

Yosemite Guide



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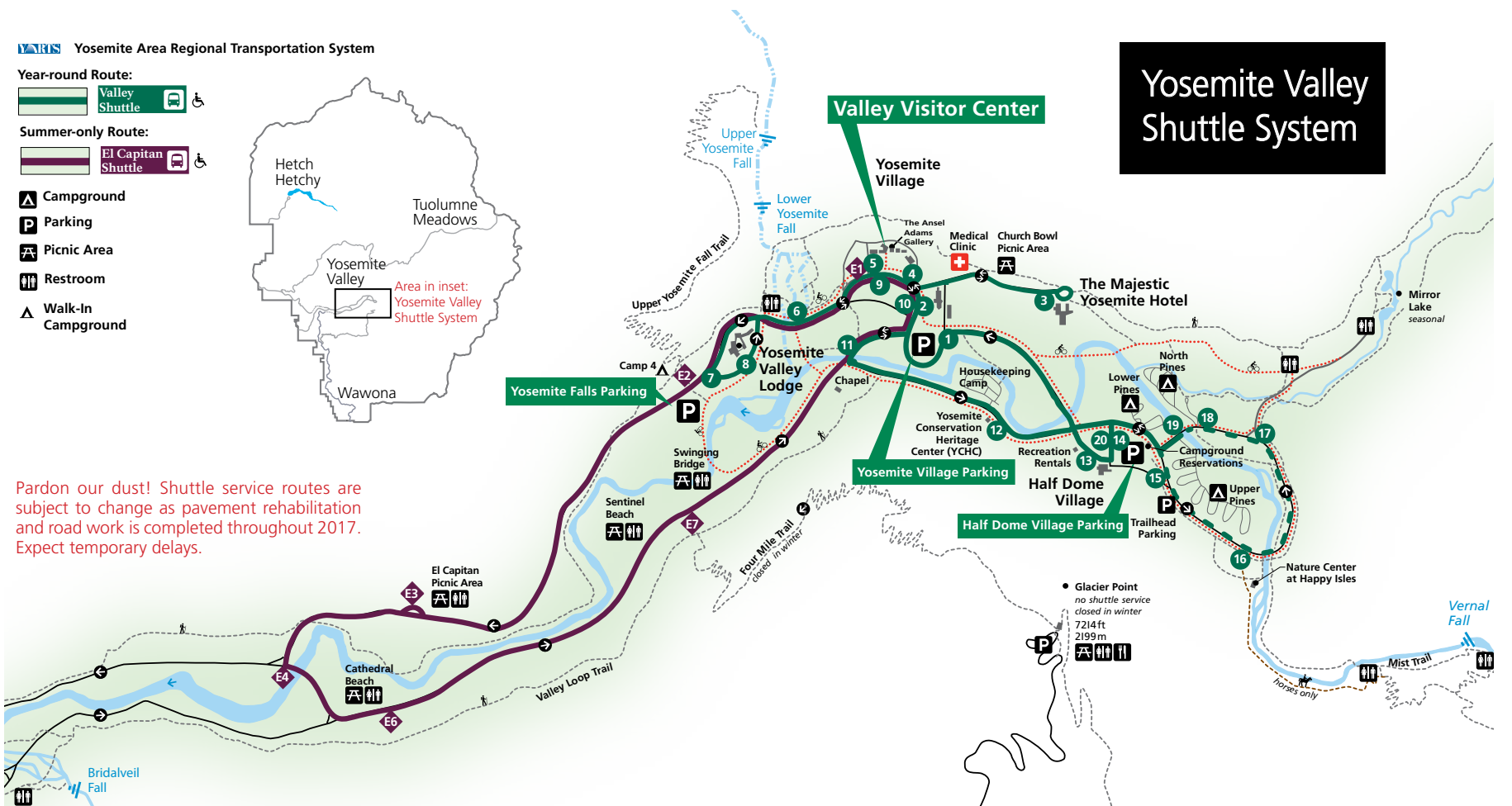
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Experience Your America Yosemite National Park

YARS Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System

- Year-round Route:**
- Valley Shuttle
- Summer-only Route:**
- El Capitan Shuttle
- Other Icons:**
- Campground
 - Parking
 - Picnic Area
 - Restroom
 - Walk-In Campground

Pardon our dust! Shuttle service routes are subject to change as pavement rehabilitation and road work is completed throughout 2017. Expect temporary delays.



The Yosemite Valley 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 runs from 9am to 7pm, every 30 minutes. See schedules posted at shuttle stops.

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

Welcome to Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Entrance Fees

Non-commercial car, 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 Pass \$60
Valid for one year in Yosemite.

Interagency Annual Pass \$80
Valid for one year at all federal recreation sites.

Interagency Senior Pass \$10
\$80/beginning August 28
(Lifetime) For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.

Interagency Annual Senior Pass \$20
beginning August 28 - 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

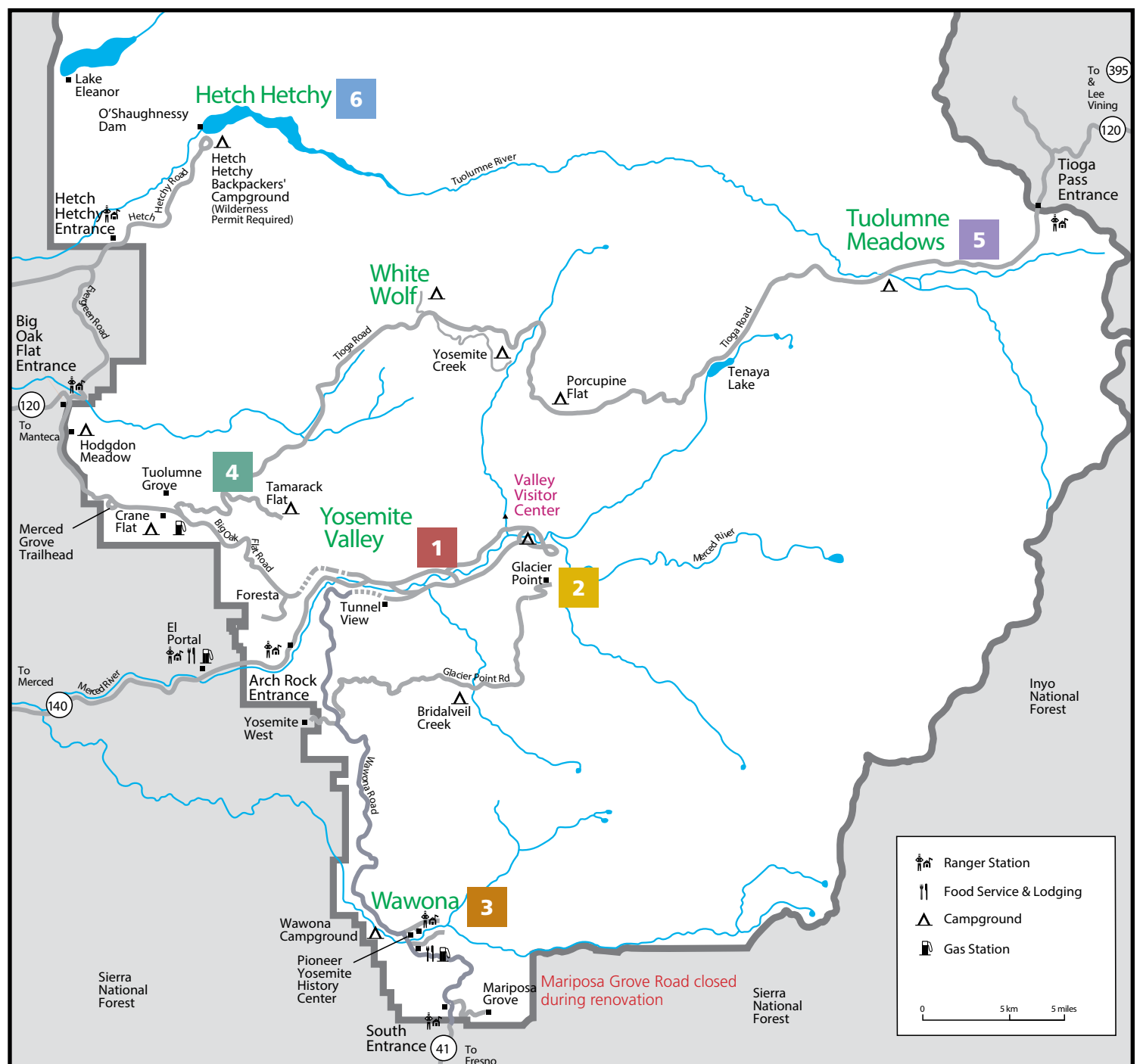
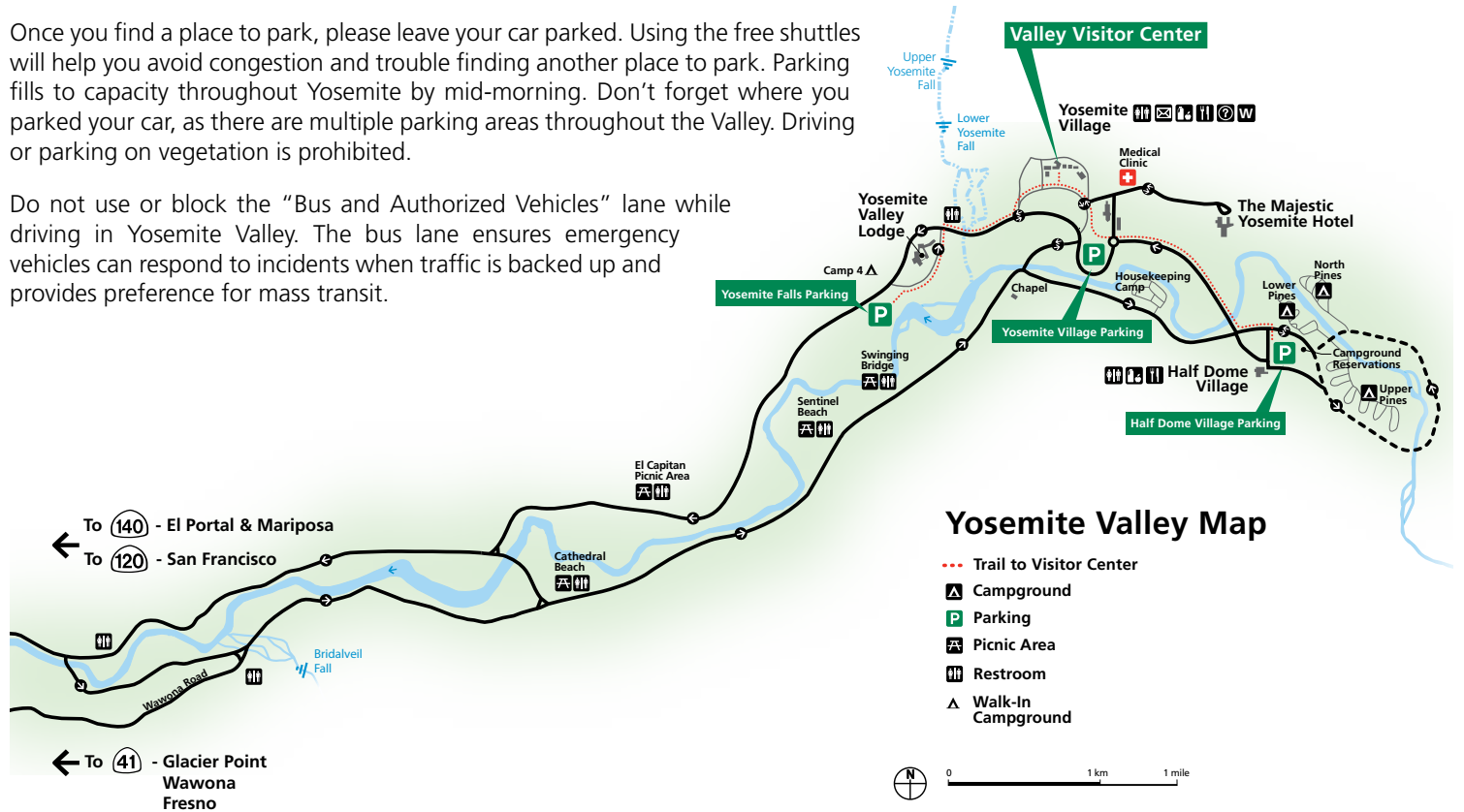
Yosemite Travel Tips

