



Experience  
Your  
America

What's Happening In

# Yosemite Today

August 13 - 26, 2002

## Yosemite Valley

### Valley Visitor Center

Open 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 5:30 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 5:00 p.m. Displays interpret the cultural history of Yosemite's native Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Demonstrations of traditional skills are presented. No food or drink permitted.

#### 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, hand-crafts, books, gifts, photography supplies, and camera/tripod rentals are available. For more information, call the Gallery at 209/372-4413 or visit their web site at [www.anseladams.com](http://www.anseladams.com). ♿

#### GALLERY EXHIBIT

##### August 19-September 30

This late summer exhibit will feature the color photography of Charles Cramer, including new works highlighting the spring and summer seasons of Yosemite. Cramer is a recognized master printer now using the latest technologies to produce his fine art prints.

### 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



*El Capitan from Tunnel View.\**  
Photo by Colleen Brown

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. ♿

*Black Bear*  
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 and Sunday  
August 17-18

### Sixth Annual Tuolumne Meadows Poetry Festival\*

Sandra Alcosser, C.G. Hanzlicek, and Patti Trimble with guitarist Bill Horvitz

Saturday, August 24

### Ansel Adams in Tuolumne Meadows

Michael Adams, M.D., son of Virginia and Ansel Adams

\*The Parsons Memorial Lodge Summer Series is supported by the National Park Service, The Loralee Tucker Hiramoto Memorial Fund, Yosemite Association, and Poets & Writers, Inc. through a grant it has received from The James Irvine Foundation. Funding from Meet The Composer, Inc. is provided with the support of National Endowment for the Arts, ASCAP, and Virgil Thomson Foundation.

## 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.



August 12-18  
**Susan Trimmingham**  
Oil Pastels

August 19-25  
**Anne Thiermann**  
Pastel/Sketching

August 26-September 1  
**Jan Schafir**  
Watercolor

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.

