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May 4 -
May 31, 2004

Yosemite National Park

ROAD INFO

Tioga Road and Glacier Point Road may reopen sometime in May.

Due to construction, you may experience short delays or temporary detours on some park roads.

Call 209/372-0200 for recorded road information.

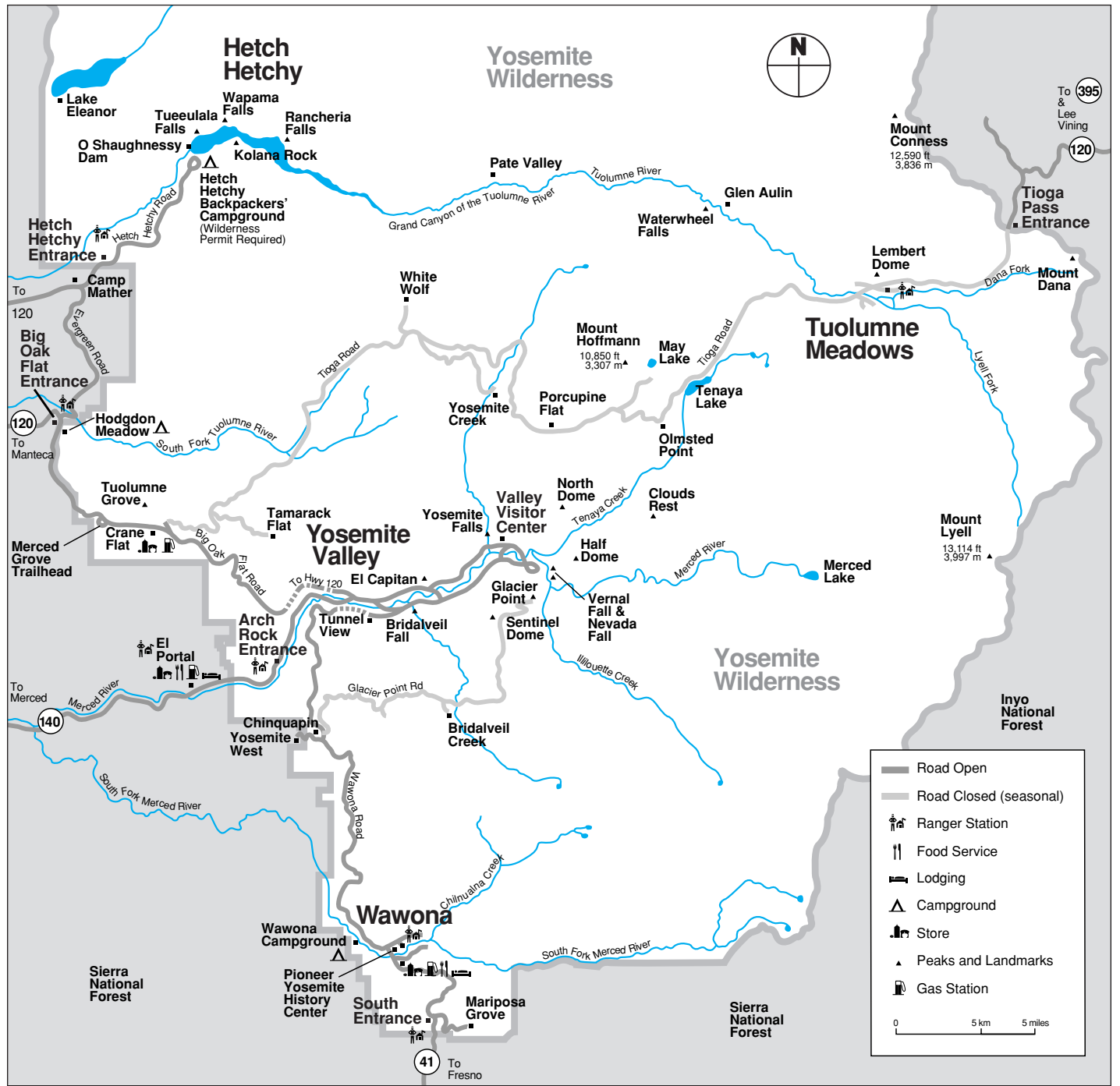
TIME FOR TICKS

Springtime in Yosemite means ticks are active. The western black-legged tick is known to transmit the bacteria that cause Lyme disease. Ticks prefer cool, moist environments, such as shaded grasses, shrubs, and leaves under oak trees. You can protect yourself by following these precautions:

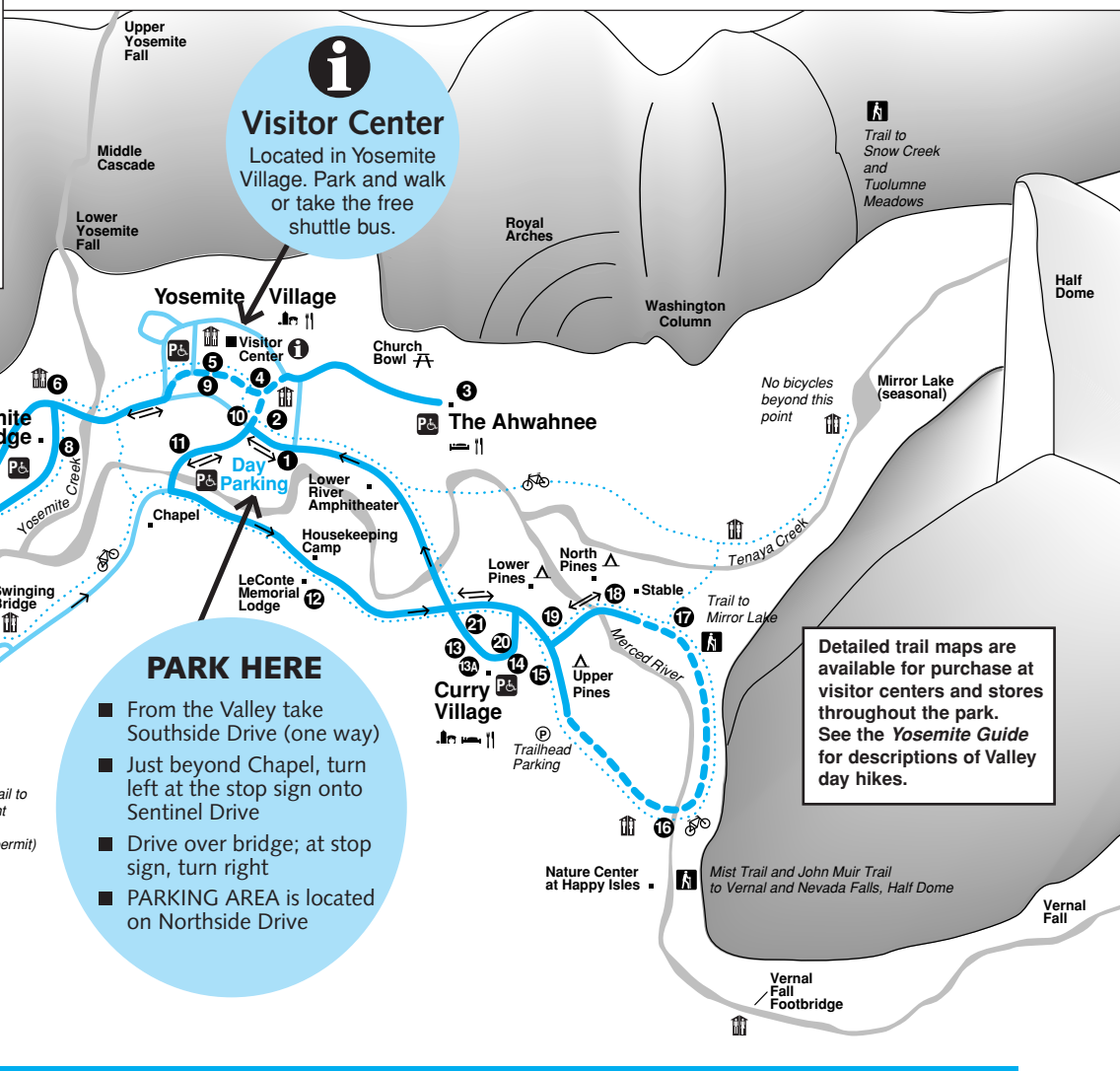
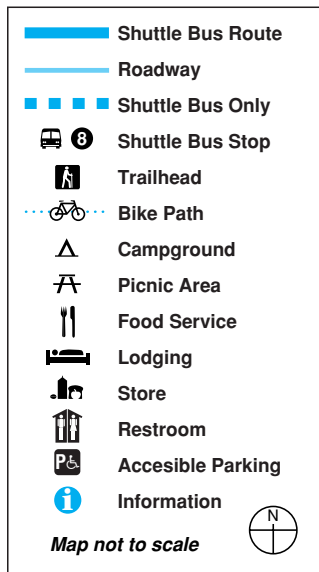


