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Yosemite Today

September 26 - October 31, 2001

Yosemite Valley




Yosemite Valley View

Photo by M. Floyd

Beginning October 9, small portions of the Day Use parking area located in Yosemite Village will be closed to facilitate investigations of a former dump site. This investigation is required by an agreement between Yosemite National Park and the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control.



Join Ranger Shelton Johnson as he slips deep into Yosemite's history and becomes Sgt. Eliza Boman of the 9th Cavalry. On this free, 1½ hour guided walk, Shelton will take you back 100 years into the Buffalo Soldier history of Yosemite. This walk will meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 17th and again on October 31st.

 Indicates facilities accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

Valley Visitor Center

Open daily 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9). Information, maps, books, exhibits, and a multilingual *One Day in Yosemite* program. ♿

NEW FEATURE Spirit of Yosemite

This inspiring film provides a stunning overview of Yosemite's splendor. It is shown every hour from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center's newly renovated West Auditorium Theater. Closed captioning available.

Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. ♿

FEATURES

Indian Cultural Exhibit

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Displays interpret the cultural history of Yosemite's native Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Demonstrations of basket-weaving, beadwork, and/or traditional games are presented.

Museum Gallery

Open daily 10:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. An opportunity to view historic Yosemite Valley photographs taken by renowned photographer George Fiske (1835-1918).

Yosemite Museum Store

Open daily 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Offering traditional American Indian arts and crafts and books on related subjects.

The Indian Village of Ahwahnee

Located behind the Yosemite Museum and open during daylight hours. There is sometimes the opportunity to join Indian Cultural Program staff for demonstrations or programs about Ahwahneechee skills and culture. ♿

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Beginning October 15, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. The Gallery offers work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other fine artists. In addition, a wide selection of handcrafts, books, gifts, and photography supplies is available. For more information, call the Gallery at 209/372-4413 or visit their web site at www.anseladams.com. ♿

Gallery Exhibits

A World of Wonder, the photographic prints of master color printer Christopher Burkett through October 14.

Watercolors and Woodblock Prints. Vibrant watercolors of local Yosemite artist, Sally Owens and dramatic multi-colored woodblock prints of Santa Cruz artist Tom Killion. Artist's Reception, October 20, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Yosemite Cemetery

This historic cemetery is located across the street and just west of the Yosemite Museum. People buried here include Native Americans, casual park visitors, and others who played an important role in the development of what is now Yosemite National Park. A *Guide to the Yosemite Cemetery* is available at the Valley Visitor Center.

Wilderness Center

Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through October 20. From October 21 through spring, self-registration is at the Valley Visitor Center. Located in Yosemite Village between The Ansel Adams Gallery and the post office. One-stop resource for backpackers in need of wilderness permits, bear canisters, maps,

and guidebooks. Displays and information on pre-trip planning, minimum impact camping techniques, and Yosemite's wilderness. ♿

Self-Guiding Trails

There are four self-guiding trails in Yosemite Valley: two near the Valley Visitor Center in the Yosemite Village area, one at the east end of the Valley near Mirror Lake, and one commemorating the history of Curry Village.

The Miwok in Yosemite is a short loop trail that winds through the Indian Village of Ahwahnee, a reconstructed Miwok-Paiute village. A booklet is available at the trailhead and in the Visitor Center. Large print materials are available in the Visitor Center for the visually impaired. The trail begins behind the Yosemite Museum. ♿

A Changing Yosemite is a 1-mile trail that begins in front of the Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5. It winds through a nearby meadow and explores the changes that have led to the Yosemite we experience today. ♿

Mirror Lake Interpretive Trail is a short loop adjacent to Mirror Lake, a seasonal lake on Tenaya Creek. Exhibits focus on the rich natural history of the area, Native American use, and history of this popular destination. To reach the start of the trail, walk 1-mile from shuttle stop #17 to the disabled parking spaces near the lake. Shuttle bus service to this stop ends October 21. The self-guiding trail begins here. ♿

The Legacy of Curry Village is an easy stroll commemorating the early days of Camp Curry. Pick up a map and guide at the Curry Village front desk or tour desk.

Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed 1 hr. for lunch). From October 15 through Tioga Road closure, self-registration on the porch of the Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center. Prior to October 21, Half Dome trips must get permits at the Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center. Located just off the Tioga Road, along the roadway leading to Tuolumne Lodge. Trail information, wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, maps, and guidebooks available. ♿



Tuolumne Meadows looking east to Lembert Dome and beyond to Mt. Dana and Mt. Gibbs.
Photo by G. Born



Illustration by Lawrence Ormsby

WHAT TO DO

Scheduled Events

Free Art Classes

Free, informal outdoor classes in various art mediums are available for adults through the Art Activity Center, located at the east end of Yosemite Village next to the Village Store. Supplies are available for purchase at the Center, which is open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Closes October 8. Classes begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until 2:00 p.m.



September 24-30
Linda Mitchell
Watercolor


October 1-7
Jan Shafir
Watercolor

Wawona Covered Bridge Closure

The Wawona Covered Bridge is closed for emergency repairs. To access the Pioneer Yosemite History Center, park at the Wawona Stable (from the Wawona Store, take Wawona Road 1/4 mile north to Chilnualna Falls Road).

Programs printed in color are especially for children and their families.

YCS = Yosemite Concession Services
NPS = National Park Service
AAG = Ansel Adams Gallery
YI = Yosemite Institute
\$ = Programs offered for a fee

 Indicates programs accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Yosemite Valley	<p>9:00am Camera Walk 2 hrs. Sign up in advance, meet on The Ansel Adams Gallery porch, weather permitting (AAG)</p> <p>1:00pm Ranger Walk—Granite and Ice 1½ hrs. Lower Yosemite Fall parking area near shuttle stop #6 ☺</p> <p>2:30pm Ranger Walk—Yosemite's First People 1½ hrs. Behind Valley Visitor Center ☺</p> <p>5:00pm Twilight Ranger Walk (October 21 and 28 only) 1½ hrs. Lower Yosemite Fall parking area near shuttle stop #6</p> <p>5:30pm Twilight Ranger Walk (September 30, October 7 and 14 only) 1½ hrs. Lower Yosemite Fall parking area near shuttle stop #6</p> <p>7:30pm Film—Ansel Adams, Photographer 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Cliff Room/Amphitheater (AAG)</p>	<p>1:00pm Ranger Walk—Yosemite's Legacy 1½ hrs. Valley Visitor Center ☺</p> <p>7:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Cliff Room/Amphitheater (YCS) ☺</p>	<p>8:30am Camera Walk 2 hrs. Sign-up/meet at The Ahwahnee Front Desk (YCS)</p> <p>11:00am CHILDREN'S STORY TIME ½ hr. The Ansel Adams Gallery porch, children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult (AAG) ☺</p> <p>7:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Cliff Room/Amphitheater (YCS) ☺</p>
Wawona Mariposa Grove	<p>11:00am to 3:00pm Stage Rides (September 30 only) 10 min. Purchase tickets at the gray barn near Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS) \$</p>		
Glacier Point	<p>2:00pm Ranger Walk (through October 14) 2 hrs. Taft/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road</p> <p>6:30pm Sunset Talk (through October 14) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing (NPS) ☺</p>	<p>2:00pm Ranger Walk (October 1 and 15 only) 2 hrs. Taft/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road</p> <p>6:30pm Sunset Talk (October 1 and 15 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing (NPS) ☺</p>	<p>6:30pm Sunset Talk (October 2 and 16 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing (NPS) ☺</p>

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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

9:00am **Camera Walk**
2 hrs. Sign up in advance, meet on The Ansel Adams Gallery porch, weather permitting (AAG)

10:00am **Buffalo Soldiers of Yosemite**
(October 17 and 31 only)
1½ hrs. Valley Visitor Center ☺

4:30pm **WEE WILD ONES**
¼ hr. The Ahwahnee Great Lounge Fireplace
Stories and surprises geared for children 6 & under (YCS)

