

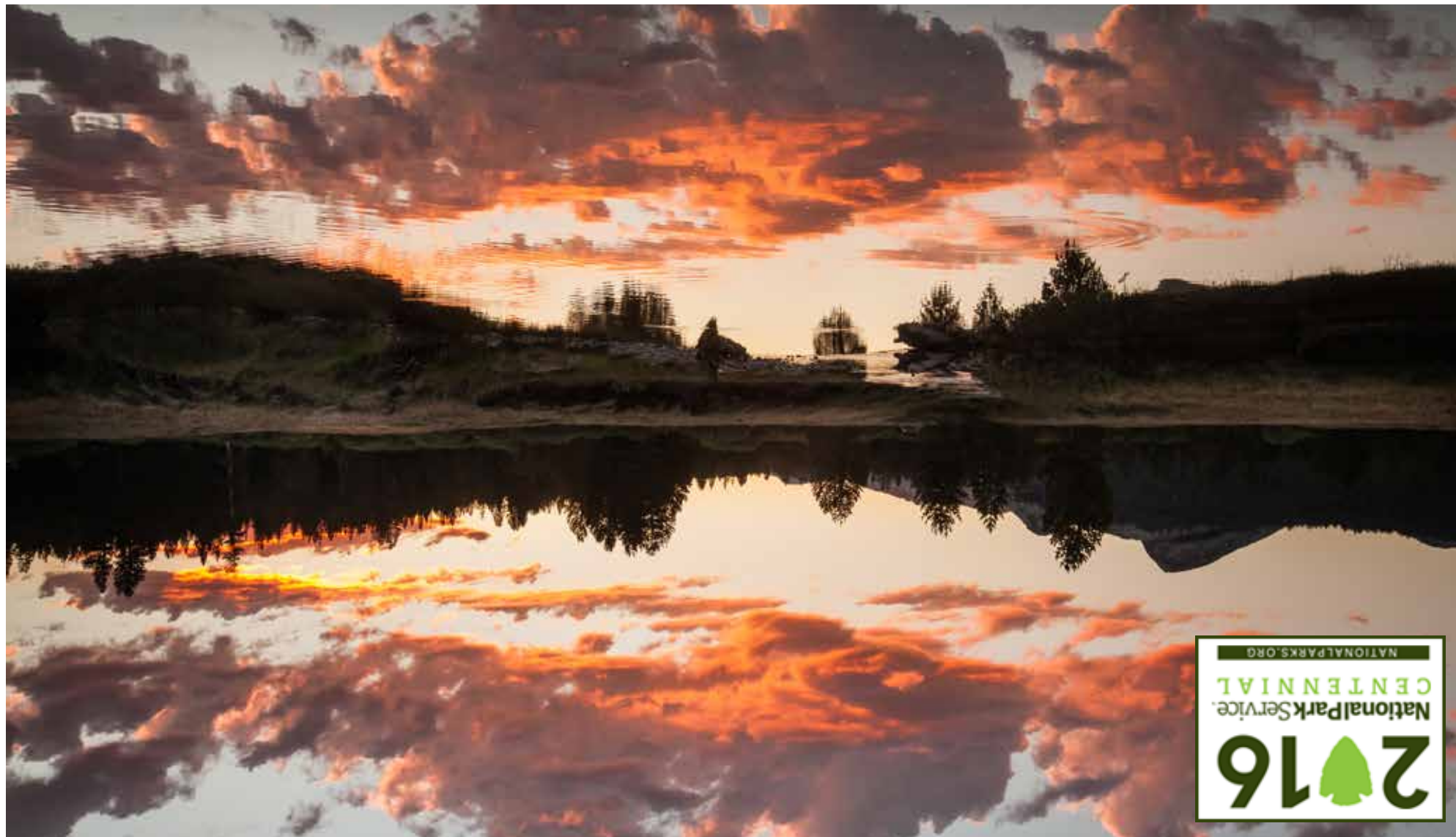


Yosemite Guide

Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

August 31, 2016 - October 4, 2016

Sunset on the Tuolumne River. 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)

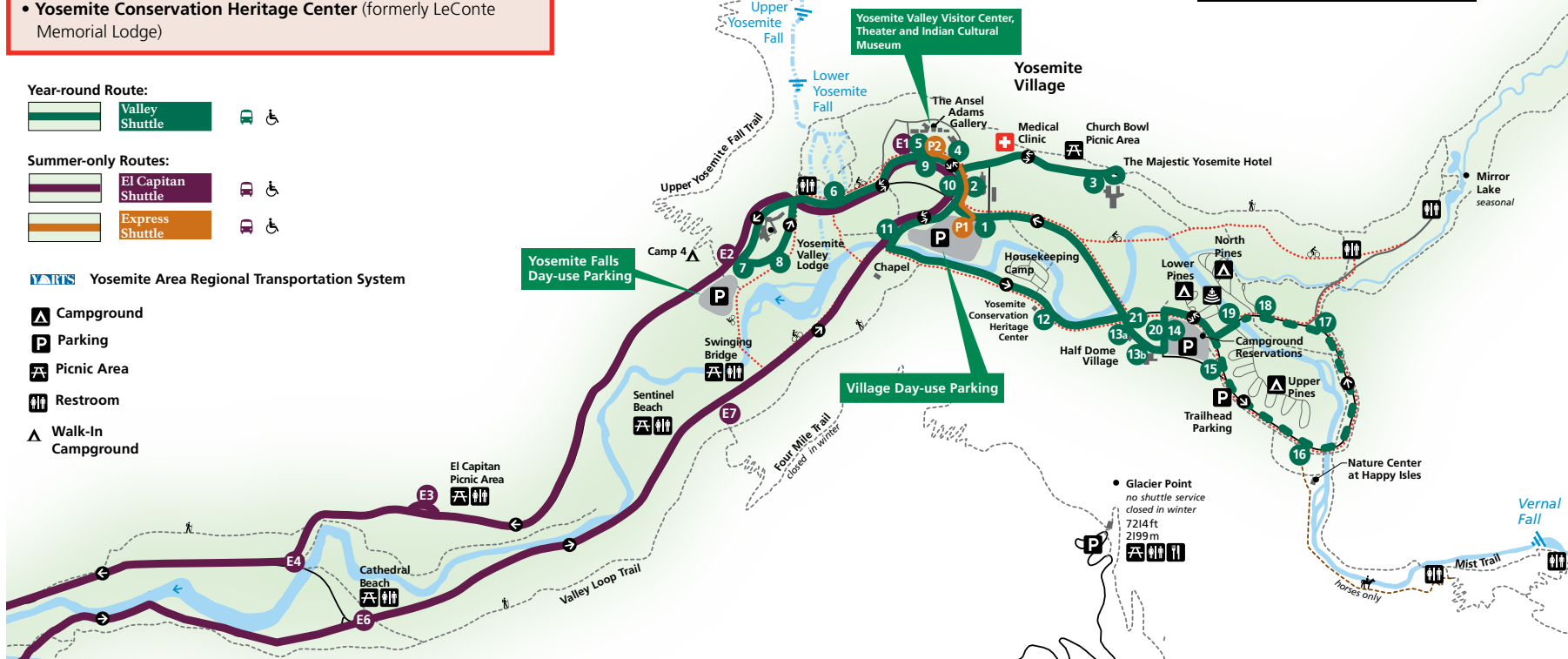
Beginning September 6, shuttle service and traffic circulation subject to change with parking and road construction. Expect temporary re-routes and delays.

Yosemite Valley Shuttle System

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

YARIS Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System

- ▲ Campground
- P Parking
- Ⓜ Picnic Area
- ♿ Restroom
- ▲ Walk-In Campground



The Valley Visitor Shuttle operates from 7am to 10pm 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 9am to 6pm. Shuttles run daily during summer every 30 minutes. The Express Shuttle operates from 9am to 6 pm. Shuttles run daily every 20 minutes (Service ends Sep 6).

Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location
1	Visitor Parking	11	Sentinel Bridge	16	Happy Isles/ Mist Trail
2 10	Yosemite Village	12	Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center/ Housekeeping Camp	17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
3 YARIS	The Majestic Yosemite Hotel	13b 21	Half Dome Village	18	North Pines Campground
4	Degnan's Deli	13b YARIS	Half Dome Village	19	Pines Campgrounds
5 9 E1 YARIS	Valley Visitor Center	14 20	Half Dome Village Parking	E3	El Capitan Picnic Area
6	Lower Yosemite Fall	15	Upper Pines Campground/ Trailhead Parking	E4 E6	El Capitan Crossover
7 E2	Visitor Parking/Camp 4			E5	Bridalveil Fall
8 YARIS	Yosemite Valley Lodge			E7	Four Mile Trail

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2016 Centennial Highlights

Celebrating 100 Years of Service!

The National Park Service turned 100-years-old on August 25, 2016! The Centennial kicked off a second century of stewardship of America's national parks and engaging communities through recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs. Continue in the celebration to explore, learn, discover, and be inspired, in over 400 national parks. Visit www.nps.gov/yose/anniversary or www.FindYourPark.com for more information about celebration events happening throughout this year.



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 to find more information about NPS Centennial events happening in a national park near you.



Every Kid In A Park

The Every Kid In A Park initiative was launched to help the next generation of park stewards 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 to download a voucher for your free annual pass. You'll have free access to any federal land or water during the school year from September 1 to August 30. Present the paper voucher at any park entrance to obtain the pass.



A view of Half Dome from Glacier Point. Photo by Christine Loberg

Get Outdoors with Yosemite Conservancy

Are you looking for a memorable way to explore Yosemite that is tailored to your own interests and abilities? Our expert naturalist-guides will help 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 specifically for your family or group. Visit yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or call 209/379-2317 Ext. 10 to find your adventure today.

Go To The Theater!

After a day filled with exploring, relax and enjoy a show at the Yosemite Theater. Yosemite Conservancy's theater program presents a variety of experiences, including plays based on some of the park's most colorful characters, inspiring films, and

celebrations of Yosemite's culture and history. Watch history come to life when John Muir takes the stage, learn about Search and Rescue in the park, or enjoy a movie showing the beauty of Yosemite's seasons through the eyes of a renowned rock-climber. *See page 6 for details.*

Take a Photography Class

Learn how to best capture the landscape of Yosemite by joining a photography expert from The Ansel Adams Gallery. Several classes are offered each week. Some require fees. Learn more and sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village, located at shuttle stops #5 and #9. *See pages 6 and 7 for details.*

Adventure Out with the Yosemite Mountaineering School

We 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 climbing 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.

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.

Visit the Yosemite Museum

Visit the Yosemite Museum during its 90th anniversary year and see a remarkable collection of woven baskets and traditional dress. Tour the exhibit, *Why Yosemite Collects: 90 years, 90 objects, 90 stories* or stroll the outdoor Indian Village or talk with an Indian cultural demonstrator. The Yosemite Museum is located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stops #5 and #9.

Stroll with a Ranger

Learn about the wonders of the park on a ranger-guided stroll. Programs are offered daily throughout the park on a variety of topics like bears, trees and Yosemite Indians. *See pages 6, 7, 9, and 11 for details.*

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 are reducing the amount of trash that goes to the landfill every year. In partnership with Yosemite Hospitality, we are making it easier for visitors and staff to participate by adding more recycling containers with better labels. We are also working to reduce the amount of waste we generate in park management 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, 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 at 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, 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

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 1 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

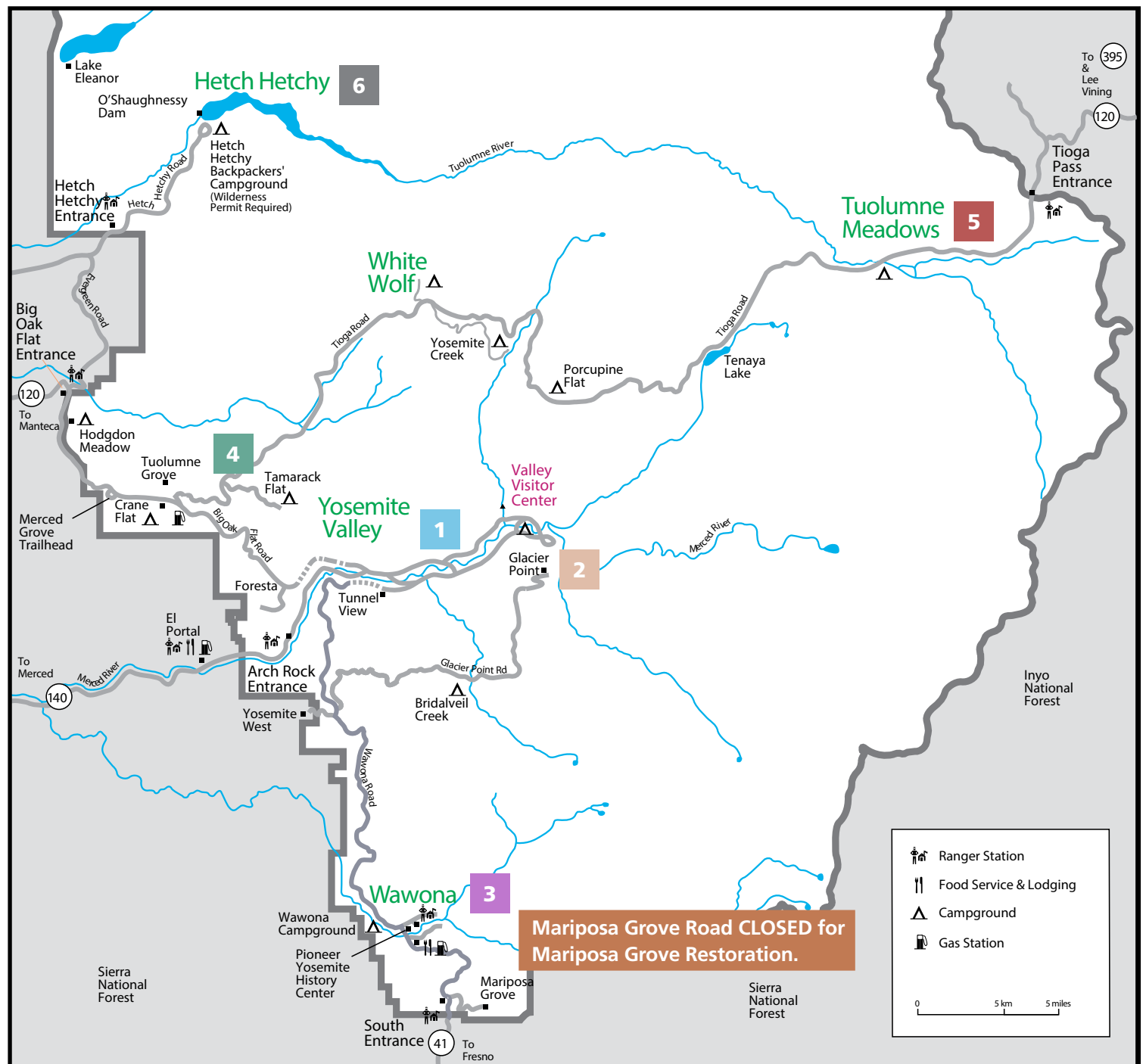
Highway 132/49 Coulterville Visitor Center
209/878-3329

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 a trickle by August, a moderate hike will bring you to impressive Vernal and Nevada Falls. Walk the Mirror Lake trail to get an up-close glimpse 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, 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 place, 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 is 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 begins 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. Service ends for the season Sep 5.*



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, 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.



