Yosemite Guide 🍃











UPDATE

Due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19, visitor services and access may be affected. Check local resources and area signage in light of changing public health requirements related to COVID-19. For details, visit www. nps.gov/yose.

We encourage you to follow CDC quidance to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

- Practice social distancing by maintaining 6 feet of distance between you and others.
- Wear a face covering when social distancing cannot be maintained
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- Most importantly, stay home if

you feel sick.

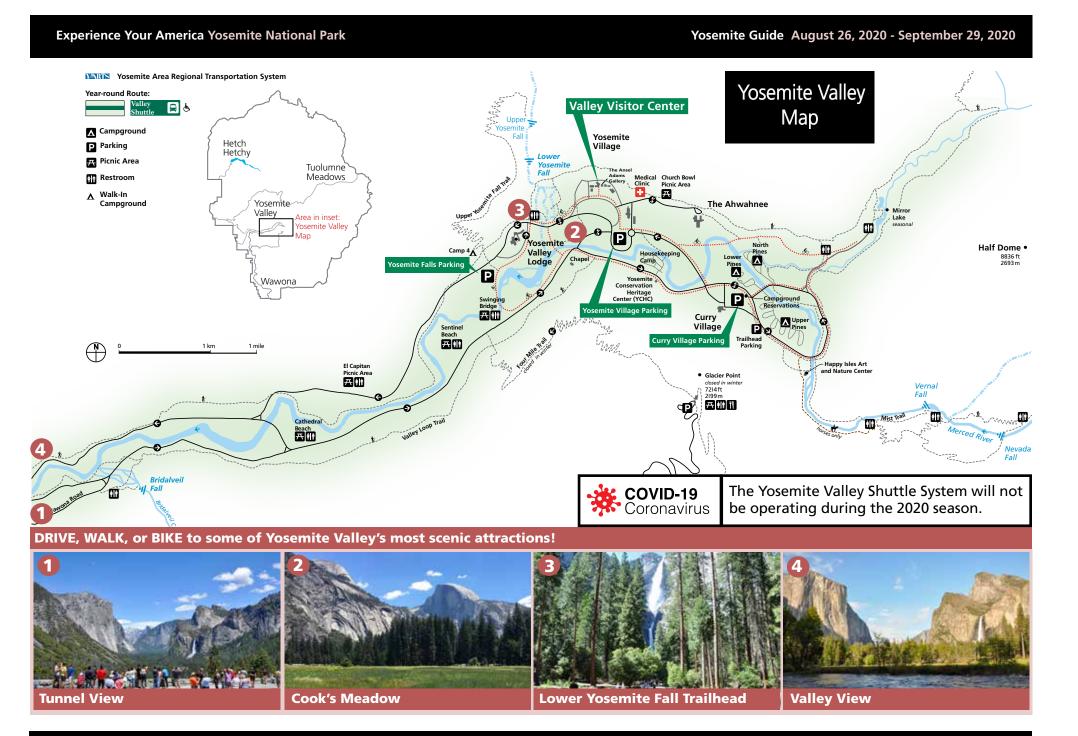
Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



An excavator moves a 60ft tree trunk into position in the river, where it will slow water down and cause sediment to deposit. Read more about restoration efforts along the Merced River on page 10. NPS Photo

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Yosemite Guide August 26, 2020 - September 29, 2020



Park Updates

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



SAFETY ALERT

For your safety and the safety of other visitors and employees, we encourage you to follow CDC guidance to reduce the spread of COVID-19.



a distance of at least 6 feet between you and others.

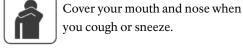
Practice social distancing. Maintain



Wash hands using soap and water or use hand sanitizer frequently.



Wear a facecovering when social distancing cannot be maintained.



Additionally, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, and most importantly, stay home if you feel sick.



Park App

Download the Yosemite app for an interactive map, hiking trails, and park updates. See page 11 for more information.

WELCOME

Ask A Ranger

Drop by a visitor contact station to ask your Yosemite-related questions and to get park information and updates. They are located in Yosemite Valley, Mariposa Grove Welcome Center, Big Oak Flat, and Tuolumne Meadows. Look for signs to direct you to locations.



View of El Capitan, Cathedral Rocks and the Merced River. Image by NPS

How Will COVID-19 Effect My Visit?

Following guidance from federal, state, and local public health authorities and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, we are increasing access and services in a phased approach at Yosemite National Park. Visit the park website, www.nps.gov/yose, for updates and safety information.

Currently open and available	Not open or available at this time	Unavailable in 2020
Visitor contact stations are located in Yosemite Valley, Mariposa Grove, Big Oak Flat, and Tuolumne Meadows.	Visitor Centers are closed until further notice.	All shuttles and tours are canceled for the year.
Most roads and trails are open. Some trails may be closed or re-routed.	Some campgrounds are currently closed.	Yosemite Theater and Yosemite Museum will be closed for the year.
Select campgrounds are open. Camping is by reservation only.	Most programs are canceled until further notice	Campground offices are closed. There is no walk-up service.
Select dining and shopping establishments are open and encourage social distancing.		Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and services

What Does 6-ft Look Like?

