Yosemite Name Changes
Be aware that the names of the following facilities have been changed, the new names include:
- Half Dome Village (formerly Curry Village)
- Yosemite Valley Lodge (formerly Yosemite Lodge)
- The Majestic Yosemite Hotel (formerly The Ahwahnee)
- Big Trees Lodge (formerly Wawona Hotel)
- Yosemite Ski & Snowboard Area (formerly Badger Pass Ski Area)

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1 | Visitor Parking
2 | Yosemite Village
3 | The Majestic Yosemite Hotel
4 | Degnan’s Grill
5 | Valley Visitor Center
6 | Lower Yosemite Fall
7 | Camp 4
8 | Yosemite Valley Lodge
9 | Sentinel Bridge
10 | LeConte / Husky Camping Camp
11 | VIP Parking
12 | Half Dome Village Parking
13a | Sunset Pier on the shore of Lake Yosemite
13b | Sunset Pier on the shore of Lake Yosemite
14 | Mirror Lake Trailhead
15 | Happy Isles
16 | Stables
17 | Fire Campground

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Shuttle operates from 7 am to 11 pm and serves stops in numerical order. Shuttles run daily every 20 to 30 minutes, depending on time of day. In the event of snow and ice, busses may suspend service to shuttle stops #15 - #19.
Celebrating 100 Years of Service

The National Park Service turns 100-years-old on August 25, 2016! The Centennial will kick off a second century of stewardship of America’s national parks and engaging communities through recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs. Join the celebration to explore, learn, discover, be inspired, or simply have fun in over 400 national parks. Visit www.nps.gov/yose/anniversary or FindYourPark.com to find more information about celebration events happening in Yosemite throughout the year.

NPS Centennial at Yosemite Calendar

April 16-24, 2016
National Park Week
Free admission to all National Parks.
National Park Week is America’s largest celebration of national heritage. It’s about making great connections, exploring amazing places, discovering open spaces, enjoying affordable vacations and enhancing America’s best idea—the parks!

April 23, 2016
Yosemite Earth Day and Junior Ranger Day celebration
Enjoy games, interactive activities, volunteer opportunities and demonstrations that allow you to experience how the park and its partners practice sustainability in Yosemite.

May 29, 2016
90th Anniversary of the Yosemite Museum

June 4, 2016
National Trails Day
Join in on the country’s largest celebration of trails. More details to come.

August 25, 2016
NPS 100th Anniversary
Celebrate with us. More details to come.

August 25-28, 2016
NPS Birthday Weekend
Free admission to all National Parks in honor of the NPS Centennial.

September 21-25, 2016
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Free admission to all National Parks in honor of the NPS Centennial.

September 21-25, 2016
Yosemite Facelift
Join the National Park Service and the Yosemite Climbing Association for this official National Public Lands Day event, volunteering to pick up litter and performing special projects to help clean up Yosemite.

September 24, 2016
National Public Lands Day
Free admission to all National Parks.

November 11, 2016
Veterans Day
Free admission to all National Parks.

2016 Rose Parade
The National Park Service launched into 2016 Rose Parade in its Centennial year by participating in the 127th Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif., on January 1, 2016.

At the Tournament of Roses Parade, Yosemite National Park was one of 220 floats that participated in the event, volunteering to pick up litter and cleaning natural, cultural, and historic sites, when creating their floats.

The National Park Service and the National Park Foundation invite you to Find Your Park and discover the national parks and programs in your own backyard. Visit www.FindYourPark.com to find more information about NPS Centennial events happening in a national park near you, throughout the year, and also to share your pictures and stories once you’ve found your park.

Every Kid In A Park
Fourth graders, grab your family and go enjoy your national parks for FREE! The Every Kid In A Park initiative was launched to help the next generation of park visitors and supporters create positive attitudes towards public lands and to give every child the chance to explore America’s great outdoors and unique history. Visit www.everykidinapark.gov for more information.

FREE Interagency 4th Grade Pass
A free annual pass for 4th grade students to have free access to any federal land or water during the school year from September 1 to August 30. Present a paper voucher at any park entrance to obtain the pass. Visit www.everykidinapark.gov for details.

Get Outdoors with Yosemite Conservancy
Are you looking for a memorable way to experience Yosemite, tailored to your interests and abilities? Our expert naturalist-guides will enhance your understanding of the park as you walk among Yosemite’s famous cliffs, trees and waterfalls. Whether you want to explore the park’s flora and fauna while taking a gentle saunter along the river or learn about Yosemite’s geology during an exhilarating 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 209/379-2317 x10 to find your adventure today.

