



Yosemite Guide

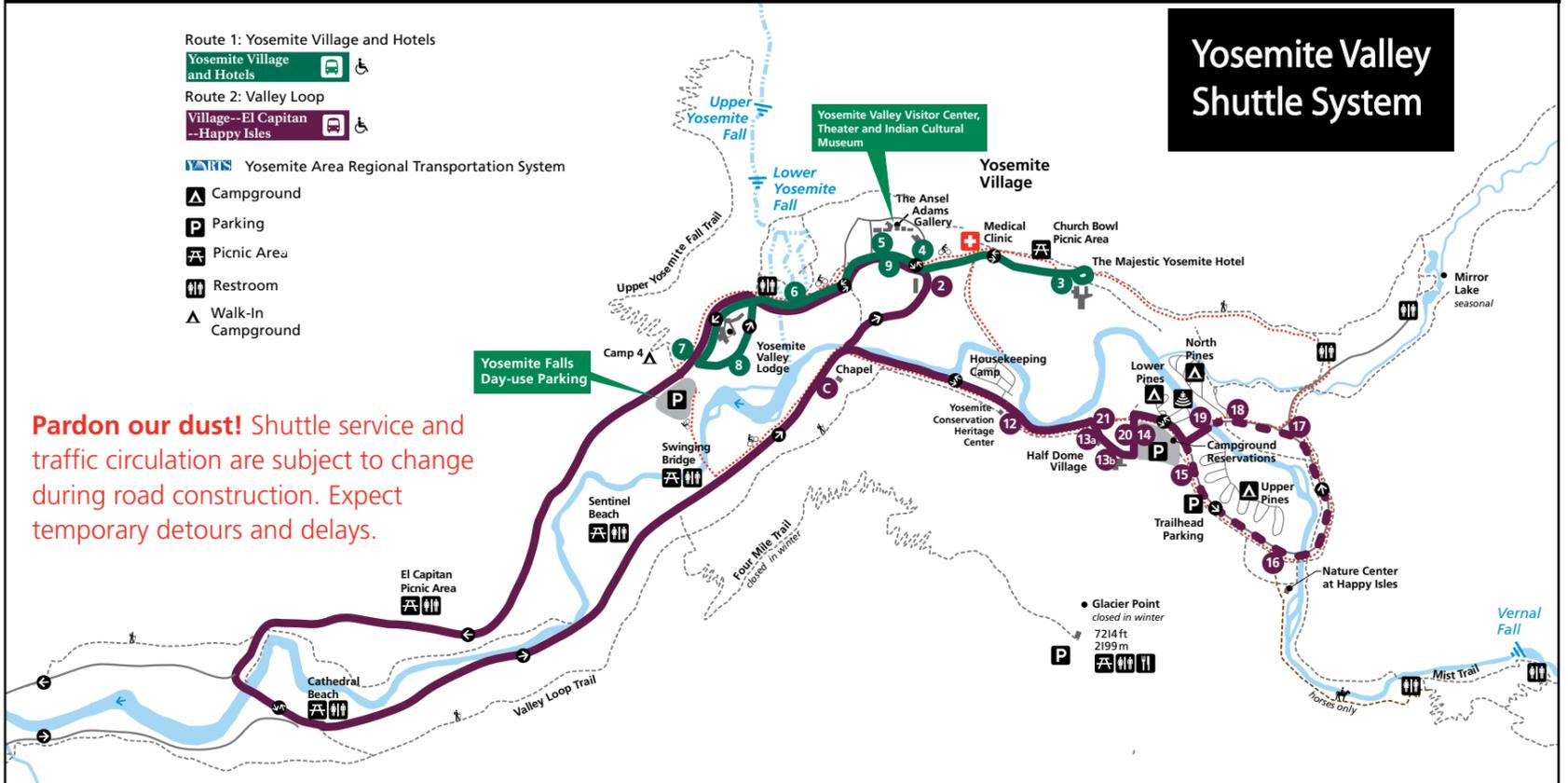
Constructing boardwalks in the lower Mariposa Grove area *Photo courtesy of Yosemite Conservancy*



Experience Your America Yosemite National Park

Yosemite Guide April 5, 2017- May 16, 2017

Yosemite Valley Shuttle System



Pardon our dust! Shuttle service and traffic circulation are subject to change during road construction. Expect temporary detours and delays.

Yosemite Village Loop runs approximately every 10 minutes
 Village-El Capitan-Happy Isles Loops runs approximately every 20 minutes

Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location
2	Village Store	C	Chapel
3	The Majestic Yosemite Hotel	12	Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center/ Housekeeping Camp
4	Degnan's Deli	13a	Visitor Parking
5	Valley Visitor Center	13b	Half Dome Village Registration
6	Lower Yosemite Fall	14	Half Dome Village Day Use Parking
7	Day Use Parking/ Camp 4	15	Upper Pines Campground/ Trailhead Parking
8	Yosemite Valley Lodge	16	Happy Isle Nature Center/ Mist Trail
9	Valley Visitor Center	17	Mirror Lake
		18	North Pines Campground
		19	Lower Pines Campground
		20	Half Dome Village Day Use Parking
		21	Visitor Parking

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Things to Do

Exploring Yosemite in Spring



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Yosemite Valley

CELEBRATE JUNIOR RANGER DAY WITH US!

Be the ranger you wish to see in the world! Come celebrate with us on April 22 for Junior Ranger Day! Discover the role that rangers play in helping make the world a better place. Join us for junior ranger walks and activities and get your very own junior ranger badge. See page 5 for more details.

WALKING AND HIKING

Yosemite Valley has a wide range of walking and hiking possibilities. Stop by Yosemite Valley Visitor Center for trail maps and current trail conditions, or see page 7 for a list of popular Yosemite Valley day hikes and for Wilderness permit information.

TOURS

Yosemite Valley Floor Tour

Led by park rangers or Yosemite Hospitality naturalists, this 2-hour tour takes you to many highlights as you learn about the history, flora, and fauna throughout the Park. Call 209/372-1240 or inquire at the Tour and Activity Desk in the Yosemite Valley Lodge between 7:30am and 3pm.

Other Yosemite tours may be available as conditions permit. Inquire at any Tour and Activity Desk or Visitor Center.

NATURALIST PROGRAMS

Naturalists give walks and talks about Yosemite's natural and cultural history, every day. See page 5 for scheduled walks, talks, and evening programs.

YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL

Provides outdoor adventures for people of all experience levels. We are here to help you enjoy Yosemite outdoor sports safely, and responsibly. Join one of our group cross country skiing classes or schedule a custom outing designed specifically for your group. We offer professional guides for cross country skiing and snowshoeing, as well as hiking, and rock climbing (depending on weather). Reservations required for most activities, please call 209/372-8344 or email yms@aramark.com.

TAKE A PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS

Enjoy the beauty of Spring in Yosemite. Join a photography expert from The Ansel Adams Gallery and learn how to best capture the landscape. Several classes are offered weekly. Custom photography guides available upon request. Learn more and sign up at The Ansel Adams Gallery.

YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY OUTDOOR ADVENTURES (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy's year-round, naturalist-led Outdoor Adventures offer something for every park explorer. Upcoming outings include:

Introduction to Backpacking and "Leave No Trace" Trainer (April 7-9)

Learn LNT practices during a Valley-based backpack; no experience required.

Dine and Discover: Sierra Tree Mortality - Death of the Ponderosa Pine (April 21-22)

Evening presentation and day hike focused on Yosemite's forest landscape.

Yosemite Day Hike: World-Famous Waterfalls and Hidden Gems (April 29-30)

An expert-led look at the Valley's spring water displays.

Hetch Hetchy: Water Exploration and Wildflowers (May 13-14)

Expert-led day hikes and natural history in the Hetch Hetchy area.

Visit yosemiteconservancy.org/outdoor-adventures or call 209/379-3217 x10

to learn more, sign up, and see our full calendar. Registration includes park entry (as needed) and camping; other lodging options are available. Custom Adventures can be arranged for individuals and groups. Proceeds from all our programs help preserve and protect the park.

YOSEMITE CONSERVATION HERITAGE CENTER

The Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge) is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am until 4 pm. Free evening programs are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 pm. 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.



Yosemite National Park Celebrates Earth Day! Saturday April 22, 2017

You are invited to help us celebrate the arts and Earth Day from **10:00 am to 2:00pm!** Enjoy booths around the Yosemite Village Mall where interactive activities and demonstrations for kids of all ages allow you to experience how the park and its partners are serving as stewards of the earth. Explore activities presented by the National Park Service, Yosemite Conservancy, and more. There will be abundant crafts, music, games, and fun.

Drop-in Earth Day Litter Pick Up: 10am-11:30am and 12:30pm-2:00pm

Come to the Volunteer Program booth on the mall to register as an official Earth Day hero! We will give you the equipment you need to pick up litter and care for your Yosemite. All abilities and ages 3 and up welcome.

Learn How to be Zero Landfill

Propane Canister Trade-in Get a Refillable Canister! Come to the Zero Landfill Booth on the mall to trade in your one-time use propane canister for a refillable canister. Why throw away when you can reuse - it's cheaper, too! Learn about composting and how to make art from recycled materials.

Shakespeare in Yosemite

April 22nd and 23rd

Both days: 2:00pm Lower River Amphitheatre, 5:30pm Half Dome Village Amphitheater
An original hour-long play for Earth Day and Shakespeare's birthday. Featuring Ranger Shelton Johnson, Lee Stetson as John Muir, live music, and scenes from Shakespeare. Free, interactive fun for all ages!

The Yosemite Earth Day Festival will be a Zero Landfill Event! This means we will consciously try to create less waste and divert created waste away from the landfill. So, bring your refillable water bottle, leave food packaging at home, and take informational pictures instead of pamphlets.



Beyond Yosemite Valley

WAWONA AREA

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio
Starting April 19, the bookstore (only) will be open daily from 9am to 5pm, may close for lunch. For Wilderness permit information, please see page 7.

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 open throughout the year.

Evening Program at the Big Trees Lodge

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Big Trees Lodge lobby Tuesday through Saturday from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, performs songs and 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 before 8pm while Tom's performing.

BIG OAK FLAT AREA

The Big Oak Flat Road sustained considerable damage during winter storms. Please call 209/372-0200 for current road conditions as the road may be closed or restricted during your visit.

Tuolumne Grove

The trailhead for this grove of approximately 25 sequoias is near the Big Oak Flat and Tioga road intersection at Crane Flat. The moderately strenuous trail leads downhill from the parking area into the grove and drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guided nature trail. There is no potable water in the area so 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, ski, or snowshoe into the grove. The trail drops 1.5 miles, making this a moderately strenuous hike on the uphill portion. There is no potable water so 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.

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)

Vehicle Valid for 7 days
\$30/Vehicle

Motorcycle Valid for 7 days
\$25/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

