

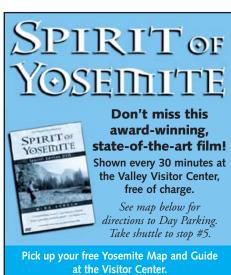
Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park Vol. 5 Issue 7 Yosemite Today

June 28 -July 11, 2005

Yosemite **National Park**

ROAD

Due to construction, you may experience short delays or temporary detours on some park roads. Call 209/372-0200 for recorded road information.



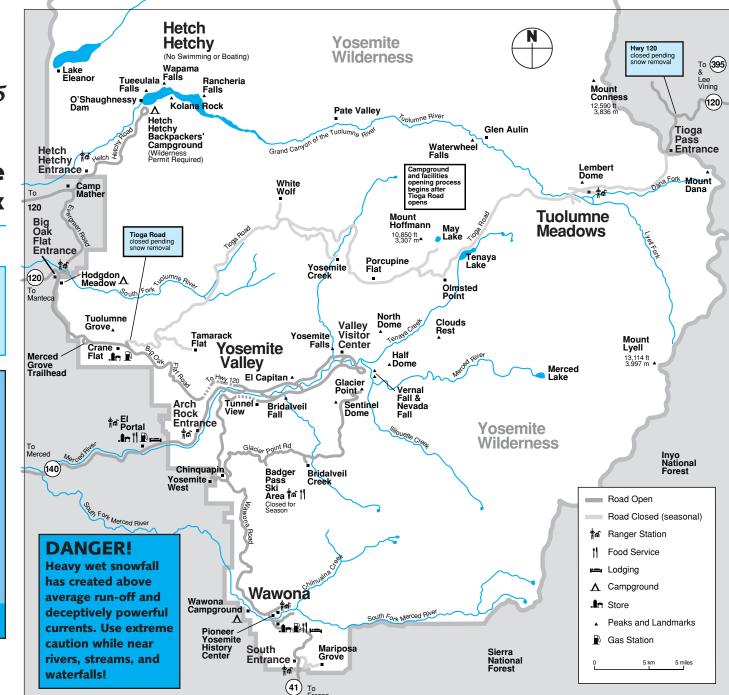
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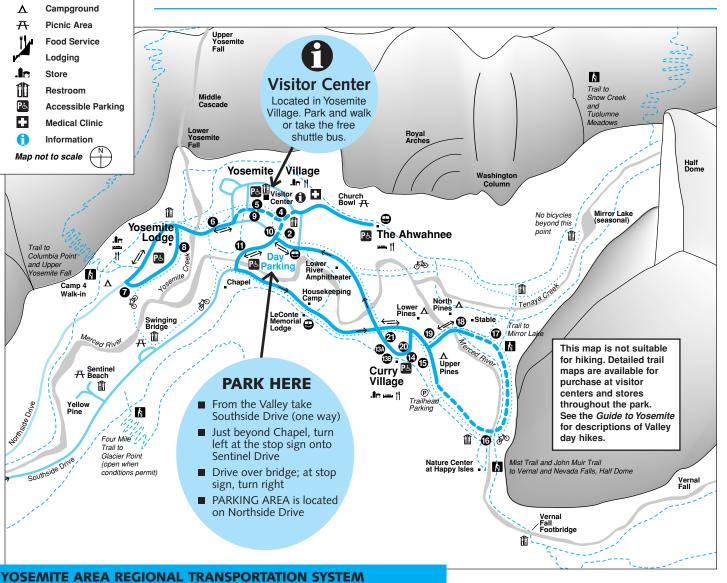
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Shuttle Bus Only

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Bike Path Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Map **Hiking Path**





