Yosemite Today

July 1 - 14, 2003

Yosemite Valley

Valley Visitor Center

Open 7:30 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. & TTY

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. & CC

Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. $\mbox{\clubebox{\cluster}\&}$

FEATURES

Museum Gallery

Open 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Historic 19th and 20th century Yosemite landscape paintings from the park's museum collection.

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 5:00 p.m. Offering traditional American Indian arts and crafts and books on related subjects.

The Indian Village of Ahwahnee

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

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 pretrip planning, minimum impact camping techniques, and Yosemite's wilderness.

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Illustration by Lawrence Ormsby

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, 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. &

GALLERY EXHIBIT

Through July 30th

The Gallery presents the black and white photography of *Patrick Jablonski*. His dynamic prints are a tremendous example of contemporary photographers inspired by the western landscape.

Patrick is also a conservator of fine photographic prints for galleries and private collectors as well as an instructor of photography at Monterey Peninsula College.

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 20th 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 and 9. See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times. &



Vernal Fall

Photo by B. Harry

Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Open 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays. Phone 209/372-0263 ₺

Parsons Memorial Lodge McCauley Cabin and Soda Springs

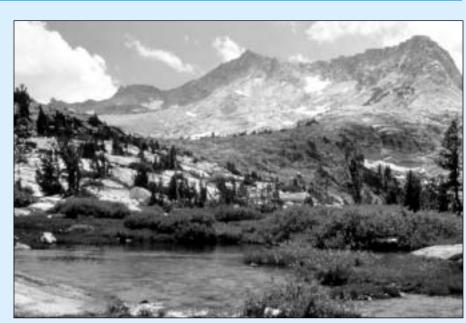
This historic area is only accessible by walking. There are two trails, both flat and both 1/2-mile long. See the map of Tuolumne Meadows area in this paper. Parsons Memorial Lodge is usually open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Historic McCauley Cabin has an open house from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday. The Soda Springs are small naturally carbonated springs that often attract birds and deer at sunrise and sunset.

Free Olmsted Point/ Tuolumne/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.) runs to Tioga Pass.

Service begins at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge at 7:00 a.m. Shuttle buses arrive at approximately 30-minute intervals between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The last shuttle bus leaves Olmsted Point at 6:00 p.m. Schedules are subject to change. Please check route maps at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center or shuttle bus stops for details.



Vogelsang Peak

Photo by L. Mckenzie

Just for Kids

Programs for children include Junior Rangers two days a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays and a kids' campfire program on Wednesday night. Junior Rangers is a 2-hour ranger-led program for children (ages 8-10).

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 the Dana Campfire Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground and take part in a tradition! Join a ranger for campfire, songs, 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 7:30 to 6:00. 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. &



Indicates facilities accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

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



July 1 - 6 Jim Murray Sketching/Drawing

> July 7 - 13 **Don Fay** 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

= Programs offered for a fee



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White Wolf Big Oak Flat Crane Flat

Check local bulletin boards for additional program information

Special Events

AT PARSONS MEMORIAL

These inspiring programs begin at 2:00 p.m. and last Allow 30 minutes walking time to Parsons Memorial **Tuolumne Meadows** Visitor Center.

Admission is free.

Slide presentation by Donna Sisson, Park Ranger

SUNDAY, JULY 13 **Black Bear Research**

Slide presentation by Sean Matthews, Research Wildlife Biologist with The Wildlife **Conservation Society**

SUNDAY July 6 & 13

7:30am Sunrise Adventure: Hike to Mirror

Shuttle stop #18 (Sierra Club)

9:00am Photography Walk

2 hrs. Limited space, advance sign up required Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery, weather permitting (AAG)

10:00am Ranger Walk—Buffalo Soldier, 1904 11/2 hrs. Meet in front of Visitor Center (NPS)

2:30pm Ranger Walk—Yosemite's Legacy

11/2 hrs. Meet in front of Visitor Center (NPS)

