



Yosemite Guide

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Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

Horse-drawn stage at Inspiration Point NPS Photo



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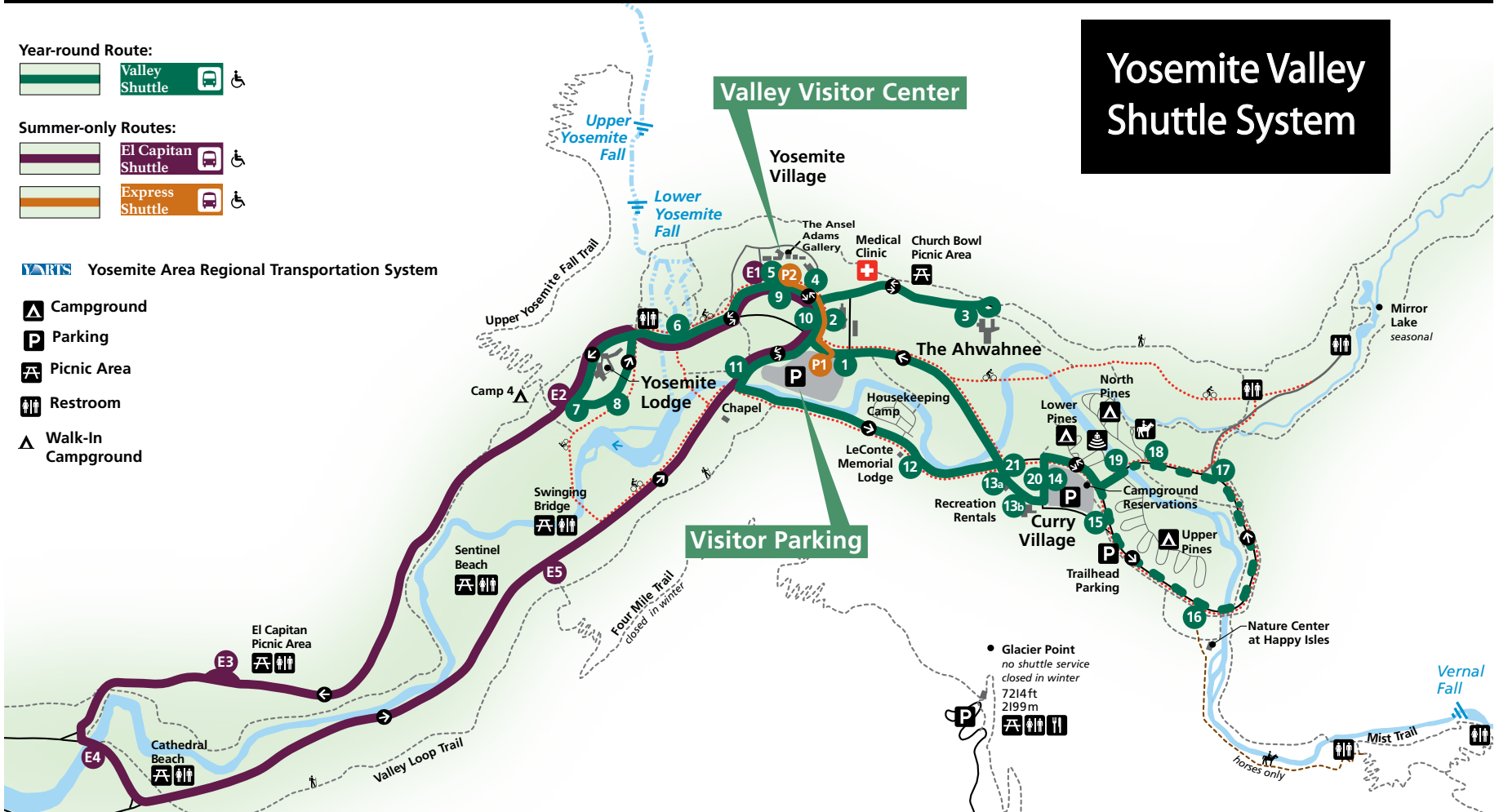
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- Year-round Route:**
- Valley Shuttle
- Summer-only Routes:**
- El Capitan Shuttle
 - Express Shuttle

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.

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

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Seasonal Highlights

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

What do you want to do with your special time in Yosemite? 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, in summer, 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, can be dangerous.

Visit the other valley, Hetch Hetchy

Hetch Hetchy provides spectacular vistas, waterfalls, and miles of hiking opportunities. You can help protect this important watershed during our visit. Day-hikers and backpackers are required to go to the bathroom at least 100 feet away from water, trails, and camp areas. Bury human waste six inches deep, pack out toilet paper and all other trash.

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, 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



Half Dome NPS Photo

Get outside and enjoy your park!

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

explore with the family. (See page 12 for more!)

Yosemite Art Center Workshops

Yosemite Conservancy invites you to participate in one of our enriching and fun art workshops held Monday-Saturday in Yosemite Valley and Tuesday-Saturday in 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 and youth art sessions take place at the Yosemite Art Center Monday-Thursday.