The wing span of a bald eagle is roughly 6 feet long. While social distancing, imagine the length of a soaring eagles' wing span between you and others.



THINGS TO DO IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

Custom Yosemite Experiences

Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist-guide for a Custom Adventure designed to fit your interests and schedule. Options include day hikes, birding walks, stargazing programs, backpacking trips, and more. For more information, contact adventures@yosemite.org, or visit yosemite.org/custom-adventures.

The Ansel Adams Gallery Photography Excursions

Sign up for a half-day photography class, private guided tour, or a camera walk led by a resident staff photographer. Call ahead for reservations 209/372-4413 or visit anseladams. com/photography-education.

YOSEMITE INSPIRATIONS

Yosemite

As you burst into this valley of wonder you can hear the falls like thunder Drifting through the shallow streams flowing through the sunlight beams And the mountains, oh so high echo the wind's silent cry. The silent cry that makes its way through sequoia groves everyday... The sequoia trees which are so tall make every person seem so small People, people everywhere enjoying what nature has to share... Nature shares a beautiful storm with wind so strong and so warm! The storm brings courage to your heart and you will never want to part with... Yosemite National Park! -Day Schual, age 11

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, 2020! The National Park Service recognizes and celebrates the contributions, achievements, and histories of Hispanics and Latinos in American culture. We embrace the diverse and rich cultural history preserved within our national parks. Take some time to learn about Hispanic American early explorers and modern day leaders.

Entering a National ParkYosemite 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 9) and those designed for your safety (page 8).



Fire – Police – Medical Emergency: Dial 911 or (209) 372-4637

Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley) Open Monday through Friday, 9am to 7pm, closed weekends and federal holidays



Road, Weather, and Park Information: (209) 372-0200 Yosemite Village Garage - 24 hour

AAA towing services for emegency only, NO gas, (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. 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 improve parking, roads, trails, and facilities situated near Bridalveil Fall.
When: Lasting through 2020 and 2021
Visitor Impact: Comfort station and parking lot may not be available due to construction.

Tioga Road Rehabilitation Plan, Tenaya Lake Plan, and Tuolumne River Plan

Why: To make safety improvements and improve visitor experience, while preserving natural and cultural resources along the road.
When: late 2020 through 2022 seasons
Visitor Impact: 30-minute traffic delays along Tioga Road due to construction.

Glacier Point Rehabilitation Plan

Why: To repair aging and deteriorated pavement, pullouts, and parking areas along Glacier Point Road. When: lasting through 2021 and 2022 seasons Visitor Impact: Full road closure from spring through fall 2021, and 30-minute delays in 2022.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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Back Valley Map

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**

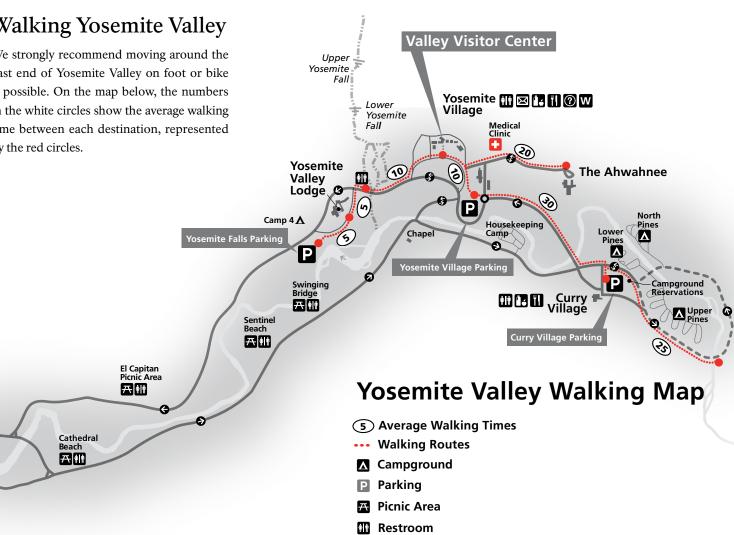
(866) 425-3366 or (209) 966-7081 **Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau**

