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Yosemite Today

July 16 - July 29, 2002

Yosemite Valley

Valley Visitor Center

Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 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 FILM

Spirit of Yosemite

This inspiring state-of-the-art visitor orientation film provides a stunning overview of Yosemite's splendor. It is shown every 30 minutes from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center's newly remodeled West Auditorium Theater. Closed captioning available. Assisted Listening Devices are available at the Valley Visitor Center in Español, Français, Deutsch, and Japanese for hearing impaired speakers of English. ♿

Yosemite Museum

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

FEATURES

Museum Gallery

Open 10:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. *Edges and Intersections*, an exhibit honoring the 100th anniversary of Ansel Adams' birth and the centennial anniversary of Best's Studio (known today as The Ansel Adams Gallery).

Indian Cultural Exhibit

Open 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.

Yosemite Museum Store

Open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 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. ♿

Yosemite Cemetery

This historic cemetery is located across the street and just west of the Yosemite Museum. People buried here include American Indians 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 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 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. ♿

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Open 10:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This nature center includes natural history exhibits, interactive displays, and a bookstore geared to nature-exploring for families. Nearby are short trails focusing on the area's four different environments; forest, river, talus, and fen.

You can also see substantial evidence of the huge 1996 rockfall from the Glacier Point cliff far above the Nature Center. A new outdoor exhibit details the geologic story of rockfalls in Yosemite. The Center is a short walk from shuttle bus stop #16. ♿

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 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 EXHIBIT

July 2-August 12

This early summer exhibit will feature the work of Yosemite photographer, Michael Frye, author of *The Photographer's Guide to Yosemite* and contributor to *Outdoor Photographer* magazine. Frye's landscape, wildlife, and night photographs are in many private and corporate collections, as well as widely published around the world.

LeConte Memorial Lodge

Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Located at shuttle stop #12. The LeConte Memorial Lodge, Yosemite's first public visitor center, is operated by the Sierra Club and features a children's corner, library, and a variety of environmental education and evening programs. For more information, call 209/372-4542.

Yosemite Theater Live

Come help Yosemite Theater Live celebrate its 19th season! The National Park Service recognizes Yosemite Theater as the best interpretive program of its type in the National Park System. Tickets may be purchased at any tour desk in Yosemite Valley or if seating is still available, at the time of performance. Most shows are given in the East Auditorium located behind the Valley Visitor Center in Yosemite Village, near shuttle stop #5. See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times. ♿

Self-Guiding Trails

There are four self-guiding trails in Yosemite Valley:

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



Half Dome

Photo by H. Jones

stop #5. It winds through Cook's 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, American Indian 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. 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 Visitor Center

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays. Phone 209/372-0263 ♿

Parsons Memorial Lodge and Soda Springs

Discover the natural and human history of Tuolumne Meadows and hike to the place where John Muir and Robert Underwood Johnson conceived the idea of establishing Yosemite National Park. This area is an easy 1/2-mile walk from Lembert Dome parking area or from the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Allow 30 minutes walking time.

Special programs occur at Parsons Memorial Lodge at 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays from July 13 to August 24. Look for these listings in the Scheduled Events section of *Yosemite Today*.

Free Tuolumne/Olmsted Point/Tioga Pass Shuttle Bus

Free shuttle bus service is available during the summer along the Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tioga Pass. Due to limited trailhead parking, use of the free shuttle buses is strongly advised.

Shuttles travel between Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Olmsted Point with stops along the Tioga Road, including Tuolumne Campground and the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. The shuttle also makes two morning (9:00 a.m. and noon) and two afternoon (3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.) runs to Tioga Pass.

Service begins at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge at 7:00 a.m. Shuttle buses arrive at approximately



Cathedral Peak from Cathedral Lake

Photo by R. Anderson

30-minute intervals between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The last shuttle bus leaves Olmsted Point at 6:30 p.m. Schedules are subject to change. Please check route maps at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center or shuttle bus stops for details.

Just for Kids

Programs for children include Junior Rangers two days a week and a kids'campfire program. Junior Rangers is a 2-hour program in which children (ages 8-10) join a ranger to explore Yosemite's high country.

Ranger Walks

Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, birds, flowers, American Indians, history, and more. These walks range from 1 to 8 hours and all but the long walks are fairly easy.

Twice a week, longer hikes are offered to lakes, domes, or passes. Wear sturdy shoes, and bring water, lunch, and rain gear. End your perfect day with a *Music Walk*. This easy, early evening stroll will inspire and delight.

Evening Activities

Come to a campfire and take part in a tradition! Join a ranger for campfire, singing, storytelling, and answers to some of your questions about Yosemite. Program topics vary, and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center.

A campfire for children is scheduled Wednesday at the Conness Circle in the "C" loop of the campground. End your day with a *Star Program* or *Night Prowl*. Bring a pad to sit on for the Star Program and dress warmly. Programs will be canceled if the sky is overcast. Sign-up for the *Night Prowl* at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center.

