

Yosemite Guide



Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

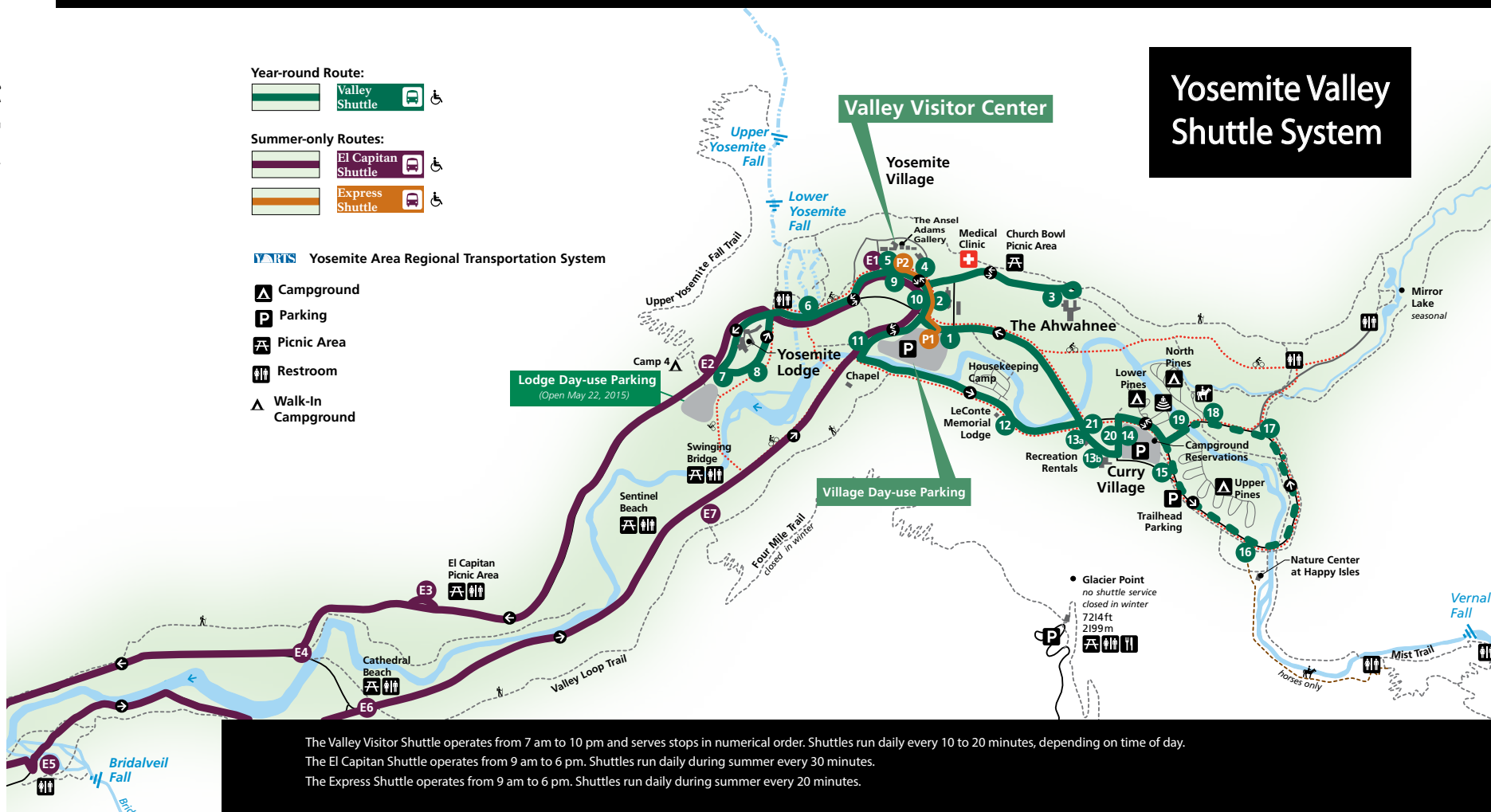
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Troop D, 9th Cavalry "Buffalo Soldiers" astride the Fallen Monarch, Mariposa Grove, 1904. NPS Photo



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Yosemite Valley Shuttle System



Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location
1	Visitor Parking	8	Yosemite Lodge	16	Happy Isles
2	40 Yosemite Village	11	Sentinel Bridge	17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
3	YARS The Ahwahnee	12	LeConte / Housekeeping Camp	18	Stable
4	Degnan's Deli	13a	21 Recreation Rentals	19	Pines Campgrounds
5	9 E1 YARS Valley Visitor Center	13b	YARS Curry Village	E3	El Capitan Picnic Area
6	Lower Yosemite Fall	14	20 Curry Village Parking	E4 E6	El Capitan Crossover
7	E2 Camp 4	15	Upper Pines Campground	E5	Bridalveil Fall
				E7	Four Mile Trail

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Seasonal Highlights

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

Celebrate Yosemite's 125th Birthday!

On October 1, 2015, the park will commemorate the 125th anniversary of the establishment of Yosemite National Park. President Benjamin Harrison signed the legislation, thereby creating the nation's third National Park. The establishment of Yosemite National Park preserved over 1,500 square miles of land including Tuolumne Meadows, the park's high country, Hetch Hetchy, and lands surrounding Yosemite Valley. Check out the Anniversary Website at www.nps.gov/yose/anniversary for information about events happening all year.

Great Things Are Happening in the Mariposa Grove!

The Restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias Project is now underway! On July 6, 2015, a temporary closure of the grove for up to 24 months began. The restoration project will restore the habitat and hydrology of the grove and improve visitors' experience and enjoyment. Trails will be improved providing universal access along with improved restrooms.

Take the FREE Shuttle from Yosemite Valley to Tuolumne Meadows!

Daily shuttle service is now available between Yosemite Valley and the Tuolumne Visitor Center. Along with scheduled stops, the bus will stop at various trailheads along the way, when there are requests, as long as there is a safe place for the bus to pull off the road completely. Seating is first come/first serve and subject to availability. (See page 10 for more 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, Yosemite Indians and more. (See pages 6, 7, 9, and 11 for details.)



Upper Yosemite Fall NPS Photo

Get outside and enjoy your park!

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

Visit the Yosemite Museum

Visit the Yosemite Museum Learn about Yosemite Indians by exploring a museum collection that includes remarkable woven baskets and traditional dress. Tour the outdoor Indian Village or talk with an Indian cultural demonstrator. The Yosemite Museum is located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stops #5 and #9.

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. Some have fees, some are free. Learn more

and sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village. Shuttle stops #5 and #9. (See pages 5 and 6.)

Go to the Theater

After a day filled with exploring, relax and enjoy an evening at the Yosemite Theater. Yosemite Theater presents a variety of performances, including inspiring films, plays based on some of the park's most colorful characters, and celebrations of Yosemite's culture and history. (See page 6 for show descriptions and schedules.)

Yosemite Art Center Workshops

Yosemite Conservancy invites you to participate in one of our enriching and fun plein air art workshops in Yosemite Valley, held Monday through Saturday from 9:45am to 2pm. There is a registration fee of \$10 per workshop/person. To register in advance, call 209/372-1442. Walk-ins are welcome when space is available. Workshops meet at the Yosemite Art Center, located next to the Village Store. Come by and browse our selection of art supplies, gifts, and original artwork! Open daily from 9am to 4:30pm (closed at 12pm for lunch). (See page 6 for details.)

Get Outdoors with Yosemite Conservancy

Are you looking for a memorable way to explore Yosemite, tailored to your own interests and ability? Our expert naturalist-guides will deeply enhance your understanding of the park as you walk among Yosemite's famous cliffs, trees and waterfalls. Whether you'd like to explore the park's flora and fauna during a gentle saunter along the river or learn about Yosemite's geology while taking an exhilarating and vigorous hike, we'll help you create the perfect outdoor experience. Contact us to plan a Custom Adventure for your family or group. Visit yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or 209/379-2317 x10 to find your adventure today. (See page 6 for details.)

Adventure Out with the Yosemite Mountaineering School

Yosemite Mountaineering School provides outdoor adventures for people of all experience levels. We are here to help you learn how to enjoy the woods safely and responsibly. Give us a call to join one of our group classes or schedule a custom outing designed specifically for your group. We offer professional guides for hiking, backpacking and rock climbing. Reservations required. Call 209/372-8344 or email yms@dncinc.com

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.



