

Yosemite Guide



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Smoke from the 2017 Empire Fire drifts around Half Dome. Read about how fire plays an important role in Yosemite on page 10 .NPS Photo

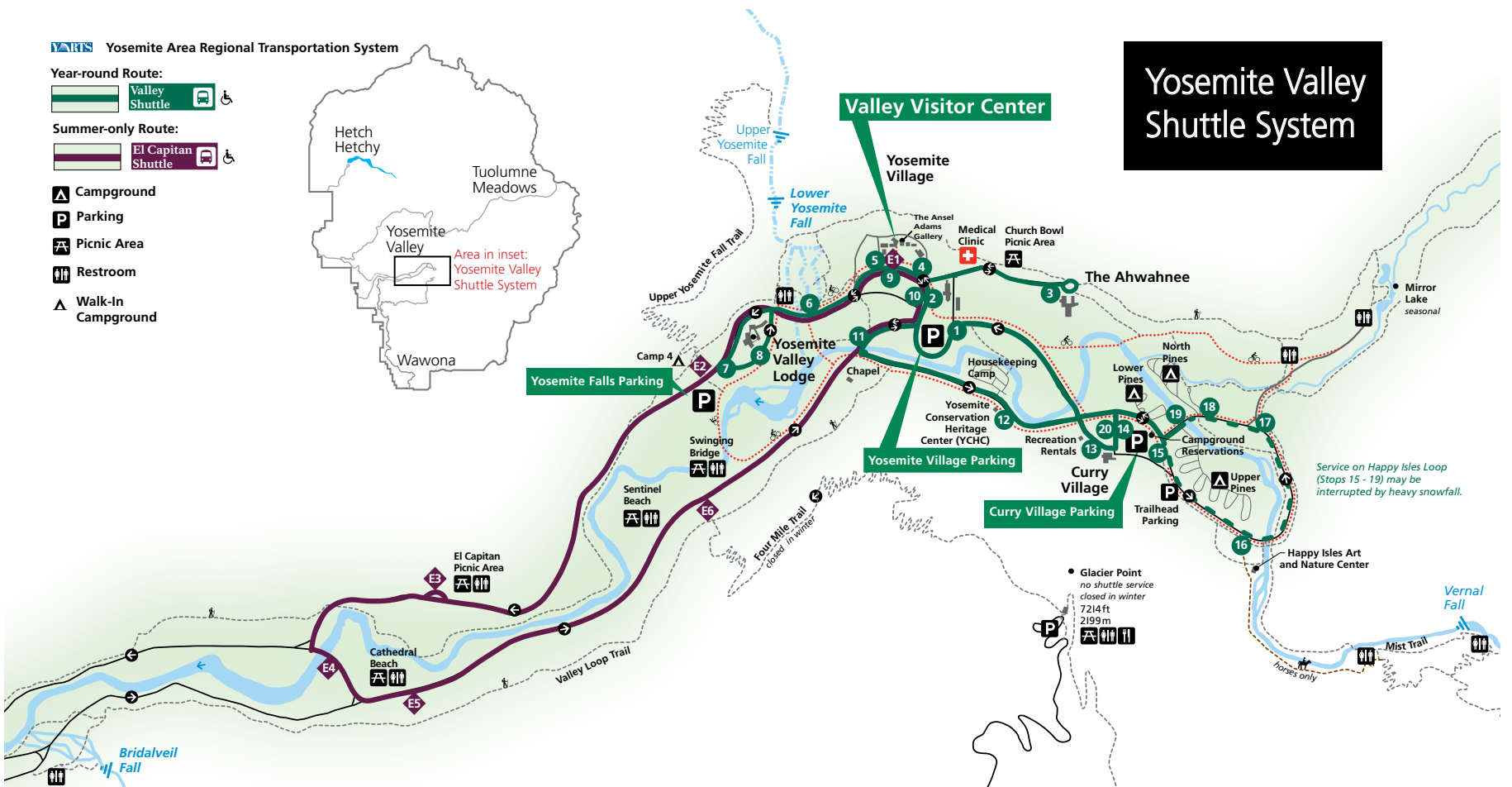
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The Yosemite Valley Shuttle operates from 7am to 10pm and serves stops in numerical order. Shuttles run daily every 20 to 30 minutes. The El Capitan Shuttle operates from 9am to 5pm, ending October 14. See schedules posted at shuttle stops.

Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location
1	Yosemite Village Parking	11	Sentinel Bridge	17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
2 10	Yosemite Village	12	Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center / Housekeeping Camp	18	North Pines Campground
3	The Ahwahnee	13 YARIS	Curry Village	19	Pines Campgrounds
4	Degnan's Kitchen	14 20	Curry Village Parking	E3	El Capitan Picnic Area
5 9 E1 YARIS	Yosemite Valley Visitor Center	15	Upper Pines Campground / Trailhead Parking	E4	El Capitan Crossover
6	Lower Yosemite Falls	16	Happy Isles / Mist Trail	E5	Cathedral Beach Picnic Area
7 E2 YARIS	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 trip to Yosemite National Park

WELCOME

Ask A Ranger at the Visitor Center

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, and Wawona. *See pages 4 and 7 for details.*

Pop-up Information Centers

Look for pop-up blue booths throughout Yosemite, which are staffed with Yosemite Conservancy volunteers who are ready to answer your questions or give you directions. If you're interested in volunteering with the Yosemite Conservancy in the park, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/volunteer.

40 years of Deaf Services in Yosemite

Hip Hip Hooray! On October 11-14, 2019, Yosemite will celebrate 40 years of Deaf Services with an anniversary celebration weekend in Yosemite Valley.