Yosemite Art Center Workshops
Yosemite Conservancy invites you to participate in one of our enriching and fun plein air art sessions held Monday-Saturday in Yosemite Valley. There is a $10 registration fee per workshop per person. To sign up in advance, call 209/372-1442. Workshops begin at 9:45 am at the Yosemite Art Center (next to the Village Store), and end at 2pm. The center is open daily from 9am to 4:30pm (closed at noon for lunch) - come by to browse our selection of art supplies, gifts and original artwork! See page 6 for details.

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 require fees. Learn more and sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village. Shuttle stops #5 and #9. See pages 4 and 5.

Lose something in Yosemite?
File a lost report by sending an email to yose_lostandfound@nps.gov.
Experience Your America  Yosemite National Park

Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Entrance Fees
Non-commercial car, pickup truck, RV, or van with 15 or fewer passenger seats - Valid for 7 days
Do per-person fee
$30/vehicle April through October
$25/vehicle November through March
Motorcycle Valid for 7 days
$20/motorcycle
Individual Valid for 7 days
$15, (in a bus, on foot, bicycle, or horse)

Yosemite Park Pass $60
Valid for one year in Yosemite.

Interagency Annual Pass $80
Valid for one year at all federal recreation sites.

Interagency Senior Pass $10 (Lifetime) For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.

Interagency Access Pass (Free) (Lifetime) For permanently disabled U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Interagency Military Pass (Free) (Annual) For active duty U.S. military and dependentss

Interagency 4th Grade Pass (Free) (Annual) For fourth graders and their families. Must present paper voucher.

Reservations
Campground Reservations
877/444-6777
www.recreation.gov

 Lodging Reservations
888/444-8869
www.travelyosemite.com
Group Sales Office: 888/339-3481

Regional Info
Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)
www.yarts.com

Highway 120 West
Yosemite Chamber of Commerce
800/448-9120 or 209/962-0429

Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau
800/446-1333
www.tcb.com/highway41

Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau
559/683-4636

Highway 132/49
Coulterville Visitor Center
209/878-3329

Highway 140/49
Calif. Welcome Center, Merced
800/446-5353 or 209/724-8104
www.yosemite-gateway.org

Mariposa County Visitors Bureau
866/425-3366 or 209/966-7081

Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau
209/742-4567
www.homeofyosemite.com

Highway 120 East
Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce and Mono Lake Visitor Center, 760/647-6629
www.leevining.com

Yosemite Valley

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

Yosemite Valley after snowfall. Photo by Christine Loberg
Glacier Point Road

Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and Yosemite’s high country, is located 30 miles (a one-hour drive) from Yosemite Valley. The road stays open as weather permits, however, overnight parking along it ends October 15. Glacier Point Road closes beyond the Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area after the first significant snowfall. When the road is snow-covered and conditions permit, a system of cross-country ski tracks are maintained on it. From Yosemite Valley, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), then turn left onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, when the road is open, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating view looking down 3,214 feet into Yosemite Valley.

Wawona and Mariposa Grove

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1½ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park’s south entrance station. As of July 6, 2015, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is closed for restoration, see page 7 for details. The nearby Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite. For more information about hiking trails in the Wawona area, visit the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio, adjacent to the Big Trees Lodge. This was once a painting studio for the 19th-century artist Thomas Hill.

Crane Flat and Tuolumne Grove

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

Tuolumne Meadows and Tioga Road

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

Hetch Hetchy

Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the City of San Francisco, is home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. The area’s low elevation makes it a good place to hike in autumn and winter. The Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles (1 hour 15 minutes) from Yosemite Valley via the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120W) and the Evergreen Road. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open from 8am to 7pm through October 31, then 8am to 5pm through March 31. Wilderness permits and bear canisters are available while the road is open. Vehicles and/or trailers over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.

Winter Weather and Driving in Yosemite

The Tioga, Glacier Point, and Mariposa Grove Roads are closed each year from after the first significant snowfall to late May or early June. Other roads are generally plowed and maintained, but can close or present delays during storms. Motorists are advised to always carry chains and check weather and road conditions before travel. Icy and wet roadways can exist throughout the park! To check road conditions, call 209/372-0200 for roads inside the park and 800/421-7623 or visit www.dot.ca.gov for highways connecting to Yosemite, outside the park.

