

Things to Do

Winter in Yosemite

WELCOME

Ask A Ranger

Drop by the visitor contact station located behind the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center to get park-related information and updates. Follow signs to park in Visitor Parking then follow signs to the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Open Feb 2-18: 9am-4pm, Feb. 19-March 11: 9am-4:30pm, March 12-29: 9am-5pm.

WINTER SPORTS

Badger Pass Ski Area

Enjoy a day on the slopes at Badger Pass Ski Area, *conditions permitting*. Live information on winter sports is available by calling 209/372-8430; recorded information is available at 209/372-1000. See page 5 for service hours. *Downhill operations closes for the season March* 20; *Nordic/Tubing closes April* 3.

Badger Pass A-Frame

Open daily, 9am to 4pm, when Badger Pass Ski Area is open. Wilderness permits for the Glacier Point area and crosscountry ski trail information is available. Ranger led snowshoe walks begin here, *conditions permitting*.

Badger Pass Shuttle (FREE)

The free shuttle service to and from Badger Pass Ski Area operates Friday, Saturday, and Sundays, *weather and road conditions permitting*. Badger Pass shuttle arrival and departure times are subject to change due to traffic and weather conditions.

Badger Pass Shuttle Schedule

Yosemite Valley to Badger Pass Departures

Curry Village - 8:05am Yosemite Village (YTS) - 8:10am Ahwahnee Hotel - 8:15am

Yosemite Valley Lodge - 8:30am **Badger Pass to Yosemite Valley Departures** Badger Pass - 4:30pm

Ice Skating

Take the shuttle to Curry Village for a one-of-a-kind ice skating experience with a spectacular view of Half Dome. Open through February 27, *conditions permitting*. See page 5 for hours.



Winter at Valley View, Yosemite Valley. NPS Photo / Rachel Zott

Crane Flat Snow Play Area

A snow play area is open at Crane Flat Campground in winter when enough snow is present. Please do not sled onto roadways!

Walking and Hiking

Yosemite Valley has a wide range of yearround walking and hiking options. Stop by the visitor contact station behind Yosemite Valley Visitor Center for trail maps and updated weather and trail conditions.

PROGRAMS AND GUIDED ADVENTURES

Naturalist Programs

Naturalists give regular programs about Yosemite's natural and cultural history. See page 5 for scheduled programs.

Yosemite Conservancy Adventures - Custom Yosemite Experiences

Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist guide 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.

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

Adventure Out With Yosemite Mountaineering School (YMS)

Yosemite Mountaineering School offers world-class rock climbing instruction, private guided climbs, custom and group hikes, guided backpacking trips, snowshoe hikes and cross-country skiing throughout Yosemite's wilderness. YMS guides, recognized as some of the finest rock climbers in the world, have a variety of skiing, climbing and mountaineering skills and experience. As the only authorized climbing guides in the Park, they can share their unparalleled knowledge with everyone from pros to complete novices. Phone: 209/372-8344; Email yms@aramark.com

ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH

COVID-19 Information

Wearing a face mask is required in federal buildings regardless of vaccination status. Thank you for helping keep yourself and others safe. Check local resources, area signage, and park website for updates, www.nps.gov/yose.

How Will My Visit Be Impacted?

The COVID-19 pandemic will continue to affect park operations in 2022. 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

Not Available or Modified Services this Winter

Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (VC) is closed; an outdoor visitor contact station is available behind the VC.

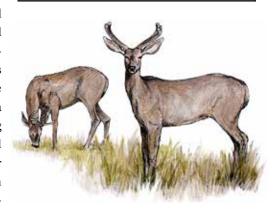
Many programs are canceled until further notice, see page 4 for programs schedule.

Some campgrounds are currently closed. Camp 4 is now available to first come, first served camping.

Yosemite Theater and Yosemite Museum are closed until Spring 2022

Yosemite Valley Shuttle System has resumed operations, with a modified shuttle route.

Select dining and shopping establishments are open and encourage social distancing.



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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).

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Fire – Police – Medical Emergency:
Dial 911

Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley)
Open Monday- Friday from 9am to 5pm.
(Closed holidays.)
Medical Clinic Phone: (209) 372-4637.

