Things to Do

Keep this Guide with you to get the most out of your visit.

What do you want to do with your special time in Yosemite? The choice is yours, but to give you some ideas, park rangers made a list of possibilities for adventure. In no particular order, here are 12 popular activities for a day in Yosemite National Park.

Walk to a Waterfall
Yosemite Valley is famous for its awe-inspiring waterfalls; each as distinct as the granite cliffs they dive over. While Yosemite Falls may be dry by August, Bridalveil, Vernal, and Nevada Falls flow all year. (See page 17 for hiking information.)

Explore a Sequoia Grove
Meet the most massive trees on earth as you explore a giant sequoia grove. Yosemite is home to three groves—the Mariposa Grove, which contains hundreds of sequoias, and the Tuolumne and Merced Groves, which each hold dozens. (See page 2 for a map of the park.)

See Sunset from Glacier Point
Glacier Point provides a superb view of Half Dome, towering more than 3,000 feet above Yosemite Valley. Witness the sunset, as it lights up the cliff face, from Glacier Point or other points in Yosemite Valley. Listen in on a sunset talk with a ranger at Glacier Point. Expect a half-hour delay on the Glacier Point Road Monday through Friday.

Visit the other valley, Hetch Hetchy
Yosemite is home to three valleys—the Hetch Hetchy, Tuolumne, and Merced valleys, each hold dozens. (See page 2 for a map of the park.)

Drive to Olmsted Point
Take in the spectacular panoramic view from this scenic turnout on the Tioga Road: Tenaya Canyon, granite peaks and domes, and Tenaya Lake with Mt. Conness in the background. (See page 2 for a park map and area information. The Tioga Road usually opens in late May or June.)

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

Stroll with a Ranger
Learn about the wonders of the park on a ranger-guided stroll. Programs are offered daily throughout the park on a variety of topics including waterfalls, trees, bears, geology, Yosemite Indians and more. (See area program grids on pages 6, 7, 9, and 11.)

Take a Photography Class
Learn how to best capture the landscape of Yosemite by joining a photography expert from the Ansel Adams Gallery. Several classes are offered each week. Learn more and sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stops #5 and #9. (See pages 6 and 7 for times and meeting places.)

Discover the Night Sky
Attend the “Starry Skies Over Yosemite Valley” for a wild ride through the universe to learn about stars, constellations, planets, meteors, and other night sky features, all from the comfort of Yosemite Valley. Sign up at any tour desk. (See page 4 for tour desk locations.)

Go to the Theater
Yosemite Theatre LIVE offers entertainment and inspiration through a variety of live theater performances that bring Yosemite’s history to life. Discover the world of John Muir and other characters from the park’s rich history. (See page 7 for shows and starting times.)

Have Fun with the Family
Learn about Yosemite, meet a park ranger, and have a blast by becoming a Yosemite Junior Ranger or Yosemite Little Cub. Check in with any visitor center to find out how. Stop by the Nature Center at Happy Isles for another great place to explore with the family. (See page 12 for the Jr. Ranger Page.)

Visit the Yosemite Museum
Learn about Yosemite Indians by exploring a museum collection that includes remarkable woven baskets and traditional dress. Tour the outdoor Indian Village or talk with an Indian cultural demonstrator. The Yosemite Museum is located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stops #5 and #9. (See page 5 for museum hours and a list of gallery events and features.)

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

Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and the Yosemite’s high country, is located 30 miles (a one-hour drive) from Yosemite Valley or Wawona. To get there from either of these places, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), to Chinquapin, then turn onto Glacier Point Road. Glacier Point Road is usually open from late May through sometime in November. Be prepared for 30-minute construction delays (60 minutes at night) on the Wawona Road Sunday evening through Friday evening. 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

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. Be prepared for 30-minute construction delays (60 minutes at night) on the Wawona Road Sunday evening through Friday evening. The nearby Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite. Enjoy a horse-drawn stage ride, watch blacksmiths at work at the blacksmith shop, or hike one of the scenic trails. For more information, visit the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio, adjacent to the historic Wawona Hotel. This was once a painting studio for the 19th-century artist Thomas Hill. The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is a short drive or help reduce congestion by taking the free shuttle from the Wawona Store.

Tioga Road and Tuolumne Grove

Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. It is usually open from late May or early June through sometime in November. The road’s elevation ranges from 6,200 to nearly 10,000 feet, so it offers an opportunity to experience many of Yosemite’s habitats. The White Wolf area, midway across the park, is the starting point for day hikes to Lureks 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

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

Hetch Hetchy

Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the city of San Francisco, is also home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. Due to its importance as a municipal water supply, no fishing or swimming is permitted, however. Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles from Yosemite Valley. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open 7 am to 9 pm May 1 through Labor Day, with reduced hours during the rest of the year. Hetch Hetchy Road is accessible via the Big Oak Flat Road and Evergreen Road and is approximately a 1 ¼-hour drive from Yosemite Valley. Trailers, vehicles over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not allowed on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.