We're having a busy summer! If you haven't already, you're likely to experience congestion, especially in Yosemite Valley. Be prepared for two- to three-hour delays, especially in afternoons and on weekends. Plan accordingly and use restrooms when available.

If you're visiting Yosemite Valley for the day, look for parking in three major parking lots: Yosemite Falls Parking Lot, Yosemite Village Parking Lot, and at Half Dome Village Parking (formerly Curry Village). Free shuttle service to destinations throughout Yosemite Valley is available from each of these parking lots. If you have lodging or campground reservations, please park at your lodge or campsite.

Once you find a place to park, please leave your car parked. Using the free shuttles will help you avoid congestion and trouble finding another place to park. Parking fills to capacity throughout Yosemite by mid-morning. Don't forget where you parked your car, as there are multiple parking areas throughout the Valley. Driving or parking on vegetation is prohibited.

Do not use or block the "Bus and Authorized Vehicles" lane while driving in Yosemite Valley. The bus lane ensures emergency vehicles can respond to incidents when traffic is backed up and provides preference for mass transit.



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 the summer) via the Highway 120 east/Tioga Road from Lee Vining. Yosemite Valley is home to massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome, plunging waterfalls including the tallest in North America, and attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls slows to a trickle by August, a moderate hike will bring you to impressive Vernal and Nevada Falls. Walk to Mirror Lake, where you will see reflections of Half Dome. Gaze up at El Capitan, a massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. Whether you explore the valley by foot, bike, car, raft, or tour, you will behold scenery that will leave you breathless 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 (one-hour drive) from Yosemite Valley or Wawona. To get there from either of these places, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), to Chinquapin, then turn onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating view, looking 3,214 feet down to Yosemite Valley. **There is a free shuttle service that runs from Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area (YSSA) to Glacier Point. The shuttle will be required when the Glacier Point parking lot is full; however, visitors with accessibility placards, valid wilderness permits for trailheads along Glacier Point Road, or camping at Bridalveil Creek Campground will be allowed to continue. The Glacier Point shuttle will begin running at 10am. The last shuttle from Glacier Point leaves at 5:30pm, and from YSSA at 4:30pm. There is no free shuttle for hikers from Glacier Point or YSSA to Yosemite Valley.*

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.

Tioga Road and Tuolumne Grove

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

Tuolumne Meadows

5 Tuolumne Meadows provides a glimpse of the High Sierra. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows surrounded by even higher granite domes and peaks. It is the jumping off place for countless hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. Stop at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center for information about hiking to Cathedral Lakes, Elizabeth Lake, Dog Lake, Lembert Dome, or along the Tuolumne River through Lyell Canyon. Take advantage of the 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 1¼-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.



Half Dome view from Glacier Point. Photo by Armand Williams



Giant Sequoias. Photo by Christine Loberg



Tenaya Lake along Tioga Road. NPS Photo



Tuolumne River at Tuolumne Meadows. Photo by Ryan Alonzo

DID YOU KNOW

- Bears' sense of smell is said to be seven times stronger than a bloodhound. Think a bear can't smell the food in the trunk of your car? Think again! Bears have been known to break windows and rip out back seats to get food that people left in their car trunk.
- Approaching a bear, or allowing a bear to get close to you, can have negative consequences for the bear. If you see a bear, remember to keep your distance (at least 50 yards).
- Feeding a bear is not only illegal but could quickly lead to that bear's death. A bear that learns to accept hand-outs from people will quickly pose a risk to people and will probably be killed.

Seasonal Highlights

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

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 different topics including waterfalls, trees, bears, geology, Yosemite Indians and more. See pages 6, 7, 9, and 11 for schedules and more details.

Adventure Out with the Yosemite Mountaineering School

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

Visit the Yosemite Museum

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

Take a Photography Class

Learn how to best capture the Yosemite landscape by joining a photography expert from The Ansel Adams Gallery. Several classes are offered each week. Some have fees, some are free. Sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village, shuttle stops #5 and #9. See pages 5 and 6.



An interpretive ranger points out Half Dome and other Yosemite landmarks to visitors during a geology walk at Sentinel Dome. Photo by Sheree Peshlakai

Get outside and enjoy your park!

Summer offers spectacular views of waterfalls, great hiking, and other endless opportunities for recreation. Find the adventures that will make lasting Yosemite memories for years to come.

Go to the Theater

After a day of exploring the park, relax and enjoy a show at the Yosemite Theater. This season, you can catch live shows starring Yosemite rangers, get inspired by a renowned rock-climber, and travel back in time to meet important figures from the park's past. Visit yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-theater for more information. See page 6 for more details.

Get Creative at the Art Center

Join Yosemite Conservancy at the Yosemite Art Center to take a beginner class with a professional artist, browse supplies and original artwork, and more. We offer expert-led art classes for beginners, classes for kids and teens, and Open Studio crafts for the whole family. The Art Center is located next to the Village Store and is open Monday through Saturday, 9am to 4pm, closed for lunch 12pm to 1pm. See page 6 for details.

Adventure with Yosemite Conservancy

Explore the park in a new way with Yosemite Conservancy's naturalist guides! Get an inside look at the park's natural history while backpacking in the high country, taking an evening stroll to Taft Point, or enjoying a relaxing weekend of day hikes. Sign up for a scheduled Outdoor Adventure, or contact us to plan a personalized Custom Adventure. See page 6 for details.

Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

Formerly known as LeConte Memorial Lodge, the Center is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm. Free evening programs occur on 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 historical exhibits. Call 209/372-4542 for program details.

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.

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). Two weeks advance notice is requested.



Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advance request, inquire at a visitor center.



Audio tours are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.



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

Emergency Information

Emergency Dial 911

Yosemite Village Garage offers 24-hour emergency roadside assistance

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

Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley) Open 7 days per week from 9am to 7pm for primary and urgent care needs. Ambulance available 24 hours 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

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Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park



Yosemite Moonrise, a relief print by Tom Killion, will be on display at The Ansel Adams Gallery from August 20 to September 30, 2017.

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

NATURALIST PROGRAMS

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

WALKING AND HIKING

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

TOURS

Tours listed below depart from Yosemite Valley Lodge and are weather dependent.

The **Valley Floor Tour** is a 26-mile, two-hour, open-air tram tour narrated by a park ranger. This tour departs several times daily, check any Tour and Activity Desk for times. Be sure to ask about Moonlight Tours, Starry Skies Tours and other tours. *Weather and road conditions permitting.*

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

Call 209/372-1240 to make reservations or inquire at the tour desks at Yosemite Valley Lodge, Yosemite Village, or Half Dome Village.

RAFTING

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

BICYCLING

Several miles of bicycle paths wind through Yosemite Valley. Use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Valley Lodge or Half Dome Village, open 8am to 7pm, *weather permitting*. Bikes are not permitted on dirt trails.

SIGHTSEEING

Some famous landmarks in Yosemite Valley include:

- **Yosemite Falls** gives the Valley an extra touch of life when flowing with spring runoff. Walk to its base or take the strenuous trail to its top, *see page 17 for hiking information.*
- **Half Dome**, Yosemite's most distinctive monument, dominates most views in Yosemite Valley. Forces of uplift, erosion from rivers and glaciers, and rockfall all shaped this

famous feature into what we see today. Cook's Meadow, Sentinel Bridge, Tunnel View, and Glacier Point, are just a few locations with stunning views of Half Dome.

- **El Capitan**, a massive granite monolith, stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. From spring to fall, climbers come from all over the globe to scale El Capitan.
- **Happy Isles** is a place to see dramatic natural processes at work. It is easily reached by shuttle at stop #16. Cross the footbridges onto the isles or wander through indoor and outdoor 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.