Ride the Free Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus

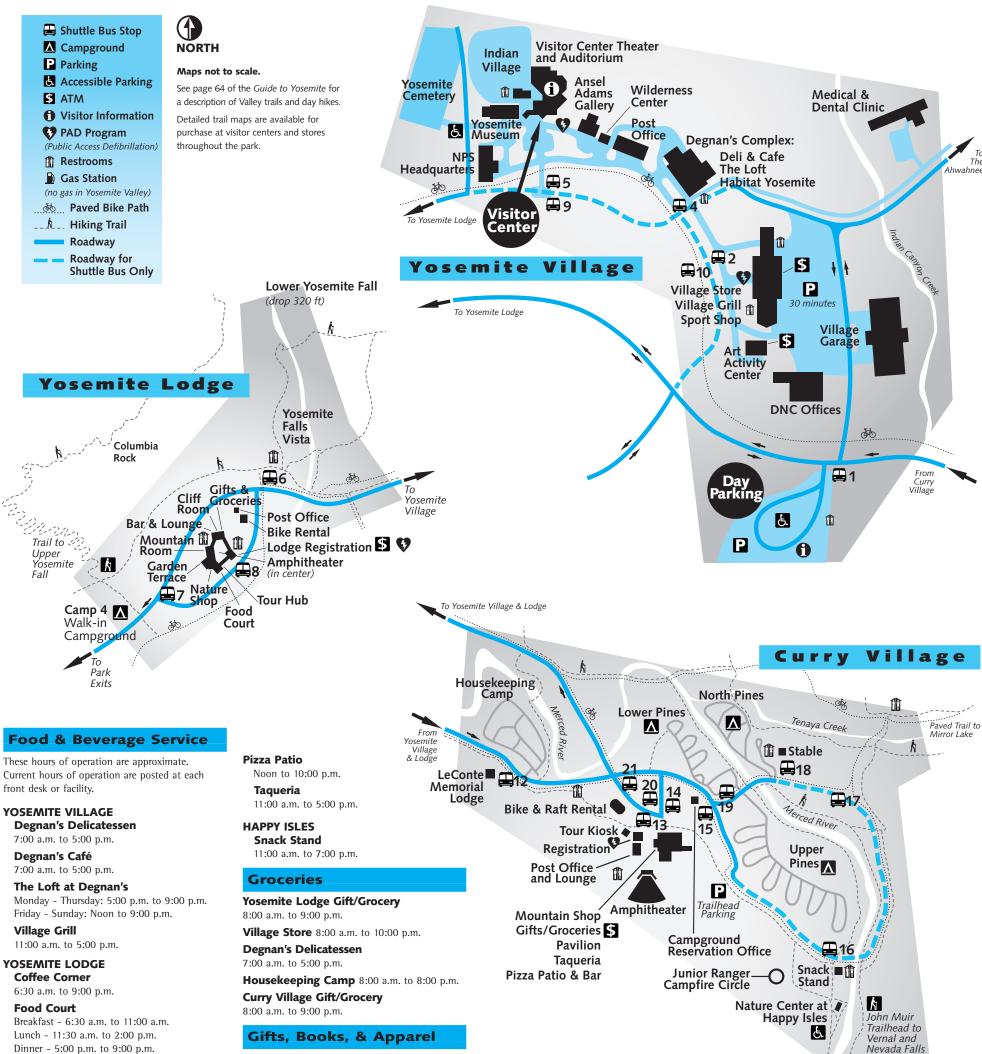
Shuttle buses operate daily at 15-minute intervals. All buses follow the same route, serving stops in numerical order. &

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
- Housekeeping Camp / LeConte Memorial Lodge
- (3A) Curry Village Rental Center
- (3) Curry Village Registration Desk
- 4 Curry Village Parking
- 15 Upper Pines Campground
- 16 Happy Isles / John Muir Trailhead
- Mirror Lake Junction
- **18** Stable
- 19 Lower Pines Campground
- 20 Curry Village Parking
- 21 Curry Village Rental Center

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, and Curry Village



Dinner - 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Lite fare served all day

Mountain Room Bar & Lounge Monday - Friday: 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday: Noon to 10:30 p.m.

Mountain Room Restaurant 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Cone Stand at the Pool

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weather permitting 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

11:00 a.m. to 11:00 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 8:00 p.m.

Pavillion Bar

Noon to 10:00 p.m.

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

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

Yosemite Bookstore

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Inside Visitor Center

Yosemite Museum Store 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed for lunch

Village Store 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Habitat Yosemite 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sport Shop 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Yosemite Art 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)

Gift/Grocery 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 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 10:00 p.m.

Showers & Laundromat

SHOWERS

Curry Village 24 hours, attendant on duty daily from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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

Housekeeping Camp 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Recycling

Village Store Recycling Center 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Curry Village 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 1:30 p.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

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Yosemite Valley

Visitor Center and Bookstore

Open 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9). Information, maps, books, and exhibits. & 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 6:30 p.m., and Sunday noon to 6:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center Theater. Closed captioning available. &

Yosemite Museum

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

FEATURES

Museum Gallery

Historic 19th and 20th century Yosemite landscape paintings from the park's museum collection including first known non-native work of Thomas Ayres of 1855 and freshly restored night scene by Albert Bierstadt.

Indian Cultural Exhibit

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch). Displays interpret the cultural history of Yosemite's native Miwuk 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. (closed for lunch). 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.

Wilderness Center

Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village between The Ansel Adams Gallery and the post office. One-stop resource for backpackers in need of wilderness permits, bear canisters, maps, and guidebooks. Displays and information on pre-

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

Nature Center at Happy Isles

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. An 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

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Visitor Center. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Gallery offers the work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers and other fine artists. In addition, a wide selection of handcrafts, books, gifts and photography supplies are offered. Scheduled activities are listed on the front porch of the Gallery. For more information, call 1-800-568-7398 or visit www.anseladams.com.

GALLERY EXHIBIT

Through July 25

Joseph Holmes is on the forefront of his craft. Using brilliant color, lively composition, and technical ability, he expresses a sense of energy and life within his landscapes. His work is widely published and is found in both private collections and exhibiting galleries.

