

Yosemite Today

September 9 - October 6, 2003

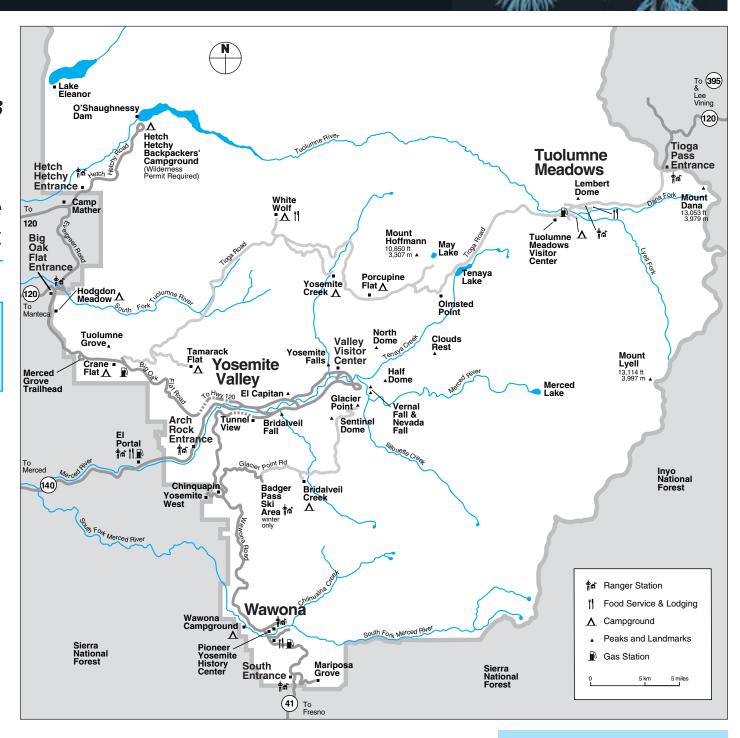
Yosemite National Park

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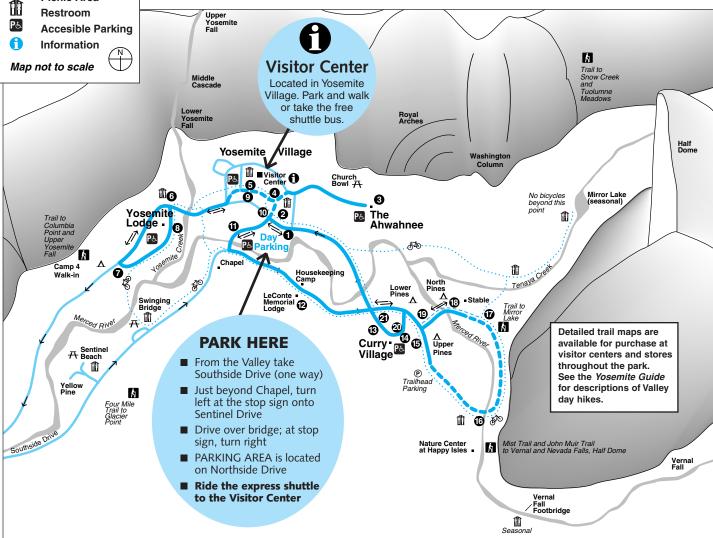
Easy Access to Lower Yosemite Fall

During construction at Lower Yosemite Fall, you are encouraged to park in the designated day-visitor lot at Yosemite Village and take the free shuttle bus as you explore the Valley. Shuttle buses run every 10 minutes from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and all are wheelchair lift equipped. See route on map below.



Shuttle Bus Route Shuttle Bus Only ⊞ 8 **Shuttle Bus Stop** À Trailhead **₽ Bike Path** Δ Campground ₳ Picnic Area Restroom P& **Accesible Parking** 0 Information Map not to scale

Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Map



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Ride the Free Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus

Schedules and routes may vary.

Shuttle buses operate daily at 10-minute intervals, except during early morning and late evening hours when intervals may be 25 minutes. All buses follow the same route, serving stops in numerical order.

SCHEDULE 7:00 a.m. -10:00 p.m.

