Shuttles run daily every 10-20 minutes depending on the time of day. The Valley Visitor Shuttle operates from 7:00am - 10:00pm and serves stops in numerical order.

**Stop #** | **Location** | **Location**
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1 | Visitor Parking | Yosemite Lodge
2 | Yosemite Village | Sentinel Bridge
3 | The Ahwahnee | LeConte / Housekeeping Camp
4 | Degnan's Deli | Recreation Rentals
5 | Valley Visitor Center | Curry Village
6 | Lower Yosemite Fall | Curry Village Parking
7 | Camp 4 | Upper Pines Campground
8 | Yosemite Fall | Mirror Lake Trailhead
9 | Yosemite Valley Visitor Center | Stable
10 | Yosemite Village | Pines Campgrounds
11 | Yosemite Village | Happy Isles
12 | Yosemite Village | The Ahwahnee
13a | Yosemite Village | Yosemite Museum
13b | Yosemite Village | Yosemite Lagoon
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Seasonal Highlights

What do you want to do with your special time in Yosemite? The choice is yours. Here are some popular activities for a day in Yosemite National Park.

Take the Bus!
Free shuttles, including some environmentally-friendly electric/diesel hybrids, are available in Yosemite Valley year-round. Park your car and let an expert drive you to some of the most scenic and historic points in the park.

Not only will you be doing your part to cut down on traffic congestion and vehicle pollutants, you’ll also have both hands free for that perfect shot of Half Dome.

Enjoy Winter Fun at Badger Pass!
California’s original ski resort, Badger Pass Ski Area is a perfect place for visitors of all ages and skill levels to play in the snow. Learn to ski with one of our lessons, get some practice in on 10 runs, or catch some air in one of two terrain parks. You can also set-out on an easy, guided snowshoe hike or embark on a cross-country skiing adventure from the Nordic Center. Badger Pass is open everyday beginning December 13, conditions permitting. Downhill ski lifts operate from 9am to 4pm. Call 209/372-1000 for current snow conditions.

Equipment rentals, the Cross Country Ski Center, and lift tickets are available from 8:30am to 4pm. Tubing is open daily from 11:30am - 1:30pm and 2pm - 4pm. (Get information on the Badger Pass Shuttle on page 4.)

Visit the Ice Rink at Curry Village
Take the shuttle to Curry Village for a one-of-a-kind ice skating experience with a spectacular view of Half Dome. Four sessions are available on weekends with a spectacular view of Half Dome. Skis are provided heat during the year’s cooler months. The Ahwahnee has three oversized fireplaces that match the proportion of the structure and that have always provided heat during the year’s cooler months. Bring a book, a warm drink, or at least a pair of frosty hands for a good warm-up in front of the flames.

Enjoy Winter on Snowshoes
Join a naturalist for a guided hike or rental or bring your own equipment for a fantastic winter experience. Be sure to check weather and snow conditions before you go. Snowshoe rentals are available at Badger Pass Ski Area. The Rental Shop is open from 8:30am to 4pm. For weather conditions, please call 209/372-0200 or check at any visitor center. (See page 5 for guided hike schedule.)

Cultural demonstrator. The Yosemite Museum is located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stop #5 and #9. (See page 6.)

Stroll with a Ranger
Learn about park wonders on a ranger-guided walk. Programs are offered daily in Yosemite Valley focusing on bears, geology, trees, and other topics. (See page 5 for times and places.)

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Reserve Ostrander Ski Hut For an Epic Winter Adventure!
Ostrander Ski Hut, managed by Yosemite Conservancy, is accepting reservations for the 2014 season. The hut operates from early December through March and is located 10 miles from the Badger Pass Ski Area. Trips to Ostrander require advanced snowshoe or cross country skiing experience. Reservations can be booked by calling 209-379-3161. Information, equipment lists and more can be found at www.yosemiteconservancy.org/ostrander.

Tour The Ahwahnee...
Step back to an earlier era of history as you explore the National Historic Landmark that opened in 1927. Notable for its architecture and artful décor, the hotel provides a cozy atmosphere to relax and enjoy a warm drink in. (“Food & Beverage,” page 7.)

... or Curl Up in Front of a Fireplace!
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Winter Weather and Driving In Yosemite
The Tioga, Glacier Point, and Mariposa Grove Roads are closed each year from after the first significant snowfall to about late May or early June. Other roads are generally plowed and maintained, but can close or present delays during storm periods. Motorists are advised to always carry chains and check weather and road conditions before travel. Icy and wet roadways can exist throughout the park! To check conditions, call 209/372-0200 for roads inside the park and 800/442-7623 or visit www.dot.ca.gov for highways connecting to Yosemite.