Year-round services for visitors include the Access Pass, videophone and in person trip planning, American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation, a public videophone, guided programs for Deaf groups, and Assistive Listening Devices on park programs for hard of hearing visitors. Weekend activities include walks and talks in ASL, ASL campfire, ASL Valley Floor Tour, volunteer work project, Deaf art exhibit at The Ansel Adams Gallery, and more. For details and a schedule of events, check out our website! <https://tinyurl.com/ds40th>

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.

Arts in the Park

Add some art and theater to your Yosemite itinerary! Join Yosemite Conservancy at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (shuttle stop #16) for an outdoor workshop with a professional artist or for children's art activities, or at the Yosemite Theater for an evening performance or film. See page 6 for upcoming workshops and shows.



Cindy Bronson, the nation's first Deaf Teacher Ranger assists deaf visitors in Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Bronson helped the park prepare for the 40th anniversary of Yosemite Deaf Services, to be held October 11-14, 2019. Photo by Kara Stella

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Get the App!

Search **NPS-Yosemite** in app stores or at nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit to download the official park app for up-to-date listings of programs, services, an interactive map, and more!



iPhone/iPad



Android

The Ansel Adams Gallery Photography Classes

Looking to enhance your Yosemite photography skills in the footsteps of Ansel Adams? Join a photography expert from The Ansel Adams Gallery in a dynamic hands-on class, or basic camera walk while soaking up the surrounding beauty of Yosemite Valley. For details, visit <http://anseladams.com> or sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village. Shuttle stops #5 and #9. *See pages 5 and 6 for more information.*

GUIDED OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Adventure with Yosemite Conservancy

Are you looking for a memorable way to deepen your connection with the park? Go on an expert-led adventure with Yosemite Conservancy! Join a scheduled Outdoor Adventure, such as a day hike or backpacking trip, or create a Custom Adventure tailored to your interests and schedule. For details, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures, or call (209) 379-2317 ext. 10. See page 6 for upcoming adventures.

Adventure Out with the Yosemite Mountaineering School (YMS)

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 schedule a custom outing designed specifically for your group. We offer professional guides for hiking, backpacking and rock climbing. Reservations required. Call (209) 372-8344 or email yms@aramark.com

FAMILY FUN

Try the MicroEye at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center

Let curiosity be your guide at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center! Zoom in on natural objects with the new MicroEye projecting microscope during open hours (9am to 4pm, through October 26). The center also offers art workshops, creative classes for kids, natural history exhibits, and more. Located a short walk from shuttle stop #16.

Explore Like A Junior Ranger!

Become a Junior Ranger and learn how you can help protect your park. Just purchase a 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 and 7.*

Ice Rink at Curry Village

Take the shuttle to Curry Village for a one-of-a-kind ice skating experience with a spectacular view of Half Dome. The ice rink opens November 15, *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 Ahwahnee 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.



Entering a National Park

Yosemite is a place where wilderness prevails. Prepare yourself for a wild experience. The National Park Service is bound by its mission to protect Yosemite's natural and cultural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. Please, be attentive to the regulations in place to protect park resources (page 15) and those designed for your safety (page 14).



Fire - Police - Medical Emergency:

Dial 911

Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley)

Open 7 days per week from 9am to 7pm.
Medical Clinic Phone: (209) 372-4637.



Road, Weather, and Park

Information: (209) 372-0200

Yosemite Village Garage - 8am to 5pm,
24 hour AAA towing, NO gas, propane service
until 4:30pm. (209) 372-1060

Access for People with Disabilities

For a complete list of accessible services, exhibits, and recreational opportunities, pick up a Yosemite Accessibility Guide at any park entrance station or visitor center, or view online at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm, or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at (209) 379-1035.



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 available upon advance request at any visitor center.



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



Accessible parking spaces available west of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

Upcoming Park Projects

Bridalveil Fall Rehabilitation Project

Why: To rehabilitate visitor facilities at the base of Bridalveil Fall and surrounding area.

When: 2019 - 2020

Visitor Impact: Comfort station and parking lot may not be available due to construction.



Replace Big Oak Flat Welcome Center Complex

Why: To enhance the visitor experience and improve operational efficiency for existing park programs.

When: Beginning spring 2020

Visitor Impact: May effect services at BOF through the 2020 and 2021 seasons.

Tioga Road Rehabilitation Plan

Why: To make safety improvements, while preserving natural and cultural resources along the road.

When: lasting through 2020 and 2021 seasons

Visitor Impact: 30-minute traffic delays along Tioga Road due to construction.



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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