Illustration by Binta Wold

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

FOOD & BEVERAGE

- Yosemite Village**
- Degnan's Kitchen**
7am to 6pm
 - Degnan's Loft**
Noon to 9pm
 - Village Grill**
11am to 6pm
- The Majestic Yosemite Hotel**
- Dining Room**
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 3pm
Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm
Sunday Brunch: 7am to 3pm
Appropriate attire respectfully required for dinner. Reservations strongly recommended for dinner and Sunday Brunch.
Phone: 209/372-1489
 - Coffee Bar**
7am to 10:30am
 - The Majestic Bar**
11:30am to 11pm
- 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**
Reservations taken for 8 or more, 209/372-1281 or 209/372-1403
Dinner: 5pm to 10pm
Sunday Brunch: 9am to 1pm
Subject to closure for private events
- Half Dome Village**
- Coffee Corner/Ice Cream**
6am to 10pm, *ice cream service - 11am*
 - Half Dome 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, *closed for lunch at 12pm, closed on Sundays*
 - Yosemite Bookstore**
Inside Yosemite Visitor Center
9am to 5pm
 - 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
 - Half Dome Village Gift/Grocery**
8am to 10pm
- Happy Isles**
- Nature Center at Happy Isles**
9:30am to 5pm

BICYCLE & RAFT RENTALS

- Yosemite Village**
- Bicycle Rentals**
8am to 7pm, *weather permitting*
- Half Dome Village**
- Bicycle Rentals**
8am to 7pm, *weather permitting*
 - Raft Rentals**
10am to 4pm, *conditions permitting*

Yosemite Valley

Where to go and what to do

Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

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

Open daily from 9am to 5pm, *may close for lunch*. Interprets the cultural history of Yosemite's Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE

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

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.



Yosemite Valley, from Tunnel View. NPS Photo

YOSEMITE CONSERVATION HERITAGE CENTER

Open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm, with free evening programs Friday and Saturday at 8pm. The center has a library, a children's corner, and a new climate change exhibit. The center is located at shuttle stop #12.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

In Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center, the gallery is open daily from 9am to 6pm. The gallery offers the works of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other artists. See page 6 for photo walk times. For more information, call 209/372-4413, or visit www.anseladams.com.

EXHIBIT:

William Neill - A Retrospective July 9, 2017 – August 19, 2017

It is a common story amongst the Yosemite denizenship to hear them tell about how the park sang them a Siren's song upon their initial arrival in the Sierra. In the early twentieth century, even Harry Best and Ansel Adams both capitulated to this muse, returning year in and year out in a search for a greater comprehension of place, pursuit, nature and life. And this cycle continues today with every new artist that is lured to explore the park. In 1977, William Neill found his own life's path redirected when he came to photograph Yosemite for the first time. Not long after, he began working at The Ansel Adams Gallery as a staff photographer, teaching visitors all he could about the art form and the place that he loved. While other itinerant interests would take him on journeys far and wide, from the American Southwest to Antarctica, he would make Yosemite his permanent home. Forty years later, to commemorate his commitment to photography and great body of work, The Ansel Adams Gallery will be hosting the exhibit *William Neill - A Retrospective*. Work on display will concentrate on imagery from Yosemite National Park, but will feature additional photographs made throughout his esteemed career.

NEW EXHIBIT:

Tom Killion's High Sierra: The Poetry of Nature

August 20, 2017 – September 30, 2017
It is a celebrated aspect of art in the National Parks that, when successful, it evokes an emotional response and

depicts a consequential interpretation of these majestic spaces. There is a caveat of this art which intends to help us see more literally the form that our parks like Yosemite have taken, while also guiding our imaginations to envision these places at their purest and most elemental structures. And this sentiment is on full display when looking at the Ukiyo-*ë* style woodblock prints of Tom Killion. Each print is full of life – with playful lines, graphic designs and rich color or tone. From August 20 through September 30, The Ansel Adams Gallery will be hosting an exhibition of Mr. Killion's work, from his newest woodblocks of Yosemite, to some rare and old favorites. We will also be holding an artist's reception for Tom on Saturday, September 9, from 3pm to 5pm, inside the gallery in Yosemite Village where he will be talking about his work and taking questions from attendees. We hope to see you there!

NATURE CENTER AT HAPPY ISLES

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

VALLEY SERVICES

GARAGE

Yosemite Village
8am to 5pm, *Closed for 1 hour at noon*
24 hour AAA towing available
Propane service available until 4:30pm.
209/372-1060

POST OFFICES

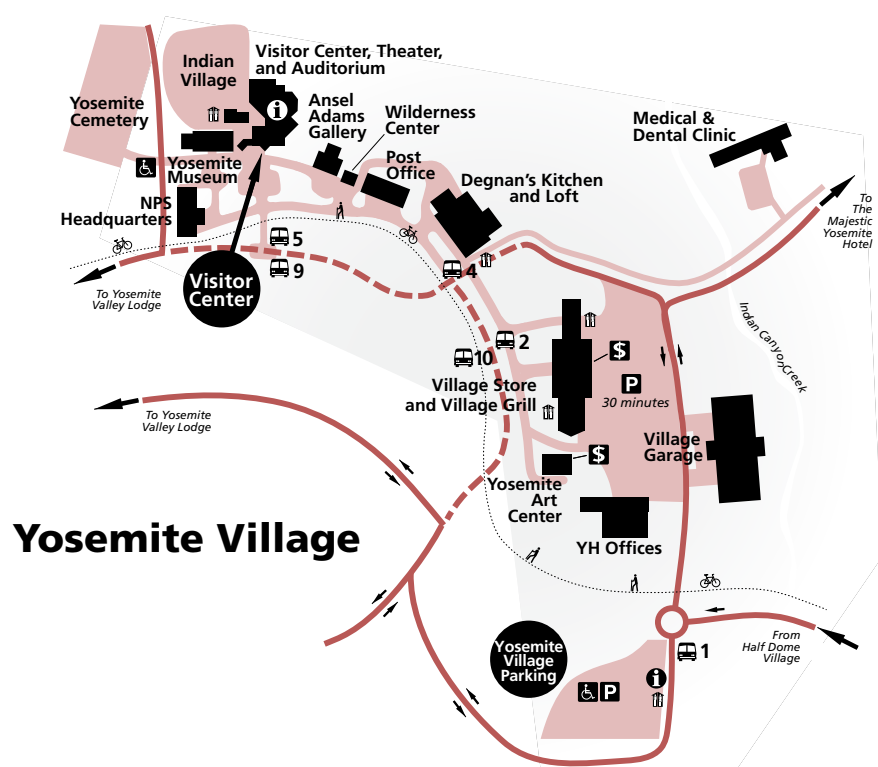
Yosemite Village
Main Office
Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 10am to noon
Yosemite Valley Lodge
Post Office
Monday-Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

GROCERIES AND TOURS

Yosemite Village
Village Store
8am to 10pm
Degnan's Kitchen
7am to 6pm
Tour Kiosk - Village Store
7:30am to 3:30pm
Yosemite Valley Lodge
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Tour Desk
7:30am to 7pm
Half Dome Village
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Tour Kiosk
7:30am to 3:30pm
Housekeeping Camp
Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm

SHOWERS AND LAUNDRY

Housekeeping Camp
Showers - 7am to 10pm
Laundry - 8am to 10pm
Half Dome Village
Showers open 24 hours



SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

July 26, 2017 - August 29, 2017



Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures (YC)

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

- Jul 29 – 30 *All Angles of Angling: Fly Fishing and Aquatic Life*
- Aug 4 – 6 *Yosemite Day Hikes: Sierra Nevada Expert Series*
- Aug 6 *Dine and Discover: Full Moon Hike to Taft Point*
- Aug 24 – 27 *Backpacking: On the Quest for Bighorn Sheep*

To learn more and register, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/outdoor-adventures or call 209/379-2317 x10. Park entry and camping are included with your registration; other lodging options are available. Custom Adventures can be arranged for individuals and groups. Proceeds from Yosemite Conservancy's programs help preserve and protect the park.

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.

Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey (Mondays) Join rock-climber Ron Kauk for a film and presentation celebrating Yosemite's year-round beauty, the vertical wilderness, and living in balance with nature.

Yosemite Search and Rescue (Tuesdays). Yosemite Search and Rescue ranger John Dill offer useful safety advice for visitors and shares stories about emergency response missions.

John Muir Series: Conversation with a Tramp (Wednesdays). Sit with John Muir in the early 1900s as he receives news on the fate of his beloved 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 in the wild, including the brave little dog Stickeen. Live performance by Lee Stetson.

Stephen Mather's Best Ideas: Yosemite and the Creation of the National Park Service (Saturdays, through Aug 12) Travel back to 1928 to join the first NPS Director as he tours the park. Live performance by Steve Hale.

Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier (Sundays) Ranger Shelton Johnson portrays the life of a Buffalo Soldier in Yosemite through live performances, movie-based shows, and audience Q&A.

Yosemite Art Center (YC)

Enjoy a hands-on creative experience at the Art Center in Yosemite Village! Join one of our upcoming beginner-level classes led by expert artists, Monday through Saturday, from 10am to 2pm:

- Jul 24 - 29 *Pastel Landscapes, with Tsungwei Moo*
- Jul 31 - Aug 5 *Interplay: Watercolor and Ink, with QinQin Liu*
- Aug 7 - 12 *Yosemite Sketching and Drawing, with Suzi Long*
- Aug 14 - 19 *Paint the Park, Fast and Loose, with David Peterson*
- Aug 21 - Aug *Drawing Yosemite's Shapes and Lines, with Sue Fierston*
- Aug 28 - Sep 2 *Drawing Yosemite: Learn to Capture the Beauty, with Arlene Linder*

Classes with guest artists are recommended for ages 12 and up, and are typically held outside, weather and media permitting. Registration is \$15 per person, per day; some classes have an additional materials fee. This summer, we're also offering special art classes for kids/teens (\$10 per family, per day), Monday through Thursday.

