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CELEBRATE JUNIOR RANGER DAY WITH US!
Be the ranger you wish to see in the world! Come celebrate with us on April 22 for Junior Ranger Day! Discover the role that rangers play in helping make the world a better place. Join us for junior ranger walks and activities and get your very own junior ranger badge. See page 5 for more details.

WALKING AND HIKING
Yosemite Valley has a wide range of walking and hiking possibilities. Stop by Yosemite Valley Visitor Center for trail maps and current trail conditions, or see page 7 for a list of popular Yosemite Valley day hikes and for Wilderness permit information.

TOURS
Yosemite Valley Floor Tour
Led by park rangers or Yosemite Hospitality naturalists, this 2-hour tour takes you to many highlights as you learn about the history, flora, and fauna throughout the Park. Call 209/372-1200 or inquire at the Tour and Activity Desk in the Yosemite Valley Lodge between 7:30am and 3pm.

Other Yosemite tours may be available as conditions permit. Inquire at any Tour and Activity Desk or Visitor Center.

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

YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL
Provides outdoor adventures for people of all experience levels. We are here to help you enjoy Yosemite outdoor sports safely, and responsibly. Join one of our group cross country skiing classes or schedule a custom outing designed specifically for your group.

We offer professional guides for cross country skiing and snowshoeing, as well as hiking, and rock climbing (depending on weather). Reservations required for most activities. Please call 209/372-8344 or email yms@aramark.com.

TAKE A PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS
Enjoy the beauty of Spring in Yosemite. Join a photography expert from The Ansel Adams Gallery and learn how to best capture the landscape. Several classes are offered weekly. Custom photography guides available upon request. Learn more and sign up at The Ansel Adams Gallery.

Yosemite Park Celebrates Earth Day!
Saturday April 22, 2017
You are invited to help us celebrate the arts and Earth Day from 10:00 am to 2:00pm! Enjoy booths around the Yosemite Village Mall where interactive activities and demonstrations for kids of all ages allow you to experience how the park and its partners are serving as stewards of the earth. Explore activities presented by the National Park Service, Yosemite Conservancy, and more. There will be abundant crafts, music, games, and fun.

Drop-in Earth Day Litter Pick Up: 10am-11:30am and 12:30pm-2:00pm
Come to the Volunteer Program booth on the mall to register as an official Earth Day hero! You will receive a community service certificate of participation.

Earth Day Festival at the Big Trees Lodge
8pm while Tom’s performing.

Learn How to Be Zero Landfill
Propane Canister Trade-in Get a Refillable Canister! Come to the Zero Landfill Booth on the mall to trade in your one-time use propane canister for a refillable canister. Why throw away when you can reuse – it’s cheaper, too! Learn about composting and how to make art from recycled materials.

Shakespeare in Yosemite
April 22nd and 23rd
Birth day: 2:00pm Lower River Amphitheatre, 5:30pm Half Dome Village Amphitheater
An original hour-long play for Earth Day and Shakespeare’s birthday. Featuring Ranger Shelton Johnson, Lee Stetson as John Muir, live music, and scenes from Shakespeare. Free, interactive fun for all ages.

The Yosemite Earth Day Festival will be a Zero Landfill Event! This means we will consciously try to create less waste and divert created waste away from the landfill. So, bring your refillable water bottle, leave food packaging at home, and take informational pictures instead of pamphlets.

Beyond Yosemite Valley

WAWONA AREA
Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio
Starting April 19, the bookstore (only) will be open daily from 9am to 5pm, may close for lunch. For Wilderness permit information, please see page 7.

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.

Evening Program at the Big Trees Lodge
Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Big Trees Lodge lobby Tuesday through Saturday from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, performs songs and 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 before 8pm while Tom’s performing.

BIG OAK FLAT AREA
The Big Oak Flat Road sustained considerable damage during winter storms. Please call 209/372-0200 for current road conditions as the road may be closed or restricted during your visit.

Tuolumne Grove
The trailhead for this grove of approximately 25 sequoias is near the Big Oak Flat and Tioga road intersection at Crane Flat. The moderately strenuous trail leads downhill from the parking area into the grove and drops 500 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.

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 1.5 miles, making this a moderately strenuous hike on the uphill portion. There is no potable water so be sure to bring drinking water with you.

