



# Yosemite Guide

Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

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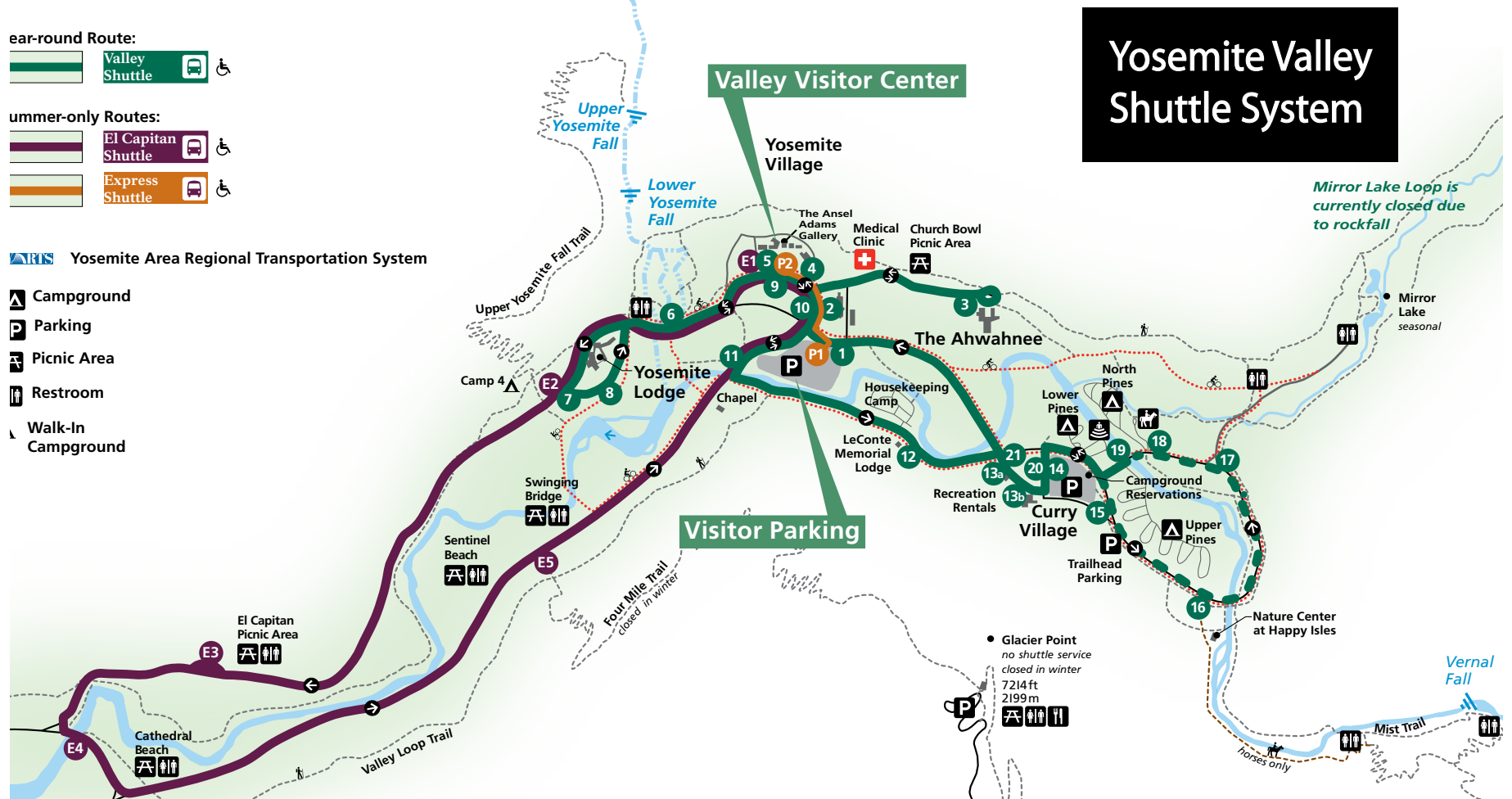
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The Valley Visitor Shuttle operates from 7 am to 10 pm and serves stops in numerical order. Shuttles run daily every 10 to 20 minutes, depending on time of day.  
The El Capitan Shuttle operates from 9 am to 6 pm. Shuttles run daily during summer every 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	11	Sentinel Bridge	17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
3	YARS	12	LeConte / Housekeeping Camp	18	Stable
4	Degnan's Deli	13a	21	19	Pines Campgrounds
5	9	13b	YARS	E3	El Capitan Picnic Area
6	Lower Yosemite Fall	14	20	E4	El Capitan Bridge
7	E2	15	Upper Pines Campground	E5	Four Mile Trailhead

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# Seasonal Highlights

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

**W**hat do you want to do with your special time in Yosemite? Whether you want to get your heart rate up with a strenuous hike, read a book in a quiet spot, or just hang out in a picnic area or campground with friends, by late spring, the days are long and the possibilities abound!

## 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. Be safe! Water ways, including rivers, streams, and lakes, are dangerous. Read our Feature Story on page 18 for more information about how to stay safe around them, and be sure to check trail conditions before you head out on a hike or backpack.

## 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.

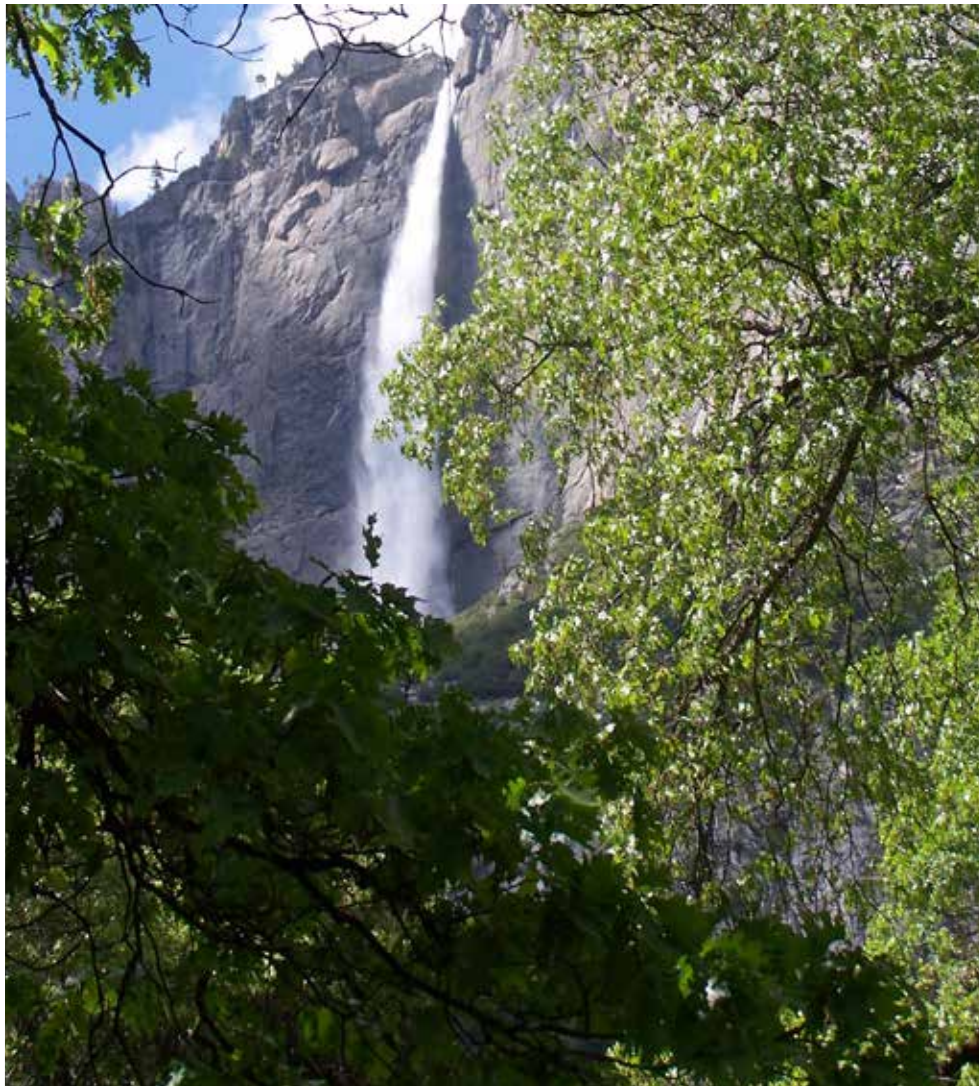
Hetch Hetchy provides spectacular vistas, waterfalls, and early season hiking. (See page 2 for a park map and area information.)

