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.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Merced River

Lower Yosemite Fall

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Valley Visitor Center

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North Pines

Lower Pines

Upper Pines

Trailhead

Parking

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Camp 4

Four Mile Trail

Valley Loop Trail

Campground

Reservations

Sentinel Beach

El Capitan

Picnic Area

Glacier Point

no shuttle service

closed in winter

Swinging Bridge

Church Bowl Picnic Area

Cathedral Beach

Chapel

Medical Clinic

Mist Trail

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Recreation Rentals Curry Village

Housekeeping Camp

The Ahwahnee

Yosemite Village

Yosemite Lodge

Upper Pines Campground

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Yosemite Guide

Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park June 26, 2013 - July 30, 2013

Yosemite Conservancy Photo by Keith Walklet
Seasonal Highlights

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? Whether you want to get your heart rate up with a strenuous hike, read a book in a quiet spot, or just hang out in a picnic area or campground with friends, by late spring, the days are long and the possibilities abound!

Walk to a Waterfall
Yosemite Valley is famous for its awe-inspiring waterfalls; each as distinct as the granite cliffs they dive over. While Yosemite Falls may be dry by August, Bridalveil, Vernal, and Nevada Falls flow all year. Be safe! Water ways, including rivers, streams, and lakes, are dangerous. Read our Feature Story on page 18 for more information about how to stay safe around them, and be sure to check trail conditions before you head out on a hike or backpack.

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.” -Joshua D. Whitney.

Hetch Hetchy provides spectacular vistas, waterfalls, and early season hiking. (See page 2 for a park map and area information.)

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

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

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 more!)

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

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

Go to the Theater

Get Outdoors With Yosemite Conservancy
Yosemite Conservancy is passionate about sharing Yosemite’s wonders. Summit Half Dome with an expert leading you every step of the way or explore the fascinating natural history of the Sierra Nevada with an experienced naturalist. Looking for a custom Yosemite experience? Contact us to plan a custom adventure for your family or group. Visit www.yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or 209/379-2317 ext. 10 to find your adventure today. See page 6 for details.

Volunteer in Yosemite
Over 9,500 volunteers donated more than 187,000 hours of service to Yosemite last year, restoring native habitat, working in visitor centers, serving as camp hosts, studying wildlife, cleaning up litter and more. Would you like to serve? We have group and individual volunteer opportunities, both short term and long term. Learn more at: www.nps.gov/yose/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm or call the volunteer office at 209/379-1850.

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

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/disability/accessibility.htm, or call a park accessibility coordinator at 209/379-1035 for more information.

Sign language interpreting is available for deaf and hard-of-hearing listeners upon advance request. Please contact the park’s deaf services coordinator (209/379-5250) (voice) to request an interpreter. A full-time interpreter is on the park until August 24. A public videophone is available at Yosemite Lodge. Assistive Listening Devices are available at the Valley 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.

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.

Emergency Information

Emergency Dial 911
Yosemite Village Garage offers 24-hour emergency roadside assistance.

For up-to-date road, weather, and park information: 209/372-0200

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

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.

Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

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Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places.

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

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.

DID YOU KNOW:

• Yosemite Conservancy is providing $10.8 million in support to Yosemite National Park in 2013. Donor gifts are funding 38 new projects in the park, from trail rehabilitation to wildlife protection and habitat restoration.

• You can support Yosemite by shopping! You’ll find Yosemite Conservancy stores at the Visitor Center, the Museum, Happy Isles, Wawona, Tuolumne and Big Oak Flats. You can even shop on-line. Net proceeds support our work in the park.

• Yosemite Conservancy funding is providing for an expanded Junior Ranger program this summer. This means more young children can earn a Junior Ranger badge by learning about nature and outdoor exploration.

Learn more about Yosemite Conservancy and how you can get involved at www.yosemiteconservancy.org

Look for the free Yosemite Guide Mobile App available Fall, 2013 for your Apple and Android mobile devices!

Our thanks to The Ansel Adams Gallery Staff Photographer and Curator Evan Russel for providing our icon shot of Half Dome.

App funded by a generous grant from Yosemite Conservancy donors
Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park

The Incomparable Yosemite Valley

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

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.

