

Yosemite Guide



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Albert Bierstadt's 19th-century oil paintings captured the dramatic scenery of the Sierra Nevada, and helped inspire early efforts to protect public lands. This 1865 piece shows a view looking west through Yosemite Valley. Do you recognize these famous features? **Credit: Albert Bierstadt (Public Domain)**

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Yosemite Valley Shuttle System

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System

Year-round Route:
 Valley Shuttle

Summer-only Route:
 El Capitan Shuttle

Legend:
 Campground
 Parking
 Picnic Area
 Restroom
 Walk-In Campground

The Yosemite Valley Shuttle operates from 7am to 10pm and serves stops in numerical order. Shuttles run daily every 10 to 20 minutes. The El Capitan Shuttle will run from 9am to 7pm, every 30 minutes. See schedules posted at shuttle stops.

Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location
1	Yosemite Village Parking	11	Sentinel Bridge	17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
2	10 Yosemite Village	12	Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center / Housekeeping Camp	18	North Pines Campground
3	3 The Majestic Yosemite Hotel	13	13 Yosemite Village	19	Pines Campgrounds
4	4 Degnan's Kitchen	14	20 * Half Dome Village Parking	E3	El Capitan Picnic Area
5	9 9 Yosemite Valley Visitor Center	15	* Upper Pines Campground / Trailhead Parking	E4	El Capitan Crossover
6	6 Lower Yosemite Fall	16	16 Happy Isles / Mist Trail	E5	Cathedral Beach Picnic Area
7	7 7 Camp 4 / Yosemite Falls Parking			E6	Four Mile Trailhead
8	8 Yosemite Valley Lodge				

**Shuttle bus route may change due to high traffic volumes.*

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Seasonal Highlights

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

WELCOME

You made it! You're here! The following information may help maximize your time in Yosemite. Be prepared to go wild!

Ask A Ranger at the Visitor Center

All visitor centers in Yosemite National Park are staffed with knowledgeable rangers and volunteers, ready to help answer your questions, provide directions, and hand out maps and brochures. Visitor centers are located in Yosemite Valley, Big Oak Flat, Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows. See pages 5, 8, and 10 for hours and more details.

Pop-up Information Centers

Look for pop-up blue booths, which are staffed with Yosemite Conservancy volunteers who are ready to answer your questions or give you directions. If you're interested in volunteering with the Yosemite Conservancy in the park, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/volunteer.

What's New? Mariposa Grove is Open!

After three years of restoration projects, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias has reopened. Take some time to walk among the Giants. See page 8 for details.

ARTS & CULTURE

Visit the Yosemite Museum

Learn the history of Yosemite Indians by exploring a museum collection that includes remarkable woven baskets and traditional dress. Tour the outdoor Indian Village or talk with an Indian cultural demonstrator. Shuttle stops #5 and #9.

Take a Photography Class

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

Go to the Theater

After a day filled with exploring, relax and enjoy a show at the Yosemite Theater. The 2018 season includes inspiring films, plays based on some of the park's most colorful characters, and celebrations of Yosemite's culture and history. See page 6 for show descriptions and schedules.



A *Continuing Legacy in Yosemite Romanticism - New Oil Paintings by James McGrew*, will open at The Ansel Adams Gallery on September 30 and run through November 17. A reception for the artist will be held on October 24 and Mr. McGrew will be in attendance. We hope to see you there!

Get outside and enjoy your park!

Summer offers spectacular views of waterfalls, great hiking, and other endless opportunities for recreation. Find the adventures that will make lasting Yosemite memories for years to come.

Enjoy an Art Workshop

Get creative in Yosemite Valley this summer! Head to Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (shuttle stop #16) to join Yosemite Conservancy for an outdoor workshop with a professional artist, or bring the kids for special classes tailored to the park's youngest visitors. The Happy Isles Nature Center is open daily from 9am to 4pm. See page 6 for details.

GUIDED OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Adventure Out with the Yosemite Mountaineering School

The Yosemite Mountaineering School provides outdoor adventures for people of all experience levels. We are here to help you learn how to enjoy Yosemite safely and responsibly. Give us a call to join one of our group classes or schedule

a custom outing designed specifically for your group. We offer professional guides for hiking, backpacking and rock climbing. Reservations are required. Please call Yosemite Mountaineering School at (209) 372-8344 or email yms@aramark.com for more information and to make reservations.

Get Outdoors with the Yosemite Conservancy

Are you looking for a memorable way to explore the park? Go on a Custom Adventure with Yosemite Conservancy! These personalized guided programs are tailored to your interests and schedule. For details, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures, or call (209) 379-2317, ext. 10. See page 6 for more ways to get outside with the Conservancy.

FAMILY FUN

Stroll with a Ranger

Learn about the wonders of the park on a ranger-guided stroll. Programs are offered daily throughout the park on various topics including bears, waterfalls, and more. See pages 6, 7, 9, and 11 for details.

Explore Like A Junior Ranger!

Become a Junior Ranger and learn how you can help protect your park. To become a Junior Ranger, purchase a self-guided booklet, attend a guided program, collect a bag of trash, then take your oath and earn your badge. Guided programs are listed on pages 6, 7, 9, and 11. See page 12 for details.

Attend an Evening Program at Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge) is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am until 4pm. Free evening programs are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings at 8pm. Seating is available for 50 guests. The Center, located at shuttle stop #12, has a natural history library, a children's corner and library, and historical exhibits. Call (209) 372-4542 for program details.

Drop In and Volunteer

Want to give back to the park? Consider donating some of your time with the Volunteer Drop-In Program, a family-friendly activity where you can take an active role in protecting and preserving our natural resources! Come create new memories while removing invasive species, collecting native seeds, and picking up litter. The Drop-In Program meets every Friday at 9:30am in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Projects will last 1 to 3 hours and volunteers must wear long pants and closed-toe shoes. Sun protection, water, and snacks are recommended. Youth under eighteen must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Questions? Email yose_volunteers@nps.gov, or call (209) 379-1850.

GETTING AROUND

Take the Free Shuttle

Park your car and let the free shuttle take you to the most scenic points in the valley. You will help cut down on traffic congestion, and will be able to capture the best pictures. See schedules posted at shuttle stops.

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.



Sign Language interpreting is available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at (209) 379-5250 (v/txt). Two weeks advance notice is requested.



Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advance request, inquire at a visitor center.



Audio tours are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator 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.

Emergency Information

Emergency Dial 9-1-1

Yosemite Village Garage - offers 24-hour emergency roadside assistance

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

Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley)

Open 7 days per week from 9am to 7pm for primary and urgent care needs. Ambulance available 24 hours by calling 9-1-1.
Medical Clinic Phone: (209) 372-4637.

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, email yose_lostandfound@nps.gov

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Welcome to Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Entrance Fees

Non-commercial car, truck, RV, or van with 15 or fewer passenger seats
(No per-person fee)

Vehicle Valid for 7 days
\$35/Vehicle

Motorcycle Valid for 7 days
\$30/motorcycle

Individual Valid for 7 days
\$20 (In a bus, on foot, bicycle, or horse),

Yosemite Pass \$70,
Valid for one year in Yosemite.

Interagency Annual Pass \$80
Valid for one year at all federal recreation sites.

Interagency Senior Pass \$80
(Lifetime) For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.

Interagency Annual Senior Pass \$20
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.

Interagency 4th Grade Pass (Free)
(Annual) For fourth graders and their families. Must present paper voucher.

Reservations

Campground Reservations
(877) 444-6777
www.recreation.gov

Lodging Reservations
(888) 413-8869
www.travelyosemite.com
Group Sales Office: (888) 339-3481

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) 878-3329

Highway 140/49
California Welcome Center, Merced
(800) 446-5353 or (209) 724-8104
www.yosemite-gateway.org

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

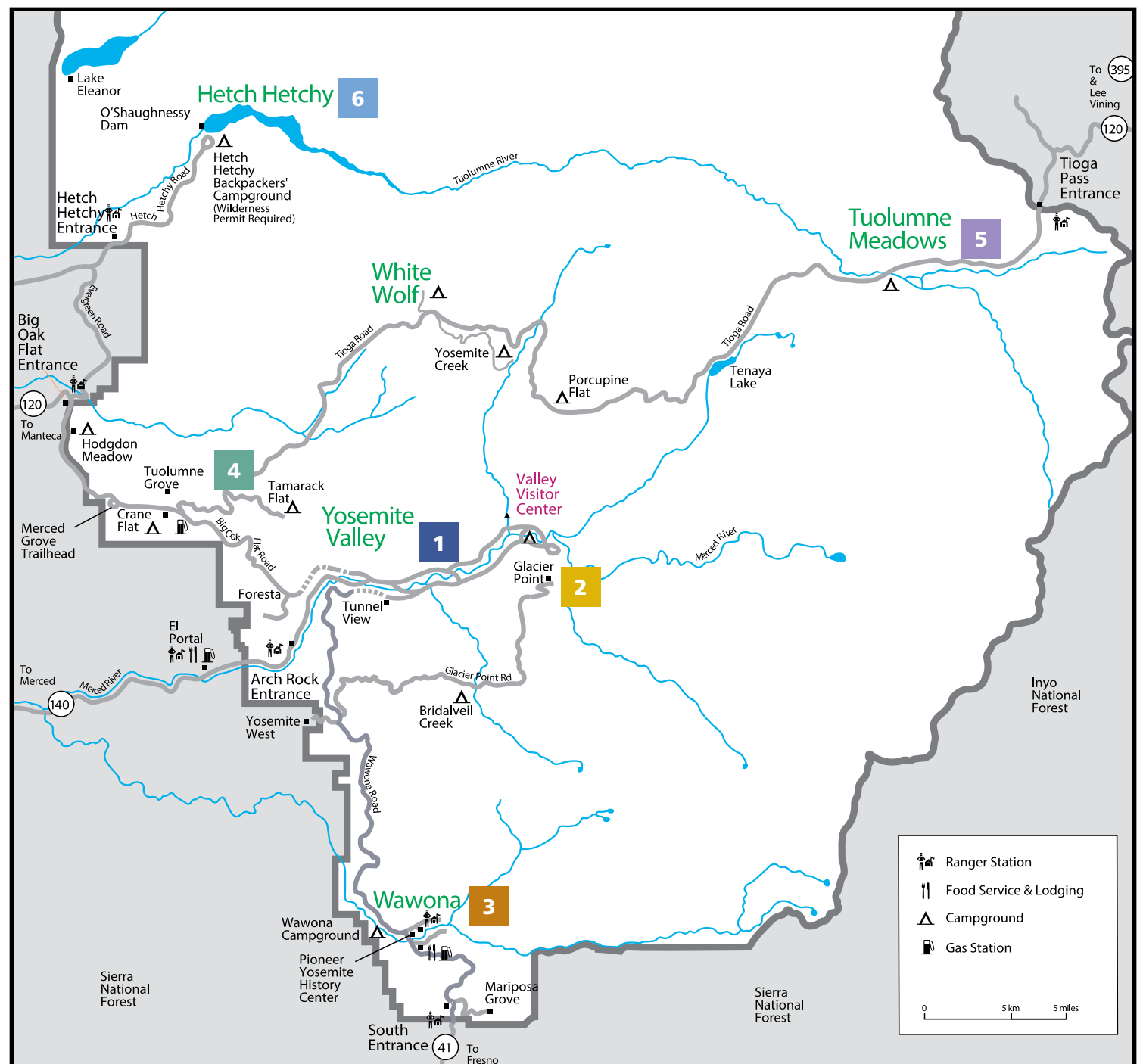
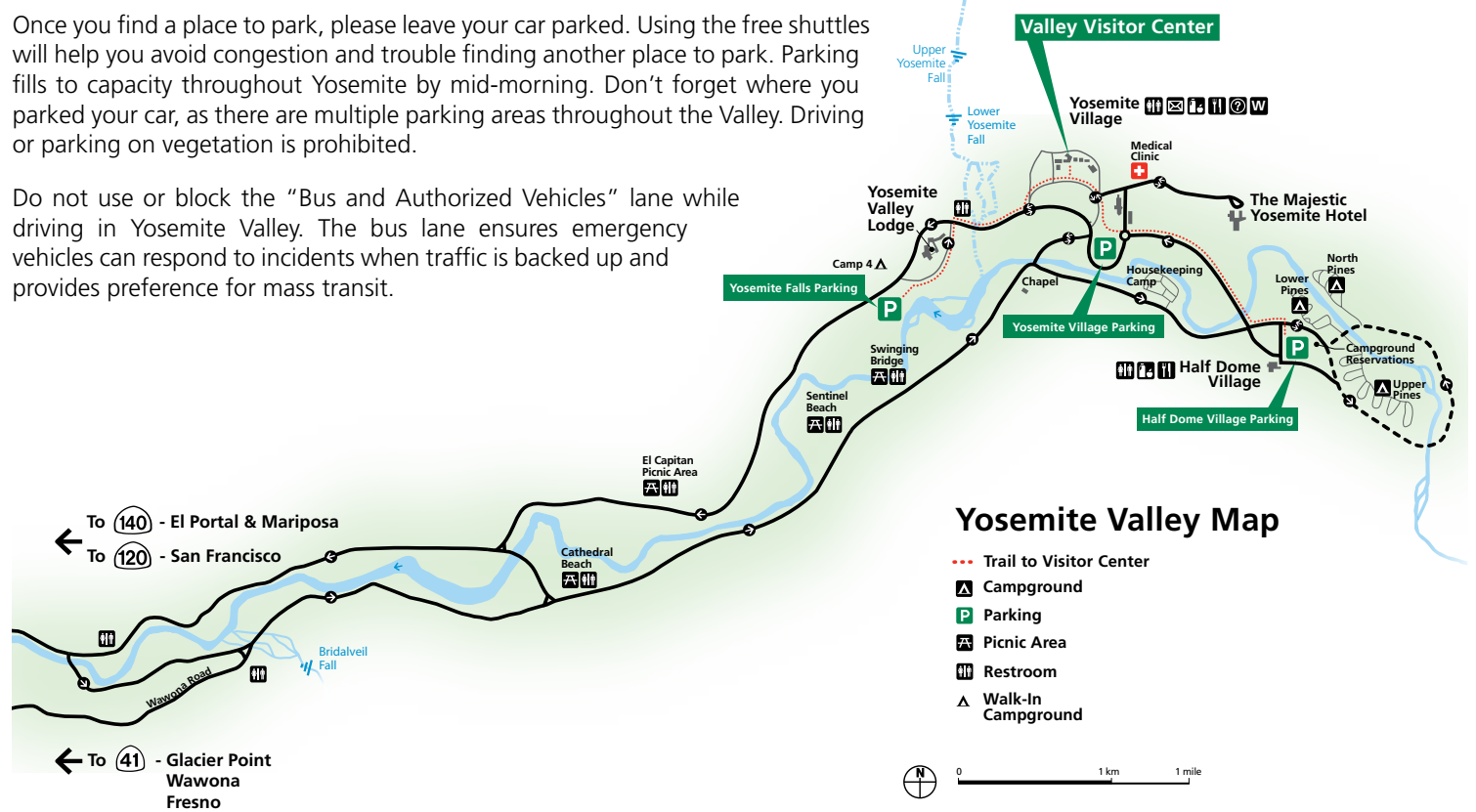
Yosemite Travel Tips