Sign Language interpreting is available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at 209/379-5250 (v/txt). Two weeks 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. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.

Emergency Information

Emergency Dial 911

Yosemite Village Garage offers 24-hour emergency roadside assistance

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

Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley) Open 7 days per week from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM for primary and urgent care needs. Phone: 209/372-4637

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, email yose_lostandfound@nps.gov

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Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Entrance Fees

Non-commercial car, pickup truck, RV, or van with 15 or fewer passenger seats Valid for 7 days (No per-person fee)

\$30/vehicle April through October
\$25/vehicle November through March

Motorcycle Valid for 7 days
\$15/motorcycle

Individual Valid for 7 days
\$15
(In a bus, on foot, bicycle, or horse)

Yosemite Pass
\$60
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

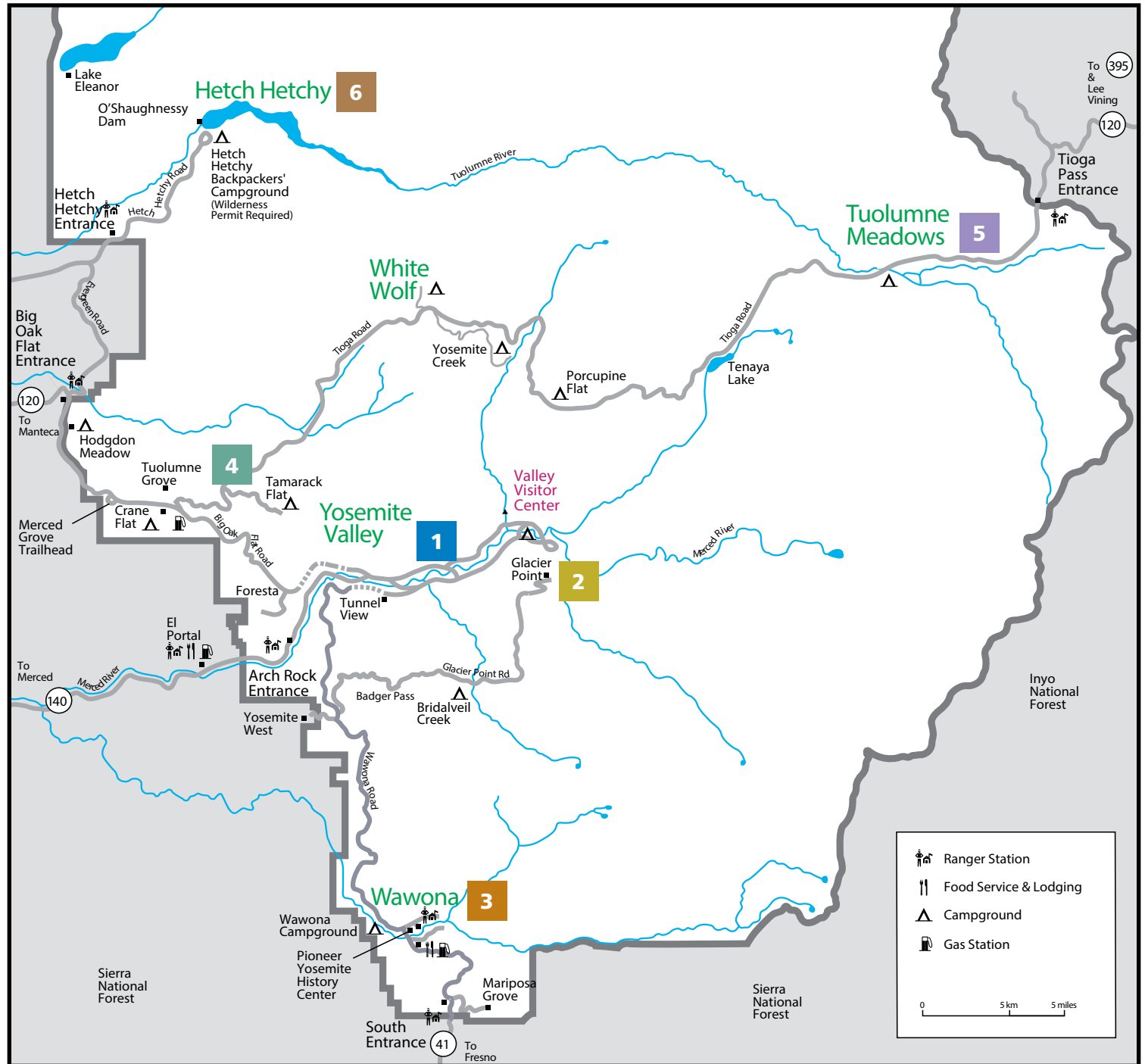
Highway 132/49
Coulterville Visitor Center
209/878-3329

Highway 140/49
Calif. Welcome Center, Merced
800/446-5353 or 209/724-8104
www.yosemite-gateway.org

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



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, thunderous waterfalls, including the tallest in North America, and attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls slows to trickle by August, a half-day 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 provides a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and Yosemite's high country. It is located 30 miles (one-hour drive) from both, Yosemite Valley and Wawona, taking the Wawona Road (Highway 41), to Chinquapin, then turning onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating view, as you stand 3,214 feet above Yosemite Valley. **Starting July 6, a free shuttle service will run from Badger Pass to Glacier Point. The shuttle will be required when the Glacier Point parking lot is full; however, visitors with accessibility placards, valid wilderness permits for trailheads along Glacier Point Road, or camping at Bridalveil Creek Campground will be allowed to continue. The Glacier Point shuttle will begin running at 10am. The last shuttle from Glacier Point leaves at 5:30pm, and from Badger Pass at 4:30pm.*



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. **Starting July 6, 2015, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias will close for restoration.** 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 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 high 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 1¼-hour drive from Yosemite Valley. Trailers, vehicles over 25 feet long, RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.



Hetch Hetchy. Photo by Clarisa Flores

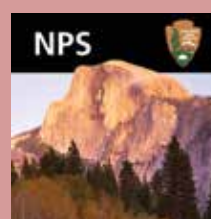
DID YOU KNOW?

- Troopers from the Ninth Cavalry built the first museum (arboretum) in what would become the National Park System here in Wawona in 1904?
- Entrance stations were primarily created by U.S. Army troops in Yellowstone, Sequoia, and Yosemite to check for firearms and prevent poaching?
- The first National Park Ranger uniforms in 1916 were nearly identical to the U.S. Army uniforms of the day?
- Buffalo Soldiers built the first usable wagon road into Sequoia's Giant Forest, and the first trail to the top of Mt. Whitney in 1903?

Want the Guide on your Apple or Android device?

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!



iPhone/iPad



Android

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 about Yosemite's natural and cultural history every day. 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 permitted on paved bicycle paths.

Tours

Tours listed in the next column 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. Be sure to ask about Twilight and Moonlight tram tours, too!

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

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

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

Mule & Horseback Rides

Two and four-hour horse or mule rides begin at the stable near North Pines Campground. Stable hours are 7am to 5pm daily. For more information call 209/372-8348. Reservations are strongly recommended.

Sightseeing

Some of the famous landmarks in Yosemite Valley include:

- **Yosemite Falls** gives the Valley an extra touch of life when it's flowing with spring runoff. You can walk to its base or take the strenuous trail to its top (see page 17).
- **Half Dome**, Yosemite's most distinctive monument, dominates most views in Yosemite Valley. Forces of uplift, erosion from rivers and glaciers, and rockfall all shaped this famous feature into what we see today. Cook's Meadow, Sentinel Bridge, Tunnel View, and Glacier Point, are just a few locations with stunning views of Half Dome.
- **El Capitan**, a massive granite monolith, stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. From spring to fall, climbers come from all over the globe to scale El Capitan.
- **Happy Isles** is a place to see dramatic natural processes at work. It is easily reached by shuttle at stop #16 or by walking from Curry Village. Cross the footbridges onto the isles or wander through outdoor and indoor exhibits detailing Yosemite's geologic story.
- **Tunnel View**, along Wawona Road (Hwy 41) provides a classic view of Yosemite Valley, El Capitan, Half Dome, Sentinel Rock, Cathedral Rocks, and Bridalveil Fall. It is spectacular at sunset or after the clearing of a storm.

