



# Yosemite Guide

Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

June 22, 2016 - July 26, 2016

The Yosemite Wilderness. Photo by Ryan Alonzo



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### Yosemite Name Changes

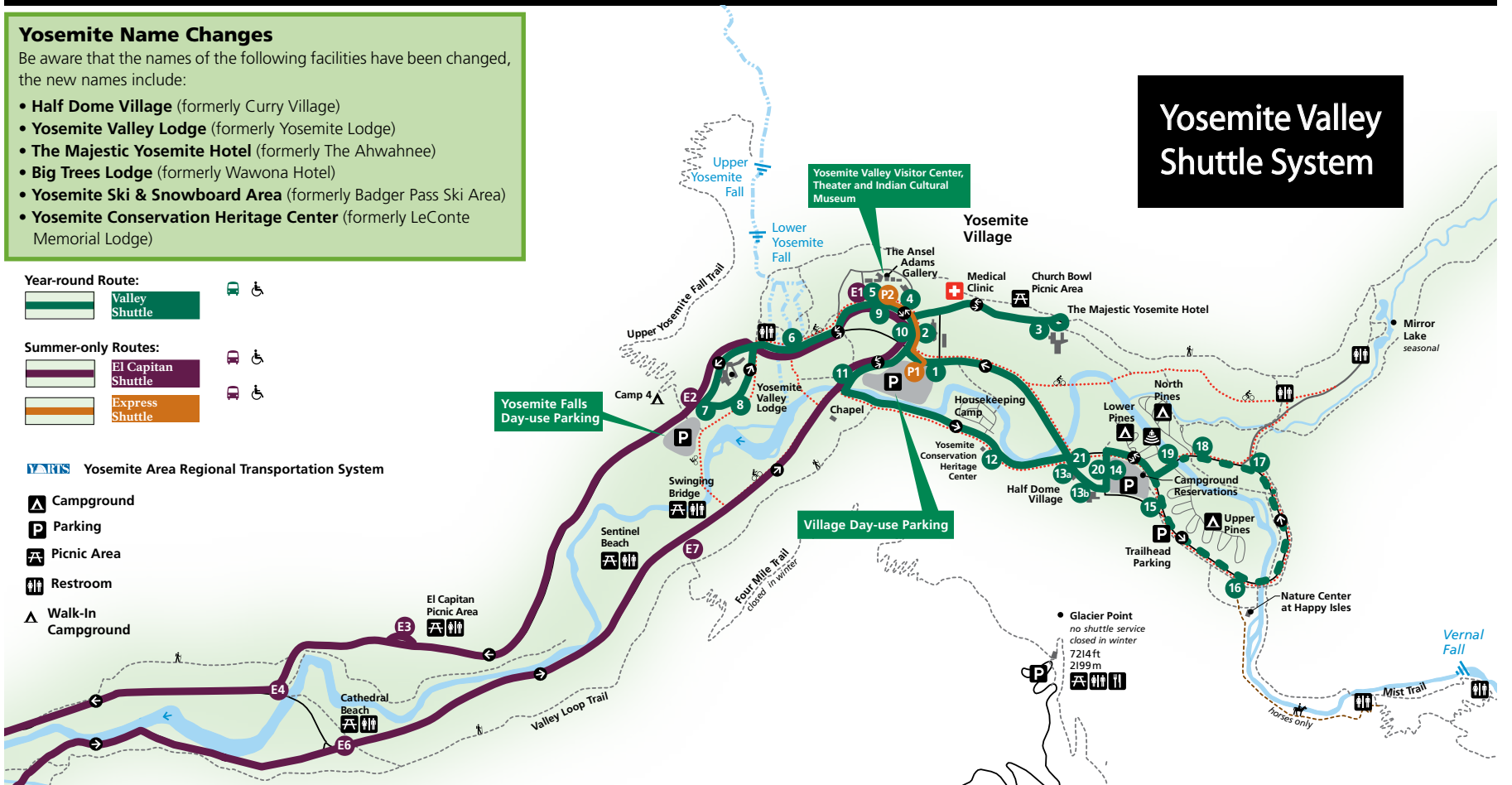
Be aware that the names of the following facilities have been changed, the new names include:

- **Half Dome Village** (formerly Curry Village)
- **Yosemite Valley Lodge** (formerly Yosemite Lodge)
- **The Majestic Yosemite Hotel** (formerly The Ahwahnee)
- **Big Trees Lodge** (formerly Wawona Hotel)
- **Yosemite Ski & Snowboard Area** (formerly Badger Pass Ski Area)
- **Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center** (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge)

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

### Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System

- A** Campground
- P** Parking
- PA** Picnic Area
- RR** Restroom
- WA** Walk-In Campground



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

Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location		
1	Visitor Parking	11	Sentinel Bridge	16	Happy Isles/ Mist Trail		
2	10	Yosemite Valley Lodge	12	Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center/ Housekeeping Camp	17	Mirror Lake Trailhead	
3	3	The Majestic Yosemite Hotel	13a	13a	18	North Pines Campground	
4	4	Degnan's Deli	13b	21	19	Pines Campgrounds	
5	9	5	Valley Visitor Center	13c	13c	E3	El Capitan Picnic Area
6	6	Lower Yosemite Fall	14	20	E4	E4	El Capitan Crossover
7	7	Visitor Parking/Camp 4	15	15	E5	E5	Bridalveil Fall
8	8	Yosemite Valley Lodge			E7	E7	Four Mile Trail

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# 2016 Centennial Highlights

## Celebrating 100 Years of Service!

The National Park Service turns 100-years-old on August 25, 2016! The Centennial will kick off a second century of stewardship of America's national parks and engaging communities through recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs. Join the celebration to explore, learn, discover, be inspired, or simply have fun in over 400 national parks. Visit [www.nps.gov/yose/anniversary](http://www.nps.gov/yose/anniversary) or [www.FindYourPark.com](http://www.FindYourPark.com) to find more information about celebration events happening in Yosemite throughout the year. Calendar:

**May 29, 2016**

### 90th Anniversary of the Museum

In honor of the 90th anniversary of the museum and the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service, there will be a special museum exhibit this summer.

**August 25, 2016**

### NPS 100th Anniversary

Celebrate with us. The day's events will include a public commemoration ceremony and a heritage fair with interactive activities and programs for visitors, stay tuned for more!

**August 25-28, 2016**

### NPS Birthday Weekend

Free admission to all National Parks in honor of the NPS Centennial.

**September 21-25, 2016**

### Yosemite Facelift

Join the National Park Service and the Yosemite Climbing Association for this official National Public Lands Day event, volunteering to pick up litter and performing special projects to help clean up Yosemite.

**September 24, 2016**

### National Public Lands Day

Free admission to all National Parks.

**November 11, 2016**

### Veterans Day

Free admission to all National Parks.



May Lake. Photo by Sheree Peshlakai

## Find Your Park

The National Park Service and the National Park Foundation invite you to Find Your Park and discover the national parks and programs in your own backyard. Visit [www.FindYourPark.com](http://www.FindYourPark.com) to find more information about NPS Centennial events happening in a national park near you.



## Every Kid In A Park

Fourth graders, grab your family and go enjoy your national parks for FREE! The Every Kid In A Park initiative was launched to help the next generation of park visitors and supporters create positive attitudes towards public lands and to give every child the chance to explore America's great outdoors and unique history. Visit [www.everykidinapark.gov](http://www.everykidinapark.gov) for more information.



## FREE Interagency 4th Grade Pass

A free annual pass for 4th grade students to have free access to any federal land or water during the school year from September 1 to August 30. Present a paper voucher at any park entrance to obtain the pass. Visit [www.everykidinapark.gov](http://www.everykidinapark.gov) for details.

## The Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

The Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge) is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am until 4pm. Free evening programs are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings at 8pm. Seating is available for 50 guests. The Center, located at shuttle stop #12, has a natural history library, a children's corner and library, and historical exhibits. Call 209/372-4542 for program details.

## Celebrate the Centennial On Stage!

After a day of exploring the park, join Yosemite Conservancy to relax and enjoy a show! Grab a seat at the Yosemite Theater to catch a variety of performances and films, including shows that celebrate the NPS Centennial by bringing the park's

past to life. Travel back in time to "meet" John Muir or see Yosemite through the eyes of a Buffalo Soldier. Proceeds from the theater and all Conservancy programs help preserve and protect Yosemite. See page 6 for details.

## Get Outdoors with Yosemite Conservancy

Are you looking for a memorable way to explore Yosemite, tailored to your interests and abilities? Our expert naturalist-guides will enhance your understanding of the park as you walk among Yosemite's famous cliffs, trees and waterfalls. Whether you want to explore flora and fauna while taking a gentle saunter along the river or learn about natural history during an exhilarating 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](http://yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures) or call 209/379-2317 x10 to find your adventure today.