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Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

Want the Guide on your Apple or Android device?

Get the App!

Search NPS-Yosemite in app stores to download the official park app. Download for up-to-date listings of programs, services, an interactive map, and more!

Conserve Energy and Conserve Water

To cut down on traffic congestion and vehicle pollutants, you’ll also have both hands free for that perfect shot of Half Dome.

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Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Valley is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. It is open year round and may be reached via Highway 41 from Fresno, Highway 140 from Merced, Highway 120 west from Manteca, and via the Tioga Road (Highway 120 East) from Lee Vining. The Valley is known for massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome, its plunging waterfalls including the tallest in North America, and its attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls will be dry until rain and snow recharge it, a moderate hike will take you to Vernal and Nevada Falls. Yosemite’s meadows are great places to see wildlife and to photograph fall colors. Admire El Capitan, the massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. Whether you explore the Valley by foot, bike, car, or with a tour, the scenery will leave you breathless and eager to see what’s around the next corner.
Glacier Point Road

Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and the Yosemite high country, is located 30 miles (a one-hour drive) from Yosemite Valley. The road stays open as weather permits, although overnight parking along it ends on Oct. 15. When snow covers the road and conditions permit, a system of cross-country ski tracks is maintained on it. From Yosemite Valley, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), then turn left 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.

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 station. When weather permits, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is a short drive from Wawona. Help reduce congestion by taking the free shuttle from the Wawona Store, available weekends from 9am to 6pm as weather permits. The road to the grove is closed to vehicles after the first big snowstorm, making it a peaceful hike or snowshoe for winter adventurers. See page 7 for Mariposa Grove hiking details. 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.

Crane Flat and Tuolumne Grove

Crane Flat is located 16 miles from Yosemite Valley at the junction of the Big Oak Flat and Tioga Roads. A number of hikes through pleasant meadows are available—when snow covers the ground these turn into delightful ski and snowshoe tracks. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area located on the Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias. Or, park at Merced Grove trailhead and walk two steep miles down to this small grove. These groves north of Yosemite Valley are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but are quieter and off-limits to vehicles. Remember that the walk down is easier than the walk back up.

Tuolumne Meadows and Tioga Road

The Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. The road closes after the first big snowfall, and overnight parking ends on October 15. The road’s elevation ranges from 6,200 to just under 10,000 feet. Tuolumne Meadows embodies the high-country of the Sierra Nevada. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows surrounded by granite domes and peaks. It is the jumping off place for countless hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. In winter, Tuolumne Meadows is often reached by skiers via the Snow Creek Trail from the Mirror Lake trailhead, a short distance east of Yosemite Valley.

Hetch Hetchy

Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the City of San Francisco, is home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. The area’s low elevation makes it a good place to hike in autumn and winter. Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles from Yosemite Valley via Highway 120 and Evergreen and Hetch Hetchy Roads. Hetch Hetchy Road is open limited hours: 8 am to 7 pm through Oct. 31; then 8 am to 5 pm through March 31. The road is accessible via the Big Oak Flat Road and Evergreen Road and is a 1 hour and 15 minute 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.
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Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas in the heart of the park

Experience 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 before you. See pages 5-6 for more information on program topics and visitor services available.

The base of Lower Yosemite Fall is an easy walk from shuttle stop #6. (Both Upper and Lower Yosemite Falls will be dry until rain and snow returns.) This hike features educational exhibits and a picnic area, and is accessible to the mobility impaired. Although Yosemite Falls dries up by the end of the summer, Bridalveil Fall is a year-round waterfall that you can visit by car on your way into or out of the Valley. Winds swirling about the cliff lift and blow the falling water in a delicate free-fall.

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. Note: Please park on the paved road shoulder next to El Capitan Meadow. Delicate meadows are easily damaged by trampling, so please stay on footpaths.

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, Glacier Point, and Olmsted Point are just a few locations with stunning views of Half Dome.

Happy Isles is a place to see dramatic natural processes at work. It is easily reached by shuttle at stop #16. Cross the footbridges onto the Isles or wander through outdoor exhibits detailing Yosemite’s geologic story.

Shuttle buses may not travel to stop #16 when the road is snow-covered or icy.