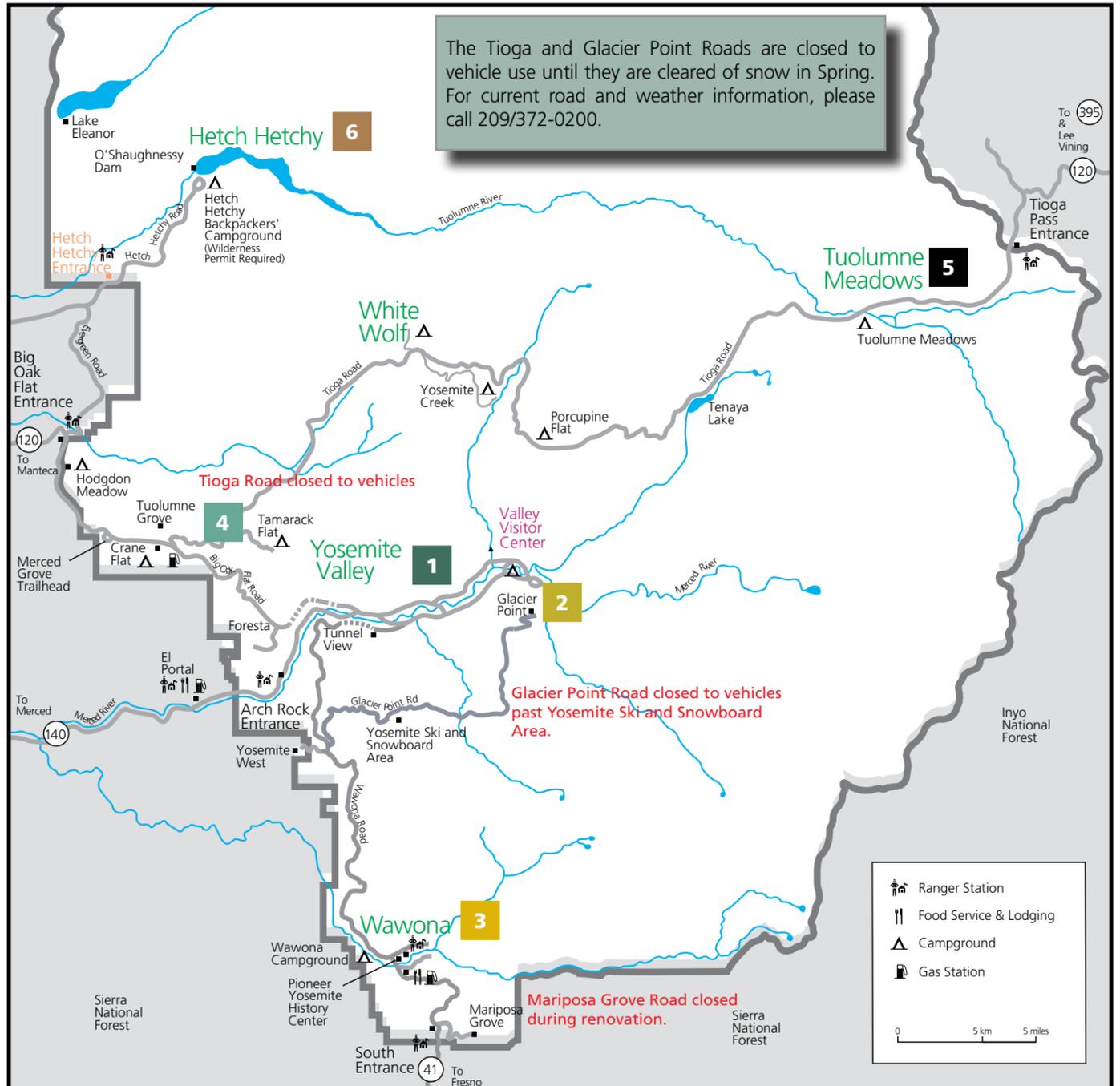
Highway 132/49
Coulterville Visitor Center
209/878-3329

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



Access for People with Disabilities

Accessible parking, lodging, tours, and activities are available throughout the park. For a complete list of accessible services, recreational opportunities, and exhibits, pick up an updated Yosemite Accessibility Guide which is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm, or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at 209/379-1035 for more information.



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



Sign Language interpreting available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at 209/379-5250 (v/txt), VP: 209/222-3944, or at yose_deaf_services@nps.gov. Two weeks advance notice preferred. Assistive Listening Devices available upon advance request, inquire at a visitor center.



Audio tours are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias (closed until Summer 2017). Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.



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Yosemite Valley

1 ...is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. It is open year round and can be reached via Highway 41 from Fresno, Highway 140 from Merced, Highway 120 West from Manteca, and via the Tioga Road (Highway 120 East) from Lee Vining in summer. The Valley is known for massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome, its plunging waterfalls including the tallest in North America, and its attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls will be dry until rain and snow recharge it, a moderate hike will take you to Vernal and Nevada Falls. Yosemite's meadows are great places to see wildlife and to photograph fall and winter scenery. Admire El Capitan, the massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. Whether you explore the Valley by foot, car or with a tour, the scenery will leave you in awe and eager to see what's around the next corner.

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 (1 hour) from Yosemite Valley. The Glacier Point Road is closed beyond the Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area until it can be plowed in Spring. When the road is snow-covered and conditions permit, a system of cross-country ski tracks are maintained on it. From Yosemite Valley, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), then turn left onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, when the road is open, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating view looking down 3,214 feet into Yosemite Valley.

Wawona and The Mariposa Grove

3 The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park's south entrance station. **The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is currently closed for restoration, see page 10 for more 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.

Crane Flat Area

4 Crane Flat is located 16 miles from Yosemite Valley at the junction of the Big Oak Flat and Tioga Roads. A number of hikes through pleasant meadows are available—when snow covers the ground these turn into delightful ski and snowshoe tracks. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area located on the Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias. Or, park at Merced Grove trailhead and walk two steep miles down to this small grove. These groves north of Yosemite Valley are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but are quieter and off limits to vehicles. Remember that the walk down is easier than the walk back up.

Tioga Road and Tuolumne Meadows

5 The Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. The Tioga Road is closed to vehicles until it can be plowed in Spring. The road's elevation ranges from 6,200 feet to just under 10,000 feet. Tuolumne Meadows embodies the high-country of the Sierra Nevada. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows surrounded by granite domes and peaks. It is the jumping off place for countless hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week.

Hetch Hetchy

6 Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the City of San Francisco, is home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. The area's low elevation makes it a good place to hike in autumn and winter. The Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles (1¼ hour) from Yosemite Valley via the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120W) and the Evergreen Road. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open from 8am to 7pm through April and from 7am to 9pm beginning in May. Wilderness permits and bear canisters are available at the entrance station while the road is open. Vehicles and/or trailers over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.



Tunnel View, Spring NPS Photo



Half Dome from Glacier Point NPS Photo



Snow at Wawona's covered bridge Photo by Christine White Loberg



Tuolumne Meadows deep freeze Photo by Wendy Malone



Hetch Hetchy Reservoir NPS Photo

Yosemite Valley

Information, Art, Theater, and Exhibits



Susan Manter Bolen, *Lower Yosemite Falls in Blue & Orange*, Acrylic, on display at Yosemite Renaissance 32 Exhibition

Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore are open from 9am to 5pm. They are located west of the main post office, near 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, in the Theater behind the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. The museum is open daily from 9am to 5pm, *may close for lunch*.

INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

Interprets the cultural history of Yosemite's Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. The Indian Cultural Museum is open from 9am to 5pm, *may close for lunch*.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE

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

MUSEUM EXHIBIT

February 25-April 30

Yosemite Renaissance 32 Art Exhibit

Yosemite Renaissance 32 opened on February 25 at the Yosemite Museum Gallery. The exhibit will be on display through April 30, 2017. It will then travel on to be shared with the public at other California art centers.

Yosemite Renaissance is an annual exhibit that presents diverse artistic interpretations of Yosemite and the Sierra Nevada, creating a continuum of artworks inspired by the region from historical times to the present.

This year, 65 works were selected from 846 entries. The exhibit includes paintings, textiles, photographs and 3-dimensional works by artists from across the country. The Museum Gallery is open 10am to Noon and 1pm to 4pm daily.

