

Yosemite Guide

Elm tree in Cooks Meadow, Yosemite Valley. Photo by Christine Loberg



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Yosemite Valley Shuttle Map

YARS Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System

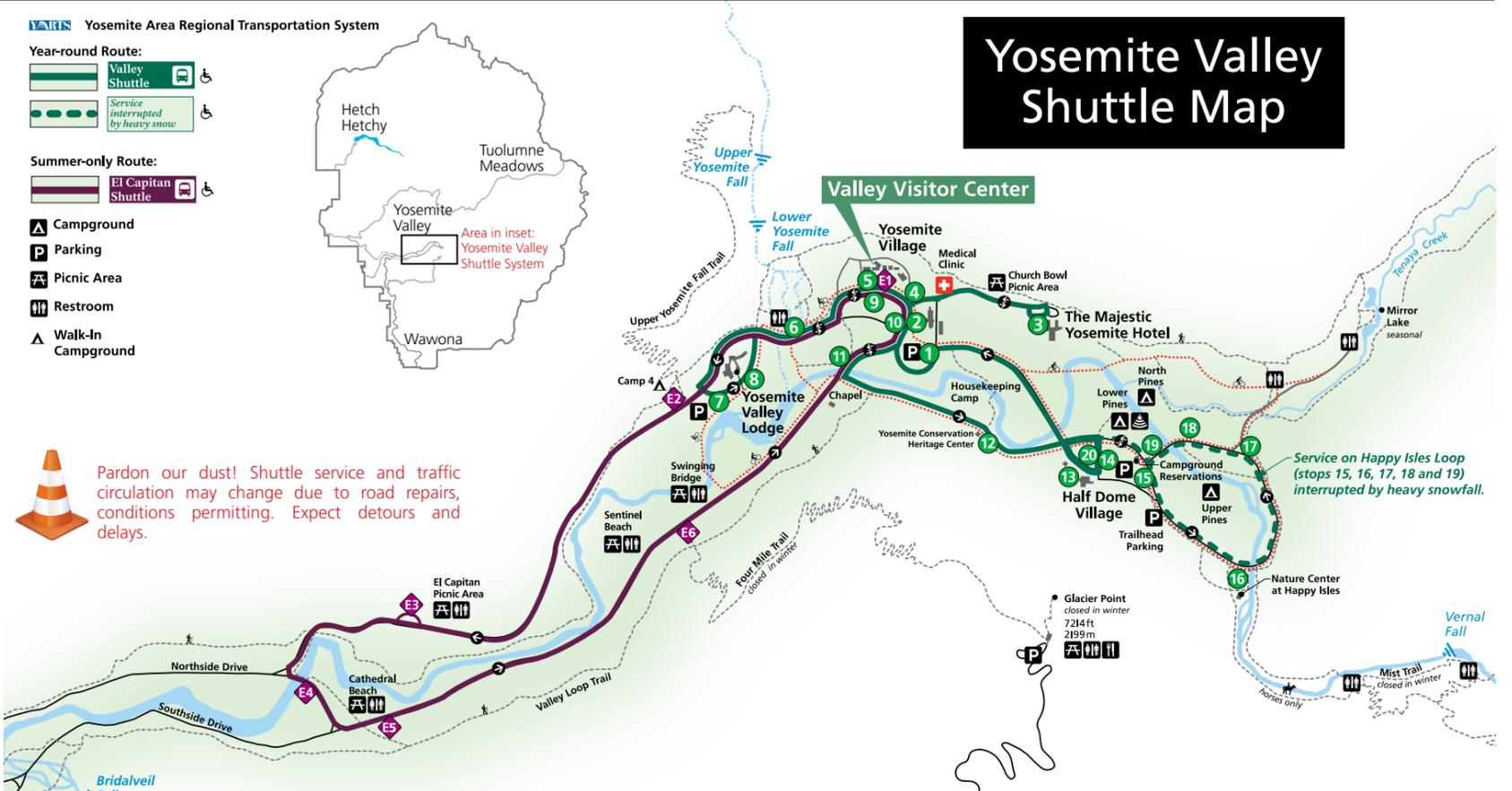
Year-round Route:
 Valley Shuttle
 Service interrupted by heavy snow

Summer-only Route:
 El Capitan Shuttle

- Campground
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Restroom
- Walk-In Campground



Pardon our dust! Shuttle service and traffic circulation may change due to road repairs, conditions permitting. Expect detours and 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, ending service Oct 9. See schedules posted at shuttle stops.

Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location
1	Yosemite Village Parking	11	Sentinel Bridge	17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
2	40 Yosemite Village	12	Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center / Housekeeping Camp	18	North Pines Campground
3	YARS The Majestic Yosemite Hotel	13	YARS Half Dome Village	19	Pines Campgrounds
4	Degnan's Deli	14	20 Half Dome Village Parking	E1	El Capitan Picnic Area
5	9 E1 YARS Valley Visitor Center	15	Upper Pines Campground / Trailhead Parking	E4	El Capitan Crossover
6	Lower Yosemite Fall	16	Happy Isles / Mist Trail	E5	Cathedral Beach Picnic Area
7	E2 Camp 4 / Yosemite Falls Parking			E6	Four Mile Trailhead
8	YARS Yosemite Valley Lodge				

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Seasonal Highlights

Keep this Guide with you to get the most out of your visit

FIRE MANAGEMENT IN YOSEMITE

Fire and smoke are as much a part of the Yosemite ecosystem as water and ice. Fire allows for the recycling of nutrients to the soil, and more sunlight, which encourages the germination and regrowth of plants, shrubs and tree. Some species, like giant sequoias, actually need fire to reproduce. Regular fires can also keep fuel loads low, avoiding larger, more severe fires in the future. See the feature story on page 10 to learn more about the role of fire in Yosemite.

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 require fees. Learn more and sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village. Shuttle stops #5 and #9. See pages 4 and 5 for details.

ADVENTURE OUT WITH YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL

Yosemite Mountaineering School provides outdoor adventures for people of all experience levels. We are here to help you learn how to enjoy Yosemite safely and responsibly. Give us a call to join one of our group classes or to 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.

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 John Muir! See page 6 for details.



An NPS firefighter sprays down sequoias with water during a prescribed burn. Photo by Nancy Robbins

Get outside and enjoy your park!

Whether you're looking for a cold-weather adventure, a warm fireplace, or a bit of both, Yosemite is a magical place in fall and winter!

ADVENTURE WITH YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY

Explore the park in a new way with Yosemite Conservancy's naturalist guides! Get an inside look at natural history during a personalized hike or backpacking trip, take an evening stroll to Taft Point, or spend a day diving into the fascinating world of woodpeckers. Sign up for a scheduled Outdoor Adventure, or contact us to plan a Custom Adventure. See page 6.

GET CREATIVE AT THE ART CENTER

Join Yosemite Conservancy at 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 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.

