**Yosemite Valley Shuttle System**

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

The El Capitan Shuttle operates from 9 am to 6 pm. Shuttles run daily during summer every 30 minutes.

The Express Shuttle operates from 9 am to 6 pm. Shuttles run daily during summer every 10 minutes.

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### Stop # | Location
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1 | Visitor Parking
2 | Yosemite Village
3 | The Ahwahnee
4 | Degnan’s Deli
5 | Valley Visitor Center
6 | Lower Yosemite Fall
7 | Camp 4
8 | Yosemite Lodge
9 | Sentinel Bridge
10 | LeConte / Housekeeping Camp
11 | Recreation Rentals
12 | Curry Village
13 | Curry Village Parking
14 | Upper Pines Campground
15 | Glacier Point  (no service offered in winter)
16 | Yosemite Village
17 | Mirror Lake (no service offered in winter)
18 | Stable
19 | Pines Campgrounds
20 | El Capitan Bridge
21 | Four Mile Trailhead

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**Year-round Route:**

- Visited Shuttles
- Lower Yosemite Fall
- Sentinel Bridge
- Yosemite Village
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**Summer-only Routes:**

- Visited Shuttles
- Lower Yosemite Fall
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Seasonal Highlights

Keep this Guide with you to get the most out of your trip to Yosemite National Park

C ome celebrate with us June 30 marks the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Yosemite Grant Act. Check out our feature article and list of special June 30th activities on page 18 of this Guide.

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

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

Have Fun with the Family
Learn about Yosemite, meet a park ranger, and have a blast by becoming a Yosemite Junior Ranger or Yosemite Little Cub. Check in at any visitor center to find out how. Stop by the Nature Center at Happy Isles for another great place to explore with the family. (See page 12 for more.)

Ask a Climber Program
Do you see the climbers? How do they get up there? How do they get down? Where do they sleep? Join Yosemite Climbing Rangers at the El Capitan Bridge to answer any question you can think of about rock climbing in Yosemite. Use telescopes and climbing equipment to get a glimpse into the world of climbing on the big walls of Yosemite Valley. Ask A Climber is also for climbers! Come congregate at the Yosemite Valley. Ask A Climber Program can think of about rock climbing in Yosemite. Use telescopes and climbing equipment to get a glimpse into the world of climbing on the big walls of Yosemite Valley. Ask A Climber is also for climbers! Come congregate at the Yosemite Valley. Ask A Climber Program can think of about rock climbing in Yosemite. Use telescopes and climbing equipment to get a glimpse into the world of climbing on the big walls of Yosemite Valley. Ask A Climber is also for climbers! Come congregate at the Yosemite Valley. 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Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Valley, open all year, is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. You can get there via Highway 41/Wawona Road from Fresno, Highway 140/El Portal Road from Merced, Highway 120 west/Big Oak Flat Road from Manteca, and (during summer) via the Tioga Road/Highway 120 east from Lee Vining. Yosemite Valley is home to massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome, plunging waterfalls including the tallest in North America, and attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls slows to trickle by August, a moderate hike will bring you to impressive Vernal and Nevada Falls. Walk to Mirror Lake, where you will see reflections of Half Dome. Gaze up at El Capitan, a massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. Whether you explore the valley by foot, bike, car, on horseback, raft, or tour, you will behold scenery that will leave you breathless and eager to see what’s around the next corner.
Glacier Point
Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and the Yosemite's high country, is located 30 miles (a one-hour drive) from Yosemite Valley or Wawona. To get there from either of these places, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), to Chinquapin, then turn onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating—some might say unnerving—view 3,214 feet down to Yosemite Valley below.

Wawona and Mariposa Grove
The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1 ½ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park’s South Entrance. The nearby Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite. Enjoy a horse-drawn stage ride, watch blacksmiths at work at the blacksmith shop, or hike one of the scenic trails. For more information, visit the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio, adjacent to the historic Wawona Hotel. This was once a painting studio for the 19th-century artist Thomas Hill. The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is a short drive or help reduce congestion by taking the free shuttle from the Wawona Store.

