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# Yosemite Today

April 30  
– May 27, 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.

### National Be Bear Aware and Wildlife Stewardship Month

May 23 10:00am – 3:00pm

Join wildlife staff in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center to learn more about Yosemite's black bears and other wildlife. In addition, films will be shown and programs conducted in the Visitor Center Auditorium.

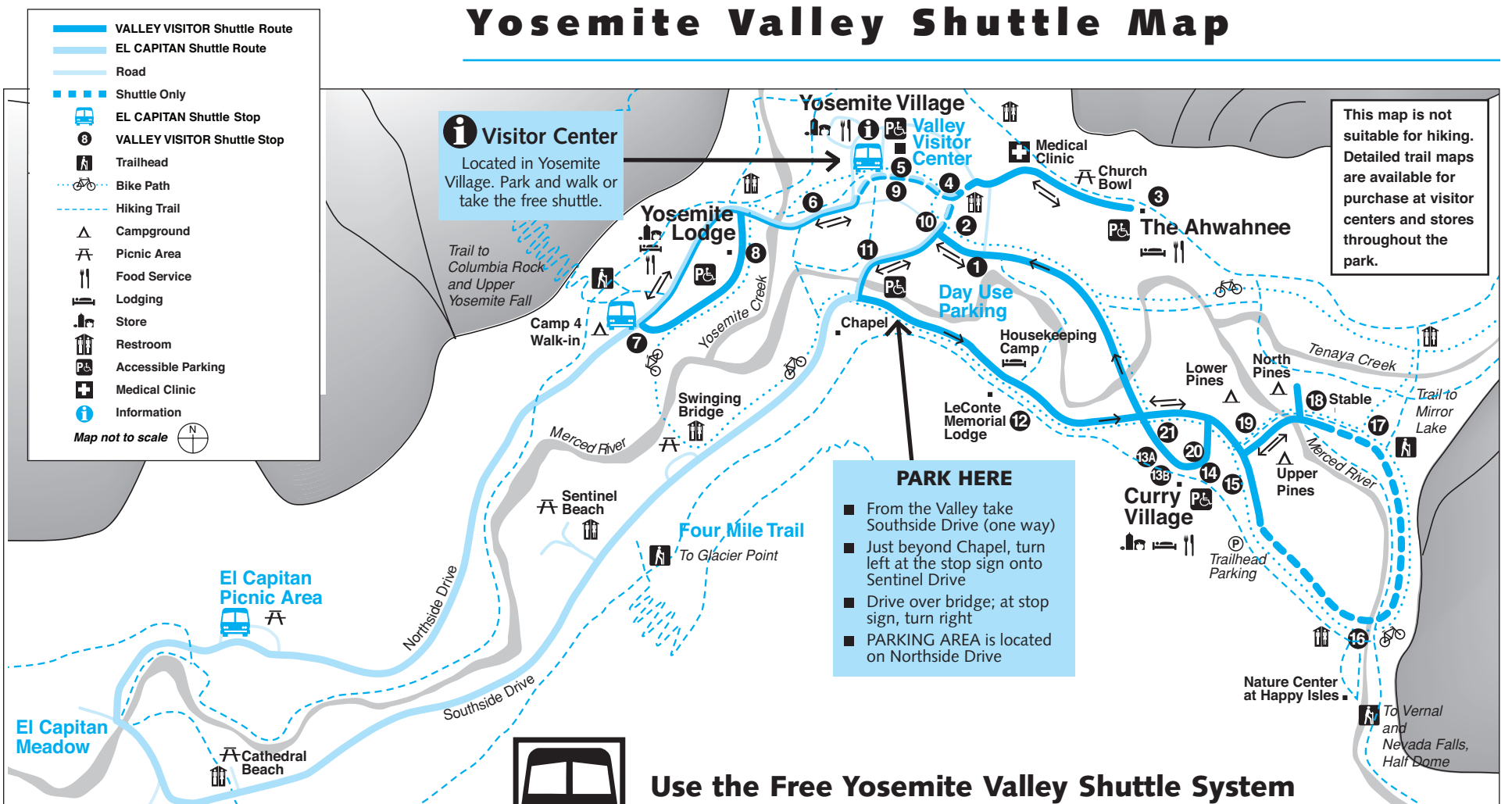
### YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM



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](http://www.yarts.com).