- When hiking, regularly examine yourself for ticks and remove them promptly.
- Wear light colored clothing and tuck pants into boots or socks so that ticks will be more visible.
- Apply a tick repellent to clothing.

For more information call the park sanitarian at 209/379-1033.



Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Map



Ride the Free Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus

Shuttle buses operate daily at 15-minute intervals. All buses follow the same route, serving stops in numerical order.

SCHEDULE

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

- 1 Yosemite Village/Day Parking
- 2 Yosemite Village
- 3 The Ahwahnee
- 4 Yosemite Village/Degnan's Complex
- 5 Visitor Center
- 6 Lower Yosemite Fall
- 7 Camp 4/Upper Yosemite Fall Trailhead
- 8 Yosemite Lodge
- 9 Visitor Center
- 10 Yosemite Village
- 11 Sentinel Bridge/Yosemite Chapel
- 12 Housekeeping Camp/LeConte Memorial Lodge
- 13 Curry Village Rental Center
- 13A Curry Village Registration Desk
- 14 Curry Village Parking
- 15 Upper Pines Campground
- 16 Happy Isles/John Muir Trailhead
- 17 Mirror Lake Junction
- 18 Stable
- 19 Lower Pines Campground
- 20 Curry Village Parking
- 21 Curry Village Rental Center

YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM



Bus schedules to and from the Yosemite area are posted at or near Yosemite Valley shuttle bus stops 3, 5, 8, and 13A. Call 1-877-98-YARTS or visit YARTS online at www.yarts.com for more information.

Programs listed in color are especially for children and families.

