



Yosemite Guide

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Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

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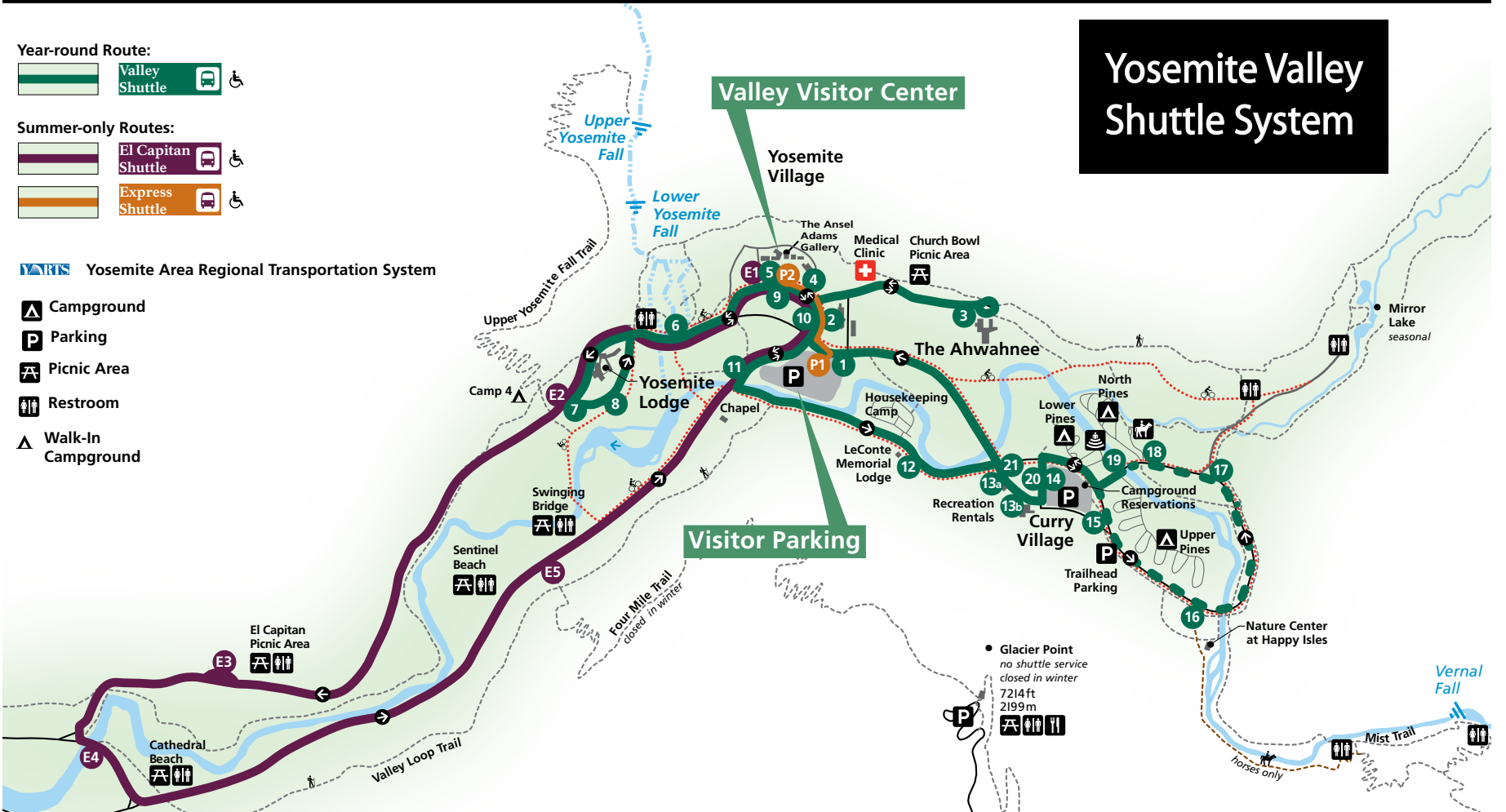
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- Year-round Route:**
- Valley Shuttle
- Summer-only Routes:**
- El Capitan Shuttle
 - Express Shuttle

YARS Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System

- Campground
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Restroom
- Walk-In Campground



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.

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Seasonal Highlights

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

What do you want to do with your special time in Yosemite? 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 variety of topics including waterfalls,



Half Dome NPS Photo

Get outside and enjoy your park!

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

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! presents compelling live performances every night! Celebrate Yosemite's history Sundays with park ranger Shelton Johnson as Sargent Elizy Boman in *The Forgotten Yosemite: A Buffalo Soldier Remembers*. Join Yosemite filmmaker Steven M. Bumgardner on Mondays for *Filmmaking on the Edge*. *Yosemite Search*

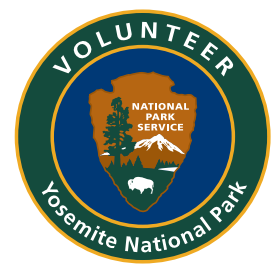
& *Rescue* delivers gripping stories every Tuesday. Veteran performer Lee Stetson performs *Conversation with a Tramp: An Evening with John Muir* on Wednesdays and *John Muir Among the Animals* Thursdays. Legendary climber Ron Kauk presents the award-winning film *Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey* every Friday & Saturday. Purchase tickets at Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores or Tour & Activity Desks. See page 6 for details.

Get Outdoors With Yosemite Conservancy

Yosemite Conservancy is passionate about sharing Yosemite's wonders. Summit Half Dome with an expert leading you every step of the way or explore the fascinating natural history of the Sierra Nevada with an experienced naturalist. Looking for a custom Yosemite experience? Contact us to plan a custom adventure for your family or group. Visit www.yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or 209/379-2317 ext. 10 to find your adventure today. See page 6 for details.

Volunteer in Yosemite

Over 9,500 volunteers donated more than 187,000 hours of service to Yosemite last year, restoring native habitat, working in visitor centers, serving as camp hosts, studying wildlife, cleaning up litter and more. Would you like to serve? We have group and individual volunteer opportunities, both short term and long term. Learn more at: www.nps.gov/yose/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm or call the volunteer office at 209/379-1850.



Access for People with Disabilities

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



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



Sign language interpreting is available for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors upon advance request. Please contact the park's deaf services coordinator (209/379-5250) (v/txt) to request an interpreter. A full-time interpreter is in the park until August 24. A public videophone is available at Yosemite Lodge. Assistive Listening Devices are available at the Valley 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.



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.