7:30pm **Evening Program**
(September 26 only)
1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS/YI) ☺

Evening Program
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Cliff Room/Amphitheater (YCS) ☺

5:00pm **Autumn Twilight Stroll**
1 hr. Outside The Ahwahnee Sweet Shop (YCS)

7:00pm **Ranger Program**
(October 4 only)
1 hr. Lower Pines Amphitheater ☺

7:30pm **Evening Program**
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Cliff Room/Amphitheater (NPS/YCS) ☺

9:00am **Camera Walk**
2 hrs. Sign up in advance, meet on The Ansel Adams Gallery porch, weather permitting (AAG)

1:00pm **Ranger Walk—Scats, Tracks, and Bears**
(September 28 only)
1½ hrs. Happy Isles shuttle stop #16 ☺

5:00pm **Twilight Ranger Walk**
(October 26 only)
1½ hrs. Lower Yosemite Fall parking area near shuttle stop #6

5:30pm **Twilight Ranger Walk**
(October 5, 12, and 19 only)
1½ hrs. Lower Yosemite Fall parking area near shuttle stop #6

7:30pm **Evening Program**
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Cliff Room/Amphitheater (YCS) ☺

9:00am **Camera Walk**
2 hrs. Sign up in advance, meet on The Ansel Adams Gallery porch, weather permitting (AAG)

1:00pm **Ranger Walk—Trees of Yosemite**
1½ hrs. The Ahwahnee, near shuttle stop #3

3:00pm **Fine Print Viewing**
1 hr. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG)

4:30pm **WEE WILD ONES**
(September 29 and October 27 only)
¼ hr. Curry Village Guest Lounge (behind registration building)
Stories and surprises geared for children 6 & under (YCS)

7:00pm **Ranger Program**
(September 29, October 6, and 13 only)
1 hr. Lower Pines Amphitheater ☺

7:30pm **Evening Program**
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Cliff Room/Amphitheater (NPS/YCS) ☺

11:00am to 3:00pm
Stage Rides
(September 28 only)
10 min. Purchase tickets at the gray barn near Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS) \$

2:00pm **Nature Walk with a Ranger**
(September 28 only)
1½ hrs. Lower Mariposa Grove Trailhead

Big Trees Photo Walk
2 hrs. Meet in front of the Mariposa Grove Gift Shop (YCS)

2:00pm **Nature Walk with a Ranger**
(September 29 only)
1½ hrs. Lower Mariposa Grove Trailhead

6:30pm **Sunset Talk**
(through October 13)
½ hr. Glacier Point railing (NPS) ☺

8:00pm **Stars Over Yosemite**
(through October 13)
1 hr. Glacier Point railing, subject to cancellation if overcast (NPS)

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Glacier Point

Ranger Walks

Join a ranger for a walk to discover Yosemite's unique, tucked-away places. See a pioneer cabin near a beautiful meadow, explore the red fir forest in the Canadian life zone, or hike to a seldom-seen waterfall.

See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

Evening Programs

Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening shadows in Yosemite Valley and the alpenglow on the Sierra high country, or come for the sunset and stay for the moonrise. On some evenings, a star program will be co-hosted by rangers and volunteers from astronomical societies. Bring warm clothing.

See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

Illustration by Jane Gyer



Half Dome from Glacier Point

Photo by Kodak/H. Jones

Wawona & Mariposa Grove



Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias

Photo by B. Harry

Wawona Information Station at Hill's Studio Closes October 8

Open daily 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch). Offers information about park activities, trail information, books, 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. For more information call 209/375-9531. ♿

Wawona Wilderness Center

Located inside the Information Station. Self-registration on the porch of the Information Station at Hill's Studio for Chilnualna Falls and Alder Creek trails only. Permits for all other trails available at the Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center, or from October 21 through spring, at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

Evening Programs

Discover Wawona's human and natural heritage in a 1-hour presentation offered by Yosemite Concession Services (YCS) interpreters at the Wawona Hotel.