The grove is located 3¼ miles north of Crane Flat and 4½ miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance along the Big Oak Flat Road. The trail is marked by a sign and is post labeled B-10.

Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park
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Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Discover Yosemite

Entrance Fees
Non-commercial car, pickup truck, RV, or van with 15 or fewer passenger seats Valid for 7 days
($0 per-person fee)
Vehicle Valid for 7 days
$30/Vehicle
Motorcycle Valid for 7 days
$25/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 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 dependents

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

Reservations
Campground Reservations 877/299-4444
www.recreation.gov

lodging reservations 888/443-8869
www.travellosyemere.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 800/844-9120 or 209/962-0429
Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau 800/844-1333
www.tcb.com

Highway 41
Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau 559/683-4636
www.yosemitemiryear.com

Highway 132/49
Coasterville Visitor Center 209/742-4567

Highway 140
California Welcome Center, Merced 800/284-5383 or 209/724-8104
www.yosemite-gateway.org
Mariposa County Visitor Center 866/625-3366 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, 760/647-4639

www.leevining.com

Visitor Center,
760/647-6629
Commerce and Mono Lake Highway 120 East
www.homeofyosemite.com
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Tourism Bureau
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Mariposa County Visitor Center
www.yosemite-gateway.org
800/446-5353 or 209/724-8104
Highway 140/49
209/878-3329
Coulterville Visitor Center
Highway 132/49
www.yosemitethisyear.com
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Yosemite Chamber of Commerce
Highway 120 West
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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, 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 on Southside Drive. Turn left on Sentinel Drive. Turn left on Northside Drive, and follow the blue and white signs.

Sign Language interpreting available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at 209/379-5250 (v/txt), VP: 209/222-3944, or at yose_deaf_services@nps.gov. Two weeks advance notice preferred. Assistive Listening Devices 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 (closed until Summer 2017). Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.

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...is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. It is open year round and can 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 in summer. The Valley is known for massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome, its plunging waterfalls including the tallest in North America, and its attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls will be dry until rain and snow recharge it, a moderate hike will take you to Vernal and Nevada Falls. Yosemite’s meadows are great places to see wildlife and to photograph fall and 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.

Glacier Point

Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and Yosemite’s High country, is located 30 miles (1 hour) from Yosemite Valley. The Glacier Point Road is closed beyond the Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area until it can be plowed in Spring. 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 The Mariposa Grove

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 16 miles (1½ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park’s south entrance station. The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is currently closed for restoration, see page 10 for more details. The nearby Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite.

Crane Flat Area

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.

Tioga Road and Tuolumne Meadows

The Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. The Tioga Road is closed to vehicles until it can be plowed in Spring. The road’s elevation ranges from 6,200 feet 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.

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 (1½ hour) 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 April and from 7am to 9pm beginning in May. Wilderness permits and bear canisters are available at the entrance station 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.
Yosemite Valley 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 about Yosemite’s landscape and how people interact with it.

YOSEMIC 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, in the Theater behind the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

Yosemite Museum
Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. The museum is open daily from 9am to 5pm, may close for lunch.

INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT
Interprets the cultural history of Yosemite’s Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. The Indian Cultural Museum is open from 9am to 5pm, may close for lunch.

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.

MUSEUM EXHIBIT
February 25-April 30
Yosemite Renaissance 32 Art Exhibit
Yosemite Renaissance 32 opened on February 25 at the Yosemite Museum Gallery. The exhibit will be on display through April 30, 2017. It will then travel on to be shared with the public at other California art centers.

Yosemite Renaissance is an annual exhibit that presents diverse artistic interpretations of Yosemite and the Sierra Nevada, creating a continuum of artworks inspired by the region from historical times to the present. This year, 65 works were selected from 846 entries. The exhibit includes paintings, textiles, photographs and 3-dimensional works by artists from across the country. The Museum Gallery is open 10am to Noon and 1pm to 4pm daily.