Wilderness Travel Basics

Yosemite’s Wilderness provides outstanding opportunities for solitude in a beautiful setting. In order to avoid overcrowding and reduce impacts, a trailhead quota system limits the number of backpackers entering a trailhead on a given day. Of each daily quota for a trailhead, 60 percent can be reserved ahead of time, while the remaining 40 percent is available on a first-come, first-served basis one day prior to, or the same day as, the beginning of your hike. See page 14 for more information about wilderness permits and wilderness permit reservations.
Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park

The Incomparable Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Valley embraces one of the world’s most outstanding concentrations of waterfalls, granite walls, meadows, wildflowers, and trees. The Valley also harbors a rich collection of human stories, from American Indian lore to the birth of the national park movement.

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Ranger Programs

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

Walking and Hiking

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

Bicycling

Several miles of bicycle paths wind through Yosemite Valley. You can use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Lodge or Curry Village. Bikes are only allowed on paved bicycle paths.

Tours

(Tours listed below depart from Yosemite Lodge.)

• The Valley Floor Tour is a 26-mile, two-hour open-air tram tour narrated by a park ranger (weather permitting). The tour departs Yosemite Lodge several times daily.
• The Glacier Point Tour leaves Yosemite Lodge at 8:30 am, 10 am, and 1:30 pm daily when the Glacier Point Road is open. One-way tickets are available for those who want to hike down from Glacier Point.
• The Grand Tour includes the Valley, Glacier Point, and the Mariposa Grove. An experienced guide narrates each tour. The tour departs Yosemite Lodge at 8:45 am daily.

Call 209/372-4386 for reservations or inquire at the tour desks at Yosemite Lodge, Yosemite Village, Curry Village, and The Ahwahnee.

Mule & Horseback Rides

Horse or mule rides begin at the stable near North Pines Campground. Stable hours are 7:30 am to 5 pm daily. Information: 209/372-8448 (reservations strongly recommended).

Sightseeing

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• Half Dome, Yosemite’s most distinctive monument, dominates most views in Yosemite Valley. Forces of uplift, erosion from rivers and glaciers, and rockfall all shaped this famous feature into what we see today. Cook’s Meadow, Sentinel Bridge, Tunnel View, and Glacier Point, are just a few locations with stunning views of Half Dome.
• El Capitan, a massive granite monolith, stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. From spring to fall, climbers come from all over the globe to scale El Capitan.
• Happy Isles is a place to see dramatic natural processes at work. It is easily reached by shuttle at stop #16 or by walking from Curry Village. Cross the footbridges onto the isles or wander through outdoor and indoor exhibits detailing Yosemite’s geologic story.
• Tunnel View, along Wawona Road (Hwy 41) provides a classic view of Yosemite Valley, El Capitan, Half Dome, Sentinel Rock, Cathedral Rocks, and Bridalveil Fall. It is spectacular at sunset or after the clearing of a storm.

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Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore
Visitor center and bookstore hours are 9 am to 7:30 pm. The visitor center is just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #3 and #9). The facility offers information, maps, and books. Explore the exhibits and learn how Yosemite’s landscape formed and how people interact with it.

Film: Spirit of Yosemite
This inspiring visitor-orientation film provides a stunning overview of Yosemite’s splendor. It is shown every 30 minutes, Monday through Saturday between 9:30 am and 5:30 pm, and Sunday between noon to 5:30 pm in the Valley Visitor Center Theater.

Yosemite Museum
Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. View & visitors: the Yosemite Experience in the 19th Century
This exhibit features paintings, prints, artifacts and ephemera from Yosemite’s early years. Historic hotel registers and the Grand Register of the Cosmopolitan will also be on view. The exhibit includes an interactive kiosk related to the Grand Register and a digital slide show of historic visitors and hotels. All are welcome to the opening reception on June 15 from 5-6:30 pm.

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

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

Ansel Adams Gallery
In Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center, the gallery is open daily from 9 am to 6 pm. The gallery offers the work of Ansel Adams, other photographers and artists, camera walls, workshops, and classes. Activities are listed on the front porch. Call 209/372-4415, or visit www.anseladams.com.

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

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

Visitor Parking Information Station
Located in a yurt at the Yosemite Village Visitor Parking (see map on back of this Guide), this information station is open 10 am to 4 pm daily.

Nature Center at Happy Isles
Open 9:30 am to 5 pm daily. Designed for nature-exploring children and theirfamilies, the nature center offers natural history exhibits and a bookstore. The nature center is a short walk from shuttle stop # 16.

Internet Access
Fee-based terminals are available at Degnan’s Deli. Wireless access is offered at Yosemite Lodge (for a fee). Free access is available at the Mariposa County library, south of the Yosemite Cemetery at Yosemite Village (hours are limited). For more: 209/372-1281.

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Degnan’s Delicatessen
7 am to 5 pm.
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The Ahwahnee Bar
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Yosemite Lodge
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Taqueria
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Happy Isles Snack Stand
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Medical & Dental
Yosemite Medical Clinic
Emergency care: 24 hours daily. Drop-in and urgent care: 8 am to 7 pm. Appointments: 8 am to 5 pm, M-F. (Also: Mountain Crisis Services for victims of domestic violence.) located at Ahwahnee Drive. 209/372-4637.

Dental Services
Located next to the Medical Clinic, 209/372-4200 or 209/372-4637.