Tom Bopp, pianist/singer at the Wawona Hotel since 1983, performs Tuesday through Saturday nights from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the lobby, often including songs and stories from Yosemite's past. Tom also features presentations with slides, historic Yosemite music, or Wawona history on some Thursday and Saturday nights. Late season schedule subject to change. Check the Wawona front desk for schedule.

See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

Pioneer Yosemite History Center

A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center will explain how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and throughout the world. The Center is always open, and explanatory signs and brochures are available. **Note: the historic Wawona Covered Bridge is currently closed for emergency repair. To visit the Center, take Wawona Road north to Chilnualna Falls Road and park at the Wawona Stable.** ♿

Take A Stage Ride

Take a 10-minute stage ride and experience the adventure of horse-drawn stage travel in Yosemite. Park at the Wawona Store. Tickets may be purchased at the gray barn near the Wawona Covered Bridge. Please refer to the Scheduled Event pages for dates and times.

Free Mariposa Grove & Wawona Shuttle Bus Ends October 21

The shuttle bus stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Shuttles operate daily beginning at 9:00 a.m. Last shuttle leaves Wawona at 4:00 p.m.; last shuttle leaves the Grove at 5:30 p.m. Beginning October 5 Friday, Saturday, and Sunday only. Closes for season

October 21. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the shuttle bus. Trailers and motor homes are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road from South Entrance to the Mariposa Grove. Due to narrow roads and very limited parking, visitors are strongly encouraged to use this free bus service to help alleviate congestion and lengthy parking delays.

To Get to Mariposa Grove

Allow 1¼ hours driving time to the Mariposa Grove from Yosemite Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the parking area in the Grove, but several giant sequoias can be seen from there. Information about access for the disabled is available at the tram boarding area. The access road to the Grove may close intermittently due to limited parking. Trailers and motor homes are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road.

Walking through the Grove

The trailhead for walking up through the Grove is located at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the California Tree provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations are available at the trailhead (Spanish, German, French, Japanese).

DISTANCE & ELEVATION

DESTINATION	DISTANCE FROM TRAILHEAD	ELEVATION GAIN
Grizzly Giant	0.8 mile / 1.3km	400ft / 122m
Grove Museum	2.1 miles / 3.5km	800ft / 292m
Fallen Tunnel Tree	2.5 miles / 4.0km	1,000ft / 305m
Wawona Point	3.0 miles / 4.8km	1,200ft / 438m

Mariposa Grove Tram Tour

Trams run every day in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias for a 1-hour tour through the lower and upper groves. The first tram is at 9:00 a.m. and the last tram is at 6:00 p.m., running every 15 to 20 minutes from the boarding area.

Mariposa Grove Museum

Open 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch). Offers giant sequoia displays, books, maps, and information.

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Crane Flat & Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Station is located just inside the park at the Big Oak Flat Entrance Station (Highway 120 West), and offers park orientation material, trail information, books, and maps. Phone 209/379-1899 ♿

Big Oak Flat Wilderness Center

Located inside the Information Station. Wilderness permits available 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed 1 hr. for lunch) Thursday through Sunday, through October 14. Beginning October 15, self-registration. Prior to October 21, Half Dome trips must get permits at Yosemite Valley

Wilderness Center. Bear canister rentals, trail information, and limited map sales.

Yosemite's Other Sequoia Groves Tuolumne Grove

The Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West) and the Tioga Road. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the Tuolumne Grove of Big Trees, a cluster of about 25 sequoias. Now closed to cars, this 2-mile (3.2 km) round-trip has an elevation change of 500 feet (150 meters). The downhill walk is relatively easy, though it is moderately strenuous

on the uphill return. Once in the Tuolumne Grove, there is an easy half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

Merced Grove

Yosemite's quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, accessible only on foot. It's a 2-mile hike into the grove from the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located 3.5 miles north of Crane Flat or 4.5 miles south of the Big Oak Flat entrance, the trailhead is marked by a post labeled B-10 and a road sign. Allow about 3 hours for the 4-mile round-trip hike to this small group of sequoias (about 20 trees).

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