Cathedral Peak. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Tuolumne Meadows

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

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. 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, RVs and other vehicles over 8 ft. 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?

- Repeat use of informal trails through meadows causes soil compaction, trampling of vegetation and loss of plant and animal species (which contribute to biodiversity).
- American Indians in Yosemite Valley promoted meadow habitat and black oak woodlands through annual burning.
- Large wood is an important part of the riverine ecosystem. Trees and logs in the river create important habitat and influence the shape and flow of the river channel.

Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park



Alpenglow on Half Dome. Photo by Christine Loberg

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. 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 and Glacier Point Starry Nights Bus 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.

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 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.



"Half Dome," Crystal glass vase, by Erika Van Dewark, Yosemite Renaissance 31. See page 5 for Yosemite Renaissance 32 details.

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 required for dinner. Reservations strongly recommended for dinner and Sunday Brunch. 209/372-1489
- The Majestic Bar**
Closed for renovation, scheduled to re-open in mid-August
Morning Coffee Bar: 7am to 10:30am, inside the Dining Room.
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 10pm
- Village Bar** 11am to 10pm
- Pavilion**
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- 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, 9am to 5pm beginning Sep 6
- 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

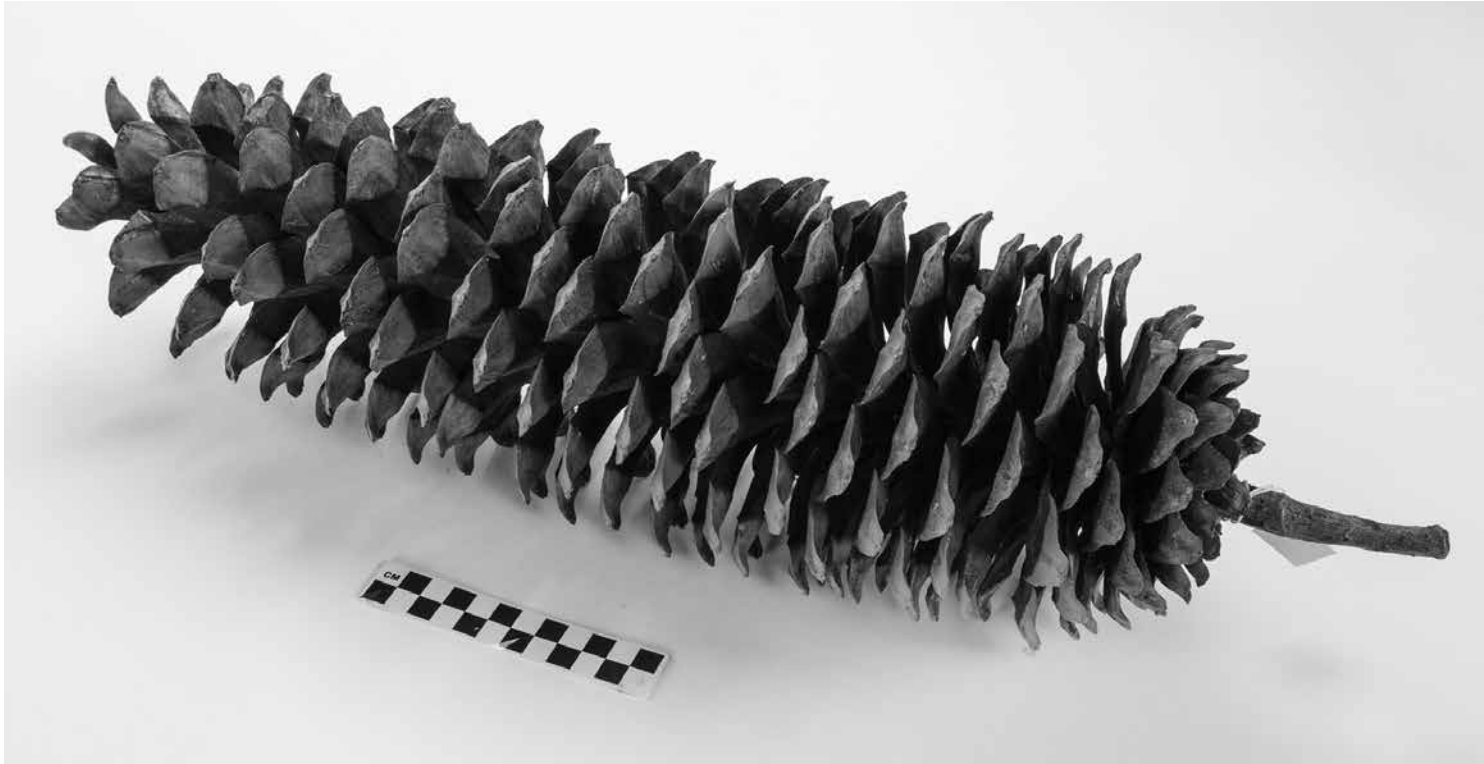
- Mountain Shop** 8am to 8pm
- Gift/Grocery** 8am to 10pm

Nature Center at Happy Isles

- Happy Isles Nature Center Bookstore** 9:30am to 5pm, Closes for the season Sep 6

Yosemite Valley

Where to go and what to do



Visit the Yosemite Museum to see the 22.9-inch Sugar Pine Cone that made its way into the Guinness Book of World Records, as well as other fascinating artifacts in the current exhibit, *Why Yosemite Collects: 90 Years, 90 Objects, 90 Stories*. NPS Photo

VALLEY VISITOR CENTER AND BOOKSTORE

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore are open from 9am to 5:30pm, *9am to 5pm beginning September 6*. 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. Open 9am to 5pm, *may close for lunch*.

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.

EXHIBITS

The Great Certainty

August 5, 2016 - September 10, 2016

Today, millions of people from across the globe make their way to National Parks. It is a cultural and social tradition to become familiar with these unique and special places, to explore them, experience them, share them and photograph them. The National Park Service was created in 1916 in order to secure and ensure the survival of these lands that today we hold as necessary crossings in life. As part of the 100th Anniversary of the formation of The National Park Service, The Ansel Adams Gallery is hosting the exhibition, "The Great Certainty" in celebration of this important and long lasting institution. Works featuring a wide variety of National Parks, Monuments and protected lands will be displayed including

those made by Ansel Adams, William Neill, Keith S. Walklet, Charles Cramer and more. This exhibition will begin August 5 and run through September 10.

NEW EXHIBIT

Mountain Rhythm

September 11, 2016 - November 2, 2016

The "artistic interpretation" of Yosemite, a place steeped in visual mythology and hewing tradition, is not to be taken lightly. As a summation of this long standing relationship between park and art, local painter Penny Otwell has said: "Drawing and painting in Yosemite all these years has taught me to see well!" Pages upon pages of graphite, ink and gouache laced paper that turn into canvases caked with oils and acrylics have directly participated in the invention, reinvention and even rejuvenation of the ideal of the National Parks. And helping to advance this historical path is Ms. Otwell – who has been painting Yosemite since 1964. Otwell says, "The rhythm found in a "cooled granite flow" is what I'm after in my paintings. Nature's rhythmic design offers the most interesting shapes for a painter, along with unusual negative space, color, angles, and most important, the very fine light found at higher elevations."

The exhibition "Mountain Rhythm," featuring new work by Penny Otwell, will be opening at The Ansel Adams Gallery on September 11 and running through November 2. This show includes en plein air and studio paintings that began as field sketches which outlined the structure of geologic forms at work in Yosemite National Park.