You can sign up for any of our classes online at yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center, by phone at 209/372-4207, by email at artcenter@yosemiteconservancy.org, or in person at the Art Center. Drop-ins are welcome if space is available. Art supplies are available for rent or purchase.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Resident Minister - Pastor Brent Moore
209/372-4831 • www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org
www.YosemiteValleyChapelWeddings.org
SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE YOSEMITE CHAPEL:
9:15am - Sunday School available
11am - (Memorial Day through Labor Day Only)
6:30pm - Evening Service/Bible Study in chapel
WEDNESDAY EVENING CHAPEL SERVICE
7pm, at the chapel
THURSDAY EVENING/OTHER BIBLE STUDIES
Call for times and locations

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST (Non-denominational)
SUNDAY - 11am, El Portal Chapel
209/379-2100

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
Christian Sabbath Worship at Lower River Amphitheater, Saturday May 27-Sep 2
9:45am - Music/Sabbath School
11am - Worship, 12:30pm Potluck
www.facebook.com/YosemiteSDAChurch

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Sacrament Meeting, Sundays 1pm to 1:45pm
May 28 to Sep 3, Yosemite Valley Chapel

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Yosemite Valley Chapel
Sunday - 8pm, Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30pm

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

		MORNING
Sunday	9:30am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	9:30am	Adventure Hike - Vernal/Nevada Falls 6 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Half Dome Village Mountaineering School. (YH) \$
Monday	8:00am	Morning Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided morning stroll! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	9:00am	Bike to Hike Tour 2.5 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Half Dome Village Bike Stand. (YH) \$
	9:30am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	10:00am	Guest Artist Art Class 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Advance online registration available. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$
	10:30am	KIDS ART CLASSES – AGES 3-5 30 mins. Yosemite Art Center. Advance online registration available. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$
Tuesday	11:00am	KIDS ART CLASSES – AGES 6-10 1 hr. Yosemite Art Center. Advance online registration available. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$
	8:00am	Morning Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided morning stroll! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	8:15am	Adventure Hike - Panorama Trail 8 hrs. Includes a one-way bus ride to Glacier Point. Yosemite Valley Lodge Tour Desk. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
	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	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
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	9:00am	Bike to Hike Tour 2.5 hrs. Half Dome Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
Thursday	9:30am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK (Except August 2) 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿
	9:30am	Ranger Hike (Except August 2) 3 hrs. Easy to moderate hike around the Mirror Lake loop, Mirror Lake shuttle stop #17. (NPS)
	10:00am	Guest Artist Art Class 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Advance online registration available. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$
	10:30am	KIDS ART CLASSES – AGES 3-5 30 mins. Yosemite Art Center. Advance online registration available. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$
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Friday	8:00am	Morning Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided morning stroll! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	9:00am	Discovery Hike - Vernal Falls Bridge 3.5 hrs. Half Dome Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
	9:00am	Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) ♿
	9:30am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	10:00am	Guest Artist Art Class 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Advance online registration available. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$
Saturday	10:00am	DROP-IN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM 1-3 hrs. Meet in front of the Visitor Center to spend an hour or three giving back to the park you love. Long pants and closed-toe shoes should be worn. A hat and sun protection are recommended, and we encourage volunteers to bring water and snacks. All tools will be provided. (NPS)
	9:30am	Adventure Hike – Vernal/Nevada Falls 6 hrs. Half Dome Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
	9:30am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	10:00am	Guest Artist Art Class 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Advance online registration available. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$
	10:00am	DROP-IN CRAFTS Yosemite Art Center. Great for families, children and teens. Studio open 10am to 3pm (closed for lunch from 12pm to 1pm). \$10 suggested donation. (YC)
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Programs printed in **ALL CAPS AND COLOR** are especially for children and their families.



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



A sign language interpreter may be available if space is available. Contact 209/379-5250 (v/txt) to request an interpreter. Advance notice of 2 weeks is requested.



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



Audio tours are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Refer to the Accessibility Guide for details

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

	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>2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:30pm Ranger Walk - Rivers and Waterfalls 1.5 hrs. Lower Yosemite Fall shuttle stop #6. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm FAMILY RANGER TALK - MEET YOUR YOSEMITE 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿</p>	<p>5:00pm Dine and Discover: Full Moon Hike to Taft Point (August 6 Only) 6 hrs. Enjoy a naturalist-led hike, stargazing and a buffet-style meal. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$</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>7:00pm Yosemite Theater - Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore or Yosemite Theater. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories/activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Ranger Evening Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program: A Century of Climbing in Yosemite (August 20 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. Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater. (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 (Except August 6) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$ ♿</p>
Monday	<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 Discovery Hike - Less Traveled Lower Valley Loop 4 hrs. Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$</p> <p>1:00pm Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$</p> <p>2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK (Except May 22 and 29) 1 hr. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:30pm Ranger Walk - Yosemite's First People 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:30pm TEEN ART CLASSES - AGES 11+ 1 hr. Yosemite Art Center. Advance online registration available. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk - Wild About Bears 1.5 hrs. Shuttle stop #7. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm FAMILY RANGER TALK - MEET YOUR YOSEMITE 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿</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>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 page 6 for details. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories/activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program: A Century of Climbing in Yosemite (August 21 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. Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater. (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 (Except August 7) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$ ♿</p>
Tuesday	<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 In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$</p> <p>2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:30pm TEEN ART CLASSES - AGES 11+ 1 hr. Yosemite Art Center. Advance online registration available. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$</p> <p>2:30pm Ranger Walk - Geology 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm FAMILY RANGER TALK - MEET YOUR YOSEMITE 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿</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>7:00pm Yosemite Theater - Yosemite Search and Rescue 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore or Yosemite Theater. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories/activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program on Bears 1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</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 available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$ ♿</p>
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Saturday	<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 Discovery Hike - Less Traveled Lower Valley Loop 3.5 hrs. Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$</p> <p>1:00pm In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$</p> <p>2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:30pm Ranger Walk - Ahwahneechee Games and Stories 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm Fine Print Viewing 1 hr. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Very limited space. (TAAG) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm FAMILY RANGER TALK - MEET YOUR YOSEMITE 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿</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>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16, look for temporary signs. (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater - Stephen Mather's Best Ideas: Yosemite and the Creation of the National Park Service (Except August 19 and 26) 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore or Yosemite Theater. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories/activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>8:00pm Search and Rescue in Yosemite (August 5 and 19 Only) 1.5 hrs. Jack Hoeflich, Yosemite National Park Law Enforcement and SAR Ranger, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge), limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12. (SC)</p> <p>8:00pm Meet Stephen Mather, First Director of the National Park Service (August 26 Only) 1 hr. Steve Hale, Historic Reenactor, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge), limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12. (SC)</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program - Natural and Cultural Change in Yosemite 1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</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 (Except August 5) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$ ♿</p>

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Wawona and Mariposa Grove

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park



Horse-drawn stage rides with Burrel "Buckshot" Maier. NPS Photo

Explore History, Discover Giant Trees, and Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

Wawona

COFFEE WITH A RANGER

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

RANGER EVENING PROGRAMS

Join a ranger for an hour of nature, history, and insight into Yosemite at a Campfire Talk or at a Tuesday Evening Ranger Program. Topics vary nightly. *See page 9 for times and location.*

TOM BOPP AT THE PIANO

Starting August 8, 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 stories from Yosemite's past. Once or twice a week, he will present an hour-long interpretive program on the vintage songs of Yosemite or the history of Wawona with slide or music accompaniment. Check with Tom at the piano for dates and times.

WAWONA VISITOR CENTER AT HILL'S STUDIO

Open 8:30am to 5pm. The visitor center offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps.

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

Pioneer Yosemite History Center

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

EXPERIENCE HORSE-DRAWN TRAVEL

Travel into history by taking a 10-minute horse-drawn stage ride. Purchase tickets at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. *See page 9 for schedule.* Five dollars for adults and \$4 for children ages 3 to 12 years old.

BLACKSMITH SHOP

Feel the heat, 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

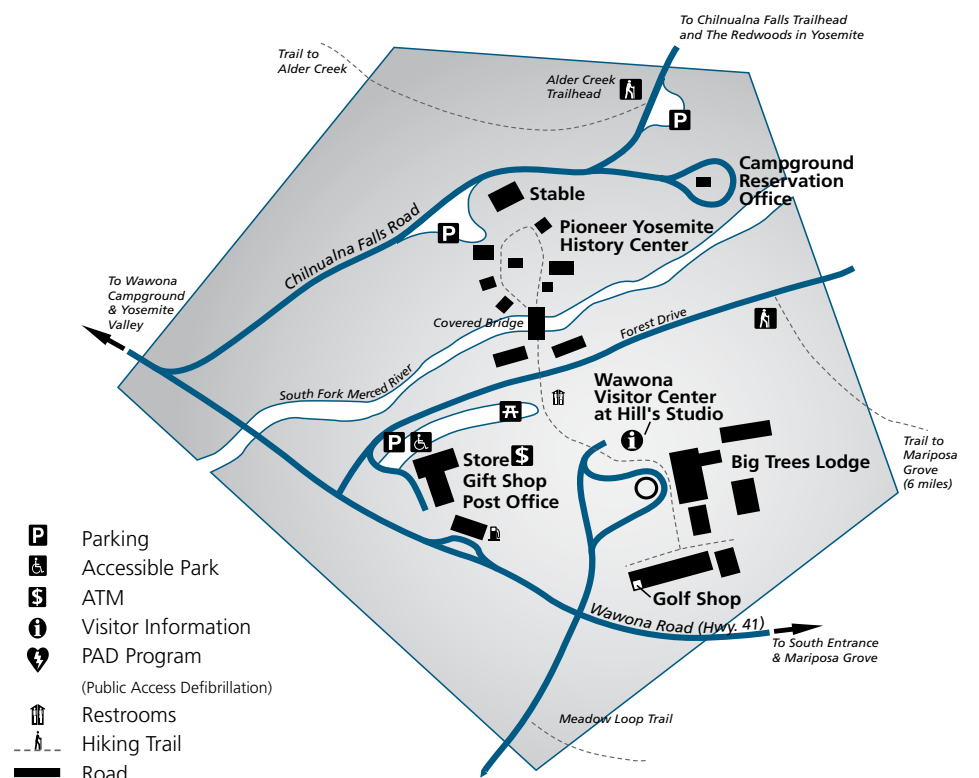
Located near Yosemite's South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove is the park's largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees throughout the grove.

GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE MARIPOSA GROVE!

The Restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias Project is almost complete! On July 6, 2015, a temporary closure of the grove began with hopes

to re-open in late 2017. The restoration project will improve the habitat and restore the hydrology in the grove. It will also enhance the visitors' experience and enjoyment of the grove, with improved trails, providing universal access, and remodeled bathrooms.

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





Geology Ranger Walk at Sentinel Dome. NPS Photo

Glacier Point

RANGER 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, ranger walks, and sunset talks are all offered for your enjoyment at this stunning location. Times and location are listed to the right.