Chain Control Information:

You must have tire chains or cables in your possession when entering a designated chain control area, even if you’re driving a four-wheel drive or rental vehicle.

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- The National Park Service manages 409 diverse units and counting!
- National parks are public lands, which means they belong to you (yes, you reading this!).
- The National Park Service doesn’t only manage its park units—it also runs education programs, local community projects, partnerships, and more.
- Findyourpark.com allows you to share your park stories via social media and actively contribute to the national park story.
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Yosemite Valley

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Indian arts, crafts and jewelry. Open daily from

YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE

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

Experience the Incomparable Yosemite Valley

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

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Yosemite Village Visitor Center and Bookstore

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore are open from 9am to 5pm. They are located west of the main post office, near 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.

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<td>Film - Ansel Adams 1 hr. Check local listing for venue. (TAAG)</td>
<td>Yosemite Valley Lodge. (NPS)</td>
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<td>Tuolmum Sequoia Grove Adventure Hike 5-7 hrs. Transportation is included. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Yosemite Valley Lodge front desk. (YH)</td>
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<td>Snowshoe Yosemite: Winter Ecology at Tuolumne Grove (March 19 Only) 8 hrs. Requires advanced reservation, please call 209/379-2317 x10. (YC)</td>
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<td>Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at The Majestic Yosemite Hotel. (TAAG)</td>
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<td>Art Workshop (March 22, 29 and April 5 Only) 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center.</td>
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<td>JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS)</td>
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<td>Family Crafts Program – Yosemite Inside 1.5 hrs.</td>
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<td>FAMILY CRAFTS PROGRAM (March 25 and April 1 Only) 2 hrs. Drop-in session at Yosemite Art Center. (YH)</td>
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### Access for People with Disabilities

Accessible parking, lodging, tours, and activities are available throughout the park.

For a complete list of accessible services, recreational opportunities, and exhibits, pick up an updated Yosemite Accessibility Guide, which is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm), or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at 209/379-1035 for more information.

Accessible parking spaces are available just west of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. To reach these, enter the Valley from 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 209/379-5250 (v/txt). Two weeks advance notice is requested. Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advance request, inquire at a visitor center.

Audio tours are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.

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### Programs

- **YOSEMITE VALLEY**
- **Access for People with Disabilities**
- **NPS National Park Service**
- **YH Yosemite Hospitality LLC**
- **TAAG The Ansel Adams Gallery**
- **YC Yosemite Conservancy**

**$** Programs offered for a fee
Yosemite in Winter

NATURALIST PROGRAMS
Naturalists give talks and walks about Yosemite’s natural and cultural history, every day. See page 5 for scheduled walks, talks, and evening programs.

RANGER PROGRAM – YOSEMITE INSIDE
Join a ranger in an indoor venue for an in-depth look into a Yosemite topic. Topics will vary from Yosemite wildlife, to climbing, to Yosemite art. See page 5 for schedule and visit the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center for specific topics.

WALKING AND HIKING
Yosemite Valley has a wide range of walking and hiking possibilities. Stop by a visitor center for trail maps and current trail conditions, or see page 9 for a list of popular Valley day hikes.

SIGHTSEEING
Some of the famous landmarks in Yosemite Valley include:

- **Lower Yosemite Fall** is an easy 30-minute loop trail starting from shuttle stop #6. Enjoy the classic look of Yosemite’s lower falls, and get a sneak peek at Yosemite’s Upper Falls. (Both Upper and Lower Yosemite Falls will be dry until rain and snow return.)
- **Bridalveil Fall** is a year-round waterfall that can be viewed on your way into or out of the Valley. Winds, swirling about the cliff, blow the wispy water into a delicate free-fall.
- **El Capitan** is a massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. From spring to fall, climbers come from all over the globe to scale El Capitan. Please stay on foot paths to avoid damaging delicate meadows.
- **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 iconic feature into what we see today. Cook’s Meadow, Sentinel Bridge and Glacier Point all provide stunning views of Half Dome.
- **Happy Isles** is easily reached by the free shuttle bus at stop #16. Cross the footbridges onto the Isles or wander through outdoor exhibits detailing Yosemite’s geologic story. Shuttle buses may not go to stop #16 when road is snow-covered or icy.
- **Tunnel View**, along the Wawona Road (Hwy 41), provides a view that showcases Yosemite Valley. Capture breathtaking views of El Capitan, Bridalveil Fall and Half Dome. It is particularly spectacular at sunset or after the clearing of a storm.

