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Yosemite Today

April 2
– April 29, 2008

Yosemite National Park

ROAD INFO

Construction may cause short delays or detours on some park roads. Call 209/372-0200 for recorded road information.



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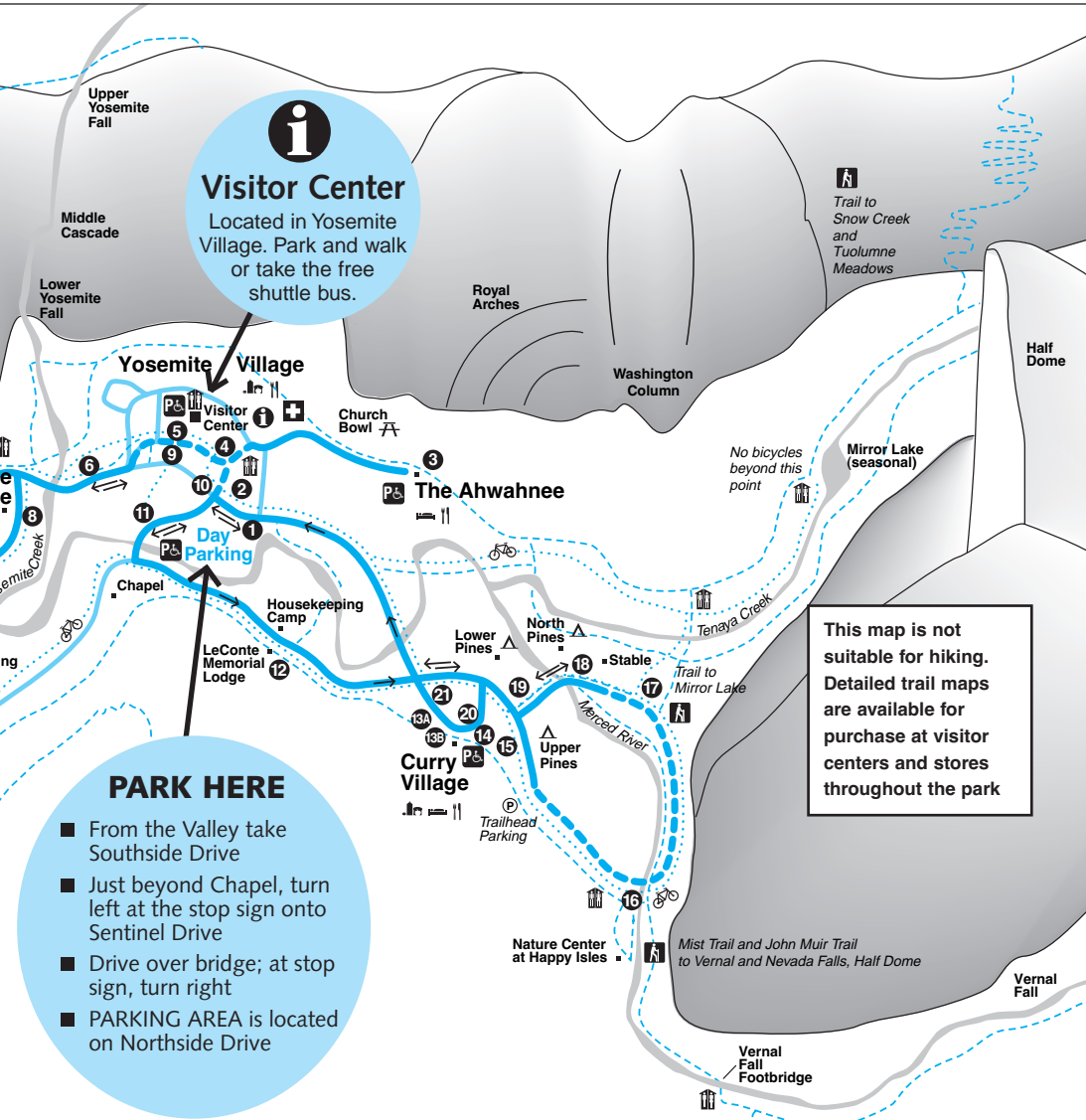


Visit the new Yosemite Park Partners website: www.yosemitepartners.org.



