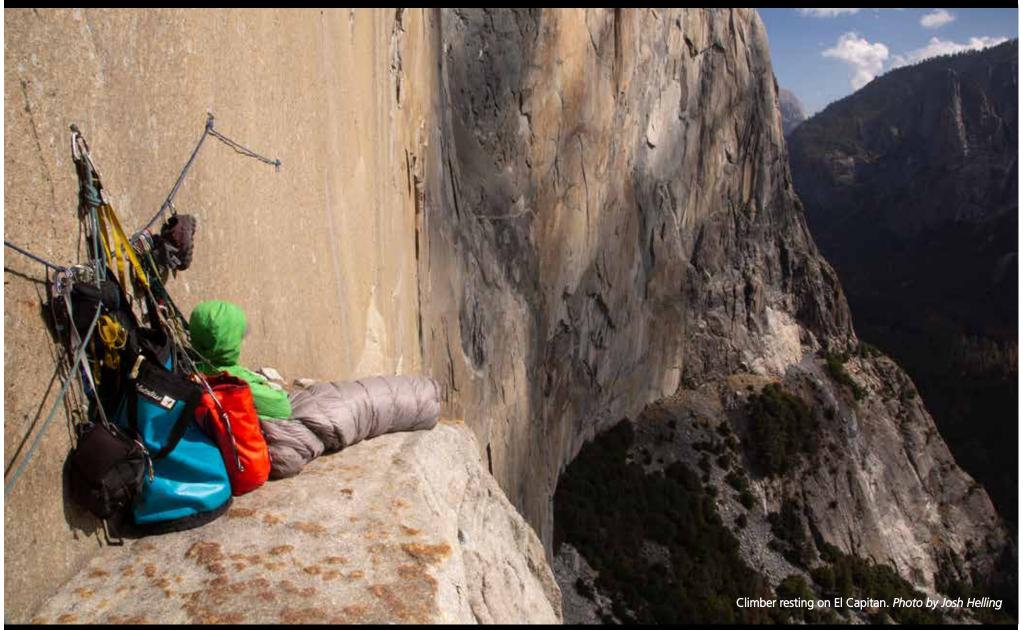
# Yosemite Guide 🌘

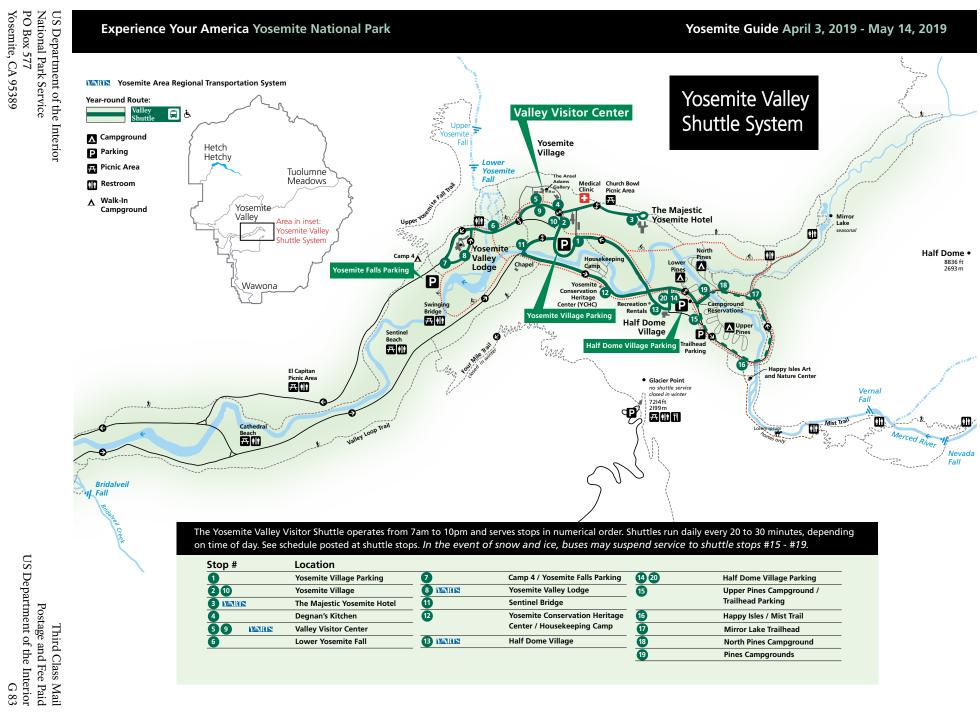


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# Things to Do

## Winter in Yosemite

#### **WELCOME**

#### **Ask A Ranger at the Visitor Center**

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center is staffed with knowledgeable rangers and volunteers, ready to help answer your questions, provide directions, and hand out maps and brochures. See page 4 for hours and more details.

#### **National Park Week Celebration**

Come celebrate National Park Week, America's largest celebration of national heritage. It's about making great connections, exploring amazing places, discovering open spaces, and enhancing America's best idea—the national parks!

We will be celebrating Earth Day, National Park Week, National Junior Ranger Day, Park Rx Day, and more. The Yosemite Earth Day Festival will be on Saturday, April 20, 2019, from 10am to 2pm in front of the Valley Visitor Center.

This is a free park event and families are encouraged to attend. There will be fun and engaging booths and activities for all ages. Some of the highlights of the day include Music with Ranger Kate, guided Junior Ranger walks, interactive booths where you can meet with National Park Rangers and more.

#### **ARTS & CULTURE**

#### **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.

#### **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, children's art activities, or a family-friendly Art in Nature walk. Open daily 9am to 4pm. See page 4 for details.



Photo by Kenny Karst

#### **Take a Photography Class**

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

#### **GUIDED OUTDOOR ADVENTURES**

#### **Yosemite Mountaineering School**

We provide 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 outing designed specifically for your group.

Our local professional guides offer rock climbing, guided hikes and backpacking trips. Reservations required. Call (209) 372-8444 or email yms@aramark.com.

#### **Adventure with Yosemite Conservancy**

Are you looking for a memorable way to deepen your connection with the park? Go on an expertled adventure with Yosemite Conservancy! Join a scheduled Outdoor Adventure, such as a day hike, backpacking trip or bird-watching walk, or create a Custom Adventure tailored to your interests and schedule. For details, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures, of our group classes or schedule a custom or call (209) 379-2317, ext. 10. See page 4 for upcoming adventures.