VISIT THE YOSEMITE MUSEUM

Explore exhibits from California Indian culture and talk with an Indian cultural demonstrator at the Yosemite Museum. Tour the outdoor Indian Village. Located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stops #5 and #9.

STROLL WITH A RANGER

Learn about the wonders of the park on a ranger-guided stroll. Programs are offered daily throughout the park on a variety of topics including waterfalls, trees, bears, geology, Yosemite Indians and more. See pages 5, 6, and 7 for details.

CURL UP IN FRONT OF A FIRE-PLACE!

The Majestic Yosemite Hotel has three grand fireplaces that have always provided heat to offset the year's most frigid temperatures. Bring a book and a warm drink and find a cozy niche in front of the fire, the perfect place to warm your hands and toes.

HIKE TO MIRROR MEADOW

Situated at the base of Half Dome, Mirror Lake frames reflections of Yosemite's most iconic cliff. (The lake is dry until the first significant precipitation of the season.) The quiet trail is gentle and follows Tenaya Creek through the eastern Valley. The trail starts at shuttle stop #17.

TAKE THE BUS

Free shuttles, which are environment-friendly, electric/diesel hybrids, are available in Yosemite Valley year-round. Park your car and let an expert drive you to some of the most scenic and historic points in the park. Not only will you be doing your part to cut down on traffic congestion and vehicle pollutants, you'll also have your hands free and able to capture that perfect photo of Half Dome.

ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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

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

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

 Sign Language interpreting available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at (209)379-5250 (v/txt) or at yose_deaf_services@nps.gov. Two weeks advance notice preferred.

 Assistive Listening Devices are available upon request. Ask at any park visitor center about assistive listening devices for ranger-led programs, public events and tours in Yosemite Valley, Wawona, Glacier Point and Tuolumne Meadows.

 A descriptive audio tour of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center is available for visitors who are blind. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.

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Discover 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 1 year at all federal recreation sites.

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

Interagency Annual Senior Pass \$20
(Annual) For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.

Interagency Access Pass (Free)
(Lifetime) For permanently disabled U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Interagency Military Pass (Free)
(Annual) For active duty U.S. military and dependents

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

RESERVATIONS

Campground Reservations
(877)444-6777
www.recreation.gov

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

REGIONAL INFO

Yosemite Area Regional
Transportation System (YARTS)
www.yarts.com

Highway 120 West
Yosemite Chamber of Commerce
(800)449-9120 or (209)962-0429

Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau
(800)446-1333
www.tcvb.com

Highway 41
Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau
(559)683-4636
www.yosemitethisyear.com

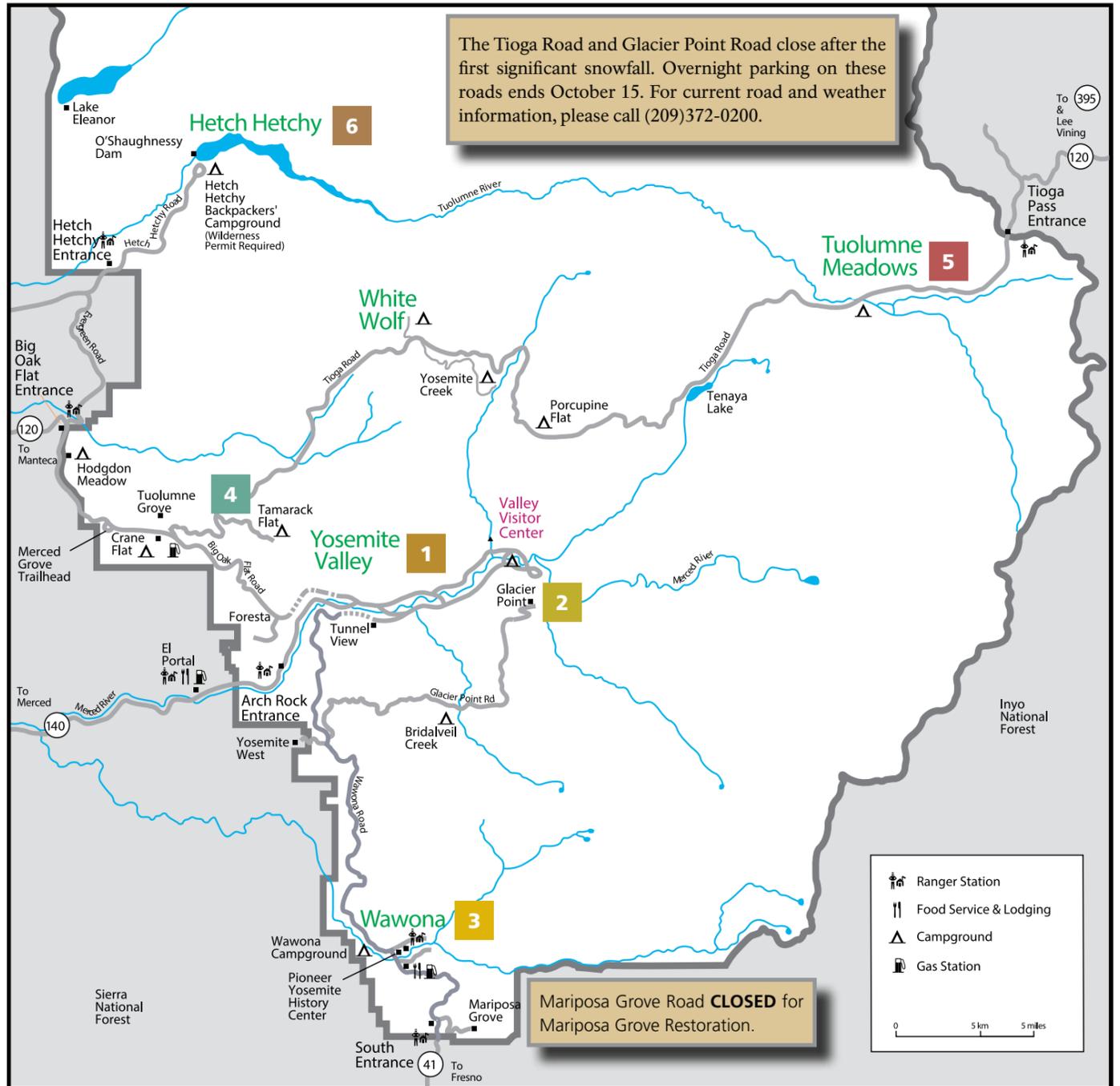
Highway 132/49
Coulterville Visitor Center
(209)878-3329

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

Mariposa County Visitor Center
(866)425-3366 or (209)966-7081

Yosemite Mariposa County
Tourism Bureau
(209)742-4567
www.homeofyosemite.com

Highway 120 East
Lee Vining Chamber of
Commerce and Mono Lake
Visitor Center, (760)647-6629
www.leevining.com



YOSEMITE VALLEY

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



Photo by Christine Loberg

GLACIER POINT ROAD

2 Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and Yosemite's high country, is located 30 miles (1 hour) from Yosemite Valley. The road stays open as weather permits, however, overnight parking along it ends October 15. Glacier Point Road closes beyond the Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area after the first significant snow fall. When the road is snow-covered and conditions permit, a system of cross-country ski tracks are maintained on it. From Yosemite Valley, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), then turn left onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, when the road is open, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating view looking down 3,214 feet into Yosemite Valley.