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch). Located just off the Tioga Road, along the roadway leading to Tuolumne Lodge, shuttle stop #3. Trail information, wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, maps, and guidebooks available. ♿



Bobcat

Illustration by Lawrence Ormsby

♿ Indicates facilities accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

WHAT TO DO

Scheduled Events

Special Events

Parsons Memorial Lodge
These inspiring programs begin at 2:00 p.m. and last approximately 1 hour. Allow 30 minutes walking time to Parsons Memorial Lodge from either Lembert Dome parking area or the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Admission is free.

Saturday, July 20

Hawks and Owls of the Sierra

Sunday, July 21

Tantalizing Tales Told by Two

Saturday, July 27

Subterranean Time Travel: Reading the Rocks of Yosemite

Sunday, July 28

John Muir's Last Journey

NPS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, July 20

Wednesday, July 24

Stop by an NPS Open House between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to learn about the latest Yosemite improvement projects.

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. Each day class begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m.



July 15-21

Jesus Zepeda
Pastel/Charcoal

July 22-28

Linda Mitchell
Watercolor

July 29-August 4

Pat Devitt
Acrylic

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

NPS = National Park Service
AAC = American Alpine Club
AAG = The Ansel Adams Gallery
YCS = Yosemite Concession Services
YA = Yosemite Association
YI = Yosemite Institute
\$ = Programs offered for a fee



Indicates programs accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

	SUNDAY July 21 & 28	MONDAY July 22 & 29	TUESDAY July 16 & 23
Yosemite Valley	<p>7:30am HIKE TO MIRROR LAKE (July 21 only) 2½ hrs. Stables, shuttle stop #18 (Sierra Club)</p> <p>10:00am Ranger Walk—Merced Meanders 1 to 1½ hrs. Sentinel Bridge Shuttle stop #11</p> <p>11:00am WILDERNESS QUILT PROJECT (July 28 only) 2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)</p> <p>1:00pm Ranger Walk—Yosemite's First People 1 to 1½ hrs. Behind Valley Visitor Center &</p> <p>2:00pm JUNIOR RANGERS 1 hr. (Kids 7-13) Nature Center at Happy Isles &</p> <p>WILDERNESS QUILT PROJECT (July 21 only) 2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)</p> <p>7:00pm Twilight Stroll 1 hr. The Ahwahnee Patio (YCS)</p> <p>WEE WILD ONES ¾ hr. (Kids 6 & under) Stories and activities Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS) &</p> <p>7:30pm Twilight Ranger Walk 1½ hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club) July 21 EARTHY TUNES AND NATURE NUTS July 28 John Muir's Wilderness University</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &</p> <p>Film—Ansel Adams, Photographer 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (AAG) &</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY 1 hr. Near Yosemite Lodge Sign up/details at any lodge tour desk \$ (YCS)</p>	<p>8:30am Camera Walk 2 hrs. Sign up/meet at The Ahwahnee Front Desk (YCS)</p> <p>10:00am Ranger Walk—Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1904 1 to 1½ hrs. Valley Visitor Center &</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Walk—Trees 1 to 1½ hrs. The Ahwahnee, shuttle stop #3</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES ¾ hr. (Kids 6 & under) Stories and activities Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS) &</p> <p>7:30pm OLD-FASHIONED CAMPFIRE WITH THE RECYCLED STRING BAND (July 22 only) 1½ hr. Tickets at the Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk \$ (YCS) &</p> <p>8:00pm Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories with John Muir 1½ hrs. Visitor Center East Auditorium Tickets at Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk or at the door \$ (YCS) &</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Amphitheater &</p> <p>Evening Program—Sacred Balance 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &</p> <p>Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS) &</p>	<p>6:30am Sunrise Photo Walk 1½ hrs. Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk (Kodak)</p> <p>9:00am Photography Walk 2 hrs. Space limited Sign up at The Ansel Adams Gallery Weather permitting (AAG)</p> <p>10:00am Ranger Walk—Granite and Ice 1 to 1½ hrs. Lower Yosemite Fall parking area, near shuttle stop #6 &</p> <p>Photo, Tips, Demos, & Answers 1 hr. (ongoing) Behind the Valley Visitor Center (Kodak)</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Talk/Walk—Bears 1 to 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater &</p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGERS 1 hr. (Kids 7-13) Lower Pines Amphitheater &</p> <p>7:30pm Yosemite Theater Live—Campfire with John Muir 1½ hrs. Near Curry Village Tickets/Information at any lodge tour desk \$ (YCS)</p> <p>8:00pm Yosemite Theater Live—Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a 4th Marriage; Stories of a Pioneer Woman 1½ hrs. Visitor Center East Auditorium Tickets available at the Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk or at the door \$ (YCS) &</p> <p>8:30pm Yosemite in Pictures 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (Kodak) &</p> <p>Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS) &</p>
Wawona Mariposa Grove	<p>10:00am to Noon & 2:00pm to 4:00pm Stage Rides 10 min. Purchase tickets near Wawona Covered Bridge \$ (NPS)</p> <p>10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>10:30am Visit Yosemite's Past 1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS) &</p> <p>2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>2:30pm Visit Yosemite's Past 1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS) &</p> <p>8:00pm Campfire! 1 hr. Wawona Campground Campfire Circle (NPS) &</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER WAWONA (July 22 only) Sign up/information at Wawona Front Desk \$ (YCS)</p>	<p>10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>8:00pm Campfire! 1 hr. Wawona Campground Campfire Circle (NPS) &</p>	<p>10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer, Tom Bopp. Wawona Hotel Lounge (YCS)</p> <p>8:00pm Campfire! 1 hr. Wawona Campground Campfire Circle (NPS) &</p>
Glacier Point	<p>7:45pm Sunset Talk ½ hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) &</p>	<p>8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Bridalveil Creek Campground, C loop (NPS) &</p>	<p>9:30am Ranger Walk to McGurk Meadow & Cabin 2½ hrs. Phone booth at Bridalveil Creek Campground</p> <p>7:45pm Sunset Talk ½ hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) &</p>
Tuolumne Meadows	<p>9:15am Ranger Hike—Mono Pass 6-8 hrs. 8-10 miles, moderate Mono Pass Trailhead Bring lunch, water, and raingear</p> <p>10:00am Special—About Climbing 2 hrs. Lembert Dome parking area (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Walk—View from the Top 2 hrs. Meet at Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29</p> <p>Special Event—Tantalizing Tales Told by Two (July 21 only) 1 hr. Allow 30 minutes to walk to Parsons Memorial Lodge (NPS)</p> <p>Special Event—John Muir's Last Journey (July 28 only) 1 hr. Allow 30 minutes to walk to Parsons Memorial Lodge (NPS)</p> <p>8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)</p>	<p>10:00am Ranger Walk—Animals 2 hrs. Lembert Dome parking area</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Walk—Along the River 2 hrs. Lembert Dome parking area</p> <p>8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)</p>	<p>10:00am JUNIOR RANGERS 2 hrs. (Kids 8-10) Lembert Dome parking area</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Walk—Indians in the High Country 2 hrs. Lembert Dome parking area</p> <p>8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)</p>
White Wolf Big Oak Flat Crane Flat	<p>10:00am LUNCH, LOUNGE, AND LEARN—A TRIP TO HARDEN LAKE 4 hrs. 6 miles, moderate Bring lunch, raingear, and hat (NPS)</p> <p>1:00pm Walk Among the Giants 2 hrs. 2 miles, moderate A human and natural experience Tuolumne Grove parking lot (NPS)</p>	<p>8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. White Wolf Campground (NPS) &</p>	<p>7:00am Bird Walk 2 hrs. Bring binoculars Ranger will have some to share Hodgdon Meadow Campground entrance</p> <p>10:00am FAMILY WALK 2 hrs. All ages welcome with an adult White Wolf Lodge parking lot</p>

