A red-topped Ponderosa Pine indicates that the tree is already dying due to native mountain pine beetles. NPS Photo by Gary Wuchner
Seasonal Highlights

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

Celebrate Yosemite’s 125th Birthday!
On October 1, 2015, the park will commemorate the 125th anniversary of the establishment of Yosemite National Park. President Benjamin Harrison signed the legislation, thereby creating the nation’s third National Park. The establishment of Yosemite National Park preserved over 1,300 square miles of land including Tuolumne Meadows, the park’s high country, Hetch Hetchy, and lands surrounding Yosemite Valley. Check out the Anniversary Website at www.nps.gov/yose/125th for information about events happening all year.

Great things are happening in the Mariposa Grove!
Starting July 6, 2015, the Restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias Project will enter a new phase that will require the temporary closure of the grove for up to 24 months. The restoration project aims to restore giant sequoia habitat and hydrology in the grove. The project will also improve restrooms, parking, and accessible trails.

Take the shuttle to Tuolumne Meadows... for FREE!
Daily shuttle service is now available between Yosemite Valley and the Tuolumne Visitor Center. Along with scheduled stops, the bus will stop at various trailheads along the way, when there are requests, as long as there is a safe place for the bus to pull off the road completely. Seating is first come/first serve and subject to availability. (See page 10 for more information.)

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

Go to the Theater
After a day filled with exploring, relax and enjoy a show at the Yosemite Theater. Yosemite Theater presents a variety of performances, including plays based on some of the park’s most colorful characters, inspiring films, and celebrations of Yosemite’s culture and history. (See page 6 for show descriptions and schedules.)

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

Visit the Yosemite Museum
Visit the Yosemite Museum! Learn about Yosemite Indians by exploring a museum collection that includes remarkable woven baskets and traditional dress. Tour the outdoor Indian Village or talk with an Indian cultural demonstrator. The Yosemite Museum is located in Yosemite Valley at shuttle stops #5 and #9.

Take a Photography Class
Learn how to best capture the landscape of Yosemite by joining a photography expert from The Ansel Adams Gallery. Several classes are offered each week. Some have fees, some are free. Learn more and sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village. Shuttle stops #5 and #9. (See pages 5 and 6.)

Yosemite Art Center Workshops
Yosemite Conservancy invites you to participate in one of our enriching and fun plein air art sessions held Monday–Saturday from 9:45 am to 2 pm in Yosemite Valley. There is a registration fee of $10 per workshop/person. To register in advance, call 209/372-1442. Walk-ins are welcome when space is available. Workshops begin at the Yosemite Art Center located next to the Village Store. Come by and browse our selection of art supplies, gifts, and original art. Open daily 9 am to 4:30 pm (closed at 12 pm for lunch). (See page 6 for details.)

Get Outdoors with Yosemite Conservancy
Are you looking for a memorable way to explore Yosemite, tailored to your interests and ability? Our expert naturalist-guides will deeply enhance your understanding of the park as you walk among Yosemite’s famous cliffs, trees and waterfalls. Whether you’d rather explore the park’s flora and fauna during a gentle saunter along the river or learn about Yosemite’s geology while taking an exhilarating and vigorous hike, we’ll help you create the perfect outdoor experience. Contact us to plan a Custom Adventure for your family or group. Visit yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or 209/372-2317 x 110 to find your adventure today. (See page 6 for details.)

Adventure out with the Yosemite Mountaineering School
Yosemite Mountaineering School provides outdoor adventures for people of all experience levels. We are here to help you learn how to enjoy the woods safely and responsibly. Give us a call to join one of our group classes or schedule a custom outing designed specifically for your group. We offer professional guides for hiking, backpacking and rock climbing. Reservations required, please call 209/372-8344 or email yms@yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures for more information.

Access for People with Disabilities
Accessible parking, lodging, tours, and activities are available throughout the park.

For a complete list of accessible services, recreational opportunities, and exhibits, pick up an updated Yosemite Accessibility Guide which is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at www.nps.gov/yose/accessibility.htm, or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at 209/372-1035 for more information. Accessible parking spaces are available just west of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. To reach these, enter the Valley on Southside Drive. Turn left on Sentinel Drive. Turn left on Northside Drive, and follow the blue and white signs.

Sign Language interpreting is available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at 209/379-1250 (v) or 209/379-1251 (t). Two weeks advance notice is required. Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advance request, inquire at a visitor center.

Audio tours are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.