Yosemite Art Center (YC)
Enjoy a hands-on creative experience at the Art Center in Yosemite Village! Join one of our upcoming expert-led classes (Monday-Saturday, 10am-2pm):
- April 3-8: Acrylic Painting with Color and Light with Sparkle Taylor
- April 10-15: Create a Yosemite Keepsake in Mosaic with Nancy Meyer (adult/workshop: 10am-11:30am; Spring Break Special kids’ workshops: 1pm-2:30pm)

April 17-22
Yosemite Watercolor with Jim Kingwell
April 24-29
Three Color Watercolor with Juan Peña
May 1-6
Color Play: Watercolor with Jo-Neal Boic
May 8-13
 plein Air Treasure: Yosemite in Watercolor with Bill Bartelt
May 15-20
Impressions of Yosemite in Acrylic with Marcy Wheeler

Yosemite Theater (YC)
Yosemite Conservancy’s theater program offers entertainment and inspiration through live performances, educational presentations and beautiful films. All shows start at 7pm at the Yosemite Theater, located behind the Valley Visitor Center, shuttle bus stops #5 & #9. Get your tickets ($10 per person, free tickets for children under age 12) at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Bookstore or at the theater before show time.

Yosemite Search and Rescue (Tuesdays)
Hear stories about emergency response missions in the park from Yosemite’s expert Search and Rescue rangers.

John Muir Series: Conversation with a Trump (Wednesdays)
Join John Muir in the early 1900s, he receives news on the fate of Hetchy Hetchy Valley. Live performance by Lee Stetson.

John Muir Series: Stickeen and Other Fellow Mortals (Thursdays) Enjoy Muir’s tales about adventures with animals, including Stickeen the dog. Live performance by Lee Stetson.


The Ansel Adams Gallery
The Ansel Adams Gallery is open daily from 10am to 5pm. Beginning March 12, 2017, the hours of operation will be from 9am to 5pm. The Gallery offers the work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other artists. For more information call 209/372-4413 or visit www.anseladams.com. See page 5 for photo workshops and other events.

GALLERY EXHIBIT
April 16 - May 27
Celebrating Wildness-Photographs by Bob Kolbrener
The wilderness instills in us the feeling of being uninhibited, creative and free; we are completely reliant on collective abilities in these places to undertake, protect and enjoy such an experience. And in turn, the wilderness shows us the meaning of grandeur and wonder and self. In this tradition, Bob Kolbrener has been exploring the wilderness through his lens since a discovery of Ansel Adams and Mr. Adams landscape legacy that was at its own apogee in the Yosemite backcountry. Together with his wife Sharon, Bob continues to seek out adventure with enthusiasm which has continued without decline for 50 years — frequently finding photographs along the way to celebrate and share their required wonder. Today, The Ansel Adams Gallery is excited to exhibit a collection of Mr. Kolbrener’s work made during this period with “Celebrating Wildness.” Original silver gelatin photographs on display will include a number of larger scale images made in Yosemite as well as the American West, showcasing the landscape in its greatest form. “Celebrating Wildness” will open at The Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village on April 16th and run through May 27th.

March 5 - April 15
Trees - Photographs by Jeffery Conley
Throughout history, the trees have given us solace. From the Transcendentalists to John Muir and Ansel Adams to many more today, there is an air of tranquility and comfort that we find in the forest, and an elegance which we continue to translate and share through our photography. Jeffery Conley has been actively photographing in Yosemite, California and Oregon for many years, and within these arenas, has used The Tree as a constant milieu in his work, highlighting the modern patterns and organic rhythms of his subject. Beginning on March 5th and running through April 15th, 2017, Mr. Conley’s dedicated tribute to this muse will be on display at The Ansel Adams Gallery on the upper gallery walls. We hope to see you there during your visit.
Events and Programs

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9:30am JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 min. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #549 (NP).
10:00am Ranger Walk – Wild About Bears (except May 7 and 14) 1.5 hrs. Shuttle stop #7. Meet at the Yosemite Art Center. Daily drop-in programs for families, children and teens. Stop by between 10am-12pm or 1-3pm to create a Yosemite-themed craft. $10 suggested donation. See pg. 4 for details. (YC)
2:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour (except Apr 23) 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YM)
5:00pm DROP-IN CRATFS Yosemite Art Center. Daily drop-in programs for families, children and teens. Stop by between 10am-12pm or 1-3pm to create a Yosemite-themed craft. $10 suggested donation. See pg. 4 for details. (YC)
8:00pm Evening Program (except Apr 24) 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room. (YH)
11:00pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (except Apr 23) 1 hr. Explore the night sky. Advanced registration required. Tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YC) $5.
11:00pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (except Apr 23) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required. Tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YC) $5.

