Experience Your America Yosemite National Park

Yosemite Valley Shuttle System

Year-round Route:
- Yosemite Village
- The Majestic Yosemite Hotel
- The Ahwahnee
- Big Trees Lodge
- Yosemite Ski & Snowboard Area
- Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

Summer-only Routes:
- Upper Yosemite Fall Trailhead Parking
- El Capitan Crossover
- North Pines Campground
- Sentinel Bridge
- Lower Yosemite Fall
- Mirror Lake Trailhead
- Glacier Point Parking
- Bridalveil Fall
- Four Mile Trail

Stop # Location
1 Sentinel Bridge
2 Yosemite Village
3 Dogwood's End
4 Valley Visitor Center
5 Lower Yosemite Fall
6 Visitor Parking/empl 4
7 Yosemite Valley Lodge

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

The El Capitan Shuttle operates from 9 am to 5 pm. Shuttle runs daily during summer every 30 minutes.

The Express Shuttle operates from 5 am to 11 pm. Shuttle runs daily during summer every 20 minutes.

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)
- Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge)
- Yosemite Valley Lodge (formerly Yosemite Lodge)
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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 www.FindYourPark.com for more information about celebration events happening in Yosemite this year.

Get Outdoors with Yosemite Conservancy

Are you looking for a memorable way to explore 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 flora and fauna while taking a gentle saunter along the river or learn about natural history 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 yosemitescience.org/ adventures or call 209/379-2317 x10 to find your adventure today.

2016 Centennial Highlights

Find Your Park

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.

Every Kid In A Park

The Every Kid In A Park initiative was launched to help the next generation of park stewards 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 to download a voucher for your free annual pass. You’ll have free access to any federal land or water during the school year from September 1 to August 30. Present the paper voucher at any park entrance to obtain the pass.

Yosemite National Park - Zero Landfill Initiative

Be a steward of Yosemite by helping make Yosemite the first Zero Landfill park in the country. Through the Zero Landfill Initiative, we are reducing the amount of trash that goes to the landfill every year. In partnership with Yosemite Hospitality, we are making it easier for visitors and staff to participate by adding more recycling containers with better labels. We are also working to reduce the amount of waste we generate in park management operations.

Here are 3 things you can do to help:

• Get rid of excess packaging by reusing food in reusable containers before you leave home.

• Use refillables! Bring a refillable water bottle and travel mug. Camping? Use refillable propane canisters.

• Put trash and recycling in the right containers.

Be a “Yosemiteitezerohero” and “#dontfeedthelandfills”!

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CENTENNIAL SCHEDULE* - AUGUST 23-27, 2016

YOSEMITE VALLEY

Tuesday, August 23
8:30am Special Centennial Evening Program
1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater (YHS). (NPS)

Wednesday, August 24
10:00am Ranger Walk - 100 Years of Rustic Architecture
1 hr. Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #9/9. (NPS)

7:30pm Centennial Buffalo Soldier Performance by Ranger Shelton Johnson
1 hr. Bring a flashlight. Yosemite Pioneer Cemetery, by shuttle stop #55B. (NPS)

8:30pm Special Centennial Evening Program
1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater (YHS). (NPS)

Thursday, August 25
8:30am Ranger Talk – NPS Centennial Talk, Why Yosemite Collects
1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #59. (NPS)

10:00am Ranger Walk - 100 Years of Rustic Architecture
1 hr. Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #9/9. (NPS)

1:00pm Ranger Talk - 100 years of the NPS Uniform
15 mins. Yosemite Valley Indian Cultural museum, near shuttle stop #9/9. (NPS)

8:00pm Ranger Program - Stephen T. Mather and the Founding of the National Park Service
1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)

Friday, August 26
8:30am Special Centennial Evening Program
1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater (YHS). (NPS)

Saturday, August 27
8:30pm Special Centennial Evening Program
1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater (YHS). (NPS)

CRANE FLAT / HETCH HETCHY

Thursday, August 25
5:00pm Hetch Hetchy – Where it all began! 1 hr. Celebrating 100 Years of the National Park Service. O’Sullivan’s Dam. (NPS)

8:00pm Campfire Program – Celebrating 100 Years! 1 hr. Stephen T. Mather and the National Park Service. Crane Flat Amphitheater (NPS)

8:00pm 100 Years of Science in the National Park!
2 hrs. Auditory Monitoring of bats at Crane Flat. Sign up in advance 2016/07/25-1899. (NPS)

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Thursday, August 25
10:00am Centennial Celebration Hike to the Top of Lembert Dome
3 hrs. Moderately strenuous 3 miles, Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. Bring snacks and water. (NPS)

2:00pm CeleBRATION JUNIOR RANGER WALK
2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Yosemite shuttle dome shuttle stop #8. (NPS)

8:00pm Campfire - Celebrating the National Park Service Centennial: A Musical Journey Through Mountain Time
1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)

WAWONA

Thursday, August 25
9:00am Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center
1 hr. Learn how Yosemite’s pioneers were instrumental in the birth and development of the National Park idea. Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge in Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS)

10:00am JUNIOR RANGER TALK
15 mins. Learn about what Park Rangers do in National Parks across America. Front of Wawona Visitor Center at HPS Studio. (NPS)

10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides
10 mins. Site Horse-Drawn Stage rides in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service. Obtain passes from Stage Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS)

Tuesday, August 23
11:00am Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center
1 hr. Learn how Yosemite’s pioneers were instrumental in the birth and development of the National Park idea. Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge in Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS)

12:00pm JUNIOR RANGER TALK
15 mins. Learn about what Park Rangers do in National Parks across America. Front of Wawona Visitor Center at HPS Studio. (NPS)

12:00pm Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center
1 hr. Learn how Yosemite’s pioneers were instrumental in the birth and development of the National Park idea. Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge in Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS)

GLACIER POINT

Tuesday, August 23
2:00pm Ranger Walk – Cliffs and Domes Centennial Celebration 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinal Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS)

Thursday, August 25
7:45pm Sunset Centennial Celebration Talk
30 mins. Glacier Point Railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS)

*Programs are subject to change; please check local postings for updated information.
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
- $30/person (excluding bus)
- $25/vehicle (April through October)
- $25/vehicle (November through March)

Motorcycle: Valid for 7 days
- $10/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 1 year at all federal recreation sites.

