Seasonal Updates

Keep this Guide with you to Get the Most Out of Your Trip to Yosemite National Park

What do you want to do with your special time in Yosemite? In the height of summer, the possibilities are endless. Whether you want to get your heart rate up with a strenuous hike, read a book in a quiet spot, picnic, raft, or just hang out, the possibilities are endless.

Take a Hike!
With approximately 800 miles of trails, Yosemite is a great place to hike! Make sure your hike is a safe one. Visit a Visitor Center and Bookstore for trail information and maps, and be sure to check the weather before you leave. For more information on staying safe while hitting the trails, read our Feature Story on page 18.

Walk to a Waterfall
Yosemite Valley’s 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.)

Visit the other valley, Hetch Hetchy
“Almost an exact counterpart of the Yosemite...a visit to its counterpart may be recommended, if it be only to see how curiously nature has repeated herself.” -Josiah D. Whitney.
Hetch Hetchy provides spectacular vistas, waterfalls, and early season hiking. (See page 2 for a park map and area 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.)

Travel Back in Time
Visit Wawona’s Pioneer Yosemite History Center and join “Backshots” 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.)

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.)

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.)

Access for People with Disabilities
For a complete list of accessible services, recreational opportunities, and exhibits, pick up an updated Yosemite Accessibility Guide which is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm, or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at 209/379-1035 or 209/372-0645 for more information.

Emergency Information
Emergency Dial 911
Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley) Open 7 days per week from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM for primary care. Call 209/372-4637
Dental Clinic (in Yosemite Valley) 209/372-4200
For up-to-date road, weather, and park information: 209/372-0200
Sudden changes in weather are common in the Sierra Nevada. Call the number above or check at a visitor center for the most recent weather conditions

Lost and Found
To inquire about items lost or found at one of Yosemite’s restaurants, hotels, lounges, shuttle buses or tour services, call 209/372-1390. For items lost or found in other areas of the park, call 209/379-1001.

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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.)

Habitat Protectors of Yosemite (HaPY)
Be part of the solution! Join park staff to help protect Yosemite’s habitat through ecological restoration and litter cleanup projects. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to work one to three hours. Volunteers must wear long pants and closed-toe shoes; a hat and sun protection is recommended, and we encourage volunteers to bring water and snacks. All tools will be provided. Groups larger than 10 should contact the volunteer program in advance: 209/379-1850.
Discover Yosemite
Let your curiosity guide you to new places in the park!

**Entrance Fees**

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**Reservations**


**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.tcb.com
- Highway 132/49: Coulterville Visitor Center, 209/379-3074
- Highway 140/49: Mariposa County Visitor Center, 866/425-3366 or 209/966-7081
- Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau, 209/742-4567, www.homeofyosemite.com
- Highway 120 East: Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce and Mono Lake Visitor Center, 760/879-6629, www.leeving.com
- Calif. Welcome Center, Merced, 800/446-5353 or 209/724-8104, www.yosemite-gateway.org

**Yosemite Valley**

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, 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. 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 Lukens Lake and Harden Lake. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area on the Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the grove. Or park at Merced Grove trailhead on Big Oak Flat Road and walk 1.5 steep miles down to the grove. These groves are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but are quieter and off-limits to vehicles. Remember: walking down is easier than walking back up.

Tuolumne Meadows

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 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.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISIT: SPECIAL DRIVING CONSIDERATIONS

The National Park Service is forecasting traffic congestion from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm on most days during the summer; especially during weekends and holidays. Wait times to enter Yosemite Valley may range from a half hour to over two hours. Be prepared for these traffic conditions by checking traffic information at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/traffic.htm, or by stopping into a visitor center in one of our neighboring towns before entering Yosemite National Park.

TRAVEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

• Bring plenty of food and water for potential delays.
• Park your vehicle for the duration of your stay, and ride the free Yosemite Shuttle to visit destinations in Yosemite Valley. Parking fills quickly during the summer.
• Consider arriving early and staying late, or visiting Yosemite Valley on a weekday.
• Enjoy the entire Yosemite region - consider visiting the surrounding communities of Mariposa, Groveland, Lee Vining, Mammoth Lakes and Oakhurst.
• Ride a Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) bus to enter the park on Hwy 140 from Merced and Mariposa, or on Hwy 120 from Sonora, Groveland, Lee Vining or Mammoth Lakes.
Yosemite Valley embraces one of the world’s most outstanding concentrations of waterfalls, granite walls, meadows, wildflowers, and trees. The Valley also harbors a rich collection of human stories, from American Indian lore to the birth of the national park movement.