	<b>SUNDAY</b> August 18 & 25	<b>MONDAY</b> August 19 & 26	<b>TUESDAY</b> August 13 & 20
<b>Yosemite Valley</b>	<p>7:30am <b>HIKE TO MIRROR LAKE</b> (August 25 only) 2½ hrs. Stables, shuttle stop #18 (Sierra Club)</p> <p>10:00am <b>Ranger Walk—Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1904</b> 1 to 1½ hrs. Valley Visitor Center &amp;</p> <p><b>Walk—Merced River, Plants, and Animals</b> (August 18 only) 4 hrs. Bring lunch and water LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)</p> <p>11:00am <b>WILDERNESS QUILT PROJECT</b> (August 18 only) 2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)</p> <p>1:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Yosemite's First People</b> 1 to 1½ hrs. Behind Valley Visitor Center &amp;</p> <p>2:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGERS</b> 1 hr. (Kids 7-13) Nature Center at Happy Isles</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Twilight Stroll</b> 1 hr. The Ahwahnee Patio (YCS)</p> <p><b>WEE WILD ONES</b> ¾ hr. (Kids 6 &amp; under) Stories and activities Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &amp;</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club) August 18: <b>MUSIC TO MAKE THE SIERRA GLAD</b> August 25: <b>MR. HABITAT</b></p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &amp;</p> <p><b>Film—Ansel Adams, Photographer</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (AAG) &amp;</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY</b> 1 hr. Near Yosemite Lodge Sign up/details at any lodge tour desk \$ (YCS)</p>	<p>8:30am <b>Camera Walk</b> 2 hrs. Sign up/meet at The Ahwahnee front desk (YCS)</p> <p>10:00am <b>Ranger Walk—Merced Meanders</b> 1 to 1½ hrs. Valley Visitor Center</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Trees</b> 1 to 1½ hrs. The Ahwahnee, shuttle stop #3</p> <p>7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> ¾ hr. (Kids 6 &amp; under) Stories and activities Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS) &amp;</p> <p>7:30pm <b>OLD-FASHIONED CAMPFIRE WITH THE RECYCLED STRING BAND</b> (August 19 only) 1½ hrs. Tickets at the Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk \$ (YCS) &amp;</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories with John Muir</b> 1½ hrs. Visitor Center East Auditorium Tickets at Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk or at the door \$ (YCS) &amp;</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Ranger Program</b> 1 hr. Lower Pines Amphitheater &amp;</p> <p><b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &amp;</p> <p><b>Evening Program—Sacred Balance</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS) &amp;</p>	<p>6:30am <b>Sunrise Photo Walk</b> 1½ hrs. Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk (Kodak)</p> <p>9:00am <b>Photography Walk</b> 2 hrs. Space limited Sign up at The Ansel Adams Gallery Weather permitting (AAG)</p> <p>10:00am <b>Ranger Walk—Granite and Ice</b> 1 to 1½ hrs. Lower Yosemite Fall parking area, near shuttle stop #6 &amp;</p> <p><b>Photo Tips, Demos, &amp; Answers</b> 1 hr. (ongoing) Behind the Valley Visitor Center (Kodak) @</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Ranger Talk/Walk—Bears</b> 1 to 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater &amp;</p> <p>7:30pm <b>YOSEMITE THEATER LIVE—CAMPFIRE WITH JOHN MUIR</b> 1½ hrs. Near Curry Village Tickets/Information at any lodge tour desk \$ (YCS)</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater Live—Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a 4th Marriage; Stories of a Pioneer Woman</b> 1½ hrs. Visitor Center East Auditorium Tickets available at the Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk or at the door \$ (YCS) &amp;</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Yosemite in Pictures</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (Kodak) &amp;</p> <p><b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS) &amp;</p>
<b>Wawona Mariposa Grove</b>	<p>10:00am to Noon &amp; 2:00pm to 4:00pm <b>Stage Rides</b> 10 min. Purchase tickets near Wawona Covered Bridge \$ (NPS)</p> <p>10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>10:30am <b>Visit Yosemite's Past</b> 1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS) &amp;</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>2:30pm <b>Visit Yosemite's Past</b> 1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS) &amp;</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Campfire</b> 1 hr. Wawona Campground (NPS) &amp;</p>	<p>10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Campfire</b> 1 hr. Wawona Campground (NPS) &amp;</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY SKIES OVER WAWONA</b> Sign up/information at Wawona Front Desk \$ (YCS)</p>	<p>10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>5:30pm <b>Vintage Music of Yosemite</b> 4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer, Tom Bopp. Wawona Hotel Lounge (YCS)</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Campfire</b> 1 hr. Wawona Campground (NPS) &amp;</p>
<b>Glacier Point</b>	<p>2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk</b> 2 hrs. Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road</p> <p>7:15pm <b>Sunset Talk</b> ½ hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) &amp;</p>	<p>8:00pm <b>Campfire</b> 1 hr. Bridalveil Creek Campground, C loop (NPS) &amp;</p>	<p>7:15pm <b>Sunset Talk</b> ½ hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) &amp;</p> <p>7:45pm <b>See the Full Moon Rise Over the Sierra</b> (August 20 only) Glacier Point Railing (NPS) &amp;</p>
<b>Tuolumne Meadows</b>	<p>10:00am <b>Special—About Climbing</b> 2 hrs. Lembert Dome parking area</p> <p><b>Special Event—Sixth Annual Tuolumne Meadows Poetry Festival</b> (August 18 only) 1½ hrs. Allow 30 minutes to walk to Parsons Memorial Lodge (NPS)</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Campfire</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)</p>	<p>10:00am <b>Ranger Walk—Animals</b> (August 19 only) 2 hrs. Lembert Dome parking area</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Along the River</b> 2 hrs. Lembert Dome parking area</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Campfire</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)</p>	<p>10:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGERS</b> 2 hrs. (Kids 8-10) Lembert Dome parking area</p> <p><b>Special—Sketching Along the River</b> (August 13 only) 3 hrs. Campground Reservation Office \$5 donation for materials Sign up at Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Phone 209/372-0263</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Indians in the High Country</b> 2 hrs. Lembert Dome parking area</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Campfire</b> 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)</p>
<b>White Wolf Big Oak Flat Crane Flat</b>	<p>10:00am <b>Ranger Walk—Bears</b> 2 hrs. White Wolf Lodge parking lot</p>		<p>10:00am <b>Lunch, Lounge, and Linger at a Lake</b> 4 hrs. 3-6 miles, easy to moderate Bring lunch, water, sunblock, and raingear White Wolf Lodge (NPS)</p>



**WEDNESDAY**  
August 14 & 21

**THURSDAY**  
August 15 & 22

**FRIDAY**  
August 16 & 23

**SATURDAY**  
August 17 & 24

6:30am **Sunrise Photo Walk**  
1½ hrs. Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk (Kodak)

9:00am **Ranger Hike to Vernal Fall**  
3½ hrs. 3 miles, moderately strenuous Shuttle stop #16. Bring sturdy footwear and water

9:30am **EXPLORE YOSEMITE**  
(August 14 only)  
3 hrs. (Kids 6-14 with adult)  
Sign up/info at Yosemite or Curry Village Tour Desk \$ (YCS) &