## 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.)

## 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



Upper Yosemite Fall NPS Photo

## Get outside and enjoy your park!

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

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

## 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 more!)

## Take a Photography Class

Learn how to best capture the landscape of Yosemite by joining a photography expert from The Ansel Adams Gallery. Several classes are offered each week. Learn more and sign up at The Ansel Adams Gallery located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stops #5 and #9.

(See pages 6 and 7 for times and meeting places.)

## Discover the Night Sky

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

## Go to the Theater

Yosemite Theater 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.)

## Get Outdoors With Yosemite Conservancy

Yosemite Conservancy is passionate about sharing Yosemite’s wonders. Learn about the forces that shaped Yosemite on an adventure with the park’s expert geologist or summit Half Dome with an expert leading you every step of the way. Looking for a custom Yosemite experience? Contact us to plan a custom adventure for your family or group. Visit [www.yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures](http://www.yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures) or 209/379-2317 ext. 10 to find your adventure today.

## 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 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’s 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

Yosemite Village Garage offers 24-hour emergency roadside assistance

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

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

## Lost and Found

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

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# Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

## Entrance Fees

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

**Vehicle \$20**

Valid for 7 days

**Individual \$10**

In a bus, on foot, bicycle, motorcycle, or horse. Valid for 7 days.

**Yosemite Pass \$40**

Valid for one year in Yosemite.

**Interagency Annual Pass \$80**

Valid for one year at all federal recreation sites.

**Interagency Senior Pass \$10**

(Lifetime) For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.

**Interagency Access Pass (Free)**

(Lifetime) For permanently disabled U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

**Interagency Military Pass (Free)**

(Annual) For active duty U.S. military and dependents.

## Reservations

### Campground Reservations

877/444-6777

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

### Lodging Reservations

801/559-5000

[www.yosemitepark.com](http://www.yosemitepark.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

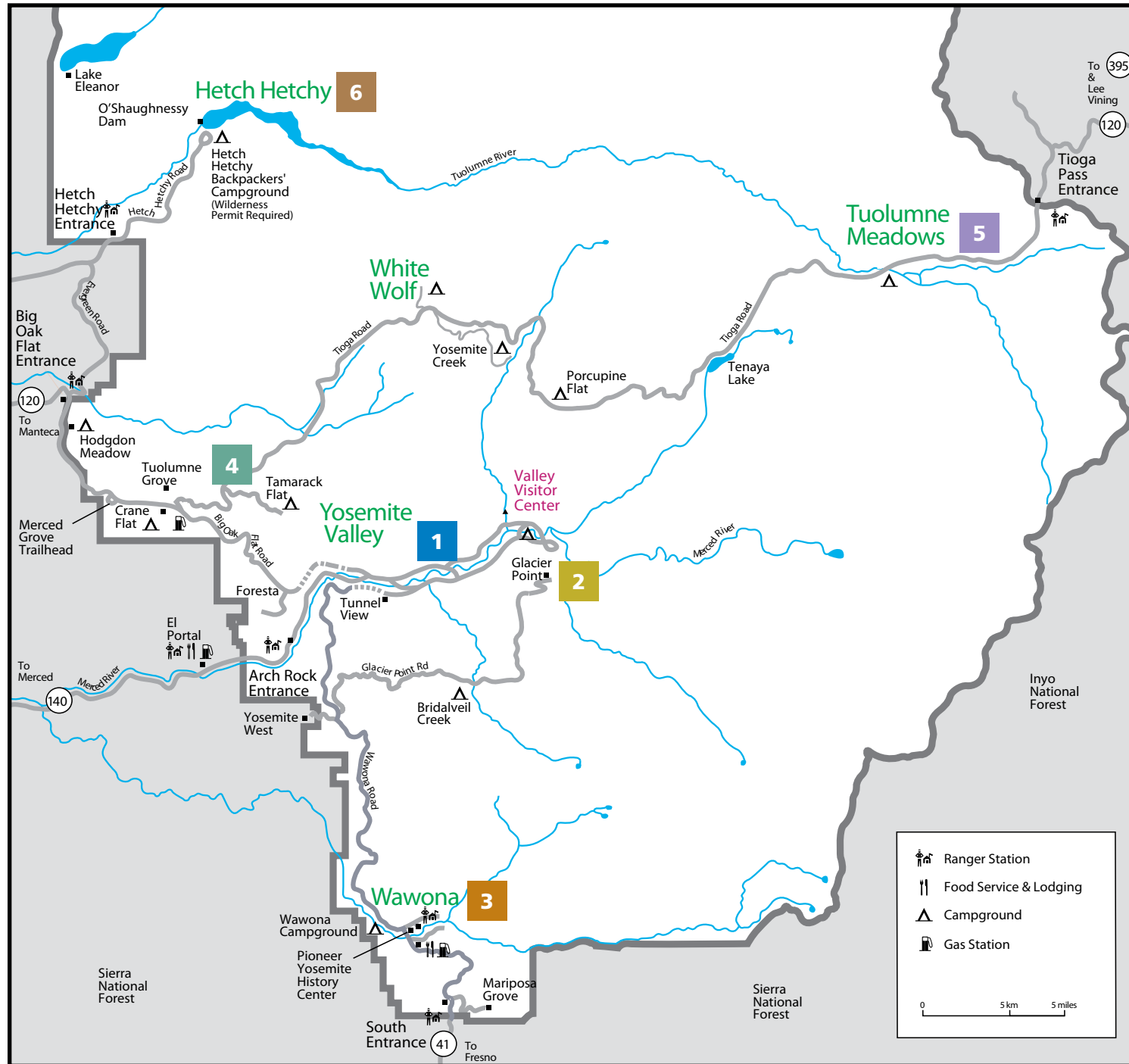
Visitor Center, 760/647-6629

[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, Lember 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

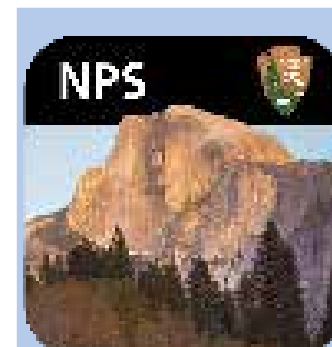
**6** Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the city of San Francisco, is also home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. Due to its importance as a municipal water supply, no swimming is permitted, however. Hetch Hetchy Reservoir 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

### DID YOU KNOW:

- Yosemite has over 750 miles of trail. This compares to over 10,000 miles of sidewalk in Los Angeles and over 12,000 miles in the city of New York.
- In 2012, there were 215 search and rescues. 157 of them involved day hikers. 18 involved technical rock climbing.
- Surfaces in Yosemite are slippery. Gravel trails, polished granite (which is slick even when dry), and wet rock that may not appear wet. Wearing proper footwear and keeping your attention on the your steps can help make a more enjoyable trail adventure.



Look for the free Yosemite Guide Mobile App available Fall, 2013 for your Apple and Android mobile devices!

Our thanks to The Ansel Adams Gallery Staff Photographer and Curator Evan Russel for providing our icon shot of Half Dome.