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

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

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

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

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Glacier Point

Glacier Point provides a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and Yosemite’s high country. It is located 30 miles (one-hour drive) from both, Yosemite Valley and Wawona, taking the Wawona Road (Highway 41), to Chinquapin, then turning onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating view, as you stand 3,214 feet above Yosemite Valley. Starting July 6, a free shuttle service will run from Badger Pass to Glacier Point. The shuttle will be required when the Glacier Point parking lot is full; however, visitors with accessibility placards, valid wilderness permits for trailheads along Glacier Point Road, or camping at Bridalveil Creek Campground will be allowed to continue. The Glacier Point shuttle will begin running at 10am. The last shuttle from Glacier Point leaves at 5:30pm, and from Badger Pass at 4:30pm.

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. Starting July 6, 2015, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias will close for restoration. 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.

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 high 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 7am to 9pm, 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 1½-hour drive from Yosemite Valley. Trailers, vehicles over 25 feet long, RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.

DID YOU KNOW:

- Turning off the water while brushing your teeth can save three gallons of water per day.
- Everytime you flush a cigarette butt, facial tissue, or other trash, you waste between 1.5 gallons of water with a low flow toilet and up to 7 gallons of water with an older model.
- Even a one or two minute reduction in the length of your shower can save up to 700 gallons of water per month.
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 awaits 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 about Yosemite’s natural and cultural history every day. 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 bike paths wind through Yosemite Valley. You can use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Lodge or Curry Village. Bikes are only permitted on paved bicycle paths.

Tours
Tours listed in the next column 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. Be sure to ask about Twilight and Moonlight tram tours, too!

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

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

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

Mule & Horseback Rides
Horse or mule rides begin at the stable near North Pines Campground. Stable hours are 7am to 5pm daily, for more Information call 209/372-8348. Reservations are 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.
Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore are open from 9am to 5pm. 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. Valley Visitor Center Theater. A Gathering of Spirit” plays on the hour and “The Spirit of Yosemite” plays on the half hour. “Ken Burns’ Yosemite - Century Landscape Paintings” exhibit features a selection of landscapes from the Yosemite Museum collection ranging from Thomas Ayres’ 1855 drawing to contemporary artwork by participants of the Yosemite Artist-in-Residence program. Works by Albert Bierstadt, Thomas Moran, Chris Jorgensen, Chiura Obata, and others will be included. The Cosmopolitan Register, which includes signatures of prominent visiting artists, and the Cosmopolitan interactive, will be part of the display. Yosemite Museum Gallery, June 1 through September 30, open daily from 9am to 5pm, from October 1 through November 1, open daily from 10am to noon, and 1pm to 4pm.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM GALLERY

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. Open 9am to 5pm. Interprets the cultural history of Yosemite’s Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present.

INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

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YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE

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

Wilderness Center

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

LeConte Memorial Lodge

LeConte Memorial Lodge is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm, with evening programs Friday and Saturday evenings. Evening programs are scheduled for 8pm and are free. The Lodge has a library, a children’s corner, and a new climate change exhibit. The Lodge is located at shuttle stop #12.

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Open daily from 9:30am to 5pm. 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.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

In Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center, the gallery is open daily from 9am to 6pm. The gallery offers the 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.

NEW EXHIBIT:

This summer, between June 29 and Aug 9, The Ansel Adams Gallery will host an exhibition titled “Set in Stone” celebrating the perennial grandeur of our solid earth. Imagery will showcase scenery from Yosemite and beyond, with work by Ted Orland, Charles Cramer, Vaughn Hutchins, Tom Mallonee, Bill Atkinson and Jeff Coeyler.
Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy is passionate about sharing the wonders of Yosemite through our Outdoor Adventures. From backpacking to basket-weaving to bird-watching, our wide range of programs offers something for every Yosemite adventurer.

**June 27:**
- **Clouds Rest Day Hike:** Yosemite's Best Panoramas
- **July 10-12:**
  - Mountain Wildflowers for the Relaxed Botanist
  - Relaxed Bridging: Tuolumne Meadows
- **July 23-26:**
  - High Country Campus for Green-ups: Tuolumne Meadows
- **July 25-26:**
  - Yosemite's Alpine Ecology: In the Spirit of Shannahan
- **July 28-Aug 1:**
  - Advanced Backpack: Majesties of the Clark Range

Find details about these programs and register at yosemiteconservancy.org/outdoor-adventures or call 209-795-2317 x10. Camping and park entry are included; additional lodging options are available. Some Adventure Tours can also be arranged for individuals, families and groups. Proceeds support Yosemite Conservancy’s work in the park, preserving and protecting Yosemite for generations to come.

**Yosemite Theater (YC)**

Yosemite Theater offers entertainment and inspiration through a variety of live performances. Revel as park ranger Shellen Johnson and other performers bring the park’s adventures to life. All shows start at 7pm. Tickets $6 adults, $4 children, available at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Bookstore.