TOURS
Tours listed depart from Yosemite Valley Lodge, weather permitting. Check the Tour and Activity Desk for times.

The Valley Floor Tour is a 26-mile, two-hour, guided tour of Yosemite Valley. It departs several times daily Inquire at the Tour and Activity Desk in the Yosemite Valley Lodge, 7:30 am to 7pm.

Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures (YC)
Yosemite Conservancy is passionate about sharing the wonders of Yosemite through our year-round Outdoor Adventures. From backpacking to botany and birding, our wide range of programs offers something for every Yosemite adventurer.

March 5-6 Snowshoe Yosemite: Winter Ecology & Survival at Tuolumne Grove
March 19 Snowshoe Yosemite: Winter Ecology at Tuolumne Grove
March 20 Snowshoe Yosemite: Valley Vistas atop Dewey Point
April 1 Yosemite Exploration: Mysteries of Yosemite Valley’s West End
April 3 Day Hike through Spring Canyon Wildflowers

Find detailed information and register for your adventure at yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or call 209/379-2317 x10. Camping and park entry are included, additional lodging options are available. Custom Adventures 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 Conservancy Art Center Workshops (YC)
Yosemite Conservancy invites you to join one of our celebrated artists for a hands-on art experience in Yosemite Valley. Starting March 21, 2021 art workshops are offered Monday through Saturday 9:30am and ending at 2pm.

March 21-26 Creating a Mixed Media Landscape with Marko Lofink
April 28-April 9 Paint Yosemite in Watercolor with Doug Castelman
April 4-9 Dramatic Watercolor with Thor Ericson

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. Workshops are typically held outside (weather and media permitting). Find detailed information at yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center.

Winter Sports

Yosemite Ski & Snowboard Area (FORMERLY BADGER PASS)
Open daily from 9am to 4pm, weather and conditions permitting. Live information about winter sports is available by calling 209/372-8430, or recorded information is available at 209/372-1000. Check the season April 1, weather and conditions permitting.

Lift Operation - 9am to 4pm
Lift Tickets - 8.30am to 4pm
Ski School Desk - 8.30am to 4pm
Rental Shop - 8.30am to 4pm
Tubing - 11:30 am and 2pm
Skiers Grill - 8am to 4pm
Snowflake Room - 8am to 4pm
Weekends and holidays only.
Sport Shop - 9am to 4pm

RANGER LED SNOWSHOE WALKS
Enjoy a ranger led tour of Yosemite’s winter landscape, conditions permitting. All ranger led snowshoe walks meet at Yosemite Ski & Snowboard Area Ranger Station A-frame. Bring warm clothing. Snowshoes provided. See schedule on page 5.

YOSEMITE SKI & SNOWBOARD AREA A-FRAME
Open 9am to 4pm, seven days a week when Yosemite Ski & Snowboard Area is open. Ostrander Ski Hut check-in and cross-country ski trail information available, as well as wilderness permits for Yosemite Ski & Snowboard Area trails, which are only obtainable here.

YOSEMITE SKI & SNOWBOARD AREA FREE SHUTTLE
Take the free shuttle service to and from the Yosemite Ski & Snowboard Area, weather and conditions permitting. (Approximate arrival and departure times are subject to traffic and weather conditions.)

Yosemite Valley to Yosemite Ski & Snowboard Area
Half Dome Village - 8am and 10:30am
Yosemite Village - 8:10am and 10:30am
The Majestic Yosemite Hotel - 8:15am and 10:45am
Yosemite Valley Lodge - 8:10am and 11am
Yosemite Ski & Snowboard Area to Yosemite Valley - 2pm and 4:10pm

OPEN DAILY FROM 9am TO 4pm, WEATHER AND CONDITIONS PERMITTING.
Wawona & Mariposa Grove

Evening Program
Beginning March 25, join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Big Trees Lobby (formerly the Wawona Hotel) from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs songs and tells stories from Yosemite's past. Historical programs are available by request and are usually given at 8:30pm. For details or to request a program, drop by the piano early in the evening when Tom's performing.

Wilderness Permits
Wilderness permits for Wawona trailheads are available by self-registration on the front porch of Hill's Studio. Please come prepared with your own bear canister.