ROAD AND WEATHER INFORMATION

Within Yosemite National Park: 209/372-0200

Outside Yosemite National Park: 800/427-7623

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

PARK APP

Download the National Park Service app for an interactive map, hiking trails, and park updates. Find more information on page 11 of this *Guide*.

DISABILITIESFor a complete I

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/planyourvisit/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.



Accessible parking spaces available west of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

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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 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 US military, US military veterans, and Gold Star families.

Interagency 4th Grade Pass (Free) 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

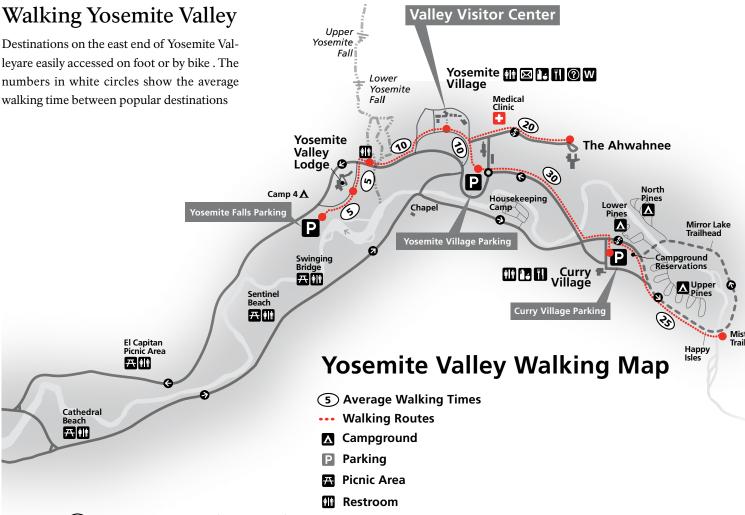
(209) 742-4567; www.yosemite.com

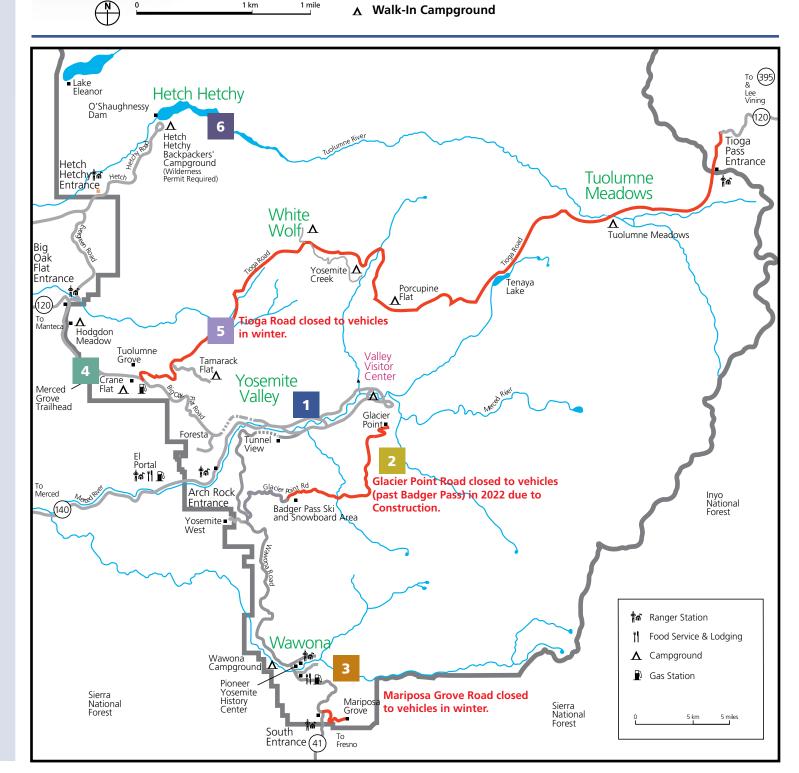
Highway 120 East Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce and Mono Lake Visitor Center,

(760) 647-6629, www.leevining.com

Walking Yosemite Valley

levare easily accessed on foot or by bike. The numbers in white circles show the average walking time between popular destinations





Yosemite Valley

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

Glacier Point Road

Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and Yosemite's high country, is located 30 miles (1 hour) from Yosemite Valley. The road stays open as weather permits, however, overnight parking along it ends October 15. Glacier Point Road closes beyond the Badger Pass Ski Area after the first significant snow fall. When the road is snow-covered and conditions permit, a system of cross-country ski tracks are maintained on it. From Yosemite Valley, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), then turn left onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair accessible trail leads you to a stunning view looking into Yosemite Valley.