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

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Wawona

Big Trees Lodge Dining Room

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

Swimming Pool

Daylight hours, *weather permitting*

Golf Shop & Snack Stand

6am to 6pm, *weather permitting*

Glacier Point

Snack Stand

9am to 7pm, *conditions permitting*

GROCERIES

Wawona

Big Trees Store & Pioneer Gift Shop

8am to 8pm

GIFTS & APPAREL

Wawona

Big Trees Store & Pioneer Gift Shop

8am to 8pm

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio Bookstore

8:30am to 5pm

Glacier Point

Gift Shop

9am to 7pm, *conditions permitting*

Snack Stand

9am to 7pm, *conditions permitting*

POST OFFICE

Wawona Post Office

Monday-Friday: 9am to 5pm

Saturday: 9am to noon

GAS STATION

Wawona

Big Trees Lodge Service Station

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

GOLF

Wawona

Big Trees Lodge Golf Course

8am to 6pm, *weather and conditions permitting*. Nine-hole, par-35 course. Phone: 209/375-6572

STABLES

Wawona

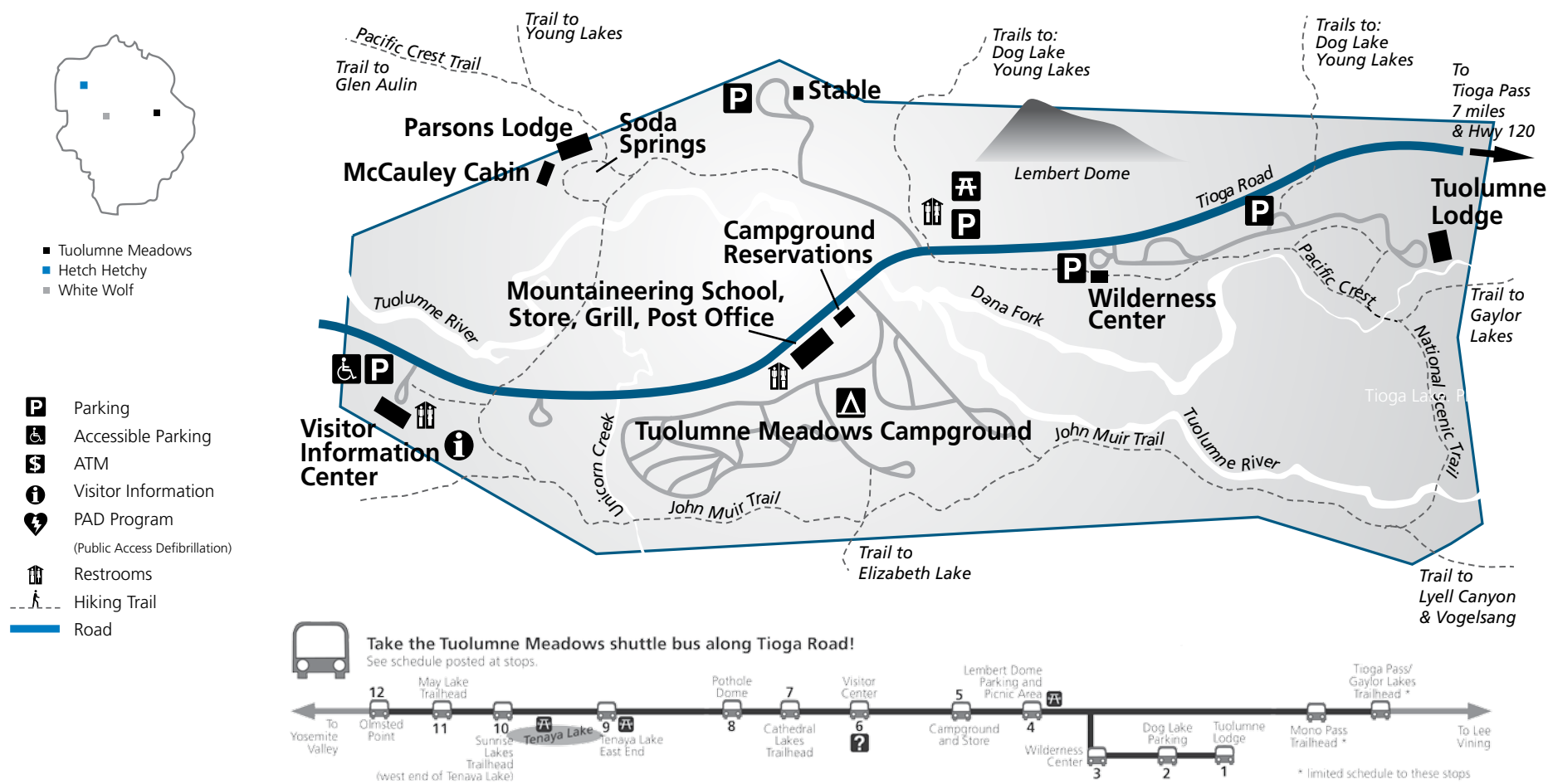
Big Trees Stable

7am to 5pm, Rides daily at 8am, 10am, and 2pm. Advance reservations recommended

	WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE	GLACIER POINT
Sunday	10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 children ages 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm Campfire Talk 1 hr. Meet at the 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) 7:30pm Campfire Program 1 hr. Bridalveil Campground, Loop C. (NPS) 9:00pm GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point (elevation: 7,214 ft. 2,199 m.) Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour and activity desk. Shuttle services available. (YH) \$ ♿
Monday	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Meet at the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio. (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm Campfire Talk 1 hr. Meet at the Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly. (NPS) ♿	10:00am Wildflowers and Historic People - Walk to McGurk Meadow 2 hrs. Meet at phone booth in Bridalveil Campground. (NPS) 2:00pm JUNIOR RANGERS 30 mins. Meet at Glacier Point Amphitheater. (NPS) 7:00pm Sunset Ranger Talk (August 21 and 28 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 7:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Except August 21 and 28) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 9:00pm GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point (elevation: 7,214 ft. 2,199 m.) Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour and activity desk. Shuttle services available. (YH) \$ ♿
Tuesday	5:30pm Vintage Music (Except August 1) 4 hrs. Pianist/singer Tom Bopp performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past in the Big Trees Lodge lobby. Historical programs available by request are given at 8:30pm. For details or to request a program, drop by the piano before 8pm, while Tom's performing. (YH) 6:30pm Evening Ranger Program 1 hr. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call 855/290-3499. (NPS) ♿ 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) 7:00pm Sunset Ranger Talk (August 22 and 29 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 7:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Except August 22 and 29) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 9:00pm GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point (elevation: 7,214 ft. 2,199 m.) Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour and activity desk. Shuttle services available. (YH) \$ ♿
Wednesday	2:00pm – 4:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (Except August 2) 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Stage Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 children ages 3-12. (NPS) \$ 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Drop in at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 5:30pm Vintage Music (Except July 26 and August 2) 4 hrs. Pianist/singer Tom Bopp performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past in the Big Trees Lodge lobby. Historical programs available by request are given at 8:30pm. For details or to request a program, drop by the piano before 8pm, while Tom's performing. (YH) 7:30pm Campfire Talk (Except July 26 and August 2) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly. (NPS) ♿	11:00am JUNIOR RANGERS (Except August 2) 30min. Meet at Glacier Point Amphitheater. (NPS) 2:00pm Ranger Walk - Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan (Except August 2) 1.5 hrs. Moderately difficult. Glacier Point Gift Shop. (NPS) 7:00pm Sunset Ranger Talk (August 23 and 30 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 7:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (August 9 and 16 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 9:00pm GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point (elevation: 7,214 ft. 2,199 m.) Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour and activity desk. Shuttle services available. (YH) \$ ♿
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Friday	10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 children ages 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 5:30pm Vintage Music (Except July 28 and August 4) 4 hrs. Pianist/singer Tom Bopp performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past in the Big Trees Lodge lobby. Historical programs available by request are given at 8:30pm. For details or to request a program, drop by the piano before 8pm, while Tom's performing. (YH) 7:30pm Campfire Talk 1 hr. Meet at the 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) 7:00pm Sunset Ranger Talk (August 25 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point amphitheater, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 7:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (August 4, 11 and 18 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point amphitheater, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 8:15pm Stars Over Yosemite Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast. (NPS)
Saturday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger (Hot Cocoa too!) 45 mins. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. (NPS) ♿ 9:00am Nature Walk with a Ranger 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 1.5 hrs. Especially for ages 7-12. Meet at Wawona Campground Amphitheater. (NPS) ♿ 10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 children ages 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 5:30pm Vintage Music (Except July 29 and August 5) 4 hrs. Pianist/singer Tom Bopp performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past in the Big Trees Lodge lobby. Historical programs available by request are given at 8:30pm. For details or to request a program, drop by the piano before 8pm, while Tom's performing. (YH) 7:30pm Campfire Talk 1 hr. Meet at the 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) 7:00pm Sunset Ranger Talk (August 26 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point amphitheater, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 7:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (August 5, 12 and 19 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point amphitheater, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 8:15pm Stars Over Yosemite Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast. (NPS)

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Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat



When the Tioga Road is open, the drive through 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.

Tuolumne Meadows

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

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

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

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

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

Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley Cabin, and Soda Springs

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

Just For Kids

Programs for children include Junior Rangers, a 2-hour ranger-led program targeting ages 7-12 and Campfire for Kids (When the campground opens). See page 11.

Ranger Walks

Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, wildlife, history, wildflowers, 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. Topics vary and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. End your day with a star-gazing program – bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly.

Parsons Memorial Lodge Summer Series

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

Saturday, July 29, 2017 - 2pm to 3:30pm

Names and Nature, Words and World
Illustrated talk and discussion of recent work with artist, writer, and naturalist James Prosek, author of *Trout of the World* and *Ocean Fishes*

Sunday, July 30, 2017 - 2pm to 3pm

The Beautiful and the Damned: Building a Relationship with Beauty in an Age of Environmental Distress
Talk and discussion with Megan Mayhew Bergman, author of *Birds of a Lesser Paradise* and *Almost Famous Women*.

