Yosemite Guide
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Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

Experience Your America Yosemite National Park

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The Valley Visitor Shuttle operates from 7 am to 10 pm and serves stops in numerical order. Shuttles run daily every 10 to 20 minutes, depending on time of day.
The El Capitan Shuttle operates from 9 am to 6 pm. Shuttles run daily during summer every 30 minutes.
The Express Shuttle operates from 9 am to 6 pm. Shuttles run daily during summer every 20 minutes.
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. If time permits, spend a day at Tenaya Lake soaking up the High Sierra sun. For more information, see our Feature Story on page 18.

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.

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 “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.)

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.)

Get outside and enjoy your park! Summer offers spectacular views of waterfalls, great hiking, and endless other opportunities for recreation.

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.)

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 (HaPV) 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.

Access for People with Disabilities

Accessible parking, lodging, tours, and activities are available throughout the park.

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

Accessible parking spaces are available just west of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. To reach these, enter the valley on Southside Drive. Turn left on Sentinel Drive. Turn left on Northside Drive, and follow the blue and white signs.

A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors. Please contact the Park Deaf Services Coordinator (209/372-0645) to request an interpreter. Advance notice is requested. Auxiliary Listening Devices are available upon advance request. Inquire at a visitor center.

Audio tours are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.

Emergency Information

EMERGENCY DIAL 911 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.

Medical Clinic (In Yosemite Valley) Open 7 days per week from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM for primary and urgent care needs. Phone: 209/372-4637

Dental Clinic (In Yosemite Valley) 209/372-4200

Yosemite Valley Garage (24-hr. emergency towing available) 209/372-8320

Lost and Found To inquire about items lost or found at one of Yosemite’s restaurants, hotels, lounges, shuttle buses or tour services, call 209/372-4357. For items lost or found in other areas of the park, call 209/379-1001.

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Let your curiosity guide you to new places in the park!

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. 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. 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
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.
The incomparable Yosemite Valley

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Yosemite Valley
An unlimited array of possibilities await you in Yosemite Valley. Most involve sightseeing and learning about the scenery. See pages 5, 6, and 7 for more information on program topics and visitor services available.

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

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

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. Tours may be weather dependent.

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 desk 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: 209/372-8348 (reservations strongly recommended).

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.

• 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.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Yosemite Village
Degan’s Loft
Weekdays 9am-5pm, weekends 12pm-5pm
Degan’s Delicatessen
7am to 5pm
Degan’s Cafe
11am-6pm, through September 3

Yosemite Lodge

Food Court
Breakfast: 6:30am to 11am
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm
Dinner: 5pm to 9:30pm (Grab and Go only
8:30-9:30pm)

Mountain Room Lounge
Monday – Friday
Noon to 11pm
Saturday – Sunday
Noon to 11pm, food service until 10pm

Mountain Room Restaurant
5:30pm to 9:30pm
Reservations strongly recommended for dinner. 209/372-1489

Ahwahnee Breakfast Bar
7am to 10:30am
The Ahwahnee Bar
11:30am to 11pm

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Food Court
Breakfast: 6:30am to 11am
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm
Dinner: 5pm to 9:30pm (Grab and Go only
8:30-9:30pm)

Mountain Room Lounge
Monday – Friday
Noon to 11pm
Saturday – Sunday
Noon to 11pm, food service until 10pm

Mountain Room Restaurant
5:30pm to 9:30pm
Reservations taken for 8 or more. 209/372-1281 or 209/372-1489

Coffee

Yosemite Village Bar
Noon to 10 pm

Village Grill
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm, 5:30-8pm starting September 3

Pizza Deck
Noon to 10 pm

Meadow Grill
8am to 9pm

Pizza Deck
10pm to 1 am

Happy Isles Snack Stand
11am to 7pm

BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL

The Ansel Adams Gallery
Open daily to 9pm

Yosemite Art Center
Gifts to 6pm

Yosemite Bookstore
Inside Yosemite Visitor Center

Yosemite Museum Store
Open 10am to 5:30pm

Yosemite Wildlife Center

Village Store
Open 9am to 9pm

Habitat Yosemite
11am to 5pm

Sport Shop
Open 9am to 5pm

The Ahwahnee Gift Shop
Open 9am to 10pm

Happy Isles Sweet Shop
Open 10am to 6pm

The Ahwahnee Gift Shop
Open 9am to 10pm

The Ahwahnee Gift Shop
Open 10am to 6pm

Nature Center at Happy Isles
Open 9am to 6pm

Clouds Rest

Village Grill
Open 10am to 5pm

Nature Shop
Open 9am to 5pm

Yosemite Art
Open 9am to 6pm

Nature Center
Open 9am to 6pm

Ice Cream

Nature Center
Open 9am to 6pm

Happy Isles Sweet Shop
Open 10am to 6pm

Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm
Dinner: 5pm to 9:30pm

The Ahwahnee Restaurant
Open 9am to 5pm

Yosemite Village

Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm
Dinner: 5pm to 9:30pm

The Ahwahnee Bar
Open 11am to 11pm

Yosemite Village Bar
Open 11am to 11pm

Yosemite Village

Pavilion Buffet
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm, 5:30-8pm starting September 3

Pizza Deck
Noon to 10 pm

Meadow Grill
8am to 9pm

Happy Isles Snack Stand
11am to 7pm

Yosemite Village

Pizza Deck
10pm to 1 am

Happy Isles Snack Stand
11am to 7pm

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Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park

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Where to go and what to do

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 Saturday between 9:30 am and 5:30 pm and Sunday between noon and 5:30 pm in the Valley Visitor Center Theater. (Last showing of Spirit of Yosemite will be at 4:00 on August 21 and 22.)

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.

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
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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.

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 held Tuesday through Saturday. There is a requested donation of $10. Supplies, cards, gifts, and original art are available for purchase. The Center is located in Yosemite Village next to the Village Store. Yosemite Art Center Hours: Daily 9am-4:30pm (closed for lunch) Art Workshop hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10am-2pm. For other classes please check the Scheduled Events in Yosemite Valley.

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. Call 209/372-4413, or visit www.anseladams.com.

New Exhibit Penny Otwell – New Work August 20th - September 30th (Reception September 13th, from 3-5pm) This is Otwell’s third solo show at The Ansel Adams Gallery and she has become one of the gallery’s best selling artists. 2012 will bring a new series, HIGH SIERRA 2012, which the artist is currently working on. Otwell’s work is distinctively her own style and she has both corporate (PATAGONIA, INC., DELAWARE NORTH, INC.) and private collectors who follow her work.

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
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm

Degnan’s Deli
8am to 10pm

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 to 10pm

Shower 7am to 10pm

Curry Village
Shower House Open 24 hrs.
SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

June 27, 2012 - July 31, 2012

Yosemite Outdoor Adventures

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

July 29-August 5
Ranger Dick Ewart leads another delightful mountain trek for the experienced: “Advanced Backpack: Southbound.”

August 2-5
Glen Aulin Backpack Trek. Author Suzanne Sveids goes into the glen.

August 5
Quick Sketch in Watercolor. With master Chris van Winkle.

August 9-12
Tuolumne Meadows in Plain Air. With Chuck Waldman in an outdoor studio.

August 9-10
Half Dome the Easy Way. A two-nighter allows more time to enjoy.

August 10
Start over the High Country. In a natural observatory.

August 18
Tuolumne Meadows Birds. Late summer with sabaline species.

August 19
Taraa Peak Summit. A day’s fun challenge with Dick Ewart.

August 23-26
Lyll Glacier Backpack Trek. See our biggest glacier while you can.

Yosemite Art Center Workshops (YAC)

The Yosemite Art Center is open daily 9 am-4:30 pm (closed for lunch from 12-1 pm). Workshops are offered from 10 am to 2 pm Tuesday through Saturday. The Yosemite Art Center is open daily 9 am-4:30 pm (closed for lunch from 12-1 pm). Workshops are August 23-26.

David Deyell
“Watercolor Yosemite Landscapes”.

David Peterson
“Paint the Park/ Fast and Loose” offered from 10 am to 2 pm Tuesday through Saturday.

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Yosemite Mountaineering School (YMS)

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

LeConte Memorial Lodge (SC)

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 begin at 8 pm and are free. The Lodge has a library, children’s corner, and a climate change exhibit. The Lodge is located at shuttle stop #12.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH (YOSEMITE CHAPEL) 9:30 am: Worship, 10:00 am: Bible Study 11:00 am: Sunday School 1:00 pm: Midday Meal

PINE LAKE CHURCH (DNC) 9:15 am (Tuesday-Sunday School available) 1:15 pm: Memorial Day-Labor Day (DNC) no Sunday School 7:00 pm: Monday evening home dinner study

A.C.M.N.P. N. Sunday Morning Campground Services Camp Fire and Watseka Campground Amphitheater 9:00 am

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDIES 9:00 am: Men’s Bible 9:30 am: women’s Bible 10:00 am: Bible Study 11:00 am: Men’s Bible, 11:30 am: women’s Bible

THURSDAY MEMORIAL SERVICE 7:00 pm

ROMAN CATHOIC 7:00 pm: Holy Thursday (Church Services) 9:00 pm: Holy Saturday (Church Services) 10:00 pm: Holy Sunday (Church Services)

CHURCH OF CHRIST 6:00 pm: Holy Thursday 10:00 pm: Holy Friday 1:00 pm: Holy Saturday 7:00 pm: Holy Sunday

NEW PLAINS METHODIST CHURCH 10:00 am: Sunday School 11:00 am: Worship 11:30 am: Sunday School

A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN THE NATIONAL PARKS 6:00 am: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST 10:30 am: Sunday School 11:30 am: Worship 3:00 pm: Sunday School

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS 11:00 am: Worship 1:00 pm: Bible Study

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS


LIONS CLUB 6:00 pm: Monday through Friday 7:00 pm: Saturday

MORNING

Sunday

8:15 am
Ranger Walk - Yosemite's Legacy
1 hr. From Valley Visitor Center (DNC)

9:00 am
Exploration Hike - Vernal Falls Bridge
2.5 hrs. From Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC)

9:30 am
CHILDREN’S THEATER LITE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE
1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC)

9:30 am
HABITAT PROTECTORS OF YOSEMITE (HAYP)
1 hr. Yosemite Art Center (YC)

10:00 am
JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1
1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (DNC)

Monday

8:15 am
Ranger Walk - Yosemite’s First People
1 1/2 hrs. From Yosemite Museum (YM)

8:30 am
Camera Walk
1 1/2 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at the Ahwahnee Hotel.

8:30 am
Ranger Walk - Yosemite’s First People
1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (DNC)

11:00 am
CHILDREN’S SUNDAY WALK
1 1/2 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday

8:15 am
Ranger Walk - Wild About Wildlife
1 1/2 hrs. From Valley Visitor Center (DNC)

9:00 am
Bike to Hike Tour
2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC)

9:00 am
MABILITY PROTECTORS OF YOSEMITE (HAYP)
1 hr. Yosemite Art Center (YC)

10:00 am
JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1
1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (DNC)

10:00 am
Art Workshop
1 hr. Yosemite Art Center (YC)

Wednesday

8:15 am
Ranger Walk - Ahwahnee’s Ghosts and Stories
1 1/2 hrs. From Yosemite Village (YM)

8:30 am
Camera Walk
1 hr. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery.

9:00 am
Discovery Hike - Vernal Falls Bridge
2.5 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC)

9:00 am
HABITAT PROTECTORS OF YOSEMITE (HAYP)
1 hr. Yosemite Art Center (YC)

10:00 am
JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1
1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (DNC)

10:00 am
Art Workshop
1 hr. Yosemite Art Center (YC)

Thursday

8:15 am
Ranger Walk - Merced Meadows
1 1/2 hrs. shuttle stop #16 (DNC)

9:00 am
Discovery Hike - Vernal Falls Bridge
2.5 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC)

9:30 am
CHILDREN’S THEATER LITE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE
1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC)

9:45 am
Ranger Walk - Adventure Hike - Yosemite’s First People
1 1/2 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery.

10:00 am
JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1
1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (DNC)

10:00 am
Art Workshop
1 hr. Yosemite Art Center (YC)

Friday

8:15 am
Ranger Walk - Trees
1 hr. The Ahwahnee shuttle stop #16 (DNC)

8:30 am
Camera Walk
1 hr. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery.

9:00 am
Bike to Hike Tour
2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC)

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10:00 am
Art Workshop
1 hr. Yosemite Art Center (YC)

Saturday

8:15 am
Ranger Walk - Yosemite’s Legacy
1 1/2 hrs. From Valley Visitor Center (DNC)

9:00 am
Exploration Hike - Vernal Falls Bridge
2.5 hrs. From Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC)

9:30 am
CHILDREN’S THEATER LITE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE
1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC)

9:30 am
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9:00 am
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CHILDREN’S THEATER LITE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE
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10:00 am
Art Workshop
1 hr. Yosemite Art Center (YC)

Programs offered for a fee

AAC American Alpine Club
DNC DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, Inc.
NPS National Park Service
NSC Sierra Club
TAG AAG The Ansel Adams Gallery
YAC Yosemite Art Center
YCC Yosemite Conservancy
YMS Yosemite Mountaineering School

Indicates facilities accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. Short, steep inclines may be encountered. Services are available for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors. Contact 209-372-4728 (TTY) or 209-372-0645 to request an interpreter. Advance notice of 2 days is requested.

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

Experience Your America  Yosemite National Park

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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 an hour-long interpretive program on the vintage songs of Yosemite or the history of Wawona with slide or music accompaniment. Check with Tom at the piano for dates and times.

Ranger Evening Programs
Join a ranger for an hour of nature, history, and insight into Yosemite. These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

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 tramp boarding area.

Getting to Mariposa Grove
Allow ½ 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 intermittently due to limited parking. Trails 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. Shuttle service begins 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.

Dogs or bikes are not permitted anywhere in the Grove.

Wawona Information Station at Hill’s Studio
Open 8:30 am to 5 pm. The Wawona 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

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-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.

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio
Tuesday or Thursday. (No evening programs Tuesday or Thursday.)
### Wawona & Mariposa Grove

#### Sunday
- 8:00am: Coffee with a Ranger
- 8:00am: Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (NPS)
- 10:00am: Horse-Drawn Stage Ride (NPS)
- 2:00pm: Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (NPS)
- 7:30pm: Campfire Talk with a Ranger

#### Monday
- 8:00am: Coffee with a Ranger
- 10:00am: Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (NPS)
- 7:30pm: Campfire Talk with a Ranger

#### Tuesday
- 8:00am: Coffee with a Ranger
- 9:30am: Vintage Music of Yosemite
- 5:30pm: Vintage Music of Yosemite
- 7:30pm: Campfire Talk with a Ranger

#### Wednesday
- 8:00am: Coffee with a Ranger
- 9:15am: Vintage Music of Yosemite
- 5:30pm: Vintage Music of Yosemite
- 7:30pm: Campfire Talk with a Ranger

#### Thursday
- 8:00am: Coffee with a Ranger
- 10:00am: Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (NPS)
- 2:00pm: Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (NPS)
- 5:30pm: Vintage Music of Yosemite
- 7:30pm: Campfire Talk with a Ranger

#### Friday
- 8:00am: Coffee with a Ranger
- 10:00am: Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (NPS)
- 2:00pm: Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (NPS)
- 5:30pm: Vintage Music of Yosemite
- 7:30pm: Campfire Talk with a Ranger

#### Saturday
- 8:00am: Coffee with a Ranger
- 10:00am: Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (NPS)
- 2:00pm: Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (NPS)
- 5:30pm: Vintage Music of Yosemite
- 7:30pm: Campfire Talk with a Ranger

### Glacier Point

#### Sunday
- 2:00pm: A Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan (NPS)
- 6:30pm: Glacier Point Stargazing Tour
- 8:00pm: Night Proof

#### Monday
- 10:00am: Step into Yosemite's Past
- 8:30pm: Glacier Point Stargazing Tour

#### Tuesday
- 8:00am: Coffee with a Ranger
- 10:00am: Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (NPS)
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**FOOD & BEVERAGE**

**GROCERIES**

**GIFTS & APPAREL**

**GIFT SHOP**

**POST OFFICE**

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

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FOOD & BEVERAGE
Tuolumne Meadows
Tuolumne Meadows Grill
9am to 10pm
Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room
Breakfast - Reservations recommended - 7am to 9am
Dinner - 6 to 8pm, Reservations recommended - 5:45pm to 8:00pm
Wild White Wolf Lodge
Breakfast - 7:30 to 9:30am
Lunch - noon-2pm Sandwiches, beverages, and snacks available at the front desk store
Dinner - 5 to 8pm

GROCERIES
Tuolumne Meadows Store
8am to 8pm
Craneflat Store
8am to 8pm

POST OFFICE
Tuolumne Meadows Post Office
Monday – Friday: 9am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to 1pm

GAS STATIONS
Tuolumne Meadows
Gas and propane available
Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card

FREE SHUTTLE BUS
Olmsted Pt
Tuolumne/Tioga Pass
See map, page 10
Free shuttle service is available along the Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tioga Pass.
Service begins when conditions permit.
Shuttles travel between Tiolumne 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.

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS
8:00am Coffee with a Ranger (except August 31) 1 hr. Dana Creek in Tuolumne Meadow Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)
10:00am Ranger Walk – Sketching in Tuolumne 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring sunglasses, notebook, pen, and water. (NPS)
10:30am Ranger Walk –Hike to Lambert Dome 3 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 3 miles Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #4. Bring snacks and water. (NPS)
10:00am Parsons Summer Series Program (August 5 only) 2 hrs. See details on preceding page (NPS)
12:00pm Writing Workshop – The Sentence as a Poetic Form (August 19 only) 1 1/2 hrs. See details on preceding page (NPS)
12:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS)
2:00pm Parsons Summer Series Program (except August 26 and September 2) 1 1/2 hrs. See details on preceding page (NPS)
2:00pm Indians in the High Country (August 26 and September 2 only) 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS)
3:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS)
8:00pm Campfire 1 hr Dana Creek in Tuolumne Meadow Campground (NPS)

7:30am Photographing Tuolumne Meadows (August 5 only) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS)
10:00am Ranger Walk – Domes and Meadoods (except August 27 and September 3) 2 hrs. Near O'Shaugnessy Dam (NPS)
11:30am Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS)
2:00pm Ranger Walk – Bears and Alligators (except August 27 and September 3) 1 1/2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS)
3:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS)
8:00pm Campfire 1 hr Dana Creek in Tuolumne Meadow Campground (NPS)

9:00am Ranger Walk – Along the River to Tuolumne Fall 0.8 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 15 miles. Meet at Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring lunch, and water. (NPS)
10:30am Botanical Walk with Cathy Ross 2 hrs. (NPS)
August 16: Botanist with Cathy Ross 2 hrs. Meet outside of Tioga Pass Entrance Station 8:00 am
August 16: Bonnetville Mine 3 hrs. Meet at Tioga Lake turnout east of Tioga Pass 8:00 am
12:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS)
2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK: 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #6, road marker 592.90 (NPS)
3:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS)
7:00pm Ranger Walk – Sunset (except September 3) 3 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS)
8:00pm Campfire 1 hr Dana Creek in Tuolumne Meadow Campground (NPS)

7:30am Ranger Walk – Birds 2 1/2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area.隆重
8:00am Coffee with a Ranger (except August 29) 1 hr. Dana Creek in Tuolumne Meadow Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)
10:00am Ranger Walk – Ecology of Geology Tuolumne Meadows 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #4, road marker 13/29 (NPS)
12:00pm Ranger Walk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS)
2:00pm Campfire FOR 80 (except August 30) in Crane Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadow Campground (NPS)
3:00pm Full Moon Walk with a Ranger (August 1 only) 2 hrs. Sign-up at Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center (NPS)
8:00pm Campfire 1 hr Dana Creek in Tuolumne Meadow Campground (NPS)
9:30pm Ranger Walk – Stars (except August 31) 1 1/2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring a field guide and dress warmly. (NPS)

9:15am Ranger Hike – Gayley Lakes Basin (except August 28) 11 1/2 hrs. Stevens Stair to Tioga Pass Entrance Station (NPS)
10:00am Ranger Walk – A Place Long Travelled: History of Tuolumne Meadows 2 1/2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadow Visitor Center shuttle stop #49 (NPS)
12:00pm Ranger Walk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS)
2:00pm Ranger Walk – The Secret Life of Plants 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS)
3:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS)
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10:00am Ranger Walk – Domes and Meadoods 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8, road marker 192.58 (NPS)
12:00pm Ranger Walk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS)
1:30pm Ranger Talk – Bennetiville Exploration 3 1/2 hrs. Tioga Lake turnout east of Tioga Pass 8:00 am (NPS)
3:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS)
6:30pm Ranger Walk – Music and Mountains 1 1/4 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS)
8:30pm Blue Moon Walk with a Ranger (August 31 only) 2 hrs. Sign up at Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center (NPS)
8:30pm Campfire 1 hr Dana Creek in Tuolumne Meadow Campground (NPS)

7:30am Ranger Walk – Birds (August 31 only) 1 hr. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring your own cup (NPS)
7:30am Ranger Walk – Birds (August 11) 1 1/2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring your own cup (NPS)
10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK: 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #5. Bring snacks and water. (NPS)
10:30am WRITING WORKSHOP – Invention and the Nature Poem 1 1/2 hrs. Pothole Dome (NPS)
12:00pm Ranger Walk – Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS)
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7:00pm Campfire for Kids 1 1/2 hrs. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadow Campground (NPS)
9:30pm Parsons Summer Series Program (August 16 only) 1 1/2 hrs. See details on preceding page (NPS)
9:30pm Ranger Talk – Stars 1 hr. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)

8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1 hr drop in. Bring your own cup. (NPS)
8:00am Ranger Walk – Exploring the River 1 1/2 hr. Meet in front of the White Wolf Lodge (NPS)
8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1 hour drop in. Bring your own cup. (NPS)

CRANE FLAT/HODGDON MEADOW/HETCH HETCH
9:00am Ranger Walk: Exploring the River 1 1/2 hr. Meet in front of the White Wolf Lodge (NPS)
8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1 hour drop in. Bring your own cup. (NPS)

WHITE WOLF
3:00pm Ranger Walk: Fire in Yosemite 1 1/2 hr. meet at the Hodgdon Flat Campground Book (NPS)
11:00am Ranger in the Grove 2 hr (drop in) Tuolumne Grove of Sequoias (NPS)
8:00pm Campfire The Crane Flat Amphitheater (NPS)

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Experience Your America    Yosemite National Park

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.

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.
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 the grasses. Their incredible sense of smell allows them to detect things we can’t, which helps them find food—a black bear can smell a dead deer three miles away. To top it off, bears have excellent vision and can see in color, so they recognize ice chests, grocery bags, and other food containers as potential food sources.

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

If you see a bear anywhere else, consider yourself lucky—but keep your distance (at least 50 yards, or about the distance made by four shuttle buses parked end to end). If you get too close, you will be helping the bear become used to being around people. Bears that become comfortable around humans lose their natural fear of us and may become too aggressive. When that happens, they sometimes have to be killed.

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

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

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

**Backpackers:**
Save Your Food, Save A Bear
Bear resistant food canisters are 2.7-pound containers that can be used to store five or more days of backpacker food when meals are carefully planned. Canisters have an inset lid that bears are unable to open. When used correctly, bears learn that—although they smell like food—the canisters are not worth investigating.

**Report Bear Sightings!**
To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at 209/372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park’s website (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 roadsides to beg for food, endangering both coyotes and drivers.

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

For your safety:
Do not leave pets or pet food outside and unattended. Pets can attract mountain lions.
Avoid hiking alone. Watch children closely and never let them run ahead or lag behind on the trail. Teach children what to do if they see a lion.

What should you do if you meet a mountain lion?
Never approach one, especially if it is with kittens. Most lions will avoid confrontation. Always give them a way to escape.

Don’t run. Stay calm. Hold your ground, or back away slowly. Face the lion and stand upright. Do all you can to appear larger. Raise your arms. If you have small children with you, pick them up.

If the lion behaves aggressively, wave your arms, shout, and throw objects at it. The goal is to convince it that you may be dangerous. If attacked, fight back!

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

**How to Store Food**

**Location**

**Food Sources**

**Steps**

**Your Vehicle**

You may store food in your car (with windows closed) only during daylight hours. Do not store food in your car after dark. Use a food locker. Remember to close your car of food wrappers, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats. Never leave unattended food exposed to the outside of a vehicle or in a pickup truck bed.

**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.

**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.

**Backpacking in the Wilderness**

Bear resistant food containers are required throughout the Yosemite Wilderness. Hanging food is prohibited in Yosemite.

**In Yosemite and the southern Sierra, bear canisters are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.**

Save and Cub. Photo by Christine White Loberg

**How to Avoid Bears and Coyotes**

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**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. More information is available at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm.

**Keep yourself safe while exploring your park.**

There are many ways to experience the wilderness 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 whitewater, where streams flow over rocky obstructions.
- Never swim or wade upstream from a waterfall, even if the water appears shallow and calm. Each year, unsuspecting visitors are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when swimming in these areas.
- 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 Tuolumne 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.
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 those 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 amphibia, non-preserved fish eggs or roe is prohibited.

Pets

Keep in mind, daytime temperatures can reach above 100 °F in Yosemite National Park. Make sure to keep your pet cool and well-hydrated. In Yosemite, pet owners have a few rules to follow:

- Pets are only allowed in developed areas and on 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.
- 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 9am to 6pm (8:30am to 8pm beginning June 15). Each season, pets are 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 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.

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. 
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Camping

Camping Reservations
Reservations are required March through November for campers in Yosemite Valley’s 9 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 CAMPGROUNDS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY

• All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker (33” x 45” x 18”). See page 5 for food storage regulations.
• Toilets are available in campgrounds; however, Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Portal Flat have non-flushing vault toilets only and no potable water.
• Shower and laundry facilities are available year-round in Yosemite Valley.
• RVs over 24 feet are not recommended for Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Portal 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.

CAMPFIRE
• 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.

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

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

Reservations

Camping in Yosemite National Park*

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General Info...
To check same-day camping availability, call 209/372-0256

SERVICES
• All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker (33” x 45” x 18”). See page 5 for food storage regulations.

In addition, 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.
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>
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Enhance the Visitor Experience

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

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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 Conservancy

Yosemite Conservancy is the nonprofit 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.

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