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

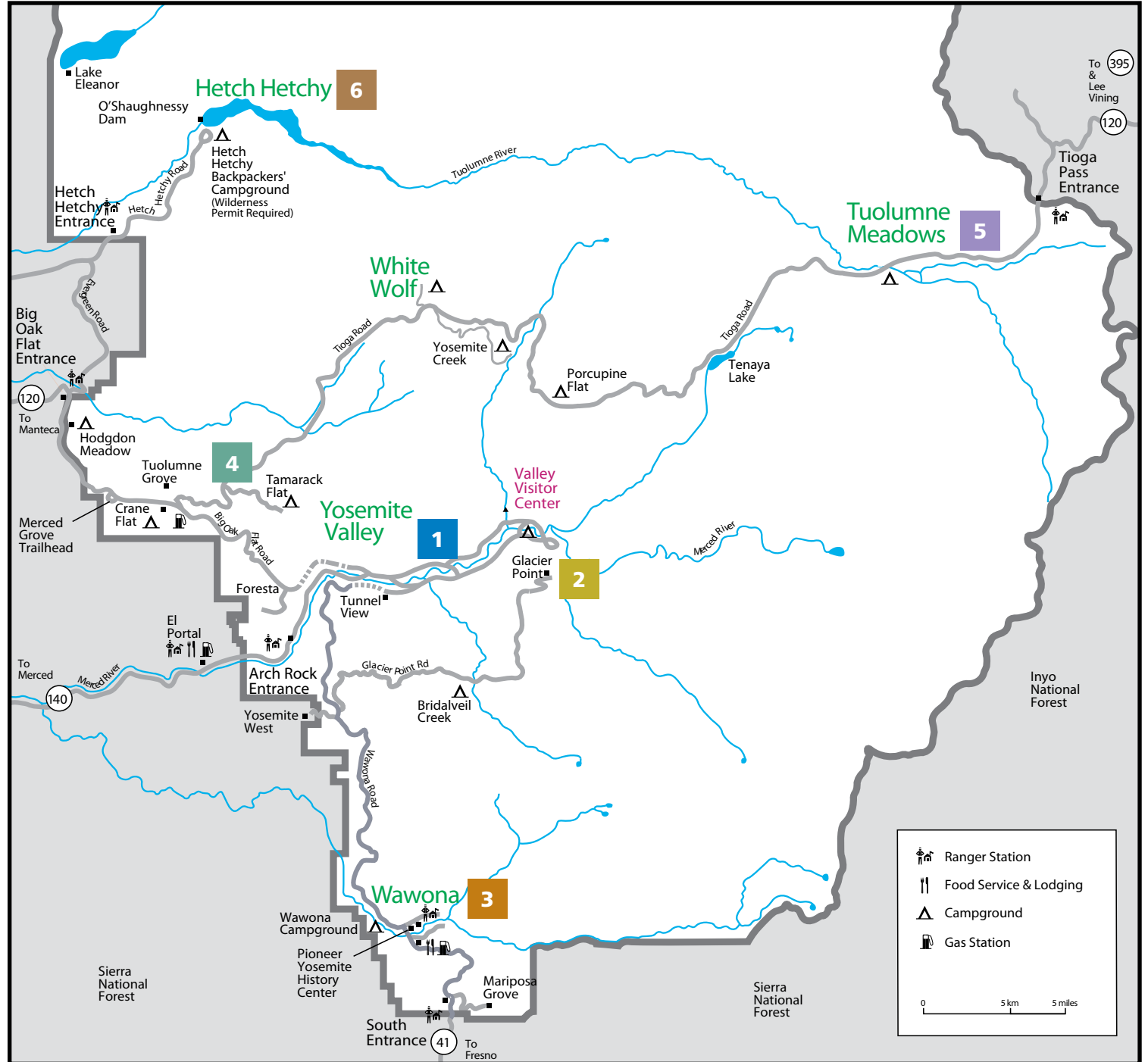
Highway 132/49
Coulterville Visitor Center
209/878-3074

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, Lember Dome, or along the Tuolumne River through Lyell Canyon. Take advantage of the free shuttle service in Tuolumne Meadows or the Tuolumne Meadows Tour and Hikers' Bus from Yosemite Valley.



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

Hetch Hetchy

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



Hetch Hetchy. Photo by Erik Skindrud

DID YOU KNOW:

- James Mason Hutchings led the first tourist party into the Yosemite area in 1855. In this year, a total of 42 tourists visited Yosemite. One of these visitors, artist Thomas Ayres, published the first sketches of Yosemite Valley. The first published description of the Yosemite Valley appeared in Hutching's "Mariposa Gazette."
- In 1864, after Senator John Conness introduced the Yosemite Grant in Congress and President Lincoln signed it, Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove were given to the State of California to be administered. A board of commissioners was appointed to supervise the Grant.
- On May 1st, 1866, Galen Clark was named the first Yosemite Guardian in charge of the Yosemite Grant for the State of California. He became, in effect, the first California State Park Ranger.
- Influential writer and conservationist John Muir first came to Yosemite in 1868.



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



Stoneman Meadow Photo by Greg Frediani

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 9:00pm

Breakfast: 6:30am to 11am

Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm

Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm

Grab and Go, 8pm to 9pm

Mountain Room Lounge

Monday – Friday

4:30pm to 11pm

Saturday – Sunday

Noon to 11pm, food service until 10pm

Mountain Room Restaurant

5:30pm to 9pm

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

Curry Village

Coffee Corner/Ice Cream

6am to 10pm

Ice Cream service 11am to 10pm

Curry Village Bar

Noon to 10pm

Pavilion

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm (5:30pm to 8pm starting Sept. 3)

Pizza Deck

Noon to 10pm

Meadow Grill

11am to 5pm

Happy Isles Snack Stand

11am to 7pm weather permitting

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 to 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

10am to 8pm

Curry Village

Mountain Shop

8am to 8pm

Curry Village Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Exhibits and Store

9:30am to 5pm

Yosemite Valley

Where to go and what to do



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

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 RENAISSANCE XXIX

Call for Entries. Yosemite Renaissance is an all media, juried, fine art competition & exhibition on the theme of Yosemite and the environment of the Sierra Nevada. It is open to all living artists. \$4,000 in awards. Entry is by digital files. \$15 per entry (maximum of 8 entries per artist). The exhibit begins at the Yosemite Museum Gallery, March 1, 2014. For a prospectus and entry form visit: <http://www.yosemitem Renaissance.org>. Deadline: November 16, 2013. Yosemite Renaissance is a non-profit organization which encourages diverse interpretations of Yosemite in the visual arts.