Saturday, August 5, 2017 - 2pm to 3:30pm

Oolation Singers
A performance of nature-inspired music by singers in celebration of light, dark, and the stars. Malcolm Dalglish with Joshua Stephen Kartes, Naomi Dalglish, Charlie Jesseph, and veteran Pilobolus dancer Jun Kuribayashi

Sunday, August 6, 2017 - 2pm to 3:30pm

The Wisdom of Trails
Reading, talk, and discussion with Robert Moor, author of *On Trails*

Saturday, August 12, 2017 - 2pm to 3:30pm

Making "Tree Lines"
Drawings and stories by artist Valerie P. Cohen and Michael P. Cohen, authors of the new book, *Tree Lines*

Sunday, August 13, 2017 - 2pm to 3:30pm

The Mystery of Birdsong
Talk and discussion with naturalist David Lukas, author of *Sierra Nevada Birds*

21st Annual Tuolumne Meadows Poetry Festival*

Saturday, August 19 to Sunday, August 20
Morning workshops and afternoon readings featuring poets Camille Dungy, Teddy Macker, Gary Young, and musician Shira Kammen

Saturday, August 19, 2017

10am to 11:30am - *Little Things that Count: Writing Small Poems about Big Things*
Poetry workshop with Camille Dungy

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

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

Sunday, August 20, 2017

10am to 11:30am - *The Unbroken Line: Exploring the Prose Poem*
Writing workshop with Gary Young

2pm to 3:30pm - Featured poets and music.

Saturday, August 26, 2017 - 2pm to 3:30pm

Revealing the Mysteries of Sierra Snow and Ice
Illustrated talk and discussion with Thomas H. Painter, Principal Scientist, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Principal Investigator, NASA Airborne Snow Observatory.

*This event is supported in part by Poets & Writers

2017 High Sierra Natural History Celebration

Friday, July 28 to Sunday, July 30, 2017

Join us for a weekend summit of naturalists, which will include evening gatherings, natural history programs, and featured speakers at Parsons Memorial Lodge, and opportunities to explore and enjoy the Tuolumne high country with other naturalists. Check daily listings for more details. Evening program locations will depend on campground openings.

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 Hwy 120W.

Tuolumne Grove

The trailhead for the Tuolumne Grove, which consists of approximately 25 sequoias, is near the intersection of the Big Oak Flat and Tioga Roads at Crane Flat. The trail leads downhill from the parking area into the grove and drops 500 feet in one mile. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill portion. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile nature trail. Bring drinking water.

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 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 in the area - bring drinking water. The grove is located 3.5 miles north of Crane Flat and 4.5 miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance along the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). The trail is marked by a sign and a post labeled B-10. Tuolumne Grove.

*It is very likely that programs and services in the Tuolumne Meadows area may NOT be available in late July. Check local listings for programs and service hours.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Tuolumne Meadows
Tuolumne Meadows Grill
 8am to 6pm, *Opens Aug 1, conditions permitting*
Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room
Opens Aug 1, conditions permitting
 Breakfast: 7am to 9am
 Dinner: 5:30pm to 8pm,
 Reservations strongly recommended
 209/372-8413

GROCERIES

Tuolumne Meadows Store
 8am to 8pm, *Opens Aug 1, conditions permitting*
Crane Flat Store
 8am to 7pm

GIFTS AND APPAREL

Tuolumne Meadows
Tuolumne Meadows Bookstore
 Inside the Visitor Center
 9am to 6pm, *Conditions permitting*
Tuolumne Meadows Store
 8am to 8pm, *Opens Aug 1, conditions permitting*
Big Oak Flat Big Oak Flat Bookstore
 8am to 7pm

POST OFFICE

Tuolumne Meadows Post Office
 Monday - Friday: 9am to 5pm,
 Saturday: 9am to 1pm,
Conditions permitting

GAS STATIONS

Crane Flat
 8am to 7pm
 Diesel & propane available.
 Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

SHUTTLE BUS

Olmstead Pt / Tuolumne / Tioga Pass
 Starting August 1, *conditions permitting*, shuttle service will be 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 Tuolumne Meadows Lodge at 7am. The shuttles arrive at about 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. A few of the commonly asked about stops and fees are included below.

TM Visitor Center to Tenaya Lake - \$4
 TM Visitor Center to Olmsted Point - \$6
 TM Lodge to Tioga Pass - \$8

For more information contact any tours and activity desk.

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS		HETCH HETCHY, HODGDEN MEADOW, CRANE FLAT AND WHITE WOLF		
See local postings for additional naturalist walks and programs *ALL EVENING PROGRAMS will begin when the Tuolumne Meadows Campground opens!		See local postings for additional naturalist walks and programs.		
Sunday	8:00am	Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)	8:00am – 9:00am	Coffee with a Ranger Stop by anytime during this hour for free coffee and to learn about the park. Bring your own mug and questions. Hodgdon Meadow Campground, site # 93. (NPS)
	9:00am	Awakening to the Meadows: Nature-based yoga (Except August 2) 1.5 hrs. Stretching and Observation. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring a mat, pad or towel. (NPS)	1:00pm	Giant Sequoia Walk 45 mins. Join a ranger-naturalist for a walk through the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias to learn about these fascinating trees. Meet at the picnic tables at the lower end of the Tuolumne Grove, a mile walk downhill from the parking area. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water. (NPS)
	10:00am	Ranger Walk – Sketching in Tuolumne 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring sunglasses, sketchbook/journal, pen and pencil with an eraser. (NPS)	2:00pm	Giant Sequoia Walk 45 mins. Join a ranger-naturalist for a walk through the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias to learn about these fascinating trees. Meet at the picnic tables at the lower end of the Tuolumne Grove, a mile walk downhill from the parking area. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water. (NPS)
	10:00am	Writing Workshop - The Unbroken Line: Exploring the Prose Poem (August 20 Only) 1.5 hrs. Workshop with Poet Gary Young. Bring pen and paper. (NPS)	5:00pm	JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM 1 hr. All ages welcome. Exploration of the Crane Flat area, games, stories, songs, etc. Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from the 200 loop). (NPS)
	11:00am	Tenaya Lake Cleanup and Conversation with Climber Ron Kauk 1.5 hrs. East end of Tenaya Lake, parking lot. (NPS)		
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS)		
	2:00pm	Parsons Summer Series (Except August 27) 1.5 hrs. See details on page 10. (NPS)		
	3:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS)		
Monday	8:00pm	*Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)		
	10:00am	Ranger Walk – Maps: Exploring a Lost Art 2 hrs. Pothole dome. (NPS)	9:00am	Bears and Other Wildlife Walk 1.5 hrs. Learn about some of the amazing creatures who call Yosemite home. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from the 200 loop). Wear sturdy footwear. (NPS)
	10:00am	Disappearance...Reappearance? At Dog Lake 4 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 3 miles. Dog Lake parking lot. Bring lunch, water and raingear. (NPS)	1:00pm	What's With All the Dead Trees? 45 mins. Join a ranger-naturalist for a walk amidst one of Yosemite's ever-changing forests. Crane Flat Campground kiosk. Wear sturdy footwear. (NPS)
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS)	7:00pm	Twilight Meadow Observation and Sketching Walk 1 hr. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground campfire circle near the group campsites. Leisurely walk with stops. Wear sturdy footwear. Supplies provided if needed. (NPS)
	2:00pm	Ranger Walk – From Bears to Butterflies: High Country Wildlife 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office. (NPS)	8:00pm	Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist for a traditional high-country campfire program. See local postings for each week's subject. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater (across from the 200 loop). (NPS)
	3:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS)		
	8:00pm	*Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)		
	8:00pm	*Stars Over Mono Lake 1.5 hrs. Meet at South Tufa in Mono Basin. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)		
Tuesday	9:30am	Ranger Hike – Elizabeth Lake 5-6 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 5 miles. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office. Bring lunch, water and raingear. (NPS)	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Ranger on the Dam Stop by anytime during this hour and talk with a ranger-naturalist to learn about the Hetch Hetchy Valley and O'Shaughnessy Dam. (NPS)
	10:00am	Botanical Walk (NPS) August 1 and 8: Dana Gardens 2 hrs. Meet just outside of Tioga Pass Entrance Station on north side of road. August 15 and 22: Gaylor Ridge 2 hrs. Meet just outside of Tioga Pass Entrance Station on north side of road. Steep trail. August 29: Bennettville Mine 4 hrs. Meet at Tioga Lake turnout east of Tioga Pass. Bring lunch and raingear.	6:00pm	Bird Walk 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist for a walk near the meadow to observe and learn about some of its feathered visitors and inhabitants. Bring binoculars if you'd like. (NPS)
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS)	8:00pm	Bats! 2 hrs. Be a Citizen Scientist for the night. Join our researchers and assist with acoustical monitoring of bats at Hodgdon Meadow Campground. Sign up at Big Oak Flat information Station or call (209) 379-1899. Limit 20 participants. (NPS)
	2:00pm	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Pothole Dome parking lot. (NPS)	8:00pm	Yosemite's Night Sky 2 hrs. Crane Flat area. Make reservations at the Big Oak Flat info station 209/379-1899. Limited to 20 participants. (NPS)
	3:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS)		
	7:00pm	*Ranger Walk – Sunset 45 mins. Lambert dome picnic area. (NPS)		
	8:00pm	*Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)		
Wednesday	7:30am	Ranger Walk – Birds (Except August 2) 3 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS)	8:00am – 9:00am	Coffee with a Ranger (Except August 2) Stop by anytime during this hour for free coffee and to learn about the park. Bring your own mug and questions. Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from the 200 loop). (NPS)
	8:00am	Coffee with a Ranger (Except August 2) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)	10:00am	Giant Sequoia Walk (Except August 2) 45 min. Join a ranger-naturalist for a walk through the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias to learn about these fascinating trees. Meet at the picnic tables at the lower end of the grove, a mile walk downhill from the parking area. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. (NPS)
	8:30am	Awakening to the Meadows: Nature-based yoga (Except August 2) 1.5 hrs. Stretching and Observation Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring a mat, pad or towel. (NPS)	11:00am	Giant Sequoia Walk (Except August 2) 45 min. Join a ranger-naturalist for a walk through the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias to learn about these fascinating trees. Meet at the picnic tables at the lower end of the grove, a mile walk downhill from the parking area. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. (NPS)
	10:00am	DISCOVERY WALK FOR LITTLE CUBS (Except August 2) 50 mins. Ages 4-6. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office. (NPS)	7:00pm	Twilight Walk (Except August 2) 1 hr. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground campfire circle near the group campsites. Leisurely walk with stops. Wear sturdy footwear. (NPS)
	10:00am	Ranger Walk – Geology Of Tuolumne Meadows (Except August 2) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome trailhead. (NPS)	8:00pm	Bats! (Except August 2) 2 hrs. Be a Citizen Scientist for the night. Join our researchers and assist with acoustical monitoring of bats at Crane Flat Campground. Sign up at Big Oak Flat information Station or call 209/379-1899. Limit 20 participants. (NPS)
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except August 2) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS)		
	1:30pm	The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River (Except August 2) 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. (NPS)		
	3:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except August 2) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS)		
Thursday	7:00pm	*CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS (Except August 2) 45 mins. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	8:00am	Another Side of Yosemite: Ranger-led Exploration 5 hrs. Join a ranger-naturalist for a half-day hike, ranging from 3-10 miles. Bring a lunch. Details available when you register. Sign up at Big Oak Flat Info Station or call 209/379-1899. (NPS)
	8:00pm	*Campfire (Except August 2) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	1:00pm	Fire and Sequoias Walk 2 hrs. Join a ranger-naturalist for a walk through the Tuolumne grove of giant sequoias. Meet at the grove trailhead near the parking lot. Moderately difficult, 2.5 miles round trip. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. (NPS)
	9:30pm	*Ranger Talk – Stars (Except August 2) 1 hr. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	8:00pm	Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist for a traditional high-country campfire program. See local postings for topics. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground campfire circle, near the group campsites. (NPS)
			8:00pm	Bats! 2 hrs. Be a Citizen Scientist for the night. Join our researchers and assist with acoustical monitoring of bats at Tamarack Flat Campground. Sign up at Big Oak Flat info Station or call 209/379-1899. Limit 20 participants. (NPS)
	10:00am	Ranger Walk – Domes and Meadows (Except August 29) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome trailhead. (NPS)	8:00pm	Yosemite's Night Sky 2 hrs. Crane Flat area. Make reservations at the Big Oak Flat information station 209/379-1899. Limited to 20 participants. (NPS)
	11:00am	Ranger Hike – Tenaya Lake Exploration 3 hrs. Easy. 2 miles. East end of Tenaya Lake, parking lot. Bring lunch, water and raingear. (NPS)		
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS)		
	2:00pm	Ranger Walk – The Secret Life of Plants 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. (NPS)		
Friday	3:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS)	8:00am	Crane Flat Wildflower Bloom Monitoring Walk 1.5 hrs. Join a ranger-naturalist to learn to identify wildflowers and help update a weekly bloom list for Hodgdon Meadow. Wear sturdy footwear. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground Kiosk. (NPS)
	8:00pm	*Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	7:00pm	Bear Walk 1 hr. Learn about some of the amazing creatures who call Yosemite home. Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from the 200 loop). Wear sturdy footwear. (NPS)
			8:00pm	Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist for a traditional high-country campfire program. See local postings for each week's subject. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from the 200 loop). (NPS)
	8:00am	Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)		
	10:00am	Junior Ranger Walk 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Dog Lake parking lot. (NPS)		
	10:00am	Ranger Walk – A Place Long Traveled: History of Tuolumne Meadows 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS)		
	12:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS)		
	1:00pm	High Country Hawk Watch 3 hrs. Gaylor Lakes trailhead. Steep. 1 mile. Binoculars available. (NPS)		
Saturday	3:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS)	8:00am – 9:00am	Coffee with a Ranger Stop by anytime during this hour for free coffee and to learn about the park. Bring your own mug and questions. Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from the 200 loop). (NPS)
	8:00pm	*Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	8:00am	Nature Writing 1 hr. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground campfire circle near the group campsites. Leisurely walk with stops. Wear sturdy footwear. (NPS)
			10:00am	Explore Hetch Hetchy 2 hrs. Join a ranger-naturalist for a 2 mile round-trip walk exploring the unique natural and cultural history of this place. Meet at the O'Shaughnessy Dam. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water and sun protection. (NPS)
	7:00am	Ranger Walk - Birds (August 29 Only) 4 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring snacks and water. Binoculars available. (NPS)	7:00pm	JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE PROGRAM 1 hr. A traditional campfire program especially for Junior Rangers. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground campfire circle, near the group campsites. (NPS)
	7:30am	Ranger Walk – Birds (Except August 29) 3 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring snacks and water. Binoculars available. (NPS)	8:00pm	Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist for a traditional high-country campfire program. See local postings for each week's subject. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from the 200 loop). (NPS)
	9:15am	Ranger Hike – Mono Pass (Except August 26) 6-8 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 8 miles. Meet at Mono Pass trailhead. Bring lunch, water and raingear. (NPS)		
	10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 2 hrs. Ages 7-12 Lambert Dome picnic area. (NPS)		
	10:00am	Writing Workshop - Little Things that Count: Writing Small Poems about Big Things (August 19 Only) 1.5 hrs. Poetry workshop. Bring pen and paper. (NPS)		
12:00pm	Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS)			
2:00pm	Parsons Summer Series Program 1.5 hrs. See details on preceding page. (NPS)			
3:00pm	Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except August 19) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS)			
7:00pm	*CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS (Except July 29 and August 2) 45 mins. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)			
8:00pm	*Campfire 1 hr. Dana circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)			
9:30pm	*Ranger Talk – Stars 1 hr. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)			