Half Dome view from Glacier Point. Photo by Armand Williams

WAWONA AND MARIPOSA GROVE

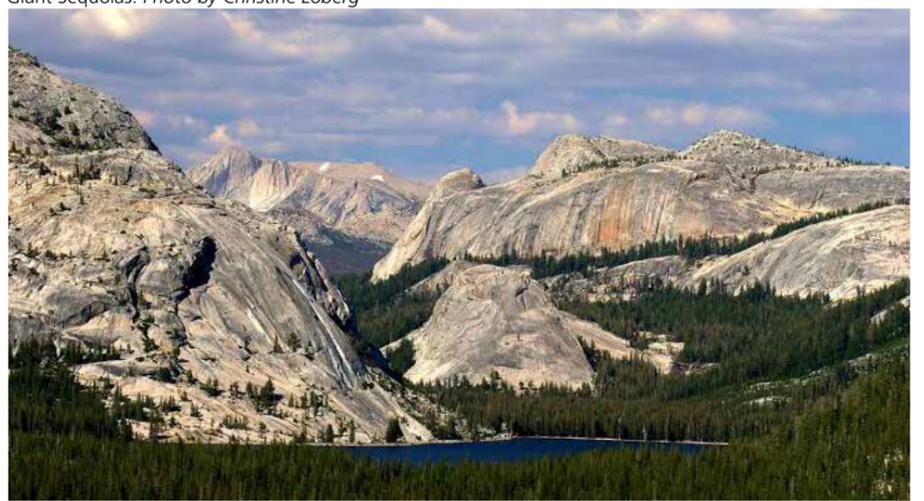
3 The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park's south entrance station. The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is closed for restoration until late 2017, see page 7 for details. The nearby Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite. For more information about hiking trails in the Wawona area, 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.



Giant Sequoias. Photo by Christine Loberg

CRANE FLAT AND TUOLUMNE GROVE

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



Tenaya Lake along Tioga Road. NPS Photo

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS AND TIOGA ROAD

5 The Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. The road closes after the first big snowfall, and overnight parking ends on October 15. The road's elevation ranges from 6,200 feet to just under 10,000 feet. Tuolumne Meadows embodies the high-country of the Sierra Nevada. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows surrounded by granite domes and peaks. It is the jumping off place for countless hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. In winter, Tuolumne Meadows is often reached by skiers via the Snow Creek Trail from the Mirror Lake trailhead, a short distance east of Yosemite Valley.



Tuolumne River at Tuolumne Meadows. Photo by Ryan Alonzo

HETCH HETCHY

6 Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the City of San Francisco, is home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. The area's low elevation makes it a good place to hike in autumn and winter. The Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles (1¼ hour) from Yosemite Valley via the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120W) and the Evergreen Road. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open from 8am to 7pm through October 31, then 8am to 5pm through March 31. Wilderness permits and bear canisters are available while the road is open. Vehicles and/or trailers over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.

DID YOU KNOW:

- For thousands of years, American Indians periodically set fires in Yosemite Valley to promote the growth of plants that provided food, medicine, and materials for baskets.
- The rest of the park also has an extensive history of wildfire. The frequent thunderstorms in the park can generate thousands of lightning strikes each year, some of which start wildfires.
- Tree ring studies reveal a fiery past and provide fire frequency dating back hundreds and thousands of years, demonstrating that wildfire was a common occurrence on the Yosemite landscape.
- In the late 1800s, well-meaning settlers halted traditional burning practices and suppressed lightning-ignited fires, which has resulted in increased fuel loads and had negative effects on native ecosystems.
- To restore fire to the fire-adapted ecosystems of Yosemite, fire managers sometimes manage lightning-caused fires for the benefit of natural or cultural resources.

WINTER WEATHER AND DRIVING IN YOSEMITE

The Tioga, Glacier Point, and Mariposa Grove Roads are closed each year from after the first significant snowfall to late May or early June. Other roads are generally plowed and maintained, but can close or present delays during storms. Motorists are advised to always carry chains and check weather and road conditions before travel. Icy and wet roadways can exist throughout the park! To check road conditions, call (209)372-0200 for roads inside the park and (800)427-7623 or visit www.dot.ca.gov for highways connecting to Yosemite, outside the park.

Chain Control Information:

You must have tire chains or cables in your possession when entering a designated chain control area, even if you're driving a four-wheel drive or rental vehicle.

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| <p>AUTOS & PICKUPS
SNOW TIRES OK
CARRY CHAINS</p> | <p>R1 - Chains Required, unless you are driving a car, pickup truck, or SUV weighing less than 6,000 pounds AND your auto or pickup has mud/snow tires installed. (look for "M+S" on the wall of the tire)</p> |
| <p>4W DRIVE WITH
SNOW TIRES OK
CARRY CHAINS</p> | <p>R2 - Chains Required, unless you are driving a car, pickup truck, or SUV weighing less than 6,500 pounds AND your car has snow tires installed on all four wheels AND has four-wheel drive or all-wheel drive engaged.</p> |
| <p>NO EXCEPTIONS</p> | <p>R3 - Chains Required, on ALL vehicles (chains on 2 wheels of a 4-wheel drive).</p> |

Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas in the heart of the park



Fall in Yosemite Valley. Photo by Christine Loberg

YOSEMITE VALLEY VISITOR CENTER AND BOOKSTORE

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore are open from 9am to 5pm. They are located west of the main post office, near shuttle stops #5 and #9. The facility offers information, maps, and books. Explore the exhibits and learn how Yosemite's landscape formed and how people interact with it.

YOSEMITE FILMS

Two films are shown daily, every half-hour beginning at 9:30am (except on Sundays when the first showing is at noon). The last film is at 4:30pm. Ken Burns' *Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit* plays on the hour and *The Spirit of Yosemite* plays on the half-hour in the Theater behind the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

WILDERNESS CENTER

Open 8am to 5pm. Visit the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters. The Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village in between the post office and The Ansel Adams Gallery. The center will close for the season on October 22 and then permits and bear canisters will be available at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center daily from 9am to 5pm.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. The museum is open daily from 9am to 5pm.

INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

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

YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE

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

THE ANSEL ADAMS GALLERY

The Ansel Adams Gallery is open daily from 9am to 5pm, closes at 3pm on Thursday, November 23. The gallery offers the work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other artists. For more information call (209)372-4211 or visit www.anseladams.com.

