

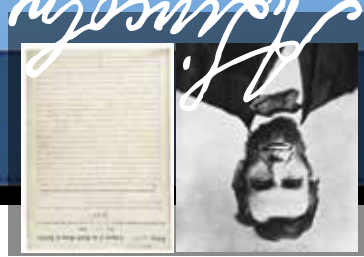


Yosemite Guide

Granite peaks and crystal blue lakes found in Yosemite's Wilderness. Photo by Mark Fincher

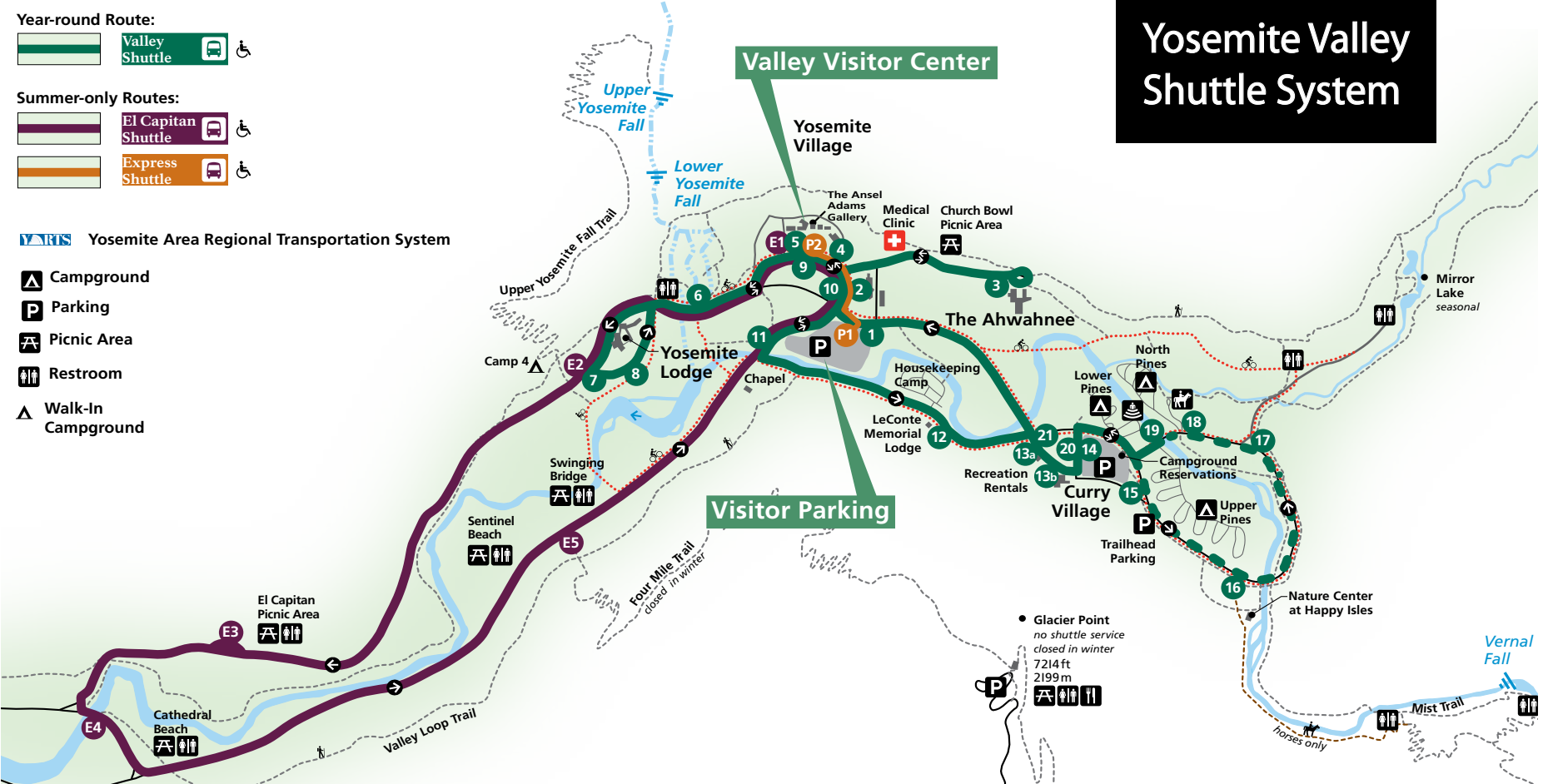


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Yosemite Valley Shuttle System



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

Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location
1	Visitor Parking	8	Yosemite Lodge	16	Happy Isles
2	10 Yosemite Village	11	Sentinel Bridge	17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
3	YARTS The Ahwahnee	12	LeConte / Housekeeping Camp	18	Stable
4	Degnan's Deli	13a	21 Recreation Rentals	19	Pines Campgrounds
5	9 E1 YARTS Valley Visitor Center	13b	YARTS 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

Join us in a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act! Participate in a variety of activities, including ranger-led walks and a fair on the Yosemite Village Mall on Wednesday, September 3 (*See pages 6 and 7 for a schedule of events*). Hike in Yosemite's wilderness and explore the values of wild places. Marvel at the many views and wonders that are protected by this Act. "Seek and find solitude and primitive, unconfined experiences" in Yosemite's wilderness. (*Learn more about the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act in our feature story on page 18.*)

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 for more information.*)

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 at any visitor center to find out how. Stop by the Nature Center at Happy Isles for another great place to explore with the family. (*See page 12 for more!*)

Ask a Climber Program

Do you see the climbers? How do they get up there? How do they get down? Where do they sleep? Join Yosemite Climbing Rangers at the El Capitan Bridge to answer any questions about rock climbing in Yosemite. Use telescopes and climbing equipment to get a glimpse into the world



May Lake. Photo by Sheree Peshlakai

Get outside and enjoy your park!

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

of climbing on the big walls of Yosemite Valley. Ask A Climber is also for climbers! Come congregate at the bridge to swap stories, talk safety, and get information about climbing routes. *Daily 11am to 3pm.*

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 "Starry Skies Over Yosemite Valley" for a wild ride through the universe. Learn about stars, constellations, planets, and meteors, all from the comfort of Yosemite Valley. Sign up at any tour desk.

Go to the Theater

After a day filled with exploring, relax and enjoy a show at the Yosemite Theater. Yosemite Theater presents a variety of experiences, including plays based on some of the park's most colorful characters, inspiring films, and celebrations of Yosemite's culture and history. *See page 6 for shows and times.*

Get Outdoors With Yosemite Conservancy

Yosemite Conservancy is passionate about sharing Yosemite's wonders. Spend a weekend observing the lives of birds or summit Half Dome with an expert leading you every step of the way. Looking for a custom Yosemite experience? Contact us to plan a Custom Adventure for your family or group. Visit yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or 209/379-2317 ext. 10 to find your adventure today.

Yosemite Art Center Workshops

Yosemite Conservancy invites you to participate in one of our enriching and fun art workshops. Workshops are held Monday-Saturday in Yosemite Valley. There is a registration fee of \$10 per visitor. The Art Center also offers weekly Beginner Art Workshops and Family Craft Programs. Register in advance by calling 209/372-1442. 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 to 4:30pm (closed at 12pm for lunch). *See page 6 for details.*

Water Bottle Refilling Stations!