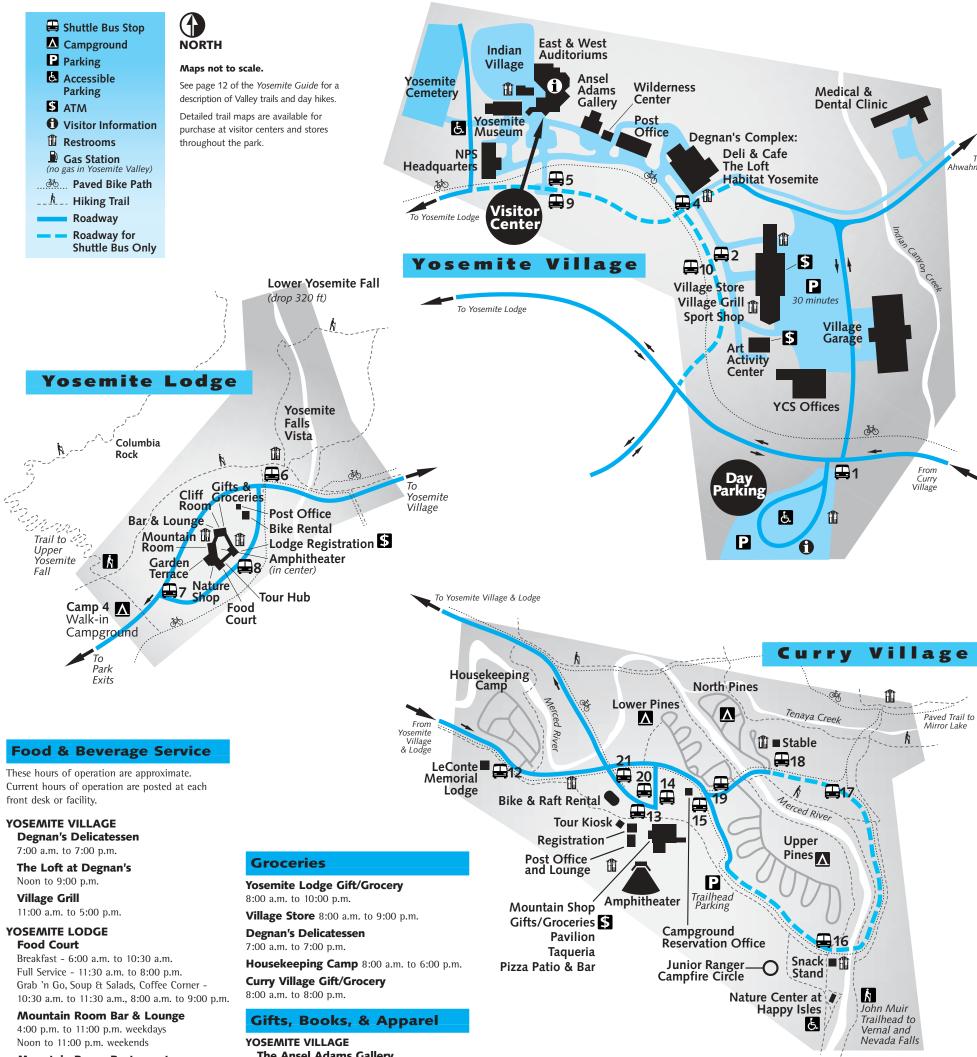
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- 16 Happy Isles/John Muir Trailhead*
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*Service ends at 8:30 p.m.

YARTS

For bus schedules to and from the Yosemite area, call 1-877-98-YARTS or visit YARTS online at www.yarts.com

Yosemite Village, Yosemite Lodge, & Curry Village



Mountain Room Restaurant 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

THE AHWAHNEE

Dining Room

Breakfast - 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Sunday Brunch - 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Lunch - 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dinner - 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Reservations and appropriate attire are respectfully requested. 209/372-1489

The Ahwahnee Bar 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Food Service - 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

CURRY VILLAGE

Coffee Corner 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Pavilion Buffet

Breakfast Buffet - 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Dinner Buffet - 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Pizza Patio & Bar

Noon to 10:00 p.m.