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

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

Regional Info

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

Highway 120 West
Yosemite Chamber of Commerce
800/449-9120 or 209/962-0429

Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau
800/446-1333
www.tcvb.com

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

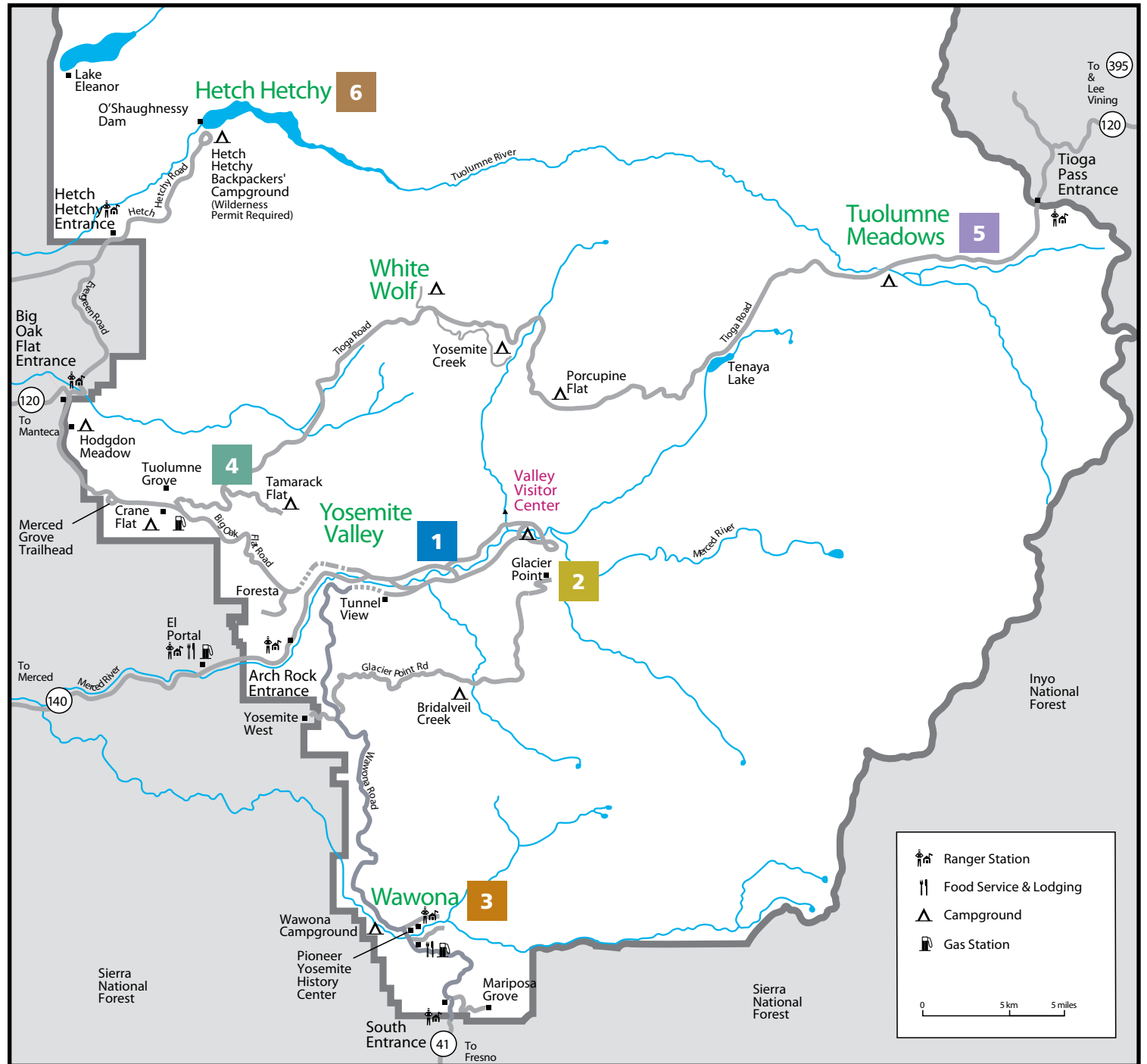
Highway 132/49
Coulterville Visitor Center
209/878-3074

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

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

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

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



Yosemite Valley

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



Mirror Lake and Mount Watkins. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Glacier Point

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



View from Glacier Point. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Wawona and Mariposa Grove

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



The Mariposa Grove Museum. Photo by Pam Meierding

Tioga Road and Tuolumne Grove

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



Cathedral Peak. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Tuolumne Meadows

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



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

Hetch Hetchy

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

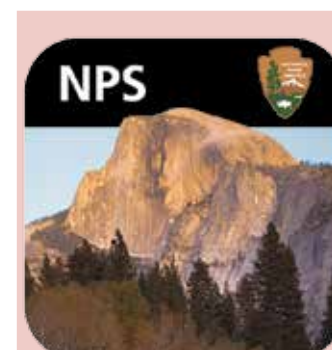


Hetch Hetchy. Photo by Erik Skindrud

DID YOU KNOW:

- Yosemite Conservancy is providing \$10.8 million in support to Yosemite National Park in 2013. Donor gifts are funding 38 new projects in the park, from trail rehabilitation to wildlife protection and habitat restoration.
- You can support Yosemite by shopping! You'll find Yosemite Conservancy stores at the Visitor Center, the Museum, Happy Isles, Wawona, Tuolumne and Big Oak Flats. You can even shop on-line. Net proceeds support our work in the park.
- Yosemite Conservancy funding is providing for an expanded Junior Ranger program this summer. This means more young children can earn a Junior Ranger badge by learning about nature and outdoor exploration.

Learn more about Yosemite Conservancy and how you can get involved at www.yosemiteconservancy.org



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.

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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 7am to 5pm 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 6pm

Degnan's Cafe

11am-5pm

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

6:30am to 9:30pm

Breakfast: 6:30am to 11am

Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm

Dinner: 5pm to 9:30pm

Grab and Go, 8:30pm to 9:30pm

Mountain Room Lounge

Monday – Friday

4:30pm to 11pm

Saturday – Sunday

Noon to 11pm, food service until 10pm

Mountain Room Restaurant

5:30pm to 9:30pm

Reservations taken for 8 or more. 209/372-1281 or 209/372-1403

Curry Village

Coffee Corner/Ice Cream

6am to 10pm

Ice Cream service beginning at 11am

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

7:30am to 5pm

Village Store

8am to 10pm

Habitat Yosemite

10am to 5pm

Sport Shop

9am to 6pm

Ahwahnee

The Ahwahnee Gift Shop

8am to 10pm

The Ahwahnee Sweet Shop

7am to 10pm

Yosemite Lodge

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

Nature Shop

11am to 8pm

Curry Village

Mountain Shop

8am to 8pm

Curry Village Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Exhibits and store, 9:30am to 5pm

Yosemite Valley

Where to go and what to do



Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

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 7:30am to 5pm. 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.

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

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 9am to noon and 1pm to 4:30pm daily. See full schedule of Yosemite Conservancy art workshops at yosemiteconservancy.org/art

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 at Yosemite Conservancy bookstores & DNC Tour Desks.