#### **FAMILY FUN**

#### **Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center**

The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge) is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am until 4pm. Free evening programs are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings at 8pm. Seating is available for 50 guests. The Center, located at shuttle stop #12, has a natural history library, a children's corner and library, and historical exhibits. Call (209) 372-4542 for program details.

#### **Explore Lika A Junior Ranger**

Become a Junior Ranger and learn how you can help protect your park. Purchase a Junior Ranger or Little Cub self-guided booklet, attend a guided program, collect a bag of trash, then take your oath and earn your badge. Guided programs are listed on pages 5.

#### **GETTING AROUND**

#### **Take the Free Shuttle**

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

#### **OUTSIDE YOSEMITE VALLEY**

#### **Tuolumne Grove**

The trailhead for this grove of approximately 25 mature sequoias is near the Big Oak Flat and Tioga road intersection at Crane Flat. The moderately strenuous trail leads downhill, dropping 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. There is an easy, half-mile, self-guided nature trail in the grove. There is no potable water in the area so bring drinking water with you.

#### **Merced Grove**

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

#### **Pioneer Yosemite History Center**

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.

#### **Evening Program in Wawona**

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.

#### ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

yose\_deaf\_services@nps.gov. Two weeks advance notice preferred.

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.



Assistive Listening Devices available upon advance request, inquire at a visitor center. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.

Sign Language interpreting available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at (209) 379-5250 (v/txt), VP: (209) 222-3944, or at



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

# Discover Yosemite

# Let your curiosity guide you to new places

#### **Entrance Fees**

Non-commercial car, pickup truck, RV, or van with 15 or fewer passenger seats - Valid for 7 days

(No per-person fee) Vehicle Valid for 7 days \$35/Vehicle

Motorcycle Valid for 7 days \$30/motorcycle

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

**Yosemite Park Pass \$70** 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

**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

**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** 

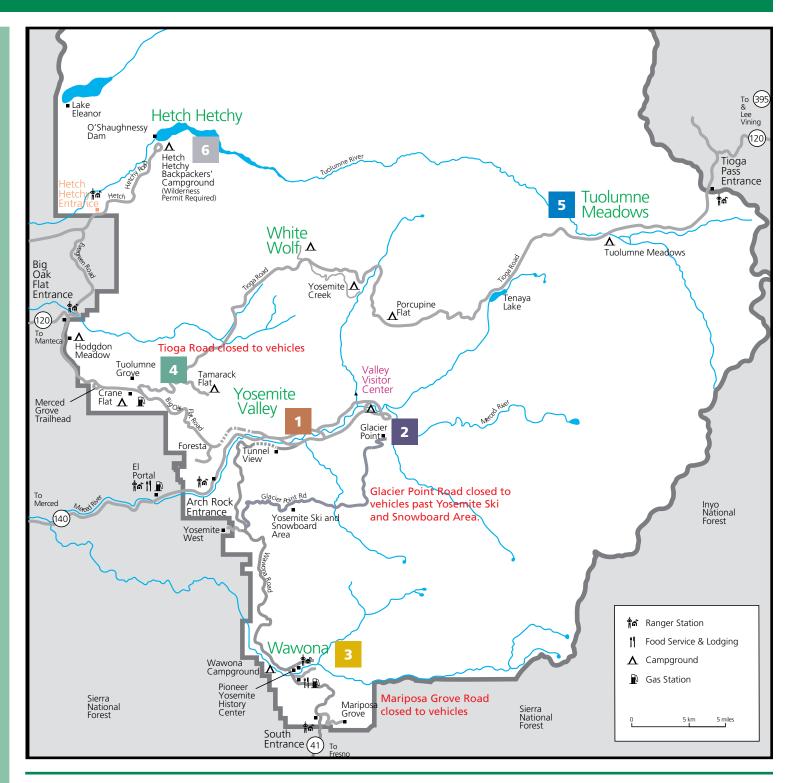
**Tourism Bureau** 209/742-4567

www.homeofyosemite.com

**HIGHWAY 120 EAST** Lee Vining Chamber of **Commerce and Mono Lake** 

Visitor Center, 760/647-6629

www.leevining.com



#### Adverse Weather and Driving in Yosemite

In the event of heavy rainfall, road conditions may become hazardous, especially in areas recently burned by the Ferguson Fire. The risk of rockfalls, debris flows, and mudslides increases after a fire, mainly because of vegetation loss and increased runoff. High-risk areas for rock falls and debris flows are located within burned areas along the Highway 140 and 41 corridors. Be aware, drive cautiously, and obey posted signs and closures.

#### **Chain Control Information:**

Winter road conditions through Yosemite National Park may require tire chains. It is possible that your route will take you from an elevation of 3,000 feet up to an elevation of 7,000 feet in just a few miles, and road conditions can vary widely with the terrain. For updated 24-hour road and weather conditions for Yosemite National Park, please call (209) 372-0200.

You are required to have and carry chains or traction devices in your vehicle any time you see a "Chains Required" sign. Speed limit is 25 MPH. Signs will indicate when chains must be installed on your tires. Here is a short explanation of chain control signs on Yosemite roads.



R1 - This sign indicates that all vehicles without mud and snow tires are required to install traction devices. Vehicles that have mud and snow tires do not need to have traction devices on but must carry chains. All vehicles towing trailers must have chains on one drive axle. Trailers with brakes must have chains on at least one trailer axle.



**R2** - This sign indicates that chains or traction devices must be installed on ALL vehicles except 4-wheel/all-wheel drive vehicles with mud and snow tires. Four-wheel drive vehicles do not need traction devices installed but must have 4-wheel drive engaged.



**R3** - This sign indicates that ALL vehicles are required to install traction devices, regardless of having mud and snow tires or 4-wheel/all-wheel drive capability, NO EXCEPTIONS.

\*Mud and snow tires are commonly indicated by an "M+S" icon on the side of the tire.

\*Be sure to install traction devices on the drive axle of your

## Yosemite Valley

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

## Glacier Point Road

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, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail leads you to a stunning view looking into Yosemite Valley.

## Wawona and Mariposa Grove

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. While the Mariposa Grove Road closes to cars in the winter, approximately from the end of November until mid-March, the road is open to hikers, snowshoers, and skiers, and all trails in the grove remain open for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The nearby Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite.

## Crane Flat and Tuolumne Grove

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.

## Tuolumne Meadows and Tioga Road

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.