Yosemite Art Center (YC)

Enjoy a hands-on creative experience at the Art Center in Yosemite Village! Join one of our upcoming expert-led classes (Monday-Saturday, 10am-2pm):

April 3-8

Acrylic Painting with Color and Light with Sparkle Taylor

April 10-15

Create a Yosemite Keepsake in Mosaic with Nancy Meyer (adult workshop: 10am-11:30am; Spring Break Special kids' workshop: 1pm-2:30pm)

April 17-22

Yosemite Watercolor with Jim Kingwell

April 24-29

Three Color Watercolor with Juan Peña

May 1-6

Color Play: Watercolor with Jo-Neal Boic

May 8-13

Plein Air Treasure: Yosemite in Watercolor with Bill Bartelt

May 15-20

Impressions of Yosemite in Acrylic with Marcy Wheeler

Sign up online (yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center), by phone (209-373-4207) or by email (artcenter@yosemiteconservancy.org). Registration is \$15 per person, per day; some classes have an additional materials fee. Art supplies are available for purchase. Workshops are typically held outside, and walk-ins are welcome if space is available.

Looking for an art activity for the whole family? Sign up for the Spring Break Special mosaic workshop (April 10-15, \$40 per family, per day), or come by any day for one of our drop-in craft programs for families, children and teens (suggested donation: \$10 per family, plus cost of supplies)

Yosemite Theater (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy's theater program offers entertainment and inspiration through live performances, educational presentations and beautiful films. All shows start at 7pm at the Yosemite Theater, located behind the Valley Visitor Center, shuttle bus stops #5 & #9. Get your tickets (\$10 per person, free tickets for children under age 12) at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Bookstore or at the theater before show time.

Yosemite Search and Rescue (Tuesdays). Hear stories about emergency response missions in the park from Yosemite's expert Search and Rescue rangers.

John Muir Series: Conversation with a Tramp (Wednesdays). Join John Muir in the early 1900s he receives news on the fate of Hetch Hetchy Valley. Live performance by Lee Stetson.

John Muir Series: Stickeen and Other Fellow Mortals (Thursdays) Enjoy Muir's tales about adventures with animals, including Stickeen the dog. Live performance by Lee Stetson.

Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey (Fridays & Saturdays) Join rock-climber Ron Kauk for a film and conversation celebrating Yosemite's vertical world.



The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery is open daily from 10am to 5pm. Beginning March 12, 2017, the hours of operation will be from 9am to 5pm. The Gallery offers the work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other artists. For more information call 209/372-4413 or visit www.anseladams.com. See page 5 for photo walks and other event times.

GALLERY EXHIBIT

April 16 - May 27

Celebrating Wildness-Photographs by Bob Kolbrener

The wilderness instills in us the feeling of being uninhibited, creative and free; we are completely reliant on collective abilities in these places to undertake, protect and enjoy such an experience. And in turn, the wilderness shows us the meaning of grandeur and wonder and self. In this tradition, Bob Kolbrener has been exploring the wilderness through his lens since a discovery of Ansel Adams and Mr. Adams landscape legacy that was at its own apogee in the Yosemite backcountry. Together with his wife Sharon, Bob continues to seek out adventure with enthusiasm which has continued without decline for 50 years — frequently finding photographs along the way to celebrate and share their required wonder. Today, The Ansel Adams Gallery is excited to exhibit a collection of Mr. Kolbrener's work made during this period with "Celebrating Wildness." Original silver gelatin photographs on display will include a number of larger scale images made in Yosemite as well as the American West, showcasing the landscape in its grandest form. "Celebrating Wildness" will open at The Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village on April 16th and run through May 27th.

March 5 - April 15

Trees - Photographs by Jeffery Conley

Throughout history, the trees have given us solace. From the Transcendentalists to John Muir and Ansel Adams to many more today, there is an air of tranquility and comfort that we find in the forest, and an elegance which we continue to translate and share through our photography. Jeffrey Conley has been actively photographing in Yosemite, California and Oregon for many years, and within these arenas, has used The Tree as a constant milieu in his work, highlighting the modern patterns and organic rhythms of his subject. Beginning on March 5th and running through April 15th, 2017, Mr. Conley's dedicated tribute to this muse will be on display at The Ansel Adams Gallery on the upper gallery walls. We hope to see you there during your visit.

Events and Programs

Yosemite Valley

Programs printed in ALL CAPS AND COLOR are especially for children and their families.