Wawona and Mariposa Grove

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1½ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park's south entrance station. While the Mariposa Grove Road closes to cars in the winter, approximately from the end of November until mid-March, the road is open to hikers, snowshoers, and skiers, and all trails in the grove remain open for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The nearby Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with the people who came to Yosemite from all over the world to start a new life and make the park what it is today.

Crane Flat and Tuolumne Grove

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

Tuolumne Meadows and Tioga Road

The Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. The road closes after the first big snowfall, and overnight parking ends on October 15. The road's elevation ranges from 6,200 feet to just under 10,000 feet. Tuolumne Meadows embodies the high-country of the Sierra Nevada. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows surrounded by granite domes and peaks. It is the jumping off place for countless hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. In winter, Tuolumne Meadows is often reached by skiers via the Snow Creek Trail from the Mirror Lake trailhead, a short distance east of Yosemite Valley.

Hetch Hetchy

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 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.



Yosemite Valley in Winter. Photo by Christine White Loberg



The view from Glacier Point. NPS Photo



Snow at the base of sequoia trees in Mariposa Grove. NPS Photo



Tenaya Lake. *NPS Photo*



Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. NPS Photo

Winter Weather Driving and Chain Control Information:

Winter road conditions through Yosemite can vary widely and may require tire chains. *Chain requirements are strictly enforced.* For updated 24-hour road and weather conditions for Yosemite National Park, please call 209/372-0200. Signs will indicate when chains are required. Here is a summary of chain control signs on Yosemite roads:



R1 - All vehicles *without* mud and snow tires are required to install chains/cables. Vehicles *with* mud and snow tires do not, but must still carry chains. See chain control regulations on www.nps.gov/yose for vehicles towing trailers.



CARRY CHAINS

R2 - Chains/cables must be installed on ALL vehicles except 4-wheel/all-wheel drive vehicles with mud and snow tires. Fourwheel drive vehicles must have 4-wheel drive engaged.



R3 - ALL vehicles are required to install chains/cables, regardless of having *mud and snow tires or 4-wheel/all-wheel drive capability, NO EXCEPTIONS.

*"M+S" will be on the side of your tires if they are mud and snow tires.

Yosemite Valley

Programs, Art, and Exhibits

Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

A visitor contact station is available behind the visitor center for information and updates. Hours are: Feb 2-18: 9am to 4pm, Feb. 19 -March 11: 9am to 4:30pm, March 12-29: 9am to 5pm. The Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore will be operating as an outdoor"to-go" store, daily from 9am to 4:30pm.

YOSEMITE THEATER AND MUSEUM

Closed Winter of 2022

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 use. Located behind Yosemite Museum in Yosemite Village.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Snowshoe Walk: Explore the Forest in Winter From 10am to 12pm at Badger Pass, through March 27. Reservations required by 2pm the day before the snowshoe walk, 209/379-1899. No first-come first-served availability for the walk. Limited to 30 people. Reservations must be made by calling. Mask required. Meet at Badger Pass Ranger Station for naturalist led tour of winter landscape. Bring warm clothing. Expect a moderately/strenuous experience. Snowshoes provided. If Badger Pass closes, this program will not take place.

Yosemite Conservancy

Join Yosemite Conservancy for a memorable experience in the park this winter! Advanced registration is required for all Conservancy adventures. Explore our website (yosemite.org) and follow us on social media to find the latest updates, learn more about our organization, and browse our program calendar.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Feb 12 & 19 Winter Hike, 9am to 3pm at Mariposa Grove



NPS Image

Full Moon Snowshoe Hike #2,
7pm to 9pm at Badger Pass
Winter Hike #2, 9am to 4pm in
Yosemite Valley
Day Hike: Spring Equinox in
Yosemite Valley, 9am to 4pm
Day Hike: Yosemite Valley
Geology, 9am to 5pm
Day Hike: Wildflowers on the
Merced, 9am to5pm in El Portal

Or plan a Custom Adventure with one of our naturalists. Learn more and sign up: yosemite. org/adventures.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery is open daily from 10am to 3pm. 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 Artist James McGrew continues this tradition. visit anseladams.com/photographyeducation. Located in Yosemite Village.