Yosemite Valley Shuttle Map

- VALLEY VISITOR Shuttle Route
 - Road
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 - VALLEY VISITOR Shuttle Stop
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 - Hiking Trail
 - Campground
 - Picnic Area
 - Food Service
 - Lodging
 - Store
 - Restroom
 - Accessible Parking
 - Medical Clinic
 - Information
- Map not to scale



Use the Free Yosemite Valley Shuttle System

Shuttles run daily every 15 minutes, depending on the time of day. Times are posted at each stop. All shuttles follow the same route, serving stops in numerical order. Shuttle service may be affected by construction projects. Check shuttle stops for more information.

VALLEY VISITOR SHUTTLE
7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

- Yosemite Village / Day Parking
- Yosemite Village
- The Ahwahnee
- Yosemite Village / Degnan's Complex
- Valley Visitor Center
- Lower Yosemite Fall
- Camp 4/Upper Yosemite Fall Trailhead
- Yosemite Lodge
- Valley Visitor Center
- Yosemite Village
- Sentinel Bridge / Yosemite Chapel
- Housekeeping Camp / LeConte Memorial Lodge
- Curry Village Rental Center
- Curry Village Registration Desk
- Curry Village Parking
- Upper Pines Campground*
- Happy Isles / John Muir Trailhead*
- Mirror Lake Junction*
- Stable*
- Lower Pines Campground
- Curry Village Parking
- Curry Village Rental Center

* Service to these locations stops after a major snowfall

YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM



YARTS bus stops are located in Yosemite Valley at The Ahwahnee, Curry Village, Valley Visitor Center, and Yosemite Lodge. For bus schedules to and from the Yosemite area, call 1-877-98-YARTS, or visit YARTS online at www.yarts.com.

Scheduled Events

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
YA = Yosemite Association
S = Programs offered for a fee



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



Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advanced request. Inquire at a visitor center.

Yosemite Valley

SUNDAY April 6, 13, 20, 27

- 9:00am **WEE WILD ONES**
(April 6 & 13 only)
45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 & under
Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace (DNC)
- 2:00pm **Ranger Stroll – Rivers and Waterfalls**
1 1/2 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Shuttle stop #6 (NPS)
- 8:00pm **Evening Program**
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge (check local postings for venue and topic) (DNC) &

MONDAY April 7, 14, 21, 28

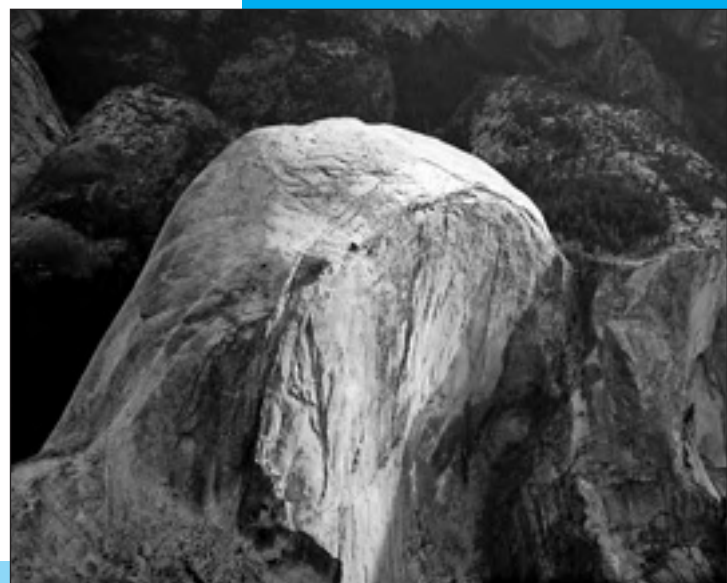
- 7:30am **A Valley Birdwalk**
2 hrs. Meet at the Yosemite Art and Education Center \$ (YA)
- 8:30am **Morning Photo Walk**
2 hrs. Sign up/meet at The Ahwahnee Front Desk (DNC)
- 10:00am **Art Class**
4 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center See details below (YA)
- 2:00pm **Ranger Stroll –Yosemite's First People**
(except April 7)
1 1/2 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum (NPS) &
- 8:00pm **National Parks in the Sky – the Beauty of Our Universe**
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge (check local postings for venue) (NPS) &

