



# Yosemite Guide

Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

June 27, 2012 - July 31, 2012

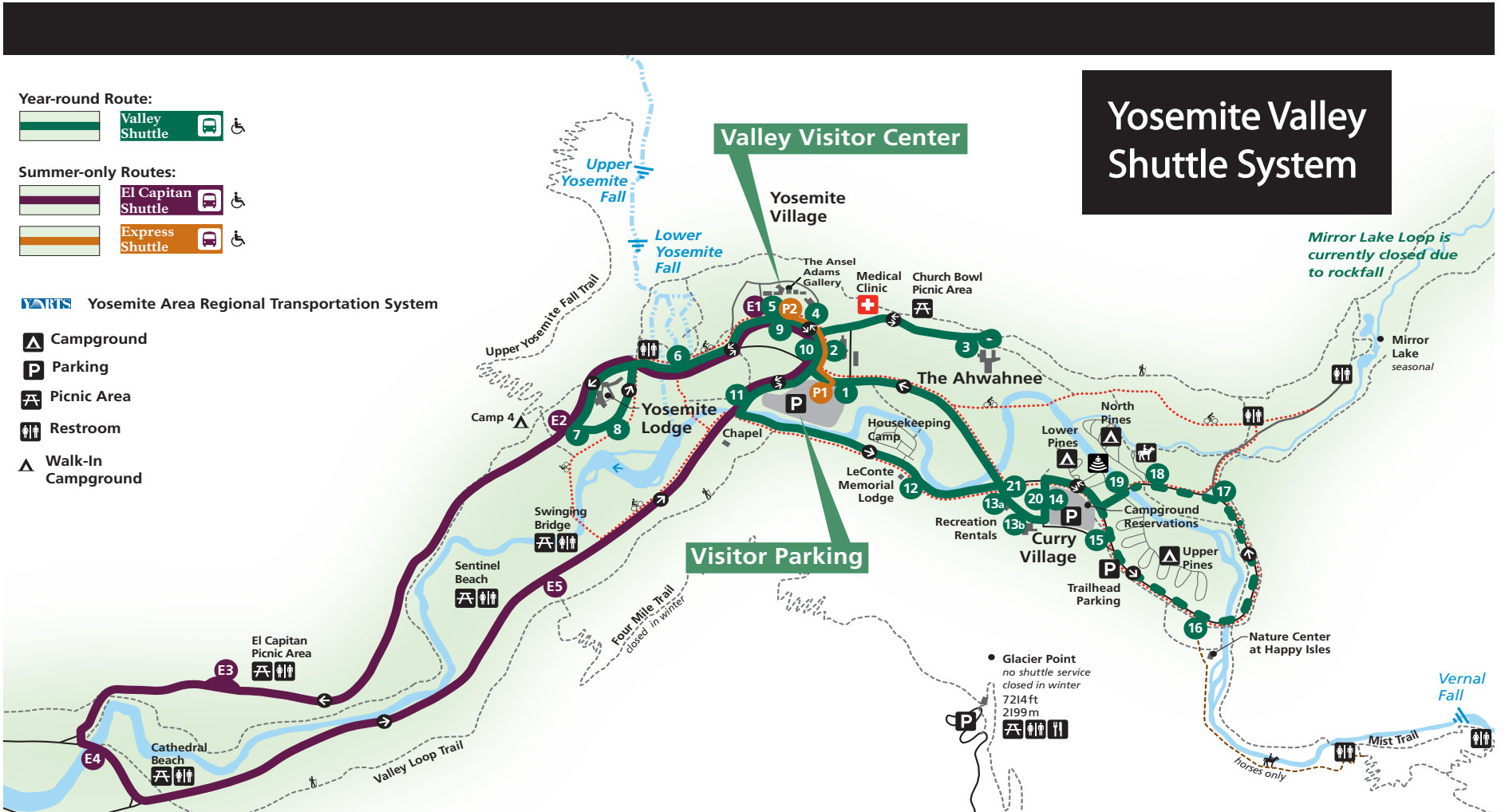
Upper Yosemite Fall Photo by Greg Frediani



Volume 37, Issue 5

Experience Your America Yosemite National Park

US Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
PO Box 5777  
Yosemite, CA 95389



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

Third Class Mail  
Postage and Fee Paid  
US Department of the Interior  
G 83



# Seasonal Updates

Keep this Guide with you to Get the Most Out of Your Trip to Yosemite National Park

**W**hat 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 possibilities are endless.

## Take a Hike!

With approximately 800 miles of trails, Yosemite is a great place to hike! Make sure your hike is a safe one. Visit a Visitor Center and Bookstore for trail information and maps, and be sure to check the weather before you leave. For more information about staying safe while hitting the trails, read our Feature Story on page 18.

## 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.)



## Get outside and enjoy your park!

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

## Travel Back in Time

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

## 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.)

## 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.)

## 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.)

## 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.

## 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](http://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 209/372-1390. For items lost or found in other areas of the park, call 209/379-1001.

## What’s Inside:

- 01 Seasonal Highlights
- 04 Yosemite Valley
- 08 Wawona
- 09 Tuolumne Meadows
- 12 Become a Junior Ranger
- 13 Wildlife
- 16 Camping
- 17 Hiking
- 18 Feature Story
- 19 Supporting Your Park



# Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places in the park!

## Entrance Fees

Reservations are **NOT** required to enter. 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.

**Interagency Military Pass (Free)**

(Lifetime) For active duty U.S. military and dependants

## Reservations

### Campground Reservations

877/444-6777

[www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

### Lodging Reservations

801/559-5000

[www.yosemitenpark.com](http://www.yosemitenpark.com)

## Regional Info

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)  
[www.yarts.com](http://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](http://www.tcvb.com)

### Highway 41

Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau  
559/683-4636  
[www.yosemitethisyear.com](http://www.yosemitethisyear.com)

### Highway 132/49

Coulterville Visitor Center  
209/878-3074

### Highway 140/49

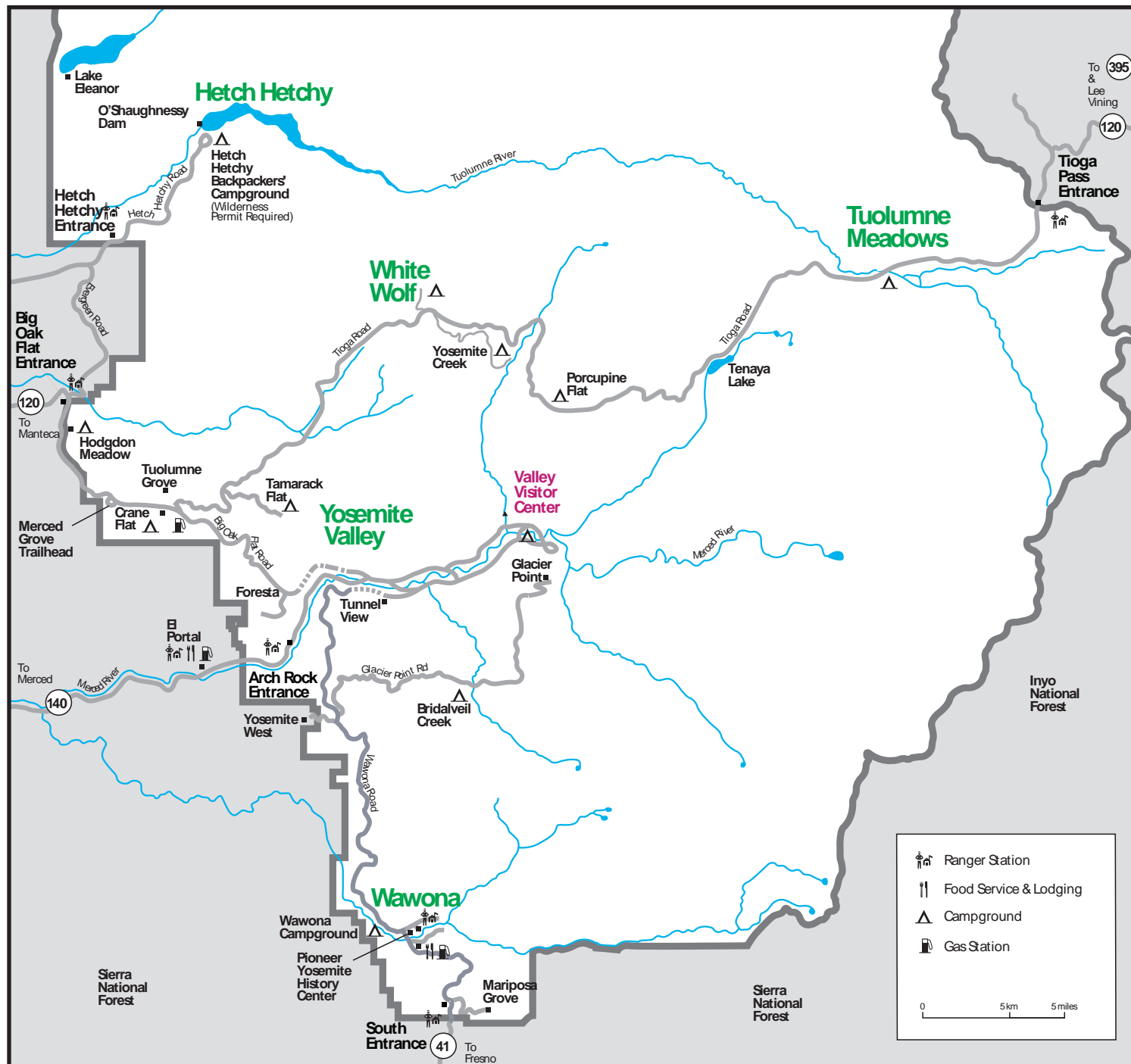
Mariposa County Visitor Center  
866/425-3366 or 209/966-7081

Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau, 209/742-4567  
[www.homeofyosemite.com](http://www.homeofyosemite.com)

### Highway 120 East

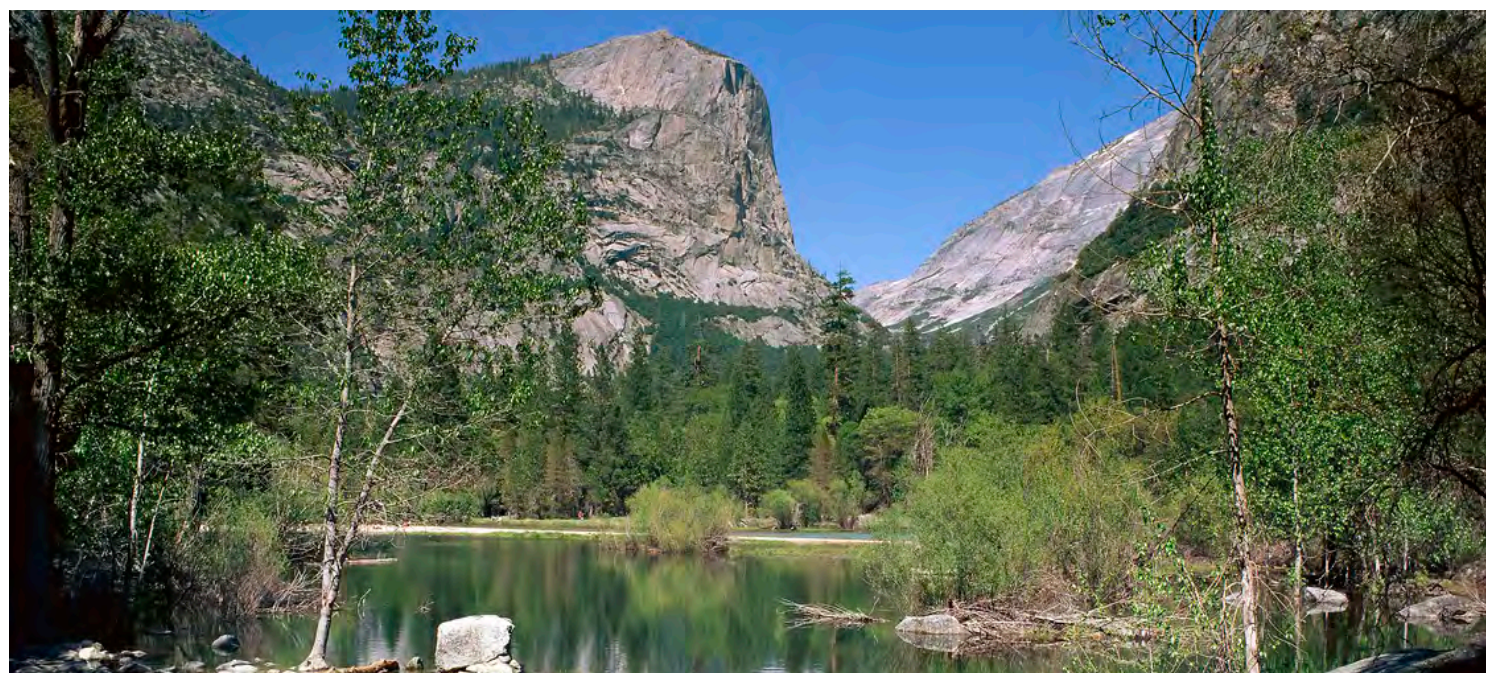
Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce and Mono Lake Visitor Center, 760/647-6629  
[www.leevining.com](http://www.leevining.com)

Calif. Welcome Center, Merced  
800/446-5353 or 209/724-8104  
[www.yosemite-gateway.org](http://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

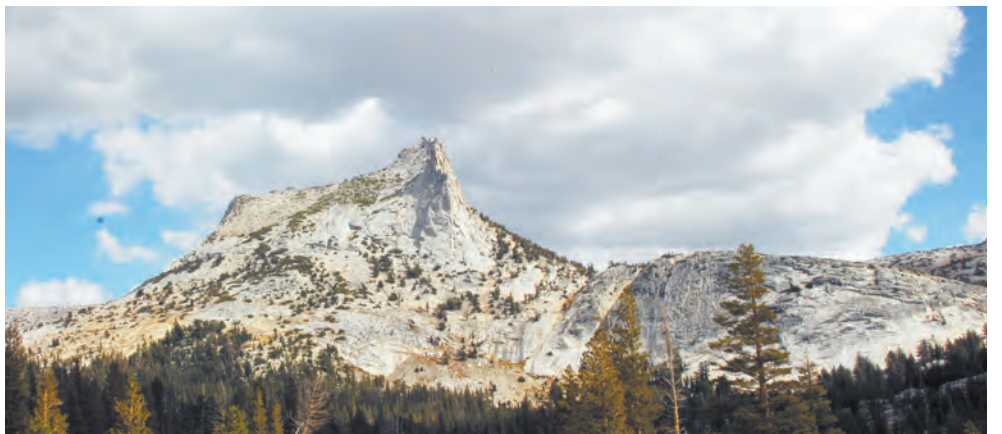
**3** The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1 ¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park's South Entrance. The nearby Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events 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

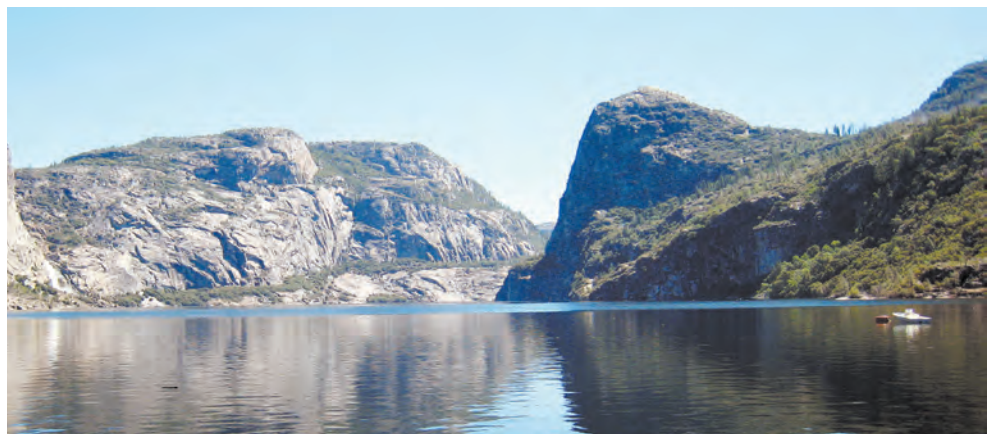
**5** Tuolumne Meadows provides a glimpse of the High Sierra. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows surrounded by even higher granite domes and peaks. It is the jumping off place for countless hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. Stop at the Tuolumne 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

### MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISIT: SPECIAL DRIVING CONSIDERATIONS

The National Park Service is forecasting traffic congestion from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm on most days during the summer; especially during weekends and holidays. Wait times to enter Yosemite Valley may range from a half hour to over two hours. Be prepared for these traffic conditions by checking traffic information at [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/traffic.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/traffic.htm), or by stopping into a visitor center in one of our neighboring towns before entering Yosemite National Park.

#### TRAVEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Bring plenty of food and water for potential delays.
- Park your vehicle for the duration of your stay, and ride the free Yosemite Shuttle to visit destinations in Yosemite Valley. Parking fills quickly during the summer.
- Consider arriving early and staying late, or visiting Yosemite Valley on a weekday.
- Enjoy the entire Yosemite region - consider visiting the surrounding communities of Mariposa, Groveland, Lee Vining, Mammoth Lakes and Oakhurst.
- Ride a Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) bus to enter the park on Hwy 140 from Merced and Mariposa, or on Hwy 120 from Sonora, Groveland, Lee Vining or Mammoth Lakes.



# 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 7:00 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

**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. 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 (Ice cream after 11am)

**Curry Village Bar**

Noon to 10 pm

**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**

9am to 6pm

**Yosemite Museum Store**

9am to 5pm

**Valley Wilderness Center**

7:30am to 5pm

**Village Store**

8am to 10pm

**Habitat Yosemite**

10am to 5pm

**Sport Shop**

9am to 6pm

##### Ahwahnee

**The Ahwahnee Gift Shop**

8am to 10pm

**The Ahwahnee Sweet Shop**

7am to 10pm

##### Yosemite Lodge

**Gift/Grocery**

8am to 10pm

**Nature Shop**

10am to 8pm

##### Curry Village

**Mountain Shop**

8am to 8pm

**Curry Village Gift/Grocery**

8am to 10pm

##### 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. (Last showing of Spirit of Yosemite will be at 4:30 on July 17 and 18.)

## 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 MUSEUM 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 Jane Culp.



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



Biking in Yosemite Valley, Photo by Deniene

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.

### The Merced River Show – From Mt. Ansel Adams to Bryceburg

July 2nd - August 19th  
(Reception, July 11th from 3-5 pm)

Works by John Sexton, Alan Ross, William Neill, Jeffrey Conley, Charlie Cramer, Michael Frye, Christopher Burkett, Keith Walklet, Ray McSaveney, Scott Miller, & Michael Osborne.

Call 209/372-4413, or visit [www.anseladams.com](http://www.anseladams.com).

## Wilderness Center

The Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village adjacent to the post office. Hours are 7:30am to 5pm. Visit the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters.

## Yosemite Art Center

The Yosemite Art Center invites you to participate in one of our art workshops which are held Tuesday through Saturday. There is a requested donation, supplies are available for purchase. We offer original art, cards or gifts as well as art supplies. The Center is located in Yosemite Village next to the Village Store. Open daily 9am-4:30pm (closed for lunch).

## Nature Center at Happy Isles

Open 9:30am to 5pm 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

### New children's program!

#### "A Yosemite Night's Dream"

Peter Poindexter is a crackerjack efficiency expert with a problem. Sent packing by his family, he spends a dreamy night meeting some very whimsical characters and wakes to find himself transformed by the magic of Yosemite. For more info, see page 7.

## 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 10pm

##### Degnan's Deli

7am to 5pm

##### Tour Desk - Village Store

7:30am to 3pm

#### Yosemite Lodge

##### Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

##### Tour Desk

7:30am to 7pm

#### Curry Village

##### Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

##### Tour Desk

7:30am to 3pm

#### Housekeeping Camp

##### Gift/Grocery

8am to 8pm

### SHOWERS AND LAUNDRY

#### Housekeeping Camp

Laundry 8am-10pm

Shower House 7am-10pm

#### Curry Village

Shower House Open 24 hours



# SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

June 27, 2012 - July 31, 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, educational field programs; they're a great way to deepen your connection to our park. Find all the details at [www.yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures](http://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](mailto:adventures@yosemiteconservancy.org).

- June 28-July 1** Clouds Rest Backpack Trek, Over the top with Suzanne Swedo.
- July 12-15** Tuolumne Meadows Pastels, Moira Donohoe in a granite studio.
- July 13-15** Mountain Wildflowers for the Relaxed Botanist, White Wolf with Michael Ross.
- July 19-22** Seeking Muir's First Glacier, A backpack trek to where Muir first met the ice.
- July 20-22** Sierra Nevada Natural History, Author David Lukas wrote the book.
- July 21-24 & 26-29** Family Camping Jamborees, Family fun in the cool high country.
- July 27-29** Tuolumne Alpine Studies, Day hikes to explore with Michael Ross.
- July 29-August 3** Advanced Backpack Trek: Southbound A fine route with legendary Dick Ewart.

## 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](http://www.yosemiteconservancy.org/artcenter)

- June 27th-June 30th** Byron Spicer Playful Acrylic Landscape
- July 3rd-July 7th** Jim Carroll Field Journaling
- July 10th-July 14th** Christine Sutherland Silk Painting
- July 17th-July 21st** Ann Thiermann Exploring Mixed Media
- July 24th-July 28th** Linda Mitchell Enjoying Watercolor
- July 31st-August 4th** David Deyell Watercolor: Yosemite Landscapes

## 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.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
SUNDAY SERVICES  
9:15am (Sunday School available), 11am (Memorial Day-Labor Day ONLY, no Sunday School)  
6:30pm Sunday Evening Service/Bible Study  
9am A.C.M.N.P. Campground Services, Lower Pines  
TUESDAY BIBLE STUDIES, 7pm  
Women's and Women's Bible, call chapel for location  
THURSDAY MIDWEEK SERVICE  
Thursday Evening Service, 7pm  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, July 9-13, 9am-noon.  
Info: 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

**A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN THE NATIONAL PARKS**  
9am Sunday at Lower Pines, Wawona, and Tuolumne Meadows campgrounds.

**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST**  
Lower River Amphitheater Saturday (Except July 21)  
9:45 am Music/Sabbath School,  
11 am Worship, 12:30 pm potluck.  
209-559-3690 or 903-905-3747

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LDS**  
Sacrament meetings. Sunday 1pm-1:45pm  
Memorial Day - Labor Day. Yosemite Chapel.

## 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)** 1to 3 hrs. 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 **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)  
10:30am **SUSAN BARRY, ARTIST "DRAWING BEARS"** - Limited to 25/Preregister at LML (July 1 only) 1/2 hour (SC)

**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. (TAAG)  
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) \$   
10:00am **JUNIOR RANGER WALK** 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)

**Tuesday**  
8:15am **Ranger Walk - Geology** (except July 31) 1 1/2 hrs. Front of Valley Visitor Center (NPS)   
8:30am **Camera Walk** 1 1/2 hours. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG)  
9:30am **Adventure Hike - Vernal & Nevada Falls** 6 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$   
10:00am **JUNIOR RANGER WALK** (except July 31) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)  
11:00am **CHILDREN'S CAMERA WALK** 1hour. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (TAAG)

**Wednesday**  
8:15am **Ranger Walk - Wild About Wildlife** 1 1/2 hrs. Front of Valley Visitor Center (NPS)   
9:00am **HABITAT PROTECTORS OF YOSEMITE (HaPY)** 1to 3 hrs. 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** 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$   
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 (TAAG)  
9:00am **HABITAT PROTECTORS OF YOSEMITE (HaPY)** 1to 3 hrs. 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 **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)

**Friday**  
8:15am **Ranger Walk - Merced Meanders** 1 1/2 hrs. shuttle stop #6 (NPS)  
9:00am **CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!** 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC)   
9:30AM **Adventure Hike - Vernal & Nevada Falls** 6 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)  
10:30am **SUSAN BARRY, ARTIST "DRAWING BEARS"** - Limited to 25/Preregister at LML (June 29 only) 1/2 hr. (SC)  
10:30am **STEVE RILEY, CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR** "Kid's Story Time & Little Tycoon" (July 27 only) 1 hr. (SC)

**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. (TAAG)  
9:00am **HABITAT PROTECTORS OF YOSEMITE (HaPY)** 1to 3 hrs. 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. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$   
10:00am **JUNIOR RANGER WALK** 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)  
10:30am **SUSAN BARRY, ARTIST "DRAWING BEARS"** - Limited to 25/Preregister at LML (June 30 only) 1/2 hr. (SC)

- 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.