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

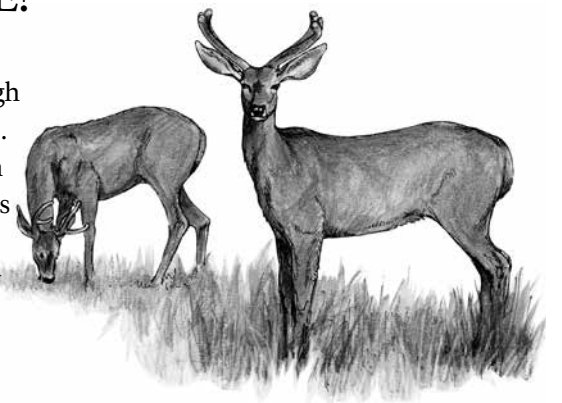
In Harmony: Light and Land:
Photographs by Charles Cramer
May 30 - July 27, 2013

Passages of Light: Yosemite Landscapes,
Photographs by William Neill.
July 28- September 14, 2013 (Artist's Reception, Thursday, August 1, 3-5pm)

William Neill is a photographer, author and teacher based in the Yosemite National Park area since 1977. He is the author of eleven books featuring his photography, has also been widely published in magazines, calendars, posters, and his limited-edition prints have been collected and exhibited in museums and galleries nationally. Neill writes a regular column, *On Landscape*, for *Outdoor Photographer* magazine and has received the Sierra Club's Ansel Adams Award.

LeConte Memorial Lodge

LeConte Memorial Lodge is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am until 4 pm. Free evening programs are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00. The Lodge has a natural history library, children's corner and library, historical exhibits, and an exhibit on climate change. 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 10pm
Degnan's Deli
7am to 6pm
Tour Desk - Village Store
7:30am to 3pm
Visitor Center
10am to 6pm
Yosemite Lodge
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Tour Desk
7:30am to 7pm
Curry Village
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Tour Desk
7:30am to 3pm
Housekeeping Camp
Gift/Grocery
8am to 7pm

SHOWERS, LAUNDRY, AND INTERNET

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

Internet Kiosks at Degnan's Deli
7am to 5pm
Internet Kiosks at Yosemite Lodge Lobby
Open 24 hours

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

June 26, 2013 - July 30, 2013



An NPS Interpretive Ranger engages young park visitors during a Junior Ranger Day Program. Yosemite Conservancy Photo/Keith Walklet

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 27-30** Clouds Rest via Half Dome #1 *Experience a breathtaking wilderness adventure*
- July 5-7** Waterwheel Falls Photography Backpack *Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River Photography*
- July 8-10** Half Dome: Make it to the Top #2 *Summit the magnificent monolith*
- July 12-15** Mountain Wildflowers for the Relaxed Botanist *Explore lush White Wolf*
- July 13-14** High Sierra Photography *Capture the crest of the Sierra Nevada*
- July 19-21** Sierra Nevada Natural History *Enjoy fascinating hikes with a notable author*
- July 20-21** Birds for the Casual Birder *Spot diverse and spectacular High Sierra species*
- July 20-23** Family Camping Jamboree #1 *Meals cooked and activities planned while you relax*
- July 26-28** Life at the Top: Alpine Ecosystems *Discover species that thrive above treeline*
- July 28-31** North Rim Backpack Trek *Spectacular sights at every turn*

Find detailed information about these programs at www.yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or call 209/379-2317, ext. 10. Camping and park entry are included, additional lodging options available. Custom adventures can also be arranged for individuals, families and groups. Proceeds support Yosemite Conservancy's work in the park; preserving and protecting Yosemite for generations to come.

Yosemite Art Center (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy invites you to participate in one of our enriching and fun art workshops held Monday through Saturday 10am-2pm in Yosemite Valley and Wawona. There is a registration fee of \$10 per visitor. Register in advance by calling 209/372-1442. Yosemite Valley workshops take place at the Yosemite Art Center located next to the Village Store. Art supplies, gifts and original art are available for purchase. Open daily 9am-4:30pm (closed at 12pm for lunch). Children's art sessions take place at the Valley Visitor's Center.

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** *The Forgotten Yosemite: A Buffalo Soldier Remembers* featuring park ranger Shelton Johnson.
- Mondays** *Filmmaking on the Edge* with Yosemite filmmaker Steven M. Bumgardner.
- Tuesdays** *Search and Rescue in Yosemite* 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 and Saturdays** *Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey* followed by discussion with climber Ron Kauk, featured in the film. All shows start at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$8 for adults; \$4 for children ages 4-12 and can be purchased at any Yosemite Conservancy bookstore or at DNC Tour & Activity Desks.

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
209/372-4831, Pastor Brent Moore-Resident Minister
www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org
SUNDAY SERVICES:
9:15am (Sunday School Available)
11:00am-Memorial Day through Labor Day only - No Sunday School
6:30pm Evening chapel service
9am A.C.M.N.P. Sunday Morning Campground Services, Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater & Wawona Campground Amphitheater
TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY (call for location), 7pm
THURSDAY MID-WEEK SERVICE, 7pm

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

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

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
Christian Sabbath Worship at Lower River
mpitheater, Saturdays
May 25-August 31, No Service July 20.
9:45 a.m. Music/Sabbath School,
11 a.m. Worship, 12:30 p.m. Potluck
951/333-0340 yosemitessummerchurch@yahoo.com