CURRENT EXHIBITION Shades of Winter

January 9, 2022 - February 26, 2022

Please join us at The Ansel Adams Gallery starting January 9th through February 26th for our new exhibition Shades of Winter, as we share some of our favorite photographs from this magical season by Anne Larsen, John Sexton, William Neill, Michael Frye, Jeffery Conley, Roman Loranc, Bob Kolbrener, Keith S. Walklet and Charles Cramer.

FUTURE EXHIBITION

Ephemeral Beauty: New Paintings by James McGrew

February 27, 2022 - April 23, 2022

Yosemite's success story owes much to the romantics of the nineteenth century, whose photographs and paintings helped bare the conservation movement.

James has written: 'As more visitors flock to national parks which embody the most uniquely beautiful scenery in the world, we often find ephemeral or transient events as the most memorable or compelling experiences. This may be represented by a sunrise/ sunset, the firefall-like effect on Horsetail Fall, nocturnal adventures, chance wildlife encounters, solitude among ancient sequoias, spring waterfalls, thunderstorms, autumn color, fresh snow, or the sudden view from a wilderness trail. Such magical events inspire lasting impressions and emotions. Yosemite's unique beauty seems more evanescent and precarious in the face of rapidly changing climate and wildfire behavior, increasingly altered, isolated ecosystems and endangered species. However, when we slow down and spend time exploring in nature, we find wonderful rays of hope and inspiration.'

Opening on February 27 and running through April 23, 2022, Ephemeral Beauty: New Paintings by James McGrew will continue this tradition in Yosemite, with a nod to the past and an eye on the future.

BECOME A JUNIOR RANGER

Complete the activities that are the best fit for you in the below self-guided handbook, 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 Junior Ranger badge.

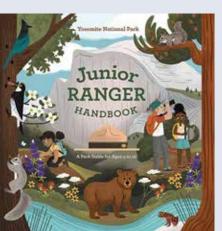


Illustration by Stefani Lacy

TIME	PROGRAMS - (NPS = National Park Service; YC = Yosemite Conservancy; TAAG = The Ansel Adams Gallery &= Accessible; \$ = Program offered for a fee)	DURATION	LOCATION	REMARKS	su	М	TU	w	тн	F	SA
9:00am	In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Register at The Ansel Adams Gallery. \$ (TAAG)	4hrs	Yosemite Valley					Х			
9:00am	Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera Register at The Ansel Adams Gallery. \$ (TAAG)	4hrs	Yosemite Valley		Х						
9:00am	In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography Register at The Ansel Adams Gallery. \$ (TAAG)	3hrs	Yosemite Valley			Х					
9:00am	Demystifying Digital Exposure Register at The Ansel Adams Gallery. \$ (TAAG)	2hrs	Yosemite Valley								Х
10:00am	Snowshoe Walk: Explore the Forest in Winter (<i>Conditions permitting</i>) Reservations required by 2 pm the day before and masks required, see above for details. (NPS)	2 hrs	Badger Pass		Х			Х			Х
1:00pm	In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Register at The Ansel Adams Gallery. \$ (TAAG)	4hrs	Yosemite Valley			Х					
1:00pm	In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography Register at The Ansel Adams Gallery. \$ (TAAG)	3hrs	Yosemite Valley						Х		X
5:00pm	Yosemite Valley Sunset Walk Reservations required. Register at Yosemite.org/adventures. \$ (YC)	2hrs	Yosemite Valley	March 5, 12, 19 and 26 Only							×
8:00pm	Explore Yosemite Valley's Night Sky Reservations required. Register at Yosemite. org/adventures. \$ (YC)	1hr	Yosemite Valley	March Only					Х	Х	Х

Services in Yosemite

Schedule



Half Dome from Cook's Meadow, Yosemite Valley. NPS Image

Hours listed are core hours and maybe extended during peak visitation.

Food and Drink

YOSEMITE VILLAGE Degnan's Kitchen

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

THE AHWAHNEE

Dining Room

Breakfast: 7am to 10am Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm, Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm, (Advance reservations available for hotel quests. Contact 209/372-1489 to inquire about same-day reservations.)