The busy summer months have arrived! If you haven't already, you're likely to experience congestion, especially in Yosemite Valley. Be prepared for two- to three-hour delays, especially in afternoons and on weekends. Plan accordingly and use restrooms when available.

If you're visiting Yosemite Valley for the day, look for parking in three major parking lots: Yosemite Falls Parking Lot, Yosemite Village Parking Lot, and at Half Dome Village Parking (formerly Curry Village). Free shuttle service to destinations throughout Yosemite Valley is available from each of these parking lots. If you have lodging or campground reservations, please park at your lodge or campsite.

Once you find a place to park, please leave your car parked. Using the free shuttles will help you avoid congestion and trouble finding another place to park. Parking fills to capacity throughout Yosemite by mid-morning. Don't forget where you parked your car, as there are multiple parking areas throughout the Valley. Driving or parking on vegetation is prohibited.

Do not use or block the "Bus and Authorized Vehicles" lane while driving in Yosemite Valley. The bus lane ensures emergency vehicles can respond to incidents when traffic is backed up and provides preference for mass transit.



Yosemite Valley

1 Yosemite Valley, open year-round, is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. 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 a 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, or tour, you will behold scenery that will leave you breathless and eager to see what's around the next corner.

Glacier Point

2 Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and 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.

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. See page 8 for when and how to visit the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. 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, or hike one of the scenic trails. For more information, visit the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio, adjacent to the Big Trees Lodge. This was once a painting studio for the 19th-century artist Thomas Hill.

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 November. The road's elevation ranges from 6,200 feet to nearly 10,000 feet. 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.

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, Lembert Dome, or along the Tuolumne River through Lyell Canyon. Take advantage of the Tuolumne Meadows Hikers' Bus from Yosemite Valley.

Hetch Hetchy

6 Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the City of San Francisco, is home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. The area's low elevation makes it a good place to hike in autumn and winter. The Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles (1½ hour) from Yosemite Valley via the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120W) and the Evergreen Road. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open from 7am to 9pm, May 1 through Labor Day. Wilderness permits and bear canisters are available at the entrance station from 7am to 5pm. Vehicles and/or trailers over 25 feet long, and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.



Half Dome view from Glacier Point. Photo by Armand Williams



The Mariposa Grove. Photo by Christine Loberg



Tenaya Lake. Photo by Kenny Karst



Tuolumne River at Tuolumne Meadows. Photo by Ryan Alonzo



Hetch Hetchy. Photo by Sheree Peshlakai

Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park



"Blue is the New Great Gray" painting by Theresa Grams

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. Let your senses run wild as you learn about the scenery that surrounds you. See pages 5, 6, and 7 for more information on programs and other visitor services.

Naturalist Programs

Naturalists give walks and talks about Yosemite's natural and cultural history, every day. 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.

Tours

Tours listed below depart from Yosemite Valley Lodge and are weather dependent.

The **Valley Floor Tour** is a 26-mile, two-hour open-air tram tour narrated by a park ranger. Ask about Moonlight Tours, Starry Skies at Glacier Point Tours, and the Tuolumne Meadows Hiker's Bus.

The **Glacier Point Tour** is offered daily. One-way tickets are available for those who want to hike into Yosemite Valley from Glacier Point.

The full-day **Yosemite Grand Tour** combines Yosemite Valley, Glacier Point and Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias into one memorable tour. *Ends Sep 16.*

For more information on departure times or to make reservations, call (209) 372-1240 or inquire at any of the Tour and Activity Desks at Yosemite Valley Lodge, Yosemite Village, or Half Dome Village.

Bicycling

Experience Yosemite Valley on a bicycle. Use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Valley Lodge or Half Dome Village, open 10am to 5pm, *10am to 4pm, beginning Sep 4.* Bicycles are only allowed on paved roads and paved bicycle paths.

Sightseeing

Some famous, awe-inspiring landmarks that Yosemite Valley is known for include:

- **Yosemite Falls** gives the Valley an extra touch of life when it's flowing with spring runoff. Walk to its base or take the strenuous trail to its top.
- **Half Dome**, a distinctive monument, dominates most views in Yosemite Valley. Forces of uplift, erosion, and rockfall all shaped this feature into what we see today. Cook's Meadow, Sentinel Bridge, and Glacier Point, grant 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. See if you can spot climbers on El Capitan through your binoculars and discover the thrill of the vertical wilderness.
- **Happy Isles** is a place to see dramatic natural processes at work. It is easily reached by shuttle at stop #16. Cross the footbridges onto the isles, wander

through indoor and outdoor exhibits detailing Yosemite's geologic story, or connect with nature through daily art workshops and activities.

- **Tunnel View**, along Wawona Road (Hwy 41) showcases the immensity of the granite walls that surround Yosemite Valley, providing a classic view of El Capitan, Half Dome, Cathedral Rocks, and Bridalveil Fall. It is spectacular at sunset or after the clearing of a storm.

Yosemite Renaissance 34 - Call For Entries

If you are an amateur or professional artist, this is a fabulous opportunity to share your vision! Yosemite Renaissance offers artists inspired by Yosemite and the California Sierra Nevada a unique opportunity to display their work. For over 150 years, artists have played an important role in the establishment of our state and national parks, inspiring people to visit iconic natural sites, and to protect our natural resources. Yosemite Renaissance is dedicated to this ideal. The exhibit opens at the historic Yosemite National Park Museum Gallery in the heart of Yosemite Valley, then travels to other art centers across California. The exhibit includes painting, photography, textiles, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics and more. The call to artists begins September 1, 2018. \$5000 in cash awards will be presented at the reception in February 2019. Visit www.yosemiterenaissance.org to apply! Yosemite Renaissance is supported by Mariposa County, Ansel Adams Gallery, Visit Yosemite Madera County, and the National Park Service.

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 Kitchen

7am to 6pm

The Loft at Degnan's

12pm to 9pm

Village Grill

11am to 6pm

The Majestic Yosemite Hotel

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.

Phone: (209) 372-1403

Coffee Bar

7am to 10:30am

The Majestic Bar

11:30am to 11pm

Yosemite Valley Lodge

Base Camp Eatery Starbucks

6am to 9pm

Base Camp Eatery

Breakfast: 6:30am to 11am

Lunch: 11am to 4:30pm

Dinner: 4:30pm to 10pm

Mountain Room Lounge

Monday - Friday

4:30pm to 11pm

Saturday & Sunday

Noon to 11pm

Mountain Room Restaurant

Reservations taken for 8 or more,

(209) 372-1281 or (209) 372-1403

Dinner: 5pm to 10pm

Half Dome Village

Coffee Corner

6am to 11am,

7am to 11am beginning Sep 10

Coffee Corner ice Cream Service

5pm to 9:30pm, Closes for the season Sep 9

Half Dome Village Bar

Monday - Thursday: 5pm to 9pm

Friday - Sunday: 12pm to 9pm

Pavilion

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Dinner: 5:30pm to 8pm

Pizza Deck

12pm to 9pm

Meadow Grill

Closed for the season

BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL

Yosemite Village

The Ansel Adams Gallery

9am to 6pm

Yosemite Valley Visitor Center

9am to 5pm

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center

9am to 5pm

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Yosemite Museum

9am to 5pm, *may close for lunch*

Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center

8am to 5pm

Village Store

8am to 10pm,

8am to 9pm beginning Sep 3

The Majestic Yosemite Hotel

The Gift Shop

8am to 10pm,

8am to 9pm beginning Sep 16

The Sweet Shop

7am to 10pm

Yosemite Valley Lodge

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm,

8am to 8pm beginning Sep 3

Half Dome Village

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm,

8am to 8pm beginning Sep 10

Housekeeping Camp

Gift/Grocery

8am to 8pm

Happy Isles

Happy Isles Art and Nature Center

9am to 4pm

Yosemite Valley

Where to go and what to do

Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

Open from 9am to 5pm. The facility offers information, maps, and books, and is located near shuttle stops #5/#9. Explore exhibits and learn more about Yosemite.

Yosemite Films

Two films show daily, every half hour starting at 9:30am, except Sundays, when the first show 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, in the Theater behind the Visitor Center.

Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the visitor center. The museum is open daily from 9am to 5pm, *may close for lunch*.