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 | |
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| Sunday | 8:30am Plan A Yosemite Day 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) |
| | 9:00am CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) |
| | 9:30am Adventure Hike-Vernal/ Nevada Falls 6 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Curry Village Mountaineering School (DNC) \$ |
| | 10:30am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop # 16. (NPS) & |
| | 10:30am Susan Barry: Draw A Yosemite Bear (June 30 only) 45 mins. Meet at LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12. Limited to 25 guests, sign up at LML. (SC) |
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| | 9:00am Bike to Hike Tour 2.5 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Curry Village Bike Stand. (DNC) \$ |
| | 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 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$ |
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| 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) \$ |
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| Wednesday | 8:30am Plan A Yosemite Day (except July 10) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) |
| | 9:00am HABITAT PROTECTORS OF YOSEMITE (HaPY) 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) |
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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 |
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| | 1:30pm Beginner's Art Workshop 2 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. (YC) \$ For more information see page 6. | 7:00pm Yosemite Theater LIVE! 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. Valley Visitor Center Theater. (YC) \$ |
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| | 2:30pm THE GREAT YOSEMITE FAMILY ADVENTURE 2.5 hrs. Guided treasure hunt with clues and GPS units. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) \$ | 7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿ |
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| | 3:00pm Ranger Walk-Geology (except July 10) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿ | 8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿ |
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| | 2:00pm Bike to Hike tour 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$ | 7:00pm WEE WILD ONES (Except July 4) 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿ |
| | 2:00pm Bonnie Gisel. Where John Muir Slept: Hike Around the Valley (June 27 only) 3 hrs. Meet at LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12. Limited to 12 guests, sign up at LML. (SC) | 8:30pm Full Moon Bike Ride (July 18 only) 2 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) |
| 3:00pm Ranger Walk-Bears 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (bear sightings unlikely). (NPS) | 8:30pm Evening Program (Except July 4) 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿ | |
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| | 2:30pm CHILDREN'S NATURE HOUR 1 hr. Drop-in naturalist program. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿ | 7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿ |
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| | | 8:00pm ROBIN PLISKIN & MICHAEL BRYANT: CONCERT & SING ALONG WITH MUSIC ABOUT NATURE (July 5 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12. (SC) |
| | | 8:00pm DAVE BENGSTON: CLIMBING YOSEMITE WALLS: WATCH DAVE CLIMB LECONTE ROCK (July 12 only) 1.5 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12. (SC) |
| | 8:00pm LEE TERKELSEN: HIKE FROM SEQUOIA TO MT. WHITNEY: NARRATED HIKING VIDEO (July 19 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12. (SC) | |
| | 8:00pm Dr. Greg Stock, YNP Geologist: Rise & Fall of Sierra Nevada Glaciers (July 26 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12. (SC) | |
| | 8:30pm Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿ | |
| | 8:30pm Film - Ansel Adams 1 hr. Check local listing for venue. (TAAG) ♿ | |
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| | 9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) ♿ \$ | |
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| | 3:00pm Fine Print Viewing 1hr. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Very limited space. (TAAG) ♿ | 7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿ |
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| 4:30pm ILLUSTRATION WORKSHOP 1 hr. Discover Yosemite's animals and scenery through drawing lessons. Curry Village Guest Lounge. (DNC) | 8:00pm JOHN MCCLARY: SKETCH & PAINT A POST-CARD OF YOSEMITE (materials supplied) (July 13 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12. (SC) | |
| | 8:00pm LEE TERKELSEN: ALONG THE JOHN MUIR TRAIL: NARRATED HIKING VIDEO (July 20 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12. (SC) | |
| | 8:00pm Peter & Donna Thomas: Following the footsteps of John Muir to Yosemite (July 27 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12. (SC) | |
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Programs printed in **ALL CAPS AND COLOR** are especially for children and their families.

Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point



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

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-Yosemite Valley Shuttle

runs from Memorial Day through Labor Day, leaving the Wawona Hotel at 8:30am and arriving in Yosemite Valley at around 10am. It then leaves Yosemite Valley (from Yosemite Lodge at the Falls, shuttle stop #8) at 3:30pm. The

Shuttle does not make stops in between Wawona and the Valley.

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 Wells Fargo building (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.

Old-Fashioned Fourth of July!

You are cordially invited to join the staff of the Pioneer Yosemite History Center for an old fashioned celebration of the 4th of July! Activities will include a parade, speeches, and games, such as Gunny Sack Races, Three-Legged Races, Egg Toss, and Tug-of-War. A fun time will be enjoyed by people of all ages. This celebration takes place at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center on July 4th between 2 and 4 pm.

Wawona Stables

Open 7am to 5pm, reservations are highly recommended. Call 209/375-6502.

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

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 BIG TREES 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 9am, and the last shuttle leaves the grove at 7pm, or after the last tour. Please use this free bus service to help reduce congestion and parking delays.

Walking through the Grove

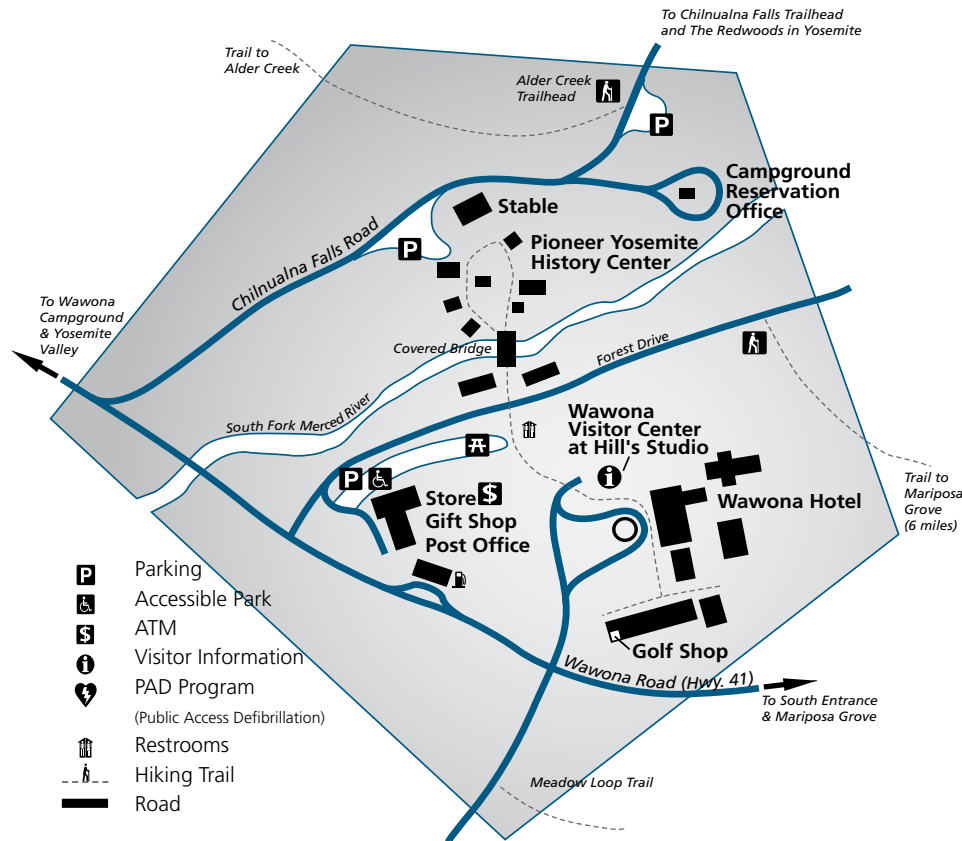
Trails into the grove extend uphill from the trailhead at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the California Tree provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations are available at the trailhead in Spanish, German, French, and Japanese.

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.





