



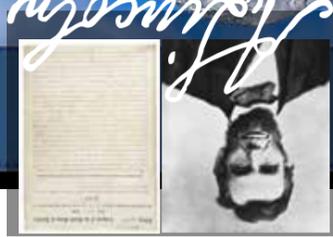
Yosemite Guide

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150th Anniversary activity calendar inside!



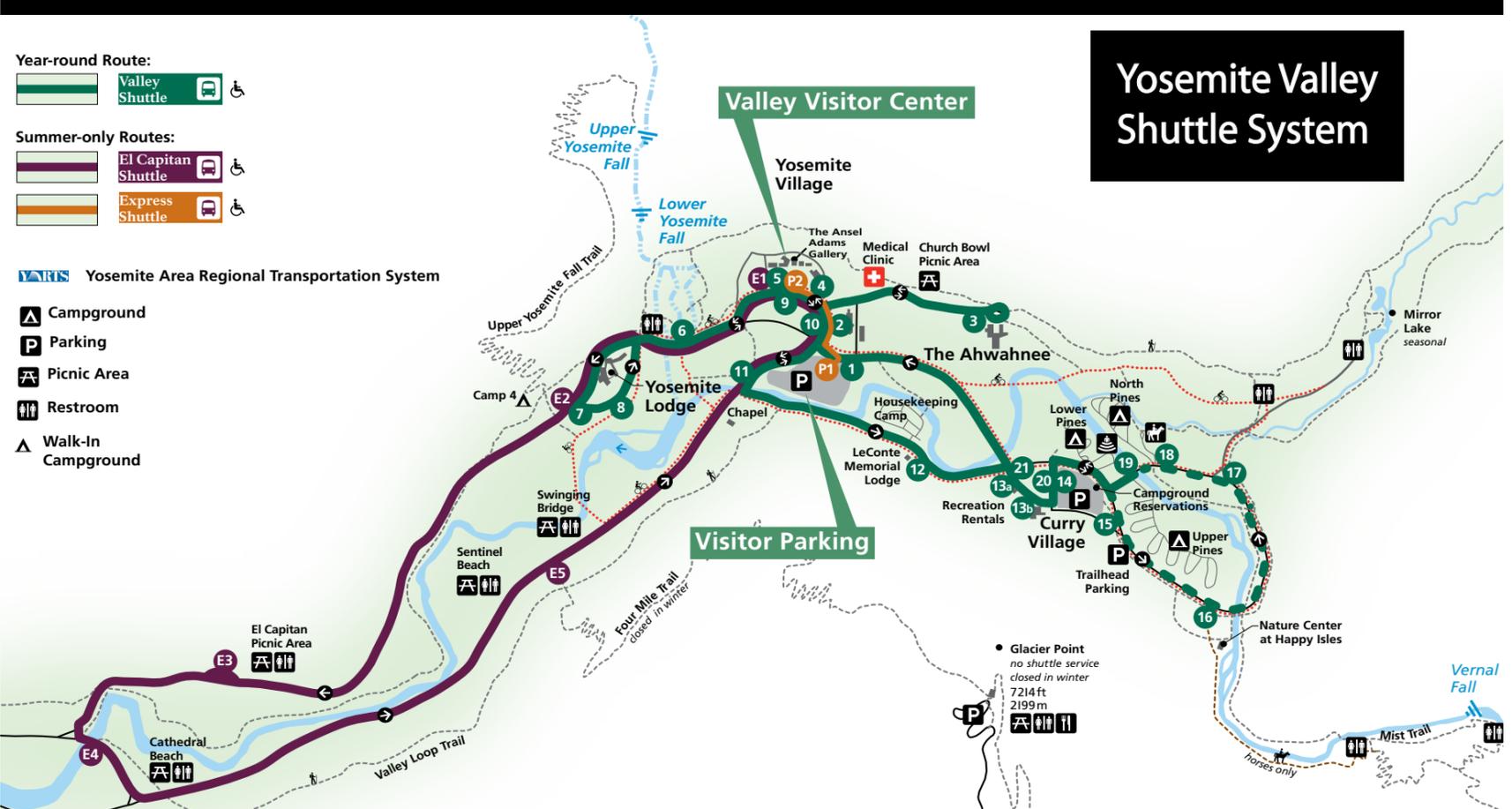
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- Year-round Route:**
- Valley Shuttle
- Summer-only Routes:**
- El Capitan Shuttle
 - Express Shuttle

YARS Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System

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

Yosemite Valley Shuttle System



The Valley Visitor Shuttle operates from 7 am to 10 pm and serves stops in numerical order. Shuttles run daily every 10 to 20 minutes, depending on time of day.
The El Capitan Shuttle operates from 9 am to 6 pm. Shuttles run daily during summer every 30 minutes.
The Express Shuttle operates from 9 am to 6 pm. Shuttles run daily during summer every 20 minutes.

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	YARS The Ahwahnee	12	LeConte / Housekeeping Camp	18	Stable
4	Degnan's Deli	13a	21 Recreation Rentals	19	Pines Campgrounds
5	9 E1 YARS Valley Visitor Center	13b	YARS Curry Village	E3	El Capitan Picnic Area
6	Lower Yosemite Fall	14	20 Curry Village Parking	E4	El Capitan Bridge
7	E2 Camp 4	15	Upper Pines Campground	E5	Four Mile Trailhead

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Seasonal Highlights

Keep this Guide with you to get the most out of your trip to Yosemite National Park

Come celebrate with us! June 30 marks the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Yosemite Grant Act. Check out our feature article and list of special June 30th activities on page 18 of this Guide.

Travel Back in Time

Visit Wawona's Pioneer Yosemite History Center and join "Buckshot" for a horse-drawn stage ride! These 10-minute rides introduce you to an early chapter in Yosemite's history. Fun for the whole family. (See pages 8 and 9 for history center and other program information.)

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, and more. (See area program grids for more information.)

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 at any visitor center to find out how. Stop by the Nature Center at Happy Isles for another great place to explore with the family. (See page 12 for more!)

Ask a Climber Program

Do you see the climbers? How do they get up there? How do they get down? Where do they sleep? Join Yosemite Climbing Rangers at the El Capitan Bridge to answer any question you can think of about rock climbing in Yosemite. Use telescopes and climbing equipment to get a glimpse into the world of climbing on the big walls of Yosemite Valley. Ask A Climber is also for climbers! Come congregate at the bridge to swap stories, talk safety, and get information about climbing routes. Daily 11am-3pm.



Upper Yosemite Fall, NPS Photo

Get outside and enjoy your park!

Summer offers spectacular views of waterfalls, great hiking, and endless other opportunities for recreation.

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. Learn more and sign up at The Ansel Adams Gallery located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stops #5 and #9. (See pages 6 and 7 for times and meeting places.)

Discover the Night Sky

Attend the "Starry Skies Over Yosemite Valley" for a wild ride through the universe to learn about stars, constellations, planets, meteors, and

other night sky features, all from the comfort of Yosemite Valley. Sign up at any tour desk.

Go to the Theater

After a day filled with exploring, relax and enjoy a show at the Yosemite Theater. Yosemite Theater presents a variety of experiences, including plays based on some of the park's most colorful characters, inspiring films, and celebrations of Yosemite's culture and history. See pg. 6 for shows and starting times.

Get Outdoors With Yosemite Conservancy

Yosemite Conservancy is passionate about sharing Yosemite's wonders. Spend a weekend observing the lives of birds or summit Half Dome with an expert leading you every step of the way. Looking for a custom Yosemite experience? Contact us to plan a Custom Adventure for your family or group. Visit yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or 209/379-2317 ext. 10 to find your adventure today.

Yosemite Art Center Workshops

Yosemite Conservancy invites you to participate in one of our enriching and fun art workshops. Workshops are held Monday-Saturday in Yosemite Valley. There is a registration fee of \$10 per visitor. Register in advance by calling 209/372-1442. 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). See pg. 6 for details.

Volunteer with a Ranger

Yosemite's vegetation communities need your help! Come volunteer as a Habitat Protector of Yosemite (HaPY) and perform ecological restoration projects in Yosemite Valley. This is a family friendly activity where you can take an active role in protecting and preserving our natural resources with a Park Ranger. Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center at 9am every Wednesday. Wear closed-toe shoes, long pants, bring water, snacks, and sun protection. Please call ahead for group sizes larger than ten. For more information, contact the volunteer office at 209-379-1850 or check out the website at <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hapy.htm>.

Access for People with Disabilities

Accessible parking, lodging, tours, and activities are available throughout the park.



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.



A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors. Please contact the park's deaf services coordinator (209/379-5250) to request an interpreter. 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.

Emergency Information

Emergency Dial 911

Yosemite Village Garage offers 24-hour emergency roadside assistance, 209/372-1060

For up-to-date road, weather, and park information: 209/372-0200

Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley) Open 7 days per week from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM for primary and urgent care needs. Phone: 209/372-4637

Dental Clinic (In Yosemite Valley) 209/372-4200

Lost and Found

To inquire about items lost or found at one of Yosemite's restaurants, hotels, lounges, shuttle buses or tour services, call 209/372-4357. For items lost or found in other areas of the park, call 209/379-1001.

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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

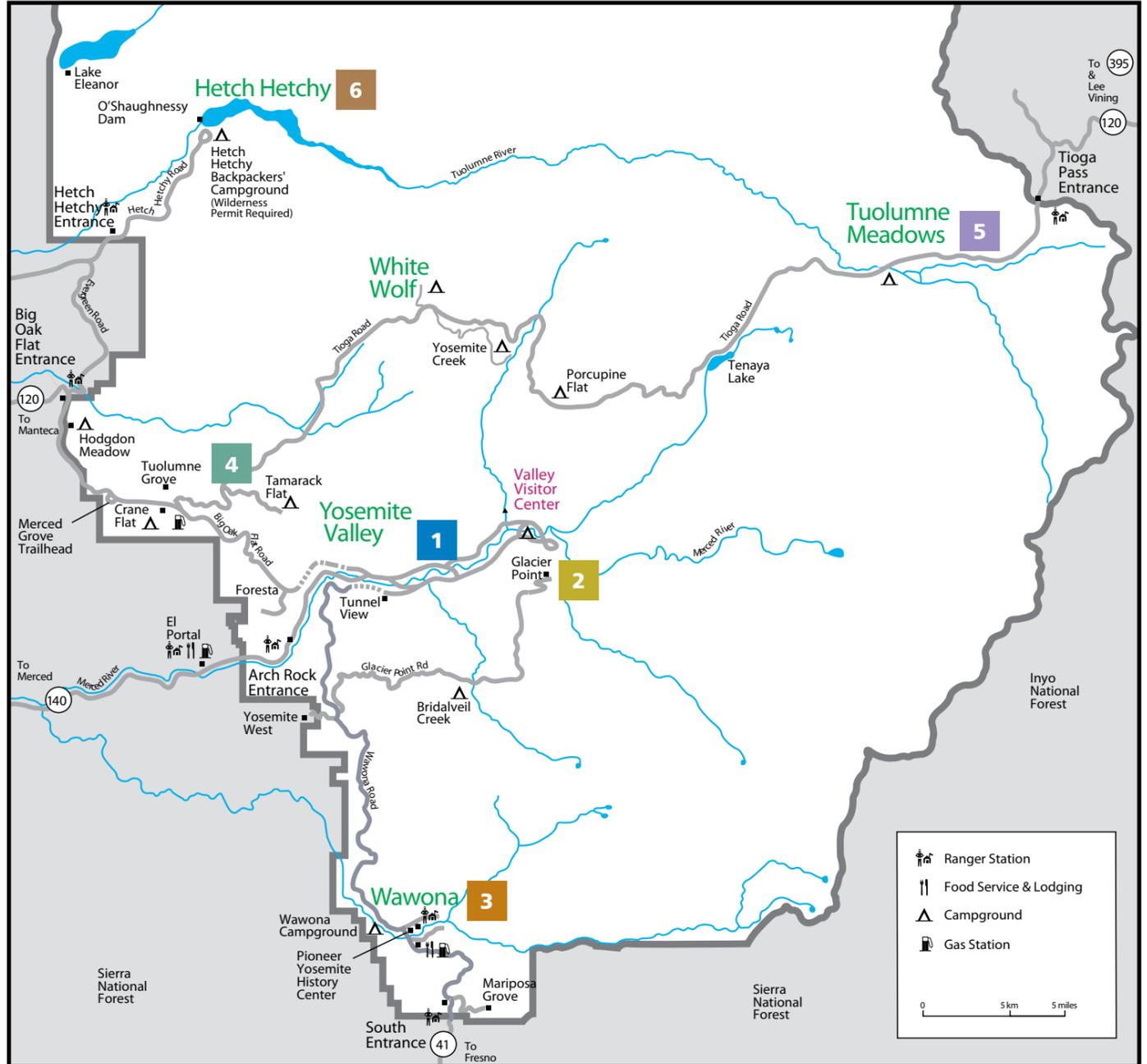
Highway 132/49
Coulterville Visitor Center
209/878-3074