Tioga Road and Tuolumne Grove
Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. It is usually open from late May or early June through sometime in November. The road’s elevation ranges from 6,200 to nearly 10,000 feet, so it offers an opportunity to experience many of Yosemite’s habitats. The White Wolf area, midway across the park, is the starting point for day hikes to Lukens Lake and Harden Lake. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area on the Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the grove. Or park at Merced Grove trailhead on Big Oak Flat Road and walk 1.5 steep miles down to the grove. These groves are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but are quieter and off-limits to vehicles. Remember: walking down is easier than walking back up.

Tuolumne Meadows
Tuolumne Meadows provides a glimpse of the High Sierra. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows surrounded by even higher granite domes and peaks. It is the jumping off place for countless hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. Stop at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center for information about hiking to Cathedral Lakes, Elizabeth Lake, Dog Lake, Lembert Dome, or along the Tuolumne River through Lyell Canyon. Take advantage of the free shuttle service in Tuolumne Meadows or the Tuolumne Meadows Tour and Hikers’ Bus from Yosemite Valley.

Hetch Hetchy
Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the city of San Francisco, is also home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. Due to its importance as a municipal water supply, no swimming is permitted, however. Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles from Yosemite Valley. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open 7 am to 9 pm May 1 through Labor Day, with reduced hours during the rest of the year. Hetch Hetchy Road is accessible via the Big Oak Flat Road and Evergreen Road and is approximately a 1 ¼-hour drive from Yosemite Valley. Trailers, vehicles over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not allowed on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.

DID YOU KNOW:
• 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. The first published description of the Yosemite Valley appeared in Hutchings’ “Mariposa Gazette.”
• 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.

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Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park

The Incomparable Yosemite Valley

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

Yosemite Valley

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

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

Walking and Hiking
From easy walks to Lower Yosemite 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. Bike rentals are available from 8:30am - 8pm, last bike goes out at 6:45pm.

Tours
Tours listed 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. Check Tour & Activity Desk for times.

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.
Yosemite 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 4:10 pm daily.

Yosemite Theater
Yosemite Theater 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 9 am to 6 pm. The gallery offers the works of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other artists. See page 6 for photo walk times. For more information, call 209/372-4413, or visit www.anseladams.com.

EXHIBITS
June 1 - July 26
“As Others See It: Photographs from Inspired Generations”
Not long after the Mariposa Battalion’s discovery of the Yosemite Valley in 1851, the first artist undertook the arduous journey to see it firsthand. Photographers, technically capable of “documenting” the now fabled valley, were soon to follow. These photographers ultimately became the first promoters of the soon-to-be park, and by proxy, early environmentalists as well. Their photographs lent a voice to the land in congress and with President Lincoln, prompting the creation of the Yosemite Grant in 1864. Today, this symbiotic relationship continues. Traveling long distances to be here, we are inspired to document and interpret Yosemite through our lenses. And as we share these experiences back home, we become surrogates for preservation and recreation. The exhibit features a variety of work from early 19th century photographers, and other artists. See workshops daily (see pg. 6). Located near the Village Store, the Center is open 9 am to noon and 1 pm to 4:10 pm daily.

Yosemite Village
Where to go and what to do

Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore
The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center is open from 9 am to 5 pm, and bookstore hours are 9 am to 7 pm. The visitor center is west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9). The facility offers information, maps, and books. Explore the exhibits and learn how Yosemite’s landscape formed and how people interact with it.

Yosemite Films
Two films are shown daily, every half hour beginning at 9:30 am (except on Sundays, when the first showing is at noon). The last film is at 4:30 pm. “Ken Burns’ Yosemite--A Gathering of Spirit” plays on the half hour. Valley plays on the hour and The Spirit of Burns’ “Yosemite” plays on the half hour. Valley Visitor Center Theater.

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

Indian Cultural Exhibit
Open 9 am to 5 pm. Interprets the cultural history of Yosemite’s Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present.

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Wilderness Center
Open 8 am to 5 pm. Visit the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters. The Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village in between the post office and the Ansel Adams Gallery.

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

June 27-29
Hike Half Dome: Summit Challenge 1
June 28
Clouds Rest Day Hike
June 27-29
Beginner Backpack Trek to May Lake
July 10-13
Oen Aulin Backpack Trek
July 11-15
Mountain Wildflowers for the Relaxed Botanist
July 12-13
The Lives of Birds: Tuolumne Meadows
July 18-20
Sierra Nevada Natural History
July 18-20
Hike Half Dome: Summit Challenge 2
July 19-20
Casual Birding at White Wolf Wolf
July 20-22
Family Camping Jamboree 1
July 24-27
Family Camping Jamboree 2
July 24-27
Backpack Half Dome via Clouds Rest 1
July 25-27
Tuolumne Alpine Insider: Life at the Top
July 27-30
Young Lakes Backpack Trek

Find more information about these programs at www.yosemiteconservancy.org/outdoor-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.