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Yosemite Art Center invites you to join one of our celebrated artists for a hands-on art experience in Yosemite Valley. Art workshops are held outside (weather and media permitting) Monday through Saturday, starting at 9:45am and ending at 2pm.

**June 22-27:**
- **Playful Acrylic Landscape with Byron Spicer**
- **July 24-29:**
  - **Watercolor: Loose and Loose with Patricia Osborne**
  - **July 8-11:**
    - **Erase of Pastel for Landscape with Tumpew Mioo**
  - **July 13-14:**
    - **Fun with Watercolor with David Dreifus**
  - **July 25-26:**
    - **Keeping It Loose: Watercolor with Dan Tixier**
- **July 27-28:**
  - **Capturing the Splendor of Yosemite in Sepia with Bill Bartlett**

**CONTRIBUTED EVENTS**

- All workshops meet at the Yosemite Art Center, located next to the Village Store in Yosemite Village. The registration fee is $10 per participant per day, and art supplies are available for purchase. Find detailed information at yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center.

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH**
- Sundays: 9:15am (Sunday School available)
- 11am (Memorial Day-Labor Day Only; no Sunday School)
- 6:30pm Sunday Evening Service/Bible Study
- Women’s and Men’s Bible Studies, Tuesday 7:00 PM
- call chapel for location, Thursday Midweek Service
- 7:00pm Various Bible Studies during the week call for times and locations. 209-372-4631, Pastor Brent
- Moore Resident Minister

**ROMAN CATHOLIC**
- Saturday, 6pm, Lower Pines Amphitheater, Shuttle Bus Stop #19
- Sunday, 10am at Valley Visitor Center Auditorium, 209-372-4729

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**
- 4th Street Chapel Worship: Sunday 11am Info: 209-972-2700

**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST**
- Christian Sabbath Worship at Lower River Amphitheater, Saturday May 23-Sept 5
- 9:45am Sun/Sabbath School
- 11am Worship, 12:30pm Potluck
- www.fresnoseventhday.org

**LATTER-DAY SAINTS**
- Music of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Tuesday 7:00 PM
- Call chapel for location, Thursday Midweek Service
- 7:00pm Various Bible Studies during the week call for times and locations. 209-372-4631, Pastor Brent
- Moore Resident Minister

**ROMAN CATHOLIC**
- Saturday, 6pm, Lower Pines Amphitheater, Shuttle Bus Stop #19
- Sunday, 10am at Valley Visitor Center Auditorium, 209-372-4729

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**
- 7:30pm Sunday, Tuesday, & Thursday
- DN General Office Blvd. Yosemite Village

**LIONS CLUB**
- First and Third Thursday of each month at noon, The Ahwahnee. Call 209-372-1464.

12:30pm Ask A Climber 1 hr. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for a look at rock climbers on El Cap and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS) $.
1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #18. (NPS) $.
1:00pm Beginner Art Workshop 1 hr. Discovery Hike - Vernal Falls Bridge 3.5 hrs. Yosemite Art Center, ages 10+. (YC) $. 
2:30pm JUNIOR RANGER TALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #18. (NPS) $. 
3:30pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Check local listings for topic. The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DN) $.
3:00pm Using Your Digital Camera 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAAG) $.
4:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Yosemite Art Center, ages 10+. (YC) $. 
5:00pm JUNIOR RANGER TALK 2.5 hrs. Family guided treasure hunt with GPS units. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DN) $. 
6:00pm Family guided treasure hunt with GPS units. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DN) $. 
7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Youth Art Program 1.5 hrs. Yosemite Art Center, ages 10+. (YC) $. 
8:00pm JUNIOR RANGER TALK 4.5 hrs. Family guided treasure hunt with GPS units. Tickets and information available at any tour desk. (DN) $. 
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Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point

Explore History, Discover Giant Trees, and Find Amazing Vistas
These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

Wawona
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 times.

Evening Programs
Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs songs and stories from Yosemite’s past. Once or twice a week, he will present an hour-long interpretive program on the vintage songs of Yosemite or the history of Wawona with slide or music accompaniment. Check with Tom at the piano for dates and times.

Ranger Evening Programs
Join a ranger for an hour of nature, history, and insight into Yosemite. Topics vary nightly. See page 9 for times and locations.

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio
Open 8:30am to 5pm. 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 to the Blacksmith Shop in Spanish, German, French, or the history of Wawona with slide or music accompaniment. Check with Tom at the piano for dates and times.

Mule and Horseback Rides
Horse or mule rides begin at the Wawona stable. Stable hours are 7am to 5pm, conditions permitting. Two-hour rides are offered throughout the day. Reservations are highly recommended and can be made by calling 209/372-6502.