## **Hetch Hetchy**

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 (1½ hour) from Yosemite Valley via the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120W) and the Evergreen Road. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open from 8am to 7pm through April and from 7am to 9pm beginning in May. Wilderness permits and bear canisters are available at the entrance station from 8am to 5pm through April and 7am to 5pm May 1 through Labor Day. 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.





Yosemite Valley in Spring. Photo by Christine White Loberg



The view from Glacier Point. Photo by Sarah Gulio



Mariposa Grove. Photo by Christine White Loberg



Cathedral Peak. NPS Photo



Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. NPS Photo

# Yosemite Valley

# Information, Art, and Exhibits

#### Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

Open daily from 9am to 5pm, the visitor center and bookstore offers information, maps, books, souvenirs, and more. Explore the exhibits and learn how Yosemite's landscape formed and how people interact with it. Located near shuttle stops #5 and #9.

#### **YOSEMITE FILMS**

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

#### YOSEMITE VALLEY WILDERNESS CENTER

Opens May 3 and will be open daily from 8am to 5pm. Wilderness permits, bear canisters, and a variety of maps and books are available. Until May 3rd, wilderness permits and bear canisters can be obtained at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center seven days a week from 9am to 5pm.

#### Yosemite Museum

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

#### **INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT**

Explore the cultural history of Yosemite's Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Visit with Indian Cultural Demonstrators and see demonstrations of traditional skills such as stone tool making, basket weaving, beadwork, flutes, etc. Open daily from 9am to 5pm, may close for lunch.

#### **YOSEMITE RENAISSANCE 34 ART EXHIBIT**

The Yosemite Renaissance competition and exhibit is on display at the Yosemite Museum Gallery through May 5, 2019. This year, 62 works were chosen by 60 artists from across the nation, selected to inspire a new generation of people to understand, preserve and protect our wild lands and natural places. If you are an artist inspired by Yosemite and the California Sierra Nevada region, you can apply for Yosemite Renaissance 35! The call to artists begins June 1, 2019. Visit www.yosemiterenaissance.org to learn more. The Museum Gallery is open 10am to Noon and 1pm to 4pm daily.

#### **YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE**

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

#### The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery is open daily from 9am to 5pm. The gallery offers original works by Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, painters, and printers. See page 5 for photo walk and other event times. Call (209) 372-4413 or visit www.anseladams. com for more information.



Join a Yosemite Conservancy Art Program at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Photo by Kristin Anderson

## **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.

#### **EXHIBIT**

April 1, 2019 - June 9, 2019

A World of Alternatives - Original Photographs by Mark Citret, Jeffrey Conley, Vaughn Hutchins and Kerik Kouklis

Photography as an art form is not that old, and when we refer to "traditional photography." it is often in reference to the gelatin silver print Ansel Adams' preferred medium. In reality, what we now know as Alternative Processes e.g. platinum, carbon, gum, collodion often predated the more popular gelatin silver method by decades. Each of these alternatives produces rich, textured prints of subtly and atmosphere. In actuality, the platinum print yields a fuller range of tones than that of its silver successor, where the deepest shadows reveal great detail, while the highlights remain radiant with hints of delicate spectral differences.

Between April 1 and June 29, 2019, The Ansel Adams Gallery will feature a rotating exhibit A World of Alternatives with original work by photographers Mark Citret, Jeffrey Conley, Vaughn Hutchins and Kerik Kouklis. A variety of alternative processes will be on display, including the more modern adaptation of Platinum over Pigment printing, where digital photography and old world forms merge to create pastel tinged works that harken back to the days of hand-tinted

photographs. A reception for the artists with light refreshments will be held Saturday, April 27 from 3-5pm at The Ansel Adams Gallery.

### **YOSEMITE THEATER (YC)**

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

Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier (Sundays, April 28 and May 26) Ranger Shelton Johnson portrays a Buffalo Soldier in Yosemite in the early 1900s.

Yosemite Search and Rescue

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

A Room of Rascals: School in Yosemite's Stagecoach Days

(Wednesdays and Thursdays) Storyteller Brian Shoor spins a tale of antics and adventure set in the late 1880s.

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

#### **YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY ART** PROGRAMS (YC)

Join Yosemite Conservancy for a range of activities at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Learn from a professional artist, stop by for family-friendly crafts and activities, browse supplies and original artwork, and more. The center is open daily from 9am to 4pm.

Daily art classes for ages 12 and up are taught by volunteer instructors Monday through Saturday, 10am to 2pm (unless otherwise noted), and are typically held outside. Most workshops are \$20 per person, per class (materials and supplies not included). Upcoming classes include:

Nature Drawing for Beginners with Sean Edgerton

Apr 8-13 Mosaic Making with Nancy Meyer

Apr 15-20 Spring Watercolor for Beginners with Steve Curl

Apr 22-27 Drawing and Painting Yosemite's Trees and Landscapes with Jennifer Bentson-Gebel

Apr 29-May 4 Watercolor: Building from Three Colors with Juan Peña

May 6-11 Watercolor Basics with Jo-Neal Graves May 13-18 Nature Journaling with Watercolor with Faith Rumm

We also offer a drop-in Art Table and Open Studio, children's art classes (ages 4-12, \$10/ participant or \$30/family) and naturalist-led Art in Nature walks, see page 5 for schedule. To learn more and register for 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:

Moonbow Photography Apr 19

Yosemite Nature Journaling: Apr 21 Creativity, Curiosity and Reflection

Apr 27-28 Ackerson Meadow and Crane Flat: Birding and Bats

May 3-5 Dine and Discover: Feathers, Flowers and Fire

 $May \ 7\text{--}10 \quad \textit{Spring Light Photography}$ May 10-12 Hetch Hetchy and Ackerson