The Coffee Bar Closed for the season The Ahwahnee Bar 2pm to 9pm, 12pm to 10pm beginning Mar 14

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Base Camp Eatery

Starbucks Coffee: Closed for the season Breakfast: 7:30am to 10am,

6:30am to 10:30am beginning Mar 14 Lunch: 11am to 3pm

Dinner: 4pm to 8pm, 11am to 9pm beginning Mar 14

Mountain Room Bar

5pm to 9pm, 5pm to 9:30pm beginning Mar 4

Mountain Room Restaurant

5pm to 9pm, Wed-Sun, beginning Mar 16

CURRY VILLAGE

Seven Tents Pavilion - Sat/Sun Only

Breakfast: 7am to 10am Lunch: 11am to 5pm Dinner: 5pm to 9pm

Daily Breakfast/Dinner beginning Mar 19

Pizza Deck

11am to 10pm beginning Mar 18

Bar 1899

Sat/Sun: 2pm to 9pm,

11am to 10pm daily beginning Mar 18

Coffee Corner

Sat/Sun: 6:30am to 11am

6:30am to 8:30pm daily beginning Mar 19

WAWONA AREA

Wawona Hotel and Dining

Opens for the season Mar 25 Breakfast: 7am to 10am Lunch: 11am to 2pm Dinner: 5pm to 9pm

BADGER PASS SKI AREA -

Closes for the season Apr 3 **Skiers Grill** (downstairs)

8am to 4pm

Snowflake Room (upstairs)

Friday: 12pm to 4pm

Sat/Sun/Holidays: 10am to 4pm

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

(The Chapel)

Resident Minister: Pastor Brent Moore 209/372-4831 • www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org Sunday Service: 9:15am

*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 Info: 209/379-2100

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

No meetings at this time Oakhurst Hotline: 559/683-1662

Grocery Stores



YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Village Store

8am to 8pm,

8am to 9pm beginning Mar 19

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Gift/Grocery

8am to 8pm, 8am to 10pm beginning Mar 1

CURRY VILLAGE

Gift/Grocery

10am to 6pm,

8am to 10pm beginning Mar 19

WAWONA

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop

9am to 5pm **EL PORTAL**

El Portal Market

10am to 6pm

Gas and Service **Stations** 3

EL PORTAL

Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card

WAWONA SERVICE STATION

Diesel & propane.

Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card.

CRANE FLAT

Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card, Store closed for the season.

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 for lunch from 12:30pm to 1:30pm

WAWONA

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

Books, Gifts and Apparel [#]

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center 9am to 4:30pm

The Ansel Adams Gallery

10am to 3pm

Village Store 8am to 8pm,

8am to 9pm beginning Mar 19

THE AHWAHNEE

Gift Shop

9am to 8pm,

8am to 9pm beginning Mar 11

Sweet Shop

8am to 9pm,

7am to 10pm beginning Mar 11

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Gift/Grocery

8am to 8pm,

8am to 10pm beginning Mar 1

CURRY VILLAGE

Gift/Grocery

10am to 6pm,

8am to 10pm beginning Mar 19

Mountain Shop

8:30am to 6:30pm,

8am to 8pm beginning Mar 14

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop 9am to 5pm

WAWONA

Winter Recreation *

BADGER PASS SKI AREA

Sport Shop

9am to 4pm, Closes for the season Apr 3

BADGER PASS SKI AREA

Downhill operations closes for the season Mar 20; Nordic/Tubing closes Apr 3.

Lift Operation 9am to 4pm

Lift Tickets 8:30am to 4pm

Ski School Desk 8:30am to 4pm

Tubing 10am to 11am, 11:30am to

1:30pm, and 2pm to 4pm

Nordic Shop Rentals 8:30am to 4:30pm Alpine Rentals 8:30am to 4:30pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Ice skating - Closes for the Season Feb 27 Monday-Friday 3:30pm - 6:00pm &

7:00pm - 9:30pm

Saturday/Sunday: 12:00pm - 2:30pm, 3:30 - 6:00pm & 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Other Services

Glacier Point Ski Hut

Closed for the season

Medical Clinic - Yosemite Valley

(209) 372-4637

For emergency care CALL 9-1-1

Monday - Friday: 9am to 5pm, Closed from 12pm to 1pm, daily

Closed weekends and federal holidays **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations**

Vehicle must be moved from each space once it is finished charging.