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 4th of July celebration! Activities will include a parade, speeches and games, such as gunny sack races, three-legged races, an 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 2pm and 4pm.

Mariposa Grove
Located near Yosemite’s South Entrance, 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. Starting July 6, 2015, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias will close for restoration.

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.

Free Mariposa Grove to 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 9am, the last shuttle leaves the grove at 6pm. The last day of scheduled shuttle service from Wawona is July 5, 2015. Please use this free bus service to help reduce congestion and parking delays.

**FOOD & BEVERAGE**

**Wawona**
- Wawona Hotel Dining Room
  - Breakfast: 7am to 10am
  - Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm
  - Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm
- Reservations taken for 6 or more at 209/375-1425
- Saturday BBQ: 5pm to 7pm
- July 4th BBQ: 5pm to 7pm
- Golf Shop & Snack Stand
- 8am to 6pm (weather and conditions permitting)
- **Snack Stand**
  - 10am to 5pm, conditions permitting

**GROceries**
- Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop
- 8am to 8pm
- Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio
- Information and Books
- 8:30am to 5pm
- **Gift Shop**
- 9am to 6pm

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

**Gas Station**
- Wawona Gas Station
- 8am to 6pm - Diesel & propane available
- Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

**Golf**
- Wawona Hotel Golf Course
- 8am to 6pm, weather and conditions permitting. Nine-hole, par 35 course.

**EVENTS**

**Yosemite National Park**
- Evening programs may be extended during periods of peak visitation. Check local postings for changes or cancellations.
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**WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE**

10:00am Campfire Talk: (July 10, 17 & 24 only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS)

11:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 28 & July 5 only) 1½ hrs. Meet at Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

11:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 min each. Purchase tickets in Stage Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center. $5 adult / $4 child 3-12 (NPS) $

11:00am – 2:00pm 10:00am to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS)

2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 28 & July 8 only) 1½ hrs. Meet at Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

3:00pm Wawona History Stroll 1 hr. Wawona Hotel Fountain. (NPS)

6:00pm Campfire Talk (July 12, 19 & 26 only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS)

10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 29 only) 1½ hrs. Meet at Lower Grove Trailhead. (NPS)

2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 29 only) 1½ hrs. Meet at Lower Grove Trailhead. (NPS)

2:00pm Evening Ranger Program 1 hr. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office. For questions please call (916) 293-3499. (NPS)

4:00pm Campfire Talk (July 7, 14, 21 & 28 only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS)

3:00pm Evening Ranger Program 1 hr. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office. For questions please call (916) 293-3499. (NPS)

7:00pm Campfire Program 1 hr. Bridalveil Campground, Loop C. (DN)

6:45pm Full Moon Hike (June 30 only) 2 hrs. Dress warmly and bring flashlight. Meet at Sentinel Dome parking area. (NPS)

5:30pm Tom Bopp Performing at the Piano 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. Historical programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm. For more details, drop by the piano early in the evening to ask Tom or stop by the front desk. Wawona Hotel Lounge. (DN)

**Glacey Point**

**Evening Programs**

Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening days of summer. Stargazing programs are offered, as well. Details at right.

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**Glacier Point**

**Evening Programs**

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

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Hours listed are core hours for facilities and may be extended during periods of peak visitation. Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.
Tuolomne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat

Tuolomne Meadows

- Please walk on official trails to protect fragile meadow ecosystems.
- Pets, 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.

Tuolomne Meadows Visitor Center
Open 9am to 6pm. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays.

Tuolomne Meadows Hikers Bus
The free shuttle departs from Yosemite Valley three times a day starting from Curry Village at 7:45am, 8:45am and 1:30pm, and from Tuolomne Meadows Visitor Center at 10:15am, 1:15pm and 7pm. Visit a Tours and Activity desk for schedule details.

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 10am to 4pm. 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 Tuolomne 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 posted at the campground, Tuolomne Meadows Lodge, and Tuolomne Meadows Visitor Center. End your day with a star program—bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly.

Mule and Horseback Rides
Horse or mule rides begin at the Tuolomne Meadows stable. Stable hours are 7:30am to 5pm, conditions permitting. Reservation are highly recommended and can be made by calling 209/372-8427.

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

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

Saturday, July 11
2pm to 3:30pm
Creative Fusion: Exploring the Art & Science of Charley Harper’s The Sierra Range Poster
Illustrated talk and discussion with Erik Westerlund, ranger naturalist, Yosemite National Park.
7:30pm to 8:30pm
Snowblind: Stories of Alpine Obsession
Talk and reading by Daniel Arnold, author and climber.