Sunday	9:30am	JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 min. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
	10:00am	Ranger Walk – Wild About Bears (except May 7 and 14) 1.5 hrs. Shuttle stop #7.
	10:00am	DROP-IN CRAFTS Yosemite Art Center. Daily drop-in programs for families, children and teens. Stop by between 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm to create a Yosemite-themed craft. \$10 suggested donation. See pg. 4 for details. (YC)
	2:00pm	Historic Majestic Hotel Tour (Except Apr 23) 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿
	7:00pm	Evening Program (Except Apr 23) 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room. (YH) ♿
	8:00pm	John Muir and Teddy Roosevelt: Yosemite 1903 (May 7 only) 1hr. Tom Bopp, Yosemite Historian and Musician, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge), limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)
Monday	8:30pm	NIGHT PROWL (Except Apr 23) 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) \$ ♿
	8:30pm	STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Except Apr 23) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$ ♿
	9:00am	Camera Walk Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel 1.5 hrs. (TAAG) ♿
	10:00am	Ranger Walk– Yosemite's First People 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9
	10:00am	Guest Artist Workshop (except April 10) 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center . See pg. 4 for details. (YC) \$
	10:00am	Create a Yosemite Keepsake in Mosaic (April 10 only) 1.5 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center . See pg. 4 for details. (YC) \$
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	1:00pm	Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera photography class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$
	1:00pm	SPRING BREAK SPECIAL: MOSAICS FOR KIDS (April 10 only) 1.5 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center . See pg. 4 for details. (YC) \$
	2:00pm	Historic Majestic Hotel Tour (Except Apr 24) 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿
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	8:30pm	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) \$ ♿
Wednesday	8:30am	Naturalist Bird Walk 2 hrs. Go bird-watching with Yosemite Conservancy's resident naturalist. No registration needed. Meet at Yosemite Art Center. \$10/person. (YC) \$
	9:00am	Camera Walk Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery 1.5 hrs (TAAG) ♿
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Thursday	1:00pm	In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams photography class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$
	3:00pm	Ranger Walk – Wild About Bears (May 2, 9, 16) 1.5 hrs. Shuttle stop #7.
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	1:00pm	Naturalist Botany Walk 2 hrs. See spring flora with Yosemite Conservancy's resident naturalist. No registration needed. Meet at Yosemite Art Center. \$10/person. (YC) \$
	7:00pm	Yosemite Theater – Yosemite Search and Rescue 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore or Yosemite Theater. See pg. 4 for details. (YC) \$
	8:30pm	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) \$ ♿
Friday	9:30am	JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 min. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
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	10:00am	Ranger Walk – Generations (except April 19, May 3 and May 10) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9.
	1:00pm	Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera photography class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$
Saturday	1:00pm	SPRING BREAK SPECIAL: MOSAICS FOR KIDS (April 12 only) 1.5 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center . See pg. 4 for details. (YC) \$
	3:00pm	Ranger Walk – Wild About Bears (May 3 and 10 only) 1.5 hrs. Shuttle stop #7.
	8:30pm	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) \$ ♿
	7:00pm	Yosemite Theater – John Muir Series: Conversation with a Tramp 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore or Yosemite Theater. See pg. 4 for details. (YC) \$
	8:30am	Naturalist Bird Walk 2 hrs. Go bird-watching with Yosemite Conservancy's resident naturalist. No registration needed. Meet at Yosemite Art Center. \$10/person. (YC) \$
	9:00am	Camera Walk Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery 1.5 hrs (TAAG) ♿
Sunday	10:00am	Guest Artist Workshop (except April 13) 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center . See pg. 4 for details. (YC) \$
	10:00am	Create a Yosemite Keepsake in Mosaic (April 13 only) 1.5 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center . See pg. 4 for details. (YC) \$
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	10:00am	Ranger Walk – Trees (except Apr 20, May 4, May 11) 1.5 hrs. The Majestic Yosemite Hotel, shuttle stop #3.
	1:00pm	SPRING BREAK SPECIAL: MOSAICS FOR KIDS (April 13 only) 1.5 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center . See pg. 4 for details. (YC) \$
	1:00pm	Naturalist Botany Walk 2 hrs. See spring flora with Yosemite Conservancy's resident naturalist. No registration needed. Meet at Yosemite Art Center. \$10/person. (YC) \$
Monday	1:00pm	Using Your Digital Camera 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$
	3:00pm	Ranger Walk – Wild About Bears (May 4 and 11 only) 1.5 hrs. Shuttle stop #7.
	7:00pm	Yosemite Theater – John Muir Series: Stickeen and Other Fellow Mortals 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore or Yosemite Theater. See pg. 4 for details. (YC) \$
	7:00pm	FIRESIDE STORYTELLING (Except Apr 27) 1 hr. Gather by the fire and listen to the stories of Yosemite's past and present! The Majestic Yosemite Hotel. (YH) ♿
	8:30pm	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) \$ ♿
	10:00am	Guest Artist Workshop (except April 14) 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center . See pg. 4 for details. (YC) \$
Tuesday	10:00am	Create a Yosemite Keepsake in Mosaic (April 14 only) 1.5 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center . See pg. 4 for details. (YC) \$
	10:00am	DROP-IN CRAFTS Yosemite Art Center. Daily drop-in programs for families, children and teens. Stop by between 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm to create a Yosemite-themed craft. \$10 suggested donation. See pg. 4 for details. (YC)
	10:00am	Ranger Walk – Wildlife (except Apr 21, May 5 and May 12) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9
	1:00pm	SPRING BREAK SPECIAL: MOSAICS FOR KIDS (April 14 only) 1.5 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center . See pg. 4 for details. (YC) \$
	2:00pm	Historic Majestic Hotel Tour (Except Apr 28) 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿
	3:00pm	Ranger Walk – Wild About Bears (May 5th, 12th only) 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19.
Wednesday	3:30pm	Naturalist Stroll (Except Apr 28) 1hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH)
	7:00pm	Yosemite Theater – Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore or Yosemite Theater. See pg. 4 for details. (YC) \$
	7:00pm	Film - Ansel Adams 1hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge, check local listing for venue (TAAG) ♿
	8:00pm	EXPERIENCING ASTRONOMY IN YOSEMITE (May 5 only) 1 hr. Dr. Tyler Nordgren, University of the Redlands, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge), limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)
	8:00pm	AMERICAN INDIAN FLUTES AND STORYTELLING (May 12 only) 1½ hrs. Ben Cunningham-Summerfield, NPS Interpretive Ranger, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge), limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)
	8:30pm	NIGHT PROWL (Except Apr 28) 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) \$ ♿
Thursday	8:30pm	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) \$ ♿
	9:00am	Camera Walk Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery 1.5 hrs (TAAG) ♿
	9:30am	JUNIOR RANGER TALK (Except April 22) 15 min. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
	10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK (Apr 22 only) 1 hr. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stops #5/9. (NPS)
	10:00am	Ranger Walk – Ahwahneechee Stories and Games 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9
	10:00am	Guest Artist Workshop (except Apr 15) 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center . See pg. 4 for details. (YC) \$
Friday	10:00am	Create a Yosemite Keepsake in Mosaic (Apr 15 only) 1.5 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center . See pg. 4 for details. (YC) \$
	10:00am	DROP-IN CRAFTS Yosemite Art Center. Daily drop-in programs for families, children and teens. Stop by between 10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm to create a Yosemite-themed craft. \$10 suggested donation. See pg. 4 for details. (YC)
	10:00am	EARTH DAY CRAFTS (Apr 22 only) 4 hrs. Valley Visitor Center. Express your creativity and celebrate Earth Day with free nature-themed crafts. All ages welcome. (YC)
	1:00pm	In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams photography class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$
	1:00pm	SPRING BREAK SPECIAL: MOSAICS FOR KIDS (Apr 15 only) 1.5 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center . See pg. 4 for details. (YC) \$
	1:00pm	JUNIOR RANGER WALK (Apr 22 only) 1 hr. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stops #5/9. (NPS)
Saturday	2:00pm	Historic Majestic Hotel Tour (Except Apr 29) 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿
	3:00pm	Fine Print Viewing 1hr. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Very limited space (TAAG) ♿
	3:30pm	Naturalist Stroll (Except Apr 29) 1hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	7:00pm	Evening Program (Except Apr 29) 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room. (YH) ♿
	7:00pm	Yosemite Theater – Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore or Yosemite Theater. See pg. 4 for details. (YC) \$
	8:00pm	Hiking the John Muir Trail (May 6 only) 1½ hrs. Jeremy Evans, Nature Photographer, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge), limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)
Sunday	8:00pm	BATS IN YOSEMITE (May 13 only) 1 hr. Burleigh Lockwood, Wildlife Biologist, Fresno-Chaffee Zoo, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge), limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)
	8:30pm	NIGHT PROWL (Except Apr 29) 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) \$ ♿
	8:30pm	STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Except Apr 29) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$ ♿

Services in Yosemite



Hours listed are core hours and may be extended during periods of peak visitation.

