



Yosemite Guide

Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

April 9, 2014 - May 20, 2014

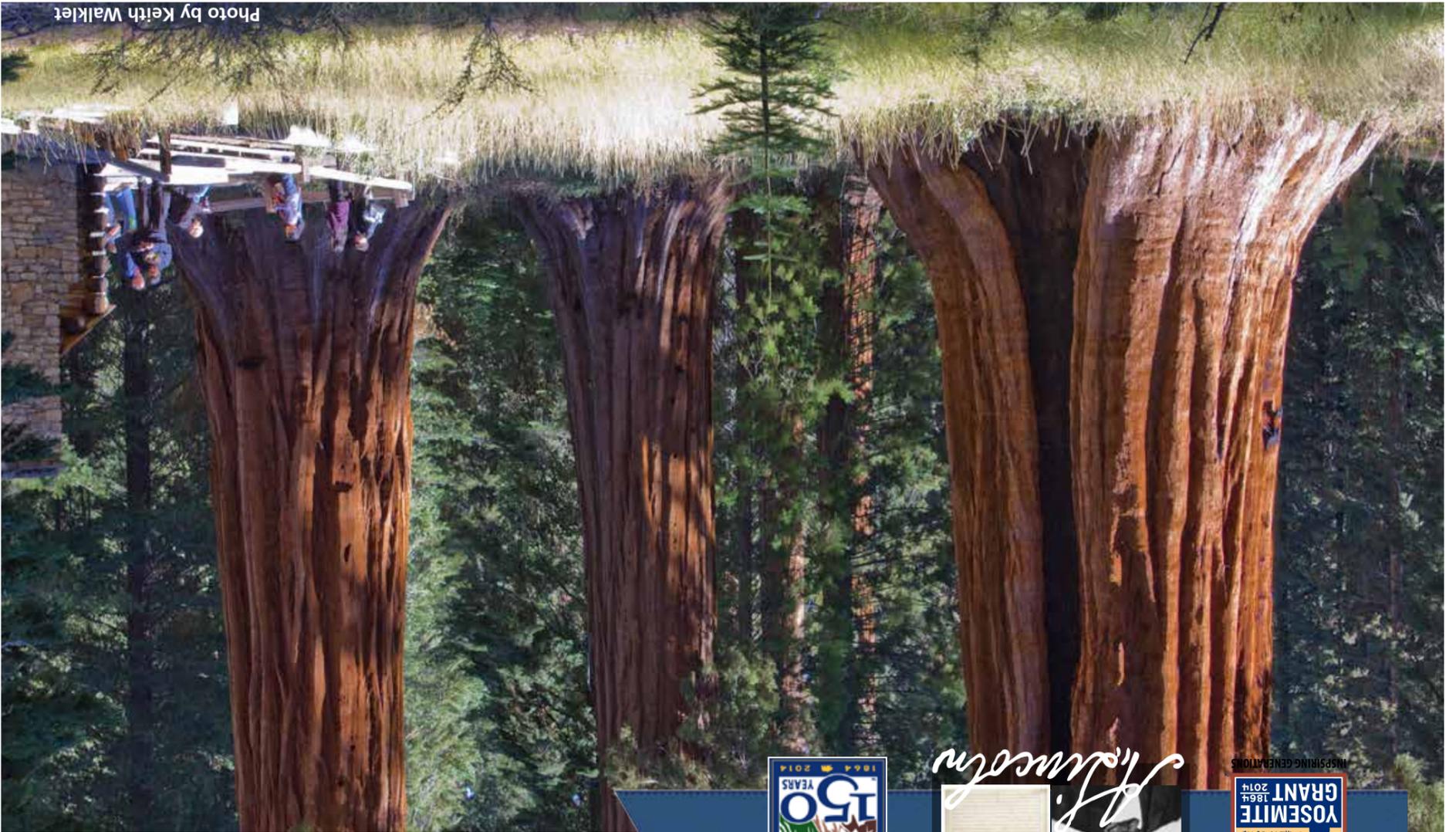
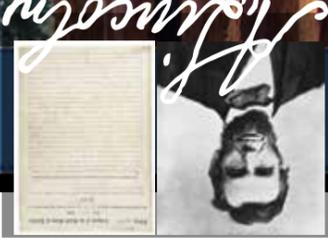


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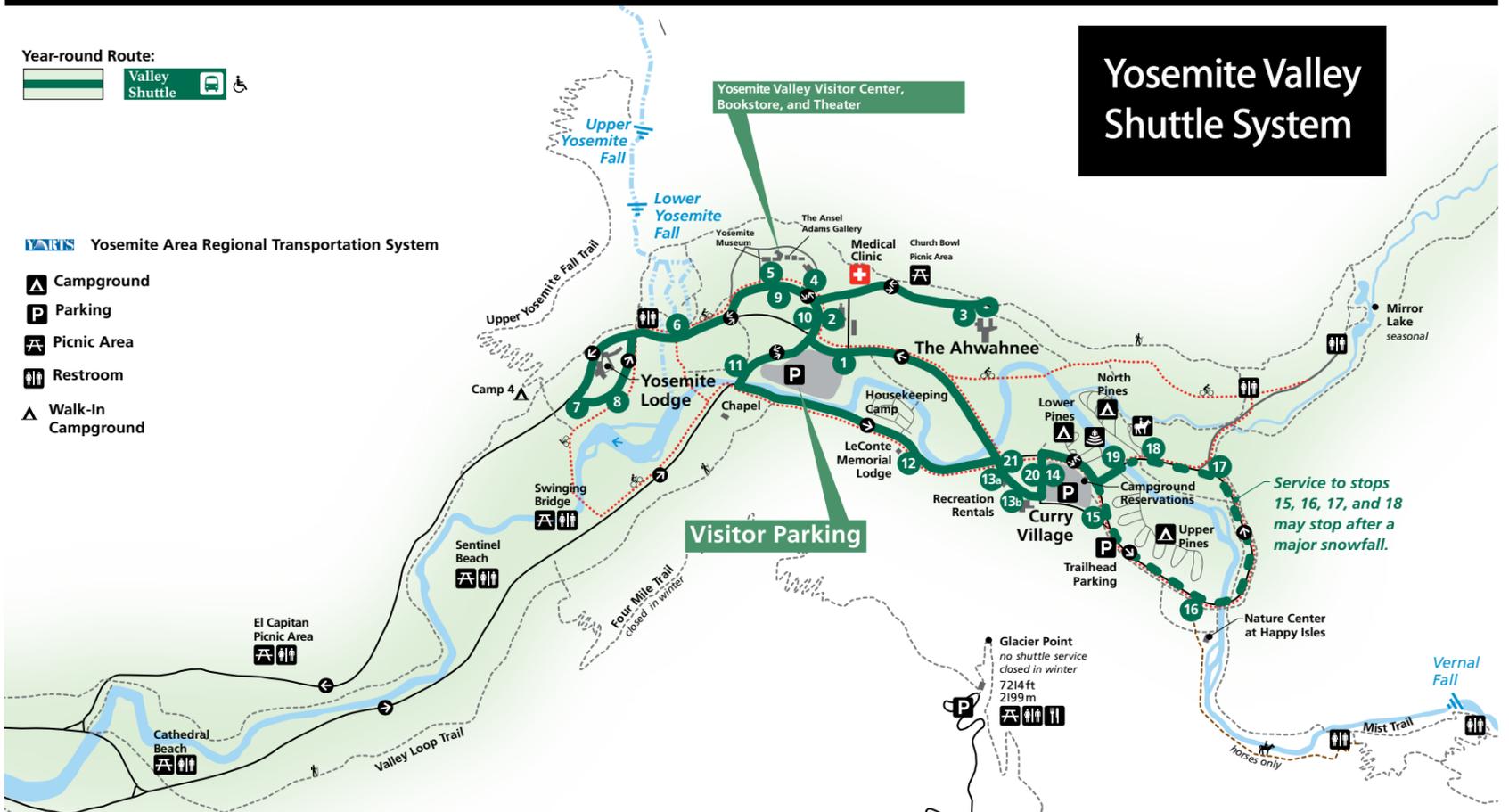
Experience Your America Yosemite National Park

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Year-round Route:
 Valley Shuttle

YARS Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System

- Campground
- Parking
- Picnic Area
- Restroom
- Walk-In Campground



Yosemite Valley Shuttle System

Service to stops 15, 16, 17, and 18 may stop after a major snowfall.

Shuttles run daily every 10-20 minutes depending on the time of day. The Valley Visitor Shuttle operates from 7:00am - 10:00pm and serves stops in numerical order.

Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location
1	Visitor Parking	8	Yosemite Lodge	16	Happy Isles
2	10 Yosemite Village	11	Sentinel Bridge	17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
3	3 YARS The Ahwahnee	12	LeConte / Housekeeping Camp	18	Stable
4	4 Degnan's Deli	13a	21 Recreation Rentals	19	Pines Campgrounds
5	9 YARS Valley Visitor Center	13b	YARS Curry Village		
6	6 Lower Yosemite Fall	14	20 Curry Village Parking		

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Seasonal Highlights

There's more! Check out the Calendar Section for a schedule of special park programs...

What do you want to do with your special time in Yosemite? The choice is yours. Here are some popular activities for a day in Yosemite National Park.

Visiting between April 19 and April 27? Celebrate Earth Day, National Junior Ranger Day, and National Park Week with us! There's a lot going on in the park, check out the special Calendar Section of this Guide to help you make the most of your visit!

Celebrate Yosemite's 150th Anniversary!

Yosemite has inspired generations of people for thousands of years. On June 30, 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Yosemite Grant Act, establishing Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove as the first protected wild land for all time. In addition, this grant marked the first California State Park. Visionary Americans like Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, John Muir, and Galen Clark understood that the wonders of the American wilderness are not only our inheritance, but our responsibility. Check out our special pull-out Calendar section for a list of anniversary activities.

Have Fun with the Family

Learn about Yosemite, meet a park ranger, and have a blast by becoming a Yosemite Junior Ranger or Yosemite Little Cub. Check in with any visitor center to find out how. Stop by the Nature Center at Happy Isles for another great place to explore with the family. (Check out the last page of the special Calendar Section for a free Junior Ranger handout!)

Visit the Yosemite Museum

Learn about Yosemite Indians by exploring a museum collection that includes remarkable woven baskets and traditional dress. Tour the outdoor Indian Village or talk with an Indian cultural demonstrator. The Yosemite Museum is located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stops #5 and #9. (See page 6.)

Stroll with a Ranger

Learn about the wonders of the park on a ranger-guided stroll. Programs are offered daily throughout the park on a variety of topics including waterfalls, trees, bears, geology, Yosemite Indians and more.