EXHIBIT

James McGrew- Interpreting Yosemite through the Seasons

October 1, 2017 - November 11, 2017

It is sometimes easy to forget that The Ansel Adams Gallery began as a painting studio operated by Ansel's father-in-law Harry Best from 1902 until 1936. Mr. Best's style of painting grew out of the Hudson River School variety as he ventured into both studio and plein air sessions. Today the Gallery continues this tradition by featuring the work of James McGrew in a new solo exhibit: *Interpreting Yosemite through the Seasons, New Original Oil Paintings*. From iconic grand views to remote and intimate perspectives, James McGrew's most recent original oil paintings convey the diverse moods and experiences of Yosemite through the changing seasons. This exhibit

will open on October 1 and run through November 11, 2017 and will feature both plein air and studio paintings showcasing a range from clearing moonlit snow storms to high water of spring in 2017 to the calm of late summer and Autumn color. The Ansel Adams Gallery will be hosting a public artist's reception on Wednesday, October 4 from 3pm to 5pm.

NEW EXHIBIT

Anne Larsen and John Sexton: Exploring Light November 12, 2017 - January 7, 2018

Anne Larsen and John Sexton have been sharing their passion for photography and exploring the land with their large format cameras for over twenty years. They both have a passion for the sheer beauty of the black and white silver gelatin print hand-printed in the traditional wet darkroom.

The exhibition will include not only stunning images of the natural environment, but will also incorporate human-made subjects. For each of the two photographers the use of light as it graces the subject and its use throughout the creative photographic process is essential. Though their palettes are different, both Anne's and John's prints share a common beauty and luminosity.

Anne Larsen and John Sexton: Exploring Light will be at The Ansel Adams Gallery November 12, 2017 through January 7, 2018, and will showcase a number of images spanning two great careers. Please stop by during your visit to see these stunning works in person.

POST OFFICES

- Yosemite Village**
 - Main Post Office
 - Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5pm
 - Saturday, 10am to noon
- Yosemite Valley Lodge**
 - Post Office
 - Monday to Friday, 12:30pm to 2:45pm
- El Portal Post Office**
 - Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5pm
 - closed for lunch from 12:30pm to 1:30pm
- Wawona Post Office**
 - Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
 - Saturday, 9am to noon

BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL

- Yosemite Village**
 - The Ansel Adams Gallery**
 - 9am to 5pm, Closes at 3pm on Nov 23
 - Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center**
 - 9am to 5pm
 - Yosemite Museum Store**
 - 9am to 5pm
 - Yosemite Art Center**
 - 9am to 4pm, Closes for lunch at 12pm, Closed on Sundays, Closes for season Oct 28
- Village Store**
- 8am to 9pm, 8am to 8pm Beginning Oct 9
- The Majestic Yosemite Hotel**
 - Gift Shop**
 - 8am to 9pm, Closes at 3pm on Nov 23
 - Sweet Shop**
 - 7am to 10pm
- Yosemite Valley Lodge**
 - Gift/Grocery**
 - 8am to 8pm
- Half Dome Village**
 - Gift/Grocery**
 - 8am to 8pm
- Wawona Area**
 - Big Trees Lodge Store**
 - 8am to 7pm

SHOWERS AND LAUNDRY

- Half Dome Village Showers**
- Open 24 hours
- Housekeeping Camp Laundromat**
- 8am to 10pm

Events and Programs

Where to go and what to do

Yosemite Valley	
Sunday	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5. (NPS) ♿
	2:00pm Ranger Walk – Wildlife 1.5 hrs. Experience a variety of habitats and learn about the animals that live in Yosemite. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5. (NPS) ♿
	2:00pm 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) ♿
	3:30pm Naturalist Stroll (Except Oct 15) 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	7:00pm Evening Program (Except Oct 8, 15, 22, and 29) 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room. (YH) ♿
	8:00pm Evening Program: A Century of Climbing in Yosemite (October 15 Only) 1 hr. American Alpine Club members present historic Yosemite climbing films and discuss the importance of this special history of Yosemite with the audience before and after the presentation. Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater. (AAC) ♿
	8:30pm 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) \$
8:30pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$	
Monday	10:00am Art Class at the Yosemite Art Center (Oct 16 and 23 Only) 4 hrs. Take a class with a guest artist. Register online. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$
	10:00am DROP-IN CRAFTS (Oct 9, 16 and 23 Only) Yosemite Art Center. Great for families, children and teens. Studio open 10am-3pm, closed for lunch 12pm-1pm. \$10 suggested donation. (YC)
	1:00pm Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$
	2:00pm Ranger Walk – Yosemite's First People 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stops #5/#9. (NPS) ♿
	2:00pm 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) ♿
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Tuesday	9:00am Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. (TAAG) ♿
	10:00am MEET YOUR YOSEMITE 15 mins. An introduction to Yosemite for all ages, including Jr Rangers. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5. (NPS)
	10:00am Art Class at the Yosemite Art Center (Oct 17 and 24 Only) 4 hrs. Take a class with a guest artist. Register online. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$
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	1:00pm In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams photography class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$
	2:00pm Ranger Walk – Geology 1.5 hrs. Uncover the geologic stories of Yosemite's granite walls. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5. (NPS) ♿
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	3:30pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	7:00pm Yosemite Theater – Yosemite Search and Rescue (Oct 10, 17 and 24 Only) 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at the Yosemite Theater, Valley Visitor Center Bookstore or any Yosemite Hospitality tour desk. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$
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	2:00pm Ranger Walk – Inspiring Generations 1.5 hrs. Learn how Yosemite helped inspire conservation. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5. (NPS)
	2:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour (Except Nov 8) 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿
	3:30pm Naturalist Stroll (Oct 4, 11, 18, and 25 Only) 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	7:00pm Ranger Program (Except Oct 4, 11, 18, and 25) 1 hr. Various Topics, Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room. (NPS) ♿
	7:00pm Yosemite Theater – John Muir Series: Conversation with a Tramp (Oct 4, 11, 18, and 25 Only) 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at the Yosemite Theater, Valley Visitor Center Bookstore or any Yosemite Hospitality tour desk. See pg. 6 for details. (YC) \$
	8:30pm NIGHT PROWL (Oct 4, 11, 18, and 25 Only) 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$
8:30pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Except Nov 8) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$	
Thursday	9:00am Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) ♿
	10:00am Art Class at the Yosemite Art Center (Oct 5, 19, and 26 Only) 4 hrs. Take a class with a guest artist. Register online. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$
	10:00am DROP-IN CRAFTS (Oct 5, 12, 19, and 26 Only) Yosemite Art Center. Great for families, children and teens. Studio open 10am-3pm, closed for lunch 12pm-1pm. \$10 suggested donation. (YC)
	1:00pm Using Your Digital Camera (Except Nov 23) 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$
	2:00pm Ranger Walk – Trees 1.5 hrs. Find out which trees call Yosemite Valley home. The Majestic Yosemite Hotel, shuttle stop #3. (NPS)
	2:00pm 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) ♿
	3:30pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	7:00pm FIRESIDE STORYTELLING 1 hr. Gather by the fire and listen to the stories of Yosemite's past and present! The Majestic Yosemite Hotel. (YH) ♿
	7:00pm Yosemite Theater – John Muir Series: Stickeen and Other Fellow Mortals (Oct 5, 12, 19, and 26 Only) 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at the Yosemite Theater, Valley Visitor Center Bookstore or any Yosemite Hospitality tour desk. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$
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Friday	10:00am Art Class at the Yosemite Art Center (Oct 6, 20 and 27 Only) 4 hrs. Take a class with a guest artist. Register online. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$
	10:00am DROP-IN CRAFTS (Oct 6, 13, 20 and 27 Only) Yosemite Art Center. Great for families, children and teens. Studio open 10am-3pm, closed for lunch 12pm-1pm. \$10 suggested donation. (YC)
	2:00pm Ranger Walk – Living Yosemite 1.5 hrs. Learn about the constantly changing ecosystem in Yosemite. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5. (NPS) ♿
	2:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour (Except Oct 13) 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿
	3:30pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	5:00pm Dine and Discover: Full Moon Hike to Taft Point (Oct 6 Only) 6 hrs. Evening program with a naturalist guide and buffet-style meal. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$
	7:00pm Yosemite Theater – Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey (Oct 6, 13, 20 and 27 Only) 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at the Yosemite Theater, Valley Visitor Center Bookstore or any Yosemite Hospitality tour desk. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$
	7:00pm Film - Ansel Adams (Except Nov 10) 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge, check local listing for venue. (TAAG) ♿
	8:30pm NIGHT PROWL (Oct 6, 13, 20, and 27 Only) 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$
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Saturday	9:00am Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) ♿
	9:00am Day of the Woodpecker (Dec 2 Only) 6 hrs. Learn about Yosemite's woodpecker species with a naturalist guide. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$
	10:00am Art Class at the Yosemite Art Center (Oct 7, 21 and 28 Only) 4 hrs. Take a class with a guest artist. Register online. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$
	10:00am DROP-IN CRAFTS (Oct 7, 14, 21 and 28 Only) Yosemite Art Center. Great for families, children and teens. Studio open 10am-3pm, closed for lunch 12pm-1pm. \$10 suggested donation. (YC)
	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5. (NPS) ♿
	1:00pm In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$
	2:00pm Ranger Walk – Ahwahneechee Stories and Games 1.5 hrs. Learn about the culture of Yosemite's First People. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5. (NPS) ♿
	2:00pm 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) ♿
	3:00pm Fine Print Viewing 1 hr. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Very limited space. (TAAG) ♿
	3:30pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	7:00pm Evening Program (Except Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 and Nov 11) 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room. (YH) ♿
	7:00pm Yosemite Theater – Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey (Oct 7, 14, 21 and 28 Only) 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Yosemite Theater, Valley Visitor Center Bookstore or any Yosemite Hospitality tour desk. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$
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NPS	National Park Service	YC	Yosemite Conservancy
YH	Yosemite Hospitality, LLC	SC	Sierra Club
TAAG	The Ansel Adams Gallery	\$	Programs with a fee

