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# Yosemite Today

October 1 - November 4, 2002

## Yosemite Valley

### Valley Visitor Center

Open 9:00 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 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 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, and for hearing impaired speakers of English. ♿

### Yosemite Museum

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

### FEATURES

#### 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. through October 20 after which time all wilderness permits will be available in the Visitor Center by self-registration only. ♿

### The Ansel Adams Gallery

Open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. through October 13, then 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the fall and winter season. 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, handcrafts, 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

#### October 1-November 16

*Sanctuary*, an inspirational exhibit of photographs by acclaimed local photographer, William Neill, illustrates the idea that we need the beauty of nature and wilderness.

### Yosemite Theater Live

Come help Yosemite Theater Live celebrate its 19th season! The National Park Service recognizes Yosemite Theater as the best interpretive program



Tunnel View After a Storm\*

Photo by Colleen Brown

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.

## Tuolumne Meadows



Clouds Rest Summit\*  
Photo by Colleen Brown

### 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.

### Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

Open October 4 & 5, 11 & 12 only, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On other dates, permits for the Tuolumne Meadows area can be made at the Tuolumne Meadows Ranger Station or at other wilderness centers in the park. 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. ♿

### Overnight Parking Along Tioga Road

After October 15, parking along Tioga Road will be limited to day use. No overnight parking will be permitted.



Prairie Falcon  
Illustration by Lawrence Ormsby

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

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 29-October 6  
**Carol Earle**  
Watercolor/Mixed Media

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

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



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## For the Courtesy of Other Visitors

Please refrain from using cellular phones during programs or while in the company of others enjoying Yosemite's beauty. Thank you.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Yosemite Valley	<p>10:00am <b>Ranger Walk—Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1904</b> 1 to 1½ hrs. Valley Visitor Center</p> <p>11:00am <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> ¾ hr. (Kids 6 &amp; under) Stories and activities Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &amp;</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Ranger Talk/Walk—Bears</b> 1 to 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater &amp;</p> <p>4:30pm <b>75th Anniversary Ahwahnee Tour</b> 1 hr. Limited to 25 people Sign up/meet at The Ahwahnee Concierge Desk (YCS)</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Evening Ranger Program</b> (October 13 only) 1 hr. Lower Pines Amphitheater &amp;</p> <p>7:30pm <b>Film—Ansel Adams, Photographer</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (AAG) &amp;</p>	<p>8:30am <b>Autumn Photo Walk</b> 2 hr. Sign up/meet at The Ahwahnee Front Desk (YCS)</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Ranger's Choice</b> 1 to 1½ hrs. Valley Visitor Center</p> <p>4:30pm <b>75th Anniversary Ahwahnee Tour</b> 1 hr. Limited to 25 people Sign up/meet at The Ahwahnee Concierge Desk (YCS)</p> <p>7:30pm <b>FIRESIDE STORYTELLING FOR ALL AGES</b> 1 hr. The Ahwahnee Great Lounge Fireplace &amp;</p> <p><b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS/NPS) &amp;</p>	<p>9:00am <b>Photography Walk</b> 2 hrs. Space limited Sign up at The Ansel Adams Gallery Weather permitting (AAG)</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Ranger Talk/Walk—Bears</b> 1 to 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater &amp;</p> <p>4:30pm <b>75th Anniversary Ahwahnee Tour</b> 1 hr. Limited to 25 people Sign up/meet at The Ahwahnee Concierge Desk (YCS)</p> <p>7:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS) &amp;</p>
Wawona Mariposa Grove			<p>5:30pm <b>Vintage Music of Yosemite</b> 4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer, Tom Bopp. Wawona Hotel Lounge (YCS) &amp;</p>
Glacier Point	<p>2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk</b> (October 6 and 13 only) 2 hrs. Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road</p> <p>6:00pm <b>Sunset Talk</b> (October 6 and 13 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) &amp;</p>	<p>2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk</b> (October 7 and 14 only) 2 hrs. Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road</p> <p>6:00pm <b>Sunset Talk</b> (October 7 and 14 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) &amp;</p>	<p>6:00pm <b>Sunset Talk</b> (October 1, 8, and 15 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) &amp;</p>

## October 23 Hybrid Electric Shuttle Bus Demonstration at NPS Open House

Stop by the Valley Visitor Center to see a demonstration of a hybrid electric transit bus. The National Park Service intends to procure up to 19 new transit buses to replace the existing fleet of leased diesel buses in its Yosemite Valley shuttle system. Hybrid electric vehicles offer a promising alternative fuel technology that is being considered by the National Park Service.



A new fleet of low noise and low emissions shuttle buses should be on the road in Yosemite Valley by late 2004.