Hike to Mirror Lake

Situated at the base of Half Dome, the site of Mirror Lake frames reflections of Yosemite's most iconic cliff. The quiet trail is gentle and follows Tenaya Creek as it winds its way through the eastern Valley. The trail starts at shuttle stop #17.

Walk to a Waterfall



Half Dome *Evan Russel*

Spring in Yosemite means blooming dogwood, rushing waterfalls, and warming temperatures!

Yosemite Valley is famous for its awe-inspiring waterfalls; each as distinct as the granite cliffs they dive over. While Yosemite Falls may be dry by August, Bridalveil, Vernal, and Nevada Falls flow all year. (See page 17 for hiking information.)

Visit the other valley, Hetch Hetchy

"Almost an exact counterpart of the Yosemite... a visit to its counterpart may be recommended, if it be only to see how curiously nature has repeated herself."
-Josiah D. Whitney.

Hetch Hetchy provides spectacular vistas, waterfalls, and early season hiking. (See page 2 for a park map and area information.)



Take a Photography Class

Learn how to best capture the landscape of Yosemite by joining a photography expert from The Ansel Adams Gallery. Several classes are offered each week. Some have fees, some are free. Learn more and sign up at The Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village. Shuttle stops #5 and #9. (See pages 5 and 6.)

Get Outdoors With Yosemite Conservancy

Yosemite Conservancy is passionate about sharing Yosemite's wonders. Join a "moonbow" photography program or explore the fascinating natural history of the Sierra Nevada with an experienced naturalist. Looking for a custom Yosemite experience? Contact us to plan a Custom Adventure for your family or group. Visit www.yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or 209/379-2317 ext. 10 to find your adventure today. See page 6 for details.

Yosemite Theater

Yosemite Theater presents compelling live performances in the Yosemite Theater, located behind the Valley Visitor Center. Celebrate Yosemite's history with park ranger Shelton Johnson as Sargent Eliza Boman in *Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1903*. *Yosemite Search & Rescue* delivers gripping stories of park rescues. Veteran performers Lee Stetson and Alan Sutterfield reenact the lively first meeting of Yosemite legends, John Muir and Theodore Roosevelt in *The Tramp and the Rough Rider*. Legendary climber Ron Kauk presents the award-winning film *Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey*. Purchase tickets at Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores. See page 6 for details.

Yosemite Art Center Workshops

Yosemite Conservancy invites you to participate in one of our enriching and fun art workshops held Monday through Saturday 10am-2pm in Yosemite Valley. There is a registration fee of \$10 per visitor. Register in advance by calling 209/372-1442. Yosemite Valley workshops take place at the Yosemite Art Center located next to the Village Store. Art supplies, gifts and original art are available for purchase. Open daily 9am-4:30pm (closed at 12pm for lunch). Children's art sessions take place at the Valley Visitor's Center. See page 6 for details on Yosemite Valley programs.

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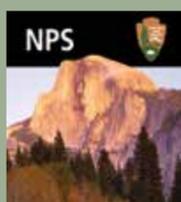
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Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Entrance Fees

Reservations are NOT required to enter Yosemite.
The park is open year-round, 24 hours/day.

Vehicle \$20

Valid for 7 days

Individual \$10

In a bus, on foot, bicycle, motorcycle, or horse. Valid for 7 days.

Yosemite Pass \$40

Valid for one year in Yosemite.

Interagency Annual Pass \$80

Valid for one year at all federal recreation sites.

Interagency Senior Pass \$10

(Lifetime) For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.

Interagency Access Pass (Free)

(Lifetime) For permanently disabled U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Interagency Military Pass (Free)

(Annual) For active duty U.S. military and dependents.

Reservations

Campground Reservations

877/444-6777
www.recreation.gov

Lodging Reservations

801/559-5000
www.yosemitepark.com

Regional Info

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)
www.yarts.com

Highway 120 West

Yosemite Chamber of Commerce
800/449-9120 or 209/962-0429

Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau
800/446-1333
www.tcvb.com

Highway 41

Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau
559/683-4636
www.yosemitethisyear.com

Highway 132/49

Coulterville Visitor Center
209/878-3074

Highway 140/49

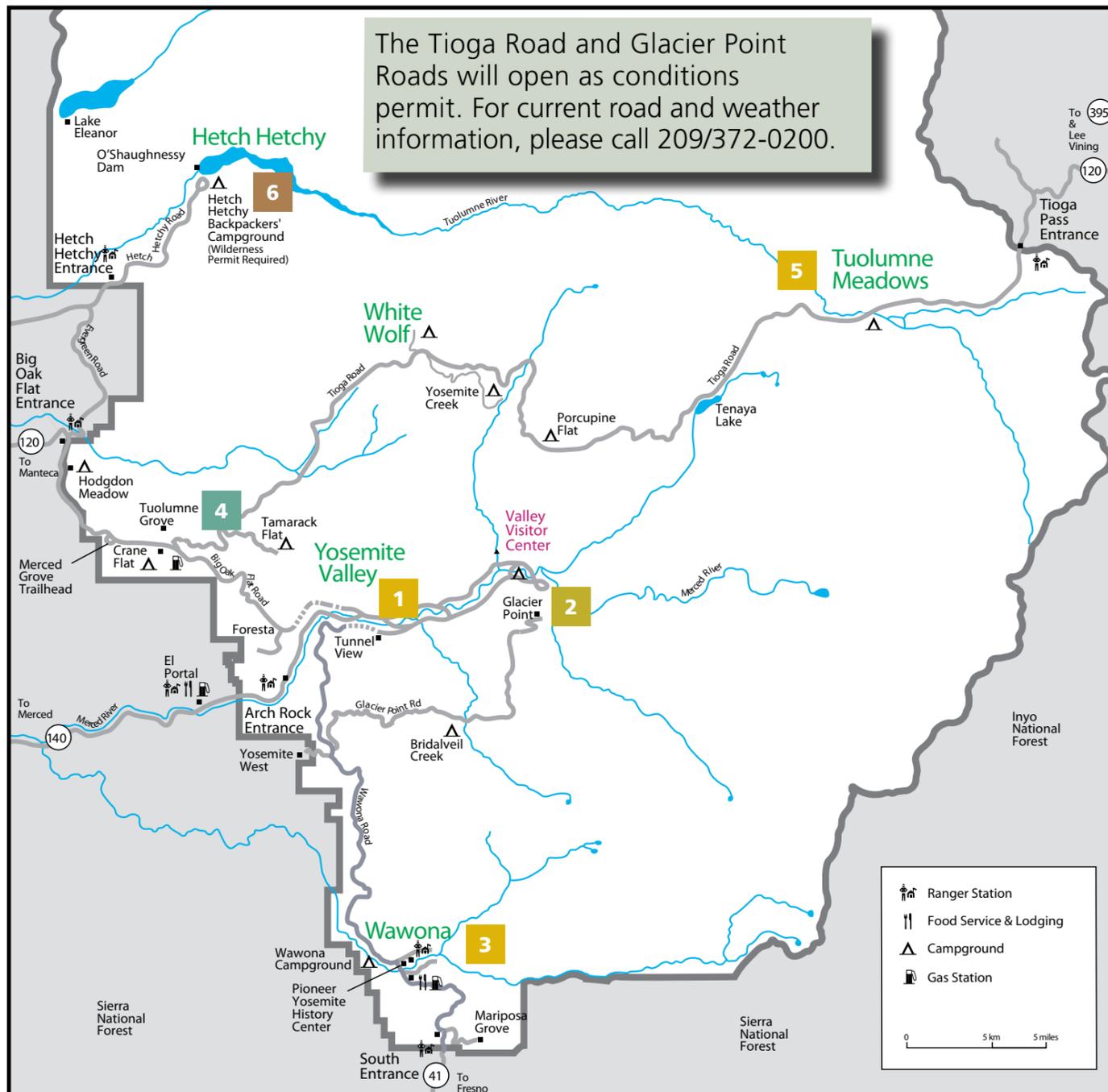
Mariposa County Visitor Center
866/425-3366 or 209/966-7081

Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau
209/742-4567
www.homeofyosemite.com

Highway 120 East

Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce and Mono Lake Visitor Center, 760/647-6629
www.leevining.com

Calif. Welcome Center, Merced
800/446-5353 or 209/724-8104
www.yosemite-gateway.org



Yosemite Valley

1 Yosemite Valley is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. It is open year round and may be reached via Highway 41 from Fresno, Highway 140 from Merced, Highway 120 west from Manteca, and via the Tioga Road (Highway 120 East) from Lee Vining. The Valley is known for massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome, its plunging waterfalls including the tallest in North America, and its attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls will be dry until rain and snow recharge it, a moderate hike will take you to Vernal and Nevada Falls. Yosemite's meadows are great places to see wildlife and to photograph fall colors. Admire El Capitan, the massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. Whether you explore the Valley by foot, bike, car, or with a tour, the scenery will leave you breathless and eager to see what's around the next corner.



Granite, the Merced River, trees, and meadows compose the Valley's unique blend. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Glacier Point Road

2 Towering 3,214 feet above the Valley floor, Glacier Point offers spectacular views of the Merced River Canyon, including icons like Vernal and Nevada Falls and Half Dome. The Glacier Point Road, and campgrounds along the road, will open as conditions permit. You can get the latest road opening info at the Valley Visitor Center or by calling 209/372-0200.

Wawona and Mariposa Grove

3 The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park's South Entrance station. The road to the Mariposa Grove is closed from sometime in December to April. The nearby Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite.

Crane Flat and Tuolumne Grove

4 Crane Flat is located 16 miles from Yosemite Valley at the junction of the Big Oak Flat and Tioga Roads. A number of hikes through pleasant meadows are available—when snow covers the ground these turn into delightful ski and snowshoe tracks. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area located on the Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias. Or, park at Merced Grove trailhead and walk two steep miles down to this small grove. These groves north of Yosemite Valley are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but are quieter and off-limits to vehicles. Remember that the walk down is easier than the walk back up.

Tuolumne Meadows and Tioga Road

5 Closed to vehicles in the winter, the Tioga Road offers winter adventurers a 39-mile scenic ski or snowshoe past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. The road's elevation ranges from 6,200 to just under 10,000 feet. In winter, Tuolumne Meadows is often reached by skiers from either Yosemite Valley Trailheads or the east entrance of the park by ways of Lee Vining Canyon. Road will open when conditions permit.

Hetch Hetchy

6 Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the City of San Francisco, is home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. The area's low elevation makes it a good place to hike in autumn and winter. Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles from Yosemite Valley via Highway 120 and Evergreen and Hetch Hetchy Roads. Hetch Hetchy Road is open from 7am to 8pm through April 30, then 7am to 9pm through Labor Day. The road is accessible via the Big Oak Flat Road and Evergreen Road and is a 1 hour and 15 minute drive from Yosemite Valley. Trailers, vehicles over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not allowed on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.