Due to drought conditions, water conservation efforts are greatly appreciated. There are a total of seven water bottle filling stations located throughout Yosemite Valley. Indoor stations can be found at Degnan's Deli and Yosemite Lodge, and outdoor filling stations can be found at Yosemite Lodge Gift Shop, in front and back of the Village Store, the Curry Village Meadow Deck Grill, and the Yosemite Valley Stables. All outdoor filling stations are marked with a water drop sign, and have a variety of fill ports. Please help us reduce waste by encouraging refilling water bottles with delicious Yosemite tap water!

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.



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



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

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

Emergency Information

Emergency Dial 911

Yosemite Village Garage offers 24-hour emergency roadside assistance, 209/372-1060

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

Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley) Open 7 days per week from 9am to 7pm 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

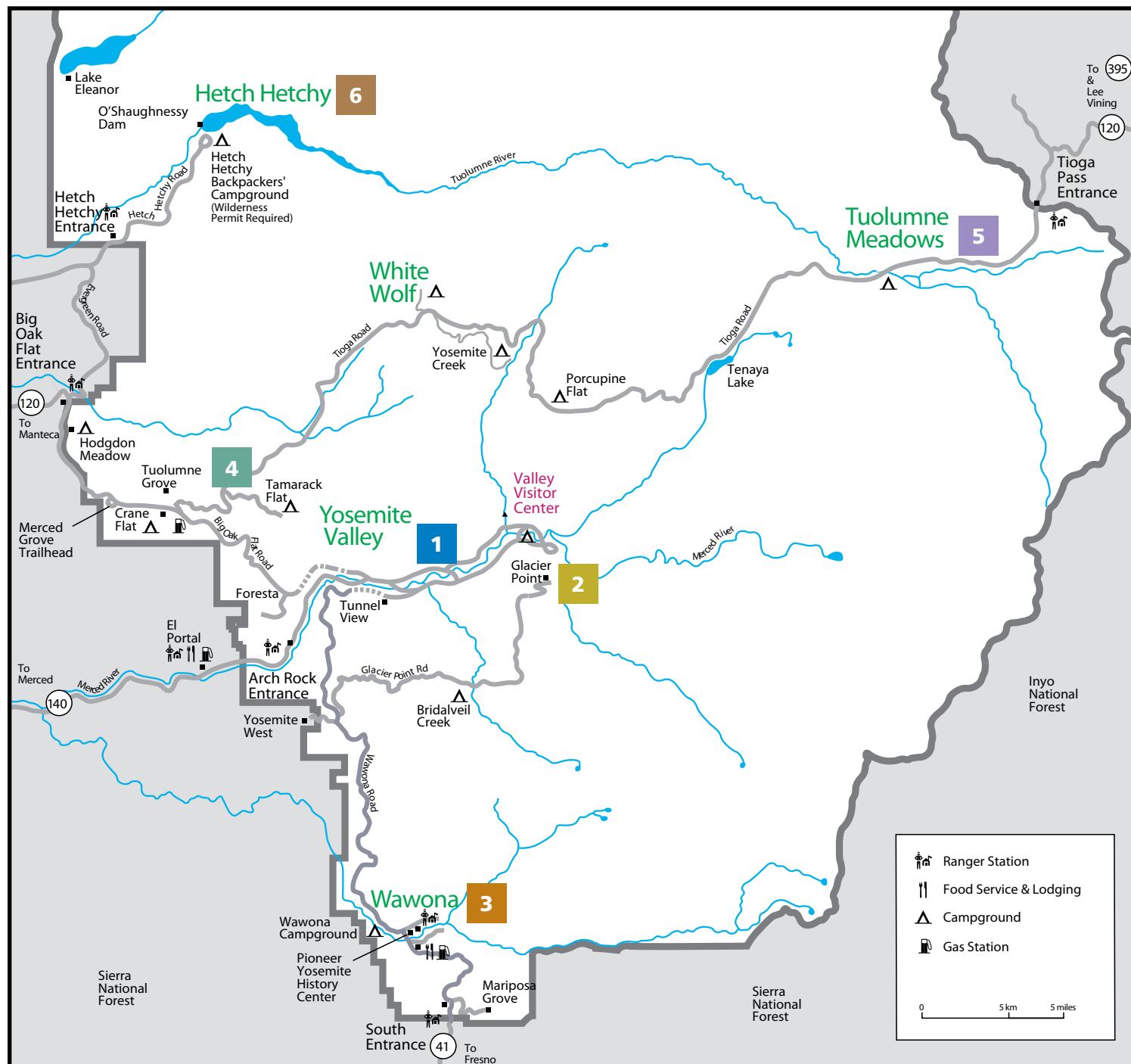
209/742-4567
www.homeofyosemite.com

Highway 120 East

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

Calif. Welcome Center, Merced

800/446-5353 or 209/724-8104
www.yosemite-gateway.org



Yosemite Valley

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



Mirror Lake and Mount Watkins. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Glacier Point

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



View from Glacier Point. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Wawona and Mariposa Grove

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



The Mariposa Grove Museum. Photo by Pam Meierding

Tioga Road and Tuolumne Grove

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



Cathedral Peak. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Tuolumne Meadows

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



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

Hetch Hetchy

6 Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the city of San Francisco, is also home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. Due to its importance as a municipal water supply, no swimming is permitted, however. Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles from Yosemite Valley. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open 7am to 9pm 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

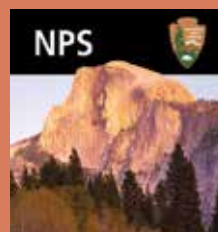
DID YOU KNOW:

- The Wilderness Act took over eight years to pass. The original bill was rewritten 65 times, and 18 public hearings were held, generating more than 9,000 pages of testimony.
- The Wilderness Act designated 9 million acres of wilderness. Since 1964, 100 million more acres (an area the size of California) have been designated.
- California has more designated wilderness areas (149) than any other state. Almost 15 percent of California is wilderness.
- The longest straight line in the lower 48 states without a road (over 150 miles) starts at the Tioga Road in Yosemite and follows the Sierra crest southeast through six wilderness areas.
- 94 percent of Yosemite National Park is designated wilderness.

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Get the App!

Search **NPS-Yosemite** in app stores or at nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit to download the official park app for up-to-date listings of programs, services, an interactive map, and more!



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Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park



The Incomparable Yosemite Valley

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

Yosemite Valley

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

Naturalist Programs

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

Walking and Hiking

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

Bicycling

Several miles of bicycle paths wind through Yosemite Valley. You can use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Lodge or Curry Village. Bikes are only allowed on paved bicycle paths. Bike rentals are available from 9am to 6pm, last bike goes out at 4:45pm

Tours

Tours listed 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. Check Tour & Activity Desk for times.

The **Glacier Point Tour** leaves Yosemite Lodge at 8:30am, 10am, and 1:30pm 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 8:45am 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 Delicatessen

7am to 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 and Sunday Brunch. 209/372-1489

Ahwahnee Breakfast Bar

7am to 10:30am

The Ahwahnee Bar

11:30am to 11pm

Yosemite Lodge

Food Court

Breakfast: 6:30am to 11am

Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm

Dinner: 5:30pm to 8pm

Mountain Room Lounge

Monday - Friday

4:30pm to 11pm

Saturday & Sunday

12pm to 11pm, food service until 10pm

Mountain Room Restaurant

5:30pm to 8pm

Reservations taken for 8 or more.