Monday

9:00am Camera Walk. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel 1.5 hrs. (TAAG).
10:00am Ranger Walk – Yosemite's First People (except May 2, 9, 16) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #549.
11:00am Guest Artist Workshop (except Apr 11) 4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Online: yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center. See pg. 4 for details. (YC)
1:30pm Create a Yosemite Keepsake in Mosaic (April 10 only) 1.5 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center. See pg. 4 for details. (YC)
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8:30am Naturalist Bird Walk 2 hrs. Join bird-watching with Yosemite Conservancy's resident naturalist. No registration needed. Meet at Yosemite Art Center. $10/person. (YC)
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10:00am In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams photography class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) $25.
12:00pm DROP-IN CRATFS Yosemite Art Center. Daily drop-in programs for families, children and teens. Stop by between 10am-12pm or 1-3pm to create a Yosemite-themed craft. $10 suggested donation. See pg. 4 for details. (YC)
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Thursday

8:00am Ranger Walk – Generations (except Apr 19, May 3 and May 10) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #549.
9:00am Guest Artist Workshop (April 12) 1.5 hrs. Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #549.
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Friday

9:00am Camera Walk. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery 1.5 hrs. (TAAG).
11:30am Ranger Walk – Hiking the John Muir Trail (April 12 only) 1.5 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Online: yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center. See pg. 4 for details. (YC)
1:00pm CREATE A YOSEMITE KEEPSAKE IN MOSAIC (April 13 only) 1.5 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center. See pg. 4 for details. (YC)
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9:00pm Yosemite Theater – John Muir Series: Conversation with a Tramp (April 14 only) 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room. (YH)

Saturday

9:00am Camera Walk. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery 1.5 hrs. (TAAG).
10:30am Ranger Walk – Wildlife (except Apr 21, May 5 and May 12) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #549.
11:30am Spring Special: MOSAICS FOR KIDS (April 14 only) 1.5 hrs. Yosemite Art Center. Online: yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center. See pg. 4 for details. (YC)
1:30pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour (except Apr 28) 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YM)
3:30pm Ranger Walk – Wild About Bears (May 5 and 11 only) 1.5 hrs. Shuttle stop #17.
4:30pm Junior Ranger Series: Stickmen and Other Fellow Mortals 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore or Yosemite Theater. See pg. 4 for details. (YC)
6:00pm FIRESIDE STORYTELLING (except Apr 23) 1 hr. Gather by the fire and listen to the stories of Yosemite’s past and present! The Majestic Yosemite Hotel. (YM)
8:30pm Evening Program (except Apr 22) 1 hr. Yosemite Conservancy’s resident naturalist. No registration needed. Meet at Yosemite Art Center. $10/person. (YC)

If you're looking for more books on travel and adventure, check out our collection of books on Yosemite. These books will provide you with the inspiration and knowledge you need to plan your next trip to Yosemite. Whether you're a seasoned traveler or a first-time visitor, you'll find something to enjoy in these books. From the history of Yosemite to its natural wonders, these books cover it all. So take a look and see what's available today!
**Services in Yosemite**

**Groceries**
- **YOSEMITE VILLAGE**
  - Village Store: 8am to 10pm
  - YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE
  - Gift/Grocery: 8am to 10pm
- **HALF DOME VILLAGE**
  - Gift/Grocery: 8am to 10pm
- **HOUSEKEEPING CAMP**
  - Gift/Grocery: 8am to 10pm
- **YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE**
  - Gift/Grocery: 8am to 10pm
- **WAWONA**
  - Big Trees Lodge Store and Pioneer Gift Shop: 8am to 8pm
- **CRANE FLAT**
  - Gift/Grocery: 8am to 7pm, conditions permitting

**Gas Stations**
- **EL PORTAL**
  - Pay: 8am to 10pm
  - Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card
- **YOSEMITE VILLAGE GARAGE**
  - Pay: 8am to noon, 1pm-5pm, towing available 24 hours.
  - Pay: 24 hours with credit or debit card.
- **CRANE FLAT**
  - Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card.