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SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY
May 26 – June 29, 2010

Outdoor Adventures and Custom Adventures
For more on Yosemite Association's field seminars, pick up a catalog at any park visitor center, call 209/373-2112, or visit www.yosemite.org. The Yosemite Association also offers individualized Custom Adventures for groups and families. Call ahead at least two weeks to arrange your own naturalist guide who will meet your interests and schedule.

May 26 Moonbow Photography – Capture a lunar-spectral arc with John Senier.
June 6-8 Miscellaneous Basketry 1 – The Parker women share an ancient tradition.
June 5-6 The Hidden History of the Chinese in Yosemite – Yen Chan reveals secrets.
June 12 Birding Yosemite Valley – Michael Ross, great habitats and a lively bird study.
June 13 Foresta Birding – Michael Ross shares a special hotspot for diversity.
June 19-20 Waterwheel Photography Backpack – Find an astonishing aquatic display.
June 20 Buffalo Soldiers on Patrol – How African-Americans have protected Yosemite.
June 23-25 North Dome Moonlight Photography Backpack – A unique time and place.

Habitat Protectors of Yosemite
Wednesdays, 9 am to noon, Yosemite Valley Visitor Center
Join Yosemite Resources Management & Science staff for a stewardship project. Help preserve and protect native habitat in Yosemite Valley and learn about the park’s resources management program. Help keep Yosemite’s ecosystem healthy and intact for the enjoyment of future generations! Volunteers must wear long-sleeves, long pants, and sturdy shoes or boots. Gloves and tools will be provided. Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center at 9:00 am.

Yosemite Mountainaingear School
YMS offers rock climbing classes, guided climbs, custom backcountry trips, and daily hikes. Experience the park with a professional guide: 209/372-8344.

Art Workshops
The Yosemite Art & Education Center offers art workshops from 10 am to 2 pm Tuesday through Saturday. Register for classes in advance: 209/372-1442 (suggested donation of $5, supplies extra). Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Be prepared to work outdoors:
May 23 – May 29 Linda Nathel, Watercolor Basics
May 30 – June 5 Roger Folk, Waterfalls and Streams of Yosemite
June 6 – June 12 Robert Dvorak, Painting Yosemite From the Heart: Watercolor
June 13 – June 19 Tom Fong, Spontaneous Watercolor – Bold and Free
June 20 – June 26 Don Fay, Watercolor for Landscape
June 27 – July 3 Chris Van Winkle, Watercolor on Location

LeConte Memorial Lodge
LeConte Memorial Lodge is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm, with evening programs Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, and some Thursday evenings. Evening programs are scheduled for 8:00 pm and are free. The Lodge has a library, children’s corner, and a new climate change exhibit. The Lodge is located at shuttle stop #12.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES
YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Valley Chapel, Sunday 9:15 am, 11 am, & 6:30 pm; Thursday 7 pm; Tuesday Bible studies Info: 209/372-4831

ROMAN CATHOLIC
Mass: Saturday 6 pm at Lower Pines Amphitheater; Sunday, 10 am at Valley Visitor Center Wednesday & Friday, 6:30 pm, 9006 Cedar St, in Yosemite Village, 209/372-4729

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

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
Lower River Amphitheater, Saturday 9:45 am Mission School School, 11 am, Worship, 12:30 pm potluck. 209/88-4325

LATTER-DAY SAINTS

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

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

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

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

MORNINGS

8:30 am Photo Walk (except May 30 & June 6)
9:00 am CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE!
1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) Free
8:30 am Discovery Hike – Vernal Fall Bridge
3 hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk. Curry Village Mountaineering School (YMS) $10
9:00 am CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE!
1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) Free
8:30 am Bike to Hike Tour
2½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk. Curry Village bike stand (YMS) $10
9:00 am JUNIOR RANGER WALK
1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) Free
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1½ hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (APN/Canon)

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8:30 am Photo Walk (except June 2)
1½ hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (APN/Canon)
10:00 am JUNIOR RANGER WALK
1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) Free
8:30 am Art Workshop
4 hrs. See page 6 for details. Yosemite Art and Education Center (YA) $5
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8:30 am Photo Walk (except June 3)
1½ hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AA)
9:00 am Discovery Hike – Vernal Fall Bridge
3 hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk. Curry Village Mountaineering School (YMS) $10
CHILDREN’S THEATRE LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! (except May 27)
1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) Free
8:30 am Bike to Hike Tour
1½ hrs. Tickets/info. at any tour desk. Curry Village bike stand (YMS) $10
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1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) Free
8:30 am Adventure Hike – Yosemite Falls
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9:00 am ART WORKSHOP
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SATURDAYS

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NPS National Park Service
DNC DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, Inc.
AAG The Ansel Adams Gallery
AAC American Alpine Club
APN American Park Network
SC Sierra Club
YA Yosemite Association
YMS Yosemite Mountainaingear School
$ Programs offered for a fee

Programs printed in ALL CAPS & COLOR are especially for CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

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

A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors. Contact 209/372-4726 (TTY) or 209/372-0296 to request an interpreter. Advance notice of 2 days is requested.

Assisted Listening Devices are available upon advanced request. Inquire at a visitor center.
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**Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point**

Explore History
Discover Giant Trees
Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer unique opportunities to visit historic and natural landmarks.