209/372-1281 or 209/372-1403

Curry Village

Coffee Corner/Ice Cream

6am to 10pm

(7am to 11am beginning Sept 15)

Ice cream service beginning at 11am

(Ice cream service ends for the season Sept 14)

Curry Village Bar

12pm to 10pm

(Sunday - Thursday, 5pm to 10pm and Friday - Saturday, 12pm to 10pm beginning Sept 15)

Pavilion

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Dinner: 5:30pm to 8pm

Pizza Deck

12pm to 10pm

Meadow Grill

11am to 5pm (Closes for the season Sept 14)

Happy Isles Snack Stand

11am to 5pm (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

Yosemite Museum Store

9am to 5pm

Valley Wilderness Center

8am to 5pm

Village Store

8am to 9pm

Habitat Yosemite

Thursday - Sunday

11am to 4pm

Sport Shop

10am to 5pm

Ahwahnee

The Ahwahnee Gift Shop

8am to 9pm

The Ahwahnee Sweet Shop

7am to 10pm

Yosemite Lodge

Gift/Grocery

8am to 8pm

Nature Shop

10am to 7pm

Curry Village

Mountain Shop

8am to 6pm

Curry Village Gift/Grocery

8am to 9pm

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Exhibits

9:30am to 5pm

(Closes for the season Sept 29)

Yosemite Valley

Where to go and what to do



Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center is open from 9am to 5pm, and bookstore hours are 9am to 7pm. It is located 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.

YOSEMITE FILMS

Two films are shown daily, every half hour beginning at 9:30am (except on Sundays, when the first showing is at noon). The last film is at 4:30pm. "Ken Burns' Yosemite - A Gathering of Spirit" plays on the hour and "The Spirit of Yosemite" plays on the half hour. Valley Visitor Center Theater.

Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center.

INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

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

YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE

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

YOSEMITE MUSEUM GALLERY EXHIBIT

"Yosemite, the Grand Experiment" This Yosemite Museum exhibit commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Yosemite Grant with a display of artwork, documents and artifacts from that early period. Photographs and paintings of visitors and the landscape,

including some of the earliest images, will be included from the park's museum collection. The Grand Register of the Cosmopolitan Saloon will be on view. The Edmunds Report, a review of the proposed land grant sent days before the grant legislation was signed into law in 1864, will be on loan from the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Digital slide shows will supplement the paintings and photographs on exhibit. A video presentation will feature scholars discussing the importance of the grant, and the influence of painting and photography on the movement to protect public lands and remarkable scenery. An audio kiosk will feature quotations from a variety of historic figures from Yosemite's past. This project was made possible through the generous support of Yosemite Conservancy donors. Yosemite Museum Gallery, June 3 through September 30, open daily 9am to 5pm; from October 1 through October 18, open daily from 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm.

YOSEMITE RENAISSANCE XXX CALL FOR ENTRIES

In its 30th year, Yosemite Renaissance is an all-media, juried, fine art competition and 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, February 28, 2015. For a prospectus and entry form visit: <http://www.yosemiterenaissance.org>. Deadline for entries: November 15, 2014. Yosemite Renaissance is a non-profit

organization which encourages diverse interpretations of Yosemite in the visual arts.

Wilderness Center

Open 8am 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 9:30am to 5pm through September 29. Designed for nature-exploring children and their families, the nature center offers natural-history exhibits. 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 page 6). Located near the Village Store, the Center is open 9am to noon and 1pm to 4:30pm.

Yosemite Theater

Yosemite Theater 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 works of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other artists. See page 6 for photo walk times. For more information, call 209/372-4413, or visit www.anseladams.com.

EXHIBITS

July 27 - September 13
"Spectrum Analysis: Yosemite in Color"

The Sierra Nevada was long ago consecrated The Range of Light by John Muir – a sobriquet that has both motivated and defined artistic and environmental enterprise. As the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th passed, photographers valiantly captured the famous "light" of the Sierra on glass plates and film, often times risking physical health, financial stability and conjugal solidarity due to their long journeys and new betrothal to the landscape. Today photographers are engaging with this landscape more than ever through the medium of color

film and digital capture, framing a more dynamic Yosemite that exposes a vibrancy that should surely be noted as an equal to the mythological light of the park. And while the photographer's means of arrival are perhaps more convenient and efficient in the present day, the journey is no less exciting or revealing than it was 150 years ago.

September 14 - October 22
"The Vertical Generation - Views from Yosemite's Edge"

LeConte Memorial Lodge

LeConte Memorial Lodge is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm. Free evening programs, scheduled for 8pm, are held on Friday and Saturday. Programs held in the building are limited to 50 guests. The Memorial has a library, children's corner, and exhibits. The Memorial is located at shuttle stop #12, across from the Housekeeping Cabins. Call 209/372-4542 for program details.

VALLEY SERVICES

GARAGE

Yosemite Village
8am to 5pm / 24 hour AAA towing available
Propane service available until 4:30pm.
209/372-8320

POST OFFICES

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

GROCERIES AND TOURS

Yosemite Village
Village Store Gift/Grocery
8am to 9pm
Degnan's Deli
7am to 5pm
Tour Desk - Village Store
7:30am to 3pm
Yosemite Lodge
Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm
Tour Desk
7:30am to 7pm
Curry Village
Gift/Grocery
8am to 9pm
Tour Desk
7:30am to 3pm
(Closes for the season Oct 5)
Housekeeping Camp
Gift/Grocery
8am to 6pm

SHOWERS, LAUNDRY, AND INTERNET

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

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

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

September 3, 2014 - October 7, 2014



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.

- Sept 4 - Sept 7** Vogelsang Backpack Trek
- Sept 12 - Sept 14** Hike Half Dome: Summit Challenge 3
- Sept 26 - Sept 28** Miwok-Paiute Basketry
- Oct 3 - Oct 5** Quick Sketching in Watercolor
- Oct 5** Mariposa Grove Birding

Find more information about programs at www.yosemiteconservancy.org/outdoor-adventures or call 209/379-2317, ext. 10. Camping (if needed) 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 to 2pm Monday through Saturday.

- Sept 1 - Sept 6** Capture the Beauty: Watercolor, Osamu Saito
- Sept 8 - Sept 13** How to Paint Loose Atmospheric Watercolor, Frank Eber
- Sept 15 - Sept 20** Natural Dying on Silk, Glennis Dolce
- Sept 22 - Sept 27** Acrylic Landscape, Chella Gonsalves
- Sept 29 - Oct 4** Connecting to Yosemite: Watercolor, Linda Nadel
- Oct 6 - Oct 11** Autumn Inspirations Watercolor, Janice Powell Shedd

There is a registration fee of \$10 per visitor, supplies are available for purchase.

Yosemite Theater (YC)

Yosemite Theater 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.

- Sunday (May 4 - Sept 28)** Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1903
- Monday (June 2 - Sept 8)** Filmmaking on the Edge
- Tuesday (April 29 - Sept 30)** Yosemite Search and Rescue (Except Sept 23 & Oct 7)
- Wednesday (July 2 - Oct 15)** Conversation with a Tramp: An Evening with John Muir
- Wednesday (Sept 24 only)** Meet Galen Clark: Yosemite's First Guardian
- Thursday (July 3 - Oct 16)** Muir Among the Animals (Except Sept 11 & 25)
- Thursday (Sept 11 only)** Meet Galen Clark: Yosemite's First Guardian
- Thursday (Sept 25 only)** Yosemite Search and Rescue
- Friday & Saturday (July 4 - Oct 25)** Return to Balance: A Climbers Journey

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. Open daily from 8:30am to 12pm and 1pm to 4:30pm.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Weddings: YosemiteValleyChapel.org
SUNDAY SERVICES:
9:15am (Sunday School Available)
6:30pm Evening chapel service
TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7pm (call for location)
THURSDAY MID-WEEK SERVICE 7pm in the chapel.
209/372-4831, Pastor Brent Moore, Resident Minister

ROMAN CATHOLIC
Sunday, 10am, Theater behind Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, 209/372-4729

A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN THE NATIONAL PARKS

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

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

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.