6:45pm WEE WILD ONES

(July 6 only) 45 min. Stories and surprises geared for children 6 and under. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &

7:00pm Mewu Eh—Ahwahneechee Stories 1 hr. Indian Village of Ahwahnee. Meet behind Yosemite Museum (NPS)

8:00pm Evening Program

Yosemite Valley

Mariposa Grove

1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge Shuttle stop #12 (Sierra Club) July 6: Yosemite Search & Rescue July 13: Climbing Yosemite Walls

8:30pm Film—Ansel Adams, Photographer 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (AAG) & **Evening Program**

1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &

M O N D A Y July 7 & 14

2:30pm Ranger Walk—Ahwahneechee Stories and Games

11/2 hrs. Meet behind the Visitor Center (NPS)

7:30pm OLD-FASHIONED CAMPFIRE WITH THE RECYCLED STRING BAND (July 7 only)

11/2 hrs. Tickets at any lodge tour desk \$ (YCS) &

8:00pm Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories with John Muir

11/2 hrs. Visitor Center West Auditorium \$ (YCS) &

8:30pm Evening Program

1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS) & 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) & 1 hr. Lower Pines Amphitheater (NPS) &

6:30am Sunrise Photo Walk

11/2 hrs. Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge front desk (Kodak)

9:00am Photography Walk

2 hrs. Limited space, advance sign up required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery, weather permitting (AAG)

10:00am CHILDREN'S PHOTO WALK

1 hr. Ahwahnee Concierge Desk Parents must accompany Limited to 15 (Kodak)

12:00pm Science Forum—The Status of the

Pacific Fisher in Yosemite (July 8 only)

1 hr. Interactive lecture by a USGS Research Wildlife Biologist Valley Visitor Center East Auditorium

2:30pm Ranger Walk—Bears

11/2 hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)

8:00pm Yosemite Theater Live—Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a 4th Marriage: Stories of a Pioneer Woman 11/2 hrs. Visitor Center West Auditorium

\$ (YCS) & 8:30pm **Evening Program**

1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) & 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (Kodak) &

9:00pm Starry Skies Over Yosemite Valley 1 hr. Meet near Yosemite Lodge Sign up/details at any lodge tour desk \$

2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove

5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite

11/2 hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)

4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer

Wawona Hotel lounge (YCS) &

10:00am to 12:00pm / 2:00pm to 4:00pm Stage Rides

10 min. Purchase tickets near Wawona Covered Bridge \$ (NPS)

10:00am to 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Blacksmith Demonstration Blacksmith Shop, Pioneer Yosemite History

Center (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

11/2 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) &

8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Wawona Campground Campfire Circle

2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 11/2 hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)

8:00pm Campfire

1 hr. Wawona Campground Campfire Circle (NPS) &

Starry Skies Over Wawona (July 7 only)

1 hr. Sign up at Wawona Hotel front desk \$

8:00pm Campfire

1 hr. Wawona Campground Campfire Circle

Tom Bopp

LODGE

Lodge from either Lembert Dome parking area or the

SATURDAY, JULY 12 Yosemite Search & Rescue

in Yosemite

Tuolumne Meadows

2:00pm Ranger Walk

2 hrs. Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Rd. (NPS)

6 hrs. Call 209/379-2321 or check in at a

visitor center. For more information \$ (YA)

11/2 hrs. Meet at Tuolumne Meadows

Campground Reservation Office (NPS)

1 hr. Meet at Parsons Memorial Lodge

1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows

Allow 30 minute walking time (NPS)

7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk

1/2 hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) &

9:00am Investigating the Wildflowers of

Tuolumne Meadows

(July 6 only)

10:30am Ranger Walk—Bears

2:00pm Black Bear Research

(July 13 only)

Campground (NPS)

8:00pm Campfire

8:00pm Campfire (July 14 only)

1 hr. Bridalviel Creek Campground

C loop (NPS) &

21/2 hrs. Meet at Bridalveil Creek Campground

phone booth (NPS)