Yosemite Art Center Workshops (YC)
Yosemite Conservancy invites you to experience a hands-on art adventure in Yosemite Valley. Celebrated artists lead workshops from 10am - 2pm Monday through Saturday.

Charcoal/Graphite: Classic Yosemite Natalie Chan
July 28-Aug 2
June 30-Jul 5
July 14-19
Celebrated artists lead workshops from 10am -2pm Monday through Saturday.

Yosemite Conservancy offers rock climbing classes, guided climbs, custom backcountry trips, and daily hikes. See the schedule for Outdoor Adventure programs. Join one of the many year-round programs available and explore Yosemite. (NPS)

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Meadows campgrounds.

Yosemite Mountaineering School (YMS)
YMS offers rock climbing classes, guided climbs, custom backcountry trips, and daily hikes. Experience the park with a professional guide. 209/372-8344. Open daily from 8:30am - 12pm and 1pm to 4:30pm.

RECREATIONAL SERVICES
YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Weddings: YosemiteValleyChapel.org
SUNDAY SERVICES
8:15am (Sunday School Available)
11am (Memorial Day Through Labor Day ONLY - No Sunday School)
6:30pm Evening chapel service
TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 7pm (for location)
THURSDAY MID-WEEK SERVICE 7pm in the chapel.
11:30am (MEMORIAL DAY THROUGH LABOR DAY ONLY - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)
11:00am Worship Service, 12:30pm Potluck
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LATTER-DAY SAINTS
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Sacrament Meeting, Sundays 1pm-1:45pm
Memorial Day thru Labor Day, Yosemite Valley Chapel

A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN THE NATIONAL PARKS
Sunday Sunday, Tuesday, & Thursday
DNC General Office Bldg. Yosemite Village

SCHEDULED EVENTS
IN YOSEMITE VALLEY
June 25, 2014 – July 29, 2014

SUNDAY
9:00am CHILDREN’S THEATER LIVING: RANGE RED NED’S BIG ADVENTURE 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC)
11:00am Ask A Climber 4 hrs. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for this informal program. Use telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS)

MONDAY
9:00am Camera Walk - Sign up in advance and meet at The Ahwahnee Hotel 1.5 hrs. (TAAG)
9:00am Using the Digital Darkroom: Landscapes and Lightroom (except June 30)
9:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS)
11:00am Ask A Climber 4 hrs. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for this informal program. Use telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS)

TUESDAY
9:15am Adventure Hike: Panorama Trail with one-way Glacier Point Bus Ride 8 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk. Ticket/Info at any tour desk. (DNC) $ 10:00am Camera Walk - Sign up in advance and meet at The Ahwahnee Dining Room 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS)
10:00am Art Workshop 4hrs. Yosemite Art Center (YC) 5 for more information see page 6.
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WEDNESDAY
9:00am Volunteer Drop-in Program up to 3hrs. Become a Habit (NPS)
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SATURDAY
7:00am Clouds Rest Day Hike 10 hrs. (June 28 only) Enjoy a hike comparable to Half Dome in intensity. Camping included. Lodging reservations are for entry fee. Requires advanced reservations, please call 209/379-2317, ext. 10. (YC)
9:00am Bike to Hike Tour 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Ticket/Info at any tour desk. (DNC) $ 10:00am Camera Walk - Sign up and meet at The Ahwahnee Dining Room 1.5 hrs. (TAAG)
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Yosemite Mountaineering School (YMS)
YMS offers rock climbing classes, guided climbs, custom backcountry trips, and daily hikes. Experience the park with a professional guide. 209/372-8344. Open daily from 8:30am - 12pm and 1pm to 4:30pm.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
Christian Sabbath Worship at Lower River Amphitheater, Saturday, May 24-August 30 (No Service July 19)
9:45am Music/Sabbath School.
11am Worship Service. 12:30pm Potluck
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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
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LIONS CLUB
First and Third Thursday of each month at noon, The Ahwahnee. Call 209/372-4475.