	AFTERNOON	EVENING
<b>Sunday</b>	<p>2:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Discovery Hike</b> - Leave No Trace in Yosemite 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm <b>CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>5:15pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> 1 hr. See local listings for title, The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC)</p> <p>6:45pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 &amp; under, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater LIVE: "Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1904"</b> 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 <b>JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Evening Program, Sierra Club</b> 1hr. Le Conte Memorial Lodge (Shuttle Stop #12) (SC) Sarah Matsumoto, Sierra Club Resilient Habitats <b>"How you can become a Modern Day John Muir"</b> (July 8 only) John McClary, Yosemite Artist <b>"SKETCH A POST CARD OF YOSEMITE &amp; TAKE HOME A MEMORY"</b> Limited to 50 (July 15 only) Robert Bauer, Muir Historian <b>"Muir's Twenty Hill Hollow: Life as a Sheep Herder"</b> (July 22 only) Amy Racina, Author Angels in the Wilderness <b>"Surviving a 60 ft. fall in King's Canyon"</b> (July 29 only)</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Full Moon Bike Ride</b> (July 1 only) 2 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (except July 1) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) ♿\$</p>
<b>Monday</b>	<p>1:00pm <b>Discovery Hike</b> - Columbia Rock 3.5 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>2:00 pm <b>"Using your Digital Camera" Class</b> 4hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery \$ (TAAG)</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk - Bears</b> 1 1/2hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm <b>CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>5:15pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> 1 hour The Ahwahnee back lawn (YC)</p> <p>6:45pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 &amp; under, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater LIVE: "Filmmaking on the Edge"</b> 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>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Full Moon Bike Ride</b> (July 2 only) 2 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p>12:00pm <b>Yosemite Forum</b> (July 10 only) 1 hr. "Adaptation and Speciation in California Monkeyflowers". Valley Visitor Center Auditorium (NPS)</p> <p>1:00pm <b>LOWER YOSEMITE FALL FAMILY ACTIVITIES/ACTIVIDADES DE FAMILIA DE CASCADA BAJA DE YOSEMITE</b> (except July 3/ excepto 3 de Julio) 2.5 hrs. 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 <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> (except July 31) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>2:00 pm <b>"In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams"</b> Class 4hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery \$ (TAAG)</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk - Bears</b> (except July 31) 1 1/2hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> (except July 31) 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> (except July 31) 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>5:15pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> (except July 31) 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> 1 hr. See local listings for title, The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC)</p> <p>6:45pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 &amp; under, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE</b> (except July 31) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater LIVE: "Search &amp; Rescue in Yosemite"</b> 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>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Full Moon Bike Ride</b> (July 3 only) 2 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (except July 3) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets/info at an tour desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p>1:00pm <b>LOWER YOSEMITE FALL FAMILY ACTIVITIES/ACTIVIDADES DE FAMILIA DE CASCADA BAJA DE YOSEMITE</b> (except July 4/ excepto 4 de Julio) 2.5 hrs. 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 <b>Discovery Hike</b> - Vernal Falls Bridge 3.5 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>5:15pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:45pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> (except July 4) 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 &amp; under, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION!</b> (July 4 only) 1.5 hr. Patriotic variety show for families, Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater LIVE: "The Spirit of John Muir"</b> 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) \$</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> (except July 4) 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (except July 4) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) ♿\$</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p>2:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm <b>The Story Within The Stone</b> 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>2:00 pm <b>"Using your Digital Camera" Class</b> 4hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery \$ (TAAG)</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk - Bears</b> 1 1/2hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm <b>CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm <b>Adventure Risk Challenge Poetry Reading</b> (July 26 only) 3 hrs. Join us for a public poetry reading celebrating extraordinary teens whose observations of nature, perceptions of self-identity and connection to community will inspire and leave you awestruck by their experience in the Adventure Risk Challenge (ARC) program. Lower Pines Amphitheater. (NPS)</p> <p>5:15pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> (except July 12) 1 hr. See local listings for title, The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC)</p> <p>6:45pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> (except July 12) 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 &amp; under, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>6:45pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> (except July 12) 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 &amp; under, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater LIVE: "Conversation with a Tramp: an Evening with John Muir"</b> 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) \$</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) ♿\$</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p>2:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk - Bears</b> 1 1/2hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm <b>CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>5:15pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>5:45pm <b>YOSEMITE THEATER LIVE: "A YOSEMITE NIGHT'S DREAM"</b> 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>6:45pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 &amp; under, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>6:45pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 &amp; under, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16</p> <p>7:30pm <b>Yosemite Theater LIVE: "Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey"</b> 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 <b>Evening Program, Sierra Club</b> 1hr. Le Conte Memorial Lodge (Shuttle bus stop #12) Michael Bryant/Robin Pliskin, Musicians <b>"CONCERT: NATURE IN MUSIC: SING ALONG"</b> (June 29 only) Dave Bengston, Director Yosemite Mountaineering School <b>"CLIMBING YOSEMITE WALLS"</b> (July 6 only) Harold Wood, Muir Historian <b>"John Muir and Yosemite"</b> (July 13 only) John Buckley, Director, Central Sierra Environ. Resource Center <b>"Conservation Issues in the Yosemite Region"</b> (July 20 only) Steve Riley, Children's Book Author &amp; Illustrator <b>"KID'S STORY TIME &amp; LITTLE TYCOONEY"</b> (July 27 only)</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Full Moon Bike Ride</b> (June 29 only) 2 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater (TAAG) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (Except June 29) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) ♿\$</p>
<b>Saturday</b>	<p>1:00pm <b>Discovery Hike - Columbia Rock</b> 3.5 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>1:00pm <b>LOWER YOSEMITE FALL FAMILY ACTIVITIES/ACTIVIDADES DE FAMILIA DE CASCADA BAJA DE YOSEMITE</b> (except June 30/excepto 30 de Junio) 2.5 hrs. 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 <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm <b>"In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams" Class</b> 4 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery \$ (TAAG)</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk - Bears</b> 1 1/2hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Fine Print Tour</b> 1 hr. Very limited space. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG)</p> <p>3:30pm <b>CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm <b>CHILDREN'S NATURE HOUR</b> 1 hr. Family-friendly, drop-in, nature exploration, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>5:15pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>5:45pm <b>YOSEMITE THEATER LIVE: "A YOSEMITE NIGHT'S DREAM"</b> 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 <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> 1 hr. See local listings for title, The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC)</p> <p>6:45pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 &amp; under, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>6:45pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 &amp; under, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16</p> <p>7:30pm <b>Yosemite Theater LIVE: "Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey"</b> 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 <b>Evening Program, Sierra Club</b> 1hr. Le Conte Memorial Lodge (Shuttle bus stop #12) (SC) Donna &amp; Peter Thomas, Book Artists <b>"Retracing Muir's Walk to Yosemite in 1868"</b> (June 30 only) Dr. Alison Colwell, YNP Botanist <b>"Observing the Plants of Yosemite's Unusual Habitats"</b> (July 7 only) Janet Wood, JPL/NASA Ambassador <b>"CELEBRATION OF STARS"</b> (July 14 only) Dr. Tyler Nordgren, Prof. of Astronomy, College of the Redlands <b>"EXPERIENCING ASTRONOMY IN YOSEMITE"</b> (July 28 only)</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC/AAC) &amp;</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Full Moon Bike Ride</b> (June 30 only) 2 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC)</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (except June 30) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) ♿</p>

Programs in **CAPS & COLOR** are especially for **CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES**