Did You Know?

- Yosemite Conservancy is providing \$10.8 million in total support to Yosemite in 2014. Donors are funding 35 new projects in the park this year
- Conservancy-donor gifts assisted with the recovery of the rare Pacific Fisher, protected Yosemite's great gray owl and funded the installation of thousands of bear-proof lockers in Yosemite campgrounds
- When visitors enjoy Yosemite Conservancy programs, including Outdoor Adventures, art workshops and theater performances, they are helping preserve Yosemite: The proceeds from all these support the park
- Hundreds of Conservancy volunteers provide assistance to half a million visitors every summer

yosemiteconservancy.org



Half Dome and the Merced River Canyon from Glacier Point, Photo by Jeremy Day



Giant sequoias. Photo by Christine White Loberg



Sunset on the Sierra Crest Photo by David Jaffe



Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. NPS photo

Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas in the heart of the park



Dogwoods in Spring NPS Photo

The Incomparable Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Valley embraces one of the world's most outstanding concentrations of waterfalls, granite walls, meadows, wildflowers, and trees. The Valley also harbors a rich collection of human stories, from American Indian lore to the birth of the National Park movement.

Yosemite Valley

An unlimited array of possibilities await you in Yosemite Valley. Most involve sightseeing and learning about the scenery before you. See pages 5-6 for more information on program topics and visitor services available.

The base of **Lower Yosemite Fall** is an easy walk from shuttle stop #6. (Both Upper and Lower Yosemite Falls will be dry until rain and snow return.) This hike features educational exhibits and a picnic area, and is accessible to the mobility impaired. Although Yosemite Falls dries up by the end of the summer, **Bridalveil Fall** is a year-round waterfall that you can visit by car on your way into or out of the Valley.

Winds swirling about the cliff lift and blow the falling water in a delicate free-fall.

El Capitan, a massive granite monolith, stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. From spring to fall, climbers come from all over the globe to scale El Capitan.

Note: Delicate meadows are easily damaged by trampling, so please stay on footpaths.

Half Dome, Yosemite's most distinctive monument, dominates many views in Yosemite Valley. Forces of uplift, erosion from rivers and glaciers, and rockfall all shaped this famous feature into what we see today. Cook's Meadow, Sentinel Bridge, Tunnel View, Glacier Point, and Olmsted Point are just a few locations with stunning views of Half Dome. *A permit is required to summit Half Dome. Information about Half Dome permits is available on our website at www.nps.gov/yose.*

Nature Center at Happy Isles is a place to see dramatic natural processes at work. It is easily reached by shuttle at stop #16. Cross the footbridges onto the Isles or wander through outdoor exhibits detailing Yosemite's geologic story.

Tunnel View, along Wawona Road (Hwy 41) provides a classic view of Yosemite Valley, including El Capitan, Half Dome, Sentinel Rock, Cathedral Rocks, and Bridalveil Fall. It is particularly spectacular at sunset or after the clearing of a storm.

To experience the Valley on foot, stop by a visitor center for a trail map and the most current trail conditions, or see below for a list of popular Valley day hikes.

To experience Yosemite with a guide, visit any tour desk. Tours of Yosemite Valley depart several times daily, and half- and full-day tours to Glacier Point and the Mariposa Grove area available when conditions permit.

Feel like biking? Several miles of bicycle paths wind through Yosemite Valley. You can use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Lodge (10am - 5:30pm, closed 1:30pm - 2pm for lunch) or Curry Village (Weather permitting opens April 26 from 10am - 5:30pm, closed 1:30pm - 2pm for lunch) Bikes are only allowed on paved bicycle paths.

How about a trail ride? Horse or mule rides begin at the stable near North Pines Campground. Opening April 26, conditions permitting. Stable hours are 8am to 5pm, with 2 hour rides at 9am, noon, and 3pm. Information: 209/372-8348 (reservations strongly recommended).

POST OFFICE

Yosemite Village Main Office
Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 10am to noon

Yosemite Lodge Post Office
Monday-Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

El Portal Post Office
Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
closed for lunch from 12:30 to 1:30

Wawona Post Office
Monday-Friday: 9am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to noon

BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL

Yosemite Village The Ansel Adams Gallery
9am to 5pm

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore Inside Yosemite Visitor Center
9am to 5pm

Yosemite Conservancy Museum Store
9am to 5pm, *may close for lunch*

Village Store
8am to 9pm

Habitat Yosemite
11am to 4pm Thurs.-Sun. only

Sport Shop
10am to 5pm

The Ahwahnee The Ahwahnee Gift Shop
8am to 9pm

The Ahwahnee Sweet Shop
7am to 10pm

Yosemite Lodge Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm

Nature Shop
10am to 7pm

Curry Village Mountain Shop
8am to 6pm

Curry Village Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm

Glacier Point Gift Shop
10am to 5pm,

Snack Shop
11am to 4pm
Opens for the season May 9, conditions permitting

Wawona Area Wawona Store and Pioneer Gift Shop
8am to 6pm

Big Trees Gift Shop
9am to 5pm, *opens for the season April 11, conditions permitting*

Camping in Yosemite

Reservations are required March 15 through November for Yosemite Valley's car campgrounds and summer through fall for Hodgdon Meadow, Crane Flat, Wawona, and half of Tuolumne Meadows. Campground reservations are available in blocks of one month at a time, up to five months in advance, on the 15th of each month at 7 am Pacific time. Be aware that nearly all reservations for the months of May through September and for some other weekends are filled the first day they become available, usually within seconds or minutes after 7 am! To make reservations, visit www.recreation.gov (recommended) or call 877/444-6777

Some first-come, first served camping is available in Yosemite Valley at Camp 4, and outside the Valley, conditions permitting.

Events and Programs*

Where to go and what to do

YOSEMITE VALLEY	
Sunday	<p>9:30am JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 min. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS)</p> <p>10:00am Ranger Walk –Bears (April 13, 20, 27 only) (bear sightings unlikely) 1½ hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9</p> <p>1:30pm Beginner's Watercolor 2 ½ hrs Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$</p> <p>4:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1903 (Except April 13, 20, & 27) Film and presentation by Ranger Shelton Johnson. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic & venue. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program Tom Bopp, John Muir Historian: John Muir & Teddy Roosevelt in Yosemite: 1903 (May 4 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle stop #12 (SC) Limited to 50 guests.</p>
Monday	<p>8:00am Birdwalk 2 hrs. Meet at the Yosemite Art Center for an easy stroll to explore the springtime birds of Yosemite Valley. (YC) \$</p> <p>9:00am Using the Digital Darkroom: Landscapes and Lightroom 4hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG)\$</p> <p>9:00am Camera Walk - Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at the Ahwahnee Hotel 1 1/2 hrs. (TAAG) ♿</p> <p>10:00am Ranger Walk –Yosemite's First People 1½ hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9</p> <p>10:00am Art Workshop 4hrs Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ For more information see page 6</p> <p>1:00pm Historic Ahwahnee Tour (Except May 19) 1 hr. Sign-up required at The Ahwahnee Concierge Desk. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm Using Your Digital Camera 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG)\$</p> <p>4:00pm Naturalist Stroll (Except May 19) 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic & venue. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p>
Tuesday	<p>9:00am Camera Walk - Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery 1 1/2 hrs. (TAAG) ♿</p> <p>10:00am Ranger Walk – Generations (April 15, 22, 29 only) 1½ hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9</p> <p>10:00am Art Workshop 4hrs Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ For more information see page 6</p> <p>1:00pm In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams photography class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG)\$</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk – Bears (May 6, 13, 20 only) (bear sightings unlikely)1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #13/21</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater Yosemite Search and Rescue (Except April 15 & 22) 90 min. Presentation by John Dill. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic & venue. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p>
Wednesday	<p>8:00am Birdwalk 2 hrs. Meet at the Yosemite Art Center for an easy stroll to explore the springtime birds of Yosemite Valley. (YC) \$</p> <p>10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ For more information see page 6</p> <p>10:00am Ranger Walk – Geology (April 9, 16, 23, 30 only)1½ hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk – Bears (May 7, 14 only) (bear sightings unlikely)1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #13/21</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater Return to Balance a Climber's Journey. (Except April 9, 16, & 23) 90 min. Film and presentation by Ron Kauk. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. \$</p> <p>7:30 pm Yosemite Photography: "Moonbow" #1 (May 14 only) Capture the mysterious moonbow (or lunar rainbow) with your camera with experienced photographer John Senser. Requires advanced reservation, please call 209/379-2317 ext. 10 (YC) \$</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic & venue. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p>
Thursday	<p>8:00am Birdwalk 2 hrs. Meet at the Yosemite Art Center for an easy stroll to explore the springtime birds of Yosemite Valley. (YC) \$</p> <p>9:00am Camera Walk - Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery 1 1/2 hrs. (TAAG) ♿</p> <p>10:00am Ranger Walk – Trees (April 10, 17, 24 only) 1½ hrs. The Ahwahnee, shuttle stop #3</p> <p>10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ For more information see page 6</p> <p>1:00pm Botany Walk 4 hrs. Meet at the Yosemite Art Center for an easy stroll to explore the springtime plants and flowers of Yosemite Valley. (YC) \$</p> <p>1:00pm Using Your Digital Camera 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG)\$</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk – Bears (May 1, 8, 15 only) (bear sightings unlikely) 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #13/21</p> <p>4:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>6:30pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater Return to Balance, a Climber's Journey. (Except April 10, 17, & 24) 90 min. Film and presentation by Ron Kauk. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. \$</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic & venue. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls. (DNC) ♿</p>
Friday	<p>10:00am Ranger Walk – Wildlife 1½ hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (April 11, 18, 25 only)</p> <p>10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC)\$ For more information see page 6</p> <p>1:00pm Historic Ahwahnee Tour 1 hr. Sign-up required at The Ahwahnee Concierge Desk. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>2:30pm GREAT YOSEMITE FAMILY ADVENTURE 2 hrs. Guided treasure hunt with clues and GPS units. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk – Bears (May 2, 9, 16 only) (bear sightings unlikely) 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #13/21</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater The Rough Rider and The Tramp. (Only May 2, 9, & 16,) 90 min. Live performance of Teddy Roosevelt and John Muir and their historic conservation conversations. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. \$</p> <p>7:00pm Film - Ansel Adams 1hr. Check local listing for venue (TAAG) ♿</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program Pete Devine, Resident Naturalist, Yosemite Conservancy: A Visit with Yosemite's First Park Ranger: Galen Clark (May 2 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) Limited to 50 guests.</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program Larry Simon, LeConte Historian: Joseph Nisbet LeConte: Exploring, Mapping & Photographing the High Sierra 1890 to 1930 (May 9 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) Limited to 50 guests.</p> <p>8:00pm EVENING PROGRAM Ben Cunningham-Summerfield, CA Tribal Member: American Indian Flute and Storytelling (May 16 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) Limited to 50 guests.</p> <p>8:30pm NIGHT PROWL 1.5 hrs. Conditions permitting. Explore Yosemite at night! Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
Saturday	<p>8:00am Yosemite Birding (April 26 only) 8 hrs. Springtime birding in Foresta (off Hwy 120 in Yosemite) shows off both our resident and migrant species. Requires advanced reservation, please call 209/379-2317 ext. 10 (YC) \$</p> <p>9:00am Camera Walk - Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery 1 1/2 hrs. (TAAG) ♿</p> <p>9:30am JUNIOR RANGER TALK (except April 19) 1 hr. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS)</p> <p>10:00am Ranger Walk –Ahwahneechee Stories and Games 1½ hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9</p> <p>10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC)\$ For more information see page 6</p> <p>12:00pm WEE WILD ONES (April 19 only) 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Near the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm Historic Ahwahnee Tour 1 hr. Sign-up required at The Ahwahnee Concierge Desk. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams photography class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG)\$</p> <p>3:00pm Fine Print Viewing - Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery 1hr. Very limited space (TAAG) ♿</p> <p>6:30pm WEE WILD ONES (Except April 19)45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater Return to Balance, a Climber's Journey. (Only April 12 & April 26) 90 min. Film and presentation by Ron Kauk. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. \$</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater The Rough Rider and The Tramp. (Only May 3, 10, & 17.) 90 min. Live performance of actors portraying Teddy Roosevelt and John Muir and their historic conservation conversations. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. \$</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program (Except April 19) 1 hr. Check local listings for topic & venue. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program Jeremy Evans, Nature Photographer: Hiking the John Muir Trail: Three Weeks of Stories, Photographs & Short Films (May 3 only) 1½ hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) Limited to 50 guests.</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program John Dill, YNP Search & Rescue Ranger: Search and Rescue in Yosemite (May 10 only) 1½ hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) Limited to 50 guests.</p> <p>8:00pm Evening Program Stephen Joseph, Landscape Photographer: Everything I Photograph: Yosemite, Muir Woods, Mt. Diablo, and Vasco Caves (May 17 only) 1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) Limited to 50 guests.</p>