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.

Yosemite Art Center

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

Yosemite Theater LIVE!

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

The Ansel Adams Gallery

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

EXHIBIT

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.

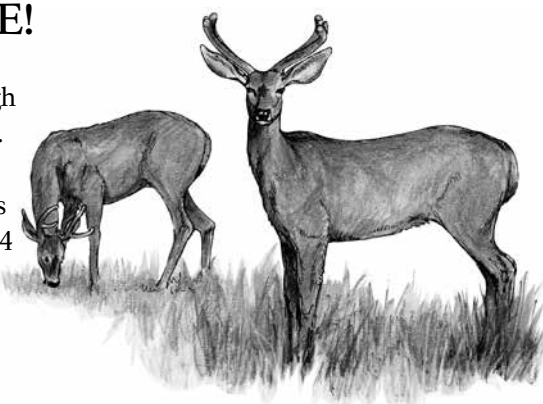
LeConte Memorial Lodge

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.

Habitat Protectors of Yosemite (HaPY)

Habitat Protectors of Yosemite (HaPY): Be part of the solution! Join park staff to help protect Yosemite's habitat through ecological restoration and litter cleanup

projects. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to work one to three hours. Volunteers must wear long pants, closed-toe shoes. A hat and sun protection is recommended, and we encourage volunteers to bring water and snacks. All tools will be provided. Groups larger than 10 should contact the volunteer program in advance: 209/379-1850.



VALLEY SERVICES

GARAGE

Yosemite Village
8am - 5pm / 24 hour AAA towing available, propane service available until 4:30pm. No gas available in Yosemite Valley. Gas available in El Portal 24 hours pay at the pump.

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

July 31, 2013 - September 3, 2013



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

Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures (YC)

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

- Aug 3-4** Nature Explorations for Youth Build a child's early connection to nature
- Aug 1-4** Young Lakes Backpack Explore a gorgeous alpine basin in Tuolumne
- Aug 7-10** Half Dome the Easy Way A gently paced way to take on the challenge
- Aug 8-11** Tuolumne Meadows en Plein Air Painting in a beautiful open air studio
- Aug 10-11** Tuolumne Meadows Birds and Blooms Discover Sierra flowers & birds
- Aug 14-17** Clouds Rest via Half Dome #3 Revel in iconic Yosemite views
- Aug 17-18** Tuolumne Birds Led by one of California's top naturalists and authors
- Aug 22-25** Lyell Glacier Backpack Trek We want you to see it before it's gone
- Aug 24-25** Rock, Ice & Time: Exploring the Geology of Tuolumne Meadows The ultimate geology classroom

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 enjoy a hands-on art experience in Yosemite Valley. Celebrated artists lead workshops from 10am - 2pm Monday through Saturday. There is a registration fee of \$10 per visitor, art supplies, gifts, and original art are available for purchase. Yosemite Valley workshops take place at the Yosemite Art Center located next to the Village Store. Open daily 9am-4:30pm (closed at 12pm for lunch). See page 8 for programs taking place in Wawona and Mariposa Grove.

- July 29-Aug 3** Acrylic Landscape Gary Bertram
- Aug 5-10** Enjoying Watercolor David Deyell
- Aug 12-17** Magic in Plein Air: Watercolor Juan Peña
- Aug 19-24** How to Paint Loose Atmospheric Watercolor Frank Eber
- Aug 26-31** Sketching Nature Floy Zittin
- Sept 2-7** Capture the Beauty; Watercolor Osamu Saito

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 from 8:30am to noon and 1pm to 4:30pm.

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

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Lower River Amphitheater Saturday,

May 25-August 31
9:45am Music/Sabbath School,
11am Worship Service, 12:30pm Potluck
951/333-0340, yosmitessummerchurch@yahoo.com