Sunday, July 12
2pm to 3pm
Back from the Brink: Peregrines, Foxes, and Bighorn Sheep
Illustrated talk by Sarah Stock, wildlife biologist, Yosemite National Park.
Saturday, July 18
2pm to 3:30pm
The Glass Cage: How Our Devices Diminish Us
Illustrated talk and discussion with Nicholas Carr, best-selling author of The Glass Cage and The Shallows.
Sunday, July 19
2pm to 3:30pm
Vocal River
Songs and stories by Rhiannon, singer and performance artist, with guitarist Shelley Dozy.

High Sierra Natural History Celebration Weekend

Saturday, July 25
2pm to 3:30pm
Mushrooms and Mushroom Hunting: Natives, Immigrants, and Aliens in the Post-Industrial World
Illustrated talk and discussion with David Arora, mycologist, ethnomycologist, and field guide author.
Sunday, July 26
2pm to 3:30pm
Bee Time: Lessons from the Hive
Illustrated talk and discussion with Mark E. Winston, professor and senior fellow, Simon Fraser University’s Centre for Dialogue.

Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station
Open 8am to 5pm. The visitor center offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. The center is located just inside the park entrance on Hwy 120W.

Tuolomne 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 Tuolomne 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.

Merced Grove
Yosemite’s quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of approximately 20 big trees accessible only on foot. It’s a three-mile-round trip hike (about three hours) into the grove. The trail drops down 1.5 miles making this a moderately strenuous hike on the uphill portion. There is no potable water at the parking area or down in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you.

The grove is located 3½ miles north of Crane Flat and 4½ miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance along the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). The trail is marked by a sign and a post labeled B-10.
**FOOD & BEVERAGE**

**TUOLUMNE MEADOWS**
- Coffee with a Ranger | 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground Visitor Center. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)
- Ranger Walk - Sketching in Tuolumne | 2 hrs. Hortense Lake picnic area, pencil and pen with an eraser. (NPS)
- Ranger Talk - Indian in the High Country | 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS)
- Coffee with a Ranger | 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)
- Ranger Walk - Domes and Meadows | 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS)
- Ranger Walk - Birds | 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS)

**HODGDON MEADOWS, CRANE FLAT, WHITE WOLF, AND HETCH HETCHY**
- Coffee with a Ranger | 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground Visitor Center. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)
- Ranger Walk - Sketching in Tuolumne | 2 hrs. Hortense Lake picnic area, pencil and pen with an eraser. (NPS)
- Ranger Talk - Indian in the High Country | 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS)
- Coffee with a Ranger | 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)
- Ranger Walk - Domes and Meadows | 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS)
- Ranger Walk - Birds | 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS)

**SHUTTLE SERVICES**
- Shuttle travel between Tuolumne Meadows and O’Shaughnessy Dam. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS)
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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.

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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

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**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. Bears that become comfortable around humans lose their natural fear of us and may become too aggressive. When that happens, they sometimes have to be killed.

**Drive the speed limit.**

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

**Red Bear, Dead Bear**

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

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

**Backpackers: Save Your Food, Save A Bear**

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

**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 up right. 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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**How to Store Food**

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

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<td>Your Vehicle</td>
<td>You may store food in your car (with windows closed) only during daylight hours. Do not store food in your car after dark. Use a food locker. Remember to clear 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 loose and bags as potential food sources. They can easily and quickly break into all kinds of vehicles!</td>
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<td>Your Campsite or Tent Cabin</td>
<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 cabins. Food may be stored out of sight in hard-sided fits with windows closed. Bears may enter campsites when people are present, and some will even steal 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>Picnic Areas &amp; on the Trails</td>
<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>Backpacking in the Wilderness</td>
<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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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

Every year unsuspecting people drown or are swept over waterfalls to their death. Reasons people end up in or too close to the water include:
- Wading (or swimming) in water with unseen hazards including strong hidden currents and slippery rocks.
- Refilling drinking water.
- Getting a better photograph or posing for a picture.
- The simple attraction to water. Dry rocks near the river are highly polished causing falls into the water. Mountain water is very cold with strong currents and even expert swimmers are no match for it. Persons who have fallen victim to Yosemite’s waters all shared common mistakes:
  - They wandered off the trail.
  - They ignored hazards.
  - They underestimated that disaster would happen to them.

The good news: water tragedies are generally preventable. Stay on the trail and avoid shortcuts. Visitors commonly get “legged out” after cutting across trails.