A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors. Contact 209/372- 4726 (TTY) or 209/372-6465 to request an interpreter. Advance notice of 2 days is requested.

Sacrist Living Devices are available upon advanced request. Inquire at a visitor center.

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Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point

Experience Your America Yosemite National Park

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.

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.

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

Experience Horse-Drawn Travel
Travel into history by taking a 10-minute horse-drawn stage ride. Tickets may be purchased at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. See page 9 for dates, times, and locations. $5/adults and $4/child (ages 3-12)

Blacksmith Shop
Smell the burning coal, hear the ring of the hammer on the anvil, and watch a demonstration of the ancient art of blacksmithing. See page 9 for dates, times, and locations.

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

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

Getting to Mariposa Grove
Allow 1½ hours driving time to reach the grove from the Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the grove parking lot. The access road to the grove may close 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 MARIPOSA GROVE & WAWONA SHUTTLE
A shuttle stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the bus. Shuttles operate beginning at 9 am, and the last shuttle leaves the grove at 6 pm, or after the last tour. Please use this free bus service to help reduce congestion and parking delays.

Walking through the Grove
Trails into the grove extend uphill from the trailhead at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs along the trailhead and California Tree Trails into the grove extend uphill.

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

Dogs/bikes are not permitted anywhere in the Grove

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POST OFFICE
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Gas station
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Golf
Wawona Golf Course

9:00am Coffee with a Ranger (Hot cocoa and tea too)! 45 mins. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NSP)

9:00am Nature Walk with a Ranger 2 hrs. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation home rental office on Chilnualna Fall Road. For questions please call (911) 309-2499 (NSP).

9:00am Tour of Yosemite Pioneer History Center (June 28 only) 1 hr. Meet at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NSP).

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9:00am - 1:30pm Stars Over Yosemite 4.5 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/ singer Tom Bopp. Historical programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. For more details, drop by the piano early in the evening to ask Tom or stop by the front desk. Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC).

2:00pm Ranger Walks—Short Walk to a Great View Of El Capitan 1.5 hrs. Moderately steep. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop. (NSP)

8:00pm Campfire Program 1 hr. Bridalveil Campground, Loop C. (NSP)

7:00pm GLACIER POINT STARGAZING TOUR 4.5 hrs. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DNC).$.

10:00am Wildflowers and Local History—Walk to McKurk Meadow 2 hrs. Meet at phone booth in Bridalveil Campground. (NSP)

7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk 10 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley (NSP).

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2:00pm OLD-FASHIONED FOURTH-OF-JULY CELEBRATION (July 4 only) 2 hrs. Speeches, games, races, etc. Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NSP).

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6:45pm Fall Moon Hike (July 11 only) 2 hrs. Dress warmly. Meet at Sentinel Dome parking area (NSP).

7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk (except July 11) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NSP)

8:30pm Stars Over Yosemite (except July 4 and 11) Glacier Point amphitheater Cancelled if overcast. (NSP).

Saturday

2:00pm Ranger Walks—Short Walk to a Great View Of El Capitan 1.5 hrs. Moderately steep. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop. (NSP)

7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk 10 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NSP)

8:30pm Stars Over Yosemite (except July 5) Cancelled if overcast. (NSP).
Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat

Tuolumne Meadows

Please walk on official trails to protect fragile meadow ecosystems.

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

Day-hikers and backpackers must go to the bathroom at least 100 feet away from water, trail, and camp areas; bury human waste six inches deep, pack out toilet paper and all other trash.

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Visitor Center hours are 8 am to 5 pm. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays.

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

Open 8 am to 5 pm. Visit the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters. The Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center is located just south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows, across from shuttle stop #3.

Mule and Horseback Rides

Horse or mule rides begin at the Tuolumne Meadows stable. Stable hours are 7:30 am to 5 pm once open for the season. Information: (209) 372-8427.

Just for Kids

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

Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley Cabin, and Soda Springs

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

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 talk and reading followed by discussion.