Naturalist Programs

Naturalists 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 Falls, 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 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 7am to 5pm 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.
Yosemite Valley
Where to go and what to do

Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore
The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center is open from 9am to 6pm, and bookstore hours are 9am to 7pm. 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 day from 9am to 5pm, and Sunday between noon and 5:30 pm in the Valley Visitor Center Theater.

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

INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT
Open 9am to 5pm. Interprets the cultural history of Yosemite's Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE
Open daily from 9am to 5pm. The store offers books and traditional American Indian arts, crafts, jewelry, and books.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM GALLERY EXHIBIT
Sharing Traditions: Celebrating Native Basketry Demonstrations in Yosemite 1929-1980
This Yosemite Museum exhibit focuses on the weavers in the Indian Cultural Program, who have connected with hundreds of thousands of park visitors through their basket-weaving demonstrations. The work of Maggie Howard, Lucy Telles and Julia Parker will be featured, as well as the contributions of Alice Wilson and Craig Bates. In addition to the baskets, paintings, ephemera and archeological artifacts on display, historic film footage and photographs will be shown. This project was made possible through the generous support of Yosemite Conservancy donors. Yosemite Museum Gallery, June 4 through October 31. Open daily from 9 to 5. From June 4 through September 30, open daily 10 to 12 and 1 to 4 from October 1 through October 31.

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

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 Art Center
The Yosemite Art Center offers a a selection of original art and art supplies, as well as four-hour art workshops daily (see pg. 6). Located near the Village Store, the Center is open 9am to noon and 1pm to 4:30pm daily. See full schedule of Yosemite Conservancy art workshops at yosemiteconservancy.org/art

LeConte Memorial Lodge
LeConte Memorial Lodge is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am until 4pm. Free evening programs are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00. The Lodge has a natural history library, children’s corner and library, historical exhibits, and an exhibit on climate change. The Lodge is located at shuttle stop #12.

Yosemite Theater LIVE!
Yosemite Theater LIVE! offers entertainment and inspiration through a variety of live theater performances. Revel as park ranger Shelton Johnson and other performers bring the park's adventures to life! Tickets $8 adults, $4 children at Yosemite Conservancy bookstores & DNC Tour Desks.

The Ansel Adams Gallery
In Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center, the gallery is open daily from 9am to 6pm. The gallery offers the work of Ansel Adams, other photographers and artists, camera walls, workshops, and classes. Activities are listed on the front porch.

EXHIBITS
Passages of Light: Yosemite Landscapes, Photographs by William Neill, July 26 - September 14, 2013 (Artist’s Reception, Thursday, August 1, 3-5pm)
William Neill is a photographer, author and teacher based in the Yosemite National Park area since 1977. He is the author of eleven books featuring his photography, which has been widely published in magazines, calendars, posters, and his limited-edition prints have been collected and exhibited in museums and galleries nationally. Neill writes a regular column, On Landscape, for Outdoor Photographer magazine and has received the Sierra Club's Ansel Adams Award.

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VALLEY SERVICES

GARAGE
Yosemite Lodge
8am - 5pm / 24 hour AAA towing

POST OFFICES

Yosemite Village
Main Office Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm Saturday: 10am to noon

Curry Village
Post Office Monday-Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

GROceries AND TOURS

Yosemite Village
Gift/Grocery Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm

Curry Village
Gift/Grocery Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm

Village Store Gift/Grocery Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm

Shower

Showers

Laundry 8am to 10pm

Gift/Grocery Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm

Tour Desk 7:30am to 3pm

Laundry 8am to 10pm

Village Store Gift/Grocery Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm

Shower

Curry Village
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Laundry 8am to 10pm

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Shower

Housekeeping Camp

Laundry 8am to 10pm

Curry Village

Tour Desk 7:30am to 3pm

Gift/Grocery Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm

Shower

Internet Kiosks at Degnan’s Deli
7am to 6pm

Internet Kiosks at Yosemite Lodge Lobby
24 hours

8am to 5pm / 24 hour AAA towing available, propane service available until 4:30pm
Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy is passionate about sharing the wonders of Yosemite through our Outdoor Adventure programs. Join one of the many year-round programs and explore everything Yosemite has to offer.