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WEDNESDAY July 17 & 24	THURSDAY July 18 & 25	FRIDAY July 19 & 26	SATURDAY July 20 & 27
<p>6:30am Sunrise Photo Walk 1½ hrs. Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk (Kodak)</p> <p>9:00am Ranger Hike to Vernal Fall 3 hrs. 3 miles, moderately strenuous. Shuttle stop #16. Bring sturdy footwear, water, and prepare to get wet!</p> <p>9:30am EXPLORE YOSEMITE (July 24 only) 3 hrs. Sign up/information at Yosemite Lodge or Curry Village Tour Desk \$ (YCS) &</p> <p>10:00am CHILDREN'S PHOTO WALK 1½ hrs. The Ahwahnee Concierge Desk Parents must accompany Limited to 15 (Kodak)</p> <p>11:00am WILDERNESS QUILT PROJECT (July 17 only) 2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Walk—Yosemite's Legacy 1 to 1½ hrs. Valley Visitor Center & WILDERNESS QUILT PROJECT (July 24 only) 2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)</p> <p>7:00pm Mewu Eh, Ahwahneechee Stories 1 hr. Indian Village of Ahwahnee (behind Yosemite Museum) (NPS) &</p> <p>7:30pm OLD-FASHIONED CAMPFIRE WITH THE RECYCLED STRING BAND (July 17 only) 1½ hr. Tickets at the Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk \$ (YCS) &</p> <p>8:00pm Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories with John Muir 1½ hrs. Visitor Center East Auditorium Tickets at Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk or at the door \$ (YCS) &</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) & Yosemite in Pictures 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (Kodak) &</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY (July 17 only) 1 hr. Near the Yosemite Lodge Sign up/details at any lodge tour desk \$ (YCS)</p>	<p>6:30am Sunrise Photo Walk 1½ hrs. Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk (Kodak)</p> <p>9:00am Photography Walk 2 hrs. Space limited Sign up at The Ansel Adams Gallery Weather permitting (AAG)</p> <p>10:00am Ranger Walk—Edges and Open Places 1 to 1½ hrs. Sentinel Bridge, shuttle stop #11 Photo, Tips, Demos, & Answers 1 hr. (ongoing) Behind the Valley Visitor Center (Kodak)</p> <p>11:00am WILDERNESS QUILT PROJECT (July 18 only) 2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club) CHILDREN'S NATURE STORIES ½ hr. Kids 10 and under with adult The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) &</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Talk/Walk—Bears 1 to 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater & WILDERNESS QUILT PROJECT (July 25 only) 2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES ¾ hr. (Kids 6 & under) Stories and activities Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) & Nature Journal Workshop (July 25 only) 1½ hrs. Limited to 10 people LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)</p> <p>7:30pm Twilight Ranger Walk 1½ hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater Yosemite Theater Live—Campfire with John Muir 1½ hrs. Near Curry Village. Tickets/Information at any lodge tour desk \$ (YCS)</p> <p>8:00pm Yosemite Theater Live—Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a 4th Marriage; Stories of a Pioneer Woman 1½ hrs. Visitor Center East Auditorium Tickets available at the Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk or at the door \$ (YCS) & ANIMALS AND THEIR SENSES (July 18 only) 1 hr. 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Visitor Center East Auditorium Tickets at Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk or at the door \$ (YCS) & Evening Program 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club) July 19 EARTHY TUNES July 26 Writers and the Wilderness LIFE AFTER DARK (July 19 only) 2 hrs. Sentinel Bridge shuttle stop #11 (Sierra Club)</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program—Climbing 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS/AAC) & Evening Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Amphitheater & Yosemite in Pictures 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (Kodak) &</p>	<p>6:30am Sunrise Photo Walk 1½ hrs. Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk (Kodak)</p> <p>9:00am Photography Walk 2 hrs. Space limited Sign up at The Ansel Adams Gallery Weather permitting (AAG)</p> <p>9:30am EXPLORE YOSEMITE 3 hrs. Sign up/information at Yosemite Lodge or Curry Village Tour Desk \$ (YCS) &</p> <p>10:00am Ranger Walk—Trees 1 to 1½ hrs. The Ahwahnee, shuttle stop #3</p> <p>10:00am CHILDREN'S PHOTO WALK 1½ hrs. The Ahwahnee Concierge Desk Parents must accompany. 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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.