Exhibit:

Yosemite Viewed: 19th and 20th Century Landscape Paintings

June 1, 2018 – September 2, 2018

Featuring paintings from the Yosemite Museum collection, representing a variety of styles and approaches to the artistic interpretation of this grand landscape.

New Exhibit:

The Museum Set: 45 Ansel Adams Prints

September 21, 2018 - November 25, 2018

This exhibit features prints that were selected and made by Ansel Adams as part of the Museum Set Edition of Fine Prints. Open daily from 10am to 4pm.

Indian Cultural Exhibit

Open daily from 9am to 5pm. Explore the living cultural history of Yosemite's native people. See Indian cultural exhibits and daily demonstrations of stone tool making, basket weaving, beadwork, flutes, and more. Follow a self-guided accessible trail through an active re-constructed Miwok Village behind the museum to learn about the significant plants and structures.

Yosemite Museum Store

Open daily, 9am to 5pm, *may close for lunch*. Find traditional American Indian arts, crafts, jewelry, and books.

Wilderness Center

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

Happy Isles Art and Nature Center

Open 9am to 4pm. Designed for nature-lovers of all ages, the center offers workshops with professional artists, creative classes for kids, natural history exhibits, and more. Located a short walk from shuttle stop #16.



Road to Home, by Roman Loranc

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Yosemite 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 details, call (209) 372-4413, or visit www.anseladams.com.

Exhibit:

Roman Loranc: *Within Sight - The Road to Home*

August 26, 2018 – October 6, 2018

The Ansel Adams Gallery welcomes an artist from our past back into the fold. We are lucky to display work by Mr. Roman Loranc in our new exhibition: *Within Sight - The Road to Home*. Mr. Loranc has written of his growing body of imagery:

"As a child in Poland I spent many pleasurable hours exploring the woods, rivers and meadow marshlands in the mountains around my home, the small village of Rybarzowice. These places were safe havens for me and left me with an appreciation of nature that has continued throughout my life. When I first came to California, I became acquainted with the Merced National Wildlife Refuge in the Central Valley. Efforts were being made to restore the wetlands that had once been prolific in that area but were being diminished at an alarming pace. Through

my photography, I joined the conservation efforts being made to save natural and wild places. My hope remains that sharing my artistic visions will inspire deeper appreciation of these pristine landscapes which are precious resources meriting preservation."

Roman has a new monograph, *Traces*, that will be published this autumn. The Ansel Adams Gallery will be hosting a book signing for *Traces* on Saturday, September 15, from 3pm to 5pm.

New Exhibit:

A Continuing Legacy in Yosemite Romanticism - New Oil Paintings by James McGrew

October 7, 2018 – November 24, 2018

For autumn, The Ansel Adams Gallery will host *A Continuing Legacy in Yosemite Romanticism - New Oil Paintings by James McGrew*, an exhibition that embraces not only our own roots as one of the longest running businesses in any National Park, but will also pay homage to the role that art has had in the establishment of some of our most sacred lands.

In the early days of Yosemite's preservation and establishment, famous artists who painted the Yosemite landscape were most influenced by the popular genres of Romanticism, Barbizon and Hudson River Schools. Such early paintings coupled with

photography helped to establish Yosemite as a protected area for public enjoyment. Likewise, artist's images helped establish other early national parks like Yellowstone, Zion and Grand Canyon. In 1902, landscape painter Harry Cassie Best first established the studio/ gallery in Yosemite that would later lead to The Ansel Adams Gallery. Working to carry on the historic legacy of inspiring connections and preservation, James McGrew paints in a style reminiscent of Yosemite's early artists, though uniquely his own and influenced by his background in natural sciences and a life-long love of Yosemite. From the grand iconic views to less well known aspects of the park, McGrew interprets Yosemite through a diversity of perspectives depicting changing seasons. The show will consist of oil paintings produced throughout the past year, mostly painted en plein air. Like the historic artists, McGrew also used his plein air studies to create the larger studio works included in the exhibit. The artist has said of his work: "My goal is to convey not only a faithful visual representation of Yosemite throughout its many moods, majestic grandeur, light, atmosphere, but more importantly to interpret the emotion I felt while experiencing the events depicted in the paintings."

A Continuing Legacy in Yosemite Romanticism will open at The Ansel Adams Gallery on October 7. A reception for the artist will be held on October 24 and Mr. McGrew will be in attendance. We hope to see you there!

VALLEY SERVICES

GARAGE

Yosemite Village

8am to 5pm, *Closed for 1 hour at noon*
24 hour AAA towing, NO gas, Propane service until 4:30pm. (209) 372-1060

POST OFFICES

Yosemite Village

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

Yosemite Valley Lodge

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

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

Yosemite Village

Tour and Activity Desk - Village Store
7:30am to 3:30pm

Yosemite Valley Lodge

Tour and Activity Desk
7:30am to 7pm,
7:30am to 3pm beginning Sep 10

Bike Rentals
8am to 7pm,
10am to 4pm beginning Sep 4

Half Dome Village

Tour and Activity Desk
7:30am to 3pm
Mountain Shop
9am to 6pm,

SHOWERS AND LAUNDRY

Housekeeping Camp
Showers - 7am to 10pm
Laundry - 8am to 10pm
Half Dome Village
Showers open 24 hours

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

August 29, 2018 - October 2, 2018



Park Ranger Adam Ramsey gives a geology program. NPS Photo

Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures (YC)

Experience the park in a new way with Yosemite Conservancy's naturalist guides! Enjoy guided hikes and backpacking trips, traditional basket-weaving workshops, and more. Upcoming outings in and around Yosemite Valley include:

- Sep 8 *Overnight Under the Milky Way*
- Sep 13-Sep 16 *Backpack to Half Dome: Two-Night Summit Challenge*
- Sep 14-Sep 16 *Dine and Discover: Exploring Yosemite Wildlife*
- Sep 21-Sep 23 *Dine and Discover: American Indian Food Preparation and Acorn Basketry*
- Sep 28-Sep 30 *Yosemite Miwok-Paiute Basketry*

To learn more and sign up, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or call (209) 379-2317 ext. 10. Custom Adventures can be arranged for individuals and groups. Proceeds from our programs help preserve and protect Yosemite. See page 11 for details on adventures based in the Tuolumne Meadows and White Wolf areas.

Yosemite Theater (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy's theater program offers entertainment and inspiration through live performances, educational presentations, and beautiful films. All shows start at 7pm at the Yosemite Theater, located at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, shuttle bus stops #5 and #9. Get your tickets (\$10 per person, free tickets for children under age 12) at Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores, Tour & Activity Desks (see page 5 for locations), or at the theater before show time.

Yosemite Search and Rescue (Tuesdays). Hear stories about emergency response missions in the park from Yosemite's expert Search and Rescue rangers.

John Muir Series: Conversation with a Tramp (Wednesdays). Meet John Muir in the early 1900s, as he receives news on the fate of Hetch Hetchy Valley. Live performance by Lee Stetson.

John Muir Series: John Muir is Back! (Thursdays). As modern-day environmental woes threaten his beloved planet, Muir urges us to become better stewards of the natural world. Live performance by Lee Stetson.

Growing Up in Yosemite: The Spirited Life of Florence Hutchings (Fridays). Travel back to the 19th century to see what life was like for a spirited girl growing up in Yosemite Valley. Live performance by Audrey Davis.

Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey (Saturdays). Join rock-climber Ron Kauk for a film and conversation celebrating Yosemite's vertical world.

Yosemite Conservancy Art Programs (YC)

Join Yosemite Conservancy for a range of activities at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Learn from a professional artist, stop by family-friendly crafts and activities, browse supplies and original artwork, and more. The center is open daily, 9am to 4pm. Upcoming programs include:

- Aug 27-Sep 1 *Drawing Yosemite with Ink with Maggie Warner*
- Sep 3-Sep 8 *Yosemite's Wonders in Watercolor with Michael Friedland*
- Sep 10-Sep 15 *Successful Acrylic Painting with Trowzers Akimbo*
- Sep 17-Sep 22 *Watercolor Basics with Jo-Neal Graves*
- Sep 24-Sep 29 *Watercolor Basics with Jo-Neal Graves*
- Oct 1-Oct 6 *Nature Drawing for Beginners with Sean Edgerton*

Daily art classes for ages 12 and up are taught by volunteer instructors Monday through Saturday, 10am to 2pm, and are typically held outside (\$20 per person, per class, materials and supplies not included in registration price). We also offer drop-in Art Table sessions (daily, 11am to 3pm) and one-hour instructed classes for children ages 2 to 12, Wednesday through Saturday (\$10 per person, \$30 per family, materials included). To learn more and register for any of our art programs, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/art, contact us at (209) 372-0631 or artcenter@yosemiteconservancy.org, or visit us at Happy Isles!

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Pastor Brent Moore - Resident Minister
(209) 372-4831 • YosemiteChapel@sbcglobal.net
www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org
SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE YOSEMITE CHAPEL:
9:15am - Sunday School available
11am - (Memorial Day through Labor Day Only)
6:30pm - Evening Service
WEDNESDAY MID-WEEK SERVICE
7pm, at the chapel
THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY
7pm, call chapel for location

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS
OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
Rectory Phone: (209) 372-4729
SATURDAY (Memorial Day to Labor Day)
6pm - Lower Pines Amphitheater, shuttle stop #19
SUNDAY
10am - Theater at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, shuttle stops #5/#9

CHURCH OF CHRIST (Non-denominational)
SUNDAY - 11am, El Portal Chapel
(209) 379-2100

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
Christian Sabbath Worship at Lower River Amphitheater, Saturday May 27 to Sep 1
9:45am - Music/Sabbath School
11am - Worship, 12:30pm Potluck
www.facebook.com/YosemiteSDAChurch

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Sacrament Meeting, Sundays 1pm to 1:45pm
May 27 to Sep 2, Yosemite Valley Chapel

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Yosemite Valley Chapel
Sunday - 8pm, Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30pm

LIONS CLUB
First and third Thursday of each month at noon,
The Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Call (209) 372-4475.