Meadow: Wildflowers and Bats

May 12 Mother's Day Waterfalls Walk

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

# Events and Programs

Schedule

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YOSEMITE VALLEY
            Mother's Day Waterfalls Walk (May 12 Only) 8 hrs. Celebrate Mother's Day on a guided day hike to see famous and lesser-known waterfalls. Register: yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures. (YC) $
            Yosemite Nature Journaling: Creativity, Curiosity and Reflection (April 21 Only) 7 hrs. Enjoy a day of creative exploration with a naturalist guide in Yosemite Valley. Register: yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures. (YC) $
            JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) &
10:00am
           Ranger Walk – Rivers and Waterfalls (Except May 5 and 12) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS)
           ART TABLE AND OPEN STUDIO 4 hrs. Drop-in, collaborative Yosemite-themed table art for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, shuttle stop #16. Bring, rent or purchase supplies. (YC) KIDS ART CLASS (May 12 Only) 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) $
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11:00am
1:00pm
            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
            Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room. (YH) &
            Yosemite Theater – Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier (April 28 and May 26 Only) 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores, any Tour & Activity Desk, or at the Yosemite Theater. See page 4. (YC) $
7:00pm
            John Muir and Teddy Roosevelt: Yosemite 1903 (May 5 Only) 1 hr. Tom Bopp, John Muir Historian and Celebrated YNP Musician, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center, limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)
            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) $
            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) $
           Explore Yosemite's Bird Life 2 hrs. Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist for a guided bird-watching walk. Meet at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. $10/person. No pre-registration required. (YC) $ Art Workshop 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/art. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 4. (YC) $
8:30am
           Ranger Walk - Yosemite's First People 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS)
            ART TABLE AND OPEN STUDIO 4 hrs. Drop-in, collaborative Yosemite-themed table art for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, shuttle stop #16. Bring, rent or purchase supplies. (YC)
11:00am
           KIDS ART CLASS (May 6 and 13 Only) 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) $
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            KIDS ART CLASS (May 6 and 13 Only) 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) $
Old Yosemite Village Walk 2 hrs. Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist for a guided walk. Meet at the Valley Visitor Center. $10/person. No pre-registration required. (YC) $
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            Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) $
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            Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at The Majestic Yosemite Hotel. (TAAG) &
            Mist Trail Corridor History Hike 6 hrs. Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist for a guided history hike. Meet at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. $30/person. No pre-registration required (YC) $
           Art Workshop 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/art. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 4. (YC) $ Ranger Walk – Geology (Except May 7 and 14) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS)
           ART TABLE AND OPEN STUDIO 4 hrs. Drop-in, collaborative Yosemite-themed table art for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, shuttle stop #16. Bring, rent or purchase supplies. (YC) KIDS ART CLASS (May 14 Only) 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) $
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11:00am
1:00pm
            In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) $
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) &
            Ranger Walk - Wild About Bears (May 7 and 14 Only) 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS)
3:00pm
            Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) &
3:30pm
            Yosemite Theater - Yosemite Search and Rescue 1.5 hrs. Join a Yosemite ranger for behind-the-scenes tales of emergency response missions. Purchase tickets at Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores, any Tour &
7:00pm
            Activity Desk, or at the Yosemite Theater. See page 4. (YC) $
            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) $
            Explore Yosemite's Bird Life 2 hrs. Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist for a guided bird-watching walk. Meet at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. $10/person. No pre-registration required. (YC) $
8:30am
           Art Workshop 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/art. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 4. (YC) $
10:00am
           Ranger Walk – Generations (Except May 1 and 8) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS)

ART TABLE AND OPEN STUDIO 4 hrs. Drop-in, collaborative Yosemite-themed table art for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, shuttle stop #16. Bring, rent or purchase supplies. (YC)
            KIDS ART CLASS 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) $
            Caminata Guiada 2 hrs. Pregunte a un ambientalista para informacion obre Yosemite. El punto de encuentro para las caminatas es Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. $10/persona. (YC)$
1:00pm
            Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) $
            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) & Ranger Walk – Wild About Bears (May 1 and 8 Only) 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS)
2:00pm
3:00pm
            Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) &
            Yosemite Theater - A Room of Rascals: School in Yosemite's Stagecoach Days (Except April 24) 1.5 hrs. Travel back to Yosemite Valley in the 1880s with storyteller Brian Shoor. Purchase tickets at
             Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores, any Tour & Activity Desk, or at the Yosemite Theater. See page 4. (YC) $
9:00pm
            STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) $
8:30am
            Explore Yosemite's Bird Life 2 hrs. Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist for a guided bird-watching walk. Meet at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. $10/person. No pre-registration required. (YC) $
            Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) &
           Ranger Walk - Trees (Except May 2 and 9) 1.5 hrs. The Majestic Yosemite Hotel, shuttle stop #3 (NPS)
           Art Workshop 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/art. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 4. (YC) $
ART TABLE AND OPEN STUDIO 4hrs. Drop-in, collaborative Yosemite-themed table art for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, shuttle stop #16. Bring, rent or purchase supplies. (YC)
Secret Connections: Interactions among Flora and Fauna Walk 2 hrs. Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist for a guided walk. Meet at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center $10/person. (YC) $
11:00am
1:00pm
1:00pm
            Using Your Digital Camera Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) $
            ART IN NATURE WALK 1.5 hrs. Guided walk for kids and families focused on exploring nature through art. Meet at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (shuttle stop #16). $10/person. (YC) $
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
            Ranger Walk - Wild About Bears (May 2 and 9 Only) 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS)
            Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) & FIRESIDE STORYTELLING (Except April 11) 1 hr. Gather by the fire and listen to the stories of Yosemite's past and present! The Majestic Yosemite Hotel. (YH) & Yosemite Theater – A Room of Rascals: School in Yosemite's Stagecoach Days (Except April 25) 1.5 hrs. Travel back to Yosemite Valley in the 1880s with storyteller Brian Shoor. Purchase tickets at
3:30pm
7:00pm
            STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) $
            Explore Yosemite's Bird Life 2 hrs. Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist for a guided bird-watching walk. Meet at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, shuttle stop #16. $10/person. (YC) $
           Art Workshop 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/art. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 4. (YC) $
           Ranger Walk - Wildlife (Except May 3 and 10) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS)
11:00am ART TABLE AND OPEN STUDIO 4 hrs. Drop-in, collaborative Yosemite-themed table art for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, shuttle stop #16. Bring, rent or purchase supplies. (YC)
           KIDS ART CLASS 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) $
            Nature Journaling Walk 2 hrs. Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist for a guided art walk. Meet at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, shuttle stop #16. Use provided art supplies or bring your own. $15/person. (YC) $
            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) &
            Ranger Walk - Wild About Bears (May 3 and 10 Only) 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS)
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
            Moonbow Photography (April 19 only) 7 hrs. Join an expert photographer to spend an evening learning to capture "lunar rainbows" on camera. Register: yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures. (YC) $
            Film - Ansel Adams: Photographer 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge, check local listings for venue. (TAAG) &
8:00pm
            Yosemite's Landmarks: Origins and History of Yosemite's Places and Names (May 3 Only) 1.5 hrs. Jeremy Evans, Nature Photographer and Filmmaker, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center, limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)
8:00pm
            Rediscovering Architect Herbert Maier: A New Deal Renaissance of Arts and Crafts Architecture in the National Parks (May 10 Only) 1 hr. Dr. Gray A.
            Brechin, Department of Geography, UC Berkeley, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center, limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)
            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) $
            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) $
            Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) &
                                                                                                                                                                                                        Programs printed in ALL CAPS AND COLOR
9:30am JUNIOR RANGER TALK (Except April 20) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) & 10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK (April 20 Only) 1 hr. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) &
                                                                                                                                                                                                        are especially for children and their families.
           Ranger Walk - Ahwahneechee Stories and Games 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS)
           Art Workshop 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/art. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 4. (YC) $
11:00am ART TABLE AND OPEN STUDIO 4 hrs. Drop-in, collaborative Yosemite-themed table art for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, shuttle stop #16. Bring, rent or purchase supplies. (YC)
           KIDS ART CLASS 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) $ In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) $ JUNIOR RANGER WALK (April 20 Only) 1 hr. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) &
11:00am
1:00pm
            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) &
            Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) &
            Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room. (YH) & Yosemite Theater – Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores, any Tour & Activity Desk, or at the Yosemite Theater. See page 4. (YC) $

