The Yosemite Valley Shuttle operates from 7am to 10pm and serves stops in numerical order. Shuttles run daily every 10 to 20 minutes, depending on time of day. The El Capitan Shuttle runs from 9am to 7pm, every 10 minutes. See schedules posted at shuttle stops.

Pardon our dust! Shuttle service routes are subject to change as pavement rehabilitation and road work is completed throughout 2017. Expect temporary delays.
Seasonal Highlights
Keep this Guide with you to get the most out of your trip to Yosemite National Park

Experience Yosemite Safely!
With record snow pack this year, rivers in Yosemite are running very fast and very cold, which pose a potential danger to park visitors. On May 25, 2017, Yosemite National Park Rangers conducted a Swift Water Rescue Training and Water Safety Day on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley. This training was conducted to train park rangers on rescue techniques and to educate the public on potential dangers related to swift and high water conditions. While enjoying Yosemite, please stay a safe distance from rivers during spring runoff, which is expected to last several more weeks.

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.

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

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

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

Go to the Theater
After a day of exploring the park, relax and enjoy a show at the Yosemite Theater. This season, you can catch live shows starring Yosemite rangers, get inspired by a renowned rock-climber, and travel back in time to meet important figures from the park’s past. See page 6 for details, or visit yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-theater.

Get Creative at the Art Center
Join Yosemite Conservancy at Yosemite Art Center, next to the Village Store, to take a beginner class with a professional artist, browse supplies, see original artwork and more. We offer expert-led art classes for beginners (Monday through Saturday), classes for kids and teens (Monday through Thursday), and Open Studio crafts for the whole family (daily). The Art Center is open daily from 9am to 4pm, closed for lunch at noon. See page 6 for details, or visit yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center.

Adventure with Yosemite Conservancy
Explore the park in a new way with Yosemite Conservancy’s naturalist guided! Get an inside look at the park’s natural history while backpacking to a beautiful lake, taking in the view from the top of Half Dome, or enjoying a relaxing weekend of birding or fly-fishing. Sign up for a scheduled Outdoor Adventure, or contact us to plan a personalized Custom Adventure. Visit yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or call 209/379-2317 x10 to get started. See page 6 for details.

Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center
Formerly known as LeConte Memorial Lodge, the Center is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm. Free evening programs occur on Friday and Saturday evenings at 5pm. Seating is available for 50 guests. The Center, located at shuttle stop #12, has a natural history library, a children’s corner, and historical exhibits. Call 209/372-4542 for program details.

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.

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 Dial Services at 209/379-5250 (v/t). Two weeks advance notice is requested.
- Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advance request, inquire at a visitor center.
- Audio tours are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. 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
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 hours 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_lostfound@nps.gov.

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Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Entrance Fees
Non-commercial car, truck, RV, or van with 15 or fewer passenger seats: Valid for 7 days
- $30/person (No per-person fee)
- $30/vehicle
- $25/motorcycle

Individual: Valid for 7 days
- $15 (in a bus, on foot, bicycle, or horse)

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

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

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

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

Interagency Military Pass: (Free)
For active duty U.S. military and dependents.

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

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

Lodging Reservations
888/903-8886
www.travellyosemite.com

Group Sales Office: 888/339-3481
www.travelyosemite.com
888/413-8869

Yosemite Mariposa County
866/425-3366 or 209/966-7081
Mariposa County Visitor Center
800/446-5353 or 209/724-8104
California Welcome Center, Merced
Highway 140/49
209/878-3329
Coulterville Visitor Center
Highway 132/49
209/878-4677

Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau
Highway 41
800/449-9120 or 209/962-0429

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

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Walk to Mirror Lake, where you will see reflections of Half Dome. Gaze up at El Capitan, a massive granite monolith that stands almost 3,593 feet from base to summit.

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 a trickle by August, a moderate hike will bring you to impressive Vernal and Nevada Falls. Walk to Mirror Lake, where you will see reflections of Half Dome. Gaze up at El Capitan, a massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. Whether you explore the valley by foot, bike, car, on horseback, raft, or tour, you will behold scenery that will leave you breathless and eager to see what’s around the next corner.
Glacier Point

Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and Yosemite’s high country, is located 30 miles (a one-hour drive) from Yosemite Valley or Wawona. To get there from either of these places, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), to Chinquapin, then turn onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating view, looking 3,214 feet down to Yosemite Valley below. *There is a free shuttle service that runs from Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area (YSSA) to Glacier Point. The shuttle will be required when the Glacier Point parking lot is full; however, visitors with accessibility placards, valid wilderness permits for trailheads along Glacier Point Road, or camping at Bridalveil Creek Campground will be allowed to continue. The Glacier Point shuttle will begin running at 10am. The last shuttle from Glacier Point leaves at 5:30pm, and from YSSA at 4:30pm. There is no free shuttle available for hikers from Glacier Point or YSSA to Yosemite Valley.*

Wawona and Mariposa Grove

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1 ¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park’s South Entrance. 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, 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.