TUESDAY April 1, 8, 15, 22

- 9:00am **Photography Walk**
2 hrs. Limited space Reservations required Sign up/meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery Conditions permitting (AAG)
- Stewardship Project**
(April 22 only)
Join Yosemite Resources Management and Science staff for an Earth Day work party Meet in front of Valley Visitor Center Closed toe shoes required (NPS)
- 10:00am **Art Class**
4 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center See details below (YA)
- 2:00pm **Ranger Stroll – Trees**
1 1/2 hrs. The Ahwahnee Shuttle stop #3 (NPS)
- PEDAL, PLAY, AND PROTECT BIKE RIDE**
2 1/2 hrs. (April 22 only)
Join Park staff for this fun and educational scavenger hunt on Earth Day! Advance reservations required Tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC)
- 7:00pm **EarthDance Film Festival**
(April 22 only)
Visitor Center Theater (DNC/NPS)
- 8:00pm **Evening Program**
(except April 22)
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge (check local postings for venue) and topic (DNC) &

WEDNESDAY April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

- 9:00am **WEE WILD ONES**
45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 & under. The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace (DNC)
- 10:00am **Art Class**
4 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center See details below (YA)
- 2:00pm **Ranger Stroll – Rivers and Waterfalls**
1 1/2 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Shuttle stop #6 (NPS)
- 8:00pm **Getting to Know Yosemite**
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge (check local postings for venue) and topic (DNC) &



Half Dome Overview

Digital photograph by Mark Heliger

YOSEMITE RENAISSANCE XXIII ANNUAL ART COMPETITION PRIZEWINNERS

Yosemite Museum Open through May 4

Yosemite Renaissance is an annual exhibit that encourages diverse interpretations of Yosemite and the environment of the Sierra Nevada. Its goals are to bring together the works of serious contemporary artists that do not simply duplicate traditional representations; to establish a continuum with past generations of Yosemite artists; and to help re-establish visual art as a major interpretive medium of the landscape and a stimulus to the protection of the environment.

For this year's competitive exhibit there were a near record number of entries, resulting in an exhibit of 38 paintings, graphics, photographs and 3-dimensional pieces by artists throughout the country.

Yosemite Valley

Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9), the visitor center offers information, maps, and books. Explore the new exhibit hall and learn how Yosemite's spectacular landscape was formed, how people have interacted with it through the centuries, how wildlife adapts and survives, and how your national park continues to evolve. & TTY

SPECIAL EVENT

Saturday, April 5 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Book signing with author Mike Graf of *Adventures with the Parkers: Harrowing Ascent of Half Dome*.

FILM

Spirit of Yosemite

This inspiring visitor-orientation film provides a stunning overview of Yosemite's splendor. It is shown every 30 minutes Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday noon to 4:30 p.m. in the Valley Visitor Center Theater. & CC

Free Art Classes

The Yosemite Art & Education Center is open 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily (closed for lunch) and offers a free art class daily Monday through Saturday beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Be prepared for a short walk to the painting site, and bring something to sit on. Bring your own supplies, or buy them at the center, located near the Village Store. Please register in advance. 209/372-1442



Through April 5

Douglas Castleman Watercolor

April 7 - 12

Steve Curl Watercolor

April 14 - 19 **Bob Magnuson** Sketching/Drawing

April 21 - 26 **Donna Naes** Travel Journaling

April 28 - May 3 **Carolyn Fitz** Sumi-E Painting

Yosemite Museum

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

FEATURES

Yosemite Renaissance XXIII

Open through May 4

Open Friday – Monday 10:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Indian Cultural Exhibit

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (may close for lunch). The exhibit interprets 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., the store offers 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, the village offers exhibits on Ahwahneechee life. &

Yosemite Cemetery

This historic cemetery is located across the street 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. *Guide to the Yosemite Cemetery* is available at the Valley Visitor Center.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center and open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning April 15, the gallery offers the work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other fine artists. In addition, handcrafts, books, gifts, digital services, and photography supplies are available. Scheduled activities are listed on the front porch. For more information, call 209/372-4413, or visit www.anseladams.com.

GALLERY EXHIBIT

Christopher Burkett

Through April 15

Large format color photography.

Charles Cramer

April 17 - May 30

Exquisite color photographs from Yosemite and beyond.

Reception for the artist May 11 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Opens for season April 25

Open 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Designed for nature-exploring families, this center offers natural history exhibits, interactive displays, field guides, and maps. Nearby are short trails through the area's forest, river, and fen environments. Evidence of the huge 1996 rockfall from the Glacier Point cliff is visible above. The center is a short walk from shuttle stop #16. &

Celebrate Earth Day

Special Programs in Yosemite Valley

APRIL 18, 19, 20 & 22

For more information, see schedule above and local postings.