**Post Offices**
- **YOSEMITE VILLAGE**
  - Main Office: Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
  - Saturday: 10am to noon
- **YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE**
  - Monday - Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm
- **EL PORTAL**
  - Pay: 8am to 3:45pm
  - Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card
- **WAWONA**
  - Pay: 8am to 3:30pm
  - Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card

**Books, Gifts, and Apparel**
- **YOSEMITE VILLAGE**
  - Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore: 9am to 5pm
  - Yosemite Art Center: 9am to 4pm, (closed for lunch from 12pm to 1pm)

**Religious Services**
- **CHURCH OF CHRIST** (Non-denominational)
  - EL Portal Chapel / Worship: Sunday 11am
  - Phone: 209/375-4100
- **YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH**
  - Pastor Brent Miller: Resident Minister
  - Phone: 209/372-4831 • www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org
  - The Majestic Yosemite Hotel: 915 Church Street
  - Phone: 209/372-3314 • www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org
  - Sunday Services in the Yosemite Chapel:
    - Saturday: 9am to noon
    - Sunday: 10am
  - Phone: 209/372-4729

**Tour and Activity Desks**
- **YOSEMITE VILLAGE**
  - 7:30am to 3:30pm
- **HALF DOME VILLAGE**
  - Opens Apr 22
  - 7:30am to 3:30pm

**Medical Services**
- **Medical Clinic (Yosemite Valley)**
  - Closed weekends and federal holidays.
  - Phone: 209/372-4627

**Other**
- **SHOWERS**
  - Housekeeping Camp: 7am to 10pm
  - Half Dome Village
  - 24-hours, coin operated
- **LAUNDRY**
  - Housekeeping Camp
  - 8am to 10pm
- **YOSEMITE HAIRCARE**
  - Wed-Sun 10am to 5:45pm
Wilderness Permits

Wilderness permits are required for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness, even in winter. 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. Go to www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits to check trailhead availability and for more information on how to make a reservation. Reservations can be made by fax, phone or mail starting November 15, 2016. To make a reservation by phone, call 209/372-0740, Mon-Fri from 8:30am to 4:30pm. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm, the Leave No Trace website at www.lnt.org, or the Friends of Yosemite Search and Rescue website at www.friendsofsyar.org.

YOSEMITES VALLEY

The Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center will open April 26th and be open daily from 8 am to 5pm. Wilderness permits, bear canisters, and a variety of maps and books are available. Until April 26th, wilderness permits and bear canisters can be obtained at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center seven days a week from 9am to 5pm.

BIG OAK FLAT

Wilderness permits valid for the Crane Flat area and Tuoga Road only, 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 120W.

WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

Self-registration wilderness permits are available on the front porch of Hall's Studio are valid only for the Wawona trailheads. Please come prepared with your own bear canister. Hall's Studio is located on the grounds of the Big Trees Lodge; walk from the hotel or park at the store and follow the path uphill.

HALF DOME PERMIT INFORMATION

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week when the cables are up for 2017, May 26 through October 9, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 pre-season lottery permits have already been issued for 2017. In addition, approximately 96 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 permits will be accepted 2 days prior to the desired hiking date between midnight and 1 pm. To apply, visit Recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777. A non-refundable application fee applies to all submissions and a use fee applies to winning applicants. Finally, a daily quota of 75 Half Dome permits will be available to overnight users with an appropriate wilderness permit (use fee applies). These permits may be acquired through early permits (50 per day) or before walk-up (25 per day). Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area may descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit. More information is available at: http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpromits.htm. For backpackers more information is available at: http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm.

Camping

Upper Pines, Camp 4, Wawona, and Hodgdon Meadows are open year-round. Lower Pines and North Pines, also in Yosemite Valley, are open and available by reservation. Other campgrounds are opened as conditions permit. For more information on campground opening dates, visit our website at nps.gov/yose. Call 209/372-0266 for same-day camping availability.

CAMPING RESERVATIONS

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

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

Call Center Hours:

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

Campground offices in the park are located in the visitor parking area at Half Dome Village (shuttle bus stop #14), the Tuolumne Meadows Campground entrance, in Wawona off Chilnualna Falls Road, and at Big Oak Flat Information Station.