App funded by a generous grant from Yosemite Conservancy donors

# 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.

#### Naturalist Programs

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

#### Walking and Hiking

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

#### Bicycling

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

#### Tours

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

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

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

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

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

#### Mule & Horseback Rides

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

#### Sightseeing

Some of the famous landmarks in Yosemite Valley include:

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

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

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

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

#### FOOD & BEVERAGE

##### Yosemite Village

###### Degnan's Loft

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

###### Degnan's Delicatessen

7am to 5pm

###### Degnan's Cafe

11am-6pm, opens for season May 24

###### Village Grill

11am to 5pm

##### The Ahwahnee

###### Dining Room

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm

Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm

Sunday Brunch: 7am to 2pm

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

Sunday – Thursday

5:30am to 8pm

Friday – Saturday

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

to 9pm)

###### Mountain Room Lounge

Monday – Friday

4:30pm to 11pm

Saturday – Sunday

Noon to 11pm, food service until 10pm

###### Mountain Room Restaurant

5:30pm to 9pm

Reservations taken for 8 or more. 209/372-

1281 or 209/372-1403

##### Curry Village

###### Coffee Corner/Ice Cream

6am to 10pm

###### Curry Village Bar

Noon to 10pm

###### Pavilion

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm

###### Pizza Deck

Noon to 10pm

###### Meadow Grill

11am to 5pm

###### 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 at 12pm

###### Yosemite Bookstore

###### Inside Yosemite Visitor Center

9am – 7pm, Information desk open 10am

to 6pm

###### Yosemite Museum Store

9am to 5pm

###### Valley Wilderness Center

8am to 5pm

###### Village Store

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

24

###### Habitat Yosemite

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

daily beginning May 24.

###### Sport Shop

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

24

##### Ahwahnee

###### The Ahwahnee Gift Shop

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

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###### The Ahwahnee Sweet Shop

7am to 10pm

##### Yosemite Lodge

###### Gift/Grocery

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

24

###### Nature Shop

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

May 24

##### Curry Village

###### Mountain Shop

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

24

###### Curry Village Gift/Grocery

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

May 24

##### 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

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center is open from 10am to 6pm, and bookstore hours are 9am to 7pm. 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 Saturday between 9:30 am and 5:30 pm, and Sunday between noon and 5:30 pm in the Valley Visitor Center Theater.

## Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center.

### INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

Open 9am to 5pm. 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 EXHIBIT

Sharing Traditions: Celebrating Native Basketry Demonstrations in Yosemite 1929-1980

This Yosemite Museum exhibit focuses on the weavers in the Indian Cultural Program, who have connected

with hundreds of thousands of park visitors through their basket-weaving demonstrations. The work of Maggie Howard, Lucy Telles and Julia Parker will be featured, as well as the contributions of Alice Wilson and Craig Bates. In addition to the baskets, paintings, ephemera and archeological artifacts on display, historic film footage and photographs will be shown. This project was made possible through the generous support of Yosemite Conservancy donors. Yosemite Museum Gallery, June 4 through October 31. Open daily from 9 to 5 from June 4 through September 30, open daily 10 to 12 and 1 to 4 from October 1 through October 31.

## Wilderness Center

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

## Nature Center at Happy Isles

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

## Yosemite Art Center

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

## Yosemite Theater LIVE!

Yosemite Theater LIVE! offers entertainment and inspiration through a variety of live theater performances. Revel as park ranger Shelton Johnson and other performers bring the park's adventures to life! Tickets \$8 adults, \$4 children.

## The Ansel Adams Gallery

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

### EXHIBITS

**Light and Form:** Photographs by Anne Larsen and John Sexton  
*April 18 through May 29, 2013*

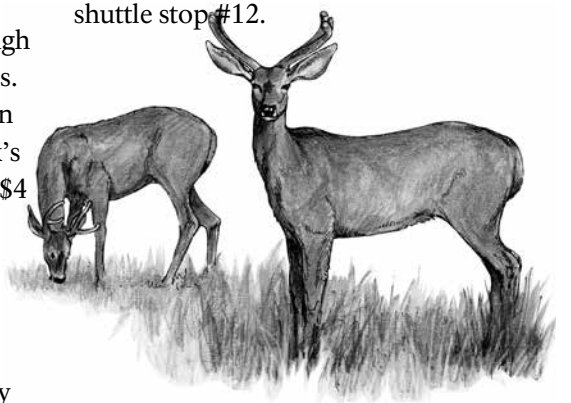
**In Harmony: Light and Land:** Photographs by Charles Cramer  
*May 30 - July 27, 2013 (Reception June 5th from 3-5pm)*

Charles Cramer is a photographer who revels in exploration and craftsmanship. A masterful artist, his career broadly parallels that of Ansel Adams: an early focus on music, finding inspiration in Yosemite National Park, and exploring the developing medium of photography. Charles has worked in the darkroom for many years, mastering the complex Dye Transfer process. He was also one of the first landscape photographers to work with the "digital darkroom", offering more control to realize his artistic interpretation of the scene. Cramer was selected by the National Park Service to be an artist-in-residence in Yosemite in 1987 and again in 2009. He is also included in the books "Landscape: The World's Top Photographers," published in 2005, and "First Light: Five Photographers Explore Yosemite's Wilderness," published in 2009

Photo, above: Cultural demonstrator Maggie Howard and Ranger Bert Harwell behind the museum with a group of visitors, 1931.

## LeConte Memorial Lodge

LeConte Memorial Lodge is open Thursday 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

### GARAGE

Yosemite Village  
8am - 5pm / 24 hour AAA towing available, propane service available until 4:30pm

### POST OFFICES

Yosemite Village  
**Main Office**  
Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm  
Saturday: 10am to noon  
Yosemite Lodge  
**Post Office**  
Monday-Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

### GROCERIES AND TOURS

Yosemite Village  
**Village Store Gift/Grocery**  
8am to 9pm, 8am to 10pm beginning May 24  
**Degnan's Deli**  
7am to 5pm  
**Tour Desk - Village Store**  
7:30am to 3pm  
**Visitor Center**  
10am to 6pm  
Yosemite Lodge  
**Gift/Grocery**  
8am to 8pm, 8am to 10pm beginning May 24  
**Tour Desk**  
7:30am to 7pm  
Curry Village  
**Gift/Grocery**  
8am to 8pm, 8am to 9pm beginning May 24  
**Tour Desk**  
7:30am to 3pm  
Housekeeping Camp  
**Gift/Grocery**  
8am to 6pm, 8am to 8pm beginning May 24

### SHOWERS, LAUNDRY, AND INTERNET

**Housekeeping Camp**  
Showers 7am to 10pm  
Laundry 8am to 10pm  
**Curry Village**, open 24 hours

**Internet Kiosks at Degnan's Deli**  
7am to 6pm  
Internet Kiosks at Yosemite Lodge Lobby - open 24 hours

# SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

May 22, 2013 - June 25, 2013



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

## Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy is passionate about sharing the wonders of Yosemite through our Outdoor Adventure programs. Join one of the many year-round programs available and explore everything Yosemite has to offer.

- June 15 **Exploring Yosemite's Geological Secrets** Greg Stock, THE NPS Geologist, shares the fascinating story of the forces that shaped Yosemite.
- June 21-23 **Half Dome: Make it to the Top #1** Author Suzanne Swedo leads you to the summit of Yosemite's greatest icon.
- June 22 **Photographing the "Moonbow"** Capture the rarity of a lunar rainbow with veteran photographer John Senser

Find detailed information about these programs at [www.yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures](http://www.yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures) or call 209/379-2317, ext. 10. Camping and park entry are included, additional lodging options available.

## Yosemite Art Center Workshops (YAC)

Yosemite Conservancy invites you to enjoy a hands-on art experience in Yosemite Valley. Celebrated artists lead workshops from 10am -2pm Monday through Saturday.

- May 20- May 25 **Watercolor in Spring**, Sonja Hamilton
- May 27- June 1 **Rushing Water, Silent Stone Watercolor in Yosemite**, Roger Folk
- June 3- June 8 **Painting from the Heart; Watercolor**, Robert Dvorak
- June 10- June 15 **Yosemite as You See It; Watercolor**, JoAnn Formia
- June 17- June 22 **Watercolor Landscape**, Don Fay
- June 24- June 29 **Finding Inspiration in Watercolor**, Janice Powell Shedd

There is a registration fee of \$10 per visitor, supplies are available for purchase. The Art Center is located in Yosemite Village next to the Village Store. Yosemite Art Center Hours: Daily 9am-4:30pm (closed for lunch). Page 7 for programs taking place in Wawona.