Yosemite Theater – Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores, any Tour & Activity Desk, or at the Yosemite Theater. See page 4. (YC) $
7:00pm
7:00pm
            What Does A Mountain Mean? Ansel Adams and His First Years in the Sierra (May 4 Only) 1 hr. Evan Russel, Curator and Michael Wise, Fine Print Specialist, Ansel Adams Gallery, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center, limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)
            GOING BATTY. ALL ABOUT BATS (May 11 Only) 1.5 hrs. Burleigh Lockwood, Wildlife Biologist, Fresno Chaffee Zoo, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center, limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)
            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) $
            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) $
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# Services in Yosemite



Kerik Kouklis' El Capitan and Clouds will be on display as part of A World of Alternatives exhibition at The Ansel Adams Gallery from April 1 through June 29, 2019

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

#### Food and Drink

**YOSEMITE VILLAGE** 

Degnan's Kitchen

7am to 6pm Degnan's Loft

Friday and Saturday: 1pm to 8pm

Village Grill

11am to 6pm

#### THE MAJESTIC YOSEMITE HOTEL **Dining Room**

Breakfast: 7am to 10am Lunch: 11:30am to 3pm Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm Sunday Brunch: 7am to 3pm

Appropriate attire is respectfully requested for dinner. Reservations are strongly recommended for dinner and Sunday Brunch: (209) 372-1489

The Coffee Bar 6am to 10:30am The Majestic Bar 11:30am to 11pm

### **YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE**

**Base Camp Eatery** 

Starbucks Coffee: 6am to 6pm Breakfast: 6:30am to 11am **Lunch: 11**am to 4:30pm Dinner: 4:30pm to 9:30pm **Mountain Room Bar** 

Monday - Friday: 4:30 to 11pm

Saturday and Sunday: Noon to 11pm

#### **Mountain Room Restaurant**

Dinner: 5pm to 9pm Reservations taken for 8 or more: (209) 372-1281

#### **HALF DOME VILLAGE**

**Pavillion** 

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

#### Pizza Deck and Bar

11am to 10pm

#### **Coffee Corner**

6am to 11pm

Ice cream Service: 11am to 10pm,

beginning May 17

#### Grill

11am to 5pm,

11am to 8pm beginning April 19

#### **GLACIER POINT**

**Snack Stand** 

11am to 5pm, beginning May 10, conditions permitting

#### **WAWONA**

**Big Trees Lodge** 

Breakfast: 7am to 10am Lunch: 11am to 3pm Dinner: 5pm to 9pm

For dinner reservations: (209) 375-1425 Lounge Service: 5pm to 9:30pm

#### **Golf Shop and Snack Stand**

8am to 6pm, beginning May 10, weather permitting

#### **RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

#### YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Resident Minister: Pastor Brent Moore Sunday Service: 9:15am Sunday Evening: 6:30pm Wednesday Midweek Chapel Service - 7pm Thursday Bible Study - 7pm, call for location **EASTER WEEK:** 

Maunday Thursday, April 18th: 7pm Good Friday, April 19th: 12noon and 7pm Easter Sunday, April 21st: 7am - Lower Pines Amphitheater

9:15am - Chapel Service 11am - Chapel Service YosemiteChapel@sbcglobal.net www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org Phone: (209) 372-4831

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

#### **OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS**

Catholic Mass - Sunday, 10am (year round) Theater, behind the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, shuttle stops #5 and #9

#### **SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

Yosemite Valley Chapel Tuesday and Thursday: 7:30pm Sunday: 8pm Oakhurst Hotline: (559) 683-1662

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

#### **Groceries** YOSEMITE VILLAGE

**Village Store** 

8am to 10pm

#### **YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE**

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

#### **HALF DOME VILLAGE**

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

**HOUSEKEEPING CAMP** 

Gift/Grocery 8am to 9pm, beginning April 12

#### **WAWONA**

**Big Trees Lodge Store** 

8am to 8pm

## Gas Stations

**EL PORTAL** 

8am to 5pm Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card

#### **BIG TREES LODGE SERVICE STATION**

8am to 6pm, Diesel and propane Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card

#### **CRANE FLAT**

8am to 7pm

Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card

#### **Post Offices YOSEMITE VILLAGE**

**Main Office** 

Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 5pm Saturday: 10am to noon

### **YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE**

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

#### **EL PORTAL**

Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 5pm, closed for lunch: 12:30pm to 1:30pm

#### **WAWONA**

Monday - Friday, 9am to 5pm Saturday: 9am to noon

#### Books, Gifts, and Apparel **YOSEMITE VILLAGE**

**Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore** at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center

