

Yosemite Guide



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The Yosemite Falls and Merced River flow in the fall. Photo by Ryan Alonzo

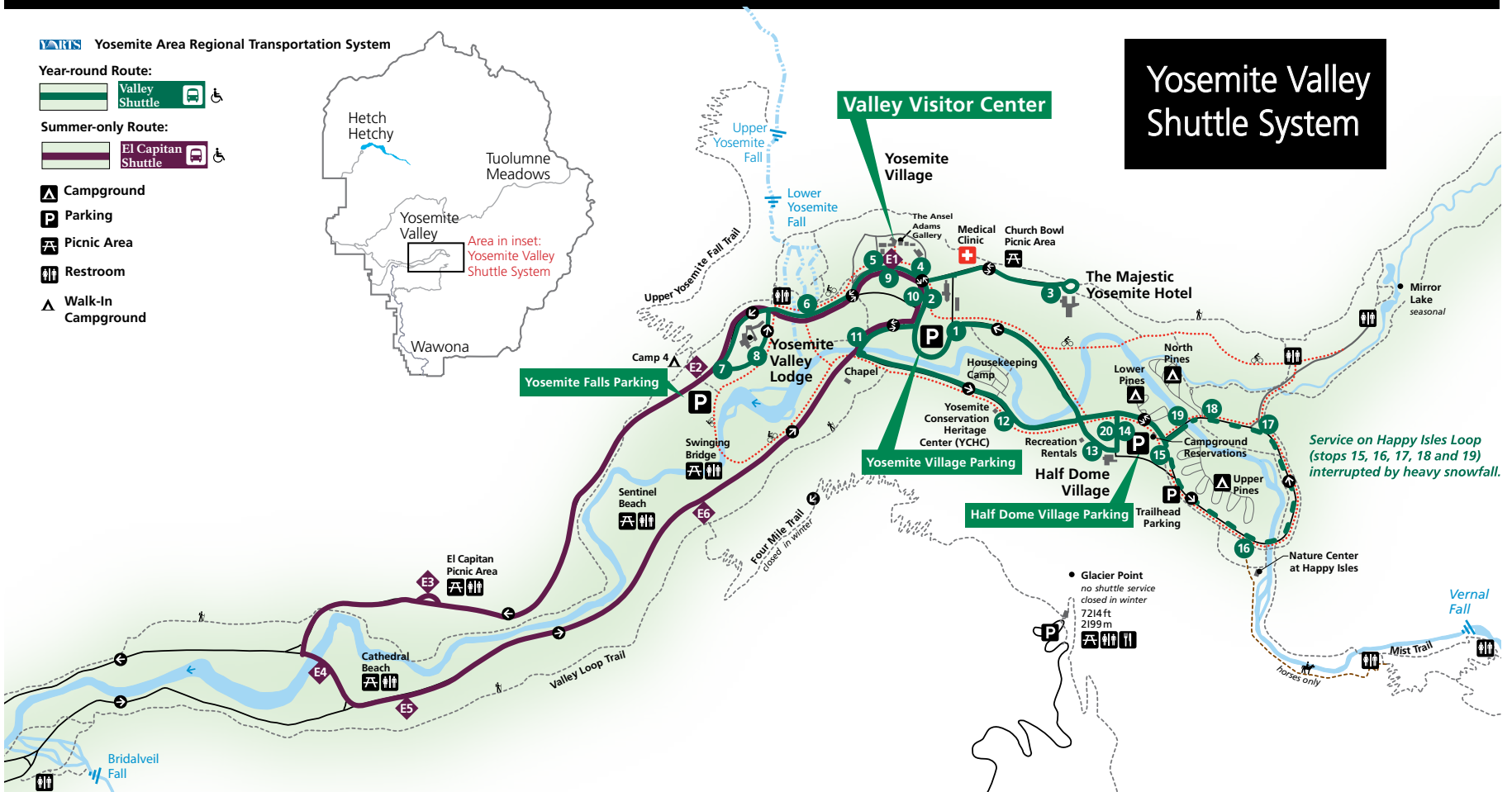


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The Yosemite Valley Shuttle operates from 7am to 10pm and serves stops in numerical order. Shuttles run daily every 10 to 20 minutes. The El Capitan Shuttle will run from 9am to 7pm, every 30 minutes, ending October 14. See schedules posted at shuttle stops.

Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location
1	Yosemite Village Parking	11	Sentinel Bridge	17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
2	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 Kitchen	14	Half Dome Village Parking	E3	El Capitan Picnic Area
5	Yosemite 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	Camp 4 / Yosemite Falls Parking			E6	Four Mile Trailhead
8	Yosemite Valley Lodge				

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Seasonal Highlights

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

WELCOME

You made it! You're here! The following information may help maximize your time in Yosemite. Be prepared to go wild!

Ask A Ranger at the Visitor Center

All visitor centers in Yosemite National Park are staffed with knowledgeable rangers and volunteers, ready to help answer your questions, provide directions, and hand out maps and brochures. Visitor centers are located in Yosemite Valley, Big Oak Flat, Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows. *Seasonal hours will soon be going into effect, see pages 4 and 7 for hours and more information.*

An Introduction to Yosemite via Films

Two films show daily in the Theater behind the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, Ken Burns' *Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit* and *The Spirit of Yosemite*. See page 4 for times.

What's New? Mariposa Grove is Open!

After three years of restoration projects, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias has reopened. Take some time to walk among the Giants. See page 7 for details on when and how to visit the Mariposa Grove.