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

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Yosemite Village

Degnan's Loft

11am to 9pm

Degnan's Delicatessen

7am to 6pm

Degnan's Cafe

11am to 5pm

Village Grill

11am to 5pm

The Ahwahnee

Dining Room

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Lunch: 11:30am to 3pm

Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm

Sunday Brunch: 7am to 3pm

Appropriate attire respectfully required for dinner.

Reservations strongly recommended for dinner 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 9pm

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

Mountain Room Lounge

Monday - Friday

4:30pm to 11pm

Saturday & Sunday

Noon to 11pm, food service until 10pm

Mountain Room Restaurant

5pm to 9pm

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

Curry Village

Coffee Corner/Ice Cream

6am to 10pm - with ice cream service beginning at 11am

Curry Village Bar

Noon to 10pm

Pavilion

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Pizza Deck

Noon to 10pm

Meadow Grill

11am to 7pm

Guest Lounge

8am to 10pm

Happy Isles Snack Stand

11am to 7pm (weather permitting)

BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL

Yosemite Village

The Ansel Adams Gallery

9am to 6pm

Yosemite Art Center

9am to 4:30pm, closed for lunch at 12pm

Yosemite Bookstore

9am to 5pm

Inside Yosemite Visitor Center

9am to 5pm

Yosemite Museum Store

9am to 5pm

Valley Wilderness Center

8am to 5pm

Village Store

8am to 10pm

Habitat Yosemite

10am to 5pm

Sport Shop

9am to 6pm

Ahwahnee

The Ahwahnee Gift Shop

8am to 10pm

The Ahwahnee Sweet Shop

7am to 10pm

Yosemite Lodge

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

Nature Shop

10am to 8pm

Curry Village

Mountain Shop

8am to 8pm

Yosemite Mountaineering School

8:30am to Noon and 1pm to 4:30pm

(weather permitting)

Curry Village Gift & Grocery

8am to 10pm

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Exhibits and store, 9:30am to 5pm

Yosemite Valley

Where to go and what to do



Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore are open from 9am to 5pm. The visitor center is 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 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

Yosemite Viewed: 19th and 20th Century Landscape Paintings

This exhibit features a selection of landscapes from the Yosemite Museum collection

ranging from Thomas Ayres' 1855 drawing to contemporary artwork by participants of the Yosemite Artist-in-Residence program. Works by Albert Bierstadt, Thomas Moran, Chris Jorgensen, Chiura Obata, and others will be included. The Cosmopolitan Register, which includes signatures of prominent visiting artists, and the Cosmopolitan interactive, will be part of the display. Yosemite Museum Gallery, June 1 through September 30, open daily from 9am to 5pm; from October 1 through November 1, open daily from 10am to noon, and 1pm to 4pm.

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.

LeConte Memorial Lodge

LeConte Memorial Lodge is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm, with evening programs Friday and Saturday evenings. Free evening programs are scheduled for 8pm and are limited to 50 guests. The Lodge has a library, a children's corner, and a new climate change exhibit. The Lodge is located at shuttle stop #12.

Nature Center at Happy Isles

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

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Located 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:

"Set in Stone"

Between June 29 and August 9, The Ansel Adams Gallery will host an exhibition titled "Set in Stone," celebrating the perennial grandeur of our solid earth. Imagery will showcase scenery from Yosemite and beyond, with work by Ted Orland, Charles Cramer, Vaughn Hutchins, Tom Mallonee, Bill Atkinson and Jeff Conley.

"In Our Time"

From casual sightseers to stalwart pilgrims, Yosemite National Park lures people of all backgrounds to its hallowed valley and sculpted mountain tops. Artists have been among the most prominent groups persuaded to make this journey, dating all the way back to the late 1850's when photographer Charles Weed trekked into the valley for the first time. Other photographers, painters and writers were to follow, and the tradition continues to this day. Starting on August 10 and running through September 13, 2015, The Ansel Adams Gallery is proud to present the exhibit "In Our Time," featuring imagery from the community artists currently living and working in the national park. This exhibit is a diverse selection of photography and paintings that showcase a great array of talent and backgrounds, that have arrived at this current place in time, drawn together by the allure of Yosemite.

Yosemite Mountaineering School

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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 noon
Yosemite Lodge
Post Office
Monday-Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

GROCERIES AND TOURS

Yosemite Village
Village Store Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Degnan's Deli
7am to 6pm
Tour Desk - Village Store
7:30am to 3pm
Yosemite Lodge
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Bicycles Rentals
8:30am to 8pm
Last bike goes out at 6:45pm.
Tour Desk
7:30am to 7pm
Curry Village
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Bicycle Rentals
8:30am to 8pm
Last bike goes out at 6:45pm.
Raft Rentals
Closed for the Season
Stables
7am to 5pm
Reservations highly recommended.
209/372-8348
Tour Desk
7:30am to 3pm
Housekeeping Camp
Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm

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 6pm

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

July 29, 2015 - September 1, 2015



Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy is passionate about sharing the wonders of Yosemite through our year-round Outdoor Adventures. From backpacking to botany and birding, our wide range of programs offers something for every Yosemite adventurer.

- Aug 1** Yosemite Birds & Trees: Whitebark Pine & Clark's Nutcracker
- Aug 6-9** Paint Yosemite: Tuolumne Meadows en Plein Air
- Aug 7** Yosemite Day Hike: The John Muir Trail with a Sierra Nevada Expert
- Aug 8** Survival Scavenger Hunt: Tuolumne Meadows
- Aug 9** Yosemite Day Hike: Bennettville with a Sierra Nevada Expert
- Aug 13-16** Backpack to Lyell Glacier: Last of its Kind
- Aug 15-16** Explore Tuolumne Meadows: Birds & Blooms
- Aug 21-23** Yosemite Painting: Capture Tuolumne Meadows in Watercolor
- Aug 26-29** Backpack Half Dome: Two Night Summit Challenge
- Aug 29-30** Botany Walk: Alpine Lakes and Flowers in Tuolumne Meadows
- Aug 29-30** Yosemite Photography: High Country Landscapes and Light

Find detailed information and register for your adventure at yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or call 209/379-2317 x10. Camping and park entry are included; additional lodging options are available. Custom Adventures can 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 Theater (YC)

Yosemite Theater offers entertainment and inspiration through a variety of live performances. Revel as park ranger Shelton Johnson and other performers bring the park's adventures to life! All shows start at 7pm. Tickets: \$8 adults, \$4 children, available at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Bookstore.

Sundays (through Sep 27) Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1903. Learn how the Buffalo Soldiers protected our first national parks in this film and presentation with ranger Shelton Johnson.

Mondays (through Oct 5) Yosemite Search and Rescue. Join veteran Yosemite Search and Rescue ranger John Dill for lively stories about emergency response missions in Yosemite National Park.

Tuesdays (through Oct 6) Creative Fusion: Exploring the Nature of the Sierra Nevada. Enjoy an interactive family show with park ranger Erik Westerlund, who uses art to explore Sierra Nevada nature and science. Free for children.

Wednesdays (through Aug 26) Yosemite Nature Notes: Filmmaking on the Edge. Find out how cinematographer Steve Bumgardner crafts films for the popular Yosemite Nature Notes series, shot in some of the most beautiful locations on earth.

Thursdays & Fridays (through Aug 28) Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey. See the beauty of Yosemite in this stirring film, which is followed by a discussion with renowned rock-climber Ron Kauk.

Yosemite Art Center Workshops (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy invites you to join one of our celebrated artists for a hands-on art experience in Yosemite Valley. Art workshops are offered Monday through Saturday, starting at 9:45am and ending at 2pm.