MORNING EVENTS

Sunday	8:00am	Morning Stroll (Except Sep 9) 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided morning stroll! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	9:30am	Adventure Hike - Vernal/Nevada Falls 6 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Half Dome Village Mountaineering School. (YH) \$
	9:30am	Ranger Walk-Merced Meanders 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
	10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. The Art and Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿
	11:00am	ART TABLE Drop-in, collaborative Yosemite-themed table art for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, shuttle stop #16. Daily, 11am to 3pm. (YC)
Monday	8:00am	Morning Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided morning stroll! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	9:00am	Bike to Hike Tour 2.5 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Half Dome Village Bike Stand. (YH) \$
	10:00am	Art Workshop 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6. (YC) \$
	10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK (Except Oct 1) 1 hr. The Art and Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿
	11:00am	ART TABLE Drop-in, collaborative Yosemite-themed table art for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, shuttle stop #16. Daily, 11am to 3pm. (YC)
Programs printed in ALL CAPS AND COLOR are especially for children and their families.		
Tuesday	8:00am	Morning Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided morning stroll! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	8:15am	Adventure Hike - Panorama Trail 8 hrs. Includes One-Way Glacier Point Bus Ride. Meet at Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
	9:00am	Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. (TAAG) ♿
	10:00am	Art Workshop 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6. (YC) \$
	10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK (Except Oct 2) 1 hr. The Art and Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿
11:00am	ART TABLE Drop-in, collaborative Yosemite-themed table art for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, shuttle stop #16. Daily, 11am to 3pm. (YC)	
Wednesday	8:00am	Morning Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided morning stroll! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	9:00am	Bike to Hike Tour 2.5 hrs. Half Dome Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
	9:30am	Ranger Walk - Geology 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
	10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. The Art and Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿
	10:00am	Art Workshop 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6. (YC) \$
11:00am	ART TABLE Drop-in, collaborative Yosemite-themed table art for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, shuttle stop #16. Daily, 11am to 3pm. (YC)	
11:00am	KIDS ART CLASS 1 hr. instructor-led art class for kids age 2-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) \$	
Thursday	8:00am	Morning Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided morning stroll! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	9:00am	Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) ♿
	9:00am	Discovery Hike - Vernal Falls Bridge 3.5 hrs. Half Dome Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
	9:30am	Ranger Walk - Yosemite's Trees (Except Sep 6) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
	10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK (Except Sep 6) 1 hr. The Art and Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿
10:00am	Art Workshop 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6. (YC) \$	
11:00am	ART TABLE Drop-in, collaborative Yosemite-themed table art for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, shuttle stop #16. Daily, 11am to 3pm. (YC)	
11:00am	KIDS ART CLASS 1 hr. instructor-led art class for kids age 2-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) \$	
Friday	8:00am	Morning Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided morning stroll! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	9:30am	Ranger Walk - Discover Yosemite 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
	9:30am	DROP-IN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (Except Sep 21 and 28) Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center to spend an hour or three giving back to the park you love. (NPS)
	9:30am	Adventure Hike - Vernal/Nevada Falls 6 hrs. Half Dome Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
	10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. The Art and Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿
10:00am	Art Workshop 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6. (YC) \$	
11:00am	ART TABLE Drop-in, collaborative Yosemite-themed table art for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, shuttle stop #16. Daily, 11am to 3pm. (YC)	
11:00am	KIDS ART CLASS 1 hr. instructor-led art class for kids age 2-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) \$	
Saturday	8:00am	Morning Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided morning stroll! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	9:00am	Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) ♿
	9:00am	Bike to Hike Tour 2.5 hrs. Half Dome Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
	10:00am	Art Workshop 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6. (YC) \$
	10:00am	JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. The Art and Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿
11:00am	ART TABLE Drop-in, collaborative Yosemite-themed table art for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, shuttle stop #16. Daily, 11am to 3pm. (YC)	
11:00am	KIDS ART CLASS 1 hr. instructor-led art class for kids age 2-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) \$	

- AAC** American Alpine Club
- YH** Yosemite Hospitality LLC
- NPS** National Park Service
- SC** Sierra Club
- TAAG** The Ansel Adams Gallery
- YC** Yosemite Conservancy
- \$** Programs offered for a fee



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



A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf visitors. Contact (209) 379-5250 (w/txt) to request an interpreter. Advanced notice of two weeks is requested, but not required.



Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advanced request for any public program. Inquire at any visitor center or tour desk.



Audio tours are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Refer to the Accessibility Guide for details

	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Sunday	<p>12:30pm Ask-A-Climber 4 hrs. Stop by any time within the window to view climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. Held at El Capitan Bridge, across from shuttle stop E4. (NPS)</p> <p>2:00pm DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE 2 hrs. Drop in any time to get started or finish earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour (Except Sep 9) 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk-Wild About Bears 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm FAMILY RANGER TALK – MEET YOUR YOSEMITE 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm Naturalist Stroll (Except Sep 9) 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) &</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES (Except Sep 9) 45 mins. Stories/activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program on Leave No Trace and Zero Landfill Initiatives (Sep 2, 9, 16, and 23 Only) 1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (LNT) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm NIGHT PROWL (Except Sep 9) 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets/information available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Except Sep 2, 9, and 23) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p>
Monday	<p>12:30pm Ask-A-Climber 4 hrs. Stop by any time within the window to view climbers on El Capitan through Spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. Held at El Capitan Bridge, across from shuttle stop E4. (NPS)</p> <p>1:00pm Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$</p> <p>1:00pm Discovery Hike - Less Traveled Lower Valley Loop 4 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$</p> <p>2:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE (Except Oct 1) 2 hrs. Drop in any time to get started or finish up earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm FAMILY RANGER TALK – MEET YOUR YOSEMITE (Except Oct 1) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories/activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm NIGHT PROWL 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Except Sep 24) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p>
Tuesday	<p>12:30pm Ask-A-Climber 4 hrs. Stop by any time within the window to view climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. Held at El Capitan Bridge, across from shuttle stop E4. (NPS)</p> <p>1:00pm In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$</p> <p>2:00pm DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE (Except Oct 2) 2 hrs. Drop in any time to get started or finish up earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm Ranger Walk – Wild About Bears (Except Oct 2) 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm FAMILY RANGER TALK – MEET YOUR YOSEMITE (Except Oct 2) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories/activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater – Yosemite Search and Rescue (Except Sep 25) 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores, any Tour & Activity Desk, or at the Yosemite Theater. See page 6. (YC) \$</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program on Fire in Yosemite (Except Sep 11) 1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm NIGHT PROWL 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p>
Wednesday	<p>12:30pm Ask-A-Climber 4 hrs. Stop by any time within the window to view climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. Held at El Capitan Bridge, across from shuttle stop E4. (NPS)</p> <p>1:00pm Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$</p> <p>1:00pm KIDS ART CLASS 1 hr. instructor-led art class for kids age 2-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) \$</p> <p>1:00pm Discovery Hike - Vernal Falls Bridge 3.5 hrs. Half Dome Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$</p> <p>2:00pm DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE 2 hrs. Drop in any time to get started or finish earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm FAMILY RANGER TALK – 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. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories/activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater – Join Muir Series: Conversation with a Tramp (Except Sep 26) 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores, any Tour & Activity Desk, or at the Yosemite Theater. See page 6. (YC) \$</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program on Yosemite's Firefall 1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm NIGHT PROWL 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p>
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Saturday	<p>12:30pm Ask-A-Climber 4 hrs. Stop by any time within the window to view climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. Held at El Capitan Bridge, across from shuttle stop E4. (NPS)</p> <p>1:00pm In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$</p> <p>1:00pm KIDS ART CLASS 1 hr. instructor-led art class for kids age 2-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) \$</p> <p>1:00pm Discovery Hike - Less Traveled Lower Valley Loop 3.5 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$</p> <p>2:00pm DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE 2 hrs. Drop in any time to get started or finish up earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿</p> <p>2:30pm Ranger Walk – Ahwahneechee Stories and Games 1.5 hrs. Front of the Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm Fine Print Viewing 1 hr. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Very limited space. (TAAG) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm Overnight Under the Milky Way (Sep 8 Only) Experience Yosemite under the stars on a one-night guided backpacking trip from Glacier Point Road. See page 6. (YC) \$</p> <p>4:00pm FAMILY RANGER TALK – 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. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories/activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm Yosemite Theater-Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey (Except Sep 29) 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores, any Tour & Activity Desk, or at the Yosemite Theater. See page 6. (YC) \$</p> <p>8:00pm John Muir and the Big Trees (Sep 8 Only) 1 hr. Michael Wurtz, Director of Special Collections, University of the Pacific, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (former LeConte Memorial Lodge), limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12. (SC)</p> <p>8:00pm Charles Kellogg: Bird Singer and Friend of John Muir and the Redwoods (Sep 15 Only) 1 hr. Mike Monroe, Director, Morgan Hill Historical Society, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (former LeConte Memorial Lodge), limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12. (SC)</p> <p>8:00pm GOING BATTY! ALL ABOUT BATS (Sep 22 Only) 1.5 hrs. Burleigh Lockwood, Wildlife Biologist, Fresno-Chaffee Zoo, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (former LeConte Memorial Lodge), limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)</p> <p>8:00pm Hiking the John Muir Trail: Three Weeks of Stories, Photographs, and Short Films (Sep 29 Only) 1.5 hrs. Jeremy Evans, Nature Photographer and Filmmaker, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (former LeConte Memorial Lodge), limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12. (SC)</p> <p>8:30pm Evening Program on Natural and Cultural Change in Yosemite 1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm NIGHT PROWL 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p> <p>9:00pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Except Sep 22) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p>

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Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point



Burrel "Buckshot" Maier drives a stage coach and transports park visitors back in time to discover what life was like for the early pioneers of Yosemite National Park. NPS Photo

Explore History, Discover Giant Trees, and Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

Wawona

Evening Programs

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Big Trees Lodge lobby from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, Tuesday through Saturday, for music and stories from Yosemite's past. If you ask him, Tom might perform one of three one-hour picture shows: *Yosemite Music*, *Roosevelt & Muir 1903*, or *Wawona History*.

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio

Open daily from 8:30am to 5pm. The visitor center offers information about park activities, books, wilderness permits, trail information, bear canister rentals, and maps. Located on the grounds of the Big Trees Lodge, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the lodge or park at the Big Trees Lodge 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. Purchase tickets at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. See page 9 for schedule. Five dollars for adults and \$4 for children ages 3 to 12-years old.

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 schedule.

Mariposa Grove

Located near Yosemite's South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is the park's largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees in the grove. Come visit one of only a few locations on earth where you can get a personal glimpse of giant sequoias, at the Mariposa Grove.

Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias

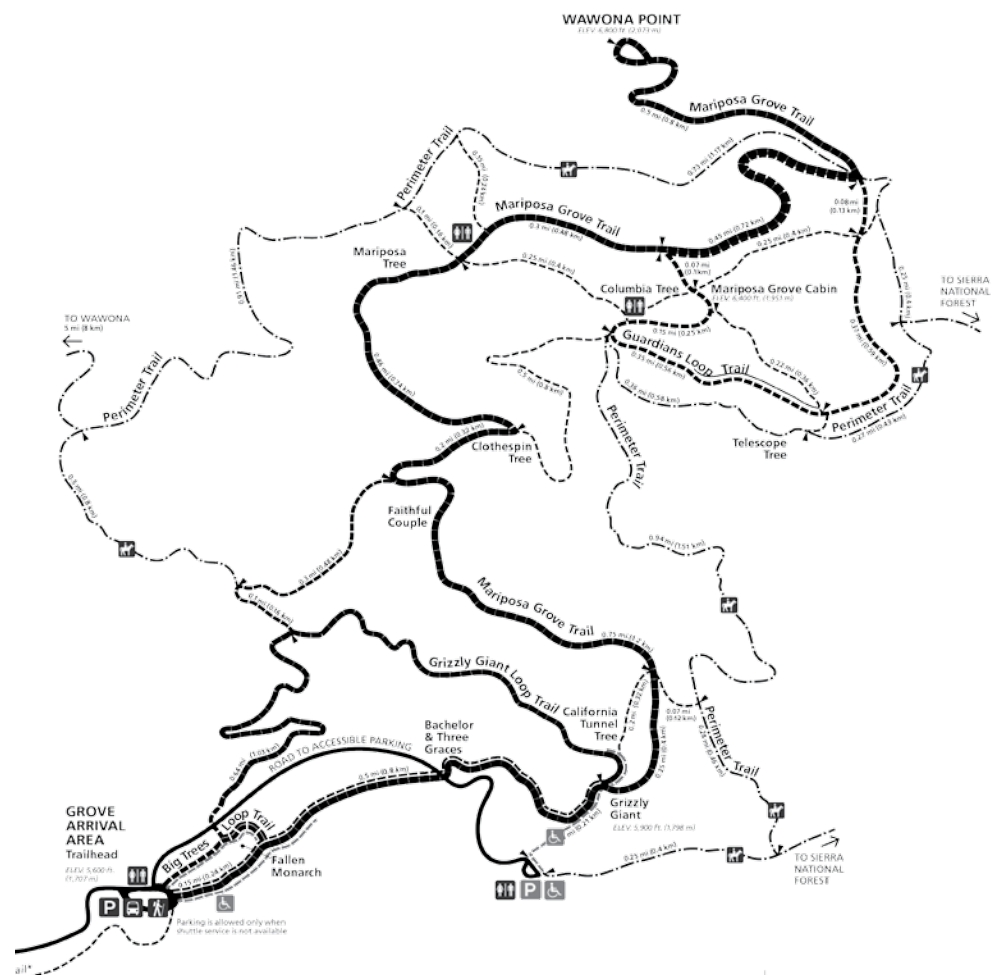
The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias reopened June 15, marking the completion of a \$40 million restoration project. This ambitious project, in partnership with Yosemite Conservancy, sought to restore the Grove by removing a parking lot at the base of the sequoias, removing commercial facilities, and restoring the hydrology to ensure that new trees can grow in a healthy environment. Additionally, a new parking area and welcome plaza have been constructed at the park's South Entrance.