Things to Do

Yosemite Valley and Beyond



Winter in Yosemite Valley. Photo by Christine Loberg

Experience 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 in Winter

NATURALIST PROGRAMS

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

WALKING AND HIKING

Yosemite Valley has a wide range of walking and hiking possibilities. Stop by a visitor center for trail maps and current trail conditions, or see page 9 for a list of popular Valley day hikes.

SIGHTSEEING

Some of the famous landmarks in Yosemite Valley include:

- **Lower Yosemite Fall** is an easy 30-minute loop trail starting from shuttle stop #6. (Yosemite Falls will be dry until rain and snow return.) This hike features educational exhibits and a picnic area, and is accessible to the mobility impaired.
- **Bridalveil Fall** is a year-round waterfall that can be visited on your way into or out of the Valley. Winds, swirling about the cliff, blow the wispy water into a delicate free-fall.
- **El Capitan** is a massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. From spring to fall, climbers come from all over the globe to scale El Capitan. Please stay on foot paths to avoid damaging delicate meadows.
- **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 iconic feature into what we see today. Cook's Meadow, Sentinel Bridge and Glacier Point all provide stunning views of Half Dome.

- Happy Isles is easily reached by the free shuttle bus at stop #16. Cross the footbridges onto the Isles or wander through outdoor exhibits detailing Yosemite's geologic story. Shuttle busses may not go to stop #16 when road is snow-covered or icy.
- **Tunnel View**, along the Wawona Road (Hwy 41), provides a view that showcases Yosemite Valley. Capture breathtaking views of El Capitan, Bridalveil Fall and Half Dome. It is particularly spectacular at sunset or after the clearing of a storm.

TOURS

Tours listed depart from Yosemite Valley Lodge, *weather permitting*. Inquire at the Tour and Activity Desk in the Yosemite Valley Lodge between 7:30am and 3pm.

The Valley Floor Tour is a 26-mile, two-hour, guided tour of **Yosemite Valley**. It departs several times daily. The four-hour **Glacier Point Tour** departs at 8:30am and 1:30pm. For information call (209)372-1240

YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY OUTDOOR ADVENTURES (YC)

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

- Oct 6 *Dine and Discover: Full Moon Hike to Taft Point*
- Oct 26 to 29 *Yosemite Photography: Capture the Autumn Light*
- Dec 2 *Yosemite Birding: The Day of the Woodpecker*

To learn more and register, visit bit.ly/yosemite-adventures or call (209)379-3217 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 ART CENTER (YC)

Get creative at the Art Center! Stop by during our kid-friendly Open Studio sessions, Monday through Saturday, 10am to 3pm, or join a beginner-level class led by an expert artist:

- Oct 2 to 7 *Watercolor Sketchbook Journaling with Janet Takahashi*
- Oct 16 to 21 *Autumn Watercolor with Steve Curl*
- Oct 23 to 28 *Plein Air Watercolor with John Hewitt*

Volunteer art instructors teach single-day classes Monday through Saturday, 10am to 2pm. Classes are recommended for ages 12 and up, and are typically held outside. Registration is \$15 per person, per day; some classes have an additional materials fee. Sign up online at bit.ly/yosemite-art, by phone at (209)372-4207, by email at artcenter@yosemiteconservancy.org, or in person.

Drop-ins are welcome if space is available. Art supplies are available for rent or purchase. Wednesday classes meet at the Majestic Hotel; all other classes meet at the Yosemite Art Center, in Yosemite Village. *Closes for the season Oct 28.*

YOSEMITE THEATER (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy's theater program offers 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 and #9. Get your tickets (\$10 per person, free tickets for children under age 12) at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Bookstore or a Yosemite Hospitality tour desk, or at the theater 15 minutes before show time. For show details, visit bit.ly/yosemite-theater.