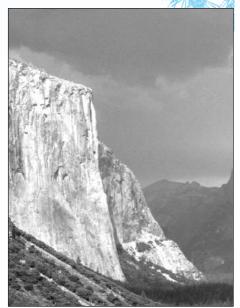
Reception: June 25th, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

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 celebrate its 22nd season! Shows are presented live onstage in the Visitor Center Theater. Hear the adventuresome tales and antics of John Muir, share the journey by wagon across the plains to California with feisty pioneer Sarah Hawkins, or hear from Ron Kauk about his relationship to Yosemite through rock climbing with filmmaker Sterling Johnson, or experience early park history from Park Ranger Shelton Johnson as Cavalry Officer Elizy Boman. Tickets are \$8.00/ adult, \$4.00/ children 12 and under and are sold at the door (if available), or in advance at any tour desk. See above for dates and times.



El Capitan from Tunnel View Photo by Colleen Brown

Tuolumne Meadows

All services closed pending snow removal from Tioga Road. Campgrounds and services reopening process will begin upon opening of Tioga Road

Hetch Hetchy

Yes! It's Worth the Drive!

Sheer cliffs, lofty domes, and two of Yosemite's most beautiful and least famous waterfalls await those who go the distance. Few visitors know about Hetch Hetchy. Those who do assume that after the Tuolumne River was dammed over 80 years ago everything beautiful about the Hetch Hetchy region disappeared. Discover for yourself that beauty and solitude of Yosemite National Park's quietest corner. Because Hetch Hetchy is a water supply for San Francisco, swimming and boating are strictly prohibited.

Waterfalls

Tueeulala (TWEE-lala) and Wapama Falls both drop more than 1,000 feet from cliffs on the north side of the reservoir. It's easy to see and photograph the two together. Late spring is the best time to view them, since Tueeulala Falls dries up in early summer.



Hetch Hetchy

NPS photo by Greg Lawler

Domes and Cliffs

Look for Hetch Hetchy Dome on the north side of the reservoir and conical Kolana Rock on the south side. Kolana Rock is particularly noteworthy to park wildlife specialists as active breeding area for Peregrine Falcons

O'Shaughnessy Dam

When 312 foot high O'Shaughnessy Dam was dedicated in 1923, it was the largest structure on the west coast. In spring and summer, water may pour over the spillway, creating an artificial waterfall.

Day Hiking

Take advantage of the easy scenic trail from the dam through the granite tunnel and on to Tueeulala and Wapama Falls. It's about 5 miles round-trip (8.5 km) and could take up to 4 hours. Beyond Wapama Falls, the trail to Rancheria Fall is an ambitious all-day hike of

approximately 13 miles (21 km). Another short trail leads from the Hetch Hetchy Entrance to Lookout Point, which provides a sweeping view of the northwest corner of the park.

Backpacking

The Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne, Laurel Lake, Lake Vernon, Jack Main Canyon, Poopenaut Valley and Smith Peak are a few of the scenic destinations backpackers can choose from in the Hetch Hetchy region. Lake Eleanor and Kibbie Lake may also be reached from O'Shaughnessy Dam, but are more accessible from Stanislaus National Forest. Get a Wilderness permit and go! But don't forget to bring a bear canister, as bears are very active in Hetch Hetchy area.



Indicates facilities accessible for visitors in wheelchairs. Short steep inclines may be encountered.

Yosemite Outdoor Adventures These programs are offered for a fee

Backpacking the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne
Yosemite en Español
JULY 1
Investigating the Wildflowers of Tuolumne Meadows
Summer Birding in Tuolumne Meadows
JULY 3
Keep Bears Wild Research Project, Session 1
JULY 3 - 16
The Search for Life in the Universe; from Yosemite to the Milky Way
JULY 9 - 10
Junior Ranger Adventure
JULY 9
A Day at Twenty Lakes Basin
JULY 9
Following the Wildflowers: a Progressive Photography Exploration
JULY 9
A Hike with a View: Cloud's Rest
JULY 10
Wildflowers of Forests and Meadows
JULY 10

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

Scheduled Events

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.



June 27 - July 2 **Linda Mitchell** Watercolor

July 4 - 9

Al Setton Acrylic

July 11 - 16 **Doug Castleman**

Watercolor Thursdays & Saturdays

Art Class for Beginners Ages 8-80

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Limted space, reserve in advance. Supplies must be purchased.

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

NPS = National Park Service

DNC = Delaware North Companies at Yosemite

AAG = The Ansel Adams Gallery

AAC = American Alpine Club

= Sierra Club

= Yosemite Association

= Yosemite Fund

= Programs offered for a fee



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During the summer season, a sign language interpreter is available for deaf

and hard of hearing visitors. **Contact the Deaf Services** Coordinator at 209/372-0296 (voice/TTY), or the Valley Visitor Center 209/372-4726 (TTY) for information or to request an interpreter. Advanced notice of 14 days requested. On occasion. shorter notice requests can be accommodated.