- Jul 27-Aug 1** Capturing the Splendor of Yosemite in Sepia with Bill Bartelt
- Aug 3-8** Beautiful Summer Watercolor with Linda Mitchell
- Aug 10-15** Paint the Park Fast and Loose with David Peterson
- Aug 17-22** Glowing Pastel Landscape with Anne Thiermann and Erika Perloff
- Aug 24-29** Long Live Print! A Printmaking Introduction with Denise Newberry
- Aug 31-Sep 5** Capture the Beauty: Watercolor with Osamu Saito

All workshops meet at the Yosemite Art Center, located next to the Village Store in Yosemite Village. The registration fee is \$10 per participant per day, and art supplies are available for purchase. Workshops are typically held outside (weather and media permitting). Find detailed information at yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Pastor Brent Moore - Resident Minister
209/372-4831 • www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org

Sunday Morning Services
9:15am (Sunday School available)
11am (Memorial Day-Labor Day ONLY, no Sunday School)
Sunday Evening Service/Bible Study
6:30pm
Thursday Midweek Service
7:00pm

ROMAN CATHOLIC
Saturday, 6pm, Lower Pines Amphitheater, Shuttle Bus stop #19
Sunday, 10am at Valley Visitor Center Auditorium,
209/372-4729

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

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
Christian Sabbath Worship at Lower River Amphitheater, east of Housekeeping Camp
Saturday, May 23 to September 5
9:45am Music/Sabbath School
11am Worship, 12:30pm Potluck
www.facebook.com/YosemiteSDAChurch

LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Sacrament Meeting, Sundays 1pm to 1:45pm
May 24 to Labor Day, Yosemite Valley Chapel

A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN THE NATIONAL PARKS
Sunday Campground Services
9am Lower Pines Campgrounds
10am Wawona/Tuolumne Meadows Campgrounds

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
7:30pm Sunday, Tuesday, & Thursday
DN General Office Bldg. Yosemite Village.
LIONS CLUB
First and third Thursday of each month at noon, The Ahwahnee. Call 209/372-1464.

MORNING

Sunday	9:00am	CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DN) ♿
	9:30am	Adventure Hike - Vernal/Nevada Falls 6 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Curry Village Mountaineering School. (DN) \$
	10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (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	CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DN) ♿
	9:00am	Bike to Hike Tour 2.5hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Curry Village Bike Stand. (DN) \$
	9:45am	Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. See workshop details to the left. (YC) \$
Tuesday	10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	8:15am	Adventure Hike - Panorama Trail With One-Way Glacier Point Bus Ride 8 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DN) \$
	9:00am	Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) ♿
Wednesday	9:45am	Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. See workshop details to the left. (YC) \$
	10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <p>Programs printed in ALL CAPS AND COLOR are especially for children and their families.</p> </div>	
Thursday	9:00am	Bike to Hike Tour 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DN) \$
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	10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK (Except August 12) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
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Friday	9:00am	Discovery Hike - Vernal Falls Bridge 3.5 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DN) \$
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10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿	
10:00am	RANGER WALK - AHWAHNEECHEE STORIES AND GAMES 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿	

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



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



A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors. Contact 209/372-4726 (TTY) or 209/ 379-1035 to request an interpreter. Advance notice of 2 days is requested.



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

	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Sunday	<p>12:30pm 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) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:30pm Beginner Art Workshop 2.5 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. (YC) \$</p> <p>2:30pm JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk - Bears 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm GREAT YOSEMITE FAMILY ADVENTURE 2.5 hrs. Family guided treasure hunt with GPS units. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DN) \$</p> <p>3:30pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DN) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm Yosemite and the Mariposa Grove: A Preliminary Report (August 9 Only) 1 hr. A 150th Anniversary Ceremony of Frederick Law Olmsted's "Yosemite and the Mariposa Grove: A Preliminary Report." Lower River Amphitheater, east of Housekeeping Camp. (NPS)</p> <p>4:30pm Meet Your Yosemite 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. (DN) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16, look for temporary signs. (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater - Frederick Law Olmsted, Passages in the Life of an Unpractical Man (August 9 Only) 1 hr. A free, special performance of a one-man play by Gerry Wright. (YC/NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater - Yosemite through the Eyes of a Buffalo Solider, 1903 (Except August 9) 1.5 hrs. Film and presentation by ranger Shelton Johnson. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DN) ♿</p> <p>8:00pm Ranger Evening Program - Wild About Bears 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DN) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DN/AAC) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DN) \$ ♿</p>
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Programs printed in **ALL CAPS AND COLOR** are especially for children and their families.

Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point



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

Explore History, Discover Giant Trees, and Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

Wawona

Coffee with a Ranger

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

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.

Ranger Evening Programs

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

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.

Mule and Horseback Rides

Horse or mule rides begin at the Wawona stable. Stable hours are 7am to 5pm, conditions permitting. Two-hour rides are offered at 9am, 12pm and 3pm. It is required to arrive an hour early before ride. Reservations are highly recommended and can be made by calling 209/372-6502.

Pioneer Yosemite History Center

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

Experience Horse-Drawn Travel

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

Blacksmith Shop

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

Mariposa Grove

Great Things Are Happening In The Mariposa Grove!

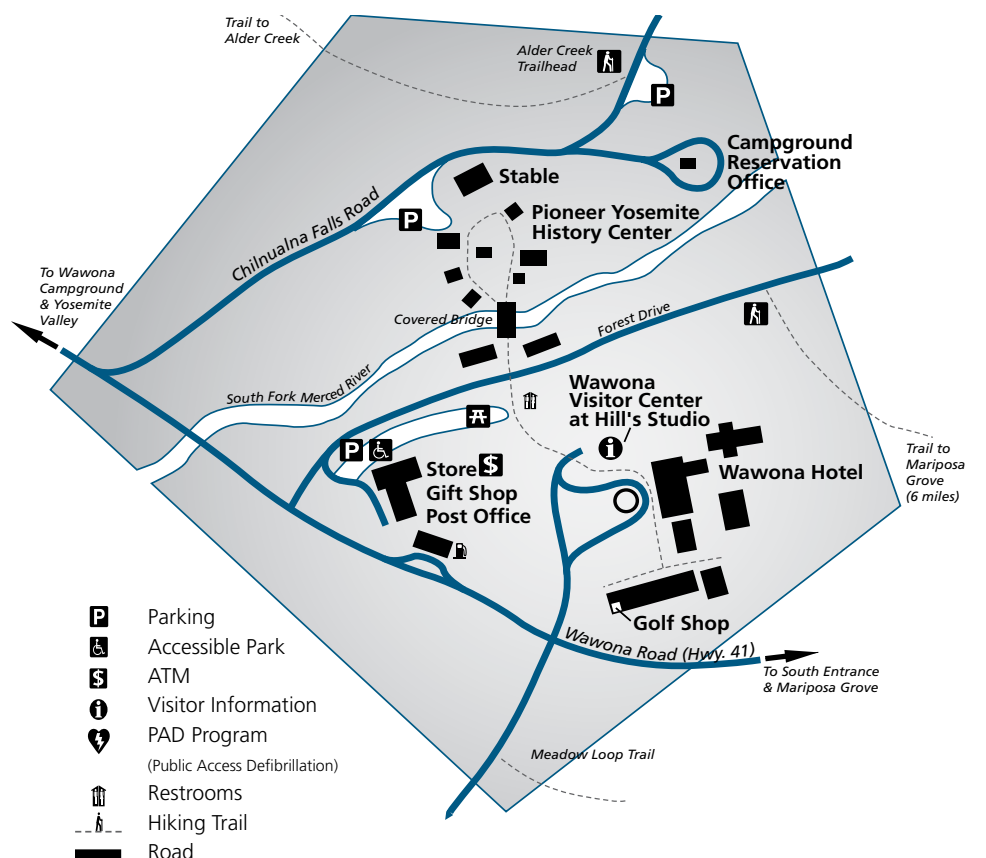
The Restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias Project is now underway! On July 6, 2015, a temporary closure of the grove for up to 24 months began. The restoration project will improve the habitat and restore the hydrology of the Mariposa Grove and improve visitors' experience and enjoyment of the grove. Trails will be improved providing universal access along with improved restrooms.

The Mariposa Grove Road is closed to all public access, including bicycle and pedestrian traffic. Hiking trails within the grove are also closed.

Glacier Point

Free Shuttle Service Between Badger Pass and Glacier Point

Between 10am and 4:30pm, visitors will be directed to the Badger Pass parking area. The 30-minute shuttle route includes stops at Sentinel Dome/Taft Point Trailhead and Washburn Point with additional stops upon request at McGurk Meadow, Ostrander Lake, and Mono Meadow trailheads. Visitors with accessibility placards, valid wilderness permits for trailheads along Glacier Point Road, or camping at Bridalveil Creek Campground will be allowed to continue to their destinations. The last shuttle will depart Glacier Point at 5:30 pm.