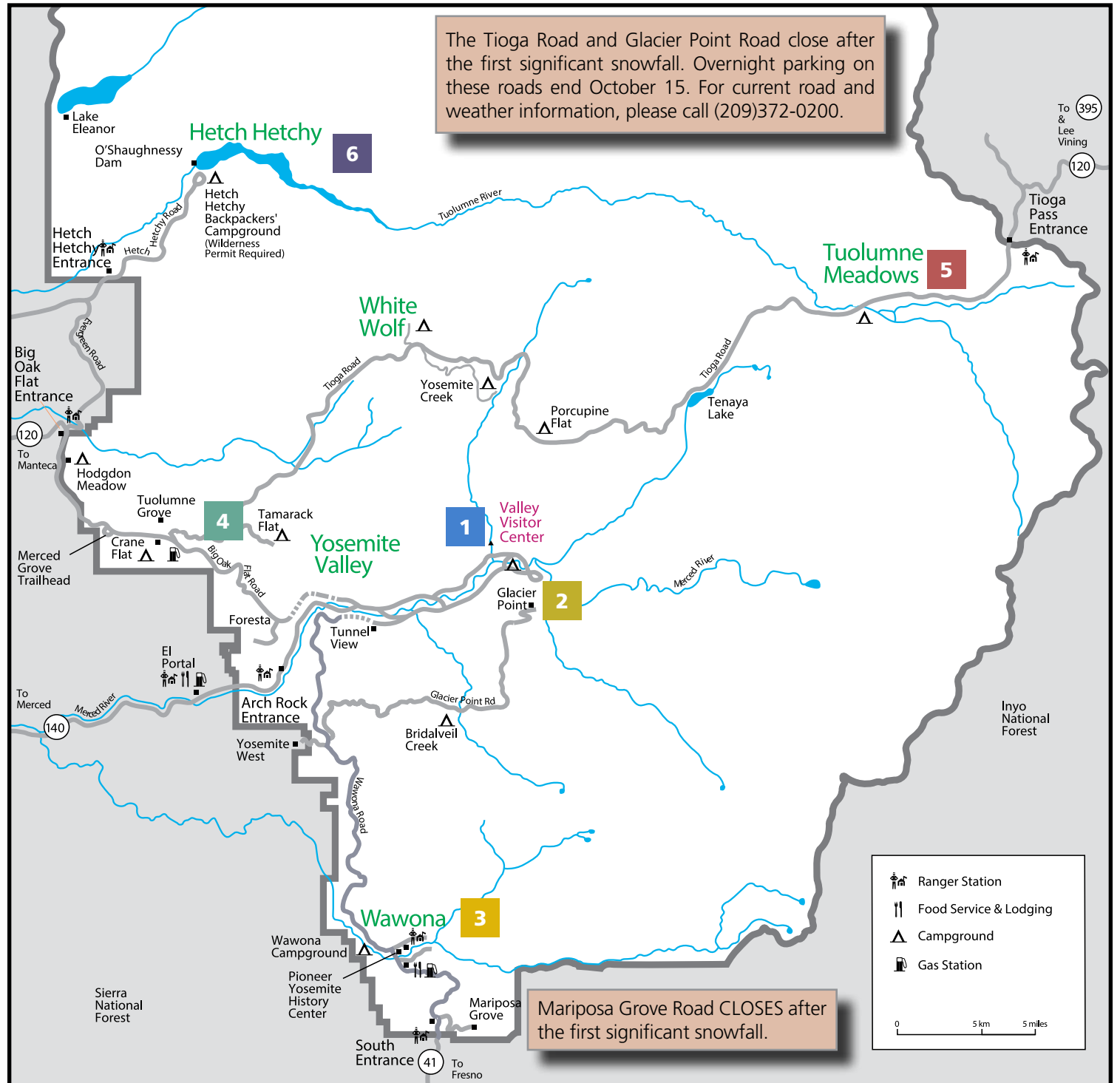
Highway 132/49
Coulterville Visitor Center
(209) 878-3329

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.yosemite.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 that were burned by the Ferguson Fire in 2018. The risk of rockfalls and 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 vehicle.

Yosemite Valley

1 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

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 Badger Pass Ski Area after the first significant snowfall.* 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

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. 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

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.

Tuolumne Meadows and Tioga Road

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

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 8am to 7pm until October 31, then from 8am to 5pm November 1 to March 31. Wilderness permits and bear canisters are available while the road is open. Vehicles and/or trailers over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.



Half Dome view from Glacier Point. Photo by Armand Williams



The Mariposa Grove. Photo by Christine Loberg



Tenaya Lake. Photo by Kenny Karst



Tuolumne River at Tuolumne Meadows. Photo by Ryan Alonzo



Hetch Hetchy. Photo by Sheree Peshlakai

Yosemite Valley

Information, Art, and Exhibits



A fall day in Yosemite Valley. Photo by Ryan Alonzo

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, books, and exhibits. 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 20 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*.

GALLERY EXHIBIT (through October 30)

Yosemite Lenscape: Inspiration to Obsession 160 years after the first picture was taken in Yosemite Valley, photography has done so much to shape the human experience of Yosemite National Park. This exhibit presents four frames for thinking about how photography has left a lasting impact on one of America's favorite parks: how early photographers shaped the park's origin, how researchers use modern-day imagery to make new discoveries, how social media is changing the way we interact with the natural world, and how you the visitor celebrate and share your Yosemite experiences. After you visit the gallery, join in the conversation by posting your pictures with the hashtag #YosemiteLenscape.

INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

Explore the living cultural history of Yosemite's native people. See Indian cultural exhibits and daily demonstrations of stone tool making, basket weaving, 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 9am to 5pm (*closes at 3pm Nov 28*), the gallery offers works of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other artists. Call (209) 372-4413 or visit www.anseladams.com for more details

CURRENT EXHIBIT

The Color of Black and White – Original Photographs by Alan Ross

August 18, 2019 - October 13, 2019

For the photographer, the art (or skill) of seeing the finished print in the mind's eye is not to be taken lightly. It is a trait of true dedication – a sixth sense. Ansel Adams was a proponent of the task, and something he developed right here in the heart of Yosemite National Park around 1927. Today, Alan Ross, following years of side-by-side engagement with several giants of the medium, continues this tradition of visualization.

The Color of Black and White – Original Photographs by Alan Ross will be on display at The Ansel Adams Gallery until October 13, 2019. A closing reception will be held on Saturday, October 12, from 3pm to 5pm, with the artist in attendance. Come and witness Alan's skewed views and 'colorful' visualization of The West.

NEW EXHIBIT

Yosemite Reunion: Impressions of the Park – Pastels on Copper by Martino Hoss

October 14, 2019 - November 16, 2019

Yosemite is not measured in days, but in moments of discovery, light, and energy. Third generation Yosemite artist, Martino Hoss, has experienced many contemplative Yosemite moments, and these have left an indelible impression on him. Martino's signature painting technique marries luminous copper with organic chalk pastels, providing the perfect medium to capture the magical moments of Yosemite National Park.