Free Shuttle to the Mariposa Grove

A free shuttle provides service from the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza, to the Mariposa Grove, from 8am to 8pm, departing every 10 minutes. Private vehicles may only enter the Mariposa Grove when the shuttle bus is not

operating. Only vehicles displaying an accessibility placard are permitted to drive into the Mariposa Grove at any time. There is no shuttle service between Wawona and the Mariposa Grove, for the general public. Pets are not allowed on trails in the Grove.

Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias Map





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. Ranger walks, sunset talks, and stargazing programs are offered for your enjoyment at this stunning location. See table for times and information.

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

Big Trees Lodge Dining Room

Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11am to 3pm, 11am to 2pm beginning Sep 3
Dinner: 5pm to 9pm, 5:30pm to 8:30pm beginning Sep 3
Reservations taken for 6 or more.
Lounge Service: 5pm to 9:30pm
Saturday BBQ: 5pm to 7pm, weather permitting, ends for the season Sep 8
Golf Shop & Snack Stand
8am to 6pm, conditions permitting, 8am to 4:30pm beginning Sep 3

Glacier Point

Gift Shop and Snack Stand

9am to 7pm, conditions permitting, 9:30am to 5pm beginning Sep 4

GIFTS & GROCERIES

Wawona

Big Trees Store & Pioneer Shop

8am to 8pm
Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Wawona Visitor Center
8:30am to 5pm

Mariposa Grove

Yosemite Conservancy Depot at Mariposa Grove

9am to 5pm

Glacier Point

Gift Shop

9am to 7pm, conditions permitting, 9:30am to 5pm beginning Sep 4

Snack Stand

9am to 7pm, conditions permitting, 9:30am to 5pm beginning Sep 4

POST OFFICE

Wawona Post Office

Monday-Friday: 9am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to noon

GAS STATION

Big Trees Lodge Service Station

8am to 5pm, Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

GOLF

Big Trees Lodge Golf Course

Closed for the season

STABLES

Wawona Stable

Closed for the season

	WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE	GLACIER POINT
Sunday	10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Stage Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 children, ages 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (Sep 2 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (Sep 2 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS)	9:00pm GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Sep 2 Only) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point (elevation: 7,214 ft. 2,199 m.) Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. Shuttle services available. (YH) \$ ♿
Monday	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio. (NPS) 10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (Sep 3 Only) 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Stage Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 children, ages 3-12. (NPS) \$	6:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Sep 3, 10, and 17 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking Yosemite Valley and panoramic views of the High Sierra. (NPS) 6:30pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Sep 24 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point Railing, overlooking Yosemite Valley and High Sierra. (NPS) 9:00pm GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Sep 3 Only) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point (elevation: 7,214 ft. 2,199 m.) Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. Shuttle services available. (YH) \$ ♿
Tuesday	2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 5:30pm Vintage Music 4 hrs. Pianist/singer Tom Bopp performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past in the Big Trees Lodge lobby. Historical programs are available by request and are usually given at 8:30pm. For details or to request a program, drop by the piano before 8pm, while Tom is performing. ♿ 6:30pm Evening Ranger Program (Sep 4 Only) 1 hr. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call (855) 290-3499. (NPS) ♿	
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Thursday	10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (Aug 30 Only) 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Stage Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 children ages 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (Aug 30 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (Except Sep 6) 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (Aug 30 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (Except Sep 6) 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 5:30pm Vintage Music 4 hrs. Pianist/singer Tom Bopp performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past in the Big Trees Lodge lobby. Historical programs are available by request and are usually given at 8:30pm. For details or to request a program, drop by the piano before 8pm, while Tom is performing. ♿	9:00pm GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Aug 30 Only) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point (elevation: 7,214 ft. 2,199 m.) Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. Shuttle services available. (YH) \$ ♿
Friday	10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Stage Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 children ages 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (Aug 31 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (Aug 31 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 5:30pm Vintage Music 4 hrs. Pianist/singer Tom Bopp performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past in the Big Trees Lodge lobby. Historical programs are available by request and are usually given at 8:30pm. For details or to request a program, drop by the piano before 8pm, while Tom is performing. ♿	2:00pm Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Moderately difficult. Explore diverse ecosystems and geologic wonders on the way to towering cliff tops or summit views. Meet at the Taft Point/Sentinel Dome trailhead parking area along Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 6:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Sep 21 and 28 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking Yosemite Valley and panoramic views of the High Sierra. (NPS) 6:30pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Except Sep 21 and 28) 30 mins. Glacier Point amphitheater, overlooking the High Sierra. (NPS) ♿
Saturday	9:00am Nature Walk with a Ranger (Sep 1 Only) 2 hrs. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call (855) 290-3499. (NPS) 10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 children ages 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (Sep 1 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (Except Sep 1) 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (Sep 1 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (Except Sep 1) 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 5:30pm Vintage Music 4 hrs. Pianist/singer Tom Bopp performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past in the Big Trees Lodge lobby. Historical programs are available by request and are usually given at 8:30pm. For details or to request a program, drop by the piano before 8pm, while Tom is performing. ♿	2:00pm Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Explore diverse ecosystems and geologic wonders on the way to towering cliff tops or summit views. Moderately difficult. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome trailhead parking area along Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 6:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Sep 22 and 29 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking Yosemite Valley and the High Sierra. (NPS) 6:30pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Except Sep 22 and 29) 30 mins. Glacier Point amphitheater, overlooking the High Sierra. (NPS) ♿

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Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat



Within Tuolumne Meadows, one of the largest high-elevation meadows in the Sierra Nevada, the Tuolumne River meanders through its meadow and is surrounded by a backdrop of rugged peaks and glacially carved domes.

Tuolumne Meadows

- *Thank you for staying on official trails to protect fragile meadow ecosystems.*
- *Dogs, bicycles, and strollers are only allowed on roads that are open to public vehicle traffic.*
- *Day-hikers and backpackers must go to the toilet at least 100 feet away from water, trail and camp areas; bury human waste six inches deep and pack out toilet paper and all other trash.*

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Open 9am to 5pm. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps and displays.

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

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

Just for Kids

Programs for children include Junior Rangers, 1.5 or 2-hour ranger-led program targeting ages 7 to 12, Story Time at the Visitor Center, Little Cubs, a

45-minute program targeting ages 3 to 6, and 1-hour Campfire for Kids. Check for special programs posted weekly.

Ranger Walks

Join a FREE ranger program to explore new areas and learn about geology, wildlife, history, wildflowers, the Tuolumne Meadows area and more. Most are easy walks. Check the schedule for All-Day Hikes with a ranger to wild and beautiful places for a deeply memorable adventure.

Evening Activities

Come to a traditional, ranger-led campfire program to experience 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 sunset and/or star-gazing program, offered 2 or 3 nights a week – bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly.

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 10am to 4pm. The Soda Springs are small, naturally carbonated springs that attract deer, birds and other wildlife. Please stay on the trail to help protect this place.

Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy offers naturalist-led Outdoor Adventures throughout the park. Upcoming adventures in the Tuolumne Meadows and White Wolf areas include:

- Sep 6-9 *Women's Casual Backpack: May Lake & Mount Hoffmann*
- Sep 6-9 *Backpack to Half Dome: Two Nights via Clouds Rest*

To learn more and sign up, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or call (209) 379-2317 ext. 10. Custom Adventures can be arranged for individuals and groups. Proceeds from all our programs help preserve and protect Yosemite. See page 6 for details on adventures based in Yosemite Valley.

Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. The information station and the Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore offer information about park activities, books, wilderness permits, trail information, bear canister rentals, and maps. The center is located just inside the park entrance on Highway 120 West.

Tuolumne Grove

The trailhead for this grove of about 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.

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 Meadows programs, services, and trails may not be available before June due to snow and icy conditions.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Tuolumne Meadows
Tuolumne Meadows Grill
 8am to 6pm,
Closes for the season Sep 23
Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room
 Breakfast: 7am to 9am
 Dinner: 5:30pm to 8pm,
 Reservations strongly recommended
 (209) 372-8413

GIFTS & GROCERIES

Tuolumne Meadows
Gift/Groceries
 8am to 8pm,
Closes for the season Sep 23
Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center
 9am to 6pm
 Crane Flat
Gift/Groceries
 8am to 7pm
 Big Oak Flat
Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Big Oak Flat Information Center
 9am to 5pm

GAS STATION

Crane Flat
 8am to 7pm, *conditions permitting*
 Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump
 24 hours with credit or debit card.

TRANSPORTATION

Tuolumne Meadows Hikers' Bus
 The hikers' bus leaves Yosemite Valley once daily, starting from Half Dome Village in the morning. The bus departs from Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center mid-afternoon. Visit a Tours and Activity desk for scheduled departures and to purchase tickets.

HIGH SIERRA CAMPS

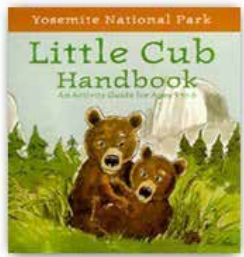
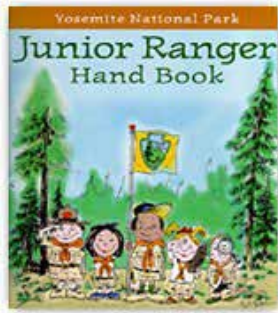
Glen Aulin, May Lake, Merced Lake, Sunrise, Vogelsang
 Breakfast: 7:30am
 Dinner: 6:30pm
 Limited Retail: 1pm to 5pm