## Yosemite Valley Shuttle Map



### EL CAPITAN SHUTTLE

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

Shuttles run daily on the hour and half-hour. Shuttles stop at designated stops only.

- Valley Visitor Center (shares Valley Visitor Shuttle stop #5)
- Camp 4
- El Capitan Picnic Area

### VALLEY VISITOR SHUTTLE

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

Shuttles run daily every 10-20 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 &

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

# 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  
**SC** = Sierra Club  
**AAC** = American Alpine Club  
**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.

	<b>SUNDAY</b> May 4, 11, 18, 25	<b>MONDAY</b> May 5, 12, 19, 26	<b>TUESDAY</b> May 6, 13, 20, 27	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> April 30, May 7
<b>Yosemite Valley</b>	<p>8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> ½ hr. Bring a mug. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp;</p> <p>10:00am <b>Ranger Stroll – Rivers and Waterfalls</b> 1½ hrs. Lower Yosemite Fall shuttle stop #6 (NPS)</p> <p>12:30pm <b>Ranger Stroll – Bears</b> 1½ hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS)</p> <p>2:30pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>5:30pm <b>Twilight Stroll</b> (May 18 and 25 only) 1 hr. Meets on The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC)</p> <p>7:00pm <b>LeConte Memorial Lodge: Open House</b> (May 11 and 25 only) 2 hrs. Shuttle stop #12 (SC)</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Ranger Program</b> 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp;</p> <p><b>Yosemite Theatre LIVE: Return to Balance - High Definition Rock Climbing Film</b> (except May 4) 1½ hrs. Visitor Center Theater. Tickets/info. at any tour desk or at door (DNC) &amp; \$</p> <p><b>LeConte Memorial Lodge</b>            May 4: <b>John Muir &amp; Teddy Roosevelt in Yosemite, 1903</b>            May 18: <b>An Inconvenient Truth</b> 1 hr. Shuttle stop #12 (SC)</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) &amp;</p> <p><b>Evening Program</b> (May 25 only) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) &amp;</p>	<p>7:30am <b>Naturalist Walks: A Yosemite Birdwalk</b> 3 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center (YA) \$</p> <p>8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> ½ hr. Bring a mug. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp;</p> <p>8:30am <b>Morning Photography Walk</b> 2 hrs. Sign up/meet at The Ahwahnee front desk (DNC)</p> <p>10:00am <b>Ranger Stroll –Yosemite's First People</b> 1½ hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum (NPS) &amp;</p> <p><b>Art Class</b> 4 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center See details below (YA)</p> <p>12:30pm <b>Ranger Stroll – Bears</b> 1½ hrs. 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Yosemite Art and Education Center. See details below (YA)</p> <p>12:00pm <b>Yosemite Forum – Changes at the USGS Yosemite Field Stations: A New Lead Scientist and Expanded Capabilities</b> (May 13 only) 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Auditorium (NPS) &amp;</p> <p>12:30pm <b>Ranger Stroll – Bears</b> 1½ hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS)</p> <p>2:30pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>5:30pm <b>Twilight Stroll</b> (May 6 and 13 only) 1 hr. Meets on The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC)</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Ranger Program</b> 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp;</p> <p><b>Yosemite Theatre LIVE: John Muir is Back – and Boy, is he Ticked Off!</b> (except May 6 and 13) 1½ hrs. Visitor Center Theater. Tickets/info. at any tour desk or at door (DNC) &amp; \$</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) &amp;</p> <p><b>Evening Program</b> (May 27 only) 1 hr. 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## Yosemite Valley

### Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

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

#### 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 5:30 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5:30 p.m. in the Valley Visitor Center Theater. &

### 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



April 28 - May 3 **Carolyn Fitz Ink Painting**  
 May 5 - 10 **Catherine Crandall Drawing**  
 May 12 - 17 **Robert Dvorak Watercolor**  
 May 25 - 31 **Roger Folk Painting**

### Join the Habitat Protectors

**Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Yosemite Valley Visitor Center**  
 Join National Park Service restoration efforts. Volunteers will work on restoration projects and learn about efforts and help restore the Valley. All ages welcome; those under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. All volunteers must wear long pants and closed-toe boots. Long sleeves, water, snacks, and sunblock are recommended. Groups larger than ten are required to pre-register. To learn more, please contact Marielle DeBree at 209/379-3286 or Marielle\_Debree@nps.gov

### 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. Contemporary fine-art interpretations of the human and natural landscape of Yosemite and the Sierra Nevada are featured in this competitive exhibition sponsored for 22 years by Yosemite Renaissance, a nonprofit organization supporting the arts of Yosemite.