White Wolf Big Oak Flat Crane Flat

Check local bulletin boards for additional program information

SUNDAY July 3 & 10

7:30am HIKE TO MIRROR LAKE (July 10 only)

1 hr. Shuttle stop #18 (SC)

3:00pm Ranger Walk— Bears

11/2 hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS) 6:45pm WEE WILD ONES

45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater &

7:00pm LECONTE MEMORIAL OPEN HOUSE

(July 3 only)

21/2 hrs. Shuttle stop #12 (SC)

7:30pm OLD FASHIONED CAMPFIRE & **SING-A-LONG**

11/2 hrs. Near Curry Village. Tickets/info at any lodge tour desk \$ (DNC)

8:00pm Yosemite Theater - LIVE

Sgt. Elizy Boman in "Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1904' 11/2 hrs. Visitor Center Theater Tickets at any tour desk or door \$ (DNC) &

Evening Program LeConte Memorial Lodge July 10: Hetch Hetchy Valley: Yosemite's Lost Twin

1 hr. Shuttle bus stop #12 (SC)

8:30pm Film - Ansel Adams

1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater Check venue listings for any time changes (AAG) &

Evening Program

Yosemite Valley

1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater Check local postings for topic (DNC) & **MONDAY** July 4 & 11

10:00am Free Art Class

4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center Adult beginners. See details at left &

3:00pm Ranger Walk—Yosemite's First People

11/2 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum (NPS)

6:45pm WEE WILD ONE

45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 & under. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{L}}$

7:30pm OLD FASHIONED CAMPFIRE &

SING-A-LONG

11/2 hrs. Near Curry Village. Tickets/info at any lodge tour desk \$ (DNC)

8:00pm Yosemite Theater -LIVE

Conversation With a Tramp 11/2 hrs. Visitor Center Theater Tickets at any tour desk or at door \$ (DNC) &

8:30pm Evening Program

1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater Check local postings for topic (DNC) &

Evening Program

1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater Check local postings for topic (DNC) &

9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE

1-11/2 hr. Tickets/info at any tour desk \$ (DNC)

TUESDAY
June 28 & July 5

6:30am Sunrise Photo Walk

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

9:00am Photography Walk

2+ hrs. Limited space advance sign-up required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery conditions permitting (AAG)

EXPLORE YOSEMITE FAMILY PROGRAM

3 hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater

Tickets/information at any tour desk \$ (DNC)

10:00am CHILDREN'S PHOTO WALK

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

(Kodak) **Free Art Class**

4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center.

Adult beginners. See details at left &

2:00pm Yosemite Open House

4 hrs. Learn the latest information regarding park improvement projects

Visitor Center Auditorium (NPS) & 3:00pm Ranger Walk-Bears

11/2 hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)

6:00pm Twilight Stroll 1 hr. The Ahwahnee Patio (DNC)

6:45pm WEE WILD ONES

45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 &

under. Curry Village Amphitheater & 8:00pm Yosemite Theater - LIVE

Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a Fourth

Marriage, Stories of a Pioneer Woman 11/2 hrs. Visitor Center Theater Tickets at any Tour Desk or at door \$ (DNC) &

8:30pm Yosemite in Pictures

1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater Check local postings for topic (Kodak) &

Evening Program

1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater Check local postings for topic (DNC) &

9:00 pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE **VALLEY**

1-11/2 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk \$ (DNC)

10:00am - Noon / 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Horse-Drawn Stage Rides

10min. Purchase tickets at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$3 adults, \$2 children ages 3-12 (NPS)

10:00am - 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm **Wet-Plate Photography**

Demonstration

(July 3 only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) &

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

Blacksmith Demonstrat (July 10 only)

Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) &

10:30am Visit Yosemite's Past: Tour of Pioneer

Yosemite History Center
1 hr. Meet at Covered Bridge (NPS) & 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove

11/2 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

2:30pm Visit Yosemite's Past: Tour of Pioneer

Yosemite History Center

1 hr. Meet at Covered Bridge (NPS) &

8:00pm Campfire

1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &

(July 4 only)

10:00am - Noon

CELEBRATION 2 hrs. Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS)

Living History

10:30am Visit Yosemite's Past

(July 11 only)

(July 4 only)

2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove

Yosemite's past comes to life at the Pioneer

1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center

Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS) &

11/2 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

2:00pm OLD FASHIONED 4TH OF JULY

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) &

9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER WAWONA (June 20 only)

1-11/2 hrs. Meet at Wawona Hotel Tickets/info at any tour desk \$ (DNC) 10:30am Visit Yosemite's Past

(July 5 only) 1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center. Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge

2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove

11/2 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 2:30pm Visit Yosemite's Past

(July 5 only)

1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center. Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge

8:00pm Campfire

1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &

Glacier Point

Wawona Mariposa Gro

2:00pm Ranger Walk

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

7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk

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

8:30pm Stars over Yosemite

(July 3 only) 1-2 hrs. Glacier Point Amphitheater (weather permitting) (NPS) &

2:00pm Ranger Walk

2 hrs. Taft Point / Sentinel Dome parking

7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk 1/2 hr. Glacier Point railing (NPS) &

area on Glacier Point Road (NPS)