YOSEMITE RENAISSANCE 32 - CALL FOR ENTRIES

Yosemite Renaissance is an annual juried competition/exhibition intended to encourage diverse artistic interpretations of Yosemite. Historically, the arts have played a very important role in the establishment of our State and National Parks. It is our hope that they can be just as important in future efforts

to preserve and protect that heritage. Entries should be recent works of the landscape, environment, wildlife, and people of Yosemite or the Sierra Nevada. Both representational and non-representational submissions are accepted. Entries may be in any fine art medium including painting, photography, drawing, printmaking, textile and sculpture. Cash awards. Works accepted will be displayed at the Museum Gallery in Yosemite Valley during a two-month exhibition beginning the end of February 2017. For more information please visit our website, www.yosemitem Renaissance.org.

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 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

Housekeeping Camp

Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm, *Closes Oct 3*

SHOWERS, LAUNDRY, AND INTERNET

Housekeeping Camp

Showers
7am to 10pm, *for a fee*

Laundry
8am to 10pm, *for a fee*

Half Dome Village

Showers
24 hours, *for a fee*

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

August 31, 2016 - October 4, 2016



Yosemite Conservancy Photo

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 through 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.

- Aug 29-Sep 3** *Conquering Your Creative Fears: Mixed Media with Trowzers Akimbo*
- Sep 5-10** *Enjoy Painting Yosemite: Watercolor with Osamu Saito*
- Sep 12-17** *Workshop: TBD*
- Sep 19-24** *Watercolor Sketchbook Journaling with Janet Takahashi*
- Sep 26-Oct 1** *Sumi Painting: The Joy of Brush and Ink with Carolyn Fitz*
- Oct 3-8** *Ink Sketching with Watercolor with Pam Pederson*

Yosemite Theater (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy's theater program offers entertainment and inspiration through a variety of live theater performances, educational presentations and beautiful films. Revel as actors, rock-climbers and rangers bring adventures, culture, nature and history to life! All shows start at 7pm at the Yosemite Theater, located behind the Valley Visitor Center. Tickets, \$10 per adult (FREE tickets for children under age 12), are available at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Bookstore or at the theater before show time.

Yosemite Search and Rescue (Tuesdays, Except Sep 20)

Join veteran Yosemite Search and Rescue ranger John Dill for lively stories about emergency response missions in Yosemite, and cautionary tales sprinkled with solid advice to help you be safe in the wilderness.

John Muir Series: Conversation with a Tramp (Wednesdays)

Enjoy stories of John Muir's childhood and nature discoveries, while he awaits news on the fate of Hetch Hetchy Valley. Live stage performance starring actor Lee Stetson. NPS Centennial Celebration Show.

John Muir Series: The Spirit of John Muir (Thursdays)

Hear John Muir's most popular stories about his adventures in the wild and the people and animals he encountered along the way. Live stage performance starring actor Lee Shelton. NPS Centennial Celebration Show.

Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey (Fridays & Saturdays)

See the beauty of Yosemite in all four seasons with inspiring narrative in this stirring film, which is followed by a discussion with renowned rock-climber Ron Kauk.

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.

- Sep 17** *An Evening with Bats: Apps and Echolocation*
- Oct 1-2** *American Indian Food Preparation and Acorns with Julia Parker*

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

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Brent Moore - Resident Minister
209/372-4831 • www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org
www.YosemiteValleyChapelWeddings.org

SUNDAYS SERVICES IN THE YOSEMITE CHAPEL:

9:15am - Sunday School available
11am - (Memorial Day - Labor Day, 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/Wawona Campgrounds
10am - Sunday, at Tuolumne 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 21-Sep 3
9:45am - Music/Sabbath School
11am - Worship, 12:30pm Potluck
www.facebook.com/YosemiteSDAChurch

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Sundays: 8pm to 9pm, Yosemite Chapel
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 JUNIOR RANGER WALK (Except Oct 2) 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	9:30am Ranger Walk - NPS Centennial Stroll, Merced Meanders (Except Oct 2) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stops #5/#9. (NPS) ♿
Monday	9:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK (Except Oct 3) 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	9:00am Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at The Majestic Yosemite Hotel. (TAAG) ♿
	9:30am Centennial Ranger Hike (Except Oct 3) 3 hrs. Easy to moderate hike on Valley Floor Loop, shuttle stop #7. (NPS)
	9:45am Guest Artist Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. See details to the left. (YC) \$
Tuesday	9:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK (Except Oct 4) 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	9:00am Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) ♿
	9:30am Ranger Walk - NPS Centennial Stroll, Geology (Except Oct 4) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stops #5/#9. (NPS) ♿
	9:45am Guest Artist Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. See details to the left. (YC) \$
Wednesday	9:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	9:30am Ranger Walk - NPS Centennial Stroll, Inspiring Generations 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stops #5/#9. (NPS) ♿
	9:30am VOLUNTEER DROP-IN PROGRAM (Except Sep 28) 1-3 hrs. Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center. See program description on page 5. (NPS)
	9:45am Guest Artist Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. See details to the left. (YC) \$
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Thursday	9:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	9:00am Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) ♿
	9:30am Ranger Talk - NPS Centennial Talk, Yosemite's Treasures 1 hr. Front of the Indian Cultural Museum, near shuttle stops #5/#9. (NPS) ♿
	9:45am Guest Artist Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. See details to the left. (YC) \$
Friday	9:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	9:30am Ranger Walk - NPS Centennial Stroll, Wildlife 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stops #5/#9. (NPS) ♿
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	9:30am Ranger Walk - NPS Centennial Stroll, Ahwahneechee Games and Stories (Except Oct 1) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stops #5/#9. (NPS) ♿
	9:45am Guest Artist Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. See details to the left. (YC) \$

- 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_service@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 Ask A Climber 4 hrs. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for this informal program. Use telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER DROP-IN (Except Oct 2) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (drop in any time ,adult attendance with Jr. Ranger required), near shuttle stops #5/#9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:30pm Beginner Art Workshop 2 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Ages 8 and up. (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Walk - Merced Meanders (Oct 2 Only) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stops #5/#9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:30pm Ranger Walk - Wild About Bears (Except Oct 2) 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm Meet Your Yosemite (Except Oct 2) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm Naturalist Stroll 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 JUNIOR RANGER DROP-IN (Except Oct 2) 45 mins. Lower Pines Amphitheater (adult attendance with Jr. Ranger required, drop in any time), near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>8:00pm Meet Stephen Mather: First Director of the National Park Service (Sep 25 Only) 1 hr. Steve Hale, Historical Interpreter, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge). Shuttle Stop #12. (SC)</p> <p>8:00pm Ranger Program (Except Oct 2) 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19.(NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program: A Century of Climbing in Yosemite (Sep 11 and 18 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 NIGHT PROWL 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$ ♿</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$ ♿</p>
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Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point



Burrel "Buckshot" Maier driving a horse-drawn carriage near the Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona. NPS Photo

Explore History, Discover Giant Trees, and Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

Wawona

Coffee with a Ranger

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

Evening Programs

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Big Trees Lodge lobby from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, Tuesday through Saturday, 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 Big Trees Lodge General Store 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. *Closed for restoration.*