Tunnel View, along Wawona Road (Hwy 41) provides a classic view of Yosemite Valley, including El Capitan, Half Dome, Sentinel Rock, Cathedral Rocks, and Bridalveil Fall. It is particularly spectacular at sunset or after the clearing of a storm.

To experience the Valley on foot, stop by a visitor center for a trail map and the most current trail conditions, or see page 9 for a list of popular Valley day hikes.

To experience the Valley with a guide, take the Valley Floor Tour. This 2-hour tour departs several times daily from Yosemite Lodge, weather permitting.

Call 209/372-1240 for reservations or inquire at tour/transportation desks at the Yosemite Lodge, open 7:30am to 5pm.

POST OFFICE

Yosemite Village
Main Office
Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to noon

Yosemite Lodge
Post Office
Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to noon

El Portal
Post Office
Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to noon

BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL

Yosemite Village

The Ansel Adams Gallery
9am to 5pm
10am to 5pm beginning January 1, 2014

Yosemite Bookstore
Inside Yosemite Visitor Center
9am to 5pm

Yosemite Museum Store
9am to 5pm, may close for lunch
Closed for construction January 6 through January 27, 2014

Village Store
9am to 6pm

Habitat Yosemite
11am to 4pm Thurs.-Sun. only
Closed for the season January 6 - March 28, 2014

The Ahwahnee

The Ahwahnee Gift Shop
9am to 8pm
The Ahwahnee Sweet Shop
7am to 10pm

Yosemite Lodge
Gift/Grocery
9am to 6pm
Closed January 7 - February 21, 2013

Nature Shop
11am to 5pm

Curry Village

Mountain Shop
9am to 5pm

Curry Village Gift/Grocery
9am to 7pm

Wawona Area

Wawona Store and Pioneer Gift Shop
9am to 5pm

Badger Pass
Sport Shop
9am to 4pm
Opens December 13, conditions permitting

Take a shuttle to Badger Pass!
A free shuttle is available from the Yosemite Lodge to Badger Pass beginning Friday, December 13th, weather permitting.

Departures:
Curry Village 8am, 10:30am
Yosemite Village 8:10am, 10:40am
Ahwahnee 8:15am, 10:45am /
Yosemite Lodge 8:30am, 11am

Returns to Valley from Badger Pass:
2pm, 4pm

Yosemite Valley in winter NPS Photo
Events and Programs

Where to go and what to do

YOSEMITE VALLEY AND BEYOND

8:30am Yosemite Guide  December 11, 2013 - February 11, 2014

8:30am Historic Ahwahnee Tour (Dec. 16, Dec. 30, Jan. 6, 8, & Feb. 10 only) 1 hr. Sign-up required at The Ahwahnee Convention (DNC). (DNC)

1:00pm Historical Ahwahnee Tour (22:22 only) 1 hr. Sign-up required at The Ahwahnee Convention. (DNC)

1:00pm In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams photography class 4 hrs. Sign-up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG).

2:00pm Ranger Walks-Yosemite: Inspiring Generations 1 1/2hrs. Flint of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #59. (NPS)

2:30pm History of Bracebridge Talk (Dec. 16 only) 30 mins. The Ahwahnee Club Room (DNC).

4:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Check local listings for topics. The Ahwahnee Back Lawn. (DNC).

5:00pm Full Moon Snowshow (Jan. 14 & Feb. 11 only) 2 hrs. No experience required. Tickets and information available at any tour & activity desk. (DNC) $

7:00pm Ranger Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic & venue. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls. (DNC)

7:00pm Camera Walk 9:00am $10.00, 10:00am $10.00 Sign-up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery 1 1/2 hrs. (TAAG)

Snowshoeing Yosemite: Mariposa Grove (Jan 18 only) 7 hrs. Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act by learning how backpack safely and comfortably! We are pleased to offer this Beginner Backpack Workshop 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) $10.00

1:00pm Historic Ahwahnee Tour (Dec 24 only) 1 hr. Sign-up required at The Ahwahnee Convention. (DNC)

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8:00pm STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE WALK 1 hr. Check local listings for venue and topic. Yosemite Lodge at the Falls. (DNC)

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Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore
Visitor center and bookstore hours are 9 am to 5 pm, just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9). The center offers information, maps, and books in the attached bookstore. Explore the exhibit hall and learn how Yosemite's spectacular landscape was formed, how people have interacted with it through the centuries, how wildlife adapts and survives, and how your national park continues to evolve.