## 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 Yosemite 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@aramark.com](mailto:yms@aramark.com)

## YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK - ZERO LANDFILL INITIATIVE

Be a steward of Yosemite by helping make Yosemite the first Zero Landfill park in the country. Through the Zero Landfill Initiative, we reduce the amount of trash that we send to the landfill every year. In partnership with Yosemite Hospitality, we are working to make it easier for staff and visitors to recycle. We are also working to reduce waste across all of our operations.

Here are 3 things you can do to help:

1. Get rid of excess packaging by repacking food in reuseable containers before you leave home.
2. Use refillables! Bring a refillable water bottle and travel mug. Camping? Use refillable propane canisters.
3. Put trash and recycling in the right containers.

Be a "#yosemitezerohero" and "#dontfeedthelandfills"!

## Access for People with Disabilities

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

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



Sign Language interpreting is available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at 209/379-5250 (v/txt) or [yose\\_deaf\\_services@nps.gov](mailto:yose_deaf_services@nps.gov). Two weeks advance notice is preferred. 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.



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

## Emergency Information

### Emergency Dial 911

Yosemite Village Garage offers 24-hour emergency roadside assistance

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

Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley) Open 7 days per week from 9am to 7pm for primary and urgent care needs. Ambulance available 24 hrs. by calling 9-1-1. Medical Clinic 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](mailto:yose_lostandfound@nps.gov)



# 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  
\$20/motorcycle

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

**Yosemite Park 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.

**Interagency 4th Grade Pass (Free)**  
(Annual) For fourth graders and their families. Must present paper voucher.

## Reservations

**Campground Reservations**  
877/444-6777  
www.recreation.gov

**Lodging Reservations**  
888/413-8869  
www.travelyosemite.com  
Group Sales Office: 888/339-3481

## 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

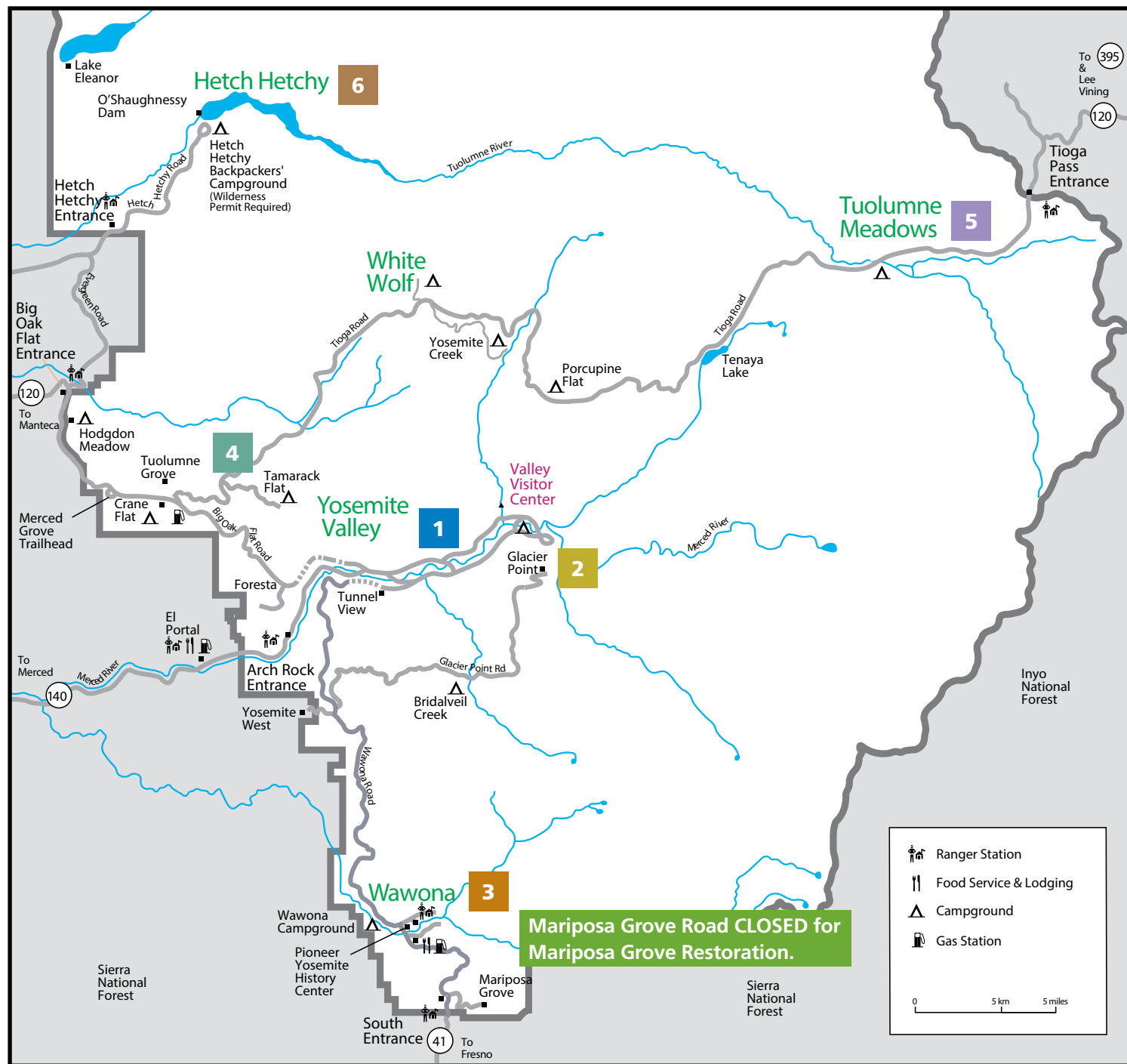
**Highway 132/49 Coulterville Visitor Center**  
209/878-3329

**Highway 140/49 California 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, plunging waterfalls including the tallest in North America, and attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls slows to trickle by August, a moderate hike will bring you to impressive Vernal and Nevada Falls. Walk to Mirror Lake, where you will see reflections of Half Dome. Gaze up at El Capitan, a massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. Whether you explore the valley by foot, bike, car, on horseback, raft, or tour, you will behold scenery that will leave you breathless and eager to see what's around the next corner.



El Capitan and the Cathedral Rocks from Valley View. NPS Photo



## Glacier Point

**2** Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and Yosemite's high country, is located 30 miles (a one-hour drive) from Yosemite Valley or Wawona. To get there from either of these places, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), to Chinquapin, then turn onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating view, looking 3,214 feet down to Yosemite Valley below. *\*There is a free shuttle service that runs from Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area (YSSA) 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 YSSA at 4:30pm. There is no free shuttle available for hikers from Glacier Point or YSSA to Yosemite Valley.*



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. *As of July 6, 2015, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is closed for restoration, see page 8 for details.* 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 Big Trees Lodge. 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 feet to nearly 10,000 feet. 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.

## Tuolumne Meadows

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



Cathedral Peak. Photo by Christine White Loberg

## 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. 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. Wilderness permits and bear canisters are available while the road is open. Hetch Hetchy Road is accessible via the Big Oak Flat Road and Evergreen Road and is approximately a 1 ¼-hour drive from Yosemite Valley. Trailers, vehicles over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not allowed on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.



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



Hetch Hetchy. Photo by Clarisa Flores

### DID YOU KNOW...

- In 100 years, Around eight generations of black bears have been born and lived in Yosemite, learning to recognize the distinctive uniforms of National Park Rangers?\*
- In 100 years, There may have been around thirty generations of pika who have lived in the high country of Yosemite, none of whom have ever given any ranger special regard?\*
- High-elevation Whitebark pine who were seedlings when the Park Service was formed, and when Yosemite received less than a half-million visitors a year, are just reaching maturity today, as the park receives more than 4 million visitors annually?
- The sequoia tree the Grizzly Giant has been in the care of the National Park Service for roughly 1/18<sup>th</sup> of its life.



# Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park



Hikers on the Mist Trail by Vernal Fall. Photo by Alan Hageman

## The Incomparable Yosemite Valley

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

### Yosemite Valley

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

#### Naturalist Programs

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

#### Walking and Hiking

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

#### Bicycling

Several miles of bicycle paths wind through Yosemite Valley. You can use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Valley Lodge or Half Dome Village (open 9am to 7pm). Bikes are only allowed on paved bicycle paths.

#### Tours

Tours listed below depart from Yosemite Valley 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 Valley Lodge several times daily. Check any Tour and Activity Desk for times. Be sure to ask about Moonlight Tours as well!

The **Glacier Point Tour** leaves Yosemite Valley 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.

Call 209/372-1240 for reservations or inquire at the tour desks at Yosemite Valley Lodge, Yosemite Village, Half Dome Village, and The Majestic Yosemite Hotel.

#### Rafting

Rafting is a great way to see Yosemite Valley. Rafts can be rented at Half Dome Village (open 10am to 4pm, conditions permitting). If you plan to bring your own raft, please see page 15 for important safety and regulatory information.