General Camping Information

Services

• All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker (33” x 45” x 18”). See page 9 for food storage regulations.
• Shower and laundry facilities are available year-round in Yosemite Valley.
• There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer only in Wawona and Tuolumne 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 10 pm to 6 am.
• 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 5 pm and 10 pm. 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.

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes*

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<td>Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point (Closed in winter)</td>
<td>Southside Drive</td>
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<td>Valley Floor Loop</td>
<td>Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6</td>
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* Trails may be closed due to unsafe conditions. Ask a ranger for current conditions and heed all warning and closure signs!
Protecting yourself...

Keep yourself safe while exploring your park.

There are many ways to experience the wildness of Yosemite. While the forces of nature can create unexpected hazardous conditions, with a little common sense and some pre-planning, you can minimize the risks associated with many activities.

Enjoying Yosemite in Springtime

Yosemite experienced an impressive winter with heavy rains in lower elevations and a deep snow pack in the high Sierra. This snow is now melting which we can all enjoy in the form of raging streams and powerful waterfalls. The sound of running water can be as enchanting as its sight and reminds us of the life water brings to Yosemite and California's rich farmlands below.

Yosemite's waters are also a temptation for the curious, the photographer, and the weary hiker simply wanting to cool tired feet. However, Yosemite's water is also deceptively dangerous and unforgiving. You are strongly urged to enjoy any flowing or falling water from a safe distance. Please: Enjoy the water from the safety of the trail or in developed areas only.

WEATHER

Many visitors count spring as their favorite time for enjoying outdoor activities. Nevertheless, snow can fall onto the Valley floor in May. The high country is even cooler and will have snow on the trails even when it is green on the valley floor! In summary, while you are likely to enjoy pleasant weather, check the latest forecast and prepare for cold and wet extremes and always be ready to add layers of clothing to stay warm and dry.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

This is important enough to mention again, rain and melting snow fill our rivers and streams to their greatest volume and flow velocity in spring creating beautiful accents in sight and sound to Yosemite's landscape. Do not be fooled. Currents are too forceful for the strongest swimmer to survive even a shallow water plunge. Waters that appear still and green can have powerful unseen currents. The granite rocks in and near the water are slippery, even when dry. In short, stay away from streambanks where a simple slip can have disastrous consequences and never attempt a water crossing except in safe and designated areas.

BOATING/FLOATING

- Before boating or floating, check the Park’s website at https://www.nps.gov/yose for allowable locations and conditions.
- We strongly urge you to wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) when on the water. Mishaps occur so suddenly that you will not have time to put on your PFD.
- Make sure your watercraft is suitable for water conditions.

YOSEMITE’S ROADS

Snow and ice, while infrequent, are possible. Plan for all potential road conditions, call ahead to our recorded number (209) 372-0200 x114 for current conditions and restrictions. Rock fall occurs throughout the year and wildlife, including deer and bear, can all create driving hazards. There are many sites to distract drivers. If you cannot devote 100% of your attention to your driving, please pull completely off the road into designated pull-offs and parking areas.

FOR ALL SEASONS

- Let someone know – always leave your travel and hiking plans, including your intended route and estimated time of return, with a trusted person. Remember, if no one knows you are missing, no one is going to be looking for you.
- Stay on established trails – do not take shortcuts or approach the water.
- Expect snowy and wintry conditions on the trails as you hike to higher elevations, the abundant snow pack takes months to melt.
- 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. Be generous with your rest breaks.
- Carry the “10 hiking essentials” – including a flashlight or headlamp, sunglasses, sunscreen, navigation, and a signaling method (mirror and whistle).

HANTAVIRUS INFORMATION

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

On behalf of all of Yosemite’s emergency services personal, we wish you a safe and most enjoyable visit.
Keep Bears Wild

Yosemite bears don’t truly hibernate, and can be active year-round. Please, keep Yosemite’s black bears wild and alive, while protecting yourself and your property.

**STORE YOUR FOOD PROPERLY**
The typical daily diet of most bears may consist of 4,000 to 20,000 calories worth of grasses, acorns, and grubs. It’s easier for a bear to eat the thousands of calories of food in an ice chest than it is to spend all day nibbling on 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 see in color, so they recognize ice chests, grocery bags, and other food containers as potential food sources.