MORNING	
Sunday	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK (except October 5) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	10:00am Meet Your Yosemite 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿
	11:00am Ask A Climber 4 hrs. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for this informal program. Use telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS) ♿
Monday	9:00am Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at the Ahwahnee Hotel. (TAAG) ♿
	9:00am Using the Digital Darkroom: Landscapes and Lightroom 4hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$
	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK (except October 6) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	10:00am Meet Your Yosemite 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿
	10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. For more information, see page 6. (YC) \$
Tuesday	11:00am Ask A Climber 4 hrs. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for this informal program. Use telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS) ♿
	9:00am Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) ♿
	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK (except October 7) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	10:00am Meet Your Yosemite 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿
Wednesday	10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. For more information, see page 6 (YC) \$
	11:00am Living History, Galen Clark (September 3 only) 1 hr. Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center to take a stroll with Yosemite's first guardian, Galen Clark. (YC)
	11:00am Wilderness 50th Anniversary Celebration (September 3 only) 4 hrs. Yosemite Village Mall. Join Wilderness enthusiasts from throughout the Sierra in a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act. Participate in a variety of activities as you explore the values of wild places. (NPS, USFS, BLM, YC, and more)
	11:00am Ask A Climber 4 hrs. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for this informal program. Use telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS) ♿
	9:00am Wilderness Walk (September 3 only) 1 hr. Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center and take a walk with a ranger to discover more about the American Wilderness legacy. (NPS)
	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
Thursday	10:00am Meet Your Yosemite 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿
	10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. For more information, see page 6 (YC) \$
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Friday	10:00am Meet Your Yosemite 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿
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Saturday	10:00am Meet Your Yosemite 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿
	10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. For more information, see page 6 (YC) \$
	10:30am HIKE WITH THREE JOHN MUIRS: FRANK HELLING, DON BALDWIN, DICK SHORE (September 27 only) 1.5 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Each hike is limited to 15 guests. Sign-Up at LeConte Memorial Lodge, shuttle stop #12 (SC)
	11:00am Ask A Climber 4 hrs. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for this informal program. Use telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS) ♿
	9:00am Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) ♿
	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK (except October 4) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿

- AAC** American Alpine Club
- DNC** DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, Inc.
- NPS** National Park Service
- SC** Sierra Club
- TAAG** The Ansel Adams Gallery
- 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>1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK (except October 5) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:30pm Beginner Art Workshop 2 hrs. Explore basic techniques. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Walk-Geology 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:30pm Meet Your Yosemite (except October 5) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater: Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Solider, 1903 (except October 5) 1.5 hrs. Film and presentation by Ranger Shelton Johnson. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>8:00pm Ranger Evening Program - Bears (September 7 and 14 only) 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (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 STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
Monday	<p>1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK (except October 6) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm Using Your Digital Camera 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Walk-Wild About Bears 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)</p> <p>2:30pm Meet Your Yosemite (except October 6) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES (except September 8 and 15) 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater: Filmmaking on the Edge (September 8 only) 1.5 hrs. Video and presentation by Steve Bumgardner. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Except September 8) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
Tuesday	<p>1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK (except October 7) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <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>2:00pm Ranger Walk-Wild About Bears 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)</p> <p>2:30pm Meet Your Yosemite (except October 7) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater: Yosemite Search and Rescue (except September 23 and October 7) 1.5 hrs. Presentation, video and discussion by John Dill. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p>
Wednesday	<p>1:00pm Wilderness Encounters (September 3 only) 1.5 hrs. Drop in at the campfire circle in front of the Yosemite Museum to hear tales of Wilderness adventure and tradition. Stay for all or part. (NPS)</p> <p>1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Walk-Wild About Bears 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)</p> <p>2:30pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater: Spirit of John Muir (September 3 only) 1.5 hrs. John Muir (performed by Lee Stetson) is Back! And tonight he celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act, sharing his astonishing encounters with storms, wild animals and cantankerous humans in his beloved Yosemite. Enjoy his exciting, humorous and profound love of wildness! Yosemite Theater behind the visitor center. Free. (NPS, YC)</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater: Conversation with a Tramp: An Evening with John Muir (except September 24) 1.5 hrs. Live performance by Lee Stetson. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater: Meet Galen Clark: Yosemite's First Guardian (September 24 only) 1.5 hrs. Live performance by Pete Devine. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p>
Thursday	<p>1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm Using Your Digital Camera 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Walk-Inspiring Generations 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:30pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm Naturalist Stroll (except September 4) 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater: Muir Among the Animals (except September 11 and 25) 1.5 hrs. A lively show for the whole family performed by Lee Stetson. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater: Meet Galen Clark: Yosemite's First Guardian (September 11 only) 1.5 hrs. Live performance by Pete Devine. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater: Yosemite Search and Rescue (September 25 only) 1.5 hrs. Presentation, video and discussion by John Dill. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>8:00pm Ranger Evening Program -Bears (except September 25 and October 2) 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (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 NIGHT PROWL (except September 4 and 18) 1.5 hrs. Explore Yosemite at night! Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
Friday	<p>1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK (except October 3) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm FAMILY CRAFTS PROGRAM (except October 3) 2 hrs. Drop-in craft program at Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Walk-Wild About Bears 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)</p> <p>2:30pm Meet Your Yosemite (except October 3) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE (except October 3) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater: Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey 1.5 hrs. Film and presentation by Ron Kauk. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES (except September 19) 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:30pm FRANK HELLING: AN EVENING WITH JOHN MUIR. GROWING ACROSS AMERICA. DREAMS OF PROTECTING WILDERNESS (September 26 only) 1hr. Lower River Amphitheatre. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC).</p> <p>8:00pm BEN CUNNINGHAM-SUMMERFIELD, CALIFORNIA TRIBAL MEMBER: AMERICAN INDIAN STORYTELLING AND FLUTE (September 5 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge, shuttle stop #12. Limited to 50 guests. (SC)</p> <p>8:00pm ROBIN PLISKIN AND MICHAEL BRYANT, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA MUSICIANS: CONCERT & SING ALONG WITH MUSIC ABOUT NATURE (September 12 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge, shuttle stop #12. Limited to 50 guests. (SC)</p> <p>8:00pm Larry Simon, LeConte Family Historian: Joseph Nisbet LeConte. Exploring, Mapping & Photographing the High Sierra 1890 to 1930 (September 19 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge, shuttle stop #12. Limited to 50 guests. (SC)</p> <p>8:30pm Film - Ansel Adams 1hr. Check local listing for venue (TAAG) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm NIGHT PROWL 1.5 hrs. Explore Yosemite at night! Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p> <p>8:30pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (except September 19) 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
	<p>Programs printed in ALL CAPS AND COLOR are especially for children and their families.</p>	
Saturday	<p>1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK (except October 4) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm FAMILY CRAFTS PROGRAM (except October 4) 2 hrs. Drop-in craft program at Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$</p> <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>2:00pm Ranger Walk-Wild About Bears 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)</p> <p>2:30pm Meet Your Yosemite (except October 4) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm Fine Print Viewing 1 hr. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery Very. limited space (TAAG) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm GREAT YOSEMITE FAMILY ADVENTURE 2.5 hrs. Guided adventure with GPS units. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p> <p>4:00pm JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE (except October 4) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater: Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey 1.5 hrs. Film and presentation by Ron Kauk. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:30pm TRIBUTE CONCERT IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE & LEGACY OF JOHN MUIR (September 27 only) 1.5 hrs. Lower River Amphitheatre, shuttle stop #12 (SC).</p> <p>8:00pm John Dill, YNP Search & Rescue Ranger: Search and Rescue in Yosemite (September 6 only) 1.5 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge, shuttle stop #12. Limited to 50 guests. (SC)</p> <p>8:00pm Stephen Joseph, Landscape Photographer: Everything I Photograph. Yosemite, Mt.Diablo, Muir Woods (September 13 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge, shuttle stop #12. Limited to 50 guests. (SC)</p> <p>8:00pm JEREMY EVANS, NATURE PHOTOGRAPHER: HIKING THE JOHN MUIR TRAIL: THREE WEEKS OF STORIES, PHOTOGRAPHS & SHORT FILMS (September 20 only) 1.5 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge, shuttle stop #12. Limited to 50 guests. (SC)</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC/AAC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>

Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point



Explore History, Discover Giant Trees, and Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

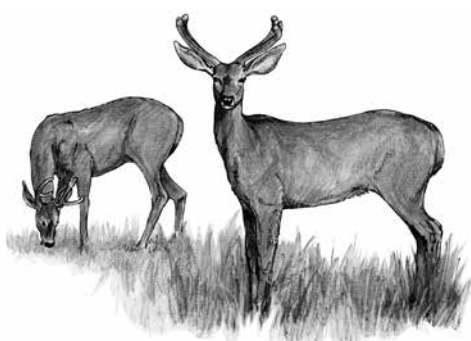
Wawona & Mariposa Grove

Evening Programs

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, 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.

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio

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



Pioneer Yosemite History Center

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

Experience Horse-Drawn Travel

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

Mariposa Grove

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

Getting to the Mariposa Grove

Allow 1.5 hours driving time to reach the grove from the Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the grove parking lot. The access road to the grove may close intermittently due to limited parking.

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

FREE MARIPOSA GROVE & WAWONA SHUTTLE

Shuttle stops are 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, 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.

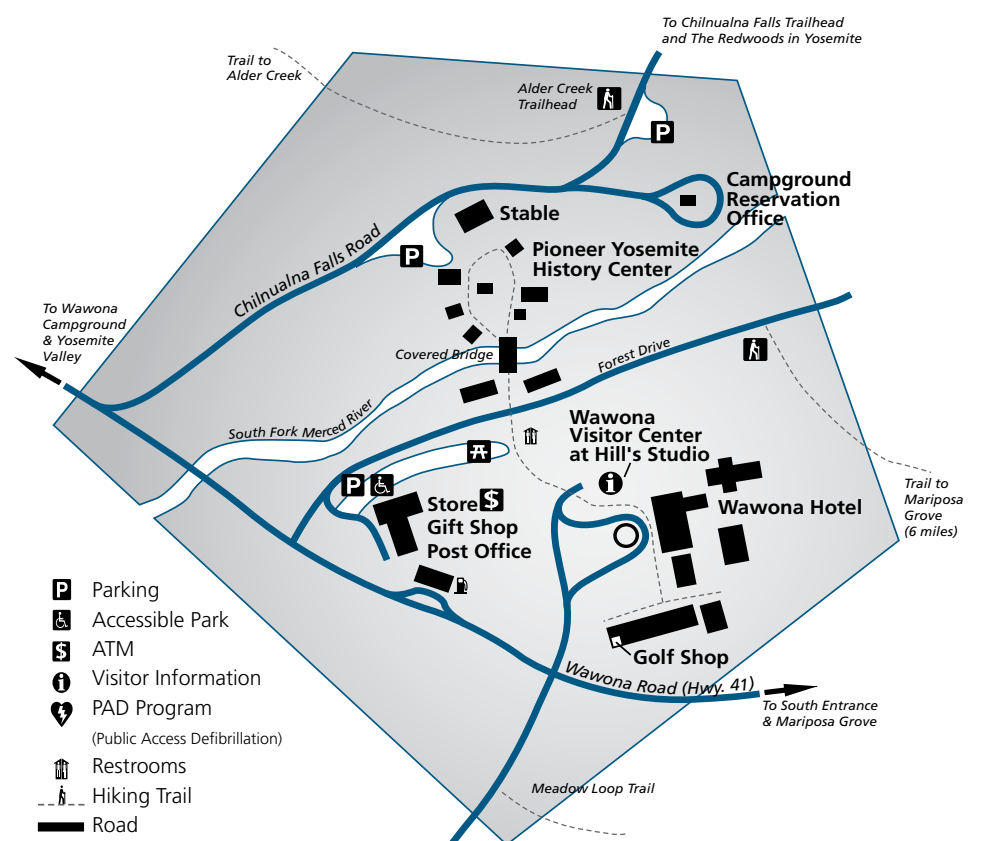
Big Trees Tram Tour

Please visit the Big Trees Ticket Kiosk at the Big Trees Gift Shop, in the Mariposa Grove, for departure times. Open from 9:30am to 5pm, weather and conditions permitting.

Mariposa Grove Museum

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

Dogs/bikes are not permitted anywhere in the Grove



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



Geology Hut. Photo courtesy Yosemite Research Library

Glacier Point

Evening Programs

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

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

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Wawona

Wawona Hotel Dining Room

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

Reservations taken for 6 or more.

Saturday BBQ: 5pm to 7pm
(Last BBQ of the season is Sept 6)

Golf Shop & Snack Stand

9am to 5pm
(weather and conditions permitting)

Glacier Point

Snack Stand

11am to 4pm
(weather and conditions permitting)

GROCERIES

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop

8am to 6pm

GIFTS & APPAREL

Wawona

Wawona Store & Pioneer Shop

8am to 6pm

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

8:30am to 5pm

Glacier Point

Gift Shop

10am to 5pm

Mariposa Grove

Mariposa Grove Museum

10am to 4pm

Big Trees Gift Shop

9am to 5pm

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.