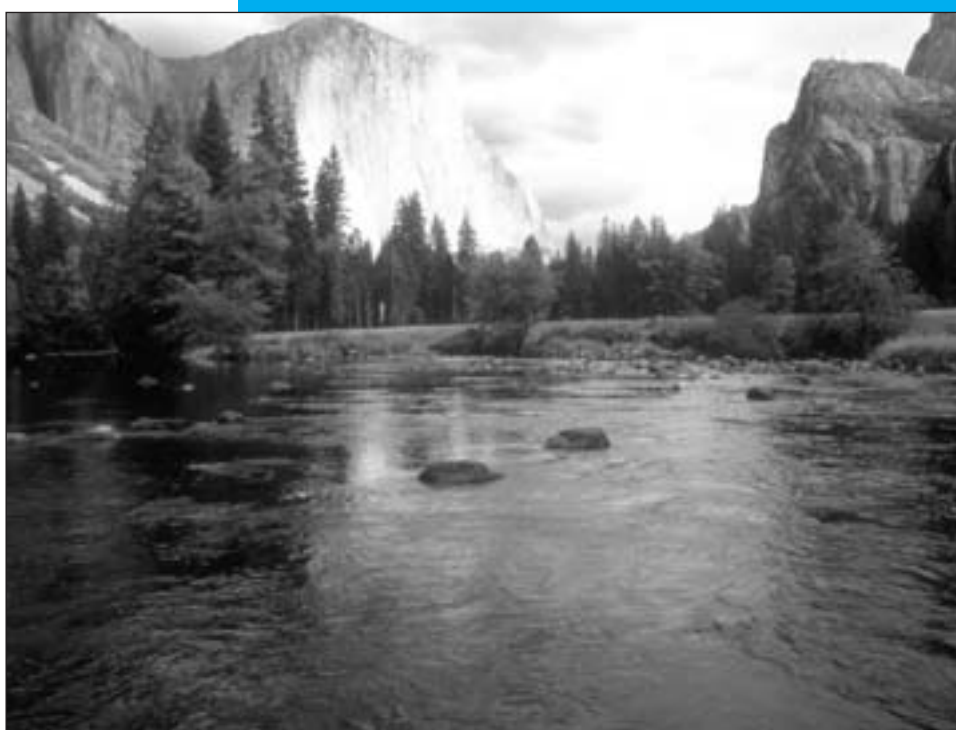
NPS = National Park Service
DNC = Delaware North Companies at Yosemite
AAG = The Ansel Adams Gallery
SC = Sierra Club
\$ = Programs offered for a fee



Indicates programs and facilities accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

Scheduled Events

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Yosemite Valley	<p>7:30am SUNRISE ADVENTURE: HIKE TO MIRROR LAKE (May 16 only) 2 hrs. Meet at shuttle stop #18 (SC)</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Walk—Yosemite's First People 1-1½ hrs. Examine the lives and lifestyles of the Ahwahneechee, a culture that still survives today more than 150 years after Euro-American settlement in Yosemite Valley. Meet in front of Yosemite Museum (NPS)</p> <p>8:00pm Film—Ansel Adams 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (AAG) &</p> <p>Evening Program May 9: Hetch Hetchy Valley: Yosemite's Lost Twin May 16: John Muir In Nevada May 23: Exploring Western Rivers by Raft & Kayak May 30: Creepy Crawley Creatures of the Sierra 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge (SC)</p>	<p>8:30am Photography Walk 2 hrs. Sign up/meet at The Ahwahnee front desk (DNC)</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Walk—A Changing Yosemite 1-1½ hrs. Meet in front of Visitor Center (NPS)</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) &</p> <p>Evening Program (May 31 only) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC)</p> <p>Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories with John Muir: Adventures (begins May 17) 1½ hrs. Visitor Center West Auditorium. See details below \$ (DNC)</p>	<p>9:00am Photography Walk 2+ hrs. Limited space, advance sign up required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery, weather and availability of photographer permitting (AAG)</p> <p>12:00pm Yosemite Forum (May 11 only) <i>Yosemite: Art of an American Icon</i> with Amy Scott from Atrium National Center 1 hr. Interactive lecture Visitor Center Theater (NPS) &</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Walk—Bears 1-1½ hrs. Explore how one of Yosemite's most popular animals survive in their natural habitat and our responsibility as humans to coexist peacefully. Meet at Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC/NPS)</p> <p>Yosemite Theater Live—Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a Fourth Marriage: Stories of a Pioneer Woman (begins May 18) 1½ hrs. Visitor Center West Auditorium. See details below \$ (DNC)</p>	<p>2:00pm Ranger Walk—A Changing Yosemite 1-1½ hrs. Meet in front of Visitor Center (NPS)</p> <p>5:30pm Spring (except 1 hr. T)</p> <p>6:30pm WEE (except 45 min under.)</p> <p>8:00pm Evening with (beginning Auditorium)</p>



Yosemite Valley View

Photo by M. Floyd

Yosemite Valley

Valley Visitor Center

Open 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Shuttle stops #5 & #9. Information, maps, books, and exhibits. &

FILM

Spirit of Yosemite (limited hours May 11)

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 Theater. Closed captioning available. & CC

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. &

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 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.