9am to 5pm **Yosemite Museum Store** 

9am to 5pm, may close for lunch

The Ansel Adams Gallery

9am to 5pm

**Village Store** 

8am to 10pm,

**Happy Isles Art and Nature Center** 9am to 4pm

#### THE MAJESTIC YOSEMITE HOTEL **Gift Shop**

8am to 10pm,

**Sweet Shop** 

7am to 10pm

#### **YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE** Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

#### **HALF DOME VILLAGE**

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

**HOUSEKEEPING CAMP** Gift/Grocery

8am to 9pm, beginning April 12

#### **Mountain Shop**

8am to 8pm,

#### **BIG OAK FLAT**

**Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore** at Big Oak Flat Information Center

9am to 5pm, beginning May 3

#### **WAWONA**

**Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore** at Wawona Visitor Center

9am to 5pm, beginning May 3

**Big Trees Lodge Store** 

8am to 8pm,

#### **GLACIER POINT Gift Shop**

9am to 7pm, beginning May 10

#### **MARIPOSA GROVE**

The Yosemite Conservancy Depot at Mariposa Grove 9am to 5pm

Tour & Activity Desks YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

#### 7:30am to 7pm HALF DOME VILLAGE TOUR KIOSK

7:30am to 3:30pm, beginning April 12

**VILLAGE STORE TOUR KIOSK** 

7:30am to 3:30pm

### Recreation

### **YOSEMITE VALLEY**

**Yosemite Mountaineering School** 8:30am to noon, 1pm to 4:30pm, beginning April 1

Half Dome Village Bike Stand

8am to 7pm, beginning April 12 **Yosemite Valley Lodge Bike Stand** 8am to 7pm, beginning April 12

#### **WAWONA**

Stable

7am to 5pm, beginning May 18

**Golf Course** 

8am to 6pm, beginning May 10 **Disc Golf Course** 

Tuesday and Wednesday: 2pm to 6pm, beginning May 14

#### **General Services YOSEMITE VALLEY**

Laundry (Housekeeping Camp)

8am to 10pm

**Shower House (Housekeeping Camp)** 

7am to 10pm, beginning April 12

Yosemite Village Garage

8am to noon, 1pm to 5pm, Towing available 24 hours. Propane available until 4:30pm.

**Medical Clinic** Yosemite Valley

Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, Closed weekends and federal holidays. (209) 372-4637,

For emergency care CALL 9-1-1.



# Permit Information

# Camping, Hiking, and Wilderness Use



Pacific Dogwood against an Incensed Cedar tree. Photo by Christine Lobergs

#### Wilderness Permits

Wilderness permits are required for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness. For summer trips, reservations are taken from 24 weeks to two days in advance of the start of your trip. A processing fee of \$5 per permit plus \$5 per person is charged to each confirmed reservation. Go to www.nps. gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm to check trailhead availability and for more information on how to make a reservation. Reservations can be made online, by phone or mail. To make a reservation by phone, call (209) 372-0740, Mon-Fri from 8:30am to 4:30pm. For more information, visit www. nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking. htm, the Leave No Trace website at www.lnt. org, or the Friends of Yosemite Search and Rescue website at www.friendofyosar.org

#### **YOSEMITE VALLEY**

Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center will open May 3 and will be open daily from 8am to 5pm. Until then, wilderness permits and bear canisters can be obtained at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center seven days a week from 9am to 5pm.

#### **WAWONA - HILL'S STUDIO**

Beginning May 3, the bookstore (only) will be open daily from 9am to 5pm, may close for lunch. Wilderness permits for Wawona and Mariposa Grove trailheads can be obtained by self-registration on the front porch of Hill's Studio. Bear canister rentals will be available at the bookstore when open.

#### **BIG OAK FLAT**

Beginning May 3, the bookstore (only) will be open at the Big Oak Flat Information Station, daily from 9am to 5pm, *may close for lunch*. Wilderness permits for the Big Oak Flat Road and Tioga Road trailheads are by self-registration on the front porch of the Information Station. Bear canister rentals will be available at the bookstore when open.

#### **НЕТСН НЕТСНУ**

Bear canisters and wilderness permits for the Hetch Hetchy trailheads only are available at the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station from 8am to 5pm through April, and 7am to 5pm from May 1 through Labor Day.

# 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 2019, May 24 through October 15, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 preseason lottery permits have already been issued for 2019. In addition, approximately 50 permits will be released by daily lottery throughout the season based on estimated under-use and cancellation rates (exact number may change throughout the summer). Applications for daily lotteries will be accepted 2 days prior to the desired hiking date between midnight and 1pm. To apply, visit Recreation.gov or call (877) 444-6777. A non-refundable application fee applies to all submissions and a use fee applies to winning applicants. Finally, a daily quota of 75 Half Dome permits will be available to overnight users with an appropriate wilderness permit (use fee applies). These permits may be acquired through early reservations (50 per day) or day before walk-up (25 per day). Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area may descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit. More information is available at: http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/ hdpermits.htm. For backpackers more information is available at: http://www.nps. gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm.

#### Camping

\*Please note: some Yosemite Valley Campgrounds sustained considerable damage during 2019 winter storms. For more information on campground opening dates and to sign up to receive Campground Updates via email, visit go.nps. gov/campground. Call 209/372-0266 for same-day camping availability.

#### **CAMPING RESERVATIONS**

In Yosemite Valley's car campgrounds, reservations are recommended December through February, and required March through November. Outside the valley,

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

For campground reservations, visit www. recreation.gov (recommended) or call (877) 444-6777 or TDD (877) 833-6777 or (518) 885-3639 from outside the US and Canada.

#### Call Center Hours:

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

Campground offices in the park are located in the visitor parking area at Half Dome Village (shuttle bus stop #14), the Tuolumne Meadows Campground entrance, in Wawona off Chilnualna Falls Road, and at Big Oak Flat Information Station.

# General Camping Information\*

#### Services

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

#### Regulations

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

#### Campfires

- In Yosemite Valley between May 1 and September 30, campfires are permitted between 5 pm and 10 pm. At other times of the year and in out-of-Valley campgrounds, fires are permitted at any time, as long as they are attended.
- Firewood collection (including pine cones and pine needles) is permitted within the boundaries of campgrounds in Yosemite Valley, and can otherwise be gathered anywhere in the park that is outside Yosemite Valley, below 9,600 feet, and not in a sequoia grove.