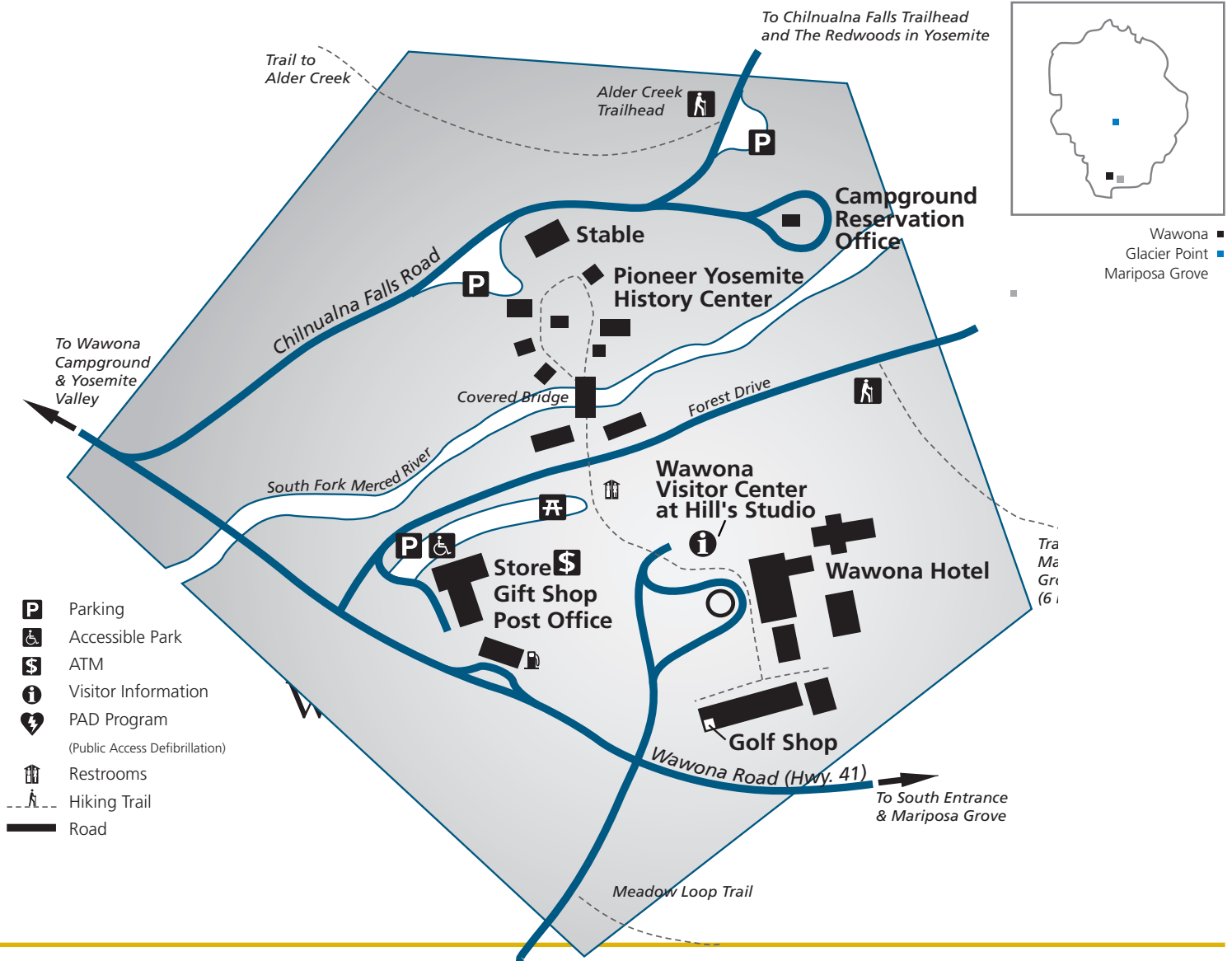
# Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point



Sequoias. Photo by Christine White Loberg

## Explore History Discover Giant Trees 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.

### 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 Wawona 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. 209/375-9531

## 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. \$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.

### OLD-FASHIONED FOURTH OF JULY!

You are cordially invited to join the staff of the Pioneer Yosemite History Center for an old fashioned celebration of the 4th of July! Activities will include

a parade, speeches, and games, such as Gunny Sack Races, Three-Legged Races, Egg Toss, and Tug-of-War. A fun time will be enjoyed by people of all ages. This celebration takes place at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center on July 4th between 2 and 4 pm.

## 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 or bikes are not permitted anywhere in the Grove**







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: 7:00am to 10am  
Lunch: 11:30am to 1:30pm  
Late lunch service: 1:30pm-4pm (limited menu)  
Lounge Service 5pm-9:30pm  
Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm  
Saturday BBQ: 5-7pm  
**Golf Shop & Snack Stand**  
10am to 6pm when golf course is open  
Wawona 4th of July BBQ 5-7pm (Family fun games on the lawn by the pool start at noon.)

Glacier Point  
**Snack Stand**  
9am to 4pm

### GROCERIES

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop  
8am to 8pm

### GIFTS & APPAREL

#### Wawona

**Wawona Store & Pioneer Shop**  
8am to 8pm  
**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 6pm

### 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

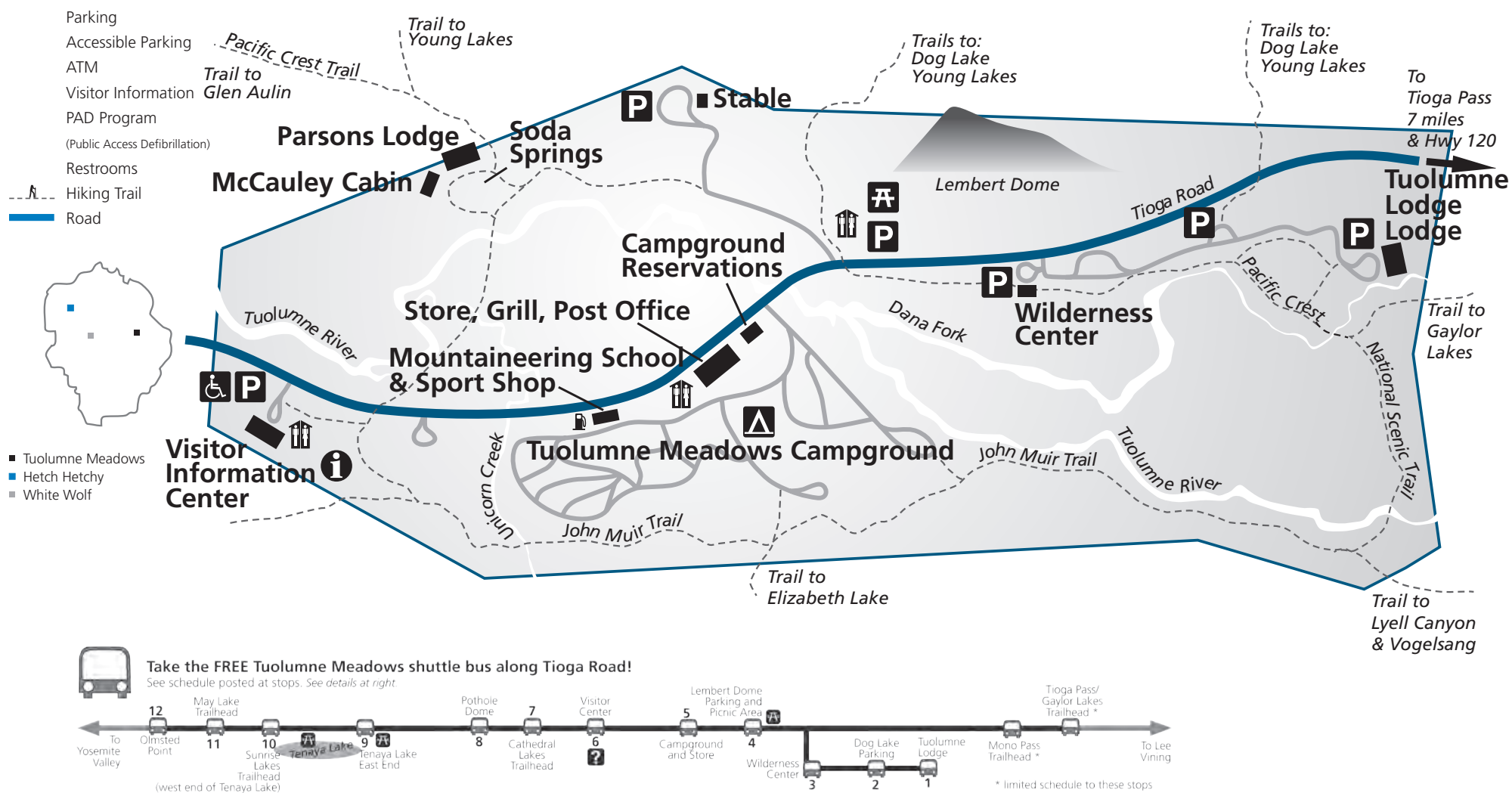
Wawona Hotel Golf Course  
8am to 6pm, weather and conditions permitting. Nine-hole, par-35 course.

	WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE	GLACIER POINT
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿ 10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 10:00am- Noon / 2:00pm to 4:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> 10 min each Purchase tickets at Wells Fargo office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$4 adult / \$3 child 3-12 (NPS) \$ 10:00 am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 3:00pm <b>Wawona History Stroll</b> 1 hr. Wawona Hotel Fountain (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Campfire Talk with a Ranger</b> 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) ♿	2:00pm <b>A Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan</b> 1½ hrs. Easy. Meet in front of the Glacier Point Gift Shop (NPS) 7:00pm <b>GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR</b> 4.5 hours, tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) ♿ \$ 8:00pm <b>Campfire Program</b> 1 hr. Bridalveil Campground, Loop C (NPS)
<b>Monday</b>	8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿ 10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> (except July 16) 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Campfire Talk with a Ranger</b> 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) ♿ 9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER WAWONA</b> (except July 2) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) ♿ \$	10:00am <b>Ranger Wildflower Walk to McGurk Meadow</b> 2 hrs. Meet at phone booth in Bridalveil Campground. (NPS) 6:30pm <b>Full Moon Hike to Sentinel Dome</b> (July 2 only) 2.5 hrs. Dress warmly. Meet at Sentinel Dome parking area. (NPS) 7:00pm <b>GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR</b> 4.5 hours, tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) ♿ \$
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> (except July 31) ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿ 10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> (except July 31) 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> (except July 31) 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 5:30pm <b>Vintage Music of Yosemite</b> 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 <b>Evening Ranger Program</b> 1 hr. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call (855) 290-3499 (NPS) ♿ 8:00pm <b>Campfire Talk with a Ranger</b> (except July 31) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) ♿	7:00pm <b>GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR</b> 4.5 hours, tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) ♿ \$
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿ 9:30am <b>Wawona History Stroll</b> 1 hr. Wawona Hotel Fountain (NPS) 10:00am <b>Visit Yosemite's Past</b> (July 4 only) 2 hrs. Yosemite's history comes to life at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿ 10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> (except June 27) 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 2:00pm <b>OLD-FASHIONED FOURTH-OF-JULY CELEBRATION</b> (July 4 only) 2 hrs. Speeches, games, races, & fun! Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) 2:00pm to 4:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> (except July 4) 10 min each Purchase tickets at Wells Fargo office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$4 adult / \$3 child 3-12 (NPS) \$ 2:00pm to 5:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> (except June 27) 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 5:30pm <b>Vintage Music of Yosemite</b> 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) ♿ 8:00pm <b>Campfire Talk with a Ranger</b> 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) ♿	2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes</b> 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 7:00pm <b>GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR</b> 4.5 hours, tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) ♿ \$ 7:45pm <b>Sunset Ranger Talk</b> ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) ♿
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿ 10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 10:00 am – Noon / 2:00pm to 4:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> 10 min each Purchase tickets at Wells Fargo office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$4 adult / \$3 child 3-12 (NPS) \$ 10:00 am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 5:30pm <b>Vintage Music of Yosemite</b> 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) ♿ 8:00pm <b>Campfire Talk with a Ranger</b> 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) ♿	2:00pm <b>A Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan</b> 1½ hrs. Easy. Meet in front of the Glacier Point Gift Shop (NPS) 7:00pm <b>GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR</b> 4.5 hours, tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) & \$ 8:00pm <b>Campfire Program</b> 1 hr. Bridalveil Campground, Loop C (NPS)
<b>Friday</b>	8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿ 10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 10:00 am – Noon / 2:00pm to 4:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> 10 min each Purchase tickets at Wells Fargo office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$4 adult / \$3 child 3-12 (NPS) \$ 10:00 am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 5:30pm <b>Vintage Music of Yosemite</b> 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) ♿ 8:00pm <b>Campfire Talk with a Ranger</b> 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) ♿	10:00am <b>Ranger Wildflower Walk to McGurk Meadow</b> 2 hrs. Meet at phone booth in Bridalveil Campground. (NPS) 7:45pm <b>Sunset Ranger Talk</b> ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) ♿ 8:30pm <b>Stars Over Yosemite</b> (except July 6) Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast. (NPS) ♿
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿ 9:00am <b>Nature Walk with a Ranger</b> 2 hrs. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call (855) 290-3499 (NPS) 9:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM</b> 1½ hrs. Wawona Campground Amphitheater Especially for kids 7-13 (NPS) 9:30am <b>Ranger Walk - Discover a "Wilderness" Meadow!</b> Learn about the history, hydrology and inhabitants of Wawona Meadow. 2 hrs. Meet at Wawona Hotel Fountain (NPS) 10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 10:00 am – Noon / 2:00pm to 4:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> 10 min each Purchase tickets at Wells Fargo office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$4 adult / \$3 child 3-12 (NPS) \$ 10:00 am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿ 1:00pm <b>A Glimpse of the Wawona Miwok Indians</b> (August 14 & 28 only) 1 hr. Meet at Mountaineer's Cabin, Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 5:30pm <b>Vintage Music of Yosemite</b> 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) ♿ 8:00pm <b>Campfire Talk with a Ranger</b> 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) ♿	7:45pm <b>Sunset Ranger Talk</b> ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) ♿ 8:30pm <b>Stars Over Yosemite</b> (except July 7) Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast. (NPS) ♿

Programs in **CAPS & COLOR** are especially for **CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES**



# Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat



## Tuolumne Meadows

**Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center**  
Open 9 am to 6 pm. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays.

### Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

The Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center is located just south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, at shuttle stop #3. Hours are 7:30 am to 5 pm. The wilderness center offers wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, maps, and general park information.

### 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 is open from 10 am to 4 pm. 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Parsons Memorial Lodge Summer Series

Allow 30 minutes walking time to Parsons Memorial Lodge from either Lembert Dome parking area or the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Admission is free.

Saturday, July 14  
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **Early Days in the Range of Light: Encounters with Legendary Mountaineers.** Slide presentation by Daniel Arnold, author and climber

Sunday, July 15  
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **The November 2011 High Sierra Windstorm: Unveiling the New Forest Mosaic.** Slide presentation by Deanna Dulen, Superintendent, Devils Postpile National Monument; Rhett Milne, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service, Reno; and Brian Mattos, Park Forester, Yosemite National Park

Saturday, July 21  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Species in a Bucket: A Brush with Extinction.** Slide presentation by Edwin P. (Phil) Pister, Retired Aquatic Biologist, California Department of Fish and Game, Bishop

Sunday, July 22  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Tiny Botanical Treasures of Tuolumne.** 45-minute slide presentation by Alison Colwell, Botanist,

Resources Management and Science, Yosemite National Park, followed by a one-hour walk

Saturday, July 28  
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **The Wild Without and the Wild Within: The Border between Wild Lands and the Contemplative Life.** Talk and discussion with David James Duncan, author (*The River Why*, *The Brothers K*, *My Story as told by Water*), activist, and fly fisher

Sunday, July 29  
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Birds We Gauge Our Lives By.** Readings and conversation with poet Tom Crawford and writer David James Duncan

*This event is supported by Poets & Writers, Inc. through a grant it has received from The James Irvine Foundation.*

### Mule and Horseback Rides

Horse or mule rides begin at the Tuolumne Meadows stable. Stable hours are 7:30am to 5 pm. 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

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**  
 8am to 5pm  
**Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room**  
 Breakfast - Reservations recommended - 7am-9am  
 Dinner-Reservations Strongly Recommended - 5:45pm - 8:00pm