**DRIVE THE SPEED LIMIT**
Hit by a car. Slow down! Driving too fast is death for a black bear in Yosemite is being hit by a car. Slow down! Driving too fast is

**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. The handy chart below explains how and why it’s important to store your food.

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<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 of 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 RVs with windows closed.</td>
<td>Bears may enter campsites when people are present, and some will even check food lockers to see if they’re secured. Keep food lockers closed and locked 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 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 canisters are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.</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/your-safety.htm and find a copy of the Superintendent’s Compendium. This document is a compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions made by the superintendent, in addition to what is contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7 and 34), and other applicable federal statutes and regulations.

...and Yosemite
Mariposa Grove Restoration

By Gretchen Roecker, Yosemite Conservancy

"The Big Tree is Nature's forest masterpiece, and, so far as I know, the greatest of living things." — John Muir, Our National Parks (1901)

Giant sequoias (Sequoiadendron giganteum) are among the world’s rarest, oldest and largest living things. These towering trees occur naturally in only one place on the planet: on the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada in California, where water from the mountain snowpack seeps through the soil to reach the sequoias’ shallow roots.

Yosemite’s Mariposa Grove is home to nearly 500 mature sequoias, many of them hundreds or even thousands of years old. The giants start small, as oatmeal flake-size seeds, but with the right combination of water, nutrients, light and wildfire, they can grow to be more than 250 feet tall and 30 feet wide. The grove has been important to the American Indian tribes of the area for thousands of years as hunting grounds, ceremonial sites, and a gathering area for foods, basketry materials and medicines.

On June 30, 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Yosemite Grant Act, which set aside Mariposa Grove and Yosemite Valley for preservation and public use. With that legislation, those now iconic places became our first protected public lands. Galen Clark, who had pushed for the grove’s protection since his first walk among sequoias as part of a tourist party in 1855, became the first government-appointed guardian of the Yosemite Grant.

Fast-forward 150 years, to June 30, 2014. A century and a half of human development in Mariposa Grove had taken a toll on the sequoias’ fragile habitat. Paved tour roads snaked among the trunks. Rumbling vehicles replaced natural serenity. Asphalt and heavily trodden trails had compacted the soil, disrupting water flow and jeopardizing the health of the trees.

To mark the 150th anniversary of the landmark 1864 legislation, the park broke ground on a massive restoration project in Mariposa Grove. The goal: To ensure that Yosemite’s most famous forest continues to thrive for generations to come. The multiyear effort is a collaboration among the National Park Service, the traditionally associated tribes and groups, and Yosemite Conservancy, the park’s philanthropic partner.

For the past three years, restoration experts have been working in the grove to reverse damage and mitigate threats to the sequoias’ long-term resilience. In July 2015, the grove closed temporarily to ensure visitor safety during the major restoration work. Since then, crews have removed unnecessary buildings and pavement and worked to re-establish sequoia habitat in what were once parking lots and roads. They improved drainage in the grove to ensure that water can easily reach thirsty roots. They built raised boardwalks and environmentally sustainable trails, allowing visitors to explore the grove without inadvertently damaging its wetland ecosystem, and added accessible trails to ensure that people of all abilities can experience the grandeur of the sequoias, including the famous Grizzly Giant and California Tunnel Tree, up close.

Most of the restoration work paused during this exceptionally wet winter, but construction on a new Mariposa Grove parking area and welcome plaza at the South Entrance continued. As snow blanket ed the ground, the frame for a new building housing a bookstore and restrooms took shape. When the grove reopens later this year, visitors will be able take a seasonal shuttle from the new plaza up to the trees. While the old parking lot brought streams of cars right up to the sequoias’ trunks and roots, the new system will improve the arrival experience and provide an easy way for people to enter the grove.

Fast-forward another month, and the grove had fully re-opened, with a touch-up plan in the works. Work will continue to return Mariposa Grove to its pre-restoration condition, a tall, narrow forest floor woven with streams, seedlings and sustainable trails.

This remarkable transformation, like hundreds of other projects in the park, is possible thanks to tens of thousands of people — planners, managers, restoration workers, volunteers, tribes and donors — invested in protecting Yosemite for the future. To learn how you can help preserve Yosemite, visit yosemiteconservancy.org.
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Yosemite Name Changes
The names of the following facilities in Yosemite have changed.

The changed names are:
- 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)

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