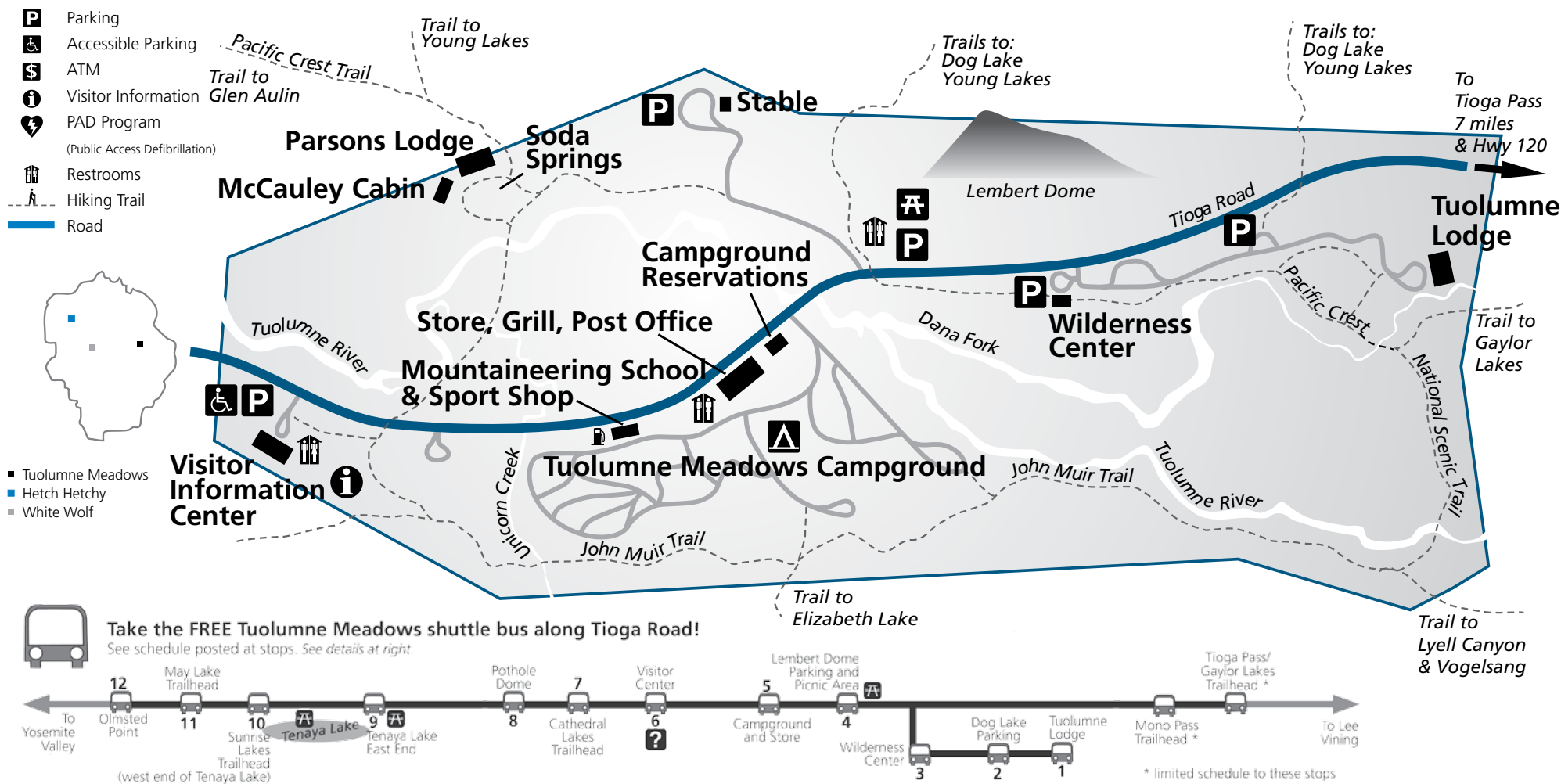
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Wawona Hotel Golf Course

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

	WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE	GLACIER POINT
Sunday	8:00am Mariposa Grove Birding (October 5 only) 8 hrs. The wild and rugged terrain of Mariposa Grove is superb habitat for numerous avian species. Camping included if needed. Requires advanced reservation, please call 209/379-2317 ext. 10 (YC) \$ 10:00am to 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets at the Grey Barn in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12 (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) 6:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (September 28 and October 5 only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 6:30pm Sunset Ranger Talk (September 7, 14 and 21 only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS)
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Tuesday	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) ♿	
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Saturday	9:30am to 11:30am Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (October 4 only) 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets at the Wells Fargo Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am to 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (except September 20, 27 and October 4) 10 min. each. Purchase tickets at the Grey Barn in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12 (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) ♿	2:00pm Ranger Walk - Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 6:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (September 27 and October 4 only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 6:30pm Sunset Ranger Talk (September 6, 13 and 20 only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS)

Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat



Tuolumne Meadows

Please walk on official trails to protect fragile meadow ecosystems.

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

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 5pm. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays. The visitor center will close for the season on Thursday, September 25.

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

Open 8am to 5pm. Visit the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters. The Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center is located just south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, across from shuttle stop #3.

Mule and Horseback Rides

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

Just for Kids

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

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. Please note, the trail just east of the Visitor Center that crosses the meadow to the bridge below Soda Springs will be closed Monday through Thursday for ecological restoration. Parsons Memorial Lodge is open from 10am to 4pm through Saturday, September 20. Soda Springs are small, naturally-carbonated springs that attract birds and deer, especially at sunrise and sunset.

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.

Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open from 8am to 5pm. The visitor center offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. The center is located just inside the park entrance on Hwy 120W.

Ranger Programs

Ranger walks and evening programs are available at Hetch Hetchy, Hodgdon Meadows, Crane Flat, and White Wolf. Please check local listings for current programs or call 209/379-1899.

Tuolumne Grove

The trailhead 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.

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 3.5 miles north of Crane Flat and 4.5 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.



Merced Grove. Photo by Sheree Peshlakai

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows Grill
8am to 5pm
(Closes for the season Sept 21)
Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room (Closes for the season following breakfast Sept 14)
Breakfast: 7am to 9am
Dinner: 5:45pm to 8pm
Reservations Strongly Recommended for breakfast and dinner.
209/372-8413

White Wolf

White Wolf Lodge Dining Room
(Closes for the season following breakfast Sept 7)
Breakfast: 7:30am to 9:30am
Lunch: 12pm to 2pm - Take-out lunches (sandwiches)
Dinner: 6pm to 8pm
Reservations recommended
209/372-8416

GROCERIES

Tuolumne Meadows

Store
Daily 9am to 6pm
(Closes for the season Sept 22)

Crane Flat

Store
9am to 5pm
24 Hour Pay at the Pump

GIFTS & APPAREL

Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Visitor Center Store
9am to 5pm

Tuolumne Meadows

Mountaineering School and Sport Shop
9am to 5pm
(Closes for the season Sept 14)
Tuolumne Meadows Bookstore
Inside the Visitor Center
9am to 5pm
(Closes for the season Sept 25)
Tuolumne Meadows Store
9am to 6pm
(Closes for the season Sept 22)

POST OFFICE

Tuolumne Meadows

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

GAS STATIONS

Tuolumne Meadows

9am to 5pm, Gas and propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card - will be available until road closes for season. (Closes for the season Sept 14)

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

(Ends for the season Sept 14)

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

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 Tuolumne Meadows Lodge at 7am. Shuttles arrive at approximately 30-minute intervals between 7am and 7pm. Stop times are posted at bus stops.