9:30am Ranger Walk to McGurk Meadow

7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk

1/2 hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) &

10:00am Ranger Walk—Animals 2 hrs. Meet at Lembert Dome parking area

1:00pm McCauley Cabin Open House

2 hrs. Allow 30 minutes walking time to Soda Springs (NPS)

2:00pm Ranger Walk—Lake Exploration

2 hrs. Meet at Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8

8:00pm Campfire

1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)

10:00am JUNIOR RANGERS 2 hrs. Meet at Lembert Dome parking area

2:00pm Ranger Walk—Domes and Meadows

2 hrs. Meet at Pothole Dome Shuttle stop #8 (NPS)

8:00pm Campfire

1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)

9:15pm Ranger Walk-Night Prowl

1hr. Sign up at Tuolumne Meadows Visitor

Center 209/372-0263 (NPS)

| W E D N E S D A Y July 2 & 9 | T H U R S D A Y July 3 & 10 | FRIDAY July 4 & 11 | S A T U R D A Y July 5 & 12 |
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| 6:30am Sunrise Photo Walk 1½ hrs. Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge front desk (Kodak) 10:00am Photo Tips, Demos, and Q &A 1 hr. Meet behind Valley Visitor Center (Kodak) 2:30pm Ranger Walk—Granite & Ice | 6:30am Sunrise Photo Walk 1½ hrs. Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge front desk (Kodak) 9:00am Photography Walk 2 hrs. Limited space, advance sign up required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery, weather permitting (AAG) 10:00am Children's Photo Walk | 6:30am Sunrise Photo Walk 1½ hrs. Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge front desk (Kodak) 10:00am Photo Tips, Demos, and Q &A 1 hr. Meet behind Valley Visitor Center (Kodak) JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM 1 hr. For kids 7-13 | 6:30am Sunrise Photo Walk 1½ hrs. Sign up/meet at Yosemite Lodge front desk (Kodak) 9:00am Photography Walk 2 hrs. Limited space, advance sign up required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery, weather permitting (AAG) 1:00pm AQUATIC FIELD TRIP |
| 1½ hrs. Meet in front of Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 6:30pm Twilight Stroll 1 hr. The Ahwahnee outdoor patio (YCS) 6:45pm WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) 7:30pm OLD-FASHIONED CAMPFIRE WITH THE RECYCLED STRING BAND 1½ hrs. Near Curry Village Tickets/info at any lodge tour desk \$ (YCS) 8:00pm Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories with John Muir 1½ hrs. Visitor Center West Auditorium \$ (YCS) & 8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS) & 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (Kodak) & | 1 hr. Ahwahnee Concierge Desk. Parents must accompany. Limited to 15 (Kodak) Ranger Walk—Yosemite's First People 1½ hrs. Meet in back of Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 2:30pm Ranger Walk—Bears 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS) 7:30pm Twilight Ranger Walk 1½ hrs. Meet at Sentinel Bridge Shuttle stop #11 (NPS) OLD-FASHIONED CAMPFIRE & SING-ALONG 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 West Auditorium \$ (YCS) & Evening Program—ANIMALS AND THEIR SENSES 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge Shuttle stop #12 (Sierra Club) 8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (Kodak) & 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) & | Nature Center at Happy Isles (NPS) 10:30am ALL ABOUT BEARS 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge Shuttle stop #12 (Sierra Club) 2:30pm Ranger Walk—Rivers and Waterfalls 1½ hrs. Meet at Sentinel Bridge Shuttle stop #11 (NPS) 6:30pm Twilight Stroll 1 hr. Meet at The Ahwahnee outdoor patio (YCS) 7:30pm OLD-FASHIONED CAMPFIRE & 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 West Auditorium \$ (YCS) & LIFE AFTER DARK Bring flashlight and bug repellent. Meet at Shuttle stop #11 (Sierra Club) Evening Program—Writers and the Wilderness (July 11 only) LeConte Memorial Lodge Shuttle stop #19 (NPS) 1 hr. Lower Pines Amphitheater Shuttle stop #19 (NPS) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (Kodak) & Film—Yosemite Rockclimbing 1 hr. Yosemite Rockclimbing 1 hr. Yosemite Rockclimbing 1 hr. Yosemite Rockclimbing 1 hr. Yosemite Rockclimbing | 1:00pm ACUATIC FIELD TRIP 2 hrs. Meet at Happy Isles Shuttle stop #16 (Sierra Club) 2:30pm Ranger Walk—Bears 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS) 3:00pm Fine Print Viewing 1 hr. Very limited space. Sign up in advance Meet in The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) 4:00pm CHILDREN'S STORY TIME ½ hr. Front porch of The Ansel Adams Gallery Children 7 and under. Children must be accompanied by a parent (AAG) 7:30pm Twilight Ranger Walk 1½ hrs. Meet at Sentinel Bridge Shuttle stop #11 (NPS) 8:00pm A Walk Back in Time Bring flashlight and bug repellent Meet at stable shuttle stop #18 (Sierra Club) Evening Program 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge Shuttle stop #12 (Sierra Club) July 5: AMERICAN INDIAN STORIES July 12: If Trees are Us 8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Amphitheater (NPS) & 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (AAC/YCS) & 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) & 9:00pm Starry Skies Over Yosemite Valley 1 hr. Meet near Yosemite Lodge Sign up/details at any lodge tour desk \$ (YCS) |