Programs listed in ALL CAPS and COLOR are especially for children and their families

There's more!
 Don't forget to check out the special Calendar Section included in this Guide for information on park activities between April 19 and April 28 as we celebrate National Park Week, Earth Day, National Junior Ranger Day, park Anniversary activities, and more!

Access for People with Disabilities

 For a complete list of accessible services, recreational opportunities, and exhibits, pick up an updated Yosemite Accessibility Guide which is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm, or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at 209/379-1035 for more information.

Accessible parking spaces are available just west of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. To reach these, enter the Valley on Southside Drive. Turn left on Sentinel Drive. Turn left on Northside Drive, and follow the blue and white signs.

 Sign Language interpreting is available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at 209/379-5250 (v/txt) Two weeks advance notice is requested. Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advance request. Inquire at a visitor center.

 Audio tours are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.

- DNC** DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, Inc.
- NPS** National Park Service
- SC** Sierra Club
- TAAG** The Ansel Adams Gallery
- YC** Yosemite Conservancy
- \$** Programs offered for a fee

Yosemite Valley



"Yosemite Free!," acrylic from Yosemite Renaissance XXIX Susan J. Klein

Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

Visitor center and bookstore hours are 9 am to 5 pm, just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9). The center offers information, maps, and books in the attached bookstore. 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.

YOSEMITE FILMS

Two films are shown daily, every half hour beginning at 9:30am (except on Sundays, when the first showing is at noon). The last film is at 4:30pm. "Ken Burns' Yosemite--A Gathering of Spirit" plays on the hour and "The Spirit of Yosemite" plays on the half hour. Valley Visitor Center Theater.

Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. Open 9am to 5pm, may close for lunch.

INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

Interprets the cultural history of Yosemite's Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE

Open daily from 9 am to 5 pm (may close for lunch). The store offers books and traditional American Indian arts, crafts, jewelry, and books.

Yosemite Renaissance XXIX Exhibition

Yosemite Renaissance is an annual exhibit, now in its twenty-ninth year, which 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 more than 720 entries, resulting in an exhibit of 49 paintings, graphics, photographs and 3-dimensional pieces by artists throughout the country. Open through May 11 in the Yosemite Valley Museum Gallery., 10am-12pm and 1-4pm daily.

Wilderness Permits

The Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center will open May 2nd and be open daily from 8am to 5pm. Wilderness permits, bear canisters, and a variety of maps and books are available. Until May 2nd, wilderness permits and bear canisters can be obtained at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center seven days a week from 9am to 5pm.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

In Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center, the gallery is open daily from 9am to 5pm. The gallery offers the work of Ansel Adams, other photographers and artists, camera walks, workshops, and classes. Activities are listed on the front porch. Call 209/372-4413, or visit.anseladams.com.

NEW EXHIBIT: APRIL 6- MAY 31 Generation V-Black & White Photography from Yosemite

In the later years of his life, Ansel Adams was frequently spotted driving in and around Yosemite, clearly identifiable by the vanity plates adorning his car. These plates read "Zone V," and were an homage to the math and science behind the art of photography. Developed in the 1930's, the Zone System became the industry standard for photographers attempting to interpret the light. Simply put, the Zone System made life more organized, and it helped dictate Ansel's proficiency in capturing the images of Yosemite that have resonated with generations of photographers. As part of our celebration of The Yosemite Grant's 150 anniversary, The Ansel Adams Gallery will honor the Zone System by hosting an exhibition dedicated to contemporary photographers working in the developing and printing process that Ansel espoused many years ago, and who continue to chronicle the beauty of Yosemite. Titled "Generation V," this exhibition will open on April 6th and close on May 31st, 2014 with a reception for artist's held on May 10th from 3-5 PM. We hope to see you there.

LeConte Memorial Lodge

LeConte Memorial Lodge is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4 pm. Free evening programs, scheduled for 8:00 pm, are held on Friday and Saturday. Programs held in the building are limited to 50 guests. The Memorial has a library, children's corner, and exhibits. The Memorial is located at shuttle stop #12, across from the Housekeeping Cabins. Call 209/ 372-4542 for program details.

Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy is passionate about sharing the wonders of Yosemite through our Outdoor Adventure programs. Join one of the many year-round programs available and explore everything Yosemite has to offer.

April 26 Yosemite Birds

Look out for many beautiful species, including tanagers, grosbeaks, orioles, vireos, flycatchers and plenty of warblers.

May 14 Yosemite Photography- "Moonbow" #1 Bring your camera and capture the sublime Yosemite moonbow.

Advanced reservations are required, visit www.yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or call 209/379-2317 ext. 10. Camping and park entry are included, and lodging options are available. Custom Adventures with park experts can also be arranged for individuals, families and groups. Proceeds support Yosemite Conservancy, the nonprofit dedicated to preserving and protecting Yosemite.

Yosemite Theater (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy presents unforgettable live performances of historic heroes, daring rescues, and thrilling adventures at the Yosemite Theater, located behind the Valley Visitor Center.

Sundays (May 4-May 25)

Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1903. Film and presentation by ranger Shelton Johnson.

Tuesdays (April 29- May 27)

Search & Rescue in Yosemite Featuring veteran rescue ranger John Dill.

Wednesdays (May 7-14)

Return to Balance- A Climber's Journey Discussion after led by climber Ron Kauk.

Fridays and Saturdays (April 11-26) Return to Balance- A Climber's Journey Discussion after led by climber Ron Kauk.

Fridays and Saturdays (May 2 - June 28) The Tramp and the Rough Rider Performed by Lee Stetson and Alan Sutterfield.

All shows begin at 7:00pm. Purchase tickets at Yosemite Conservancy bookstores or DNC Tour Desks, \$8 Adults, \$4 children 4-12.

Yosemite Art Center (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy invites you to enjoy a hands-on art experience in Yosemite Valley. Celebrated artists lead workshops from 10am -2pm, Monday through Saturday. There is a registration fee of \$10 per visitor, supplies are available for purchase.

April 7-12 Sketching with Watercolor Floy Zittin

April 14-19 Catching Yosemite's Light in Watercolor Steve Curl

April 21-26 Paint Yosemite Like a Master Mark Monsarrat

April 28-May 2 Magic of Watercolor Juan Peña

May 5-10 Yosemite Spring Landscape-Acrylic Marcy Wheeler

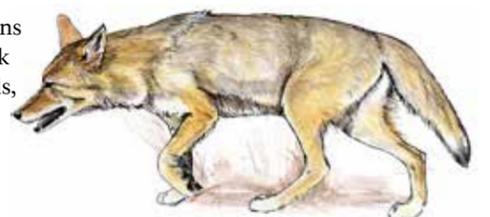
May 12-17 Yosemite Treasure! Painting Light in Watercolor Geri Medway

May 19-24 Serendipitous Spring- Watercolor Sonja Hamilton

The Yosemite Art Center is located in Yosemite Village next to the Village Store. Yosemite Art Center Hours: Daily 9am-4:30pm (closed for lunch). Call 209-372-1442 or visit yosemiteconservancy.org for more details.

Yosemite Mountaineering School

...is open for guided hikes, as well as rock climbing lessons and guided climbs. Please contact YMS at 209-372-8344 to inquire about our exciting adventures! (Reservations are required)



Visitor Services

Beyond Yosemite Valley

Hours listed are core hours for facilities and may be extended during periods of peak visitation. Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Yosemite Village

Degnan's Delicatessen

7am to 5pm

Village Grill

11am to 5pm

The Ahwahnee

Dining Room

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm

Dinner Sun - Thurs 5:30pm to 8:30pm & Fri & Sat 5:30pm to 9pm

Sunday Brunch: 7am to 2pm

Reservations required for Mother's Day brunch, 801/559-4935

Appropriate attire required for dinner.

Reservations recommended for all meals, strongly recommended for dinner and Sunday Brunch. 209/372-1489.

The Ahwahnee Bar 11:30am to 11pm

The Coffee Bar 7am to 10:30am

Yosemite Lodge

Food Court

Breakfast: 6:30am to 11am

Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm

Dinner: 5pm - 8pm (Grab and Go only the last 30 minutes)

Mountain Room Lounge

Mon - Fri 4:30pm to 11pm / Sat & Sun noon to 11pm

Mountain Room Restaurant

5pm to 8pm

Reservations taken for 8 or more.