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, open all year, is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. You can get there via Highway 41/Wawona Road from Fresno, Highway 140/El Portal Road from Merced, Highway 120 west/Big Oak Flat Road from Manteca, and (during summer) via the Tioga Road/Highway 120 east from Lee Vining. Yosemite Valley is home to massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome, plunging waterfalls including the tallest in North America, and attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls slows to trickle by August, a moderate hike will bring you to impressive Vernal and Nevada Falls. Walk to Mirror Lake, where you will see reflections of Half Dome. Gaze up at El Capitan, a massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. Whether you explore the valley by foot, bike, car, on horseback, raft, or tour, you will behold scenery that will leave you breathless and eager to see what's around the next corner.



Mirror Lake and Mount Watkins. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Glacier Point

2 Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and the Yosemite's high country, is located 30 miles (a one-hour drive) from Yosemite Valley or Wawona. To get there from either of these places, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), to Chinquapin, then turn onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating—some might say unnerving—view 3,214 feet down to Yosemite Valley below.



View from Glacier Point. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Wawona and Mariposa Grove

3 The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1 ¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park's South Entrance. 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. Enjoy a horse-drawn stage ride, watch blacksmiths at work at the blacksmith shop, or hike one of the scenic trails. For more information, visit the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio, adjacent to the historic Wawona Hotel. This was once a painting studio for the 19th-century artist Thomas Hill. The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is a short drive or help reduce congestion by taking the free shuttle from the Wawona Store.



The Mariposa Grove Museum. Photo by Pam Meierding

Tioga Road and Tuolumne Grove

4 Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. It is usually open from late May or early June through sometime in November. The road's elevation ranges from 6,200 to nearly 10,000 feet, so it offers an opportunity to experience many of Yosemite's habitats. The White Wolf area, midway across the park, is the starting point for day hikes to Lukens Lake and Harden Lake. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area on the Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the grove. Or park at Merced Grove trailhead on Big Oak Flat Road and walk 1.5 steep miles down to the grove. These groves are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but are quieter and off-limits to vehicles. Remember: walking down is easier than walking back up.



Cathedral Peak. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Tuolumne Meadows

5 Tuolumne Meadows provides a glimpse of the High Sierra. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows surrounded by even higher granite domes and peaks. It is the jumping off place for countless hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. Stop at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center for information about hiking to Cathedral Lakes, Elizabeth Lake, Dog Lake, Lember Dome, or along the Tuolumne River through Lyell Canyon. Take advantage of the free shuttle service in Tuolumne Meadows or the Tuolumne Meadows Tour and Hikers' Bus from Yosemite Valley.



Bridge over the Tuolumne River at Tuolumne Meadows. Photo by John Sun

Hetch Hetchy

6 Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the city of San Francisco, is also home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. Due to its importance as a municipal water supply, no swimming is permitted, however. Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles from Yosemite Valley. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open 7 am to 9 pm May 1 through Labor Day, with reduced hours during the rest of the year. Hetch Hetchy Road is accessible via the Big Oak Flat Road and Evergreen Road and is approximately a 1 ¼-hour 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.



Hetch Hetchy. Photo by Erik Skindrud

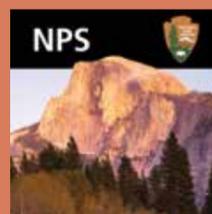
DID YOU KNOW:

- In 1855, James Mason Hutchings led the first tourist party into the Yosemite area. In this year, a total of 42 tourists visited Yosemite. One of these visitors, artist Thomas Ayres, published the first sketches of Yosemite Valley. The first published description of the Yosemite Valley appeared in Hutchings's "Mariposa Gazette."
- In 1864, after Senator John Conness introduced the Yosemite Grant in Congress and President Lincoln signed it, Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove were given to the State of California to be administered. A board of commissioners was appointed to supervise the Grant.
- On May 1st, 1866, Galen Clark was named the first Yosemite Guardian in charge of the Yosemite Grant for the State of California. He became, in effect, the first California State Park Ranger.

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Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park



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. See pages 5, 6, and 7 for more information on program topics and visitor services available.

Naturalist Programs

Naturalists give walks and talks every day about Yosemite’s natural and cultural history. See pages 6 and 7 for scheduled walks, talks, and evening programs.

Walking and Hiking

From easy walks to Lower Yosemite Fall, Cook’s Meadow, and Mirror Lake to strenuous hikes to the top of Yosemite Falls or Nevada Fall, Yosemite Valley has a wide range of walking and hiking possibilities. See page 17 for a list of hikes.

Bicycling

Several miles of bicycle paths wind through Yosemite Valley. You can use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Lodge or Curry Village. Bikes are only allowed on paved bicycle paths. Bike rentals are available from 8:30am - 8pm, last bike goes out at 6:45pm

Tours

Tours listed depart from Yosemite Lodge. Tours may be weather dependent.

The **Valley Floor Tour** is a 26-mile, two-hour open-air tram tour narrated by a park ranger (weather permitting). The tour departs Yosemite Lodge several times daily. Check Tour & Activity Desk for times.

The **Glacier Point Tour** leaves Yosemite Lodge at 8:30 am, 10 am, and 1:30 pm daily when the Glacier Point Road is open. One-way tickets are available for those who want to hike down from Glacier Point.

The **Grand Tour** includes the Valley, Glacier Point, and the Mariposa Grove. An experienced guide narrates each tour. The tour departs Yosemite Lodge at 8:45 am daily.

Call 209/372-1240 for reservations or inquire at the tour desks at Yosemite Lodge, Yosemite Village, Curry Village, and The Ahwahnee.

Mule & Horseback Rides

Horse or mule rides begin at the stable near North Pines Campground. Stable hours are 7 am to 5 pm daily. Information: 209/372-8348 (reservations strongly recommended).

Sightseeing

Some of the famous landmarks in Yosemite Valley include:

- **Yosemite Falls** gives the Valley an extra touch of life when it’s flowing

with spring runoff. You can walk to its base or take the strenuous trail to its top (see page 17).

- **Half Dome**, Yosemite’s most distinctive monument, dominates most 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, and Glacier Point, are just a few locations with stunning views of Half Dome.
- **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.
- **Happy Isles** is a place to see dramatic natural processes at work. It is easily reached by shuttle at stop #16 or by walking from Curry Village. Cross the footbridges onto the isles or wander through outdoor and indoor exhibits detailing Yosemite’s geologic story.
- **Tunnel View**, along Wawona Road (Hwy 41) provides a classic view of Yosemite Valley, El Capitan, Half Dome, Sentinel Rock, Cathedral Rocks, and Bridalveil Fall. It is spectacular at sunset or after the clearing of a storm.

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 Loft

5pm to 9pm

Degnan’s Delicatessen

7am to 6pm

Degnan’s Cafe

11am to 5pm

Village Grill

11am to 5pm

The Ahwahnee

Dining Room

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Lunch: 11:30am to 3pm

Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm

Sunday Brunch: 7am to 3pm

Appropriate attire respectfully required for dinner.

Reservations **strongly** recommended for dinner and Sunday Brunch. 209/372-1489

Ahwahnee Breakfast Bar

7am to 10:30am

The Ahwahnee Bar

11:30am to 11pm

Yosemite Lodge

Food Court

Breakfast: 6:30am to 11am

Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm

Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm (the last 30 minutes is Grab and Go only)

Mountain Room Lounge

Monday - Friday

4:30pm to 11pm

Saturday & Sunday

12pm to 11pm, food service until 10pm

Mountain Room Restaurant

5:30pm to 9pm

Reservations taken for 8 or more. 209/372-1281 or 209/372-1403

Curry Village

Coffee Corner/Ice Cream

6am to 10pm - with ice cream service

beginning at 11am

Curry Village Bar

12pm to 10pm

Pavilion

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Pizza Deck

12pm to 10pm

Meadow Grill

11am to 7pm

Happy Isles Snack Stand

11am to 7pm (Weather Permitting)

BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL

Yosemite Village

The Ansel Adams Gallery

9am to 6pm

Yosemite Art Center

9am to 4:30pm, closed for lunch at 12pm

Yosemite Bookstore

9am to 7pm

Inside Yosemite Visitor Center

9am to 5pm

Yosemite Museum Store

9am to 5pm

Valley Wilderness Center

8am to 5pm

Village Store

8am to 10pm

Habitat Yosemite

10am to 5pm

Sport Shop

9am to 6pm

Ahwahnee

The Ahwahnee Gift Shop

8am to 10pm

The Ahwahnee Sweet Shop

7am to 10pm

Yosemite Lodge

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

Nature Shop

11am to 8pm

Curry Village

Mountain Shop

8am to 8pm

Curry Village Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Exhibits and store, 9:30am to 5pm

Yosemite Valley

Where to go and what to do



Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center is open from 9am to 5pm, and bookstore hours are 9am to 7pm. The visitor center is west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9). The facility offers information, maps, and books. Explore the exhibits and learn how Yosemite's landscape formed and how people interact with it.

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.

INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

Open 9am to 5pm. Interprets the cultural history of Yosemite's Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE

Open daily from 9am to 5pm. The store offers books and traditional American Indian arts, crafts, jewelry, and books.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM GALLERY EXHIBIT

"Yosemite, the Grand Experiment" This Yosemite Museum exhibit commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Yosemite Grant with a display of artwork, documents and artifacts from that early period. Photographs and paintings of visitors and the landscape,

including some of the earliest images, will be included from the park's museum collection. The Grand Register of the Cosmopolitan Saloon will be on view. The Edmunds report, a review of the proposed land grant sent days before the grant legislation was signed into law in 1864, will be on loan from the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Digital slide shows will supplement the paintings and photographs on exhibit. A video presentation will feature scholars discussing the importance of the grant, and the influence of painting and photography on the movement to protect public lands and remarkable scenery. An audio kiosk will feature quotations from a variety of historic figures from Yosemite's past. This project was made possible through the generous support of Yosemite Conservancy donors. Yosemite Museum Gallery, June 3 through September 30, open daily 9 to 5; from October 1 through October 18, open daily from 10 to 12 and 1 to 4.

Wilderness Center

Open 8 am to 5 pm. Visit the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters. The Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village in between the post office and the Ansel Adams Gallery.

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Open 9:30am to 5pm thru September. Designed for nature-exploring children and their families, the nature center offers natural-history exhibits and a bookstore. The nature center is a short walk from shuttle stop # 16.

Yosemite Art Center

The Yosemite Art Center offers a selection of original art and art supplies, as well as four-hour art workshops daily (see pg. 6). Located near the Village Store, the Center is open 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 4:30 pm daily.