## Yosemite Valley Day Hikes\*

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
Bridalveil Fall	Bridalveil Fall Parking Area	0.5 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Lower Yosemite Fall	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	1.0 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Upper Yosemite Fall <b>Trail to Columbia Rock</b>	Camp 4 Near Shuttle Stop #7	2 miles round-trip, 2–3 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Upper Yosemite Fall	Same as above	7.2 miles round-trip, 6–8 hours	Very Strenuous 2,700-foot gain
Mirror Lake (A seasonal lake)	Mirror Lake Shuttle Stop #17	2 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Vernal Fall Footbridge	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	1.4 miles round-trip, 1–2 hours	Moderate, 400-foot gain
Top of Vernal Fall	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	3 miles round-trip, 2–4 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Nevada Fall	same as above	5 miles round-trip, 5–6 hours	Strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point (Closed in winter)	Southside Drive	4.8 miles one-way, 3–4 hours one-way	Very Strenuous, 3,200-foot gain
Valley Floor Loop	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	13 miles full loop, 5–7 hours full loop	Moderate

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

# Protecting yourself...



Visitors overlooking Vernal Fall. Photo by Sheree Peshlakai

#### 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 SPRING IN YOSEMITE**

Every season in Yosemite presents us with unique beauty. For many visitors, the heart of spring is a particularly special time to visit the Park. Every living thing seems to be awakening following a winter's slumber. The high Sierra snowpack is rapidly melting, creating full waterfalls and raging streams and rivers. The sound of running water can be as enchanting as its sight and reminds us of the life it brings to Yosemite and California's rich farmlands below. Yosemite's streams are also a temptation for the curious, the photographer, and the weary hiker simply wanting to cool tired feet. However, Yosemite's water can be deceptively dangerous and unforgiving. Yosemite's visitors are strongly urged to enjoy any flowing or falling water from a safe distance. Please enjoy the wtaer from the safety of the trail or in developed areas only.

#### **WEATHER**

Spring weather is some of our finest for enjoying outdoor activities. Nevertheless, cold fronts can bring snow as low as the Valley floor well into May. The higher country is noticeably cooler. In summary, while you are likely to enjoy pleasant weather, check the latest forecast and be prepared for cold and wet conditions and always be ready to add layers of clothing to stay warm and dry.

#### **RIVERS AND STREAMS**

This is important enough to mention again; rain and melting snow fill our rivers and streams to their greatest volume and flow velocity in spring, creating beautiful accents in sight and sound to Yosemite's landscape. Do not be fooled. Currents are too forceful for the strongest swimmers to survive even a shallow

water plunge. Waters that appear still and green can have powerful unseen currents. The granite rocks in and near the water are slippery. In short, stay away from streambanks where a simple slip can have disastrous consequences and never attempt a water crossing except in safe and designated areas.

#### **YOSEMITE ROADS**

Snow and ice, while less frequent than late winter, remain a possibility. Plan for all potential road conditions; call ahead to our recorded number (209) 372-0200 +1 for current road conditions and restrictions. See page 3 for chain control information. Also, rock fall occurs throughout the year and wildlife, including deer and bears, can all create driving hazards. There are many sites to distract drivers. If you cannot devote 100% of your attention to your driving, please pull completely off the road into designated pulloffs and parking areas.

#### **FOR ALL SEASONS**

- Stay on established trails don't take shortcuts.
- Rock scrambling leave this to the critters.
- Water and food Carry more food and water than you need; stay hydrated and snack frequently. If you are sweating, replace lost salts with salty, easy-to-digest snacks.
- "10 hiking essentials" including a flashlight or headlamp, sunglasses, sunscreen, map, compass, and a signaling method like a mirror or whistle.
- Let someone know always leave your travel and hiking plan, including your intended route and estimated time of return, with a trusted person. If no one knows you are missing, no one is going to be looking for

### **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 when eating outside, avoid pitching a tent near or disturbing rodent burrows, wear insect repellent with DEET, and immediately tell a park ranger if you see a dead animal. Early symptoms of plague may include fever, chills, nausea, painful swelling at the site of an insect bite or lymph node, and other flulike symptoms. If you develop any of these symptoms within 6 days of visiting an area at risk for plague, see your doctor and inform them you may have been exposed. Plague is treatable with antibiotics if given in time.

#### **AVOID CONTACT WITH WILDLIFE AND KEEP FOOD / TRASH STORED PROPERLY**

Wild animals in Yosemite can transmit numerous diseases, including plague, rabies, and hantavirus. Keeping your distance and your food from wildlife not only protects them, it also protects you from injury and exposure to diseases. If you encounter a mammal, particularly a raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote, or bat, that is behaving erratically, don't touch the animal. Instead, report the sick animal to a park employee. In addition to keeping bears away, storing your food properly also reduces your exposure to rodents and their fleas, which may carry

#### WILDERNESS ETIQUETTE: USING YOUR BACKWOODS BATHROOM

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

# ...and Yosemite



## **Keep Bears Wild**

With warmer spring weather, bears emerge hungry from hibernation. Please, keep Yosemite's black bears wild and alive, while protecting yourself and your property.

#### STORE YOUR FOOD PROPERLY

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



#### **DRIVE THE SPEED LIMIT**

The most common human-related cause of death for a black bear in Yosemite is being hit by a car. Slow down! Driving too fast is almost always the cause of these accidental deaths. Please report bear sightings by calling (209) 372-0322.

#### IF YOU SEE A BEAR...

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

to present a more intimidating figure, but do not surround the bear. If you see a bear anywhere else, consider yourself luckybut 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. Report bear sightings and incidents to the Save-A-Bear hotline (209)372-0322 or by emailing yose\_bear\_mgmt@nps.gov. For more information about bears in Yosemite please visit www.keepbearswild.org.

Yosemite Zero Landfill Initiative

**How to Store Food** "Food" includes any item with a scent, regardless of packaging. This includes items you may not consider food, such as canned goods, bottles, drinks, soap, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, ice chests (even when empty), and unwashed dishes.

LOCATION	FOOD STORAGE	WHY?
Your Vehicle	You may store food in your car (with windows closed) only during daylight hours. Do not store food in your car after dark: use a food locker. Remember to clear your car of food wrappers, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats.	Bears can smell food, even if it's sealed in the trunk or glove compartment, and they recognize boxes and bags as potential food sources. They can easily and quickly break into all kinds of vehicles!
Your Campsite or Tent Cabin	You must store all your food in food lockers—not in your tent or tent cabin. A food locker is available at each campsite and tent cabin. Food may be stored out of sight in hard-sided RVs with windows closed.	Bears may enter campsites when people are present, and some will even check food lockers to see if they're secured. Keep food lockers closed and latched at all times, even when you are in your campsite or tent cabin.
Picnic Areas & on the Trails	Do not leave food unattended. Always keep food within arm's reach. Don't turn your back to your food.	Bears may investigate picnic areas or backpacks for food even when people are present, so be alert.
Backpacking in the Wilderness	Bear resistant food containers are required throughout the Yosemite Wilderness. Hanging food is prohibited in Yosemite.	In Yosemite and the southern Sierra, bear canisters are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.