**Wawona & the Mariposa Grove**

**Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio**
Open 8:30 am to 5 pm, the visitor center offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, Hill’s Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona Store parking area and follow the path up the hill. 209/375-9531.

**Coffee with a Ranger**
Grab your mug and join a ranger in the Wawona Campground Amphitheater for coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. Use this time to plan your day or get other questions answered. See page 9, at right, for dates and times.

**Ranger Evening Programs**
Join a ranger around a campfire for an hour of nature, history, and insight into Yosemite’s past. Once or twice a week, he will present an hour-long interpretive program on the vintage songs of Yosemite, or on the history of Wawona, with slide or music accompaniment.

**Pioneer Yosemite History Center**
Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center explores Yosemite’s history and explains how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world. The history center is always open, and interpretive signs and brochures are available.

**Live Demonstrations**
See page 9, at right, for dates and times.

**EXPERIENCE HORSE-DRAWN TRAVEL**
Travel into history by taking a 10-minute horse-drawn stage ride. Tickets may be purchased at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. $4/adults and $3/child (ages 3-12).

**BLACKSMITH SHOP**
Smell the burning coal, hear the ring of the hammer on the anvil, and watch a demonstration of the ancient art of blacksmithing.

**OLD-FASHIONED WET-PLATE PHOTOGRAPHY DEMONSTRATION**
See the equipment and chat with a photographer about this 150-year-old method (June 16 -20 only).

**Mariposa Grove**
Located near Yosemite’s South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove is the park’s largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 large mature sequoias. A few of these giants are visible in the parking area. Information about access for people with disabilities is available at the tram boarding area.

**Getting to Mariposa Grove**
Allow 1 ¼ hours driving time to reach the grove from the Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the grove parking lot. The road may close due to limited parking, so use the free shuttle. Trailers are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road. Private vehicles longer than 25 feet are not permitted on this road.

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

**Mariposa Grove Ranger Walks**
Rangers lead walks among the giant sequoias, explaining their natural history and historical importance. (See page 9 for schedule.)

**Big Trees Tram Tour**
A 1 ¼ hr. tram tour of the grove is available 9 am to 5 pm. This audio tour is available in five languages and for the visually impaired. Call 209/375-1621 or stop at a tour desk for more information.

**Mariposa Grove Museum & Trails**
Open 10 am to 4 pm daily. Located in the Upper Mariposa Grove, the museum offers information, displays on giant sequoias, and a small bookstore.

**Shuttle Service to Yosemite Valley**
FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE BETWEEN WAWONA AND YOSEMITE VALLEY
The bus departs daily from the Wawona Hotel at 8:30 am and from the Wawona Store at 8:35 am. The return trip depart from Yosemite Lodge at 3:30 pm.

**Mule & Horseback Rides**
Mule or horse rides begin at the Wawona Stable (see map at left). Open 7 am to 5 pm daily beginning June 11, conditions permitting. 209/375-6502.

NPS photo by Susan Michael

Horse-drawn stage ride. NPS photo by Susan Michael.

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Getting to Mariposa Grove

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**Roads & Streets**
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- **Gift Shop**
- **Post Office**

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### Glacier Point

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

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Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Opening date depends on conditions. Once open for the season, hours are 9 am to 5 pm through June 18; 9 am to 6 pm beginning June 19. Park orientation, trail information, books, and maps are available. 209/372-0263.

Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley Cabin, and Soda Springs

Two trails, both flat and ¾-mile long, lead to this historic area accessible only by walking. Parsons Memorial Lodge may be open from 10 am to 4 pm beginning in late June. Soda Springs are small, naturally-carbonated springs that attract birds and deer, especially at sunrise and sunset.

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

Hours are 8 am to 4:30 pm once the wilderness center opens for the season. The wilderness center is located just south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, at shuttle stop #3. The wilderness center offers maps, wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, and guidebooks.

Just for Kids

Programs for children include Junior Rangers, a two-hour, ranger-led program for children (ages 7–12), and Campfire for Kids. Check local postings for program schedule possibly beginning June 19.

Ranger Walks

Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, birds, flowers, history, the Tuolumne River, and more. These walks range from one to eight hours and, except for the long walks, are fairly easy. On Friday, you can end your day with a Music Walk. This easy stroll will inspire and delight. Check local postings for program schedule possibly beginning June 19.

Evening Activities

Come to a traditional, ranger-led campfire program for stories, songs, and insight into Yosemite. Program topics vary, and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. End your day with a star program (bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly). Check local postings for program schedule possibly beginning June 19.

Mule and Horseback Rides

Horse or mule rides begin at the Tuolumne Meadows stable. Stable hours are 7 am to 5 pm once open for the season (June 11, conditions permitting). Information: 209/372-8427.

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open 8 am to 5 pm. The information station offers general park information, books, and maps. It also provides wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, and backcountry information.

Merced Grove

Yosemite’s quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of about 20 trees accessible only on foot. It’s a three-mile round-trip hike (about three hours) into the grove from Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located 3½ miles north of Crane Flat and 4½ miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance, the trail is marked by a sign and post labeled B-10.