#### 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 Half Dome 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**  
12pm to 9pm  
**Degnan's Delicatessen**  
7am to 6pm  
**Degnan's Cafe**  
7am to 5pm  
**Village Grill**  
11am to 6pm

##### The Majestic Yosemite Hotel

**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*  
**The Majestic Bar**  
Closed for renovation.  
Morning Coffee Bar: 7am to 10:30am, inside the Dining Room.  
Afternoon/Evening Cocktail Service: 11:30am to 11pm, available throughout the Great Lounge and on the East Terrace.

##### Yosemite Valley Lodge

**Food Court**  
Breakfast: 6:30am to 11am  
Lunch: 11am to 4:30pm  
Dinner: 4:30pm to 10pm  
**Mountain Room Lounge**  
Monday - Friday  
4:30pm to 11pm  
Saturday & Sunday  
Noon to 11pm  
**Mountain Room Restaurant**  
5pm to 10pm  
*Reservations taken for 8 or more. 209/372-1281 or 209/372-1403*

##### Half Dome Village

**Coffee Corner/Ice Cream**  
6am to 10am  
**Village Bar**  
11am to 10pm  
**Pavilion**  
Breakfast: 7am to 10am  
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8pm  
**Pizza Deck**  
11am to 10pm  
**Meadow Grill**  
11am to 8pm

#### BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL

##### Yosemite Village

**The Ansel Adams Gallery**  
9am to 6pm  
**Yosemite Art Center**  
9am to 4pm  
**Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore**  
**Inside Yosemite Valley Visitor Center**  
9am to 5:30pm  
**Yosemite Museum Store**  
9am to 5pm  
**Valley Wilderness Center**  
8am to 5pm  
**Village Store**  
8am to 10pm

##### The Majestic Yosemite Hotel

**The Gift Shop**  
8am to 10pm  
**The Sweet Shop**  
7am to 10pm

##### Yosemite Valley Lodge

**Gift/Grocery**  
8am to 10pm

##### Half Dome Village

**Mountain Shop**  
8am to 8pm  
**Gift/Grocery**  
8am to 10pm

##### Nature Center at Happy Isles

**Exhibits and bookstore**, 9am to 5pm  
**Happy Isles Nature Center Bookstore**  
9am to 5pm



# Yosemite Valley

Where to go and what to do



Half Dome. Photo by Armand Williams

## VALLEY VISITOR CENTER AND BOOKSTORE

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore (inside Visitor Center) are open from 9am to 5:30pm. 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 GALLERY

*Why Yosemite Collects: 90 years, 90 objects, 90 stories*

This exhibit celebrates the 90th anniversary of the opening of the Yosemite Museum and features a display of the wide variety of artifacts, documents and specimens that the museum preserves. Why do parks have collections? What does the museum have to do with the beginnings of philanthropy in National Parks, the development of interpretive programs or

scientific research? Stop by and see, and vote for your favorite artifact while you are visiting. This special summer exhibit was made possible through the generous support of Yosemite Conservancy donors. Join us on Thursdays for a ranger stroll highlighting this special exhibit.

## 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.

## THE YOSEMITE CONSERVATION HERITAGE CENTER

The Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge) is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am until 4pm. Free evening programs are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings at 8pm. Seating is available for 50 guests. The Center, located at shuttle stop #12, has a natural history library, a children's corner and library, and historical exhibits. Call 209/372-4542 for program details.

## THE ANSEL ADAMS GALLERY

In Yosemite Village next to the Yosemite 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](http://www.anseladams.com).

## EXHIBITS

### Michael Fry: *Elements*

Photographer Michael Frye has been working in and around Yosemite National Park for nearly three decades, and in that time has explored the area to an unprecedented extent. He is well known and respected for his meticulous calculations of light and for his unique and artful compositions, essentially covering the full spectrum of photographic liturgy. During his career, the arc of creative photography has grown broad, while at the same time, Yosemite National Park has become more iconic than ever - a concept in 2016 which stands as a testament to the importance of conservation as the National Park Service celebrates their 100th anniversary. The Ansel Adams Gallery is therefore thrilled to host our new exhibition, "Elements: Photographs by Michael Frye," which showcases the result of an artist's unwavering dedication to vision, craft and place, as well as the essential parts of our consequential, natural world. "Elements" will open on June 5 and run through July 31. We invite you to visit The Gallery during your stay in Yosemite.

## VOLUNTEER DROP-IN PROGRAM

Be part of the solution and keep your park beautiful! Join park staff to help protect Yosemite's habitat through ecological restoration and litter cleanup projects. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to work one to three hours. Volunteers must wear long pants and closed-toe shoes. A hat and sun protection are 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: [yose\\_volunteers@nps.gov](mailto:yose_volunteers@nps.gov) or 209/379-1850.

## VALLEY SERVICES

### GARAGE

Yosemite Village  
8am to 5pm / 24 hour AAA towing available  
Propane service available until 4:30pm.  
209/372-1060

### POST OFFICES

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

### GROCERIES AND TOURS

Yosemite Village  
**Village Store Gift/Grocery**  
8am to 10pm  
**Tour Desk - Village Store**  
7:30am to 3:30pm  
Yosemite Valley Lodge  
**Gift/Grocery**  
8am to 10pm  
**Tour Desk**  
7:30am to 7pm  
**Bike Rentals**  
9am to 7pm  
Half Dome Village  
**Gift/Grocery**  
8am to 10pm  
**Tour Desk**  
7:30am to 3:30pm  
**Bike Rentals**  
9am to 7pm  
**Raft Rentals**  
10am to 4pm, *conditions permitting*  
Housekeeping Camp  
**Gift/Grocery**  
8am to 9pm

### SHOWERS, LAUNDRY, AND INTERNET

**Housekeeping Camp**  
Showers 7am to 10pm  
Laundry 8am to 10pm

**Half Dome Village**  
Showers open 24 hours



# SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

June 22, 2016 - July 26, 2016



## Yosemite Art Center (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 – Saturday, starting at 9:45am and ending at 2pm.

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). For more information, call 209/372-4207 or visit [yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center](http://yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center).

- June 20 - 25 Abstract Yosemite Landscape in Acrylic with Byron Spicer
- June 27 - July 2 In Plain Sight: Yosemite Watercolor with Catherine Turr
- July 4 - 9 Acrylic Landscape in Yosemite with George Dorado Blanco
- July 11 - 16 Watercolor Fun with David Deyell
- July 18 - 23 Beautiful Summer Watercolor with Linda Mitchell
- July 25 - 30 Ease of Pastel for Landscape with Tsungwei (Molly) Moo

## Yosemite Theater (YC)

Yosemite Theater offers entertainment and inspiration through live performances, educational presentations and beautiful films. Revel as actors, rock-climbers and rangers bring adventure, nature and history to life! Tickets: \$10 (FREE admission for children under age 12), available at the Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore in the Valley Visitor Center or at any Yosemite Tour and Activity Desk. All shows start at 7pm at the Yosemite Theater (shuttle bus stops #5/#9, Valley Visitor Center).

*Yosemite Search and Rescue* (Tuesdays). Join Yosemite Search and Rescue ranger John Dill to hear stories from rescue missions and learn about the park's highly skilled emergency response team.

*John Muir Series: Conversation with a Tramp* (Wednesdays). Journey back to the early 1900s to hear Muir, portrayed by Lee Stetson, share stories as he awaits news about his beloved Hetch Hetchy Valley.

*John Muir Series: The Spirit of John Muir* (Thursdays). Re-live the best of Muir's thrilling adventures in the western wilderness in this live performance starring Lee Stetson.

*Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey* (Fridays). See Yosemite's year-round beauty in this stirring film, which is followed by a discussion with renowned rock-climber Ron Kauk.

*Yosemite through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier* (Sundays). Discover an important chapter of Yosemite's history in this film and presentation featuring park ranger Shelton Johnson.

## 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. Proceeds from all Yosemite Conservancy programs help preserve and protect the park.

- June 24 - 26: Introduction to Backpacking: May Lake to Mt. Hoffmann
- June 25 - 26: Learning to Listen: Birding by Ear & Beginning Birding
- July 8 - 10: Mountain Wildflowers for the Relaxed Botanist
- July 16 - 17: Relaxed Birding: White Wolf

Find details and register at [yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures](http://yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures) or call 209/379-3217 x10. Experience packages include park entry (as needed) and camping; additional lodging options are available. Custom Adventures can be arranged for individuals, families and groups.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Brent Moore - Resident Minister  
209/372-4831 • [www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org](http://www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org)  
[www.YosemiteValleyChapelWeddings.org](http://www.YosemiteValleyChapelWeddings.org)

### SUNDAYS SERVICES IN THE YOSEMITE CHAPEL:

9:15am - Sunday School available  
11am - (no Sunday School)  
6:30pm - Evening Service/Bible Study in Chapel

TUESDAY WOMEN'S AND MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES,  
7pm, call chapel for location

### WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK SERVICE

7pm, at the Chapel

### VARIOUS BIBLE STUDIES IN THE PARK

Call for times and locations.

### A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN THE NATIONAL PARKS - WORSHIP SERVICES

9am - Sunday, at Lower Pines Campground  
9am - Sunday, at Wawona Campground.

### LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
Sacrament Meeting, Sundays 1pm to 1:45pm  
May 29th to Labor Day, Yosemite Valley Chapel

### ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS  
Sunday, 10am at East Auditorium behind Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, shuttle stops #5/#9  
Saturday, 6pm, Lower Pines Amphitheater, shuttle stop #19 (Memorial Day to Labor Day)  
Rectory Phone: 209/372-4729

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

### SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

Christian Sabbath Worship at Lower River Amphitheater, Saturday May 23-Sept 5  
9:45am - Music/Sabbath School  
11am - Worship, 12:30pm Potluck  
[www.facebook.com/YosemiteSDAChurch](http://www.facebook.com/YosemiteSDAChurch)

## SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Sundays: 8pm to 9pm  
Tuesdays and Thursdays: 7:30pm to 8:30pm  
Yosemite Valley Chapel

### LIONS CLUB

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

	MORNING
Sunday	9:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	9:30am <b>Ranger Walk - NPS Centennial Stroll, Rivers and Waterfalls</b> (Except July 17) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
	9:30am <b>Adventure Hike - Vernal/Nevada Falls</b> 6 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Half Dome Village Mountaineering School. (YH) \$
	11:00am <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 and under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
Monday	9:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	9:00am <b>Camera Walk</b> 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. (TAAG) ♿
	9:00am <b>Bike to Hike Tour</b> 2.5 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Half Dome Village Bike Stand. (YH) \$
	9:30am <b>Ranger Walk - NPS Centennial Stroll, Yosemite's First People</b> (Except July 18) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿
	9:30am <b>Ranger Hike</b> (Except July 18) 3 hrs. Easy to moderate hike around the Mirror Lake loop, Mirror Lake shuttle stop #17. (NPS)
	9:45am <b>Guest Artist Workshop</b> 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. See page 6 for more information. (YC) \$
Tuesday	11:00am <b>CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Art Center. Ages 6-10. (YC) \$
	11:00am <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 and under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	8:15am <b>Adventure Hike - Panorama Trail With One-Way Glacier Point Bus Ride</b> 8 hrs. Yosemite Valley Lodge Tour Desk. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
	9:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	9:00am <b>Camera Walk</b> 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) ♿
	9:30am <b>Ranger Walk - NPS Centennial Stroll, Geology</b> (Except July 19) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿
Wednesday	9:45am <b>Guest Artist Workshop</b> 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. See page 6 for more information. (YC) \$
	11:00am <b>CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Art Center. Ages 6-10. (YC) \$
	11:00am <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 and under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	9:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	9:00am <b>Bike to Hike Tour</b> 2.5 hrs. Half Dome Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
	9:30am <b>Ranger Walk - NPS Centennial Stroll, Inspiring Generations</b> 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿
Thursday	9:30am <b>VOLUNTEER DROP-IN PROGRAM</b> Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center. See program description on page 5. (NPS)
	9:45am <b>Guest Artist Workshop</b> 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. See page 6 for more information. (YC) \$
	11:00am <b>CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Art Center. Ages 6-10. (YC) \$
	11:00am <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 and under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	9:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	9:00am <b>Camera Walk</b> 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) ♿
Friday	9:00am <b>Discovery Hike - Vernal Falls Bridge</b> 3.5 hrs. Half Dome Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
	9:30am <b>Ranger Talk - NPS Centennial Talk, Why Yosemite Collects</b> 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿
	9:45am <b>Guest Artist Workshop</b> 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. See page 6 for more information. (YC) \$
	11:00am <b>CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Art Center. Ages 6-10. (YC) \$
	9:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	9:30am <b>Ranger Walk - NPS Centennial Stroll, Wildlife</b> (Except July 15) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿
Saturday	9:30am <b>Adventure Hike - Vernal/Nevada Falls</b> 6 hrs. Half Dome Village Mountaineering school. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
	9:45am <b>Guest Artist Workshop</b> 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. See page 6 for more information. (YC) \$
	11:00am <b>FAMILY CRAFTS PROGRAM</b> 2 hrs. Drop-in session at Yosemite Art Center. (YC) \$
	11:00am <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 and under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	9:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	9:00am <b>Camera Walk</b> 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) ♿

- AAC American Alpine Club
- YH Yosemite Hospitality LLC
- NPS National Park Service
- SC Sierra Club
- TAAG The Ansel Adams Gallery
- YC Yosemite Conservancy
- YMS Yosemite Mountaineering School
- \$ Programs offered for a fee



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



A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors. Contact 209/379-5250 (v/txt) or [yose\\_deaf\\_services@nps.gov](mailto:yose_deaf_services@nps.gov) to request an interpreter. Advance notice of 2 weeks is preferred.



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



	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Sunday	<p>12:30pm <b>Ask A Climber</b> 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>1:30pm <b>Beginner Art Workshop</b> 2 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Ages 8 and up. (YC) \$</p> <p>2:30pm <b>Ranger Walk - Wild About Bears</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿</p> <p>6:15pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER ROLL-BY</b> 45 mins. Lower Pines Amphitheater (adult attendance with Jr. Ranger required, drop in any time), near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater - Yosemite through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier</b> 90 mins. Film and presentation featuring Park Ranger Shelton Johnson. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 and under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Ranger Program</b> (Except July 17) 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> (Except July 10, 17, and 24) 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>FULL MOON BIKE RIDE</b> (July 17 Only) 1.5 hrs. Bike under the full moon with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour and activity desk. (YH) \$</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program: A Century of Climbing in Yosemite</b> (July 10 and 24 Only) 1 hr. American Alpine Club members present historic Yosemite climbing films and discuss the importance of this special history of Yosemite with the audience before and after the presentation. Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheatre. (AAC) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm <b>NIGHT PROWL</b> (Except July 17) 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour and activity desk. (YH) \$ ♿</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour and activity desk. (YH) \$ ♿</p>
Monday	<p>12:30pm <b>Ask A Climber</b> 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 <b>Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera Photography Class</b> 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$</p> <p>1:00pm <b>Discovery Hike - Less Traveled Lower Valley Loop</b> 4 hrs. Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$</p> <p>1:30pm <b>CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP</b> 90 mins. Yosemite Art Center. Ages 10 and up. (YC) \$</p> <p>2:30pm <b>Ranger Walk - Wild About Bears</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:15pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER ROLL-BY</b> 45 mins. Lower Pines Amphitheater (adult attendance with Jr. Ranger required, drop in any time), near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> (Except July 4) 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 and under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Ranger Program</b> (Except July 18) 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> (Except July 4, 11, 18, and 25) 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>FULL MOON BIKE RIDE</b> (Only July 18) 1.5 hrs. Bike under the full moon with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour and activity desk. (YH) \$</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program: A Century of Climbing in Yosemite</b> (July 11 and 25 Only) 1 hr. American Alpine Club members present historic Yosemite climbing films and discuss the importance of this special history of Yosemite with the audience before and after the presentation. Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheatre. (AAC) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm <b>NIGHT PROWL</b> (Except July 4 and 18) 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour and activity desk. (YH) \$ ♿</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour &amp; activity desk. (YH) \$ ♿</p>
Tuesday	<p>12:30pm <b>Ask A Climber</b> 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 <b>In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Photography Class</b> 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$</p> <p>1:30pm <b>CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP</b> 90 mins. Yosemite Art Center. Ages 10 and up. (YC) \$</p> <p>2:30pm <b>Ranger Walk - Wild About Bears</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm <b>Meet Your Yosemite</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:15pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER ROLL-BY</b> 45 mins. Lower Pines Amphitheater (adult attendance with Jr. Ranger required, drop in any time), near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater - Yosemite Search and Rescue</b> 90 mins. Presentation by ranger John Dill. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 and under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>STORYTELLING</b> (Except July 12) 1 hr. Gather by the Merced River and listen to the stories of Yosemite's past and present! Lower Rivers Amphitheatre, across from Housekeeping Camp. (YH) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Ranger Program</b> (Except July 18) 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> (Except July 19) 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>FULL MOON BIKE RIDE</b> (Only July 19) 1.5 hrs. Bike under the full moon with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour and activity desk. (YH) \$</p> <p>9:00pm <b>NIGHT PROWL</b> (Except July 19) 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour &amp; activity desk. (YH) \$ ♿</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour and activity desk. (YH) \$ ♿</p>
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# Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point



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

These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

### Wawona

#### Coffee with a Ranger

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

#### Old-Fashioned Fourth of July!

You are cordially invited to join the staff of the Pioneer Yosemite History Center for an old fashioned 4th of July celebration! Activities will include a parade, speeches and games, such as gunny sack races, three-legged races, an egg toss and tug-of-war. A fun time will be enjoyed by people of all ages. This celebration takes place at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center on July 4th between 2pm and 4pm.

#### Evening Programs

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Big Trees Lodge lobby from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, Tuesday through Saturday (except June 29 to July 7), as he performs songs and tells stories from Yosemite's past. Historical programs are available by request and are usually given at 8:30pm. For details or to request a program, drop by the piano early in the evening when Tom's performing.