WEDNESDAY April 2, 16, 23	THURSDAY April 3, 10, 17, 24	FRIDAY April 4, 11, 18, 25	SATURDAY April 5, 12, 19, 26
<p>WEE WILD ONES Activities & activities for kids 6 and under at the Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace</p> <p>Yosemite Art and Education Center (YA)</p> <p>Roll – Wild About Wildlife at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center</p> <p>Know Yosemite Yosemite Lodge Bob Roney provides insight into the world of Yosemite (check local postings for venue) (NPS) &</p>	<p>9:00am Photography Walk 2 hrs. Limited space Reservations required Sign up/meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery Conditions permitting (AAG)</p> <p>10:00am Art Class 4 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center See details below (YA)</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Stroll – Yosemite's Legacy 1½ hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) &</p> <p>5:30pm Spring Twilight Stroll (except April 3) 1 hr. Meets on The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC)</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge (check local postings for venue and topic) (DNC) &</p>	<p>10:00am Art Class (March 28 only) 4 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center See details below (YA)</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Stroll – Geology 1½ hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) &</p> <p>7:00pm EARTH DAY FAMILY NIGHT! (April 18 only) Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater</p> <p>8:00pm Film - Ansel Adams (except April 18) 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge (check local postings for venue) (AAG) &</p>	<p>9:00am Photography Walk 2 hrs. Limited space Reservations required Sign up/meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery Conditions permitting (AAG)</p> <p>10:00am NATIONAL JUNIOR RANGER DAY ACTIVITIES (April 26 only) 2 hrs. Nature Center at Happy Isles See details below (NPS/DNC/YA)</p> <p>10:00am Art Class 4 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center See details below (YA)</p> <p>2:00pm Ranger Stroll – Bears 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS) NATIONAL JUNIOR RANGER DAY ACTIVITIES (April 26 only) 2 hrs. Nature Center at Happy Isles See details below (NPS/DNC/YA)</p> <p>3:00pm Fine Print Viewing 1 hr. Limited space Sign up at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG)</p> <p>5:30pm Spring Twilight Stroll (April 5 & 12 only) 1 hr. Meets on The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC)</p> <p>8:00pm Park Perspectives 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge (check local postings for venue) (NPS) & Yosemite Theatre – LIVE Return to Balance, High Definition Rock Climbing Film (April 12 & 26 only) 1½ hrs. Visitor Center Theater Tickets at any Tour Desk or door \$ (DNC)</p>

Wawona

Pioneer Yosemite History Center

Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log 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. ♿

Outdoor Adventures with the Yosemite Association

These programs are offered for a fee, part of which supports other interpretation and education programs in Yosemite.

Wildflowers of the Merced Canyon APRIL 5

Leave No Trace (LNT) Trainer course APRIL 11 - 12

To the Top of Yosemite Falls APRIL 26

For details or to enroll in programs, call the Yosemite Association at 209/379-2321, visit www.yosemite.org/seminars, or pick up a course catalog at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Free park entry and camping are included.

2nd ANNUAL National Junior Ranger Day

BECOME A JUNIOR RANGER!

Saturday, April 26, 2008

10:00 a.m. - Noon or 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Join NPS, DNC, and YA interpretive staff at the Nature Center at Happy Isles (shuttle stop #16) for a day of fun activities for children of all ages! Join in the morning or afternoon program. One-hour-long ranger-led programs will begin at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., each followed by a fun service project to learn more about park restoration efforts! NPS wildlife biologists will be on-hand with lots of interesting bear-related information and equipment. In addition, Wee Wild Ones and Storytime programs will be conducted by DNC for children 7 and under during the morning and afternoon sessions. ♿



Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias
NPS Photo

Sequoia Groves in Winter

Mariposa Grove

Located at Yosemite's southern end, the Mariposa Grove is the park's largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees. Allow 1½ hours driving time to reach the grove from Yosemite Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the grove parking lot. A few of these giants are visible in the parking area. Trails into the grove extend uphill from the trailhead at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the California Tunnel Tree provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations are available at the trailhead in Spanish, German, French, and Japanese.

The access road to the grove closes during the winter. If the road is closed, the four-mile roundtrip walk from Yosemite's south entrance to the grove takes two to three hours (longer for hikes into the grove).

Merced Grove

Yosemite's quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of about 20 trees accessible only on foot. It's a four-mile round-trip hike (about three hours) into the grove from Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located 3½ miles west of Crane Flat and 4½ miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance, the trailhead is marked by a road sign and post labeled B-10.

Tuolumne Grove

This cluster of about 25 sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of Big Oak Flat and Tioga roads. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the grove. Now closed to cars, this path drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill return. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

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