Avoid dehydration by carrying plenty of water so that rationing will not become necessary. No matter how clear mountain water appears, it can contain parasites or hidden contaminants that make you very ill. To protect yourself from disease, treat water before drinking by boiling for five minutes, using a Giardia-rated water filter, or iodine-based purifier. To prevent the spread of water-borne disease, use restroom facilities where available, and always wash hands afterwards with soap and water. 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.

AVOID HYPOTHERMIA

Hypothermia often happens in above freezing temperatures and it can still be a threat as temperatures drop at night. Hypothermia is preventable with a little preparation:
- Wear synthetic or wool next to the skin. Cotton absorbs sweat and precipitation and should be avoided.
- Layer your clothing so that you can add or shed layers as your comfort dictates.
- Know symptoms of hypothermia and first aid to treat it.
- Bring a dry shirt to put on for the way down.
- Take high energy food.

DRINKING WATER

California is in a serious drought. Natural water sources you might have used in the past may be dried up by early summer. Avoid dehydration by carrying plenty of extra water. Dehydration can be a serious condition but even in its earliest stages dehydration can reduce performance and even expert swimmers are no match for it. Persons who have fallen victim to Yosemite’s waters all shared common mistakes:
- They wandered off the trail.
- They ignored hazards.
- They underestimated that disaster would happen to them.

The good news: water tragedies are generally preventable. Stay on the trail and avoid shortcuts. Visitors commonly get “legged out” after cutting across trails.

Avoid dehydration by carrying plenty of water so that rationing will not become necessary. No matter how clear mountain water appears, it can contain parasites or hidden contaminants that make you very ill. To protect yourself from disease, treat water before drinking by boiling for five minutes, using a Giardia-rated water filter, or iodine-based purifier. To prevent the spread of water-borne disease, use restroom facilities where available, and always wash hands afterwards with soap and water. 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.

AVOID HYPOTHERMIA

Hypothermia often happens in above freezing temperatures and it can still be a threat as temperatures drop at night. Hypothermia is preventable with a little preparation:
- Wear synthetic or wool next to the skin. Cotton absorbs sweat and precipitation and should be avoided.
- Layer your clothing so that you can add or shed layers as your comfort dictates.
- Know symptoms of hypothermia and first aid to treat it.
- Bring a dry shirt to put on for the way down.
- Take high energy food.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

When traveling on park roads you can protect yourself, other visitors, and park wildlife by obeying posted speed limits. Yosemite’s roads are used by both visitors and park wildlife. Use turnouts to pull completely off the road to take photos, consult the park map, or simply enjoy the park’s scenery and wildlife.

HIKING, BACKPACKING, AND ROCK CLIMBING

Some reminders before you hit the trails.
- Tell someone your plan and when you intend to return.
- Carry a map and compass and know where you are at all times, with a planned route.
- Altitude sickness can develop at elevations as low as 8,000 feet. Descend to a lower elevation should it develop.
- Check the latest weather forecast and prepare for changes.
- Bring a headlamp or flashlight and a warm clothing layer in case you need to stay on the trail more than expected.
- Admire wildlife from a distance to prevent injury to you or animals.

STAY ON TRAILS

Many accidents occur because visitors leave the trail. Off trail travel can be extremely dangerous, especially near waterways where rocks are polished. Scrambling on boulders, wading across streams or rivers, and traveling beyond railings or other barriers may put you one slip away from a fatal accident. Avoid shortcuts. Visitors commonly get “legged out” after cutting across trails.

HANTAVIRUS INFORMATION

Mice are an important part of the ecosystem, but can carry diseases harmful to humans. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread to humans via the droppings, urine, or saliva of infected rodents. Not all rodents are infected with hantavirus, but infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You may come into close proximity to rodents during your visit, so it is important you take steps to protect yourself from HPS. HPS risk is greater inside of buildings or other enclosures where deer mice are present. If staying in guest lodging, please tell the housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice in your accommodations. Do not clean up the area yourself. Keep doors to guest lodging shut and do not bring food into your cabin that is not in a sealed container. If you are camping and backpacking, do not pitch tents near rodent burrows or droppings. HPS often begins with flu-like symptoms such as aches, fever, and chills one to seven weeks after exposure, progressing to cough and difficulty in breathing. Seek medical attention immediately if you experience these symptoms and mention any potential rodent exposures to your physician. For more information on hantavirus and other environmental safety hazards visit: http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm

AVOID CONTACT WITH WILDLIFE AND KEEP FOOD AND TRASH STORED PROPERLY.

Wild animals in Yosemite can transmit numerous diseases, including plague, rabies, and hantavirus. Keeping your distance and your food from wildlife not only protects them, it also protects you from injury and exposure to diseases. If you encounter a mammal, particularly a raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote, or bat, that is behaving erratically, don’t touch the animal. Instead, report the sick animal to a park employee. In addition to keeping bears away, storing your food properly also reduces your exposure to rodents and their fleas, which may carry plague.
Protecting Yourself and the Park

Prepare your self 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 Wilderness and 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 permit requirements and regulations in place to protect park resources and those designed for your safety.