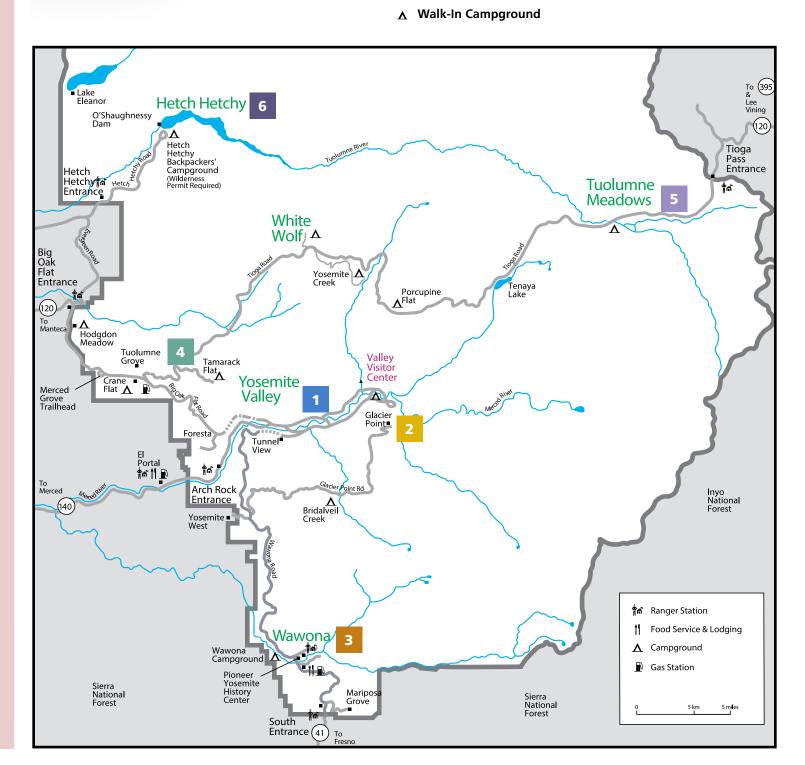
(209) 742-4567 www.yosemite.com

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

Walking Yosemite Valley

We strongly recommend moving around the east end of Yosemite Valley on foot or bike if possible. On the map below, the numbers in the white circles show the average walking time between each destination, represented by the red circles.





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 or car, 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 (a one-hour drive) from Yosemite Valley or Wawona. To get there from either of these places, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41) to Chinquapin, then turn onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating—some might say unnerving—view 3,214 feet down to Yosemite Valley below.

Wawona and Mariposa Grove

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1 ¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park's South Entrance. 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.

Tioga Road and Tuolumne Grove

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

Tuolumne Meadows

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

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 5pm. Vehicles and/or trailers over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.





Yosemite Valley in Spring. Photo by Christine White Loberg



The view from Glacier Point. Photo by Sarah Gulici



Giant sequoias in the Mariposa Grove. Photo by Jeffrey Trust



Cathedral Peak, near Tuolumne Meadows. NPS Photo



Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. NPS Photo

Yosemite Valley and Beyond

Information, Exhibits, and Programs

Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

A visitor contact station will be available outside the visitor center for information and updates. The Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore will be operating as an outdoor "to-go" store from 9am to 5pm. Located in Yosemite Village.

YOSEMITE FILMS

Closed during the 2020 season.

Yosemite Museum

Closed during the 2020 season.

INDIAN CULTURAL VILLAGE

Walk through the reconstructed Indian Village of Ahwahnee and learn about the structures the Ahwahneechee lived in and the plants they used for survival. Check out the interactive displays and see the ceremonial roundhouse, bark houses, and sweathouse members of the local tribes still actively use for ceremonies and special gatherings. Located behind the Yosemite Museum in Yosemite Village.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE

Closed during the 2020 season.

YOSEMITE RENAISSANCE -A CALL FOR ARTISTS

The call to artists for Yosemite Renaissance 36 begins July 1, 2020. The competition is open to artists worldwide, and offers \$5000 in cash awards. The show opens at the Yosemite Museum Gallery in February 2021, then travels to other art centers across California. The exhibit focuses on artwork inspired by Yosemite and the California Sierra Nevada region. Artists interested in applying can view the prospectus at www.yosemiterenaissance. org and can apply at www.smarterentry.com. For more information, call (559) 683-5551 or email info@yosemiterenaissance.org



A park ranger answers a visitor's question at a visitor contact station in Yosemite Valley. NPS Photo

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Open 10am to 3pm+ daily. The gallery offers works by Ansel Adams as well as contemporary photographers, painters, and printers. Call (209) 372-4413 or visit www.anseladams. com for more information. The Ansel Adams Gallery is located in Yosemite Village.

EXHIBIT

August 23, 2020 - October 10, 2020 Yosemite and The West: Photographs by **Bob Kolbrener**

Wide open expanses call like never before. While places like Yosemite and The West have always found their way into our collective consciousness, stirring us through social media or politics, their metaphors of perseverance, strength and receptiveness carry a new weight.

Bob Kolbrener has been photographing these landscapes for over 50 years with his large and medium format cameras. He knows first-hand

the important messages and lessons that these places can impart, crediting Ansel Adams who concisely articulated the experience best when he said: 'The great rocks of Yosemite are the most compelling formations of their kind. And you cannot casually pass them by for they are the very heart of the earth speaking to you.'