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

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

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

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

MORNING	
Sunday	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) ♿
Monday	8:30am Plan A Yosemite Day 15 min. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿
	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) \$
	9:00am CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. For more information see page 6. (YC) \$
10:30am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop # 16. (NPS) ♿	
11:00am CHILDREN ART SESSION (except Sept 2) 1 hr. Ages 6-9 Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$	
Tuesday	8:15am Adventure Hike- Panorama Trail with one-way Glacier Point Bus ride 8 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$
	8:30am Plan A Yosemite Day 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿
	9:00am Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) ♿
	10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. For more information see page 6. (YC) \$
	10:30am Meet Your Yosemite 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿
	10:30am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
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Wednesday	8:30am Plan A Yosemite Day (except Aug 14) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿
	9:00am Bike to Hike Tour 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$
	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)
	9:00am CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. For more information see page 6. (YC) \$
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11:00am CHILDREN ART SESSION 1 hr. ages 6-9 Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$	
Thursday	8:30am Plan A Yosemite Day 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿
	9:00am Discovery Hike - Vernal Fall Footbridge 3.5 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$
	9:00am Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) ♿
	10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. For more information see page 6. (YC) \$
	10:30am Meet Your Yosemite 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿
	10:30am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	11:00am CHILDREN ART SESSION 1 hr. ages 6-9 Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$
	11:00am CHILDREN'S CAMERA WALK 1 hr. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Children must be accompanied by an adult (TAAG) ♿
11:30am Meet Your Yosemite 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿	
Friday	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. Curry Village Mountaineering School Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$
	10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. For more information see page 6. (YC) \$
	10:30am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
Saturday	8:30am Plan A Yosemite Day 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿
	9:00am Bike to Hike Tour 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$
	9:00am Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) ♿
	9:00am CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. For more information see page 6. (YC) \$
	10:30am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop # 16 (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
Sunday	<p>12:30pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop # 16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:30pm Beginner's Watercolor 2 hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk-Bears 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (bear sightings unlikely). (NPS)</p> <p>3:30pm CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p>	<p>5:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES (except Aug 18) 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater LIVE! The Forgotten Yosemite: A Buffalo Soldier Remembers featuring park ranger Shelton Johnson as Cavalry Sargent Eliza Boman 1.5 hrs. Advance tickets at Yosemite Conservancy bookstores & DNC Tour Desks. Valley Visitor Center Theater. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS)</p> <p>8:00pm Ranger Program-Yosemite Search and Rescue 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19.(NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Full Moon Bike Ride (Aug 18 only) 2 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) &</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (except Aug 18) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
	<p>12:30pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm Discovery Hike - Columbia Rock 3.5 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>1:00pm Using Your Digital Camera 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$</p> <p>1:30pm YOUTH ART SESSION (except Sept 2) 1.5 hrs. Ages 10+ Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$</p> <p>1:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk-Legacy 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p>	<p>5:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater LIVE! Filmmaking on the Edge goes behind the scenes with Yosemite filmmaker Steven M. Bumgardner. 1.5 hrs. Advance tickets at Yosemite Conservancy bookstores & DNC Tour Desks. Valley Visitor Center Theater. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS)</p> <p>8:00pm Ranger Program-Bears 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19.(NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Full Moon Bike Ride (Aug. 19 only) 2 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (except Aug 19) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
Tuesday	<p>1:00pm In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$</p> <p>1:30pm YOUTH ART SESSION (except Sept 3) 1.5 hrs. Ages 10+ Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$</p> <p>1:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>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 & activity desk. (DNC) \$ ♿</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk-Bears 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (bear sightings unlikely). (NPS)</p>	<p>5:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater LIVE! Yosemite Search & Rescue with veteran rescue ranger John Dill. 1.5 hrs. Advance tickets at Yosemite Conservancy bookstores & DNC Tour Desks. Valley Visitor Center Theater. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS)</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Full Moon Bike Ride (Aug 20 only) 2 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (except Aug 20) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
	<p>12:30pm Meet Your Yosemite (except Aug 14) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm Discovery Hike - Vernal Fall Footbridge 3.5 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>1:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK (except Aug 14) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:30pm YOUTH ART SESSION 1.5 hrs ages 10+ Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk-Geology (except Aug 14) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p>	<p>5:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES (except Aug 28) 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater LIVE! Conversation with a Tramp: An Evening with John Muir performed by Lee Stetson. 1.5 hrs. Advance tickets at Yosemite Conservancy bookstores & DNC Tour Desks. Valley Visitor Center Theater. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE (except Aug 14) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS)</p> <p>8:00pm Ranger Program-Bears (except Aug 14) 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Full Moon Bike Ride (Aug 21 only) 2 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (except Aug 21) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
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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.

July 30-Aug. 3: Fun with Watercolor, *David Deyell*

Aug. 6-10: Pastel for Landscape, *Tsungwei Moo*

Aug. 13-17: Summer Watercolor in Wawona, *Douglas Castleman*

Aug. 20-24: Create your own Art Postcard, *Suzanne Fierston*

Aug. 27- 31: Ink Sketching with Watercolor, *Pam Pederson*

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.

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 6pm, or after the last tour. Please use this free bus service to help reduce congestion and parking delays.

Walking through the Grove

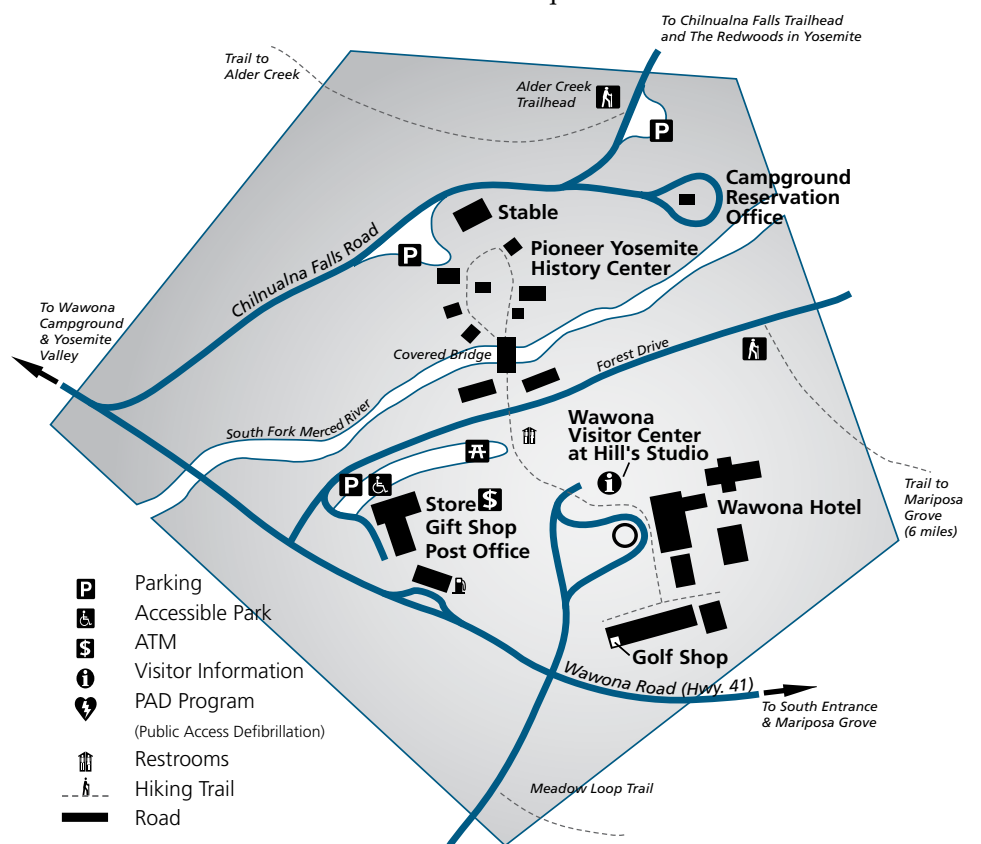
Trails into the grove extend uphill from the trailhead at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the California Tree provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations are available at the trailhead in Spanish, German, French, and Japanese.