1:00pm Hike to the Hidden Illiluoette Falls

31/2 hrs. Moderately difficult Meet at the Glacier Point Gift Shop

7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk

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

WEDNESDAY
June 29 & July 6 THURSDAY
June 30 & July 7 FRIDAY
July 1 & 8 6:30am Sunrise Photo Walk 6:30am Sunrise Photo Walk 6:30am Sunrise Photo Walk 6:30am Sunrise Photo Walk 11/2 hrs. Sign-up/meet at Yosemite Lodge 11/2 hrs. Meet at Curry Village Amphitheater 11/2 hrs. Sign-up/meet at Yosemite Lodge 11/2 hrs. Sign-up/meet at Yosemite Lodge registration desk (Kodak) registration desk (Kodak) registration desk (Kodak) 9:00am EXPLORE YOSEMITE FAMILY 9:00am **EXPLORE YOSEMITE FAMILY** 9:00 am **EXPLORE YOSEMITE FAMILY** 9:00am Photography Walk 2+ hrs. Limited space advance sign-up 3 hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (July 9 only) 3 hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery Tickets/information at any tour desk conditions permitting (AAG) Tickets/information at any tour desk \$ (DNC) 3 hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater Tickets/information at any tour desk 10:00am CHILDREN'S PHOTO WALK 10:00am Free Art Class \$ (DNC) 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center 10:00am Ranger Walk—Yosemite Buffalo 1 hr. Ahwahnee Concierge Desk Parents must accompany. Limited to 15 Adult beginners. See details at left & **Photography Walk** Soldiers 11/2 hrs. Meet in front of Valley Visitor 2+ hrs. Limited space, advance sign-up 10:30am TREES OF YOSEMITE Center (NPS) required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery, **Free Art Class** (July 8 only) conditions permitting (AAG) 10:00am Free Art Class 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center 1 hr. Shuttle stop #11 (SC) 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center Adult beginners. See details at left & 10:00am Free Art Class 3:00pm Ranger Walk—Bears Adult beginners. See details at left & 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center 10:30am FLOWERS & POLLINATORS 11/2 hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS) Adult beginners. See details at left & 3:00pm Ranger Walk—Rivers & Waterfalls (July 7 only) 6:00pm Twilight Stroll 10:30am AQUATIC FIELD TRIP 1½ hrs. Shuttle stop #11 (NPS) 1 hr. Shuttle stop #11 (SC) 1 hr. The Ahwahnee Patio (DNC) (July 9 only) 6:45pm WEE WILD ONES 3:00pm Ranger Walk—Yosemite's Legacy 7:30pm OLD FASHIONED CAMPFIRE & 1 hr. Shuttle stop #16 (SC) 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 & 11/2 hrs. Front of Visitor Center (NPS) SING-A-LONG under. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater & 11:00am Children's Block Painting **FREE ART CLASS** 11/2 hrs. Near Curry Village (July 2 only) 7:30pm OLD FASHIONED CAMPFIRE & 11/2 hrs. Beginners age 8-80 Tickets/info at any lodge tour desk \$ (DNC) 4 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge Yosemite Art Center & 7:45pm Photo Demonstration for Traditional Shuttle bus stop #12 (SC) 11/2 hrs. Near Curry Village and Digital Cameras 7:30pm OLD FASHIONED CAMPFIRE & 3:00pm Ranger Walk—Rivers and Waterfalls Tickets/info at any lodge tour desk **SING-A-LONG** 45 min. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater & 11/2 hrs. Sentinel Bridge 11/2 hrs. Near Curry Village 8:00pm Yosemite Theater - LIVE Shuttle stop #11 (NPS) 7:45pm Photo Demonstration for Traditional Tickets/info at any lodge tour desk \$ (DNC) Spirit of John Muir FREE ART CLASS and Digital Cameras 8:00pm Yosemite Theater - LIVE 11/2 hrs. Visitor Center Theater 11/2 hrs. Beginners age 8-80 45 min. Curry Village Amphitheater & Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a Fourth Tickets at any Tour Desk or at door Yosemite Art Center & 8:00pm Yosemite Theater - LIVE Marriage, Stories of a Pioneer Woman \$ (DNC) & **Fine Print Viewing** Stickeen & Other Mortals 11/2 hrs. Visitor Center Theater **Evening Program** 11/2 hrs. Visitor Center Theater Tickets at any Tour Desk or at door \$ 1 hr. Very limited space **LeConte Memorial Lodge** Tickets at any tour desk or at door Sign up in advance (DNC) & July 1: Sounds of Mountain Poetry Meet in The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG) \$ (DNC) & 8:30pm Evening Program July 8: ANIMALS AND THEIR 4:00pm CHILDREN'S STORYTIME 8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater 1/2 hr. Nature story reading on the Gallery Check local postings for topic (DNC) & 1 hr. Shuttle bus stop #12 (SC) Check local postings for topic (DNC) & front porch for children 7 and under **Evening Program** 8:30pm Yosemite in Pictures Children must be accompanied by an adult 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater **Yosemite in Pictures** 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (AAG) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (Kodak) & Check local postings for topic (DNC) & Check local postings for topic (Kodak) & 6:45pm WEE WILD ONES 9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE **Evening Program** 45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 & 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater under. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) & Check local postings for topic (DNC) & (July 6 only) 7:30pm OLD FASHIONED CAMPFIRE & 1-11/2 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk **SING-A-LONG** 11/2 hrs. Near Curry Village Tickets/info at any lodge tour desk \$ (DNC) 8:00pm **Evening Program LeConte Memorial Lodge** July 2: **CLIMBING YOSEMITE WALLS** July 9: ALL ABOUT BEARS 1 hr. Shuttle bus stop #12 (SC) 8:30pm Rock Climbing 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater Check local postings for topic (AAC) & **Yosemite in Pictures** 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater Check local postings for topic (Kodak) & 9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE **VALLEY** 1-11/2 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk \$ (DNC) 10:30am Visit Yosemite's Past 10:00am - Noon / 2:00pm - 4:00pm 10:00am - Noon / 2:00pm - 4:00pm 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (July 6 only) **Horse-Drawn Stage Rides Horse-Drawn Stage Rides** 11/2 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center 10min. Purchase tickets at the Stage Office 10min. Purchase tickets at the Stage Office 10:00am - Noon / 2:00pm - 4:00pm in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS) & in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center **Horse-Drawn Stage Rides** \$3 adults, \$2 children ages 3-12 (NPS) \$3 adults, \$2 children ages 3-12 (NPS) 10min. Purchase tickets at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center 11:00am Ranger Walk - Wildfire in Yosemite 10:00am - 1:00pm / 2:00 - 5:00pm 10:00am - 1:00pm / 2:00 - 5:00pm 11/2 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead. Wet-Plate Photography Demonstration Wet-Plate Photography Demonstration \$3 adults, \$2 children ages 3-12 (NPS) 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (July 1 only) (June 30 only) 11/2 hrs. 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Purchase tickets at the Stage Office Blacksmith Demonstration **Blacksmith Demonstration** in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center 10:00am - 1:00pm / 2:00 - 5:00pm (July 7 only) (July 8 only) \$3 adults, \$2 children ages 3-12 (NPS) **Blacksmith Demonstration** Blacksmith Shop, Pioneer Yosemite History Blacksmith Shop, Pioneer Yosemite History (July 9 only) Blacksmith Shop, Pioneer 2:00pm - 5:00pm Center (NPS) & Center (NPS) & Wet-Plate Photography Demonstration Yosemite History Center (NPS) & 10:30am Visit Yosemite's Past 10:30am Visit Yosemite's Past 10:30am Visit Yosemite's Past (June 29 only) 1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History 1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Artist's Cabin, Pioneer Yosemite History 1 hr. 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Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) & Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS) & 8:00pm Campfire 8:00pm **Campfire** 1 hr. Wawona Campground 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater Amphitheater (NPS) & 2:00pm Ranger Wildflower Walk to McGurk 7:15pm Alpenglow Photo Shoot 8:30pm Stars over Yosemite 1-2 hrs. Glacier Point Amphitheater 1hr. Glacier Point Amphitheater (Kodak) & Meadow (weather permitting) (NPS) & 2 hrs. Meet at phone booth in Bridalveil

