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Yosemite Today

September 10 - 30, 2002



El Capitan from Tunnel View*
Photo by Colleen Brown

Valley Visitor Center

Open 9:00 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 9:30 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. through September 15. *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).

Help Keep Yosemite Bears Wild!

Did you know that during the fall bears must eat 20,000 calories daily to prepare for winter? That's about 1,650 acorns each day (130 chocolate bars for you or me)! Help keep Yosemite's bears wild. Be sure to store your food, drinks, toiletries, and any scented items according to park regulations while staying at Yosemite National Park. Look for Yosemite Valley programs about the amazing lives of bears.

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

Yosemite Valley

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 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 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 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. ♿

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 photo-

graphers, 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. ♿

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

Through September 29, 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 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.



Prairie Falcon Illustration by Lawrence Ormsby

Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Through September 29, open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays. Phone 209/372-0263 ♿



Cathedral Lake and Peak can be reached on foot from Tuolumne Meadows via the John Muir Trail.
Photo by Bryan Harry

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 Lambert Dome parking area or from the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Allow 30 minutes walking time.

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*. Bring a pad to sit on for the Star Program and dress warmly. Programs will be canceled if the sky is overcast.

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 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. ♿

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



September 9-15

Ben Kudo
Watercolor

September 16-22

Pat Hunter
Watercolor

September 23-28

Anne Longman
Pen/Pencil on
Watercolor Paper

NPS Open House

Saturday, September 21

Stop by the East Auditorium (behind the Valley Visitor Center) between 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to learn about the latest Yosemite improvement projects.

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
S = Programs offered for a fee



Indicates programs accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Yosemite Valley	<p>7:30am SUNRISE HIKE TO MIRROR LAKE (September 15 and 22 only) 2½ hrs. Stables, shuttle stop #18 (Sierra Club)</p> <p>10:00am Ranger Walk—Yosemite's First People 1 to 1½ hrs. Behind Valley Visitor Center &</p> <p>11:00am WILDERNESS QUILT PROJECT (September 29 only) 5 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Talk/Walk—Bears 1 to 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater &</p> <p>WILDERNESS QUILT PROJECT (September 15 and 22 only) 2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)</p> <p>4:30pm 75th Anniversary Ahwahnee Tour 1 hr. Limited to 25 people Sign up/meet at The Ahwahnee Concierge Desk (YCS)</p> <p>6:00pm Twilight Stroll 1 hr. Ahwahnee patio (YCS)</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club) September 15: John Olmsted Across the Sierra September 22: Yosemite Valley's Lost Twin: Hetch Hetchy September 29: John Muir</p> <p>8:30pm Film—Ansel Adams, Photographer 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (AAG) &</p> <p>Evening Program (September 15 and 22 only) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &</p> <p>STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY (September 15 and 22 only) 1 hr. Near Yosemite Lodge Sign up/details at any tour desk \$ (YCS)</p>	<p>2:00pm Ranger Walk—Trees 1 to 1½ hrs. The Ahwahnee, shuttle stop #3</p> <p>4:30pm 75th Anniversary Ahwahnee Tour 1 hr. Limited to 25 people Sign up/meet at The Ahwahnee Concierge Desk (YCS)</p> <p>8:00pm Yosemite Theater Presents: Wild Stories with John Muir (September 16 only) 1½ hr. East Auditorium (behind the Visitor Center) Tickets available at the Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk or at the door (\$) (YCS) &</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program (September 16 only) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &</p> <p>Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS/NPS) &</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>2:00pm Ranger Talk/Walk—Bears 1 to 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater &</p> <p>4:30pm 75th Anniversary Ahwahnee Tour 1 hr. Limited to 25 people Sign up/meet at The Ahwahnee Concierge Desk (YCS)</p> <p>7:30pm Yosemite Theater Live—CAMPFIRE WITH JOHN MUIR (September 10 and 17 only) 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 (September 10 and 17 only) 1½ hrs. Visitor Center East Auditorium Tickets available at the Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk or at the door \$ (YCS) &</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program (September 10 and 17 only) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &</p> <p>Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS) &</p>
Wawona Mariposa Grove	<p>10:00am to noon Stage Rides (September 15 only) 10 min. Purchase tickets near Wawona Covered Bridge \$ (NPS)</p> <p>10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (September 15 only) 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>11:00am to 3:00pm Stage Rides (September 22 only) 10 min. Purchase tickets near Wawona Covered Bridge \$ (NPS)</p>		<p>5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer, Tom Bopp. Wawona Hotel Lounge (YCS) &</p>
Glacier Point	<p>6:30pm Sunset Talk (September 15 and 29 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) &</p>	<p>6:30pm Sunset Talk (September 23 and 30 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) &</p>	<p>6:30pm Sunset Talk (September 10 and 24 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) &</p>
Tuolumne Meadows	<p>10:00am Ranger Walk—To the Top of Lembert Dome (September 15 only) 3 hrs. Moderate Lembert Dome parking area Bring water and a snack</p>		<p>7:00pm Campfire (September 10 and 17 only) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground</p>