#### 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 Big Trees

Lodge, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona store parking area and follow the path up the hill.

### Pioneer Yosemite History Center

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

#### Experience Horse-Drawn Travel

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

#### Blacksmith Shop

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

### Mariposa Grove

Located near Yosemite's South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove is the park's largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees in the grove.

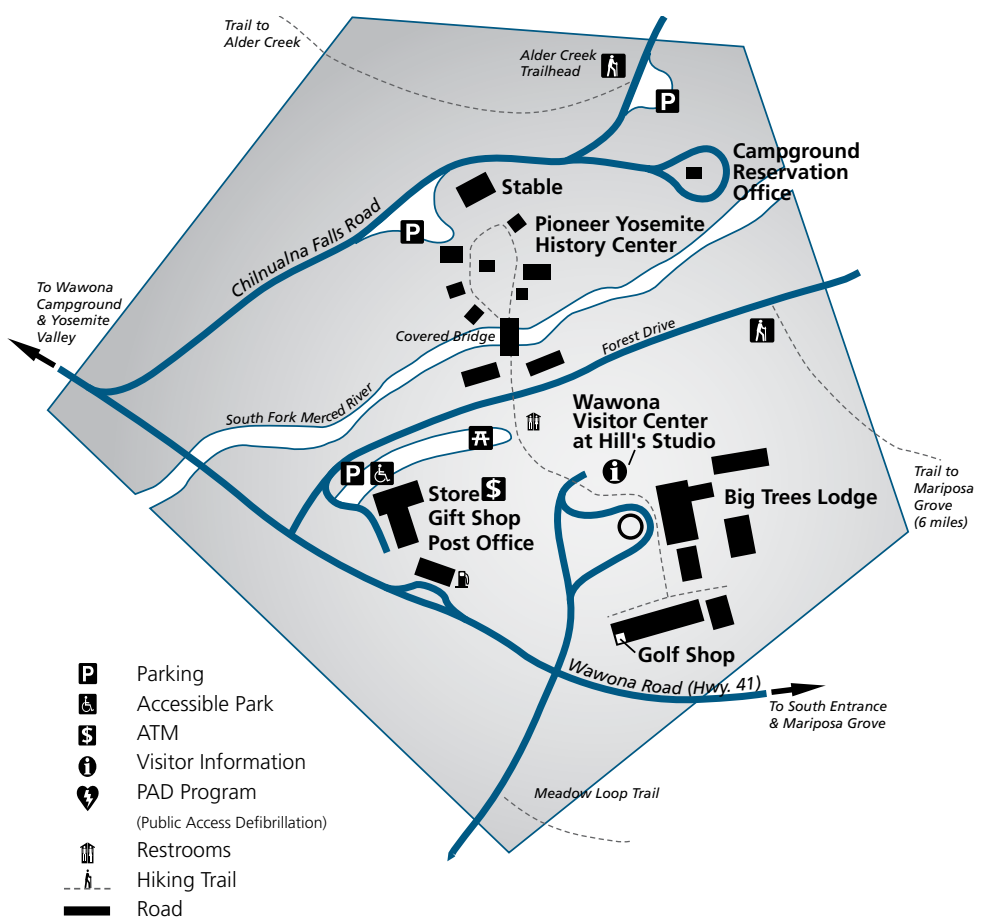
### Great Things are Happening in the Mariposa Grove!

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 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 on next page.



- Parking
- Accessible Park
- ATM
- Visitor Information
- PAD Program (Public Access Defibrillation)
- Restrooms
- Hiking Trail
- Road





Geology Hut. Photo courtesy Yosemite Research Library

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**

**Big Trees Lodge Dining Room**

Breakfast: 7am to 10am  
Lunch: 11am to 3pm  
Lounge Service 5pm to 9:30pm  
Dinner: 5pm to 9pm  
Reservations taken for 6 or more.  
Saturday BBQ: 5pm to 7pm

**Golf Shop & Snack Stand**

8am to 6pm, weather and conditions permitting

**Glacier Point**

**Snack Stand**

9am to 7pm, conditions permitting

**GROCERIES**

**Big Trees Lodge Store and Pioneer Gift Shop**

8am to 8pm

**GIFTS & APPAREL**

**Wawona**

**Big Trees Lodge Store and Pioneer Shop**

8am to 8pm

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

8:30 to 5pm

**Glacier Point Gift Shop**

9am to 7pm

**POST OFFICE**

**Wawona Post Office**

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

**GAS STATION**

**Big Trees Lodge Service Station**

8am to 5pm Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

**GOLF**

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

**SHUTTLES**

**Glacier Point Shuttle from Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area**

10am to 6pm (free)

**Glacier Point Starry Nights Shuttle from Yosemite Valley**

Visit any Tour and Activity Desk for times and information.