Taqueria

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

HAPPY ISLES

Snack Stand

11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Ansel Adams Gallery 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Yosemite Bookstore

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Inside Visitor Center

Yosemite Museum Store 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Village Store 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Habitat Yosemite 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Sport Shop** 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Art Activity Center 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wilderness Center 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NATURE CENTER AT HAPPY ISLES

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch) (Closed for the season September 28)

YOSEMITE LODGE

Gift/Grocery 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Nature Shop 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

THE AHWAHNEE

Gift Shop 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sweet Shop 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

CURRY VILLAGE

Mountain Shop 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Gift/Grocery 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Showers & Laundromat

SHOWERS

Curry Village 24 hours

Housekeeping Camp 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

LAUNDROMAT

Housekeeping Camp 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Recycling

Village Store Recycling Center Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Post Offices

Main Post Office - Yosemite Village

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. to noon

Yosemite Lodge Post Office

Monday - Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Friday 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Curry Village Post Office

Monday - Friday 2:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

S ATM

Yosemite Village

South of Village Store (Bank of America) Inside Village Store

Yosemite Lodge

Inside main registration area

Curry Village

Inside gift/grocery store

Auto Service, Towing, and Repair (AAA)

Village Garage

8:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Towing 24 hours. Propane available until 4:00 p.m. 209/372-8320

What's Happening In

Yosemite Today

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Yosemite Valley

Valley Visitor Center

Open 8:30 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. & 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 Monday to Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday noon to 4:30 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. &

FEATURES Museum Gallery

Open 10:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Historic 19th and 20th century Yosemite land-scape 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 9:00 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 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 canister rental, 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 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 EXHIBITUntil September 14

The stunning color photography of Charles Cramer is currently featured at the Gallery. Images from his recent fieldwork are on display as well as some of his most popular photographs.

Beginning September 15

John Sexton's black and white photography will be presented in the exhibit "Recollections", a selection of prints that highlight both the artistic expression and technical expertise of one of Ansel Adams' most successful assistants. Highly regarded for his photographic skills in the field and darkroom, John is also an instructor of his own workshop series.

LeConte Memorial Lodge

(Closed for the season September 28)

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. Stop by and see the ongoing Words

for Wilderness project. For more information, call 209/372-4542.

Nature Center at Happy Isles

(Closed for the season September 28)

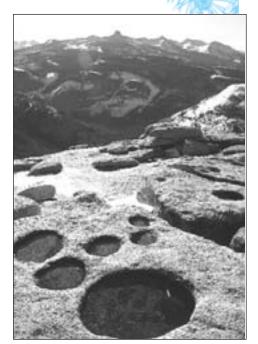
Open 10:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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 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. &

Yosemite Theater Live

Come help Yosemite Theater celebrate its 21st season! Each of the three shows are performed by live actors on a stage in either the West Auditorium Theater or the East Auditorium behind the Valley Visitor Center (near shuttle stop #5 and 9). Hear the adventuresome stories and antics of John Muir, share the journey by wagon across the plains to California with feisty pioneer Sarah Hawkins, or join the Story Quilters for an evening of story-telling about the natural world. Tickets are \$7.50/adult, \$3.25/children 12 and under, and are available at the door (if seating is available), or from any tour desk. See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times. &



View from Half Dome

EW Smith



Tuolumne Meadows

Photo by Howard Weamer

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

(Closed for the season September 29)
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, McCauley Cabin, and Soda Springs

This historic area is only accessible by walking. There are two trails, both flat and both ½-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

(Service ends September 14)
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 adviced.

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 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.

Tuolumne Meadows

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. 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.

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 rental, maps, and guidebooks available. &



Indicates facilities accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

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 8 - 14 **Ben Kudo** *Watercolor*

September 15 - 21 **Doris Henderson** *Watercolor*

September 22 - 28 **Richard Keyes** *Watercolor*

September 29 - October 5

Carol Earle

Watercolor/Mixed Media

Art Center closes on October 6 until Thanksgiving week.

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 life of bears.

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

NPS = National Park Service

AAC = American Alpine Club

AAG = The Ansel Adams Gallery
DNC = Delaware North

Corporation at Yosemite
YA = Yosemite Association

SC = Sierra Club

\$ = Programs offered for a fee



Indicates programs accessible for visitors in wheel-chairs, with assistance.