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: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 1:30pm
Wawona Late Lunch 1:30pm - 4pm
Lounge Service 5pm-9:30pm
Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm
Saturday BBQ: 5-7pm
4th of July BBQ: 5-7pm

Golf Shop & Snack Stand

8am to 6pm

Glacier Point

Snack Stand

10am to 5pm

GROCERIES

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop

8am to 8pm

GIFTS & APPAREL

Wawona

Wawona Store & Pioneer Shop

8am to 8pm

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

8:30am to 5pm

Glacier Point

Gift Shop

9am to 6pm

Mariposa Grove

Mariposa Grove Museum

10am to 4pm

Big Trees Gift Shop

9am to 6pm

POST OFFICE

Wawona Post Office

Monday-Friday: 9am to 5pm

Saturday: 9am to noon

GAS STATION

Wawona Gas Station

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

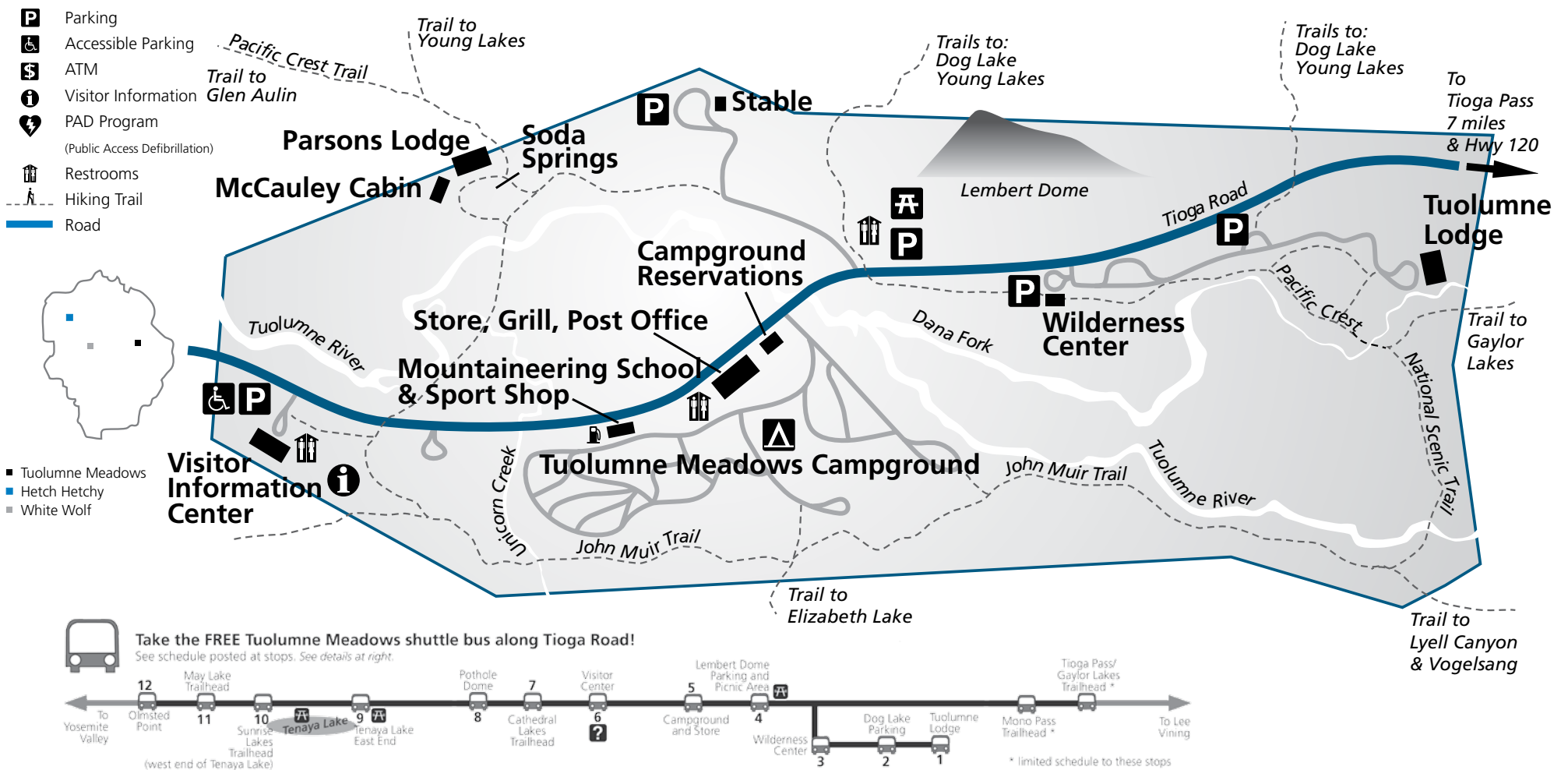
GOLF

Wawona Hotel Golf Course

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

| | WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE | GLACIER POINT |
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| Sunday | 8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 45 mins. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. (NPS) ♿ 10:00am- Noon / 2:00pm-4:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 mins. each Purchase tickets in Wells Fargo building in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿ 3:00pm Wawona History Stroll 1 hr. Wawona Hotel Fountain. (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire Talk 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly. (NPS) ♿ | 2:00pm Ranger Walk—Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan 1.5 hrs. Moderately difficult. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop. (NPS) 6:30pm Full Moon Hike (July 21 only) 2 hrs. Dress warmly. Meet at Sentinel Dome parking area. (NPS) 7:00pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) \$ ♿ 8:00pm Campfire Program (except July 21) 1 hr. Bridalveil Campground, Loop C. (NPS) |
| Monday | 8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 45 mins. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. (NPS) ♿ 8:00pm Campfire Talk 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly. (NPS) ♿ <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;"> Programs printed in ALL CAPS AND COLOR are especially for children and their families. </div> | 10:00am Wildflowers and Local History-Walk to McGurk Meadow 2 hrs. Meet at phone booth in Bridalveil Campground. (NPS) 7:00pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) \$ ♿ 7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) |
| Tuesday | 8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 45 mins. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. (NPS) ♿ 10:00am Art Workshop 4hrs Thomas Hill Studio. Requires advanced registration. (YC) \$ For more information see page 8 6:30pm Evening Ranger Program 1 hr. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call 855/290-3499. (NPS) ♿ 5:30pm Tom Bopp Performing at the Piano 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Historical programs are 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) ♿ 8:00pm Campfire Talk 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly. (NPS) ♿ | 2:00pm Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 7:00pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) \$ ♿ |
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| Saturday | 8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 45 mins. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. (NPS) ♿ 9:00am Nature Walk with a Ranger 2 hrs. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call 855/290-3499. (NPS) 9:00am JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM 1.5 hrs. Especially for ages 7-12. Meet at the Wawona Campground Amphitheater. (NPS) ♿ 10:00am-Noon / 2:00pm-4:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 mins. each Purchase tickets in Wells Fargo building in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00 am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 10:00am Art Workshop 4hrs Thomas Hill Studio. Requires advanced registration (YC) \$ For more information see page 8. 5:30pm Tom Bopp Performing at the Piano 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Historical programs are 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) ♿ 8:00pm Campfire Talk 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly. (NPS) ♿ | 2:00pm Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 8:30pm Stars Over Yosemite (Except July 20) Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast. (NPS) |

Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat



Tuolumne Meadows

Please walk on official trails to protect fragile meadow ecosystems.