Each one-of-a-kind pastel on copper painting reunites the artist with an authentic Yosemite experience, igniting the memories and impressions of us all. From October 14 to November 16, The Ansel Adams Gallery will host a body of Martino Hoss work entitled *Yosemite Reunion: Impressions of the Park*. A reception with the artist with light refreshments will be held on Saturday, October 19 from 3pm to 5pm. We hope you will join us.

FUTURE EXHIBIT

Light on the Landscape -

Photographs by William Neill

November 17, 2019 - January 4, 2020

In 1977, photographer William Neill found his life's path redirected when he moved to Yosemite to work for the National Park Service. Not long after, he began working at The Ansel Adams Gallery as a staff photographer, teaching visitors about the art form and the place that he loved. While other itinerant interests would take him on adventures from the American Southwest to the Himalaya to Antarctica, he would make Yosemite his permanent home.

His life in photography since has been an amazing journey as witnessed by the incredible and intimate imagery that has resulted, as well as the numerous books and articles written in the process. From November 17, 2019 to January 4, 2020, The Ansel Adams Gallery will be exhibiting *Light on the Landscape - Photographs by William Neill*. A reception with the artist will be held on Saturday, November 23 from 1pm to 3pm, on what will no doubt be a beautiful autumn day in the park!

POST OFFICES

Yosemite Village

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

Yosemite Valley Lodge

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 28*

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center

9am to 5pm

Yosemite Museum Store

9am to 5pm, *may close for lunch*

Happy Isles Art and Nature Center

9am to 4pm, *may close for lunch*

Closes for the season Oct 26

Village Store

8am to 9pm, *closes at 8pm Beginning Oct 7*

The Ahwahnee

Gift Shop

8am to 9pm, *closes at 8pm beginning Oct 27*

Sweet Shop

7am to 10pm

Yosemite Valley Lodge

Gift/Grocery 8am to 8pm

Curry Village

Gift/Grocery 8am to 8pm

Wawona Area

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop

8am to 7pm

Mariposa Grove

The Depot 9am to 5pm

Events and Programs

Schedule

YOSEMITE VALLEY	
SUNDAY	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
	11:00am OPEN STUDIO (Oct 6, 13, and 20 Only) 4 hrs. Self-guided Yosemite-themed art activities for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (shuttle stop #16). Bring, rent or purchase supplies. Daily, 11am-3pm. (YC)
	12:30pm Ask-A-Climber (Oct 6, 13, and 20 Only) 4 hrs. View climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. El Capitan bridge, across from shuttle bus stop E4. (NPS)
	2:00pm Yosemite Climbing Ranger Walk (Oct 6, 13, and 20 Only) 2 hrs. Discover the what's, how's, and why's of rock climbing on Yosemite's El Capitan. Walk to the base of El Capitan with a Climbing Ranger. Meet at El Capitan Bridge, across the river from shuttle stop E4. (NPS)
	2:00pm Ranger Walk – Merced Meanders 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
	2:00pm Historic Ahwahnee Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind The Ahwahnee. Meet at The Ahwahnee concierge desk. (YH) ♿
	3:30pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on The Ahwahnee hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	7:00pm Yosemite Theater – Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier (Oct 6 Only) 1.5 hrs. Ranger Shelton Johnson brings history to life as Sgt. Elizy Boman. For ticket information, see page 6. (YC) \$
	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) \$
	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) \$
MONDAY	10:00am Art Workshop (Oct 7, 14, and 21 Only) 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 6. (YC) \$
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	1:00pm Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$
	2:00pm Ranger Walk – Yosemite's First People 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
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	7:00pm Evening Program (Except Oct 7, 14, 21, and 28) 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room. (YH) ♿
	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) \$
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TUESDAY	9:00am Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at The Ahwahnee. (TAAG) ♿
	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
	10:00am Art Workshop (Oct 8, 15, and 22 Only) 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 6. (YC) \$
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	12:30pm Ask-A-Climber (Oct 8 and 15 Only) 4 hrs. View climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. El Capitan bridge, across from shuttle bus stop E4. (NPS)
	1:00pm In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$
	1:00pm In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography Class 2 hrs. Get outside and dive into the tools and techniques to make, edit, and produce professional photographs directly from your smartphone. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$
	2:00pm Ranger Walk – Geology 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
	2:00pm Historic Ahwahnee Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind The Ahwahnee. Meet at The Ahwahnee concierge desk. (YH) ♿
	3:30pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on The Ahwahnee hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
7:00pm Yosemite Theater – A Room of Rascals: School in Yosemite's Stagecoach Days (Oct 8, 15, and 22 Only) 1.5 hrs. Travel back to Yosemite Valley in the 1880s with storyteller Brian Shoor. For ticket information, see page 6. (YC) \$	
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) \$	
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) \$	
WEDNESDAY	10:00am Art Workshop (Oct 2, 9, 16, and 23 Only) 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 6. (YC) \$
	11:00am OPEN STUDIO (Oct 2, 9, 16, and 23 Only) 4 hrs. Self-guided Yosemite-themed art activities for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (shuttle stop #16). Bring, rent or purchase supplies. Daily, 11am-3pm. (YC)
	12:30pm Ask-A-Climber (Oct 2, 9, and 16 Only) 4 hrs. View climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. El Capitan bridge, across from shuttle bus stop E4. (NPS)
	1:00pm Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$
	2:00pm Ranger Walk – Inspiring Generations 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
	2:00pm Historic Ahwahnee Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind The Ahwahnee. Meet at The Ahwahnee concierge desk. (YH) ♿
	3:30pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on The Ahwahnee hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	7:00pm Yosemite Theater - Conversation with a Tramp: An Evening with John Muir (Oct 2, 9, and 16 Only) 1 hr. Live performance starring celebrated John Muir actor and historian Lee Stetson. For ticket information, see pg. 6. (YC) \$
