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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 entrances, visitor centers, and online at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/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 visitors upon advance request. Please contact the park’s deaf services coordinator (209/379-5253) (v/txt) to request an interpreter. A full-time interpreter is in 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
Yosemite Village Guest Village 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

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, in summer, 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, can be dangerous.

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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.)

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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 hike to reduce congestion by taking the free shuttle from the Wawona Store.

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:

• James Mason Hutchings led the first tourist party into the Yosemite area in 1855. In this year, a total of 42 tourists visited Yosemite. One of these visitors, artist Thomas Ayres, published the first sketches of Yosemite Valley. The first published description of the Yosemite Valley appeared in Hutchings’s “Mariposa Gazette.”

• In 1864, after Senator John Connness introduced the Yosemite Grant in Congress and President Lincoln signed it, Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove were given to the State of California to be administered. A board of commissioners was appointed to supervise the Grant.

• On May 1st, 1866, Galen Clark was named the first Yosemite Guardian in charge of the Yosemite Grant for the State of California. He became, in effect, the first California State Park Ranger.

• Influential writer and conservationist John Muir first came to Yosemite in 1868.
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 programs 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 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 Valley Floor Tour is a 26-mile, two-hour open-air tram tour narrated by a park ranger (weather permitting). The tour departs Yosemite Lodge several times daily.

The Glacier Point Tour leaves Yosemite Lodge at 8:30 am, 10 am, and 1:30 pm daily when the Glacier Point Road is open. One-way tickets are available for those who want to hike down from Glacier Point.

The Grand Tour includes the Valley, Glacier Point, and the Mariposa Grove. An experienced guide narrates each tour. The tour departs Yosemite Lodge at 8:45 am daily.

Call 209/372-1240 for reservations or inquire at the tour desks at Yosemite Lodge, Yosemite Village, Curry Village, and The Ahwahnee.

Mule & Horseback Rides
Horse or mule rides begin at the stable near North Pines Campground. Stable hours are 7 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.
Organization which encourages diverse Y OSEMI TE RENAISSANCE is a non-profit org. Deadline: November 16, 2013. Visit: http://www.yosemiterenaissance.2014. For a prospectus and entry form Y OSEMI TE MUSEUM GALLERY, March 1, and the environment of the Sierra Nevada. It is open to all living artists. An all media, juried, fine art competition between 9:30 am and 5:30 pm, and between noon and 5:30 pm in the Valley Visitor Center Theater. Y OSEMI TE MUSEUM STORE Open daily from 9 am to 5 pm. The store offers books and traditional American Indian arts, crafts, jewelry, and books. Y OSEMI TE 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. 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 9:30 am to 5 pm 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. Y OSEMI TE ART CENTER The Yosemite Art Center offers 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 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 4:30 pm daily. Y OSEMI TE 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. 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 walks, workshops, and classes. Activities are listed on the front porch. EXHIBIT Passages of Light: Yosemite Landscapes, Photographs by William Neill. July 28 - 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, has also 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. LeConte Memorial Lodge LeConte Memorial Lodge is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am until 4 pm. 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. Habitat Protectors of Yosemite (HaPY) Habitat Protectors of Yosemite (HaPY): Be part of the solution! Join park staff to help protect Yosemite’s habitat through ecological restoration and litter cleanup projects. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to work one to three hours. Volunteers must wear long pants, 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.
SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

July 31, 2013 - September 3, 2013

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

Religious Services

RECREATIONAL SERVICES

Yosemite-Mountainmeering School (YMS)
YMS offers rock climbing classes, guided climbs, custom backcountry trips, and daily hikes. Experience the park with a professional guide: 209/372-4834 from 8:30am to noon and 4pm to 4:30pm.

MORNING

8:30am Plan A Yosemite Day 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near reuse shuttle stop #PS 4 (NPS)
9:00am CHILDREN’S THEATER LIVE: RANGER NED’S BIG ADVENTURE! 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)
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<td>Acknowledging the Forgotten Soldier: A Buffalo Soldier Remembers featuring park ranger Jonathan Johnson as Cavalry Sargent Elizy Boman 1.5 hrs. Yosemite Theater Live! Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater (DNC)</td>
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Explore History, Discover Giant Trees, and Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

Wawona & Mariposa Grove

**Coffee with a Ranger**

Grab your mug and join a ranger in the Wawona Campground Amphitheater for coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. Use this time to plan your day or to get other questions answered. 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 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.

**Wawona-Yosemite Valley Shuttle**

Runs from Memorial Day through Labor Day, leaving the Wawona Hotel at 8:30 am and arriving in Yosemite Valley at around 10 am. It then leaves Yosemite Valley (from Yosemite Lodge at the Falls, shuttle stop #8) at 3:30 pm. The Shuttle does not make stops in Wawona and the Valley.