Pets, bicycles, and strollers are only allowed on roads open to vehicles.

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Visitor Center hours are 9am to 6pm. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays available.

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

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

Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley Cabin, and Soda Springs

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

Parsons Memorial Lodge Summer Series

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

Saturday, July 13

2:00pm – 3:00pm The Fate of Yosemite’s Melting Glaciers. Slide presentation by Greg Stock, Park Geologist.

Sunday July 14

2:00pm – 3:30pm Tongue River Stories. Music and musings about place and belonging with singer-songwriter Martha Scanlan.

Saturday, July 20

2:00pm – 3:00pm Traveling the 38th Parallel, a Water Line around the World. Slide presentation by David and Janet Carle, authors and retired park rangers from Mono Lake.

Sunday, July 21

2:00pm – 3:00pm Painting the High Mountains. Slide presentation and discussion by Penny Otwell, Yosemite landscape painter.

Saturday, July 27

High Sierra Natural History Celebration Weekend
 2:00pm – 3:30pm Gathering Moss: Lessons from Our Oldest Teachers. Slide presentation and discussion with Robin Wall Kimmerer, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor of Environmental and Forest Biology, and Director, Center for Native Peoples and the Environment, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

Sunday, July 28

2:00pm – 3:30pm Field Guide to the Future of the Earth. Slide presentation and discussion with Craig Childs, author, naturalist, and explorer.

Just for Kids

Programs for children include Junior Rangers, a two-hour, ranger-led program for children (ages 7-12), and Campfire for Kids.

Ranger Walks

Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, birds, flowers, history, the Tuolumne River, and more. These walks range from one to eight hours and, except for the long walks, are fairly easy.

Evening Activities

Come to a traditional, ranger-led campfire program for stories, songs, and insight into Yosemite. Program topics vary and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. End your day with a star program—bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly.

Mule and Horseback Rides

Horse or mule rides begin at the Tuolumne Meadows stable. Stable hours are 7:30am to 5pm. Information: 209/372-8427.

Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open 8 am to 5 pm. The information station offers general park information, books and maps. It also provides wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, trail, and backpacking information. The information station is located just inside the park entrance on Hwy 120W.

Merced Grove

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

There is no potable water at the parking area or down in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you. The grove is located 3½ miles north of Crane Flat and 4½ miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance along the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). The trail is marked by a sign and a post labeled B-10 Tuolumne Grove.

Tuolumne Grove

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

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Tuolumne Meadows
Tuolumne Meadows Grill
 8am to 5pm
Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room
 Breakfast - Reservations recommended - 7am-9am
 Dinner-Reservations Strongly Recommended - 5:45pm - 8pm
 209/372-8413

White Wolf
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
 Daily 8am to 8pm
 Crane Flat
Store
 8am to 8pm

GIFTS & APPAREL

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

POST OFFICE

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

GAS STATIONS

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

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

FREE SHUTTLE BUS

Olmsted Pt. / Tuolumne / Tioga Pass

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

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 |
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| Sunday | 8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) 10:00am Ranger Hike—Lembert Dome 3 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 3 miles. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. Bring snacks and water. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm Ranger Walk—Indians in the High Country (June 30 and July 7 only) 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) 2:00pm Parsons Summer Series Program (starting July 14) 1-2 hrs. See details on preceding page. (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) | 8:30pm Stars over White Wolf 1 hr. Meet in front of the White Wolf Lodge (NPS) | 3:00pm Ranger in the Grove 2 hr. (drop in) Tuolumne Grove of Sequoias (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger on the Dam 1 hr. (drop in) Meet at the O’Shaughnessy dam (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire 1 hr. Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater (NPS) |
| Monday | 10:00am Ranger Walk—Domes and Meadows 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm Ranger Walk—Bears and Other Wildlife 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 8:30pm Stars over Mono Lake (except July 1) 1.5 hrs. Meet at South Tufa in Mono Basin. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS) ♿ | 8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. (drop in) White Wolf Campfire Circle. Bring your own mug (NPS) 9:00am Life at 8,000 ft. 1 hr. Meet in front of the White Wolf Lodge (NPS) 7:00 Twilight Stroll 1 hr. Meet in front of the White Wolf Lodge (NPS) | 3:30pm Ranger in the Grove 2 hrs. (drop in) Tuolumne Grove of Sequoias (NPS) 7:00pm The Black Bears of Yosemite 1 hr. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground entrance kiosk (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire 1 hr. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow campfire circle (NPS) |
| Tuesday | 9:00am Ranger Hike—Along the River to Tuolumne Fall 6-8 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 10 miles. Meet at Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS) 10:00am Botanical Walk 2 hrs. (NPS) July 2: Soda Springs Meet at Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center shuttle stop #6. July 9: Pothole Dome Meet at Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8. July 16: Bennettville Meet at junction of Saddlebag Lake Road and Tioga Pass Road. July 23: Ellery Lake Meet at dam on east end of Ellery Lake outside Tioga Pass. July 30: Dana Gardens Meet just outside of Tioga Pass Entrance Station on north side of road. 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 7:00pm Ranger Walk—Sunset 45 mins. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) | 9:00am Geology Walk 1 hr. Meet in front of the White Wolf Lodge (NPS) | 1:00pm Ranger in the Grove 2 hrs. (drop in) Tuolumne Grove of Sequoias (NPS) 8:00pm Starry, Starry Night 2 hrs. Crane flat area. Make reservations at the Big Oak Flat info. station 209/379-1899 (NPS) |
| Wednesday | 7:30am Ranger Walk—Birds (except June 26) 2.5 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) 8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) 10:00am DISCOVERY WALK FOR LITTLE CUBS 50 mins. Ages 4-6. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS) 10:00am Ranger Walk—Geology of Tuolumne Meadows 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 1:30pm Ranger Walk—The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 7:00pm CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS 45 mins. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) ♿ 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 9:30pm Ranger Talk—Stars 1 hr. Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS) | 8:00pm Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS) | 8:00am Birds 1 hr. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground entrance kiosk (NPS) 10:30am Ranger in the Grove 2 hrs. (drop in) Tuolumne Grove of Sequoias (NPS) |
| Thursday | 10:00am Ranger Walk—History of Tuolumne Meadows 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center shuttle stop #6 (NPS) 11:00am Ranger Hike—Twin Bridges Loop (except June 27) 4 hrs. Easy. 3 miles. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm Ranger Walk—Lake Exploration 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8. (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) | 8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. (drop in) White Wolf Campfire Circle. Bring your own mug. (NPS) 9:00am Bears and other Wildlife 1.5 hrs. Meet at White Wolf Campfire Circle. (NPS) | 8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. (drop in) Bring your own mug. Hodgdon Meadow campground site 105 (NPS) 2:00pm Ranger on the Dam 1 hr. (drop in) Meet at the O’Shaughnessy dam (NPS) 7:00pm Twilight Stroll 1 hr. Hodgdon Meadow campfire circle (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire 1 hr. Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater (NPS) |
| Friday | 8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) 10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. (NPS) 10:00am Ranger Walk—Domes and Meadows 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm Ranger Walk—Wildflowers 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 6:30pm Ranger Walk—Music and Mountains 1 hr. 15 mins Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) | 9:00am Wildflower Walk 2 hr. Meet in front of the White Wolf Lodge (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS) | 8:00am Birds 1 hr. Meet at Hodgdon Meadow campfire circle (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger on the Dam 1 hr. (drop in) Meet at the O’Shaughnessy dam (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire 1 hr. Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater (NPS) 8:30pm Night Prowl, Yosemite at Night 1 hr. Hodgdon Meadow. Make reservations at the Big Oak Flat info. station 209/379-1899 (NPS) |
| Saturday | 7:00am Ranger Walk—Birds (July 27 only) 4 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) 7:30am Ranger Walk—Birds (except June 29 and July 27) 2.5 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) 9:15am Ranger Hike—Mono Pass 6-8 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 8 miles. Meet at Mono Pass trailhead. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS) 10:00am JUNIOR RANGER ART WALK 2 hrs. Ages 7-12 Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring notebook and pen or pencil if you have them. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm Parsons Summer Series Program (starting July 13) 1-2 hrs. See details on preceding page. (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 7:00pm CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS 45 mins. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) ♿ 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 9:30pm Ranger Talk—Stars (except June 29) 1 hr. Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS) | 8:00pm Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS) 9:00pm Night Prowl 1 hr. Explore nature after dark. Sign up in advance at the White Wolf Lodge or call 209/372-0445 (NPS) | 8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. (drop in) Bring your own mug. Hodgdon Meadow campground site 105 (NPS) 2:00pm Ranger on the Dam 1 hr. (drop in) Meet at the O’Shaughnessy dam (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire 1 hr. Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire 1 hr. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow campfire circle (NPS) |