	7:00pm Yosemite Theater – Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey (Oct 23 Only) 1.5 hrs. Join climber Ron Kauk for a film and presentation about life on and off the walls. For ticket information, see page 6. (YC) \$
	7:00pm Ranger Evening Program (Nov 6, 13, 20, and 27 Only) 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room. See local listings for topic (NPS) ♿
8:00pm SPECIAL HALLOWEEN TOUR (Oct 30 Only) 1 hr. Meet in front of the Indian Cultural Museum, near shuttle stop #5/9. (YH) ♿	
8:30pm NIGHT PROWL (Except Oct 30) 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) \$	
8:30pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Except Oct 30) 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) \$	
9:00pm SPECIAL HALLOWEEN TOUR (Oct 30 Only) 1 hr. Meet in front of the Indian Cultural Museum, near shuttle stop #5/9. (YH) ♿	
THURSDAY	9:00am Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) ♿
	10:00am Art Workshop (Oct 3, 10, 17, and 24 Only) 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 6. (YC) \$
	11:00am OPEN STUDIO (Oct 3, 10, 17, and 24 Only) 4 hrs. Self-guided Yosemite-themed art activities for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (shuttle stop #16). Bring, rent or purchase supplies. Daily, 11am-3pm. (YC)
	12:30pm Ask-A-Climber (Oct 3, 10, and 17 Only) 4 hrs. View climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. El Capitan bridge, across from shuttle bus stop E4. (NPS)
	1:00pm Using Your Digital Camera Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$
	2:00pm Ranger Walk – Trees 1.5 hrs. The Ahwahnee Hotel, shuttle stop #3 (NPS)
	2:00pm Historic Ahwahnee Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind The Ahwahnee. Meet at The Ahwahnee concierge desk. (YH) ♿
	3:30pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on The Ahwahnee hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	7:00pm FIRESIDE STORYTELLING (Except Oct 31) 1 hr. Gather by the fire and listen to the stories of Yosemite's past and present! The Ahwahnee hotel. (YH) ♿
	7:00pm Yosemite Theater – John Muir's Wild Mountain Adventures (Oct 3 and 10 Only) 1 hr. Live performance starring celebrated John Muir actor and historian Lee Stetson. For ticket information, see page 6. (YC) \$
7:00pm Yosemite Theater – A Room of Rascals: School in Yosemite's Stagecoach Days (Oct 17 Only) 1.5 hrs. Travel back to Yosemite Valley in the 1880s with storyteller Brian Shoor. For ticket information, see page 6. (YC) \$	
7:00pm Yosemite Theater – Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey (Oct 24 Only) 1.5 hrs. Join climber Ron Kauk for a film and presentation about life on and off the walls. For ticket information, see page 6. (YC) \$	
8:00pm SPECIAL HALLOWEEN TOUR (Oct 31 Only) 1 hr. Meet in front of the Indian Cultural Museum, near shuttle stop #5/9. (YH) ♿	
8:30pm NIGHT PROWL (Except Oct 31) 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) \$	
8:30pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Except Oct 31) 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) \$	
9:00pm SPECIAL HALLOWEEN TOUR (Oct 31 Only) 1 hr. Meet in front of the Indian Cultural Museum, near shuttle stop #5/9. (YH) ♿	
FRIDAY	10:00am Art Workshop (Oct 4, 11, 18, and 25 Only) 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 6. (YC) \$
	11:00am OPEN STUDIO (Oct 4, 11, 18, and 25 Only) 4 hrs. Self-guided Yosemite-themed art activities for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (shuttle stop #16). Bring, rent or purchase supplies. Daily, 11am-3pm. (YC)
	12:30pm Ask-A-Climber (Oct 4, 11, and 18 Only) 4 hrs. View climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. El Capitan bridge, across from shuttle bus stop E4. (NPS)
	2:00pm Ranger Walk – Discover Yosemite 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
	2:00pm Wine & Paint Program (Oct 4, 11, 18, and 25 Only) 2 hr. Sip on wine and enjoy a cheese and fruit plate, all while learning to paint iconic Yosemite scenery. Yosemite Valley Lodge Mountain Room Bar. Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YC & YH) \$
	2:00pm Historic Ahwahnee Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind The Ahwahnee. Meet at The Ahwahnee concierge desk. (YH) ♿
	3:30pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on The Ahwahnee hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	7:00pm Yosemite Theater – A Room of Rascals: School in Yosemite's Stagecoach Days (Oct 4 Only) 1.5 hrs. Travel back to Yosemite Valley in the 1880s with storyteller Brian Shoor. For ticket information, see page 6. (YC) \$
	7:00pm Yosemite Theater – Growing Up in Yosemite: The Spirited Life of Florence Hutchings (Oct 11, 18, and 25 Only) 1.5 hrs. Audrey Davis portrays an adventurous girl in 19th-century Yosemite Valley. For ticket information, see page 6. (YC) \$
	7:00pm Film - Ansel Adams: Photographer 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge, check local listings for venue. (TAAG) ♿
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) \$	
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) \$	
SATURDAY	9:00am Day of the Woodpecker (Nov 16 Only) 6 hrs. Learn about Yosemite's diverse woodpeckers during a day hike with a naturalist. Details and registration: yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or 209-379-2317 x10. (YC) \$
	9:00am Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) ♿
	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
	10:00am Art Workshop (Oct 5, 12, 19, and 26 Only) 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 6. (YC) \$
	11:00am OPEN STUDIO (Oct 5, 12, 19, and 26 Only) 4 hrs. Self-guided Yosemite-themed art activities for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (shuttle stop #16). Bring, rent or purchase supplies. Daily, 11am-3pm. (YC)
	12:30pm Ask-A-Climber (Oct 5, 12, and 19 Only) 4 hrs. View climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. El Capitan bridge, across from shuttle bus stop E4. (NPS)
	1:00pm In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$
	2:00pm Ranger Walk – Ahwahneechee Lifeways 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
	2:00pm Historic Ahwahnee Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind The Ahwahnee. Meet at The Ahwahnee concierge desk. (YH) ♿
	3:00pm Collector's Fine Print Viewing 1 hr. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG)
3:30pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on The Ahwahnee hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿	
7:00pm Evening Program (Except Oct 5, 12, 19, and 26) 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room. (YH) ♿	
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Programs printed in ALL CAPS AND COLOR are especially for children and their families.			
NPS	National Park Service	YC	Yosemite Conservancy
YH	Yosemite Hospitality	SC	Sierra Club
TAAG	The Ansel Adams Gallery	\$	Programs with a fee