Scheduled **Events**

MONDAY

2:30pm Ranger Walk—Yosemite's First People

TUESDAY

9:00am Photography Walk

SUNDAY

7:30am SUNRISE ADVENTURE WALK

Yosemite Valley	7:30am SUNRISE ADVENTURE WALK (Sept 21 & 28 only) 2 hrs. Hike to Mirror Lake Meet at Stables stop #18 (SC) 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—Yosemite Through The Eyes Of A Buffalo Soldier, 1904 (except Sept 21) 1½ hrs. Meet in front of Visitor Center (NPS) 2:30pm Ranger Walk—Trees 1½ hrs. Meet at The Ahwahnee Shuttle stop #3 (NPS) 6:15pm WEE WILD ONES (Sept 14 & 21 only) 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) & B:00pm Evening Program (Sept 14 & 21 only) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) & LeConte Memorial Lodge 1 hr. Shuttle stop #12 (SC) Sept 14: CREEPY CREATURES Sept 21: 3-D SLIDE SHOW Film—Ansel Adams 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (AAG) & STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY (Sept 14 only) 1 hr. Meet near Yosemite Lodge Sign up/details at any lodge tour desk \$ (DNC)	2:30pm Ranger Walk—Yosemite's First People 1½ hrs. Meet behind the Visitor Center (NPS) 8:00pm Evening Program (Sept 15 & 22 only) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC/NPS)) & Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) & Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories with John Muir (Sept 15 only) 1½ hrs. Visitor Center West Auditorium \$ (DNC) &	9:00am Photography Walk 2 hrs. Limited space, advance sign up required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery, weather permitting. (AAG) 2:30pm Ranger Walk—Bears 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS) 8:00pm Evening Program (except Sept 30) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) & Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) & Yosemite Theater Live—Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a 4th Marriage: Stories of a Pioneer Woman (Sept 9 & 16 only) 1½ hrs. Visitor Center West Auditorium \$ (DNC) &
Wawona / Mariposa Grove	Stage Rides 10 min. Purchase tickets from Stage Driver near Wawona Covered Bridge \$ (NPS) 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (Sept 14 only) 1½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)		
Glacier Point	6:30pm Sunset Ranger Talk (except Sept 14) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing (NPS) &	2:00pm Ranger Walk (except Sept 15 and Oct 6) 2 hrs. Taft Point/Sentinal Point parking area on Glacier Point Rd (NPS) 6:30pm Sunset Ranger Talk (except Sept 15 and Oct 6) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing (NPS) &	2:00pm Ranger Walk (except Sept 16) 2 hrs. Taft Point/Sentinal Point parking area on Glacier Point Rd (NPS) 6:30pm Sunset Ranger Talk (except Sept 16) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing (NPS) &
Tuolumne Meadows Closes for season September 28	12:00pm Ranger on Horseback—Patrol Horses (Sept 14 &t 21 only) 1 hr. Meet at Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 2:00pm Ranger Walk—Domes and Meadows (Sept 14 &t 21 only) 2 hrs. Meet at Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29 7:30pm Campfire (Sept 14 &t 21 only) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)		10:00am Ranger Walk—In the Woods (Sept 9 &t 16 only) 2 hrs. Meet at Lembert Dome parking area (NPS) 1:00pm McCauley Cabin Open House (Sept 9 &t 16 only) 2 hrs. Allow 30 minutes walking time to Soda Springs 7:30pm Campfire (Sept 9 &t 16 only) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY 2:30pm Ranger Walk—Rivers and Waterfalls 9:00am Photography Walk 2:00pm NPS Open House 9:00am Photography Walk (Sept 24 only) 2 hrs. Limited space, advance sign up 11/2 hrs. Meet at Sentinel Bridge 2 hrs. Limited space, advance sign up 4 hrs. Learn about park improvement required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery, Shuttle stop #11 (NPS) required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery, efforts. East Auditorium (NPS) & weather permitting. (AAG) weather permitting (AAG) 6:30pm LIFE AFTER DAR 1:00pm AQUATIC FIELD TRIP 2:30pm Ranger Walk-Granite & Ice 2:30pm Ranger Walk—Yosemite's Legacy (Sept 19 & 26 only) 11/2 hrs. Meet in front of Valley Visitor 2 hrs. Bring a flashlight 11/2 hrs. Meet in front of Visitor Center (Sept 20 & 27 only) Stables shuttle stop #18 (SC) 2 hrs. Meet at Happy Isles Center (NPS) (NPS) Shuttle stop #16 5:00pm Twilight Stroll 7:00pm OLD-FASHIONED CAMPFIRE & 8:00pm **Evening Program** (except Oct 2) SING-ALONG 2:00pm WILDERNESS POETRY WORKSHOP (except Sept 17) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) & 1 hr. The Ahwahnee outdoor patio (DNC) (Sept 12 only) (Sept 20 only) 11/2 hrs. Near Curry Village 2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge **Evening Program** 6:15pm WEE WILD ONES Tickets/information at any lodge tour desk Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 & 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) & \$ (DNC) 2:30pm Ranger Walk—Bears under. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater Yosemite Theater Live—Sarah 8:00pm Evening Program (DNC) & 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS) **Hawkins Contemplates a 4th** (except Oct 3) 3:00pm Fine Print Viewing 8:00pm Evening Program Marriage: Stories of a Pioneer Woman 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) & 1 hr. Very limited space. Sign up in advance (except Oct 1) (Sept 11 & 18 only) **Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories** 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) & 11/2 hrs. Visitor Center West Auditorium \$ Meet in The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) (DNC) & with John Muir 4:00pm CHILDREN'S STORY TIME **Evening Program** (Sept 12 & 19 only) 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater ½ hr. Front porch of The Ansel Adams 11/2 hrs. Visitor Center West Auditorium \$ (DNC/NPS) & Gallery. Children 7 and under & must be (DNC) & accompanied **Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories LeConte Memorial Lodge** 5:00pm Twilight Stroll with John Muir 1 hr. Shuttle stop #12 (SC) (Sept 10 & 17 only) 1 hr. The Ahwahnee outdoor patio (DNC) Sept 12: AMERICAN INDIAN STORIES Sept 26: VOLCANOES OF THE 11/2 hrs. Visitor Center West Auditorium \$ 6:00pm A WALK BACK IN TIME (DNC) & (Sept 20 & 27 only) **SOLAR SYSTEM** 2 hrs. Bring a flashlight **Rock Climbing Presentations** Meet at Stables shuttle stop #18 (SC) 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (NPS) & 8:00pm Evening Program Sept 12: Greg Couch (Sept 13 & 20 only) Sept 19: Royal Robbins Sept 26: Film—Vertical Frontier Oct 4: Film—Vertical Frontier 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) & **LeConte Memorial Lodge** 1 hr. Shuttle stop #12 (SC) Sept 13: Sierra Geology Sept 20: WILDERNESS POETRY Sept 27: John Muir Around the World **Rock Climbing Presentations** 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (AAC/ DNC) & Sept 13: Greg Couch Sept 20: **Tom Frost** Sept 27: Mike Chase Oct 5: Film—Vertical Frontier 11:00am to 3:00pm 9:00am Exploring Wawona History **Stage Rides** (Sept 27 only) 10 min. Purchase tickets from Stage Driver 6 hrs. Call 209/379-2321 or check at a near Wawona Covered Bridge \$ (NPS) visitor center for more information \$ (YA) 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 11:00am to 3:00pm (Sept 12 & 19 only) **Stage Rides** 11/2 hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS) (Sept 13 & 20 only) 10 min. Purchase tickets from Stage Driver 7:30pm Campfire near Wawona Covered Bridge \$ (NPS) (Sept 12 & 19 only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Campfire Circle 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 11/2 hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS) 7:30pm Campfire (Sept 13 only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Campfire Circle (NPS) & 6:30pm Sunset Ranger Talk (except Sept 13) ling (NPS) 🛦 7:30pm Stars Over Yosemite National Park (except Sept 13) 1-2 hrs. Glacier Point Amphitheater (NPS) & 2:00pm Ranger Walk—About Plants 2:00pm Ranger Walk—Along the River 10:00am Sketch Along The River 10:00am Ranger Hike-Lembert to the Top (Sept 11, 18 & 25 only) (Sept 12, 19 & 26 only) (Sept 10 & 17 only) (Sept 13, 20 & 27 only) 2 hrs. Meet and Lembert Dome parking area 2 hrs. Meet at Lembert Dome parking area 31/2 hrs. Meet at Lembert Dome parking area 5 hrs. Sign up at Tuolumne Meadows Bring lunch (NPS) (NPS) (NPS) Campground Reservation Office \$10 donation for materials. Bring lunch **Sketch Along The River** 7:30pm Campfire 7:30pm Campfire (Sept 11, 18 & 25 only) (Sept 12, 19 & 26 only) 2:00pm Ranger Walk-Indians in the High (Sept 10 & 17 only) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows 5 hrs. Sign up at Tuolumne Meadows Country Campground (NPS) Campground Reservation Office Campground (NPS) (Sept 13, 20 & 27 only) 2 hrs. Meet at Lembert Dome parking area \$10 donation for materials. Bring lunch 7:30pm Campfire (Sept 10, 17 & 24 only) 6:00pm Ranger Walk—Music for Parks 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows (Sept 13 only) 11/4 hrs. Meet at Lembert Dome parking Campground (NPS) area (NPS) 7:30pm Campfire (Sept 13, 20 & 27 only) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)