## Yosemite Theater LIVE! (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy presents unforgettable live performances of historic heroes, daring rescues, and thrilling adventures every night at the Valley Visitor Center Theater.

- Sundays **A Forgotten Yosemite** A Buffalo Soldier Remembers featuring park ranger Shelton Johnson.
- Mondays **Filmmaking on the Edge** with Yosemite filmmaker Steven M. Bumgardner.
- Tuesdays **Yosemite Search and Rescue** with veteran rescue ranger John Dill.
- Wednesdays **Conversation with a Tramp** An Evening with John Muir performed by Lee Stetson.
- Thursdays **John Muir among the Animals** performed by Lee Stetson.
- Fridays
- Saturdays **Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey** followed by discussion with climber Ron Kauk, featured in the film.

## 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.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sundays:  
9:15am (Sunday School available)  
11am (Memorial Day-Labor Day ONLY, no Sunday School)  
6:30pm Sunday Evening Service/Bible Study  
Women's and Men's Bible Studies, Tuesday 7:00 P.M. call chapel for location, Thursday Evening Service 7:00 P.M. Various Bible Studies during the week call for times and locations. 209-372-4831, Pastor Brent Moore Resident Minister

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

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

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

### SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
Lower River Amphitheater Saturday,  
May 25-August 31, No Service July 20.

9:45am Music/Sabbath School,  
11am Worship Service, 12:30pm Potluck  
951/333-0340, yosemitesummerchurch@yahoo.com

### LATTER-DAY SAINTS

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS  
Sacrament Meeting, Sundays 1pm-1:45pm  
Memorial Day thru Labor Day, Yosemite Valley Chapel

### A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN THE NATIONAL PARKS

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

## SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

### LIONS CLUB

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

### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

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

## MORNING

Sunday

- 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. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Curry Village Mountaineering School (DNC) \$
- 10:00am **JUNIOR RANGER TALK** 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9 (NPS) ♿

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

Monday

- 8:00am **Naturalist Birdwalk** 2 hrs. Meet at the Yosemite Art Center for an easy stroll to explore the springtime birds of Yosemite Valley. (YC) \$
- 9:00am **Camera Walk** 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at the Ahwahnee Hotel (TAAG) ♿
- 9:00am **Using the Digital Darkroom: Landscapes and Lightroom** 4hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$
- 9:00am **Bike to Hike Tour** 2.5 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Curry Village Bike Stand. (DNC) \$.
- 9:00am **CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!** 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿
- 10:00am **JUNIOR RANGER TALK** 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9 (NPS) ♿
- 10:00am **Art Workshop** 4 hrs Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ For more information see page 6
- 11:00am **CHILDREN'S ART SESSIONS:** Ages 6-10 (beginning June 17) 1 hr. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$

Tuesday

- 8:15am **Adventure Hike- Panorama Trail with one-way Glacier Point Bus ride.** 8 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk. Tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$
- 9:00am **Camera Walk** 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) ♿
- 10:00am **JUNIOR RANGER TALK** 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9 (NPS) ♿
- 10:00am **Art Workshop** 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ For more information see page 6
- 11:00am **CHILDREN'S ART SESSIONS** Ages 6-10 (beginning June 18) 1 hr. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$

Wednesday

- 9:00am **HABITAT PROTECTORS OF YOSEMITE (HaPY)** (Starting May 29) Up to 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) \$
- 9:00am **CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!** (Except May 22) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿
- 10:00am **JUNIOR RANGER TALK** 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9 (NPS) ♿
- 10:00am **Art Workshop** 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ For more information see page 6
- 11:00am **CHILDREN'S ART SESSIONS** Ages 6-10 (beginning June 19) 1 hr. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$

Thursday

- 8:00am **Naturalist Birdwalk** 2 hrs. Meet at the Yosemite Art Center for an easy stroll to explore the springtime birds of Yosemite Valley. (YC) \$
- 9:00am **Camera Walk** 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) ♿
- 9:00am **Discovery Hike - Vernal Falls Bridge** 3.5 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$.
- 10:00am **Art Workshop** 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ For more information see page 6
- 10:00am **JUNIOR RANGER TALK** 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9 (NPS) ♿
- 11:00am **CHILDREN'S ART SESSIONS** Ages 6-10 (beginning June 20) 1 hr. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$

Friday

- 9:00am **CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!** (Except May 24) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿
- 9:30am **Adventure Hike - Vernal/Nevada Falls.** 6 hours Curry Village Mountaineering School Tickets/info at any tour desk. \$
- 10:00am **JUNIOR RANGER TALK** 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9 (NPS) ♿
- 10:00am **Art Workshop** 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ For more information see page 6

Saturday

- 9:00am **CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!** 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿
- 9:00am **Exploring Yosemite's Geological Secrets** 7 hrs. (June 15 only) NPS Geologist Greg Stock shares fascinating insights on Yosemite's geology. Requires advanced reservation, please call 209/379-2317 ext. 10 (YC) \$
- 9:00am **Camera Walk** 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) ♿
- 9:00am **Bike to Hike Tour** 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$.
- 10:00am **Art Workshop** 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ For more information see page 6
- 10:00am **JUNIOR RANGER TALK** 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9 (NPS) ♿