Food and Drink

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Degnan's Deli

Closed for Renovation

Village Grill 11am to 6pm

THE MAJESTIC YOSEMITE HOTEL

Dining Room

Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm
Open until 3pm beginning Apr 8
Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm
Sunday Brunch: 7am to 2pm
Open until 3pm beginning Apr 9
Appropriate attire required for dinner. Reservations recommended for dinner and Sunday Brunch, 209/372-1489.

The Coffee Bar 7am to 10:30am

The Majestic Bar 11:30am to 11pm

Room Service 7am to 11pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Food Court

Breakfast: 6:30am to 11am
Lunch: 11am to 4:30pm
Dinner: 4:30pm to 10pm

Mountain Room Bar

Monday-Friday: 4:30pm to 11pm
Saturday/Sunday: 12pm to 11pm

Mountain Room Restaurant

Dinner: 5pm to 10pm
Reservations taken for 8 or more.
Sunday Brunch: 9am to 1pm
Subject to closure for private events. 209/372-1281

HALF DOME VILLAGE

Pavillion

Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Pizza Deck

11am to 10pm

Grill Opens Apr 22

11am to 5pm

Coffee Corner

6am to 11am

Village Bar

11am to 10pm

WAWONA AREA

Big Trees Lodge

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Lunch: 11am to 3pm

Dinner: 5pm to 9pm

Saturday Barbecue

Opens May 13, conditions permitting
5pm to 7pm

Call 209/375-1425 for dinner reservations

Lounge Service: 5pm to 9:30pm

7pm, Call for location
WEDNESDAY MID-WEEK SERVICE
7pm, at the Chapel
EASTER SERVICES
Maunday Thursday Chapel Service 7pm
Good Friday Chapel Service 12 noon and 7:pm
Easter Sunday Services
Lower Pines Camp Ground 7am
Chapel Service 9:15am and 11am

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS
OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
Sunday, 10am, East Auditorium behind Yosemite

Groceries

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Village Store

8am to 10pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

HALF DOME VILLAGE

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

8am to 8pm, Opens Apr 14

WAWONA

Big Trees Lodge Store and Pioneer Gift Shop

8am to 8pm

CRANE FLAT

Gift/Grocery

8am to 7pm, conditions permitting

Gas Stations

EL PORTAL

8am to 5pm

Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card

YOSEMITE VILLAGE GARAGE

8am to noon, 1pm-5pm, towing

available 24 hours.

Propane available until 4:30pm

BIG TREES LODGE SERVICE STATION

9am to 6pm. Open 8am to 5pm

beginning May 15

Diesel & propane.

Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card.

CRANE FLAT

Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card.

NO GAS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

Post Offices

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Main Office

Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 5pm

Saturday: 10am to noon

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Monday - Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

EL PORTAL

Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 5pm

Closed for lunch from 12:30pm to

1:30pm

WAWONA

Monday - Friday, 9am to 5pm

Saturday: 9am to noon

Books, Gifts, and Apparel

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore

at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center

9am to 5pm

Yosemite Art Center 9am to 4pm,
(closed for lunch from 12pm to 1pm)

Valley Visitor Center, shuttle stops #5/#9.

Rectory Phone: 209/372-4729

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Yosemite Valley Chapel

Sunday: 8pm to 9pm

Tuesday and Thursday: 7:30pm to 8:30pm

LIONS CLUB

First and third Thursday of each month at noon,

The Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Call 209/372-4475

Yosemite Museum Store

9am to 5pm

The Ansel Adams Gallery

9am to 5pm

Village Store

8am to 10pm

THE MAJESTIC YOSEMITE HOTEL

Gift Shop

8am to 9pm

Sweet Shop

7am to 10pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

HALF DOME VILLAGE

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

Mountain Shop

8am to 8pm

WAWONA

Big Trees Lodge Store and Pioneer Gift Shop

8am to 8pm

CRANE FLAT

Gift/Grocery

8am to 7pm, conditions permitting

Medical Services

Medical Clinic (Yosemite Valley)

Monday - Friday, 9am to 5pm

Closed weekends and federal holidays.

For emergency care after 5pm, call

9-1-1.

MEDICAL CLINIC PHONE: 209/372-

4637

Tour and Activity Desks

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

7:30am to 3:30pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

7:30am to 7pm (after hours service

available at Front Desk)

HALF DOME VILLAGE, Opens Apr 22

7:30am to 3:30pm

Recreation

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Bike Rentals

10am to 6pm, conditions permitting

HALF DOME VILLAGE

Yosemite Mountaineering School

8:30am to noon, 1pm to 5pm

Bike Rentals

10am to 6pm, opens Apr 14

WAWONA

Golf Course

8am to 6pm, conditions permitting

Golf Shop and Snack Stand

8am to 6pm, conditions permitting

Golf Course: 209/ 375-6572

Other

SHOWERS

Housekeeping Camp

7am to 10pm

Half Dome Village

24-hours, coin operated

LAUNDRY

Housekeeping Camp

8am to 10pm

YOSEMITE HAIRCARE

Wed-Sun 10am to 5:45pm

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

CHURCH OF CHRIST (Non-denominational)

El Portal Chapel / Worship: Sunday 11am

Info: 209/379-2100

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Brent Moore - Resident Minister

209/372-4831 • www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org

www.yosemiteValleyChapelWeddings.org

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE YOSEMITE CHAPEL:

9:15am - Sunday School and Nursery Available

6:30pm - Evening Service/Bible Study in Chapel

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Permit Information

Wilderness Use, Camping, and Hiking



Wilderness Permits

Wilderness permits are required for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness, even in winter. 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. Go to www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits to check trailhead availability and for more information on how to make a reservation. Reservations can be made by fax, phone or mail starting November 14, 2016. To make a reservation by phone, call 209/372-0740, Mon-Fri from 8:30am to 4:30pm. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm, the Leave No Trace website at www.lnt.org, or the Friends of Yosemite Search and Rescue website at www.friendsofyo.org



YOSEMITE VALLEY

The Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center will open April 28th and be open daily from 8am to 5pm. Wilderness permits, bear canisters, and a variety of maps and books are available. Until April 28th, wilderness permits and bear canisters can be obtained at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center seven days a week from 9am to 5pm.