Things to Do

Yosemite Valley and Beyond



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. *Afterhours services are available at the front desk.*

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 a few times a day, until October 20. For more 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 for family-friendly crafts and activities, browse supplies and original artwork, and more. The center is open daily, 9am to 4pm, through October.

Daily art classes for ages 12 and up are taught by volunteer instructors Monday-Saturday, 10am-2pm (unless otherwise noted), and

are typically held outside in Yosemite Valley. Most workshops are \$20 per person, per class (materials and supplies not included). Upcoming classes include:

- Sep 30-Oct 5 *Watercolor for Beginners with Dave Riddles*
- Oct 7 - 12 *Simple and Fast Plein Air Watercolor with Karen Bieber*
- Oct 14 - 26 *Yosemite's Wonder's in Watercolor with Michael Friedland*

We also offer a drop-in Open Studio (daily, 11am-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 17-20 *Autumn Light Photography*
- Nov 16 *Day of the Woodpecker*
- Dec 14 *Sequoia Stroll in Mariposa Grove*

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.

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, shuttle bus stops #5 and #9. Get your tickets (\$10 per person, free tickets for children under age 12) online at yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-theater, at Yosemite Conservancy bookstores or Yosemite Hospitality tour desks, or at the theater before show time. *Theater programs end for the season October 25.*

Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier (Select dates, see page 5.)

Ranger Shelton Johnson portrays a Buffalo Soldier in Yosemite in the early 1900s.

A Room of Rascals: School in Yosemite's Stagecoach Days (Select dates, see page 5.)

Storyteller Brian Shoor spins a tale of antics and adventures set in the late 1880s.

Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey (Select dates, see page 5.)

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

Conversation with a Tramp: An Evening with John Muir (Wednesdays)

Actor Lee Stetson brings John Muir to life on stage as the legendary naturalist learns about the future of his beloved Hetch Hetchy Valley in the early 20th century.

John Muir's Wild Mountain Adventures (Thursdays)

Ask John Muir! Engage with celebrated actor and historian Lee Stetson on his thrilling journeys in the western wilderness.

Growing up in Yosemite: The Spirited Life of Florence Hutchings (Fridays)

Actor Audrey Davis embodies the adventurous "Flo," born in Yosemite Valley in 1864.

YOSEMITE RENAISSANCE 35 ART EXHIBIT, CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

The call to artists for the 35th annual Yosemite Renaissance Art Exhibit and Competition has begun! If you are an artist inspired by Yosemite and the California Sierra Nevada, this is a fabulous opportunity to share your vision! Artists can apply through November 10, 2019. The exhibit opens in February at the historic Yosemite National Park Museum Gallery in the heart of Yosemite Valley, then travels to other art centers across California. There will be \$5000 in cash awards presented at the Yosemite Museum reception in February 2020. Visit www.yosemitem Renaissance.org to apply!

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 parks, wild lands and natural resources. Yosemite Renaissance is dedicated to this ideal.



Bear illustration by Tom Whitworth

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 13
- Village Grill**
11am to 5pm, closes for the season Oct 13
- The Ahwahnee**
- Dining Room**
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 3pm, Ends at 2pm beginning Oct 7
Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm, Ends at 8:30pm beginning Oct 7
Sunday Brunch: 7am to 3pm, Ends at 2pm beginning Oct 6
Appropriate attire required for dinner. Reservations recommended for dinner and Sunday Brunch, (209) 372-1489.
- Coffee Bar**
7am to 10:30am
- The Ahwahnee Bar**
11:30am to 11pm
- Yosemite Valley Lodge**
- Basecamp Coffee - Starbucks**
Breakfast: 6:30am to 5pm
- Basecamp Eatery**
Breakfast: 6:30am to 10:45am
Lunch: 11am to 4:30pm
Dinner: 4:30pm to 9pm, Ends at 8pm beginning Oct 21
- Mountain Room Lounge**
Sunday – Thursday: 5pm to 10pm, Friday & Saturday: 12pm to 11pm
- Mountain Room Restaurant**
Dinner: 5pm to 9pm
For reservations call (209) 372-1281 or (209) 372-1403; or book on Opentable.com.
- Curry Village**
- Pavillion**
Closed for renovation
- Pizza Deck**
Closed for renovation
- Curry Village Bar**
Closed for renovation
- Housekeeping Camp**
- Store**
8am to 8pm, closes for the season Oct 14
- Wawona Hotel**
Closes for a few weeks after Dec 1
Breakfast: 7am to 10am, closes Dec 1
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm, closes Dec 1
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm, closes Dec 1
Call (209) 375-1425 for dinner reservations
Lounge Service: 5pm to 9:30pm, closes Dec 1
- GIFTS / GROCERIES**
- Yosemite Valley Lodge**
8am to 8pm
- Yosemite Village**
- Village Store**
8am to 9pm, closes at 8pm beginning Oct 7
- Curry Village**
8am to 8pm
- Glacier Point**
- Gift Shop and Snack Stand**
9:30am to 5pm, closes for the season Oct 20
- Wawona**
- Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop**
8am to 7pm
- Golf Shop and Snack Stand**
8am to 4:30pm, closes for the season Oct 20
- Mariposa Grove**
- The Depot**
9am to 5pm
- Crane Flat**
- Gift/Grocery**
9am to 5pm, closes for the season with the closure of Tioga Pass or Oct 27
- SHOWERS AND LAUNDRY**
- Curry Village Showers**
Open 24 hours
- Housekeeping Camp Laundromat**
8am to 10pm
- GAS STATIONS (NO gas in Yosemite Valley)**
- El Portal**
8am to 5pm. Diesel available.
Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card
- Wawona**
8am to 6pm, 9am to 6pm beginning in Nov.
Diesel and propane. Pay 24 hours with credit and debit card.
- Crane Flat**
Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card. Diesel available.
- ACTIVITIES**
- Curry Village**
- Bike Rentals**
10am to 6pm, closes for the season Oct 27
- Yosemite Mountaineering School**
8:30am to Noon, 1pm to 5pm, closes for the season Nov 10
- Ice Rink**
Opens Nov 15, weather permitting
Daily Hours, 3:30pm to 6pm & 7pm to 9:30pm
Weekends and Holidays
8:30am to 11am, in addition to daily hours.
- Yosemite Valley Lodge**
- Bike Rentals**
8am to 7pm, 10am to 4pm beginning Nov 3, closes for the season Nov 17
- Wawona**
- Golf Course**
8am to 6pm, closes for the season Oct 20