Become a Junior Ranger

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

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

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

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



Coyote



Black bear



Golden-mantled ground squirrel

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. Ask a Ranger! What President signed the Yosemite Grant Act on June 30, 1864, setting aside Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove for special protection? _____

5. 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: _____

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

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

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

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

Bears and Wildlife

Enjoying wildlife safely and responsibly



Sow and Cub. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Keep Wildlife Wild!

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

Store Your Food Properly.

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

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

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

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

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

Drive the speed limit.

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

Red Bear, Dead Bear

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

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

Backpackers: Save Your Food, Save A Bear

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

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

Report Bear Sightings!

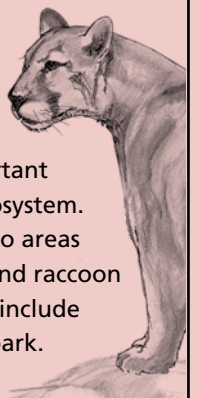
To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at 209/372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park's website (www.nps.gov/yose/bears).

Coyotes

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

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

Mountain Lions



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

For your safety:

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

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

What should you do if you meet a mountain lion?

Never approach one, especially if it is with kittens. Most lions will avoid confrontation. Always give them a way to escape.

Don't run. Stay calm. Hold your ground, or back away slowly. Face the lion and stand upright. Do all you can to appear larger. Raise your arms. If you have small children with you, pick them up.

If the lion behaves aggressively, wave your arms, shout, and throw objects at it. The goal is to convince it that you may be dangerous. If attacked, fight back!

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

How to Store Food

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

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



Protect Yourself...

Keep safety in mind as you explore the park



Permit Required to Hike Half Dome

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week when the cables are up for 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 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 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



Tunnel View, Photo by Kirsten Randolph

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 from 8:30am to 8pm, with the last rental going out at 6:45pm. Each season, plants are crushed from bicycle travel in meadows, campgrounds, and picnic areas. Please respect park resources and keep bicycles on paved roads and paved bicycle trails. Bikes are not allowed to travel off paved trails. Mountain biking opportunities are available in designated areas outside of Yosemite.

Yosemite Guardians

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

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

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

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

Weather in Yosemite

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



Giant Sequoias, Photo by Kirsten Randolph

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 (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 2013 (APPROX) | MAX RV LENGTH | MAX TRAILER LENGTH | RESERVATIONS REQUIRED? | DAILY FEE | # OF SITES | PETS | WATER |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|------------|------|--------------|
| YOSEMITE VALLEY | | | | | | | | |
| Upper Pines | All year | 35 ft | 24 ft | March 15- Dec 2 | \$20 | 238 | Yes | Tap |
| Lower Pines | March 27- Oct28 | 40 ft | 35 ft | Yes | \$20 | 60 | Yes | Tap |
| North Pines | April 3- Nov 4 | 40 ft | 35 ft | Yes | \$20 | 81 | Yes | Tap |
| Camp 4 | All year | No RVs/trailers | n/a | First-come, first-served | \$5/pers. | 35 | No | Tap |
| SOUTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY | | | | | | | | |
| Wawona | All year | 35 ft | 35 ft | April 17- Oct 7 | \$20 | 93 | Yes | Tap |
| Bridalveil Creek | July 12 - Sept 9 | 35 ft | 24 ft | First-come, first-served | \$14 | 110 | Yes | Tap |
| NORTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY | | | | | | | | |
| Hodgdon Meadow | All year | 35 ft | 27 ft | Apr 17 – Oct 15 | \$20 | 105 | Yes | Tap |
| Crane Flat | July 12 – Oct 9 | 35 ft | 27 ft | Yes | \$20 | 166 | Yes | Tap |
| Tamarack Flat | July – Oct 15 | No RVs/trailers | | First-come, first-served | \$10 | 52 | No | Creek (boil) |
| White Wolf | July – Sep 16 | 27 ft | 24 ft | First-come, first-served | \$14 | 74 | Yes | Tap |
| Yosemite Creek | July – Sep 9 | No RVs/trailers | | First-come, first-served | \$10 | 75 | Yes | Creek (boil) |
| Porcupine Flat | July – Oct 15 | 24 ft (limited) | 20 ft | First-come, first-served | \$10 | 52 | No | Creek (boil) |
| Tuolumne Meadows | July 12 – Sep 26 | 35 ft | 35 ft | 50% | \$20 | 304 | Yes | Tap |

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

Hiking



Glacier Point at the top of the Four Mile Trail, Yosemite National Park. Photo by Kirsten Randolph

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 (No bikes permitted on the Valley Floor Loop) | Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6 | 13 miles full loop, 5-7 hours full loop | Moderate |

Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

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

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

Featured Hike

The Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point

Union Point: 2.8 miles/4.5 km one-way (5.6 miles/9 km round-trip); 3 to 4 hours round-trip with 2,200 ft./670 m elevation gain.