Dirt Work: An Education in the Woods

Talk and reading 2pm – 3:30pm
Saturday, July 12

California Gull Research at Mono Lake: 30 Years of Monitoring and Adventure

Talk and discussion with Harry W. Greene, Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and Stephen H. Weiss, Prescott Fellow, Cornell University 2pm – 3:30pm
Sunday, July 20

Yosemite in the Sixties: Climbing and Life

Illustrated talk by Glen Denny, climber and photographer 7:30pm – 9pm
Sunday, July 27

Yosemite National Park, Pacific Crest Trail to Dog Lake along Tioga Pass & Vogelgang, 7 miles

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 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

The trailhead 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.
### Free Shuttle Service

Free shuttle service is available along the Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tuolumne Pass. The shuttle operates from the Tioulmune Meadows Lodge at 7:00 a.m. and continues to the summit and the visitor center. The shuttle also makes morning and afternoon runs to Tioga Pass. Service begins at the Tuolumne Meadows Campground and the visitor center.

### Gas Stations

- **Tuolumne Meadows Store**
  - Open 24 hours
  - Credit and debit cards accepted
  - Packets available

- **Tuolumne Meadows Bookstore**
  - Inside the Visitor Center
  - Open 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - Credit and debit cards accepted

- **Tuolumne Meadows Store**
  - Open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
  - Credit and debit cards accepted

### Post Office

- **Tuolumne Meadows Post Office**
  - Open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - Credit and debit cards accepted

### Grocery Store

- **Tuolumne Meadows Store**
  - Open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
  - Credit and debit cards accepted

### Gifts and Apparel

- **Tuolumne Meadows Store**
  - Open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
  - Credit and debit cards accepted

### Shuttle Service

- **Free shuttle service is available along the Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tioga Pass. Service begins when conditions permit.**

### Shuttle Stop Times

- **Bus Stop Times are posted at bus stops.**

### Ranger Programs

#### Tuolumne Meadows

- **Coast Salish Creation Story**
  - Meet at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center (NPS)
  - Time: 9:00 a.m.
  - Duration: 1 hour

- **Ranger Hike—Mono Pass**
  - Meet at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center (NPS)
  - Time: 9:15 a.m.
  - Duration: 2 hours

- **Ranger Hike—Twin Bridges Loop**
  - Meet across from the White Wolf Campground Reservation Office (NPS)
  - Time: 7:00 a.m.
  - Duration: 4 hours

- **Ranger Hike—Mono Pass**
  - Meet at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center (NPS)
  - Time: 9:30 a.m.
  - Duration: 2 hours

- **Ranger Campfire Talk**
  - Meet across from the White Wolf Lodge (NPS)
  - Time: 8:00 p.m.
  - Duration: 1 hour

- **Bird Walk**
  - Meet at the Crane Flat campground amphitheater (NPS)
  - Time: 7:00 a.m.
  - Duration: 1 hour

- **Bird Walk**
  - Meet at the Crane Flat campground amphitheater (NPS)
  - Time: 9:00 a.m.
  - Duration: 1 hour

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  - Time: 11:00 a.m.
  - Duration: 1 hour

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  - Duration: 1 hour

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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.

- Coyote
- Black bear
- Golden-mantled ground squirrel

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**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.

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

Enjoying wildlife safely and responsibly

Keep Wildlife Wild!

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

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

If you see a bear, scare it away or keep your distance.
You may not see a bear during your visit because they naturally avoid people. However, if you see one in a developed area (like a campground or parking lot), act immediately to scare it away. Make noise and yell as loud as possible. If there is more than one person, stand together to present a more intimidating figure, but do not surround the bear. If you see a bear anywhere else, consider yourself lucky—but keep your distance (at least 50 yards, or about the distance made by four shuttle buses parked end to end). If you get too close, you will be helping the bear become used to being around people. Bears that become comfortable around humans lose their natural fear of us and may become too aggressive. When that happens, they sometimes have to be killed.

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

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

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

Backpackers: Save Your Food, Save A Bear
Bear resistant food canisters are 2.7-pound containers that can be used to store five or more days of backpacker food when meals are carefully planned. Canisters have an insect 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 roadides to beg for food, endangering both coyotes and drivers.