BIG OAK FLAT

Wilderness permits valid for the Crane Flat area and Tioga Road only, are available by self-registration on the front porch of the information station. Please come prepared with your own bear canister. The center is located just inside the park entrance on Hwy 120W.

WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

Self-registration wilderness permits are available on the front porch of Hill's Studio are valid only for the Wawona trailheads. Please come prepared with your own bear canister. Hill's Studio is located on the grounds of the Big Trees Lodge; walk from the hotel or park at the store and follow the path uphill.

HALF DOME PERMIT INFORMATION

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week when the cables are up for 2017, May 26 through October 9, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 pre-season lottery permits have already been issued for 2017. 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>.

Camping

Upper Pines, Camp 4, Wawona, and Hodgdon Meadow are open year-round. Lower Pines and North Pines, also in Yosemite Valley, are open and available by reservation. Other campgrounds are opened as conditions permit. For more information on campground opening dates, visit our website at nps.gov/yose. Call 209/372-0266 for same-day camping availability.

CAMPING RESERVATIONS

In Yosemite Valley's car campgrounds, reservations are recommended December through February, and required March through November. Outside the valley, reservations are required summer through fall for Hodgdon Meadow, Crane Flat, Wawona, and half of Tuolumne Meadows. All other campgrounds (except group and stock campgrounds) are first-come, first-served. Campground reservations are available up to five months in advance, on the 15th of each month at 7 am Pacific time. Log

onto the website or call as soon as possible as some campgrounds fill within a few minutes of the opening period.

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.

Call Center Hours:

7 am to 7 pm Pacific time

(November through February)

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

Campground 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.

General Camping Information

Services

- All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker (33" d x 45" w x 18" h). See page 9 for food storage regulations.
- Shower and laundry facilities are available year-round in Yosemite Valley.
- There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer only in Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows.

Regulations

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

Campfires

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

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 round-trip, 1 hour	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	5 miles round-trip, 5-6 hours	Strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point (Closed in winter)	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

*Trails may be closed due to unsafe conditions. Ask a ranger for current conditions and heed all warning and closure signs!

Protecting yourself...



Yosemite Valley Photo by Christine Fey

Keep yourself safe while exploring your park.

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

Enjoying Yosemite in Springtime

Yosemite experienced an impressive winter with heavy rains in lower elevations and a deep snow pack in the high Sierra. This snow is now melting which we can all enjoy in the form of raging streams and powerful waterfalls. The sound of running water can be as enchanting as its sight and reminds us of the life water brings to Yosemite and California's rich farmlands below.

Yosemite's waters are also a temptation for the curious, the photographer, and the weary hiker simply wanting to cool tired feet. However, Yosemite's water is also deceptively dangerous and unforgiving. You are strongly urged to enjoy any flowing or falling water from a safe distance. **Please: Enjoy the water from the safety of the trail or in developed areas only.**

WEATHER

Many visitors count spring as their favorite time for enjoying outdoor activities. Nevertheless, snow can fall onto the Valley floor in May. The high country is even cooler and will have snow on the trails even when it is green on the valley floor! In summary, while you are likely to enjoy pleasant weather, check the latest forecast and be prepared for cold and wet extremes and always be ready to add layers of clothing to stay warm and dry.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

This is important enough to mention again; rain and melting snow fill our rivers and streams to their greatest volume and flow velocity in spring creating beautiful accents

in sight and sound to Yosemite's landscape. Do not be fooled. Currents are too forceful for the strongest swimmer to survive even a shallow water plunge. Waters that appear still and green can have powerful unseen currents. The granite rocks in and near the water are slippery, even when dry. In short, stay away from streambanks where a simple slip can have disastrous consequences and never attempt a water crossing except in safe and designated areas.

BOATING/FLOATING

- Before boating or floating, check the Park's website at <https://www.nps.gov/yose> for allowable locations and conditions.
- We strongly urge you to wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) when on the water. Mishaps occur so suddenly that you will not have time to put on your PFD.
- Make sure your watercraft is suitable for water conditions.

YOSEMITE'S ROADS

Snow and ice, while infrequent, are possible. Plan for all potential road conditions; call ahead to our recorded number (209) 372-0200 +1+1 for current conditions and restrictions. Rock fall occurs throughout the year and wildlife, including deer and bear, can all create driving hazards. There are many sites to distract drivers. If you cannot devote 100% of your attention to your driving, please pull completely off the road into designated pull-offs and parking areas.

FOR ALL SEASONS

- Let someone know – always leave your travel and hiking plans, including your intended route and estimated time of return, with a trusted person. Remember, if no one knows you are missing, no one is going to be looking for you.
- Stay on established trails – do not take shortcuts or approach the water.
- Expect snowy and wintery conditions on the trails as you hike to higher elevations, the abundant snow pack takes months to melt.
- 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. Be generous with your rest breaks.
- Carry the “10 hiking essentials” – including a flashlight or headlamp, sunglasses, sunscreen, navigation, and a signaling method (mirror and whistle).

HANTAVIRUS INFORMATION

Mice are an important part of the ecosystem, but can carry diseases harmful to humans. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread to humans via the droppings, urine, or saliva of infected rodents. Not all rodents are infected with hantavirus, but infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You may come into close proximity to rodents during your visit, so it is important you take steps to protect yourself from HPS. HPS risk is greater inside of buildings or other enclosures where deer mice are present. If staying in guest lodging, please tell the housekeeping staff if you see

evidence of mice in your accommodations. Do not clean up the area yourself. Keep doors to guest lodging shut and do not bring food into your cabin that is not in a sealed container. If you are camping and backpacking, do not pitch tents near rodent burrows or droppings. HPS often begins with flu-like symptoms such as aches, fever, and chills one to seven weeks after exposure, progressing to cough and difficulty in breathing. Seek medical attention immediately if you experience these symptoms and mention any potential rodent exposures to your physician. For more information on hantavirus and other environmental safety hazards visit: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm>

On behalf of all of Yosemite's emergency services personnel, we wish you a safe and most enjoyable visit.