**Wawona Art Workshops (YC)**

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

- July 30–Aug. 3: Fun with Watercolor, David Dreyf
- Aug. 6–10: Pastel for Landscape, Tsungwei Moo
- Aug. 13–17: Summer Watercolor in Wawona, Douglas Castelman
- Aug. 20–24: Create your own Art Postcard, Suzanne Fierston
- Aug. 27–31: Ink Sketching with Watercolor, Pam Pederson

Please register in advance at the Thomas Hill Studio in Wawona. For more details, see page 9 for dates, times, and locations.

**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. $3/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.

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Mariposa Grove

Located near Yosemite’s South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove is the park’s largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees. A few of these giants are visible in the parking area. Information about access for disabled people is available at the tram boarding area. Dogs/bikes are not permitted anywhere in the Grove.

**Getting to Mariposa Grove**

Allow 1½ hours driving time to reach the grove from the Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the grove parking lot. The access road to the grove may close intermittently due to limited parking. Trailers are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road. Private vehicles longer than 25 feet are not permitted on this road.

**FREE BIG TREES SHUTTLE**

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

**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.

**Big Trees Tram Tours**

Please see Big Trees Ticket Kiosk at the Mariposa Grove for tour times.

**Mariposa Grove Museum**

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

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### Glacier Point

#### Events
**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.**

#### Hours listed are core hours for facilities and details, drop by the piano early in the evening to ask Tom or stop by the front desk. Wawona Hotel (DNC)

#### Food & Beverage
- **Wawona Hotel Golf Course**
  - 9am to 5pm when the golf course is open.

#### Gifts & Apparel
- **Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop**
  - 8am to 8pm

#### Groceries
- **Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop**
  - 8am to 8pm

### Weekend

#### Saturday
8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 35 min. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS)
8:00am Nature Walk with a Ranger 2.5 hrs. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chinquapin Falls Road. For questions please call (831) 290-3409 (NPS)
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6:30pm Evening Ranger Program (except Sep 3) 1 hr. Wawona Visitor Center at Hills Studio. For questions please call (831) 290-3409 (NPS)
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8:00am Coffee with a Ranger (Aug 14) 40 min. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS)
8:45am Art Workshop 6 hrs. Meet at the Mariposa Grove Shuttle stop. Requires advance registration. For more information see page 8. (NPS)
5:30pm Wawona History Stroll 1 hr. Wawona Hotel (NPS)
2:00-4:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (except Aug 14) 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Wells Fargo building in Pioneer Yosemite History Center $5 adult / $4 child 3-12 (NPS)
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Tuolumne Meadows Summer Series
Allow 30 minutes walking time to Parsons Memorial Lodge from either Lembert Dome parking area or Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Admission is free.
Saturday, August 3 9:00am – noon Nature Journaling. An adventure in art and writing outdoors with Shauku Potechy, Park Ranger — bring a journal or paper and pen. Other supplies will be provided.
2:00pm – 3:30pm Ooolation! Singers and all other trash.

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Tuolumne Meadows Visitors Center
Open 7:30am to 5pm. The visitors 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.

Tuolumne Mountain School and Stables
The Tuolumne Meadows Mountain School is open daily from 8:30am to 6pm 209/372-8427. The Tuolumne Stables are open 7:30am to 5pm for trail rides. Reservations are strongly recommended 209/372-8427.

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

Saturday and Sunday, August 17 and 18
17th Annual Tuolumne Meadows Poetry Festival
Morning workshops and afternoon readings with music: poets Mark Doty, Jane Hirshfield, Jay Leeming, David Mas, Masumoto, and musician Shira Kammen. Saturday, August 17 10:00am — 11:30am The Wild Lightning of Metaphor. Writing workshop with poet Jay Leeming.
2:00pm – 3:30pm Featured poets and music. 7:30pm — 10:00pm Open reading and music Sunday, August 18 10:00am — 11:30am Writing in Place. Poetry workshop with Jay Leeming.
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This event is supported by Poets & Writers, Inc. through a grant it has received from The James Irvine Foundation.

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.

Big Oak Flat
Big Oak Flat Information Station
Open 8am to 5pm. The information station offers general park information, books and maps. It also provides wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, trail, and backpacking information.

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 return to the parking lot. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill portion. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guided nature trail. There is no potable water at the parking area or in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you.

Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat

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

Service begins at the Lodge at 7am. Shuttles arrive at approximately 30-minute intervals between 7am and 7pm.

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Become a Junior Ranger

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

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

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

*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.*

**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.
Bears and Wildlife

Enjoying wildlife safely and responsibly

Keep Wild 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 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, 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 roadways to beg for food, endangering both coyotes and drivers.

How to Store Food

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

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<td>Your Campsite or Tent Cabin</td>
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Experience Your America    Yosemite National Park

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

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/oursafety.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.

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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 Foresta Bridge in El Portal. Within these reaches of the river, it is catch-and-release only for rainbow trout. Brown trout limits are five fish per day. Only artificial lures or flies with barbless hooks may be used.
- The use of live or dead minnows, bait fish or amphibia, 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.
- Bicycling

Bike rentals at Curry Village and Yosemite Lodge are open from 8:30 am to 8 pm, with the last rental going out at 6:45 pm. 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.