Visitor Services

Beyond Yosemite Valley



Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. Photo by Christine Loberg

Wawona

VISITOR CENTER AND BOOKSTORE AT HILL'S STUDIO

The visitor center and Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore are open from 8:30am to 5pm. The facility offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona store parking area and follow the path up the hill. The center closes for the season October 15, then wilderness permits for the Wawona and Glacier Point trailheads will be available by self-registration on the front porch.

EVENING PROGRAM

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel 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 before 8pm, while Tom is performing. *The Wawona Hotel closes for a few weeks after Dec 1.*

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 from 10am to 2pm, Friday to Sunday, October 4-6, 11-13, and Monday, October 14. Purchase tickets at the Grey Barn in the 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, from October 2-11. 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 AND BOOKSTORE

The visitor center and Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore are open from 8am to 5pm. The facility 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. 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 5pm, closes for 1 hour at noon. 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 (THE CHAPEL)
Pastor Brent Moore - Resident Minister
(209) 372-4831 • www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org
www.YosemiteValleyChapelWeddings.org
Call for wedding information and availability

SUNDAY SERVICES in the YOSEMITE CHAPEL:
9:15am - Sunday School and Nursery Available
11:00am - (Memorial Day through Labor Day only)
6:30pm - Evening Service/Bible Study in Chapel

WEDNESDAY MID-WEEK SERVICE
7pm, at the Chapel
THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY
7pm, call for location

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS - CATHOLIC MASS
Behind Visitor Center in Yosemite Theater,
Shuttle stops #5 or #9
SUNDAY - 10am (year - round)
For additional information call (559) 642-3452

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

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

LIONS CLUB
First and third Thursday of each month at noon, at The Ahwahnee. Call for more information.

Protecting Yourself...

and Protecting Yosemite National Park



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, colors are vibrant, and temperatures are comfortable. Rapid weather changes and shorter days add to the excitement of changing seasons, but it also increases our need to plan accordingly.

FOR ALL SEASONS

- Stay on established trails – do not take trail shortcuts or approach the water. Most 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.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

Yosemite's streams are a huge temptation for the curious. Do not be deceived! Yosemite's water is deceptively dangerous and unforgiving, even during low flow. Visitors are strongly urged to enjoy moving or falling water from a safe distance. Also, *granite rocks and boulders near rivers and waterfalls, wet or dry, are extremely slippery. To avoid injury, please do not leave the safety of the trail.*



YOSEMITE'S ROADS

Be mindful of potential hazards that may exist on Yosemite's roads, such as rock fall, distracted motorists, and abundant wildlife. 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 parking areas. Also, as we approach the winter months, watch for icy road conditions.

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.

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, add or reduce layers as follows:

- Base layer – A synthetic, wool, or silk (never cotton) layer will pull moisture away from your skin so that you 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 – A good knit hat that is long enough to cover your ears can make a big difference.
- Shoes – wear sturdy, waterproof hiking boots that aren't too tight. Thick wool or synthetic socks will help keep your feet warm and dry. Carry extra socks
- Gloves – Keep a pair or two in your pack in case you need to keep your hands warm.

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, 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 breathing. Seek medical attention if you experience these symptoms and mention any rodent exposures to your physician. Visit: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm> for details.

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.

Yosemite Guardians

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park's most important guardians. 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

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.

DRONES

Launching, landing, or operating Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) is prohibited. Use of UAS can harm park resources and/or interfere with park operations:

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, a compilation of permit requirements, designations, closures, and other restrictions.

Permit Information

Camping, Hiking, and Wilderness Use



NPS Photo

Permits

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 Hill's Studio in Wawona, Big Oak Flat Information Station, Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center, and Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station. Call (209) 372-0200, or check the web at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm, for additional information. For summer trips, reservations are taken from 24 weeks to two days in advance of the start of your trip. A processing fee of \$5 per permit plus \$5 per person is charged to each confirmed reservation. Check the park's website for trailhead availability and call (209) 372-0740, Monday through Friday, from 8:30am to 4:30pm until October 18, and starting again on November 11.

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.

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, June 7 through October 15, *conditions permitting*. A daily total of 225 lottery day permits have already been issued for 2019. 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>.

Camping

Upper Pines, Camp 4, Wawona, and Hodgdon Meadow are open year-round. For more information on campground opening dates, visit our website at [nps.gov/yose](http://www.nps.gov/yose). Call (209) 372-0266 for same-day camping availability.