209/372-1281

Curry Village

Coffee Corner

7am to 11am

Pizza Deck 5pm - 9pm Mon - Fri, noon to 9pm Sat & Sun. Beginning April 28 open daily noon to 10pm

Curry Village Bar

5pm - 9pm Mon - Fri, noon to 9pm Sat & Sun. Beginning April 28, open daily noon to 10pm

Pavilion Buffet

Opens for the season April 12

Breakfast: 7am to 10pm

Dinner: 5:30-8pm

Wawona

Wawona Hotel Dining Room

Breakfast: 7:30am to 10am Breakfast complimentary for hotel guests

Lunch: 11:30am to 1:30pm

Opens for the season April 11

Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm

Opens for the season April 10

For dinner reservations for 6 or more persons, call 209/375-1425

Mother's Day Brunch, May 11:

10:30am -2pm, Reservations required, call 801/559-4935

Lounge Service: 5pm-9:30pm

Opens for the season April 10

Golf Course 9am to 5pm, opens for the season May 10, conditions permitting

Golf Shop and Snack Stand, 9am to 5pm when golf course is open

GROCERIES

Yosemite Lodge

Gift/Grocery: 8am to 8pm

Yosemite Village

Village Store: 8am to 9pm

Housekeeping Camp Grocery

8am - 6pm Open for the season April 17 at noon, conditions permitting.

Curry Village

Gift/Grocery: 8am to 8pm

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop: 8am to 6pm

Crane Flat Store: 9am-5pm

GAS STATIONS

Gas outside Yosemite Valley

El Portal

Diesel available, pay 24 hours with credit or debit card

Wawona Gas Station

8am to 6pm. Diesel & propane.

Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card.

Crane Flat

9am to 5pm. Diesel available. Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card

SHOWERS AND LAUNDRY

Curry Village Showers

Open 24 hours

Housekeeping Camp Showers

7am - 10pm, opens April 17 at noon

Housekeeping Camp Laundromat

8am to 10pm



Giant sequoias Photo by Christine Loberg

Wawona

Visitor Center at Hill's Studio

Starting April 11th the bookstore (only) will be open daily from 9am to 5pm, may close for lunch. The Visitor Center offers general information and a variety of books and maps. Wilderness permits can be obtained by self-registration on the porch of Hill's Studio and bear canisters are available for rent at the bookstore.

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 open throughout the year.

Mariposa Grove

Located near Yosemite's South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove is the park's largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees. A few of these giants are visible in the parking area. Information about access for disabled people is available at the tram boarding area. The road to the Grove typically closes in November or December. Visitors can walk, ski, or snowshoe when the road is closed to vehicles.

GETTING TO MARIPOSA GROVE

Allow 1½ hours driving time to reach the grove from the Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the grove parking lot.

WAWONA TO BIG TREES SHUTTLE

Free shuttle from Wawona to the Mariposa Grove operates from 9am to 6pm, opens for the season on April 20

Trailers are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road. Private vehicles longer than 25 feet are not permitted.

WALKING THROUGH THE GROVE

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 Tree provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations are available at the trailhead in Spanish, German, French, and Japanese. *Dogs and bikes are not permitted anywhere in the Mariposa Grove.*

Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station

The bookstore (only) is open daily from 9am to 5pm, may close for lunch. The Information Station offers general information and a variety of books and maps. Wilderness permits can be obtained by self-registration on the porch of the Big Oak Flat Information Station and bear canisters are available for rent at the bookstore.

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, ski, or snowshoe (about three hours) into the grove from Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located 3½ miles north 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 (you can walk, ski, or snowshoe) is moderately strenuous uphill. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

The center is scheduled to open along with the Tioga Road. Please check the website for hours of operation. Wilderness permits, bear canisters, information, books, and maps are available. The center is located just as you turn onto the Tuolumne Lodge Road.

GENERAL SERVICES

Village Garage

8am to 5pm Towing 24 hours. Propane available until 4:30pm. 209/372-8320

Dental Services

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

Yosemite Medical Clinic

The clinic is open Monday through Friday from 9:00am and 5:00pm and is closed on Saturday and Sunday. 24 hour emergency ambulance service continues to be available. Emergency care: 24 hours daily. 209/372-4637

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

209-372-4831 Chapel office, Pastor Brent Moore-Resident Minister

www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org

Wedding information on our website

SUNDAY SERVICES:

9:15am (Sunday School Available)

11am (Memorial Day through Labor Day ONLY - No Sunday School)

6:30pm Evening chapel service

THURSDAY MID-WEEK SERVICE

7pm in the chapel

EASTER WEEK

Maundy Thursday Service 7pm

Good Friday Services 12:1pm and 7pm

EASTER SUNDAY

Lower Pines Campground Sunrise Service 7am

Chapel Service: 9:15am and 11am

ANNUAL MARRIAGE RENEWAL SUNDAY

Sunday May 4, 2014 9:15am and 11am

Various Bible Studies during the week call chapel office for times and locations.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

SUNDAY MASS CELEBRATIONS:

209-372-4729

Saturdays, 6 pm at Lower Pines Campground, Shuttle Bus stop #19. Sundays, 10 am in Theater behind Visitor Center, Shuttle Bus stops #5 & 9.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (NONDENOMINATIONAL)

El Portal Chapel/Worship: Sunday 11 am

Foresta Road, at top of Chapel Lane

Information: 209/379-2100

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

7:30 pm Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday

DNC General Office Building

(Employee Training Center) Yosemite Village

LIONS CLUB

Meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at noon, The Ahwahnee. Call 209/372-4475.

Protecting yourself...

Panoramic View from Glacier Point *Greg Frediani*

Keep yourself safe while exploring your park.

There are many ways to experience the wildness of Yosemite. While the forces of nature can create unexpected hazardous conditions, with a little common sense and some pre-planning, you can minimize the risks associated with many activities.

Around Ice and Water

- Stay off of frozen lakes, rivers and streams.
- The banks of many streams are slippery from rocks worn smooth from water flow, and a fall into the cold, rapid water is rarely survivable. Each year, unsuspecting visitors drown or are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when venturing too close to the water's edge. Keep children from wandering on or near stream banks.
- Never swim or wade upstream from the brink of a waterfall, even if the water appears shallow and calm.
- Swimming is prohibited in Emerald Pool (above Vernal Fall) and in the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir.

Avoid Hypothermia

- Spring temperatures can drop rapidly with little warning, and require a high degree of preparation and training.
- Be prepared to shelter overnight even when out for just the day. Know how to use your gear and carry basic repair materials. Also, bring a headlamp so you can keep moving and keep warm if you are unexpectedly out after dark.
- Avoid the combination of wetness, wind, and cold. Carry an extra dry shirt to exchange with one that may have gotten wet while sweating.
- Carry emergency fire-starting materials, and plenty of high energy food. Avoid dehydration; carry and drink plenty of water.

Hiking, Backpacking, Backcountry Snow Travel, and Rock Climbing

While a trail may start out snow free, be prepared for patches of snow or for the snow to become continuous and quite slippery. Summer trails are not marked for winter use. Hikers may lose the trail when crossing a stretch of snow and subsequently become disoriented while searching for the trail. Stay oriented by using landmarks and a map, and looking back periodically to get familiar with the path back.

- Tell someone where you are going and when you are due back.
- Carry and know how to use a map and compass or GPS made for backcountry travel.
- Check weather forecasts. Snow can occur with little warning, and can make route finding very difficult.
- Avoid dehydration by drinking plenty of water, even when it is cool out. Bring enough water for your whole day out, or a means to purify stream water
- Be prepared to set up emergency shelter even when out just for the day.
- Get familiar with your gear before you leave, and carry basic repair materials.
- Thoroughly check snow bridges for integrity before crossing streams.
- During spring months rising air temperatures can quickly melt snow creating fast flowing creeks that become a barrier to the entry or exit of certain

areas. Ask at a Visitor Center about stream conditions for the area you wish to visit.

Effects of Altitude

Altitude sickness may develop in otherwise healthy and fit people who are exposed to rapid increases in altitude. It can develop at altitudes as low as 8,000 feet (Yosemite Valley's elevation is 4,000 feet). Staying well hydrated can minimize the effects of altitude. Should you experience a headache or shortness of breath due to altitude sickness, descend to a lower elevation.

Wilderness Permit Details

Wilderness permits are required year round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness. Permits are issued and bear canisters are available for rent in Yosemite Valley (see page 6) and at the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station during hours of operation. Wilderness permits are also available at the Hill's Studio in Wawona and at the Big Oak Flat Information Station (see page 7). Call the park's main phone line at 209/372-0200, or check the web at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm, for additional information. For summer trips, reservations are taken from 24 weeks to two days in advance of the start of your trip. A processing fee of \$5 per permit

plus \$5 per person is charged to each confirmed reservation. Check the park's website for trailhead availability and call 209/372-0740.

Hantavirus Information

Mice are an important part of the ecosystem, but can carry diseases that are harmful to humans. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread in the droppings and saliva of infected rodents. Not all rodents are infected with hantavirus, but infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You can be in close proximity to park rodents, so it is important you take steps to protect yourself from HPS.

Tell housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice in your tent or cabin and do not clean up the area yourself. Keep doors shut and do not eat or bring food into your cabin that is not in a sealed container. Do not pitch tents near rodent burrows or droppings. HPS begins with aches, fever, and chills 1- 8 weeks after exposure, progressing to cough and difficulty breathing. Seek medical attention immediately if you experience these symptoms.

For more information on rodent-borne diseases and other environmental safety hazards visit: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm>

More Information

- Yosemite Information nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm
- Leave No Trace [lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org)
- Friends of Yosemite Search and Rescue www.friendofyosar.org

...and Yosemite



Keeping Bears Wild

Keep Yosemite's Black Bears Wild and Alive, while protecting yourself and your property.

Store Your Food Properly.

4,000 to 20,000 calories worth of grasses, berries, acorns, and grubs—that's the typical daily diet of most bears. It's a lot easier for a bear to eat the thousands of calories of food in an ice chest than it is to spend all day nibbling at grasses. Their incredible sense of smell allows them to detect things we can't, which helps them find food—a black bear can smell a dead deer three miles away. To top it off, bears have excellent vision and can see in color, so they recognize ice chests, grocery bags, and other food containers as potential food sources.

If you see a bear, scare it away or keep your distance.

You may not see a bear during your visit because they naturally avoid people. However, if you see one in a developed area (like a campground or parking lot), act immediately to scare it away: Make noise and yell as loud as possible. If there is more than one person, stand together to present a more intimidating figure, but do not surround the bear. If you see a bear anywhere else, consider yourself lucky—but keep your distance (at least 50 yards, or about the distance made by four shuttle buses parked end to end). If you get too close, you will

be helping the bear become used to being around people. Bears that become comfortable around humans lose their natural fear of us and may become too aggressive. When that happens, they sometimes have to be killed.