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Become a Junior Ranger

Follow these steps to earn your Junior Ranger badge.*

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

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



Coyote



Black bear



Golden-mantled ground squirrel

illustrations by Tom Whitworth

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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.

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

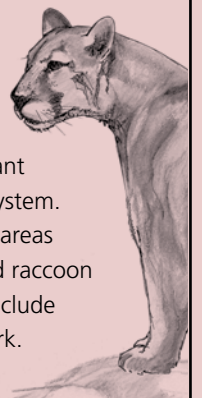
Watching a coyote hunting for mice in one of Yosemite's many meadows can be an amazing wildlife experience. Coyotes are opportunistic carnivores that primarily prey on small mammals. Like bears, their diets change throughout the year with food availability.

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.

For your safety, avoid contact with wildlife and store food 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.

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.

KEEP WILDLIFE WILD



Respect animals at a distance
Never feed or approach them

Protect Yourself...



Yosemite National Park Rangers conducted a Swift Water Rescue Training / Water Safety Day on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley on May 25, 2017. This training was intended to train Park Rangers on rescue techniques and to educate the public on potential dangers related to swift and high water conditions. NPS Photo by Al Golub

KEEP 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 YOUR YOSEMITE EXPERIENCE

The dog days of summer are upon us and the water is still running. What a beautiful combination but please do not be fooled; the water is as dangerous as ever and maybe even more because hot temperatures make the water difficult to resist.

WEATHER

Dehydration and exhaustion can occur during any season but you are particularly vulnerable during the summer heat. Always carry more water than you need. Without rationing water, make sure your hike or outdoor activity is half over before your water is half gone. Prevent dehydration by sipping lots of water throughout the day and frequently eating salty, easy-to-digest snacks. Thunderstorm season is here. Remember, there is no safe place outside when you can hear thunder. Follow the saying, “when thunder roars, go indoors.” If you cannot reach a building or car (with a hard top), hike down and away from ridges and outcroppings. Do not be the tallest object or near a tall object.

RIVERS AND STREAM

Yosemite’s streams are a huge temptation for the curious, the photographer, and the overheated and weary hiker simply wanting to cool tired feet. Do not be deceived! Yosemite’s water is deceptively dangerous and unforgiving. Visitors are strongly urged to enjoy moving or falling water from a safe distance. **Please: DO NOT LEAVE THE SAFETY OF THE TRAIL OR DEVELOPED AREAS.**

BOATING / FLOATING

- Before boating or floating, check the Park’s website at 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 TRAILS

Yosemite’s 800 miles of trails pass through natural areas and endure all the forces of nature including flooding, fire, erosion, and slides. Trails may be damaged from weather and past fires. Snow will linger over higher elevation trails. Always carry a good topo map and compass (GPS optional) and know your location, including your back route, in case you need to turn around.

ALTITUDE

The Yosemite Valley sits at 4,000 feet above sea level and although this is not generally high enough to cause altitude illness, you may feel diminished performance or shortness of breath during physical activity if you have not had an opportunity to acclimate. Altitude illness can begin as low as 6,000 feet. Tuolumne Meadows hovers around 9,000 feet and many other accessible destinations are much higher. Flu like symptoms or general weakness can be signs of altitude illness and it can cause problems with judgment and physical performance and even become life-threatening. Altitude illness affects us equally, regardless of age, physical condition, and gender. The only definitive cure for altitude illness is to lose elevation.

YOSEMITE’S ROADS

Yosemite’s roads are just as dangerous as in your home town but we have other hazards such as rock fall, distracted motorists, and abundant wildlife, including deer and bear. Moreover, there are many sites to distract you. If you cannot devote 100% of your attention to your driving, please pull completely off the road into designated pull-offs and parking areas. Buckle up! Park rangers enforce California’s Motor Vehicle Code on park roads.

FOR ALL SEASONS

- Stay on established trails – do not take trail shortcuts, go over fences, or approach water. *Almost all of Yosemite’s non-traffic related serious injuries occur off trail.*
- Rock scrambling - leave it to the critters.
- Water and food – Carry more water than you need; stay hydrated and snack frequently – 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, destination, and estimated time of return, with a trusted person. *If no one knows you are missing, no one is going to be looking for you.*

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

HANTAVIRUS INFORMATION

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

via the droppings, urine, or saliva of infected rodents. Not all rodents are infected with hantavirus, but infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You may come into close proximity to rodents during your visit, so it is important you take steps to protect yourself from HPS. HPS risk is greater inside enclosures where deer mice are present. If staying in guest lodging, please tell the housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice in your room. Do not clean the area yourself. Keep doors to guest lodging shut and keep food in sealed containers. 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. For more information visit: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm>.

PLAGUE

Plague is an infectious disease carried by squirrels and other 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 when eating outside, avoid disturbing rodent burrows, wear insect repellent with DEET, and tell a park ranger 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, 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 if caught 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 Details

Wilderness permits are required year round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness. Permits are issued and bear canisters are available for rent at the Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center (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 (see page 8) and at the Big Oak Flat Information Station and the Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center (see page 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 and call 209/372-0740, Monday through Friday, from 8am to 5pm and Saturday, 9am to 4pm. 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.friendofyosar.org.