Yosemite Theater

Yosemite Theater offers entertainment and inspiration through a variety of live theater performances. Revel as park ranger Shelton Johnson and other performers bring the park's adventures to life! Tickets \$8 adults, \$4 children.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

In Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center, the gallery is open daily from 9am to 6pm. The gallery offers the works of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other artists. See page 6 for photo walk times. For more information, call 209/372-4413, or visit www.anseladams.com.

EXHIBITS

June 1 - July 26

"As Others See It: Photographs from Inspired Generations"

Not long after the Mariposa Battalion's discovery of the Yosemite Valley in 1851, the first artist undertook the arduous journey to see it firsthand. Photographers, technically capable of "documenting" the now fabled valley, were soon to follow. These photographers ultimately became the first promoters of the soon-to-be park, and by proxy, early environmentalists as well. Their photographs lent a voice to the land in congress and with President Lincoln, prompting the creation of The Yosemite Grant in 1864. Today, this symbiotic relationship continues. Traveling long distances to be here, we are inspired to document and interpret Yosemite through our lenses. And as we share these experiences back home, we become surrogates for preservation and recreation. The exhibit features a variety of work from early 19th century artists, to contemporary artists working today – showcasing the wisdom of The Yosemite Grant, and how this park inspires each of us in unique and fulfilling ways.

July 27-September 13

"Spectrum Analysis-Yosemite in Color"

As part of The Ansel Adams Gallery's continuing celebration of the 150th anniversary of The Yosemite Grant, we are thrilled to present the exhibition, Spectrum Analysis: Yosemite in Color, as it looks at those working contemporarily

with the park's full palette at their disposal. Included in the exhibit will be work by Michael Frye, Keith S. Walklet, Jeff Grandy, William Neill, Mike Osborne, Charles Cramer and more. A public reception for the artists will be held on Tuesday, July 29th from 3-5 PM in the gallery in Yosemite Village. Light food and refreshments will be served.

LeConte Memorial Lodge

LeConte Memorial Lodge is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm. Free evening programs, scheduled for 8:00pm, 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.

VALLEY SERVICES

GARAGE

Yosemite Village
8am to 5pm / 24 hour AAA towing available
Propane service available until 4:30pm.
209/372-8320

POST OFFICES

Yosemite Village
Main Office
Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 10am to 12pm
Yosemite Lodge
Post Office
Monday-Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

GROCERIES AND TOURS

Yosemite Village
Village Store Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Degnan's Deli
7am to 6pm
Tour Desk - Village Store
7:30am to 3pm
Yosemite Lodge
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Tour Desk
7:30am to 7pm
Curry Village
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Tour Desk
7:30am to 3pm
Housekeeping Camp
Gift/Grocery
8am to 7pm

SHOWERS, LAUNDRY, AND INTERNET

Housekeeping Camp
Showers 7am to 10pm
Laundry 8am to 10pm
Curry Village
Showers open 24 hours

Internet Kiosks
Degnan's Deli - 7am to 5pm
Yosemite Lodge Lobby - open 24 hours

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

June 25, 2014 - July 29, 2014



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.

- June 27-29** Hike Half Dome: Summit Challenge 1
- June 28** Clouds Rest Day Hike
- June 27-29** Beginner Backpack Trek to May Lake
- July 10 -13** Glen Aulin Backpack Trek
- July 11-13** Mountain Wildflowers for the Relaxed Botanist
- July 12-13** The Lives of Birds: Tuolumne Meadows
- July 18-20** Sierra Nevada Natural History
- July 18-20** Hike Half Dome: Summit Challenge 2
- July 19-20** Casual Birding at White Wolf Wolf
- July 19-22** Family Camping Jamboree 1
- July 24-27** Family Camping Jamboree 2
- July 24-27** Backpack Half Dome via Clouds Rest 1
- July 26-27** Tuolumne Alpine Insider: Life at the Top
- July 27-30** Young Lakes Backpack Trek

Find more information about these programs at www.yosemiteconservancy.org/outdoor-adventures or call 209/379-2317, ext. 10. Camping and park entry are included, additional lodging options available. Custom adventures can also be arranged for individuals, families and groups.

Yosemite Art Center Workshops (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.

- June 23-28** Playful Acrylic Yosemite Landscape Byron Spicer
- June 30-Jul 5** Ease of Pastel for Landscape Tsungwei Moo
- Jul 7-12** Fun with Watercolor David Deyell
- Jul 14-19** Keeping it Light: Watercolor Dan Tilstra
- Jul 21-26** Miniature Landscape: Acrylic Gary Bertram
- Jul 28-Aug 2** Charcoal/Graphite: Classic Yosemite Natalie Chan

There is a registration fee of \$10 per visitor, supplies are available for purchase.

Yosemite Theater (YC)

Yosemite Theater offers entertainment and inspiration through a variety of live theater performances. Revel as park ranger Shelton Johnson and other performers bring the park's adventures to life! Tickets \$8 adults, \$4 children.

- Sundays (May 4-Sept. 28)** Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1903.
- Mondays (June 2-Sept. 8)** Filmmaking on the Edge.
- Tuesdays (April 29-Sept 30)** Yosemite Search and Rescue.
- Wednesday (July 2-Oct 15)** Conversation with a Tramp: An Evening with John Muir.
- Thursday (July 3-Oct 16)** Muir Among the Animals.
- Friday & Saturday (July 4-Oct 25)** Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey.

Yosemite Mountaineering School (YMS)

YMS offers rock climbing classes, guided climbs, custom backcountry trips, and daily hikes. Experience the park with a professional guide: 209/372-8344. Open daily from 8:30am - 12pm and 1pm to 4:30pm.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Weddings: YosemiteValleyChapel.org
SUNDAY SERVICES:
9:15am (Sunday School Available)
11am (Memorial Day through Labor Day ONLY - No Sunday School)
6:30pm Evening chapel service
TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7pm (call for location)
THURSDAY MID-WEEK SERVICE 7pm in the chapel.
209-372-4831, Pastor Brent Moore Resident Minister

ROMAN CATHOLIC
Saturday, 6pm, Lower Pines Amphitheater, Shuttle Bus Stop #19
Sunday, 10am, Theater behind Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, 209/372-4729

CHURCH OF CHRIST
El Portal Chapel / Worship: Sunday 11am
Info: 209/379-2100

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
Christian Sabbath Worship at Lower River Amphitheater, Saturday May 24-August 30 (No Service July 19)
9:45am Music/Sabbath School,
11am Worship Service, 12:30pm Potluck
www.facebook.com/YosemiteSDAChurch

LATTER-DAY SAINTS
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Sacrament Meeting, Sundays 1pm-1:45pm
Memorial Day thru Labor Day, Yosemite Valley Chapel

A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN THE NATIONAL PARKS
9am Sunday at Lower Pines, Wawona, and Tuolumne Meadows campgrounds.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
7:30pm Sunday, Tuesday, & Thursday
DNC General Office Bldg. Yosemite Village.

LIONS CLUB
First and third Thursday of each month at noon, The Ahwahnee. Call 209/372-4475.

MORNING	
Sunday	9:00am CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	9:30am Adventure Hike-Vernal/ Nevada Falls 6 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Curry Village Mountaineering School. (DNC) \$
	10:30am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop # 16. (NPS) ♿
	11:00am Ask A Climber 4 hrs. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for this informal program. Use telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS) ♿
Monday	9:00am Camera Walk - Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at the Ahwahnee Hotel 1.5 hrs. (TAAG) ♿
	9:00am Using the Digital Darkroom: Landscapes and Lightroom (except June 30) 4hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG)\$
	9:00am CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	9:00am Bike to Hike Tour 2.5 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Curry Village Bike Stand. (DNC) \$
	10:00am Art Workshop 4hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ For more information see page 6.
	10:30am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop # 16. (NPS) ♿
Tuesday	8:15am Adventure Hike- Panorama Trail with one-way Glacier Point Bus Ride 8 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$
	9:00am Camera Walk - Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery 1.5 hrs. (TAAG) ♿
	10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ For more information see page 6
	10:30am CHILDREN'S ART SESSION 1 hr. ages 6-9 Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$
	10:30am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	11:00am Ask A Climber 4 hrs. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for this informal program. Use telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS) ♿
Wednesday	9:00am VOLUNTEER DROP-IN PROGRAM Up to 3 hrs. Become a Habitat Protector of Yosemite and perform ecological restoration projects in Yosemite Valley. Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center. Wear closed-toe shoes, long pants; bring water, snacks, sun protection. (NPS)
	9:00am CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	9:00am Bike to Hike Tour 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$
	10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ For more information, see page 6.
	10:30am CHILDREN'S ART SESSION 1 hr. ages 6-9 Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$
	10:30am JUNIOR RANGER WALK (except July 23) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop # 16. (NPS) ♿
Thursday	11:00am Ask A Climber 4 hrs. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for this informal program. Use telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS) ♿
	9:00am Camera Walk - Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery 1.5 hrs. (TAAG) ♿
	9:00am Discovery Hike - Vernal Fall Footbridge 3.5 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour and activity desk. (DNC) \$
	10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ For more information, see page 6.
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	9:00am CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	9:30am Adventure Hike - Vernal/Nevada Falls 6 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School Tickets/info at any tour and activity desk. (DNC) \$
	10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ For more information, see page 6.
	10:30am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop # 16. (NPS) ♿
	11:00am Ask A Climber 4 hrs. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for this informal program. Use telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS) ♿
Saturday	7:00am Clouds Rest Day Hike 10 hrs. (June 28 only) Enjoy a hike comparable to Half Dome in intensity. Camping included. Lodging reserved for an extra fee. Requires advanced reservation, please call 209/379-2317 ext. 10 (YC) \$
	9:00am Bike to Hike Tour 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour and activity desk. (DNC) \$
	9:00am Camera Walk - Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery 1.5 hrs. (TAAG) ♿
	9:00am CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿
	10:00am Ranger Walk -Ahwahneechee Stories and Games 1½ hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9
	10:00am Art Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ For more information see page 6
10:30am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop # 16 (NPS) ♿	
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AAC	American Alpine Club		Indicates facilities accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. Short, steep inclines may be encountered.
DNC	DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, Inc.		
NPS	National Park Service		A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors. Contact 209/372-4726 (TTY) or 209/ 372-0645 to request an interpreter. Advance notice of 2 days is requested.
SC	Sierra Club		
TAAG	The Ansel Adams Gallery		
YAC	Yosemite Art Center		
YC	Yosemite Conservancy		
YMS	Yosemite Mountaineering School		Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advanced request. Inquire at a visitor center.
\$	Programs offered for a fee		