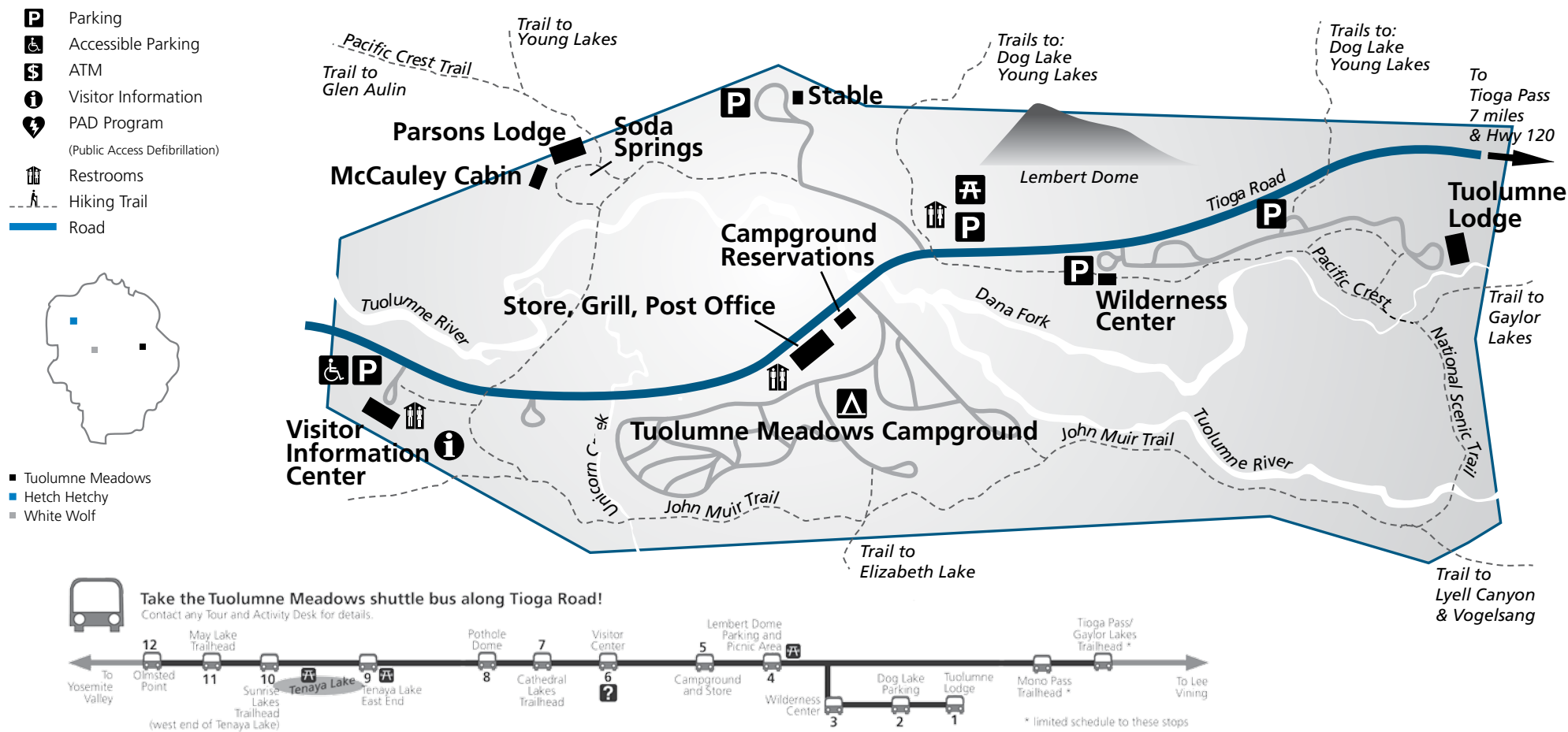


	WAWONA	GLACIER POINT
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00am – 2:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 8:00pm <b>Campfire Talk</b> 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly. (NPS) ♿	2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk - Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan</b> 1.5 hrs. Moderately difficult. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop. (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Campfire Program</b> 1 hr. Bridalveil Campground, Loop C. (NPS) 9:00pm <b>GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point (elevation: 7,214 ft. 2,199 m.) Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. Shuttle services available. (YH) \$ ♿
<b>Monday</b>	10:00am <b>Visit Yosemite's Past</b> (July 4 Only) 2 hrs. Yosemite's history comes to life at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm <b>Old-Fashioned Fourth-of-July Celebration</b> (July 4 Only) 2 hrs. Speeches, music, games, races, & fun! Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Campfire Talk</b> 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly. (NPS) ♿	10:00am <b>Wildflowers and Historic People - Walk to McGurk Meadow</b> 2 hrs. Meet at phone booth in Bridalveil Campground.(NPS) 7:45pm <b>Sunset Ranger Talk</b> 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 9:00pm <b>GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (Except July 4) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point (elevation: 7,214 ft. 2,199 m.) Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour and activity desk. Shuttle services available. (YH) \$ ♿
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<b>Saturday</b>	8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> (Hot Cocoa too!) ¼ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. (NPS) ♿ 9:00am <b>Nature Walk with a Ranger</b> 2 hrs. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions, please call 855/290-3499. (NPS) 9:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM</b> 1.5 hrs. Especially for ages 7-12. Meet at Wawona Campground Amphitheater. (NPS) ♿ 10:00am – 2:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 5:30pm <b>Vintage Music of Yosemite</b> (Except July 2) 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Specific programs are available upon request, usually given at 8:30pm. To request a program, drop by the piano early in the evening and ask Tom. Big Trees Lodge Lobby. (YH) ♿ 8:00pm <b>Campfire Talk</b> 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly. (NPS) ♿	2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes</b> 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 7:45pm <b>Sunset Ranger Talk</b> 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 8:30pm <b>Stars Over Yosemite</b> Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast. (NPS)

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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 from 9am to 6pm. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays available.

**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. Beginning June 25, 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. Programs begin June 25.

**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. Programs begin June 25.

## 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. Programs begin June 25.

## Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

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

## PARSONS MEMORIAL LODGE - SUMMER SERIES

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

**Saturday, July 16**  
 2pm to 3:30pm  
*The Mountains Are Your Mind*

Reading, talk, and discussion of new work with David James Duncan, activist and author (*The River Why, The Brothers K, River Teeth, My Story as Told by Water*).

**Sunday, July 17**  
 2pm to 3:30pm  
*Poetry as Stewardship*  
 Reading by poet Tom Crawford, followed by conversation with Tom and David James Duncan.

**HIGH SIERRA NATURAL HISTORY CELEBRATION WEEKEND**  
**Saturday, July 23**  
 2pm to 3:30pm  
*Trace: Memory, History, Race, and the American Landscape*  
 Illustrated talk and conversation with Lauret Savoy, Earth historian, storyteller, and author of *Trace*.

**Sunday, July 24**  
 2pm to 3pm  
*High Sierra Wildflowers: A Naturalist's Journey*  
 Illustrated talk and discussion based on *Rock Creek Wildflowers* by Cathy Rose with photographs by Stephen Ingram.

## Big Oak Flat

**BIG OAK FLAT INFORMATION STATION**  
 Open 8am to 5pm. The visitor center offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. The center is located just inside the park entrance on Highway 120 West.

## 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 6pm  
**Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room**  
Breakfast: 7am to 9am,  
*Reservations recommended.*  
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8pm,  
*Reservations Strongly recommended:*  
209/372-8413

**White Wolf**

**White Wolf Lodge Dining Room**  
*Weather Permitting,*  
Breakfast: 7:30am to 10am  
Take-out Lunch: Noon to 2pm  
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8pm

**GROCERIES**

**Tuolumne Meadows**

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

**GIFTS & APPAREL**

**Tuolumne Meadows**

**Tuolumne Meadows Bookstore**  
Inside the Visitor Center  
9am to 6pm  
**Tuolumne Meadows Store**  
8am to 8pm

**Big Oak Flat**

**Big Oak Flat Bookstore**  
Inside the Information Station  
9am to 5pm

**POST OFFICE**

**Tuolumne Meadows**

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

**GAS STATIONS**

**Crane Flat**

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

**SHUTTLE BUS**

**Olmsted Pt. / Tuolumne / Tioga Pass**

Shuttle service is available along the Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tioga Pass, for a fee. Service begins when conditions permit. See map on page 10.

The 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.

Shuttle Service begins at the Lodge at 7am. The Shuttles arrive at approximately 30-minute intervals between 7am and 7pm. Stop times are posted at bus stops.

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS		HETCH HETCHY, HODGDON MEADOWS, CRANE FLAT, WHITE WOLF	
Sunday	8:00am	<b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)	*See local postings for additional ranger programs: additional campfire programs and other naturalist walks may be available.
	10:00am	<b>Ranger Walk - Sketching in Tuolumne</b> 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring sunglasses, sketchbook/journal, pen, and pencil with an eraser. (NPS)	
	10:00am	<b>Ranger Hike - Lembert Dome</b> 3 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 3 miles. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. Bring snacks and water. (NPS)	
	12:00pm	<b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
	2:00pm	<b>Ranger Walk - Indians in the High Country</b> (Except July 17 and 24) 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS)	
	2:00pm	<b>Parsons Summer Series Program</b> (July 17 and 24 Only) 1-2 hrs. See details on preceding page. (NPS)	
Monday	3:00pm	<b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	8:00pm <b>Ranger Campfire</b> 1hr. Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater. (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Bats!</b> 1 hr. Be a Citizen Scientist for the night. Join a Ranger and assist with acoustical monitoring of bats. Sign up at the fee deposit station at White Wolf Campground. limit 20 participants. (NPS)
	8:00pm	<b>Campfire</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	
	10:00am	<b>Ranger Walk - Domes and Meadows</b> (Except July 25) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 (NPS)	
	10:00am	<b>Ranger Hike - Disappearance...Reappearance? at Dog Lake</b> (Except July 25) 4 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 3 miles. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS)	
	12:00pm	<b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
	2:00pm	<b>Ranger Walk - From Bears to Butterflies: High Country Wildlife</b> 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office. (NPS)	
Tuesday	3:00pm	<b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	9:00am <b>Wildflower Walk</b> 1 hr. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground entrance kiosk. (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Bats!</b> 1 hr. Be a Citizen Scientist for the night. Join a Ranger and assist with acoustical monitoring of bats. Sign up at the fee deposit station at Tamarack Flat Campground. limit 20 participants. (NPS) 9:00am <b>Bears and other Wildlife</b> 1.5 hrs. Meet at White Wolf Campfire Circle. (NPS)
	8:00pm	<b>Campfire</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	
	8:30pm	<b>Stars over Mono Lake</b> 1.5 hrs. Meet at South Tufa in Mono Basin. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS) ♿	
	10:00am	<b>Botanical Walk</b> 2 hrs. (NPS)	
	10:00am	<b>June 28:</b> Soda Springs - Meet at Lembert Dome picnic area. <b>July 5:</b> Pothole Dome - Meet at Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8. <b>July 12:</b> Bennettville - Meet at junction of Saddlebag Lake Road and Tioga Pass Road. <b>July 19:</b> Ellery Lake - Meet at dam on east end of Ellery Lake outside Tioga Pass. <b>July 26:</b> Dana Gardens - Meet just outside of Tioga Pass Entrance Station on north side of road.	
	12:00pm	<b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
Wednesday	2:00pm	<b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8. (NPS)	1:00pm <b>Ranger in the Grove</b> 2 hr. Drop in and meet a ranger in the Tuolumne Grove of Sequoias. Bring water and be prepared for a 2.5 mile round trip walk w/ steep return.(NPS) 8:00pm <b>Bats!</b> 1 hr. Be a Citizen Scientist for the night. Join a Ranger and assist with acoustical monitoring of bats at Hodgdon Meadows. Sign up at Big Oak Flat information Station or call (209) 372-2899. limit 20 participants. (NPS)
	3:00pm	<b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
	7:00pm	<b>Ranger Walk - Sunset</b> 45 mins. Lembert Dome picnic area. (NPS)	
	8:00pm	<b>Campfire</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	
	7:30am	<b>Ranger Walk - Birds</b> (Except June 22) 3 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS)	
	8:00am	<b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> (Except June 22) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)	
Thursday	10:00am	<b>DISCOVERY WALK FOR LITTLE CUBS</b> (Except June 22) 50 mins. Ages 4-6. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office. (NPS)	9:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER - BEARS</b> (Except June 30) 1 hr. Meet at Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater. (NPS) 9:00am <b>Ranger on the Dam</b> (Except June 30) 2 hr. (drop in) Meet at the O'Shaughnessy dam (NPS) 7:00pm <b>The Black Bears of Yosemite</b> (Except June 30) 1 hr. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground entrance kiosk (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Bats!</b> (Except June 30) 1 hr. Be a Citizen Scientist for the night. Join a Ranger and assist with acoustical monitoring of bats at Crane Flat. Sign up at Big Oak Flat information Station or call (209) 372-2899. limit 20 participants. (NPS)
	10:00am	<b>Ranger Walk - Geology of Tuolumne Meadows</b> (Except June 22) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8. (NPS)	
	12:00pm	<b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> (Except June 22) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
	1:30pm	<b>Ranger Walk - The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River</b> (Except June 22) 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. (NPS)	
	3:00pm	<b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> (Except June 22) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
	7:00pm	<b>CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS</b> (Except June 22) 45 mins. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS) ♿	
Friday	8:00pm	<b>Campfire</b> (Except June 22) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> 1 hr. (drop in) Bring your own mug. Hodgdon Meadows campground site 77. (NPS) 7:00pm <b>Twilight program - Owls</b> 1 hr. Meet in front of the White Wolf Lodge. (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Ranger Campfire</b> 1 hr. Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater. (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Ranger Campfire</b> 1 hr. Hodgdon Campground Campfire Circle. (NPS)
	9:30pm	<b>Ranger Talk - Stars</b> (Except June 22) 1 hr. Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	
	10:00am	<b>Ranger Walk - A Place Long Traveled: History of Tuolumne Meadows</b> (Except June 23) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center shuttle stop #6. (NPS)	
	11:00am	<b>Ranger Hike - Tenaya Lake Exploration</b> (Except June 23) 3 hrs. Easy. 2 miles. East end of Tenaya Lake, shuttle stop #9. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS)	
	12:00pm	<b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> (Except June 23) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
	2:00pm	<b>Ranger Walk - Nymphs and Naiads: Life in a Subalpine Pond</b> (Except June 23) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8. (NPS)	
Saturday	3:00pm	<b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> (Except June 23) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿	1:00pm <b>Ranger in the Grove</b> 2 hr. (drop in) Tuolumne Grove of Sequoias. (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Ranger Campfire</b> 1 hr. Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater. (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Ranger Campfire Program</b> 1 hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle. (NPS)
	8:00pm	<b>Campfire</b> (Except June 23) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	
	8:00am	<b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> (Except June 24) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)	
	9:30am	<b>VOLUNTEER DROP-IN PROGRAM</b> Meet in front of Tuolumne Store, subject to road and weather conditions. See program description on page 5. (NPS)	
	10:00am	<b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> (except June 24) 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. (NPS)	
	10:00am	<b>Ranger Walk - Domes and Meadows</b> (Except June 24 and July 1) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8. (NPS)	