	TUOLUMNE MEADOWS	WHITE WOLF	CRANE FLAT/ HODGDON MEADOW/ HETCH HETCHY
Sunday	8:30am Coffee with a Ranger (except September 28 and October 5) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)	<i>*Please check local listings for current programs</i>	<i>*Please check local listings for current programs</i>
	10:00am Ranger Hike - Lumbert Dome (except September 28 and October 5) 3 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 3 miles. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. Bring snacks and water. (NPS)		
	11:30am Tenaya Lake Cleanup and Conversation with climber Ron Kauk (except September 28 and October 5) 1.5 hrs. East end of Tenaya Lake, shuttle stop #9 (NPS)		
	12:00pm Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (except September 28 and October 5) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿		
	2:00pm Ranger Walk - Indians in the High Country (except September 28 and October 5) 2 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area (NPS)		
Monday	7:30pm Campfire (except September 28 and October 5) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	<i>*Please check local listings for current programs</i>	<i>*Please check local listings for current programs</i>
	10:00am Ranger Walk - Domes and Meadows (September 8 and 15 only) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 (NPS)		
	12:00pm Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (except September 29 and October 6) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿		
	2:00pm Ranger Walk - Bears and Other Wildlife (except September 29 and October 6) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS)		
	7:30pm Stars Over Mono Lake (except September 29 and October 6) 1.5 hrs. Meet at South Tufa in Mono Basin. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS) ♿		
Tuesday	9:30am Ranger Hike - Elizabeth Lake (September 9 only) 5-6 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 5 miles. Meet at Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS)	<i>*Please check local listings for current programs</i>	<i>*Please check local listings for current programs</i>
	12:00pm Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (except September 30 and October 7) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿		
	6:30pm Ranger Walk - Sunset (except September 30 and October 7) 45 mins. Lumbert Dome picnic area (NPS)		
	7:30pm Campfire (except September 30 and October 7) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)		
	8:00am Ranger Walk - Birds (except September 17 and October 1) 2.5 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS)		
Wednesday	8:30am Coffee with a Ranger (September 3 and 10 only) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)	<i>*Please check local listings for current programs</i>	<i>*Please check local listings for current programs</i>
	10:00am Geology of Tuolumne Meadows (except September 17 and October 1) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 (NPS)		
	12:00pm Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (except September 17 and October 1) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿		
	1:30pm Ranger Walk - The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River (except September 17 and October 1) 2 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area (NPS)		
	7:30pm Campfire (except September 17 and October 1) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)		
Thursday	9:00pm Ranger Talk - Stars (except September 17 and October 1) 1 hr. Lumbert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	<i>*Please check local listings for current programs</i>	<i>*Please check local listings for current programs</i>
	9:15am Ranger Hike - Gaylor Lakes Basin (except October 2) 5-6 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 5 miles. Meet at Gaylor Lakes parking lot at Tioga Pass. Bring lunch, water, and raingear (NPS)		
	10:00am Ranger Walk - Domes and Meadows (except September 4 and October 2) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome, shuttle stop #8 (NPS)		
	12:00pm Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (except October 2) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿		
	2:00pm Ranger Walk - The Secret Life of Plants (except October 2) 2 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area (NPS)		
Friday	7:30pm Campfire (except October 2) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	<i>*Please check local listings for current programs</i>	<i>*Please check local listings for current programs</i>
	8:30am Coffee with a Ranger (except September 26 and October 3) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)		
	10:00am Ranger Walk - A Place Long Traveled: History of Tuolumne Meadows (except September 26 and October 3) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center shuttle stop #6 (NPS)		
	12:00pm Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (except September 26 and October 3) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿		
	1:30pm Ranger Walk - High Country Hawk Watch (except September 26 and October 3) 3 hrs. Gaylor Lakes trailhead. Steep. 1 mile. Binoculars available. (NPS)		
Saturday	7:30pm Campfire (except September 26 and October 3) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	<i>*Please check local listings for current programs</i>	<i>*Please check local listings for current programs</i>
	8:00am Ranger Walk - Birds (except September 27 and October 4) 2.5 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS)		
	9:15am Ranger Hike - Mono Pass (except September 27 and October 4) 6-8 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 8 miles. Meet at Mono Pass trailhead. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS)		
	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK (except September 27 and October 4) 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Lumbert Dome picnic area. Bring notebook and pen or pencil if you have them. (NPS)		
	12:00pm Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (except September 27 and October 4) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿		
	2:00pm Ranger Walk - Winter's A-Comin'! (except September 27 and October 4) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome, shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29 (NPS)		
	3:00pm Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (except September 27 and October 4) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿		
	6:30pm CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS (except September 27 and October 4) 45 mins. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) ♿		
	7:30pm Campfire (except September 27 and October 4) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)		
9:00pm Ranger Talk - Stars (except September 27 and October 4) 1 hr. Lumbert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)			

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Become a Junior Ranger

Follow these steps to earn your Junior Ranger badge.*

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

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



Coyote



Black bear



Golden-mantled ground squirrel

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



Black bear rooting for insects in log. Photo by Karen Amstutz

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!

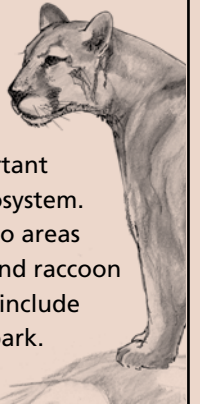
To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at 209/372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park's website (www.nps.gov/yose/bears).

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 2014, May 23 through October 14, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 pre-season lottery permits have already been issued for 2014. 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 1pm. 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.

Stay on Trail

- Many accidents occur because visitors leave a trail or pathway. Off trail travel can be extremely dangerous, especially next to waterways where rocks have been polished.
- Scrambling on boulders, wading across streams or rivers, and traveling beyond railings or other barriers may put you one slip away from a fatal accident.
- Avoid shortcuts. Visitors commonly get “ledged out” after cutting across trails.

Around Water

- Never swim or wade upstream from 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.
- Mountain water is very cold, no matter what time of year it is. Yosemite’s rivers are fed by melted snow, and even expert swimmers can quickly lose their strength in the icy water.
- Ask a ranger about safe places to swim.
- 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.

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

- Tell someone your plan and when you hope to return.
- Avoid dehydration or heat exhaustion; carry and drink plenty of water, at least three liters of water per person, more on hot days, and bring high-energy food.
- Carry a map and know where you are at all times, with a planned route.
- Altitude sickness can develop at altitudes as low as 8,000 feet. Descend to a lower elevation should it develop.
- Know the weather and prepare for changes. Retreat from exposed mountaintops, high ridges, and open granite slabs at the first sign of thunder or lightning.
- Bring a flashlight in case you need to stay on the trail longer than expected.
- Be prepared to set up emergency shelter even when out just for the day.
- Admire wildlife from a distance to prevent injury to you or animals.

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 percent 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 percent 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.

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 one to 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>

Avoid contact with wildlife and keep food and trash stored properly.

Wild animals in Yosemite can transmit numerous diseases, including plague, rabies, and hantavirus. Keeping your distance and your food from wildlife not only protects them, it also protects you from injury and exposure to diseases.

If you encounter a mammal, particularly a raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote, or bat, that is behaving erratically, don’t touch the animal. Instead, report the sick animal to a park employee.

In addition to keeping bears away, storing your food properly also reduces your exposure to rodents and their fleas, which may carry plague.

...and Yosemite

Protecting park resources



Protecting Yourself and the Park

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

Rafting

Conditions permitting, rafting on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley (Stoneman Bridge to Sentinel Beach) and the South Fork of the Merced River in Wawona is open from 10am to 6pm 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.

Bicycling

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.

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.

Yosemite Guardians

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park's most important guardians. With nearly 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
- Possessing or using marijuana, including medical marijuana
- Operating an unmanned aircraft system ("drone")

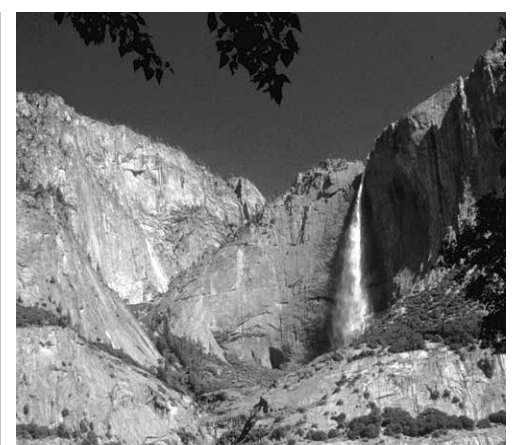
If you see activities that could harm people or park resources, jot down any descriptions or a vehicle license plate number and call the park dispatch office at 209/379-1992.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

Weather in Yosemite

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



Upper Yosemite Fall, NPS photo

Camping



Camping in Yosemite. Photo by Ray Santos

General Info...