Much like Mr. Adams before him, it is easy to see in Mr. Kolbrener's images a benevolence and power in grand landscapes, of the earth calling to us.

Yosemite and The West, Photographs by Bob Kolbrener, will open at The Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village on Sunday, August 23 and run through Saturday, October 10. While we are unable to host a reception due to COVID-19, we do hope you stop by to see these incredible large scale, gelatin silver photographs in person, and all that they speak to.

THINGS TO DO IN THE WAWONA AREA

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 interpretive signs explain how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world.

Mariposa Grove

Located near Yosemite's South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequioas is the park's largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees in the grove. Shuttles will not operate during the 2020 season, expect a two-mile, oneway walk to reach the grove. Interpretive signs provide a self-guiding tour once in the grove.

THINGS TO DO IN CRANE FLAT

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 drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guided nature trail. Bring drinking water.

Merced Grove

The Merced Grove, a group of about 20 mature trees, is a three-mile, round-trip hike. The trail drops 1.5 miles, making this a moderatelystrenuous hike. Bring drinking water. The grove is located 31/2 miles north of Crane Flat along the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). The trail is marked by a roadside sign.

THINGS TO DO IN TUOLUMNE MEADOWS Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley **Cabin, and Soda Springs**

Two trails, both flat and 3/4-mile long, lead to this historic area. Soda Springs are small, naturally-carbonated springs that attract birds and deer, especially at sunrise and sunset. Thank you for staying on the trail.

Programs

Social distancing measures will be in place at all park programs for the safety of participants and employees. Programs marked with a indicate that facilities are accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. Short, steep inclines may be encountered. Contact 209/379-5250 (v/txt) to request a sign language interpreter. Two weeks notice requested, but not required. Also, check local listings for additional programs.

WAWONA - RANGER PROGRAM &

Join park ranger naturalists for informative and fun learning experiences at the Redwoods in Yosemite Vacation Rentals front office Tuesdays at 7pm and Saturdays at 9am (August 29, September 1, and September 5 only). From Wawona Road, turn onto Chilnualna Falls Road and travel 1.4 miles (2.3 km); the office is on the right. Please practice social distancing to ensure your safety. (NPS)

YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY

Join Yosemite Conservancy for naturalist-led Outdoor Adventures, including backpacking trips (Aug 28-30, Sep 3-6 & Sep 10-13) and a "Field School" weekend focused on climate change (Sep 10-12), or contact us to plan a Custom Adventure or Custom Art Class. Strict safety measures will be in place. Learn more at:

Outdoor Adventures:

vosemite.org/experience/outdoor-adventures Custom Adventures:

yosemite.org/experience/custom-adventures Custom Art Classes:

vosemite.org/experience/custom-art-classes

Stay connected with Yosemite virtually, through naturalist videos and online art demonstrations. Explore our website (yosemite.org) and follow us on social media to find the latest resources from our team, learn more about our organization, and see our program calendar.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES &

The Ansel Adams Gallery offers photography classes everyday! Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery, located in Yosemite Valley or visit their website for more information at anseladams.com/photography-education. Excursions have been modified to limit group size and accommodate social distancing for guest safety.

YOSEMITE CONSERVATION HERITAGE CENTER

The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (YCHC) is closed for the 2020 season due to COVID-19. We apologize for any inconvenience. We may have evening programs online soon. Please visit the Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center website for more information: sierraclub.org/ yosemite-conservation-heritage-center.



Sign language interpreter Kara Stella. Image by NPS

Services in Yosemite



All available operations and hours of operations are subject to change. Check local resources and area signage in light of changing public health requirements related to COVID-19.



Outdoor dining at the Village Grill in Yosemite Village. Photo by Sheree Peshlakai

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

Food and Drink

YOSEMITE VILLAGE Degnan's Kitchen

7am to 11am; 11:30pm to 6pm, Take-out meals only

The Loft at Degnan's Kitchen

Closed for the 2020 season

Village Grill

11am to 5pm

THE AHWAHNEE **Dining Room**

Boxed meals for take-out only for

breakfast, lunch, and dinner Breakfast: 7am to 10am Lunch: 11am to 4:30pm **Dinner:** 5:30pm to 8:30pm

The Ahwahnee Bar

Temporarily closed due to COVID-19

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Base Camp Eatery -

Indoor dining may be temporarily unavailable due to COVID-19 Starbucks Coffee: 7am to 3pm Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Lunch: 11am to 2pm Dinner: 4pm to 9pm

Mountain Room Restaurant / Bar

Temporarily closed due to COVID-19

CURRY VILLAGE

Meadow Grill

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Lunch/Dinner: 12pm to 8pm, Closes after breakfast Sep 7, reopens Sep 28, 7am to 10am/12pm to 8pm from Sep 28 to October 18

Taco Food Truck

1pm to 9pm,

7am to 10am/12pm to 8pm from Sep 8

12pm to 2pm/5pm to 8pm from Sep 28 to Oct 18.