	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Sunday	<p>1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop # 16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:30pm Beginner's Art 2.5 hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop # 16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk-Bears 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (bear sightings unlikely). (NPS)</p> <p>3:30pm CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm 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 90 mins. Film and presentation by ranger Shelton Johnson. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
Monday	<p>1:00pm Using Your Digital Camera (except June 30) 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$</p> <p>1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop # 16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm Discovery Hike - Columbia Rock 3.5 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop # 16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk-Geology 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>4:30pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater: Filmmaking on the Edge 90 mins. Video and presentation by Steve Bumgardner. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:00pm Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19.(NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p>
Tuesday	<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>1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop # 16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:30pm YOUTH ART SESSION 1.5 hrs. ages 10+ Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop # 16 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:30pm LOWER YOSEMITE FALL FAMILY ACTIVITIES/ACTIVIDADES DE FAMILIA DE CASCADA BAJA DE YOSEMITE 2 hrs. Informal learning activities in English and Spanish for kids and adults, along the Yosemite Falls Trail/2 horas, actividades de aprendizaje informales en Inglés y Español para los niños y los adultos, en el rastro de Cascada Baja de Yosemite. (DNC)</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk-Bears 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (bear sightings unlikely). (NPS)</p>	<p>6:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater: Yosemite Search and Rescue 90 mins. Presentation, video and discussion by John Dill. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Full Moon Bike Ride (July 8 only) 2 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC)</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
Wednesday	<p>1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER TALK (except July 23rd) 15 mins. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm GREAT YOSEMITE FAMILY ADVENTURE 2.5 hrs. Family guided treasure hunt with GPS units. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>1:00pm Discovery Hike - Vernal Fall Footbridge 3.5 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour and activity desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>1:30pm YOUTH ART SESSION 1.5 hrs. ages 10+ Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK (except July 23) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk-Inspiring Generations (except July 23) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm Meet Your Yosemite (except July 9 and 23) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>4:30pm Meet Your Yosemite (except July 9 and 23) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater: Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey (June 25 only) 90 mins. Film and presentation by Ron Kauk. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater: Conversation with a Tramp: An Evening with John Muir (except June 25) 90 mins. Live performance by Lee Stetson. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE (except July 23) 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:00pm Ranger Program (except July 9 and 23) 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)</p> <p>8:30pm Full Moon Bike Ride (July 9 only) 2 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC)</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
Thursday	<p>1:00pm Using Your Digital Camera 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) \$</p> <p>1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop # 16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:30pm YOUTH ART SESSION 1½ hrs. ages 10+ Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop # 16 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Bike to Hike Tour 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour and activity desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk-Bears 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (bear sightings unlikely). (NPS)</p> <p>3:30pm Meet Your Yosemite (except July 10) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>4:30pm Meet Your Yosemite (except July 10) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm Naturalist Stroll (except July 10) 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater: Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey (June 26 only) 90 min. Film and presentation by Ron Kauk. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater: Muir Among the Animals (except June 26) 60 min. A lively show for the whole family performed by Lee Stetson. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES (except July 4 & 10) 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Full Moon Bike Ride (July 10 only) 2 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC)</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
Friday	<p>1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop # 16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm FAMILY CRAFTS 2hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ Drop-in craft program</p> <p>2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop # 16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk-Bears 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (bear sightings unlikely). (NPS)</p> <p>3:30pm Meet Your Yosemite (except July 11) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:30pm Meet Your Yosemite (except July 11) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm Naturalist Stroll (except July 4) 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater: The Tramp and the Rough Rider: An Evening at Glacier Point (June 27 only) 1hr. Live performance of historic conversations with Teddy Roosevelt and John Muir by Lee Stetson and Alan Sutterfield. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater: Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey (except June 27) 90 min. Film and presentation by Ron Kauk. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION! (July 4 only) 1.5 hr. Patriotic variety show for families. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:00pm Ranger Program (except July 11) 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)</p> <p>8:00pm Dr. Greg Stock, YNP Geologist: Rise and Fall of Sierra Nevada Glaciers (June 27 only) 1hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) Limited to 50 guests.</p> <p>8:00pm DAVE BENGSTON, DIRECTOR OF YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL: CLIMBING YOSEMITE WALLS (July 11 only) 1.5 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) Limited to 50 guests.</p> <p>8:00pm Harold Wood, John Muir Historian: 150 Years of the Wilderness Idea. Yosemite Grant, Hetch Hetchy, Wilderness Act. From Muir to Us (July 18 only) 1hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) Limited to 50 guests.</p> <p>8:00pm LEE TERKELSEN, NATURE FILM MAKER: HIKE FROM SEQUOIA TO MT. WHITNEY (July 25 only) 1hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) Limited to 50 guests.</p> <p>8:30pm Full Moon Bike Ride (July 11 only) 2 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC)</p> <p>8:30pm Film - Ansel Adams 1hr. Check local listing for venue (TAAG) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program (except July 4th) 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
Saturday	<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>1:00pm FAMILY CRAFTS 2 hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ Drop-in craft program</p> <p>1:00pm Discovery Hike - Columbia Rock 3.5 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour and activity desk. (DNC) \$</p> <p>1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop # 16. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop # 16 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk-Bears 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (bear sightings unlikely). (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm Fine Print Viewing - Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery 1hr. Very limited space (TAAG) ♿</p> <p>3:30pm CHILDREN'S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED'S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>4:30pm ILLUSTRATION WORKSHOP 1 hr. Discover Yosemite's animals and scenery through drawing lessons. Curry Village Guest Lounge. (DNC)</p>	<p>6:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC)</p> <p>7:00pm TALL TALES IN TALL MOUNTAINS 1 hr. Interactive Storytelling with Steven Riley and Ty Cooney. Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater: The Tramp and the Rough Rider: Last Night of Camping at Bridalveil Meadow (June 28 only) 1 hr. Live performance of historic conversations with Teddy Roosevelt and John Muir by Lee Stetson and Alan Sutterfield. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater: Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey (except June 28) 90 min. Film and presentation by Ron Kauk. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 6 & under. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) ♿</p> <p>8:00pm Don Baldwin, John Muir Historian: John Muir Live (June 28 only) 1hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) Limited to 50 guests.</p> <p>8:00pm Jeanne Wetzel Chinn, California Wolves Education Project: Being With Wolves (July 12 only) 1hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) Limited to 50 guests.</p> <p>8:00pm Janet Wood, Hidden Wonders of the Yosemite Night Sky (July 19 only) 1hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) Limited to 50 guests.</p> <p>8:00pm LEE TERKELSEN, NATURE FILM MAKER: ALONG THE JOHN MUIR TRAIL (July 26 only) 1hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC) Limited to 50 guests.</p> <p>8:30pm Full Moon Bike Ride (July 12 only) 2 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC)</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC/AAC) &</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>

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Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point



Explore History, Discover Giant Trees, and Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

Wawona & Mariposa Grove

Coffee with a Ranger

Grab your mug and join a ranger in the Wawona Campground Amphitheater for coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. Use this time to plan your day or to get other questions answered. See page 9 for scheduled programs.

Evening Programs

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

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio

Open 8:30 am to 5 pm. The visitor center offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona store parking area and follow the path up the hill.

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.

Experience Horse-Drawn Travel

Travel into history by taking a 10-minute horse-drawn stage ride. Tickets may be purchased at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. See page 9 for dates, times, and locations. \$5/adults and \$4/child (ages 3-12)

Blacksmith Shop

Smell the burning coal, hear the ring of the hammer on the anvil, and watch a demonstration of the ancient art of blacksmithing. See page 9 for dates, times, and locations.

Old-Fashioned Fourth of July!

You are cordially invited to join the staff of the Pioneer Yosemite History Center for an old fashioned celebration of the 4th of July! Activities will include a parade, speeches, and games, such as Gunny Sack Races, Three-Legged Races, Egg Toss, and Tug-of-War. A fun time will be enjoyed by people of all ages. This celebration takes place at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center on July 4th between 2 and 4 pm

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.

Getting to Mariposa Grove

Allow 1½ hours driving time to reach the grove from the Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the grove parking lot. The access road to the grove may close intermittently due to limited parking.

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

permitted on this road.

FREE MARIPOSA GROVE & WAWONA SHUTTLE

A shuttle stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the bus. Shuttles operate beginning at 9 am, and the last shuttle leaves the grove at 6 pm, or after the last tour. Please use this free bus service to help reduce congestion and parking delays.

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.

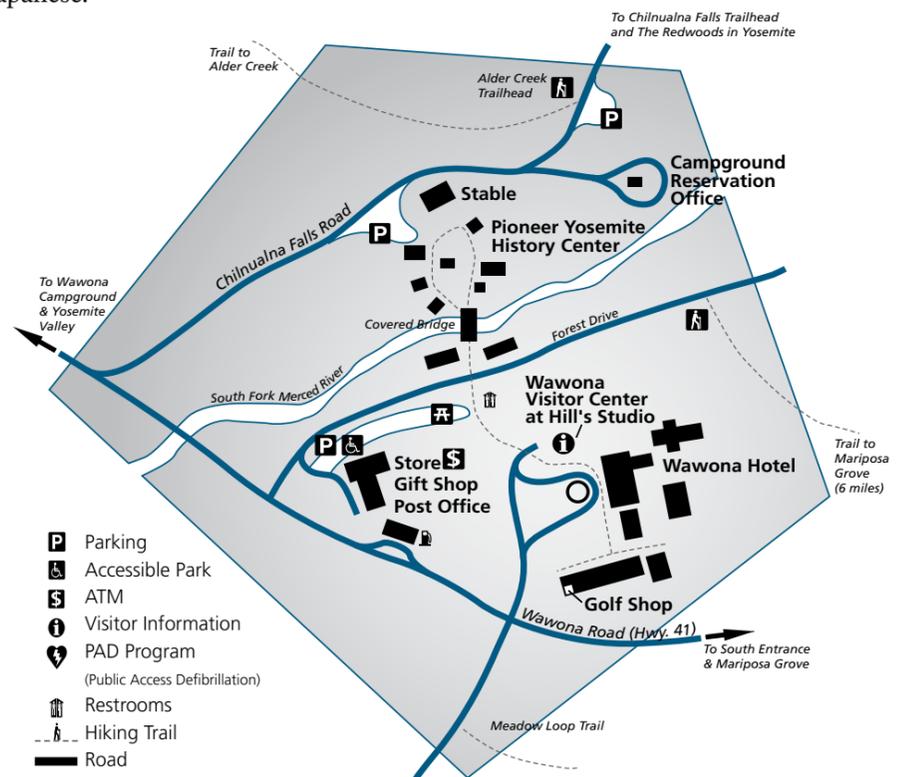
Big Trees Tram Tour

Please visit the Big Trees Ticket Kiosk at the Big Trees Gift Shop, in the Mariposa Grove, for departure times. Open from 9:30am to 5pm.

Mariposa Grove Museum

Open 10 am to 4 pm. Located in the Upper Mariposa Grove, the museum offers information, displays on giant sequoias.

Dogs/bikes are not permitted anywhere in the Grove



Horse-drawn stage rides with Burrell "Buckshot" Maier NPS Photo



Geology Hut. Photo courtesy Yosemite Research Library

Glacier Point

Evening Programs

Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening shadows in Yosemite Valley and the alpenglow (or moonrise) on the Sierra high country. Stargazing programs are offered, as well. Details at right.

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

Wawona

Wawona Hotel Dining Room

Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 1:30pm
Lounge Service 5pm to 9:30pm
Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm
Reservations taken for 6 or more.
Saturday BBQ: 5pm to 7pm
4th of July BBQ: 5pm to 7pm
Golf Shop & Snack Stand
8am to 6pm weather and conditions permitting
Glacier Point
Snack Stand
10am to 5pm, conditions permitting

GROCERIES

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop

8am to 8pm

GIFTS & APPAREL

Wawona

Wawona Store & Pioneer Shop

8am to 8pm

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio (Information and Books)