Yosemite Search and Rescue

Tuesdays (Oct 3 to 24)

Yosemite Search and Rescue Ranger John Dill offers useful safety advice for visitors and shares stories about emergency response missions.

John Muir Series: Conversation with a Tramp

Wednesdays (Oct 4 to 25)

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 (Oct 5 to 26)

Enjoy Muir's tales about adventures with animals in the wild, including the brave little dog Stickeen. Live performance by Lee Stetson.

Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey

Fridays and Saturdays (Oct 6 to 28)

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 RENAISSANCE 33, CALL FOR ENTRIES

Yosemite Renaissance is an annual juried competition/exhibition intended to encourage diverse artistic interpretations of Yosemite. Historically, the arts have played a very important role in the establishment of our State and National Parks. It is our hope that they can be just as important in future efforts to preserve and protect that heritage. Entries should be recent works of the landscape, environment, wildlife, and people of Yosemite or the Sierra Nevada. Both representational and non-representational submissions are accepted. Entries may be in any fine art medium including painting, photography, drawing, printmaking, textile and sculpture. Cash awards. Works accepted will be displayed at the Museum Gallery in Yosemite Valley during a two-month exhibition beginning at the end of February 2018. For more information please visit our website, www.yosemiterenaissance.org.

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

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

- Degnan's Kitchen**
7am to 8pm
- Degnan's Loft**
12pm to 9pm, Closes for the season Oct 30
- Village Grill**
11am to 5pm, Closes for the season Oct 15
- The Majestic Yosemite Hotel**
Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm,
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm
Sunday Brunch: 7am to 2pm,
Appropriate attire required for dinner.
Reservations recommended for dinner and Sunday Brunch, (209)372-1489.
Coffee Bar
7am to 10:30am
- The Majestic Bar**
11:30am to 11pm
- Yosemite Valley Lodge**
Closed after Oct 15 for renovations
- Food Court**
Breakfast: 6:30am to 11am,
Closed after Oct 15
Lunch: 11am to 4:30pm, Closed after Oct 15
Dinner: 4:30pm to 9pm, Closed after Oct 15
- Mountain Room Lounge**
Monday to Friday: 5pm to 10pm,
Saturday and Sunday: 12pm to 11pm
- Mountain Room Restaurant**
Reservations taken for 8 or more,
(209)372-1281 or (209)372-1403
Dinner: 5pm to 9pm
- Half Dome Village**
- Pavillion** - Closes for the season Oct 29
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm
- Pizza Deck** - Closes for the season Nov 26
12pm to 10pm
Beginning Oct 29,
Monday to Friday: 5pm to 9pm,
Saturday and Sunday: 12pm to 9pm
- Coffee Corner**
7am to 11am, Closes for the season Nov 26
- Half Dome Village Bar**
Closes for the season Oct 29
Monday to Friday: 4pm to 10pm
Saturday and Sunday: 12pm to 10pm
- Big Trees Lodge**
Closed for a few weeks after Nov 26
Breakfast: 7am to 10am, Closes Nov 26
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm, Closes Nov 26
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm, Closes Nov 26
Call (209)375-1425 for dinner reservations
Lounge Service: 5pm to 9:30pm,
Closes Nov 26
- GROCERIES**
- Yosemite Valley Lodge**
Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm,
- Yosemite Village**
Village Store
8am to 9pm,
8am to 8pm, Beginning Oct 9
- Half Dome Village**
Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm
- Wawona**
Big Trees Lodge Store
8am to 7pm
Golf Shop and Snack Stand
8am to 4pm, Closes for the season Oct 15
Golf Course
8am to 6pm, Closes for the season Oct 15
- Crane Flat**
Gift/Grocery
8am to 7pm, Closes for the season Oct 30 or when Tioga Road closes
- GAS STATIONS**
- NO gas in Yosemite Valley
- El Portal**
Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card
Big Trees Lodge Service Station
9am to 6pm. Diesel & propane.
Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card.
- Crane Flat**
8am to 7pm, Closes for the season Oct 30
Diesel available. Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card
- ACTIVITIES**
- Half Dome Village**
- Bike Rentals**
8:30am to 12pm, 1pm to 5pm,
Closes Nov 12
- Yosemite Mountaineering School**
10am to 4pm, Closes for the season Oct 15
- Ice Rink**
Opens for the season Nov 10, weather permitting. Check local listings for hours.
- Yosemite Valley Lodge**
Bike Rentals
10am to 4pm, Closes for the season Oct 15

Visitor Services

Beyond Yosemite Valley



Although the Mariposa Grove is closed for restoration, the Tuolumne and Merced Groves remain open and are considered park highlights. NPS Photo

Wawona

VISITOR CENTER AT HILL'S STUDIO

Open 8:30am to 5pm. The visitor center offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. Located on the grounds of the Big Trees Lodge, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the store and follow the path up the hill. Beginning October 11, the bookstore only will be open from 9am to 5pm. Wilderness permits for Wawona and Glacier Point trailheads will be available by self-registration on the front porch and bear canisters can be rented at the bookstore. The bookstore will be closed Friday, October 13, and on Mondays and Tuesdays beginning October 16. Closes for the season November 5.

EVENING PROGRAM

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Big Trees Lodge lobby from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs songs and tells stories from Yosemite's past. Historical programs are available by request and are usually given at 8:30pm. To request a program, drop by the piano early in the evening. *The Big Trees Lodge will close beginning November 26.*

JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM

Join a 15-minute ranger-led Junior Ranger Talk at the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio on October 4, 7, and 9 only. ♿

EXPERIENCE HORSE-DRAWN TRAVEL

On Friday, October 6, between 10am and 2pm, take a 10-minute horsedrawn stage ride. Buy tickets at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. Costs \$5 per adult and \$4 per child (ages 3-12).

PIONEER YOSEMITE HISTORY CENTER

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

Mariposa Grove

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

GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE MARIPOSA GROVE

The Restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias Project is nearing completion! The project will have improved the habitat and hydrology of the Mariposa Grove, while bettering the visitor experience and enjoyment of the grove. New accessible trails will provide universal access and new flush toilets will replace vault toilets. The grove is scheduled to re-open in Spring 2018.

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

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 inside the park entrance on Hwy 120 west. Beginning October 16, the bookstore only will be open from 9am to 5pm. Wilderness permits for the Tioga Road trailheads will be available by self-

registration on the porch and bear canister rentals will be available at bookstore. *Closes for the season October 29.*

MERCED GROVE

Yosemite's quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of approximately 20 big trees accessible only on foot. It's a three-mile round-trip hike, ski, or snowshoe into the grove. The trail drops down 1.5 miles, making this a moderately strenuous hike on the uphill portion. There is no potable water in the area so be sure to bring drinking water. The grove is located 3½ miles north of Crane Flat and 4½ miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance along Highway 120 West. The trail is marked by a sign and a post labeled B-10.