White Wolf  
**White Wolf Lodge**  
 Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
 Lunch - noon-2pm 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**  
 8am to 8pm

Crane Flat  
**Store**  
 8am to 8pm

**GIFTS & APPAREL**

Tuolumne Meadows  
**Mountaineering School and Sport Shop**  
 8:30am to 6pm  
**Tuolumne Meadows Bookstore**  
 Inside the Visitor Center  
 9am to 6pm  
**Tuolumne Meadows Store**  
 8am to 8pm

**POST OFFICE**

Tuolumne Meadows  
**Post Office**  
 Monday – Friday: 9am to 5pm  
 Saturday: 9am to 1pm

**GAS STATIONS**

Tuolumne Meadows  
 9am to 6pm  
 Gas and propane available.  
 Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

Crane Flat  
 8am to 8pm  
 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
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Ranger Hike—Lembert Dome</b> 3 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 3 miles. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. Bring snacks and water. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Ranger Walk—Sketching in Tuolumne</b> 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring sunglasses, notebook, pen, and pencil. (NPS) 12:00pm <b>Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Indians in the High Country</b> (July 1 and 8 only) 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) 2:00pm <b>Parsons Summer Series Program</b> (starting July 15) 1-3 hrs. See details on preceding page (NPS) 3:00pm <b>Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 8:00pm <b>Campfire</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	8:00pm <b>Ranger Campfire Program</b> 1 hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS)	9:30-11:30am <b>Ranger in the Grove</b> 2hrs. (drop in) Meet in the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias to ask the Ranger your questions. (NPS)
<b>Monday</b>	7:30am <b>Photographing Tuolumne Meadows</b> 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center porch (NPS) 10:00am <b>Ranger Walk—Domes and Meadows</b> (except July 16 and 30) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29 (NPS) 12:00pm <b>Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Bears and Other Wildlife</b> 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS) 3:00pm <b>Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 8:00pm <b>Campfire</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 8:30pm <b>Stars over Mono Lake</b> 1 1/2 hrs. Meet at South Tufa in Mono Basin. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS) ♿		8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> 1 hr. Hodgdon Meadows Campsite #105 Bring your cup! 9:30am <b>Ranger Hike – Hetch Hetchy</b> 2 hrs. Bring water. O’Shaughnessy Dam (NPS) 7:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE</b> 45 mins. Hodgdon Meadows Amphitheater (NPS)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00am <b>Ranger Hike—Along the River to Tuolumne Fall</b> (except July 31) 6-8 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 10 miles. Meet at Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Ranger Walk—Wildflowers</b> (July 3 only) 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) 10:00am <b>Botanical Walk with Cathy Rose</b> 2 hrs. (NPS) July 10: <b>Pothole Dome</b> Meet at shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29 July 17: <b>Bennettville</b> Meet at junction of Saddlebag Lake Road and Tioga Pass Road. July 24: <b>Ellery Lake</b> Meet at dam on east end of Ellery Lake outside Tioga Pass. July 31: <b>Dana Gardens</b> Meet just outside of Tioga Pass Entrance Station on north side of road. 12:00pm <b>Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> (except July 31) 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> (except July 31) 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29 (NPS) 3:00pm <b>Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> (except July 31) 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 7:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Sunset</b> (except July 31) 3/4 hr. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Campfire</b> (except July 31) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	7:00pm <b>Twilight Walk</b> (Except July 31) 1 hr. Meet in front of the White Wolf Lodge (NPS)	8:30am <b>Ranger Walk: Bears and Other Wildlife</b> (Except July 31) 1.5 hrs. Hodgdon Meadow Amphitheater (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Ranger Campfire Program</b> (Except July 31) 1 hr. Hodgdon Meadow Amphitheater (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Starry, Starry Night Astronomy Program</b> (Except July 31) 2 hrs. Crane Flat area Limited to 30 people Sign-up in advance by calling 209/379-1899 (NPS)
	Programs in <b>CAPS &amp; COLOR</b> are especially for <b>CHILDREN &amp; THEIR FAMILIES</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30am <b>Ranger Walk—Birds</b> 2 1/2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) 8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) 10:00am <b>DISCOVERY WALK FOR LITTLE CUBS</b> 50 minutes Ages 4-6. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS) 10:00am <b>Ranger Walk—Geology of Tuolumne Meadows</b> 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29 (NPS) 12:00pm <b>Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 1:30pm <b>Ranger Walk—The Wild &amp; Scenic Tuolumne River</b> 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) 3:00pm <b>Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 7:00pm <b>CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS</b> 3/4 hr. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) ♿ 8:00pm <b>Campfire</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 9:30pm <b>Ranger Talk—Stars</b> 1 hr. Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> (Except June 27) 1 hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle. Bring your own mug. (NPS) 9:00am <b>Bears and Other Wildlife</b> (Except June 27) 1.5 hr. Meet at White Wolf Campfire Circle. (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Ranger Campfire Program</b> (Except June 27) 1hr. Hodgdon Meadows Campfire Circle (NPS)	9:30am <b>Ranger Walk: Reptiles of Hetch Hetchy!</b> (Except June 27) 2 hrs. Bring water. O’Shaughnessy Dam (NPS)
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00am <b>Ranger Walk—History of Tuolumne Meadows</b> 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center shuttle stop #6 (NPS) 11:00am <b>Ranger Hike—Twin Bridges Loop</b> 4 hrs. Easy. 3 miles. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS) 12:00pm <b>Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Lake Exploration</b> 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29 (NPS) 3:00pm <b>Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 8:00pm <b>Campfire</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	9:00am <b>River Walk</b> 2 hr. Meet at White Wolf Campfire Circle. (NPS) 9:00pm <b>Stars over White Wolf</b> 1 hr. Dress warmly. Meet in front of the White Wolf Lodge (NPS)	7:00pm <b>Ranger Walk: Yosemite’s Carnivores</b> 1 hr. Hodgdon Meadow Amphitheater (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Ranger Campfire Program</b> 1 hr. Crane Flat Amphitheater (NPS)
<b>Friday</b>	8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) 10:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Ranger Walk—Domes and Meadows</b> 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29 (NPS) 12:00pm <b>Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Wildflowers</b> 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) 3:00pm <b>Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) & 6:30pm <b>Ranger Walk—Music and Mountains</b> 1 1/4 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Campfire</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	8:00pm <b>Ranger Campfire Program</b> 1 hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS)	9:00am <b>Ranger Walk: Fire in Yosemite</b> 1.5 hrs. Meet at Hodgdon Meadow Campground Entrance Kiosk. 2:00pm <b>Ranger in the Grove</b> 2hrs. (drop in) Meet in the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias to ask the Ranger your questions. (NPS) 7:00pm <b>Twilight Stroll</b> 1 hr Hodgdon Meadow Amphitheater (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Ranger Campfire Program</b> 1 hr. Crane Flat Amphitheater (NPS)
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30am <b>Ranger Walk—Birds</b> 2 1/2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) 9:15am <b>Ranger Hike—Mono Pass</b> (except July 28) 6-8 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 8 miles. Meet at Mono Pass trailhead. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS) 10:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 2 hrs. Ages 7-12 Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) 12:00pm <b>Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm <b>Parsons Summer Series Program</b> (starting July 21) 1-3 hrs. See details on preceding page (NPS) 3:00pm <b>Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 7:00pm <b>CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS</b> 3/4 hr. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm <b>Parsons Summer Series Program</b> (July 14 only) See details on preceding page (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Campfire</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 9:30pm <b>Ranger Talk—Stars</b> 1 hr. Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	9:00am <b>Wildflower Walk</b> 2hrs. Meet in front of the White Wolf Lodge (NPS) 9:00pm <b>Night Prowl</b> 1 hr. Explore nature after dark. Sign up in advance by calling 209/379-1899	9:30am <b>Ranger Hike –Hetch Hetchy</b> 2 hrs. Moderate hike with beautiful views. Bring water. O’Shaughnessy Dam (NPS) 10:00am-12:00pm <b>Ranger in the Grove</b> 2hrs. (drop in) Meet in the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias to ask the Ranger your questions. (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Ranger Campfire Program</b> 1 hr. Hodgdon Meadow Amphitheater (NPS)



# 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

## 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!

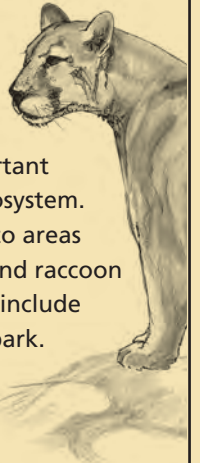
To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at 209/372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park's website ([www.nps.gov/yose/bears](http://www.nps.gov/yose/bears)).