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

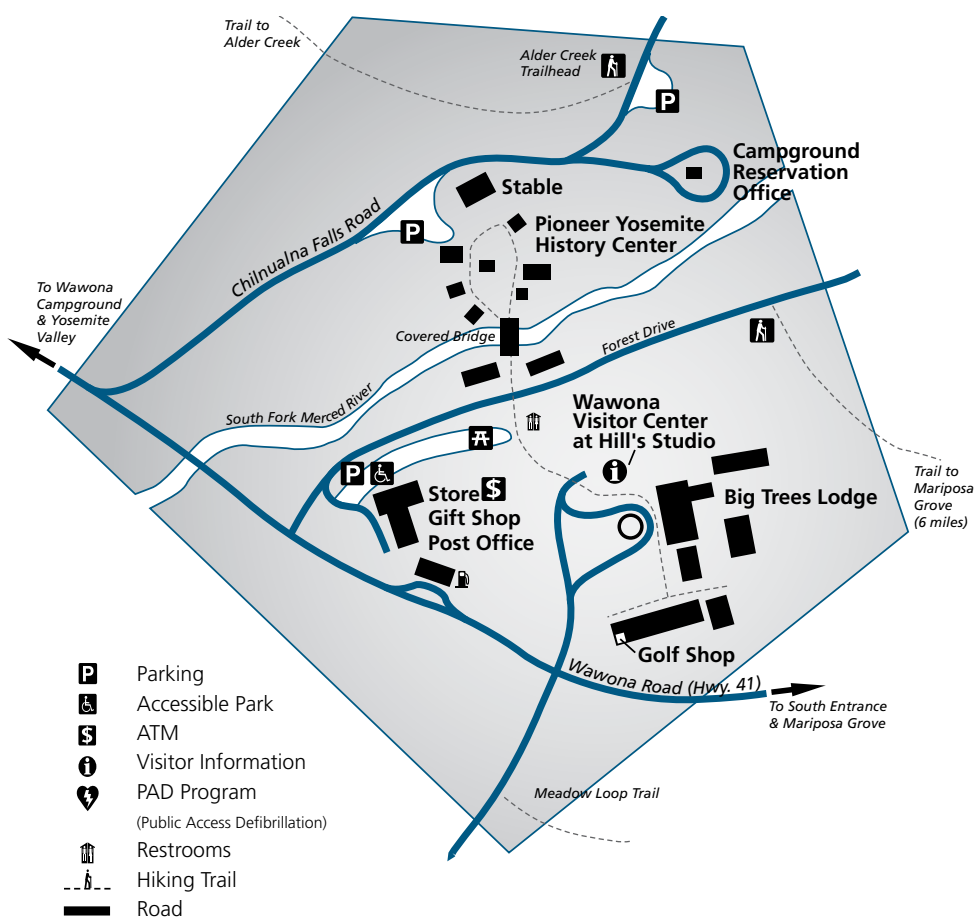
Grove and improve visitors' experience and enjoyment of the grove. Trails will be improved providing universal access along with improved restrooms.

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.





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,

Ends for the season Sep 7

Golf Shop & Snack Stand

8am to 6pm, weather permitting

Glacier Point

Snack Stand

9am to 7pm, weather permitting

GROCERIES

Big Trees Lodge General Store

8am to 8pm

GIFTS & APPAREL

Wawona

Big Trees Lodge General Store

8am to 8pm

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio

8:30am to 5pm

Glacier Point

Gift Shop

9am to 7pm, weather permitting

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

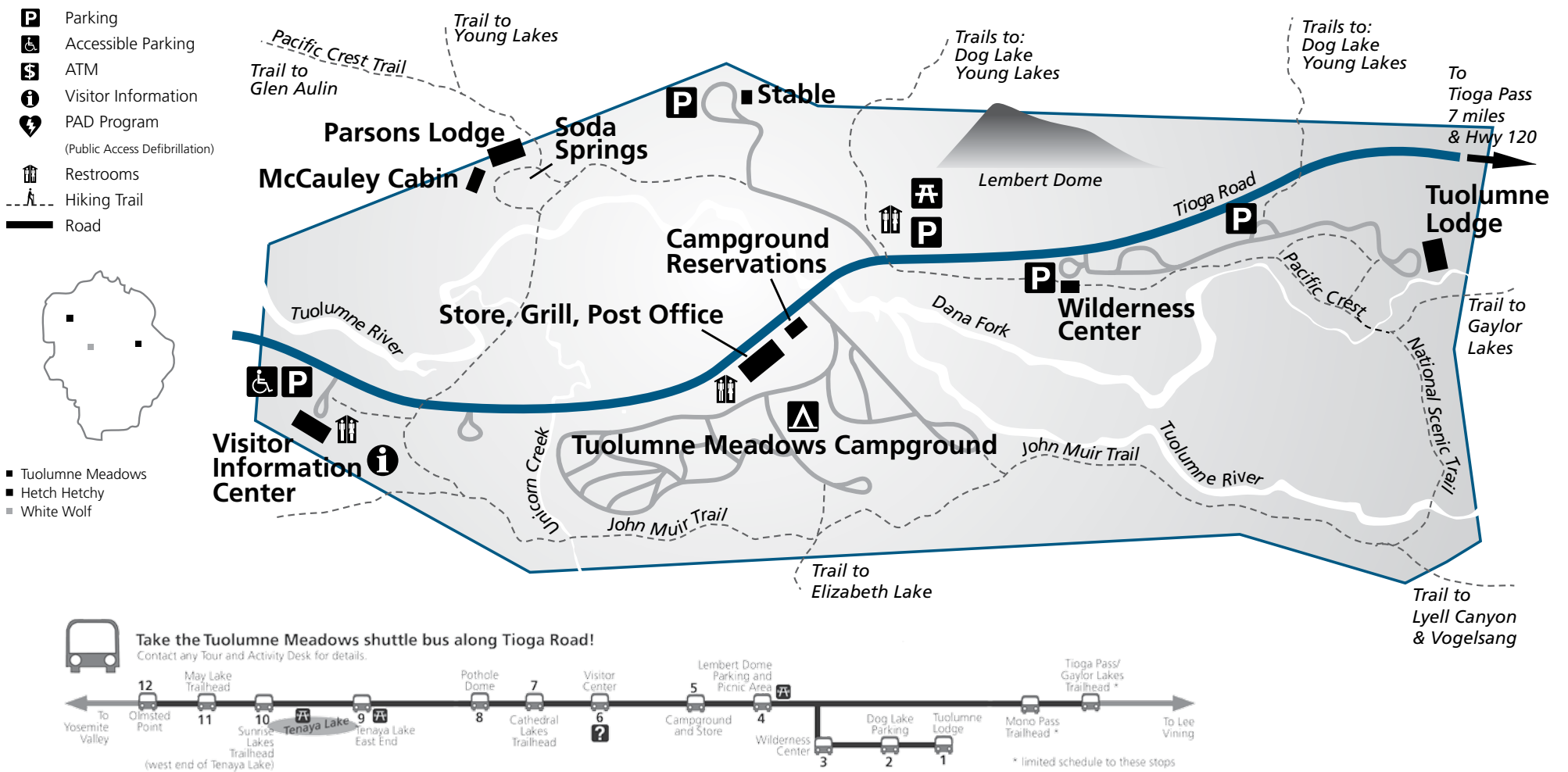
This FREE shuttle service runs from Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area (YSSA) to Glacier Point beginning at 10am. The last shuttle from YSSA leaves at 4:30pm and from Glacier Point at 5:30pm. This shuttle will be required when the Glacier Point parking lot is full; however, visitors with accessibility placards, valid wilderness permits for trailheads along Glacier Point Road, or are camping at Bridalveil Creek Campground will be allowed to continue. There is no free shuttle available for hikers from Glacier Point or YSSA to Yosemite Valley. Ends for the season Sep 5.

Glacier Point Starry Nights Shuttle from Yosemite Valley

Visit any Tour and Activity Desk for times and information.