10:00am **CHILDREN'S PHOTO WALK**  
1½ hrs. The Ahwahnee Concierge Desk Parents must accompany Limited to 15 (Kodak)

11:00am **WILDERNESS QUILT PROJECT**  
2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

2:00pm **Ranger Walk—Yosemite's Legacy**  
1 to 1½ hrs. Valley Visitor Center &

7:00pm **Mewu Eh, Ahwahneechee Traditions**  
(August 14 only)  
1 hr. Indian Village of Ahwahnee (behind Yosemite Museum) (NPS) &

7:30pm **OLD-FASHIONED CAMPFIRE WITH THE RECYCLED STRING BAND**  
(August 21 only)  
1½ hr. Tickets at the Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk \$ (YCS) &

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) &

8:30pm **Evening Program**  
1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &  
**Yosemite in Pictures**  
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (Kodak) &

9:00pm **STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY**  
1 hr. Near the Yosemite Lodge Sign up/details at any lodge tour desk \$ (YCS)

All Day **DISCOVERY VAN**  
(August 14 only)  
(Kids 8-12) Wawona Campground (NPS) &

10:00am **Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove**  
1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

2:00pm **Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove**  
1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

2:00pm to 4:00pm  
**Stage Rides**  
10 min. Purchase tickets near Wawona Covered Bridge \$ (NPS)

2:30pm **Visit Yosemite's Past**  
1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS) &

5:30pm **Vintage Music of Yosemite**  
4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer, Tom Bopp. Wawona Hotel Lounge (YCS)

8:00pm **Campfire**  
1 hr. Wawona Campground (NPS) &

2:00pm **Ranger Walk**  
2 hrs. Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road

7:15pm **Sunset Talk**  
½ hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) &

9:00am **Ranger Hike—Cascades and Domes on the Trail to Glen Aulin**  
6 hrs. 6-8 miles, moderate. Lembert Dome parking area. Bring lunch, water, and raingear

10:00am **Special—Flower Walk with Cathy Rose**  
(August 14 only)  
2-3 hrs. Walk to historic Bennettville from Junction Campground, 2 miles east of Tioga Pass Entrance Station

1:00pm **Ranger Walk—Geology** 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29

7:00pm **KIDS' CAMPFIRE**  
1 hr. Conness Circle in Loop C, Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)

8:00pm **Campfire** 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)

9:15pm **Ranger Walk—Night Prowl**  
(August 14 only)  
1½ hrs. Sign up at Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Phone 209/372-0263

3:00pm **Walk Among the Giants**  
1½ hrs. 2 miles, moderate Tuolumne Grove parking lot (NPS)

6:30am **Sunrise Photo Walk** 1½ hrs. Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk (Kodak)

9:00am **Photography Walk**  
2 hrs. Space limited. Sign up at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Weather permitting (AAG)

10:00am **Ranger Walk—Where Forests and Meadows Meet**  
1 to 1½ hrs. Sentinel Bridge, shuttle stop #11  
**Photo Tips, Demos, & Answers**  
1 hr. (ongoing) Behind the Valley Visitor Center (Kodak)  
**Wildflower Walk**  
(August 15 only)  
4 hrs. Bring lunch and water LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

11:00am **CHILDREN'S NATURE STORIES**  
½ hr. All ages welcome (7 & under with adult) The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) &  
**WILDERNESS QUILT PROJECT**  
(August 15 only)  
2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

2:00pm **Ranger Talk/Walk—Bears**  
1 to 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater &  
**WILDERNESS QUILT PROJECT**  
(August 22 only)  
2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

6:30pm **Twilight Ranger Walk**  
1½ hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater

7:00pm **WEE WILD ONES**  
¾ hr. (Kids 6 & under) Stories and activities. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &

7:30pm **YOSEMITE THEATER LIVE—CAMPFIRE WITH JOHN MUIR**  
1½ hrs. Near Curry Village. Tickets/Information at any lodge tour desk \$ (YCS)

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) &  
**Evening Program**  
1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)  
August 15: Hetch Hetchy Valley: Yosemite's Lost Twin  
August 22: **ANIMALS AND THEIR SENSES**

8:30pm **Evening Program**  
1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &  
**Evening Program**  
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS) &

10:00am to Noon & 2:00pm to 4:00pm  
**Stage Rides**  
10 min. Purchase tickets near Wawona Covered Bridge \$ (NPS)

10:00am **Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove**  
1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

10:30am **Visit Yosemite's Past**  
1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS) &

2:00pm **Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove**  
1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