	TUOLUMNE MEADOWS See local postings for additional naturalist walks and programs	HETCH HETCHY, HODGDON MEADOW, CRANE FLAT & WHITE WOLF See local postings for additional naturalist walks and programs
Sunday	8:30am Coffee with a Ranger (Except Oct 1) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup (NPS) 8:30am Awakening to the Meadows: Nature-inspired Yoga (Except Oct 1) 1.5 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring a mat, pad or towel (NPS) 9:00am Wild Sierra-Ranger Hike (Except Oct 1) 3 hrs. Gaylor Lakes Trailhead (NPS) 10:00am Ranger Program – Nature Journaling and the Art of Re-creation (Except Oct 1) 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring a sketchbook/journal, pen and pencil with an eraser. (NPS) ♿ 12:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Oct 1) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) 1:00pm WHO LIVES IN YOSEMITE? WILDLIFE STORIES (Except Oct 1) 45 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center porch (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm Ranger Walk – Indians in the High Country (Except Oct 1) 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Oct 1) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm Campfire! (Except Oct 1) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)	9:00am WHITE WOLF FAMILY NATURE WALK 1 hr. Join a ranger naturalist to learn about Yosemite's wildlife. Meet at the White Wolf amphitheater. Wear sturdy footwear and be prepared to walk. (NPS) 9:30am JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM 1 hr. All ages welcome. Exploration of the Crane Flat Campground area, games, stories, etc. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from the 200 loop). Wear sturdy footwear and be prepared to walk. (NPS)
Monday	10:00am Endangered Wildlife at Dog Lake (Except Sep 24 and Oct 1) 4 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 3 miles. Dog Lake parking lot. Bring lunch, water and raingear (NPS) 11:00am WILD NATURE STORIES (Except Sep 24 and Oct 1) 30 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center porch. (NPS) ♿ 12:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 24 and Oct 1) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm Ranger Walk – From Bears to Butterflies: High Country Wildlife (Except Sep 24 and Oct 1) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 24 and Oct 1) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm Campfire! (Except Sep 24 and Oct 1) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 7:30pm Stars Over Mono Lake (Except Sep 24 and Oct 1) 1.5 hrs. Meet at South Tufa in Mono Basin. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly (NPS) ♿	9:30am White Wolf Plant Walk 1 hr. Join a ranger naturalist to explore the lives of wildflowers and trees. Wear sturdy footwear. Meet across from the White Wolf Lodge. (NPS) 7:00pm Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist for a traditional high country campfire program. Subjects vary. Meet at the White Wolf Campground fire circle. (NPS)
Tuesday	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM (Except Sept. 25 and Oct. 2) 1.5 hrs. Ages 7-12. Lembert Dome picnic area. (NPS) 10:00am Botanical Walk at Bennettville Mine (Except Sep 18, 25 and Oct 2) 3 hrs. Come learn the ways of the plants in the high country. Meet at Tioga Lake turnout east of Tioga Pass. Bring lunch and raingear. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 25 and Oct. 2) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 3:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 25 and Oct 2) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 6:30pm Ranger Walk – Sunset (Except Sep 25 and Oct 2) 45 mins. Lembert dome picnic area. (NPS) 7:30pm Campfire! (Except Sept. 25 and Oct. 2) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	2:00pm Giant Sequoia Walk 45 mins. Join a ranger-naturalist for a walk through the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias to learn about these fascinating trees. Meet at the picnic tables at the lower end of the Tuolumne Grove, a mile walk downhill from the parking area. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water. (NPS) 4:30pm Sketch Hetchy 1 hr. Waterside watercolors. Join a naturalist ranger in capturing the beauty of the Hetch Hetchy Valley. Painting supplies provided, but bring your own chair. (NPS) 7:15pm YOSEMITE NIGHT SKY 2 hrs. Crane Flat area. Make reservations at the Big Oak Flat information station in-person or by calling (209) 379-1899, open 8am to 5pm. Limited to 20 participants. (NPS) ♿
Wednesday	8:00am Ranger Walk – Birds of the Meadows (Except Sep 12 and 26) 2.5 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) 8:30am Awakening to the Meadows: Nature-inspired Yoga (Except Sep 12 and 26) 1.5 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring a mat, pad or towel. (NPS) 10:00am Ranger Walk – Geology Of Tuolumne Meadows (Except Sep 12 and 26) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome trailhead. (NPS) 11:00am WILD NATURE STORIES (Except Sep 12 and 26) 30 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center Porch. (NPS) ♿ 12:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 12 and 26) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 1:30pm The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River (Except Sep 12 and 26) 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 12 and 26) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm Campfire! (Except Sep 12 and 26) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS) 9:00pm Ranger Talk – Stars Over Tuolumne (Except Sep 12 and 26) 1 hr. Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	10:00am Ranger Walk – Hetch Hetchy Reservoir 3 hrs. Come explore Hetch Hetchy on a traditional naturalist led walk to Wapama Falls. Meet at the O'Shaughnessy Dam for a 5 mile round-trip moderate hike. Bring water and snacks. (NPS) 6:30pm Twilight Meadow Observation and Sketching Walk 1 hr. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground campfire circle near the group campsites. Leisurely walk with stops. Wear sturdy footwear. Supplies provided if needed. (NPS) 6:30pm Nature Writing Workshop 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist and learn the many ways you can use writing to connect with the beauty of Yosemite's high country. Meet at the White Wolf amphitheater. Supplies provided if needed. (NPS)
Thursday	10:00am Ranger Walk – Domes and Meadows (Except Sep 6 and 27) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome trailhead. (NPS) 11:00am Wild Nature Stories (Except Sep 6 and 27) 30 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Office. (NPS) ♿ 12:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except 6 and Sep 27) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm Ranger Walk – The Secret Life of Plants (Except Sep 6 and 27) 2 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 6 and 27) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 6:30pm Ranger Walk – Sunset (Except Sep 6 and 27) 45 mins. Lembert dome picnic area. (NPS) 7:30pm Campfire! (Except Sep 6 and 27) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	9:00am May Lake Nature Hike (Except Sep 6) 2 hrs. A moderate, ranger-led hike to a beautiful high country lake affords views of some of Yosemite's wildest terrain. Meet at the May Lake parking area at the end of the May Lake access road. Bring good footwear, water, snacks, and a sense of adventure. (NPS) 11:00am Giant Sequoia Walk (Except Sep 6) 45 mins. Join a ranger-naturalist for a walk through the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias to learn about these fascinating trees. Meet at the picnic tables at the lower end of the Tuolumne Grove, a mile walk downhill from the parking area. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water. (NPS) 6:00pm Birds of Yosemite (Except Sep 6) 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist on a walk to discover the birds of Yosemite. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground Kiosk. Bring water, binoculars, and guidebooks if you have them. (NPS)
Friday	10:00am Ranger Walk–A Place Long Traveled: History of Tuolumne Meadows (Except Sep 28) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) 11:00am WILD NATURE STORIES (Except Sep 28) 30 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center Porch. (NPS) ♿ 12:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 28) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 1:00pm High Country Hawk Watch (Except Sep 28) 3 hrs. Gaylor Lakes trailhead. Steep. 1 mile. Binoculars available. (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 28) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm Campfire! (Except Sep 28) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	6:30pm Bear Walk 1 hr. Learn about these amazing creatures who call Yosemite home. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from the 200 loop). Wear sturdy footwear. (NPS) 7:15pm YOSEMITE NIGHT SKY 2 hrs. Crane Flat area. Make reservations at the Big Oak Flat information station in-person or by calling (209) 379-1899, open 8am to 5pm. Limited to 20 participants. (NPS) ♿
Saturday	8:00am Ranger Walk – Birds of the Meadows (Except Sep 29) 2.5 hrs. Lembert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) 9:15am Ranger Hike – Elizabeth Lake (Except Sep 29) 5-6 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 5 miles. Meet at Campground Reservation Office. Bring lunch, water and raingear. (NPS) 10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK (Except Sep 29) 2 hrs. Ages 7-12 Lembert Dome picnic area. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 29) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm Ranger Walk – Rolling with the Changes for Winter! (Except Sep 29) 2 hrs. Meet at Dog Lake Parking. (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 29) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 6:30pm CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS (Except Sep 29) 45 mins. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 7:30pm Campfire! (Except Sep 29) 1 hr. Dana circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS) 9:00pm Ranger Talk – Stars (Except Sep 29) 1 hr. Lembert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr. Stop by anytime during this hour for free coffee and to learn about the park. Bring your own mug and questions. Hodgdon Meadow Campground Site 91. (NPS) 2:00pm Giant Sequoia Walk 45 mins. Join a ranger-naturalist for a walk through the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias to learn about these fascinating trees. Meet at the picnic tables at the lower end of the Tuolumne Grove, a mile walk downhill from the parking area. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water. (NPS)

Programs printed in **ALL CAPS AND COLOR** are especially for children and their families.

Just For Kids

Experience the Adventures of a Junior Ranger



Here Is How YOU Can Become A Junior Ranger!

Every year, hundreds of thousands of youth are sworn in as Junior Rangers in National Parks across the country! At Yosemite alone more than 20,000 youth participate in the Yosemite Junior Ranger Program, earning themselves an official Junior Ranger patch and badge! You could become Yosemite's newest Junior Ranger today by completing the following steps:

- Purchase your **Junior Ranger Hand Book** at any of the Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores located in the Visitor Centers, or at the Village Store
- Complete the pages in your Junior Ranger Booklet
- Attend a Guided Program.
- Return your completed book to the staff at a Visitor Center, or the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, or attend a Junior Ranger Swear-in Ceremony.
- Take your official Junior Ranger Pledge.
- Earn your official Junior Ranger Badge along with a Junior Ranger Patch or a Little Cub Button.



JUST FOR FUN - Explore, Learn and Protect!

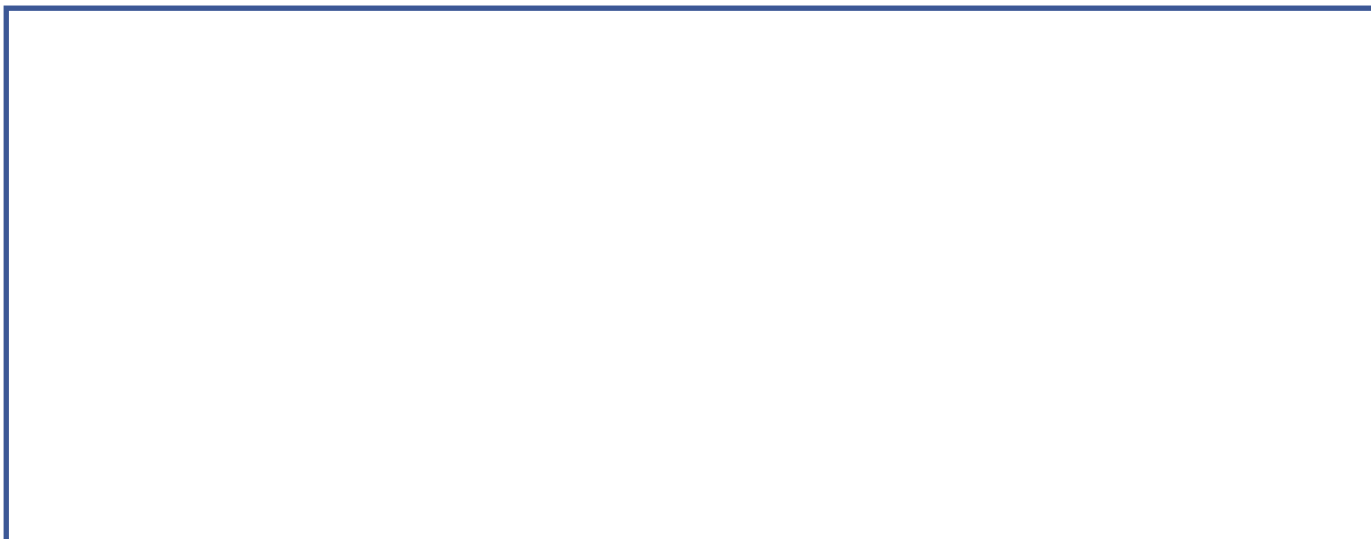
1. Who am I?

a.) I am a small mammal with spots on my back. I use my cheeks as a pouch and eat plants and insects in the wild. I also love to steal your picnic...even though it's not healthy for me. Keep your lunch within arm's length to keep me away! Who am I?

b.) My excellent sense of smell might lead me right to your cooler, your car or your tent which is why it is important to store all your food properly! I also have excellent vision and can recognize a grocery bag or food containers! Who am I?

c.) Like my cousin the raccoon, I'm nocturnal, or most active at night. I'm omnivorous (meaning I eat both plants and animals), and am an excellent climber. I live in the rocky outcroppings in Yosemite. Who am I?

2. Draw a picture of something you saw while visiting Yosemite National Park!



3. The animals located to the right all call Yosemite National Park home. Circle the animal(s) you saw during your visit to Yosemite. Write three ways you can protect Yosemite's wildlife.

- a.) _____
- b.) _____
- c.) _____



*Black Bear



*Ring-tailed Cat



*Coyote



*Ground Squirrel

*Illustrations by Binta Wold

Bears and Wildlife

Enjoying wildlife safely and responsibly



Photo by Caitlin Lee-Roney

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!

