

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 1940

GENERAL

During the fiscal year of 1940, Yosemite celebrated its 50th anniversary as a national park and at the same time its greatest travel year with visitors for the first time exceeding the half million mark.

The improvements of major approach highways together with the Golden Gate International Exposition contributed greatly to this new travel record. Visitor reaction on the whole showed a greater appreciation of park values, indicating the splendid opportunity we have during times of national stress to sustain public morale and inspire love of country.

Weather

A mild, open winter was experienced in Yosemite Valley with temperatures averaging 5 degrees above normal. Total snowfall in Yosemite Valley was only 9-1/2 inches, the lightest in park records, as compared with the normal of 36 inches. Precipitation, however, was above normal with a total of 42.55 inches, as compared with the average of 33.64 inches. The snow pack at elevation above 8,000 feet on April 1, 1940, was twice that of the previous year, which resulted in a good display of waterfalls during early summer.

Lowest temperature: (Dec. 25, 1939)-----	18°	(Yosemite Valley
Highest temperature: (July 22, 1939)-----	100°) Weather
Average temperature for year-----	55.2°	(Station

Travel

A total of 506,781 visitors and 154,557 motor vehicles entered Yosemite National Park during the travel year from October 1, 1939, to September 30, 1940, inclusive, establishing a new park record. This represents a gain of 8.6 percent in visitors and an increase of 10.4 percent in number of automobiles over the previous year.

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>DESCR</u>	<u>Amount</u>
140305	Rent of Public Buildings and Grounds	64.00
140315	Rent of Camp and House Sites.....	0
140320	Rent of Land	907.00
140360	Rent of Water-Power Sites.....	\$ 10,000.00
140520	Permits to Enter National Parks ...	230,874.00
140550	Business Concessions	6,911.17
143490	Fees, Water and Power Rights	5.00
144330	Reimbursement, Government Property Lost or Damaged	10.29
144250	Reimbursement of Travel Expenses.....	.75
144735	Reimbursements - All Other	5.14
144850	Monies Received from Persons Unknown ...	18.00
145050	Sale of Electric Current	\$1,469.76
145076	Sale of Heat, Light and Water	15.03
145193	Sale of Water	9,720.25
145130	Sale of Equipment, etc.....	0
145160	Sale of Scrap and Salvaged Materials.....	120.50
145190	Sale of Stores	9.03
145200	Sale of Subsistence	0
145255	Quarters	1,154.25
145275	Telephone and Telegraph Service	15,332.00
145300	Work Done (Garbage Burned)	3,368.95
146037	Donations to National Park Service	0
148182	Contributions, Civil Service Retirement and Disability Funds (TRUST FUND)	0
TOTAL REVENUES COLLECTED.....		\$329,568.99

From the above figures it is noted that the revenues which the park turned back to the Treasury Department for the 1940 fiscal year exceeded our regular appropriations for that period by \$1,558.99.

National Monuments

Both the Devil Postpile and Joshua Tree National Monuments were under the administration of Yosemite National Park during the fiscal year. A ranger was assigned to the Devil Postpile from June 14 to September 19. A total of 8,239 people visited the monument during this period, an increase of 10.6 percent over the previous summer.

A number of inspections and special study trips were made by park officers to Joshua Tree National Monument during the year. Lack of appropriations for the monument prevented the assignment of personnel or development work in the area.