The Ahwahnee (one Tesla/one level 1)

Village Store (one level 2)

Yosemite Valley Lodge (eight level 2)

El Portal Gas Station (two level 2)

Hiking



Swinging Bridge, Yosemite Valley, NPS Image

Choose Your Adventure

What better way to enjoy the beauty of Yosemite than on foot. Ask a ranger at any visitor contact station for updated trail conditions and one of several free day hike handouts.

WINTER TRAILS PREPAREDNESS

Ski or snowshoe touring in Yosemite can be a magnificent experience with proper preparation. See page 8 for tips on how to protect yourself while adventuring in Yosemite.

TRAILS IN WAWONA AREA

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 will highlight how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world. The Center is always open and informational signs are found in front of each historic building.

Mariposa Grove

Located near Yosemite's South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequioas is the park's easier than the uphill return to the parking lot. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy,

trees in the grove. While the Mariposa Grove Road closes to cars from the end of November until at least March 15, the road to the grove and all trails in the grove remain open to hikers, snowshoers, and skiers. Wilderness permits are required for camping. There is no water in the grove.

TRAILS IN CRANE FLAT AREA

Tuolumne Grove

The trailhead for this grove of about 25 sequoias is near the intersection of the Big Oak Flat Road and Tioga Road at Crane Flat. This is a popular trail both with snowshoers and hikers and is an arduous return ski. The trail leads downhill from the parking area into the grove. The trail drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The way down can seem much easier than the uphill return to the parking lot. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy,

half-mile, self-guided nature trail. There is no potable water at the parking area or in the grove. 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. The first half mile is level and easy, a good warm-up for the steep 1 mile (1.6 km) descent into the grove. This trail requires heavy snowfall from a cold, lower-elevation storm to be skiable. There is no potable water at the parking area or in the grove. Bring drinking water with you. The grove is located $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Crane Flat and $4\frac{1}{2}$ 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.



Bachelor and Three Graces, Mariposa Grove, NPS Image

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

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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

Permit Information

Camping, Hiking, and Wilderness Use



Wilderness Permits

Wilderness permits are required yearround for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness. Self-registration quota sheets and permits are available at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, Hill's Studio in Wawona, Big Oak Flat Information Station, Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station and at the Badger Pass A-Frame, conditions permitting. Bear canisters are only available for rent at the Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore located at the Valley Visitor Center. The process for reserving wilderness permits in advance has changed for the 2022 season. Permit reservation requests can be made at www.recreation.gov/permits/445859,24 weeks to 7 days in advance. The 60 percent reservable quota for each trailhead first becomes available during a weekly lottery 24 weeks in advance. Any of the 60 percent that are not confirmed during the lottery will be released for advanced reservations, up to 7 days in advance. For every permit lottery application and advanced reservation there is a non-refundable \$10 permit fee. For each confirmed permit, there is an additional non-refundable \$5 per person fee. To reach the Wilderness Reservation staff, use www.yosemite.org/contact-us (preferred) at any time or call 209/372-0740, Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm. For more information, visit: www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking, www.yosemite.org, and the Leave No Trace website at www.lnt.org.

Wilderness Centers

YOSEMITE VALLEY Wilderness permits for Yosemite Valley trailheads are available by self-registration in front of the Visitor Center. Bear canisters are available for rent or to buy at the bookstore. For more information on wilderness travel and safety please see page 8.

WAWONA AND MARIPOSA GROVE

Self-registration wilderness permits for the Wawona trailheads only are available on the front porch of Hill's Studio. Please come prepared with your own bear canister. Hill's Studio is located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel; walk from the hotel or park at the store and follow the path uphill.

BIG OAK FLAT

Self-registration wilderness permits for the Crane Flat area and Tioga Road trailheads only are available on the front porch of the information station. Please come prepared with your own bear canister. The center is located just inside the park entrance on Hwy 120W.

GLACIER POINT

Self-registration wilderness permits for the Glacier Point Road trailheads only are available at the Badger Pass A-Frame, *conditions permitting*.

HETCH HETCHY

Self-registration wilderness permits for the Hetch Hetchy trailheads only are available at the Entrance Station kiosk daily from 8am to 5pm. Please come prepared with your own bear canister.