California Bowl Food Truck

5pm to 9pm,

12pm to 2pm/5pm to 8pm from Sep 8 to Sep 20. Closes for the season Sep 20.

Pavilion/Pizza Deck/Coffee Corner/Bar

Closed for renovations

GLACIER POINT

Snack Stand

9am to 6pm, conditions permitting

WAWONA

Wawona Hotel, Stable, and Golf Shop

Closed for the 2020 season **TUOLUMNE MEADOWS**

Lodge, Store, and Grill

Closed for the 2020 season

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH (The Chapel)

Pastor Brent Moore: Resident Minister (209) 372-4831 • www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org $\underline{www.YosemiteValleyChapelWeddings.org}$ **SUNDAY SERVICES**

Morning Services: 9:15am (Year-round)

11am (Memorial Day - Labor Day

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY - Call for location

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

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

Groceries 🔼

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Village Store

9am to 8pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Gift/Grocery

10am to 6pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Gift/Grocery

10am to 7pm

WAWONA

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop

8am to 5pm

EL PORTAL

El Portal Market 10am to 6pm

Gas Stations

EL PORTAL

24-hour pay-at-the-pump; *Automotive* supplies available at El Portal Market.

WAWONA

24-hour pay-at-the-pump; *Automotive* supplies available at Wawona Store.

CRANE FLAT

24-hour pay-at-the-pump; *Automotive* supplies available at Village Store.

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, & Apparel

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center

9am to 5pm (will be operating as an outdoor "to-go" store)

Yosemite Museum Store

Closed for the 2020 season

The Ansel Adams Gallery

10am to 3pm+

Village Store

9am to 8pm

Gift Shop

10am to 6pm **Sweet Shop**

11:30am to 7pm

THE AHWAHNEE

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Gift/Grocery 10am to 6pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Gift/Grocery

10am to 7pm **Mountain Shop**

8am to 4pm

GLACIER POINT

Gift Shop 9am to 6pm, conditions permitting

WAWONA

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop

8am to 5pm

The Depot at Mariposa Grove

Closed

Recreation &

CURRY VILLAGE

Bike Rentals

8am to 6pm,

10am to 5pm beginning Sep 8

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Bike Rentals

8am to 6pm,

10am to 5pm beginning Sep 8

General Services

Medical Clinic - Yosemite Valley (209) 372-4637

for emergency CALL 9-1-1

Monday - Friday: 9am to 5pm,

Closed weekends and federal holidays

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Garage

24-hour towing service for emergencies only

CURRY VILLAGE

Shower House

Open 24 hours - For lodging guests only Closed for 1 hour at 5am, 11am, 3pm, and 10pm

HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

Lodge, Store, Laundry, and Showers

Closed for the 2020 season

Hiking



Sentinel Dome, Yosemite National Park. NPS Photo / Sheree Peshlakai

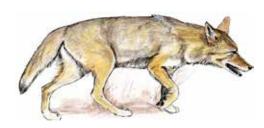


PARK UPDATE

- Please practice social distancing while walking on trails.
- Expect trail closures.
- Some trails may be re-routed to accommodate social distancing protocol. Please comply with all posted signs.

Know Before You Go:

- Swimming is not permitted in the Hetch Hetchy reservoir or in Emerald Pool above Vernal Fall.
- Stay away from swift-moving water. Keep children from wandering near these hazards. Choose swimming areas carefully and swim only during low water conditions.
- Always supervise children closely.
- Avoid areas of whitewater, where streams flow over rocky obstructions.
- Never swim or wade upstream from a waterfall, even if the water appears shallow and calm. Nearly every year, unsuspecting visitors are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when swimming in these areas.



Choose your adventure

What better way to enjoy the beauty of Yosemite than on foot. Ask a ranger at any visitor contact station for updated trail conditions and one of several free day-hike handouts.