Feature Story - Celebrating 50 Years

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and the National Trails Systems Act turned 50 this year! What is your favorite hiking trail? Read more about the 50th Anniversary on page 10.

ARTS & CULTURE

Go to the Theater

After a day filled with exploring, relax and enjoy a show at the Yosemite Theater. The 2018 season includes inspiring films, plays based on some of the park's most colorful characters, and celebrations of Yosemite's culture and history. See pages 5 and 6 for show descriptions and schedules.

Enjoy an Art Workshop

Get creative in Yosemite Valley! Head to Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (shuttle stop #16) to join Yosemite Conservancy for an outdoor workshop with a professional artist, or bring the kids for drop-in activities. Open Monday through Saturday, 9am to 4pm, through October 27. See pages 5 and 6.



The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River. Photo by Ryan Alonzo

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!

Visit the Yosemite Museum

Learn the history of Yosemite Indians by exploring a museum collection that includes remarkable woven baskets and traditional dress. Tour the outdoor Indian Village or talk with an Indian cultural demonstrator. Shuttle stops #5 and #9. See page 4 for hours.

Take a Photography Class

Learn how to best capture the landscape of Yosemite by joining a photography expert from The Ansel Adams Gallery. Several classes are offered each week. Some have fees, some are free. Learn more and sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village. Shuttle stops #5 and #9. See pages 4 and 5 for more information.

GUIDED OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Adventure Out with the Yosemite Mountaineering School

The 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 are required. Please call Yosemite Mountaineering School at (209) 372-8344 or email us at yms@aramark.com for more information and to make reservations.

Get Outdoors with Yosemite Conservancy

Are you looking for a memorable way to explore the park? Go on a Custom Adventure with Yosemite Conservancy! These personalized guided programs are offered year-round, and are tailored to your interests and schedule. For details, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures, or call (209) 379-2317, ext. 10. See page 6 for more ways to get outside with the Conservancy.

FAMILY FUN

Stroll with a Ranger

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

Explore Like A Junior Ranger!

Become a Junior Ranger and learn how you can help protect your park. To become a Junior Ranger, purchase a self-guided booklet, attend a guided program, collect a bag of trash, then take your oath and earn your badge. Guided programs listed on page 5.

Ice Rink at Half Dome Village

Take the shuttle to Half Dome Village for a one-of-a-kind ice skating experience with a spectacular view of Half Dome. The ice rink opens November 16, conditions permitting, and will be open daily from 3:30pm to 6pm and 7pm to 9:30pm. On weekends and holidays, the ice rink is open from 8:30am to 11am, in addition to the daily hours.

Curl Up in Front of a Fireplace

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.

GETTING AROUND

Take the Free Shuttle

Park your car and let the free shuttle take you to the most scenic points in the valley. You will help cut down on traffic congestion, and will be able to capture the best pictures. See schedules posted at shuttle stops.

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 9-1-1

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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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
(No per-person fee)

Vehicle Valid for 7 days
\$35/Vehicle

Motorcycle Valid for 7 days
\$30/motorcycle

Individual Valid for 7 days
\$20 (In a bus, on foot, bicycle, or horse),

Yosemite Pass \$70,
Valid for one year in Yosemite.

Interagency Annual Pass \$80
Valid for one 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
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

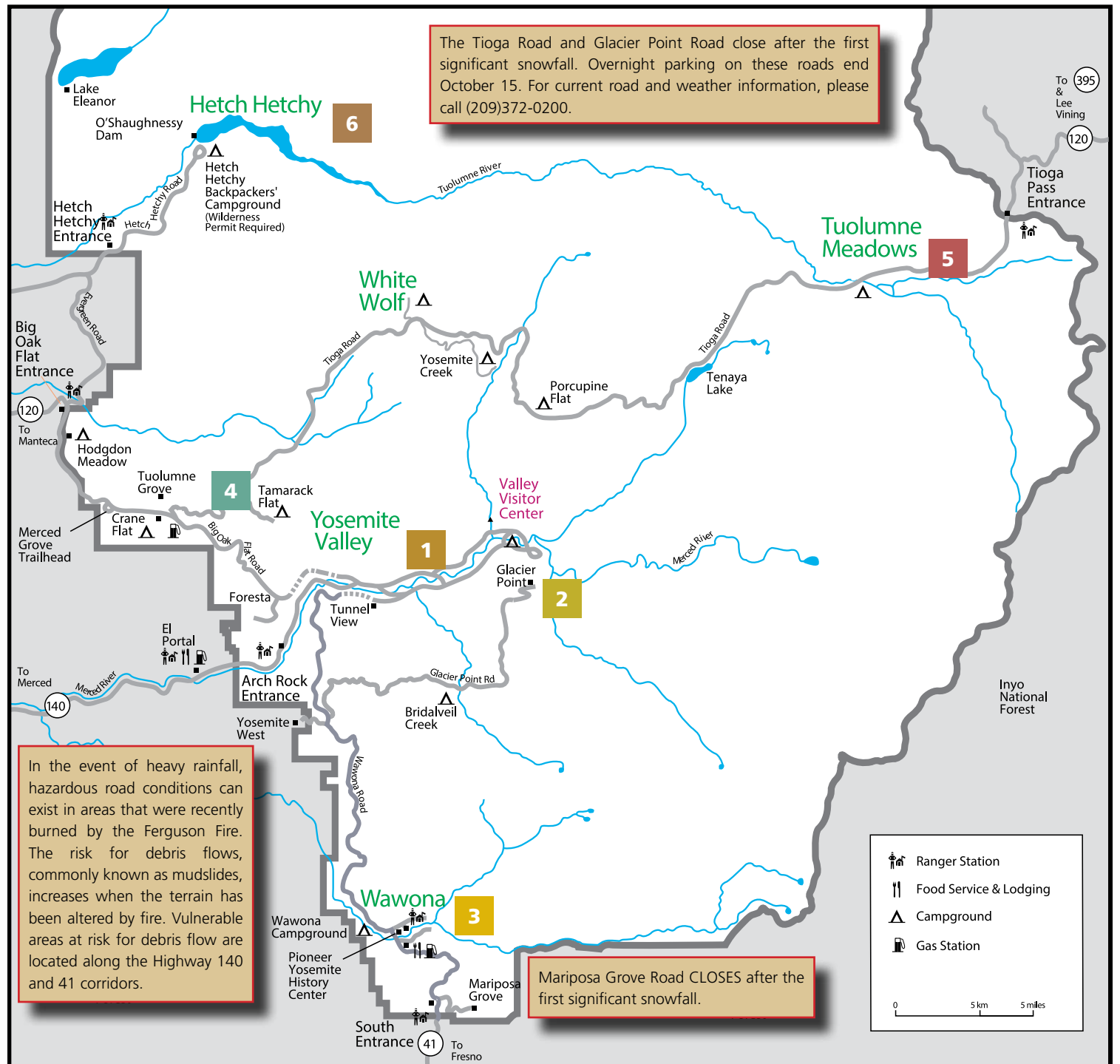
Highway 132/49
Coulterville Visitor Center
(209) 878-3329