Big Trees Tram Tours

Please see Big Trees Ticket Kiosk at the Mariposa Grove for tour 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: 7:30am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 1:30pm
Wawona Late Lunch 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Lounge Service 5pm to 9:30pm

Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm

Saturday BBQ: 5pm to 7pm

Golf Shop & Snack Stand

9am to 5pm when the golf course is open.

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

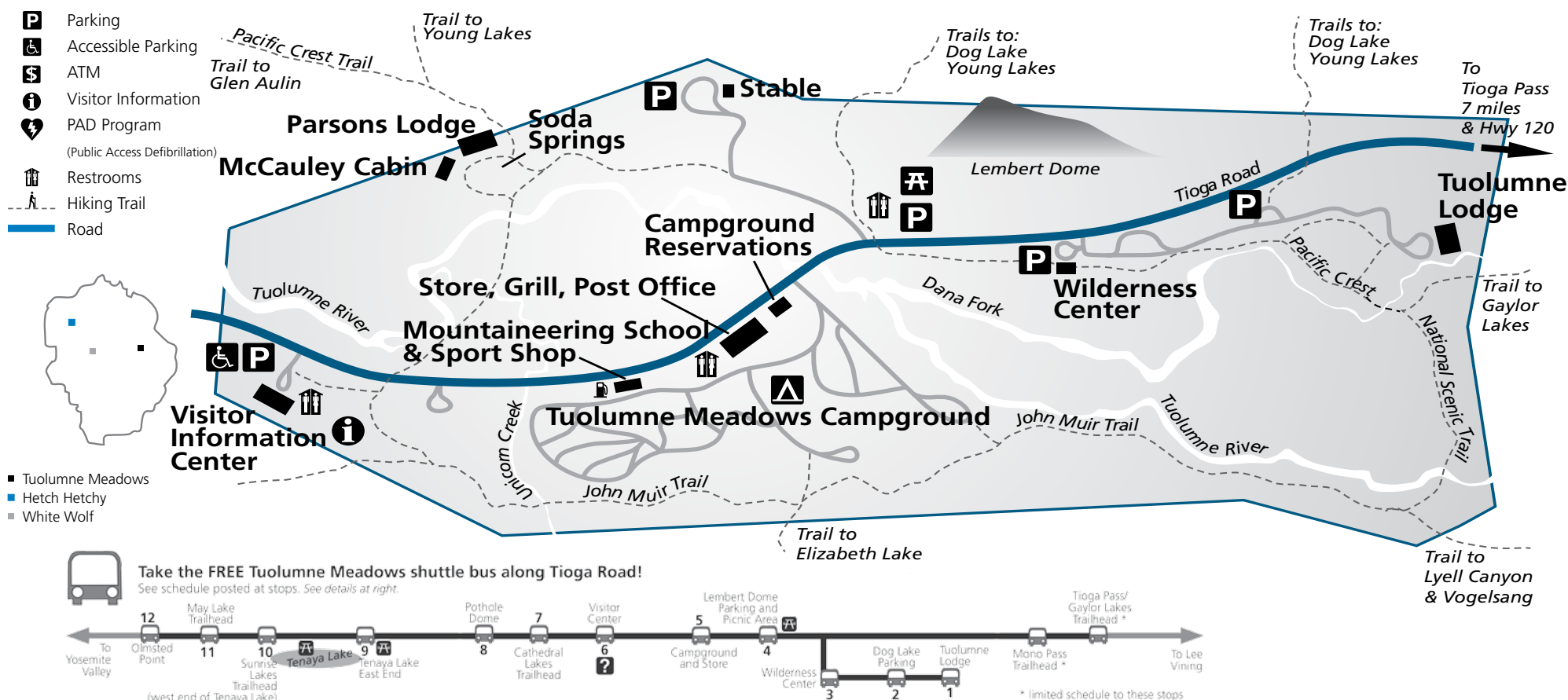
Wawona Hotel Golf Course

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

	WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE	GLACIER POINT
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-5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿ 1:00pm A Glimpse of the Wawona Miwok Indians (Sept 1 only) 1 hr. Meet at Mountaineer's Cabin, Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿ 3:00pm Wawona History Stroll 1 hr. Wawona Hotel Fountain (NPS) 7:30pm 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) 6:00pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR (Aug 18 and 25, and Sept 1 only) 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk (DNC) ♿ \$ 6:30pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR (Aug 4 and 11 only) 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$ 7:00pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Aug 25 and Sept 1 only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 7:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Aug 4, 11, 18 only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS)
Monday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 45 mins. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm 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) 6:00pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR (Aug 19 and 26 only) 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$ 6:30pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR (Aug 5 and 12 only) 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$
Tuesday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 45 mins. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿ 10:00am Art Workshop (except Sept 3) 4 hrs. Wawona Visitor's Center at Hill's Studio. Requires advance registration. For more information see page 8. (YC) \$ 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) ♿ 6:30pm Evening Ranger Program (except Sept 3) 1 hr. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call (855) 290-3499 (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm Campfire Talk (except Sept 3) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) ♿	6:00pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR (Aug 20 and 27 only) 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$ 6:30pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR (Aug 6 and 13 only) 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$
Wednesday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger (except Aug 14) 45 mins. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿ 8:45am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Meet at the Mariposa Grove Shuttle stop. Requires advance registration. For more information see page 8. (YC) \$ 9:30am Wawona History Stroll 1 hr. Wawona Hotel Fountain (NPS) 2:00pm-4:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (except Aug 14) 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Wells Fargo building in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12 (NPS) \$ 2:00pm-5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center (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) ♿ 7:30pm Campfire Talk (except Aug 7 and 14) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) ♿	6:00pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR (Aug 21 and 28 only) 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$ 6:30pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR (Aug 7 and 14 only) 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$ 7:00pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR (July 31 only) 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$
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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.

Day-hikers and backpackers must go to the bathroom at least 100 feet away from water, trail, and camp areas; bury human waste six inches deep; pack out toilet paper and all other trash.

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.

Tuolumne Mountaineering School and Stables

The Tuolumne Meadows Mountaineering School is open daily from 8:30am to 6pm 209/372-8435. The Tuolumne Stables are open 7:30am to 5pm for trail rides. Reservations are strongly recommended 209/372-8427.

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 Lembert Dome parking area or the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Admission is free.

Saturday, August 3

9:00am – noon Nature Journaling. An adventure in art and writing outdoors with Shauna Potocky, Park Ranger — bring a journal or paper and pen. Other supplies will be provided.

2:00pm – 3:30pm Oo!ation! Singers.

A performance of nature-inspired music by young singers led by hammer dulcimer player Malcolm Dalglish, singers Luke Hoffman, Janiece Jaffe, Joshua Stephen Kartes, Rachel Schlafer-Partron, and Liz Wu.

Sunday, August 4

2:00pm – 3:30pm The New Science of Atmospheric Rivers: Understanding the Biggest Storms and Floods, Sierra Nevada Style. Slide presentation and discussion with Michael Dettinger, Research Hydrologist, US Geological Survey, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, CA.

Saturday, August 10

2:00pm – 3:00pm Birds of the Sierra Nevada: Their Natural History, Status, and Distribution. Slide presentation by authors Ted Beedy, Ed Pandolfino, and illustrator Keith Hansen in celebration of their new book.

Sunday, August 11

10:00am – noon Mountain Inspiration. Writing and yoga with Heather Sullivan, Balanced Rock co-founder and program director, and Kristin Ramsey, musician — bring a yoga mat or blanket, pen and paper, water, and appropriate layers of clothing.

2:00pm – 3:30pm Hunger Mountain: A Field Guide to Mind and Landscape. Slide presentation and discussion about deep ecological thought in ancient China and contemporary America with David Hinton, writer and translator of ancient Chinese poetry and philosophy.

Saturday and Sunday, August 17 and 18 17th Annual Tuolumne Meadows Poetry Festival

Morning workshops and afternoon readings with music: poets Mark Doty, Jane Hirshfield, Jay Leeming, David Mas Masumoto, and musician Shira Kammen.

Saturday, August 17

10:00am — 11:30am The Wild Lightning of Metaphor. Writing workshop with poet Jay Leeming.

2:00pm — 3:30pm Featured poets and music.

7:30pm — 10:00pm Open reading and music

Sunday, August 18

10:00am — 11:30am Writing in Place. Poetry workshop with Jay Leeming

2:00pm - 3:30 p.m. Featured poets and music.