8:30am to 5pm

Glacier Point

Gift Shop

9am to 6pm

Mariposa Grove

Mariposa Grove Museum

10am to 4pm

Big Trees Gift Shop

9am to 6pm

POST OFFICE

Wawona Post Office

Monday-Friday: 9am to 5pm

Saturday: 9am to noon

GAS STATION

Wawona Gas Station

8am to 6pm Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

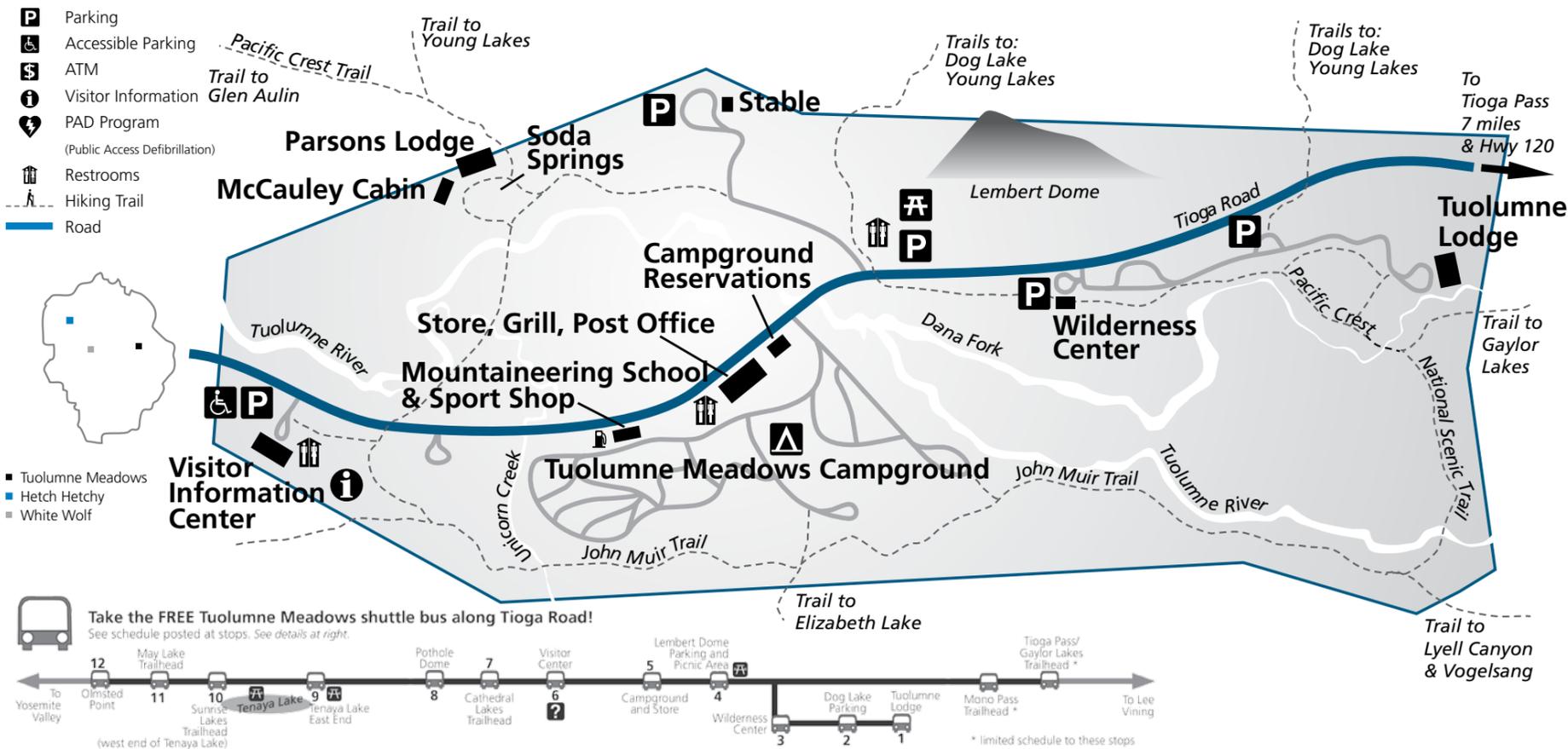
GOLF

Wawona Hotel Golf Course

8am to 6pm, weather and conditions permitting. Nine-hole, par-35 course.

	WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE	GLACIER POINT
Sunday	<p>9:00am Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center (June 29 only) 1 hr. Meet at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 min each Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12 (NPS) \$</p> <p>10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>11:00am Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center (June 29 only) 1 hr. Meet at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center (June 29 only) 1 hr. Meet at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm Wawona History Stroll 1 hr. Wawona Hotel Fountain (NPS)</p> <p>5:30pm Tom Bopp Performing at the Piano 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Historical programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. For more details, drop by the piano early in the evening to ask Tom or stop by the front desk. Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) ♿</p>	<p>2:00pm Ranger Walk—Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan 1.5 hrs. Moderately difficult. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop. (NPS)</p> <p>8:00pm Campfire Program 1 hr. Bridalveil Campground, Loop C. (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
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Tuesday	<p>10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1.5 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1.5 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>6:30pm Evening Ranger Program 1 hr. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call (855) 290-3499 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>5:30pm Tom Bopp Performing at the Piano 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Historical programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. For more details, drop by the piano early in the evening to ask Tom or stop by the front desk. Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) ♿</p>	<p>2:00pm Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS)</p> <p>7:00pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
Wednesday	<p>9:30am Wawona History Stroll 1 hr. Wawona Hotel Fountain (NPS)</p> <p>10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1.5 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1.5 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm – 4:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (except June 25 & July 2) 10 mins. each Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12 (NPS) \$</p> <p>2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>5:30pm Tom Bopp Performing at the Piano 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Historical programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. For more details, drop by the piano early in the evening to ask Tom or stop by the front desk. Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) ♿</p>	<p>7:00pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) ♿ \$</p>
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Friday	<p>10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1.5 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>10:00am Visit Yosemite's Past (July 4 only) 2 hrs. Yosemite's history comes to life at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (except only 10am to noon on July 4) 10 mins. each Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12 (NPS) \$</p> <p>10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (except only 10:00 to 1:00pm on July 4) Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm OLD-FASHIONED FOURTH-OF-JULY CELEBRATION (July 4 only) 2 hrs. Speeches, games, races, & fun! Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1.5 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm Tom Bopp Performing at the Piano 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Historical programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. For more details, drop by the piano early in the evening to ask Tom or stop by the front desk. Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) ♿</p>	<p>2:00pm Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS)</p> <p>6:45pm Full Moon Hike (July 11 only) 2 hrs. Dress warmly. Meet at Sentinel Dome parking area. (NPS)</p> <p>7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk (except July 11) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS)</p> <p>8:30pm Stars Over Yosemite (except July 4 and 11) Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast. (NPS)</p>
Saturday	<p>8:00am Coffee with a Ranger (hot cocoa and tea too!) 45 mins. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿</p> <p>9:00am Nature Walk with a Ranger 2 hrs. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call (855) 290-3499 (NPS)</p> <p>9:00am Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center (June 28 only) 1 hr. Meet at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>9:00am JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM 1.5 hrs. Especially for ages 7-12. Meet at Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿</p> <p>10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 mins. each Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12 (NPS) \$</p> <p>10:00 am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1.5 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>11:00am Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center (June 28 only) 1 hr. Meet at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>1:00pm Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center (June 28 only) 1 hr. Meet at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1.5 hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)</p> <p>3:00pm Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center (June 28 only) 1 hr. Meet at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) ♿</p> <p>5:30pm Tom Bopp Performing at the Piano 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Historical programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. For more details, drop by the piano early in the evening to ask Tom or stop by the front desk. Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER WAWONA 1.5 hrs. Explore the night sky! Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC) \$</p>	<p>2:00pm Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS)</p> <p>7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS)</p> <p>8:30pm Stars Over Yosemite (Except July 5 and 12) Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast. (NPS)</p>

Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat



Tuolumne Meadows

Please walk on official trails to protect fragile meadow ecosystems.

Dogs, bicycles, and strollers are only allowed on roads open to vehicles.

Day-hikers and backpackers must go to the bathroom at least 100 feet away from water, trail, and camp areas; bury human waste six inches deep; pack out toilet paper and all other trash.

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Visitor Center hours are 9am to 6pm. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

Open 8 am to 5 pm. Visit the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters. The Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center is located just south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, across from shuttle stop #3.

Mule and Horseback Rides

Horse or mule rides begin at the Tuolumne Meadows stable. Stable hours are 7:30am to 5 pm once open for the season. Information: 209/372-8427.

Just for Kids

Programs for children include Junior Rangers, a two-hour ranger-led program for children (ages 7-12), and Campfire for Kids.

Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley Cabin, and Soda Springs

Two trails, both flat and 3/4-mile long, lead to this historic area accessible only by walking. Parsons Memorial Lodge is open from 10 am to 4 pm. Soda Springs are

small, naturally-carbonated springs that attract birds and deer, especially at sunrise and sunset.

Ranger Walks

Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, birds, flowers, history, the Tuolumne River, and more. These walks range from one to eight hours and, except for the long walks, are fairly easy.

Evening Activities

Come to a traditional, ranger-led campfire program for stories, songs, and insight into Yosemite. Program topics vary, and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. End your day with a star program—bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly.

Parsons Memorial Lodge Summer Series

Allow 30 minutes walking time to Parsons Memorial Lodge from either Lembert Dome parking area or the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Admission is free.

Saturday, July 12

2pm – 3:30pm

Dirt Work: An Education in the Woods
Talk and reading followed by discussion with Christine Byl, writer and “traildog”

Sunday July 13

2pm – 3pm

A Visit with Galen Clark: Yosemite’s First Guardian
Living history presentation by Pete Devine, Resident Naturalist, Yosemite Conservancy

Saturday, July 19

2pm – 3:30pm

California Water: Myths and Realities
Illustrated talk and discussion with Ellen Hanak, Senior Fellow, Public Policy Institute of California

7:30pm – 9pm

Yosemite in the Sixties: Climbing and Life in Camp 4
Illustrated talk by Glen Denny, climber and photographer

Sunday, July 20

2pm – 3:30pm

California Gull Research at Mono Lake: 30 Years of Monitoring and Adventure
Illustrated talk and discussion with Kristie Nelson, biologist, Point Blue Conservation Science

High Sierra Natural History Celebration Weekend

Saturday, July 26

2pm – 3:30pm

Tracks and Shadows: Field Biology as Art
Illustrated talk and discussion with Harry W. Greene, Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellow, Cornell University

Sunday, July 27

2pm – 3:30pm

Green Sulphurs and Iris Ink: Reports from a Naturalist’s Path
Talk and reading followed by discussion with Robert Michael Pyle, John Burroughs Medalist for nature writing, poet, lepidopterist, and founder of the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation

Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open from 8 am to 5 pm. The visitor center offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. The center is located just inside the park entrance on Hwy 120W.

Ranger Programs

Ranger walks and evening programs are available at Hetchy Hetchy, Hodgdon Meadows, Crane Flat, and White Wolf. Check local postings for details or call (209)379-1899.

Merced Grove

Yosemite’s quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of approximately 20 big trees accessible only on foot. It’s a three-mile round-trip hike (about three hours) into the grove. The trail drops down 1.5 miles making this a moderately strenuous hike on the uphill portion. There is no potable water at the parking area or down in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you. The grove is located 3½ miles north of Crane Flat and 4½ miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance along the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). The trail is marked by a sign and a post labeled B-10.

Tuolumne Grove

The trailhead for this grove of approximately 25 sequoias is near the intersection of the Big Oak Flat and Tioga roads at Crane Flat. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from the parking area into the grove. The trail drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The way down can seem much easier than the uphill return to the parking lot. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill portion. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guided nature trail. There is no potable water at the parking area or in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Tuolumne Meadows
Tuolumne Meadows Grill
 8am to 5pm
Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room
 Breakfast: 7am to 9am
Reservations recommended
 Dinner: 5:45pm to 8pm *Reservations Strongly Recommended*
 209/372-8413

White Wolf
White Wolf Lodge Dining Room
 Breakfast: 7:30am to 9:30am.
 Lunch: 12pm to 2pm - Take-out lunches (sandwiches)
 Dinner: 6pm to 8pm
Reservations recommended
 209/372-8416

GROCERIES

Tuolumne Meadows
Store
 Daily 8am to 8pm
Crane Flat
Store
 8am to 8pm
 24 Hour Pay at the Pump

GIFTS & APPAREL

Tuolumne Meadows
Mountaineering School and Sport Shop
 8:30am to 6pm
Tuolumne Meadows Bookstore
 Inside the Visitor Center
 9am to 6pm
Tuolumne Meadows Store
 8am to 8pm

POST OFFICE

Tuolumne Meadows
Post Office
 Monday – Friday: 9am to 5pm
 Saturday: 9am to 1pm

GAS STATIONS

Tuolumne Meadows
 9am to 6pm, Gas and propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

Crane Flat
 8am to 8pm, Diesel & propane available.
 Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

FREE SHUTTLE BUS

Olmsted Pt. / Tuolumne / Tioga Pass

Free shuttle service is available along the Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tioga Pass. Service begins when conditions permit. See map, page 10.

Shuttles travel between Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Olmsted Point, with stops along the Tioga Road, including Tuolumne Meadows Campground and the visitor center. The shuttle also makes morning and afternoon runs to Tioga Pass.