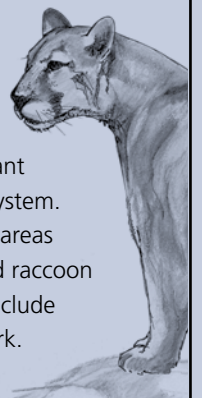
To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at (209) 372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park's website (go.nps.gov/bears).

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.

KEEP WILDLIFE WILD



Respect animals at a distance
Never feed or approach them

Protect Yourself...



Visitors peer over the railing at the top of Vernal Fall. Photo by Sheree Peshlakai

Enjoying Yosemite

Summer is a popular time to visit Yosemite, and for good reasons; daylight hours are long and the weather is usually warm. Plant and animal life are vibrant. High country trails that have been hiding for months are now waiting to be hiked and the waterfalls are still full. However, summer conditions present unique challenges which you must consider to ensure your outdoor enjoyment.

Weather

Dehydration and exhaustion can occur during any season but we are particularly vulnerable during the summer heat. Always carry more water than you need. Without rationing water, make sure your hike or outdoor activity is half over before your water is half gone. Prevent dehydration by sipping lots of water throughout the day and frequently eating salty, easy-to-digest snacks. Thunderstorm season is here. Remember, there is no safe place outside when you can hear thunder. Follow the saying, "when thunder roars, go indoors." If you cannot reach a building or car (with a hard top), hike down and away from ridges and outcroppings. Do not be the tallest object or near a tall object.

Rivers and Stream

Yosemite's streams are a huge temptation for the curious, the photographer, and the overheated and weary hiker simply wanting to cool tired feet. Do not be fooled! Yosemite's water is deceptively dangerous and unforgiving. Visitors are strongly urged to enjoy moving or falling water from a safe distance. Please: Do NOT leave the safety of the trail.

Boating / Floating

Before boating or floating, check the Park's website at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/water.htm for allowable locations and conditions. We urge you to wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD). Mishaps occur suddenly, you may not have time to put on your PFD. Make sure your watercraft is safe for water conditions.

Yosemite's Trails

Yosemite's 800 miles of trails pass through natural areas and endure all the forces of nature including flooding, fire, erosion, and slides. Trails may be damaged from weather and past fires. Snow can be present over higher elevation trails. Always carry a good topo map and compass (GPS optional) and know your location, including your back route, in case you need to turn around.

Yosemite's Roads

Yosemite's roads are as dangerous as the roads near your home, with additional hazards such as rock fall and abundant wildlife, including deer and bear. There are many sites to distract drivers. If you cannot devote 100% of your attention to your driving, please pull off the road into a designated pull-off or parking area. Buckle up! Park rangers enforce California's Motor Vehicle Code on park roads.

For All Seasons

- Don't approach *moving* water.
- Stay on established trails – do not take shortcuts, go over fences, or approach water. *Most of Yosemite's non-traffic related serious injuries occur off trail.*

- Carry plenty of food and water; stay hydrated and snack often.
- "10 hiking essentials" – including a flashlight or headlamp, sunglasses, sunscreen, navigation, and a signaling method (mirror and whistle).
- Let someone know – always leave your travel and hiking plan, including intended route, destination, and time of return, with a trusted person. If no one knows you are missing, no one is going to be looking for you.
- And remember this truism: **you** are responsible for **your** safety.

Hantavirus Information

Mice are an important part of the ecosystem, but can carry diseases harmful to humans. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread to humans via the droppings, urine, or saliva of infected rodents. Not all rodents are infected with hantavirus, but infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You may come into close proximity to rodents during your visit, so take steps to protect yourself from HPS. HPS risk is greater inside enclosures where deer mice are present. If staying in guest lodging, tell housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice in your room. Do not clean the area yourself. Keep doors to guest lodging shut and keep food in sealed containers. If you are camping and backpacking, do not pitch tents near rodent burrows or droppings. HPS often begins with flu-like symptoms such as aches, fever, and chills, one to seven weeks after exposure, progressing to cough and difficulty in breathing. Seek medical attention immediately if you experience

these symptoms and mention any potential rodent exposures. For more information on hantavirus visit: www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm.

Plague

Plague is an infectious bacterial disease that is carried by squirrels, chipmunks and other wild rodents and their fleas. When an infected rodent becomes sick and dies, its fleas can carry the infection to other warm-blooded animals including humans.

Never feed wildlife, avoid dropping food scraps when eating outside, and pitching a tent near or disturbing rodent burrows. Wear insect repellent with DEET, and tell a park ranger if you see a dead animal.

Early symptoms of plague may include high fever, chills, nausea, weakness, and painful swelling at the site of an insect bite or lymph node. If you develop these symptoms within 6 days of visiting an area at risk for plague in the park, see your doctor and inform them you may have been exposed. Plague is treatable with antibiotics if given in time.

Avoid Contact with Wildlife

Wild animals in Yosemite can transmit diseases, including plague, rabies, and hantavirus. Keeping your distance and your food from wildlife not only protects them, it also protects you. If you encounter a mammal, particularly a raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote, or bat, that is behaving erratically, don't touch it. Report the sick animal to a park employee. Storing your food properly will reduce your exposure to rodents and their fleas, which may carry plague.

...and Yosemite's Wild Places

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 Wilderness and 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 permit requirements and regulations in place to protect park resources and those designed for your safety.

Wilderness Permit Details

Wilderness permits are required for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness. For summer trips, reservations are taken from 24 weeks to two days in advance of the start of your trip. A processing fee of \$5 per permit plus \$5 per person is charged to each confirmed reservation. Go to www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm for trailhead availability and for more information on how to make a reservation. Reservations can be made by fax, phone or mail. To make a reservation by phone, call (209) 372-0740, Monday through Friday, from 8am to 5pm and Saturday from 9am to 4pm. After September 3, the phone lines will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm, the Leave No Trace website at www.lnt.org, or the Friends of Yosemite Search and Rescue website at www.friendsofyosar.org for more information.

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 2018, May 11 through October 9, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 preseason lottery permits have already been issued for 2018. 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 1pm. 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: www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm. For backpackers more information is available at: www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm

Rafting

Conditions permitting, rafting on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley (Clark's Bridge to Sentinel Beach) and the South Fork of the Merced River in Wawona is open from 10am to 6pm daily to non-motorized vessels or flotation devices.

- The entire length of the Merced River in Yosemite Valley is closed to all flotation devices when 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 have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device.
- 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

Daytime temperatures can reach above 100 ° Fahrenheit in the summer. 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 paved roads and paved bike paths. Pets are not allowed anywhere in the Mariposa or Merced sequoia groves, 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.
- Please clean up and deposit pet feces in trash receptacles.
- Pets are not allowed in lodging facilities, Camp 4, or other buildings in the park.
- Pets may not be 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.

Backwoods Bathroom Etiquette

Help us keep our water clean! Human waste must be buried at least 6 inches deep, and at least 100 feet away from any source of water. Toilet paper must be packed out.

Trail Etiquette

Trails are built to help you find your way into (and out of) the Wilderness, but they're also carefully designed to minimize impact on the landscape and prevent erosion. Please stay on the trail to help protect your park.

Tuolumne Water

Did you know that water from Tuolumne Meadows provides drinking water to over 2.6 million people, and irrigation water to thousands of acres? Help keep this water clean by using established restrooms and staying on trails.

YOSEMITE GUARDIANS

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park's most important guardians. With over 5 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.

Camping



Camping in Yosemite. Photo by Ray Santos

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 7am 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 or call (877) 444-6777 or TDD (877) 833-6777 from 7am to 9pm, Pacific time, March through October, or from 7am to 7pm, November through February. Call (518) 885-3639 if you're dialing from outside the U.S. and Canada.

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

For current campground status, call (209) 372-0266.

Yosemite Valley

There is a 30-day camping limit within Yosemite National Park in a calendar year; From May 1 to September 15, the camping limit is 14 days, 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 9am, May through September.

Camping Outside Yosemite

For information about U.S. Forest Service seasonal campgrounds near Yosemite, 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. Thirteen to 30 people are allowed in each group campsite. Tent camping only. Pets, RVs, and generators are not permitted.

Fire Restrictions

Due to high fire danger and continued hot and dry weather, Yosemite National Park, is under fire restrictions. Campfires are allowed only in designated campgrounds and picnic areas. Portable stoves are permitted throughout the park. Smoking except within an enclosed vehicle, a building which allows smoking, a campground where wood fires are allowed, or a designated smoking area. Call (209) 372-0200 or email yose_fire_info@nps.gov if you have question or wish to talk to a ranger.

GENERAL CAMPING INFORMATION

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

Services

- 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 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 in length are not recommended for Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat campgrounds. 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 10pm to 6am.
- 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 5pm and 10pm. 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.

Campgrounds in Yosemite National Park*

CAMPGROUND	OPEN 2018 (APPROXIMATE)	MAX RV LENGTH	MAX TRAILER LENGTH	RESERVATIONS REQUIRED?	DAILY FEE	# OF SITES	PETS	WATER
Yosemite Valley - Upper Pines	All year	35 ft	24 ft	All Year	\$26	238	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Valley - Lower Pines	Mar 30 - Oct 30	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$26	60	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Valley - North Pines	Mar 26 - Nov 5	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$26	81	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Valley - Camp 4	All year	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$6/person	35	No	Tap
South - Wawona	All year	35 ft	35 ft	April - Oct 15	\$26	93	Yes	Tap
South - Bridalveil Creek	July 1 - July 19	35 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$18	110	Yes	Tap
North - Hodgdon Meadow	All year	35 ft	30 ft	Apr 9 – Oct 15	\$26	105	Yes	Tap
North - Crane Flat	May 25 - Oct 15	35 ft	30 ft	Yes	\$26	166	Yes	Tap
North - Tamarack Flat	Jun 2 - Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
North - White Wolf	Jun 15 - Oct 1	27 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$18	74	Yes	Tap
North - Yosemite Creek	Jul 1 - Sep 4	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	75	Yes	Creek (boil)
North - Porcupine Flat	Jul 6 – Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
North - Tuolumne Meadows	Jun 15 - Sep 24	35 ft	35 ft	50%	\$26	304	Yes	Tap

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

Hiking



Hikers on the Mist Trail, Yosemite National Park. Photo by Brian Ward

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 for purchase 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 to 3 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Upper Yosemite Fall	Same as above	7.2 miles round-trip, 6 to 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
Vernal Fall Footbridge	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	1.4 miles round-trip, 1 to 2 hours	Moderate, 400-foot gain
Top of Vernal Fall	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	3 miles round-trip, 2 to 4 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Nevada Fall	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	7 miles round-trip, 5 to 6 hours	Strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Top of Half Dome	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	14 miles (via Mist Trail) or 16.3 miles (via John Muir Trail) round-trip, 10 to 12 hours	Extremely Strenuous, 4,800-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point	Southside Drive	4.8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours one-way	Very Strenuous, 3,200-foot gain
Valley Floor Loop	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	13 miles full loop, 5 to 7 hours full loop	Moderate

Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
Wawona - Meadow Loop	Big Trees Lodge	3.5 miles round-trip, 1.5 hours	Easy
Wawona - Swinging Bridge Loop	Wawona Store / Pioneer Yosemite History Center Parking Area	4.75 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
Mariposa Grove - Big Trees Loop	Mariposa Grove Arrival Area	0.3 mile round trip, 30 to 45 mins.	Easy
Mariposa Grove - Grizzly Giant Loop Trail	Mariposa Grove Arrival Area	2.1 miles round trip, 1.5 to 2 hours	Moderate
Glacier Point Area - Taft Point	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Easy to Moderate
Glacier Point Area - Sentinel Dome	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
Tuolumne Meadows - Soda Springs / Parsons Lodge	Lembert Dome Parking Area	1.5 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Tuolumne Meadows - Lembert Dome	Lembert Dome Parking Area	4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderately Strenuous
Tuolumne Meadows - John Muir Trail through Lyell Canyon	Dog Lake Parking Area	8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours	Easy, 200-foot gain
Tuolumne Meadows - 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
Tioga Road - Yosemite Valley via Porcupine Creek	Porcupine Creek ¹	7 miles one-way, 4 to 6 hours	Moderate, 4,000-foot loss
Tioga Road - 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
Tioga Road - Yosemite Valley via Clouds Rest	Tenaya Lake ¹	19 miles one-way, 10 to 12 hours	Strenuous
Hetch Hetchy Area - Wapama Falls	O'Shaughnessy Dam	5 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Easy to Moderate

FEATURED HIKE

Mirror Lake Loop

Distance: 5 miles / 8 kilometers

Elevation Gain: 200 feet

Difficulty: Moderate

Time: 2 to 3 hours

Trailhead: Mirror Lake (shuttle stop # 17)

Trail Description:

This trail begins at shuttle stop #17. The first mile of this trail is a paved service road that leads directly to Mirror Lake. You may access the loop trail from the end of the paved path. The loop follows Tenaya Creek beyond the lake, and crosses two bridges after the Snow Creek Trail junction before returning past Mirror Lake on the south side of Tenaya Canyon.

Mirror Lake is often referred to as Mirror Meadow in late summer due to the lack of water and the influx of grasses and sandy areas, however, this hike allows for exhilarating views of Half Dome and Mt. Watkins. Exhibits along the trail tell the story of Mirror Lake's lake-to-meadow succession, and also highlight some of the cultural history of the area.

Know Before You Go:

- Swimming is not permitted in the Hetch Hetchy reservoir or in Emerald Pool above Vernal Fall.
- 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 a waterfall, even if the water appears shallow and calm. Nearly every year, unsuspecting visitors are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when swimming in these areas.

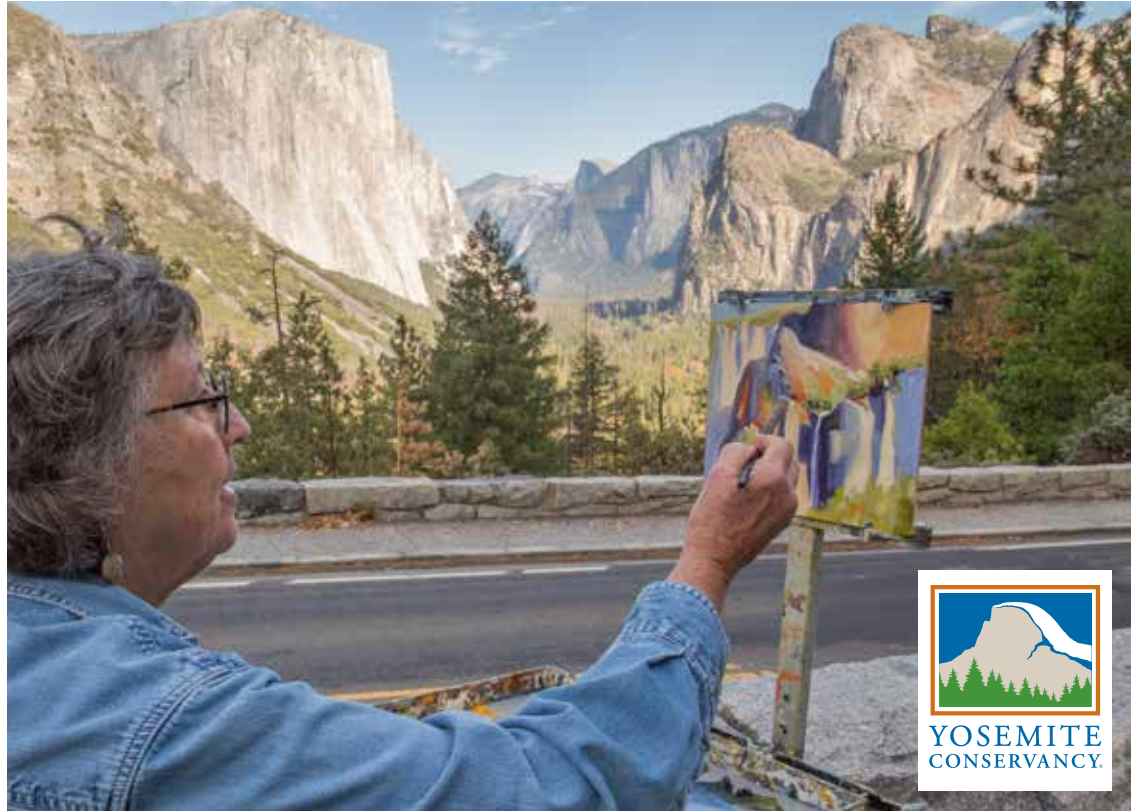
Yosemite History:

Painting and Partnership

Story by Gretchen Roecker



Today, artists of all levels can create their own park-inspired masterpieces during Yosemite Conservancy workshops at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center in Yosemite Valley (shuttle stop #16). Credit: Yosemite Conservancy/Kristin Anderson



Paintings and photographs of features such as El Capitan, Half Dome and Bridalveil Fall helped propel the national park idea in the 1800s; today, those same cliffs, peaks and waterfalls inspire 21st-century artists. Credit: Yosemite Conservancy/Keith Walklet

Where would you look for art in Yosemite? The most obvious answer might be the museum in Yosemite Village. That's a great place to start – not least because it's a notable place in national park history.

In 1923, the Yosemite Museum Association, the first of what are now dozens of cooperating organizations across the National Park System, formed to help construct the Yosemite Museum, the first structure built as a museum in a national park. Now, 95 years later, the Yosemite Museum houses an expansive collection of artwork and artifacts, and the groundbreaking philanthropic partnership that spurred its creation lives on through the nonprofit Yosemite Conservancy.

The Conservancy's almost century-long collaboration with Yosemite is rooted in a shared commitment to providing high-quality visitor experiences and preserving park resources. You can see the results of that partnership in enriching educational programs; in restored settings at places such as Lower Yosemite Fall, Tenaya Lake and Mariposa Grove; in the work of grant-funded crews who repair trails, protect meadows and study wildlife throughout the park; and at the museum, where Conservancy supporters have funded special exhibits and projects to preserve and digitize the collections.

The Yosemite Museum isn't the only place where art, history and philanthropy intersect in the park. You can also explore that connection at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, housed in a 1927 stone building in eastern Yosemite

Valley. As the name suggests, you'll find ample opportunities to explore both art and nature at this serene spot along the Merced River – often at the same time, through the Conservancy's art program, which recently relocated to Happy Isles.

Since 1981, the Conservancy's art workshops have helped people observe nature through fresh eyes and connect with the park in a creative way. As with all Conservancy activities, including naturalist-led adventures and theater shows, participation in the art program supports Yosemite.

When you pick up a pencil or paintbrush during a Happy Isles art workshop, you'll be picking up the long thread that art has woven through Yosemite's history as a national park. In 1855, Thomas Ayres, who had ventured to California seeking a fortune in the gold rush, created the first known sketches of Yosemite Valley; engravings based on his drawings were published in the inaugural Hutching's Illustrated California Magazine. Soon, paintings and photographs were flowing out of the Sierra, as artists such as Albert Bierstadt and Carleton Watkins captured the scenery on canvas and camera. Their work helped fuel a tourism boom and, in turn, propelled efforts to preserve the newly publicized landscape. (Today, pieces by Bierstadt, Watkins and other early artists are part of the Yosemite Museum collection.)

Nine years after Ayres's initial drawings, President Abraham Lincoln – inspired in part by art – signed the 1864 Yosemite Grant Act, which protected the Valley and Mariposa Grove.

Since that landmark Civil War-era legislation, Yosemite has continued to inspire countless artists. You might have seen the pieces Thomas Hill painted in his Wawona studio in the late 1800s; Chiura Obata's early 20th-century watercolors; Ansel Adams's black-and-white photographs; or David Hockney's iPad drawings.

At Happy Isles, you not only get to see Yosemite-inspired pieces created by visiting professional artists – you can also learn from those experts, who volunteer to teach workshops in the park.

Depending on the week, you could try watercolor or acrylic painting, pastel or charcoal drawing, mosaics, or scientific illustration. Most workshops are held outside, where you can nurture your sense of wonder while studying granite cliffs or examining intricate leaf patterns in the same plein air setting that captivated early artists.

Whether you paint, draw, dye or etch, you'll end up with a personal piece of art and a heightened appreciation for

the natural beauty that has inspired generations of artists. While your painting, sketch or print might not propel public-lands legislation in the same way that the work of Ayres, Bierstadt and their peers did, it will serve as a lasting reminder of the day you spent giving back to Yosemite through art – and might even help inspire your friends and family to learn and care about the park.

During your time here in Yosemite, whether you're browsing a gallery exhibit at the Yosemite Museum, checking out artwork and supplies at Happy Isles, or noticing the natural artistry of colorful mosses, rippling water and speckled granite along a trail, we hope you'll consider the role that art and philanthropy have played in the history of Yosemite and the National Park System.

Then, consider the role you can play in taking care of the park today. Making art with the Conservancy is just one of many ways you can support Yosemite during your visit. To learn more, visit yosemiteconservancy.org, or talk to the volunteers in the blue shirts!

DID YOU KNOW...

- Yosemite Conservancy has been partnering with Yosemite for 95 years, and has provided \$119 million in support to the park.
- Yosemite is the only national park where you can take daily instructed art workshops.
- In addition to the art studio, Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (shuttle stop #16) has natural history exhibits, a bookstore and Junior Ranger activities.
- Happy Isles Art and Nature Center is open daily from 9am to 4pm, April through October.
- The Conservancy's art program includes four-hour art workshops (Monday-Saturday), daily drop-in Open Studio sessions, and summer kids' classes.
- Your participation in art workshops and all Conservancy activities helps fund projects to restore trails and habitat, protect wildlife, and more.

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.



The Ansel Adams Gallery



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NatureBridge



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

Yosemite Conservancy



Providing For Yosemite's Future

Yosemite Conservancy inspires people to support projects and programs that preserve Yosemite National Park and enrich the visitor experience. Thanks to generous donors, the Conservancy has provided \$119 million in grants to the park to restore trails and habitat, protect wildlife, provide educational programs, and more. The Conservancy's guided adventures, volunteer opportunities, wilderness services and bookstores help visitors of all ages connect with Yosemite. Learn more: yosemiteconservancy.org or (415) 434-1782.

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Yosemite Volunteers: Serving Yosemite

Over 10,734 volunteers donated more than 139,520 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/getinvolved/volunteer.htm or call the volunteer office at (209) 379-1850.



Yosemite Zero Landfill Initiative

Help make Yosemite the first Zero Landfill park in the country. Through the Zero Landfill Initiative, Yosemite is reducing the amount of trash sent to the landfill every year. In partnership with Yosemite Hospitality, we are making it easier to participate by adding more recycling containers with better labels.

Here are 3 things you can do to help:

1. Toss excess packaging before leaving home by repacking food in reuseable containers.
2. Use a refillable water bottle/travel mug. Camping? Use refillable propane canisters.
3. Put trash/recycling in correct bins.



Yosemite Name Changes

The names of the following facilities in Yosemite have changed:

- Half Dome Village (formerly Curry Village)
- Yosemite Valley Lodge (formerly Yosemite Lodge)
- The Majestic Yosemite Hotel (formerly The Ahwahnee)
- Big Trees Lodge (formerly Wawona Hotel)
- Yosemite Ski & Snowboard Area (formerly Badger Pass Ski Area)
- Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge)

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 or email yose_lostandfound@nps.gov.