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

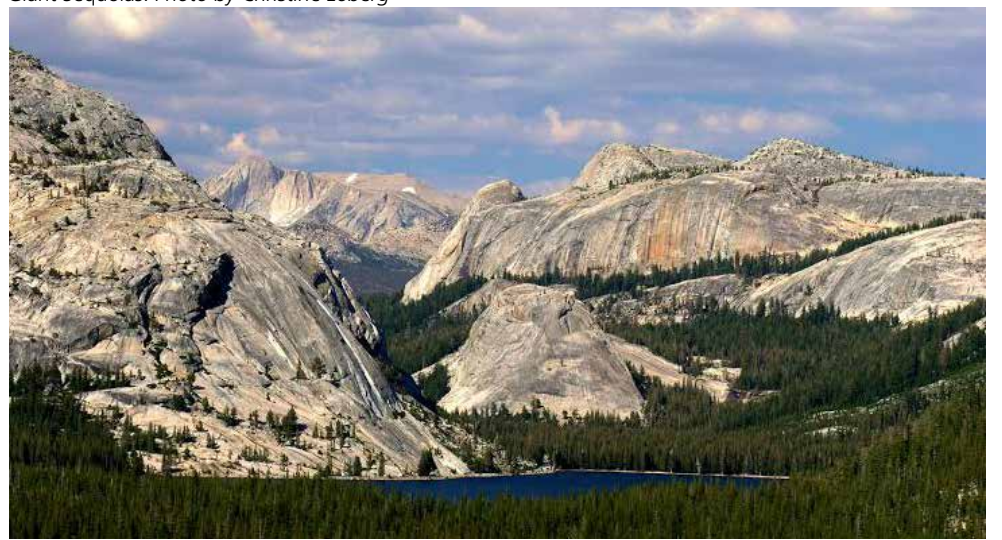
3 The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park's south entrance station. See page 7 for when and how to visit the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. The nearby Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona 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. Photo by Ken Karst

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 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 in 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 for the Hetch Hetchy trailheads and bear canisters are available at the entrance station from 8am to 5pm. 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:

- There are over 800 miles of trail in Yosemite National Park alone.
- The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) was conceived in 1932 by Clinton Churchill Clarke, received official trail status under the National Trails System Act of 1968, but was not completed until 1993.
- The PCT is 2,659 miles long, a portion of which passes through Yosemite National Park, and ranges from around sea level to 13,153 ft. of elevation at Forester Pass, located on the boundary of the Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks.
- The National Historic Trails System now includes 30 Scenic and Historic Trails, including the Pacific Crest Trail, Appalachian Trail, Continental Divide Trail, the Trail of Tears, the Nez Pierce Trail, and others.
- There are over 1,300 National Recreational Trails, including a National Water Trails system. They occur in all 50 states. Do you know where your nearest National Water Trail is located?

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.



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)