Yosemite Guardians

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

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

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

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

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.
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 campites. 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 campgronds.

Camping Reservations

Reservations are required March through November for campites 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 518/883-3639 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 #84), 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 six people will be placed in each campsite, regardless of number of people in your party. Camp 4 often fills before 9 am each day, May through September.

Camping in Areas Surrounding Yosemite

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) operates a variety of campgrounds on a seasonal basis near Yosemite. For additional information, contact Groveland Ranger Station at 209/962-7825; Mariposa Ranger Station at 209/966-3638; Mono Lake Ranger Station at 760/647-3044; or Oakhurst Ranger Station at 559/683-4636. For private campgrounds outside Yosemite, call the respective chamber of commerce or visitor bureau listed on page 10.

Group Campgrounds

There are group 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.

Camping in Yosemite National Park

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* Exact campground opening and closing dates are subject to conditions.
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.

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<td>Upper Yosemite Fall Trail to Columbia Rock</td>
<td>Camp 4 Near Shuttle Stop #7</td>
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<td>Mirror Lake (a seasonal lake)</td>
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<td>Vernal Fall Footbridge</td>
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<td>Top of Half Dome</td>
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<td>14 mi (via Mist Trail) or 16.3 mi (via John Muir Trail) round-trip, 10-12 hours</td>
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Trail Etiquette

Respect Yosemite’s resources and fellow hikers by considering the following as you enjoy your time on the trail:

• Dispose of waste properly. Carry out all trash (litter, toilet paper, hygiene products) and leftover food. Deposit solid human waste in a six-inch deep hole, at least 100 feet from water, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise the hole when finished. Do not burn toilet paper.

• Leave what you find. Collecting plants, cones, reptiles and butterflies, picking up archeological items (such as arrowheads) and using metal detectors are all prohibited in the park.

• Avoid the construction of rock cairns by utilizing a map and compass for navigation.

• Seek the advice and expertise of rangers in Visitor Centers and Wilderness Centers for planning a hike or wilderness trip.

• Yield to hikers travelling uphill.

• Cutting shortcuts causes erosion. Stay on designated trails.

• Store your food properly during day hike and backpacking trips. During the day, keep all food within arm’s reach. Store all food within bear canisters or bear lockers during backpacking trips. Not only is human food unhealthy for wildlife, but animals who obtain it can become aggressive, and sometimes have to be killed as a result.

• Respect wildlife by observing them from a distance. If an animal changes its behavior when it sees you, you are too close. Report wildlife sightings to rangers in the Visitor and Wilderness Centers.

• Yield to pack animals. Share the trail and allow them plenty of space on narrow trails.

• Think before you swim. Waterways can be dangerous. Swimming is prohibited both in Hetch Hetchy reservoir and Emerald Pool (above Nevada Fall).
Yosemite has inspired generations of people for thousands of years. On June 30, 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Yosemite Grant Act, establishing Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove as the first protected wild land for all time. In addition, this grant marked the first California State Park.

In 1890, the land surrounding these two tracts was designated Yosemite National Park. John Muir’s persuasive words to President Roosevelt and state authorities led to combining Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove with Yosemite National Park in 1906.

You’re Invited!
Join us in honoring the 150th anniversary of the Yosemite Grant Act, as Yosemite National Park, California State Parks, and the surrounding region tell the story of how this inaugural act continues to impacts people; inspired conservation efforts and partnerships among state and federal park systems; and continues to draw visitors from around the world.

Getting Involved
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. From symphonies to film festivals, history symposiums to commemorative books full of visitor stories - to restoring the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias - our complete list of over 100 activities and projects is available at www.nps.gov/yose/anniversary.

You can participate in the anniversary while you are staying in or passing through one of our neighboring communities.

Top five ways to get involved:
- Attend one of over 100 anniversary activities
- Volunteer in the park
- Look for over 75 official merchandise items - like the Pendleton Blanket
- Share your Yosemite story
- Support an anniversary legacy project

Visionary Americans like Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, John Muir, and Galen Clark understood that the wonders of the American wilderness are not only our inheritance, but our responsibility. Now, 150 years later, the promise of the Yosemite Grant endures as this beloved national park opens its arms to over 4 million people annually who marvel at the awe-inspiring beauty and gain a new understanding of the importance of preserving our wild lands.

Future Anniversaries
Did you know that the world of conservation has many anniversaries over the next few years? Watch for opportunities in the Yosemite region for you to engage in these upcoming milestones:

2014
- 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act

2015
- 125th Anniversary of Yosemite National Park
- 125th Anniversary of Sequoia National Park

2016
- 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service
- 50th Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act
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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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 August 28, from 1-4pm in the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Auditorium. Park entrance fees will be waived for those attending the open house!