Half Dome Permits

The Half Dome Cables are down for the season. They will be put up May 27, 2022, *conditions permitting*. Permits are required 7 days a week when the cables are up. The pre-season lottery application period for the 2022 day use permits begins March 1, 2022 and ends March 31, 2022. To apply for permits visit www.recreation.gov/permits/234652 or call 877/444-6777. More

information about the Half Dome permit process is available at: www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm. The process for hiking Half Dome as part of a wilderness trip has also changed for 2022. Please visit: www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm to learn about the new process.

Camping Reservations

For the 2021-2022 winter season, campgrounds that will be open are a portion each of Upper Pines and Camp 4. Upper Pines requires reservations which are available up to five months in advance and are released on the 15th of each month at 7am Pacific time.

Camp 4 is first come, first served, and campers must self-register. 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.

NOTICE!

Frontcountry camping is only permitted in designated campsites. Sleeping in a vehicle in a parking lot or on the side of a road, and camping outside open campgrounds, is prohibited.

General Camping Information

Services

- All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker. See page 9 for food storage regulations.
- Shower and laundry facilities are not available during the 2021-2022 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 Intiative: Returnable Propane Canisters



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.

In alliance with 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...



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.

A SEASON OF TRANSITION

What will Yosemite's weather be like this time of year? No one really knows! This is a season of transition so you can experience several weather extremes in just one day. So, be prepared for wide ranging temperatures, rain, snow, and sunshine at any elevation.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

Rain and melting snow can cause our rivers and streams to flow fast and high. Yosemite's streams are a huge temptation for the curious. Yosemite's water is deceptively dangerous and unforgiving, even during low flow. Visitors are strongly urged to enjoy moving or falling water from a safe distance. Also, granite rocks and boulders near rivers and waterfalls, wet or dry, are extremely slippery. To avoid injury, please do not leave the safety of the trail.

WEATHER

Your best approach to the weather is to check the latest forecast and always be prepared for all extremes. Dress in layers so that you can adjust to weather changes. Weather in mountainous climates, like Yosemite, varies drastically depending on elevation, with temperatures cooling by as much as five degrees for every 1,000 feet of elevation gain; a moderate rain in the Valley can be a whiteout blizzard with just a short drive or hike.

TRAIL NAVIGATION

Snow blanketed terrain can quickly cause disorientation. Winter specific trails are marked with a blaze. Always keep at least one marker or reference point in sight. Carry a good map and compass (or GPS) and always know your location.

YOSEMITE'S ROADS

Weather is unpredictable and can change rather quickly, possibly affecting Park roads. Plan for all potential road conditions; call ahead to 209/372-0200+1+1 for current road conditions and restrictions. Be aware of changing conditions and icy roads, especially in shadowed areas. Always carry tire chains, it's the law.

YOSEMITE'S TRAILS

Know before you go! Some trails and trail segments may be closed due to weather or other hazards. Obey all trail signage. Check weather and current conditions at the visitor center before your trip. Trails can be icy or wet—use trekking poles, crampons, or other footwear traction devices can help with preventing a serious fall.

FOR ALL SEASONS

 Always leave travel and hiking plans with a trusted person, including intended routes and estimated time of return.

Stay on established trails.

- River, streams and lakes can be hazardous all year. Maintain awareness. Crossing water should only be attempted where it is safe.
- Stay hydrated and snack frequently, despite season! If you are sweating, replace lost salts with salty, easy-to digest snacks.
- Take hiking essentials including sunglasses, sunscreen, and a 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



Coyote in snow. 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...

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.

- <u>Protect fragile plants and soils</u>: Trampling vegetation and compressing soils affects the movement and cleanliness of water.
- <u>Walk and camp on durable surfaces</u>: Use established trails, campsites, rock, and gravel to minimize your impact. Walk single file and keep groups small.
- <u>Pack it in, pack it out</u>: 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:
- <u>Use restroom facilities or bury human waste</u>: 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

An Artists' Perspective:

Continuing Preservation in Yosemite with Art

Story by Artist James McGrew





Cho-Looke A 14x11 Oil on linen on board, Plein Air, by James McGrew.

Sunset at Union Point. A 6x8 Oil on panel, Plein Air study, by James McGrew.