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# Become a Junior Ranger

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

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

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



Coyote



Black bear



Golden-mantled ground squirrel

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

*Did you already finish this page and earn your Junior Ranger badge? Are you ready for more Junior Ranger activities? Drop by a visitor center desk and pick up the free PSAR Junior Ranger booklet or Legacy Junior 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.

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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!

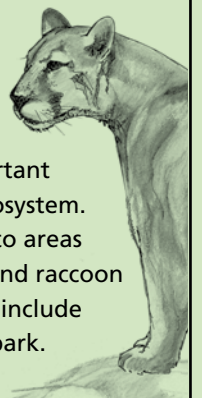
To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at 209/372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park's website ([www.nps.gov/yose/bears](http://www.nps.gov/yose/bears)).

### Coyotes

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

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

## Mountain Lions



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

### For your safety:

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

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

### What should you do if you meet a mountain lion?

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

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

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

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

### How to Store Food

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

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





# Protect Yourself...



## Keep 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.

### Enjoying the beauty of Yosemite

Summer has arrived and it is a vibrant time at Yosemite. An improved snowpack will keep water flowing swifter and later this year than the past several summers. Yosemite's waters are beautiful but they are deceptive, deadly, and dangerous. Please enjoy water from a safe distance. Even during emergencies, Park Rangers are required to stay at least 10 feet (3 meters) from swift water unless wearing a helmet and personal flotation device because a trip or slip into the current can quickly turn into a disaster. Thank you for sharing the National Park Service's centennial year with us at Yosemite National Park but please do so in a safe and healthy manner.

### Weather

The heat is on and all elevations of the Park are feeling it. Prevent dehydration by sipping lots of water throughout the day and frequently eating salty, easy-to-digest snacks. Also, we are in the midst of thunderstorm season. Remember, there is no safe place outside when thunder is audible. Follow the saying, "when thunder roars, go indoors." If you cannot reach a building or car (with a hard top), descend to lower elevations and away from ridges and outcroppings. Do not be the tallest object or near a tall object.

### Rivers and Streams

Yosemite's streams present a temptation for the curious, the photographer, and the overheated and weary hiker simply wanting to cool tired feet. Hot weather only worsens this temptation but it does not reduce the danger of Yosemite's swift water. Yosemite's water is deceptively dangerous and unforgiving. Visitors are strongly urged to enjoy any moving or falling water from a safe distance.

**PLEASE:** *Enjoy the water from the safety of the trail or in developed areas only!*

### Yosemite's Roads

What does your home town and Yosemite National Park have in common? Answer: the traffic can be just as dangerous here, however, we also have added hazards such as rock fall and abundant wildlife, including deer and bear. Moreover, there are many sites to distract drivers. If you cannot devote 100% of your attention to your driving, please pull completely off the road into designated pull-off and parking areas. Park rangers enforce California's Motor Vehicle Code on park roads. Please buckle safety belts.

### For all seasons...

- Stay on established trails or in developed areas – do not take trail shortcuts or approach the water. Almost all of Yosemite's non-traffic related serious injuries occur off trail.
- Rock scrambling – leave this to the critters.
- Water and food – Carry more water than you need; stay hydrated and snack frequently – make sure you have plenty of food and water. If you are sweating, replace lost salts with salty, easy-to-digest snacks.
- "10 hiking essentials" – including a flashlight or headlamp, sunglasses, sunscreen, navigation, and a signaling method (mirror and whistle).
- Let someone know – always leave your travel and hiking plan, including your intended route and estimated time of return, with a trusted person. If no one knows you are missing, no one is going to be looking for you.

And remember this truism: **you are responsible for your safety.**

### 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>.

### Plague

Plague is an infectious bacterial disease that is carried by squirrels, chipmunks and other wild rodents and their fleas. When an infected rodent becomes sick and dies, its fleas can carry the infection to other warm-blooded animals including humans.

To protect yourself from plague, never feed wildlife, avoid dropping food scraps that attract rodents when eating outside, avoid pitching a tent near or disturbing rodent burrows, wear insect repellent with DEET, and tell a park ranger immediately if you see a dead animal.

Early symptoms of plague may include high fever, chills, nausea, weakness, painful swelling at the site of an insect bite or lymph node, and other flu-like symptoms. If you develop any of these symptoms within 6 days of visiting an area at risk for plague in the park, see your doctor and inform them you may have been exposed. Plague is treatable with antibiotics if given in time.

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

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

If you encounter a mammal, particularly a raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote, or bat, that is behaving erratically, don't touch the animal. Instead, report the sick animal to a park employee. In addition to keeping bears away, storing your food properly also reduces your exposure to rodents and their fleas, which may carry plague.





# ...and Yosemite'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 Information

Wilderness permits are required year round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness. Permits are issued and bear canisters are available for rent in Yosemite Valley (see page 5) and at the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station during hours of operation. Wilderness permits are also available at the Hill's Studio in Wawona and at the Big Oak Flat Information Station (see pages 8 and 10). Call the park's main phone line at 209/372-0200, or check the web at [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm), for additional information. For summer trips, reservations are taken from 24 weeks to two days in advance of the start of your trip. A processing fee of \$5 per permit plus \$5 per person is charged to each confirmed reservation. Check the park's website for trailhead availability and call 209/372-0740.

### 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 2016, May 27 through October 10, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 pre-season lottery permits have already been issued for 2016. In addition, approximately 50 permits will be released by daily lottery throughout the season based on estimated under-use and cancellation rates (exact number may change throughout the summer). Applications for daily lotteries will be accepted 2 days prior to the desired hiking date between midnight and 1pm. To apply, visit [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov) or call 877/444-6777. A non-refundable application fee applies to all submissions and a use fee applies to winning applicants. Finally, a daily quota of 75 Half Dome permits will be available to overnight users with an appropriate wilderness permit (use fee applies). These permits may be acquired through early reservations (50 per day) or day before walk-up (25 per day). Rock climbers

who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area may descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit. More information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm>. For backpackers, more information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm>.

### Rafting

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

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

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



# Camping



Camping in Yosemite. Photo by Ray Santos

## General Info...

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

### Services

- 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 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 24ft. are not recommended for Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat campgrounds, and RVs are not permitted in walk-in and group campsites. There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer only in Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows.