Drive the speed limit.

The most common human-related cause of death for a black bear in Yosemite is being hit by a car. Slow down! Driving too fast is almost always the cause of these accidental deaths.

Please report bear sightings by calling 209/372-0322.

Yosemite Guardians

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park's most important guardians. With nearly 4 million people watching over its special plants, animals, historic, and archeological sites, imagine how well-protected these park resources could be!

During your visit to Yosemite be aware that there are people who either unknowingly or intentionally harm park resources. Please contact a park official if you see any of the following illegal acts:

- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants
- Hunting animals
- Collecting reptiles and butterflies
- Picking up archeological items, such as arrowheads
- Using metal detectors
- Driving vehicles into meadows
- Biking off of paved roads
- Camping outside of designated campgrounds
- Possession of weapons inside federal facilities
- Possessing or using marijuana, including medical marijuana
- Operating an unmanned aircraft system ("drone")

If you see activities that could harm people or park resources, jot down any descriptions or a vehicle license plate number and call the park dispatch office at 209/379-1992.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm and find a copy of the Superintendent's Compendium. This document is a compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions made by the superintendent, in addition to what is contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7 and 34), and other applicable federal statutes and regulations.

How to Store Food

"Food" includes any item with a scent, regardless of packaging. This may include items that you do not consider food, such as canned goods, bottles, drinks, soap, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, ice chests (even when empty), and unwashed items used for preparing or eating meals.

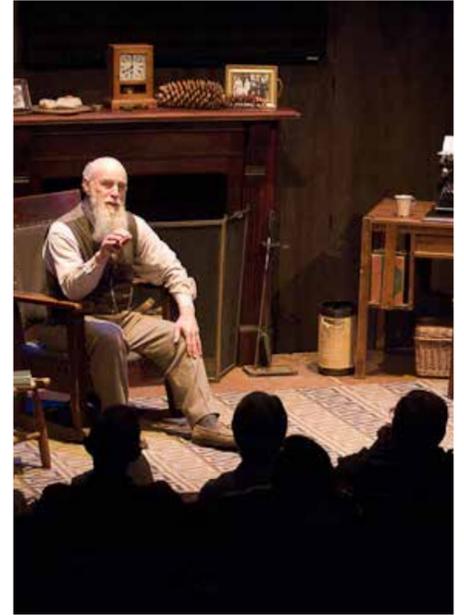
LOCATION	FOOD STORAGE	WHY?
Your Vehicle	You may store food in your car (with windows closed) only during daylight hours. Do not store food in your car after dark: use a food locker. Remember to clear your car of food wrappers, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats.	Bears can smell food, even if it's sealed in the trunk or glove compartment, and they recognize boxes and bags as potential food sources. They can easily and quickly break into all kinds of vehicles!
Your Campsite or Tent Cabin	You must store all your food in food lockers—not in your tent or tent cabin. A food locker is available at each campsite and tent cabin. Food may be stored out of sight in hard-sided RVs with windows closed.	Bears may enter campsites when people are present, and some will even check food lockers to see if they're secured. Keep food lockers closed and latched at all times, even when you are in your campsite or tent cabin.
Picnic Areas & on the Trails	Do not leave food unattended. Always keep food within arm's reach. Don't turn your back to your food.	Bears may investigate picnic areas or backpacks for food even when people are present, so be alert.
Backpacking in the Wilderness	Bear resistant food containers are required throughout the Yosemite Wilderness. Hanging food is prohibited in Yosemite.	In Yosemite and the southern Sierra, bear canisters are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
Bridalveil Fall	Bridalveil Fall Parking Area	0.5 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Lower Yosemite Fall	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	1.0 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Upper Yosemite Fall Trail to Columbia Rock	Camp 4 Near Shuttle Stop #7	2 miles round-trip, 2-3 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Upper Yosemite Fall	Same as above	7.2 miles round-trip, 6-8 hours	Very Strenuous 2,700-foot gain
Mirror Lake (A seasonal lake)	Mirror Lake Shuttle Stop #17	2 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Vernal Fall Footbridge	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	1.4 miles round-trip, 1-2 hours	Moderate, 400-foot gain
Top of Vernal Fall	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	3 miles round-trip, 2-4 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Nevada Fall	same as above	5 miles round-trip, 5-6 hours	Strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point (Closed in winter)	Southside Drive	4.8 miles one-way, 3-4 hours one-way	Very Strenuous, 3,200-foot gain
Valley Floor Loop	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	13 miles full loop, 5-7 hours full loop	Moderate

Yosemite's 150th Anniversary

An enduring legacy of preservation



Photo, left: Mariposa Grove inspired the park's early conservationists, such as Galen Clark, to support the protection of Yosemite 150 years ago. *Photo by Josh Helling*
 Top right: See the park's natural and cultural history come to life before your eyes at Yosemite Theater
 Bottom right: When you shop at Yosemite Conservancy stores, you are also supporting the park *Photos by Keith Walklet.*

As you enter Yosemite, glimpse the great granite wall of El Capitan and hear the thundering roar of Yosemite Falls, the grandeur of the landscape is deeply moving. Can you imagine a world without Yosemite? Or with no national parks at all? The idea of national parks is so entrenched in American culture that it's difficult to envision a time when our nation's most magnificent and sacred natural places were in danger of being lost. But that was the very essence of the battle being waged 150 years ago. This year, together with the park and other park partners, we are reflecting on the moment when a group of visionaries fought to protect Yosemite for the American people.

The Yosemite Grant Act

The seed of the national park idea was planted on June 30, 1864, when President Abraham Lincoln signed the Yosemite Grant Act, setting aside Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias "upon the express conditions that the premises shall be held for public use, resort and recreation." This historic moment marked the first time a government protected land for the public's use and enjoyment. From President Lincoln's bold action, the national park movement grew nationally and internationally. Even today, it helps define who we are as Americans.

Carrying on the legacy

With more than 90 years as the park's philanthropic partner, Yosemite Conservancy makes it possible for people such as you to carry on President Lincoln's legacy of preservation. The Conservancy was founded to support the construction of the Yosemite Museum, the first museum in the national park system. This partnership between the National Park Service and private citizens was the first of its kind in the nation; it became the model for cooperating associations nationwide. Today, our dedicated donors make a difference in so many ways, from improving the visitor experience in Yosemite Valley to restoring precious habitat in the high country.

Yosemite National Park Superintendent Don Neubacher describes the essential role of Conservancy supporters: "Most of the areas in the park have been touched by Yosemite Conservancy. Everywhere you look, from Tunnel View to Tenaya Lake, there are projects Yosemite Conservancy donors have funded."

Conservancy donors were behind the successful completion of the campaign to restore the trail to Yosemite Falls. "The area was being loved to death," remembers Lou Summerfield, chief of roads and trails for Yosemite National Park. "Because of the generosity of Conservancy supporters, we were able to protect the area from being degraded,

while allowing for visitor enjoyment." Today, you can walk to the base of the falls on a handicapped-accessible path, while observing vibrant natural habitats.

Participate in your Yosemite

There are many ways for you to enjoy your time in Yosemite, while giving back to the park. Join an Outdoor Adventure, and let our experts show you how to spot a rare songbird or help you make it to the top of Half Dome. Stop by one of our bookstores for maps, guidebooks or a coloring book for the kids. You are supporting Yosemite just by participating: All proceeds go directly back to the park to fund essential work.

This year, you can enjoy a special performance honoring the 150th anniversary at the Yosemite Theater, featuring actors portraying Teddy Roosevelt and John Muir. Don't miss the opportunity to see this historic event! Find more details on p. 6.

Also commemorating the anniversary is a special documentary, *Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit*, by renowned filmmakers Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan. The film is shown several times a day at the Yosemite Theater, located behind the Valley Visitor Center.

The 150th anniversary provides a welcome opportunity to participate in fun events and to reflect on the role of Conservancy donors as stewards of Yosemite and the larger national park idea. We invite you to be part of the modern-day conservation movement, ensuring the continued protection of public lands for everyone and for all time.



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Get Involved

Our work would not be possible without your participation and support. We know you love Yosemite and want to preserve and protect it for the future. You can join us in providing for the future of Yosemite by making a gift today at yosemiteconservancy.org/support

Supporting Your Park

Providing for Yosemite's Future

Enhance the Visitor Experience

It takes a legion of people working together to protect this special park for you and future generations of visitors. You too can extend your connection to Yosemite well after you return home by getting involved with the organizations that partner to preserve Yosemite.

This publication was made possible by the Yosemite Park Partners listed on this page. Read more below or visit www.yosemitepartners.org to learn more about helping these organizations provide for the future of Yosemite National Park.



The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery, owned by the family of photographer Ansel Adams since 1902, is a center that celebrates the arts and the natural grandeur of our environment. It cultivates an aesthetic appreciation and concern for our world by offering visitors a unique variety of literature and art, as well as programs that inspire creativity. Visit online at: www.anseladams.com.



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DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite (DNC) operates hotels, restaurants, sightseeing tours, recreational activities, interpretive programs, stores, shuttles and service stations in the park under contract with the U.S. Department of the Interior. DNC encourages its employees to develop a strong relationship with the park during their tenure.