	WAWONA	GLACIER POINT
Sunday	10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Stage Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (Sep 4 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm Campfire Talk (Sep 4 Only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly. (NPS) ♿	2:00pm Ranger Walk - Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan 1.5 hrs. Moderately difficult. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop. (NPS) 9:00pm GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point. Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. Shuttle services available. (YH) \$ ♿
Monday	Programs printed in ALL CAPS AND COLOR are especially for children and their families.	
Tuesday	5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music and history with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. History programs 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) ♿	2:00pm Ranger Walk - Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan 1.5 hrs. Moderately difficult. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop. (NPS) 9:00pm GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point. Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. Shuttle services available. (YH) \$ ♿
Wednesday	2:00pm – 4:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (Aug 31 Only) 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Stage Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12. (NPS) \$ 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (Aug 31 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music and history with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. History programs 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) ♿ 7:30pm Campfire Talk (Aug 31 Only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly. (NPS) ♿	
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Friday	10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Stage Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (Sep 2 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music and history with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. History programs 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) ♿ 7:30pm Campfire Talk 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly. (NPS) ♿	2:00pm Ranger Walk - Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 6:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Sep 23 and 30 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 6:30pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Sep 2, 9 and 16 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS)
Saturday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger (Hot Cocoa too!) (Sep 3 Only) 45 mins. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. (NPS) ♿ 9:00am Nature Walk with a Ranger (Sep 3 Only) 2 hrs. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call (855) 290-3499. (NPS) 9:00am JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM (Sep 3 Only) 1.5 hrs. Especially for ages 7-12. Meet at Wawona Campground Amphitheater. (NPS) ♿ 10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (Except Sep 17 & Oct 1) 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 Blacksmithing Demonstration (Sep 3 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music and history with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. History programs 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) ♿ 7:30pm Campfire Talk (Sep 3 Only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly. (NPS) ♿	2:00pm Ranger Walk - Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 6:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Sep 24 and Oct 1 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 6:30pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Sep 3, 10 and 17 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS)

Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat



Tuolumne Meadows

- Please walk on official trails to protect fragile meadow ecosystems.
- Dogs, bicycles, and strollers are only allowed on roads open to vehicles.
- Day-hikers and backpackers must go to the bathroom at least 100 feet away from water, trail, and camp areas; bury human waste six inches deep; pack out toilet paper and all other trash.

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center
Open 9am to 5pm, through Sunday, September 25. Park orientation, maps, trail information, books, 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. Parsons Memorial Lodge is open 10am to 4pm, through Saturday, September 17. Soda Springs are small, naturally-carbonated springs that attract birds and deer, especially at sunrise and sunset.

Just for Kids

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

Ranger Walks

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

Evening Activities

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

Tuolumne 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, across from shuttle stop #3.

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 120W.

Tuolumne Grove

The trailhead for this grove of approximately 25 sequoias is near the intersection of the Big Oak Flat and Tioga roads at Crane Flat. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from the parking area into the grove. The trail drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The way down can seem much easier than the uphill return

to the parking lot. The trip is moderately strenuous. 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,
Closes for the season Sep 25
Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room,
Lodge closes for the season Sep 11
Breakfast: 7am to 9am,
Reservations recommended.
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8pm,
Reservations Strongly recommended:
209/372-8413

White Wolf

White Wolf Lodge Dining Room,
Closes for the season Sep 18
Breakfast: 7:30am to 10am
Take-out Lunch: Noon to 2pm
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8pm

GROCERIES

Tuolumne Meadows

Store
8am to 8pm,
Closes for the season Sep 25

Crane Flat

Store
8am to 8pm,
8am to 5pm beginning Sep 6
24 Hour Pay at the Pump available

GIFTS & APPAREL

Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows Bookstore
Inside the Visitor Center
9am to 5pm,
Closes for the season Sep 25
Tuolumne Meadows Store
8am to 8pm,
Closes for the season Sep 25

Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Bookstore
Inside the Information Staton
8am to 5pm

POST OFFICE

Tuolumne Meadows

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

GAS STATIONS

Crane Flat

8am to 8pm,
8am to 5pm beginning Sep 6
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, payable by cash only. See map on page 10.

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.

There are a number of different stops between Olmsted Point and Tioga Pass, with varying fees.

For more information contact any tours and activity desk. *Service ends for the season Sep 11.*

Tuolumne Meadows Hiker's Bus

Departs at 8am from Half Dome Village in Yosemite Valley with several stops along the way. For a schedule and more details, visit any Tours and Activity desk. *Ends for the season Sep 11.*