### Regulations

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

### Campfires

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

## An adventurous overnight experience

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

### Camping Reservations

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

ARRIVAL DATE	FIRST DAY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS (7AM PT)
Jan. 15 – Mar. 15	Sep. 15
Feb. 15 – Mar. 15	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
Dec. 15 – Jan. 14	Aug. 15

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

### Hours:

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

Reservation offices in the park are located in the visitor parking area at Half Dome 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 9am 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 2016 (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	Feb 11 - Nov 30	\$26	238	Yes	Tap
Lower Pines	Mar 28- Nov 1	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$26	60	Yes	Tap
North Pines	Apr 4 - Nov 7	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$26	81	Yes	Tap
Camp 4	All year	No RVs/trailers	n/a	First-come, first-served	\$6/person	35	No	Tap
SOUTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Wawona	All year	35 ft	35 ft	April 11- Oct 10	\$26	93	Yes	Tap
Bridalveil Creek	July - Sep 19	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 11 – Oct 10	\$26	105	Yes	Tap
Crane Flat	July - Oct 10	40 ft	30 ft	Yes	\$26	166	Yes	Tap
Tamarack Flat	May 27- Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
White Wolf	July - Sep 26	27 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$18	74	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Creek	July - Sep 5	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	75	Yes	Creek (boil)
Porcupine Flat	July – Oct 15	24 ft (limited)	20 ft	First-come, first-served	\$12	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
Tuolumne Meadows	July 15 - Sep 26	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			
<b>Wawona Meadow Loop</b>	Big Trees Lodge	3.5 miles round-trip, 1.5 hours	Easy
<b>Swinging Bridge Loop</b>	Wawona Store / Pioneer Yosemite Hist. Ctr. Parking Area	4.75 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
GLACIER POINT ROAD			
<b>Taft Point</b>	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Easy to Moderate
<b>Sentinel Dome</b>	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
TUOLUMNE MEADOWS AREA			
<b>Soda Springs / Parsons Lodge</b>	Lembert Dome Parking Area	1.5 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
<b>Lembert Dome</b>	Lembert Dome Parking Area	4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderately Strenuous
<b>John Muir Trail through Lyell Canyon</b>	Dog Lake Parking Area	8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours	Easy, 200-foot gain
<b>Elizabeth Lake</b>	Tuolumne Meadows Group Campground	4.8 miles round trip, 4 to 5 hours	Moderate
TIOGA ROAD			
<b>Lukens Lake</b>	White Wolf <sup>1</sup>	5.4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderate
<b>Yosemite Valley via Porcupine Creek</b>	Porcupine Creek <sup>1</sup>	7 miles one-way, 4 to 6 hours	Moderate, 3,500- to 4,000-foot loss
<b>Yosemite Valley via Yosemite Creek</b>	Lukens Lake Trailhead <sup>1</sup>	10.5 miles one-way, 5 to 9 hours	Moderately Strenuous 3,500- to 4,000-foot loss
<b>Yosemite Valley via Clouds Rest</b>	Tenaya Lake <sup>1</sup>	19 miles one-way, 10 to 12 hours	Strenuous
HETCH HETCHY			
<b>Wapama Falls</b>	O'Shaughnessy Dam	5 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Easy to Moderate

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

## FEATURED HIKE

### Mirror Lake

**Distance:** 2 miles (3.2 km) round trip to the lake and back; 5 miles (8km) loop around the lake.

**Elevation Gain:** 100 feet

**Difficulty:** Easy to Moderate

**Time:** 1 hour round-trip to the lake; 2-3 hours for the full loop.

**Begin at:** Mirror Lake Trailhead (shuttle stop #17)

#### Trail Description:

The first mile of this trail is a paved service road that leads directly to Mirror Lake. You may access the loop trail from the end of the paved path. The loop follows Tenaya Creek beyond the lake, and crosses two bridges after the Snow Creek Trail junction before returning past Mirror Lake on the south side of Tenaya Canyon. (There is no safe access to the north side of Mirror Lake directly from the south side of the loop, except via bridges at the west and east ends of the trail).

Mirror Lake has little water much of the year and, while pleasant at any time of year, it is fullest in spring and early summer, when Tenaya Creek flows freely with fresh snowmelt. When water is calm, the lake offers beautiful reflections of surrounding cliffs. Exhibits along the trail tell the story of Mirror Lake's lake-to-meadow succession, and also highlight some of the cultural history of the area. Mirror Lake is often referred to as Mirror Meadow in late summer due to the lack of water and the influx of grasses and sandy areas.

#### Things to know before you go:

- 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.



# In the Home of the Wild

by Park Ranger Eric Smith



The Tuolumne River. Photo by Ryan Alonzo

Why do so many of us visit Yosemite National Park? One hundred years ago, the Organic Act that created the National Park Service declared this place protected for the “enjoyment” of people, present and future. While our experiences are as wildly diverse as we are, millions of us are united by the fact that the “enjoyment” we engage in here goes far beyond gazing at scenery or getting exercise. Our enjoyment stems from the fact that this park is not just for people—we share it with the community of wild plants and animals. In Yosemite this transformative presence is everywhere; climbing the pine branches, flying through campgrounds, hiding in deep forests, or even in ourselves. Here, we encounter wildness.

We begin by simply stepping out of our domestic sphere—out of buildings, out of cars, “out of doors.” Entering the landscape shaped by nature over a huge timescale puts our significance in context. Soon, we become conscious of other wild inhabitants watching, listening, smelling us as we pass. In response, we watch, listen, smell, and adopt nature’s custom of moving quietly and with grace. We learn the names, marks and habits of our wild neighbors. In our actions and movements we choose how they know and identify us. Walking on our own two feet, we recognize our fellowship with the wild. The chorus of

birds before dawn reminds us that we share with many species the anticipation of the rising sun. As we become companions of red-breasted nuthatches, mountain hemlocks, and yellow-legged frogs, we understand that they feel the world as we do. We share with them the smell of pine needles after rain, the sound of water over stone. Even with mountains we share a solid form under the weather and passing time. Walking under the sky, we are free to be defined by our sensations and movements more than our possessions.

Wild freedom is the opposite of carelessness. One creature’s footprint is another creature’s world. We cannot help but tiptoe once we notice the vulnerable shoots of alpine grass emerging in the sand. With joyful magnanimity we skip from rock to rock over the soft, living ground. This awareness of our impact inspires us to drive and buy less, reduce or eliminate our carbon footprint. We leave no trace in a wilderness to which we belong; in this whole world we keep house.

In a reciprocal cycle, heavily-visited wild places only thrive because of our care and restraint, and in turn continue to inspire our growing empathy. This is the spirit of all park rules. We remain on trails wherever it is possible to limit our impact. We do not bring domestic animals

on trails or anywhere off the roadway for the sake of wild animals, who are understandably distressed by the presence of extra predators (only working animals are allowed). We do not allow drones in this space to mediate our experience, as they would disrupt wildlife or humans, and instead take this place in with our animal senses. We show all wild animals respect by allowing them the space they choose, and do not approach. We always protect our food from wild animals. We drive slowly and carefully for our safety and the safety of park wildlife.

It is normal to feel heavy or sad closing the car door and leaving the park. The part of us that blooms under the open sky gently closes again. Questions arise: when will we return to a wild place? Is the gift of wild freedom ours to keep? Can it be lost? Sold? Is wilderness complete without us?

These are questions best discussed around the sun-rhythmic glow of the campfire, when the stars and planets are listening. Through vivid sensory experiences, we find our best selves re-energized.

Here in Yosemite, known for a much longer time as “Ahwahnee,” the Park Service has had the privilege to watch over this gift for the past 100 years. Conserving and cultivating space for the rituals that

guide us back to the wild way-of-being is one of the National Park Service’s vital tasks. We will honor this privilege into the future.

Leaving protected wilderness, take heart. You may find the secrets of the wild are alive everywhere, in forgotten stretches of stream bank, by overgrown railroad-tracks, in medians in the middle of the highway, right outside your home. Take up your part. Do not wait another hundred years to join the celebration.



High country butterflies rest on sedge. Photo by Ryan Alonzo



# 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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For more information on employment opportunities with Yosemite Hospitality at Yosemite National Park visit [www.yosemitehospitalityjobs.com](http://www.yosemitehospitalityjobs.com).



### NatureBridge

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### Yosemite Conservancy

Through the support of donors, Yosemite Conservancy provides grants and support to Yosemite National Park to help preserve and protect Yosemite today and for future generations. Work funded by the Conservancy is visible throughout the park, in trail rehabilitation, wildlife protection and habitat restoration. The Conservancy is also dedicated to enhancing the visitor experience and providing a deeper connection to the park through outdoor programs, volunteering, wilderness services and its bookstores. Thanks to dedicated supporters, the Conservancy has provided more than \$100 million in grants to Yosemite National Park. Learn more at [www.yosemiteconservancy.org](http://www.yosemiteconservancy.org) or call 415/434-1782.

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## Volunteering In Yosemite

Over 10,800 volunteers donated more than 186,000 hours of service to Yosemite last year, restoring native habitat, working in visitor centers, serving as camp hosts, studying wildlife, cleaning up litter and more. Would you like to serve? We have group and individual volunteer opportunities, both short term and long term. Learn more at: [www.nps.gov/yose/getinvolved/volunteer.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/getinvolved/volunteer.htm) or call the volunteer office at 209/379-1850.



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