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



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



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



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

	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Sunday	3:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9 (NPS) ♿	7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater LIVE!</b> The Forgotten Yosemite: A Buffalo Soldier Remembers featuring park ranger Shelton Johnson 1.5 hrs. Tickets can be purchased in advance at any Yosemite Conservancy bookstore or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater. (YC) \$
	3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk - Bears</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (bear sightings unlikely)	7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> (Except May 26 June 2) 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	3:30pm <b>CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿	7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> (Except June 2) 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	4:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9 (NPS) ♿	8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	5:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿	8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
		9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (Except May 26 and June 2) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) \$ ♿
Monday	1:00pm <b>Discovery Hike - Columbia Rock</b> 3.5 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$	7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater LIVE!</b> Filmmaking on the Edge with Yosemite filmmaker Steven M. Bumgardner. 1.5 hrs. Tickets can be purchased in advance at any Yosemite Conservancy bookstore or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater. (YC) \$
	1:00pm <b>Using Your Digital Camera</b> 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$	7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> (Except May 27) 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	1:30pm <b>CHILDREN'S ART SESSIONS</b> Ages 10+ (beginning June 17) 1.5hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$	8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	3:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9 (NPS) ♿	8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	3:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿	9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (Except May 27) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) \$ ♿
	3:30pm <b>CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿	
4:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9 (NPS) ♿		
Tuesday	1:00pm <b>In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Photography Class</b> 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$	7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater LIVE!</b> Yosemite Search and Rescue with veteran ranger John Dill. 1½ hrs. Tickets can be purchased in advance at any Yosemite Conservancy bookstore or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater. (YC) \$
	1:30pm <b>CHILDREN'S ART SESSIONS</b> Ages 10+ (beginning June 18) 1.5 hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$	7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	2:30pm <b>Virtual Scavenger Hunt for Teens</b> (Except May 28) 2.5 hrs. Teen-only guided treasure hunt with GPS units. Tickets and information available at any tour desk (DNC) \$	8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS) &
	3:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9 (NPS) ♿	8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) &
	3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk - Bears</b> 1 1/2hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (bear sightings unlikely)	8:30pm <b>NIGHT PROWL</b> (Except May 28) 1.5 hrs. Explore Yosemite at night! Tickets and information available at any tour desk (DNC) \$ ♿
	4:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9 (NPS) ♿	9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (Except May 28) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) \$ ♿
5:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿	9:00pm <b>NIGHT PROWL</b> (Except May 28) 1.5 hrs. Explore Yosemite at night! Tickets and information available at any tour desk (DNC) \$ ♿	
Wednesday	1:00pm <b>Discovery Hike - Vernal Falls Bridge</b> 3.5 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$.	7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater LIVE!</b> Conversation with a Tramp: An Evening with John Muir performed by Lee Stetson. 1.5 hrs. Tickets can be purchased in advance at any Yosemite Conservancy bookstore or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater. (YC) \$
	1:30pm <b>CHILDREN'S ART SESSIONS</b> Ages 10+ (beginning June 19) 1.5 hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$	7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	3:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9 (NPS) ♿	8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	3:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) &	8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	3:30pm <b>CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!</b> (Except May 22) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿	9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (Except May 22) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) \$ ♿
4:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9 (NPS) ♿		
Thursday	1:00pm <b>Using Your Digital Camera</b> 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$	7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater LIVE!</b> John Muir Among the Animals, performed by Lee Stetson. 1.5 hrs. Tickets can be purchased in advance at any Yosemite Conservancy bookstore or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater. (YC) \$
	1:30pm <b>CHILDREN'S ART SESSIONS</b> Ages 10+ (beginning June 20) 1.5hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$	7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	2:00pm <b>Bike to Hike tour</b> 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$.	8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	2:00pm <b>Bonnie Gisel. Where John Muir Slept: Hike Around the Valley</b> (May 23; June 6; June 20 only) 2.5 hrs. Meet at LeConte Memorial Lodge. Limited to 12 guests, sign up at LML.Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)	8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	3:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9 (NPS) ♿	9:00pm <b>NIGHT PROWL</b> (Except May 23) 1.5 hrs. Explore Yosemite at night! Tickets and information available at any tour desk (DNC) \$ ♿
3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk - Bears</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (bear sightings unlikely)	9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (Except May 23) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) \$ ♿	
4:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9 (NPS) ♿		
Friday	2:30pm <b>CHILDREN'S NATURE HOUR</b> (Except May 31) 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿	7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater LIVE!</b> Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey, followed by discussion with climber Ron Kauk, featured in the film. 1.5 hrs. Tickets can be purchased in advance at any Yosemite Conservancy bookstore or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater. (YC) \$
	3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk - Bears</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (bear sightings unlikely)	7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	3:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9 (NPS) ♿	7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> (Except May 24 and 31) 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	4:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9 (NPS) ♿	8:00pm <b>Rick Deutsch: Hiking Half Dome</b> (May 24 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)
	3:30pm <b>CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!</b> (Except May 24) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿	8:00pm <b>Pete Devine: Dr. Steller's Jay. How the Steller Jay Got Its Name</b> (May 31 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)
		8:00pm <b>John Dill: Search &amp; Rescue in Yosemite</b> (June 7 only) 1.5 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)
	8:00pm <b>Ben Cunningham-Summerfield: American Indian Storytelling &amp; Flute</b> (June 14 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)	
	8:00pm <b>Dave Bengston: Climbing Yosemite Walls</b> Watch Dave climb LeConte Rock (June 21 only) 1.5 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)	
	8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) &	
	8:30pm <b>Film - Ansel Adams</b> 1 hr. Check local listing for venue (TAAG) ♿	
	9:00pm <b>NIGHT PROWL</b> (Except May 24) 1.5 hrs. Explore Yosemite at night! Tickets and information available at any tour desk (DNC) \$ ♿	
	9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (Except May 24) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) \$ ♿	
Saturday	1:00pm <b>In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams photography class</b> 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$	7:00pm <b>Photographing the "Moonbow"</b> 6 hrs. (June 22 only) Capture a lunar rainbow with veteran photographer John Senser. Requires advanced reservation, please call 209/379-2317 ext. 10 (YC) \$
	3:00pm <b>Fine Print Tour</b> 1 hr. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Very limited space (TAAG) ♿	7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> (Except May 25 and June 1) 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	3:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9 (NPS) ♿	7:00pm <b>TALL TALES IN TALL MOUNTAINS</b> 1 hr. Interactive storytelling with Steven Riley and Ty Cooney. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	3:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿	7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater LIVE!</b> Return to Balance: a Climber's Journey followed by discussion with climber Ron Kauk, featured in the film. 1.5 hrs. Tickets can be purchased in advance at any Yosemite Conservancy bookstore or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater. (YC) \$
	4:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9 (NPS) ♿	7:30pm <b>Photographing the "Moonbow"</b> 6 hrs. (June 22 only) Capture the elusive Yosemite Falls moonbow with experienced photographer John Senser. Requires advanced reservation, please call 209/379-2317 ext. 10 (YC) \$
	1:00pm <b>Discovery Hike - Columbia Rock</b> 3.5 hours. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$	8:00pm <b>Stephen Joseph: Everything I photograph—including Yosemite &amp; Muir Woods</b> (June 1 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)
	2:30pm <b>LOWER YOSEMITE FALL FAMILY ACTIVITIES/ACTIVIDADES DE FAMILIA DE CASCADA BAJA DE YOSEMITE</b> 2 hrs. (begins June 8/empieza 8 de Junio) informal learning activities in English and Spanish for kids and adults, along the Yosemite Falls Trail/2 horas, actividades de aprendizaje informales en Inglés y Español para los niños y los adultos, en el rastro de Cascada Baja de Yosemite (DNC)	8:00pm <b>Barbara Mossberg: Tremendous. Tribute to Poetry &amp; Music of Yosemite Trees</b> (June 8 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)
	3:30pm <b>CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE!</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿	8:00pm <b>Bob Roney, Yosemite by Ear: Tales of Yosemite Wilderness</b> (June 15 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)
	4:30pm <b>ILLUSTRATION WORKSHOP</b> Discover Yosemite's animals and scenery through drawing lessons. 1 hr. Curry Village Guest Lounge (DNC)	8:00pm <b>Bill Carroll: The Mail Must Go Through Yosemite</b> (June 22 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)
	5:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> (Except June 1) 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC)	8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC/AAC) ♿
	8:30pm <b>NIGHT PROWL</b> 1.5 hrs. Explore Yosemite at night! Tickets and information available at any tour desk (DNC) \$ ♿	
	9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (Except May 25 and June 1) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) \$ ♿	

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# Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point



## Explore History, Discover Giant Trees, and Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

### Wawona & Mariposa Grove

#### Coffee with a Ranger

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

#### Evening Programs

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

#### Ranger Evening Programs

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

#### Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio

Open 8:30 am to 5 pm, the visitor center offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona store parking area and follow the path up the hill.

#### Wawona Art Workshops (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy invites you to enjoy a hands-on art experience in Wawona and Mariposa Grove.

June 3-June 8: **Sketching with Watercolor**, *Barbara Rosenthal*

June 10-June 15: **Paint your own field guide to Southern Yosemite**, *Katy Bernheim*

June 17-June 22: **A Little Painting; Color, Shape and Pattern**, *Byron Spicer*

June 24-June 29: **Make your own Travel Journal**, *Sidney Wildesmith*

Please register in advance at the Thomas Hill Studio in Wawona. Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday programs meet at the Thomas Hill Studio in Wawona at 10:00 am. Wednesday and Thursday programs take place in Mariposa Grove and meet at 8:45 at the shuttle stop. Call 209/372-1442 for more details.