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS		HETCH HETCHY, HODGDON MEADOWS, CRANE FLAT, WHITE WOLF	
Sunday	8:30am	Coffee with a Ranger (Except Oct 2) 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. 9:00am Ranger on the Dam Drop-In (Except Oct 2) 2 hrs. Meet at the O'Shaughnessy dam. (NPS)
	10:00am	Ranger Walk - Sketching in Tuolumne (Except Oct 2) 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring sunglasses, sketchbook/journal, pen, and pencil with an eraser. (NPS)	
	10:00am	Ranger Hike—Lambert Dome (Except Oct 2) 3 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 3 miles. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. Bring snacks and water. (NPS)	
	11:00am	Tenaya Lake Cleanup and Conversation with Climber Ron Kauk (Except Oct 2) 1.5 hrs. East end of Tenaya Lake, shuttle stop #9. (NPS)	
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Oct 2) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
	2:00pm	Ranger Walk - Indians in the High Country (Except Oct 2) 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. (NPS)	
	7:30pm	Campfire (Except Oct 2) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	
Monday	9:30am	Ranger Hike - Elizabeth Lake (Except Sep 26 and Oct 3) 5-6 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 5 miles. Meet at Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS)	7:00pm Ranger Campfire (Except Oct 3) 1 hr. Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater. (NPS) 7:00pm Bats! 1 hr. Be a Citizen Scientist for the night. Join a Ranger and assist with acoustical monitoring of bats. Meet at the fee deposit station at White Wolf Campground. (NPS)
	10:00am	Ranger Walk - Maps: Exploring a Lost Art (Except Sep 26 and Oct 3) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8. (NPS)	
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 26 and Oct 3) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
	2:00pm	Ranger Walk - From Bears to Butterflies: High Country Wildlife (Except Sep 26 and Oct 3) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office. (NPS)	
	7:30pm	Campfire (Except Sep 26 and Oct 3) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	
	7:30pm	Stars Over Mono Lake (Except Sep 26 and Oct 3) 1.5 hrs. Meet at South Tufa in Mono Basin. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS) ♿	
	9:15am	Ranger Hike - Gaylor Lakes Basin (Except Sep 27 and Oct 4) 5-6 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 5 miles. Meet at Gaylor Lakes parking lot at Tioga Pass. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS)	
12:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 27 and Oct 4) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿		
2:00pm	Ranger Walk - Trees, Trees, Beautiful Trees! (Except Sep 27 and Oct 4) 2 hrs. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. (NPS)		
6:30pm	Ranger Walk - Sunset (Except Sep 27 and Oct 4) 45 mins. Lambert Dome picnic area. (NPS)		
7:30pm	Campfire (Except Sep 27 and Oct 4) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)		
8:00am	Ranger Walk - Birds (Except Sep 14 and 28) 3 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS)	1:00pm Ranger in the Grove Drop-In 2 hrs. Tuolumne Grove of Sequoias. (NPS) 7:00pm Bats! 1.5 hrs. 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 209/379-1899. (NPS)	
8:30am	Coffee with a Ranger (Except Sep 14 and 28) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)		
9:00am	Awakening to the Meadows: Mindfulness and Movement (Except Sep 14 and 28) 1.5 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring a mat, pad, or towel. (NPS)		
10:00am	Geology of Tuolumne Meadows (Except Sep 14 and 28) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8. (NPS)		
12:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 14 and 28) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿		
1:30pm	Ranger Walk - The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River (Except Sep 14 and 28) 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. (NPS)		
7:30pm	Campfire (Except Sep 14 and 28) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)		
Wednesday	9:00pm	Ranger Talk - Stars (Except Sep 14 and 28) 1 hr. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	9:00am Ranger on the Dam Drop-In 2 hrs. Meet at the O'Shaughnessy dam. (NPS) 6:00pm The Black Bears of Yosemite 1 hr. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground entrance kiosk. (NPS) 7:00pm Bats! 1.5 hrs. 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 209/379-1899. (NPS) 7:30pm Yosemite's Night Sky - Crane Flat (Except Sep 29) 2 hrs. Sign up at Big Oak Flat information Station or call 209/379-1899. (NPS)
	10:00am	Ranger Walk - Domes and Meadows (Except Sep 29) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8. (NPS)	
	11:00am	Ranger Hike - Tenaya Lake Exploration (Except Sep 29) 3 hrs. Easy. 2 miles. East end of Tenaya Lake, shuttle stop #9. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS)	
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 29) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
	2:00pm	Ranger Walk - The Secret Life of Plants (Except Sep 29) 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. (NPS)	
	7:30pm	Campfire (Except Sep 29) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	
	8:30am	Coffee with a Ranger (Except Sep 30) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)	
9:30am	VOLUNTEER DROP-IN PROGRAM (Except Sep 30) 1-3 hrs. Meet in front of the Tuolumne Store. See program description on page 5. (NPS)		
10:00am	Ranger Walk - A Place Long Traveled: History of Tuolumne Meadows (Except Sep 30) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center shuttle stop #6. (NPS)		
12:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 30) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿		
1:00pm	Ranger Walk - High Country Hawk Watch (Except Sep 30) 3 hrs. Gaylor Lakes trailhead. Steep. 1 mile. Binoculars available. (NPS)		
6:30pm	Ranger Walk - Sunset (Except Sep 2 and 30) 45 mins. Lambert Dome picnic area. (NPS)		
7:30pm	Campfire (Except Sep 30) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)		
Thursday	8:00am	Ranger Walk - Birds (Except Oct 1) 3 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS)	1:00pm Ranger in the Grove Drop-In 2 hrs. Tuolumne Grove of Sequoias. (NPS) 6:00pm An Evening with Bats: Apps & Echolocation (Sep 17 Only) 4 hrs. See page 6 for more information. (YC) \$ 7:00pm Ranger Campfire 1 hr. Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater. (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire Program (Except Oct 1) 1 hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle. (NPS)
	9:15am	Ranger Hike - Mono Pass (Except Sep 3 and Oct 1) 6-8 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 8 miles. Meet at Mono Pass trailhead. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS)	
	10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK (Except Oct 1) 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Lambert Dome picnic area. (NPS)	
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Oct 1) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
	2:00pm	Ranger Walk - Winter's A-Comin'! (Except Oct 1) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8. (NPS)	
	3:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Oct 1) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
	6:30pm	CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS (Except Oct 1) 45 mins. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS) ♿	
Friday	7:30pm	CAMPFIRE (Except Oct 1) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	9:00pm Ranger Talk - Stars (Except Oct 1) 1 hr. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)
	8:00am	Ranger Walk - Birds (Except Oct 1) 3 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS)	
	9:15am	Ranger Hike - Mono Pass (Except Sep 3 and Oct 1) 6-8 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 8 miles. Meet at Mono Pass trailhead. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS)	
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	2:00pm	Ranger Walk - Winter's A-Comin'! (Except Oct 1) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8. (NPS)	
	3:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Oct 1) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿	
Saturday	6:30pm	CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS (Except Oct 1) 45 mins. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS) ♿	9:00pm Ranger Talk - Stars (Except Oct 1) 1 hr. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)
	7:30pm	CAMPFIRE (Except Oct 1) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	
	9:00pm	Ranger Talk - Stars (Except Oct 1) 1 hr. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	
	8:00am	Ranger Walk - Birds (Except Oct 1) 3 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS)	
	9:15am	Ranger Hike - Mono Pass (Except Sep 3 and Oct 1) 6-8 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 8 miles. Meet at Mono Pass trailhead. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS)	
	10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK (Except Oct 1) 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Lambert Dome picnic area. (NPS)	
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Oct 1) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (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.

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

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

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

Bears and Wildlife

Enjoying wildlife safely and responsibly



Black bear "logging in." Photo by Karen Amstutz

Keep Wildlife Wild!

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

Store Your Food Properly.

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

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

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

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

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

Drive the speed limit.

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

Red Bear, Dead Bear

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

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

Backpackers:

Save Your Food, Save A Bear

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

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

Report Bear Sightings!

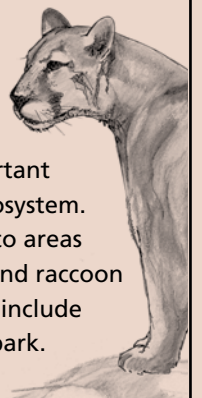
To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at 209/372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park's website (www.nps.gov/yose/bears).

Coyotes

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

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

Mountain Lions



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

For your safety:

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

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

What should you do if you meet a mountain lion?

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

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

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

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

How to Store Food

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

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



Protect Yourself...

Keep yourself safe while exploring your park.

There are many ways to experience the wildness of Yosemite. While the forces of nature can create unexpected hazardous conditions, with a little common sense and some pre-planning, you can minimize the risks associated with many activities.

A Safe Start to Our Second Century

Here we are, just days into our National Park Services' (NPS) second century. Our Founders' goal in creating the NPS 100 years ago: *"for the enjoyment of future generations."* This worthy goal endured for 100 years and it should certainly continue. Enjoying our National Parks is not just about preserving our natural, cultural, and historical resources; enjoyment also means making sure our park visit is a safe one. A century of experience has taught park rangers some valuable lessons at the unfortunate experience of too many visitors. Three themes seem to reoccur when an outdoor activity goes wrong:

- Relying on the Park Service for your safety. Ninety-five percent of Yosemite is wilderness and redesigning any portion of this for safety or convenience diminishes its natural character and is counter to its preservation efforts. Also, response to emergencies is often measured in hours. Remember, when you enter any National Park, you are responsible for your safety.
- Not planning or preparing for your outdoor activities. Preparing goes beyond setting a goal, for example, hiking to the top of Upper Yosemite Fall. You must ask yourself, how much effort will this take, and what will I need and how much time should I allow? And, what are the hazards? On any given day, park rangers encounter dozens of outdoor users who are not prepared for traversing wilderness. We do not run our cars beyond their fuel limits and we should not overextend our water and food supplies or our personal abilities.
- Yosemite's most serious injuries occur when someone leaves the trail, often by only a few yards or meters.

Weather

In addition to shorter days, we are entering a transitional season. Yosemite is still in for some hot weather but cold periods are inevitable. Snow is possible in the high country. In short, although the weather is usually pleasant, prepare for heat, cold, and precipitation.

Rivers and Streams

Yosemite's streams are usually quiet during this time of year except after rainy periods. This does not mean they are safe. Do not be deceived; Yosemite's streams still have strong and dangerous currents and are best enjoyed from the safety of the trail or other developed areas.

Yosemite's Roads

Traffic in Yosemite can be just as dangerous as it is in your home town along with additional hazards such as rock fall and abundant wildlife, including deer and bear. Moreover, there are plenty of scenic wonders that can easily distract drivers. If you cannot devote 100 percent 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. Always buckle up.

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 the one responsible for **your** safety.

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.

HANTAVIRUS

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.



...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, the Big Oak Flat Information Station, and the Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center (see pages 8 & 10). Call the park's main phone line at 209/372-0200, or check the web at 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 or 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 1 pm. To apply, visit Recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777. A non-refundable application fee applies to all submissions and a use fee applies to winning applicants. Finally, a daily quota of 75 Half Dome permits will be available to overnight users with an appropriate wilderness permit (use fee applies). These permits may be acquired through early reservations (50 per day) or day before

walk-up (25 per day). Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area may descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit. More information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm>. For backpackers more information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm>.