2:30pm **Visit Yosemite's Past**  
1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS) &

5:30pm **Vintage Yosemite Music/Wawona History** 4 hrs. Live music and/or history slide show. Wawona Hotel Lounge (YCS) &

8:00pm **Campfire**  
1 hr. Wawona Campground (NPS) &

6:45pm **Alpenglow Photo Shoot**  
1 hr. Glacier Point Amphitheater (Kodak) &

8:00pm **Campfire**  
1 hr. Bridalveil Creek Campground, C loop (NPS) &

10:00am **Ranger Walk—Puppy Dome**  
(August 15 only)  
2 hrs. Lembert Dome parking area  
**JUNIOR RANGERS**  
2 hrs. (Kids 8-10)  
Lembert Dome parking area

2:00pm **Ranger Walk—Lake Exploration**  
2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 Road marker T-29

8:00pm **Campfire**  
1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)

3:00pm **Ranger Hike to A Fire**  
Learn the benefits of fire. Hiking boots and long pants required. White Wolf Lodge (NPS)

8:00pm **Campfire** 1 hr. Crane Flat Campground (NPS)  
**Campfire** 1 hr. White Wolf Campground (NPS)

6:30am **Sunrise Photo Walk**  
1½ hrs. Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk (Kodak)

9:00am **Ranger Hike to Mirror Lake and Beyond**  
3½ hrs. 5 miles, easy to moderate Shuttle stop #17, Bring sturdy footwear and water

9:30am **EXPLORE YOSEMITE**  
(August 23 only)  
3 hrs. (Kids 6-14 with adult)  
Sign up/information at Yosemite Lodge or Curry Village Tour Desk \$ (YCS) &

10:00am **Native and Exotic Wildflower Walk**  
(August 16 only)  
4 hrs. Bring lunch and water LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

2:00pm **Ahwahneechee Tools and Treasures**  
1½ hrs. Yosemite Museum (NPS) &  
**WILDERNESS QUILT PROJECT**  
2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

7:30pm **OLD-FASHIONED CAMPFIRE AND SING ALONG**  
1½ hrs. Near Curry Village Tickets/information at any lodge tour desk \$ (YCS)

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) &  
**Evening Program**  
1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)  
August 16: The Letters of John Muir and Jeanne Carr  
August 23: John Muir Around the World  
**LIFE AFTER DARK**  
(August 23 only) 1 hr. Shuttle Stop #11 (Sierra Club)

8:30pm **Evening Ranger Program**  
1 hr. Lower Pines Amphitheater &  
**Evening Program—Climbing**  
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS/AAC) @  
**Yosemite in Pictures**  
1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (Kodak) &

10:00am to Noon & 2:00pm to 4:00pm  
**Stage Rides**  
10 min. Purchase tickets near Wawona Covered Bridge \$ (NPS)

10:00am **Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove**  
1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

10:30am **Visit Yosemite's Past**  
1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS) &

2:00pm **Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove**  
1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

2:30pm **Visit Yosemite's Past**  
1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS) &

5:30pm **Vintage Music of Yosemite**  
4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer, Tom Bopp. Wawona Hotel Lounge (YCS) &

8:00pm **Campfire**  
1 hr. Wawona Campground (NPS) &

9:30am **Ranger Walk to McGurk Meadow & Cabin** 2½ hrs. 4 miles, easy to moderate Phone booth at Bridalveil Creek Campground

7:15pm **Sunset Talk**  
½ hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) &

8:30pm **Stars Over Yosemite**  
(Telescope August 16 only)  
1-2 hrs. Glacier Point Amphitheater Subject to cancellation if overcast (NPS) &

10:30am **Ranger Walk—Bears**  
(August 16 only)  
1½ hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground entrance

1:00pm **Ranger on Horseback—Talks about Patrol Horses**  
1 hr. Allow 30 minutes to walk to Parsons Memorial Lodge

2:00pm **Ranger Walk—History**  
2 hrs. Lembert Dome parking area

6:30pm **Ranger Walk—Music for Parks**  
1¼ hrs. Lembert Dome parking area

8:00pm **Campfire**  
1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)

3:00pm **Ranger Hike to A Fire**  
Learn the benefits of fire. Hiking boots and long pants required. White Wolf Lodge (NPS)

8:00pm **Campfire** 1 hr. Crane Flat Campground (NPS)  
**Campfire** 1 hr. White Wolf Campground (NPS)

6:30am **Sunrise Photo Walk**  
1½ hrs. Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk (Kodak)

9:00am **Photography Walk**  
2 hrs. Space limited. Sign up at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Weather permitting (AAG)