Hat inspired your first visit to Yosemite? Was it published photography or art? Throughout park history, visual art influenced perception, visitation, establishment and protection of Yosemite National Park. Endlessly inspired by Yosemite, I work as an artist to carry that legacy into the future.

For many centuries, native people have created Yosemite's original artworks. Then the first images known to convey the likeness of Yosemite landscapes to the general public were drawings by Thomas Ayres in 1855. Thereafter, photographers and other artists followed. Carleton Watkins' photography and Albert Bierstadt's romantic oil paintings spread legislation in 1864, creating the Yosemite Grant, which set aside Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove to be protected. Later, John Muir used photography by George Fiske and paintings by Thomas Hill and others to illustrate his writings, which helped establish Yosemite National Park in 1890. Artists have influenced public perception and policy from past to present. Park managers have also used historic images to document and understand changing ecosystems concerning forest, meadow and fire ecology.

Ansel Adams arguably influenced more people than any other Yosemite Artist while The Ansel Adams Gallery history dates back to 1902 when Adams' father in law, artist Harry Best opened Best's Studio. As a young teen, I too found inspiration in Adams' images and writings. So I am incredibly grateful to be represented by the gallery, which has a rich Yosemite history and works to support the park. My latest show titled *Ephemeral Beauty* opens in February and includes over a dozen new plein air and studio paintings that interpret recent Yosemite experiences.

"Catching fleeting events also requires extremely quick painting, a rush of adrenaline and pouring emotions into the brush."

My passion for painting Yosemite began in childhood, perhaps with my first "backpack" trip on my father's back, at four months old. I remember other special family trips including a backpack in June 1983, during record snowpack and spring runoff, which created vivid memories of raging waterfalls and wildlife. I often drew and painted Yosemite and its wildlife while growing up, taking every available art class and have since found endless inspiration in the thrilling yet brief springtime thundering waterfalls. Though I love painting many western parks, I am most inspired by Yosemite. I love its wondrous light bathing the diversity

of altitudes and habitats from rolling foothills to glaciated alpine peaks, lakes and streams, diverse forest types including three giant sequoia groves, and of course, the incomparable Yosemite Valley with its unique concentration of granite domes, sculpted cliffs and sheer waterfalls. For me, truly experiencing the magic and wonder of Yosemite means exploring its wilderness on foot, during different times of day or night or seasons. A pursuit to visually interpret my experiences and share about Yosemite energizes me to endure heavy loads of painting and camera gear while hiking or backpacking over hundreds of annual miles, sometimes through rain or snow, to convey unique perspectives and events.

I find no substitute for plein air oil painting (always with non-toxic materials). In a digital age of self publishing in seconds, I find value in an art form practiced in Yosemite for nearly 160 years. It forces me to physically slow down and study a scene with all my senses. Catching fleeting events also requires extremely quick painting, a rush of adrenaline and pouring emotions into the brush. Such moments of heightened awareness, standing relatively still and quiet for up to two hours at a time has also offered me my most memorable observations of undisturbed wildlife behavior. These include bears, bobcats, deer, foxes, coyotes and mountain lions. But my most special encounters have been

with two of Yosemite's avian residents; the elusive and endangered Yosemite great gray owl and the amazing peregrine falcon, earth's fastest creature exceeding 240 mph!

Although protected as a national park, thanks in part to artists, Yosemite is more threatened than it has been since establishment. It now faces habitat fragmentation and alteration, pollution, invasive species, overcrowding, climate change, and unprecedented wildfires, which threaten even the fire adapted/dependent ancient sequoias.

Yet in brief moments of beauty I find rays of hope and inspiration. Painting from the cliff top peregrine falcon habitat and witnessing their stunning speed, agility, and playful creativeness, I am reminded that they were completely absent from Yosemite and much of their nearly worldwide habitat in the mid 20th century, as their populations crashed towards extinction. Yet today, they thrive as a shining success story of possibilities for other dangers Yosemite now faces.

Like those who came before, I hope to document the changing visual landscape through my work, raise awareness for park issues, and most of all inspire others to experience their own connections, leading to greater environmental stewardship not only within park boundaries but far beyond, for future generations.

Supporting Your Park

Providing for Yosemite's Future

Enhance the Visitor Experience

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

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



Half Dome, Christine White Loberg

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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.

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 vose lostandfound@nps.gov