Service begins at the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge at 7am. Shuttles arrive at approximately 30-minute intervals between 7am and 7pm. Stop times are posted at bus stops.

	TUOLUMNE MEADOWS	WHITE WOLF	CRANE FLAT/ HODGDON MEADOW/ HETCH HETCHY
Sunday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) 10:00am Ranger Hike—Lembert Dome 3 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 3 miles. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. Bring snacks and water. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm Ranger Walk—Indians in the High Country (June 29 and July 6 only) 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) 2:00pm Parsons Summer Series Program (starting July 13) 1-2 hrs. See details on preceding page. (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	9:00pm Stars Over White Wolf 1hr. Meet across from White Wolf Lodge. (NPS)	9:00am Ranger on the Dam 2hr. this is a drop in program. Ranger will be on or near the O’Shaughnessy dam at Hetch Hetchy. (NPS) 11:00am Ranger in the Grove 2hr drop in. Meet the ranger down in the Grove (NPS) 8:00pm Fireside Chat: Plan Your Adventure 1hr. Meet at campsite #105 at the Hodgdon Campground. (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire Talk 1hr. Meet at the Crane Flat campground amphitheater (NPS)
Monday	10:00am Ranger Walk—Domes and Meadows 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm Ranger Walk—Bears and Other Wildlife 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 8:30pm Stars over Mono Lake 1.5 hrs. Meet at South Tufa in Mono Basin. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS) ♿	8:00pm Ranger Campfire Talk 1hr. Meet at White Wolf Campground campfire circle. (NPS)	7:30pm Twilight Walk 1hr. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadows campfire circle (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire Talk (except June 30) 1hr. Meet at the Crane Flat campground amphitheater (NPS)
Tuesday	10:00am Botanical Walk 2 hrs. (NPS) July 1: Soda Springs Meet at Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center shuttle stop #6. July 8: Pothole Dome Meet at Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8. July 15: Bennettville Meet at junction of Saddlebag Lake Road and Tioga Pass Road. July 22: Ellery Lake Meet at dam on east end of Ellery Lake outside Tioga Pass. July 29: Dana Gardens Meet just outside of Tioga Pass Entrance Station on north side of road. 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 7:00pm Ranger Walk—Sunset 45 mins. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)		8:00am Bird Walk 1hr. Meet at Crane Flat Campground Entrance Kiosk. (NPS) 9:00pm Yosemite’s Night Sky- Crane Flat 1.5hr Sign up at Big Oak Flat Information Station or by calling 209/ 379-1899
Wednesday	7:30am Ranger Walk—Birds (except June 25) 2.5 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) 8:00am Coffee with a Ranger (except June 25) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) 10:00 DISCOVERY WALK FOR LITTLE CUBS (except June 25) 50 mins. Ages 4-6. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS) 10:00 Ranger Walk—Geology of Tuolumne Meadows (except June 25) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (except June 25) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 1:30pm Ranger Walk—The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River (except June 25) 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (except June 25) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 7:00pm CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS (except June 25) 45 mins. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) ♿ 8:00pm Campfire (except June 25) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 9:30pm Ranger Talk—Stars (except June 25) 1 hr. Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	9:00am Geology Walk 1hr. Meet across from White Wolf Lodge. (NPS) 7:30 Twilight Stroll 1hr. Meet across from the White Wolf Lodge (NPS)	7:00pm Bear Walk 1hr. Meet at Crane Flat Amphitheater.(NPS)
Thursday	10:00am Ranger Walk—History of Tuolumne Meadows (except June 26) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center shuttle stop #6 (NPS) 11:00am Ranger Hike—Twin Bridges Loop (except June 26 and July 3) 4 hrs. Easy. 3 miles. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (except June 26) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (except June 26) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 8:00pm Campfire (except June 26) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	9:00am Bears and other Wildlife Walk 1.5 hrs. Meet at White Wolf campground campfire circle. (NPS)	8:00am Bird Walk 1hr. Meet at Hodgdon Meadows Campfire Circle. (NPS) 10:30am Ranger in the Grove 2hrs. This is a drop in program. Ranger will be in the Tuolumne Grove of Sequoias.(NPS) 11:00am Ranger on the Dam 2hrs. this is a drop in program. Ranger will be on or near the O’Shaughnessy dam at Hetch Hetchy. (NPS) 6:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1hr. Crane Flat campground amphitheater 7:00pm Rim Fire in Yosemite 1hr. meet at Hodgdon Meadows campground campfire circle. (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire Talk 1hr. Meet at Crane Flat campground amphitheater. (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire Talk 1hr. (except June 26th) Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground campfire circle. (NPS)
Friday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger (except June 27 and July 4) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) 10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK (except June 27) 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. (NPS) 10:00am Ranger Walk—Domes and Meadows (except June 27) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8 (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (except June 27) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm Ranger Walk—Wildflowers (except June 27) 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (except June 27) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 6:30pm Ranger Walk—Music and Mountains (except June 27) 1 hr. 15 mins. Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire (except June 27) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	9:00am Wildflower Walk 2hrs. Meet across from White Wolf Lodge. (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire Talk 1hr. Meet at White Wolf campground campfire circle. (NPS)	1:00pm Ranger on the Dam 2hrs. this is a drop in program. Ranger will be on or near the O’Shaughnessy dam at Hetch Hetchy. (NPS) 7:00pm Carnivores of Yosemite (except June 27) 1hr. meet at Hodgdon Meadows campground campfire circle. (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire Talk 1hr. Meet at Hodgdon Meadows campground campfire circle. (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire Talk 1hr. Meet at Crane Flat campground amphitheater. (NPS)
Saturday	7:00am Ranger Walk—Birds (July 26 only) 4 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) 7:30am Ranger Walk—Birds (except July 26) 2.5 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) 9:15am Ranger Hike—Mono Pass (except July 19 and 26) 6-8 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 8 miles. Meet at Mono Pass trailhead. Bring lunch, water, and raingear. (NPS) 10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 2 hrs. Ages 7-12 Lembert Dome picnic area (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm Parsons Summer Series Program (starting July 12) 1-2 hrs. See details on preceding page. (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 7:00pm CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS (except July 26) 45 mins. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm Parsons Summer Series Program (July 19 only) 1.5 hrs. See details on preceding page. (NPS) 8:00pm Campfire 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 9:30pm Ranger Talk—Stars 1 hr. Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	8:00pm Ranger Campfire Talk 1hr. Meet at White Wolf Campground campfire circle. (NPS)	1:00pm Ranger on the Dam 2hr. this is a drop in program. Meet the Ranger on or near the O’Shaughnessy dam at Hetch Hetchy. (NPS) 5:00pm Ranger Walk: Pollinators (except June 28) 1hr. Meet at Hodgdon Meadows campground campfire circle. (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire Talk (except June 28) 1hr. Meet at Hodgdon Meadows campground campfire circle. (NPS) 8:00pm Ranger Campfire Talk 1hr. Meet at Crane Flat campground amphitheater. (NPS)

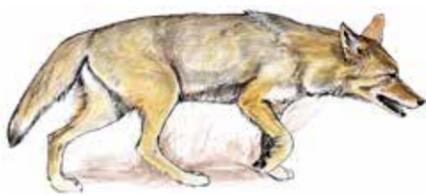
Become a Junior Ranger

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

Follow these steps to earn your Junior Ranger badge.*

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.

Bears and Wildlife

Enjoying wildlife safely and responsibly



Black bear rooting for insects in log. Photo by Karen Amstutz

Keep Wildlife Wild!

Black bears, coyote, deer, and grey squirrels are just a few of the many animal species in the park that are active year round. Learn how to help protect Yosemite's wildlife.

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.

Red Bear, Dead Bear

Did you notice the red bear markers as you drove through the park? Each of them mark a place where a bear was recently hit. Every year bears, hundreds of deer, and countless other animals are killed while trying to cross park roads. Many of these deaths could have been avoided if drivers observed posted speed limits.

Please remember that Yosemite National Park is a wildlife preserve: by driving the speed limit you are helping to protect the park and its wildlife.

Backpackers: Save Your Food, Save A Bear

Bear resistant food canisters are 2.7-pound containers that can be used to store five or more days of backpacker food when meals are carefully planned. Canisters have an inset lid that bears are

unable to open. When used correctly, bears learn that—although they smell like food—the canisters are not worth investigating.

Report Bear Sightings!

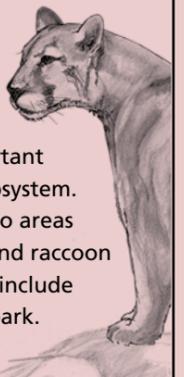
To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at 209/372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park's website (www.nps.gov/yose/bears).

Coyotes

Watching a coyote hunting for mice in one of Yosemite's many meadows can be an amazing wildlife experience. Coyotes are opportunistic carnivores that primarily prey on small mammals. Like bears, their diets change throughout the year with food availability.

Unfortunately, coyotes sometimes change their natural behavior to try to obtain human food. Approaching, and/or feeding coyotes can cause them to lose their natural fear of humans. Please do not stop to feed coyotes that you see along the sides of the roads. This encourages them to frequent roadsides to beg for food, endangering both coyotes and drivers.

Mountain Lions



Mountain lions are a normal and important part of the park ecosystem. They are attracted to areas with healthy deer and raccoon populations, which include many areas of the park. Although lion attacks on humans are extremely rare, they are possible, just as is injury from any wild animal.

For your safety:

Do not leave pets or pet food outside and unattended. Pets can attract mountain lions.

Avoid hiking alone. Watch children closely and never let them run ahead or lag behind on the trail. Teach children what to do if they see a lion.

What should you do if you meet a mountain lion?

Never approach one, especially if it is with kittens. Most lions will avoid confrontation. Always give them a way to escape.

Don't run. Stay calm. Hold your ground, or back away slowly. Face the lion and stand upright. Do all you can to appear larger. Raise your arms. If you have small children with you, pick them up.

If the lion behaves aggressively, wave your arms, shout, and throw objects at it. The goal is to convince it that you may be dangerous. If attacked, fight back!

Mountain Lions are magnificent creatures and native to Yosemite. Generally, they are calm, quiet, and elusive. Sightings are rare, so if you spot one, consider yourself privileged!

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. Never leave unattended food strapped to the outside of a vehicle or in a pickup truck bed.	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.



Protect Yourself...

Keep safety in mind as you explore the park



Permit Required to Hike Half Dome

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week when the cables are up for 2014, May 23 through October 14, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 preseason lottery permits have already been issued for 2014. In addition, approximately 50 permits will be released by daily lottery throughout the season based on estimated under-use and cancellation rates (exact number may change throughout the summer). Applications for daily lotteries will be accepted 2 days prior to the desired hiking date between midnight and 1 pm. To apply, visit Recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777. A non-refundable application fee applies to all submissions and a use fee applies to winning applicants. Finally, a daily quota of 75 Half Dome permits will be available to overnight users with an appropriate wilderness permit (use fee applies). These permits may be acquired through early reservations (50 per day) or day before walk-up (25 per day). Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area may descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit. More information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm>. For backpackers more information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm>.

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 Water

- Stay away from swiftly-moving water. Keep children from wandering on or near these hazards. Choose swimming areas carefully and swim only during low water conditions.
- Always supervise children closely.
- Avoid areas of whitewater, where streams flow over rocky obstructions.
- Never swim or wade upstream from of a waterfall, even if the water appears shallow and calm. Each year, unsuspecting visitors are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when swimming in these areas.
- Swimming is not permitted in the Hetch Hetchy reservoir or in Emerald Pool above Vernal Fall.

Water Quality

To protect yourself from disease, treat any surface water before drinking. Treatment methods include boiling for five minutes, use of a Giardia-rated water filter, or iodine-based purifier. To prevent the spread of Giardia and other water-borne disease organisms, use restroom facilities where available, and always wash hands afterwards with soap and water. In natural areas where facilities are not available, wash, camp, and bury human waste at least 100 feet away from any water source or trail, burying human waste six inches deep and pack out any toilet paper.