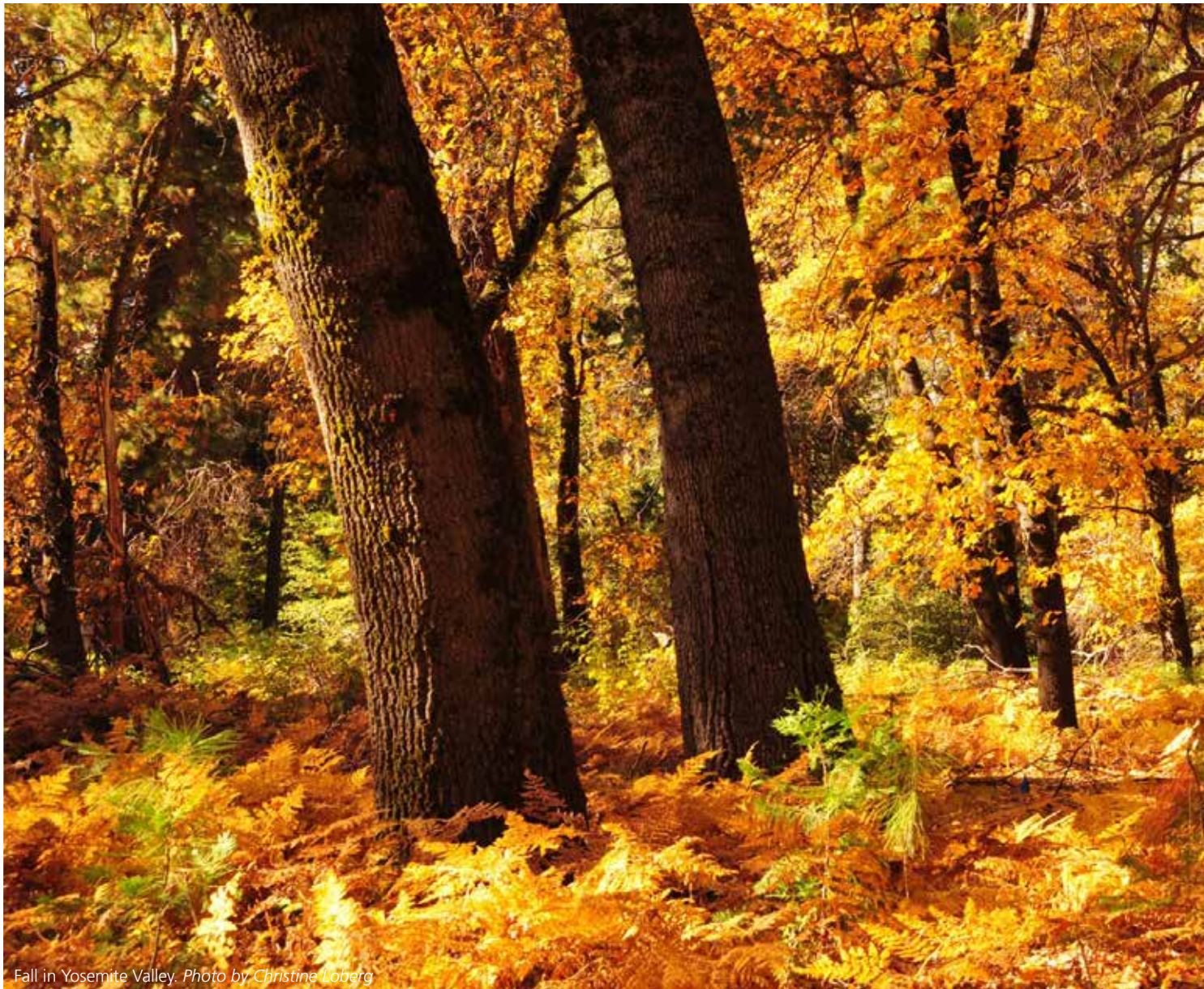
R2 - Chains Required, unless you are driving a car, pickup truck, or SUV weighing less than 6,500 pounds AND your car has snow tires installed on all four wheels AND has four-wheel drive or all-wheel drive engaged.



R3 - Chains Required, on ALL vehicles (chains on 2 wheels of a 4-wheel drive).

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 shows 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 21 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 visitor center. The museum is open daily from 9am to 5pm, *may close for lunch*.

EXHIBIT

The Museum Set: 45 Ansel Adams Prints
September 21, 2018 - November 25, 2018
This exhibit features prints that were selected and made by Ansel Adams as part of the Museum Set Edition of Fine Prints. Open daily from 10am to 4pm.

INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

Open daily from 9am to 5pm. Explore the living cultural history of Yosemite's native people. See Indian cultural exhibits and daily demonstrations of stone tool making, basket weaving, beadwork, and flutes. Follow a self-guided accessible trail through an active re-constructed Miwok Village behind the museum to learn about significant plants and structures.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE

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

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Open daily from 9am to 5pm (*9am to 3pm on November 22*), the gallery offers works of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other artists. Call (209)372-4211 or visit www.anseladams.com for more details

NEW EXHIBIT

A Continuing Legacy in Yosemite Romanticism New Oil Paintings by James McGrew

October 8, 2018 - November 25, 2018

This exhibition embraces not only our own roots as one of the longest running businesses in any National Park, but also pays homage to the role that art has had in the establishment of some of our most sacred lands.

In the early days of Yosemite's preservation and establishment, famous artists who painted the Yosemite landscape were most influenced by the popular genres of Romanticism, Barbizon and Hudson River Schools. Such early paintings coupled with photography helped to establish Yosemite as a protected area for public enjoyment. Likewise, artist's images helped establish other early national parks and preserves like Yellowstone, Zion and Grand Canyon. In 1902 Landscape painter Harry Cassie Best first established the studio/gallery in Yosemite that would later lead to the Ansel Adams Gallery. Working to carry on on the historic legacy of inspiring connections and preservation, James McGrew paints in a style reminiscent of Yosemite's early artists, though uniquely his own and influenced by his background in natural sciences and a life-long love of Yosemite.