CAMPING RESERVATIONS

In Yosemite Valley's car campgrounds, reservations are recommended December through February, and required March through November. Outside the valley, reservations are required summer through fall for Wawona, Hodgdon Meadow, Crane

Flat, and half of Tuolumne Meadows. All other campgrounds (except group and stock campgrounds) are first-come, first-served. Campground reservations are available up to five months in advance, on the 15th of each month at 7am Pacific time. Log onto the website or call as soon as possible as some campgrounds fill almost immediately.

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 (Nov- Feb)
7am to 9pm Pacific time (March - Oct)

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

Bears

If you see a bear, consider yourself lucky—but keep your distance (at least 50 yards, or about the distance made by four shuttle buses parked end to end). 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.

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 10pm to 6am.
- Where permitted, pets must be on a leash and may not be left unattended.

CAMPFIRES

- In Yosemite Valley, between May 1 and September 30, campfires are permitted between 5pm and 10pm. 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 Trail to Columbia Rock	Camp 4 Near Shuttle Stop #7	2 miles round-trip, 2-3 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Upper Yosemite Fall	Same as above	7.2 miles round-trip, 6-8 hours	Very Strenuous 2,700-foot gain
Mirror Lake (A seasonal lake)	Mirror Lake Shuttle Stop #17	2 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Vernal Fall Footbridge	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	1.4 miles round-trip, 1-2 hours	Moderate, 400-foot gain
Top of Vernal Fall	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	3 miles round-trip, 2-4 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Nevada Fall	same as above	5 miles round-trip, 5-6 hours	Strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point (Closed in winter)	Southside Drive	4.8 miles one-way, 3-4 hours one-way	Very Strenuous, 3,200-foot gain
Valley Floor Loop	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	13 miles full loop, 5-7 hours full loop	Moderate

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

Fire In Yosemite:

Fires Historic and Natural Role In the Park Ecosystem

Story by Shanelle Saunders



The 2017 Empire Fire near Glacier Point. NPS Photo

As you travel through Yosemite this fall you may notice some smoke and haze. Fire and smoke are as much a part of the Yosemite ecosystem as water and ice. More than 40 years of fire ecology has taught fire managers that suppressing fires results in unnatural fuel buildup and can make fires more severe than they otherwise would have been. Fire managers work to restore healthy forests and reduce the threat of extensive, severe fire by allowing some lightning-ignited wildfires to burn under moderate conditions. They also use prescribed fire and mechanical tree thinning to reduce fuels.

If you take note of the landscape as you travel throughout the park, you'll notice areas of open canopy and charred standing dead trees. You'll also notice something that may be a little unexpected, re-growth and small islands of healthy forest within burn areas. One such area in particular is along the Glacier Point Road, where the Empire Fire burned from July to November of 2017.

The Empire Fire was a lightning-ignited fire in Yosemite's wilderness that the park managed for resource objectives. Which means, fire managers let the fire burn, while closely monitoring its behavior, and letting it play its historically natural role in the ecosystem. Since 2017, the area impacted by the Empire Fire has had an abundance of wildflowers, tree seedlings, and an emergence of thriving wildlife, which may not have been the case if the fire did not occur. If you are interested in seeing the Empire Fire area two years post-fire, take a leisurely hike down the Mono Meadow trail.

“Fire and smoke are as much a part of the Yosemite ecosystem as water and ice.”

While balancing the need for fires, Yosemite's fire managers strive to protect the air quality that park visitors

breathe. Although prescribed fires and wildfires managed under more moderate conditions may have transient, moderate smoke impacts in areas near the fire, it limits the potential for future severe fires that could otherwise cause extremely unhealthy levels of smoke for extended periods of time, and traveling out over a much wider area.

This fall, Yosemite National Park is planning a 670-acre prescribed fire in the Crane Flat area. The exact ignition date of this prescribed fire depends on a perfect mixture of weather, fuels moisture, and firefighter availability. If you happen to see some smoke and fire personnel while driving through Yosemite, please use added caution in that area.

Prescribed fire is a very important tool for reducing excessive fuel build up on the landscape in order to reduce the severity of future fires. In addition to reducing the risk of severe fire at large scales, prescribed fire can also help create healthy

forests by: increasing wildlife habitat and species diversity across the landscape, create openings for young tree seedlings to sprout, and provide increased water availability.

In addition to prescribed fire, you might notice large piles of twigs and branches strategically placed, sometimes near park roads and infrastructure. These are mechanical tree thinning projects, piles that will be burned when conditions are right.

While you take in the beauty of Yosemite, we hope you'll commit to practicing fire safety. If you're planning on camping, make sure you understand current fire rules and restrictions. If you have a campfire or charcoal grill (where they are permitted), follow a few simple rules: never leave your fire unattended, always clear around your fire ring, and ensure your fire is out cold by using the “drown, stir, and feel” method, before leaving the fire ring.



A Fire Follower - Applegate's Paintbrush, one year after 2017 Empire Fire. NPS Photo



Effects from the 2017 Empire Fire along Glacier Point Road. NPS Photo



A sequoia seedling emerges from the ground after a 2017 prescribed burn. NPS Photo



Every prescribed fire and wildfire is managed with careful strategic planning. NPS Photo

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.

NatureBridge



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

Yosemite Conservancy



Providing For Yosemite's Future

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 10,734 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. Get rid of excess packaging by repacking food in reuseable containers before you leave home.
2. Bring a refillable water bottle/travel mug. Camping? Use refillable propane canisters.
3. Put trash/recycling in correct containers.



Yosemite Name Changes

The names of the following facilities in Yosemite have changed:

- Curry Village (formerly Half Dome Village)
- The Ahwahnee (formerly The Majestic Yosemite Hotel)
- Wawona Hotel (formerly Big Trees Lodge)
- Badger Pass Ski Area (formerly Yosemite Ski & Snowboard 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.