Tuolumne Grove

This cluster of about 25 sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of Big Oak Flat and Tioga Roads. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the grove. The path drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The way down can seem much easier than the return to the parking lot. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill portion. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.
TULUMNE MEADOWS

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**POST OFFICE**

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**SHUTTLE SERVICE**

Free shuttle service is available along the Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tioga Pass. Service begins June 11, conditions permitting.

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

Service begins at the Lodge at 7 am. Shuttles arrive at approximately 30-minute intervals between 7 am and 7 pm. The last shuttle leaves Olmsted Point at 6 pm. Schedules are subject to change. Please check route maps at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center or shuttle stops for details.

**FACILITIES WILL OPEN IN EARLY TO MID JUNE, DEPENDING ON CONDITIONS.**

Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.
Experience Your America    Yosemite National Park

Follow these steps to earn your Junior Ranger badge.
With an adult, pick a trail to walk. See page 17 of this Guide or stop by a visitor center to choose your trail. As you go, walk quietly, watch, listen, and think.

1. Write the name of the trail you walked. ___________________________________

2. Explore with your senses! Record the following.
   
   I see: ______________________   I hear: ______________________
   
   I smell: ____________________   I touch: ______________________

3. Learn to “leave no trace.” If you see trash or rubbish, please pick it up. Be sure to recycle any recyclable materials you pick up or bring along.

4. Learn more. Go to a ranger-led program or visit with an Indian Cultural Demonstrator. Have the ranger or demonstrator sign below.

   Signed by: ___________________________________________________

5. Write down something you learned from a ranger or Indian Cultural Demonstrator.

6. Think about this. Why do people work to protect national parks?

7. When you complete this page, take it to a visitor center. There you will take your oath and receive your Junior Ranger badge.

Illustrations by Tom Whitworth
Bears and Wildlife

Enjoying wildlife safely and responsibly

How to Store Food

“Food” includes any item with a scent, regardless of packaging. This may include items that you do not consider food, such as canned goods, bottles, soap, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, ice chests (even when empty), and unwashed items used for preparing or eating meals.

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<th>LOCATION</th>
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| Your Vehicle        | You may store food inside your car (with windows closed) only during daylight hours. Do not store food in your car after dark; use a food locker. Remember to clean your car of food wrappers, baby wipes, and crumbs. | Bears can smell food, even if it’s sealed in the trunk or glove compartment, and they recognize food in food containers. Bears can easily pick up food odors.
| 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. | Bears can smell food from a distance of four to five miles. |
Traffic Safety
Roads leading to the park are two-lane, narrow, and winding. When traveling on park roads you can protect yourself, other visitors, and park wildlife by observing the following simple rules: Please obey posted speed limits. Yosemite’s roads are used by both visitors and park wildlife. Use turnouts to pull completely out of traffic lanes, to take photos, consult the park map, or simply enjoy the park’s scenery and wildlife.

Bring Water
Avoid dehydration and heat exhaustion by carrying and drinking plenty of water. Filters or other treatment methods are essential. (See “Water Quality” at right.)

Hiking, Backpacking, Rock Climbing, and Scrambling
• Be honest about your abilities and plan with the least experienced member of your group in mind. Tell someone where you are going and when you are due back. Carry a signal mirror and whistle. Solo activities require increased precautions.
• Stay on designated trails and routes. Carry and know how to use a map and compass.
• Avoid scrambling in steep terrain or off-trail. If new to climbing, take a class to learn critical safety and protection techniques. Never climb alone.
• Check weather forecasts. Storms can occur with little warning. Snow is possible year-round at higher elevations, and can make route finding difficult. Temperature shifts are common.
• Avoid dehydration or heat exhaustion; carry and drink plenty of water, and bring high-energy food.
• Be prepared to set up emergency shelter even when out just for the day.
• Don’t depend on cell phone or GPS reception for your safety.

Protect Yosemite’s Wilderness
• Free wilderness permits are required for all wilderness trips.
• Pack out all trash and toilet paper/sanitary products.
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• Use gas stoves, not wood fires.
• Camp in an existing campsite at least 100 feet from water and trail. You must camp four trail miles from any populated area and one mile from any road.
• To minimize trampling of vegetation, bring a container to carry water to your camp from lakes or streams.
• Maximum group is 15 people for on-trail and eight for off-trail travel.

Wilderness Permits
Free permits are required for overnight trips. Permits are issued at Yosemite Valley, Big Oak Flat, Wawona, Tuolumne Meadows, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station (opening times vary). You can reserve permits, but they must be picked up in person. Check the park’s website for trailhead availability and call 209/372-0740 to reserve a permit.

More Information
www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm
Leave No Trace: www.lnt.org
Friends of Yosemite Search and Rescue www.friendofyosar.org

Permit Required to Hike Half Dome
To address safety concerns related to increased crowding on the Half Dome cables, the National Park Service has instituted an interim permit system in 2010 and 2011. The system limits the number of people using the cables to about 400 people per day and is in effect on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and federal holidays when the cables are up (until October 11 in 2010). A permit is not required to day-hike to Half Dome on other days.

Backpackers with an appropriate wilderness permit can receive a Half Dome permit when they pick up their wilderness permit. Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area can descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit.

No more permits are available for May or June 2010. Permits are also not available in the park or on a first-come, first-served basis.

You can find more information at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm.