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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.

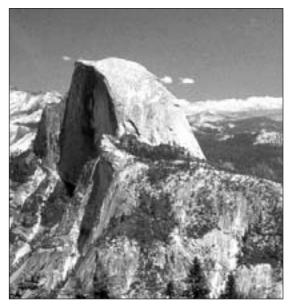
See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

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.

See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

Illustration by Lawrence Ormsby



Half Dome from Glacier Point

NPS Photo

Wawona &

Mariposa Grove



Above: Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias Photo by N.G. Messinger

Right: Take a stage ride in Wawona Photo by John Hawksworth



Wawona Information Station at Hill's Studio

(Closed for the season October 6)

Open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, 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. &

Beginning October 6, self-registration for wilderness permits will be available on the front porch of Hill's Studio for Chilmualna Falls and Alder Creek trails only. Permits for all other trails are available at the Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center.

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 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., 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 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.

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

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

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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.

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Crane Flat & Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed for lunch. 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 rental, 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 4-mile roundtrip 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 round-trip hike to this group of about 20 sequoias.

Wawona Trail to Mariposa Grove Alder Creek **Glacier Point** P Campground Reservation Stable Office P Food & Beverage Service **Pioneer Yosemite** Wawona P **History Center WAWONA HOTEL Dining Room** To Wawona Breakfast and Buffet - 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Campground Mariposa Grove Forest Drive & Yosemite Sunday Buffet - 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ŕ Valley Lunch - 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dinner - 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday BBQ - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. South Fork Merced River Visitor Reservations taken for 8 or more. 209/375-1425 Information Ŧ Station at **GLACIER POINT** Hill's Studio **Snack Stand** P& Trail to Store \$ 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wawona Hotel Grove **Gift Shop** Grocery **Post Office Wawona Grocery Store** 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Gifts, Books, & Apparel **Golf Shop** Wawona Road (Hwy. 41) **WAWONA Golf Course Wawona Hotel Golf Shop** To South Entrance 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Post Office** & Mariposa Grove **Pioneer Gift Shop/Grocery Wawona Post Office** 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Wawona Wilderness Center** Meadow Loop Trail Saturday 9:00 a.m. to noon 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **S** ATM **MARIPOSA GROVE** Gift Shop Wawona 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Trail to Pacific Crest Trail Trails to: Young Lakes Trails to: Dog Lake Young Lakes Trail to Glen Aulin Tioga Pass Soda Parsons Lodge & Hwy 120 McCauley Cabin Lembert Dome Æ Tuolumne $\mathbb{P} = 2$ P Lodge P#4 Campground Reservations P Tuolumne Rive Store, Grill, Post Office Dana Fork Trail to Wilderness Center Gaylor **Mountaineering School** Lakes & P <u>46</u> & Sport Shop Δ Visitor John Muir Trail To LLIMMA RIVER **Tuolumne Meadows Campground** Information 🛈 Center John Muis Trail Trail to Elizabeth Lake Trail to Lyell Canvon

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

Inside Wawona Store

Wawona

Gas Station

Museum Shop

GLACIER POINT

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Gift Shop

9:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch)

Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows

Food & Beverage Service

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Tuolumne Meadows Grill (Closed for the season September 29) 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room

(Closed for the season September 15) Breakfast - 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Dinner - 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Meals are served family style and dinner reservations are required, call 209/372-8413

Grocery

Tuolumne Meadows Store

(Closed for the season September 28) 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Gifts, Books, & Apparel

Mountaineering School and Sport Shop 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

209/372-8344 for reservations

Tuolumne Meadows Bookstore

(Closed for the season September 29) 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Inside the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Tuolumne Meadows Store

(Closed for the season September 29) 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

(Closed for the season September 29)

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Shuttle stop #3

Wilderness Center 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Post Office

Tuolumne Meadows Post Office

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to noon

Gas Station

Tuolumne Meadows

8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

White Wolf Portal

Food & Beverage Service

WHITE WOLF LODGE

(Closed for the season September 15) Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Take-out lunch - Noon to 2:00 p.m. Dinner - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dinner reservations advised, call 209/372-8416

Grocery

Crane Flat

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

El Portal Market

9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Post Office

El Portal Post Office

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

S ATM

El Portal

On Highway 140 at the Yosemite View Lodge and the El Portal Market.

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Gas Station

Crane Flat

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Diesel available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

El Portal

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Diesel available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

General Park Information

Emergency 911

Fire - Police - Medical Emergency: Dial 911, 24 hours a day (from hotel room 9-911)

Information

Road and Weather General Park Information

209/372-0200 www.nps.gov/yose **Campground Reservations** 800/436-7275 reservations.nps.gov

Medical

Yosemite Medical Clinic

Emergency care: 24 hours daily **Drop-in and Urgent Care**

Daily 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Scheduled Appointments

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Located on Ahwahnee Drive in Yosemite Valley, the clinic provides routine and emergency medical care for park employees, residents, and visitors. Experienced nursing staff, emergency physicians, nurse practitioner, and support staff on duty. Services include a limited pharmacy, lab, x-ray, and physical therapy. Services include a limited pharmacy, lab, x-ray,

physical therapy, and Mountain Crisis Services for victims of domestic violence. 209/372-4637 Paramedic/Ambulance Service

24 hours daily **Dental Services**

Adjacent to Medical Clinic. For hours, call 209/372-4200. If no answer, call 209/372-4637.

७ Services For Disabled

The Yosemite Accessibility Guide is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and on-line at www.nps.gov/yose/trip/access.htm.

TTYs are available inside the Valley Visitor Center, The Ahwahnee, Yosemite Lodge, and outside the Curry Village front desk.

Wheelchair rental available at Yosemite Medical Clinic, 209/372-4637, and the Yosemite Lodge bike stand, 209/372-1208.

Accommodations

For advanced reservations or information (rooms or activities), call 559/252-4848 (www.vosemitenark.com) For availability on day of arrival, check at any

Bear Canister Rental

Available for \$5 per trip at the Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center, Big Oak Flat Information Station, Crane Flat Store, Wawona Store, Wawona Information Station, Tuolumne Meadows Store, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station. Canisters may be rented or returned at any rental location in the park. Drop bins are available for after-hour returns. including the Yosemite Valley trailhead parking area, near Happy Isles.

Recreation

Conditions permitting.

YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL AND GUIDE SERVICE

Yosemite Mountaineering School and Guide Service offers lessons and guided climbing at all levels, overnight backpacking, and guided day hikes to spectacular areas of Yosemite Valley and the high country.

Curry Village

Located in the Mountain Shop 8:30 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Classes meet at 8:30 a.m. 209/372-8344

Tuolumne Meadows

Located at gas station 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 209/372-8436

BICYCLE RENTAL

Daily, weather permitting, with hourly and daily rates. Baby-joggers, wheelchairs, and six-speed bikes with trailers. Bikes must be returned by 5:45 p.m.

Yosemite Lodge

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 209/372-1208

Located at shuttle stops #13 & 21 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 209/372-8319

STABLES

2-hour and 4-hour rides depart daily. All-day rides, private rides, and pack trips into Yosemite's spectacular wilderness may also be arranged. Private horse boarding is available. Call for reservations.