For more information and employment opportunities with DNC at Yosemite, visit online at: www.YosemitePark.com



NatureBridge

NatureBridge provides residential field science programs for youth in the world's most spectacular classroom - Yosemite National Park. Through active student engagement, our faculty teaches science, history, and the arts and gives these subjects context through personal experience. A NatureBridge learning adventure strives to foster a life-long connection to the natural world and responsible actions to sustain it. Find out more about our year-round programs for schools and summer programs for individual teens at www.naturebridge.org/yosemite



Yosemite Conservancy

Yosemite Conservancy is the only philanthropic organization that is dedicated exclusively to the protection and preservation of Yosemite National Park and enhancement of the visitor experience. In recent years we have provided over \$81 million in grants to Yosemite from the generous support from donors, volunteers and foundations. The Conservancy works to restore trails, protect wildlife through scientific research and habitat restoration, and offers outdoor programs that provide visitors with unique ways to connect with the park. It has funded projects in areas including trail and habitat restoration, wildlife protection, education, volunteering, and the production of award-winning books and DVDs. Learn more at www.yosemiteconservancy.org



Providing For Yosemite's Future



Bottom center: *The Rough Rider and The Tramp* shows twice weekly at Yosemite Theater, see page 6 for more details. *Kenny Karst.*
Bottom right: Common Raven. *Karen Amstutz* Above right: Half Dome. *Christine White Loberg*

Special Events Calendar

SATURDAY, April 19th

10:00am-2:00pm

Junior Ranger Exploration Fair

Drop by the fair at any time to explore some of the ways people are working to protect the park. Get to know the park's search and rescue team, talk to a ranger on horseback, find out about wilderness in Yosemite, and ask a bear biologist about black bears. Also, enter the junior ranger art contest and keep an eye out for Ranger Rick! Please meet at the Yosemite Village Mall near the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

10:30am-11:30am

Junior Ranger Walk

Come join a ranger for an interpretive talk about Yosemite's rocks, trees, and wildlife. Have fun looking for tracks, scat, and animals in Yosemite. Children that complete the one-hour walk will receive a junior ranger badge. Adult supervision and accompaniment is requested. Please meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

12:00pm-12:30pm

Wee Wild Ones

Bring your little ones ages six and under for stories and games with a DNC P&R naturalist! Adult supervision and accompaniment is requested. Please meet at the Yosemite Village Mall near the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

1:00-2:30pm

Junior Ranger Day Trash Pick Up

Become a Habitat Protector of Yosemite (HaPY) Volunteer! Join a park ranger to clean up litter and unnatural debris in the Yosemite Village Area, making the area healthier for our wildlife. Wear long pants, closed-toed shoes, sun protection, and bring water. All ages and abilities welcome. Please meet at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

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2:00pm-5:00pm

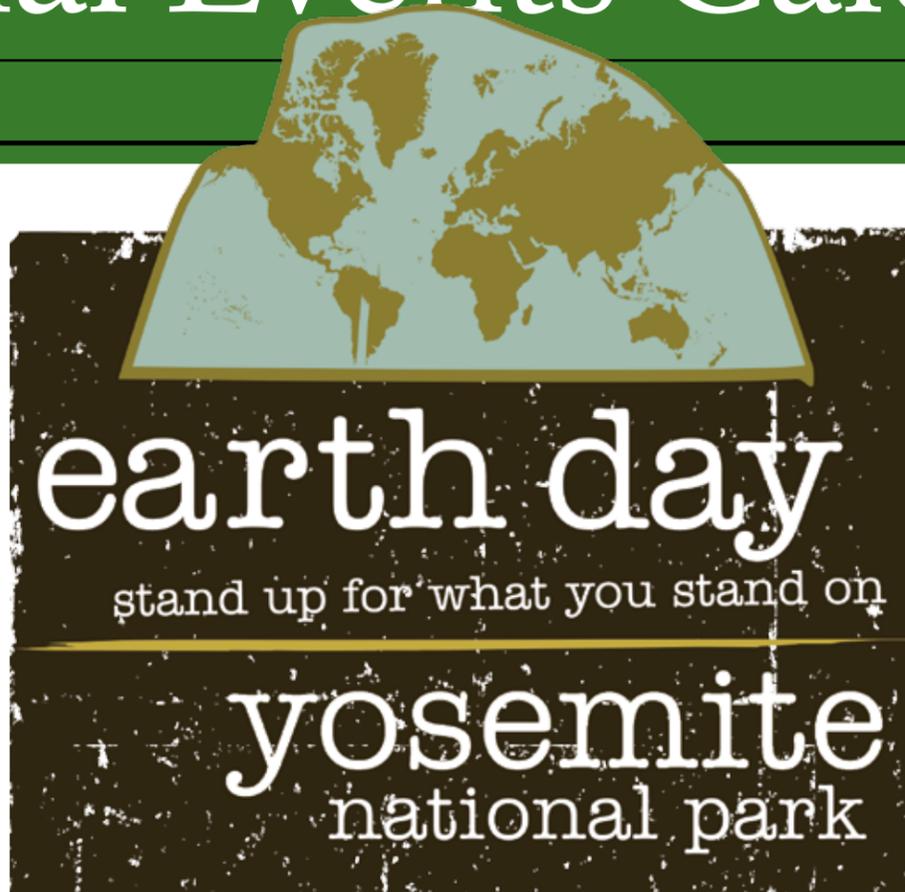
Earth Day Bike Ride

Explore Yosemite Valley with Park staff for a fun and educational bike ride about the Yosemite's environmental efforts. Space is limited so advanced sign up is required. Information and tickets available at any Tour & Activity Desk.

7:00pm-8:30pm

Earth Day Family Night

Family friendly evening with songs, entertainment, and theater, including a dramatization of The Lorax by Dr. Seuss. Adult supervision and accompaniment is requested. Please meet at Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater or in the Garden Terrace room at the Yosemite Lodge at the Falls in inclement weather.



10:30am-2:00pm

Earth Day and Junior Ranger Day Village Celebration

Wander between the Village Store and the Visitor Center where games, interactive activities and demonstrations allow you to experience how the park and its partners are implementing sustainability practices; explore with National Park Service, DNC Parks and Resorts at Yosemite, The Ansel Adams Gallery, NatureBridge, Yosemite Conservancy and more. Earth-Lovin' Lil' Ones Tent and Stage, the National Park Service, Yosemite Conservancy, and DNC Parks and Resorts in Yosemite team up to provide easy, kid-friendly, and earth-friendly crafts and face painting at the Children's Tent. Nearby, find music, fun, and games at the Children's Stage. Visit the Earth Day Welcome booth or the Children's Stage to find out the schedule of children's activities!

SUNDAY, April 20th

8:00pm-9:00pm

Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit

Join ranger Shelton Johnson for a screening of Ken Burns' documentary film "Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit". People have been inspired by Yosemite for thousands of years. Learn about how some of them helped to support the idea of national parks after it began here with the Yosemite Grant in 1864. Meet ranger Shelton, who is featured in the film. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater.

MONDAY, April 21st

8:00pm-9:00pm

Visiting Yosemite: A Journey Through Time

Take a trip back in time with ranger Dean Shenk as he shares his decades of experience at Yosemite National Park. Learn how the early Yosemite pioneers helped shape the way we see the park today. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater.

TUESDAY, April 22nd- Earth Day!

9:00am-10:30am

Photo Walk: Ansel Adams and the Yosemite Landscape

Join The Ansel Adams Gallery for an interpretive walk to learn more about

Ansel's contributions to the environmental movement. Open to all levels. Bring your own camera. Please sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Space is limited to 15 participants. Please meet for the walk at The Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village.

10:30am-1:30pm

Earth-Friendly Product Faire

The Village Store sells approximately 500 sustainable and/or organic products. About 30% of health and beauty products are also sustainable and/or organic. Explore between the Village Store and Village Mall to visit with vendors to discover how Yosemite's products are Earth-friendly.

11:00am-11:30am

Children's Yoga

Bring awareness to your body and your connection with the earth in a fun yoga session for the whole family. Offered by the Balanced Rock Foundation. Please meet at the Children's Stage, in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

11:30am-1:30pm

Sustainable Salad Bar Tasting

Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts (DNC P&R) has a company-wide initiative to incorporate sustainable practices into all business decisions. Sample some of the organic and sustainable foods used in DNC P&R at Yosemite's kitchens in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

11:45am-12:15pm

Wee Wild Ones

Bring your little ones ages six and under for stories and games with a DNC P&R naturalist! Adult supervision and accompaniment is requested. Please meet at the Children's Stage in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

12:00pm-4:00pm

Universal Waste Collection

Doing a spring cleaning? Bring your universal and electronic wastes to the Village Recycling Center. Items accepted at the Recycling Center include TV sets, computers and monitors, small electronics, spent fluorescent bulbs, spent batteries and ink cartridges. Please make sure to wipe your personal data from these items before turning them in for recycling. Household hazardous waste will not be accepted (e.g., paints, solvents, pesticides). Yosemite Village Recycling Center.

12:30pm-1:00pm

Live Earth Music for Kids

Come sing along for a celebration for all ages! This interactive event will have you singing and dancing about the wonders of Mother Earth. Adult supervision and accompaniment is requested. Please meet at the Children's Stage in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

1:00pm-1:30pm

Earth Day Cupcakes and Lemonade

Enjoy an Earth Day Cupcake and a cup of lemonade in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

1:00pm-2:30pm

Earth Day Trash Pick Up

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1:00pm-5:00pm

Photography Class: In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams

Photographer Ansel Adams immortalized Yosemite National Park through his classic black & white images that pushed the popularity of landscape photography while helping to motivate the American environmental movement. Through the course of the class, you will visit a number of locations from where Ansel composed some of his most famous images. You will receive insight into Ansel's life, photography and philosophies as well as basic lessons in photographic technique. Please sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Space is limited to 10 participants. Please meet for the walk at The Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village. (\$)

1:15pm-1:45pm

Children's Storytelling

Get ready for a delightful good time with stories and songs that celebrate the earth! Adult supervision and accompaniment is requested. Please meet at the Children's Stage in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

4:30pm-6:00pm

Yosemite Journal Reflections

Please join Balanced Rock Founder, Heather Sullivan, for a peaceful valley stroll and facilitated journal-writing session. This session will allow us to observe and express both our inner and outer landscapes weaving together the majestic Yosemite waterfalls, granite walls, flora, and fauna with the effect it has on our own being. Be amazed with what inspiration can flow forth in such a short time together. Open to adults and children. Adult supervision and accompaniment is requested with children. Please meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Bring a journal and pen. Some supplies will be provided.

8:00pm-9:00pm

A Glimpse into Yosemite's Early Chinese History

During the mid 1800s and early 1900s, there were many Chinese working in Yosemite Valley and in surrounding areas of the park. Join ranger Yenyan Chan to hear the stories of how and why they came here and the many significant contributions they made during the early days of this park.

WEDNESDAY, April 23rd

8:00pm-9:00pm

American Indians and National Parks

Human history in Yosemite goes back for thousands of years. Join ranger Ben Cunningham-Summerfield, a cultural interpreter at Yosemite, to learn about the displacement of these native peoples and how they are still connected to this park. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater.

THURSDAY, April 24th

8:00pm-9:00pm

Wild Wanderings

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act by joining us in discovering four W's of Wilderness in Yosemite. Where is it? Why do we protect it? Who can enjoy it? What does it mean to us in the park and back at home? Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater.

FRIDAY, April 25th

7:00pm-9:00pm

Fate of Heaven: A Discussion About the Future of National Parks

Enjoy a screening of the classic Yosemite documentary film, "Fate of Heaven" followed by a provocative conversation about Yosemite's past and the fate of our park into the future. Seating limited, sign up in advance at the visitor center or arrive early. Yosemite Lodge Garden Terrace Room.