##### Indian Cultural Exhibit

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

### Valley Wilderness Center

**Open May 2-4** 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
**Open for season May 9** 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Beginning May 23** 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Located in Yosemite Village next to The Ansel Adams Gallery, the center offers Wilderness permits, bear canisters, maps, and guidebooks. Information on pre-trip planning, minimum-impact camping, and Yosemite's Wilderness are also available. &

### Yosemite Theatre Live

Join us for Yosemite Theatre! Shows are presented live onstage in the Valley Visitor Center Theater. Hear tales of

John Muir or Buffalo Soldier Eliza Boman, or see renowned climber Ron Kauk, as filmed by Sterling Johnson. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under and are sold in advance at any tour desk, or at the door (if available). See schedule above for dates and times. &

### Day-Use Parking Information Station Open for season May 1

Located in the day-use parking area, and open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch), the station offers information about Yosemite.

### The Ansel Adams Gallery

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center and 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, 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](http://www.anseladams.com).

#### GALLERY EXHIBIT

##### Charles Cramer | Through May 30

Exquisite color photographs from Yosemite and beyond. Reception for the artist May 11 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### LeConte Memorial Lodge

#### Open for season May 1

Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and located at shuttle stop #12. 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

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. &

WEDNESDAY May 7, 14, 21	THURSDAY May 1, 8, 15, 22	FRIDAY May 2, 9, 16, 23	SATURDAY May 3, 10, 17, 24
<p><b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> 1/2 hr. Bring a mug. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp;</p> <p><b>Walks: Waterfall Wednesday</b> Yosemite Art and Education Center</p> <p><b>Stroll - Geology</b> Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) &amp; 1 1/2 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center. See details below (YA)</p> <p><b>Stroll - Bears</b> 1 1/2 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS)</p> <p><b>House</b> (April 30 only) Learn about park improvement. Valley Visitor Center Auditorium</p> <p><b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p><b>WEE WILD ONES</b> Activities &amp; activities for kids 6 and under. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (DNC)</p> <p><b>Program</b> 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp;</p> <p><b>Theatre LIVE: Conversations</b> at any tour desk or at door</p> <p><b>Program</b> at any tour desk or at door</p>	<p>8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> 1/2 hr. Bring a mug. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp;</p> <p>9:00am <b>Photography Walk</b> 2 hrs. Limited space. Reservations required. Sign up/meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Conditions permitting (AAG)</p> <p>10:00am <b>Ranger Stroll - Yosemite's Legacy</b> 1 1/2 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) &amp; <b>Art Class</b> 4 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center. See details below (YA)</p> <p>12:30pm <b>Ranger Stroll - Bears</b> 1 1/2 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS)</p> <p>2:30pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>4:30pm <b>LeConte Memorial Lodge: An Inconvenient Truth</b> (May 22 only) 1 hr. Shuttle stop #12 (SC)</p> <p>5:30pm <b>Twilight Stroll</b> (except May 1) 1 hr. Meets on The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC)</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Ranger Program</b> 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp; <b>Yosemite Theatre LIVE: John Muir is Back - and Boy, is he Ticked Off!</b> (except May 1 and 8) 1 1/2 hrs. Visitor Center Theater Tickets/info. at any tour desk or at door (DNC) &amp; \$</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) &amp;</p>	<p>8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> 1/2 hr. Bring a mug. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp;</p> <p>9:00am <b>Habitat Restoration Volunteer Program</b> 4 hrs. Valley Visitor Center. See details below (NPS)</p> <p>10:00am <b>Ranger Stroll - Wild About Wildlife</b> 1 1/2 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) &amp; <b>Art Class</b> 4 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center. See details below (YA)</p> <p>12:30pm <b>Ranger Stroll - Bears</b> 1 1/2 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS)</p> <p>2:30pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. 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Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp;</p> <p>9:00am <b>Photography Walk</b> 2 hrs. Limited space. Reservations required. Sign up/meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Conditions permitting (AAG)</p> <p>10:00am <b>Ranger Stroll - Ahwahneechee Stories and Games</b> 1 1/2 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum (NPS) <b>Art Class</b> 4 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center. See details below (YA)</p> <p>12:30pm <b>Ranger Stroll - Bears</b> 1 1/2 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS)</p> <p>2:30pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Fine Print Viewing</b> 1 hr. Limited space. Sign up at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG)</p> <p>6:45pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> (May 24 only) 45 min. Stories &amp; activities for kids 6 and under. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC)</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Ranger Program</b> 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp; <b>LeConte Memorial Lodge</b> May 3: <b>State Guardians of Yosemite: First Park Rangers</b> May 10: <b>Hiking Half Dome</b> May 17: <b>Centennial At Muir Woods - Panoramic Journey</b> May 24: <b>View of the Solar System</b> 1 hr. Shuttle stop #12 (SC)</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC/AAC) &amp; <b>Evening Program</b> (May 24 only) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) &amp;</p>
<p><b>Walk to Chilnualna Falls</b> 1.8 miles roundtrip, moderate to strenuous. Wear sturdy shoes or boots, and bring water, and sunscreen. Meet at the trailhead (NPS)</p> <p><b>Music of Yosemite</b> Live music with pianist/singer. Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC)</p>	<p>5:30pm <b>Vintage Music of Yosemite</b> 4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer. Tom Bopp Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC)</p>	<p>11:00am - 3:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> (May 23 only) 10 min. Purchase tickets from Stage Driver in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$</p> <p>5:30pm <b>Vintage Music of Yosemite</b> 4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer. Tom Bopp Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC)</p>	<p>8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> 45 min. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp;</p> <p>10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1 1/2 hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>11:00am - 3:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> (May 24 only) 10 min. Purchase tickets from Stage Driver in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1 1/2 hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>5:30pm <b>Vintage Music of Yosemite</b> 4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer. Tom Bopp Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC)</p>
<p><b>Walk - Wildflowers &amp; Waterfalls</b> (May 21 only) Cathlamet Dam. Bring water (NPS)</p>			