## **YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK ZERO LANDFILL INITIATIVE**

Be a steward of Yosemite by helping make Yosemite the first Zero Landfill park in the country. Through the Zero Landfill Initiative, Yosemite National Park is reducing the amount of trash that goes to the landfill every year. In partnership with Yosemite Hospitality, we are making it easier for visitors and staff to participate by adding more recycling containers with better labels. We are also working to reduce the amount of waste we generate in park management operations.

Here are 3 things you can do to help:

- 1. Get rid of excess packaging by repacking food in reuseable containers before you leave home.
- 2. Use refillables! Bring a refillable water bottle and travel mug. Camping? Use refillable propane canisters.
- 3. Put trash and recycling in the right containers.

#### **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, 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, in addition to what is contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7 and 34), and other applicable federal statutes and regulations.

# Yosemite Mountaineering:

# 50 Years of Yosemite Mountaineering School



Guided backpacking trips in Yosemite offer stunning views around every corner. Yosemite Hospitality Photo



Cross-country skiers enjoying the 10.5 mile trek from Glacier Point. Yosemite Hospitality Photo



Climbers scaling El Capitan. Photo by Greg Coit

**7** osemite National Park is well known as a mecca for rock climbers. People travel to Yosemite from around the world to pursue their dreams of conquering the park's impressive granite peaks.

"As I hammered in the last bolt and staggered over the rim, it was not at all clear to me who was the conqueror and who was the conquered," said Warren Harding, leader of the first team to climb El Capitan in 1958. "I do recall that El Cap seemed to be in much better condition than I was."

In addition to the vertical challenge of rock climbing, the spring waterfalls and wildflowers, high alpine meadows in the heat of summer and trails through the astonishing diversity of Sierra Nevada life zones make Yosemite an iconic destination for hiking and backpacking. The Yosemite Mountaineering School & Guide Service (YMS), operated by Yosemite Hospitality, provides skilled instructors and experienced local guides with whom visitors can test their endurance and achieve their goals, whether the top of El Capitan or the wilderness of Yosemite's High Country.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of YMS and the team is offering numerous adventures for park visitors to connect with Yosemite's natural wonders. You can choose from world-class rock climbing and instruction, private guided climbs, custom and group hikes, guided backpacking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing throughout Yosemite's extensive wilderness. The YMS is open year-round with exciting adventures for different seasons including guided snowshoe hikes to Dewey Point, backpacking to the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne River, guided hikes on the Panorama Trail and the "Welcome to the Rock" beginner rock climbing class at Swan Slab. Leave No Trace principles and wilderness ethics continue to be a focus for students and essential part of their program.

How did the YMS get started? A great mountaineer, Wayne Merry was one of the first rock climbers to reach the summit of El Capitan in November 1958, and would go on to start the Yosemite Mountaineering School & Guide Service. In addition to founding the YMS, Merry was instrumental in working with the National Park Service to create the Yosemite Search and Rescue (YOSAR), which completes on average 225 rescues per year.

YMS has guided some famous people over the past five decades including teaching cross-country skiing to Charlton Heston and his entire family. Wayne Merry fondly recalls climbing Royal Arches with Apollo 8 Astronaut Bill Anders and Tenzing Norway, first successful climb of Mountain Everest in 1953, in the 1970s. That tradition continues with President Obama and his family visiting (and climbing!) with us in 2016.

"Climbing is the ultimate escapism," says Wayne Merry. "When you are on any difficult wall, it's total concentration. When you can stop on the ledge and bring up your partner, you have the time to appreciate where you are—and being high on the face of El Capitan is like no place world's most famous rock climb was an (209) 372-8444 to book an adventure with incredible experience."

YMS guides, recognized as some of the finest rock climbers in the world, have a wide variety of skiing, climbing, and mountaineering skills and experience. Leave No Trace builds awareness, appreciation and respect for the wilderness and promotes responsible outdoor recreation through education, research, and partnerships. All of the school's guides hold Wilderness First Responder Certifications, and all take pride in their wilderness rescue skills. Led by YMS director and chief guide, Dave Bengston, the school operates at Half Dome Village in Yosemite Valley, and at Tuolumne Meadows in the High the YMS!

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

- Warren Harding, leader of the first team to climb El Capitan in 1958, worked as a guide for YMS in the 1970s.
- The YMS started the cross-country ski school in 1970, which was the first on the
- Did you know that Ned Gillette held the position of Director of Skiing for Yosemite Mountaineering School? Ned was an extremely accomplished adventurer and was a member of the 1968 US Olympic Cross-Country Ski Team. He is also a member of the US Skiing Hall of Fame.
- Many of the Yosemite Mountaineering School guides at the time were used to accomplish the first two "top to bottom" rescues on El Capitan.
- Numerous well-known climbers have been Yosemite Mountaineering School guides: Bev Johnson, Ron Kauk, TM Herbert, Tommy Herbert, Peter Croft, Donny Reid, Chris Falkenstein, Miles Smart, just to name a few...
- Yosemite Mountaineering School guides first guided the face of El Capitan in May 1987 and now successfully leads 5 – 15 climbers up the face of El Capitan

# 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

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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 lifelong 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 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 \$125 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 10,374 volunteers donated more than 139,500 hours of service to Yosemite last year, restoring native habitat, working in visitor centers, serving as camp hosts, studying wildlife, cleaning up litter and more. Would you like to serve? We have group and individual volunteer opportunities, both short term and long term. Learn more at: www.nps.gov/yose/getinvolved/volunteer.htm or call the volunteer office at (209) 379-1850.



### Yosemite Name Changes

The names of the following facilities in Yosemite have changed.

The changed names are:

- Half Dome Village (formerly Curry Village)
- Yosemite Valley Lodge (formerly Yosemite Lodge)
- The Majestic Yosemite Hotel (formerly The Ahwahnee)
  Big Trees Lodge (formerly Wawona
- Big Trees Lodge (formerly Wawona Hotel)
- Yosemite Ski & Snowboard Area (formerly Badger Pass Ski Area)
- Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge)

# Lose Something in Yosemite?

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



Raven, Photo by Karen Kroner Amstutz