### Pioneer Yosemite History Center

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

#### Experience Horse-Drawn Travel

Travel into history by taking a 10-minute horse-drawn stage ride. Tickets may be purchased at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. See page 9 for dates, times, and locations. \$5/adults and \$4/child (ages 3-12)

#### Blacksmith Shop

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

### 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.

#### 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.

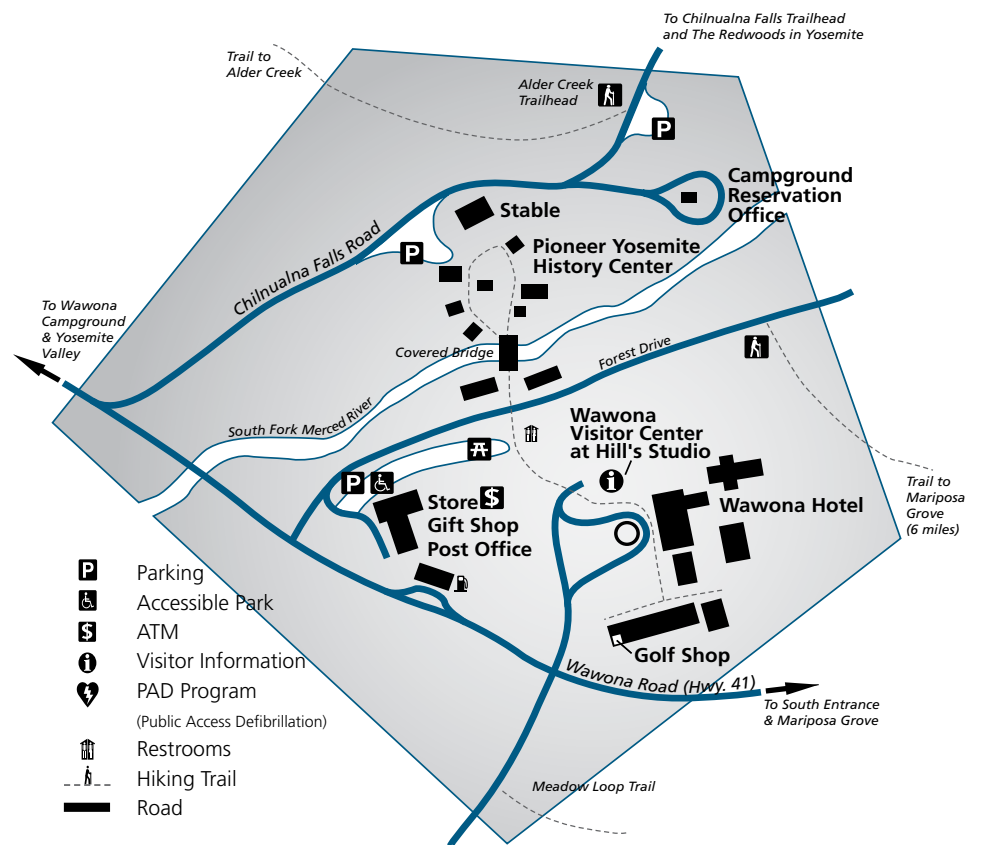
#### Big Trees Tram Tours

please see Big Trees Ticket Kiosk for times

#### Mariposa Grove Museum

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

**Dogs/bikes are not permitted anywhere in the Grove**



Horse-drawn stage rides with Burrell "Buckshot" Maier NPS Photo



Geology Hut. Photo courtesy Yosemite Research Library

## Glacier Point

### Evening Programs

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

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

### FOOD & BEVERAGE

#### Wawona

##### Wawona Hotel Dining Room

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

##### Golf Shop & Snack Stand

9am to 5pm when golf course is open

#### Glacier Point

##### Snack Stand

9am to 5pm, conditions permitting

### GROCERIES

#### Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop

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

### GIFTS & APPAREL

#### Wawona

##### Wawona Store & Pioneer Shop

8am to 6pm, 8am to 8pm beginning May 24

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

8:30am to 5pm

#### Glacier Point

##### Gift Shop

9am to 6pm

#### Mariposa Grove

##### Mariposa Grove Museum

10am to 4pm

##### Big Trees Gift Shop

9am to 5pm, 9am to 6pm beginning May 24

### POST OFFICE

#### Wawona Post Office

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

### GAS STATION

#### Wawona Gas Station

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

### GOLF

#### Wawona Hotel Golf Course

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

	WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE	GLACIER POINT
<b>Sunday</b>	<p>8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> (except May 26 &amp; June 2) ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿</p> <p>10:00am <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> (May 26, June 2 only) For 2 hrs. each ride is 10 mins. Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12 (NPS) \$</p> <p>10:00am <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> (except May 26 &amp; June 2) 3 hrs. Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> (May 26, June 2 only) For 2 hrs. each ride is 10 mins. Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12 (NPS) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> (except May 26 &amp; June 2) 3 hrs. Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Wawona History Stroll</b> (June 16 &amp; 23 only) 1 hr. Wawona Hotel Fountain (NPS)</p>	<p>11:00am <b>Hike to the Hidden Illilouette Fall</b> (except June 2) 3½ hrs. Moderately difficult. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm <b>GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR</b> (June 16 and 23 only) 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) \$ ♿</p> <p>7:45pm <b>Sunset Ranger Talk</b> (except June 2) ½ hr. Glacier Point raitling, overlooking the Valley (NPS)</p>
<b>Monday</b>	<p>8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> (except May 27 &amp; June 3) 45 mins. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan</b> 1.5 hrs. Moderately difficult. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop. (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm <b>GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR</b> (June 17 and 24 only) 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) \$ &amp;</p> <p>7:45pm <b>Sunset Ranger Talk</b> 30 mins. Glacier Point raitling, overlooking the Valley (NPS)</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p>8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> (except May 28 &amp; June 4) 45 mins. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿</p> <p>10:00am <b>Art Workshop</b> 4 hrs. Thomas Hill Studio. Requires advanced registration. (YC) \$ For more information see page 8</p> <p>5:30pm <b>Tom Bopp Performing at the Piano</b> 4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Historical programs available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. For more details, drop by the piano early in the evening to ask Tom or stop by the front desk. Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) ♿</p> <p>6:30pm <b>Evening Ranger Program</b> (except May 28 &amp; June 4) 1 hr. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call (855) 290-3499 (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes</b> 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm <b>GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR</b> (June 18 and 25 only) 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) \$ &amp;</p> <p>7:45pm <b>Sunset Ranger Talk</b> 30 mins. Glacier Point raitling, overlooking the Valley (NPS) (DNC) ♿</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p>8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> (June 12 &amp; 19 only) 45 mins. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:45am <b>Art Workshop</b> 4 hrs. Meet at Mariposa Grove Shuttle Stop. Requires advanced registration (YC) \$ For more information see page 8</p> <p>9:30am <b>Wawona History Stroll</b> (June 12 &amp; 19 only) 1 hr. Wawona Hotel Fountain (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> (except May 22 &amp; 29) For 2 hrs. each ride is 10 mins. Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12 (NPS) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> (except May 22 &amp; 29) 3 hrs. Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>5:30pm <b>Tom Bopp Performing at the Piano</b> 4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Historical programs available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. For more details, drop by the piano early in the evening to ask Tom or stop by the front desk. Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) ♿</p>	<p>7:00pm <b>GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR</b> (June 19 only) 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) \$ ♿</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p>8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> (June 13 &amp; 20 only) 45 mins. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:45am <b>Art Workshop</b> 4 hrs. Meet at Mariposa Grove Shuttle Stop. Requires advanced registration (YC) \$ For more information see page 8</p> <p>10:00am <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> (except May 23 &amp; 30) For 2 hrs. each ride is 10 mins. Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12 (NPS) \$</p> <p>10:00am <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> (except May 23 &amp; 30) 3 hrs. Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> (except May 23 &amp; 30) For 2 hrs. each ride is 10 mins. Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12 (NPS) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> (except May 23 &amp; 30) 3 hrs. Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>5:30pm <b>Tom Bopp Performing at the Piano</b> 4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Historical programs available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. For more details, drop by the piano early in the evening to ask Tom or stop by the front desk. Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) ♿</p>	<p>7:00pm <b>GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR</b> (June 20 only) 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) \$ ♿</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p>8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> (June 14 &amp; 21 only) 45 mins. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿</p> <p>10:00am <b>Art Workshop</b> 4 hrs. Thomas Hill Studio. Requires advanced registration (YC) \$ For more information see page 8</p> <p>10:00am <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> (May 24 &amp; 31 only) For 2 hrs. each ride is 10 mins. Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12 (NPS) \$</p> <p>10:00am <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> (except May 24 &amp; 31) 3 hrs. Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> (May 24 &amp; 31 only) For 2 hrs. each ride is 10 mins. Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12 (NPS) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> (except May 24 &amp; 31) 3 hrs. Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>5:30pm <b>Tom Bopp Performing at the Piano</b> 4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Historical programs available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. For more details, drop by the piano early in the evening to ask Tom or stop by the front desk. Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) ♿</p>	<p>2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes</b> 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Full Moon Hike</b> (June 21 only) 2 hrs. Dress warmly. Meet at Sentinel Dome parking area (NPS)</p> <p>7:45pm <b>Sunset Ranger Talk</b> 30 mins. Glacier Point raitling, overlooking the Valley. (NPS)</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Stars Over Yosemite</b> (June 7 and 14 only) Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast. (NPS)</p>
<b>Saturday</b>	<p>8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> (except May 25 &amp; June 1) 45 mins. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿</p> <p>9:00am <b>Nature Walk with a Ranger</b> (June 15 &amp; 22 only) 2 hrs. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call (855) 290-3499 (NPS)</p> <p>10:00am <b>Art Workshop</b> 4 hrs. Thomas Hill Studio. Requires advanced registration (YC) \$ For more information see page 8</p> <p>10:00am <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> (May 25 &amp; June 1 only) For 2 hrs. each ride is 10 mins. Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12 (NPS) \$</p> <p>10:00 am <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> (except May 25 &amp; June 1) 3 hrs. Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> (May 25 &amp; June 1 only) For 2 hrs. each ride is 10 mins. Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12 (NPS) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> (except May 25 &amp; June 1) 3 hrs. Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>5:30pm <b>Tom Bopp Performing at the Piano</b> 4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Historical programs available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. For more details, drop by the piano early in the evening to ask Tom or stop by the front desk. Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Campfire Talk</b> "Being With Wolves" - A California Wolf Education Project (June 22 only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER WAWONA</b> (Except May 25 and June 1) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p>	<p>7:45pm <b>Sunset Ranger Talk</b> (except June 1) 30 mins. Glacier Point raitling, overlooking the Valley (NPS)</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Stars Over Yosemite</b> (June 8 and 15 only) Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast.</p>