June 27-30
Clouds Rest via Half Dome #1 Experience a breathtaking wilderness adventure
Waterwheels Falls Photography BackPack. Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River Photography.
Half Dome: Make it to the Top #2
Mountain Wildflowers for the Relaxed Botanist
High Sierra Photography Capture the crest of the Sierra Nevada
Sierra Nevada Natural History Fascinating hikes with a notable author
The Bells for the Casual Birders Spots diverse and spectacular High Sierra species
Family Camping Jamboree #3
Life at the Top: Alpine Ecosystems Discover species that thrive above treeline
North Rim BackPack Spot diverse and spectacular High Sierra species

Yosemite Theater Live! (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy presents unforgettable live performances of historic heroes, daring rescues, and thrilling adventures every night at the Valley Visitor Center Theater.

Saturdays
The Forgotten Yosemite. A Buffalo Soldier Remembering our park ranger Shetton Johnson.

Yosemite Mountainaineering School (YMS)

YMS offers rock climbing classes, guided climbs, custom backcountry trips, and daily hikes. Experience the park with a professional guide. 209/372-4344.
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**Programs printed in ALL CAPS and COLOR are especially for children and their families.**
Experience Your America Yosemite National Park

Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point

Explore History, Discover Giant Trees, and Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

Wawona & Mariposa Grove

See 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. See page 9 for scheduled programs.

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. Topics vary nightly. See page 9 for dates, times, and locations.

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio

Open 8:30 am to 5 pm, the visitor center offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, Hill’s Studio was the gallery for landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Tuesday through Thursday, and at 5:30 pm on Friday. Free demonstrations will take place every evening except Wednesdays. Please register in advance at the Thomas Hill Studio, (209) 372-6502.

Wawona Art Workshops (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy invites you to enjoy a hands-on art experience in Wawona and Mariposa Grove.

June 3–June 8: Sketching with Watercolor, Barbara Rosenthal

June 10–June 15: Paint your own field guide to Southern Yosemite, Katy Bernheim

June 17–June 22: A Little Painting; Color, Shape and Pattern, Byron Spicer

June 24–June 29: Make your own Travel Journal, Sidney WildeSmith

Please register in advance at the Thomas Hill Studio on July 3rd between 2 and 4 pm.

Wawona & Mariposa Grove

BLACKSMITH WORKSHOP: 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. See page 9 for dates, times, and locations.

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 Gunny 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.

Wawona Stables

Open 7 am to 5 pm, reservations are highly recommended. Call (209) 375-6123.

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 Wells Fargo building (Stage Office) in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. See page 9 for dates, times, and locations. $5/adults and $4/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. See page 9 for dates, times, and locations.

Wawona Campground Amphitheater

Coffee with a Ranger

Mariposa Grove

Located near Yosemite’s South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove is the park’s largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 300 trees. A few of these giants are visible in the parking area. Information about access for disabled people is available at the camp board area. Dogs/bikes are not permitted anywhere in the Grove.

Getting to Mariposa Grove

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Glacier Point

Evening Programs

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

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  - 5:30pm: Tom Bopp Performing at the Piano - 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Historical programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. For more details, drop by the piano early in the evening to ask Tom or stop by the front desk. Wawona Hotel Lounge. (DNC)
  - 7:00pm: Campfire Program - 60 mins. (except July 21) at the Badwater Campground, Loop C (NPS)

- **Sunday**
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  - 10:00am: Wildflowers and Local History - Walk to Mcgurk Meadow - 2 hrs. Meet at a bench in Bridalveil Campground. (NPS)
  - 7:00pm: GLACIER POINT STARGAZING - TOUR 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (NPS) $5

**Programs printed in ALL CAPS AND COLOR are especially for children and their families.**
Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat

Tuolumne Meadows
Please walk on official trails to protect fragile meadow ecosystems.

Pets, bicycles, and strollers are only allowed on roads open to vehicles.

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center
Visitor Center hours are 9am to 6pm. Park orientation, trail information, books, and maps are available.

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center
Open 7:30am to 5pm. The wilderness center offers wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, visitor information, maps, and general park information. The Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center is located just south of Tioga Road along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, across from shuttle stop 3.

Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley Cabin, and Soda Springs
Two trails, both flat and 3/4-mile long, lead to this historic area accessible only by walking. Parsons Memorial Lodge is open from 10am to 4pm. Soda Springs is small, naturally-carbonated springs that attract birds and deer, especially at sunrise and sunset.

Parsons Memorial Lodge Summer Series
Allow 30 minutes walking time to Parsons Memorial Lodge from either Lembert Dome parking area or the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Admission is free.