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 22*
Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center
9am to 5pm

Yosemite Museum Store
9am to 5pm

Happy Isles Art and Nature Center
Monday - Saturday, 9am to 4pm,
closed for lunch from 12pm to 1pm
Closes for the season Oct 27

Village Store
8am to 9pm, *8am to 8pm Beginning Oct 8*

The Majestic Yosemite Hotel
Gift Shop
8am to 9pm, *8am to 8pm beginning Oct 28*

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

Mariposa Grove
Yosemite Conservancy Depot 9am to 5pm

SHOWERS AND LAUNDRY

Half Dome Village Showers
Open 24 hours

Housekeeping Camp Laundromat
8am to 10pm

From the grand iconic views and features to less well known aspects of the park, McGrew interprets Yosemite through a diversity of perspectives depicting changing seasons. The show will consist of oil paintings produced throughout the past year, mostly painted en plein air. Like the historic artists, McGrew also used his plein air studies to create the larger studio works included in the exhibit. The artist has said of his work: "My goal is to convey not only a faithful visual representation of Yosemite throughout its many moods, majestic grandeur, light, atmosphere, but more importantly to interpret the emotion I felt while experiencing the events depicted in the paintings."

"*A Continuing Legacy in Yosemite Romanticism*" will open at The Ansel Adams Gallery on October 8 and run through November 25. A reception for the artist will be held on October 24 and Mr. McGrew will be in attendance. We hope to see you there!

To conclude 2018, we will display photographic work by Ted Orland, who has worked alongside Ansel Adams, Sally Mann and David Bayles just to name a few. This exhibition, "*Unexpected Landscapes*" will open on November 26th, with a reception for the artist on December 1 from 3-5pm at the gallery.

Events and Programs

Where to go and what to do

Yosemite Valley	
Sunday	<p>10:00am JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>12:30pm Ask-A-Climber (Oct 7 and 14 Only) 4 hrs. Stop by to view climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. El Capitan Bridge, shuttle stop E4. (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Walk – Merced Meanders 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>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) ♿</p> <p>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) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Program (Except Oct 7, 14, 21, and 28) 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room. (YH) ♿</p> <p>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. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p> <p>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. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p>
Monday	<p>10:00am Art Workshop (Oct 8, 15 and 22 Only) 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6. (YC) \$</p> <p>11:00am ART TABLE (Oct 8, 15 and 22 Only) Drop-in, collaborative Yosemite-themed table art for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, shuttle stop #16. Daily, 11am to 3pm. (YC)</p> <p>12:30pm Ask-A-Climber (Oct 8 and 15 Only) 4 hrs. Stop by to view climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. El Capitan Bridge, shuttle stop E4. (NPS)</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 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>2:00pm Ranger Walk – Wild About Bears 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>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) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Program (Except Oct 8, 15, 22, and 29) 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room. (YH) ♿</p> <p>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. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p> <p>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. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p>
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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 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 ART CENTER (YC)

Join Yosemite Conservancy for a range of activities at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Learn from a professional artist, stop by family-friendly crafts and activities, browse supplies and original artwork, and more. The center is open Monday through Saturday,

9am to 4pm, closed Sunday, through the end of October. Upcoming programs include:

- Oct 1 - 6 *Nature Drawing for Beginners with Sean Edgerton*
- Oct 8 - 13 *Autumn Watercolor for Beginners and Returnees with Steve Curl*
- Oct 15 - 20 *Nature Up Close: Painting Natural Specimens with Fiorella Ikeue*
- Oct 22 - 27 *Nature Up Close: Painting Natural Specimens with Fiorella Ikeue*

Daily art classes for ages 12 and up are taught by volunteer instructors Monday through Saturday, 10am to 2pm, and are typically held outside (\$20 per person, per class, materials and supplies not included in registration price). We also offer a drop-in Art Table (daily, 11am to 3pm). To learn more and register for any of our art programs, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/art, contact us at (209) 372-0631 or artcenter@yosemiteconservancy.org, or visit us at Happy Isles!

YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY OUTDOOR ADVENTURES (YC)

Experience the park in a new way with Yosemite Conservancy's naturalist guides! Upcoming outings include:

- Oct 5 - 7 *Backpack to Half Dome: One-Night Summit Express*
- Oct 18 - 21 *Yosemite Photography: Capturing the Autumn Light*
- Nov 17 *Yosemite Birding: The Day of the Woodpecker*
- Dec 22 *Full Moon Hike in Mariposa Grove*

To learn more and to sign up, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or call (209) 379-2317, ext. 10. Custom Adventures can be arranged for individuals and groups. Proceeds from all our programs help preserve and protect Yosemite.

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 at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, shuttle bus stops #5 and #9. Get your tickets (\$10 per person, free tickets for children under age 12) at Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores, Tour & Activity Desks (see page 5 for locations), or at the theater before show time. Yosemite Theater closes for the season on October 27.

Yosemite Search and Rescue

Tuesdays (Oct 9, 16, & 23)

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

John Muir Series: Conversation with a Tramp

Wednesdays (Oct 10 & 17)

Meet John Muir in the early 1900s, as he receives news on the fate of Hetch Hetchy Valley. Live performance by Lee Stetson.

John Muir Series: John Muir is Back!

Thursdays (Oct 11 & 18)

As modern-day environmental woes threaten his beloved planet, Muir urges us to become better stewards of the natural world. Live performance by Lee Stetson.

Growing Up in Yosemite: The Spirited Life of Florence Hutchings

Fridays (Oct 12, 19, & 26)

Travel to the 19th century to see what life was like for a spirited girl growing up in Yosemite Valley. Live performance by Audrey Davis.

Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey

Saturdays (Oct 13, 20, & 27)

Join rock-climber Ron Kauk for a film and talk celebrating Yosemite's vertical world.