TUOLUMNE GROVE

The trailhead for this grove of approximately 25 sequoias is near the intersection of the Big Oak Flat and Tioga roads at Crane Flat. The moderately strenuous trail leads downhill from the parking area into the grove and drops 500 feet in one mile. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guided trail. There is no potable water in the area so be sure to bring drinking water with you.

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

Open 8am to 5pm. Visit the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters. The Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center is located south of Tioga Road, along the road to the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, across from shuttle stop #3. *Closes for season October 15.* Wilderness permits will be available by self-registration on the front porch.

GENERAL SERVICES

YOSEMITE VILLAGE GARAGE
8am to 5pm, Towing 24 hours. Propane available until 4:30pm.

MEDICAL CLINIC (Yosemite Valley)
Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm
Closed weekends and federal holidays.
For emergency care after 5pm, call 9-1-1.
Medical Clinic Phone: (209)372-4637.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

CHURCH OF CHRIST (Non-denominational)
El Portal Chapel / Worship: Sunday 11am
Info: (209)379-2100

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

SUNDAY SERVICES in the YOSEMITE CHAPEL:
9:15am - Sunday School and Nursery Available
6:30pm - Evening Service/Bible Study in Chapel
THANKSGIVING Service (Nov 23) - 10:00am

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY
7pm, Call for location
WEDNESDAY MID-WEEK SERVICE
7pm, at the Chapel
VARIOUS BIBLE STUDIES IN THE PARK
Call for times and locations

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS
Our Lady of the Snows
Sunday, 10am, East Auditorium behind Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, shuttle stops #5/#9.
Rectory Phone: (209)372-4729

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Alcoholics Anonymous
Yosemite Valley Chapel
Sunday: 8pm to 9pm
Tuesday and Thursday: 7:30pm to 8:30pm

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

Protecting yourself...



A couple descending steps on the Mist Trail. NPS Photo

Keep yourself safe while exploring your park.

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

ENJOYING AUTUMN IN YOSEMITE

Autumn in Yosemite is an exciting time for outdoor enthusiasts, photographers, and other artists. Lighting is gentle but colors are vibrant, temperatures are comfortable, and a gentle dusting of snow provides attractive accents to the rugged high Sierra Nevada. Rapid weather changes add to the excitement but also increases our need to prepare for weather extremes.

SUNLIGHT

Fall may create some outstanding outdoor opportunities but can also pose some unique challenges. With days becoming noticeably shorter, it is important to PLAN your outdoor activities accordingly. Always carry a flashlight and/or headlamp in case you're out longer than planned. Today's LED lights are small, inexpensive, and take up very little weight or bulk in your pack.

WEATHER

Comfortable daytime temperatures can drop with little warning. Unexpected storms can brew quickly, bringing wind, rain or snow down to the Valley floor. PREPARE for potential weather changes. To avoid hypothermia, a life-threatening cooling of your body temperature, dress in layers. Be able to add or reduce layers as follows:

- Base layer – synthetics, wool, or silk, never cotton. This layer will pull moisture away from your skin so that you will feel dry.
- Mid layer – insulation to keep warm. Many outdoor enthusiasts enjoy fleece or wool.
- Outer layer/shell – protects you from rain and snow. Newer materials are designed to “breathe” to reduce sweating while also keeping water from getting in.
- Hat – to keep your head warm and dry. A good knit hat that is long enough to cover your ears can make a big difference.
- Shoes – wear sturdy hiking boots. It's important they protect your feet from rain, snow, and slush. Thick wool or synthetic socks help keep your feet warm and dry. Your boots should never be tight or you will lose circulation which will make your feet cold. Carry an extra pair of socks
- Gloves – Keep a pair or two in your pack in case you need to keep your hands warm.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

Swift water is dangerous any time of year, even during low flow rates. Do not be deceived; Yosemite's streams have strong and dangerous currents and are best enjoyed from the safety of the trail or other developed areas.

YOSEMITE'S ROADS

Yosemite's roads are just as dangerous as in your home town, however, other hazards such as rock fall, distracted motorists, and abundant wildlife also exist. 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. Also, as we approach the winter months, be mindful of icy road conditions.

FOR ALL SEASONS

- Stay on established trails – do not take trail shortcuts or approach the water. Almost all of Yosemite's non-traffic related serious injuries occur off trail.
- Rock scrambling – leave this to the critters.
- Water and food – Stay hydrated and snack frequently – take extra food and water.
- 10 hiking essentials – including a flashlight, sunglasses, sunscreen, navigation, and a signaling method (mirror and whistle).
- Let someone know – leave travel plans, including intended route and estimated time of return, with a trusted person.

TREE HAZARD AWARENESS

Diseases, insects, soil moisture, wind, fire, and snow combine with human activities to create hazard trees (trees with outwardly visible defects that could fall and strike a person or property). While the National Park service seeks to identify and reduce threats from hazard trees, trees without apparent defects also fail, and tree hazards cannot always be immediately identified and mitigated. Several catastrophic tree failures have left visitors seriously or fatally injured in Yosemite, in addition to property damage totaling over \$1,000,000. Be aware of your surroundings, especially away from developed areas, and keep in mind that trees may fail at any time.

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 in Yosemite Valley (see page 4) and at the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station during hours of operation. Wilderness permits are also available at the Hill's Studio in Wawona and at the Big Oak Flat Information Station (see page 7). 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 8:30am to 4:30pm until October 20 and starting again on November 13.

HALF DOME PERMIT INFORMATION

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week 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. 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>.

HANTAVIRUS INFORMATION

Mice are an important part of the ecosystem, but can carry diseases harmful to humans. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread to humans via the droppings, urine, or saliva of infected rodents. Not all rodents are infected with hantavirus, but infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You may come into close proximity to rodents during your visit, so it is important you take steps to protect yourself from HPS. HPS risk is greater inside of buildings or other enclosures where deer mice are present. If staying in guest lodging, please tell the housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice in your accommodations. Do not clean up the area yourself. Keep doors to guest lodging shut and do not bring food into your cabin that is not in a sealed container. If you are camping and backpacking, do not pitch tents near rodent burrows or droppings. HPS often begins with flu-like symptoms such as aches, fever, and chills, one to seven weeks after exposure, progressing to cough and difficulty in breathing. Seek medical attention immediately if you experience these symptoms and mention any potential rodent exposures to your physician. For more information on hantavirus and other environmental safety hazards visit: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm>.

PLAGUE

Plague is an infectious bacterial disease that is carried by squirrels, chipmunks and other wild rodents and their fleas. When an infected rodent becomes sick and dies, its fleas can carry the infection to other animals including humans. To protect yourself from plague, never feed wildlife, avoid dropping food that attract rodents when eating outside, avoid pitching a tent near or disturbing rodent burrows, wear insect repellent with DEET, and tell a park ranger immediately if you see a dead animal. Early symptoms of plague may include high fever, chills, nausea, weakness, painful swelling at the site of an insect bite or lymph node, and other flu-like symptoms. If you develop any 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 given antibiotics in time.