Saturday, July 13
2:00pm – 3:00pm The Fate of Yosemite's Melting Glaciers. Slide presentation by Greg Stock, Park Geologist.

Sunday, July 14
2:00pm – 3:30pm Tongue River Stories. Music and musings about place and belonging with singer-songwriter Martha Scanlan.

Saturday, July 20
2:00pm – 3:00pm Traveling the 38th Parallel, A Water Line around the World. Slide presentation by David and Janet Carle, authors and retired park rangers from Mono Lake.

Sunday, July 21
2:00pm – 3:00pm Paining the High Mountains. Slide presentation and discussion by Penny Orwell, Yosemite landscape painter.

Saturday, July 27
High Sierra Natural History Celebration Weekend
2:00pm – 3:30pm Gathering Moss: Lessons from Our Oldest Teachers. Slide presentation and discussion with Robin Wall Kimmerer, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor of Environmental and Forest Biology, and Director, Center for Native Peoples and the Environment, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

Sunday, July 28
2:00pm – 3:30pm Field Guide to the Future of the Earth. Slide presentation and discussion with Craig Childs, author, naturalist, and explorer.

Just for Kids
Programs for children include Junior Rangers, a two-hour, ranger-led program for children (ages 7-12), and Campfire for Kids.

Ranger Walks
Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, birds, flowers, history, the Tuolumne River, and more. These walks range from one to eight hours and, except for the long walks, are fairly easy.

Evening Activities
Come to a traditional, ranger-led campfire program for stories, songs, and insight into Yosemite. Program topics vary and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. End your day with a star program—bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly.

Mule and Horseback Rides
Horse or mule rides begin at the Tuolumne Meadows stable. Stable hours are 7:30am to 5pm. Information: 209/372-8427.

Big Oak Flat
Big Oak Flat Information Station
Open 8 am to 5 pm. The information station offers general park information, books, and maps. It also provides wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, trail, and backpacking information. The information station is located just inside the park entrance on Hwy 120.

Merced Grove
Yosemite’s quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of approximately 20 big trees accessible only on foot. It’s a three-mile round-trip hike (about three hours) into the grove. The trail drops down 1.5 miles making this a moderately strenuous hike on the uphill portion.

There is no potable water at the parking area or down in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you. The grove is located 3½ miles north of Crane Flat and 4½ miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance along the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). The trail is marked by a sign and a post labeled B-10 Tuolumne Grove.

Tuolumne Grove
The trail head for this grove of approximately 25 sequoias is near the intersection of the Big Oak Flat and Tioga roads at Crane Flat. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from the parking area into the grove. The trail drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The way down can seem much easier than the uphill portion. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guided nature trail. There is no potable water at the parking area or in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you.
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### White Wolf Lodge

**White Wolf Lodge**

Breakfast: 7:30am to 9:30am. Lunch - Sandwiches, beverages, and snacks available at the front desk store.

Dinner - 6pm

**Reservations recommended:** 5-45pm - 8pm 209/372-8416

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### GROCERIES

**Tuolumne Meadows Store**

Daily 8am to 8pm

**White Flat**

8am to 8pm

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### POST OFFICE

**Tuolumne Meadows Post Office**

Monday - Friday: 9am to 5pm

Saturday - 9am to 1pm

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### GAS STATIONS

**Tuolumne Meadows**

9am to 6pm. Gas and propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

**White Flat**

8am to 8pm

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### FREE SHUTTLE BUS

**Omstine Pl - Tuolumne / White Flat**

See map, page 10. Free shuttle service is available along the Togian Road from Omstine Point to White Flat. Shuttles travel between Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Omstine Point with stops along the Togian Road, including Tuolumne Meadows. Campground and the visitor center. The shuttle also makes morning and afternoon runs to Togian Pass.

Shuttle service begins at the Lodge. At 7am. Shuttle arrives at approximately 10-minutes intervals between 7am and 7pm.
Yosemite National Park offers a 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:

**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. Ask a Ranger! What President signed the Yosemite Grant Act on June 30, 1864, setting aside Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove for special protection?
   ________________________________

5. 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: ________________________________

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

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

8. 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 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 human food. 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—even though 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.

How to Store Food

To help prevent bears from getting human food, you may store food in your vehicle (with windows closed) only during daylight hours. Do not store food in your car after dark. Use a food locker: Remember to clear your car of food wrappers, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats. Never leave food unattended food strapped to the outside of a vehicle or in a truck bed.

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 calm, quiet, and elusive. Sight—Yosemite. Generally, they are extremely rare, 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!
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Protect Yourself...

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 2013, May 24 through October 14, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 preseason lottery permits have already been issued for 2013. In addition, approximately 50 permits will be released by daily lottery throughout the season based on estimated under-use and cancellation rates (exact number may change throughout the summer). Applications for daily lotteries will be accepted 2 days prior to the desired hiking date between midnight and 1 pm. To apply, visit Recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777. A non-refundable application fee applies to all submissions and a use fee applies to winning applicants. Finally, a daily quota of 75 Half Dome permits will be available to overnight users with an appropriate wilderness permit (use fee applies). These permits may be acquired through early reservations (50 per day) or day before walk-up (25 per day). Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area may descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit. More information is available at: http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm For backpackers more information is available at: http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm

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.

Hantavirus Information
Mice are an important part of the ecosystem, but can carry diseases that are harmful to humans. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread in the droppings and saliva of infected rodents. Not all rodents are infected with hantavirus, but infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You can be in close proximity to park rodents, so it is important you take steps to protect yourself from HPS.

Tell housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice in your tent or cabin and do not clean up the area yourself. Keep doors shut and do not eat or bring food into your cabin that is not in a sealed container. Do not pitch tents near rodent burrows or droppings. HPS begins with aches, fever, and chills 1-8 weeks after exposure, progressing to cough and difficulty breathing. Seek medical attention immediately if you experience these symptoms.

For more information on rodent-borne diseases and other environmental safety hazards visit: http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yourself.htm

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.
• 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. Check the website at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm or call the park’s main phone line at 209/372-0200, 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 (Stone Man 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 Forseta Bridge in El Portal. Within these reaches of the river, it is catch-and-release only for brown 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.

Pets
Keep in mind, daytime temperatures can reach above 100° Fahrenheit in the summer. 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.
• Trout must be on a leash (6 feet or less) or otherwise physically restrained.
• 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 disposing of 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 from 8:30am to 8pm, with the last rental going out at 6:45pm. 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.

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.
Camping

An adventurous 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 campsites 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 518/885-3639 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)

Reservation offices in the park are located in the visitor parking area at Curry Village (shuttle bus stop 814), 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 campites are not wheelchair accessible. Sites are available on a per-person basis, and sites will not 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 campsites at Tuolumne Meadows, Hodgdon Meadow, Wawona, and Bridalveil Creek Campgrounds. Reservations can be made the same way as individual site reservations; 13 to 30 people are allowed in each group campsite. Tent camping only. Pets, 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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* Exact campground opening and closing dates are subject to conditions.

**Hiking**

**Yosemite Valley Day Hikes**

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<tr>
<td>Bridalveil Fall</td>
<td>Bridalveil Fall Parking Area</td>
<td>0.5 mile round-trip, 20 minutes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lower Yosemite Fall</td>
<td>Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6</td>
<td>1.0 mile round-trip, 20 minutes</td>
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<tr>
<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>
<td>Strenuous, 1,000-foot gain</td>
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<td>Top of Upper Yosemite Fall</td>
<td>Same as above</td>
<td>7.2 miles round-trip, 6–8 hours</td>
<td>Strenuous, 2,700-foot gain</td>
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<td>Mirror Lake (a seasonal lake)</td>
<td>Mirror Lake Shuttle Stop #17</td>
<td>2 miles, 1 hour round-trip to Mirror Lake, 3 miles, loop around lake</td>
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<tr>
<td>Vernal Fall Footbridge</td>
<td>Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16</td>
<td>1.4 miles round-trip, 1–2 hours</td>
<td>Moderate, 400-foot gain</td>
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<td>Top of Vernal Fall</td>
<td>Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16</td>
<td>3 miles round-trip, 2–4 hours</td>
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<tr>
<td>Top of Nevada Fall</td>
<td>Same as above</td>
<td>7 miles round-trip, 5–6 hours</td>
<td>Strenuous, 1,900-foot gain</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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<tr>
<td>Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point</td>
<td>Southside Drive</td>
<td>4.8 miles one-way, 3–4 hours</td>
<td>Very Strenuous, 3,200-foot gain</td>
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<td>Valley Floor Loop (No joke permitted on the Valley Floor Loop)</td>
<td>Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6</td>
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**Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley**

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<td>3.5 miles round-trip, 1.5 hours</td>
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<td>Swinging Bridge Loop</td>
<td>Wasowora Stores / Pioneer Yosemite Hist. Dr. Parking Area</td>
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<td>GLACIER POINT ROAD</td>
<td>Sentinel Dome Parking Area</td>
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<td>TUOLUMNE MEADOWS AREA</td>
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<td>Cow Camp Dome</td>
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<td>Elizabeth Lake</td>
<td>Tuolumne Meadows Group Campground</td>
<td>4.8 miles round trip, 4 to 5 hours</td>
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<td>SIERRA ROAD</td>
<td>White Wolf</td>
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<td>Yosemite Valley via Porcupine Creek</td>
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<td>7 miles one-way, 4 to 6 hours</td>
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<td>Yosemite Valley via Yosemite Creek</td>
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<td>Hetch Hetchy</td>
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**Featured Hike**

**The Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point**

**Union Point:** 4.8 miles/7.7 km one-way (9.6 miles/15.4 km round-trip); 6 to 8 hours round-trip with 2,300 ft/707 m elevation gain.

**Glacier Point:** 4.8 miles/7.7 km one-way (9.6 miles/15.4 km round-trip); 6 to 8 hours round-trip with 2,300 ft/707 m elevation gain.

**Begin at the Four Mile Trailhead near to shuttle stop #7 or El Capitan shuttle stop #5.**

**Please note:** There is no regularly scheduled shuttle one way from Glacier Point back to Yosemite Valley; please inquire at a Tour Desk or call 209/372-1240 for one-way transportation information.

**Trail Description:**

The Four Mile Trail is really 4.8 miles because it has had to be rerouted since its original construction. It is a steep, steady uphill hike to Yosemite’s most famous viewpoint. The trail provides a great workout where the ever-changing perspective of the valley floor will keep your mind off the steep ascent. Towering overhead is the vertical fall slab of Sentinel Rock beneath which the trail begins its switchback ascent among huge, mossy boulders, shady Live oaks, Bay laurels, and Big-leaf maples. At about three-quarters of the way, you arrive at a short spur trail to Union Point where Tenaya Canyon, North Dome, Clouds Rest, and Half Dome come into view. You can even reward yourself with a snack and cold drink at the top from the Glacier Point Snack Stand.

**Things to know before you go:**

- Bring and consume plenty of water and snacks along the way as you hike, keeping you hydrated and replenishing your energy.
- Wear appropriate, sturdy hiking footwear and bring extra layers for changing weather conditions (raingear, warmer layers, etc.).
- Carry a flashlight with extra batteries, a first-aid kit, and any additional medications you might need during the hike.

Choose your adventure

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

**Yosemite Valley Day Hikes**

- **Bridalveil Fall Trail:** 0.5 mile round-trip, 20 minutes
- **Lower Yosemite Fall:** 1.0 mile round-trip, 20 minutes
- **Upper Yosemite Fall Trail to Columbia Rock:** 2 miles round-trip, 2–3 hours
- **Top of Upper Yosemite Fall:** 7.2 miles round-trip, 6–8 hours
- **Mirror Lake Shuttle Stop #17:** 2 miles, 1 hour round-trip
- **Vernal Fall Footbridge:** 1.4 miles round-trip, 1–2 hours
- **Top of Vernal Fall:** 3 miles round-trip, 2–4 hours
- **Top of Nevada Fall:** 7 miles round-trip, 5–6 hours
- **Top of Half Dome:** 14 mi (via Mist Trail) or 16.3 mi (via John Muir Trail) round-trip
- **Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point:** 4.8 miles one-way, 3–4 hours
- **Valley Floor Loop (No joke permitted on the Valley Floor Loop):** 13 miles full loop, 5–7 hours full loop

**Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley**

- **Wasowora:** 3.5 miles round-trip, 1.5 hours
- **Swinging Bridge Loop:** 4.75 miles round-trip, 2 hours
- **Union Point:** 2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours
- **Sentinel Dome:** 2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours
- **John Muir Trail through Lundy Canyon:** 8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours
- **Elizabeth Lake:** 4.8 miles round trip, 4 to 5 hours
- **White Wolf:** 5.4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours
- **Yosemite Valley via Porcupine Creek:** 7 miles one-way, 4 to 6 hours
- **Yosemite Valley via Yosemite Creek:** 10.5 miles one-way, 5 to 9 hours
- **Yosemite Valley via Clouds Rest:** 10 miles one-way, 10 to 12 hours
- **O’Shaughnessy Dam:** 5 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours
Get Involved!

Our work would not be possible without your participation and support. We know you love Yosemite and want to preserve and protect it for the future. You can join us in providing for the future of Yosemite by making a gift today at yosemiteconservancy.org/support.

Youth in Yosemite

Yosemite Conservancy is proud to support Youth in Yosemite, our 2013 Signature Project. These programs span the entire range of youth education, including young children earning their Junior Ranger badge, to high-school students embarking on wilderness expeditions and college interns job-shadowing Yosemite professionals. This summer, be on the lookout for youth crews restoring backcountry trails and be sure to say hello! By introducing youth to the wonders of nature, our donors are helping to safeguard Yosemite’s future.

We Play in the Park, too!

You’ve come to Yosemite to have a great time. We can help. Stop by a Yosemite Conservancy bookstore for maps and guidebooks, kids’ readers and coloring books, and a “Keep Bears Wild” t-shirt and tote bag. Check out the new plush marmots and bears. They’ll keep your Junior Rangers company back home while reminding them to learn and share about their park.

Have our experts show you the special features of Yosemite. We’ve got a schedule of Outdoor Adventures led by experienced professionals. There are birders and botanists, photographers, veteran trekkers and backcountry specialists. We can lead you through sequoia groves or to the top of Half Dome. We can even arrange a custom adventure for your family and friends. Bring your curiosity and sense of excitement. It’ll be an adventure to remember.

One of the most engaging experiences in the park is the chance to spend four hours painting or drawing with one of our professional artists. Imagine sitting with a small group in a stunning setting, totally immersed in the pleasant task of indulging your inner artist. For a minimal fee and the cost of supplies, you can create special memories of the park and return home with your own original artwork. Workshops take place Monday through Saturday in the Valley and Wawona. Children’s art sessions take place in the Valley.

What are you doing this evening? The Yosemite Conservancy presents live performances every night at the Visitor Center Theater. Themes range from compelling histories of John Muir or the Buffalo Soldiers, to cautionary tales from the Search and Rescue Team, to the inspiring images of filmmakers and a renowned climber. Net proceeds from all activities of the Yosemite Conservancy support our important work in the park. Find more details on page 6.
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.

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

The Ansel Adams Gallery

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

DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite

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

For more information and employment opportunities with DNC at Yosemite, visit online at www.YosemitePark.com.

NatureBridge

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

Yosemite Conservancy

Through the support of donors, Yosemite Conservancy provides grants and support to Yosemite National Park to help preserve and protect Yosemite today and for future generations. The work funded by Yosemite Conservancy is visible throughout the park, from trail rehabilitation to wildlife protection and habitat restoration. The Conservancy is dedicated to enhancing the visitor experience and providing a deeper connection to the park through outdoor programs, volunteering and wilderness services. Thanks to dedicated supporters, the Conservancy has provided more than $75 million in grants to Yosemite National Park. Donate now or learn more at www.yosemiteconservancy.org or call 1-800-469-7275.

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Yosemite Anniversaries

Did you know that the Yosemite Grant Act, signed by Abraham Lincoln on June 30, 1864, was the first land grant to protect wild lands for the enjoyment of people? With the help of many partners and friends, we are hosting a nation-wide commemorative effort to honor the 150th anniversary of this significant event that spurred the national park idea. In addition, this fall, the Yosemite Conservancy will release a new Dayton Duncan book, Seed of the Future, a collection of 150 published visitor stories, and a special Ken Burns’ documentary to honor this milestone.

Visit www.nps.gov/yose/anniversary to learn more and to see the latest calendar of over 100 anniversary activities that are happening from the fall of 2013 through the summer of 2014. You can participate in many of these activities while you are staying in or passing through one of our neighboring communities.

Park Planning Updates

Join park and partner staff to learn ongoing plans and projects at a free monthly public open house. An open house will be held on June 26 and July 31, from 1–4pm in the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Auditorium. Park entrance fees will be waived for those attending the open house!