Top left: Half Dome cables. NPS Photo by Mark Fincher
The Water Ways

Not long ago, many areas along the Merced River showed signs of human trampling. Now, because of the careful actions of park staff and visitors, many of these areas have been restored to more natural conditions. The plants, birds, insects, and animals that depend on living in or near the water have been able to return to these once barren areas. You can help continue this progress by entering and exiting the river at designated launch and removal points. Packing out what you pack in will also help keep the river free from trash and prevent animals from swallowing harmful plastic or aluminum.

Please observe the following safety tips to protect Yosemite’s river and lakeshore habitats and to safely enjoy water activities throughout the park.

Swimming

Choose swimming areas carefully and swim only during low water conditions.

- Always supervise children closely.
- Avoid areas of whitewater, where streams flow over rocky obstructions.
- Never swim or wade upstream from of a waterfall, even if the water appears shallow and calm. Each year, unsuspecting visitors are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when swimming in these areas.
- Swimming is not permitted in the Hetch Hetchy reservoir or in Emerald Pool above Vernal Fall.

River Crossings

In summer, rivers and creeks swollen by runoff from snowmelt are dangerous.

- Stay away from river and creek banks during high water conditions and avoid rock hopping. Stream-polished rocks along the water’s edge are slippery when wet or dry.
- If you choose to cross a stream without a bridge, avoid places where the water is either swift or over your knees. Use a stick or pole for balance and try to cross where there is a gravel bottom. Crossing on a natural bridge of rocks or logs can be surprisingly slippery. Consider where you will land if you fall. Never cross above rapids or falls. To prevent being pulled under by the weight or your pack, unbble the waist strap so you can shed it if you fall in. Do not tie yourself into safety ropes—they can drown you.

Rafting

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

Raft Rentals

Raft rentals will be available from 10 am to 4 pm at Curry Village Recreation Center when conditions allow.

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

Fishing

Fishing in Yosemite is regulated by state law. A valid California sport-fishing license is required for those persons age 16 years and older. When fishing, the license must be plainly visible by attaching it to an outer layer of clothing above the waistline.

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

Water Quality

To protect yourself from disease, treat any surface water before drinking.

- Treatment methods include boiling for three minutes, use of a Giardia-rated water filter, or iodine-based purifier.
- To prevent the spread of Giardia and other water-borne disease organisms, use restroom facilities where available, and wash hands with soap and water.

Pets

Kennel (open 8 am to 4 pm daily) is located at the Yosemite Valley Stable, should you need a place to board your dog (call 209/372-8348).

Keep in mind, in Yosemite, pet owners have a few rules to follow:

- Pets are only allowed in developed areas and on roads and paved bike paths. Pets are not allowed anywhere in the Mariposa, Tuolumne, or Merced sequoia groves. They are not allowed on trails, in wilderness areas, or where signs are posted prohibiting them.
- Pets must be on a leash (6 feet or less) or otherwise physically restrained.
- For the courtesy of others, human companions are responsible for cleaning up and depositing pet feces in trash receptacles.
- Pets are not allowed in any lodging facilities or other buildings within the park and are not allowed in some campgrounds.
- Pets may not be tied to an object and left unattended.

Bicycling

Bike rentals at Curry Village and Yosemite Lodge are open 9 am to 6 pm (8:30 am to 8 pm beginning June 18).

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

Help Guard Park Resources...

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park’s most important guardians. With nearly 4 million people watching over its special plants, animals, historic, and archeological sites, imagine how well-protected these park resources could be!

During your visit to Yosemite be aware that there are people who either unknowingly or intentionally harm park resources. Please contact a park official if you see any of the following illegal acts:

- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants
- Hunting animals
- Collecting reptiles and butterflies
- Picking up archeological items, such as arrowheads
- Using metal detectors
- Driving vehicles into meadows
- Camping outside of designated campgrounds
- Possession of weapons inside federal facilities

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyouvisit/your-safety.htm and find a copy of the Superintendent’s Compendium. This document is a compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions made by the superintendent, in addition to what is contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7 and 34), and other applicable federal statutes and regulations.

Water Safety

Protecting park resources, bicycling, and pets in the park
Camping
Planning your camping experience

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

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

For campground reservations, visit www.recreation.gov (recommended) or call 877/444-6777 or TDD 877/888-3639 from outside the US and Canada.

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

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

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

Camp 4 is a walk-in campground and is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis; these camp sites are not wheelchair accessible. Sites are available on a per-person basis, and six people will be placed in each campsite, regardless of number of people in your party. Camp 4 often fills before 9 am each day, May through September.

Camping in Areas Surrounding Yosemite
The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) operates a variety of campgrounds on a seasonal basis near Yosemite. For additional information, contact Groveland Ranger Station at 209/962-7825; Mariposa Ranger Station at 209/966-3638; Mono Lake Ranger Station at 760/647-3044; or Oakhurst Ranger Station at 559/683-4656. For private campgrounds outside Yosemite, call the respective chamber of commerce or visitor bureau listed on page 10.