Interagency Senior Pass: $10
- (Lifetime) For U.S. citizens or permanent residents over 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 their families.

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
- 888/413-8869
- 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
  - 820/449-9122 or 209/962-2423

Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau
- 820/446-1333
- www.tcb.com

Highway 41
- Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau
  - 559/832-4638
  - www.yosemitethisyear.com

Highway 132/49
- Coulterville Visitor Center
  - 209/878-3232

Highway 140/49
- California Welcome Center, Merced
  - 820/446-5353 or 209/724-8104
  - www.yosemite-gateway.org

Mariposa County Visitor Center
- 209/724-8104
- www.mariposacounty.org

Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau
- 209/724-4692
- 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, open all year, is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. You can get there via Highway 41/Wawona Road from Fresno, Highway 140/El Portal Road from Merced, Highway 120 west/Big Oak Flat Road from Manteca, and (during summer) via the Tioga Road/Highway 120 east from Lee Vining. Yosemite Valley is home to massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome, plunging waterfalls including the tallest in North America, and attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls slows to trickle by August, a moderate hike will bring you to impressive Vernal and Nevada Falls. Walk to Mirror Lake, where you will see reflections of Half Dome. Gaze up at El Capitan, a massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. Whether you explore the valley by foot, bike, car, on horseback, raft, or tour, you will behold scenery that will leave you breathless and eager to see what’s around the next corner.

El Capitan and the Cathedral Rocks from Valley View. NPS Photo
Wawona and Mariposa Grove

As of July 6, 2015, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is closed for restoration, see page 8 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. 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 Big Trees Lodge. This was once a painting studio for the 19th-century artist Thomas Hill.

Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows provides a glimpse of the High Sierra. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows surrounded by even higher granite domes and peaks. It is the jumping off place for countless hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. Stop at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center for information about hiking to Cathedral Lakes, Elizabeth Lake, Dog Lake, Lembert Dome, or along the Tuolumne River through Lyell Canyon. Take advantage of the shuttle service in Tuolumne Meadows or the Tuolumne Meadows 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. Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles from Yosemite Valley. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open 7am to 9pm, May 1 through Labor Day. Wilderness permits and bear canisters are available while the road is open. Hetch Hetchy Road is accessible via the Big Oak Flat Road and Evergreen Road and is approximately a 1 ¼-hour drive from Yosemite Valley. Trailers, vehicles over 25 feet long, RVs and other vehicles over 8 ft. wide are not allowed on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.

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, or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at 209/379-1035 for more information.

Sign Language interpreting is available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at 209/372-4357. Sign language interpreting is available upon 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.

Accessible parking spaces are available just west of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. To reach these, enter the Valley on Southside Drive. Turn left on Sentinel Drive. Turn left on Northside Drive, and follow the blue and white signs.

Emergency Information

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 9am to 7pm for primary and urgent care needs. Ambulance available 24 hrs. by calling 9-1-1. Medical Clinic 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_lostandfound@nps.gov.
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The Incomparable Yosemite Valley

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

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

NATURALIST PROGRAMS
Naturalists give walks and talks every day about Yosemite's natural and cultural history. See pages 6 and 7 for scheduled walks, talks, and evening programs.

WALKING AND HIKING
From easy walks to Lower Yosemite Fall, Cook's Meadow, and Mirror Lake to strenuous hikes to the top of Yosemite Falls or Nevada Fall, Yosemite Valley has a wide range of walking and hiking possibilities. See page 17 for a list of hikes.

BICYCLING
Several miles of bicycle paths wind through Yosemite Valley. You can use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Valley Lodge or Half Dome Village (open 9am to 7pm). Bikes are only allowed on paved bicycle paths.

TOURS
Tours listed below depart from Yosemite Valley 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 Valley Lodge several times daily. Check any Tour and Activity Desk for times.

Be sure to ask about Moonlight Tours and Glacier Point Starry Nights Bus Tours as well! The Glacier Point Tour leaves Yosemite Valley 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.

Call 209/372-1240 for reservations or inquire at the tour desks at Yosemite Valley Lodge, Half Dome Village, and The Majestic Yosemite Hotel.

RAFTING
Rafting is a great way to see Yosemite Valley. Rafts can be rented at Half Dome Village (open 10am to 4pm, conditions permitting). If you plan to bring your own raft, please see page 15 for important safety and regulatory information.

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 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 3,993 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 Half Dome Village. Cross the footbridges onto the isles or wander through outward indoor and outdoor 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.

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 Yosemite 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. Call 209/372-8344 or email yms@aramark.com.

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, located at shuttle stop #5 and 89. Also, see page 6 and 7 for schedule.

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.

Dine at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel
Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 3pm
Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm
Saturday & Sunday: 11:30am to 1pm

The Majestic Bar
Cocktail Service: 11:30am to 11pm

The Majestic Yosemite Hotel
Food Court
Breakfast: 6:30am to 11am
Lunch: 11am to 4:30pm
Dinner: 4:30pm to 10pm

Mountain Room Lounge
Monday - Friday: 4:30pm to 7:15pm
Saturday & Sunday: Noon to 11pm

Mountain Room Restaurant
Reservations strongly recommended for dinner.

Half Dome Villages
Coffee Corner/ Ice Cream
Open 8am to 10pm

Village Bar
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VALLEY VISITOR CENTER AND BOOKSTORE
The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore (inside Visitor Center) are open from 9am to 5:30pm. The visitor center is west of the main post office (shuttle stops 85 and 9). The facility offers information, maps, and books. Explore the exhibits and learn how Yosemite’s landscape formed and how people interact with it.

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

YOSEMITE MUSEUM
Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center.

INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT
Open 9am to 5pm. Interprets the cultural history of Yosemite’s Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM GALLERY
Why Yosemite Collects:
90 years, 90 objects, 90 stories
This exhibit celebrates the 90th anniversary of the opening of the Yosemite Museum and features a display of the wide variety of artifacts, documents and specimens that the museum preserves. Why do parks have collections? What does the museum have to do with the beginnings of philanthropy in National Parks, the development of interpretive programs or scientific research? Stop by and see, and vote for your favorite artifact while you are visiting. This special summer exhibit was made possible by the generosity of support of Yosemite Conservancy donors. Join us on Thursdays for a ranger stroll highlighting this special exhibit.

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.

THE YOSEMITE CONSERVATION HERITAGE CENTER
The Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge) is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am until 4pm. Free evening programs are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings at 8pm. Seating is available for 90 guests. The center, located at shuttle stop #12, has a natural history library, a children’s corner and library, and historical exhibits. Call 209/372-4342 for program details.

THE ANSEL ADAMS GALLERY
In Yosemite Village next to the Yosemite 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.

EXHIBITS
Michael Frye: Elements
June 5, 2016 - July 15, 2016
Photographer Michael Frye has been working in and around Yosemite National Park for nearly 30 years. He is known for his meticulous calculations of light and unique compositions. During his career, the arc of creative photography has grown broad, while at the same time, Yosemite National Park has become more iconic than ever - a concept in 2016 which highlights the importance of conservation as the National Park Service celebrates their 100th anniversary. The Ansel Adams Gallery is therefore thrilled to host our new exhibition, “Elements: Photographs by Michael Frye,” which showcases the result of an artist’s dedication to vision, craft and place. “Elements” will open on June 5 and run through July 15. We invite you to visit The Gallery during your stay in Yosemite.

NEW EXHIBIT
The Great Certainty
August 5, 2016 - September 10, 2016
Following the inception of the park ideal in the 19th Century (thanks in part to photography) and after decades of tumultuous administration, The National Park Service was created in 1916 to secure and ensure the survival of these lands that today we hold as necessary crossings in life. As part of the 100th Anniversary of the formation of The National Park Service, The Ansel Adams Gallery is hosting the exhibition, “The Great Certainty” in celebration of this important and long lasting institution. Works featuring a wide variety of National Parks, Monuments and protected lands will be displayed including those made by Ansel Adams, William Neill, Keith S. Walkelt, Charles Cramer and more. This exhibition will begin on August 5 and run through September 10th. We hope you have an opportunity to stop by The Ansel Adams Gallery during your visit to see all of this great art in person.

YOSEMITE RENAISSANCE 32 - CALL FOR ENTRIES
Yosemite Renaissance is an annual juried competition/exhibition intended to encourage diverse artistic interpretations of Yosemite. Historically, the arts have played a very important role in the establishment of our State and National Parks. It is our hope that they can be just as important in future efforts to preserve and protect that heritage. Entries should be recent works of the landscape, environment, wildlife, and people of Yosemite or the Sierra Nevada. Both representational and non-representational submissions are accepted. Entries may be in any fine art medium including painting, photography, drawing, printmaking, textile and sculpture. Cash awards. Works accepted will be displayed at the Museum Gallery in Yosemite Valley during a two-month exhibition beginning the end of February 2017. For more information please visit our website, www.yosemiterenaissance.org.

GO TO THE THEATER!
After a day filled with exploring, relax and enjoy a show at the Yosemite Theater. Yosemite Conservancy’s theater program presents a variety of experiences, including plays based on some of the park’s most colorful characters, inspiring films, and celebrations of Yosemite’s culture and history. This summer, watch the past come to life on stage in the “John Muir Series,” see the park through a Buffalo Soldier’s eyes, hear tales from the Search and Rescue team, and more. See pg. 6 for show descriptions and schedule.

VOLUNTEER DROP-IN PROGRAM
Be part of the solution and keep your park beautiful! 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 and closed-toe shoes. A hat and sun protection are 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: yose_volunteers@nps.gov or 209/379-1850.

VALLEY SERVICES
RESERVATIONS
8am to 5pm / 24 hour AAA towing available
Prepare service available until 4:35pm: 209/372-1060
POST OFFICES
Main Office
Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 10am to noon
Post Office
Monday-Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm
GROCERIES AND TOURS
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Tour Desk - Village Store
9am to 7pm
Yosemite Village
Tour Desk
8am to 10pm
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Tour Desk
7:30am to 7:30pm
Half Dome Village
Tour Desk
9am to 7pm
Gift/Grocery
8am to 6pm
Tour Desk
7:30am to 3:30pm
Bike Rentals
9am to 7pm
Half Dome Village
Rah's Rentals
10am to 4pm, conditions permitting
Gift/Grocery
8am to 9pm
SHOWERS, LAUNDRY, AND INTERNET
Housekeeping Camp
Showers: 7am to 10pm, for a fee
Laundry: 8am to 1pm, for a fee
Half Dome Village
Showers open 24 hours, for a fee

WHERE TO GO AND WHAT TO DO
**Yosemite Theater (YC)**

Yosemite Theater offers a variety of performances throughout the year, including live theater, film screenings, and music events. The theater is located in Yosemite Valley and is open to the public. Performances are scheduled throughout the week, with a variety of shows catering to different tastes. For more information, visit the Yosemite Conservancy's website or contact them directly.

**Yosemite Conventry Outdoor Adventures (YC)**

Yosemite Conservancy offers a range of outdoor activities and educational programs for visitors of all ages. These activities include guided hikes, bird watching, and nature walks. The programs are designed to help visitors connect with the natural environment and learn about the history and ecology of Yosemite National Park.

**SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY**

July 27, 2016 - August 30, 2016

**Yosemite Art Center (YC)**

Yosemite Conservancy invites you to join one of our celebrations for a hands-on art experience in Yosemite Valley. Art workshops are offered Monday - Saturday, starting at 9:45am and ending at 2pm. 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). For more information, call 209/372-4207 or visit yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center.

**Experience Your America**

Yosemite National Park

**MORNING**

9:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) Y

9:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK - NPS Centennial Stroll, Rivers and Waterfalls 1 1/2 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, shuttle stop #549. (NPS) Y

9:00am Adventure Hikes - Vernal/Falls Nevada Fall 1 1/2 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Reservations required. Half Dome Village Amphitheater (Y) Y

10:00am WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater (Y) Y

10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) Y

10:00am Bike to Hike Tour 2 1/2 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Reservations required. Half Dome Village Bike Stand. (Y) Y

10:00am Camera Walk 1 1/2 hrs. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. (TAAG) Y

10:30am Centennial Ranger Hike (Except Aug 15) 1 1/2 hrs. Easy to moderate hike on Valley Floor Loop. shuttle stop #7. (NPS) Y

10:45am Guest Artist Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. See page 6 for more information. (YC) Y

11:00am CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP 1 hr. Yosemite Art Center. Ages 6-10. (YC) Y

11:00am WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater (Y) Y

**AFTERNOON**

12:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) Y

12:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK - NPS Centennial Stroll, Wildlife 1 1/2 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, shuttle stop #549. (NPS) Y

12:30pm Ranger Walk - NPS Centennial Stroll, Imagining Generations (Except July 27) 1 1/2 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, shuttle stop #549. (NPS) Y

12:45pm VOLUNTEER DROP IN PROGRAM Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center. See program description on page 5. (NPS) Y

1:45pm Guest Artist Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. See page 6 for more information. (YC) Y

2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK - 100 Years of Rustic Architecture (Aug 24 Only) 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, shuttle stop #509. (NPS) Y

2:00pm CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP 1 hr. Yosemite Art Center. Ages 6-10. (YC) Y

2:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater (Y) Y

**Evening**

7:15pm Adventure Hikes - Panoramic Trail With One-Way Glacier Point Bus Ride 8 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Reservations required. Half Dome Village Amphitheater (Y) Y

9:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) Y

9:00pm Camera Walk 1 1/2 hrs. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. (TAAG) Y

9:30pm Ranger Walk - NPS Centennial Stroll, Geology 1 1/2 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, shuttle stop #549. (NPS) Y

9:45pm Guest Artist Workshop 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. See page 6 for more information. (YC) Y

10:00pm CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP 1 hr. Yosemite Art Center. Ages 6-10. (YC) Y

10:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater (Y) Y

**Religious Services**

**Yosemite Community Church**

Pastor Brent Moore - Resident Minister

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**Sunday Services in Yosemite Village**

9:00am (Sunday School) 11am - (noon Sunday School)

9:30am - (no Sunday School)

11:00am - (no Sunday School)

8:30pm - Evening Service/Service Study in Chapel

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Programs printed in **CAPS AND COLOR** are especially for children and their families.

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**Friday**

**12:30pm** Ask A Climber 1 min. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for this informal program. Use telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS)

**1:30pm** Beginner Art Workshop 2 hrs. Introduction to art-making and learn about art-making in Yosemite. (YC)

**3:00pm** Ranger Walk-Wild About Bears 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)

**4:00pm** Meet Your Yosemite 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS)

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**6:15pm** Junior Ranger Drop-In 45 mins. Lower Pines Amphitheater (adult attendance with Jr. Ranger required, drop-in at any time), near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)

**7:00pm** WEE WILD OSES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (NPS)

**8:00pm** Ranger Program: *“A Century of Climbing in Yosemite”* (Aug 24 Only) 1 hr. American Alpine Club members present historic Yosemite climbing films and discuss the importance of this special history of Yosemite with the audience before and after the presentation. Yosemite Valley Amphitheater (Adults). (NPS)

⁹⁰⁰pm **NIGHT PROWL** 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour and activity desk. (NPS)

**9:00pm** STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour and activity desk. (NPS)

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**Saturday**

**12:30pm** Ask A Climber 1 min. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for this informal program. Use telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS)

**1:30pm** Discovery Hike - Less Traveled Lower Valley Loop 4 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater. (NPS)

**2:00pm** Meet Your Yosemite 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS)

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**6:15pm** Junior Ranger Drop-In 45 mins. Lower Pines Amphitheater (adult attendance with Jr. Ranger required, drop-in at any time), near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)

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**Sunday**

**12:30pm** Ask A Climber 1 min. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for this informal program. Use telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS)

**1:30pm** Ranger Talk - 100 years of the NPS Uniform (Aug 25 Only) 15 mins. Yosemite Valley Indian Museum. (NPS)

**2:00pm** Using Your Digital Camera 4 hrs. Lower Pines Amphitheater. (NPS)

**3:00pm** Bike to Hike Tour 2.5 hrs. Half Dome Village bike stand. (NPS)

**4:00pm** Ranger Walk-Wild About Bears (Except July 27) 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)

**5:00pm** Meet Your Yosemite 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/9. (NPS)

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**6:15pm** Junior Ranger Drop-In 45 mins. Lower Pines Amphitheater (adult attendance with Jr. Ranger required, drop-in at any time), near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)

**7:00pm** WEE WILD OSES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (NPS)

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**Monday**

**12:30pm** Ask A Climber 1 min. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for this informal program. Use telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS)

**1:30pm** Discovers The World 45 mins. Lower Pines Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)

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**6:15pm** Junior Ranger Drop-In 45 mins. Lower Pines Amphitheater (adult attendance with Jr. Ranger required, drop-in at any time), near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)

**7:00pm** WEE WILD OSES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (NPS)

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**Tuesday**

**12:30pm** Ask A Climber 1 min. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for this informal program. Use telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS)

**1:30pm** Ranger Walk-Wild About Bears 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)

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**Wednesday**

**12:30pm** Ask A Climber 1 min. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for this informal program. Use telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS)

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**Thursday**

**12:30pm** Ask A Climber 1 min. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for this informal program. Use telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS)

**1:30pm** Ranger Walk-Wild About Bears 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)

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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 scheduled programs.

Evening Programs
Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Big Trees Lodge lobby 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.

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 Big Trees Lodge, Hill’s Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona store parking area and follow the path up the hill.

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

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

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

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

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 all public access, including bicycle and pedestrian traffic. Hiking trails within the grove are also closed.

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 on next page.

Experience Your America Yosemite National Park
**WAWONA**

**Friday**

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

10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS)

7:30pm Campfire Talk 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly. (NPS)

**Saturday**

8:00am Coffee with a Ranger (Hot Cocoa too)! 45 mins. Bring a mug if you have one. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. (NPS)

9:00am Nature Walk with a Ranger 2 hrs. Meet at the Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call 855/290-3499. (NPS) JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM 1.5 hrs. Especially for ages 7-12. Meet at Wawona Campground Amphitheater. (NPS)

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

10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS)

5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Big Trees Lodge Lobby. UW music and history with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. History programs available upon request, usually given at 8:30pm. To request a program, drop by the piano early in the evening and ask Tom. (YH)

7:30pm Campfire Talk 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly. (NPS)

**Monday**

2:00pm – 4:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (Except July 27) 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Stage Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center. $5 adult / $4 child 3-12. (NPS)

2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS)

5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Big Trees Lodge Lobby. UW music and history with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. History programs available upon request, usually given at 8:30pm. To request a program, drop by the piano early in the evening and ask Tom. (YH)

7:30pm Campfire Talk (Except July 27 and Aug 3) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly. (NPS)

**Tuesday**

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

9:00am Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center (Aug 25 Only) 1 hr. Learn how Yosemite’s pioneers were instrumental in the birth and development of the National Park idea. Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge in Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS)

10:00am JUNIOR RANGER TALK (Aug 25 Only) 15 mins. Learn about Park Rangers and what we do in National Parks across America. Front of Wawona Visitor Center at Hills Studio. (NPS)

10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 mins. each. (Free on Aug 25 Only) Horse-Drawn Stage rides in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service. Obtain pass from the Stage Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS)

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2:00pm Junior Ranger Walk (Aug 25 Only) 15 mins. Learn about Park Rangers and what we do in National Parks across America. Front of Wawona Visitor Center at Hills Studio. (NPS)

4:00pm JUNIOR RANGER TALK (Aug 25 Only) 15 mins. Learn about Park Rangers and what we do in National Parks across America. Front of Wawona Visitor Center at Hills Studio. (NPS)

5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Big Trees Lodge Lobby. UW music and history with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. History programs available upon request, usually given at 8:30pm. To request a program, drop by the piano early in the evening and ask Tom. (YH)

7:30pm Campfire Talk 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly. (NPS)

**Wednesday**

2:00pm – 2:30pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Stage Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center. $5 adult / $4 child 3-12. (NPS)

9:00am Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center (Aug 25 Only) 1 hr. Learn how Yosemite’s pioneers were instrumental in the birth and development of the National Parkidea. Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge in Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS)

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10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 mins. each. (Free on Aug 25 Only) Horse-Drawn Stage rides in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service. Obtain pass from the Stage Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS)

10:00am – 1:00pm / 4:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS)

11:00am Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center (Aug 25 Only) 1 hr. Learn how Yosemite’s pioneers were instrumental in the birth and development of the National Parkidea. Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge in Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS)

12:00pm JUNIOR RANGER TALK (Aug 25 Only) 15 mins. Learn about Park Rangers and what we do in National Parks across America. Front of Wawona Visitor Center at Hills Studio. (NPS)

1:00pm Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center (Aug 25 Only) 1 hr. Learn how Yosemite’s pioneers were instrumental in the birth and development of the National Parkidea. Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge in Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS)

2:00pm Junior Ranger Walk (Aug 25 Only) 15 mins. Learn about Park Rangers and what we do in National Parks across America. Front of Wawona Visitor Center at Hills Studio. (NPS)

4:00pm JUNIOR RANGER TALK (Aug 25 Only) 15 mins. Learn about Park Rangers and what we do in National Parks across America. Front of Wawona Visitor Center at Hills Studio. (NPS)

5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Big Trees Lodge Lobby. UW music and history with pianist/singer Tom Bopp. History programs available upon request, usually given at 8:30pm. To request a program, drop by the piano early in the evening and ask Tom. (YH)

7:30pm Campfire Talk 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly. (NPS)

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**Glacier Point**

2:00pm Ranger Walk - Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan 1.5 hrs. Moderately Difficult. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop. (NPS)

9:00am GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point. Advanced registration required. Tickets and information are available at any tour and activity desk. Shuttle services available. (YH)

9:15pm GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point. Advanced registration required. Tickets and information are available at any tour and activity desk. Shuttle services available. (YH)

6:30pm 7:15pm Ranger Walk - Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Meet at Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS)

6:30pm 7:45pm Full Moon Hike (Aug 17 Only) 2 hrs. Meet at Sentinel Dome parking area. Dress warm and bring flashlight. (NPS)

6:30pm 9:15pm Ranger Walk - Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan 1.5 hrs. Moderately Difficult. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop. (NPS)

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Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat

**Tuolumne Meadows**

- **Experience Your America**
- **Yosemite National Park**

**Parcels to Visit**
- **Visitor Information Center**
- **Tuolumne Meadows Campground**
- **Meadows Lodge**
- **Tuolumne Meadows Store, Grill, Post Office**
- **Tuolumne River, Soda Springs**
- **McCauley Cabin**
- **Kartes, Naomi Dalglish, and Charlie Jesseph**

**Activities**

- **SUMMER SERIES**
  - **Saturday, August 6**
  - **10am to 12 noon**
  - **Mountain Inspiration**
  - **Nina Gerber**

- **Saturday, August 7**
  - **2pm to 3:30pm**
  - **Beautiful World**
  - **Eliza Gilkyson**

- **Saturday, August 13**
  - **2pm to 3:30pm**
  - **Vanishing Ice, Vanishing History: Natural and Cultural Implications of Glacier Loss in Yosemite National Park**
  - **Greg Stock**

- **Sunday, August 14**
  - **2pm to 3:30pm**
  - **The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History**
  - **Elizabeth Lubetkin**

- **Saturday, August 20**
  - **10am to 11:30am**
  - **The Song Within: Poetry as Landscape**
  - **Sherwin Bitsui**

- **Saturday, August 27**
  - **2pm to 3:30pm**
  - **The Hour of Land: A Personal Topography of America’s National Parks**
  - **Terry Tempest Williams**

**Please visit the website for the most up-to-date information.**
FACILITIES

GROCERIES

Departs at 8am from Half Dome Village and activity desk.

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS Campground to Tioga Pass - $8

TM Lodge to Tioga Pass - $8

are included below.

Pass, with varying fees. A few of the

Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tioga

Shuttle service is available along the

Pay at the pump 24 hours with

Diesel & propane available.

Dinner: 5:30pm to 8pm

Breakfast: 7am to 9am,

Thursday

Saturday

12:00pm

3 hrs. Easy. 2 miles. East end of

Centennial Celebration Hike to the Top of Lembert Dome

shuttle stop #8. (NPS)

(Except Aug 25) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome

Ranger Walk - Domes and Meadows

Ranger Walk - Sunset

Ranger Campfire – Stars

Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne!

Ranger Walk - High Country Hawk Watch

Ranger Campfire – Stars

Ranger Walk - The Black Bears of Yosemite

Ranger Walk - Bears and other Wildlife

Ranger Campfire – 100 Years of Bears and Bats!

Ranger Walk - Disappearance… Reappearance? at Dog Lake 4 hrs.

Moderately strenuous, 5 miles. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. Bring lunch, bring sweater, and water. (NPS)

Ranger Walk - Dogs at work on the Tuolumne Meadows

Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS).

Ranger Walk - Tom Miner Basin Trail

Ranger Campfire – 100 Years of Bears and Bats!

Ranger Walk - The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River

Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne!

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Become a Junior Ranger

Follow these steps to earn your Junior Ranger badge.*

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.

Programs printed in ALL CAPS & COLOR are especially for Children and their Families

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Did you already finish this page and earn your Junior Ranger badge? Are you ready for more Junior Ranger activities? Drop by a visitor center desk and pick up the free PSAR Junior Ranger booklet or Legacy Junior Ranger page to earn special patches!

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.

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

Enjoying wildlife safely and responsibly

Keep Wildlife Wild!

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

Store Your Food Properly.

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

If you see a bear, scare it away or keep your distance.

You may not see a bear during your visit because they naturally avoid people. However, if you see one in a developed area (like a campground or parking lot), act immediately to scare it away. Make noise and yell as loud as possible. If there is more than one person, stand together to present a more intimidating figure, but do not surround the bear.

If you see a bear anywhere else, consider yourself lucky—but keep your distance (at least 50 yards, or about the distance made by four shuttle buses parked end to end). If you get too close, you will be helping the bears become used to being around people. Bears that become comfortable around humans lose their natural fear of us and may become too aggressive. When that happens, they sometimes have to be killed.

Drive the speed limit.

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

Red Bear, Dead Bear

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

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

Backpackers:

Save Your Food, Save A Bear

Bear resistant food canisters are 2.7-pound capacity, bear-proof 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—they smell like food—the canisters are not worth investigating.

Report Bear Sightings!

To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at 209/372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park’s website (www.nps.gov/yose/food/beaurs/)

Coyotes

Watching a coyote hunting for mice in one of Yosemite’s many meadows can be an amazing wildlife experience. Coyotes are opportunistic carnivores that primarily prey on small mammals. Like bears, their diets change throughout the year with food availability.

Unfortunately, coyotes sometimes change their natural behavior to try to obtain human food. Approaching, and/or feeding coyotes can cause them to lose their natural fear of humans. Please do not stop to feed coyotes that you see along the sides of the roads. This encourages them to frequent road sides to beg for food, endangering both coyotes and drivers.

How to Store Food

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

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<th>Location</th>
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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 or crumpled in the outside of a vehicle or in a pickup truck bed.</td>
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<td>Bears can smell food, even if it’s sealed in the trunk or glove compartment, and they recognize loose and bagged 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 cabin. Food may be stored out of sight in hard-sided fitted with windows closed.</td>
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<td>Bears may enter campsites when people are present, and some will even enter 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.</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 leave your back to your food.</td>
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<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>
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Mountain Lions

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

For your safety:

Do not leave pets or pet food outside and unattended. Pets can attract mountain lions.

Avoid hiking alone. Watch children closely and never let them run ahead or lag behind on the trail. Teach children what to do if they see a lion.

What should you do if you meet a mountain lion?

Never approach one, especially if it is with kittens. Most lions will avoid confrontation. Always give them a way to escape.

Don’t run. Stay calm. Hold your ground, or back away slowly. Face the lion and stand upright. Do all you can to appear larger. Raise your arms. If you have small children with you, pick them up.

If the lion behaves aggressively, wave your arms, shout, and throw objects at it. The goal is to convince it that you may be dangerous. If attacked, fight back!

Mountain lions are magnificent creatures and native to Yosemite. Generally, they are calm, quiet, and elusive. Sightings are rare, so if you spot one, consider yourself privileged!
Experience Your America    Yosemite National Park

Protect 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.

Enjoying the Beauty of Yosemite
On August 25, 1916, a dream was finally realized when the National Park Service became a reality to a small group of forward thinkers led by Stephen Mather. Their vision: to create a National Park Service to protect our national parks “for the enjoyment of future generations.” We are those future generations, now celebrating our centennial. In our early years, many visitors simply enjoyed the parks for their sheer beauty but gradually people began to appreciate the parks for their numerous outdoor recreational opportunities. We have learned outdoor activities have risks. Understanding these risks and proper planning will increase the probability that you will enjoy your park rather than recall your visit as a painful memory. Below are a few tips to promote your enjoyment.

Weather
The dogdays of summer are upon us and the heat is reaching all elevations. Prevent dehydration and heat related illnesses by sipping lots of water throughout the day and frequently eating salty, easy-to-digest snacks. Schedule physical activities before the temperatures heat up. Hike and play within your limits; do not let your brain want more than your body can physically digest. If you cannot build a shelter or (with a hard top), descend to lower elevations and away from ridges and outcroppings. Do not be the tallest object or near a tall object.

Rivers and Streams
Yosemite’s streams present a temptation for the curious, the photographer, and the overheated and weary hiker simply wanting to cool tired feet. Hot weather only worsens this temptation but it does not reduce the danger of Yosemite’s swift water. Yosemite’s water is deceptively dangerous and unforgiving. Visitors are strongly urged to enjoy any moving or falling water from a safe distance.

PLEASE: Enjoy the water from the safety of the trail or in developed areas only!

Yosemite’s Roads
Traffic in Yosemite can be just as hazardous as it is in your home town along with additional hazards such as rock fall and abundant wildlife, including deer and bear. Moreover, there are plenty of scenic wonders that can easily distract drivers. If you cannot devote 100 percent of your attention to your driving, please pull completely off the road into designated pull-off and parking areas. Park rangers enforce California’s Motor Vehicle Code on park roads. Always buckle up.

For all seasons...
• Stay on established trails or in developed areas – do not take trail shortcuts or approach the water. Almost all of Yosemite’s non-traffic related serious injuries occur off trail.
• Rock scrambling – leave this to the critters.
• Water and food – Carry more water than you need, stay hydrated and snack frequently – make sure you have plenty of food and water. If you are sweating, replace lost salts with salty, easy-to-digest snacks.
• “10 hiking essentials” – including a flashlight or headlamp, sunglasses, sunscreen, navigation, 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.

And remember this truism: you are the one responsible for your safety.

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.

HANTAVIRUS
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.

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.
Walk-up (25 per day). Rock climbers reservations (50 per day) or day before permits may be acquired through early wilderness permit (use fee applies). These of 75 Half Dome permits will be available.

A non-refundable application fee applies visit Recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777. (exact number may change throughout the summer).

In addition, approximately 50 permits will be released by daily lottery throughout October 10, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 preseason lottery permits canisters are available for rent in Yosemite Valley (see page 5) and at the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station during hours of operation. Wilderness permits are also available at the Hill's Studio in Wawona and at the Big Oak Flat Information Station (see pages 8 and 10). Call the park’s main phone line at 209/372-0200, or check the web at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm, for additional information. For	summer trips, reservations are taken from 24 weeks to two days in advance of the start of your trip. A processing fee of $5 per permit plus $5 per person is charged to each confirmed reservation. Check the park’s website for trailhead availability and call 209/372-0740.

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 2016. May 27 through October 10, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 preseason lottery permits have already been issued for 2016. 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 1pm. 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. More information is available at: http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm. For backpackers, more information is available at: http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm.

Rafting Conditions permitting, rafting on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley (Clark's Bridge to El Capitan Bridge) and the South Fork of the Merced River in Wawona is open from 10am to 6pm 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).

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.

Yosemite’s Wild Places Protecting park resources

...and Yosemite’s Wild Places
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 7am 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.

Yosemite Valley

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

Camp 4 is a walk-in campground and is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis; these campers are not wheelchair accessible. Sites are available on a per-person basis, and six people will be placed in each campsite, regardless of number of people in your party. Camp 4 often fills before 9am each day, May through September.

Camping in Areas Surrounding Yosemite

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

Group Campgrounds

There are group campsites at 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 campground. Tent camping only. Pets, RVs, and generators are not permitted in group sites.

General Info…

To check same-day camping availability, call 209/372-0266

Services

• Sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker (33” d x 45” w x 18”h). See page 5 for food storage regulations.

• Toilets available in campgrounds; however, Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat have non-flushing vault toilets only and no potable water.

• Shower and laundry facilities are available year-round in Yosemite Valley.

• RVs over 24ft. are not recommended for Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat campgrounds, and RVs are not permitted in walk-in and group campsites. There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer only in Wawona and Tuolomne Meadows.

Regulations

• Proper food storage is required 24 hours a day.

• A maximum of six people (including children) and two vehicles are allowed per campsite.

• Quiet hours are from 10pm to 6am.

• Where permitted, pets must be on a leash and may not be left unattended.

Campfires

• In Yosemite Valley between May 1 and September 30, campfires are permitted between 5pm and 10pm. At other times of the year and in out-of-Valley campgrounds, fires are permitted at any time, as long as they are attended.

• Firewood collection (including pine cones and pine needles) is not permitted in Yosemite Valley; you may purchase firewood at stores near the campgrounds.

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Camping in Yosemite National Park*

Yosemite Valley

Upper Pines All year 35 ft 24 ft Feb 11 – Nov 30 $26 238 Yes Tap

Lower Pines Mar 28 – Nov 1 40 ft 35 ft Yes $26 50 Yes Tap

North Pines Apr 4 – Nov 7 40 ft 35 ft Yes $26 87 Yes Tap

Camp 4 All year No RVs/trailers n/a First-come, first-served $6/person 35 No Tap

Wawona All year 35 ft 35 ft April 11 – Oct 10 $26 93 Yes Tap

Bridalveil Creek July – Sep 19 35 ft 24 ft First-come, first-served $18 110 Yes Tap

Tuolomne Meadows July 15 – Sep 26 35 ft 35 ft $26 304 Yes Tap

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

With over 800 miles of hiking trails, what better way to enjoy the beauty of Yosemite than on foot? Ask a ranger at any visitor center for one of several free, day-hike handouts. Excellent maps and guidebooks are available at bookstores throughout the park.

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

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<td>Lower Yosemite Fall</td>
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<td>Upper Yosemite Fall Trail to Columbia Rock</td>
<td>Camp 4 Near Shuttle Stop #7</td>
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<td>Top of Upper Yosemite Fall</td>
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<td>Mirror Lake (a seasonal lake)</td>
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<td>2 miles, 1 hour round-trip to Mirror Lake, 5 miles, loop around lake</td>
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<td>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 Half Dome</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>
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<td>Valley Floor Loop</td>
<td>Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6</td>
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Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

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<td>Swinging Bridge Loop</td>
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FEATURED HIKE

Mirror Lake

Distance: 2 miles (3.2 km) round trip to the lake and back, 5 miles (8km) loop around the lake.

Elevation Gain: 100 feet

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Time: 1 hour round-trip to the lake; 2-3 hours for the full loop

Begin at: Mirror Lake Trailhead (shuttle stop #17)

Trail Description:
The first mile of this trail is a paved service road that leads directly to Mirror Lake. You may access the loop trail from the end of the paved path. The loop follows Tenaya Creek beyond the lake, and crosses two bridges after the Snow Creek Trail junction before returning past Mirror Lake on the south side of Tenaya Canyon. (There is no safe access to the north side of Mirror Lake directly from the south side of the loop, except via bridges at the west and east ends of the trail).

Mirror Lake has little water much of the year and, while pleasant at any time of year, it is fullest in spring and early summer, when Tenaya Creek flows freely with fresh snowmelt. When water is calm, the lake offers beautiful reflections of surrounding cliffs. Exhibits along the trail tell the story of Mirror Lake’s lake-to-meadow succession, and also highlight some of the cultural history of the area. Mirror Lake is often referred to as Mirror Meadow in late summer due to the lack of water and the influx of grasses and sandy areas.

Things to know before you go:
• Stay away from swiftly-moving water. Keep children from wading on or near these hazards. Choose swimming areas carefully and swim only during low water conditions.
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1 These are drop-off points via the Tuolumne Meadows Hikers’ Bus.
What A Worthy Investment
by Park Ranger Moses Chun

On August 25th, 2016, we will commemorate 100 years of the National Park Service! For the past two years, parks across the country, including Yosemite, have been commemorating the NPS Centennial by inviting our visitors to “Find Your Park!” through special youth initiatives and outreach, programs, projects, and special events. Though the NPS 100th Anniversary occurs on August 25th, the park was honored to celebrate the NPS Centennial early with a historic visit by President Obama and the First Family. This was the first visit to Yosemite by a sitting president in over 50 years. Yosemite National Park staff rose to the occasion and helped the First Family have a spectacular visit.

During their visit, President Obama and the First Family greeted park staff and thanked them for their service. The Obamas were inspired and awed by Yosemite’s beauty throughout their three-day visit. In addition to taking in the iconic sights and hiking throughout the park, President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama made it a priority to celebrate the NPS Centennial and significance of our parks, while also addressing challenges the NPS will face in its second century, such as climate change, diversity and continued protection of our national treasures.

President Obama addressed an audience of 300 guests in Yosemite Valley, with Cook’s Meadow and Yosemite Falls serving as an inspiring backdrop. “So as we look back over the last 100 years, there’s plenty to celebrate about a national parks system that is the envy of the world. But when we look to the next century, the next 100 years, the task of protecting our sacred places is even more important. And the biggest challenge we’re going to face in protecting this place and places like it is climate change.”

In his remarks, President Obama noted that preserving the stories that have shaped this country and protecting the parks is a priority and a duty of all Americans. He urged the audience to step up and take action in helping preserve the parks for future generations. “The idea that these places that sear themselves into your memory can be marred or lost to history, that’s to be taken seriously. We can’t treat these things as something that we deal with later, that it’s somebody else’s problem... Because the parks belong to all of us. This planet belongs to all of us... We have to have the foresight and the faith in the future to do what it takes to protect our parks and to protect this planet for generations to come.”

The NPS Centennial is a celebration of stewardship and service, and a challenge to the next generation to join us in caring for these sacred places for future generations. As part of the Centennial goal, Yosemite has focused on inviting young people and new audiences to experience and learn about the park. A major focus over the past year has been President Obama’s “Every Kid In a Park” (EKIP) initiative, which gives 4th graders across the country a free annual pass to experience and learn about their public lands. During the First Family’s visit, President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama surprised 4th graders from underserved communities (a group from the Police Explorers Program in Livingston, CA and a group from Miraloma Elementary School in San Francisco with NatureBridge) at their ranger program to highlight the initiative. They interacted with the students and personally handed out passes to each 4th grader. The students were overjoyed to meet the President and First Lady, and were thrilled to get the EKIP pass so they could return to the park with their families.

Yosemite National Park was honored to host the First Family and thankful for President Obama’s support of the National Park Service Centennial in inspiring future generations of park stewards. President Obama said it best when he remarked, “It’s a park that captures the wonder of the world; that changes you by being here. There’s something something sacred about this place. And I suppose that’s why the walls of the valley were referred to as cathedral walls— because here at Yosemite, we connect not just with our own spirit, but with something greater.”

Whether you are a first time visitor or a long-term supporter of Yosemite, we need your help to protect these places for the next generation. Remember that our country’s most beautiful places belong to all people and it is our shared responsibility to preserve the natural beauty and history that the parks hold. President Obama reminds us, “What an incredible idea. What a worthy investment. What a precious thing we have to pass on to the next generation. Let’s make that happen.” Help us thrive for our next 100 years!

DID YOU KNOW...

• The last sitting president to visit Yosemite was John F. Kennedy in 1962!
• Yosemite brought over 1,200 fourth grade students to Yosemite through the Every Kid in a Park initiative during the 2016 school year?
• President Obama has designated over 265 million acres of public land and waters during his presidency?
• The National Parks were protected by the U.S. Army Calvary before the creation of the National Park Service in 1916! Units like the African-American Buffalo Soldiers were the pioneers of public land protection, including here in Yosemite.
• All 4th graders can receive a free pass to U.S. public lands and waters? That’s a lot of parks! Check out EveryKidInAPark.gov
Supporting Your Park

Enhance the Visitor Experience

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

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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.yosemitemanagementjobs.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.

Volunteering in Yosemite

Over 10,800 volunteers donated more than 186,000 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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WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP PLAN

The Yosemite Wilderness is one of the most highly visited wilderness areas in the country. Currently managed under the Wilderness Management Plan of 1989, changing levels and patterns of visitor use, as well as environmental stressors such as climate change, warrant the park to develop an updated plan that will assist in monitoring wilderness character while providing an adaptive management strategy as we continue to preserve and protect our natural and cultural resources. The Park initiated public scoping for the plan in November 2015. This summer, the park will host public webinars and workshops to help further define the issues and plan alternatives. For more information on the Wilderness Stewardship Plan and how to get involved, please visit www.parkplanning.nps.gov/yosewild.