On Thursday evenings, photographers will not want to miss the *Alpenglow Photo Shoot*, led by representatives from Kodak (in association with Yosemite Concession Services).

See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

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*Overhanging Rock at Glacier Point
Photo by D. Guidi*

Wawona & Mariposa Grove



Giant Sequoia

Photo by Sara Harvell

Wawona Information Station at Hill's Studio

Open 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

Open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch). Located inside the Information Station. Wilderness permits, trail information, bear canister rentals, books, and maps. ♿

Evening Programs

Come to a campfire! Share in a park tradition by joining a ranger for an hour of stories, legends, and fun. Program topics vary each night and are posted in the Wawona Campground. Meet at the amphitheater in the "B" loop of the campground.

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby, Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs 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.

Pioneer Yosemite History Center

See horse-drawn wagons, walk across a covered bridge, and visit historic buildings out of Yosemite's past. 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 interpretive signs and brochures are available. ♿

Take A Stage Ride

Take a 10-minute ride and experience the adventure of horse-drawn stage travel in Yosemite. Purchase tickets near the Wawona Covered Bridge. \$3/adult and \$2/child (ages 3-12). See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

To Get to Mariposa Grove

Allow 1 1/4 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 from the South Entrance to Mariposa Grove.

Free Mariposa Grove & Wawona Shuttle Bus

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 5:00 p.m.; last shuttle leaves the Grove at 5:30 p.m. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the shuttle bus. 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.

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 in Spanish, German, French, and 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 5:00 p.m., running every 15 to 20 minutes from the boarding area.

Mariposa Grove Museum

Giant sequoia displays open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in the Upper Grove. A sales area offering books, maps, and information is open Friday through Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Crane Flat, Big Oak Flat, and White Wolf

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 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

Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday through Friday; 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Located inside the Information Station. Wilderness permits, trail information, bear canister rentals, 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 3 hours for the 4-mile round-trip hike to this group of about 20 sequoias.

Ranger Programs

Please check the bulletin boards at Crane Flat, Big Oak Flat, and White Wolf for additional upcoming ranger programs.

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