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 2pm
Lounge Service: 5pm to 9:30pm

Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm
Reservations taken for six or more at 209/375-1425

Saturday BBQ: 5pm to 7pm,
September 5 is last BBQ of season

Golf Shop & Snack Stand

8am to 6pm (when Golf Course is open)

Glacier Point

Snack Stand

10am to 5pm, conditions permitting

GROCERIES

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop

8am to 8pm

GIFTS & APPAREL

Wawona

Wawona Store & Pioneer Shop

8am to 8pm

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio

8:30am to 5pm

Glacier Point

Gift Shop

9am to 6pm

POST OFFICE

Wawona Post Office

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

GAS STATION

Wawona Gas Station

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

GOLF

Wawona Hotel Golf Course

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

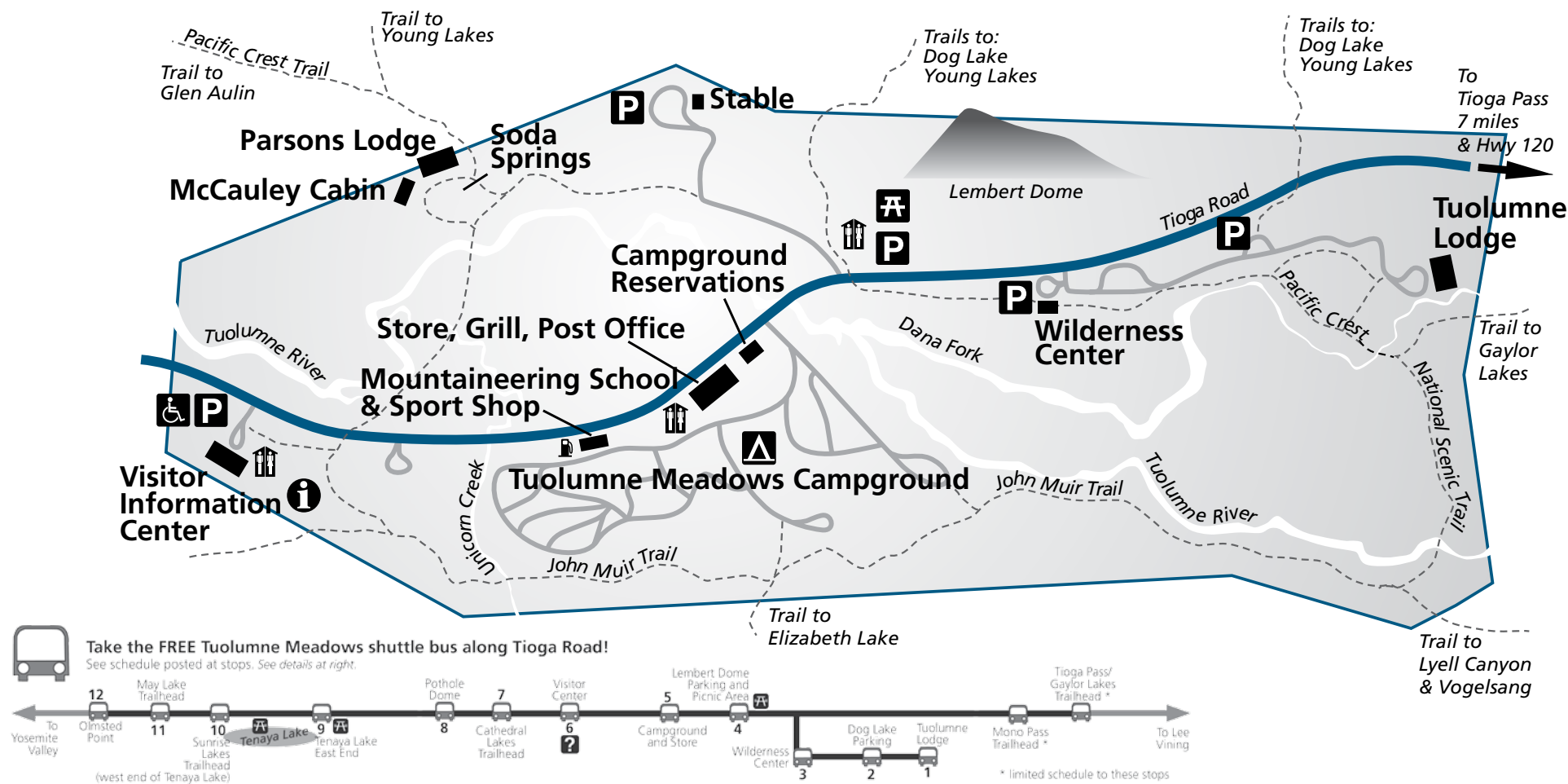
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Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat



Tuolumne Meadows

• Please walk on official trails to protect fragile meadow ecosystems.

• Dogs, 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
Open 9am to 6pm. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays

FREE Hikers Bus from Yosemite Valley to Tuolumne Meadows

The free shuttle departs from Yosemite Valley three times a day, starting from Curry Village at 7:45am, 8:45am and 1:30pm, and from Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center at 10:15am, 1:15pm and 7pm. Visit a Tours and Activity desk for exact schedule.

Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley Cabin, and Soda Springs

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

Just for Kids

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

Ranger Walks

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

Evening Activities

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

Mule and Horseback Rides

Two-hour horse or mule rides begin at the Tuolumne Meadows stable. Stable hours are 7:30am to 5pm, conditions permitting. Reservations are highly recommended and can be made by calling 209/372-8427.

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.

Parsons Memorial Summer Series

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

Saturday, August 1

Ooohation! Singers
2:00pm to 3:30pm

A performance of nature-inspired music by young singers led by hammer dulcimer player Malcolm Dalglish, singers Joshua Stephen Kartes, Sylvester Makobi, Naomi Dalglish, and Charlie Jessep

Sunday, August 2

A Centennial Celebration - Out of the Landscape: Parsons Memorial Lodge
2:00pm to 3:30pm

Illustrated talk and discussion with Gabrielle Harlan, Ph.D., architectural historian

Saturday, August 8

Climate Change in a Land of Extremes: Drought and Flood in California's Past, Present, and Future
2:00pm to 3:30pm

Illustrated talk and discussion with Daniel Swain, Ph.D. student, Earth System Science, Stanford University

Sunday, August 9

Mountain Inspiration
10:00am to Noon

Writing and yoga *en plein air* with Heather Sullivan, Balanced Rock co-founder and program director; bring a yoga mat or blanket, pen and paper, water, and appropriate layers of clothing.

The Shape of Things Gone Missing, The Shape of Things to Come
2:00pm to 3:30pm

Western landscapes in story and song by singer/songwriter Martha Scanlan and guitarist Jon Neufeld

19th Annual Tuolumne Meadows Poetry Festival

Saturday & Sunday, August 15 & 16

Morning workshops and afternoon readings with music featuring poets Camille Dungy, Leslie Harrison, Jay Leeming, and musician Shira Kammien

Saturday, August 15

Bringing the Outside In
10:00am to 11:30am

Poetry workshop with Camille Dungy

2:00pm to 3:30pm
Featured poets and music

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

Sunday, August 16

The Silence in the Song
10:00am to 11:30am

Poetry workshop with Leslie Harrison

2:00pm to 3:30pm
Featured poets and music

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

Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open 9am 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.

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 3½ miles north of Crane Flat and 4½ miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance along the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). The trail is marked by a sign and a post labeled B-10.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Tuolumne Meadows

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

White Wolf

Closed for 2015 due to building renovation.

GROCERIES

Tuolumne Meadows

Store
8am to 8pm
Crane Flat Store
8am to 8pm
24 Hour Pay at the Pump available

GIFTS & APPAREL

Tuolumne Meadows

Mountaineering School and Sport Shop
8:30am to 6pm
Tuolumne Meadows Bookstore
Inside the Visitor Center
9am to 6pm
Tuolumne Meadows Store
8am to 8pm
Big Oak Flat Information Center
9am to 5pm

POST OFFICE

Tuolumne Meadows

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

GAS STATIONS

Tuolumne Meadows

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

Crane Flat

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

FREE SHUTTLE BUS

Olmsted Pt. / Tuolumne / Tioga Pass

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

Yosemite Valley / Tuolumne Meadows

The FREE hiker's bus leaves Yosemite Valley three times a day, starting from Curry Village at 7:45am, 8:45am and 1:30pm. The bus departs from Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center at 10:15am, 1:15pm and 7pm. Visit a Tours and Activity desk for scheduled departures.