Yosemite Valley

Located at shuttle stop #18 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-8348

Tuolumne Meadows

(Closed for the season September 14) 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-8427

Inquire at tour/transportation desks at the following locations.

Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Yosemite Village Tour Kiosk

7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Curry Village Tour Kiosk

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

SIGHTSEEING TOURS Valley Floor Tour

This 26-mile, 2-hour tram tour departs at 10:00, 11:00 a.m., and 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 p.m. daily from Yosemite Lodge in Yosemite Valley.* Most tours are now

conducted by National Park Service Rangers.

Glacier Point Tour

A 4-hour round trip from Yosemite Valley to Glacier Point. The Glacier Point Tour also offers a one-way ticket for adventurers to hike back down to Yosemite Valley. Departs at 8:30, and 10:00 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. daily from Yosemite Lodge.*

Big Trees 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.* Call 209/375-1621 for information.

Grand Tour

An 8-hour combination of Big Trees and Glacier Point Tours. Departs 8:45 a.m. daily from Yosemite Lodge.*

*Weather permitting

Night Sky Information



Take advantage of the opportunities in Yosemite to view the wonders of the night sky. Here are some sights to look for while you are out during the night hours.

September 9: This evening, look for Mars shining to the right of the Moon.

September 10: The full Moon will rise tonight just as the sun is setting. This month it is called the Harvest Moon. At the Moon's upper right, look for Mars.

September 19: If you are up at 2:00 a.m., look to the east for the waning Moon. Saturn will be about a fist-width below.

September 24: Look low in the east at dawn for a crescent Moon, Jupiter to it's upper right, and Mercury to it's lower right. All three planets will form a triangle.

October 4 & 5: Look for Mars shining to the upper left of the Moon.

October 6: Mars will appear at the Moon's upper right, with the star Fomalhaut shining way below them.

General Services

\$ ATM

Yosemite Village

South of Village Store (Bank of America) Inside Village Store

Yosemite Lodge

Inside main registration area

Curry Village Inside gift/grocery store

Wawona

Inside Wawona Store

El Portal

On Hwy. 140 at Yosemite View Lodge and the El Portal Market

Miscellaneous

Babysitting

Limited babysitting available for registered guests at Yosemite Lodge and The Ahwahnee. Call front desk or concierge for additional information.

Service Organizations

Al-Anon

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. (except September 17) YCS General Office Building (Executive Conference Room) Yosemite Village

Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, and Thursday 7:30 p.m. YCS General Office Building (Employee Training Center) Yosemite Village

Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday 8:00 p.m. YCS General Office Building (Employee Training Center) Yosemite Village

Lions Club

Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at noon, The Ahwahnee. Call 209/372-4475 for information.

Rotary International

Meets Thursdays for lunch at noon in The Ahwahnee Mural Room. Visiting Rotarian families and quests welcome. For meeting reservations or information, call 209/372-1401.



Ranger-led tram tour NPS Photo by Raye Santos

Religious Services

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

(Nondenominational Christian) Pastor Brent Moore 209/372-4831

Yosemite Valley Chapel (year-round) Worship Service and Children's Church

Sunday 9:15 a.m. **Bible Study**

Thursday 7:00 p.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Rev. Raymond J. Duffy 209/372-4729

Mass in Yosemite Valley

Visitor Center West Auditorium Sunday 10:00 a.m. Saturday 7:30 p.m. (Last mass on Aug 30)

Mass in Wawona

Community Center/Old School House Saturday 4:30 p.m. (Last mass on Aug 30)

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Ron Skelton 209/379-2307 El Portal Chapel Worship Service Sunday 9:00 a.m.

LATTER DAY SAINTS

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF

Yosemite Valley Sacrament Service Sunday 1:00 p.m. at Yosemite Chapel

CROSSWAY CHURCH

(Christian Protestant) Pastor Steve Hughes 209/379-2428

Worship Service Sunday 7:00 p.m. Yosemite Chapel

EL PORTAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Russ Marsh 209/379-2255 El Portal Chapel

Worship Service

First and third Saturday 7:30 p.m. Second, fourth, and fifth Sunday 10:30 a.m.

WAWONA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Pastor David Adamcik 209/966-3039

Wawona Community Center Worship Service

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday 1:00 p.m.