YOSEMITE RENAISSANCE 34, CALL FOR ENTRIES

If you are an amateur or professional artist, this is a fabulous opportunity to share your vision! Yosemite Renaissance offers artists inspired by Yosemite and the California Sierra Nevada a unique opportunity to display their work. For over 150 years, artists have played an important role in the establishment of our state and national parks, inspiring people to visit iconic natural sites, and to protect our natural resources. The exhibit opens at the historic Yosemite National Park Museum Gallery in the heart of Yosemite Valley, then travels to other art centers across California. The exhibit includes painting, photography, textiles, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics and more. The call to artists begins September 1, 2018. \$5000 in cash awards will be presented at the reception in February 2019. Visit www.yosemiterenaissance.org to apply! Yosemite Renaissance is supported by Mariposa County, Ansel Adams Gallery, Visit Yosemite Madera County, and the National Park Service.

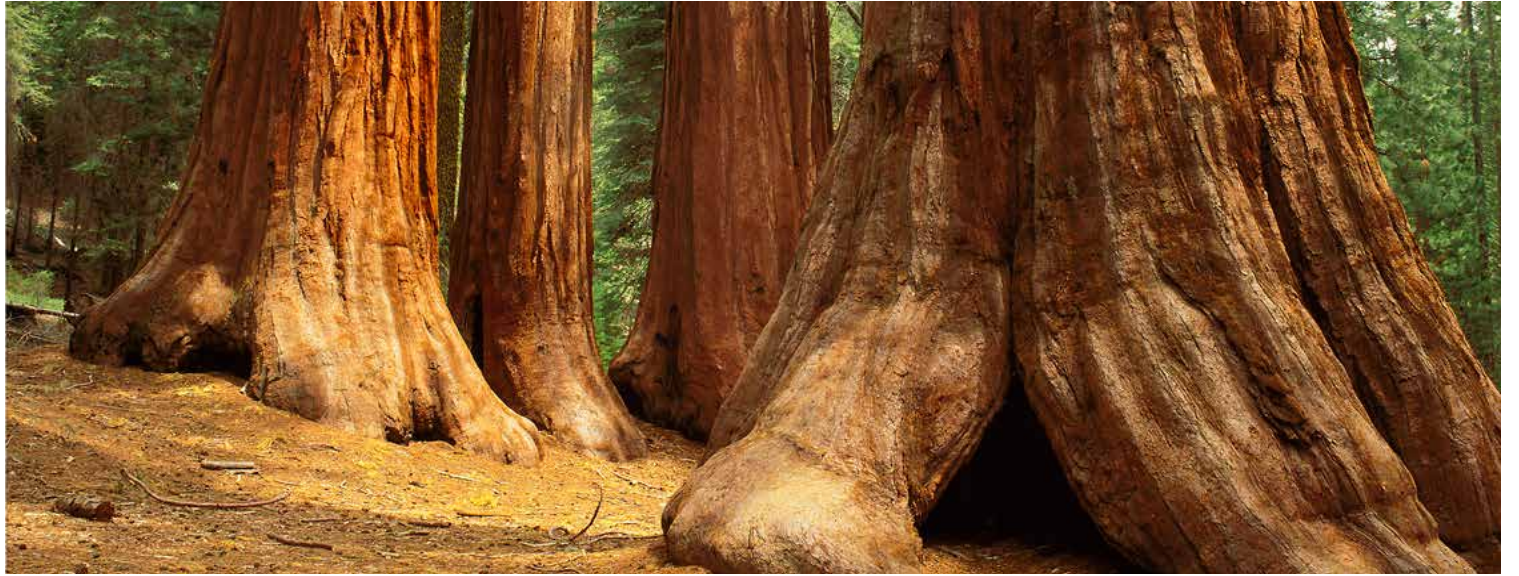
Hours listed are core hours for facilities and may be extended during periods of peak visitation.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

- Degnan's Kitchen**
7am to 6pm
- Degnan's Loft**
12pm to 9pm, *weekends only, from 2pm to 9pm, beginning Oct 12*
- Village Grill**
11am to 5pm, *closes for the season Oct 14*
- The Majestic Yosemite Hotel**
Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 3pm, *11:30am to 2pm beginning Oct 8*
Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm, *5:30pm to 8:30pm beginning Oct 8*
Sunday Brunch: 7am to 3pm, *7am to 2pm beginning Oct 7*
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**
Basecamp Coffee - Starbucks
Breakfast: 7am to 8pm
Basecamp Eatery
Breakfast: 6:30am to 11am,
Lunch: 11am to 4:30pm
Dinner: 4:30pm to 8pm
Mountain Room Lounge
Monday to Saturday: 5pm to 10pm,
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
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm
Closed Oct 22 through Oct 26
Limited dining services beginning Oct 29
No lunch available during construction
Pizza Deck
11am to 10pm, *closes for the season Oct 28*
Coffee Corner
6am to 11am, *closes for the season Oct 28*
Half Dome Village Bar
12pm to 10pm, *closes for the season Oct 28*
- Housekeeping Camp**
Store
8am to 8pm, *closes for the season Oct 8*
Shower House
7am to 10pm, *closes for the season Oct 8*
- Big Trees Lodge**
Closes for a few weeks after Nov 25
Breakfast: 7am to 10am, *closes Nov 25*
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm, *closes Nov 25*
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm, *closes Nov 25*
Call (209) 375-1425 for dinner reservations
Lounge Service: 5pm to 9:30pm, *closes Nov 25*
- GROCERIES**
- Yosemite Valley Lodge**
Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm
- Yosemite Village**
Village Store
8am to 9pm,
8am to 8pm beginning Oct 8
- Half Dome Village**
Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm
- Glacier Point**
Gift Shop and Snack Stand
9:30am to 5pm, *closes for the season Oct 21*
- Wawona**
Big Trees Lodge Store
8am to 7pm
- Crane Flat**
Gift/Grocery
9am to 5pm, *Closes for the season Oct 28 or when Tioga Pass closes*
- GAS STATIONS**
- NO gas in Yosemite Valley
- El Portal**
8am to 5pm. Diesel available.
Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card
- Wawona**
9am to 6pm. Diesel & propane.
Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card.
- Crane Flat**
Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card, Diesel available.
- ACTIVITIES**
- Half Dome Village**
Bike Rentals
10am to 6pm, *closes for the season Oct 14*
Yosemite Mountaineering School
8:30am to Noon, 1pm to 5pm,
closes for the season Nov 11
Ice Rink
Opens Nov 16, *weather permitting*
Daily Hours
3:30pm to 6pm and 7pm to 9:30pm
Weekends and Holidays
8:30am to 11am, in addition to daily hours.
- Yosemite Valley Lodge**
Bike Rentals
10am-6pm until Oct 21, then
10am-4pm
Closes for the season Nov 11