Yosemite Museum Store

Open 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.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. Occasionally, Indian Cultural Program staff provide 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.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. The Gallery offers work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other fine artists. In addition, hand-crafts, books, gifts, photography supplies, and camera/tripod rentals are available. For more information, call the Gallery at 209/372-4413 or visit online at www.anseladams.com. &

GALLERY EXHIBITS Through June 15

Enjoy the color photography of Robert Turner. Beautiful, large format images of California—including Yosemite—and the wildlands of the West.

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.

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Opens May 7
 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. An 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 22nd season! Shows are presented live onstage in the West Auditorium Theater behind the Valley Visitor Center (near shuttle stop #5 and 9). Hear the adventuresome tales and antics of John Muir, or share the journey by wagon across the plains to California with feisty pioneer Sarah Hawkins. Tickets are \$8.00/ adult, \$4.00/ children 12 and under, and are sold at the door (if available), or in advance from any tour desk. See above for dates and times. &

Free Art Classes

Free, informal outdoor classes in various art mediums are available for adults through the Yosemite Art 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.



May 4 - 9 **Anne Longman** Pencil / Pen on Watercolor Paper
 May 10 - 16 **Carole Buss** Watercolor
 May 17 - 23 **Fran Poulsen** Drawing / Pastel / Colored Pencil
 May 24 - 30 **Jane Gyer** Watercolor
 May 31 - June 6 **Roger Folk** Watercolor

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WEDNESDAY

Ranger Walk—Rivers & Waterfalls
2 hrs. Meet at shuttle stop #11

Open House
(May 26 only)
Learn about park improvement efforts at the Visitor Center East Auditorium (NPS) &

Evening Twilight Stroll
(May 19)
The Awahnee patio (DNC)

WILD ONES
(May 19)
Stories and activities for kids 6 and under. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) &

Evening Program
Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (NPS) &

Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories with John Muir: Animals
(begins May 19) 1½ hrs. Visitor Center West Auditorium. See details below \$ (DNC)

THURSDAY

9:00am **Photography Walk**
2+ hrs. Limited space, advance sign up required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery, weather and availability of photographer permitting (AAG)

2:00pm **Ranger Walk—Yosemite's Legacy**
1-1½ hrs. Learn about Yosemite's rich history and how it has grown to become one of the country's crown-jewel national parks. Meet at Visitor Center (NPS)

WILDFLOWER PAINTING WORKSHOP
(May 6 only)
1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge (SC)

7:00pm **LIFE AFTER DARK**
(May 13 only)
1 hr. Limited space, advance sign up at LeConte Memorial Lodge (SC)

8:00pm **Evening Program**
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) &

Yosemite Theater Live—Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a Fourth Marriage: Stories of a Pioneer Woman
(begins May 20) 1½ hrs. Visitor Center West Auditorium. See details below \$ (DNC)

FRIDAY

10:30am **ALL ABOUT BEARS**
(May 14 only)
1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge (SC)

2:00pm **Ranger Walk—Bears**
1-1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)

WILDFLOWER PAINTING WORKSHOP
(May 7 only)
1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge (SC)

5:30pm **Spring Twilight Stroll**
1 hr. The Awahnee back patio (DNC)

7:30pm **ANIMALS & THEIR SENSES**
(May 14 only)
1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge (SC)

8:00pm **Evening Program**
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) &

Evening Program
(May 28 only)
1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC)

Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories with John Muir: Wild Places
(begins May 21) 1½ hrs. Visitor Center West Auditorium. See details below \$ (DNC)