## Wawona & Mariposa Grove

### Wawona Information Station at Hill's Studio

Opens May 9 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Hill's Studio is located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel. The station offers information about park activities, Wilderness permits, trail information, and maps. 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

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. &

### 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 1 1/2 hours driving time from Yosemite Valley to reach the grove. A few giant sequoias are visible from the parking area. Trails into the grove extend uphill from the far end of the parking lot.

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).

*Trailers are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road. Private vehicles longer than 25 feet may not use this road during the hours of shuttle operation (see below).*

### FREE MARIPOSA GROVE & WAWONA SHUTTLE

Opening date depends on weather and road conditions.

The shuttle bus stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the bus. Shuttles operate between at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Please use this free bus service to help reduce congestion and parking delays.

## Tuolumne Meadows

### Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Opening date pending

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

Two trails, both flat and 1/4-mile long, lead to this historic area accessible only by walking. Soda Springs are small, naturally carbonated springs that attract birds and deer, especially at sunrise and sunset.

### Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

Opens along with Tioga Road

Open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch). Located just off Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Lodge, the center offers trail information, Wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, maps, and guidebooks. &

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## Big Oak Flat & Sequoia Groves

### Big Oak Flat Information Station

May 16 - 18 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Open for season May 23 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch).

The center offers Wilderness permits, bear canister rental, and general park information.

### Tuolumne Grove

This cluster of about 25 sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of Big Oak Flat and Tioga roads. Walk one mile (with a 500-ft. drop in elevation) into the grove along the former route of the Big Oak Flat Road, now closed to cars. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill return. Within 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, a group of about 20 trees accessible only on foot. It's a four-mile roundtrip hike or ski (about three hours) into the grove from Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located 3 1/2 miles north of Crane Flat and 4 1/2 miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance, the trailhead is marked by a road sign and a post labeled B-10.