	TUOLUMNE MEADOWS	WHITE WOLF	HODGDON MEADOW, CRANE FLAT AND HETCH HETCHY
Sunday	8:00am	Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)	9:00pm Stars over White Wolf 1 hr. (Except August 16) Meet at the White Wolf Campfire Circle. (NPS)
	8:30am	Yosemite Day Hike: Bennettville with a Sierra Nevada Expert (August 9 Only) 8 hrs. Requires advanced reservation, please call 209/379-2317 x10. (YC) \$	
	9:00am	Ranger Walk - Sketching in Tuolumne (Except August 30) 3 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area. Bring sunglasses, sketchbook/journal, pen, and pencil with an eraser. (NPS)	
	10:00am	Ranger Hike - Lumbert Dome 3 hrs. Moderately strenuous 3 miles. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. Bring snacks and water. (NPS)	
	10:00am	Parsons Summer Series Program (August 9 Only) 2 hrs. See details on preceding page. (NPS)	
	10:00am	Poetry Workshop - The Silence in the Song (August 16 Only) 1.5 hrs. Parsons Lodge. Bring pen and paper. (NPS)	
	11:00am	Tenaya Lake Cleanup and Conversation with climber Ron Kauk 1.5 hrs. East end of Tenaya Lake, shuttle stop #9. (NPS)	
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
Monday	2:00pm	Parsons Summer Series (Except August 23 & 30) 1.5 hrs. See details on preceding page. (NPS)	
	2:00pm	Indians in the High Country (August 23 & 30 Only) 2 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area. (NPS)	
	3:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
	8:00pm	Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	
	8:00pm	Stars Over Mono Lake 1.5 hrs. Meet at South Tufa in Mono Basin. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS) ♿	
	8:00pm	Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	
Tuesday	10:00am	Ranger Walk - Domes and Meadows 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8. (NPS)	
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
	2:00pm	Ranger Walk - From Bears to Butterflies: High Country Wildlife 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office. (NPS)	
	3:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
	8:00pm	Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	
	8:00pm	Stars Over Mono Lake 1.5 hrs. Meet at South Tufa in Mono Basin. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS) ♿	
	9:15am	Ranger Hike - Gaylor Lakes Basin (Except August 4) 5-6 hrs. Strenuous. 5 miles. Meet at Gaylor Lakes parking lot at Tioga Pass. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS)	
	9:30am	Ranger Hike - Elizabeth Lake (August 4 Only) 5-6 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 5 miles. Meet at Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS)	
Wednesday	10:00am	Botanical Walk (NPS)	
	10:00am	August 4: Gaylor Ridge 2 hrs. Meet just outside of Tioga Pass Entrance Station on north side of road. Steep trail. August 11: Bennettville Mine 4 hrs. Meet at Tioga Lake turnout east of Tioga Pass. Bring lunch and raingear.	
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
	2:00pm	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8. (NPS)	
	3:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
	7:00pm	Ranger Walk - Sunset 45 mins. Lumbert Dome picnic area. (NPS).	
	8:00pm	Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	
	8:00pm	Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	
Thursday	7:30am	Ranger Walk - Birds (Except August 12) 3 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS)	
	8:00am	Run with a Ranger (Except August 12) 1.5 hrs. Strenuous. 4-5 miles. Lumbert Dome Picnic Area. Bring water and appropriate footwear. (NPS)	
	8:00am	Coffee with a Ranger (Except August 12) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)	
	10:00am	DISCOVERY WALK FOR LITTLE CUBS (Except August 12) 50 mins. Ages 4-6. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office. (NPS)	
	10:00am	Ranger Walk - Geology of Tuolumne Meadows (Except August 12) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8. (NPS)	
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except August 12) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
	1:30pm	Ranger Walk - The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River (Except August 12) 2 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area. (NPS)	
	3:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except August 12) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
Friday	7:00pm	CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS (Except August 12) 45 mins. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS) ♿	
	8:00pm	CAMPFIRE (Except August 12) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	
	9:30pm	Ranger Talk - Stars (Except August 12) 1 hr. Lumbert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	
	10:00am	Ranger Walk - Domes and Meadows 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8. (NPS)	
	11:00am	Ranger Hike - Tenaya Lake to Olmsted Point 4 hrs. Easy. 3 miles. East end of Tenaya Lake, shuttle stop #9. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS)	
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
Saturday	2:00pm	Ranger Walk - The Secret Life of Plants 2 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area. (NPS)	
	3:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
	7:00pm	Ranger Walk - Sunset 45 mins. Lumbert Dome picnic area. (NPS)	
	8:00pm	Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	
	8:00am	Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)	
	8:30am	Yosemite Day Hike: The John Muir Trail with a Sierra Nevada Expert (August 7 Only) 8 hrs. Requires advanced reservation, please call 209/379-2317 x10. (YC) \$	
	10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. (NPS)	
	10:00am	Ranger Walk - A Place Long Traveled: History of Tuolumne Meadows 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center shuttle stop #6. (NPS)	
Sunday	12:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
	1:00pm	Ranger Walk - High Country Hawk Watch 3 hrs. Gaylor Lakes trailhead. Steep. 1 mile. Binoculars available. (NPS)	
	3:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
	6:30pm	Ranger Walk - Music and Mountains 1 hr. 15 mins. Lumbert Dome picnic area. (NPS)	
	8:00pm	Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	
	7:30am	Ranger Walk - Birds 3 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS)	
	9:15am	Ranger Hike - Mono Pass (Except August 15) 6-8 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 8 miles. Meet at Mono Pass trailhead. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS)	
	10:00am	Survival Scavenger Hunt: Tuolumne Meadows (August 8 Only) 6 hrs. Requires advanced reservation, please call 209/379-2317 x10. (YC) \$	
	10:00am	Yosemite Birds & Trees: Whitebark Pine & Clark's Nutcracker (August 1 Only) 6 hrs. Requires advanced reservation, please call 209/379-2317 x10. (YC) \$	
	10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Lumbert Dome picnic area. (NPS)	
	10:00am	Poetry Workshop - Bringing the Outside In (August 15 Only) 1.5 hrs. Parsons Lodge. Bring pen and paper. (NPS)	
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
Monday	2:00pm	Parsons Summer Series Program (Except August 22 & 29) 1.5 hrs. See details on preceding page. (NPS)	
	2:00pm	Ranger Walk - Winter's A-Comin'! (August 22 & 29 Only) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8. (NPS)	
	3:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
	7:00pm	CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS 45 mins. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS) ♿	
	7:30pm	Parsons Summer Series Program (August 15 Only) 2.5 hrs. See details on preceding page. (NPS)	
	8:00pm	Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	
	9:30pm	Ranger Talk - Stars 1 hr. Lumbert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	
	7:00pm	Twilight Stroll 1 hr. Meet at the White Wolf Campfire Circle. (NPS)	
	1:00pm	Ranger in the Grove 2 hrs. (drop in) Meet the ranger down in the Tuolumne Grove of Sequoias. (NPS)	
	7:00pm	Black Bears of Yosemite 1 hr. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater.	
	7:30pm	Bats 1.5 hrs. Accompany a ranger to collect baseline bat data in Hodgdon Meadows. Sign up in advance at the Big Oak Flat Information Station or call 209/379-1899. (NPS)	
	2:00pm	Ranger on the Dam 2 hrs. (drop in) Meet the ranger on the O'Shaughnessy dam (NPS)	
7:30pm	Bats 2 hrs. Assist a Ranger in collecting baseline bat data in Crane Flat. Sign up in advance at the Big Oak Flat Information Station or call 209/379-1899. (NPS)		
9:00pm	Star Over Crane Flat 2 hrs. Sign up in advance at the Big Oak Flat Information Station or call 209/379-1899. (NPS)		
9:00am	Geology Walk (Except August 12) 1 hr. Meet at the White Wolf Campfire Circle. (NPS)		
2:00pm	Ranger in the Grove (Except August 12) 2 hrs. (drop in) Meet the ranger down in the Tuolumne Grove of Sequoias. (NPS)		
7:00pm	JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Meet at White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS)		
8:00pm	Bats 1.5 hrs. Accompany a ranger to collect baseline bat data in White Wolf. Sign up in advance on the White Wolf campground information board or call 209/379-1899. (NPS)		
8:00pm	Campfire Program 1 hr. Meet at the Crane Flat campground amphitheater. (NPS)		
8:00pm	Campfire Program 1 hr. Meet at the Crane Flat campground amphitheater. (NPS)		
8:00pm	Sub-alpine Plant and Wildflower Walk (Except August 15) 1.5 hrs. Meet at the White Wolf Campfire Circle. (NPS)		
8:00pm	Campfire Program 1 hr. Meet at the White Wolf Campfire Circle. (NPS)		
8:00pm	Campfire Program 1 hr. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow campfire Circle. (NPS)		

Become a Junior Ranger

Follow these steps to earn your Junior Ranger badge.*

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

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

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



Coyote



Black bear



Golden-mantled ground squirrel

Follow these steps to earn your Junior Ranger badge.*

Finished this page and have your Jr. Ranger badge? Ready for more Jr. Ranger activities? Drop by a visitor center desk and pick up the free PSAR Junior Ranger booklet or Legacy Jr. Ranger page to earn special patches!