WILDERNESS ETIQUETTE: USING YOUR BACKCOUNTRY BATHROOM

When nature calls, make sure you are at least 200 feet away from any water source. Dig a hole in dirt at least 6 inches deep so you're able to bury your waste—your toilet paper gets packed out with you. Don't bury it! If you are in snow and can't dig a hole to soil—you are expected to pack out your waste as well.



...and Yosemite



Black bear logging in Photo by Karen Amstutz

Keep Bears Wild

Yosemite bears don't truly hibernate, and can be active year-round. Please, keep Yosemite's black bears wild and alive, while protecting yourself and your property.

STORE YOUR FOOD PROPERLY

The typical daily diet of most bears may consist of 4,000 to 20,000 calories worth of grasses, acorns, and grubs. It's easier for a bear to eat the thousands of calories of food in an ice chest than it is to spend all day nibbling on 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 see in color, so they recognize ice chests, grocery bags, and other food containers as potential food sources.

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. **Please report bear sightings by calling 209/372-0322.**

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 are 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.

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. The handy chart below explains how and why it's important to store your food.

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.	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.

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.

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, Yosemite National Park is 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.



Mariposa Grove Restoration

By Gretchen Roecker, Yosemite Conservancy



Photo courtesy of Yosemite Conservancy
Yosemite Valley snow. Photo by Karen Amstutz

“The Big Tree is Nature’s forest masterpiece, and, so far as I know, the greatest of living things.”

— John Muir, *Our National Parks* (1901)

Giant sequoias (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) are among the world’s rarest, oldest and largest living things. These towering trees occur naturally in only one place on the planet: on the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada in California, where water from the mountain snowpack seeps through the soil to reach the sequoias’ shallow roots.

Yosemite’s Mariposa Grove is home to nearly 500 mature sequoias, many of them hundreds or even thousands of years old. The giants start small, as oatmeal flake-size seeds, but with the right combination of water, nutrients, light and wildfire, they can grow to be more than 250 feet tall and 30 feet wide. The grove has been important to the American Indian tribes of the area for thousands of years as hunting grounds, ceremonial sites, and a gathering area for foods, basketry materials and medicines.

On June 30, 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Yosemite Grant Act, which set aside Mariposa Grove and Yosemite Valley for preservation and public use. With that legislation, those now iconic places became our first protected public lands. Galen Clark, who had pushed for the grove’s protection since his first walk among sequoias as part of a tourist party in 1855, became the first government-appointed guardian of the Yosemite Grant.

Fast-forward 150 years, to June 30, 2014. A century and a half of human development in Mariposa Grove had taken a toll on the sequoias’ fragile habitat. Paved tour roads snaked among the trunks. Rumbling vehicles replaced natural serenity. Asphalt and heavily trodden trails had compacted the soil, disrupting water flow and jeopardizing the health of the trees.

To mark the 150th anniversary of the landmark 1864 legislation, the park broke ground on a massive restoration project in Mariposa Grove. The goal: To ensure that Yosemite’s most famous forest continues to thrive for generations to come. The multiyear effort is a collaboration among the National Park Service, the traditionally associated tribes and groups, and Yosemite Conservancy, the park’s philanthropic partner.

For the past three years, restoration experts have been working in the grove to reverse damage and mitigate threats to the sequoias’ long-term resilience. In July 2015, the grove closed temporarily to ensure visitor safety during the major restoration work. Since then, crews have removed unnecessary buildings and pavement and worked to re-establish sequoia habitat in what were once parking lots and roads. They improved

drainage in the grove to ensure that water can easily reach thirsty roots. They built raised boardwalks and environmentally sustainable trails, allowing visitors to explore the grove without inadvertently damaging its wetland ecosystem, and added accessible trails to ensure that people of all abilities can experience the grandeur of the sequoias, including the famous Grizzly Giant and California Tunnel Tree, up close.

Most of the restoration work paused during this exceptionally wet winter, but construction on a new Mariposa Grove parking area and welcome plaza at the South Entrance continued. As snow blanketed the ground, the frame for a new building housing a bookstore and restrooms took shape. When the grove reopens later this year, visitors will be able take a seasonal shuttle from the new plaza up to the trees. While the old parking lot brought streams of cars right up to the sequoias’ trunks and roots, the new system will improve the arrival experience and provide an easy way for people to enter the grove.

Behind the scenes, a team of park and partner staff has been hard at work over the winter to design educational materials about the grove. At the new welcome plaza, a thick slice from the trunk of a fallen 805-year old

giant sequoia will offer a special “inside look” at the ancient, awe-inspiring trees; along the trails in the grove, a series of signs, sculptures and engaging exhibits will share stories about the natural and human history of a legendary landmark.

Half a century after Galen Clark’s first walk in the grove, President Theodore Roosevelt camped under the sequoias with John Muir; he later described the stately aisles of trees as “a mightier cathedral than ever was conceived.” The restoration work, projected to wrap up in late 2017, is renewing the architecture of that celebrated natural cathedral: A high ceiling of sequoia crowns supported by healthy root systems; a resilient forest floor woven with streams, seedlings and sustainable trails.

This remarkable transformation, like hundreds of other projects in the park, is possible thanks to tens of thousands of people — planners, managers, restoration workers, volunteers, tribes and donors — invested in protecting Yosemite for the future. To learn how you can help preserve Yosemite, visit yosemiteconservancy.org.



Supporting Your Park

Providing for Yosemite's Future

Enhance the Visitor Experience

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

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Half Dome, Christine White Loberg

The Ansel Adams Gallery



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NatureBridge



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

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Providing For Yosemite's Future

Through the support of donors, Yosemite Conservancy provides grants and support to Yosemite National Park to help preserve and protect Yosemite today and for future generations. Work funded by the Conservancy is visible throughout the park, in trail rehabilitation, wildlife protection and habitat restoration. The Conservancy is also dedicated to enhancing the visitor experience and providing a deeper connection to the park through outdoor programs, volunteering, wilderness services and its bookstores. Thanks to dedicated supporters, the Conservancy has provided more than \$113 million in grants to Yosemite National Park. Learn more at www.yosemiteconservancy.org or call 415/434-1782.

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Yosemite Volunteers: Serving Yosemite

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



Yosemite Name Changes

The names of the following facilities in Yosemite have changed.

The changed names are:

- 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)

Lose Something in Yosemite?

To inquire about items lost or found at one of Yosemite's restaurants, hotels, lounges, shuttle buses or tour services, call 209/372-4357. For items lost or found in other areas of the park, call 209/379-1001 or email yose_lostandfound@nps.gov