How to Store Food

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<td>Your Vehicle</td>
<td>You may store food in your car (both windows closed) only during daylight hours. Do not store food in your car after dark. Use a food locker. Remember to clean your car of food odors, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats. Never leave unattended food wrapped to the outside of a vehicle or in a pickup truck bed. Bears can smell food, even if it’s sealed in the trunk or glove compartment, and they recognize boxes and bags as potential food sources. They can easily and quickly break into all kinds of vehicles!</td>
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<td>You must store all your food in food lockers—not in your tent or tent cabin. A food locker is available at each campsite and tent cabin. Food may be stored out of sight in hard-sided bins with windows closed. Bears may enter campsites when people are present, and some will even check food lockers to see if they’re secured. Keep food lockers closed and latched at all times, even when you are in your campsite or tent cabin. Bears may investigate picnic areas or backpacks for food even when people are present, so be alert.</td>
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<td>Do not leave food unattended. Always keep food within arm’s reach. Don’t turn your back to your food! Bears may investigate picnic areas or backpacks for food even when people are present, so be alert.</td>
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<td>Bear resistant food containers are required throughout the Yosemite Wilderness. Hanging food is prohibited in Yosemite. In Yosemite and the southern Sierra, bear canisters are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.</td>
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Mountain Lions

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

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

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

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

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

Keep safety in mind as you explore the park

Permit Required to Hike Half Dome

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week when the cables are up for 2014. May 23 through October 14, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 preseason lottery permits have already been issued for 2014. In addition, approximately 50 permits will be released daily throughout the season based on estimated under-use and cancellation rates (exact number may change throughout the summer). Applications for daily lottery permits 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 (30 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/hdwildpermits.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 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/yoursafety.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.

Permit to Hike Half Dome

Traffic Safety

• Check weather forecasts.
• Avoid dehydration or heat exhaustion; carry and drink plenty of water, and bring high-energy food.
• Be prepared to set up emergency shelter even when out just for the day.
• Summer trails are not marked for winter use. When trails have full or partial snow coverage, good navigation skills are necessary.
• During spring runoff and high water any unbridged river or creek crossing can be hazardous. Always take extra time and use good judgment when crossing rivers and creeks.

Wilderness Permit Information

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

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

Rafting

Conditions permitting, rafting on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley (Stoneman Bridge to Sentinel Beach) and the South Fork of the Merced River in Wawona is open from 10 am to 6 pm daily to any type of non-motorized vessel or other flotation device.

• The entire length of the Merced River in Yosemite Valley is closed to all flotation devices whenever the river gauge at Sentinel Bridge reads 6.5 feet or higher. Ask at a visitor center for conditions and obey all posted signs.
• You must wear or have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device immediately available.
• Fallen trees and other natural debris in the river create important habitat for fish and other wildlife. Be alert—they can also create hazards for rafters.

Fishing

Fishing in Yosemite is regulated by state law. A valid California sport-fishing license is required for those persons age 16 years and older. When fishing, the license must be plainly visible by attaching it to an outer layer of clothing above the waistline.

• Trout season runs through November 15 (except Frog Creek near Lake Eleanor, which opens June 15).
• Special fishing regulations apply on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley from Happy Isles downstream to the Forseta Bridge in El Portal. Within these reaches of the river, it is catch-and-release only for rainbow trout. Brown trout limits are five fish per day. Only artificial lures or flies with barbless hooks may be used.
• The use of live or dead minnows, bait fish or amphibians, non-preserved fish eggs or roe is prohibited.

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.
• Pets must be on a leash (6 feet or less) or otherwise physically restrained.
• For the courtesy of others, human companions are responsible for cleaning up and depositing pet feces in trash receptacles.
• Pets are not allowed in any lodging facilities or other buildings within the park and are not allowed in some campgrounds.
• Pets may not be tied to an object and left unattended.

Bicycling

Each season, plants are crushed from bicycle travel in meadows, campgrounds, and picnic areas. Please respect park resources and keep bicycles on paved roads and paved bicycle trails. Bikes are not allowed to travel off paved trails. Mountain biking opportunities are available in designated areas outside of Yosemite.

Weather in Yosemite

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

Protecting park resources

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
• Possessing or using marijuana, including medical marijuana
• Operating an unmanned aircraft system (“drone”)

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/yousafey.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.
An adventurous overnight experience

Yosemite National Park contains 13 popular campgrounds. Up to seven are on a reservation system, the rest are first-come, first-served. From April through September, reservations are essential and the first-come, first-served sites often fill by noon during these months.