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 "logging in." 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!

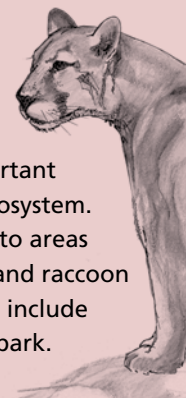
To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at 209/372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park's website (www.nps.gov/yose/bears).

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 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.

Emergency services operations at Yosemite National Park, which include search and rescue (SAR), ambulance, and firefighting, enjoy national recognition and are a great source of pride here at the Park. Yosemite has one of the busiest emergency services operations in the National Park system and our pride is based on the professionalism and personal and team dedication exhibited by all of our emergency services branches.

However, our active emergency operations tempo, which is very high throughout the summer, drives home an unfortunate point: all of our responses occur after something went wrong for someone(s). In most cases, the event triggering the emergency response was preventable.

To promote the well-being of all of our visitors, we offer a few tips to help you enjoy Yosemite National Park to the fullest:

AROUND WATER

There is no way to soften this one up. The swift moving and aerated water at Yosemite is a silent killer. Most drowning victims were not trying to swim but slipped from the river bank into the current or were merely wading in shallow water when the powerful current combined with a slick river bottom to sweep the person into the current and down the rapids or over a waterfall. Our rivers may be dangerous but they are beautiful and the following tips will let you safely enjoy our water:

- Stay back from any moving water. Even dry rocks can be slick.
- Emerald Pool and Hetch Hetchy Reservoir are off limits
- Carry enough water that you won't be tempted to approach a stream to refill your canteen
- Do not allow photography to entice you into entering a hazardous area for a better shot or to pose a person in a dangerous place
- Never cross a fence or railing
- Always stay on the trail

HIKING: STAY ON THE TRAIL

Many hiking mishaps occur because someone left the trail. Scrambling on boulders or traveling beyond railings or other barriers may put you one slip away from a fatal accident. Avoid shortcuts. Visitors sometimes get "ledged out" after cutting across trails.

HEALTHY OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AT YOSEMITE

The dog days of summer are upon us and while this can be a wonderful time to experience Yosemite, hot weather can present challenges. For your safety and enjoyment:

- Start pre-hydrating the night before and continue post-hydration the night of your physical activity
- Drink one quart (liter) of water for

every two hours of activity

- Due to the California drought, be aware that some of your past water sources might not be reliable this summer.
- Watch for early signs of dehydration including dry lips, light thirst, and infrequent urination or brownish urine
- Frequently snack on salty easy-to-digest foods to replace salts lost from sweating

AVOID HYPOTHERMIA

Did you know that freezing temperatures can occur in Yosemite's high country any month of the year? In short, if you plan to head for higher elevations, avoid making assumptions based on low elevation weather. Be prepared to layer, with synthetic or wool clothing as a base layer, and keep your nutrition up with high-energy foods.

YOSEMITE'S ROADS

What does Yosemite National Park have in common with the area where you live? Motor vehicle crashes are one of our most dangerous activities wherever there is vehicle traffic. Two common contributors to serious crashes at Yosemite: speeding and distracted driving. The beautiful scenery and abundant wildlife present quite a challenge for drivers to focus 100% on their task at hand but falling prey to any distractions can have deadly consequences.

Motor vehicles are also one of the leading causes of death for Yosemite's precious wildlife. To safely enjoy our scenery and wildlife, find a safe place to pull entirely off the travel portion of the roadway. Bottom line, please slow down and give 100% attention to your driving.

OUTDOOR TRAVEL

Here are a few other reminders before you hit the trail:

- Tell someone your plan and when you intend to return
- Carry a map and compass and know where you are at all times
- Altitude sickness can develop at elevations as low as 8,000 feet. Descend to a lower elevation should it develop
- Check the latest weather forecast and prepare for changes
- Bring a headlamp or flashlight and warm clothing layers in case you need to stay on the trail longer than expected.
- If you are on any medications, carry them on your hike
- Admire wildlife from a distance to prevent injury to you or animals

HANTAVIRUS INFORMATION

Mice are an important part of the ecosystem, but can carry diseases harmful to humans. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread to humans

via the droppings, urine, or saliva of infected rodents. Not all rodents are infected with hantavirus, but infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You may come into close proximity to rodents during your visit, so it is important you take steps to protect yourself from HPS. HPS risk is greater inside of buildings or other enclosures where deer mice are present. If staying in guest lodging, please tell the housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice in your accommodations. Do not clean up the area yourself. Keep doors to guest lodging shut and do not bring food into your cabin that is not in a sealed container. If you are camping and backpacking, do not pitch tents near rodent burrows or droppings. HPS often begins with flu-like symptoms such as aches, fever, and chills one to seven weeks after exposure, progressing to cough and difficulty in breathing. Seek medical attention immediately if you experience these symptoms and mention any potential rodent exposures to your physician. For more information on hantavirus 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 their fleas, which may carry plague.

On behalf of all of Yosemite's emergency services personnel, we wish you a safe and enjoyable visit and it is our sincerest wish that we only meet you when we are not acting in our professional capacity.



...and Yosemite's Wild Places

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 Wilderness and 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 permit requirements and regulations in place to protect park resources and those designed for your safety.

Wilderness Permit Details

Wilderness permits are required year round for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness. Permits are issued and bear canisters are available for rent at the Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center, the Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center, the Big Oak Flat Information Center, Hill's Studio in Wawona, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station during hours of operation. Check the website at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm or call the park's main phone line at 209/372-0200, for additional information. 60% of the trailhead quota is available in advance. Reservations are taken from 26 weeks to two days in advance of the start of your trip. A processing fee of \$5 per permit plus \$5 per person is charged to each confirmed reservation. Check the park's website for trailhead availability and call 209/372-0740. 40% of the trailhead quota is available for first come first serve. First come first serve permits are available the day of an opening and the day before starting at 11am.

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 2015, May 22 through October 12, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 preseason lottery permits have already been issued for 2015. In addition, approximately 50 permits will be released by daily lottery throughout the season based on estimated under-use and cancellation rates (exact number may change throughout the summer). Applications for daily lotteries will be accepted 2 days prior to the desired hiking date between midnight and 1 pm. To apply, visit Recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777. A non-refundable application fee applies to all submissions and a use fee applies to winning applicants. Finally, a daily quota of 75 Half Dome permits will be available to overnight users with an appropriate wilderness permit (use fee

applies). These permits may be acquired through early reservations (50 per day) or day before walk-up (25 per day). Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area may descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit.

More information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm>. For backpackers more information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm>.

Rafting

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

- The entire length of the Merced River in Yosemite Valley is closed to all flotation devices whenever the river gauge at Sentinel Bridge reads 6.5 feet or higher. Ask at a visitor center for conditions and obey all posted signs.

- You must wear or have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device immediately available.

- Fallen trees and other natural debris in the river create important habitat for fish and other wildlife. Be alert—they can also create hazards for rafters.

Fishing

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

- Trout season runs through November 15 (except Frog Creek near Lake Eleanor, which opens June 15).

- Special fishing regulations apply on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley from Happy Isles downstream to the Foresta Bridge in El Portal. Within these reaches of the river, it is catch-and-release only for rainbow trout. Brown trout limits are five fish per day. Only artificial lures or flies with barbless hooks may be used.

- The use of live or dead minnows, bait fish or amphibians, non-preserved fish eggs or roe is prohibited.

Pets

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

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

- Pets must be on a leash (6 feet or less) or otherwise physically restrained.

- For the courtesy of others, human companions are responsible for cleaning up and depositing pet feces in trash receptacles.

- Pets are not allowed in any lodging facilities or other buildings within the park and are not allowed in some campgrounds.

- Pets may not be tied to an object and left unattended.

