

# Yosemite Guide



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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:**  
 A Campground  
 P Parking  
 Picnic Area  
 Restroom  
 Walk-In Campground

**Stop # Location**

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

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 operates from 9am to 5pm. See schedules posted at shuttle stops.

*\*Shuttle bus routes may change or be delayed 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 throughout Yosemite, 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](http://yosemiteconservancy.org/volunteer).

## 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.

### Ansel Adams Photography Classes

Looking to enhance your Yosemite photography skills in the footsteps of Ansel Adams? Join a photography expert from The Ansel Adams Gallery in a dynamic hands-on class, or basic camera walk while soaking up the surrounding beauty of Yosemite Valley. For details, visit <http://anseladams.com/ansel-adams-gallery-in-yosemite/activities/> or sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village. Shuttle stops #5 and #9. See pages 5 and 6 for more information.

### Arts in the Park

Add some art and theater to your Yosemite itinerary! Join Yosemite Conservancy at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (shuttle stop #16) for an outdoor workshop with a professional artist, or for children's art activities, or at the Yosemite Theater for an evening performance or film. See page 6 for upcoming workshops and shows.



Spring in Yosemite Valley. Photo by Christine Loberg

## 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.

## GUIDED OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

### Adventure Out with the Yosemite Mountaineering School (YMS)

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. 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 required. Call (209) 372-8344 or email [yms@aramark.com](mailto:yms@aramark.com).

### Adventure with Yosemite Conservancy

Are you looking for a memorable way to deepen your connection with the park? Go on an expert-led adventure with Yosemite Conservancy! Join a scheduled Outdoor Adventure, such as a day hike, backpacking trip or bird-watching walk, or create a Custom Adventure tailored to your interests and schedule. For details, visit [yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures/](http://yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures/) or call (209) 379-2317 ext. 10. See page 6 for upcoming adventures.

## 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.

### Volunteer Drop-In Program

Want to give back to Yosemite? Come join the fun! The Volunteer Drop-In Program is a family-friendly activity where you can take an active role in protecting and preserving our natural resources. Whether it's your first time to the park or you are a returning visitor, come create new memories while removing invasive species, collecting native seeds, or picking up litter. The Drop-In Program will meet every Friday at 9:30am in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center from May 31 to September 20. Projects will last 1-3 hours and volunteers must wear clothes that can get dirty, long pants, and closed-toe shoes. Sun protection, water, and snacks are recommended. Youth under 18 must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Questions? Email [yose\\_volunteers@nps.gov](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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

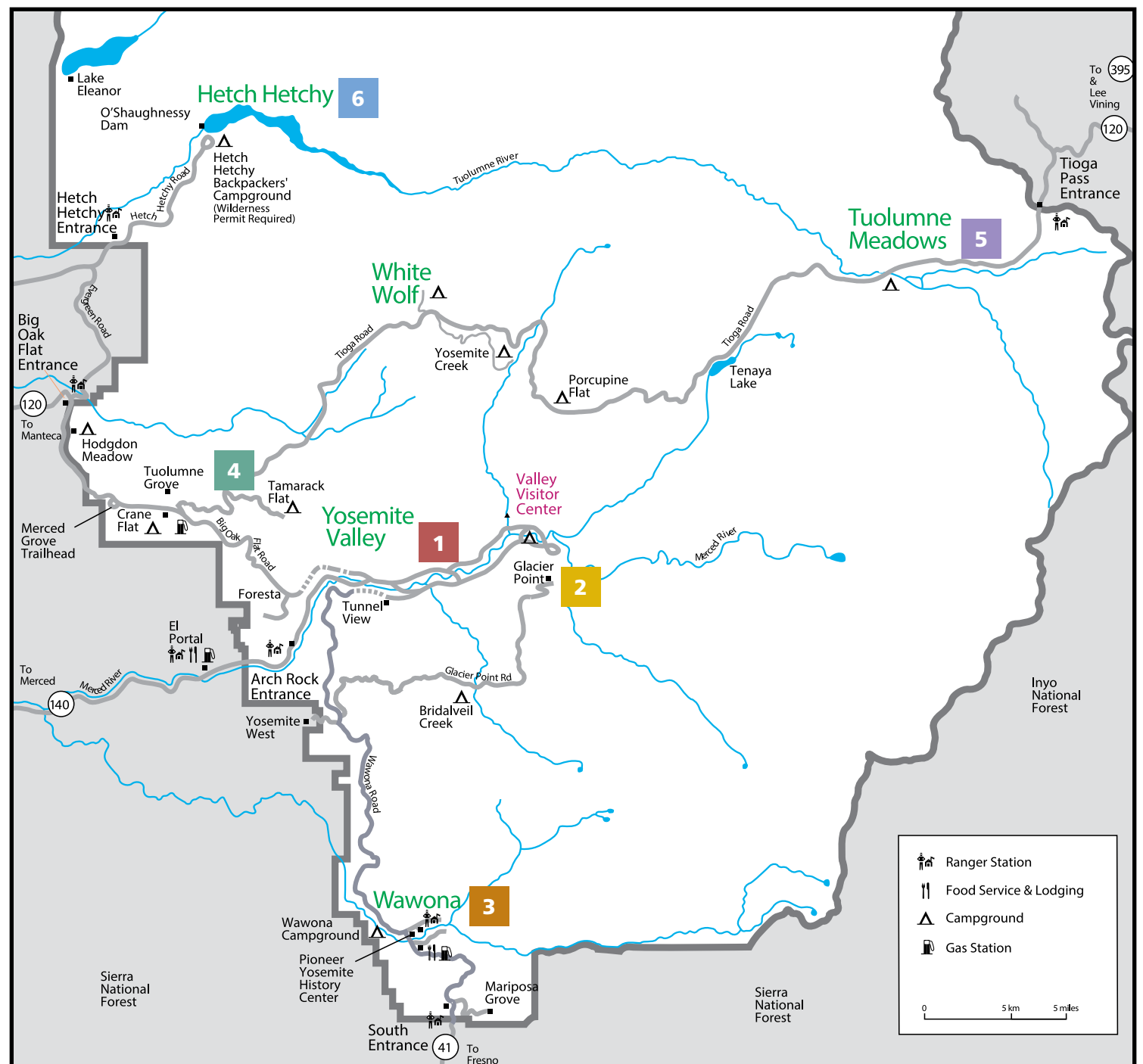
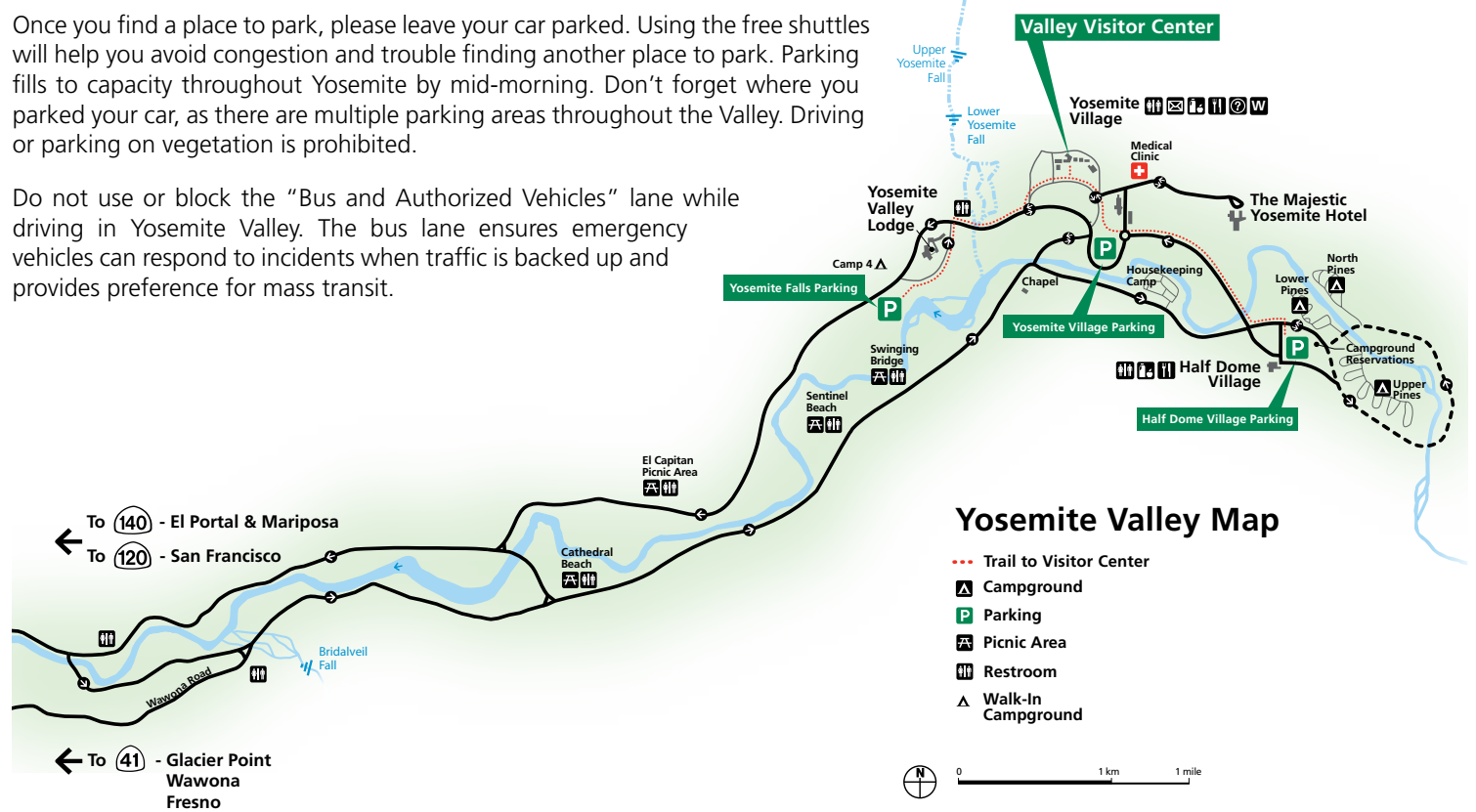
## Yosemite Travel Tips

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. Single vehicles over 30 feet long and trailers, are not permitted beyond Sentinel Dome/Taft Point Trailhead.

## Wawona and Mariposa Grove

**3** The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1 ¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park's South Entrance. The nearby Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite. Enjoy a horse-drawn stage ride, watch blacksmiths at work, 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 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 RVs 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



Milky Way Over Half Dome, by Kirk Keeler - on display during "Yosemite at Night - Photographs by Michael Frye and Kirk Keeler" at The Ansel Adams Gallery

## 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. Be sure to ask about Moonlight Tours, Starry Skies at Glacier Point Tours, and the Tuolumne Meadows Tour and 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 **Grand Tour** combines Yosemite Valley, Glacier Point and Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias into one memorable tour. Tour departs daily at 8:45am, *conditions permitting*.

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.

### Rafting

Rafting is a great way to see Yosemite Valley. Rent rafts at Half Dome Village from 10am to 4pm, *conditions permitting*. Last raft in by 6pm. If you bring your own raft, see page 15 for regulations.

### Bicycling

Experience Yosemite Valley on a bicycle. There are several miles of bicycle paths that wind through Yosemite Valley. Use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Valley Lodge or Half Dome Village, open 8am to 7pm, *weather permitting*. 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. You can walk to its base or take the strenuous trail to its top, see page 17.

- **Half Dome**, Yosemite's most distinctive monument, dominates most views in Yosemite Valley. Forces of uplift, erosion from rivers and glaciers, and rockfall all shaped this famous feature into what we see today. Cook's Meadow, Sentinel Bridge, Tunnel View, and Glacier Point, are just a few locations that will grant you some 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 on Yosemite's big walls.

- **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, Sentinel Rock, Cathedral Rocks, and Bridalveil Fall. It is spectacular at sunset or after the clearing of a storm.

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

### FOOD & BEVERAGE

#### Yosemite Village

**Degnan's Kitchen**  
7am to 6pm

**The Loft at Degnan's**  
11:30am 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

6am to 10:30am

##### The Majestic Bar

11:30am to 11pm

#### Yosemite Valley Lodge

##### Base Camp Eatery Starbucks

6am to 6pm

##### Base Camp Eatery

Breakfast: 6:30am to 10:45am

Lunch: 11am to 4:30pm

Dinner: 4:30pm to 9:30pm

##### Mountain Room Lounge

Monday - Friday

4:30pm to 11pm

Saturday

Noon to 11pm

Sunday

Noon to 10pm

##### 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/Ice Cream

6am to 11pm,

Ice cream service - 11am to 10pm

##### Half Dome Village Bar

11am to 10pm

##### Pavilion

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm

##### Pizza Deck

11am to 10pm

##### Meadow Grill

11am to 8pm

### 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

#### The Majestic Yosemite Hotel

##### The Gift Shop

8am to 10pm

##### The Sweet Shop

7am to 10pm

#### Yosemite Valley Lodge

##### Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

#### Half Dome Village

##### Mountain Shop

8am to 8pm

##### Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

#### Housekeeping Camp

##### Gift/Grocery

8am to 9pm

#### Happy Isles

##### Happy Isles Art and Nature Center

9am to 4pm, *may close for lunch*

# Yosemite Valley

Where to go and what to do

## Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore are open from 9am to 5pm. The facility offers information, maps, and books, and is located near shuttle stops #5/#9. Explore exhibits and learn about Yosemite's landscape.

### Yosemite Films

Two films are shown daily, every half hour starting at 9:30am, except on 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 Yosemite Valley 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*. The Yosemite Museum Gallery is open daily from 10am to 4pm.

### Gallery Exhibit:

"*Yosemite Lenscape: From Inspiration to Obsession*"

160 years after the first picture was taken in Yosemite Valley, photography has done so much to shape the human experience of Yosemite National Park. This exhibit presents four frames for thinking about how photography has left a lasting impact on one of America's favorite parks: how early photographers shaped the park's origin, how researchers use modern-day imagery to make new discoveries, how social media is changing the way we interact with the natural world, and how you the visitor celebrate and share your Yosemite experiences. After you visit the gallery, join in the conversation by posting your pictures with the hashtag #YosemiteLenscape.

### Yosemite Renaissance 35 Art Exhibit: Call for Entries

If you are an artist inspired by Yosemite and the California Sierra Nevada, you can apply for Yosemite Renaissance 35! Artists can apply through November 10, 2019.

Yosemite Renaissance exhibits share creative interpretations of Yosemite and the Sierra, not only the landscape, but also cultural, historical, and personal interpretations of the region. Visit [www.yosemiterenaissance.org](http://www.yosemiterenaissance.org) to learn more.

### 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, flutes, and more. Follow a self-guided accessible trail



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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 Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village in between the post office and the Ansel Adams Gallery.

### Happy Isles Art and Nature Center

Open 9am to 4pm, *may close for lunch*. 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.

### 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 and page 7 for hands-on photography classes. For more details, call (209) 372-4413, or visit [www.anseladams.com](http://www.anseladams.com).

### Exhibit:

*A World of Alternatives* - Photographs by Mark Citret, Jeffrey Conley, Vaughn Hutchins and Kerik Kouklis

April 1, 2019 – June 29, 2019

Photography as an art form is not that old, and when we refer to Traditional Photography it is often in reference to the gelatin silver print — Ansel Adams' preferred medium. In reality, what we now know as Alternative Processes — e.g. platinum, carbon, gum, collodion — often predated the more popular gelatin silver method by decades. Each of these alternatives produces rich, textured prints of subtly and atmosphere. In actuality, the platinum print yields a fuller range of tones than that of its silver successor, where the deepest shadows reveal great detail, while the highlights remain radiant with hints of delicate spectral differences.

Between April 1st and June 29th, 2019, The Ansel Adams Gallery will feature a rotating exhibit *A World of Alternatives* with original work by photographers Mark Citret, Jeffrey Conley, Vaughn Hutchins, and Kerik Kouklis. A variety of alternative processes will be on display, including the more modern adaptation of Platinum over Pigment printing, where digital photography and old world forms merge to create pastel tinged works that harken back to the days of hand-tinted photographs. Discover something new with "A World of Alternatives."

*Yosemite at Night* - Photographs by Michael Frye and Kirk Keeler

June 30th, 2019 - August 17th, 2019

In Yosemite, the hustle and bustle of activity pervades the day. But at night, this all changes and the park becomes unfettered, with the wild echoes of nature and the humbling magnitude of an endless firmament overhead. Here, bears forage for grubs. The coyotes howl in Tenaya Canyon. Mountain Lions traipse through talus. And while others turn in, artists like Michael

Frye and Kirk Keeler work patiently photographing the moon and the stars.

Michael Frye has been famously photographing Yosemite for the last 35 years, frequently the beneficiary of a well honed instinct and a thorough knowledge of Yosemite's unique geography. Kirk Keeler has likewise found his home in the Sierra now ten years on, putting aside his former life as a musician following the encouragement of Mr. Frye to pursue photography. Like many a dedicated photographer, both of them have weaved their way through the iconic locations and grand vistas of the National Park, but where their shared experience finds a potent intrigue is in their continued dedication to exploring Yosemite by the hidden light of the night.

Opening at The Ansel Adams Gallery on June 30 and running through August 17, *Yosemite at Night: Photographs by Michael Frye and Kirk Keeler*, will exhibit works of stellar and astrophotography made by these two local artists of their great backyard over the course of their combined 45 years in park. On Wednesday, July 24 from 3pm to 5pm, the gallery will host a reception for the artists who will be in attendance. We hope you can come by and see a NEW side of Yosemite.

## VALLEY SERVICES

### GARAGE

Yosemite Village

8am to 5pm, *Closed for 1 hour at noon*.  
24 hour AAA towing available, NO gas,  
Propane service available 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

**Bike Rentals**  
8am to 7pm, *weather permitting*

Half Dome Village

**Tour and Activity Desk**  
7:30am to 3:30pm

**Mountaineering School**  
8:30am to 4:30pm, *Closed for 1 hour at noon*

**Bike Rentals**  
8am to 7pm, *weather permitting*

**Raft Rentals**  
10am to 4pm, *beginning May 17, conditions and weather permitting*

### 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

June 19, 2019 - July 23, 2019



## Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures (YC)

Experience the park in a new way with Yosemite Conservancy's naturalist guides! Upcoming outings include:

June 28 – 30	<i>Outdoor Adventure Alumni Reunion: Yosemite</i>
July 4 - 5	<i>Overnight Under the Milky Way</i>
July 16	<i>Dine and Discover: Full Moon Hike to Taft Point</i>
July 20 – 21	<i>Relaxed Birding &amp; Flowers at White Wolf*</i>
July 27	<i>Overnight Under the Milky Way</i>
August 1-4	<i>Backpack to Lyell Glacier</i>
August 2-4	<i>Yosemite Day Hikes: Life Above the Tree Line</i>

Visit [yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures](http://yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures) or call (209) 379-2317 ext. 10 to learn more, see other upcoming adventures and sign up. Custom Adventures can be arranged for individuals and groups. Proceeds from all our programs help preserve and protect Yosemite. \*Adventures marked with (\*) start from Tuolumne Meadows or White Wolf

## 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, shuttle bus stops #5 & #9. Get your tickets (\$10 per person, free tickets for children under age 12) online at [yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-theater](http://yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-theater), at Yosemite Conservancy bookstores, or Yosemite Hospitality tour desks, or at the theater before show time.

*Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier* (Sunday, July 7) Ranger Shelton Johnson portrays a Buffalo Soldier in Yosemite in the early 1900s.

*A Room of Rascals: School in Yosemite's Stagecoach Days* (Mondays) Storyteller Brian Shoor spins a tale of antics and adventure set in the late 1880s.

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

*Conversation with a Tramp: An Evening with John Muir* (Wednesdays) Actor Lee Stetson brings John Muir to life on stage as the legendary naturalist learns about the future of his beloved Hetch Hetchy Valley in the early 20th century.

*John Muir's Wild Mountain Adventures* (Thursdays) Follow John Muir, portrayed by celebrated actor and historian Lee Stetson, on his thrilling journeys in the western wilderness.

*Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey* (Fridays and 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 for family-friendly crafts and activities, browse supplies and original artwork, and more. The center is open daily, 9am to 4pm.

Daily art classes for ages 12 and up are taught by volunteer instructors, Monday through Saturday, 10am to 2pm (unless otherwise noted), and are typically held outside in Yosemite Valley. Most workshops are \$20 per person, per class (materials and supplies not included). Upcoming classes include:

June 17 – 22	<i>Successful Acrylic Painting with Trowzers Akimbo</i>
June 24 – 29	<i>Painting and Poetry with Joa Suarez and Kelly Lee</i>
July 1 – 6	<i>Tapestry Weaving with Myla Collier</i>
July 8 – 13	<i>Watercolor Sketchbook with Sylvia Eneriz</i>
July 15 – 20	<i>Watercolor for Beginners with Grace Fong</i>
July 22 – 27	<i>Drawing with Charcoal with Jeff Hemming</i>

We also offer a drop-in Open Studio (daily, 11am-3pm) and children's art classes (ages 4-12, \$10/participant or \$30/family, see page 6). To learn more and register for any of our art programs, visit [yosemiteconservancy.org/art](http://yosemiteconservancy.org/art), contact us at (209) 372-0631 or [artcenter@yosemiteconservancy.org](mailto: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](mailto:YosemiteChapel@sbcglobal.net)  
[www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org](http://www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org)  
[www.YosemiteValleyChapelWeddings.org](http://www.YosemiteValleyChapelWeddings.org)  
Call for wedding information and availability  
**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:** call for location.

**ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS**  
**OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS**  
Behind Visitor Center in Yosemite Theater,  
Shuttle stops #5 or #9  
**SUNDAY** - 10am (year - round)  
For additional information call  
(559) 642-3452

**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 25 to Aug 31  
9:45am - Music/Sabbath School  
11am - Worship, 12:30pm Potluck  
[www.facebook.com/YosemiteSDAChurch](http://www.facebook.com/YosemiteSDAChurch)

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

## SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
Yosemite Valley Chapel  
Sunday - 8pm, Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30pm  
Oakhurst Hotline: (559) 683-1662

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

MORNING EVENTS	
Sunday	9:00am <b>CLIMBER COFFEE</b> (June 23 and 30 Only) 2 hrs. Meet with NPS climbers rangers to discuss climbing management issues, search and rescue activities, accident prevention, and other current events surrounding the climbing community. Camp 4 campground, near Columbia Boulder/restrooms. (NPS)
	9:30am <b>Adventure Hike - Vernal/Nevada Falls</b> 6 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Half Dome Village Mountaineering School. (YH) \$
	10:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿
	11:00am <b>OPEN STUDIO</b> 4 hrs. Self-guided Yosemite-themed art activities for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (shuttle stop #16). Bring, rent or purchase supplies. Daily, 11am-3pm. (YC)
	11:00am <b>KIDS ART CLASS</b> 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Limited to 10 students. (YC) \$
Monday	9:00am <b>Bike to Hike Tour</b> 2.5 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Half Dome Village Bike Stand. (YH) \$
	10:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿
	10:00am <b>Ranger Walk - Yosemite's First People</b> 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
	10:00am <b>Art Workshop</b> 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online: <a href="http://yosemiteconservancy.org/art">yosemiteconservancy.org/art</a> . Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6. (YC) \$
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Tuesday	8:15am <b>Adventure Hike - Panorama Trail With One-Way Glacier Point Bus Ride</b> 8 hrs. Yosemite Valley Lodge Tour Desk. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
	9:00am <b>Camera Walk</b> 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at The Majestic Yosemite Hotel. (TAAG) ♿
	10:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿
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Thursday	9:00am <b>Camera Walk</b> 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) ♿
	9:00am <b>Discovery Hike - Vernal Falls Bridge</b> 3.5 hrs. Half Dome Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
	10:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿
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Programs printed in <b>ALL CAPS AND COLOR</b> are especially for children and their families.	
Friday	9:30am <b>DROP-IN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM</b> Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center to spend an hour or three giving back to the park you love.
	9:30am <b>Adventure Hike - Vernal/Nevada Falls</b> 6 hrs. Half Dome Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
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Saturday	9:00am <b>Camera Walk</b> 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) ♿
	9:00am <b>Bike to Hike Tour</b> 2.5 hrs. Half Dome Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
	10:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿
	10:00am <b>Ranger Walk - Ahwahneechee Stories and Games</b> 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
	10:00am <b>Art Workshop</b> 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online: <a href="http://yosemiteconservancy.org/art">yosemiteconservancy.org/art</a> . Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6. (YC) \$
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<b>AAC</b>	<b>American Alpine Club</b>		Indicates facilities accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. Short, steep inclines may be encountered.
<b>YH</b>	<b>Yosemite Hospitality LLC</b>		
<b>NPS</b>	<b>National Park Service</b>		
<b>SC</b>	<b>Sierra Club</b>		A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf visitors. Contact (209) 379-5250 (v/txt) to request an interpreter. Advanced notice of two weeks is requested, but not required.
<b>TAAG</b>	<b>The Ansel Adams Gallery</b>		
<b>YC</b>	<b>Yosemite Conservancy</b>		Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advanced request for any public program. Inquire at any visitor center or tour desk.
<b>\$</b>	<b>Programs offered for a fee</b>		Audio tours are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Refer to the Accessibility Guide for details

	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Sunday	<p>12:30pm <b>ASK-A-CLIMBER</b> (June 23 and 30 Only) 4 hrs. View climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. El Capitan bridge, across from the shuttle stop E4 (NPS)</p> <p>1:00pm <b>KIDS ART CLASS</b> 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Limited to 10 students. (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>KIDS ART CLASS</b> 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Limited to 10 students. (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Historic Majestic Hotel Tour</b> 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 <b>DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE</b> 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>4:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> 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 <b>Twilight Walk</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Falls, shuttle stop #6 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 &amp; under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater – Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier</b> (July 7 Only) 1.5 hrs. Ranger Shelton Johnson brings history to life as Sgt. Elzy Boman. For ticket information, see page 6. (YC) \$</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm <b>NIGHT PROWL</b> 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour &amp; activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (Except July 14) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour &amp; activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p>
Monday	<p>12:30pm <b>ASK-A-CLIMBER</b> (June 24 Only) 4 hrs. View climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. El Capitan bridge, across from shuttle stop E4 (NPS)</p> <p>1:00pm <b>Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera Photography Class</b> 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$ ♿</p> <p>1:00pm <b>Discovery Hike - Less Traveled Lower Valley Loop</b> 4 hrs. Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$</p> <p>1:00pm <b>KIDS ART CLASS</b> 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Limited to 10 students. (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>KIDS ART CLASS</b> 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Limited to 10 students. (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Historic Majestic Hotel Tour</b> 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 <b>DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE</b> 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>4:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> 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 <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 &amp; under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Twilight Walk</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Falls, shuttle stop #6 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater – A Room of Rascals: School in Yosemite's Stagecoach Days</b> (Except June 24 and July 22) 1.5 hrs. Travel back to Yosemite Valley in the 1880s with storyteller Brian Shoor. For ticket information, see page 6. (YC) \$</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Ranger Program</b> 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm <b>NIGHT PROWL</b> 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour &amp; activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (Except July 15) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour &amp; activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p>
Tuesday	<p>12:30pm <b>ASK-A-CLIMBER</b> (June 25 Only) 4 hrs. View climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. El Capitan bridge, across from shuttle stop E4 (NPS)</p> <p>1:00pm <b>In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography</b> 2 hrs. Get outside in one of the most beautiful places on earth and dive into the tools and techniques to capture, edit, and produce professional-level photos directly from your smartphone. Anyone who takes photos with their phone are welcome. (TAAG) \$ ♿</p> <p>1:00pm <b>In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Photography Class</b> 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$ ♿</p> <p>1:00pm <b>KIDS ART CLASS</b> 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Limited to 10 students. (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>KIDS ART CLASS</b> 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Limited to 10 students. (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Historic Majestic Hotel Tour</b> 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 <b>DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE</b> 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>3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk – Wild About Bears</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿</p> <p>6:00pm <b>Dine and Discover: Full Moon Hike to Taft Point</b> (July 16 Only) 6 hrs. Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist for an evening hike and refreshments above Yosemite Valley. See page 6 for details. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater – Yosemite Search and Rescue</b> 1.5 hrs. Join a Yosemite ranger for behind-the-scenes tales of emergency response missions. For ticket information, see page 6. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE</b> 1 hr. Campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16, look for temporary signs (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm <b>NIGHT PROWL</b> 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour &amp; activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (Except July 16) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour &amp; activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p>
Wednesday	<p>12:30pm <b>ASK-A-CLIMBER</b> (June 19 and 26 Only) 4 hrs. View climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. El Capitan bridge, across from the shuttle stop E4 (NPS)</p> <p>1:00pm <b>Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera Photography Class</b> 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$ ♿</p> <p>1:00pm <b>Discovery Hike - Vernal Falls Bridge</b> 3.5 hrs. Half Dome Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Historic Majestic Hotel Tour</b> 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 <b>Drop-In Traditional and Contemporary Cultural Demonstration</b> 2 hrs. Indian Village behind Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>2:00pm <b>DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE</b> 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>3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk – Wild About Bears</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>4:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> (Except July 3) 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 <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> (Except July 3) 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 &amp; under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Twilight Walk</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Falls, shuttle stop #6 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater - Conversation with a Tramp: An Evening with John Muir</b> (Except July 17) 1.5 hrs. Live performance starring celebrated John Muir actor and historian Lee Stetson. For ticket information, see page 6. (YC) \$</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater – A Room of Rascals: School in Yosemite's Stagecoach Days</b> (July 17 Only) 1.5 hrs. Travel back to Yosemite Valley in the 1880s with storyteller Brian Shoor. For ticket information, see page 6. (YC) \$</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Ranger Program</b> 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) ♿</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> (Except July 3) 1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm <b>NIGHT PROWL</b> (Except July 3) 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour &amp; activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour &amp; activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p>
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Saturday	<p>12:30pm <b>ASK-A-CLIMBER</b> (June 22 and 29 Only) 4 hrs. View climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. El Capitan bridge, across from the shuttle stop E4 (NPS)</p> <p>1:00pm <b>In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Photography Class</b> 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$ ♿</p> <p>1:00pm <b>Discovery Hike - Less Traveled Lower Valley Loop</b> 3.5 hrs. Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$</p> <p>1:00pm <b>KIDS ART CLASS</b> 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Limited to 10 students. (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>KIDS ART CLASS</b> 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Limited to 10 students. (YC) \$</p> <p>2:00pm <b>Historic Majestic Hotel Tour</b> 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 <b>DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE</b> 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>3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk – Wild About Bears</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿</p> <p>3:00pm <b>Collector's Fine Print Viewing</b> 1 hr. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery.</p> <p>4:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿</p>	<p>6:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> 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 <b>JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE</b> 1 hr. Campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16, look for temporary signs (NPS) ♿</p> <p>7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater – Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey</b> 1.5 hrs. Join climber Ron Kauk for a film and presentation about life on and off the walls. For ticket information, see page 6. (YC) \$</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Following John Muir into Wild Yosemite</b> (June 22 Only) 1 hr. Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center, limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Changing Lifeways of the Ahwahneechee</b> (June 29 Only) 1 hr. Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center, limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Anywhere that is Wild: John Muir's 1868 Walk from San Francisco to Yosemite</b> (July 13 Only) 1 hr. Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center, limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)</p> <p>8:00pm <b>Leave No Trace and How to Utilize the Techniques</b> (July 20 Only) 1 hr. Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center, limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)</p> <p>8:30pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿</p> <p>9:00pm <b>NIGHT PROWL</b> 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour &amp; activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p> <p>9:00pm <b>STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (Except July 13) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour &amp; activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$</p>

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



# 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

#### 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.

#### 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*.

### 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.

#### Old-Fashioned Fourth of July!

You are cordially invited to join the staff of the Pioneer Yosemite History Center for an old fashioned 4th of July celebration! Activities will include a parade, speeches, and games, such as gunny sack races, three-legged races, an egg toss, and tug-of-war. A fun time will be enjoyed by people of all ages. This celebration takes place at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center on July 4th between 2pm and 4pm.

#### 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

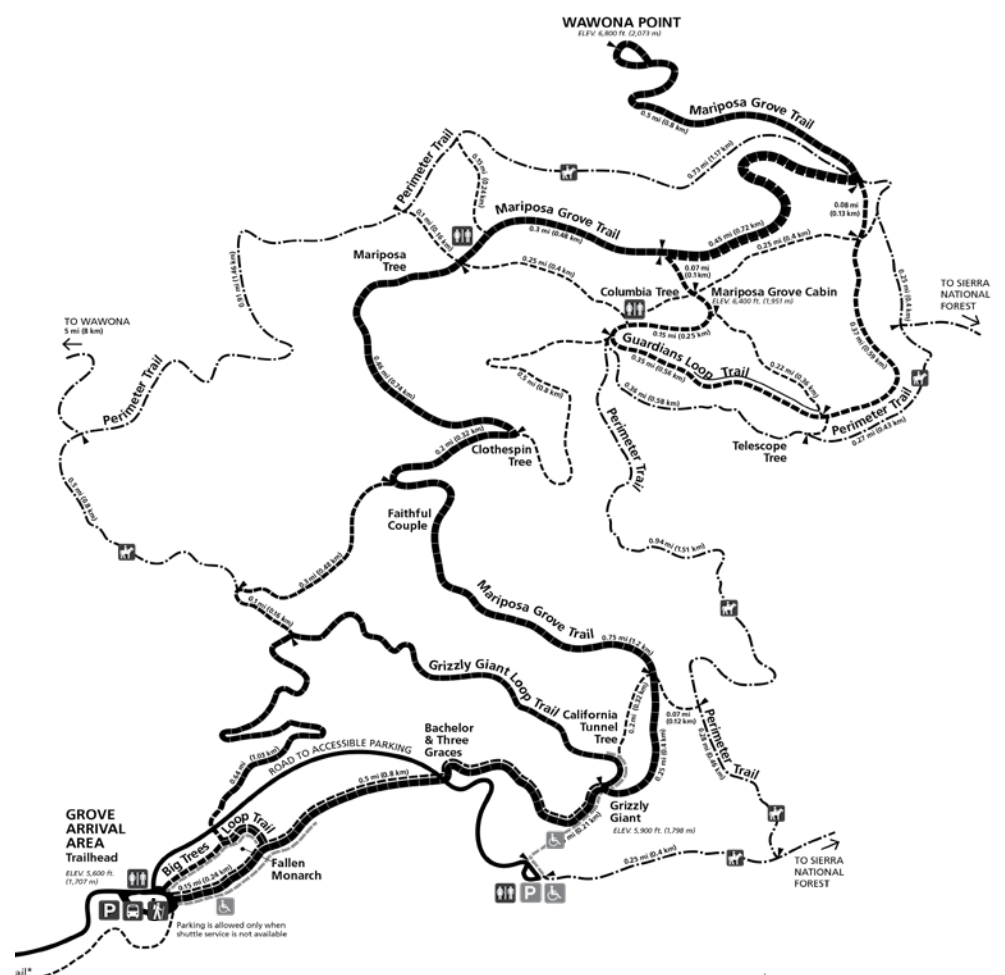
Located near Yosemite's South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is the park's largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees in the grove. Allow 1½ hours driving time to reach the grove from the Valley. Trails into the grove extend uphill from the trailhead at the Mariposa Grove Arrival Area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the California Tree provide a self-guiding tour.

#### 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  
Dinner: 5pm to 9pm  
*Reservations taken for 6 or more.*

Lounge Service: 5pm to 9:30pm

Saturday BBQ: 5pm to 7pm, *weather permitting*

##### Golf Shop & Snack Stand

7am to 6pm, *weather and conditions permitting*

##### Glacier Point

##### Snack Stand

11am to 5pm, *conditions permitting*

### GIFTS & GROCERIES

#### Wawona

##### Big Trees Store & Pioneer Shop

8am to 8pm

##### Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Wawona Visitor Center

8am to 5pm

#### Mariposa Grove

##### Yosemite Conservancy Depot at Mariposa Grove

9am to 5pm

#### Glacier Point

##### Gift Shop

9am to 7pm, *conditions permitting*

##### Snack Stand

11am to 5pm, *conditions permitting*

### POST OFFICE

#### Wawona Post Office

Monday-Friday: 9am to 5pm

Saturday: 9am to noon

### GAS STATION

#### Big Trees Lodge Service Station

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

### GOLF

#### Big Trees Lodge Golf Course

8am to 6pm, *conditions permitting*. Nine-hole, par-35 course. (209)375-6572

#### Disc Golf

Tuesday-Wednesday: 2pm to 6pm

### STABLES

#### Wawona Stable

7am to 5pm

	WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE	GLACIER POINT
Sunday	9:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM</b> 30 mins. Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio. (NPS) 10:00am – 2:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 children, ages 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 2:00pm – 5:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Campfire Talk</b> 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿	10:00am <b>Ranger Walk - Hike Panoramic Views on the Way to Hidden Illilouette Fall</b> (June 23 and 30 Only) 3.5 hrs. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Ranger Walk - Wildflowers and Historic People</b> (Except June 23 and 30) 2 hrs. Explore relationships of wildflowers, ecology and Yosemite's early human history. Meet at the McGurk Meadow Trailhead on Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 9:00pm <b>STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> 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) \$ ♿
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Saturday	8:30am <b>Explore Mariposa Grove's Ecology</b> 2 hrs. Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist for a guided walk in Mariposa Grove. Meet at Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza Shuttle Stop. \$10/person. No pre-registration. (YC) \$ 9:00am <b>Nature Walk with a Ranger</b> 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 <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 children ages 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 2:00pm – 5:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) 5:30pm <b>Vintage Music</b> 4 hrs. Pianist/singer Tom Bopp performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past in the Big Trees Lodge lobby. Historical programs available by request are usually given at 8:30pm. For details or to request a program, drop by the piano before 8pm, while Tom's performing. ♿ 8:00pm <b>Campfire Talk</b> 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿	2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes</b> 2 hrs. Explore fascinating ecosystems and geologic wonders on the way to towering cliff top or summit views. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome trailhead parking area along Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 7:45pm <b>Sunset Ranger Talk</b> 30 mins. Glacier Point amphitheater, overlooking the High Sierra. (NPS) 8:45pm <b>Stars Over Yosemite</b> Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast. (NPS)

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# North of Yosemite Valley

## Ranger Programs and Spectacular Vistas



Hetch Hetchy. NPS Photo

### Big Oak Flat

#### Big Oak Flat Information Station

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

### Tuolumne Grove

The trailhead for the Tuolumne Grove, which consists of approximately 25 sequoias is near the intersection of the Big Oak Flat and Tioga roads at Crane Flat. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from the parking

area into the grove. The trail drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The way down can seem much easier than the uphill return. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill portion. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile nature trail. There is no potable water available. 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 3.5 miles north of Crane Flat and 4.5 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.



\*Illustrations by Binta Wold

### SERVICES AT CRANE FLAT

*\*Due to snow, programs, services, and trailheads along Tioga Road may not be available.*

### GROCERIES

Crane Flat  
**Store**  
8am to 7pm, conditions permitting

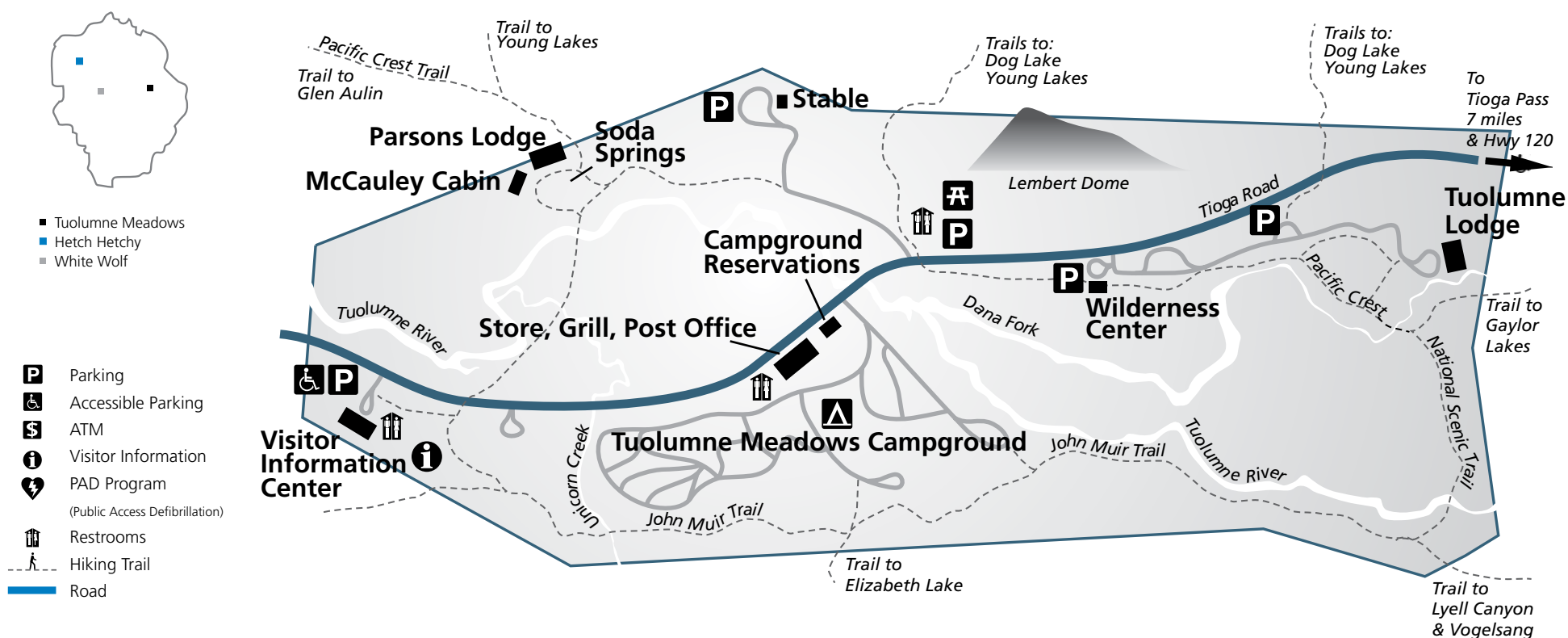
### GAS STATION

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

HETCH HETCHY, HODGDON MEADOW, & CRANE FLAT	
See local postings for additional naturalist walks and programs * Crane Flat Campground programs will begin when the campground opens for the season.	
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am <b>Bird Walk</b> (July 14 and 21 Only) 1.5 hrs. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground fire circle (near group campsites). Leisurely walk with stops. Wear sturdy footwear. Binoculars provided if needed. (NPS) 9:30am <b>JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM*</b> 1 hr. All ages welcome. Exploration of the Hodgdon Meadow Campground area, games, stories, etc. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground fire circle (near group campsites). Wear sturdy footwear and be prepared to walk. (NPS)
<b>Monday</b>	9:00am <b>Hodgdon Meadow Wildflower Bloom Monitoring Walk</b> 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist to learn to identify wildflowers and help update a weekly bloom list for Hodgdon Meadow. Wear sturdy footwear. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground Kiosk. (NPS) 8:30pm <b>Ranger Campfire Program</b> 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist for a traditional high country campfire program. See local postings for each week's subject. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground fire circle (near group campsites). (NPS)
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00pm <b>Giant Sequoia Walk</b> 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) 2:30pm <b>Giant Sequoia Walk</b> 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)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00am <b>Ranger on the Dam</b> 1 hr. Stop by anytime during this hour and talk with a ranger-naturalist to learn about the Hetch Hetchy Valley and O'Shaughnessy Dam. (NPS) 7:00pm <b>Twilight Meadow Observation and Sketching Walk</b> 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)
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<b>Friday</b>	8:00am <b>Bird Walk</b> (July 11 and 18 Only) 1.5 hrs. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground campfire circle near the group campsites. Leisurely walk with stops. Wear sturdy footwear. Binoculars provided if needed. (NPS) 7:00pm <b>Bear Walk</b> 1 hr. Learn about these amazing creatures who call Yosemite home. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground fire circle (near group campsites). Wear sturdy footwear. (NPS)
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger</b> 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. Check campground kiosk posting for location. (NPS) 1:00pm <b>Giant Sequoia Walk</b> 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) 2:30pm <b>Giant Sequoia Walk</b> 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) 8:30pm <b>Ranger Campfire Program</b> 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist for a traditional high-country campfire program. See local postings for each week's subject. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground fire circle (near group campsites). (NPS)

# Tuolumne Meadows

## Ranger Programs and Spectacular Vistas



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 unforgettable hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. Stop at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center for information about hiking to Cathedral Lakes, Elizabeth Lake, Dog Lake, Lembert Dome, or along the Tuolumne River through Lyell Canyon. Take advantage of the Tuolumne Meadows Hikers' Bus from Yosemite Valley.

### Tuolumne Meadows

- Please walk on official trails to protect fragile meadow ecosystems.
- Dogs, bicycles, and strollers are only allowed on roads open to vehicles.
- Day-hikers and backpackers must go to the bathroom 100 feet away from water, trail, and camp areas; bury human waste six inches deep; pack out all toilet paper and trash.

\*Due to snow and ice, it is very likely that Tuolumne Meadows programs, services, and trailheads may not be available until mid-July. Check local postings for programs.

#### Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Once open for the season, hours will be 9am to 5pm. The visitor center is the place to find park orientation, help with trip planning, trail information, books, maps, and displays.

#### 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 will be open from 10am to 4pm beginning soon after the Tioga Road opens. Soda Springs are small, naturally-carbonated springs that attract birds and deer, especially at sunrise and sunset.

#### Ranger Programs and Walks

Explore the high country with a park ranger. Learn and deepen your connection with flowers, geology, birds and other

wildlife, meadows, local history, the Tuolumne River, and much more. Check local postings for ranger walks, talks, and campfire programs, including activities just for kids. These will begin soon after the road opens and will be posted at the Wilderness Center and other locations around Tuolumne Meadows and the Park.

#### Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

The wilderness center will open soon after the Tioga Road. Please check website for hours of operation. Visit the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters. The Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center is located south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge.

#### Yosemite Conservancy Programs (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy offers naturalist-led Outdoor Adventures throughout the park. See page 6 for details on trips based in the Tuolumne Meadows and White Wolf areas.

#### When Can I Go to the High Country?

You may be wondering when Tioga Road will open and when those high country adventures can commence. Fortunately, Yosemite National Park experienced near record snowfall this past winter, similar to that of 2017! Here is a glimpse at the winter stats for 2018-19.

Season Totals: Nov 1, 2018 – May 1, 2019

Total Snowfall: About 213 inches

Total Water: 33 inches of precipitation in the form of rain and snow

Snow water equivalent (inches of liquid water contained in the snowpack): 176% of average in the Tuolumne watershed.

So, although the birds are singing and wildflowers are blooming at lower elevations, spring will arrive later than usual in the Tuolumne Meadows vicinity. What does this mean? Well, to those dreaming of high country adventures, be advised that there was still over 100 inches of snow on the ground in late April, which means it will take time for the snow to melt and for those high elevation areas to be reachable.

Those planning treks in the Sierra Nevada this summer should anticipate hazards such as high water crossings, snow bridges, and hard snow on mountain passes. Please, come prepared, make good decisions, and do not put others at risk when visiting the wilderness this summer.

Road crews have begun clearing snow from Tioga Road since late April. It is impossible to predict when the road will open, due to spring weather. When the road is cleared, additional time will be needed to get services up and running.

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#### FOOD & BEVERAGE

Tuolumne Meadows

- \*Tuolumne Meadows Grill  
8am to 6pm, opening date TBD
- \*Tuolumne Meadows Lodge  
Dining Room, opening date TBD  
Breakfast: 7am to 9am  
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8pm,  
Reservations strongly recommended  
(209) 372-8413

#### GIFTS & GROCERIES

Tuolumne Meadows

- \*Gift/Groceries  
8am to 8pm, opening date TBD
- Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at  
Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center  
9am to 5pm, opening date TBD

#### TRANSPORTATION

Tuolumne Meadows Hikers' Bus

The hikers' bus leaves Yosemite Valley once daily, starting from Half Dome Village in the morning. The bus departs Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center mid-afternoon. Visit a Tours and Activity desk for scheduled departures and to purchase tickets. Available sometime after Tioga Road opens, which is TBD.

# Just For Kids

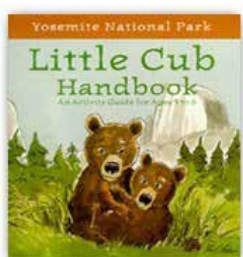
Experience the Adventures of a Junior Ranger



A Yosemite park ranger leads a Junior Ranger Walk in Happy Isles. NPS Photo

## Explore, Learn, and Protect!

Junior Rangers at Yosemite National Park take an oath to protect parks, continue to learn about the natural and cultural history at other parks, and vow to share their own ranger story with friends and family.



## 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 or Little Cub Hand Book** at any of the Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores located in park Visitor Centers, or at the Village Store
- Complete the pages in your Junior Ranger Booklet
- Pick up trash.
- Attend a Guided Program.
- Return your completed book and a bag of trash 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.



# 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!

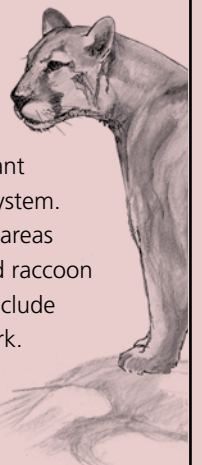
To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at (209) 372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park's website ([go.nps.gov/bears](http://go.nps.gov/bears)).

### 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.

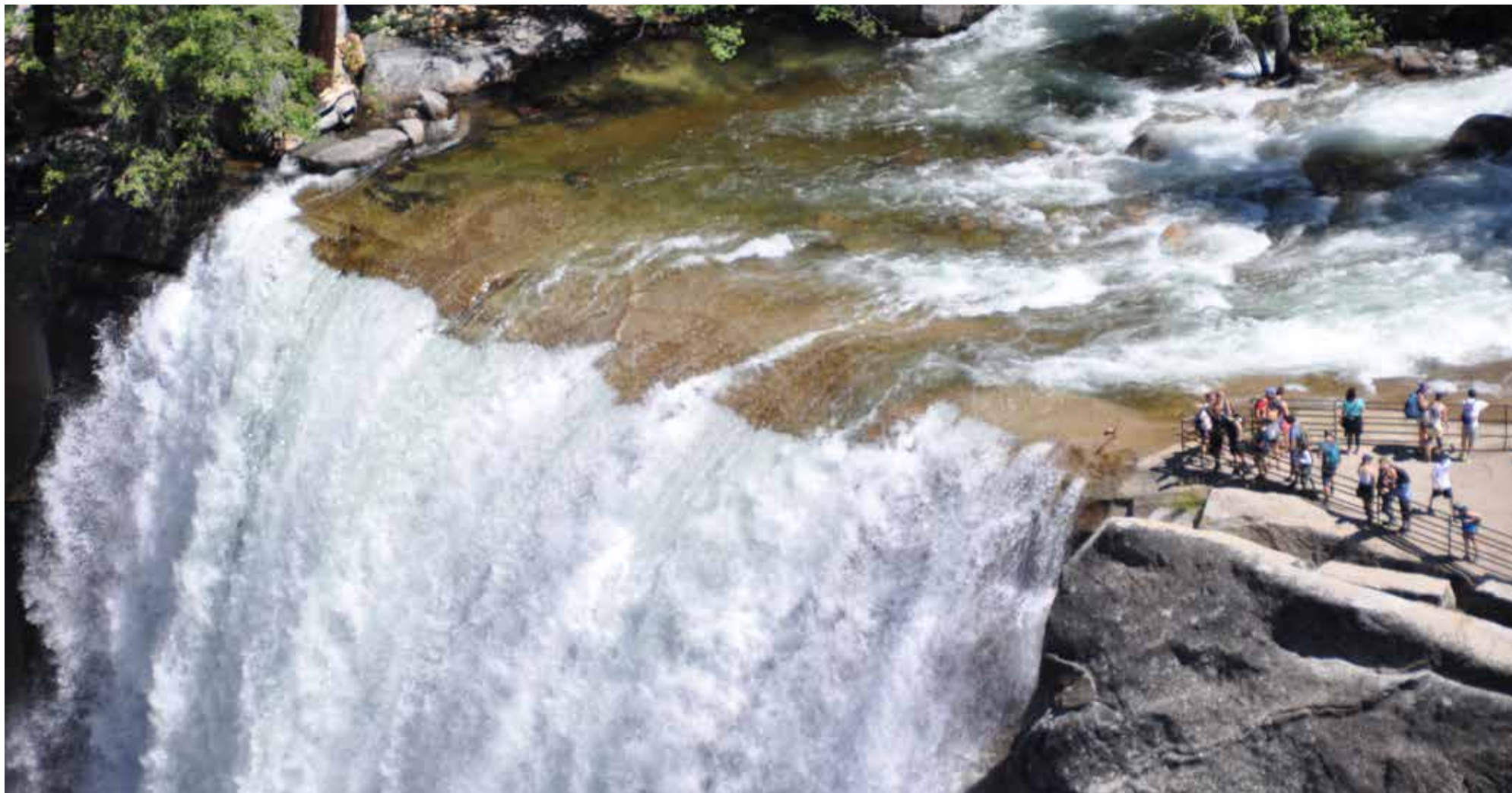
LOCATION	FOOD STORAGE	WHY?
<b>Your Vehicle</b>	You may store food in your car (with windows closed) only during daylight hours. Do not store food in your car after dark: use a food locker. Remember to clear your car of food wrappers, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats. Never leave unattended food strapped 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!
<b>Your Campsite or Tent Cabin</b>	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.
<b>Picnic Areas &amp; on the Trails</b>	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.
<b>Backpacking in the Wilderness</b>	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](http://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](http://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 roam. 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 the Yosemite 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](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm) to check trailhead availability and for more information on how to make a reservation. Reservations can be made online, by phone or mail. To make a reservation by phone, call (209) 372-0740, Monday through Friday, from 9am to 5pm and Saturday from 9am to 4pm. For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm), the Leave No Trace website at [www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org), or the Friends of Yosemite Search and Rescue website at [www.friendofyosar.org](http://www.friendofyosar.org).

#### 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 2019, June 7 through October 15, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 preseason lottery permits have already been issued for 2019. In addition, approximately 50 permits will be released by daily lottery throughout the season based on estimated under-use and cancellation rates (exact number may change throughout the summer). Applications for daily lotteries will be accepted 2 days prior to the desired hiking date between midnight and 1 pm. To apply, visit [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov) or call (877) 444-6777. A non-refundable application fee applies to all submissions and a use fee applies to winning applicants. Finally, a daily quota of 75 Half Dome permits will be available to overnight users with an appropriate wilderness permit (use fee applies). These permits may be acquired through early reservations (50 per day) or day before walk-up (25 per day). Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area may

descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit. More information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm>. For backpackers more information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm>.

#### 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 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 signs.
- You must have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device.
- Fallen trees and natural debris in the river create important habitat for wildlife. Be alert—they can create hazards for rafters.

#### Fishing

Fishing in Yosemite is regulated by state law. A valid California sport-fishing license is required for persons age 16 years and older. When fishing, the license must be plainly visible, attached above the waistline. Fishing from bridges in the park is not allowed. In addition, Yosemite has special fishing regulations for the Tuolumne and Merced Rivers to protect native Rainbow trout:

**Merced River** - From Happy Isles footbridge to the western boundary of the Park:

- Open to fishing from the last Saturday in April to November 15
- Artificial lures only (no bait of any kind) with a single barbless hook may be used
- Daily bag limit - zero (0) rainbow trout; five (5) brown trout per day
- Possession bag limit - zero (0) rainbow trout; ten (10) brown trout in possession

**Tuolumne River** - From O'Shaughnessy Dam downstream to Early Intake Diversion Dam

*From last Saturday in April to November 15*

- Maximum size limit of 12 total inches
- Artificial lures only (no bait of any kind) with a single barbless hook may be used
- Daily bag limit - two (2) trout per day
- Possession bag limit - two (2) trout

*From November 16 through the Friday preceding the last Saturday in April*

- Artificial lures only (no bait of any kind) with a single barbless hook may be used
- Daily bag limit - zero (0) trout per day
- Possession bag limit - zero (0) trout
- 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 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.

### 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 archaeological 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

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.

### DRONES

Launching, landing, or operating Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) is prohibited. Use of UAS can harm park resources and/or interfere with park operations in the following ways:

- May disturb wildlife and/or hinder nesting and breeding of California's endangered peregrine falcons
- May disrupt visitor's experiences by obstructing the natural soundscape and landscape.
- May compromise the safety of others.
- May disturb fire or search and rescue operations. Often times, helicopters are necessary to carryout or to assist in putting out fires in Yosemite, a UAS could put these operations at risk.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm](http://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](http://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.

### 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 2.

### Campfires/Fireworks

We hope everyone practices fire safety while visiting. Before camping know and understand current fire rules and restrictions. Make sure all campfires are out cold before leaving by using the "drown, stir, and feel" method and remember fireworks are strictly prohibited.

## NEW Camp 4 Daily Lottery

Beginning Tuesday, May 21, 2019, a Camp 4 pilot daily lottery will go into effect until early September. The lottery opens at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) at 12:01am pacific time the day before your intended arrival date. The lottery is open until 4pm pacific time and requires a \$10, non-refundable application fee. The lottery automatically matches applicants with the number of open camping spaces. All people who enter the daily lottery will be notified by email on the results of their lottery application. Each person (not just the primary applicant) must check in at the campground using a valid photo ID. Six people will be assigned to each campsite; people in one group may be assigned to different campsites. You can register for up to seven nights. Camp 4 is open all year and campsites are not wheelchair accessible.

## 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 all year 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, not 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.

### Group Campgrounds

Tuolumne Meadows, Hodgdon Meadow, Wawona, and Bridalveil Creek have group campgrounds. Thirteen to 30 people are allowed in each group campsite. Tent camping only. Pets, RVs, and generators are not permitted.

## 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	Apr 1 - Oct 27	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$26	60	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Valley - North Pines	Apr 1 - Oct 27	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$26	81	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Valley - Camp 4	All year	No RVs/trailers		Late May - Early Sep	\$6/person	36	No	Tap
South - Wawona	All year	35 ft	35 ft	April 8 - Oct 1	\$26	93	Yes	Tap
South - Bridalveil Creek	Aug 1? - Sep 23	35 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$18	110	Yes	Tap
North - Hodgdon Meadow	All year	35 ft	30 ft	Apr - Oct 1	\$26	105	Yes	Tap
North - Crane Flat	Aug 1? - Oct 1	35 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$26	166	Yes	Tap
North - Tamarack Flat	?? - Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
North - White Wolf	?? - Sep 23	27 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$18	74	Yes	Tap
North - Yosemite Creek	?? - Sep 3	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	75	Yes	Creek (boil)
North - Porcupine Flat	?? - Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
North - Tuolumne Meadows	Aug 1? - Sep 23	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
<b>Wawona - Meadow Loop</b>	Big Trees Lodge	3.5 miles round-trip, 1.5 hours	Easy
<b>Wawona - Swinging Bridge Loop</b>	Wawona Store / Pioneer Yosemite History Center Parking Area	4.75 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
<b>Mariposa Grove - Big Trees Loop</b>	Mariposa Grove Arrival Area	0.3 mile round trip, 30 to 45 mins.	Easy
<b>Mariposa Grove - Grizzly Giant Loop Trail</b>	Mariposa Grove Arrival Area	2.1 miles round trip, 1.5 to 2 hours	Moderate
<b>Glacier Point Area - Taft Point</b>	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Easy to Moderate
<b>Glacier Point Area - Sentinel Dome</b>	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
<b>Tuolumne Meadows - Soda Springs / Parsons Lodge</b>	Lembert Dome Parking Area	1.5 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
<b>Tuolumne Meadows - Lembert Dome</b>	Lembert Dome Parking Area	4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderately Strenuous
<b>Tuolumne Meadows - John Muir Trail through Lyell Canyon</b>	Dog Lake Parking Area	8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours	Easy, 200-foot gain
<b>Tuolumne Meadows - Elizabeth Lake</b>	Tuolumne Meadows Group Campground	4.8 miles round trip, 4 to 5 hours	Moderate
<b>Tioga Road - Lukens Lake</b>	White Wolf <sup>1</sup>	5.4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderate
<b>Tioga Road - Yosemite Valley via Porcupine Creek</b>	Porcupine Creek <sup>1</sup>	7 miles one-way, 4 to 6 hours	Moderate, 4,000-foot loss
<b>Tioga Road - Yosemite Valley via Yosemite Creek</b>	Lukens Lake Trailhead <sup>1</sup>	10.5 miles one-way, 5 to 9 hours	Moderately Strenuous 3,500 to 4,000-foot loss
<b>Tioga Road - Yosemite Valley via Clouds Rest</b>	Tenaya Lake <sup>1</sup>	19 miles one-way, 10 to 12 hours	Strenuous
<b>Hetch Hetchy Area - Wapama Falls</b>	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 Swift Water Safety:

An Interview With Yosemite Search and Rescue

Story by Park Ranger Katie Mullen



Various Yosemite Search and Rescue swift water efforts. NPS Photos

**M**oose Mutlow has been the coordinator of the Yosemite Search and Rescue swiftwater team for more than a decade. When asked how long he has been running rivers, he responded, “I have been on the water since I was a toddler.” He is considered a swiftwater expert among peers and is qualified to offer Rescue 3 International Trainings. Yosemite Preventive Search and Rescue Ranger (PSAR) Katie Mullen interviewed Moose so that his expertise could be shared with you, park visitors.

**KM:** What makes Yosemite’s rivers potentially dangerous?

**MM:** “The [rivers of the] western slope of the Sierra have this pulse of flow that is incredibly alluring and seductive because you have got this water just ripping by and you have got these super high air temperatures and people forget that the water was snow a few hours before and it is just above freezing. No matter how hot it is outside if you go in that water you have a very narrow window in which you’re functional and able to rescue yourself.”

**KM:** How can visitors relate to swiftwater if they don’t have personal point of reference?

**MM:** “If you stand on the edge of the interstate and you got right on the edge of one of those lanes and you had all those cars flashing by you and there are mirrors right next to you, you would say that is absolutely insane. Yet, people constantly get to the very edge of the water, of that highway and balance precariously on the edge and they are just waiting for one slip to go in and then

it’s like being hit by a truck, you are gone.”

**KM:** What is the most common cause of a swiftwater incident in Yosemite?

**MM:** “Underappreciation of the danger. People will stand on the edge of the waterfall, they will swim at the edge of the waterfall, they will hang off the edge of the waterfall. Underestimating that when it goes wrong there is no coming back.”

**KM:** Why is the granite along riverbanks and at the top of waterfalls dangerous?

**MM:** “It’s been polished for eons. There is a reason people like granite for kitchen tops and in bathrooms because it is super smooth material and that is basically what is at the top of the waterfalls. It’s so polished and with a little bit of water on it, it is slick and then once you are in the water and you are wet it is really hard to grip. That coupled with extremely low [water] temperatures and fast moving water [put you] in a very narrow window to be able to rescue yourself.”

**KM:** Are successful swiftwater rescues common?

**MM:** “Most of the swiftwaters I have been on over the years are recoveries because it takes so long to get to a site that you really need a helicopter on scene that could pluck them out of the water immediately for them to survive. In the water it is very rare you are on scene quick enough to actually pluck somebody from the jaws of death.”

**KM:** Where is a good place for visitors to swim in the Merced River?

**MM:** “I think anybody looking for a place to dip in the Merced should do a really comprehensive assessment of the dangers, and if they struggle to understand what a comprehensive assessment of the dangers is don’t get in. You have to be able to look at it and say: is the water moving or still, how deep is it, where does it go, where does it terminate, is it dropping into a deep pool, does it go off an edge, is it going into an area that is super shallow for the next 100 feet? It’s not about what am I going to experience right now, it’s about what will I experience if this all goes wrong.”

**KM:** If I am swept away by swiftwater, what should I do?

**MM:** “If you find yourself in the water you fight really hard to get a big breath of fresh air as quickly as possible, get on your back with your feet pointed downstream, and then aggressively try to get to the side of the river. Don’t be passive, you need to aggressively fight your way to the side of the river where you think you might be able to get out. You are in the fight of your life and you have a narrow window in which to be successful.”

**KM:** How can visitors have an increased sense of swiftwater safety?

**MM:** “The thing I always like to say is go home and tell your story and don’t be the focus of the story. There are millions of people we have visit who have a fantastic experience looking at the waterfalls from a distance, they have a fantastic experience photographing the river from a distance, but there is a handful of people every year who never get home and are the focus of

the story. So I always say in the forefront of your mind figure out who you want to tell about your trip and do everything you can to make sure that you are alive to do that. And that means stay away from the edge, don’t ignore the warning signs and if you hear that little voice inside your head go, “ohh this is a bit freaky,” listen to it and go in the opposite direction and get away from that dangerous situation.”

## Key Takeaways

- When you are near any natural waterway, whether a creek, river, or pool, always look downstream. Do you see a waterfall or precipitous cascade, or other hazards such as fallen logs and jumbles of boulders that could entrap you and, with the force of a strong water current, make it impossible to escape? Even water that looks calm can have powerful—often deadly—currents.
- The waterways in Yosemite are fed by snowmelt, making the water just above freezing despite the air temperature.
- Swiftwater is dynamic and unpredictable—once in the water there is a narrow window in which to successfully rescue yourself.
- The granite rocks and slabs at the edge of waterways is as polished as a granite countertop. Stay on the trail to avoid slipping on polished granite near waterfalls and waterways.

To watch a video about a near-tragedy in Yosemite’s Tenaya Creek, go to: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZyCoUM\\_Sks](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZyCoUM_Sks). To read more about Yosemite Search and Rescue incidents, including swiftwater rescues, go to our PSAR blog: <https://www.nps.gov/yose/blogs/psarblog.htm>

# 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.

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Yosemite Hospitality, a subsidiary of Aramark, operates lodging, food and beverage, retail, recreational activities, tours, interpretive programs, transportation, and service stations under contract with the U.S. Department of Interior with a focus on delivering authentic and memorable guest experiences. Yosemite Hospitality is committed to providing park stewardship in collaboration with the National Park Service in effort to protect and preserve the park for millions of park visitors to enjoy. Visit [www.TravelYosemite.com](http://www.TravelYosemite.com) for more information.

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### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:yose_lostandfound@nps.gov).