A hybrid electric bus operates in much the same way as the thousands of hybrid electric automobiles currently on the road today. They are powered by a mix of electrical and mechanical energy. The result of this ingenious engineering is a bus that has low emissions, low noise, and better fuel economy.

### OPEN HOUSE

To learn more about this and other improvement projects occurring in Yosemite National Park, attend the National Park Service Open House on October 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Valley Visitor Center's East Auditorium. Information can also be found online at [www.nps.gov/yose/planning](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planning).

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>10:00am <b>NPS Open House</b> to (October 23 only) 5:00pm Learn about Yosemite's latest improvement projects. Valley Visitor Center East Auditorium &amp;</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Granite and Ice</b> 1 to 1½ hrs. Lower Yosemite Fall parking area, near shuttle stop #6 &amp;</p> <p>3:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> ¼ hr. (Kids 6 &amp; under) Stories and activities Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &amp;</p> <p>4:30pm <b>75th Anniversary Ahwahnee Tour</b> 1 hr. Limited to 25 people Sign up/meet at The Ahwahnee Concierge Desk (YCS)</p> <p>7:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS) &amp;</p>	<p>9:00am <b>Photography Walk</b> 2 hrs. Space limited Sign up at The Ansel Adams Gallery Weather permitting (AAG)</p> <p>11:00am <b>CHILDREN'S NATURE STORIES</b> ½ hr. All ages welcome (7 &amp; under with adult) The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) &amp;</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Ranger Talk/Walk—Bears</b> 1 to 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater &amp;</p> <p>4:30pm <b>75th Anniversary Ahwahnee Tour</b> 1 hr. Limited to 25 people Sign up/meet at The Ahwahnee Concierge Desk (YCS)</p> <p>7:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS) &amp;</p>	<p>2:00pm <b>Ranger Program—American Indian Stories and Games</b> 1 to 1½ hrs. Behind Valley Visitor Center &amp;</p> <p>4:30pm <b>75th Anniversary Ahwahnee Tour</b> 1 hr. Limited to 25 people Sign up/meet at The Ahwahnee Concierge Desk (YCS)</p> <p>5:00pm <b>Twilight Ranger Walk</b> (October 18 and 25 only) 1½ hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater</p> <p><b>Autumn Twilight Stroll</b> 1 hr. The Ahwahnee Patio (YCS)</p> <p>5:30pm <b>Twilight Ranger Walk</b> (October 4 and 11 only) 1½ hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater</p> <p>7:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS) &amp;</p>	<p>9:00am <b>Photography Walk</b> 2 hrs. Space limited Sign up at The Ansel Adams Gallery Weather permitting (AAG)</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Yosemite's Legacy</b> 1 to 1½ hrs. Valley Visitor Center &amp;</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Fine Print Viewing</b> 1 hr. Space limited Sign up/meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery &amp;</p> <p>4:00pm <b>CHILDREN'S NATURE STORIES</b> ½ hr. All ages welcome (7 &amp; under with adult) The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) &amp;</p> <p>4:30pm <b>75th Anniversary Ahwahnee Tour</b> 1 hr. Limited to 25 people Sign up/meet at The Ahwahnee Concierge Desk (YCS)</p> <p>5:00pm <b>Autumn Twilight Stroll</b> 1 hr. The Ahwahnee Patio (YCS)</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Evening Ranger Program</b> 1 hr. Lower Pines Amphitheater &amp;</p> <p>7:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS) &amp;</p>
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			<p>6:00pm <b>Sunset Talk</b> (October 5 and 12 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) &amp;</p> <p>7:30pm <b>Stars Over Yosemite</b> (October 5 and 12 only) 1 hr. Glacier Point Amphitheater Subject to cancellation if overcast (NPS) &amp;</p>

**Celebrate The Ahwahnee's 75th Anniversary**

Discover The Ahwahnee's grandeur and its colorful past as this historic hotel celebrates 75 years.

A 1-hour tour is offered daily at 4:30 p.m. and is limited to 25 participants.

Sign up at The Ahwahnee Concierge Desk.



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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*



View from Glacier Point\*

Photo by Colleen Brown

## Wawona & Mariposa Grove



Inside the Telescope Tree\*

Photo by Colleen Brown

### Wawona Information Station at Hill's Studio

Through October 6, open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed October 1 and 2 and daily 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. ♿



Indicates facilities accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

### Wawona Wilderness Center

Open through October 6, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch; closed October 1 and 2). Located inside the Wawona Information Station. Wilderness permits, trail information, bear canister rentals, books, and maps. ♿

### 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. ♿

### 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 through October 20 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. Beginning October 4, Friday, Saturday and Sunday service only.

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.

### 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 30 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. through October 6.

#### 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

## Crane Flat & Big Oak Flat

### 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. Self-registration for wilderness permits is available for areas other than Little Yosemite Valley. ♿

### 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 Station, 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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