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

Mariposa Grove
Located near Yosemite’s South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove is the park’s largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees.

GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE MARIPOSA GROVE
The Restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias Project is now underway! On July 6, 2015, a temporary closure of the grove for up to 24 months began. The restoration project will improve the habitat and restore the hydrology of the Mariposa Grove and improve visitors’ experience and enjoyment of the grove. Trails will be improved providing universal access along with improved restrooms.

The Mariposa Grove Road is closed to public access, including bicycle and pedestrian traffic. Hiking trails within the grove are also closed.

Big Oak Flat
BIG OAK FLAT INFORMATION STATION
Wilderness permits for Big Oak Flat Road trailheads are available by self-registration on the front porch of the information station. Please come prepared with your own bear canister. The center is located just inside the park entrance on Hwy 120.

Merced Grove
Yosemite’s quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of approximately 20 big trees accessible only on foot. It’s a three-mile round-trip hike, ski, or snowshoe 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 in the area so 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 moderately strenuous trail leads downhill from the parking area into the grove and drops 800 feet (150 meters) in one mile. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guided nature trail. There is no potable water in the area so be sure to bring drinking water with you.
PROTECTING YOURSELF...  

Keep yourself safe while exploring your park.

There are many ways to experience the wilderness 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.

YOSEMITE’S TRANSITION TO SPRING

Transitioning from winter to spring is an exciting time at Yosemite National Park. Everything seems to be waking up around us—bears are waking from their hibernation and emerging from their dens and leaves and plants are coming to life. Waterfalls that dried up last summer are now filling Yosemite’s rivers. Can’t you hear Yosemite calling you to come enjoy its fresh beauty and recreation? While we enjoy the beautiful transition of seasons, we must be especially mindful to do so in a safe manner, unfortunately, this time of year is often an active season for search and rescue activity at Yosemite.

SUNLIGHT

The days are growing noticeably longer. Nevertheless, it is always advisable to venture out onto the trail with a flashlight or headlamp and spare batteries in the event of a longer than anticipated return.

WEATHER

Temperatures are generally warming but this trend may be inconsistent. Snow can accumulate even at Valley locations into late spring.

Your best approach to the weather is to check the latest forecast and always be prepared for all extremes from snow to rain to warm sunshine and cold nights. Dress in layers so that you can adjust to weather changes.

Weather in mountainous climates like Yosemite varies drastically depending on elevation. Temperatures may cool by as much as five degrees for every 1,000 feet of elevation gain; a moderate rain in the Valley can be a white-out in shadowed areas, even while other surfaces have thawed. See page 3 for chain control information.

FOR ALL SEASONS

- Stay on established trails – do not take shortcuts.
- Rock scrambling – leave this to the critters.
- Water and food – stay hydrated and snack frequently – make sure you have plenty of water and food. If you are sweating, replace lost salts with salty, easy-to-digest snacks.
- “10 hiking essentials” – including sunglasses, sunscreen, and a signaling method (mirror and whistle).
- Let someone know – always leave your travel and hiking plan, including your intended route and estimated time of return, with a trusted person.

WILDERNESS PERMIT DETAILS

Wilderness permits are required for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness. Please see pages 4 and 7 of this Guide for more information about obtaining wilderness permits. For summer trips, reservations are taken from 14 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. Go to www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm. More information about the Half Dome permit process is available at: http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm.

HALF DOME PERMIT INFORMATION

The Half Dome Cables are down for the season. They will be put back up May 27, 2016 conditions permitting. Permits are required 7 days a week when the cables are up. The pre-season lottery application period for 2016 permits begins March 1, 2016 and ends March 31, 2016. To apply for permits visit recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777. More information about the Half Dome permit process is available at: http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm.

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 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. In California, deer mice are the primary carrier of the virus that causes HPS. 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 dropping.

HPS often begins with flu-like symptoms such as aches, fever, and chills one to seven weeks after exposure, progressing to coughing 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.

PLAGUE

Plague is an infectious bacterial disease that is carried by squirrels, chipmunks and other wild rodents and their fleas. When an infected rodent becomes sick and dies, its fleas can carry the infection to other warm-blooded animals including humans.

To protect yourself from plague, never feed wildlife, avoid dropping food scraps that attract rodents when eating outside, avoid pitching a tent near or disturbing rodent burrows, wear insect repellent with DEET, and tell a park ranger immediately if you see a dead animal.

