color, and texture of Yosemite Valley. Featuring rough-hewn granite masonry, a steep-pitched wooden gabled roof, exposed hammer beams, and scissor trusses, the building lends itself to lofty thoughts and inspiration.

Constructed at the base of Glacier Point in Curry Village, at what was in 1903 the northern terminus of the John Muir Trail, the Memorial was

dedicated on July 3, 1904. Moved to its present location on Southside Drive in 1919, the facility has been guided by a succession of curators. Perhaps the most noteworthy was a young Ansel Adams, who joined the Sierra Club in 1919 to become the caretaker from 1920 until 1923.

Today, LeConte Memorial Lodge is owned by the National Park Service and the Sierra Club operates the building under an agreement with the NPS as a public service with public access to all visitors to Yosemite National Park. Designated a National Historic Landmark in 1987, the Memorial was the first center of naturalist activities and lectures for Yosemite visitors. Through interpretive environmental education exhibits, programs, and projects, the legacy of stewardship continues today. Through the service of Sierra Club volunteers, LeConte Memorial Lodge opens each season to welcome visitors to Yosemite National Park and continues to inspire generations to enjoy, explore, and protect the natural world. In keeping with the goals of the National Park Service, LeConte Memorial Lodge is dedicated to serving as a model for the preservation and conservation of America's natural and historic resources.

Supporting Your Park

Enhance the Visitor Experience

It takes a legion of people working together to protect this special park for you and future generations of visitors. You too can extend your connection to Yosemite well after you return home by getting involved with the organizations that partner to preserve Yosemite.

This publication was made possible by the Yosemite Park Partners listed on this page. Read more below or visit www.yosemitepartners.org to learn more about helping these organizations provide for the future of Yosemite National Park.



The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery, owned by the family of photographer Ansel Adams since 1902, is a center that celebrates the arts and the natural grandeur of our environment. It cultivates an aesthetic appreciation and concern for our world by offering visitors a unique variety of literature and art, as well as programs that inspire creativity. Visit online at: www.anseladamsgallery.com.



DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite

DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite (DNC) operates hotels, restaurants, sightseeing tours, recreational activities, interpretive programs, stores, shuttles and service stations in the park under contract with the U.S. Department of the Interior. DNC encourages its employees to develop a strong relationship with the park during their tenure.

For more information and

employment opportunities with DNC at Yosemite, visit online at: www.YosemitePark.com



NatureBridge

NatureBridge provides residential field science programs for youth in the world's most spectacular classroom - Yosemite National Park. Through active student engagement, our faculty teaches science, history, and the arts and gives these subjects context through personal experience. A NatureBridge learning adventure strives to foster a life-long connection to the natural world and responsible actions to sustain it. Find out more about our year-round programs for schools and summer programs for individual teens at www.naturebridge.org/yosemite



Yosemite Conservancy

Yosemite Conservancy is the non-profit formed by a merger of the Yosemite Association and The Yosemite Fund. The Conservancy has a long history in Yosemite with over 100 years of combined experience supporting the park. Yosemite Conservancy can make the difference you see around you because we are the only philanthropic organization that is dedicated exclusively to Yosemite.

Our mission remains the same: Providing for Yosemite's future is our passion. We inspire people to support projects and programs that preserve and protect Yosemite National Park's resources and enrich the visitor experience. The Yosemite Conservancy has funded over 300 projects through 60 million in grants to help preserve and protect the park. The work of the Conservancy can be found in every aspect of the visitor experience from trail restoration, bear-proof lockers, wilderness permits, wildlife preservation, outdoor education and so much more. Annually the Yosemite Conservancy recruits over 400 volunteers to work in the park to repair trails, remove invasive

species, and provide visitor information.

For more information, visit park bookstores or go online at: www.yosemiteconservancy.org



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Volunteer in Yosemite

Over 9,300 volunteers donated more than 177,000 hours of service to Yosemite last year, restoring native habitat, working in visitor centers, serving as camp hosts, studying wildlife, cleaning up litter and more. Would you like to serve? We have group and individual volunteer opportunities, both short term and long term. Learn more at www.nps.gov/yose/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm or call the volunteer office at 209/379-1850.



Park Planning and Updates:

In response to visitor comments regarding traffic in Yosemite Valley, the National Park Service will convert one lane of South Side Drive (the road leading into Yosemite Valley) into a bus lane to provide for better flow of traffic for shuttle buses, Valley Floor Tour trams, public transit, commercial tour buses, and emergency vehicles during the summer of 2012. This pilot traffic management project will run from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm every day beginning Monday, May 21. The park service will evaluate the effectiveness of this program in June to determine if this bus lane should continue for the rest of the summer. Expect additional traffic signs and instructions from traffic personnel this summer while you are enjoying your visit to Yosemite Valley.

Join park and partner staff to learn about projects and plans at a free monthly public Open House! Open Houses will be held at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Auditorium on:

May 30 1-4pm, 2 pm presentation on Mariposa Grove Restoration Plan
June 27 1-4pm

Park fees are waived for those attending. For more information, visit us on the web at www.nps.gov/yose.