Evening Program
May 7: **DRAGONFLIES OF YOSEMITE**
May 21: **AMERICAN INDIAN STORIES & FLUTE**
May 28: **Geology of the Sierra**
1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge (SC)

SATURDAY

9:00am **Photography Walk**
2+ hrs. Limited space, advance sign up required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery, weather and availability of photographer permitting (AAG)

1:30pm **AQUATIC FIELD TRIP**
(May 15 only)
2 hrs. Meet at shuttle stop #16 (SC)

2:00pm **Ranger Walk—Granite and Ice**
1-1½ hrs. Investigate Yosemite's geology. Meet at Visitor Center (NPS)

WILDFLOWER PAINTING WORKSHOP
(May 8 only)
1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge (SC)

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. Meet at the Ansel Adams Gallery porch. Children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult (AAG)

6:30pm **WEE WILD ONES**
45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) &

A WALK BACK IN TIME
(May 15 only) 1 hr. Limited space, advance sign up at LeConte Memorial Lodge (SC)

8:00pm **Evening Program**
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) &

Evening Program
(May 29 only) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC)

Evening Program
May 8: **Painting Yosemite Bridges**
May 22: **History of Climbing in the Sierra**
May 29: **Behold the Genius & Joy of John Muir's University of the Wilderness**
1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge (SC)

Wawona & Mariposa Grove

Wawona Information Station at Hill's Studio
Opens May 7

Open 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. 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 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 &

Pioneer Yosemite History Center

Historic horse drawn wagon exhibit, covered bridge and historic cabins. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center will explain how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world. The center is always open and interpretive signs and brochures are available. &

Experience Horse-Drawn Travel

(May 28, 29, 30, 31 only) 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Travel into history by taking a 10-minute stage ride. Tickets may be purchased from the stage driver near the Wawona Covered Bridge. \$3 adults, \$2 children ages 3-12. (NPS)

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 the Grove at 6:00 p.m. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the shuttle bus. Trailers and motor homes are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road from South Entrance to the Mariposa Grove. 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.

To Get to Mariposa Grove

Allow 1¼ 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.

Mariposa Grove Museum

Opens May 21, conditions permitting. Giant Sequoia displays and store offering books, maps and information. Open daily 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Located in the upper portion of the Mariposa Grove.

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 (Spanish, German, French, 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. Conditions permitting.

Big Oak Flat & Other Sequoia Groves

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open daily 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. Phone 209/379-1899. &

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 about 3 hours for the 4-mile round-trip hike to this small group of sequoias (about 20 trees).

Tuolumne Grove

The Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of the Big Oak Flat Road and the Tioga Road. The historic route of the old Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the Tuolumne Grove, a cluster of about 25 sequoias. Now closed to cars, this 2-mile round-trip walk is relatively easy, depending on conditions; however, it is moderately strenuous on the uphill return.



Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias

Photo by Larry Ulrich

Yosemite Outdoor Adventures

These programs are offered for a fee

Drawing and Pastel Painting in Yosemite	MAY 6	7:00 p.m.	multi-day
Women of Yosemite: A Mother's Day Celebration	MAY 9	8:45 a.m.	6 hours <i>brunch included</i>
Yosemite by Camera, Car and Bicycle	MAY 13	8:00 a.m.	multi-day
Inside Yosemite: Wilderness Issues	MAY 16	10:00 a.m.	6 hours
Botanical Illuminations	MAY 21	7:00 p.m.	multi-day
Music in Yosemite	MAY 22	9:00 a.m.	6 hours
Strolling with a Storyteller	MAY 22	9:00 a.m.	6 hours
Art in the Ancient Forest	MAY 28	7:00 p.m.	multi-day
Hetch Hetchy History Walk	MAY 29	9:00 a.m.	6 hours
Bird Encounters in Yosemite Valley	MAY 29	7:30 a.m.	multi-day

For details, call the Yosemite Association at 209/379-2321 or visit www.yosemite.org, or check at the Valley Visitor Center