Rafting

Conditions permitting, rafting on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley (Clark's Bridge to El Capitan Bridge) 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 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 (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	All Year	\$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 10 - 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 8 - Sep 26	27 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$18	74	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Creek	July 17 - Sep 5	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	75	Yes	Creek (boil)
Porcupine Flat	July 1 – Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
Tuolumne Meadows	June 20 - 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			
Wawona Meadow Loop	Big Trees Lodge	3.5 miles round-trip, 1.5 hours	Easy
Swinging Bridge Loop	Wawona Store / Pioneer Yosemite Hist. Ctr. Parking Area	4.75 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
GLACIER POINT ROAD			
Taft Point	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Easy to Moderate
Sentinel Dome	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
TUOLUMNE MEADOWS AREA			
Soda Springs / Parsons Lodge	Lembert Dome Parking Area	1.5 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Lembert Dome	Lembert Dome Parking Area	4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderately Strenuous
John Muir Trail through Lyell Canyon	Dog Lake Parking Area	8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours	Easy, 200-foot gain
Elizabeth Lake	Tuolumne Meadows Group Campground	4.8 miles round trip, 4 to 5 hours	Moderate
TIOGA ROAD			
Lukens Lake	White Wolf ¹	5.4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderate
Yosemite Valley via Porcupine Creek	Porcupine Creek ¹	7 miles one-way, 4 to 6 hours	Moderate, 3,500- to 4,000-foot loss
Yosemite Valley via Yosemite Creek	Lukens Lake Trailhead ¹	10.5 miles one-way, 5 to 9 hours	Moderately Strenuous 3,500- to 4,000-foot loss
Yosemite Valley via Clouds Rest	Tenaya Lake ¹	19 miles one-way, 10 to 12 hours	Strenuous
HETCH HETCHY			
Wapama Falls	O'Shaughnessy Dam	5 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Easy to Moderate

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

FEATURED HIKE

Mirror Lake Loop

Distance: 5 miles (8 Km)

Elevation Gain: 200 feet

Difficulty: Moderate

Time: 2-3 hours

Begin at: Mirror Lake Trailhead, shuttle stop #17

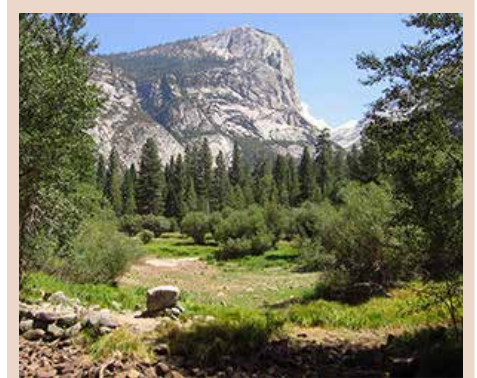
Trail Description:

This trail begins at shuttle stop #17. 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.

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, however, this hike allows for exhilarating views of Half Dome and Mt. Watkins. 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.

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.



Merced River Plan Implementation:

Yosemite Valley Ecological Restoration

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Restoration of the Ahwahnee Meadow begins. Photo by Todd Newburger

As we celebrate the centennial Anniversary of the National Park Service, we have the opportunity to reflect on our legacies from the last 100 years and look forward to what we hope to accomplish in the next 100 years. After the recent completion of the Merced River Plan in 2014, Yosemite National Park is currently implementing restoration actions to improve ecological health and function of sensitive meadows and riparian habitat in Yosemite Valley.

Over the years, many changes have been made to meadows and riparian areas in Yosemite Valley to accommodate visitors and residents. Roads were sometimes built through meadows and wetlands, riverbanks were stabilized with rock, ditches were constructed to drain meadows for agriculture, and ditches along roads diverted water away from meadows. These actions resulted in changing the natural hydrology by drying out the meadows, increasing non-native plants, and altering plant communities. Additionally, the increase of informal trails in meadows and along riverbanks has resulted in habitat fragmentation, trampling of native plant communities, and increased erosion of soils. Today, park management understands the importance of natural wetlands, meadows, and riparian habitat to the ecological health of the Valley. Therefore, ecological restoration actions in the plan seek to reverse some of these impacts to improve the natural riverine processes and wetland meadow function.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016 ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION EFFORTS

ROAD REMOVAL

While much of Ahwahnee Meadow consists of healthy wetland, riparian and upland meadow habitats, portions of the meadow have been historically altered by drainage ditches and a road built through the wettest portions. Most Sierra Nevada meadows are sustained by sheet flow (water slowly flowing over the surface) and high groundwater levels. But on the eastern edge of Ahwahnee Meadow, a roadbed traverses the meadow. This historic roadbed resulted from over 2,400 cubic yards of fill material having been deposited in former wetland. Populations of non-native plant species are associated with these areas of disturbance.

CONIFER REMOVAL

Conifers encroaching on meadows change meadow hydrology, soil chemistry, and habitat. Conifers have encroached into the meadows since the cessation of Native American burning since the late 19th century. Trees will be selectively removed along meadow edges in Ahwahnee meadow and under California black oak trees.

DITCH REMOVAL

Drainage ditches in Ahwahnee Meadow that channelize water flow and reduce the sheet flow that supports meadow plant communities will be filled to restore natural condition and meadow topography. These manmade ditches alter meadow

hydrology by diverting and concentrating surface flow, draining groundwater and drying out adjacent areas leading to changing plant communities. Soils available on site will be used to contour ditches and encourage ponding and sheet flow. Native plants will be salvaged during the restoration process and planted in order to restore native vegetation.

SOCIAL TRAIL REMOVAL

Visitor created trails exist within many sensitive meadows in Yosemite Valley. To restore meadow hydrology and native plant communities, select social trails will be removed.

RESTORING PLANT COMMUNITIES ON THE MERCED RIVER BANKS

Much of the soil found on the banks of the Merced River is easily eroded when not held together by plant roots. Vegetation on the banks is often trampled and thinned, removing the roots that stabilized the soil. National Park Service employees and volunteers are revegetating the riverbanks with native riparian plant species to rebuild eroded riverbanks and create complex plant communities to provide valuable habitat for aquatic and terrestrial species.

RESTORING LARGE WOOD PIECES TO THE MERCED RIVER

Tree trunks, branches, and rootwads that fall into the river become an integral part of the river ecosystem. Wood in the river often slows flowing water, which deposits sediments transported by water

thereby creating sandbars. Many plant and wildlife species take advantage of the varied habitat that forms around large wood in the channel. Large wood can also increase over bank flow, sustaining important riparian and wetland and meadow habitat.

REMOVAL OF RIPRAP

Many of the rivers and creeks in Yosemite have been lined with large stones, called riprap, to prevent the river from moving and to protect roads and buildings from being overtaken by the river. You have probably seen these stones if you have ever driven on roads in Yosemite that parallel the Merced River. Riprap prevents the establishment of native vegetation that supplies needed nutrients to the aquatic ecosystem as well as shade for macroinvertebrates and fish. Riprap placement in Yosemite Valley began in the late 1800s. Although much of that riprap has now been removed, there remains about three miles of riprap in the Merced River that has been identified for removal. Part of the current restoration involves removing riprap that has already collapsed and is no longer functional, or replacing riprap with bioengineered structures that can serve the same function as the riprap and incorporate native willows that can naturally stabilize the bank and enhance riparian habitat.

Returning the Ahwahnee Meadow back to natural meadow conditions is one of several projects underway as part of the Merced River Plan Implementation.

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