HALF DOME HIKE - PERMITS REQUIRED

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week when the cables are up for 2017, June 2 through October 10, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 preseason 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 1pm. To apply, visit Recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777. A non-refundable application fee applies to all submissions and a use fee applies to winning applicants. Finally, a daily quota of 75 Half Dome permits will be available to overnight users with an appropriate wilderness permit (use fee applies). These permits may be acquired through early reservations (50 per day) or day before walk-up (25 per day). Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area may descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit. More information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm>. For backpackers more information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm>.

Rafting

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

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

Fishing

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

- Trout season runs through November 15 (except Frog Creek near Lake Eleanor, which opens June 15).
- Special fishing regulations apply on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley from Happy Isles downstream to the Foresta Bridge in El Portal. Within these reaches of the river, it is catch-and-release only for rainbow trout. Brown trout limits are five fish per day. Only artificial lures or flies with barbless hooks may be used.
- The use of live or dead minnows, bait fish or amphibians, non-preserved fish eggs or roe is prohibited.

Pets

Keep in mind, daytime temperatures can reach above 100 ° 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 bins.
- 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 paths. Bikes are not allowed to travel off paved paths. 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 over 5 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 license plate number and call 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 CAMPING INFORMATION

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 24 feet in length are not recommended for Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat campgrounds. 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 5 pm and 10 pm. At other times of the year and in out-of-Valley campgrounds, fires are permitted at any time, as long as they are attended.
- Firewood collection (including pine cones and pine needles) is not permitted in Yosemite Valley; you may purchase firewood at stores near the campgrounds.

An adventurous overnight experience

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

Camping Reservations

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

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

For campground reservations, visit www.recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777 or TDD 877/833-6777 from 7am to 9pm, Pacific time, March through October, or from 7am to 7pm, November through February. Call 518/885-3639 if you're dialing from outside the U.S. and Canada.

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 the 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 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 2017 (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 29 - Nov 1	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$26	60	Yes	Tap
North Pines	Apr 3 - Nov 6	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$26	81	Yes	Tap
Camp 4	All year	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$6/person	35	No	Tap
SOUTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Wawona	All year	35 ft	35 ft	April 10 - Oct 9	\$26	93	Yes	Tap
Bridalveil Creek	Aug 1 - Sep 18	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 10 – Oct 10	\$26	105	Yes	Tap
Crane Flat	Jul/Aug - Oct 9	40 ft	30 ft	Yes	\$26	166	Yes	Tap
Tamarack Flat	Jul/Aug - Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	52	No	Creek (boil)
White Wolf	Jul/Aug - Sep 25	27 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$18	74	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Creek	Jul/Aug - Sep 4	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	75	Yes	Creek (boil)
Porcupine Flat	Jul/Aug – Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
Tuolumne Meadows	Aug 1 - Sep 25	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 to 3 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Upper Yosemite Fall	Same as above	7.2 miles round-trip, 6 to 8 hours	Very Strenuous 2,700-foot gain
Mirror Lake (a seasonal lake)	Mirror Lake Shuttle Stop #17	2 miles, 1 hour round-trip to Mirror Lake, 5 miles, loop around lake	Easy
Vernal Fall Footbridge	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	1.4 miles round-trip, 1 to 2 hours	Moderate, 400-foot gain
Top of Vernal Fall	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	3 miles round-trip, 2 to 4 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Nevada Fall	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	7 miles round-trip, 5 to 6 hours	Strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Top of Half Dome	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	14 miles (via Mist Trail) or 16.3 miles (via John Muir Trail) round-trip, 10 to 12 hours	Extremely Strenuous, 4,800-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point	Southside Drive	4.8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours, one-way	Very strenuous, 3,200
Valley Floor Loop	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	13 miles full loop, 5 to 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 History Center Parking Area	4.75 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
GLACIER POINT ROAD			
Taft Point	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Easy to Moderate
Sentinel Dome	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
TUOLUMNE MEADOWS AREA			
Soda Springs / Parsons Lodge	Lembert Dome Parking Area	1.5 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Lembert Dome	Lembert Dome Parking Area	4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderately Strenuous
John Muir Trail through Lyell Canyon	Dog Lake Parking Area	8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours	Easy, 200-foot gain
Elizabeth Lake	Tuolumne Meadows Group Campground	4.8 miles round trip, 4 to 5 hours	Moderate
TIOGA ROAD			
Lukens Lake	White Wolf ¹	5.4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderate
Yosemite Valley via Porcupine Creek	Porcupine Creek ¹	7 miles one-way, 4 to 6 hours	Moderate, 3,500 to 4,000-foot loss
Yosemite Valley via Yosemite Creek	Lukens Lake Trailhead ¹	10.5 miles one-way, 5 to 9 hours	Moderately Strenuous 3,500 to 4,000-foot loss
Yosemite Valley via Clouds Rest	Tenaya Lake ¹	19 miles one-way, 10 to 12 hours	Strenuous
HETCH HETCHY			
Wapama Falls	O'Shaughnessy Dam	5 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Easy to Moderate

FEATURED HIKE

The Mist Trail to Vernal and Nevada Falls

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

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

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

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

Trail Description:

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

Things to know before you go:

- Swimming is not permitted in the Hetch Hetchy reservoir or in Emerald Pool above Vernal Fall.
- Stay away from swiftly-moving water. Choose swimming areas carefully and swim only during low water conditions.
- Always supervise children closely.
- Avoid areas of whitewater, where streams flow over rocky obstructions. Never swim or wade upstream from a waterfall, even if the water appears shallow and calm. Each year, unsuspecting visitors are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when swimming in these areas.
- If you plan to hike or backpack above 8,000 feet, it may still be winter-like conditions. Expect snowy, flooded, and/or muddy conditions. Check current conditions at a wilderness or visitor center before starting hike.

Where Can I See A Bear?

Monitoring Yosemite's Black Bears

Story by Caitlin Lee-Roney



A tagged bear stops for a drink of water in the Tuolumne river. NPS Photo



A young bear forages in El Capitan Meadow. NPS Photo

Seeing a bear in Yosemite is an exciting experience, but where can you see a bear during your visit? Biologists in the park have developed many tools to help track and find bears that enter developed areas or get close to people in order to find food. But, did you know that the vast majority of bears in Yosemite (over 90%) are untagged? These are the bears you may encounter by sheer luck if you are out enjoying the park. You might find them grazing in meadows, eating acorns high up in oak trees, gorging on manzanita berries, or just passing by on a trail as they wander in search of their next snack. Bears are naturally shy of people, avoiding us whenever possible. But, bears are incredibly smart and curious, and have a huge appetite along with an unimaginably great sense of smell. So when they discover that people carry food (lots of it!) everywhere they go, they can quickly learn to associate people with food and quickly change their natural behaviors drastically.

What happens when a bear gets human food? Bears are quick learners, and once they know how or where to find an easy food source, they don't forget. A bear that gets human food will likely continue searching for more. When a bear becomes too aggressive in their search for human food, they must be killed. But all of this can be avoided. The "bear problem" in Yosemite is entirely a people problem, and your behavior while visiting the park can make all the difference to a bear.

Yosemite's rangers work extremely hard to discourage these behaviors by bears, but with over five million visitors in the park last year, keeping human food from bears is not an easy task. The first goal is to educate people about how to be responsible with their food and trash when they visit the park. With proper food storage, people can keep food out of a bear's reach thereby preventing any negative consequences to a bear.

When people fail to store their food properly and a bear frequents developed areas or other areas with people, park biologists capture, tag and collar, and start monitoring the bear's behavior and movements. The park uses both radio telemetry and GPS to track the movements of management bears. GPS collars are set to plot a point on a map every hour. This data is helpful in figuring out where a bear is spending time. With this information, rangers can focus wilderness patrols in specific areas where a bear is spending time. Focused education of people camping in those areas to prevent food storage problems, as well as scaring a bear away from people, can make a huge difference in the long-term behavior of a bear.

Radio telemetry doesn't plot where a bear is on a map, but sends out a signal that can be picked up from within a few miles of the bear. With that signal, rangers can find the bear's direction and general distance. Radio telemetry is also used in the park's monitoring and alarm systems. These systems track a collared bear any

time it is within a monitored area and alerts park rangers via their radios that a bear is in a specific campground or other monitored area. This way rangers, can quickly respond and chase a bear away before it is able to get food from an unsuspecting camper.

Rangers also keep track of where bears are being seen in the park through visitor reports of bears. If you see a bear during your visit, call and leave a message on the Save-A-Bear hotline 209/372-0322, or by e-mailing yose_bear_mgmt@nps.gov. The more rangers know about where bears are being seen and what they are doing around people, the better they can work to protect those bears and keep them wild. Visit KeepBearsWild.org for more information about bears in the park.

Remember, every time you store your food properly, keep your distance from bears (at least 50 yards), scare bears if they're in a developed area or if approaching people, and report bear sightings, you're doing your part to save a bear's life.



Bears frequently cross roads as they travel throughout the park. Please, pay attention, and obey all speed limits while driving in Yosemite. NPS Photo.

DID YOU KNOW

- Collisions with vehicles is the leading known cause of black bear deaths in Yosemite? As many as 38 bears have been hit by vehicles in a single year in the park.
- If you see a bear in developed areas, or approaching people anywhere, you should yell and make as much noise as possible to scare it away.
- Black bear cubs stay with their mother for less than a year and a half before heading off on their own. When they are a year old they are called yearlings and are often mistaken for cubs that are missing their mother. These young bears are particularly susceptible to the lure of human food, so it is especially important to keep your food to yourself.

Supporting Your Park

Enhance the Visitor Experience

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

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Yosemite Conservancy



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 12,407 volunteers donated more than 174,885 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 Zero Landfill Initiative

Help make Yosemite the first Zero Landfill park in the country. Through the Zero Landfill Initiative, Yosemite is reducing the amount of trash sent to the landfill every year. In partnership with Yosemite Hospitality, we are making it easier to participate by adding more recycling containers with better labels.

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. Bring a refillable water bottle/travel mug. Camping? Use refillable propane canisters.
3. Put trash/recycling in correct containers.



Yosemite Name Changes

The names of the following facilities in Yosemite have changed:

- 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)

Lost and Found

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