FILM: SPIRIT OF YOSEMITE
Spirit of Yosemite: shown every 30 minutes, Monday through Saturday between 9:30 am and 4:30 pm, Sunday between noon and 4:30 pm in the Valley Visitor Center Theater.

Wilderness Permits
Permits and bear canisters will be available at the Yosemite Valley visitor center daily from 9am to 5pm.

Yosemite Museum
Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. Open 9am to 5pm, may close for lunch. Closed for construction January 6 through January 31, 2014.

INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT
Interprets the cultural history of Yosemite’s Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present.

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 available and explore everything Yosemite has to offer.

Jan. 11 Snowshoeing Yosemite: Mariposa Grove 1
Explore ancient big trees with Dick Ewart

Jan. 18 Beginner Backpack Workshop
First-time backpackers receive expert tips in indoor training session

Feb. 8 Snowshoeing Yosemite: Mariposa Grove 2
Discover the majestic big trees on snowshoes

Find detailed information about these programs at www.yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or call 209/379-2317, ext. 10. Camping and park entry are included, additional lodging options available. Custom adventures can also be arranged for individuals, families and groups. Proceeds from Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures programs are used to fund trail repair & access, habitat restoration, and wildlife protection. Deepen your understanding of this magnificent place while ensuring its protection for future generations.
Wawona Visitor Center
Bookstore only open December 20 – 22 and December 27-29.

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 open throughout the year.

Wilderness Permits
Wilderness permits can be obtained by self registration on the front porch of Hill’s Studio and bear canisters are available for rent at the Wawona Store.

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. The road to the Grove typically closes in November or December.

GENERAL SERVICES
Wawona Visitor Center 7:30am to 5:30pm
Yosemite Valley Chapel 8:30am to 4:30pm
Toxicology Service 8am to 5pm

Village Garage
8am to 5pm Towing 24 hours. Propane available until 4:30pm, 209/372-8320.

Dental Services
Adventist Yosemite Medical Clinic. For hours, call 209/372-4200. For more information, call 209/372-4200.

Yosemite Medical Clinic
The clinic is open Monday through Friday from 9:00am and 5:00pm and is closed on Saturday and Sunday. 24-hour emergency ambulance service continues to be available. Emergency care: 24 hours daily, 209/372-4200.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES
Yosemite Community Church
Yosemite Chapel, 209/372-4831
YosemiteValleyChapel.org
Pastor Brent Moore-Resident Minister

SUNDAY SERVICES:
9:15am (Sunday School Available)
11:00am Evening Chapel service

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE:
6:30pm Evening Chapel service
9:15am (Sunday School Available)

NEW YEAR'S SERVICE:
209/372-4475

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICE:
12:00 noon, Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday

Yosemite Lodge. Call 209/372-4475.

AL-ANON MEETINGS
Information: 209/379-2100

SUNDAY SERVICES:
11:00am Visitor Center Theater, Shuttle Stop # 5 or 9

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS: 10am in the Yosemite Lodge. Call 209/372-4475.

SUNDAY SERVICES:
6:30pm Evening Chapel service
9:15am (Sunday School Available)

NEW YEARS WATCH NIGHT SERVICE:
December 31st Chapel at 10pm

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:
November 14th 8pm in the Loft (above Degnan's).

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING
Saturday mornings at 8 am in the Loft (above Degnan's).

Yosemite Village
Yosemite Village, 7am to 10pm

Visitors can walk, ski, or snowshoe when the road is cleared to vehicles.

GETTING TO MARIPOSA GROVE
Allow 1½ hours driving time to reach the grove from the Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the grove parking lot.

Trailers are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road. Private vehicles longer than 25 feet are not permitted.

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. When snow covers the ground, access is limited to foot, snowshoe, or ski.

Dog and bikes are not permitted anywhere in the Mariposa Grove.

Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station
Closed for the season.

Wilderness Permits
Starting October 15th, the Tioga Road from Crane Flat to Tioga Pass, including all parking lots, is closed to any overnight parking and wilderness permits can be obtained by self registration on the front porch of the information station.

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

Tuolumne Grove
The Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias is currently closed, due to the effects of the Rim Fire in Summer, 2013.
Protecting yourself...

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 Ice and Water

• Stay off of frozen lakes, rivers and streams and away from swiftly-moving water. Keep children from wandering on or near these hazards.

Avoid Hypothermia

Sierra winters are comparatively mild, but temperatures can drop into dangerous territory with little warning. Winter sports require a high degree of preparation and training. Be prepared to shelter overnight even when out just for the day. Know how to use your gear and carry basic repair materials.