Popular Yosemite Day Hikes

Trail / Description	Starting Point	Distance / Time	Difficulty	NPS Images of Trails
Bridalveil Fall A paved trail leads from the Bridalveil Fall parking area to the base of this waterfall, which flows year round. Expect lots of spray in spring and early summer.	Yosemite Valley - Bridalveil Fall Parking Area	0.5 mile round- trip, 20 minutes	Easy	
Lower Yosemite Fall This walk rewards visitors with views of Upper and Lower Yosemite Falls. This waterfall may be dry in late summer and early fall. Expect lots of spray in spring and early summer.	Yosemite Valley - Yosemite Valley Lodge Parking Lot	1 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy	
Sentinel Dome This trail leads mostly across open granite with little shade. Enjoy a breathtaking 360-degree view of the park. Consider taking this hike at sunset, remember to bring a flashlight with fresh batteries!	Glacier Point Road - Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round- trip, 2 hours	Moderate	
Taft Point Walk through the forest, past a wildflower-filled meadow (seasonal), to an expanse on the south rim of Yosemite Valley, and enjoy great views of Yosemite Valley, including El Capitan and Yosemite Falls.	Glacier Point Road - Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round- trip, 2 hours	Easy to Moderate	
Mariposa Grove: Big Trees Loop Expect a two-mile, one-way walk to reach the grove, then, the Big Trees Loop takes you through a forest with many giant sequoias, and features the Fallen Monarch and interpretive panels.	Mariposa Grove Welcome Center Parking Lot	4.3 miles round trip, 3 to 4 hours.	Moderate	

Permit Information

Camping, Hiking, and Wilderness Use

Wilderness Permits

Wilderness permits are required for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness. Following adaptive management guidelines and the need to protect the health and safety of our visitors and employees, there will be no first-come, first-served permits issued in the park for 2020. The remaining 40% of trailhead quotas will be available through a two week out lottery using the advanced reservation system. Please go to www. nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits. htm to check trailhead availability and for more information on how to apply for these permits. Reservations can be made online at www.yosemite.org/experience/ wilderness-permits. A processing fee of \$5 per permit plus \$5 per person is charged to each confirmed reservation. 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

Wilderness Centers YOSEMITE VALLEY

Open daily from 9am to 1pm for bear canister rentals only. The Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village, between the post office and The Ansel Adams Gallery.

WAWONA

Open daily from 9am to 1pm for bear canister rentals only. 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 Wawona Store parking area and follow the path up the hill.

BIG OAK FLAT

Open daily from 9am to 1pm for bear canister rentals only. The information station is located just inside the park entrance on Hwy 120W.



Camp 4. Photo by Sarah Gulick

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Open daily from 9am to 1pm for bear canister rentals only. The Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center is located just south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge.

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 2020, June 5 through October 13, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 preseason lottery permits have already been issued for 2020. Some additional permits will be released by daily lottery throughout the season based on estimated under-use and cancellation rates. Applications for daily lotteries will be accepted 2 days prior to the desired hiking date between midnight and 1pm. To apply, visit Recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777. A non-refundable application fee applies to all submissions and a use fee applies to winning applicants. Finally, a daily quota of 75 Half Dome permits will be available to overnight users with an appropriate wilderness permit (use fee applies). For the 2020 season, Half Dome permits attached to a wilderness permit will only be available through the current online wilderness reservation system. 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 is open year-round during the 2020 season. For more information on campground opening dates, visit our website at go.nps.gov/campground. Sleeping in vehicles and frontcountry camping are only permitted in designated campsites.

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



PARK UPDATE

- Camping during the 2020 season is by reservation only.
- There is no walk-up service, campground offices are closed.
 Same-day availability may be accessed via recreation.gov
- Some campgrounds will be closed.

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 not available during the 2020 season.
- 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.
- Firewood collection 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.



Fire Restrictions Are in Effect for the Entire Park

- Wood and charcoal fires (including twig stoves) are only permitted in open developed campgrounds, open picnic areas with park-installed grills, and residential areas.
- Only portable stoves that use pressurized gas, liquid fuel, propane, or alcohol (including table/cub stoves), not wood, are allowed.
- Smoking is prohibited except within an enclosed vehicle, a building in which smoking is allowed, designated campgrounds, designated picnic areas, paved developed areas, and designated smoking areas.
- Smoke is inevitable throughout the year in different parts of the park, whether from campfires, natural wildfire in the backcountry, or prescribed fire. The park may also experience smoke impacts from other areas throughout the region. To help plan your trip look up the air quality page on the park's website.

Protecting yourself...



Yosemite Search and Rescue in action. Image by NPS

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.

Autumn Changes in Yosemite

As the heat and excitement of the summer come to a close, changing seasons in Yosemite welcome in new possibilities for adventure and enjoyment. Shorter days and cooler temperatures provide a glimpse of the coming winter. With these changes, it is important to know your limits and to be prepared with the essentials when enjoying the myriad of outdoor recreation opportunities in Yosemite.

Weather

Dehydration and exhaustion can occur during any season. You are particularly vulnerable during the lingering summer heat in lower elevation areas of the park. Always carry more water than you need and make sure your hike or outdoor activity is half over before your water is half gone. Prevent dehydration by sipping lots of water throughout the day and frequently eating salty, easy-to-digest snacks. During this season the high country may see its first storms, making it important to monitor weather forecasts while planning trips and making sure to be prepared with extra warm clothes in the event of cooler temperatures.