Bicycling

Each season, plants are crushed from bicycle travel in meadows, campgrounds, and picnic areas. Please respect park resources and keep bicycles on paved roads and paved bicycle trails. Bikes are not allowed to travel off paved trails. Mountain biking opportunities are available in designated areas outside of Yosemite.

Yosemite Guardians

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park's most important guardians. With 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.

Camping



Camping in Yosemite. Photo by Ray Santos

General Info...

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

Services

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

Regulations

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

Campfires

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

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 7 am Pacific time. Log onto the website or call as soon as possible as some campgrounds fill within a few minutes of the opening period.

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

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

Hours:

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

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

Yosemite Valley

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

Camp 4 is a walk-in campground and is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis; these campsites are not wheelchair accessible. Sites are available on a per-person basis, and six people will be placed in each campsite, regardless of number of people in your party. Camp 4 often fills before 9 am each day, May through September.

Camping in Areas Surrounding Yosemite

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

Group Campgrounds

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



Campgrounds in Yosemite National Park*

CAMPGROUND	OPEN 2015 (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	Mar 23 - Nov 30	\$26	238	Yes	Tap
Lower Pines	Apr 6 - Nov 2	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$26	60	Yes	Tap
North Pines	Mar 30 - Nov 2	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$26	81	Yes	Tap
Camp 4	All year	No RVs/trailers	n/a	First-come, first-served	\$6/pers.	35	No	Tap
SOUTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Wawona	All year	35 ft	35 ft	Apr 13 - Oct 13	\$26	93	Yes	Tap
Bridalveil Creek	Jun 12 - Sep 21	35 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$18	110	Yes	Tap
NORTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Hodgdon Meadow	All year	40 ft	30 ft	Apr 13 - Oct 13	\$26	105	Yes	Tap
Crane Flat	May 22 - Oct 13	40 ft	30 ft	Yes	\$26	166	Yes	Tap
Tamarack Flat	May 20 - Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
White Wolf	Jun 12 - Sep 14	27 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$18	74	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Creek	Jun 5 - Sep 8	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	75	Yes	Creek (boil)
Porcupine Flat	Jun 5 - Oct 15	24 ft (limited)	20 ft	First-come, first-served	\$12	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
Tuolumne Meadows	May 30 - Sep 27	35 ft	35 ft	50%	\$26	304	Yes	Tap

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

Hiking



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

Choose your adventure

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

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

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

Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

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

Featured Hike

The Mist Trail to Vernal and Nevada Falls

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

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

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

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

Trail Description:

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

Things to know before you go:

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

In the Shadows of Giants

by Park Ranger Shelton Johnson



Did one of these Buffalo Soldiers accompany the Rockefeller's into the Mariposa Grove in 1899? NPS Photo of Company H, 24th Infantry

Families from around the world, and all walks of life, visit America's first protected natural area. It's common to hear many languages spoken in Yosemite, but among the Big Trees, the awe-struck speak the same tongue. Gasps, sighs, whispers, and cries fill the air, reflecting a specific dialect spoken throughout the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoia. In June of 1899, Gabriel Souvelewski was asked to escort an important family on their first visit to the Mariposa Grove. Because of Mr. Souvelewski's knowledge of the park gained from his service in the Army, as well as his subsequent duties as Park Supervisor, Mr. Souvelewski was an excellent ambassador for Yosemite.

He was accompanied on this assignment by an African American Twenty-Fourth Infantryman who would be responsible for taking care of the horses so that this family would be free to devote all of their attention on the marvels that they would soon encounter.

That buffalo soldier's name has been lost to history, but he was a "park ranger" before the term had been coined. Mr. Souvelewski, an immigrant from Poland, is remembered today for his development of Yosemite's trails.

Neither Souvelewski, nor the soldier, expected to be introduced to the Rockefellers, one of the wealthiest families in the United States. John D. Rockefeller and his party journeyed into the West during the spring and summer of 1899. Like many of today's visitors, they had an itinerary for their excursion, but unlike the majority of today's travelers, the Rockefellers travelled by train.

It took them nearly a week to travel by rail in the private cars "Convoy" and "Magenta" from New York City to Yosemite National Park.

There were stops along the way in Cleveland, Chicago, Colorado Springs, Salt Lake City, Ogden, and finally Raymond, CA, just south of the park, was reached just after 9 a.m. on June 2, 1899.

When Mr. Souvelewski, and the soldier who would serve as an orderly for the excursion to the Big Trees, were introduced to John D. Rockefeller, they also became acquainted with the other "members of the party," including Alta Rockefeller, the wife of John D., Mrs. William Rockefeller, Ethel and Miss Tracy; Mrs. Baird, and her daughter Marian; Elizabeth Swift, Mr. Ballard, and Mr. Richardson.

This was the family bound for a picnic in the Mariposa Grove on June 7, 1899.

It was a warm spring day. Snow had melted off the foothills, but the peaks were still white, and the nights were cold. It was quiet. Only 4,500 people visited Yosemite in 1899, so park roads and trails were empty compared to today.

Given that Souvelewski was "the guide," and the soldier was the fellow "taking care of the horses," both men rode ahead, not wishing to force themselves on the family. It's unclear who was more astonished when Mr. John D. Rockefeller caught up with them and expressed the desire to ride with them into the Mariposa Grove as one party.

From that point on, the Rockefeller Party included a former Polish immigrant who had become an administrator in Yosemite National Park, and a "colored" soldier who had served in the Spanish-American War.

They entered the grove. It was as it is today, a hidden sun, a place of diffuse radiance and shade, but much more still, more silent. In those days, you could really feel the weight of the giant sequoia all around you, and you felt utterly alone. Certainly there was bird song, chattering squirrels, the surprise of deer, but the general atmosphere was a profound solitude. You felt adrift, yet bound to something greater.

Gabriel Souvelewski was probably regretting that in his haste



Gabriel Souvelewski, NPS

to meet the family, he had neglected to make a lunch for himself, but he bore that inconvenience in silence. He had no idea if he would be offered lunch by the family that was in his care, and knew instinctively that his well being was probably not an immediate concern for Mr. John D. Rockefeller.

So, he was genuinely surprised when after the customary shock of seeing the Big Trees for

the first time had passed, Alta Rockefeller came over to him where he and the buffalo soldier sat together, and invited both of them to lunch.

Curious about the soldier, Mrs. Rockefeller began to question him about his experiences, and from that point on the soldier regaled the group with his exploits during the Spanish American War, "and a good time was had by all!"

Whatever social barrier that had stood between them beyond the borders of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoia had become in a few brief moments as insubstantial as a cloud between themselves and Creation. They had been distilled, boiled down, refined, and reduced by forest shade into something that was all the more human because of that silent reduction. Now there was a common humanity that was more apparent than the sun, a common state of being, and a common spirit.

In the Mariposa Grove, we're all just folk, just people.

On June 7, 1899, a member of one of the most prominent families in America invited their guide, and a buffalo soldier, to dine with them. Would this have occurred in any restaurant in New York City, or San Francisco at that time? Probably not, but it happened here in the Mariposa Grove, in the shadows of giants.

Epilogue

In June of 1999 I was asked to present my Buffalo Soldier Living History program to the National Park Foundation, and other distinguished guests, here in Yosemite Valley. I met the group, gave my presentation, and when the program concluded, former Deputy Secretary of the Interior John Garamendi introduced me to Diane Rockefeller who was also attending the event with her husband David.

I briefly spoke to her about this historic picnic in the Mariposa Grove, and intrigued she invited me to have lunch with her, her husband, and other guests. I had not been previously invited to this luncheon, but nevertheless found myself seated at their table where I spoke to David Rockefeller, Jr. about his family's trip to Yosemite 100 years earlier.

History had repeated itself! I was wearing a Ninth Cavalry uniform, and once again a Buffalo Soldier was invited to dine with the Rockefeller family in Yosemite National Park.

- Story by Shelton Johnson

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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Delaware North at Yosemite (DN) 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 DN 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 \$92 million in grants to Yosemite National Park. Learn more at yosemiteconservancy.org or call 1-800-469-7275.

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Habitat Protectors of Yosemite (HaPY)

Be part of the solution! Join park staff to help protect Yosemite's habitat through ecological restoration and litter cleanup projects. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to work one to three hours. Volunteers must wear long pants, closed-toe shoes. A hat and sun protection is recommended, and we encourage volunteers to bring water and snacks. All tools will be provided. Groups larger than 10 should contact the volunteer program in advance: 209/379-1850.



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