9:30am **EXPLORE YOSEMITE**  
3 hrs. (Kids 6-14 with adult)  
Sign up/information at Yosemite Lodge or Curry Village Tour Desk \$ (YCS) &

10:00am **Ranger Walk—Trees**  
1 to 1½ hrs. The Ahwahnee, shuttle stop #3  
**CHILDREN'S PHOTO WALK**  
1½ hrs. The Ahwahnee Concierge Desk Parents must accompany. Limited to 15 (Kodak)  
**Walk—Summer Aspects of Mirror Lake**  
4 hrs. Bring lunch and water. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

10:30am **BEARS—THE ESSENCE OF WILDNESS**  
(August 17 only) 6 hrs. Bring lunch and water. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

11:00am **WILDERNESS QUILT PROJECT**  
2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

1:00pm **AQUATIC FIELD TRIP**  
(August 24 only)  
2 hrs. Shuttle stop #16 (Sierra Club)

2:00pm **Ranger Talk/Walk—Bears**  
1 to 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater &

4:00pm **CHILDREN'S NATURE STORIES**  
½ hr. All ages welcome (7 & under with adult) The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) &

7:00pm **Twilight Stroll**  
1 hr. The Ahwahnee patio (YCS)

8:00pm **A WALK BACK IN TIME**  
1 hr. Stables, shuttle stop #18 (Sierra Club)  
**Evening Program**  
1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)  
August 17: John Muir at Home in Martinez  
August 24: Volcanoes of the Solar System

8:30pm **Evening Ranger Program**  
1 hr. Lower Pines Amphitheater &  
**Evening Program—Climbing**  
1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS/AAC) &  
**Yosemite in Pictures**  
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (Kodak) &

9:00pm **STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY**  
1 hr. Near the Yosemite Lodge Sign up/details at any lodge tour desk \$ (YCS)

10:00am to Noon & 2:00pm to 4:00pm  
**Stage Rides**  
10 min. Purchase tickets near Wawona Covered Bridge \$ (NPS)

10:00am **Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove**  
1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

10:30am **Visit Yosemite's Past**  
1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS) &

2:00pm **Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove**  
1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

2:30pm **Visit Yosemite's Past**  
1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS)

5:30pm **Vintage Yosemite Music / Wawona History** 4 hrs. Live music and/or history slide show. Wawona Hotel Lounge (YCS) &

8:00pm **Campfire**  
1 hr. Wawona Campground (NPS) &

2:00pm **Ranger Walk**  
2 hrs. Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road

7:15pm **Sunset Talk**  
½ hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) &

8:30pm **Stars Over Yosemite**  
(Telescope August 17 only)  
1-2 hrs. Glacier Point Amphitheater Subject to cancellation if overcast (NPS) &

7:30am **Ranger Walk—Birds**  
2½ hrs. Lembert Dome parking area Binoculars available

2:00pm **Special Event—Sixth Annual Tuolumne Meadows Poetry Festival**  
(August 17 only) 1½ hrs. Allow 30 minutes to walk to Parsons Memorial Lodge (NPS)  
**Special Event—Ansel Adams in Tuolumne Meadows**  
(August 24 only) 1 hr. Allow 30 minutes to walk to Parsons Memorial Lodge (NPS)

8:00pm **Campfire**  
1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)

9:30pm **Ranger Talk—Stars**  
1 hr. Tuolumne Meadows Campground

3:00pm **Ranger Hike to A Fire**  
Learn the benefits of fire. Hiking boots and long pants required. White Wolf Lodge (NPS)

8:00pm **Campfire** 1 hr. Crane Flat Campground (NPS)  
**Campfire** 1 hr. White Wolf Campground (NPS)



August 13 - 26, 2002

## 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.

Illustration by Lawrence Ormsby



View from Taft Point.\* Photo by Colleen Brown

## Wawona & Mariposa Grove



Giant Sequoia

Photo by Sara Harvell

### 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.

### 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. ♿

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

## Crane Flat, Big Oak Flat, and White Wolf

### Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 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. 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.

## Yosemite Today

Published by the National Park Service, in cooperation with Yosemite Concession Services, Corp.

Editor Colleen Brown  
Design / Production Skip Gaynard Designs  
Printing Casey Printing, Inc.

#### We're Interested . . .

We are always looking for ways to improve our visitor publications. You can help by sending your comments via e-mail to Kristina\_Rylands@nps.gov or fax to 209/379-1294.

Photos marked with an asterisk (\*) were made possible in part by the National Park Foundation through the generous support of Kodak, PROUD PARTNER of AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS.