

Yosemite Guide



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UPDATE

If you are not fully vaccinated, wearing a mask is required in federal buildings and in crowded outdoor spaces on federal land. Check local resources, area signage, and our park website for updates, www.nps.gov/yose.

Day-use reservations are required: go.nps.gov/covid



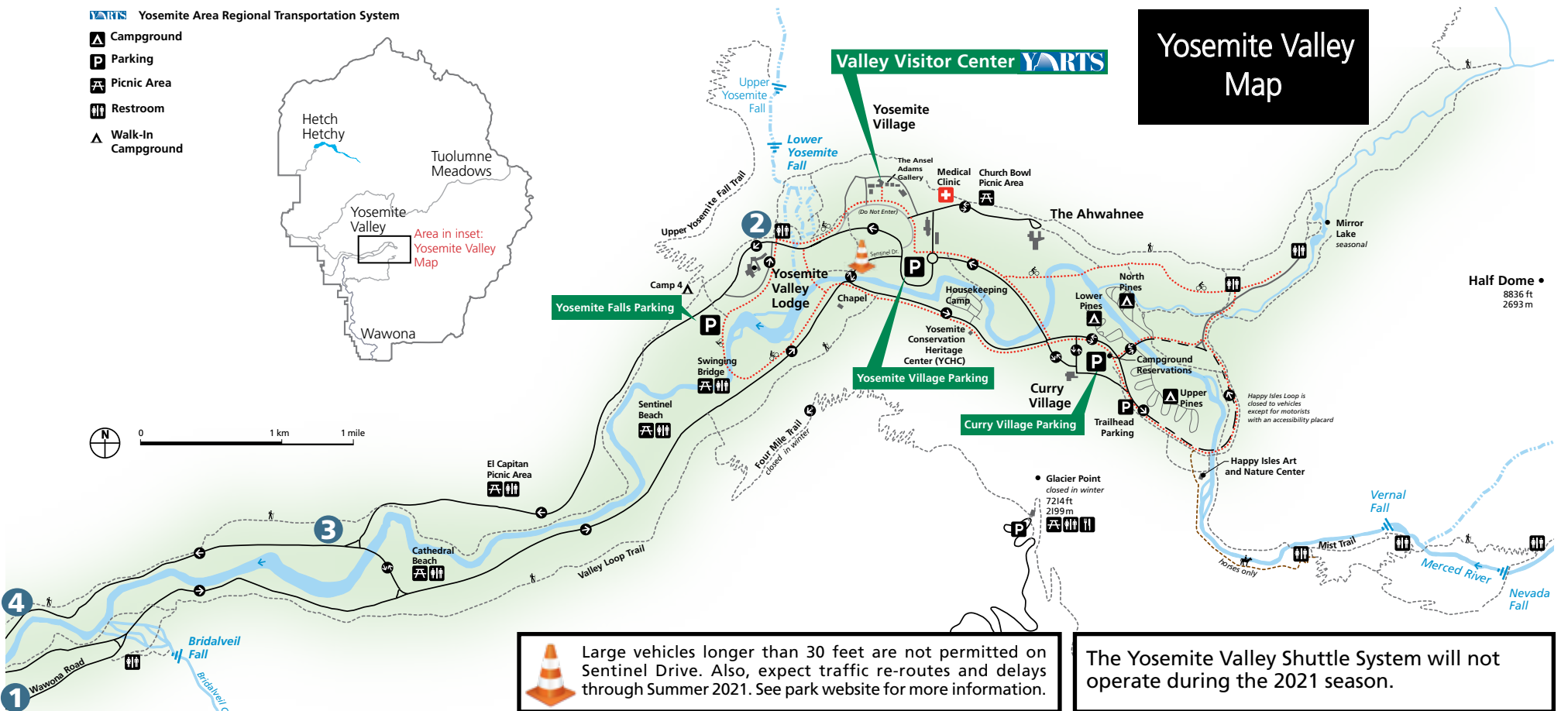
Yosemite Field School leads a retreat to Vogelsang, 1935. Read more about the history of field seminars in Yosemite on page 14. Image A_02254

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DRIVE, WALK, or BIKE to some of Yosemite Valley's most scenic attractions!



Tunnel View



Lower Yosemite Fall Trailhead



El Capitan



Valley View

Things to Do

Summer in Yosemite

SAFETY ALERT

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WELCOME

Ask A Ranger

Drop by the visitor contact station located in front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center to ask your Yosemite-related questions and to get park information and updates. Follow signs to park in Visitor Parking then follow signs to the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Open 9am to 5pm. *Look for visitor contact stations near other visitor centers in Tuolumne Meadows, Wawona, and Big Oak Flat.*



Park App

Download the National Park Service app for an interactive map, hiking trails, and park updates. *See page 11.*

Reservations Required to Enter Yosemite

A reservation is required to drive into Yosemite through September 30, 2021. You must display your permit on your dashboard at all times while inside the park. Permits are valid for three consecutive days for unlimited entries and are not valid for overnight use.

Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly Le Conte Memorial Lodge) will not open this season, from May 1 through September 30, 2021, due to COVID-19. All evening programs have been cancelled for the season due to social distancing requirements. The Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center will reopen on May 1, 2022. Call 209/347-7300 for information and updates.



Yosemite Conservancy (YC) Outdoor Adventures Naturalist Guide Pete Devine points at a trail sign on the John Muir Trail, 2017. On page 14, read more about how the YC Outdoor Adventures program came to be as we celebrate 50 years of learning in Yosemite with the Yosemite Conservancy. *Image courtesy of Roy Williams Photography*

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.

How Will My Visit Be Impacted?

The COVID-19 pandemic will continue to affect park operations in 2021. Visitation to the park will be managed in accordance with recommendations from public health officials. Visit the park website, www.nps.gov/yose for more updates and safety information.

Currently open and available	Not open or available at this time	Unavailable in 2021
An outdoor visitor contact station is located in front of the Valley Visitor Center.	Visitor Centers are closed until further notice; outdoor visitor contact stations available.	All shuttles and tours are canceled during this time.
Campgrounds in Yosemite Valley are open, reservations required, <i>see page 11.</i>	Many programs are canceled until further notice, <i>see pages 6-8 for current programs.</i>	Yosemite Theater and Yosemite Museum are closed at this time.
Select dining and shopping establishments are open and encourage social distancing.	Some campgrounds are closed. There is no first come, first served camping.	Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and High Sierra Camps are closed at this time.

THINGS TO DO IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

Custom Yosemite Experiences

Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist guide or art instructor for a customized experience that fits your interests and schedule.

Custom Adventures: Experience the park on personalized day hikes, birding walks, stargazing programs and backpacking trips. yosemite.org/custom-adventures.

Custom Art Classes: Explore nature through drawing, painting, sketching and journaling. We also offer creative activities for kids! yosemite.org/custom-art.

Looking for ways to connect with Yosemite from home? Contact us to schedule a virtual adventure or art class: adventures@yosemite.org or art@yosemite.org.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Photography Excursions

Sign up for 2-4 hour photography classes, private guided tours, or camera walks led by resident staff photographers. Call ahead for reservations 209/372-4413 or visit anseladams.com/photography-education. *See page 5.*

Walking and Hiking

Yosemite Valley has plenty of year-round walking and hiking possibilities. Stop by the outdoor visitor contact station in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center for trail maps and updated weather and trail conditions.

Bicycling

Experience several miles of bicycle paths in Yosemite Valley. Use your own bicycle or rent one from the Village Store in Yosemite Village, Yosemite Valley Lodge, or Curry Village, *conditions permitting*. *See page 4 for Bike Stand hours. Or, see page 5 to learn about the Yosemite Bike Share program. Bicycles are only allowed on paved roads and paved bike paths.*

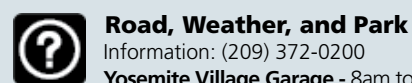


Entering a National Park

Yosemite is a place where wilderness prevails. Prepare yourself for a wild experience. The National Park Service is bound by its mission to protect Yosemite's natural and cultural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. Please, be attentive to the regulations in place to protect park resources (page 9) and those designed for your safety (page 8).



Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley)
Open 7 days per week from 9am to 7pm.
Medical Clinic Phone: (209) 372-4637.



Yosemite Village Garage - 8am to 5pm,
24 hour AAA towing, NO gas, propane service
until 4:30pm. (209) 372-1060

Access for People with Disabilities

For a complete list of accessible services, exhibits, and recreational opportunities, pick up a Yosemite Accessibility Guide at any park entrance station or visitor center, or view online at www.nps.gov/yose/playourvisit/accessibility.htm, or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at (209) 379-1035.



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 available upon advance request at any visitor center.



Audio tours not available in 2021. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.



Accessible parking spaces available west of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

Ongoing Park Projects

Bridalveil Fall Rehabilitation Project

Why: To rehabilitate visitor facilities at the base of Bridalveil Fall and surrounding area, and to protect natural and cultural resources in the area.

When: 2021

Visitor Impact: Trail, comfort station and parking lot will not be available due to construction.

Tioga Road Rehabilitation Plan

Why: To make safety improvements and manage roadside parking and traffic flow while preserving natural and cultural resources along the road.

When: 2021 and 2022 seasons

Visitor Impact: 30-minute traffic delays along Tioga Road due to construction.



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Discover 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 3 days
\$35/Vehicle

Motorcycle Valid for 3 days
\$30/motorcycle

Individual Valid for 3 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.

U.S. Military Veterans (Free)
Must present suitable ID

Gold Star Families (Free)
Must present paper voucher

Interagency 4th Grade Pass (Free)
Must present paper voucher.

U.S. 5th Grade Voucher (Free)
Must present paper voucher.

Reservations

Day Use/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

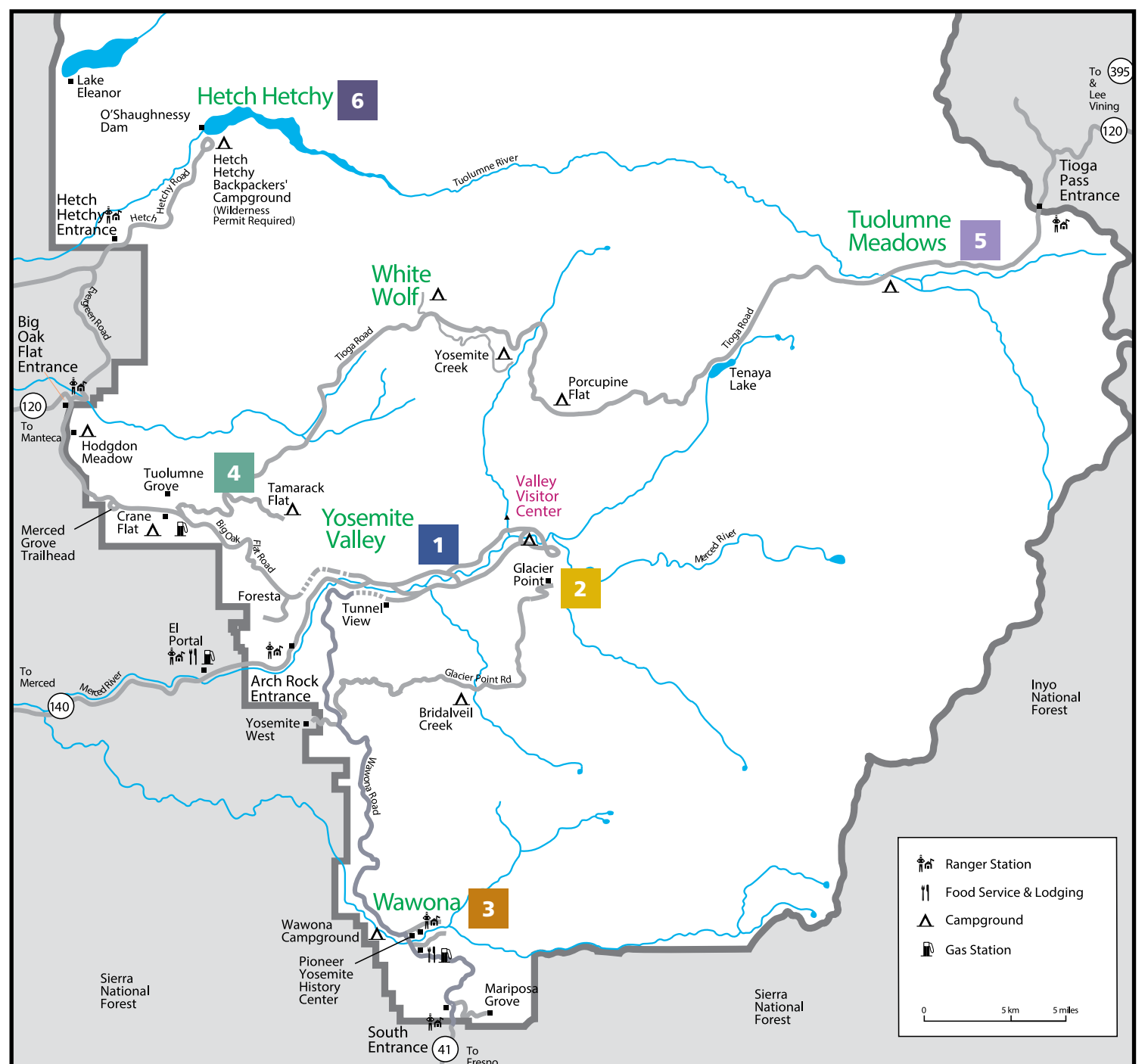
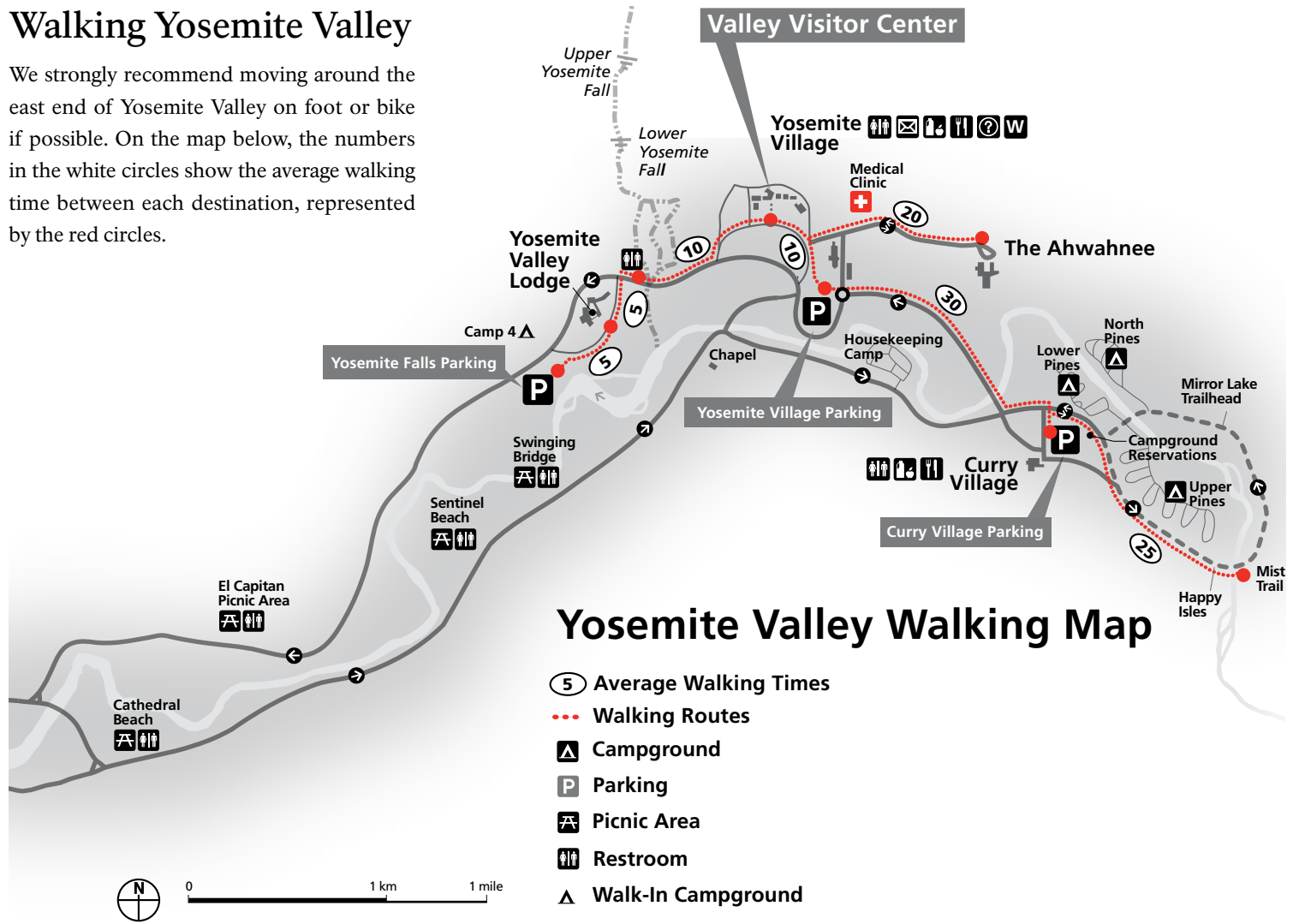
Mariposa County Visitor Center
(866) 425-3366 or (209) 966-7081

Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau
(209) 742-4567; www.yosemite.com

Highway 120 East Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce and Mono Lake Visitor Center,
(760) 647-6629, www.leevining.com

Walking Yosemite Valley

We strongly recommend moving around the east end of Yosemite Valley on foot or bike if possible. On the map below, the numbers in the white circles show the average walking time between each destination, represented by the red circles.



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 Road

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

Wawona and Mariposa Grove

3 The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1 ¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park's South Entrance. The nearby Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite.

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 information center to find out about hikes to Cathedral Lakes, Elizabeth Lake, Lumbert Dome, or along the Tuolumne River through Lyell Canyon. See page 6 for hiking suggestions.

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 (1¼ hour) from Yosemite Valley via the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120W) and the Evergreen Road. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open from 8am 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.



Wild flowers in Yosemite Valley. NPS Image / Christine White Loberg



The view from Glacier Point. NPS Image / Sarah Gulick



Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. NPS Image / Jeffrey Trust



Cathedral Peak. NPS Image



Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. NPS Image

Services in Yosemite

Schedule

Food and Drink

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Village Grill

11am to 5pm

Degnan's Kitchen

7am to 11am; 11:30am to 6pm

The Loft at Degnan's

Closed for the Season

THE AHWAHNEE

Dining Room

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm

Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm

The Ahwahnee Bar

2pm to 9pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Starbucks Coffee

7am to 3pm

Base Camp Eatery

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Lunch: 11am to 2pm

Dinner: 4pm to 9pm

Mountain Room Bar

5pm to 9pm

Mountain Room Restaurant

Temporarily closed due to COVID-19

CURRY VILLAGE

Coffee Corner

6:30am to 2pm

Pizza Deck

12pm to 9pm

Bar 1899

12pm to 9pm

Meadow Grill

7am to 10am; 11am to 6pm

WAWONA AREA

Wawona Hotel Dining Room

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Lunch: 11am to 2pm

Dinner: 5pm to 9pm

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Tuolumne Meadows Grill

11am to 5pm

Groceries

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Village Store

8am to 9pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Gift/Grocery

8am to 8pm

All available operations and hours of operations are subject to change. Check local resources and area signage in light of changing public health requirements related to COVID-19.



The Ahwahnee Dining Room. NPS Image / Sheree Peshlakai

CURRY VILLAGE

Gift/Grocery

9am to 7pm

EL PORTAL

El Portal Market

9am to 7pm

WAWONA

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop

9am to 5pm

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Tuolumne Meadows Store

9am to 7pm

Books, Gifts, & Apparel

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center

9am to 5pm (outdoor "to-go" store)

The Ansel Adams Gallery

10am to 4pm

Village Store

8am to 9pm

THE AHWAHNEE

Gift Shop

9am to 7pm

Sweet Shop

11am to 6pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Gift/Grocery

8am to 8pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Gift/Grocery

9am to 7pm

Yosemite Mountain Shop

8am to 5:30pm

GLACIER POINT

Glacier Point Gift Shop

9am to 5pm

WAWONA

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop

9am to 5pm

Yosemite Conservancy Depot at Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza

9am to 5pm

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Tuolumne Meadows Store

9am to 7pm

Yosemite Mountaineering School

8:30am to 12pm; 1pm to 4:30pm

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Bike Rental Stand

8am to 6pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Bike Rental Stand

8am to 6pm

Gas Stations

EL PORTAL

Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card

WAWONA SERVICE STATION

Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card

CRANE FLAT

Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card

General Services

Medical Clinic - Yosemite Valley

209/372-4637; **Emergency: CALL 9-1-1**

Monday - Friday: 9am to 7pm,

Closed during federal holidays

Yosemite Village Garage

Towing available 24 hours

NO gas in Yosemite Valley.

Recreation

CURRY VILLAGE

Bike Rental Stand

8am to 6pm

Post Offices

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Main Office

Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 5pm

Saturday: 10am to noon

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

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

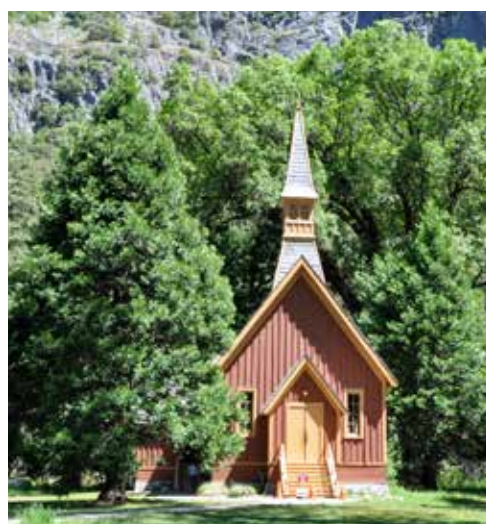
EL PORTAL

Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 5pm

Closed 12:30pm to 1:30pm

WAWONA

9am to 5pm



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RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH (THE CHAPEL)

Resident Minister: Pastor Brent Moore

209/372-4831 – www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org

www.YosemiteValleyChapelWeddings.org

SUNDAY - CHAPEL SERVICES:

9:15am – Year-round

11am – Memorial Day to Labor Day

**Subject to Covid -19 policies. Please call the chapel for current information before you travel.*

CHURCH OF CHRIST (Non-denominational)

El Portal Chapel / Worship: Sunday 11am

209/379-2100

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

No meetings at this time

Oakhurst Hotline: 559/683-1662

Yosemite Valley

Where to Go and What to Do

Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

A visitor contact station is available in front of the visitor center for information and updates from 9am to 5pm. The Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore will be operating as an outdoor “to-go” store, daily from 9am to 5pm.

YOSEMITE THEATER

Closed Spring and Summer of 2021

Yosemite Museum

Closed Spring and Summer of 2021

INDIAN CULTURAL VILLAGE

Walk through the reconstructed Indian Village of Ahwahnee and learn about the structures the Ahwahneechee lived in and the plants they used for survival. View the interactive displays and see the ceremonial roundhouse, bark houses, and sweathouse members of the local tribes still actively use. Located behind the Yosemite Museum in Yosemite Village.

YOSEMITE WOMEN EXHIBIT

Despite many challenges, on August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment was ratified, giving women the right to vote. To honor this, Yosemite is sharing stories of women who, often through sheer grit and determination, changed Yosemite, or came to this place and found themselves changed.

Visit the Tudor Lounge at The Ahwahnee through October to join in the celebration of women and their often-overlooked contributions to Yosemite National Park in their roles as artists, Ranger-naturalists, entrepreneurs, and leaders.

This exhibit was made possible by the generous funding and support from the Yosemite Conservancy.



NPS employee Clare Marie Hodges, first female ranger of the National Park Service, 1918. NPS Image

Yosemite Women Exhibit

In honor of the Centennial of the 19th Amendment, Yosemite National Park researched stories of incredible women who changed this amazing place: culturally, professionally, and even the physical landscape! Some through determination, others through collaboration, each individual found the power to succeed in Yosemite.

CALL TO ARTISTS FOR YOSEMITE RENAISSANCE 37

If you are an artist inspired by Yosemite National Park and the California Sierra Nevada, you can apply! The competition is open to artists world-wide and offers \$4000 in cash awards. Our mission is to encourage the public to protect and preserve our parks and wild lands through art! Visit www.yosemiterenaissance.org to learn more.

Wilderness Center

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, the center offers permit reservation pick up and bear canister rentals only. The Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village in between the post office and the Ansel Adams Gallery.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery is open daily from 10am to 4pm. Experience a variety of fine arts, hand-crafts, and a collection of Ansel Adams original photographs. We offer half-day photography classes and private guided tours, reservations required. Call 209/372- 4413 or visit anseladams.com/photographyeducation. Located in Yosemite Village.

Current Exhibition

Many Happy Returns: Photographic Meditations on Yosemite
June 6 - August 7, 2021

Many Happy Returns: Photographic Meditations on Yosemite will feature a variety of works from our family of artists who have dedicated their lives to the photographic medium, often in concert with Yosemite. These works share stories of experience and intuition (and some luck) and reflection of a long and continuing relationship that today reverberates as hopeful as ever.

New Exhibition

Starting Smart: An Evolution of Photography
August 8, 2021 - October 2, 2021

The smartphone has become a dominant means of photographic interpretation and exploration. Rarely do we expect people to be separated from their phones, and by proxy, a camera. But more than a mere record keeper or selfie factory, the smartphone camera is a natural “next step” in photography as our culture has become more mobile and social – with as much creative potential as its large format or SLR predecessors.

Opening at The Ansel Adams Gallery on August 8, *Starting Smart: An Evolution of Photography* will feature images made by smartphones and printed as fine art photographs finished in gold leaf, platinum, cyanotype and pigment. Also on display will be a copy of the first photograph ever made in Yosemite by Charles L. Weed in 1859, and one of the first digital photographs of Yosemite made by Ted Orland in 1986. A monitor on hand will also feature a rotating slideshow of work by YOU, the park guest. Please visit www.anseladams.com/smart to learn how your own smartphone image could be on display in our gallery in Yosemite.



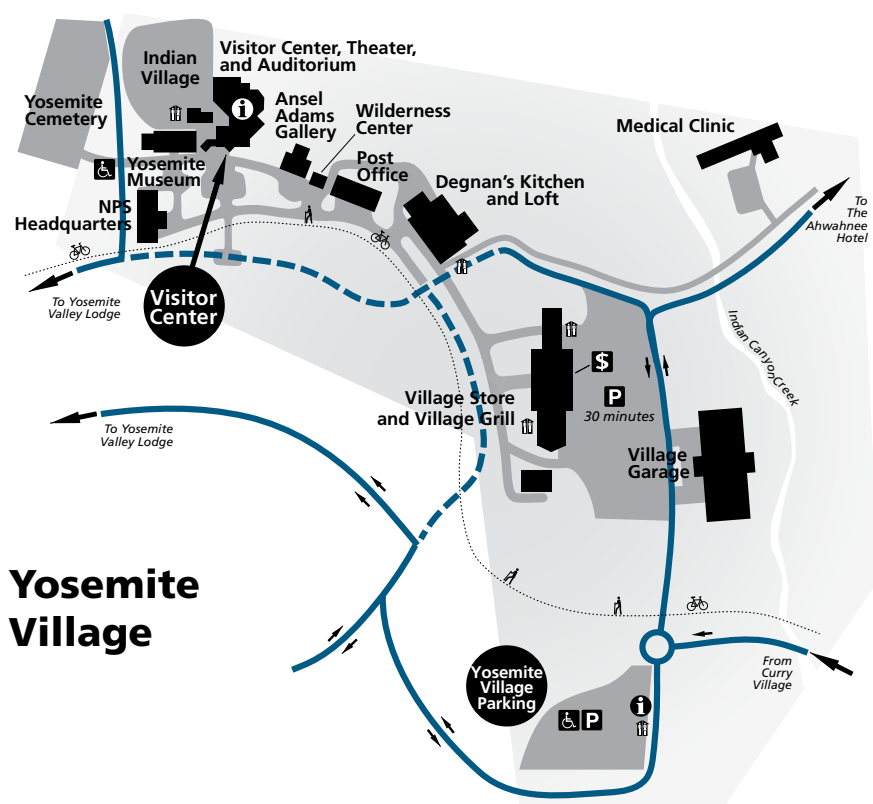
Image by Tom Whitworth

Yosemite Bike Share

The free **Yosemite Bike Share** is open for the summer season! You can use the bike share for short trips (up to two hours) in Yosemite Valley.

- 1. Get connected:** Download the Yosemite Bike Share mobile app for Apple/iOS or Android in advance.
- 2. Get a bike:** Use the app to unlock a bike at one of the Yosemite Bike Share stations, located at the Yosemite Village Parking Area and on the Village mall (between the Valley Wilderness Center and the Valley Visitor Center).
- 3. Get pedaling:** Ride safely! Use the helmet provided with the bike (or wear your own) and stay on roads and paved bike paths.

Visit yosemite.org/yosemite-bike-share for details, to see a map of bike paths and plan your routes.



Yosemite Village

Yosemite Valley

Programs and Art

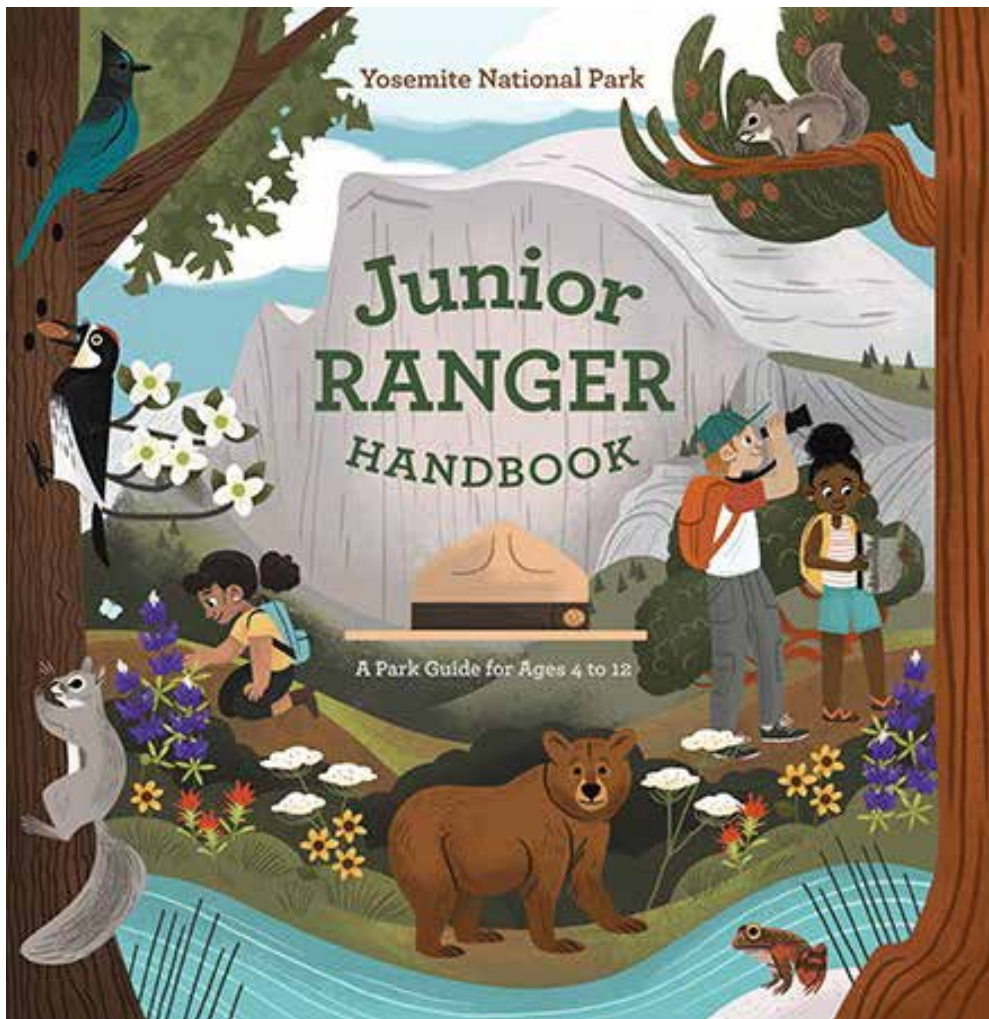


Illustration by Stefani Lacy

Yosemite Conservancy

ADVENTURES AND ART CLASSES

Join Yosemite Conservancy for a memorable park experience! Preregistration is required for all Conservancy adventures and art classes.

Outdoor Adventures

Our naturalist guides lead day hikes, backpacking trips, art retreats and more. Register: yosemite.org/adventures.

- Jul 22-25 *Backpack: Yosemite Creek to Eagle Peak*
- Jul 23 *Full Moon Hike: Taft Point*
- Jul 24-25 *Day Hikes: Tuolumne Birds and Blooms*
- Jul 29- *Yosemite Field School: Lyell*
- Aug 1 *Glacier Backpack*
- Aug 5-8 *Intro Backpack: May Lake Stroll*
- Aug 6-8 *Yosemite Field School: Alpine Ecology*
- Aug 12-13, *Overnight Under the Stars: 13-14, 14-15 Perseids*
- Aug 12-15 *Backpack: Clouds Rest*

- Aug 19-20 *Yosemite Field School: Tuolumne Meadows Geology*
- Aug 19-22 *Backpack: Mt. Conness*
- Aug 26-29 *Backpack: Ten Lakes / Grant Lake*
- Aug 26-29 *Yosemite Field School: Bighorn Backpack*

Art Classes and Art Retreats

Outdoor art classes meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center every weekday (Monday–Friday, 10am to 2pm) through October, and are taught by professional artists. Please register in advance: yosemite.org/art.

- Jul 12-23 *Charcoal Drawing, with Jeff Hemming*
- Jul 26-30 *Field Sketching with Watercolor with Danielle Jollette*
- Aug 2-6 *Watercolor Painting with Luis Juarez*
- Aug 9-13 *Nature Journaling with Watercolor with Elizabeth Butterfield*
- Aug 16-27 *Chalk Pastel Drawing with Tsungwei Moo*

Become A Junior Ranger!

You can become a Yosemite Junior Ranger by taking this self-guided handbook with you as you travel around the park and complete the activities that are the best fit for you. The Yosemite Junior Ranger handbook is sold for \$3.50 plus tax at stores throughout Yosemite National Park and online. When you are done, share your booklet with a park ranger at any Yosemite visitor center during operating hours to receive your badge.

NPS - National Park Service \$ - Fee YC - Yosemite Conservancy ♿ - Accessible		YOSEMITE VALLEY See local postings for additional naturalist walks and programs	Programs printed in ALL CAPS AND COLOR are especially for children and their families.
Sunday	10:00am Cultural Demonstrations 2 hrs. Drop-in anytime during these two hours. See sign at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Information Tents for directions to the location. (NPS) ♿ 10:30am JR. RANGER TALK 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. This program is geared to families with children ages 4-12, but everyone is welcome. Topics change daily. (NPS) ♿ 2:30pm Ranger Talk 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Join a ranger to learn more about Yosemite's story. Topics change daily. (NPS) ♿		
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Glacier Point and Crane Flat

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park



Glacier Point Art Pop-Up Program. NPS Image / April Kunieda

Glacier Point

SUNSET RANGER PROGRAMS

Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening shadows in Yosemite Valley and the alpenglow (or moonrise) on the Sierra high country. Stargazing programs, ranger walks, and sunset talks are all offered for your enjoyment at this stunning location. Times and location are listed below.

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 in one mile. 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. 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. Tuolumne Grove.

Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, the center offers permit reservation pick up, bear canister rentals and visitor information only. *Bookstore is closed.* The center is located inside the park entrance on Hwy 120W.

	GLACIER POINT See local postings for additional naturalist walks and programs	CRANE FLAT See local postings for additional naturalist walks and programs.
Sunday	1:00pm Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes 2.5 hrs. Explore fascinating ecosystems and geologic wonders on the way to towering cliff top tops or summit views. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome trailhead parking area along Glacier Point Road. (NPS)	11:00am JR. RANGER SEQUOIA EXPLORERS 30 mins. Join in on engaging activities as a family while exploring the Sequoia Grove. Meet the Ranger at the lower end of the Tuolumne Grove trail by the picnic tables, a mile walk downhill from the parking area. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water. Allow yourself an extra 30 minutes to hike to the Tuolumne Grove, 2 miles hiking total, 500 ft. elevation change. (NPS)
Monday	12:00pm JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM 30 mins. Meet at the Glacier Point amphitheater. (NPS) Programs printed in ALL CAPS AND COLOR are especially for children and their families.	11:00am Stories of the Sequoias 30 mins. Yosemite's sequoia groves tell a range of stories from historical to natural. Join a Ranger to explore a few of these unique connections. Meet the Ranger at the lower end of the Tuolumne Grove trail by the picnic tables, a mile walk downhill from the parking area. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water. Allow yourself an extra 30 minutes to hike to the Tuolumne Grove, 2 miles hiking total, 500 ft. elevation. (NPS) 2:00pm Welcome to the Grove 15 mins. Join a Ranger at the Tuolumne Grove for an introduction to Yosemite's Sequoia Groves and what makes them unique. Meet at Tuolumne Grove Trailhead; Easy; Minimum walking. (NPS)
Friday	7:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk 30 mins. Glacier Point amphitheater overlooking the High Sierra. (NPS) 8:30pm Night Sky Over Yosemite (August 6 and 13 Only) Discover the magical beauty and the interconnectedness between the night sky and Yosemite. Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast. (NPS)	11:00am JR. RANGER SEQUOIA EXPLORERS 30 mins. Join in on engaging activities as a family while exploring the Sequoia Grove. Meet the Ranger at the lower end of the Tuolumne Grove trail by the picnic tables, a mile walk downhill from the parking area. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water. Allow yourself an extra 30 minutes to hike to the Tuolumne Grove, 2 miles hiking total, 500 ft. elevation change. (NPS)
Saturday	2:00pm Ranger Walk: Spectacular Perspectives 1.5 hrs. Experience contemporary and historic views of Yosemite Valley where aesthetics and art influenced Yosemite's preservation. Meet at the Glacier Point Gift Shop. Moderately difficult. (NPS) 7:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Except August 7) 30 mins. Glacier Point amphitheater overlooking the High Sierra. (NPS) 8:30pm Night Sky Over Yosemite (Except August 7 and 21) Discover the magical beauty and the interconnectedness between the night sky and Yosemite. Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast. (NPS)	11:00am Stories of the Sequoias 30 mins. Yosemite's sequoia groves tell a range of stories from historical to natural. Join a Ranger to explore a few of these unique connections. Meet the Ranger at the lower end of the Tuolumne Grove trail by the picnic tables, a mile walk downhill from the parking area. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water. Allow yourself an extra 30 minutes to hike to the Tuolumne Grove, 2 miles hiking total, 500 ft. elevation. (NPS) 2:00pm Welcome to the Grove 15 mins. Join a Ranger at the Tuolumne Grove for an introduction to Yosemite's Sequoia Groves and what makes them unique. Meet at Tuolumne Grove Trailhead; Easy; Minimum walking. (NPS)



Yosemite Visions

Celebrate art in Yosemite with a glimpse into how this amazing place has inspired artists in the past. Look for art-themed drop-in programs throughout the park and create your own Yosemite-inspired masterpiece with hands-on activities. Dates: August 19th - 26th. Locations and times vary. Ask at visitor centers for more details.



Wawona and Mariposa Grove

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park



Horse-drawn stage demonstrations with Burrel "Buckshot" Maier. NPS Image / Sheree Peshlakai

Explore History, Discover Giant Trees, and Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

WAWONA See 'program descriptions' to the right See local postings for additional naturalist walks and programs	
Sunday	9:00am – 5:00pm Wawona Challenge Scavenger Hunt Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza or Redwoods in Yosemite Vacation Rentals Office. (NPS) 10:00am – 2:00pm Wagon Demonstration Yosemite History Center. (NPS) 11:00am JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM 30 mins. Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza. (NPS)
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Wawona

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Wawona Challenge Scavenger Hunt

Pick up a booklet at either location to complete challenges that will make you explore the park in fun, new ways! Return the booklet to **ONLY** the Redwoods in Yosemite Office or Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza Information Station to earn a **FREE PRIZE!** See *schedule to the left*.

Junior Ranger Program

Join ranger naturalists for a short nature stroll on this family-friendly program full of learning opportunities and fun activities! See *schedule to the left*.

Wagon Demonstration

Find our stage driver, horses, and wagon touring around the Yosemite History Center in style! 1890s style, that is! Watch the wagon roll across the famous Wawona Covered Bridge and through our collection of historic buildings. Learn about early transportation in Yosemite from the only stage driver park ranger in the National Park Service. See *schedule to the left*.

WAWONA VISITOR CENTER AT HILL'S STUDIO

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, the center offers wilderness permit reservation pick up and bear canister rentals only.

Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona Store parking area and follow the path up the hill.

Yosemite History Center

Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. A visit to the 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.

Mariposa Grove

Visiting the Mariposa Grove in 2021 is more challenging than most years. Damage from a devastating winter windstorm has closed many of the lower trails, including the main hiking trail to the Grizzly Giant. From the lower grove Arrival Area, walk up the access road to the Grizzly Giant and other points beyond. Additionally, no shuttles are operating in the Mariposa Grove. Access to the grove is on foot from the Welcome Plaza near the park's south entrance. This requires an additional four miles (6.5 km) of walking round-trip to the grove. Be prepared for a substantial hike and carry at least 1.5 liters of water per person when hiking to the grove. Vehicles with a disability placard may access the lower grove Arrival Area

Tuolumne Meadows

Area Information



Lembert Dome, Tuolumne Meadows. NPS Image

Explore the High Sierra in and around Tuolumne Meadows

When the Tioga Road is open, the drive through 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.

Tuolumne Meadows

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

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Open 9am to 5pm through late September. Park orientation, 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 is open 10am to 4pm through September 24. Soda Springs are small, naturally carbonated springs that attract deer, birds and other wildlife. Stay on the trail to help protect this unique place.

Wilderness Center

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, the center offers permit reservation pick up and bear canister rentals only. The Tuolumne

Meadows Wilderness Center is located just south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge.

Just For Kids

Programs for children include Junior Rangers, a 2-hour ranger-led program targeting ages 7-12. See local postings for schedule.

Ranger Walks

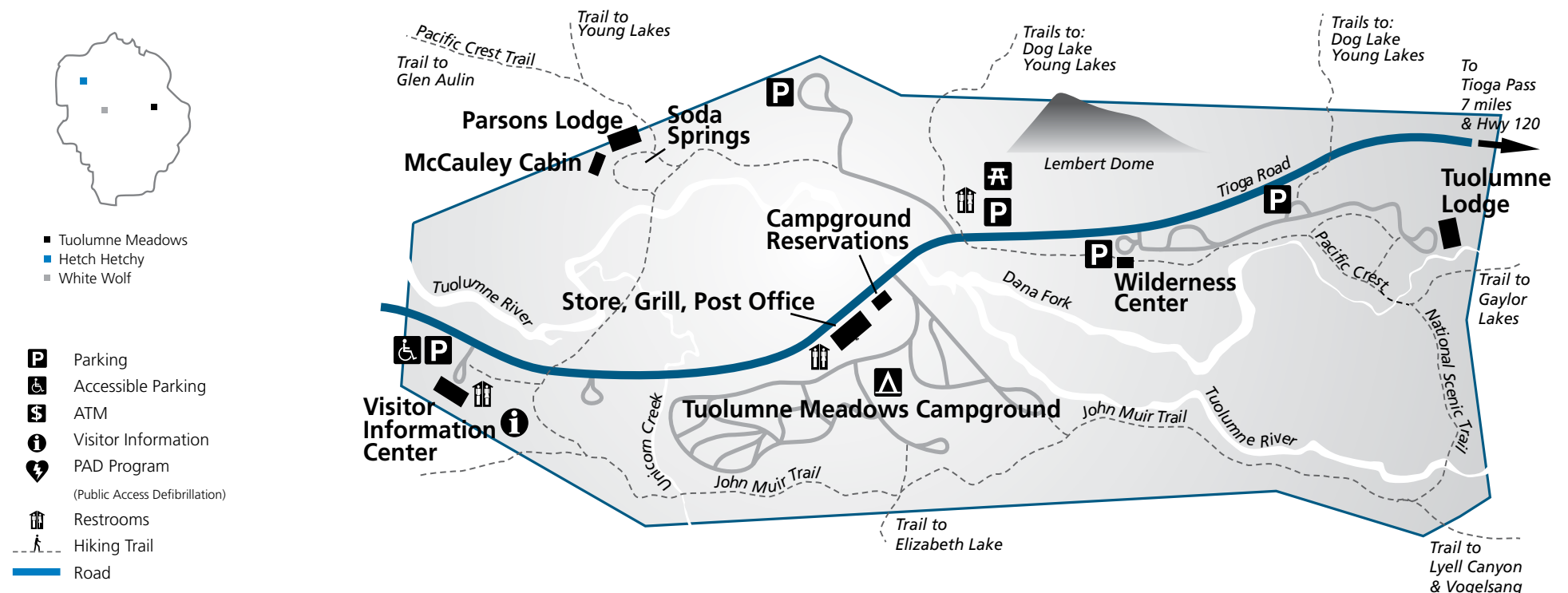
Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, wildlife, history, wildflowers, the Tuolumne River, and more. These walks are fairly easy. See local postings for schedule.

Evening Activities

Come to a traditional, ranger-led campfire program for stories, songs and insight into Yosemite. Program topics vary and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. See local postings for schedule.



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Hiking



Sentinel Dome, a trail off of Glacier Point Road. NPS Image / Sheree Peshlakai



COVID-19
Coronavirus

PARK UPDATE

- If you are not fully vaccinated, wearing a mask is required in crowded outdoor spaces on federal land.
- Some trails may be closed or rerouted. Please comply with all posted signs.

Things to 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. 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. Each year, unsuspecting visitors are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when swimming in these areas.
- If you plan to hike or backpack above 8,000 feet, it may still be winter-like conditions. Expect snowy, flooded, and/or muddy conditions. Check current conditions at a wilderness or visitor center before starting hike.



Choose Your Adventure

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

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes*

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
Bridalveil Fall - CLOSED due to Construction			
Lower Yosemite Fall	Across from Yosemite Valley Lodge	1.0 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Upper Yosemite Fall Trail to Columbia Rock	Camp 4, across from Yosemite Valley Lodge	2 miles round-trip, 2-3 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Upper Yosemite Fall	Same as above	7.2 miles round-trip, 6-8 hours	Very Strenuous 2,700-foot gain
Mirror Lake (A seasonal lake)	East of North Pines Campground	2 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Vernal Fall Footbridge	Happy Isles	1.4 miles round-trip, 1-2 hours	Moderate, 400-foot gain
Top of Vernal Fall	Happy Isles	3 miles round-trip, 2-4 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Nevada Fall	Happy Isles	5 miles round-trip, 5-6 hours	Strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point	Southside Drive	4.8 miles one-way, 3-4 hours one-way	Very Strenuous, 3,200-foot gain
Valley Floor Loop	Lower Yosemite Fall Trailhead	13 miles full loop, 5-7 hours full loop	Moderate

Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
WAWONA			
Wawona Meadow Loop	Big Trees Lodge	3.5 miles round-trip, 1.5 hours	Easy
Swinging Bridge Loop	Wawona Store / Pioneer Yosemite History Center Parking Area	4.75 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
GLACIER POINT ROAD			
Taft Point	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Easy to Moderate
Sentinel Dome	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
TUOLUMNE MEADOWS AREA			
Soda Springs / Parsons Lodge	Lembert Dome Parking Area	1.5 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Lembert Dome	Lembert Dome Parking Area	4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderately Strenuous
John Muir Trail through Lyell Canyon	Dog Lake Parking Area	8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours	Easy, 200-foot gain
Elizabeth Lake	Tuolumne Meadows Group Campground	4.8 miles round trip, 4 to 5 hours	Moderate
TIOGA ROAD			
Lukens Lake	White Wolf ¹	5.4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderate

Permit Information

Camping, Hiking and Wilderness Use

Wilderness Permits

Wilderness permits are required for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness. Following adaptive management guidelines and the need to protect the health and safety of our visitors and employees, there will be no first come first served (FCFS) permits issued in the park for 2021. The FCFS quota will be available through a rolling lottery using the advanced reservation system. Please go to www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm to check trailhead availability and find how to apply for permits. Reservations can be made online at yosemite.org/yosemite-wilderness-permit-request-form and by using our contact form at yosemite.org/contact-us-wilderness. A processing fee of \$5 per permit plus \$5 per person is charged to each confirmed reservation. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm, the Leave No Trace website at www.lnt.org, or the Friends of Yosemite Search and Rescue website at www.friendsofyosar.org.

YOSEMITE VALLEY

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, the center offers permit reservation pick up and bear canister rentals only. The Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village in between the post office and the Ansel Adams Gallery.

WAWONA

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, the center offers permit reservation pick up and bear canister rentals only. Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona Store parking area and follow the path up the hill.

BIG OAK FLAT

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, the center offers permit reservation pick up and bear canister rentals only. The center is located inside the park entrance on Hwy 120W.



View from a Lower Pines Campground campsite, Yosemite Valley. NPS Image

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, the center offers permit reservation pick up and bear canister rentals only. The Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center is located just south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge.

HETCH HETCHY

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, only permit reservation pick up and bear canister rentals are available at the entrance station.

Half Dome Permits

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week when the cables are up for 2021, May 19 through October 11, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225

preseason lottery permits have already been issued for 2021. Additional day use permits will be released by daily lottery throughout the season. Applications for daily lotteries will be accepted 2 days prior to the desired hiking date between midnight and 4 pm. To apply, visit Recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777. A non-refundable application fee applies to all submissions and a use fee applies to winning applicants. Finally, a daily quota of 75 Half Dome permits will be available to overnight users with an appropriate wilderness permit (use fee applies). These permits may be acquired through early reservations (50 per day) or the rolling lottery system (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/hdpermits.htm>.

Camping Reservations

For the 2021 season, campgrounds that will be open are Upper, Lower and North Pines, Wawona, Bridalveil Creek and Tuolumne Meadows. Campground reservations are available up to five months in advance and are released on the 15th of each month at 7am Pacific time. Log onto the website or call as soon as possible as most campgrounds fill within a few minutes of the opening period. Camp 4 will be available via a one-day-in-advance lottery on recreation.gov, and each site will be assigned to only one party.

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

Sleeping in vehicles and frontcountry camping are only permitted in designated campsites.

PARK UPDATE

- Camping during the 2021 season is by reservation only.
- Same day availability must be accessed via recreation.gov as there is no walk-up service.
- There is no first come, first served camping.
- Group sites are not available this year.

General Camping Information

Services

- All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker. See page 13 for food storage regulations.
- Shower and laundry facilities are not available during the 2021 season.
- There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer only in Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows.

Regulations

- Proper food storage is required 24 hours a day.
- A maximum of six people (including children) and two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
- Quiet hours are from 10pm to 6am.
- Where permitted, pets must be on a leash and may not be left unattended.
- Firewood collection of dead and down wood is permitted within the boundaries of campgrounds in Yosemite Valley, and can otherwise be gathered anywhere in the park that is outside Yosemite Valley, below 9,600 feet, and not in a sequoia grove.

Zero Landfill Initiative: Propane Cylinders



Exciting news, campers: You can now buy reusable, returnable Little Kamper propane canisters in Yosemite, including at The Village Store, Curry Village Gift Shop, Mountain Shop, Wawona Store and El Portal Market. Here's how it works:

1. Purchase a canister.
2. Use up the fuel.
3. Bring the canister back to any store that participates in the Little Kamper propane exchange program (which uses green Flameking 1 lb. tanks).
4. Trade in your empty canister for a full one at a lower price.

As part of the *Zero Landfill Initiative, Yosemite Conservancy, the National Park Service and Yosemite Hospitality are working together to reduce improper disposal of single-use propane canisters and send less waste to our local landfill. Help us by doing your part!

*This project was made possible in part by a grant from the National Park Foundation through the generous support of Subaru of America.

Protecting yourself...



A couple descends the Mist Trail steps near Vernal Fall. *NPS Image*

Keep yourself safe while exploring your park

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

ENJOYING YOSEMITE

Summer is a popular time to visit Yosemite, and for good reason; 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 particularly 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 also approaching. 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 STREAMS

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.

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

- Let someone know – always leave travel and hiking plans, including intended routes and estimated time of return, with a trusted person.
- Stay on established trails
- River, streams and lakes can be hazardous all year. Maintain awareness and crossing water should only be attempted where it is safe.
- Regardless of season you still need to stay hydrated and snack frequently! If you are sweating, replace lost salts with salty snacks.
- 10 hiking essentials – includes sunglasses, sunscreen, a signaling mirror and whistle.

HANTAVIRUS INFORMATION

Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread to humans via the droppings, urine, or saliva of infected rodents. Infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You may come into close proximity to rodents during your visit. Here are some ways to protect yourself:

- If staying in guest lodging, tell housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice.
- Keep doors to guest lodging shut.
- Do not bring food into your cabin that is not in a sealed container.
- If camping or backpacking, do not pitch tents near rodent burrows or droppings.

For more information visit: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm>.

PLAGUE

Plague is an infectious bacterial disease carried by squirrels, chipmunks and other rodents and their fleas. To protect yourself, never feed wildlife, avoid dropping food when eating outside, avoid pitching a tent near rodent burrows, wear insect repellent with DEET, and immediately tell a park ranger if you see a dead animal. For more information visit: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm>.

Wilderness Etiquette: How to Poop in the Woods

- When nature calls, make sure you are 200 feet away from any water source.
- Carry a trowel so you can dig a hole in the dirt that is at least 6 inches deep so you’re able to bury your waste.
- In the winter, human waste still needs to be buried 6 inches deep in soil not snow or carried out in a WAG bag.
- Pack out toilet paper, don’t bury it or try to burn it!



...and Yosemite



A collared black bear near a Yosemite trail. Photo by Caitlin Lee-Roney

Keep Bears Wild

With warmer spring weather, bears emerge hungry from hibernation. Please, keep Yosemite's black bears wild and alive, while protecting yourself and your property.

STORE YOUR FOOD PROPERLY

The typical daily diet of most bears may consist of 4,000 to 20,000 calories worth of grasses, acorns, and grubs. It's easier for a bear to eat the thousands of calories of food in an ice chest than it is to spend all day nibbling on 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 see in color, so they recognize ice chests, grocery bags, and other food containers as potential food sources.



DRIVE THE SPEED LIMIT

The most common human-related cause of death for a black bear in Yosemite is being hit by a car. Slow down! Driving too fast is almost always the cause of these accidental deaths. Please report bear sightings by calling (209) 372-0322.

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 are 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 causing the bear to 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. Report bear sightings and incidents to the Save-A-Bear hotline (209)372-0322 or by emailing yose_bear_mgmt@nps.gov. For more information about bears in Yosemite please visit www.keepbearswild.org.

How to Store Food

"Food" includes any item with a scent, regardless of packaging. This includes items you may not consider food, such as canned goods, bottles, drinks, soap, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, ice chests (even when empty), and unwashed dishes.

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

Yosemite Guardians

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park's most important guardians. During your visit, be aware that there are people who either unknowingly or intentionally harm park resources. Please contact a park official if you see any of the following illegal acts:

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

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

E-BIKES

E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors less than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed and must adhere to a 15mph speed limit.

FISHING

Stream and river fishing in Tuolumne Meadows and Yosemite Valley to Parkline (Merced River) is open through November 15. You must have a valid California Fishing License with you. All lakes and reservoirs are open to fishing year-round.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm.

Clean water is a precious resource for all living beings -

You can protect these waters and this pristine watershed which supplies drinking water for 2.7 million people.

- **Protect fragile plants and soils:** Trampling vegetation and compressing soils affects the movement and cleanliness of water.
- **Walk and camp on durable surfaces:** Use established trails, campsites, rock, and gravel to minimize your impact. Walk single file and keep groups small.
- **Pack it in, pack it out:** Pack out toilet paper, hygiene products, leftover food, trash, and litter from campsites, rest areas, and trails. Leave no trace!
- **Wash yourself or dishes 200 feet away from water sources:**
- **Use restroom facilities or bury human waste:** Bury human waste in a hole at least 6 inches (15 centimeters) deep and at least 200 feet (60 meters) from streams and lakes.



Hetch Hetchy - NPS Image

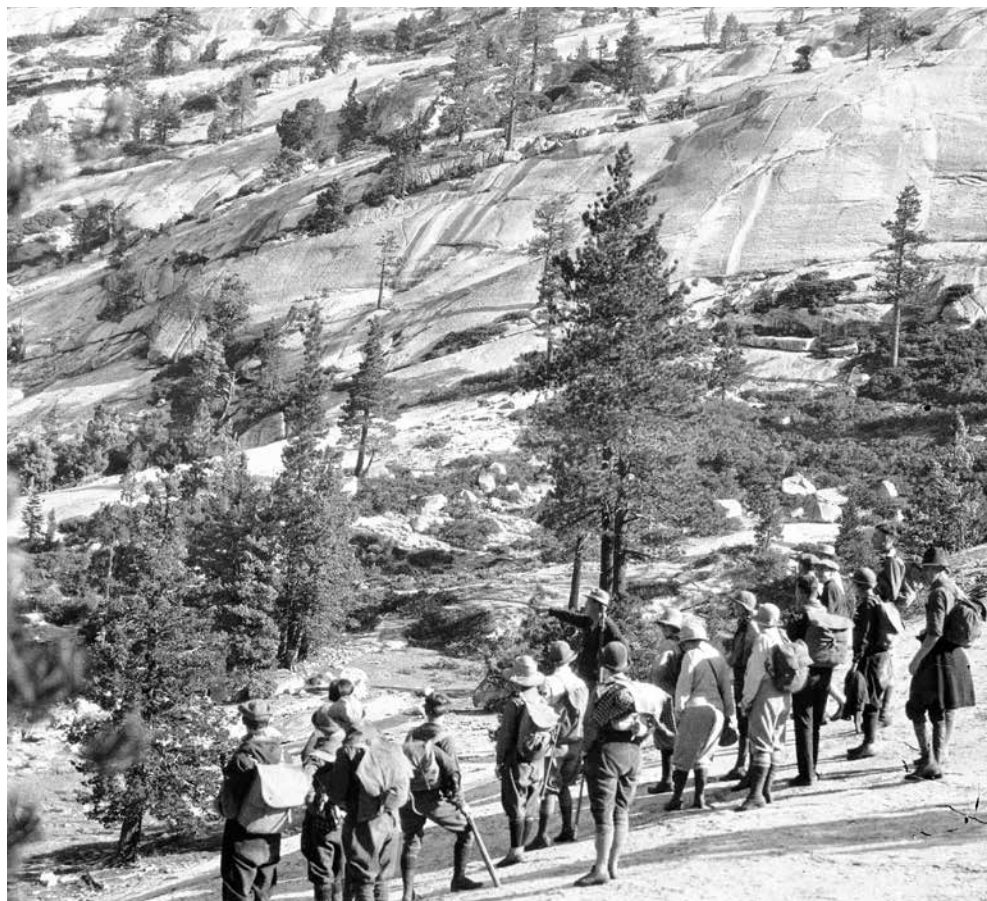
Celebrating 50 Years:

Field Seminars in Yosemite

Story by Pete Devine



Yosemite Field School leading a retreat on the Lyell Glacier, 1935. Image_RL_00912



Yosemite Field School leads a retreat to Merced Lake. Image_RL_05918

In 1971, the National Park Service was a spry 55, and Yosemite had been a national park for eight decades (and a geologic wonder for millions of years). A then-record 2.3 million people passed through the park's gates that year. They came for many reasons — to sight-see, hike, camp, climb, bird, picnic, sketch — but were perhaps linked by the curiosity and wonder that this place instills.

At the time, the Yosemite Natural History Association — predecessor of Yosemite Conservancy — was nearing its semicentennial. In the 1920s, the association had helped launch a park-focused periodical, Yosemite Nature Notes, and Yosemite-based educational programs. By 1971, the association was in a bit of a slump, and leaders saw a need and opportunity to revitalize it by expanding interpretive services in Yosemite.

And so, under the leadership of NPS Chief Naturalist William Jones and business manager Henry Berrey, YNHA created the Yosemite Field Seminar program. That first summer, 1971, featured five courses: two on nature-based interpretation and three on Yosemite's alpine zone. Despite the inherent limitations of the analog advertising tools available to the YNHA in the '70s, word got out. The inaugural courses attracted 71 students, with eager learners coming from as far away as Ohio and Illinois. By the next summer, course offerings had grown to 12 seminars, with 251 participants.

The Yosemite Field Seminar program had a predecessor in the prestigious Yosemite School of Field Natural History (often called the Yosemite Field School) which ran from 1925 until 1953. During its 28 years, the Yosemite Field School produced many talented and passionate park professionals. After graduating from the Field School in 1930, Carl Sharsmith went on to renown as a botany professor, a beloved summer ranger and naturalist in Tuolumne Meadows, and an inaugural instructor for YNHA's Yosemite Field Seminars. I was fortunate to enroll in one of Sharsmith's field seminars when I first arrived in Yosemite in 1985.

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Another Field School graduate, Beatrice "Bettie" Willard (class of 1948) went on to join the Rocky Mountain Nature Association (now Rocky Mountain Conservancy), where, in the early 1960s, she started the National Park System's first field seminar program oriented toward visitors, rather than aspiring rangers and professional naturalists. Eight years later, YNHA's Yosemite Field Seminar program became the second such educational program run by a cooperating

association. Those early models have since inspired similar visitor-focused field programs at many other NPS sites, including Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, Joshua Tree, and Point Reyes.

Since my first YNHA field seminar with Carl all those years ago, I've been lucky to follow in his alpine boot prints. In my 36 years in the park, teaching field seminars and directing the education programs of Yosemite Institute and then Yosemite Conservancy, I've led thousands of people on immersive educational experiences, from birding workshops in Yosemite Valley to geology courses at Lyell and Maclure glaciers. I even had the privilege of welcoming Carl's fellow field seminar instructor, longtime Yosemite ranger-naturalist Lloyd Brubaker, as a student in one of the many woodpecker-focused courses I taught for the Conservancy over the years.

The past 50 years have seen dramatic changes in the park, our nation and the world—and within our organization. YNHA became Yosemite Association, and then merged with a fundraising arm to become today's Yosemite Conservancy. Annual park visitation has doubled since 1971.

What hasn't changed since Yosemite Field Seminars began half a century ago is that our organization remains dedicated to serving the park and the public with diverse, in-depth educational outings. The

field seminars continue today as Yosemite Conservancy's Outdoor Adventures, which aim to augment NPS goals in cultivating an informed and caring constituency of Yosemite stakeholders and stewards.

Today, our programs create opportunities for visitors to explore an array of topics, including American Indian culture, alpine ecology, botany, astronomy and ecology, through backpacking treks, snowshoe outings, day hikes, art retreats, birding walks, photography workshops, and more. We also provide public interpretive programs and customized outings for individuals and families, and work with travel companies, such as National Geographic and Backroads, to offer educational experiences for tour groups.

It's my very strong sense that the people who initiated the Yosemite Field Seminars in 1971 would approve of how their program has grown, adapted and evolved. Fifty years later, people from across the country and around the world still love Yosemite, and our organization is still here to help them deepen their connection with, understanding of, and appreciation for this remarkable park.



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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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Half Dome, Christine White Loberg

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NatureBridge



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

Yosemite Conservancy



Yosemite Conservancy inspires people to support projects and programs that preserve Yosemite National Park and enrich the visitor experience for all. Thanks to generous donors, the Conservancy has provided over \$140 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: yosemite.org or 415/434-1782.

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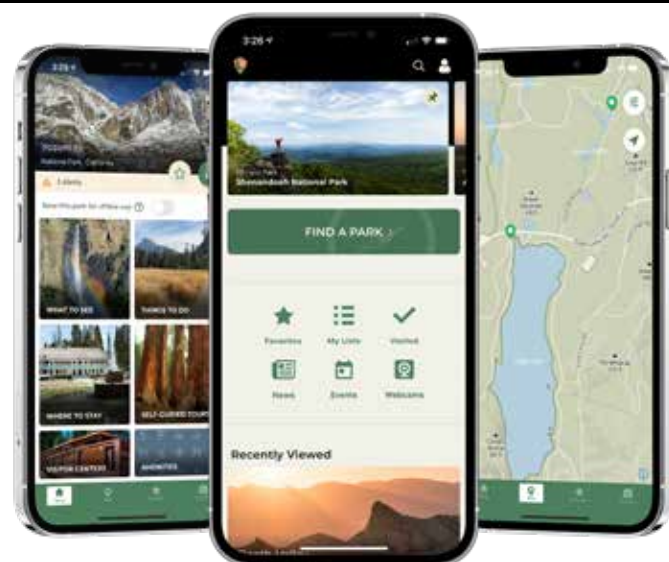
Yosemite Volunteers: Serving Yosemite

Over 10,374 volunteers donated more than 139,500 hours of service to Yosemite last year, restoring native habitat, working in visitor centers, serving as camp hosts, studying wildlife, cleaning up litter and more. Would you like to serve? We have group and individual volunteer opportunities, both short term and long term. Learn more at: www.nps.gov/yose/getinvolved/volunteer.htm or call the volunteer office at 209/379-1850.

Lose Something in Yosemite?

To inquire about items lost or found at one of Yosemite's restaurants, hotels, or lounges, 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

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