Visitor Services

Beyond Yosemite Valley



Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. Photo by Christine Loberg

Wawona

VISITOR CENTER AT HILL'S STUDIO

Open 8:30am to 5pm, until October 8 when it closes for the season at 5pm. The visitor center offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, maps, and bear canister rentals. Located on the grounds of 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 by the store. Wilderness permits for Wawona and Glacier Point trailheads will then be available by self-registration on the front porch.

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 6 and 7 only.

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.

EXPERIENCE HORSE-DRAWN TRAVEL

Horse-drawn stage rides are available between 10am and 2pm, October 5-8. Purchase tickets at the Stage Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult/\$4 children, ages 3-12.

Mariposa Grove

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

NATURE WALK IN THE MARIPOSA GROVE

Surround yourself by some of the rarest and most remarkable living things on the planet, giant sequoias! Take a walk through the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias with a ranger and get all your sequoia questions answered. This 1.5 hour program is offered at 10am and 2pm, October 3-7, and at 2pm only on October 9. Meet at the Mariposa Grove Arrival Area.

FREE SHUTTLE TO MARIPOSA GROVE

A free shuttle provides service from the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza to the Mariposa Grove. Private vehicles may only enter the Mariposa Grove when the shuttle bus is not operating. Only vehicles displaying an accessibility placard are permitted to drive into the Mariposa Grove at any time. Pets are not allowed on trails in the Grove.

Mariposa Grove Shuttle Schedule:

- May 15 - Oct 14: 8am to 8pm.
- Oct 15 - Nov 30: 8am to 5pm.
- Dec 1 - Mar 15: No shuttle service available.

Big Oak Flat INFORMATION STATION

Open from 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. The station will close for the season October 15 and then wilderness permits for the Tioga Road and Tuolumne Meadows trailheads will be available by self-registration on the front porch.

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 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 former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from the parking area into the grove. The trail drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The way down can seem much easier than the uphill return. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill portion. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile nature trail. There is no potable water available. 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, rent bear canisters and get general park information. The Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center is located just south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, across from shuttle stop #3. The center will close for the season on October 15 and then wilderness permits will be available for the Tuolumne Meadows and Tioga Road trailheads by self-registration on the front porch.

GENERAL SERVICES

YOSEMITE VILLAGE GARAGE
8am to noon, 1pm 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 22) - 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

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. 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 unique challenges. With days becoming shorter, it is important to PLAN outdoor activities accordingly. Always carry a flashlight and/or headlamp in case you're out late.

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, 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 reduce sweating and keep you dry.
- 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 that will protect your feet from getting wet. Thick wool or synthetic socks help keep your feet warm and dry. Boots should not be tight or you will lose circulation which will make your feet cold. Carry extra 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. Do not be deceived; Yosemite's streams have strong 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.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Due to high fire danger and continued hot and dry weather, Yosemite National Park, is under fire restrictions. Campfires are allowed only in designated campgrounds and picnic areas. Portable stoves are permitted throughout the park. Smoking except within

an enclosed vehicle, a building which allows smoking, a campground where wood fires are allowed, or a designated smoking area. Call (209) 372-0200 or email yose_fire_info@nps.gov if you have question or wish to talk to a ranger.

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 during hours of operation. Wilderness permits are also available at the Hill's Studio in Wawona, the Big Oak Flat Information Station, the Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station. 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, starting on November 12.

HALF DOME PERMIT INFORMATION

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week when the cables are up for 2018, May 11 through October 9, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 lottery day permits have already been issued for 2018. In addition, 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 begins with flu-like symptoms such as fever, and chills, one to seven weeks after exposure, progressing to cough and difficulty in breathing. Seek medical attention if you experience these symptoms and mention any 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

Celebrating 50 Years:

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and National Trails Systems Act Story by Park Ranger Eric Smith



Tuolumne River at sunset. Photo by Ryan Alonzo.

As you walk a trail by the river, consider the reflection in the trembling current. Along with the cloud-feathered sky, swaying grasses and willows, and inspiring sweep of patterned rock masses, in 2018 we reflect on the foresight of leaders in the past.

Fifty years ago, the United States Congress passed two important laws. The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act declared that “dams and other construction... be complemented by a policy that would preserve... selected rivers... in their free-flowing condition.”