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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 &

4:30pm **75th Anniversary Ahwahnee Tour**
1 hr. Limited to 25 people
Sign up/meet at The Ahwahnee Concierge Desk (YCS)

8:00pm **Yosemite Theater Presents: Wild Stories with John Muir**
(September 11 and 18 only)
1½ hr. East Auditorium (behind the Visitor Center)
Tickets available at the Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk or at the door (\$) (YCS) &

8:30pm **Evening Program**
(September 11 and 18 only)
1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &

Evening Program
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS) &

STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY
(September 11 only)
1 hr. Near Yosemite Lodge
Sign up/details at any tour desk \$ (YCS)

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

11:00am **CHILDREN'S NATURE STORIES**
½ hr. All ages welcome (7 & under with adult) The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) &

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

WILDERNESS QUILT PROJECT
2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

4:30pm **75th Anniversary Ahwahnee Tour**
1 hr. Limited to 25 people
Sign up/meet at The Ahwahnee Concierge Desk (YCS)

7:00pm **WEE WILD ONES**
(September 12 and 19 only)
¾ hr. (Kids 6 & under) Stories and activities
Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &

7:30pm **YOSEMITE THEATER LIVE—CAMPFIRE WITH JOHN MUIR**
(September 12 only)
1½ hrs. Near Curry Village
Tickets/Information at any lodge tour desk \$ (YCS)

ANIMALS AND THEIR SENSES
(September 12 and 19 only)
1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

8:00pm **Yosemite Theater Live—Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a 4th Marriage; Stories of a Pioneer Woman**
(September 12 and 19 only)
1½ hrs. Visitor Center East Auditorium
Tickets available at the Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk or at the door \$ (YCS) &

8:30pm **Evening Program**
(September 12 and 19 only)
1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &

Evening Program
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS) &

10:00am **ALL ABOUT BEARS**
(September 13 and 20 only)
1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

2:00pm **Ahwahneechee Tools and Treasures**
1 to 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater &

WILDERNESS QUILT PROJECT
2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

4:30pm **75th Anniversary Ahwahnee Tour**
1 hr. Limited to 25 people
Sign up/meet at The Ahwahnee Concierge Desk (YCS)

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

7:30pm **OLD-FASHIONED CAMPFIRE AND SING ALONG**
(September 13 and 20 only)
1½ hrs. Near Curry Village
Tickets/information at any lodge tour desk \$ (YCS)

LIFE AFTER DARK
(September 13 and 20 only)
1 hr. shuttle stop #11 (Sierra Club)

8:00pm **Yosemite Theater Presents: Wild Stories with John Muir**
(September 13 and 20 only)
1½ hr. East Auditorium (behind the Visitor Center) Tickets available at the Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk or at the door (\$) (YCS) &

Evening Program
1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)
September 13: Pacific/Atlantic Panorama
September 20: A Tribute to John Muir and Ansel Adams
September 27: Mystic Muir: Trails of Truth

8:30pm **Evening Program**
(September 13 and 20 only)
1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &

Evening Program—Climbing
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS/AAC) &

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

11:00am **WILDERNESS QUILT PROJECT**
(September 14 and 21 only)
2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

1:00pm **AQUATIC FIELD TRIP**
(September 14 only)
2 hrs. shuttle stop #16 (Sierra Club)

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

WILDERNESS QUILT PROJECT
(September 28 only)
2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

3:00pm **Fine Print Viewing**
1 hr. Space limited
Sign up/meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery &

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

4:30pm **75th Anniversary Ahwahnee Tour**
1 hr. Limited to 25 people
Sign up/meet at The Ahwahnee Concierge Desk (YCS)

6:00pm **Twilight Stroll**
(September 21 and 28 only)
1 hr. Ahwahnee patio (YCS)

7:00pm **Evening Ranger Program**
1 hr. Lower Pines Amphitheater &

WEE WILD ONES
(September 14 and 21 only)
¾ hr. (Kids 6 & under) Stories and activities
Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &

7:30pm **A WALK BACK IN TIME**
(September 14 and 21 only)
1 hr. shuttle stop #18

8:00pm **Evening Program**
1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)
September 14: John Muir Trail
September 21: 3-D Slide Show of National Parks and Mt. Diablo
September 27: Muir, Thoreau, Emerson, and Margaret Fuller

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

Evening Program—Climbing
(September 14 and 21 only)
1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS/AAC) &

STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY
(September 21 only) 1 hr. Near Yosemite Lodge Sign up/details at any tour desk \$ (YCS)

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

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

11:00am to 3:00pm
Stage Rides
10 min. Purchase tickets near Wawona Covered Bridge \$ (NPS)

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

7:30pm **Campfire**
(September 13 only)
1 hr. Wawona Campground (NPS) &

10:00am to noon
Stage Rides
(September 14 only)
10 min. Purchase tickets near Wawona Covered Bridge \$ (NPS)

10:00am **Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove**
(September 14 only)
1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

11:00am to 3:00pm
Stage Rides
(September 21 only)
10 min. Purchase tickets near Wawona Covered Bridge \$ (NPS)

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

2:00pm **Ranger Walk**
(September 11 and 25 only)
2 hrs. Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road

6:30pm **Sunset Talk**
(September 11 and 25 only)
½ hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) &

6:30pm **Sunset Talk**
(September 12 only)
½ hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) &

6:30pm **Sunset Talk**
(September 13 only)
½ hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) &

2:00pm **Ranger Walk**
(September 14 and 28 only)
2 hrs. Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road

6:30pm **Sunset Talk**
(September 14 and 28 only)
½ hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) &

8:00pm **Stars Over Yosemite**
(September 14 and 28 only)
1 hr. Glacier Point Amphitheater
Subject to cancellation if overcast (NPS) &

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

7:00pm **Campfire**
(September 11 and 18 only)
1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground

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

7:00pm **Campfire**
(September 12 and 19 only)
1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground

2:00pm **Ranger Walk—Along the River**
2 hrs. Lembert Dome parking area

7:00pm **Campfire**
(September 13 and 20 only)
1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground

10:00am **Special—Sketching Along the River**
(September 14 and 21 only)
3 hrs. Campground Reservation Office
\$5 donation for materials
Sign up at Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Phone 209/372-0263

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

7:00pm **Campfire**
(September 14 and 21 only)
1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground

8:30pm **Ranger Talk—Stars**
(September 14 only)
1 hr. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office
Bring pad to sit on and dress warmly

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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 park ranger will host a star program. Bring warm clothing.

See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

Illustration by Lawrence Ormsby



Sentinel Rock*

Photo by Colleen Brown

Wawona & Mariposa Grove



Museum in Upper Grove of Giant Sequoias*

Photo by Colleen Brown

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 weekends, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

♿ 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. through September 21. Located inside the Information Station. Wilderness permits, trail information, bear canister rentals, and limited map sales. After September 21, only self registration for wilderness use will be available at Big Oak Flat. ♿

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.

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