Glacier Point: 4.8 miles/7.7 km one-way (9.6 miles/15.4 km round-trip); 6 to 8 hours round-trip with 3,200 ft/975 m elevation gain.

Begin at the **Four Mile Trailhead** nearest to **shuttle stop #7** or **El Capitan shuttle stop #E5**.

Please note: There is no regularly scheduled shuttle one way from Glacier Point back to Yosemite Valley, please inquire at a Tour Desk or call 209/372-1240 for one-way transportation information.

Trail Description:

The Four Mile Trail is really 4.8 miles because it has had to be rerouted since its original construction. It is a steep, steady uphill hike to Yosemite's most famous viewpoint. The trail provides a great workout where the ever-changing perspective of the valley floor will keep your mind off the steep ascent. Towering overhead is the vertical fault slab of Sentinel Rock beneath which the trail begins its switchback ascent among huge, mossy boulders, shady Live oaks, Bay laurels, and Big-leaf maples. At about three-quarters of the way, you arrive at a short spur trail to Union Point where Tenaya Canyon, North Dome, Clouds Rest, and Half Dome come into view. You can even reward yourself with a snack and cold drink at the top from the Glacier Point Snack Stand.

Things to know before you go:

- Bring and consume plenty of water and snacks along the way as you hike, keeping you hydrated and replenishing your energy.
- Wear appropriate, sturdy hiking footwear and bring extra layers for changing weather conditions (raingear, warmer layers, etc.).
- Carry a flashlight with extra batteries, a first-aid kit, and any additional medications you might need during the hike.



It's Your Yosemite...

...help us preserve it!



As you enjoy your time in Yosemite you will no doubt be awestruck by the spectacular landscape, extensive trail networks or views at world-famous scenic overlooks. You may even catch a glimpse of a black bear! But did you know that many of the experiences that enrich your visit are made possible by people like you? From hiking on restored trails to spotting protected wildlife and providing art and theater opportunities, Yosemite Conservancy donors make a difference in the way you experience the park. With 90 years of experience as the park's nonprofit partner, Yosemite Conservancy makes it possible for people like you to preserve and protect Yosemite today and for future generations.

Our Work is Everywhere

Throughout the park you can see the impact of Yosemite Conservancy's programs and grants to the National Park Service. For example, we provided funds to rehabilitate the trail to Lower Yosemite Falls. This dramatic restoration project resulted in the creation of a handicapped-accessible path and habitat restoration. Today, the approach to Lower Yosemite Falls is a beautiful example of the balance between preserving nature and enhancing the visitor experience.

Photo, above: The restored trail to Lower Yosemite Fall provides access for visitors of all abilities. *NPS Photo*

Get Involved!

Our work would not be possible without your participation and support. We know you love Yosemite and want to preserve and protect it for the future. You can join us in providing for the future of Yosemite by making a gift today at yosemiteconservancy.org/support.

This summer, trail crews continue to improve accessibility from Lower Yosemite Falls to Camp 4, using sustainable materials to create a well-defined path. In the high country, we are funding restoration on the John Muir Trail in Lyell Canyon and the trail around Gaylor Lakes. In both locations, deep trail ruts have disrupted water flow, endangering threatened species like the Yosemite toad. Conservancy donors make it possible to provide funding for miles of trail restoration to improve your visitor experience while protecting habitat.

If you have observed a black bear ambling in a meadow or heard the call of a great gray owl, you know that wildlife sightings are a memorable part of your Yosemite visit. The Conservancy is committed to protecting wildlife so that future generations can experience the thrill of observing animals in their natural environment. This summer we are funding projects to aid the recovery of the Pacific fisher, the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog and the great gray owl. Donor dollars are making an important difference in helping these, and many other, species survive into the future.

Youth in Yosemite

Yosemite Conservancy is proud to support Youth in Yosemite, our 2013 Signature Project. These programs span the entire range of youth education including young children earning their Junior Ranger badge, to high-school students embarking on wilderness expeditions and college interns job-shadowing Yosemite professionals. This summer, be on the lookout for youth crews restoring backcountry trails and be sure to say hello! By introducing youth to the wonders of nature, our donors are helping to safeguard Yosemite's future.

We Play in the Park, too!

You've come to Yosemite to have a great time. We can help. Stop by a Yosemite Conservancy bookstore for maps and guidebooks, kids' readers and coloring books, and a "Keep Bears Wild" t-shirt and tote bag. Check out the new plush marmots and bears. They'll keep your Junior Rangers company back home while reminding them to learn and share about their park.

Have our experts show you the special features of Yosemite. We've got a schedule of Outdoor Adventures led

by experienced professionals. There are birders and botanists, photographers, veteran trekkers and backcountry specialists. We can lead you through sequoia groves or to the top of Half Dome. We can even arrange a custom adventure for your family and friends. Bring your curiosity and sense of excitement. It'll be an adventure to remember.

One of the most engaging experiences in the park is the chance to spend four hours painting or drawing with one of our professional artists. Imagine sitting with a small group in a stunning setting, totally immersed in the pleasant task of indulging your inner artist. For a minimal fee and the cost of supplies, you can create special memories of the park and return home with your own original artwork. Workshops take place Monday through Saturday in the Valley and Wawona. Children's art sessions take place in the Valley.

What are you doing this evening? The Yosemite Conservancy presents live performances every night at the Visitor Center Theater. Themes range from compelling histories of John Muir or the Buffalo Soldiers, to cautionary tales from the Search and Rescue Team, to the inspiring images of filmmakers and a renowned climber. Net proceeds from all activities of the Yosemite Conservancy support our important work in the park. Find more details on page 6.

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

For more information and employment opportunities with DNC at Yosemite, visit online at: www.YosemitePark.com



NatureBridge

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



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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 or call 1-800-469-7275.



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INSPIRING GENERATIONS

Visit www.nps.gov/yose/anniversary to learn more and to see the latest calendar of over 100 anniversary activities that are happening from the fall of 2013 through the summer of 2014. You can participate in many of these activities while you are staying in or passing through one of our neighboring communities.

Did you know that the Yosemite Grant Act, signed by Abraham Lincoln on June 30, 1864, was the first land grant to protect wild lands for the enjoyment of people? With the help of many partners and friends, we are hosting a nation-wide commemorative effort to honor the 150th anniversary of this significant event that spurred the national park idea. In addition, this fall, the Yosemite Conservancy will release a new Dayton Duncan book, *Seed of the Future*, a collection of 150 published visitor stories, and a special Ken Burns' documentary to honor this milestone.

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 June 26 and July 31, from 1-4pm in the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Auditorium. Park entrance fees will be waived for those attending the open house!