...and Yosemite



Black bears in a Yosemite meadow. NPS Photo

Keeping Bears Wild

Yosemite bears may still be active during winter months. Please, keep Yosemite's bears wild and alive, while protecting yourself and your property.

BEARS IN YOSEMITE

You may not see a bear during your visit because they naturally avoid people. However, if you see one in a developed area, act immediately to scare it away: Make noise and yell. If in a group, 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 bear in Yosemite is being hit by a car. Slow down! Driving too fast is almost always the cause of these accidental deaths. To report bear sightings, call (209)372-0322.

STORE YOUR FOOD PROPERLY.

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

PETS

- 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.
- pet owners are responsible for cleaning up and depositing pet feces in trash bins.
- Pets are not allowed on shuttle busses.
- 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.

YOSEMITE GUARDIANS

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park's most important guardians. With nearly 4 million people watching over its special plants, animals, historic, and archeological sites, imagine how well-protected these park resources could be! During your visit to Yosemite be aware that there are people who either unknowingly or intentionally harm park resources. Please contact a park official if you see any of the following illegal acts:

- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants
- Hunting animals
- Collecting reptiles and butterflies
- Picking up archeological items, such as arrowheads
- Using metal detectors
- Driving vehicles into meadows
- Biking off of paved roads
- Camping outside of designated campgrounds
- Possession of weapons inside federal facilities
- Possessing or using marijuana, including medical marijuana
- Operating an unmanned aircraft system ("drone")

If you see activities that could harm people or park resources, jot down any descriptions or a vehicle license plate number and call the park dispatch office at (209)379-1992.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

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) during daylight hours, not after dark: use a food locker. Clear your car of food wrappers, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats.	Bears can smell food, even if it's sealed in the trunk or glove compartment, and they recognize boxes and bags as potential food sources. They can easily and quickly break into vehicles!
Your Campsite or Tent Cabin	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.
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 the Yosemite area, bear canisters are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.

YOSEMITE VALLEY DAY HIKES

TRAIL DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE/TIME	DIFFICULTY
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 round-trip, 1 hour	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	same as above	5 miles round-trip, 5 to 6 hours	Strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point - One Way (Closed in winter)	Southside Drive	4.8 miles, 3 to 4 hours	Very Strenuous, 3,200-foot gain
Valley Floor Full Loop	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	13 miles, 5 to 7 hours	Moderate

Fire in Yosemite

by Kristen Shive, Yosemite Fire Ecologist



The Empire Fire was ignited by a lightning strike near the Glacier Point Road, discovered on August 1st of this year. NPS Photo.

Wildfires have burned over 12,000 acres in Yosemite this year. Near homes or infrastructure, the park took aggressive suppression actions to protect values at risk. Where fire was burning in Wilderness, away from values at risk and under favorable weather conditions, the park allowed the fires to continue to burn. In some cases, this management strategy is employed to minimize firefighter exposure to risk. In other cases, it is employed to both reduce the risk of future severe fire under more extreme weather conditions, and to restore fire-adapted ecosystems.

Fire and smoke are as much a part of the Yosemite ecosystem as water and ice. Prior to the arrival of Euro-American settlers, forest fires ignited by lightning or Native American management practices were commonplace in Yosemite, burning as frequently as every 10-15 years at lower elevations. These fires were generally of low to moderate severity (where severity is defined as the amount of vegetation killed by the fire). Low to moderate severity fires consume the dead needles and wood on the forest floor, and some shrubs and small trees. Some mature trees are also killed individually or in small clumps.

Euro-American settlers began suppressing all fires in a well-intended effort to “protect” Yosemite’s forests. Over the last 40 years, Yosemite scientists

and researchers from universities across the country have learned that suppressing all fires only delays the inevitable, and can result in more forest loss than would have occurred when fires were more frequent. Without fires to routinely thin out the forest and consume the dead wood, the forests are now more susceptible to high severity fires that can result in near-complete tree mortality across thousands of acres.

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Just as dam operators must let some water spill through their dams in order to prevent floods, fire managers learned that they must let some fire and smoke occur to keep more severe fires at bay. Beginning in the 1970s, park managers began allowing some fires to burn under favorable conditions to reduce fuels and restore forest health. These fires in turn can make the forest more resilient to future wildfires that may burn under more extreme conditions. Although the fires that are allowed to burn may have transient, moderate smoke impacts, they can help limit the potential for severe fires in the future that could otherwise cause extremely unhealthy levels of smoke for extended periods, over a much wider area.

Park scientists have also learned that suppressing fires has significant impacts on ecosystems that evolved with fire. Without fire, these ecosystems shifted from a dynamic, patchwork quilt with forests of different ages and compositions, into a more static, homogenous forest. This summer’s fires burned through red fir and mixed conifer forests, in a patchwork of low and moderate severities. This type of fire increases sunlight availability and exposes mineral soil, providing opportunities for new growth. Next spring, a diverse flowers and grasses to come back after fire, some of which are stimulated to grow by the fire and ash itself. It also can allow sun-loving pines to regenerate.

Some areas also burned at high severity in small contiguous patches. These areas will also initially regenerate with diverse flowers and grasses, but they are more likely to be shrub dominated for some time. This is because the loss of mature conifer trees can limit seed availability, and even where the seeds do arrive, they have to compete with the native shrubs species that respond vigorously in larger forest openings. Eventually, some of these areas will become forest again and others will persist as shrublands. Although the park allows fires to burn under moderate conditions to avoid extensive areas of high severity, small patches of high severity provide critically important habitat.

Collectively, the range of burn patterns contributes to a diverse landscape, allowing for the wildlife and pollinating insects that depend on these different plant communities to thrive. For example, numerous species, including the California Spotted Owl and Pacific fisher, depend on mature forests, others like Lazuli Buntings and Fox Sparrows prefer open shrublands, and still others prefer the range in between. Many species rely on the “edge” between different patches, using mature forest for cover and more open ground for foraging, for example.

Habitat diversity across the landscape is also critical under the changing climate. We are still learning about resilient species and habitats as the climate changes, but we do know that maintaining habitat diversity will reduce the potential for dramatic changes. Just as diversifying your investments can increase your potential for success, so can diversifying native ecosystems. If one habitat type (or investment) is dramatically affected by outside forces, there are others that may be more resilient.

Restoring fire to the landscape helps the park meet its core mission – to preserve the native ecosystems that Yosemite was established to protect, for the benefit of current and future generations.

Supporting Your Park

Providing for Yosemite's Future

ENHANCE THE VISITOR EXPERIENCE

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

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Half Dome, Christine White Loberg

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Through the support of donors, Yosemite Conservancy provides grants and support to Yosemite National Park to help preserve and protect Yosemite today and for future generations. 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, wilderness services, volunteering, 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 and 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, email yose_lostandfound@nps.gov or call (209)379-1001.