### 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?
<b>Your Vehicle</b>	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!
<b>Your Campsite or Tent Cabin</b>	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.
<b>Picnic Areas &amp; on the Trails</b>	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.
<b>Backpacking in the Wilderness</b>	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](http://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. Information is available at [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm) or by calling 209/372-0826.

## 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.

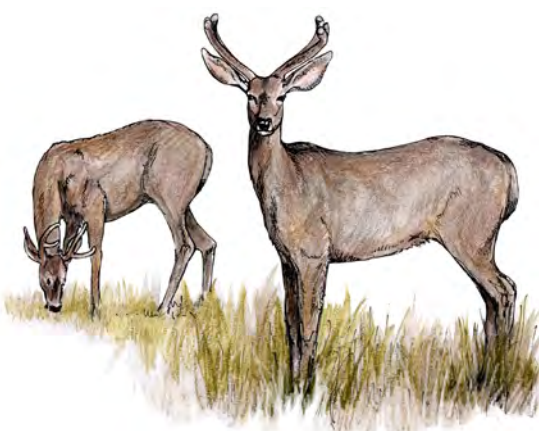
### Hiking, Backpacking, River and Creek Crossings, and Rock Climbing

- 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](http://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.

Half Dome information is available by calling 209/372-0826. Information lines are staffed between 9am and 4:30pm Monday through Friday. (Closed 12-1pm for lunch.)





# ...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 8:30am to 8pm. 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](http://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.



# 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](http://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-Nov 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	June – Oct 9	35 ft	27 ft	Yes	\$20	166	Yes	Tap
Tamarack Flat	May 25 – Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$10	52	No	Creek (boil)
White Wolf	June – Sep 17	27 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$14	74	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Creek	June– 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	June – Sep 26	35 ft	35 ft	50%	\$20	304	Yes	Tap



# Hiking



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

## 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

### Featured Trail: Upper Yosemite Fall

*Strenuous, 7.2 miles/11.6 km round trip; 6 to 8 hours; 2,700 ft/823 m elevation gain*

Begin at the Upper Yosemite Fall Trailhead, Camp 4 (shuttle stop #7)

One of Yosemite's oldest historic trails (built 1873 to 1877), the Upper Yosemite Fall trail leads to the top of North America's tallest waterfall 2,425 feet (739 m) above the Valley floor.

Do not stray off the marked path, as you will find steep drops adjacent to the trail. Enjoy spectacular views from Columbia Rock located one mile (and dozens of switchbacks) from the trailhead.

## Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

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



Upper Yosemite Fall, NPS photo



# Walking With Your Guide: Yosemite's Trails

By: Sharon Miyako



Illilouette Fall Photo by Greg Frediani

It's all about you. This is your vacation. Your time to explore. Your time to try something new. Now the question is, what suits your fancy? Are you looking for some quiet solitude by a river? Or a great physical workout? Are you looking for a place to picnic? Or for an all day set of memories on a trail?

Even once you figure out a semblance of a plan, Yosemite is confusing. It's a place the size of Rhode Island, with winding roads, one way roads, and seasonal closures. Chances are you're looking for a guide. Just like everyone seeks out a different kind of vacation experience, everyone has their favorite version of a guide. Some

people like to explore independently with a book while others seek very structured guidance on a tour, while still others look to a live person for advice. What are you looking for?

If you choose to explore Yosemite on foot, the park has 800 miles of expert guide available to you. One that you probably won't even notice. Trails. Yosemite trails leisurely lead to the base of Yosemite Falls, take you gradually uphill to sub alpine lakes, and can push you to your physical limits at the top of Sierra Nevada mountain peaks.

Like guides, different trails appeal to different people. But like all good guides, no matter the style, trails give good advice. Though paths rarely

present firm barriers warning you to stay away from places, a trail's noticeable edges and boundaries can steer you around hazards like slick granite by rivers and waterfalls, steep ledges, or even unseen areas where you could become cornered. Yosemite trails are intentional. They are your hiking guide, asking you to journey safely.

How important are trails? Does it really matter if you ignore these guides along the hiking journey? In the last ten years, the second leading cause of accidental death in Yosemite is falling while hiking or scrambling off trail. Remember, this is all about you. . .it's your vacation after all. Trails exist to help you

enjoy your time here, and to bring you back home safely.

Yosemite trails are more of an independent guide than a provider of everything. The park's dirt paths, rock stairs, and pavement can guide the journey, but it is up to you ensure an enjoyable roundtrip. Know your guide, the trail. What kind of shoes will you be expected to wear for the journey?

How long is the journey? How much water and food should you take along? Will the weather impact you and the trail? And though the park's trails are good guides, bringing a flashlight can be a life saver when something unexpected happens on the journey.

Remember, this is your vacation. It's all about you. Take the journey and explore the trails of Yosemite. For the best Yosemite experience, respect their guidance and begin the journey prepared to hike smart.

## Did you Know?

- The majority of hiker injuries happen during the second half of a hike, which often means later in the day, when hikers are feeling fatigued and pressed for time. (Take regular rest breaks in the shade!)
- For the past decade, the leading causes of accidental death in Yosemite are (1) drowning and (2) falling while hiking or scrambling off-trail (Stay on the trail!)
- The Half Dome corridor (including the Mist Trail and lower sections of the John Muir Trail) is the busiest stretch of trails in Yosemite. On the busiest Saturdays of the summer season, over 4,000 hikers leave from the trailhead at Happy Isles. Nearly 30% of the park's search and rescue incidents take place in the Half Dome corridor.
- To avoid altitude sickness (which is most likely to occur above 10,000 feet in elevation), let your body acclimate for 24-48 hours before pursuing any rigorous physical activity. Drink plenty of water and eat high-calorie food, as well.
- While hiking on a hot summer day, your body will lose up to 1-2 quarts (1-2 liters) of water per hour through perspiration. The human body can only absorb 1 quart (1 liter) of water per hour, so be sure to drink at regular intervals.





# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.yosemiteconservancy.org)



*Providing For Yosemite's Future*

## Contact Us

### Yosemite National Park

PO Box 577  
9039 Village Drive  
Yosemite, CA 95389  
209/372-0200  
<http://www.nps.gov/yose/contacts.htm>

### The Ansel Adams Gallery

PO Box 455  
Yosemite, CA 95389  
209/372-4413  
209/372-4714 fax  
[www.anseladams.com](http://www.anseladams.com)

### DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite

PO Box 578  
Yosemite, CA 95389  
801/559-5000  
[www.yosemitepark.com](http://www.yosemitepark.com)

### Yosemite Conservancy

101 Montgomery Street, Suite 1700  
San Francisco, CA 94104  
800/469-7275  
415/434-0745 fax  
[www.yosemiteconservancy.org](http://www.yosemiteconservancy.org)

### Yosemite Institute

PO Box 487  
Yosemite, CA 95389  
209/379-9511  
209/379-9510 fax  
[www.yni.org](http://www.yni.org)

## Park Planning and Updates

### Providing Access and Protecting Resources: The Draft Tuolumne and Merced River Plans

Yosemite National Park is putting the final touches on river plans that will guide long-term resource protection, visitor use and facilities management in the Merced and Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River corridors. Starting this fall, Yosemite will host open houses, workshops, site visits, webinars and other opportunities for you to learn about and participate in the crafting of these plans. Visit Yosemite's planning webpage to find out more about the plans, proposed release dates, and opportunities for public input.

- <http://www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/planning.htm>
- <http://www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/trp.htm>

### Monthly Public Open House

Join park and partner staff to learn about projects and plans at a free monthly public **Open House!** July 25, 2012 from 1-4pm at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Auditorium.

*Park entrance fees will be waived for those attending the Open House*