Early symptoms of plague may include high fever, chills, nausea, weakness, painful swelling at the site of an insect bite or lymph node, and other flu-like symptoms. If you develop any of these symptoms within 6 days of visiting an area at risk for plague in the park, see your doctor and inform them you may have been exposed. Plague is treatable with antibiotics if given in time.

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.

On behalf of all of Yosemite’s emergency services personal, we wish you a safe and most enjoyable visit.
Stone Your Food Properly.

The typical daily diet of most bears may consist of 4,000 to 20,000 calories worth of grasses, berries, acorns, and grubs. 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 are 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.

Please report bear sightings by calling 209/372-0322.

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

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<td>Bridalveil Fall</td>
<td>Bridalveil Fall Parking Area</td>
<td>0.5 mile round-trip, 20 minutes</td>
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<td>Lower Yosemite Fall</td>
<td>Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6</td>
<td>1.0 mile round-trip, 20 minutes</td>
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<td>Upper Yosemite Fall Trail to Columbia Rock</td>
<td>Camp 4 near Shuttle Stop #7</td>
<td>2 miles round-trip, 2-3 hours</td>
<td>Strunumsia, 1,000-foot gain</td>
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<td>Top of Upper Yosemite Fall</td>
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<td>7.2 miles round-trip, 6-8 hours</td>
<td>Very Strunumsia, 2,700-foot gain</td>
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<td>Mirror Lake (a seasonal lake)</td>
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<td>Vernal Fall Footbridge</td>
<td>Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16</td>
<td>1.4 miles round-trip, 1-2 hours</td>
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<td>Top of Vernal Fall</td>
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<td>3 miles round-trip, 2-4 hours</td>
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<td>Top of Nevada Fall</td>
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<td>5 miles round-trip, 3-6 hours</td>
<td>Strunumsia, 1,800-foot gain</td>
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<td>Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point</td>
<td>Southside Drive</td>
<td>4.8 miles one-way, 3-4 hours</td>
<td>Very Strunumsia, 3,200-foot gain</td>
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<td>Valley Floor Loop</td>
<td>Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6</td>
<td>13 miles full loop, 5-7 hours full loop</td>
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Yosemite Guardians

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

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

- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants
- Hunting animals
- Collecting reptiles and butterflies
- Picking up archeological items, such as arrowheads
- Using metal detectors
- Driving vehicles into meadows
- Biking off of paved roads
- Camping outside of designated campgrounds
- Possession of weapons inside federal facilities
- 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/yoursafety.htm and find a copy of the Superintendent’s Compendium. This document is a compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions, made by the superintendent, in addition to what is contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7 and 34), and other applicable federal statutes and regulations.

Keeping Bears Wild

Yosemite bears may still be active during the winter months. Please, keep Yosemite’s black bears wild and alive, while protecting yourself and your property.

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 wrappers, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats.</td>
<td>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>Your Campsite or Tent Cabin</td>
<td>You must store all your food in food lockers—not in your tent or tent area. A food locker is available at each campsite and tent cabin. Food may be stored out of sight in hard-sided RVs with windows closed.</td>
<td>Bears may enter campgrounds when people are present, and some will even attempt to break into vehicles when they see an opportunity. Keep food lockers closed and locked at all times, even when you are in your campsites or tent cabins.</td>
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<td>Picnic Areas &amp; on the Trail</td>
<td>Do not leave food unattended. Always keep food within arm’s reach. Don’t turn your back to your food.</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>In Yosemite and the southern Sierra, bear caravans are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.</td>
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Yosemite Guide March 1, 2016 - April 5, 2016
The Centennial year of the National Park Service, 2016, is here, and we couldn’t be more excited! Yosemite has been commemorating significant park milestones over the past two years, which have led us to the big NPS Centennial celebration this year.

In 2014, we honored the 150th Anniversary of the Yosemite Grant Act that first protected Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. President Abraham Lincoln signed the legislation that preserved the land for “public use, resort, and recreation,” on June 30, 1864. We often think of the Yosemite Grant as the “seed” of the national park idea. The Yosemite Grant was managed by the State of California. Yosemite was later named a national park on October 1, 1890. In 2015, we marked the park’s 125th anniversary with commemorative events and activities to honor the park’s rich history.

This year we will celebrate another important anniversary: 100 years of the U.S. National Park Service. On August 25th, 1916, two years after Stephen Mather traveled to Washington D.C. to lobby for the establishment of a single bureau to manage the growing number of national parks throughout the West, President Woodrow Wilson signed the National Park Service Organic Act and named Mather as its first director. One hundred years later, what the Park Service has become is impressive. The NPS manages 409 units comprised of eighty-four million acres, which employ over 20,000 staff, enlist over 200,000 volunteers, and receive close to 300 million visitors per year. As we celebrate the one-hundred year legacy that can be traced to the Yosemite Grant Act of 1864, it is important to reflect on what exactly the National Park Service is and what we hope the next century of the parks will bring.

The National Park Service’s mission is to preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The parks enact this mission in countless ways, whether they maintain water trails for kayakers at the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in Atlanta, Georgia, educate school groups about our country’s history and race-related issues at Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in Topeka, Kansas, or reintroduce the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog to its native habitat here in Yosemite National Park.

One main goal that we the National Park Service have committed ourselves to for the next century is to educate the public not only about what we do, but to shake up the traditional notion of what a park is. Our research shows that when the public thinks of a national park, they think of remote, vast wilderness - a place like Yosemite. This perception is not incorrect, for the Park Service certainly protects these places and tells those stories. This perception is not entirely correct either, however, because remote, vast wilderness is only one kind of place and tells only one kind of story. The truth is a park can be a place where mountains spring up, fish swim, and birds fly. A park can be a place where history is made and art is created. A park can be a place where people get together to run and play and contemplate the universe. A park can even go beyond place -- it can be a feeling or a state of mind. There are so many diverse units managed by the National Park Service that a park can be a place like Yosemite or it can just as easily be the place you walk or drive through on your way to school or work. The commonality is that a park holds a special place in our collective heritage.

The central pillar of this goal to engage with the park idea in a new way is the Find Your Park campaign. The National Park Service has launched a movement to spread the word about the amazing places we manage, the inspirational stories that the national parks tell, our country’s natural resources, and our diverse cultural heritage. Find Your Park is about more than just national parks! It’s about the National Park Service working in your community through education programs, community assistance projects, and more. It’s about state parks, local parks, trails, museums, historic sites, and the many ways that the American public can connect with history and culture, enjoy nature, and make new discoveries.

Most of all, Find Your Park is a movement to connect people to their parks. The key word here is ‘their’. One of the simplest yet most profound ideas behind the national parks is that the places and stories they represent belong to each and every one of us. When you come to a national park, you come not only as a visitor, but as an owner, a steward - someone intrinsically linked to the place. As a steward of these parks, it is your responsibility to help support and preserve them for future generations.

As we head into the National Park Service’s centennial summer, think: what does ‘park’ mean to you? What stories do you value? What have you not yet discovered that is right in your backyard? Happy Centennial from Yosemite National Park! We encourage you to get up, get out there, and find your park! Learn more at www.findyourpark.com.
Supporting Your Park
Providing for Yosemite’s Future

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.

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Yosemite Hospitality LLC
Yosemite Hospitality, a division of Aramark, operates lodging, food and beverage, retail, recreational activities, tours, interpretive programs, transportation, and service stations under contract with the U.S. Department of Interior with a focus on delivering authentic and memorable guest experiences. Yosemite Hospitality encourages employees to immerse themselves in the Park and all of the experiences offered.

For more information on employment opportunities with Yosemite Hospitality at Yosemite National Park visit www.yosemitehospitalityjobs.com.

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

Yosemite Conservancy
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. Work funded by the Conservancy is visible throughout the park, in trail rehabilitation, wildlife protection and habitat restoration. The Conservancy is also dedicated to enhancing the visitor experience and providing a deeper connection to the park through outdoor programs, volunteering, wilderness services and its bookstores. Thanks to dedicated supporters, the Conservancy has provided more than $100 million in grants to Yosemite National Park. Learn more at www.yosemiteconservancy.org or call 415/434-1782.

Yosemite Volunteers: Serving Yosemite
Over 10,400 volunteers donated more than 163,000 hours of service to Yosemite last year, restoring native habitat, working in visitor centers, serving as camp hosts, studying wildlife, cleaning up litter and more. Would you like to serve? We have group and individual volunteer opportunities, both short term and long term. Learn more at: www.nps.gov/yose/getinvolved/volunteer.htm or call the volunteer office at 209/379-1850.

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