Traffic Safety

Roads leading to the park are two-lane, narrow, and winding. When traveling on park roads you can protect yourself, other visitors, and park wildlife by observing the following simple rules: Please obey posted speed limits. Yosemite's roads are used by both visitors and park wildlife. Use turnouts to pull completely out of the road, to take photos, consult the park map, or simply enjoy the park's scenery and wildlife.

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). Should altitude sickness develop, descend to a lower elevation.

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>

Hiking, Backpacking, River and Creek Crossings, and Rock Climbing

- Tell someone where you are going and when you are due back.
- Carry and know how to use a map and compass.
- Know how to use your gear and carry basic repair materials.

- Check weather forecasts.
- Avoid dehydration or heat exhaustion; carry and drink plenty of water, and bring high-energy food.
- Be prepared to set up emergency shelter even when out just for the day.
- Summer trails are not marked for winter use. When trails have full or partial snow coverage, good navigation skills are necessary.
- During spring runoff and high water any unbridged river or creek crossing can be hazardous. Always take extra time and use good judgment when crossing rivers and creeks.

Wilderness Permit Information

Wilderness permits are required year round for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness. Permits are issued and bear canisters are available for rent at the Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center, the Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center, the Big Oak Flat Information Center, Hill's Studio in Wawona, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station during hours of operation. Check the website at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm or call the park's main phone line at 209/372-0200, for additional information. 60% of the trailhead quota is available in advance. 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. 40% of the trailhead quota is available for first come first serve. First come first serve permits are available the day of at opening and the day before starting at 11am.

...and Yosemite

Protecting park resources



Protecting Yourself and the Park

Prepare yourself for a wild experience. Yosemite is a place where natural forces—such as rockfall, fire, and flood—are constantly at work. Here, wildlife freely roams. This is a place where wilderness prevails. The National Park Service recognizes the importance of Yosemite's natural processes and is bound by its mission to protect them for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. While you are enjoying your visit, be attentive to the special regulations in place to protect park resources and those designed for your safety.

Rafting

Conditions permitting, rafting on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley (Stoneman Bridge to Sentinel Beach) and the South Fork of the Merced River in Wawona is open from 10 am to 6 pm daily to any type of non-motorized vessel or other flotation device.

- The entire length of the Merced River in Yosemite Valley is closed to all flotation devices whenever the river gauge at Sentinel Bridge reads 6.5 feet or higher. Ask at a visitor center for conditions and obey all posted signs.
- You must wear or have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device immediately available.
- Fallen trees and other natural debris in the river create important habitat for fish and other wildlife. Be alert—they can also create hazards for rafters.

Fishing

Fishing in Yosemite is regulated by state law. A valid California sport-fishing license is required for those persons age 16 years and older. When fishing, the license must be

plainly visible by attaching it to an outer layer of clothing above the waistline.

- Trout season runs through November 15 (except Frog Creek near Lake Eleanor, which opens June 15).
- Special fishing regulations apply on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley from Happy Isles downstream to the Foresta Bridge in El Portal. Within these reaches of the river, it is catch-and-release only for rainbow trout. Brown trout limits are five fish per day. Only artificial lures or flies with barbless hooks may be used.
- The use of live or dead minnows, bait fish or amphibians, non-preserved fish eggs or roe is prohibited.

Pets

Keep in mind, daytime temperatures can reach above 100 ° Fahrenheit in the summer. Make sure to keep your pet cool and well-hydrated. In Yosemite, pet owners have a few rules to follow:

- Pets are only allowed in developed areas and on roads and paved bike paths. Pets are not allowed anywhere in the Mariposa or Merced sequoia groves.

They are not allowed on trails, in wilderness areas, or where signs are posted prohibiting them.

- Pets must be on a leash (6 feet or less) or otherwise physically restrained.
- For the courtesy of others, human companions are responsible for cleaning up and depositing pet feces in trash receptacles.
- Pets are not allowed in any lodging facilities or other buildings within the park and are not allowed in some campgrounds.
- Pets may not be tied to an object and left unattended.

Bicycling

Each season, plants are crushed from bicycle travel in meadows, campgrounds, and picnic areas. Please respect park resources and keep bicycles on paved roads and paved bicycle trails. Bikes are not allowed to travel off paved trails. Mountain biking opportunities are available in designated areas outside of Yosemite.

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")

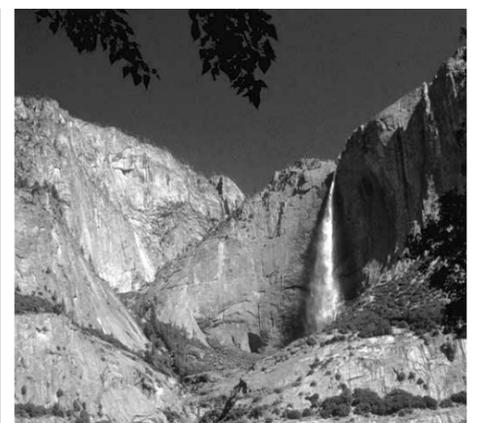
If you see activities that could harm people or park resources, jot down any descriptions or a vehicle license plate number and call the park dispatch office at 209/379-1992.

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.

Weather in Yosemite

Dressing in layers and bringing plenty of water can help you stay safe through Yosemite's changing weather conditions. As is true of all mountainous regions, weather in the Sierra Nevada can change rapidly any season of the year. Elevation plays a major role in temperature and precipitation variability, and Yosemite ranges in elevation from 2,000 feet to more than 13,000 feet above sea level. It is not uncommon for clouds to build up suddenly, bringing rain and/or thunderstorms to an otherwise sunny day. In September and October, temperatures in Tuolumne Meadows can dip well below freezing, while day time temperatures at lower elevations, like Yosemite Valley and Hetch Hetchy, can soar to over 100° F.



Upper Yosemite Fall, NPS photo

Camping



Camping in Yosemite. Photo by Ray Santos

General Info...

To check same-day camping availability, call 209/372-0266

Services

- All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker (33" d x 45" w x 18" h). See page 5 for food storage regulations.
- Toilets are available in campgrounds; however, Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat have non-flushing vault toilets only and no potable water.
- Shower and laundry facilities are available year-round in Yosemite Valley.
- RVs over 24 feet are not recommended for Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat campgrounds, and RVs are not permitted in walk-in and group campsites. There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer only in Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows.

Regulations

- Proper food storage is required 24 hours a day.
- A maximum of six people (including children) and two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
- Quiet hours are from 10 pm to 6 am.
- Where permitted, pets must be on a leash and may not be left unattended.

Campfires

- In Yosemite Valley between May 1 and September 30, campfires are permitted between 5 pm and 10 pm. At other times of the year and in out-of-Valley campgrounds, fires are permitted at any time, as long as they are attended.
- Firewood collection (including pine cones and pine needles) is not permitted in Yosemite Valley; you may purchase firewood at stores near the campgrounds.

An adventurous overnight experience

Yosemite National Park contains 13 popular campgrounds. Up to seven are on a reservation system, the rest are first-come, first-served. From April through September, reservations are essential and the first-come, first-served sites often fill by noon during these months.

Camping Reservations

Reservations are required March through November for campsites in Yosemite Valley's car campgrounds and summer through fall for Hodgdon Meadow, Crane Flat, Wawona, and half of Tuolumne Meadows. All other campgrounds (except group and stock campgrounds) are first-come, first-served. Campground reservations are available up to five months in advance, on the 15th of each month at 7 am Pacific time. Log onto the website or call as soon as possible as some campgrounds fill within a few minutes of the opening period.

ARRIVAL DATE	FIRST DAY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS (7 AM PT)
Dec. 15 – Jan. 14	Aug. 15
Jan. 15 – Feb. 14	Sept. 15
Feb. 15 – Mar. 14	Oct. 15
Mar. 15 – Apr. 14	Nov. 15
Apr. 15 – May 14	Dec. 15
May 15 – Jun. 14	Jan. 15
Jun. 15 – Jul. 14	Feb. 15
Jul. 15 – Aug. 14	Mar. 15
Aug. 15 – Sep. 14	Apr. 15
Sep. 15 – Oct. 14	May 15
Oct. 15 – Nov. 14	Jun. 15
Nov. 15 – Dec. 14	Jul. 15

For campground reservations, visit www.recreation.gov (recommended) or call 877/444-6777 or TDD 877/833-6777 or 518/885-3639 from outside the US and Canada.

Hours:

- 7 am to 7 pm Pacific time (November through February)
- 7 am to 9 pm Pacific time (March through October)

Reservation offices in the park are located in the visitor parking area at Curry Village (shuttle bus stop #14), the Tuolumne Meadows Campground entrance, in Wawona off Chilnualna Falls Road, and at Big Oak Flat Information Station.

Yosemite Valley

There is a 30-day camping limit within Yosemite National Park in a calendar year; however, May 1 to September 15, the camping limit is 14 days and only seven of those days can be in Yosemite Valley or Wawona.

Camp 4 is a walk-in campground and is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis; these campsites are not wheelchair accessible. Sites are available on a per-person basis, and six

people will be placed in each campsite, regardless of number of people in your party. Camp 4 often fills before 9 am each day, May through September.

Camping in Areas Surrounding Yosemite

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) operates a variety of campgrounds on a seasonal basis near Yosemite. For additional information, contact Groveland Ranger Station at 209/962-7825; Mariposa Ranger Station at 209/966-3638; Mono Lake Ranger Station at 760/647-3044; or Oakhurst Ranger Station at 559/683-4636. For private campgrounds outside Yosemite, call the respective chamber of commerce or visitor bureau listed on page 10.

Group Campgrounds

There are group campsites at Tuolumne Meadows, Hodgdon Meadow, Wawona, and Bridalveil Creek Campgrounds. Reservations can be made the same way as individual site reservations; 13 to 30 people are allowed in each group campsite. Tent camping only. Pets, RVs, and generators are not permitted in group sites.

Campgrounds in Yosemite National Park*

CAMPGROUND	OPEN 2014 (APPROX)	MAX RV LENGTH	MAX TRAILER LENGTH	RESERVATIONS REQUIRED?	DAILY FEE	# OF SITES	PETS	WATER
YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Upper Pines	All year	35 ft	24 ft	March 19 - Dec 1	\$20	238	Yes	Tap
Lower Pines	Mar 26- Oct 27	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$20	60	Yes	Tap
North Pines	Apr 2 - Nov 3	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$20	81	Yes	Tap
Camp 4	All year	No RVs/trailers	n/a	First-come, first-served	\$5/pers.	35	No	Tap
SOUTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Wawona	All year	35 ft	35 ft	April 17- Oct 7	\$20	93	Yes	Tap
Bridalveil Creek	June 13 - Sep 22	35 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$14	110	Yes	Tap
NORTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Hodgdon Meadow	All year	35 ft	27 ft	Apr 17 – Oct 15	\$20	105	Yes	Tap
Crane Flat	May 23 - Oct 14	35 ft	27 ft	Yes	\$20	166	Yes	Tap
Tamarack Flat	May 23- Oct 1	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$10	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
White Wolf	May 30 - Sep 15	27 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$14	74	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Creek	June 6 - Sep 8	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$10	75	Yes	Creek (boil)
Porcupine Flat	June 13 – Oct 15	24 ft (limited)	20 ft	First-come, first-served	\$10	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
Tuolumne Meadows	June 8- Sep 28	35 ft	35 ft	50%	\$20	304	Yes	Tap

* Exact campground opening and closing dates are subject to conditions.

Hiking



Glacier Point at the top of the Four Mile Trail, Yosemite National Park. Photo by Kirsten Friedman

Choose your adventure

With over 800 miles of hiking trails, what better way to enjoy the beauty of Yosemite than on foot? Ask a ranger at any visitor center for one of several free, day-hike handouts. Excellent maps and guidebooks are available at bookstores throughout the park.