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

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 noon to 2pm
 Dinner - 6pm to 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
 9am to 5pm
 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
Sunday	8:00am	Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)	6:30pm Twilight Stoll 1 hr. Meet in front of White Wolf Lodge (NPS)
	10:00am	Ranger Hike—Lembert Dome 3 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 3 miles. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. Bring snacks and water. (NPS)	8:30pm Stars over White Wolf 1 hr. Meet in front of the White Wolf Lodge (NPS)
	10:00am	Parsons Summer Series Program (Aug 11 only) 2 hrs. See details on preceding page. (NPS)	
	10:00am	Poetry Workshop—Writing in Place (Aug 18 only) 1.5 hrs. Parsons Lodge. Bring pen and paper. (NPS)	
	11:30am	Tenaya Lake Cleanup and Conversation with climber Ron Kauk 1.5 hrs. East end of Tenaya Lake, shuttle stop #9 (NPS)	
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿	
	2:00pm	Parsons Summer Series Program (except Aug 25 and Sept 1) 1-2 hrs. See details on preceding page. (NPS)	
	2:00pm	Indians in the High Country (Aug 25 and Sept 1 only) 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area (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)		
Monday	10:00am	Ranger Walk—Domes and Meadows 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 (NPS)	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. (drop in) White Wolf Campfire Circle. Bring your own mug (NPS)
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿	9:00am Life at 8,000 ft. 1 hr. Meet in front of the White Wolf Lodge (NPS)
	2:00pm	Ranger Walk—Bears and Other Wildlife 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS)	9:00pm Night Prowl 1 hr. Explore nature after dark. Sign up in advance at White Wolf Lodge or call 209/372-0445. (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)	
	8:00pm	Stars Over Mono Lake 1.5 hrs. Meet at South Tufa in Mono Basin. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (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		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)	9:00am Geology Walk 1 hr. Meet in front of the White Wolf Lodge (NPS)
	10:00am	Botanical Walk (NPS) August 6: Gaylor Ridge 2 hrs. Meet just outside of Tioga Pass Entrance Station on north side of road. Steep trail. August 13: Bennettsville Mine 4 hrs. Meet at Tioga Lake turnout east of Tioga Pass. Bring lunch and raingear.	
	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)	
			8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. (drop in) Bring your own mug. Hodgdon Meadows campground site 105 (NPS)
		1:00pm Ranger in the Grove 2 hrs. (drop in) Tuolumne Grove of S 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 Aug 14) 2.5 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS)	8:00pm Ranger Campfire Program (except Aug 14) 1 hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS)
	8:00am	Coffee with a Ranger (except Aug 14) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)	
	10:00am	DISCOVERY WALK FOR LITTLE CUBS (except Aug 14) 50 mins. Ages 4-6. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS)	
	10:00am	Ranger Walk—Geology of Tuolumne Meadows (except Aug 14) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 (NPS)	
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (except Aug 14) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿	
	1:30pm	Ranger Walk—The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River (except Aug 14) 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS)	
	3:00pm	Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (except Aug 14) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿	
	7:00pm	CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS (except Aug 14) 45 mins. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) ♿	
8:00pm	Campfire (except Aug 14) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)		
9:30pm	Ranger Talk—Stars (except Aug 14) 1 hr. Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)		
Thursday	9:15am	Ranger Hike—Gaylor Lakes Basin 5-6 hrs. Strenuous. 5 miles. Meet at Gaylor Lakes parking lot at Tioga Pass. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS)	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. (drop in) White Wolf Campfire Circle. Bring your own mug. (NPS)
	10:00am	Ranger Walk—A Place Long Traveled: History of Tuolumne Meadows 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center shuttle stop #6 (NPS)	9:00am Bears and other Wildlife 1.5 hrs. Meet at White Wolf Campfire Circle. (NPS)
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿	
	2:00pm	Ranger Walk—The Secret Life of Plants 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	Ranger Walk—Sunset (except Aug 1) 45 mins. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS)	
	8:00pm	Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (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)	8:00pm Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle (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) ♿	
	1:30pm	Ranger Walk—High Country Hawk Watch (except Aug 30) 3 hrs. Gaylor Lakes trailhead. Steep. 1 mile. Binoculars available. (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)	
		8:00am Bird Walk 1.5 hrs. Meet at Hodgdon Meadow campfire circle (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)	
		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	7:30am	Ranger Walk—Birds 2.5 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS)	8:00pm Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS)
	9:00am	Parsons Summer Series Program (August 3 only) 3 hrs. See details on preceding page. (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)	
	10:00am	Poetry Workshop—The Wild Lightning of Metaphor (Aug 17 only) 1.5 hrs. Parsons Lodge. Bring pen and paper. (NPS)	
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿	
	2:00pm	Parsons Summer Series Program (except Aug 24 and 31) 1-2 hrs. See details on preceding page. (NPS)	
	2:00pm	Ranger Walk—Winter's A-Comin'! (Aug 24 and 31 only) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 (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) ♿	
	7:30pm	Parsons Summer Series Program (August 17 only) 2.5 hrs. See details on preceding page. (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)		
		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!

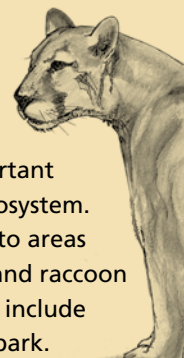
To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at 209/372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park's website (www.nps.gov/yose/bears).

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 NPS Photo

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, NPS Photo

Camping



Camping in Yosemite. Photo by Ray Santos

An adventurous overnight experience

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

General Info...

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

Services

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

Regulations

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

Campfires

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

Camping Reservations

Reservations are required March through November for campsites in Yosemite Valley's car campgrounds and summer through fall for Hodgdon Meadow, Crane Flat, Wawona, and half of Tuolumne Meadows. All other campgrounds (except group and stock campgrounds) are first-come, first-served. Campground reservations are available up to five months in advance, on the 15th of each month at 7 am Pacific time. Log onto the website or call as soon as possible as some campgrounds fill within a few minutes of the opening period.

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

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

Hours:

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

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

Yosemite Valley

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

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

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

Camping in Areas Surrounding Yosemite

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) operates a variety of campgrounds on a seasonal basis near Yosemite. For additional information, contact Groveland Ranger Station at 209/962-7825; Mariposa Ranger Station at 209/966-3638; Mono Lake Ranger Station at 760/647-3044; or Oakhurst Ranger Station at 559/683-4636. For private campgrounds outside Yosemite, call the respective chamber of commerce or visitor bureau listed on page 10.

Group Campgrounds

There are group campsites at Tuolumne Meadows, Hodgdon Meadow, Wawona, and Bridalveil Creek Campgrounds. Reservations can be made the same way as individual site reservations; 13 to 30 people are allowed in each group campsite. Tent camping only. Pets, RVs, and generators are not permitted in group sites.

Campgrounds in Yosemite National Park*

CAMPGROUND	OPEN 2012 (APPROX)	MAX RV LENGTH	MAX TRAILER LENGTH	RESERVATIONS REQUIRED?	DAILY FEE	# OF SITES	PETS	WATER
YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Upper Pines	All year	35 ft	24 ft	March 15- 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



Gaylor Lakes Photo by Jessica Cole

Choose your adventure

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

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

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

Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

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

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

Trail Etiquette

Respect Yosemite's resources and fellow hikers by considering the following as you enjoy your time on the trail:

- Dispose of waste properly. Carry out all trash (litter, toilet paper, hygiene products) and leftover food. Deposit solid human waste in a six-inch deep hole, at least 100 feet from water, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise the hole when finished. Do not burn toilet paper .