Water in Yosemite’s snowfields, meadows, and streams gather and tumble through miles of wilderness to become two powerful rivers designated under this law. The biota and beauty of this park are inseparable from these two veins of life--- the Tuolumne River to the north, and the Merced River to the south.

The rivers of Yosemite National Park carry important stories. Both the Merced and Tuolumne Rivers flow through valleys, plains, and meadows lived in for many thousands of years by indigenous people who continue to protect, steward, and enjoy them. Both feature outstanding stair-step geologic features, including waterfalls. Both rivers support vibrant and unique plant and animal communities as they descend through the Sierra Nevada.

That same year, in 1968, Congress passed another law, this one promoting the free-

flowing condition of human beings on trails. The National Trails System Act promotes our universal access to trails, which can be designated scenic, historic, or for recreation. The Act officially selected the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) as a National Scenic Trail. Connecting Mexico to Canada, this footpath flows right through Yosemite National Park, from Donahue Pass in the southeast, through Tuolumne Meadows, deep into the northern park wilderness.

“Walking on trails we become like rivers, pouring through channels of discovery. Beyond each step and bend we encounter the strange and wonderful...”

Not all stretches of stream or parts of trail fall under these legal categories, but all trails and all rivers carry stories for those who will listen. Some connect us to the Buffalo Soldiers in the U.S. Army who cared for this place and built trails when the National Park was new-born. Other trails have borne people for thousands of years through these mountains, travelling to trade, meet, and enjoy. Sometimes we find ourselves on animal trails, our feet and minds sharing intentions with wild creatures we may never see.

Walking on trails we become like rivers, pouring through channels of discovery. Beyond each step and bend we encounter

the strange and wonderful; plants and animals, our own deepest thoughts, and the hard work and intentions of people that passed this way before become our companions.

Both the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and the National Trails System Act protect rivers and trails not only for us, but for people of the future. For the sake of our future, and to honor these veins of connection, we do all we can to keep our trails and rivers clean and strong:

- Always travel 200 feet from any water or trails before peeing or pooping in the wilderness. Never burn, bury, or leave behind toilet paper--bring a bag and always pack it out!
- Keep your feet on the trail, not beside the trail. If you travel off trail, do so with care and intention--spread your group out so that a new trail does not form behind you.
- Never use soap, and refrain from applying chemicals to your body before swimming or dipping in the clean water of Yosemite National Park.
- Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Don’t worry about the “best” trail or “best” photo spot; be ready to discover your best self, and all will open up before you.

These places are not protected by accident but by the effort. We leave them to future generations so that the stories, beauty,

and opportunities for discovery and adventure remain.

Fun Facts about Yosemite Rivers & Trails:

- Yosemite National Park features 2 Wild & Scenic Rivers, the Tuolumne & Merced. The Merced River’s designation includes not only the stretch that flows through the Yosemite Valley, but also the South Fork of the Merced.
- The headwaters of both the Tuolumne and Merced Rivers begin on different slopes of the tallest peak in Yosemite National Park, Mount Lyell (13,114 ft.). Find it on your park map!
- Try it! Trace the three rivers, the Merced, the South Fork of the Merced, and the Tuolumne on your map in colored ink. Next, trace their tributaries. See how far upstream you can trace. Compare the land that drains into these rivers and streams to the park boundary.
- There are over 1,300 National Recreational Trails, including a National Water Trails system. They occur in all 50 states.

“And the world cannot be discovered by a journey of miles, no matter how long, but only by a spiritual journey, a journey of one inch, very arduous and humbling and joyful, by which we arrive at the ground at our own feet, and learn to be at home.”
--Wendell Berry, The Unforeseen Wilderness: Kentucky’s Red River Gorge

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.

This publication was made possible by the Yosemite Park Partners listed on this page. Read more below or visit www.yosemitepartners.org to learn more about helping these organizations provide for the future of Yosemite National Park.



Half Dome, Christine White Loberg

The Ansel Adams Gallery



The Ansel Adams Gallery, owned by the family of photographer Ansel Adams since 1902, is a center that celebrates the arts and the natural grandeur of our environment. It cultivates an aesthetic appreciation and concern for our world by offering visitors a unique variety of literature and art, as well as programs that inspire creativity. Visit online at: www.anseladams.com.

Yosemite Hospitality LLC



Yosemite Hospitality, a subsidiary of Aramark, operates lodging, food and beverage, retail, recreational activities, tours, interpretive programs, transportation, and service stations under contract with the U.S. Department of Interior with a focus on delivering authentic and memorable guest experiences. Yosemite Hospitality is committed to providing park stewardship in collaboration with the National Park Service in effort to protect and preserve the park for millions of park visitors to enjoy. Visit www.TravelYosemite.com for more information.

Nature Bridge



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

Yosemite Conservancy



Yosemite Conservancy inspires people to support projects and programs that preserve Yosemite National Park and enrich the visitor experience. Thanks to generous donors, the Conservancy has provided \$119 million in grants to the park to restore trails and habitat, protect wildlife, provide educational programs, and more. The Conservancy's guided adventures, volunteer opportunities, wilderness services and bookstores help visitors of all ages connect with Yosemite. Learn more: yosemiteconservancy.org or (415) 434-1782.

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YOSEMITE VOLUNTEERS: SERVING YOSEMITE

Over 10,734 volunteers donated more than 139,520 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. Toss excess packaging before leaving home by repacking food in reuseable containers.
2. Use a refillable water bottle/travel mug. Camping? Use refillable propane canisters.
3. Put trash/recycling in correct bins.



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.