Avoid the combination of wetness, wind, and cold. Know symptoms of hypothermia. Carry emergency fire-starting materials and food. Avoid dehydration; carry and drink plenty of water and carry emergency high-energy food.

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 (6 inches deep) at least 100 feet away from any water source or trail.

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. The Yosemite Medical Clinic in Yosemite Valley is experienced in diagnosing and treating this sickness.

Hiking, Backpacking, Backcountry Snow Travel, and Rock Climbing

There are no scheduled winter patrols, so be prepared. Be honest about your abilities and plan with the least experienced member of your group in mind. Tell someone where you are going and when you are due back.

• Be prepared for icy travel before conditions arise. Bring crampons, ice axe, climbing skins, and other traction devices.

• Carry and know how to use a map and compass.

• Check weather forecasts. Snow can occur with little warning, and can make route finding very difficult.

• Avoid dehydration or heat exhaustion; carry and drink plenty of water, and bring high-energy food.

• Be prepared to set up emergency shelter even when out just for the day.

• Know how to use your gear and carry basic repair materials.

Wilderness Permit Details

Free wilderness permits are required for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness. Please see Wilderness Permit Information on pages 6 and 7 of this Guide for more information about obtaining Wilderness Permits.

For summer trips, 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. For winter trips, 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 (starting on Jan. 5).

Information about Half Dome permits is available on our website at www.nps.gov/yose.

More Information

• www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm

• Leave No Trace www.lnt.org

• Friends of Yosemite Search and Rescue www.friendofyosar.org

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, visit:
• go.nps.gov/hanta
Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

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Yosemite Guardians

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

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

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

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

...and Yosemite
Yosemite Grant Act 1864-2014
150 Years of Inspiring Generations

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. Soon after Galen Clark became a Yosemite guardian appointed by the State of California.

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 into Yosemite National Park in 1906.

Visionary Americans like Abraham Lincoln, Galen Clark, John Muir, and Theodore Roosevelt, 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.

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

Where can you learn more?
The Anniversary Website
www.nps.gov/yose/anniversary

The site includes an anniversary timeline, a calendar of over one hundred community activities, stories from Yosemite visitors, historic images, interesting facts, inspirational quotes and a video – among other things!

Calendar of Anniversary Activities

The park and surrounding communities have planned a multitude of activities from artist events to festivals, history symposiums to Jr. Ranger programs that will commemorate the 150th anniversary. In addition the Yosemite Conservancy has released Seed of the Future, a new Dayton Duncan book, a collection of 150 published visitor stories, and a special Ken Burns’ documentary to honor this milestone.

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:

- September 3, 2014 - 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act
- October 1, 2015 – 125th Anniversary of Yosemite National Park
- October 1, 2015 – 125th Anniversary of Sequoia National Park
- August 25, 2016 – 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service

Thank you
The Yosemite Anniversary Committee consists of 85 volunteers, our park partners, California State Parks, and National Park Service staff. We have a mosaic of backgrounds and interests – with Yosemite at our core. We are honoring the 150th Anniversary through events, programs, projects, and official merchandise found in Yosemite and throughout the communities surrounding the park.

Did you know?

- In 1855, James Mason Hutchings led the first tourist party into the Yosemite area. In this year, a total of 42 tourists visited Yosemite. One of these visitors, artist Thomas Ayres, published the first sketches of Yosemite Valley.

- In 1857, Galen Clark explored and publicized the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias.

- In 1864, after Senator John Conness 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.

- In 1868, influential writer and conservationist John Muir first came to Yosemite.

By Yosemite Anniversary Committee
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.

Supporting Your Park

Providing for Yosemite’s Future

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 lifelong connection to the natural world and responsible actions to sustain it. Find out more about our year-round programs for schools and summer programs for individual teens at www.naturebridge.org/yosemite

Yosemite Conservancy

Yosemite Conservancy is the only philanthropic organization that is dedicated exclusively to the protection and preservation of Yosemite National Park and enhancement of the visitor experience. In recent years we have provided over $70 million in grants to Yosemite from the generous support from donors, volunteers and foundations. The Conservancy works to restore trails, protect wildlife through scientific research and habitat restoration, and offers outdoor programs that provide visitors with unique ways to connect with the park. It has funded projects in areas including trail and habitat restoration, wildlife protection, education, volunteering, and the production of award-winning books and DVDs. Learn more at www.yosemiteconservancy.org

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