Campground (NPS)
7:45pm **Sunset Ranger Talk**

8:30pm Stars over Yosemite

 $^{1}\!/_{2}$ hr. Glacier Point railing (NPS) &

1-2 hrs. Glacier Point Amphitheater (weather permitting) (NPS) &

Glacier Point

All activities pending opening of the road

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 Thursday evenings, photographers will not want to miss the *Alpenglow Photo Shoot*, led by representatives from Kodak (in association with Delaware North Companies). Glacier Point is one of the best places in Yosemite to see the stars. Stargazing programs are offered on the weekends starting at 8:30 p.m.

See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

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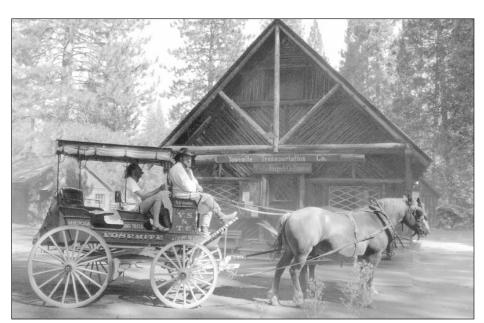


Sentinel Rock

Photo by Colleen Brown

Wawona &

Mariposa Grove



Take a stage ride in Wawona.

Photo by John Hawksworth

Celebrate an Old-Fashioned 4th of July at Pioneer Yosemite History Center!

Activities include a parade, speeches, and games such as Gunny Sack Races, Three Legged Races, Egg Toss, and Tug-of-War. A fun time will be enjoyed by people of all ages. This celebration takes place at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center on July 4th between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Evening Programs

Come to a campfire! Share in a park tradition by joining a ranger for an hour of stories, legends, and fun. Every Sunday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Program topics vary each night. Meet at the amphitheater at 8:00 pm in the Wawona Campground.