Yosemite Valley
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Tour Programs
Rangers give walks and talks every day about Yosemite’s natural and cultural history. See pages 6 and 7 for scheduled programs and outdoor activities. See pages 6 and 7 for more information on program topics and store hours.

Sightseeing
Some of the famous landmarks in Yosemite Valley include:

- **Yosemite Falls** gives the Valley an extra touch of life when it’s flowing with spring runoff. You can walk to its base or take the strenuous trail to its top (see page 17).

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

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**Tours**
Tours listed below depart from Yosemite Lodge. Tours may be weather dependent.

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 209/372-1240 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 7:00 am to 5 pm daily. Information: 209/372-8348 (reservations strongly recommended).

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Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore
Visitor center and bookstore hours are 9am to 6pm. The visitor center is just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 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 Thursday between 9:30 am and 5:30 pm, Friday and Saturday between 9:30 am and 4:00 pm and Sunday between noon and 5:30 pm in the Valley Visitor Center Theater. (Last showing of Spirit of Yosemite will be at 4:30 on July 17 and 18.)

Yosemite Museum
Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center.

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.

Yosemite Museum Gallery
Yosemite Viewed: 19th and 20th Century Landscape Paintings: This exhibit features a selection of landscapes from the Yosemite Museum collection ranging from Thomas Ayres’ 1855 drawing of the view from Inspiration Point to a late 20th century interpretation of the same scene by Jane Culp.

Works by Albert Bierstadt, Thomas Moran, Chris Jorgensen, Chiura Obata, and others will be included. The Cosmopolitan Register, which includes signatures of prominent visiting artists, and the Cosmopolitan interactive, will be part of the display. Yosemite Museum Gallery, June 4 through September 30, daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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 walks, workshops, and classes. Activities are listed on the front porch.

The Merced River Show – From Mt. Ansel Adams to Bryceburg July 2nd - August 19th (Reception, July 11th from 3-5 pm)
Call 209/372-4413, or visit www.anseladams.com.

Wilderness Center
The Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village adjacent to the post office. Hours are 7:30am to 5pm. Visit the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters.

Yosemite Art Center
The Yosemite Art Center invites you to participate in one of our art workshops which are held Tuesday through Saturday. There is a requested donation, supplies are available for purchase. We offer original art, cards or gifts as well as art supplies. The Center is located in Yosemite Village next to the Village Store. Open daily 9am-4:30pm (closed for lunch).

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

Yosemite Theater LIVE
New children’s program! “A Yosemite Night’s Dream”
Peter Poindexter is a crackerjack efficiency expert with a problem. Sent packing by his family, he spends a dreamy night meeting some very whimsical characters and wakes to find himself transformed by the magic of Yosemite. For more info, see page 7.

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.

Yosemite Village

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c. 1890 painting by Thomas F. Laycock, oil on canvas, catalog no. 23998

Biking in Yosemite Valley, Photo by Deniene

VALLEY SERVICES

POST OFFICES
Yosemite Village: Main Office
Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 10am to noon
Yosemite Lodge: Post Office
Monday-Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

GROCERIES AND TOURS
Yosemite Village: Village Store Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
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7am to 5pm
Tour Desk - Village Store
7:30am to 3pm

Yosemite Lodge: Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Tour Desk
7:30am to 7pm

Curry Village:
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Tour Desk
7:30am to 3pm

Housekeeping Camp
Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm

SHOWERS AND LAUNDRY
Housekeeping Camp
Laundry 8am-10pm
Shower House 7am-10pm
Curry Village
Shower House Open 24 hours

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Yosemite Outdoor Adventures

The non-profit Yosemite Conservancy sponsors this year-round series of fun, educational field programs; they're a great way to deepen your connection to our park. Find all the details at www.yosemiteconservancy.org/activities, or call 209/379-2317 ext. 10. Park entry and camping are included, and motel rooms have already been set aside for these programs. The Conservancy also arranges Custom Adventures for individuals, families and groups: adventures@yosemiteconservancy.org.

June 28-July 1
Tusumne Makawini Path, Mero Dendoh in a granite studio.

July 12-15
Mountain Wildflowers for the Relaxated Botanist, White Wolf with Michael Ross.