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

Campgrounds in Yosemite National Park

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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

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<td>Bridalveil Fall</td>
<td>Bridalveil Fall Parking Area</td>
<td>0.5 mile round-trip, 20 minutes</td>
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<td>Lower Yosemite Fall</td>
<td>Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6</td>
<td>1.0 mile round-trip, 20 minutes</td>
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<td>Upper Yosemite Fall Trail to Columbia Rock</td>
<td>Camp 4 River Shuttle Stop #7</td>
<td>2 miles round-trip, 2-3 hours</td>
<td>Strenuous, 1,000-foot gain</td>
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<td>Top of Upper Yosemite Fall</td>
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<td>7.2 miles round-trip, 6-8 hours</td>
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<td>Mirror Lake (a seasonal lake)</td>
<td>Mirror Lake Shuttle Stop #17</td>
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<td>Vernal Fall&lt;br&gt;Footbridge</td>
<td>Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16</td>
<td>1.4 miles round-trip, 1-2 hours</td>
<td>Moderate, 400-foot gain</td>
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<td>Top of Vernal Fall</td>
<td>Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16</td>
<td>3 miles round-trip, 2-4 hours</td>
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<td>Top of Half Dome&lt;br&gt;Footpath required to hike to the top of Half Dome&lt;br&gt;Fridays-Sundays and holidays</td>
<td>Same as above</td>
<td>14 mi (via Mist Trail) or 16.3 mi (via John Muir Trail) round-trip, 10-12 hours</td>
<td>Extremely Strenuous, 4,800-foot gain</td>
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<td>Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point</td>
<td>Southside Drive</td>
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<td>Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6</td>
<td>13 miles full loop, 5-7 hours full loop</td>
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Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

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<td>Glacier Point Road&lt;br&gt;Sequoia Grove Loop</td>
<td>Sentinel Dome Parking Area</td>
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<td>Tioga Road&lt;br&gt;Lukens Lake</td>
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<td>Yosemite Valley via Porcupine Creek</td>
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<td>7 miles one-way, 4 to 6 hours</td>
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<td>Yosemite Valley via Yosemite Creek</td>
<td>Lukens Lake Trailhead</td>
<td>10.5 miles one-way, 5 to 9 hours</td>
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<td>Tenaya Lake1</td>
<td>19 miles one-way, 10 to 12 hours</td>
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Self-Guiding Trails

A Changing Yosemite
This one-mile-long walk through Cook’s Meadow explores both natural and cultural stories of Yosemite. Brochure available at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

Giant Sequoias
Two self-guiding trails in the Mariposa Grove, and one in the Tuolomne Grove, interpret the natural history and ecological dynamics of the giant sequoia community.

Mirror Lake
Mirror Lake interpretive trail is a short loop adjacent to Mirror Lake, a seasonal lake on Tenaya Creek. Exhibits focus on the rich natural history of the area, American Indian use, and history of this popular destination. To reach the start of the trail, walk one mile from shuttle stop #17 to the disabled parking spaces near the lake. The self-guiding trail begins here.

Indian Village
This short loop winds through the Indian Village of Ahwahnee, a reconstructed Miwok-Paiute village. A booklet is available at the trailhead and in the Visitor Center. The trail begins behind the Yosemite Museum.

Curry Village
The Legacy of Curry Village is an easy stroll commemorating the early days of Camp Curry. Pick up a map and guide at the Curry Village front desk or tour desk.

1These are drop-off points via the Tuolomne Meadows Hikers’ Bus. Additionally, the Tuolomne Meadows free shuttle serves all Tuolomne Meadows hikes listed above.
Yosemite National Park

Finding the Pacific Fisher

Feature article

By Park Ranger Shauna Potocky

Yosemite National Park has amazing ecosystems that support a diversity of plants and animals as dramatic as its scenery. Even more exciting, some of these habitats are home to rare and threatened species. Through newly developed partnerships with researchers, park managers, staff, students and volunteers, work is being done to understand the needs of some of the park’s more remarkable species, including the rarely seen Pacific fisher (Martes pennanti).

Forest Predator

Considered one of the most elusive mammals of the mixed-conifer forest, the Pacific fisher lives in Yosemite and in suitable habitat south of the park. The fisher is a medium-sized carnivore that preys on squirrels, small mammals, birds and occasionally dines on fungi. Related to the mink and otter, fishers have thick, soft, brown fur that is commonly lighter along the head and chest and darker along the muzzle, legs, and tail. Generally associated with old-growth forest, the fisher was once abundant throughout regions of Canada and the United States, including the Sierra Nevada. During the 1800s through the early 1900s, extensive logging and fur trapping caused the fisher population to decline dramatically. As a result, the fisher has disappeared from many areas of its historic range. Today, a small geographically isolated population, estimated at between 260 and 320 individuals, remains in the southern Sierra Nevada, including areas of Yosemite National Park.

Innovative Collaboration

Researchers in Sierra National Forest are working diligently to determine the abundance and distribution of fishers in forest ecosystems located just south of Yosemite. Today, with support from The Yosemite Fund, Yosemite National Park wildlife biologists and field staff are working in partnership with scientists from the University of California, Berkeley to help verify the abundance and distribution of fishers within the park. The project, which uses motion activated cameras, began in late fall of 2009, and will span two years.

A Rare Sight

“The fisher is a rare and increasingly uncommon species in the Sierra Nevada,” says Rick Sweitzer, a Research Ecologist with UC Berkeley, “the distribution of fishers in California has declined by over 50% since the early 1900s. Fishers in the Sierra Nevada may still be declining and we need to better understand how forest management is affecting the population in order to evaluate the prospect for growth and expansion, or eventual extinction.”