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30pm to 9:30pm., Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past. Once or twice a week, he will present an hour-long interpretive programs on the vintage songs of Yosemite or the history of Wawona with slide or music accompaniment. Check with Tom at the piano for dates and times. &

Wawona Information Station at Hill's Studio

Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch) 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. &

Pioneer Yosemite History Center

Historic horse-drawn wagon exhibit, covered bridge and historic cabins. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center explores Yosemite's history and explains 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. &

LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS

See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

Experience Horse-Drawn Travel

Travel into history by taking a 10-minute stage ride. Tickets may be purchased in the "Stage Office" in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. \$3 adults, \$2 children ages 3-12 (NPS)

Blacksmith Demonstration

Smell the burning coal, hear the ring of the hammer on the anvil and watch as a blacksmith demonstrates the ancient art of blacksmithing. Visit the blacksmith at the Blacksmith Shop in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) &

Old-Fashioned Wet-Plate Photography

See the equipment and chat with a photographer who uses the same type of materials and chemicals used by Yosemite photographers 140 years ago. Meet at the Artist's Cabin in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) &

Blacksmith Shop

Smell the burning coal, hear the ring of the hammer on the anvil, and watch a demonstration of the ancient art of blacksmithing.

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.

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

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.

Mariposa Grove Museum

Open daily 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch). Giant Sequoia displays and store offering books, maps and information. Located in the upper portion of the Mariposa Grove. &

Crane Flat and Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open Thursday - Monday 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 &

Big Oak Flat Wilderness Center

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. $\mbox{\colorebox{$\xi$}}$

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 walk has an elevation change of 500 feet (150 meters). The downhill walk is relatively easy, though it is moderately strenuous on the uphill return. Once in the Tuolumne Grove, there is an easy half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

Merced Grove

Yosemite's quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, accessible only on foot. It's a 2-mile hike into the grove from the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located 3.5 miles north of Crane Flat or 4.5 miles south of the Big Oak Flat entrance, the trailhead is marked by a post labeled B-10 and a road sign. Allow 3 hours for the 4-mile round-trip hike to this group of about 20 sequoias.

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Wawona Mariposa Grove **Glacier Point**

Food & Beverage Service

WAWONA HOTEL

Dining Room

Breakfast and Buffet - 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Sunday Buffet - 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 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. Reservations taken for 8 or more. 209/375-1425

GLACIER POINT Snack Stand

Opening to be announced

Grocery

Wawona Grocery Store 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Gifts, Books, & Apparel

WAWONA

Wawona Hotel Golf Shop

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

Wawona Wilderness Center

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch)

MARIPOSA GROVE

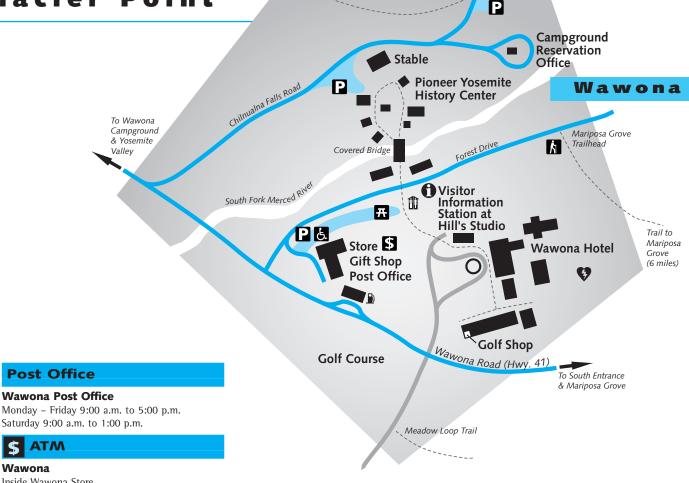
Gift Shop 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Museum Shop

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch)

GLACIER POINT Gift Shop

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



Alder Creek

Trail to

Post Office

Wawona Post Office

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

S ATM

Wawona

Inside Wawona Store

Gas Station

Wawona

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

Tuolumne Meadows

All services closed pending snow removal from Tioga Road. Campgrounds and services reopening process will begin upon opening of Tioga Road.

Tioga Road Still Under Snow

Heavy snowfall from the winter of 2004 – 2005 has delayed the opening of the Tioga Road. When the snow plows and snow blowers set out into Crane Flat in mid-April they encountered 12 to16-foot deep drifts with water moisture contents as high as 49%! The factors that continue to hamper plowing and the subsequent opening of the road include:

- Avalanche zones (26 potential areas). The Olmsted Point avalanche zone requires a lot of work, including application of charcoal over the snow to help with melting and blasting the snow slab to make it safer for personnel.
- Heavy snow pack slows the whole operation.
- Trees that have fallen across the road and been buried in the snow. These can cause substantial damage to the equipment and result in a stop to all operations until they're cleared.
- Rock slides buried by the snow. These can cause substantial damage to the equipment and result in a stop to all operations.
- Snow storms during the opening require a stop to Tioga Road operations in order to plow and sand the park roads.
- Road repairs and ditching and brushing operations once snow has melted back enough.

APRIL 18, 2005 2.6 MILES FROM **CRANE FLAT GATE**



Crane Flat El Portal

Grocery

Crane Flat

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 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.