| 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS) 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmith Demonstration Blacksmith Shop, Pioneer Yosemite History Center (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 Campfire Circle (NPS) & | 10:00am to 12:00pm / 2:00pm to 4:00pm Stage Rides 10 min. Purchase tickets near Wawona Covered Bridge \$ (NPS) 10:00am to 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmith Demonstration Blacksmith Shop, Pioneer Yosemite History Center (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 Campfire Circle (NPS) & | 10:00am to 12:00pm / 2:00pm to 4:00pm Stage Rides (2-4 pm on July 11 only) 10 min. Purchase tickets near Wawona Covered Bridge \$ (NPS) 10:00am to 12:00pm Living History (July 4 only) Visit historic cabins & pioneers Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) & 10:00am to 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmith Demonstration (July 11 only) Blacksmith Shop, Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) & 10:30am Visit Yosemite's Past (July 11 only) 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) 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION (July 4 only) 2 hrs. Games, and old-fashioned fun! Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) & 2:30pm Visit Yosemite's Past (July 11 only) 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 Campfire Circle (NPS) & | 10:00am to 12:00pm / 2:00pm to 4:00pm Stage Rides 10 min. Purchase tickets near Wawona Covered Bridge \$ (NPS) 10:00am to 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmith Demonstration Blacksmith Shop, Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) & 10:00am Wawona Miwok Indians (July 12 only) 2½ hrs. Meet near Wawona Covered Bridge (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 1½hrs. 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 Campfire Circle (NPS) & |
| No Programs | 2:00pm Ranger Walk 2 hrs. Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Rd. (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Bridalviel Creek Campground C loop (NPS) & | 7:45pm Sunset Talk 1/2 hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) & 8:15pm Full Moon Rising (July 11 only) 1/2 hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) & 8:30pm Stars Over Yosemite (July 4 only) 1-2 hrs. Glacier Point Amphitheater Cancel if overcast (NPS) & | 2:00pm Ranger Walk 2 hrs. Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Rd. (NPS) 7:15pm Alpenglow Photo Shoot 1 hr. Glacier Point Amphitheater (Kodak) & 7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk ½ hr. Glacier Point Railing (NPS) & 8:30pm Stars Over Yosemite (July 5 only) 1-2 hrs. Glacier Point Amphitheater Cancel if overcast (NPS) & |
| 7:30am Ranger Walk—Birds 2½ hrs. Meet at Lembert Dome parking area Binoculars are available (NPS) 9:00am Ranger Hike to Glen Aulin 6 hrs. Moderate, 6 to 8 miles Meet at Lembert Dome parking area Bring lunch, water and raingear (NPS) 10:00am Ranger Walk—About Climbing (July 2 only) 1½ hrs. Meet at Lembert Dome parking area (NPS) Flower Walk (July 9 only) 2 hrs. Meet at Pothole Dome Shuttle stop #8 (NPS) 1:00pm McCauley Cabin Open House 2 hrs. Allow 30 minutes walking time to Soda Springs (NPS) 7:00pm KIDS' CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Meet at Conness Circle, Loop C, Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 9:30pm Ranger Talk—Stars 1 hr. Meet at the Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office Bring pad to sit on and dress warmly (NPS) | 10:00am JUNIOR RANGERS 2 hrs. Meet at Lembert Dome parking area (NPS) Ranger Walk—History 2 hrs. Meet at Lembert Dome parking area (NPS) 2:00pm Ranger Walk—American Indians in the High Country 2 hrs. Meet at Lembert Dome parking area (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) | 10:00am Ranger Walk—Flowers 2 hrs. Meet at Lembert Dome parking area (NPS) 2:00pm Ranger Walk—Along the River 2 hrs. Meet at Lembert Dome parking area (NPS) 6:30pm Ranger Walk—Music for Parks (July 11 only) 11½ hrs. Meet at Lembert Dome parking area (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) | 9:00am Summer Birding in Tuolumne Meadows (July 5 only) 6 hrs. Call 209/379-2321 or check in at a visitor center for more information \$ (YA) 9:15am Ranger Hike—Mono Pass (July 5 only) 6-8 hrs. Moderate, 8-10 miles Meet at Mono Pass trailhead. Bring lunch, water and raingear (NPS) 11:00am Ranger on Horseback—Patrol Horses 1hr. Meet at Parsons Memorial Lodge Allow 30 minutes walking time (NPS) 2:00pm Yosemite Search and Rescue (July 12 only) 1 hr. Meet at Parsons Memorial Lodge Allow 30 minute walking time (NPS) 6:30pm Ranger Walk—Music for Parks (July 5 only) 1hr. Meet at Lembert Dome parking area (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 9:15pm Ranger Walk—Full Moon (July 12 only) 1 hr. Meet at Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS) 9:30pm Ranger Talk—Stars (July 5 only) 1 hr. Meet at Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office Bring pad to sit on and dress warmly (NPS) |