When considering the potential extinction of the Pacific fisher, Sweitzer states, “It would certainly be a heritage loss and as a key forest predator, loss of fishers would affect prey species and other predators.” Steve Thompson adds, “Anytime you lose any species from the ecosystem it is a tragedy. Whether or not we can see measurable ecological effects, we want to have a full array of species to study—it is hard to express a species’ aesthetic value.”

This fisher population is isolated with no new individuals moving into the area, which leaves the remaining individuals to sustain or expand the population. Unfortunately, human and environmental pressures affect the fisher and in a critically small and isolated population, the loss of any individual is significant. Within Yosemite, fisher mortality is primarily due to vehicle collisions, while outside the park challenges include loss of habitat and exposure to disease.

Chance For Survival

Yosemite National Park and collaborating partners are uniquely positioned to help answer important questions about the Pacific fisher. These studies will help inform forest managers about the habitat requirements of the fisher and answer questions regarding any potential expansion back into its former range. Through this innovative work, the fisher may have a better chance at survival.

Together, we can all make a difference for the fisher while visiting the park. Driving posted speed limits and being vigilant for wildlife crossing roads are great ways to protect the wildlife we are fortunate to have here in Yosemite.
Enhancing 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 below to learn more about helping these organizations provide for the future of Yosemite National Park.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery, owned by the family of photographer Ansel Adams since 1902, is a center that celebrates the arts and the natural grandeur of our environment. It cultivates an aesthetic appreciation and concern for our world by offering visitors a unique variety of literature and art, as well as programs that inspire creativity. Visit online at www.anseladams.com.

DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite

DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite (DNC) operates hotels, restaurants, sightseeing tours, recreational activities, interpretive programs, stores, shuttles and service stations in the park under contract with the U.S. Department of the Interior. DNC encourages its employees to develop a strong relationship with the park during their tenure. For more information and employment opportunities with DNC at Yosemite, visit online at www.yosemitepark.com.

Yosemite Institute

Since 1971, thousands of school-age children have benefited from learning in “nature’s classroom” through the residential field-science programs offered by Yosemite Institute (YI). A YI experience strives to foster a life-long connection to the natural world—whether it is in Yosemite, on a city street or in our own backyards. YI also offers professional development for teachers, summer youth programs, backpacking adventures, community outreach programs and service learning projects. For more information, visit www.naturebridge.org.

Yosemite Association

The Yosemite Association is a nonprofit membership organization that provides opportunities for people to learn about, enjoy, and experience Yosemite National Park and the Sierra Nevada. The Association celebrates the majesty and grandeur of this region through its visitor services, publications, outdoor classroom, and membership activities, which give people of all ages the chance to forge an enduring and inspirational connection to Yosemite. This, in turn, builds a commitment to the long-term preservation and vitality of Yosemite and our National Parks. Since 1923, the Association has provided important services and financial support to the National Park Service. Anyone who loves Yosemite and wishes to become more closely involved and affiliated with the park will enjoy membership in the Association. For more information, visit park bookstores or www.yosemite.org.

The Yosemite Fund

The Fund provides broad-based private funding from 27,000 members for projects that preserve, protect, or enhance Yosemite Park. Fund operations result in material improvement in the stewardship and quality of Yosemite’s natural, cultural or historical resources or the visitor experience. Fund grants repair trails, restore habitat, conduct scientific research, enhance visitor education, preserve park history, and protect wildlife. Since 1988 the Fund has provided over $50 million to complete more than 200 projects. Visit online at www.yosemitefund.org.

The Yosemite Fund and Yosemite Association have Merged!

We’re thrilled to announce a new era in support for Yosemite National Park! In December 2009, The Yosemite Fund and Yosemite Association agreed to form a unified nonprofit organization. By combining the proud histories of the two organizations, more programs and projects can be accomplished to protect Yosemite and inspire enduring connections for current and future generations. While a transition to a consolidated organization occurs, the Fund and Association will outwardly operate as they do now. More information about the merger is located on each organization’s website. (yosemitefund.org and yosemite.org)

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Yosemite Shuttle System

Service to stops 15, 16, 17, and 18 may stop after a major snowfall.

Shortage of daily every 10-30 minutes depending on the time of day. This Valley Visitor Shuttle operates from 7:00am - 10:00pm and serves stops in numerical order. All 17 Captain and Express shuttles operate from 7:00am - 10:00pm. Service may be affected by construction projects. Check shuttle times for more information.

Stop # Location
1 Yosemite Village
2 Valley Visitor Center
3 Lower Yosemite Fall
4 Camp 4
5 Yosemite Lodge
6 Sentinel Bridge
7 LoCenter / Housekeeping Camp
8 Recreation Buildings
9 Curry Village
10 Curry Village Parking
11 Upper Pines Campground
12 Happy Isles
13 Mirror Lake Trailhead
14 Stable
15 Peaks Campgrounds

A portion of the trail past Mirror Lake is closed due to rockfall. Please observe posted signs.

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Clark Range, from Glacier Point.

Photo by Christine White Loberg