\$ ATM

El Portal

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

Gas Station

Crane Flat

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

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

Appointments

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon Saturday

Located on Ahwahnee Drive in Yosemite Valley, the clinic provides routine and emergency medical care, 24-hour paramedic/ambulance services, limited pharmacy, lab, x-ray, physical therapy, and Mountain Crisis Services for victims of domestic violence. 209/372-4637

PAD Program

Yosemite's Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Program is designed to protect park visitors and staff from sudden cardiac arrest. All automated external defibrillator (AED) cabinets have been placed in high-risk locations and are open and accessible to anyone in the event of a medical emergency. For more information about the PAD Program, contact the Yosemite Medical Clinic.

AEDs can be found at the following locations: Valley Visitor Center, Village Store (Yosemite Village), Yosemite Lodge, Curry Village Registration Desk, The Ahwahnee, Crane Flat Store, Wawona Hotel, and Badger Pass Lodge.

Dental Services

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

5 Services For Disabled

The Yosemite Accessibility Guide is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at www.nps.gov/yose/access/

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

Accommodations

For advanced reservations or information (rooms or activities), call 559/252-4848 (www.yosemitepark.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 Wilderness Center, Crane Flat Store, Wawona Store, Wawona Wilderness Center, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station. Canisters may be rented or returned at any rental location in the park.

Recreation

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. 3 day hikes depart The Ahwahnee Hotel at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Classes meet at 8:30 a.m. 209/372-8344

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

8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 209/372-1208

Curry Village

Located at Shuttle stops #13 & 21 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 209/372-8319

RAFTING

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Water and weather conditions permitting Last shuttle leaves at 6:00 p.m. Raft rental located in Curry Village, Shuttle stops #13 & 21

TRAIL RIDES

2-hour and 4-hour rides depart daily depending on conditions. 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 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-8348

Wawona

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/375-6502

SWIMMING POOL

Curry Village

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

Yosemite Lodge

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wawona

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

GOLFING

Wawona Hotel Golf Course

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 9-hole, par 35 course Green fees: 9 holes is \$14.50, 18 holes is \$23.60

Tours

Inquire at tour/transportation desks at the following locations.

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

Yosemite Village Tour Kiosk

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Curry Village Tour Kiosk

7:30 a.m. to 3:30 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 Vallev.* Most tours are 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 15 to 20 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. On July 3, NASA satellite Deep Impact will fire a table-sized copper bullet into the mountain-sized comet Temple 1. The 23,000 mph collision should tell scientists what the inside of a comet is really made of and how hard it might be to knock a comet or an asteroid off a collision course with Earth!

June 28 After rising about 3 hours before sunrise Mars and Moon will travel the sky together until the light of day washes out the "red planet."

July 3 The Deep Impact collision should be visible at about 10:52 p.m. Look for a faint but slowly brightening glow in the sky next to Spica in the constellation Virgo. Today, Earth will also be at its Aphelion which is the point in our orbit where we are farthest from the sun - 95,064,000 miles.

July 6 Tonight Moon is new so it will be the best night for stargazing. The planet Jupiter will be the brightest object in the sky, but first look for the planets Mercury & Venus traveling together very low on the western horizon just after sunset.

July 10 Moon is halfway between new and first quarter which is the best time during its cycle to view it through a telescope because long shadows on its surface enhance the topological relief of craters and mountains.

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.

Kennel

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

Located at the stable in Yosemite Valley. Dogs must be gentle, over 10 pounds, with proof of shots and license required. 209/372-8348

Internet Access

Wireless connection available throughout the Yosemite Lodge at the Falls facilities for \$10/day and \$.25/minute terminals with internet access located in the lobby. Free terminals available at the Girls Club/Mariposa County Satellite Library next to Valley Visitor Center. Look for variable hours posted on the door.

Service Organizations

Al-Anon

7:00 p.m. Wednesday DNC General Office Building (Executive Conference Room) Yosemite Village

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Narcotics Anonymous 7:30 p.m. Saturday

DNC 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 guests 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 Counseling provided. Call pastor for appointment.

Worship Service

Yosemite Valley Chapel

9:15 a.m. Sunday (Children's Church and Nursery available) 11:00 a.m. Sunday 7:00 p.m. Thursday

Campground Worship Services

Lower Pines (Yosemite Valley), Wawona, White Wolf*, Tuolumne Meadows* 9:00 a.m. Sunday

* Will begin when campground opens for season.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Rev. Raymond J. Duffy 209/372-4729 Mass in Yosemite Valley

Visitor Center Theater Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Mass in Wawona Community Center/Old School House

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Saturday 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST Pastor Ron Skelton 209/379-2307 El Portal Chapel

Sunday 9:00 a.m. **SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST**

Don Muir 209/588-0614

Worship Service

Yosemite Valley at Lower River Amphitheater, across bridge from Housekeeping Camp (near shuttle stop #19)

Sabbath School

Saturday 10:00 a.m. **Worship Service**

Saturday 11:00 a.m.

CROSSWAY CHURCH (Christian Protestant)

Pastor Steve Hughes 209/379-2428

Worship Service Sunday 7:30 p.m. Curry Village Community Center

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.