July 19-22
Seeking Mur's First Glacier. A backpack trek to where Muri first met the ice.

July 20-22
Sierra Nevada Natural History. Author David Lukas wrote the book.

July 21-24 & 26-29
Family Camping Jamborees, Family fun in the cool high country.

July 27-29
Tusumne Alpine Studies, Day hikes to explore with Michael Ross.

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**AFTERNOON**

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Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point

Explore History
Discover Giant Trees
Find Amazing Vistas
These parks offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

Wawona & Mariposa Grove

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 to get other questions answered.

Evening Programs
Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs songs and stories from Yosemite’s past. Once or twice a week, he will present a program that explores the rich history of Yosemite. The program will vary nightly. See page 9 for dates and times.

Ranger Evening Programs
Join a ranger for an hour of nature or history. The ranger will present an hour-long interpretive program or the vintage songs of Yosemite. Once or twice a week, as he performs songs and stories from Yosemite’s past, he will perform in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Tuesday through Saturday.

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

EXPERIENCE HORSE-DRIVEN 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/adult 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 FOURTH OF JULY!
You are cordially invited to join the staff of the Pioneer Yosemite History Center for an old-fashioned celebration of the 4th of July! Activities will include a parade, speeches, and games, such as Gummy Sack Races, Three-Legged Races, Egg Toss, and Tug-of-War. A fun time will be enjoyed by people of all ages. This celebration takes place at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center on July 4th between 2 and 4 pm.

Mariposa Grove

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

Getting to Mariposa Grove
Allow 1½ hours driving time to reach the grove from the Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the grove parking lot. The access road to the grove may close temporarily due to limited parking. 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 bus service to help reduce congestion and parking delays.

Mariposa Grove Museum
Open 10 am to 4 pm. Located in the Upper Mariposa Grove, the museum offers information, displays on giant sequoias.

Walking through the Grove
Trails into the grove extend uphill from the trailhead at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the California Tree provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations are available at the trailhead in Spanish, German, French, and Japanese.
### WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

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### Food & Beverage

**Wawona Hotel Dining Room**
- Breakfast: 7:00am to 10am
- Lunch: 11:30am to 1:30pm
- Late lunch service: 1:30pm to 4pm (limited menu)
- Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm
- Saturday BBQ: 5-7pm
- Golf Shop & Snack Stand
  - 10am to 6pm when golf course is open
  - Wawona 4th of July BBQ 5-7pm (Family fun games on the lawn by the pool start at noon.)

**Glacier Point Snack Stand**
- 9am to 4pm

**GROceries**
- Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop
  - 8am to 8pm
- Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio (Information and Books)
  - 8:30am to 5pm
- **Gift Shop**
  - 9am to 6pm

**Mariposa Grove Museum**
- 10am to 4pm
- Big Ice Gift Shop
  - 9am to 6pm

**POST OFFICE**
- Wawona Post Office
  - Monday-Friday: 9am to 5pm
  - Saturday: 9am to noon

**Gas Station**
- Wawona gas station
  - 8am to 6pm Diesel & propane available
  - Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card

**Golf**
- Wawona Golf Course
  - 8am to 6pm weather and conditions permitting. Nine-hole, par-35 course
**TUOLUMNE MEADOWS**

**White Wolf**

**CRANE FLAT/ HODGDON MEADOW/HETCH HETCHY**

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###TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

###White Wolf

- **Food & Beverage:**
  - Tuolumne Meadows Grill
  - Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room
  - Breakfast - Reservations recommended - 7am-9am
  - Dinner - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
  - Recommended - 5:45pm - 8:00pm

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###GROCERIES

- **Tuolumne Meadows Store: 8am to 8pm**
- **Cran Flat Store: 8am to 8pm**

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###POST OFFICE

- **Tuolumne Meadows Post Office:** Monday - Friday: 9am to 5pm

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###GAS STATIONS

- **Tuolumne Meadows:** Gas and propane available
  - Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card

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###FREE SHUTTLE BUS

- **Olmsted Pt. / Tuolumne / Tioga Pass:**
  - Map, page 16: Free shuttle service is available along the Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tuolumne Pass. Service begins when permits condition.

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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.