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

Services

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

Regulations

- Proper food storage is required 24 hours a day.
- A maximum of six people (including children) and two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
- Quiet hours are from 10pm to 6am.
- 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 5pm and 10pm. 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.

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.

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 7am 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:

7am to 7pm Pacific time (November through February)
7am to 9pm 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 2014 (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 19 - Dec 1	\$20	238	Yes	Tap
Lower Pines	Mar 26 - Oct 27	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$20	60	Yes	Tap
North Pines	Apr 2 - Nov 3	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	June 13 - Sep 22	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	May 23 - Oct 14	35 ft	27 ft	Yes	\$20	166	Yes	Tap
Tamarack Flat	May 23 - Oct 1	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$10	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
White Wolf	May 30 - Sep 15	27 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$14	74	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Creek	June 6 - Sep 8	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$10	75	Yes	Creek (boil)
Porcupine Flat	June 13 - Oct 15	24 ft (limited)	20 ft	First-come, first-served	\$10	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
Tuolumne Meadows	June 8 - Sep 28	35 ft	35 ft	50%	\$20	304	Yes	Tap

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

Hiking



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

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 to 3 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Upper Yosemite Fall	Same as above	7.2 miles round-trip, 6 to 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 to 2 hours	Moderate, 400-foot gain
Top of Vernal Fall	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	3 miles round-trip, 2 to 4 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Nevada Fall	same as above	7 miles round-trip, 5 to 6 hours	Strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Top of Half Dome	same as above	14 miles (via Mist Trail) or 16.3 miles (via John Muir Trail) round-trip, 10 to 12 hours	Extremely Strenuous, 4,800-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point	Southside Drive	4.8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours one-way	Very Strenuous, 3,200-foot gain
Valley Floor Loop	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	13 miles full loop, 5 to 7 hours	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.

Featured Hike

Dewey Point (Moderate)

Begin at the McGurk Meadow trailhead along the Glacier Point Road.

Trail Description:

8.2 miles (13.2 km) round-trip.
750 ft (225 m) elevation change;
4 to 6 hours round-trip.

Join in the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act by hiking to a vista point that showcases the beauty of Yosemite Valley, an astonishing landscape that is protected by the Wilderness Act.

Begin the trail to Dewey Point by following signs for the McGurk Meadow trail. The trail leads downhill 0.8 mile (1.3 km) to the lush McGurk Meadow and the site of an old cabin that belonged to shepherd John McGurk. Continue one mile (1.6 km) past the meadow to reach an intersection with the Pohono Trail.

Follow the Pohono Trail west (left) to Dewey Point, 4.1 miles (6.6 km) from the trailhead. Enjoy the unique views of El Capitan, Cathedral Rocks, Half Dome, and the Yosemite high country. Return the same way, or you can continue on the Pohono Trail west to more viewpoints and eventually the Tunnel View parking area 5.5 miles (8.9 km) beyond Dewey Point.

Things to know before you go:

- Bring and consume plenty of water and snacks along the way as you hike, keeping you hydrated and replenishing your energy.
- Wear appropriate, sturdy hiking footwear and bring extra layers for changing weather conditions (raingear, warmer layers, etc.).
- Check the weather before you go and be prepared for any changes. Retreat from exposed mountaintops, high ridges, and open granite slabs at the first sign of thunder or lightning.
- Carry a flashlight with extra batteries, a first-aid kit, and any additional medications you might need during the hike.



50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act

September 3, 1964 - 2014



High granite peaks and a subalpine meadow in Yosemite's Wilderness. *Photo by Mark Fincher*

Yosemite is honoring more than one anniversary this year. The preservationist impulse that began with the Yosemite Grant 150 years ago reached its zenith 50 years ago, with the signing of the Wilderness Act on September 3, 1964. The Wilderness Act's roots come from the same era as the NPS Organic Act (signed in 1916), and share some of the same language, but it provides even more protection for the public lands so designated.

The idea for a separate law to protect wilderness was driven by the increase in development after the Second World War. Those who wanted to protect remaining wild lands were alarmed by the rapid loss of those places due to the fast pace building of highways, reservoirs, housing tracts, resorts, and other developments. They sought permanent protection for the tiny remnants of undeveloped public land remaining.

The Wilderness Act was passed during the civil rights era, and the Act's sponsors realized that not everyone would want to visit wilderness. Like other acts passed in that era, it protects a minority right – the right of those who desire “outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.” All of those involved in the creation of the law, however, emphasized that the most important values of wilderness were not recreational.

At the heart of the Act is this definition: “A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man. . . .” Untrammelled doesn't mean “untrampled,” or

pristine, instead it refers to the free play of natural forces in areas where natural conditions and processes are not manipulated. The law establishes wilderness areas as places where we practice humility and restraint in our relation to the land; where we do without our powerful tools that would let us dominate and control the natural world.

In doing so the Act protects many other values as well. Designated wilderness areas serve to provide clean air and water, refuge for species suffering from habitat alteration, a natural laboratory for studying relatively undisturbed ecosystems, and a classroom for coming generations.

“Solitude,” “primitive” and “unconfined” may not be words that many would associate with Yosemite Valley, Glacier Point, or many other popular Yosemite locations. Yet the views from these locations- Yosemite Falls, Half Dome, El Capitan- are protected by the Wilderness Act, As are the lands far beyond



The signing of the Wilderness Act on September 3, 1964

the famous landmarks- where solitude and primitive, unconfined experiences can be easily found. On September 28, 1984, Congress designated most of the park as the Yosemite Wilderness. So wilderness in Yosemite is celebrating two anniversaries this September!

As we celebrate the Act's 50th anniversary we owe a tribute to the many visionary people who wrote and passed the Act: Howard Zahniser, the Act's primary author, David Brower, one of its leading advocates, legislators like John Saylor and Hubert Humphrey, and many, many others. The Wilderness Act took eight years to pass, but the long legislative journey resulted in a short, well-crafted law. As one of the legislators stated, “Perhaps there is no other act that was scanned and perused and discussed as every sentence in the Wilderness Act.”

The Wilderness Act was passed “In order to assure that an increasing population, accompanied by expanding settlement and growing mechanization, does not occupy and modify all areas within the United States. . . .” The pressure to “occupy and modify” continues, but the Act, above all, was an attempt to provide permanent protection. It is prefaced by the phrase “For the permanent good of the whole people. . . .” When the Wilderness Bill passed the House on July 30, 1964, Wallace Stegner's “Wilderness Letter” was read on the floor. Stegner had written the letter as part of a report to Congress during the legislative battle. In it, he says that wilderness, “a timeless and uncontrolled part of the earth,” is necessary as “a means of reassuring ourselves of our sanity as creatures, a part of the geography of hope.” With care it will continue to do so in 2064 and beyond. - *Story by Mark Fincher*

Supporting Your Park

Enhance the Visitor Experience

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

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

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



NatureBridge

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



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Through the support of donors, Yosemite Conservancy provides grants and support to Yosemite National Park to help preserve and protect Yosemite today and for future generations. The work funded by Yosemite Conservancy is visible throughout the park, from trail rehabilitation to wildlife protection and habitat restoration. The Conservancy is dedicated to enhancing the visitor experience and providing a deeper connection to the park through outdoor programs, volunteering and wilderness services. Thanks to dedicated supporters, the Conservancy has provided more than \$81 million in grants to Yosemite National Park. Donate now or learn more at www.yosemiteconservancy.org or call 800/469-7275.



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Over 10,100 volunteers donated more than 170,000 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.



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