- Leave what you find. Collecting plants, cones, reptiles and butterflies, picking up archeological items (such as arrowheads) and using metal detectors are all prohibited in the park.

- Avoid the construction of rock cairns by utilizing a map and compass for navigation.

- Seek the advice and expertise of rangers in Visitor Centers and Wilderness Centers for planning a hike or wilderness trip.

- Yield to hikers travelling uphill.

- Cutting shortcuts causes erosion. Stay on designated trails.

- Store your food properly during day hike and backpacking trips. During the day, keep all food within armsreach. Store all food within bear canisters or bear lockers during backpacking trips. Not only is human food unhealthy for wildlife, but animals who obtain it can become aggressive, and sometimes have to be killed as a result.

- Respect wildlife by observing them from a distance. If an animal changes its behavior when it sees you, you are too close . Report wildlife sightings to rangers in the Visitor and Wilderness Centers.

- Yield to pack animals. Share the trail and allow them plenty of space on narrow trails.

- Think before you swim. Waterways can be dangerous. Swimming is prohibited both in Hetch Hetchy reservoir and Emerald Pool (above Nevada Fall).



Yosemite Grant Act 1864-2014

150 Years of Inspiring Generations



Visitors on horseback near Nevada Fall NPS Photo

Yosemite has inspired generations of people for thousands of years. On June 30, 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Yosemite Grant Act, establishing Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove as the first protected wild land for all time. In addition, this grant marked the first California State Park.

In 1890, the land surrounding these two tracts was designated Yosemite National Park. John Muir's persuasive words to President Roosevelt and state authorities led to combining Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove with Yosemite National Park in 1906.

You're Invited!

Join us in honoring the 150th anniversary of the Yosemite Grant Act, as Yosemite National Park, California State Parks, and the surrounding region tell the story of how this inaugural act continues to impact people; inspired conservation efforts and partnerships among state and federal park systems; and continues to draw visitors from around the world.

Getting Involved

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. From symphonies to film festivals, history symposiums to commemorative books full of visitor stories - to restoring the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias - our complete list of over 100 activities and projects is available at www.nps.gov/yose/anniversary

You can participate in the anniversary while you are staying in or passing through one of our neighboring communities.

Top five ways to get involved:

- Attend one of over 100 anniversary activities
- Volunteer in the park
- Look for over 75 official merchandise items - like the Pendleton Blanket
- Share your Yosemite story
- Support an anniversary legacy project

Visionary Americans like Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, John Muir, and Galen Clark understood that the wonders of the American wilderness are not only our inheritance, but our responsibility. Now, 150 years later, the promise of the Yosemite Grant endures as this beloved national park opens its arms to over 4 million people annually who marvel at the awe-inspiring beauty and gain a new understanding of the importance of preserving our wild lands.

Future Anniversaries

Did you know that the world of conservation has many anniversaries over the next few years? Watch for opportunities in the Yosemite region for you to engage in these upcoming milestones:

2014

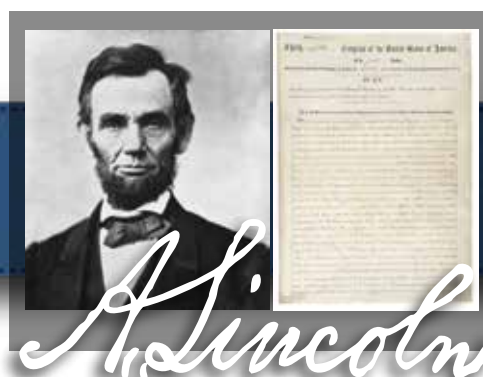
- 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act

2015

- 125th Anniversary of Yosemite National Park
- 125th Anniversary of Sequoia National Park

2016

- 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service
- 50th Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act



Supporting Your Park

Enhance the Visitor Experience

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

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



The Ansel Adams Gallery

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



DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite

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

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



NatureBridge

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



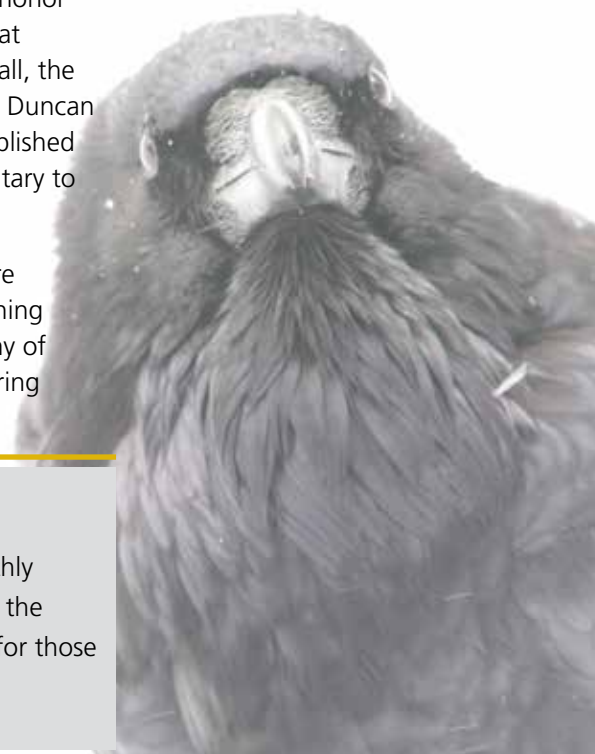
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Through the support of donors, Yosemite Conservancy provides grants and support to Yosemite National Park to help preserve and protect Yosemite today and for future generations. The work funded by Yosemite Conservancy is visible throughout the park, 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

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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 August 28, from 1-4pm in the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Auditorium. Park entrance fees will be waived for those attending the open house!