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###TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

**White Wolf**

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###WOLF AND OTHER WILDLIFE

- **Ranger Campfire Program:**
  - **Except June 27:** 1hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS)

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###RANGER TALK

- **Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne!**
  - 2:00pm (except June 27) 1 hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS)

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###TALK ON WOOLLY MAMMOTH

- **Coffee with a Ranger:**
  - 9:00am (except July 31) 1 hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS)

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###FOOD & BEVERAGE

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###TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

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Become a Junior Ranger

Ages 3 and up can earn a badge while exploring the park

Yosemite National Park offers a wide variety of wide variety of programs and activities for kids of all ages! To find kid-friendly programs, see pages 6, 7, 9, and 11 of the Guide for program descriptions:

Be a naturalist. Look for these common Yosemite wild animals. If you see one, make a note by the animal’s picture below. If you don’t see any of these wild animals during your visit, choose one you did see and draw it in the box on this page. Where did you see it? What was it doing? Also, remember never to feed or approach an animal.

Coyote

Black bear

Golden-mantled ground squirrel

Follow these steps to earn your Junior Ranger badge.*

1. 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. 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. Leave no Trace! If you see trash or rubbish, pick it up. Junior Rangers learn to be good park stewards by bringing in a bag of trash. 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. What program did you attend? Have the ranger or demonstrator sign below.

Signed by: __________________________

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

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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.

*Expanded Junior Ranger and Little Cub programs (and the chance to earn a patch) are available in the Junior Ranger or Little Cub Handbooks, which can be purchased at any Yosemite Conservancy bookstore.
Bears and Wildlife

Enjoying wildlife safely and responsibly

Keep Wildlife Wild!

Black bears, coyote, deer, and grey squirrels are just a few of the many animal species in the park that are active year round. Learn how to help protect Yosemite’s wildlife.

Store Your Food Properly.

4,000 to 20,000 calories worth of grasses, berries, acorns, and grubs—that’s the typical daily diet of most bears. It’s a lot easier for a bear to eat the thousands of calories of food in an ice chest than it is to spend all day nibbling at grasses. Their incredible sense of smell allows them to detect things we can’t, which helps them find food—a black bear can smell a dead deer three miles away. To top it off, bears have excellent vision and can see in color, so they recognize ice chests, grocery bags, and other food containers as potential food sources.

If you see a bear, scare it away or keep your distance.

You may not see a bear during your visit because they naturally avoid people. However, if you see one in a developed area (like a campground or parking lot), act immediately to scare it away. Make noise and yell as loud as possible. If there is more than one person, stand together to present a more intimidating figure, but do not surround the bear.

If you see a bear anywhere else, consider yourself lucky—but keep your distance.

You may see bears around people. Bears that become comfortable around humans lose their natural fear of us and may become too aggressive. When that happens, they sometimes have to be killed.

Drive the speed limit.
The most common human-related cause of death for a black bear in Yosemite is being hit by a car. Slow down! Driving too fast is almost always the cause of these accidental deaths.

Red Bear, Dead Bear
Did you notice the red bear markers you drove through the park? Each of them mark a place where a bear was recently hit. Every year bears, hundreds of deer, and countless other animals are killed while trying to cross park roads. Many of these deaths could have been avoided if drivers observed posted speed limits.

Please remember that Yosemite National Park is a wildlife preserve: by driving the speed limit you are helping to protect the park and its wildlife.

Backpackers:

Save Your Food, Save A Bear

Bear resistant food canisters are available throughout the park and its wildlife. backpackers can make use of food lockers, bear resistant food storage, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at 209/372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park’s website (www.nps.gov/yose/bears).

Coyotes

Watching a coyote hunting for mice in one of Yosemite’s many meadows can be an amazing wildlife experience. Coyotes are opportunistic carnivores that primarily prey on small mammals. Like bears, their diets change throughout the year with food availability.

Unfortunately, coyotes sometimes change their natural behavior to try to obtain human food. Approaching, and/or feeding coyotes can cause them to lose their natural fear of humans. Please do not stop to feed coyotes that you see along the sides of the roads. This encourages them to frequent roadways to beg for food, endangering both coyotes and drivers.

How to Store Food

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

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<td>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. Bears may investigate picnic areas or backpacks for food even when people are present, so be alert.</td>
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For your safety:

Do not leave pets or pet food outside and unattended. Pets can attract mountain lions.

Avoid hiking alone. Watch children closely and never let them run ahead or lag behind on the trail. Teach children what to do if they see a lion.

What should you do if you meet a mountain lion?

Never approach one, especially if it is with kittens. Most lions will avoid confrontation. Always give them a way to escape.