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.

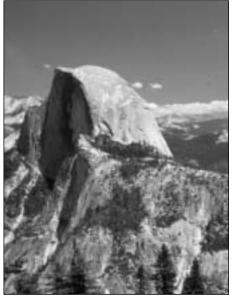
Evening Programs

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 Saturday 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



Half Dome NPS Photo

Wawona &

Mariposa Grove



Bachelor and Three Graces

Wawona Information

Station at Hill's Studio

Open 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Offers information

maps. Located on the grounds of the Wawona

famous 19th century landscape painter, Thomas

Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona

For more information call 209/375-9531. &

in wheelchairs, with assistance.

Store parking area and follow the path up the hill.

Indicates facilities accessible for visitors

about park activities, trail information, books, and

Hotel, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of

Wilderness Permits

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

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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.

Celebrate an Old-Fashioned 4th of July!

You are cordially invited to join the staff of the Pioneer Yosemite History Center for an old-fashioned celebration on the 4th of July! Activities include a parade, speeches, and games such as Gunny Sack Races, Three Legged Races, Egg Toss, and Tug-of-War. For people of all ages, at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

To Get to Mariposa Grove

Allow 1¹/₄ 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 throughout the day beginning at 9:00 a.m. Last shuttle leaves the Grove at 6:00 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 Tre | e 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 and store offering books, maps, and information open daily 9:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Located in the upper portion of the Mariposa Grove.

Crane Flat, Big Oak Flat, and White Wolf

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open 8:00 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. For more information call 209/379-1899. &

Wilderness Permits

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.

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