Altitude

The elevation of Yosemite Valley is around 4,000 feet, and Tuolumne Meadows hovers around 9,000 feet, which may leave you experiencing signs of altitude illness. The effects of altitude can lead to problems with judgment and physical performance and may even become lifethreatening. Altitude illness affects us equally, regardless of age, physical condition, and gender. The only cure for altitude illness is to lose elevation.

Rivers and Stream

Yosemite's streams are a huge temptation for the curious, the photographer, and the overheated and weary hiker simply wanting to cool tired feet. Do not be fooled! Yosemite's water is deceptively dangerous and unforgiving. Visitors are urged to enjoy moving or falling water from a safe distance. Please: Do NOT leave the safety of the trail.

Yosemite's Roads

Yosemite's roads have added hazards when compared to your roads at home. Rock fall, distracted motorists, and abundant wildlife, including deer and bear, to name a few. Moreover, there are many sites to distract you. If you cannot devote all of your attention to your driving, pull completely off the road into designated pull-outs. Buckle up! Park rangers enforce California's Motor Vehicle Code on park roads.

For All Seasons

- Stay on established trails do not take shortcuts, ignore fences, or approach water. Almost all of Yosemite's nontraffic related injuries occur off trail.
- Rock scrambling leave this to the
- Water and food Carry more 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, navigation, and a signaling method (mirror and whistle).

Let someone know - leave your hiking plan, including intended route, destination, and estimated time of return, with a trusted person. If no one knows you are missing, no one is going to be looking for you.

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 take steps to protect yourself from HPS. HPS risk is greater inside enclosures where deer mice are present. If staying in guest lodging, tell housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice in your room. Do not clean the area yourself. Keep doors to guest lodging shut and keep food in sealed containers. 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. For more information on hantavirus visit: www.nps.gov/yose/ planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm.

Plague

Plague is an infectious bacterial disease that is carried by squirrels, chipmunks and other wild rodents. When an infected rodent dies, its fleas can carry the infection to other animals, including humans. Never feed wildlife, avoid dropping food when eating outside, and pitching a tent near rodent burrows. Wear insect repellent with DEET, and tell a park ranger if you see a dead animal. Early symptoms of plague may include high fever, chills, nausea, weakness, and painful swelling at the site of an insect bite. If you develop these symptoms within 6 days of visiting an area at risk for plague in the park, see your doctor and inform them you may have been exposed.

Avoid Contact with Wildlife

Wild animals in Yosemite can transmit diseases, including plague, rabies, and hantavirus. Keeping your distance and your food from wildlife not only protects them, it also protects you. If you encounter a mammal, that is behaving erratically, don't touch it. Report it to a park employee.

Wilderness Etiquette: How to Poop in the Woods

- · When nature calls, make sure you are at least 200 feet away from any water source.
- · Carry a trowel so you can dig a hole in the dirt that is at least 6 inches deep so you're able to bury your waste.
- Pack out toilet paper, don't bury it or try to burn it! If you are in snow and can't dig a hole into soil you are expected to pack out your waste as well.

...and Yosemite



Photo by Caitlin Lee-Roney

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.

How to Store Food "Food" includes any item with a scent, regardless of packaging. This iincludes 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 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 (209) 379-1992.

E-BIKES

E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors less than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed on roads open to cars, as well as on Happy Isles Road and Mirror Lake Road. They are not allowed on bike paths or trails

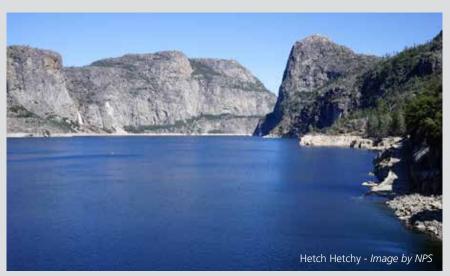
FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm.

Clean water is a precious resource for all living beings -

You can protect these waters and this pristine watershed which supplies drinking water for 2.7 million people.

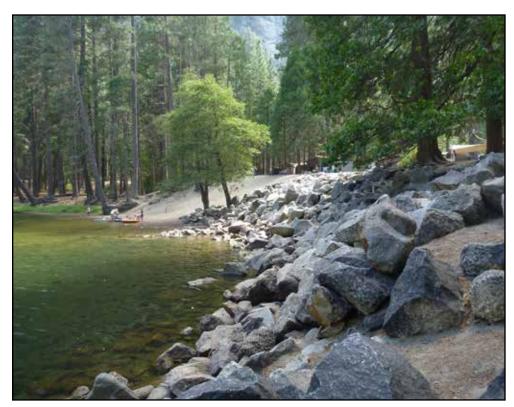
- <u>Protect fragile plants and soils</u>: Trampling vegetation and compressing soils affects the movement and cleanliness of water.
- <u>Walk and camp on durable surfaces</u>: Use established trails, campsites, rock, and gravel to minimize your impact. Walk single file and keep groups small.
- <u>Pack it in, pack it out</u>: Pack out toilet paper, hygiene products, leftover food, trash, and litter from campsites, rest areas, and trails. Leave no trace!
- Wash yourself or dishes 200 feet away from water sources:
- <u>Use restroom facilities or bury human waste</u>: Bury human waste in a hole at least 6 inches (15 centimeters) deep and at least 200 feet (60 meters) from streams and lakes.