Don’t run. Stay calm. Hold your ground, or back away slowly. Face the lion and stand upright. Do all you can to appear larger. Raise your arms. If you have small children with you, pick them up. If the lion behaves aggressively, wave your arms, shout, and throw objects at it. The goal is to convince it that you may be dangerous. If attacked, fight back!

Mountain Lions

Mountain lions are a normal and important part of the park ecosystem. They are attracted to areas with healthy deer and raccoon populations, which include many areas of the park. Although lions attacks on humans are extremely rare, they are possible, just as is injury from any wild animal.

For your safety:

Do not leave pets or pet food outside and unattended. Pets can attract mountain lions.

Avoid hiking alone. Watch children closely and never let them run ahead or lag behind on the trail. Teach children what to do if they see a lion.

What should you do if you meet a mountain lion?

Never approach one, especially if it is with kittens. Most lions will avoid confrontation. Always give them a way to escape.

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Mountain Lions are magnificent creatures and native to Yosemite. Generally, they are calm, quiet, and elusive. Sightings are rare, so if you spot one, consider yourself privileged!
Experience Your America Yosemite National Park

Keep safety in mind as you explore the park.

**Permit Required to Hike Half Dome**

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week when the cables are up for 2012, May 25 to October 8, conditions permitting. This interim measure increases safety along the cables while the park develops a long-term plan to manage use on the Half Dome Trail. In addition to the 300 permits per day released during the preseason lottery, approximately 50 permits will be available each day by lottery during the hiking season. These permits will be available based on the estimated rate of use and cancellations of permits (the exact number may change through the summer). The daily lotteries will have an application period two days prior to the hiking date with a notification late that night. To apply for a permit, visit Recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777. An application fee applies to all and a use fee applies to winning applicants. Backpackers with an appropriate wilderness permit can receive a Half Dome permit when they pick up their wilderness permit (use fee applies). Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area can descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit. Information is available at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm or by calling 209/372-0826.

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.

**Around Water**

- Stay away from swiftly-moving water. Keep children from wandering on or near these hazards. Choose swimming areas carefully and swim only during low water conditions.
- Always supervise children closely.
- Avoid areas of white water 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.

**Water Quality**

To protect yourself from disease, treat any surface water before drinking. Treatment methods include boiling for five 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 always wash hands afterwards with soap and water. In natural areas where facilities are not available, wash, camp, and bury human waste at least 100 feet away from any water source or trail, burying human waste six inches deep and pack out any toilet paper.

**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 the road, to take photos, consult the park map, or simply enjoy the park’s scenery and wildlife.

**Effects of Altitude**

Altitude sickness may develop in otherwise healthy and fit people who are exposed to rapid increases in altitude. It can develop at altitudes as low as 8,000 feet (Yosemite Valley’s elevation is 4,000 feet). Should altitude sickness develop, descend to a lower elevation.

**Hiking, Backpacking, River and Creek Crossings, and Rock Climbing**

• Tell someone where you are going and when you are due back.
  • Carry and know how to use a map and compass.
  • Know how to use your gear and carry basic repair materials.
  • Check weather forecasts.
  • 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.
  • Know how to use your gear and carry basic repair materials.
  • Summer trails are not marked for winter use. When trails have full or partial snow coverage, good navigation skills are necessary.
  • During spring runoff and high water any unbridged river or creek crossing can be hazardous. Always take extra time and use good judgment when crossing rivers and creeks.

**Wilderness Permit Information**

Wilderness permits are required year round for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness. Permits are issued and bear canisters are available for rent at the Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center, the Tiolusme Meadows Wilderness Center, the Big Oak Flat Information Center, Hill’s Studio in Wawona, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station during hours of operation. Call the park’s main phone line at 209/372-0200, or check the web at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm, for additional information. 60% of the trailhead quota is available in advance. Reservations are taken from 24 weeks to two days in advance of the start of your trip. A processing fee of $5 per permit plus $5 per person is charged to each confirmed reservation. Check the park’s website for trailhead availability and call 209/372-0740. 40% of the trailhead quota is available for first come first serve. First come first serve permits are available the day of at opening and the day before starting at 11am.

Half Dome information is available by calling 209/372-0826. Information lines are staffed between 9am and 4:30pm Monday through Friday. (Closed 12-1pm for lunch.)
Protecting Yourself and the Park

Prepare yourself for a wild experience. Yosemite is a place where natural forces—such as rockfall, fire, and flood—are constantly at work. Here, wildlife freely roams. This is a place where wilderness prevails. The National Park Service recognizes the importance of Yosemite’s natural processes and is bound by its mission to protect them for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. While you are enjoying your visit, be attentive to the special regulations in place to protect park resources and those designed for your safety.

Rafting

Conditions permitting, rafting on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley ( Stoneman 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.

- 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.
- Trout 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 only allowed in developed areas and on roads and paved bike paths. Pets are not allowed anywhere in the Mariposa or Merced sequoia groves. They are not allowed on trails, in wilderness areas, or where signs are posted prohibiting them.
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- 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 atCurry Village and Yosemite Lodge are open 8:30am to 8pm. 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.

Weather in Yosemite

Dressing in layers and bringing plenty of water can help you stay safe through Yosemite’s changing weather conditions. As is true of all mountainous regions, weather in the Sierra Nevada can change rapidly any season of the year. Elevation plays a major role in temperature and precipitation variability, and Yosemite ranges in elevation from 2,000 feet to more than 13,000 feet above sea level. It is not uncommon for clouds to build up suddenly, bringing rain and/or thunderstorms to an otherwise sunny day. In September and October, temperatures in Tuolumne Meadows can dip well below freezing, while day time temperatures at lower elevations, like Yosemite Valley and Hetch Hetchy, can soar to over 100°F.

Yosemite Guardians

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park’s most important guardians. With 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
- Biking off of paved roads
- 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/planyourvisit/ yoursafety.htm and find a copy of the Superintendent’s Compendium. This document is a compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions made by the superintendent, in addition to what is contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7 and 34), and other applicable federal statutes and regulations.
Camping in Yosemite.

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 November for campfires 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 877/833-6777 or 518/887-3639 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 #4), 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 campmates 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 559/683-4636. For private campgrounds outside Yosemite, call the respective chamber of commerce or visitor bureau listed on page 10.

Group Campgrounds

There are group campmates at Tuolumne Meadows, Hodgdon Meadow, Wawona, and Bridalveil Creek Campground. 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, RVs, and generators are not permitted in group sites.

General Info...

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

Services

- All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker (33” d x 45” w x 18” h). See page 5 for food storage regulations.
- Toilets are available in campgrounds; however, Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat have non-flushing vault toilets only and no potable water.
- Showers and laundry facilities are available year-round in Yosemite Valley.
- RVs over 24 feet are not recommended for Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat campgrounds, and RVs are not permitted in walk-in and group campsites. There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer only in Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows.

Regulations

- Proper food storage is required 24 hours a day.
- A maximum of six people (including children) and two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
- Quiet hours are from 10 pm to 6 am.
- Where permitted, pets must be on a leash and may not be left unattended.

Campfires

- In Yosemite Valley between May 1 and September 30, campfires are permitted between 5 pm and 10 pm. At other times of the year and in out-of-Valley campgrounds, fires are permitted at any time, as long as they are attended.
- Firewood collection (including pine cones and pine needles) is not permitted in Yosemite Valley; you may purchase firewood at stores near the campgrounds.

Campgrounds in Yosemite National Park*

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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>Upper Yosemite Fall Trail to Columbia Rock</td>
<td>Camp 4 Near Shuttle Stop #7</td>
<td>2 miles round-trip, 2–3 hours</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>
<td>Very Strenuous, 2,700-foot gain</td>
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<td>Vernal Fall Footbridge</td>
<td>Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16</td>
<td>1.4 miles round-trip, 1–2 hours</td>
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<td>Top of Vernal Fall</td>
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<td>Top of Nevada Fall</td>
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<td>Top of Half Dome</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>
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Featured Trail: Upper Yosemite Fall

**Strenuous, 7.2 miles/11.6 km round trip; 6 to 8 hours; 2,700 ft/823 m elevation gain**

Begin at the Upper Yosemite Fall Trailhead, Camp 4 (shuttle stop #7)

One of Yosemite’s oldest historic trails (built 1873 to 1877), the Upper Yosemite Fall trail leads to the top of North America’s tallest waterfall 2,425 feet (739 m) above the Valley floor.