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**FOOD & BEVERAGE**

Tuolumne Meadows  
(Open June 7, conditions permitting)  
**Tuolumne Meadows Grill**  
(Open May 31, conditions permitting)  
8am to 5pm  
**Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room**  
Breakfast - Reservations recommended - 7am-9am  
Dinner-Reservations Strongly Recommended - 5:45pm - 8pm  
209/372-8413

White Wolf  
(Open June 14, conditions permitting)  
**White Wolf Lodge**  
Breakfast - 7:30am to 9:30am.  
Lunch - Sandwiches , beverages, and snacks available at the front desk store  
Dinner - 6-8pm  
Reservations recommended  
209/372-8416

**GROCERIES**

Tuolumne Meadows  
**Store**  
(Open June 7, conditions permitting)  
Daily 9am to 5pm  
Crane Flat  
**Store**  
9am -5pm Effective Friday, May 24th  
9am to 7pm / 24 Hour Pay at the Pump

**GIFTS & APPAREL**

Tuolumne Meadows  
**Mountaineering School and Sport Shop**  
(Open June 7, conditions permitting)  
9am to 4pm  
**Tuolumne Meadows Bookstore**  
Inside the Visitor Center  
9am to 5pm, when Visitor Center is open  
**Tuolumne Meadows Store**  
(Open June 7, conditions permitting)  
9am to 5pm

**POST OFFICE**

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

**GAS STATIONS**

Tuolumne Meadows  
9am to 5pm, Gas and propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.  
  
Crane Flat  
9am to 5pm, 9am to 7pm beginning May 24.  
Diesel & propane available.  
Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

**FREE SHUTTLE BUS**

Olmsted Pt. / Tuolumne / Tioga Pass

Shuttle service scheduled to begin June 7 , conditions permitting.

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 7am. Shuttles arrive at approximately 30-minute intervals between 7am and 7pm.

	TUOLUMNE MEADOWS	WHITE WOLF	CRANE FLAT/ HODGDON MEADOW/ HETCH HETCHY <i>*All listed programs begin June 2, 2013 , Please check local postings for additional programs.</i>
Sunday	Program schedule begins June 26.		8:00pm <b>Ranger Campfire</b> 1 hr. Hodgdon Meadows Campfire Circle (NPS)*
Monday			9:00am <b>Ranger at the Dam</b> 1 hr. (drop in Meet at O'Shaugnessy Dam (NPS)* 1:00pm <b>Ranger in the Grove</b> 2 hrs. (drop in) Tuolumne Grove of Sequoias (NPS)*
Tuesday			8:00pm <b>Starry, Starry Night</b> 2 hr. Crane Flat area. Make reservations at the Big Oak Flat Info. Station or call 209/ 379-1899 (NPS)*
Wednesday			7:00pm <b>Twilight Walk</b> 1 hr. meet at Hodgdon Meadows Campfire Circle (NPS)*
Thursday			1:00pm <b>Ranger at the Dam</b> 1 hr. (drop-in) Meet at the O'Shaugnessy Dam (NPS)*
Friday			10:00am <b>Ranger at the Dam</b> 1 hr. (drop-in) Meet at the O'Shaugnessy Dam (NPS)* 11:00am <b>Ranger in the Grove</b> 2 hrs. (drop-in) Tuolumne Grove of Sequoias (NPS)* 8:00pm <b>Ranger Campfire</b> 1 hr. Hodgdon Meadows Campfire Circle (NPS)*
Saturday			10:00am <b>Ranger @ the Dam</b> 1 hr. (drop-in) Meet at the O'Shaugnessy dam (NPS)* 1:00pm <b>Ranger in the Grove</b> 2 hr. (drop-in) Tuolumne Grove of Sequoias (NPS)* 8:00pm <b>Ranger Campfire</b> 1 hr. Crane Flat 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:

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



Coyote



Black bear



Golden-mantled ground squirrel

All issue illustrations by Tom Whitworth

## Follow these steps to earn your Junior Ranger badge.\*

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

Write the name of the trail you walked. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Explore with your senses! Record the following.

I see: \_\_\_\_\_

I hear: \_\_\_\_\_

I smell: \_\_\_\_\_

I touch: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

# Bears and Wildlife

Enjoying wildlife safely and responsibly



Sow and Cub. Photo by Christine White Loberg

## Keep Wildlife Wild!

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

### Store Your Food Properly.

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

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

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

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

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

### Drive the speed limit.

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

### Red Bear, Dead Bear

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

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

### Backpackers: Save Your Food, Save A Bear

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

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

### Report Bear Sightings!

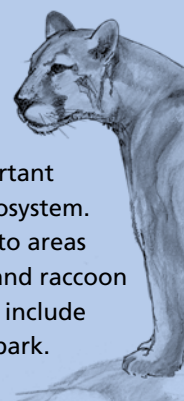
To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at 209/372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park's website ([www.nps.gov/yose/bears](http://www.nps.gov/yose/bears)).

### 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 2013, May 24 through October 14, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 preseason lottery permits have already been issued for 2013. In addition, approximately 50 permits will be released by daily lottery throughout the season based on estimated under-use and cancellation rates (exact number may change throughout the summer). Applications for daily lotteries will be accepted 2 days prior to the desired hiking date between midnight and 1 pm. To apply, visit [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov) or call 877/444-6777. A non-refundable application fee applies to all submissions and a use fee applies to winning applicants. Finally, a daily quota of 75 Half Dome permits will be available to overnight users with an appropriate wilderness permit (use fee applies). These permits may be acquired through early reservations (50 per day) or day before walk-up (25 per day). Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area may descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit. More information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm> For backpackers more information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm>

## Keep yourself safe while exploring your park.

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

### Around Water

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

### Water Quality

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

### Traffic Safety

Roads leading to the park are two-lane, narrow, and winding. When traveling on park roads you can protect yourself, other visitors, and park wildlife by observing the following simple rules: Please obey posted speed limits. Yosemite's roads are used by both visitors and park wildlife. Use turnouts to pull completely out of the road, to take photos, consult the park map, or simply enjoy the park's scenery and wildlife.