SATURDAY, April 26th

8:00pm-9:00pm

Yosemite Sesquicentennial: 150 Years of Stories

Ranger Bob Roney will delight us with stories of Yosemite, then and now. Learn about the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias and the role it played in the preservation of Yosemite as a public park in 1864. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater.

SUNDAY, April 27

8:00pm-9:00pm

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Yosemite Grant 150th Anniversary - June 30, 2014

For tens of thousands of years, humans have changed, and have been changed by this place we now call Yosemite. The Ahwahneechee lived here for generations, followed by the arrival of Europeans in the mid-1800s. The rugged terrain challenged many early travelers— with only 650 visitors from the mid-1850s to mid-1860s making the journey to Yosemite Valley by horseback or stagecoach.

On June 30, 1864, President Abraham Lincoln's signature enacted the protection and preservation of Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias to the State of California as an inalienable public trust. This milestone act was the first time a federal government set aside a piece of land purely for preservation for the people. John Muir sparked the designation of Yosemite National Park in 1890.

Yosemite's strong environmental stewardship has taken shape through key historic events. In addition to the Yosemite Grant 150th anniversary, over the next several years we plan to honor Yosemite's heritage through a series of upcoming anniversaries:

June 30, 2014	150th anniversary of the Yosemite Grant
September 3, 2014	50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act
October 1, 2015	125th anniversary of Yosemite National Park
August 25, 2016	100th anniversary of the NPS

The park, park partners, and gateway communities are hosting a multitude of activities that will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Yosemite Grant Act, a bill that ushered in the national park idea and started the CA State Park system. Over 180 activities are occurring in gateway communities and in the park throughout the year. These include anniversary activities like art contests, poetry readings, parades, film festivals, academic lectures, symphonies, living history, and more!

ANNIVERSARY WEBSITE

Have you seen the anniversary website www.nps.gov/yose/anniversary? It is exploding with content! The site includes a Yosemite timeline with images and interesting facts, a calendar of over sixty community activities, visitor and community Yosemite stories, inspirational quotes and a video – among many ways that you can get involved!

OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE

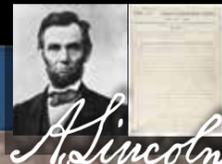
With over 80 products sanctioned, Sierra Artists and other USA-based vendors have been working hard to produce high-quality commemorative merchandise. The first commemorative items, including the commemorative Pendleton blanket, will hit the park shelves this summer.

150 STORIES BOOK

Last year, we received hundreds of inspirational and meaningful Yosemite stories for the 150th anniversary story book. Pick up your copy of inspiring Yosemite stories from any Yosemite Conservancy outlet in the park.

For more information on the activities being planned, projects being implemented, or commemorative merchandise being sold in honor of the upcoming anniversaries in Yosemite, please see the 2014 Anniversary Events Calendar on the next page of this section, or visit www.nps.gov/yose/anniversary

2014 Anniversary Events Calendar



APRIL

- 5-6 Mariposa Symphony Orchestra: The Yosemite Grant Act 150th
(5th) *Mariposa High School, Mariposa, CA*
(6th) *The Ahwahnee Hotel, Yosemite, CA*
- 5-7 Yosemite Plein Air Paint and Photographic Shoot Out, Yosemite, CA
(exhibited in Mariposa)
- 6-13 Woodcarvers Rendezvous, *Oakhurst Community Center, Oakhurst, CA*
- 18-27 Yosemite Earth Week, *Yosemite Valley, Yosemite, CA*
- 19 Yosemite Celebration Hikes and John Muir Birthday, *Angeles National Forest, Los Angeles, CA*

MAY

- 2-5 Yosemite Twin Valley Workshop: Art Shaped Our National Parks, *Yosemite, CA*
- 2-4 Butterfly Festival, *Mariposa, CA*
- 3-4 Madera Vintners Honors Yosemite, *Madera Wine Trail, Madera County, CA*
- 13-27 A Different Look at Yosemite's Treasure Photo Contest & Exhibit, *Circle Gallery, Madera, CA*
- 15 Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit Ken Burns' Documentary Screening. *Sports Basement Presidio, San Francisco, CA*
- 15-18 Chowchilla Fair Celebrates Yosemite, *Madera Fairgrounds, Chowchilla, CA*
- 17 Yosemite: Past, Present, Future, *Groveland Community Hall, Groveland, CA*
- 31 Annual John Muir Festival, *John Muir Geotourism Center, Coulterville, CA*

JUNE

- 7 Yosemite Art, Wine, and Wheels, *Mariposa, CA*
- 24 Yosemite Celebration, *Mariposa Fairgrounds, Mariposa, CA*
- 28 Through a Lens and a Pen: Inspiring future generations to Explore, *Midpines County Park, Midpines, CA*
- 28 Gold at the Redwoods, *The Redwoods in Yosemite, Wawona, CA*
- 28 Yosemite Grant 150th Party, *Oakhurst Community Park, Oakhurst, CA*
- 28-30 Yosemite Grant 150th Activities, *Throughout Yosemite, CA*
- 30 Yosemite Melodrama Series, *Golden Chain Theatre, Oakhurst, CA*
- 30 Abe Signs the Grant, *Lincoln Library & Museum, Harrogate, TN*

JULY

- 1-31 Yosemite Art Month, *Oakdale, CA*
- 4 July 4th Yosemite Festival, *Bridgeport, CA*
- 5 Music of Yosemite - and Beyond! *The Groveland Hotel, Groveland, CA*
- 5-6 Sierra Professional Artists Event, *The Groveland Hotel, Groveland, CA*
- 5-6 Mid-Sierra Loggers Jamboree, *North Fork Recreation Center, North Fork, CA*
- 25-30 Mount Sing Pilgrimage Chinese American Contributions, *Wawona, Yosemite, CA*

AUGUST

- 7 Youth in Yosemite Symposium, *Yosemite, CA*
- 25 National Park Service turns 98, *Yosemite, CA*

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Wilderness Act 50th Anniversary, *Yosemite, CA*
- 6 Run for the Gold - Classic Cars and Yosemite Exhibit, *Oakhurst Community Center, Oakhurst, CA*
- 20 49er Festival Celebrates Yosemite, *Groveland, CA*
- 26 John Muir and America, *Lower River Amphitheater, Yosemite, CA*
- 27 Concert in Celebration of John Muir *Lower River Amphitheater, Yosemite, CA*
- 28 Reenactment - Governor Low Accepts the Yosemite Grant - *CA State Park Event, Sacramento, CA*

OCTOBER

- 1 Yosemite National Park turns 124, *Yosemite, CA*
- 11-12 Oakhurst's Yosemite Fall Festival, *Oakhurst Community Park, Oakhurst, CA*

DECEMBER

- 8-11 Yosemite Sustainability Conference, *Curry Village Pavilion, Yosemite, CA*

ONGOING EVENTS

- Sep 1, 2013 - Dec 31, 2014 Sequoiascape Exhibit *Fresno Yosemite International Airport, Fresno, CA*
- Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2014 Early Land Preservation Exhibit, Virtual Exhibit *On anniversary website*
- Jan 11 - Sep 14, 2014 (2nd Sat/month) Yosemite "Rocks" - Artistic Learning Series, *Timberline Gallery and Gallery Yosemite, Oakhurst, CA*
- Jan 29 - Dec 31, 2014 Camp Mather Exhibit, *Oakdale Cowboy Museum, Oakdale, CA*
- Feb 1 - Dec 15, 2014 Lure & Lore of Yosemite Exhibit *Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau, Oakhurst, CA*
- Feb 28 - May 31, 2014 Yosemite Renaissance Art Exhibit *Yosemite Museum Gallery, Yosemite, CA*
- Apr 5 - May 4, 2014 Valley View: Trails, Currents, Visions, *Stellar Gallery, Oakhurst, CA*
- Apr 23 - Aug 17, 2014 Carleton Watkins: The Stanford Albums *The Cantor Arts Center, Stanford University, CA*
- May 2 - Sep 26, 2014 (Fri mornings) Yosemite Workshop and Art Series *Mariposa Arts Council Treetop Gallery, Mariposa, CA*
- May 2 - Jun 28, 2014 (Every Fri/Sat) The Tramp and the Roughrider *Yosemite Valley Theater, Yosemite, CA*
- May 19 - Jul 6, 2014 Inspiring Generations Exhibit *The Ansel Adams Gallery, Yosemite, CA*
- Jun 3 - Oct 18, 2014 Yosemite, the Grand Experiment Exhibit *Yosemite Museum Gallery, Yosemite, CA*
- Jun 6 - Aug 31, 2014 Jo Mora Exhibit *Mariposa Arts Council Treetop Gallery, Mariposa, CA*
- Jun 28, 2014 - Jun 28, 2015 Traveling to Yosemite Exhibit *Groveland Yosemite Gateway Museum, Groveland, CA*
- Jun 29, 2014 - Jan 11, 2015 The Yosemite Idea: Constructing an American Wilderness Exhibit *California Historical Society, San Francisco, CA*

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Become a Junior Ranger

Follow these steps to earn your Junior Ranger badge.*

Yosemite National Park offers a wide variety of programs and activities for kids of all ages! To find kid-friendly programs, see pages 6, 7, 9, and 11 of the Guide for program descriptions:

Programs printed in **ALL CAPS & COLOR** are especially for Children and their Families

Be a naturalist. Look for these common Yosemite wild animals. If you see one, make a note by the animal's picture below. If you don't see any of these wild animals during your visit, choose one you did see and draw it in the box on this page. Where did you see it? What was it doing? Also, remember never to feed or approach an animal.



Coyote



Black bear



Golden-mantled ground squirrel

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1. With an adult, pick a trail to walk. See page 17 of this Guide or stop by a visitor center to choose your trail. As you go, walk quietly, watch, listen, and think.

Write the name of the trail you walked. _____

2. Explore with your senses! Record the following.

I see: _____

I hear: _____

I smell: _____

I touch: _____

3. Leave no Trace! If you see trash or rubbish, pick it up. Junior Rangers learn to be good park stewards by bringing in a bag of trash. Recycle any recyclable materials you pick up or bring along.

4. Ask a Ranger! What President signed the Yosemite Grant Act on June 30, 1864, setting aside Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove for special protection? _____

5. Learn more. Go to a ranger-led program or visit with an Indian Cultural Demonstrator. What program did you attend? Have the ranger or demonstrator sign below.

Signed by: _____

6. Write down something you learned from a ranger or Indian Cultural Demonstrator.

7. Think about this. Why do people work to protect national parks?

8. When you complete this page, take it to a visitor center. There you will take your oath and receive your Junior Ranger badge.

*Expanded Junior Ranger and Little Cub programs (and the chance to earn a patch) are available in the Junior Ranger or Little Cub Handbooks, which can be purchased at any Yosemite Conservancy bookstore.