Restoring the Merced River:

A Commitment to Good Stewardship

Story by Cat Fong





Left: The riverbank at Housekeeping Camp before restoration. Riprap covers the steep banks. Right: The riverbank at Housekeeping Camp two years after restoration. NPS Photos

Tou may see some unexpected activities by the Merced River during late summer and fall in Yosemite Valley. You may glimpse a large yellow excavator tracking down the riverbank, carrying a giant tree trunk in its bucket. Park rangers may emerge from dense thickets carrying bundles of newly-lopped willow and cottonwood poles. These are signs that riverbank restoration is underway.

Perhaps the first reliable written description of the state of Yosemite Valley's stream systems, before the arrival of European Americans, was penned by the California state geologist J. D. Whitney after his visit to Yosemite Valley in 1866. "Through the Valley flows the Merced River, about 70 feet in width, making many sharp and curiously angular bends, touching the talus first on one side and then on the other. Along the banks of the river and over the adjacent rather swampy meadows, we find a somewhat varied vegetation ..." he wrote.

Yosemite Valley's stream systems used to be messier and more complex, full of meanders and abandoned channels. The waterways were choked with downed trees, and dense vegetation grew on the riverbanks. Yosemite Valley was wetter and swampier, in part because the river used to flood more frequently.

Since the late 1800s, park managers and residents of Yosemite Valley changed this stream system to match their particular vision for this place. They removed large pieces of wood out of the Merced River to decrease flooding and increase the ease of swimming and boating. They placed large boulders on the riverbanks, called riprap, to armor the banks and make it hard for the river to move certain directions. At one point more than 14,000 linear feet of this riprap existed in Yosemite Valley. They also filled in old river channels to prevent mosquitoes from breeding in these areas. The park service built dams, diversions, and pipelines, and mined gravel and sand from the river itself. Perhaps the most significant action occurred in 1879 when park guardians dynamited the El Capitan moraine where it obstructed the Merced River, lowering the base level of the river itself.

The park service now recognizes that many of those changes were harmful to the health of the Yosemite Valley ecosystem.

Some impacts were unintentional. As more and more people began accessing the river, they trampled vegetation on the banks and over time the streambanks grew more bare. Without roots to hold the soil together, the banks eroded and in some places the river widened. Undersized bridges caused localized erosion and deep scour pools.

Yosemite National Park first established an ecological restoration program in the 1980s as we began to recognize the harmful legacy of our activities and desired to create healthier ecosystems. From its beginning the program has focused on process-based restoration. This type of restoration seeks to restore the underlying processes that sustain ecosystems so that systems regain dynamism and can evolve to match changing conditions. The restoration methods also leverages processes that still function-- such as sediment transport and vegetation growth-- to assist the system in fixing itself.

The current Merced River restoration work is directed by the Merced River Plan, which since 2014 has served as the guiding document to protect and enhance river values and manage use within the river corridor. Since 2016 the park has conducted a major riverbank

restoration project in Yosemite Valley every fall. These projects have multiple goals, but generally aim to decrease the width of the river channel to its original size, remove riprap, and revegetate banks.

The most recent project was completed in 2019 at the Swinging Bridge Picnic Area. National Park Service employees used heavy equipment to remove approximately 200 linear feet of riprap from the riverbanks and replaced the riprap with an engineered log structure to stabilize the bank while it is revegetated. Crews planted hundreds of willow and cottonwood poles and thousands of native plants, including dogwood saplings and rhododendron. The area was fenced off to allow the plants time to grow. Once the plants mature, the dense root systems of the plants will stabilize the bank and the diverse plants will create valuable habitat for many animal species.

Yosemite's restoration program is an expression of our commitment to leave the park unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations. And it is our acknowledgement that we are willing to fix our past mistakes and to let natural processes act as the main influence on the landscape. Restoring the river is just one of the many ways we can make a difference as responsible caretakers for this special place.



NPS staff plants willow shoots using a high-powered water jet called a hydrodrill. NPS Photos

DID YOU KNOW?

- The park is currently carrying out major river restoration projects that are part of the Merced River Plan.
- The easiest projects to visit are at Housekeeping Camp or Swinging Bridge
- You can help the restoration projects succeed by not crossing fences that are protecting young plants.

Supporting Your Park

Providing for Yosemite's Future

Enhance the Visitor Experience

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

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Half Dome, Christine White Loberg

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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 over \$130 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: yosemite.org or (415) 434-1782.

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.

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

Yosemite National Park App



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