Wilderness Permit Details
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 Visitors 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.

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 2015, May 22 through October 12, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 pre-season lottery permits have already been issued for 2015. In addition, approximately 50 permits will be released by daily lottery throughout the season based on estimated under-use and cancellation rates (exact number may change throughout the summer). Applications for daily lotteries will be accepted 2 days prior to the desired hiking date between midnight and 1 pm. To apply, visit Recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777. A non-refundable application fee applies to all submissions and a use fee applies to winning applicants. Finally, a daily quota of 75 Half Dome permits will be available to overnight users with an appropriate wilderness permit (use fee applies). These permits may be acquired through early reservations (50 per day) or day before walk-up (25 per day). Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area may descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit.


Rafting
Conditions permitting, rafting on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley (Stoneman Bridge to Sentinel Beach) and the South Fork of the Merced River in Wawona is open from 10 am to 6 pm daily to any type of non-motorized vessel or other flotation device. • The entire length of the Merced River in Yosemite Valley is closed to all flotation devices whenever the river gauge at Sentinel Bridge reads 6.5 feet or higher. Ask at a visitor center for conditions and obey all posted signs. • You must wear or have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device immediately available. • Fallen trees and other natural debris in the river create important habitat for fish and other wildlife. Be alert—they can also create hazards for rafters.

Fishing
Fishing in Yosemite is regulated by state law. A valid California sport fishing license is required for those persons age 16 years and older. When fishing, the license must be plainly visible by attaching it to an outer layer of clothing above the waistline. • Trout season runs through November 15 (except Frog Creek near Lake Eleanor, which opens June 15).

• Special fishing regulations apply on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley from Happy Isles downstream to the Foresta Bridge in El Portal. Within 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 ° Farenheit 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.

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
• 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/your-safety.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.
Camping

An adventurous overnight experience

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

Camping Reservations

Reservations are required March through November for campsites in Yosemite Valley’s car campgrounds and summer through fall for Hodgdon Meadow, Crane Flat, Wawona, and half of Tuolomne 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 #14), the Tuolomne Meadows Campground entrance, in Wawona off Chilnualna Falls Road, and at Big Oak Flat Information Station.

Camping in Areas Surrounding Yosemite

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

Group Campgrounds

There are group campsites at Tuolomne Meadows, Hodgdon Meadow, Wawona, and Bridalveil Creek Campgrounds. Reservations can be made the same way as individual site reservations; 13 to 30 people are allowed in each group campsite. Tent camping only. Pets, RVs, and generators are not permitted in group sites.

Seasonal Closure Dates

- All campgrounds in Yosemite Valley are open March 1 to November 30.
- Campgrounds outside Yosemite are open year-round.
- Campgrounds in Yosemite Valley
  - All sites open May 1.
  - All sites close November 30.
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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Featured Hike

The Mist Trail to Vernal and Nevada Falls

Vernal Fall footbridge: 1.6 miles/2.6 km round-trip; 1.5 hours with 400 ft./122 m elevation gain

Vernal Fall: 2.4 miles/3.9 km round-trip; 3 hours with 1,000 ft./305 m elevation gain (via Mist Trail)

Nevada Fall: 5.4 miles/8.7 km round-trip; 5 to 6 hours with 2,000 ft./610 m elevation gain (via Mist Trail)

Begin at Happy Isles (shuttle stop #16)

Trail Description:

An excellent view of Vernal Fall is visible from the footbridge at 0.75 miles (1.3 km). Beyond the bridge, at 0.2 miles, the Mist Trail and the John Muir Trail diverge. To proceed directly to the top of Vernal Fall, follow the Mist Trail 0.5 mile (0.8 km) up a steep granite stairway of over 600 steps. Prepare for slippery footing and a tremendous amount of waterfall spray in spring and early summer. The top of Nevada Fall may be reached by continuing 1.3 miles (2.1 km) along the Mist Trail.

Things to know before you go:

• Swimming is not permitted in the Hetch Hetchy reservoir or in Emerald Pool above Vernal Fall.

• 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.

1 These are drop-off points via the Tuolumne Meadows Hikers’ Bus.

Water in Yosemite

Every winter since 1931 Yosemite National Park rangers have conducted snow surveys in the Merced and Tuolumne watersheds. From February through May, on the first of the month, rangers hike or x-country ski to established locations to measure the depth and water content of the snow. On April 1, 2015, park rangers measured the snowpack at 4% of average for the Tuolumne watershed and just 2% for the Merced.