Camping Reservations

Reservations are required March through November for campsites in Yosemite Valley’s car campgrounds and summer through fall for Hodgdon Meadow, Crane Flat, Wawona, and half of Tuolumne Meadows. All other campgrounds (except group and stock campgrounds) are first-come, first-served. Campground reservations are available up to five months in advance, on the 15th of each month at 7 am Pacific time. Log onto the website or call as soon as possible as some campgrounds fill within a few minutes of the opening period.

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

Hours:

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

Reservation offices in the park are located in the visitor parking area at Curry Village (shuttle bus stop #4), the Tuolumne Meadows Campground entrance, in Wawona off Chilnualna Falls Road, and at Big Oak Flat Information Station.

Yosemite Valley

There is a 30-day camping limit within Yosemite National Park in a calendar year; however, May 1 to September 15, the camping limit is 14 days and only seven of those days can be in Yosemite Valley or Wawona.

Camp 4 is a walk-in campground and is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis; these campgrounds 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 camp sites 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 camp site. Tent camping only. Pets, RVs, and generators are not permitted in group sites.

Camping in Yosemite National Park*

| CAMPGROUND         | OPEN 2014 (APPROX) | MAX RV LENGTH | MAX TRAILER LENGTH | RESERVATIONS REQUIRED? | DAILY FEE # OF SITES PETS WATER |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| **Yosemite Valley**|                    |               |                     |                         |                 |                 |                            |
| Upper Pines        | All year            | 35 ft         | 24 ft               | Yes                     | $20 $5/pers. 35 | Tap             |
| Lower Pines        | Mar 26 - Oct 27    | 40 ft         | 35 ft               | Yes                     | $20 $5/pers. 35 | Tap             |
| North Pines        | Apr 2 - Nov 3      | 40 ft         | 35 ft               | Yes                     | $20 $5/pers. 35 | Tap             |
| Camp 4             | All year            | No RVs/trailers | n/a                | First-come, first-served | $14 $110       | Tap             |

| **South of Yosemite Valley** |                     |               |                     |                         |                 |                 |                            |
| Wawona             | All year            | 35 ft         | 35 ft               | Yes                     | $20 $5/pers. 35 | Tap             |
| Bridalveil Creek   | June 13 - Sep 22   | 35 ft         | 24 ft               | First-come, first-served | $14 $110       | Tap             |

| **North of Yosemite Valley** |                     |               |                     |                         |                 |                 |                            |
| Hodgdon Meadow     | All year            | 35 ft         | 27 ft               | Yes                     | $20 $5/pers. 35 | Tap             |
| Crane Flat         | May 23 - Oct 15    | 25 ft         | 18 ft               | Yes                     | $20 $5/pers. 35 | Tap             |
| Yosemite Creek     | June 6 - Sep 8     | No RVs/trailers | n/a                | First-come, first-served | $14 $110       | Tap             |
| Portola Pines Flat | June 13 - Oct 15   | 24 ft (limited) | 20 ft              | First-come, first-served | $10 $5/pers. 35 | Tap             |
| Tuolumne Meadows   | June 8 - Sep 28    | 35 ft         | 35 ft               | 50%                     | $20 $5/pers. 35 | Tap             |

* 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.

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

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<td>Bridalveil Fall</td>
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<td>Mirror Lake</td>
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<td>2 miles, 1 hour round-trip to Mirror Lake, 5 miles, loop around lake</td>
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<td>1.4 miles round-trip, 1-2 hours</td>
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<td>Top of Nevada Fall</td>
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<td>Southside Drive</td>
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Hiking

**Featured Hike**

**The Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point**

**Union Point:** 4.8 miles/7.7 km one-way (9.6 miles/15.4 km round-trip); 3 to 4 hours round-trip with 2,200 ft/670 m elevation gain.

**Glacier Point:** 4.8 miles/7.7 km one-way (9.6 miles/15.4 km round-trip); 6 to 8 hours round-trip with 3,200 ft/975 m elevation gain.

Begin at the Four Mile Trailhead near shuttle stop #7. Please note: There is no regularly scheduled shuttle one way from Glacier Point back to Yosemite Valley; please inquire at a Tour Desk or call 209/372-1240 for one-way transportation information.

**Trail Description:**

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

**Things to know before you go:**

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