Do not stray off the marked path, as you will find steep drops adjacent to the trail. Enjoy spectacular views from Columbia Rock located one mile (and dozens of switchbacks) from the trailhead.
Walking With Your Guide: Yosemite’s Trails

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It’s all about you. This is your vacation. Your time to explore. Your time to try something new. Now the question is, what suits your fancy? Are you looking for some quiet solitude by a river? Or a great physical workout? Are you looking for a place to picnic? Or for an all day set of memories on a trail? Even once you figure out a good advice. Though paths rarely present firm barriers warning you to stay away from places, a trail’s noticeable edges and boundaries can steer you around hazards like slick granite by rivers and waterfalls, steep ledges, or even unseen areas where you could become cornered. Yosemite trails are intentional. They are your hiking guide, asking you to enjoy your time here, and to bring back home safely.

Yosemite trails are more of an independent guide than a provider of everything. The park’s dirt paths, rock stairs, and pavement can guide the journey, but it is up to you ensure an enjoyable roundtrip. Know your guide, the trail. What kind of shoes will you be expected to wear for the journey?

How important are trails? Does it really matter if you ignore these trails along the hiking journey? In the last ten years, the second leading cause of accidental death in Yosemite is falling while hiking or scrambling off trail. Remember, this is all about you…it’s your vacation after all. Trails exist to help you acclimate your body acclimate for 24-48 hours before pursuing any rigorous physical activity. Drink plenty of water and eat high-calorie food, as well.

Did you Know?

- The majority of hiker injuries happen during the second half of a hike, which often means later in the day, when hikers are feeling fatigued and pressed for time. (Take regular rest breaks in the shade!)
- For the past decade, the leading causes of accidental death in Yosemite are (1) drowning and (2) falling while hiking or scrambling off-trail (Stay on the trail!)
- The Half Dome corridor (including the Mist Trail and lower sections of the John Muir Trail) is the busiest stretch of trails in Yosemite. On the busiest Saturdays of the summer season, over 4,000 hikers leave from the trailhead at Happy Isles. Nearly 30% of the park’s search and rescue incidents take place in the Half Dome corridor.
- To avoid altitude sickness (which is most likely to occur above 10,000 feet in elevation), let your body acclimate for 24-48 hours before pursuing any rigorous physical activity. Drink plenty of water and eat high-calorie food, as well.
- While hiking on a hot summer day, your body will lose up to 1-2 quarts (1-2 liters) of water per hour through perspiration. The human body can only absorb 1 quart (1 liter) of water per hour, so be sure to drink at regular intervals.

Remember, this is your vacation. It’s all about you. Take the journey and explore the trails of Yosemite. For the best Yosemite experience, respect their guidance and begin the journey prepared to hike smart.
Supporting Your Park

Enhance the Visitor Experience

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

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

Yosemite Conservancy
Yosemite Conservancy is the non-profit formed by a merger of the Yosemite Association and The Yosemite Fund. The Conservancy has a long history in Yosemite with over 100 years of combined experience supporting the park. Yosemite Conservancy can make the difference you see around you because we are the only philanthropic organization that is dedicated exclusively to Yosemite. Our mission remains the same: Providing for Yosemite’s future is our passion. We inspire people to support projects and programs that preserve and protect Yosemite National Park’s resources and enrich the visitor experience. The Yosemite Conservancy has funded over 300 projects through 60 million in grants to help preserve and protect the park. The work of the Conservancy can be found in every aspect of the visitor experience from trail restoration, bear-proof lockers, wilderness permits, wildlife preservation, outdoor education and so much more. Annually the Yosemite Conservancy recruits over 400 volunteers to work in the park to repair trails, remove invasive species, and provide visitor information.

For more information, visit park bookstores or go online at: www.yosemiteconservancy.org

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Park Planning and Updates

Providing Access and Protecting Resources: The Draft Tuolumne and Merced River Plans
Yosemite National Park is putting the final touches on river plans that will guide long-term resource protection, visitor use and facilities management in the Merced and Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River corridors. Starting this fall, Yosemite will host open houses, workshops, site visits, webinars and other opportunities for you to learn about and participate in the crafting of these plans. Visit Yosemite’s planning webpage to find out more about the plans, proposed release dates, and opportunities for public input.

• http://www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/planning.htm
• http://www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/trlp.htm

Monthly Public Open House
Join park and partner staff to learn about projects and plans at a free monthly public Open House! July 25, 2012 from 1-4pm at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Auditorium.
Park entrance fees will be waived for those attending the Open House.

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