### Effects of Altitude

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

### Hantavirus Information

Mice are an important part of the ecosystem, but can carry diseases that are harmful to humans. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread in the droppings and saliva of infected rodents. Not all rodents are infected with hantavirus, but infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You can be in close proximity to park rodents, so it is important you take steps to protect yourself from HPS.

Tell housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice in your tent or cabin and do not clean up the area yourself. Keep doors shut and do not eat or bring food into your cabin that is not in a sealed container. Do not pitch tents near rodent burrows or droppings. HPS begins with aches, fever, and chills 1- 8 weeks after exposure, progressing to cough and difficulty breathing. Seek medical attention immediately if you experience these symptoms.

For more information on rodent-borne diseases and other environmental safety hazards visit: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm>

### 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.
- 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. Check the website at [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm) or call the park's main phone line at 209/372-0200, 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 at opening and the day before starting at 11am.

# ...and Yosemite

## Protecting park resources



### Protecting Yourself and the Park

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

#### Rafting

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

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

#### Fishing

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

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

#### Pets

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

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

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

#### Bicycling

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

#### Yosemite Guardians

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

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

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

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

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm](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.



Upper Yosemite Fall, NPS photo



# Camping



Camping in Yosemite. Photo by Ray Santos

## An adventurous 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.

### 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.

### 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								
<b>Upper Pines</b>	All year	35 ft	24 ft	March 15- Dec 2	\$20	238	Yes	Tap
<b>Lower Pines</b>	March 27- Oct28	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$20	60	Yes	Tap
<b>North Pines</b>	April 3- Nov 4	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$20	81	Yes	Tap
<b>Camp 4</b>	All year	No RVs/trailers	n/a	First-come, first-served	\$5/pers.	35	No	Tap
SOUTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
<b>Wawona</b>	All year	35 ft	35 ft	April 17- Oct 7	\$20	93	Yes	Tap
<b>Bridalveil Creek</b>	July 12 - Sept 9	35 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$14	110	Yes	Tap
NORTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
<b>Hodgdon Meadow</b>	All year	35 ft	27 ft	Apr 17 – Oct 15	\$20	105	Yes	Tap
<b>Crane Flat</b>	July 12 – Oct 9	35 ft	27 ft	Yes	\$20	166	Yes	Tap
<b>Tamarack Flat</b>	July – Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$10	52	No	Creek (boil)
<b>White Wolf</b>	July – Sep 16	27 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$14	74	Yes	Tap
<b>Yosemite Creek</b>	July – Sep 9	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$10	75	Yes	Creek (boil)
<b>Porcupine Flat</b>	July – Oct 15	24 ft (limited)	20 ft	First-come, first-served	\$10	52	No	Creek (boil)
<b>Tuolumne Meadows</b>	July 12 – Sep 26	35 ft	35 ft	50%	\$20	304	Yes	Tap

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

# Hiking



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

## Featured Hike

### The Mist Trail to Vernal and Nevada Falls

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

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

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

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

#### Trail Description:

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

#### Things to know before you go:

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



## Choose your adventure

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

## Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

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

## Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
WAWONA			
<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

<sup>1</sup>These are drop-off points via the Tuolumne Meadows Hikers' Bus.

# Stepping Off the Sidewalk...

## ...and Into the Wild



Soda Springs Bridge Photo by Greg Frediani

### **\*\*Walk out into the the wild places. Challenge yourself. Take in Yosemite. Step outside fully prepared for the different, wild places that Yosemite trails bring you to...**

Yosemite takes us away from the everyday world. It's an escape into an amazing, wild place where we can take in things we would never see or experience at home. Yosemite takes us away from mornings like this:

You get on the train for work, and start reading the news. It's been a rushed morning, grabbing coffee on the way to the station. No time to pack lunch, but you'll grab something at the cafeteria. It was such a rushed morning, you even forgot your jacket. But you'll be inside most of the day anyway. The train arrives at your stop, and you get ready to make a dash through the rain to your office. As you dash the half block to your building, your toe catches on a crack in the sidewalk and you go tumbling to the ground. You pick yourself up off the ground, work clothes wet and shoes scuffed. What a way to start the day.

Mornings like this are one reason we come to Yosemite. To be free for a day or two. Yosemite is worlds away from where most of us spend our days. It can heal, calm, re-create us. But being worlds away also means we must walk,

enjoy, and prepare differently than we do in our typical everyday lives.

What happens if a similar scenario begins your morning on a Yosemite trail? No food and a storm bringing light rain to the granite around your trail. You're becoming cold as your clothes become damp. You pick up speed to complete your trail faster before the rain gets worse, and you slip on the wet granite. You land hard, knocking your head on the ground and twisting your ankle. You're unable to walk. What to do now, as you wait for someone on the trail to find you? The rain comes down harder, and you're becoming colder and hungrier.

In Yosemite, the bicycle trails, the stores, and hotels can lure us into thinking of Yosemite like our city home. But it is not. Yosemite is where the sidewalk ends, and wild spaces begin. A few tips for venturing out into Yosemite, whether it be for a short or long adventure:

1. Research the trail before heading out. Most of us rely on Internet maps to navigate us along the roads in our car. In Yosemite, GPS can be an extra tool.

However, it does not replace a good trail map or knowledge of estimated round-trip time and elevation gain. These simple things help you decide how much food, water, and supplies to bring. It can also mean getting on the trail early enough so that your adventure can be finished before sun down.

2. Pack a variety of food and plenty of water. Junk food and power gels are extras to bring along, but don't leave camp without some healthy, protein-packed food. Every hiker should carry his or her own water. Remember, there is no snack stand or cafeteria out on the trail. Your backpack will be your vending machine.

3. You are your own best friend. Be ready to take care of yourself. In the city, we can rely on a gas station attendant to give us directions if we're lost, the corner market to grab a bottle of water, or our smartphone to provide information. Out on a trail, such resources are not readily available. Be prepared to take care of yourself in any situation, in case you are alone or in case help is delayed for a long period of time. Carry things like (but not limited to) a flashlight with extra batteries, a rain jacket, medication, moleskin for blisters, and as mentioned above, plenty of water and food.

4. Be ready and willing to turn around. When encountering the unexpected in

your work commute, it is likely you find a detour around the obstacle. Obstacles on the trail can be low energy, running out of water, or weather, to name a few. Unlike at home, these obstacles are times to consider turning back to avoid the adventure becoming too adventurous.

5. Tell someone where you're headed and when you will return. When you're caught in a traffic jam and will be extremely late, you might call your family to let them know you're fine and running behind. That last minute call isn't an option on the trail. Giving someone your itinerary and return time means that if something does happen on the trail, friends or family can let rangers know.

*For more information about how to keep yourself safe on the trail, read Yosemite's Preventive Search and Rescue blog: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/blogs/psarblog.htm> or attend Yosemite Theater Live every Tuesday night at 7pm to learn from an experienced Search and Rescue Ranger.*

*Story by Sharon Miyako and Lisa Hendy*

# 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.

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### 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

Through the support of donors, Yosemite Conservancy provides grants and support to Yosemite National Park to help preserve and protect Yosemite today and for future generations. The work funded by Yosemite Conservancy is visible throughout the park, from trail rehabilitation to wildlife protection and habitat restoration. The Conservancy is dedicated to enhancing the visitor experience and providing a deeper connection to the park through outdoor programs, volunteering and wilderness services. Thanks to dedicated supporters, the Conservancy has provided more than \$75 million in grants to Yosemite National Park. Donate now or learn more at [www.yosemiteconservancy.org](http://www.yosemiteconservancy.org) or call 1-800-469-7275.



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## Volunteer in Yosemite

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



## Park Planning Updates

Join park and partner staff to learn ongoing plans and projects at a free monthly public open house! An open house will be held on May 29 and June 26, from 1-4pm in the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Auditorium. *Park entrance fees will be waived for those attending the open house!*