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, 1 hour round-trip to Mirror Lake, 5 miles, loop around lake	Easy / Moderate for full loop
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	7 miles round-trip, 5-6 hours	Strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Top of Half Dome	same as above	14 mi (via Mist Trail) or 16.3 mi (via John Muir Trail) round-trip, 10-12 hours	Extremely Strenuous, 4,800-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point	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

Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
WAWONA			
Wawona Meadow Loop	Wawona Hotel	3.5 miles round-trip, 1.5 hours	Easy
Swinging Bridge Loop	Wawona Store / Pioneer Yosemite Hist. Ctr. Parking Area	4.75 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
GLACIER POINT ROAD			
Taft Point	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Easy to Moderate
Sentinel Dome	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
TUOLUMNE MEADOWS AREA			
Soda Springs / Parsons Lodge	Lembert Dome Parking Area	1.5 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Lembert Dome	Lembert Dome Parking Area	4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderately Strenuous
John Muir Trail through Lyell Canyon	Dog Lake Parking Area	8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours	Easy, 200-foot gain
Elizabeth Lake	Tuolumne Meadows Group Campground	4.8 miles round trip, 4 to 5 hours	Moderate
TIOGA ROAD			
Lukens Lake	White Wolf ¹	5.4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderate
Yosemite Valley via Porcupine Creek	Porcupine Creek ¹	7 miles one-way, 4 to 6 hours	Moderate, 3,500- to 4,000-foot loss
Yosemite Valley via Yosemite Creek	Lukens Lake Trailhead ¹	10.5 miles one-way, 5 to 9 hours	Moderately Strenuous 3,500- to 4,000-foot loss
Yosemite Valley via Clouds Rest	Tenaya Lake ¹	19 miles one-way, 10 to 12 hours	Strenuous
HETCH HETCHY			
Wapama Falls	O'Shaughnessy Dam	5 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Easy to Moderate

¹These are drop-off points via the Tuolumne Meadows Hikers' Bus.

Featured Hike

The Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point

Union Point: 2.8 miles/4.5 km one-way (5.6 miles/9 km round-trip); 3 to 4 hours round-trip with 2,200 ft./670 m elevation gain.

Glacier Point: 4.8 miles/7.7 km one-way (9.6 miles/15.4 km round-trip); 6 to 8 hours round-trip with 3,200 ft/975 m elevation gain.

Begin at the **Four Mile Trailhead** nearest to **shuttle stop #7** or **El Capitan shuttle stop #E5**.

Please note: There is no regularly scheduled shuttle one way from Glacier Point back to Yosemite Valley, please inquire at a Tour Desk or call 209/372-1240 for one-way transportation information.

Trail Description:

The Four Mile Trail is really 4.8 miles because it has had to be rerouted since its original construction. It is a steep, steady uphill hike to Yosemite's most famous viewpoint. The trail provides a great workout where the ever-changing perspective of the valley floor will keep your mind off the steep ascent. Towering overhead is the vertical fault slab of Sentinel Rock beneath which the trail begins its switchback ascent among huge, mossy boulders, shady Live oaks, Bay laurels, and Big-leaf maples. At about three-quarters of the way, you arrive at a short spur trail to Union Point where Tenaya Canyon, North Dome, Clouds Rest, and Half Dome come into view. You can even reward yourself with a snack and cold drink at the top from the Glacier Point Snack Stand.

Things to know before you go:

- Bring and consume plenty of water and snacks along the way as you hike, keeping you hydrated and replenishing your energy.
- Wear appropriate, sturdy hiking footwear and bring extra layers for changing weather conditions (raingear, warmer layers, etc.).
- Carry a flashlight with extra batteries, a first-aid kit, and any additional medications you might need during the hike.



Inspiring Generations for 150 Years Yosemite Grant Act 1864-2014

Feature Story by Park Ranger Dean Shenk



June of 1864 was exactly 150 years ago. The drama, battles, injuries and deaths of America's Civil War had been dragging on for more than three stressful years. Nobody knew if the United States of America would remain one country or be split into two.

In the midst of all of this drama, anger and bloodshed something remarkable happened. The efforts of a handful of dedicated individuals inspired the United States Senate, Congress and President Abraham Lincoln to look beyond the war and provide governmental protection of the spectacular scenery of Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. During the ugly times of the Civil War, Congress provided formal protection to the exceptional natural resources that Native Americans had been preserving for generations.

This federal law, signed by President Lincoln on June 30, 1864 "granted" to the State of California the authority of managing and protecting "the 'Cleft' or 'Gorge' in the Granite Peak of the Sierra Nevada Mountains... "known as the Yosemite Valley" and the "Mariposa Big Tree Grove." What we would today call a State Park was hereby established and became known as the "Yosemite Grant." This was the beginning of the California State Park System and laid the groundwork for the protection of the Yellowstone area eight years later and the foundation of what would become America's National Parks.

Yosemite pioneer Galen Clark, who is recognized as California's first Park Ranger by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, said that Jessie Benton Fremont and Israel Ward Raymond were "the most active workers on the Yosemite park proposal." Raymond was a "public-spirited citizen" and the California representative of the Central American Steamship Transit Company of New York. Fremont grew up near Washington D.C. as the

daughter of influential Senator Thomas Hart Benton from Missouri; she was comfortable with the inner workings and inner circles of Washington D.C. Jessie Benton Fremont was married to John C. Fremont, known as the "Pathfinder to the West," the first U.S. Senator to represent California, and in 1856 John C. Fremont was the first republican to run for President of the United States. Jessie Benton Fremont is one of the unsung heroes who helped to insure that Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove would be protected for all time. In the late 1850's she lived outside of Mariposa for several years and visited Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove when only hundreds of tourists had made the trip. While living in Mariposa's Bear Valley, then when she moved to San Francisco and later when she returned east, she used her influence to popularize the beauty of Yosemite and the idea of its protection.

Frederick Law Olmsted, one of the designers of New York's Central Park, was for a short time an employee of the Fremont's as manager of their gold mines in Mariposa, and was also important in the creation of the Yosemite Grant and in the early management of Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove.

The beauty and majesty of Yosemite and the Mariposa Grove have impressed people throughout time, but it seems astonishing that in the midst of America's Civil War Congress and President Lincoln took action to insure the protection of this remarkable place

Whether you are reading these words while in Yosemite National Park, while planning a trip to Yosemite, or as you remember a visit to Yosemite, please consider and honor the milestone of the Yosemite Grant Act of 1864.

150th Anniversary Day Activities

MONDAY, June 30th*

11:00am-3:30pm **150th Anniversary Shared Heritage Fair**

Drop by the fair in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center at any time to explore some of the ways that Yosemite inspires the world.

11:00am **The Power of Protection: A Walk into History** 1 hr.

Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist-guide on an easy stroll to explore the stories of the people who initiated Yosemite's protection and persevered. Meet in front of the Yosemite Museum.

11:00am **Children's Photography Walk** 1.5 hrs.

Plan to spend over an hour in the field with your kids and our Staff Photographer getting creative and having fun with photography. No age limit, but the child should be able to follow directions from an instructor for an hour and be able to operate their own camera. Limited space. Sign-up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery.

11:00am **Photography Walk** 1.5 hrs.

Join us in the field with our Staff Photographer reviewing both technical aspects of photography and artistic composition. Limited space. Sign-up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery.

12:00pm **Lower Yosemite Falls: Learn the History and Lend a Helping Hand** 1 hr.

Take a walk to Lower Yosemite Falls with Yosemite Conservancy naturalist-guide Dan Webster. Learn about the interesting natural and cultural history of this area while cleaning up this well used location. Meet in front of the Yosemite Museum.

1:00pm **The Times they are a Changing: Plants, Fire and Humans in Yosemite's Meadows** 1 hr.

Walk and explore the ways in which Yosemite Valley has changed in the past 150 years and meet the people who influenced these alterations with a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist-guide. Meet in front of the Yosemite Museum.

1:00pm **Children's Story Reading** 30 min.

Listen in on some Yosemite tales for the younger crowd. Main stage in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

1:00pm **Stroll with Galen Clark, Yosemite's First Guardian Ranger** 45 min.

Take a stroll with Galen Clark (Miles Standish) who was Yosemite's first ranger appointed in 1866. Learn about his observations on managing Yosemite Valley during the era when it was a State Park and visit the Clark gravesite in the Yosemite Cemetery. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

1:00pm **Using Your Digital Camera: Inspiring Generations with Photography**

4 hrs. Sign-up meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Limited space and fee required.

2:00pm **Stroll with Galen Clark, Yosemite's First Guardian Ranger** 45 mins.

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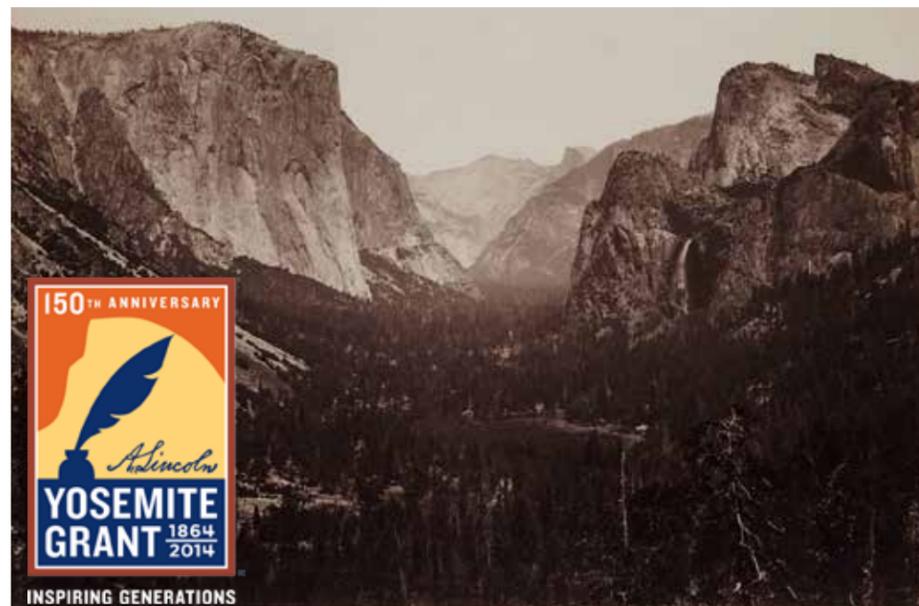
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3:00pm **Yosemite Grant 150th Commemoration: Parks Heritage** 30 min.

A public celebration to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Yosemite Grant: Join National Park Service and California State Park officials as they talk about the shared heritage in Yosemite and how the park movement has spread worldwide. Main stage in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

*For a complete list of anniversary activities, check at any visitor center!



Top: Holmes Brothers in Car, Yosemite Valley. Bottom: Yosemite Valley, Carleton Watkins. Photos courtesy of the Yosemite Research Library

Supporting Your Park

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.



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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



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Through the support of donors, Yosemite Conservancy provides grants and support to Yosemite National Park to help preserve and protect Yosemite today and for future generations. The work funded by Yosemite Conservancy is visible throughout the park, from trail rehabilitation to wildlife protection and habitat restoration. The Conservancy is dedicated to enhancing the visitor experience and providing a deeper connection to the park through outdoor programs, volunteering and wilderness services. Thanks to dedicated supporters, the Conservancy has provided more than \$81 million in grants to Yosemite National Park. Donate now or learn more at www.yosemiteconservancy.org or call 1-800-469-7275.



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Over 10,100 volunteers donated more than 170,000 hours of service to Yosemite last year, restoring native habitat, working in visitor centers, serving as camp hosts, studying wildlife, cleaning up litter and more. Would you like to serve? We have group and individual volunteer opportunities, both short term and long term. Learn more at www.nps.gov/yose/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm or call the volunteer office at 209/379-1850.



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