According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), “The April 1 snowpack measurement is crucial because this is when the snowpack is normally at its peak and begins to melt into streams and reservoirs. Snowpack, through runoff, provides about one-third of the water used by California’s cities and farms.” The California Department of Water Resources measured the water content of snow in the entire Sierra Nevada at 5% of the average for April 1.

Drought Impacts in Yosemite

The headwaters of the Tuolumne and Merced Wild and Scenic Rivers begin in Yosemite, but even here the effect of California’s drought can be seen and felt. In an average year the water level in the Merced River can vary from an average flow of 2,500 cubic feet per second (cfs) or 1,122,000 gallons per minute (gal/min) in late May during the spring runoff to 45 cfs (20,197 gal/min) in late September. In a typical year, it is not unusual for Yosemite Falls to stop flowing in late summer or early fall; however, 2015 is not a typical year. During an average year the peak flow occurs in late May, but in 2015 the Merced River peaked in February. In late May 2015 the Merced River’s average daily flow was under 1,000 cfs (448,831 gal/min). In practical terms, the low water flows will mean a shorter waterfall season. Yosemite Falls may dry up in June or early July rather than late July or August.

In addition to the waterfalls, the stands of rust colored trees throughout the park are a visible sign of the ongoing drought in California that began in 2013. Stressed by the lack of water, the trees are particularly susceptible to attacks by beetles and other insects. These beetles and insects are native species that are always present in the park at every elevation, but have increased in numbers as a result of the prolonged drought. Without water, the trees are unable to produce sufficient sap or pitch to fight off beetle attacks.

Trees at lower elevations have been the first to feel the impact of the prolonged drought and beetle infestation. Gray pine, ponderosa pine, and white fir have been dying throughout the southern Sierra Nevada because of drought and beetle infestations. While typically not targeted by pests, even incense cedars are beginning to die because of drought.

The impact of the drought on water supplies in Yosemite has varied throughout the park. Historically, droughts have had a greater impact on areas of the park that rely on surface water, like Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows, than on Yosemite Valley with its deep wells. With the extended drought, though, managers anticipate that even previously reliable water sources may become insufficient to meet demands.

How can you help?

Conservation works. Every summer since 2012 the visitors and residents of Wawona have voluntarily reduced water usage, successfully avoiding mandatory water restrictions. Between 2011 and 2012, the average daily water use during the month of July fell by approximately 20,000 gallons in Wawona. The Wawona Golf Course uses reclaimed water to keep the links green. While water conservation cannot reverse the impacts of the drought on trees and waterfalls, by reducing water consumption visitors can help protect water supplies for park wildlife and fellow visitors.

Conserve water when you visit the park and while you’re at home. Water conservation doesn’t have to be hard or dramatic to make an important impact. When washing your hands, turn off the water while you lather. Report leaks. If you see a leaky faucet or waterline in park facilities let us know. Don’t flush trash, place it in a trash can. Simple behavior changes can have a big impact.

DID YOU KNOW:

• Washing full loads of laundry gets the most out of every drop of water. Most top loading washing machines use 40 gallons of water per load. Energy efficient front loading machines use just over 20 gallons of water per load.
• Mountain pine beetles and other native insects play an important role in healthy forest ecosystems by thinning trees and creating habitat for other animals like the pileated woodpecker which nests in large dead trees.

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Enhance the Visitor Experience

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

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

The Ansel Adams Gallery

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

Delaware North at Yosemite

Delaware North at Yosemite (DN) 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 DN at Yosemite, visit online at www.YosemitePark.com

NatureBridge

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

Yosemite Conservancy

Through the support of donors, Yosemite Conservancy provides grants and support to Yosemite National Park to help preserve and protect Yosemite today and for future generations. The work funded by Yosemite Conservancy is visible throughout the park, from trail rehabilitation to wildlife protection and habitat restoration. The Conservancy is dedicated to enhancing the visitor experience and providing a deeper connection to the park through outdoor programs, volunteering and wilderness services. Thanks to dedicated supporters, the Conservancy has provided more than $92 million in grants to Yosemite National Park. Learn more at yosemiteconservancy.org or call 1-800-469-7275.

Habitat Protectors of Yosemite (HaPY)

Be part of the solution! Join park staff to help protect Yosemite’s habitat through ecological restoration and litter cleanup projects. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to work one to three hours. Volunteers must wear long pants, closed-toe shoes. A hat and sun protection is recommended, and we encourage volunteers to bring water and snacks. All tools will be provided. Groups larger than 10 should contact the volunteer program in advance: 209/379-1850.