Tioga Road and Tuolumne Grove

Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. It is usually open from late May or early June through sometime in November. The road’s elevation ranges from 6,200 feet to nearly 10,000 feet. The White Wolf area, midway across the park, is the starting point for day hikes to Lukens Lake and Harden Lake. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area on the Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the grove. Or park at Merced Grove trailhead on Big Oak Flat Road and walk 1.5 steep miles down to the grove. These groves are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but are quieter and off-limits to vehicles. Remember, walking down is easier than walking back up. Portions of Tioga Road may not be open in June due to snow and ice.

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 Tuolumne Meadows Hikers’ Bus from Yosemite Valley. Tuolumne Meadows may not be open in June due to snow and ice.

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 1¼-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.

DID YOU KNOW

- Bat species comprise ¼ of all mammal species on the planet!
- Our largest bat in Yosemite is the Western Mastiff (Eumops perotis) – with a wingspan of almost 2 feet!
- A Big Brown Bat (Eptesicus fuscus) can eat its body weight of insects per night!
- The oldest Little Brown Bat (Myotis lucifugus) we know of lived to be 31 years old!
- Bats are major consumers of the night flying insects – like mosquitoes and many agricultural pests.
Yosemite Valley

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

NATURALIST PROGRAMS
Naturalists give talks and walks 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.

TOURS
Tours listed below depart from Yosemite Valley Lodge and are 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, Starry Nights Tours, and the Tuolumne Meadows Hiker’s Bus, weather and road conditions permitting!

The Glacier Point Tour leaves Yosemite Valley Lodge at 8:30am, 10am, and 1:30pm 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 to make reservations or inquire at the tour desks at Yosemite Valley Lodge, Yosemite Village, and Half Dome Village.

RAFTING
Rafting is a great way to see Yosemite Valley. Rafts can be rented at Half Dome Village from 8am to 4pm, seasonal conditions permitting. If you plan to bring your own raft, please see page 15 for safety and regulatory information.

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.

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 8am to 7pm, weather permitting. Bikes are only allowed on paved bicycle paths, not on any dirt trails.

SIGHTSEEING
Some famous landmarks in Yosemite Valley include:

- Yosemite Falls gives the Valley an extra touch of life when it’s flowing with spring runoff. You can walk to its base or take the strenuous trail to its top (see page 17).
- Half Dome, Yosemite’s most distinctive monument, dominates most views in Yosemite Valley. Forces of uplift, erosion from rivers and glaciers, and rockfall all shaped this famous feature into what we see today. Cook’s Meadow, Sentinel Bridge, Tunnel View, and Glacier Point, are just a few locations with stunning views of Half Dome.
- El Capitan, a massive granite monolith, stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. From spring to fall, climbers come from all over the globe to scale El Capitan.
- Happy Isles is a place to see dramatic natural processes at work. It is easily reached by shuttle at stop #16. Cross the footbridges onto the isles or wander through indoor and outdoor exhibits detailing Yosemite’s geologic story.
- Tunnel View, along Wawona Road (Hwy #4) 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.

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.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Yosemite Village
Degnan’s Kitchen
7am to 6pm, open June 22
Degnan’s Loft
11am to 5pm

The Majestic Yosemite Hotel
Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm
Dinner: 6:30pm to 10pm
Sunday Brunch: 7am to 1pm
Appropriate attire respectfully required for dinner. Reservations strongly recommended for dinner and Sunday Brunch.
Phone: 209/372-1468

Coffee Bar
7am to 10:30am
The Majestic Bar
11am to 11pm

Yosemite Valley Lodge
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 11pm
Saturday & Sunday
Noon to 11pm

Mountain Room Restaurant
Reservations taken for 8 or more.
209/372-1281 or 209/372-1403
Dinner: 5pm to 10pm
Sunday Brunch: 9am to 1pm
Subject to closure for private events

Half Dome Village
Coffee Corner/Ice Cream
6am to 10pm,
Ice cream service begins at 11am

Half Dome Village Bar
11am to 10pm

Half Dome Village Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm

El Capitan Bar
9am to 11pm

The Majestic Yosemite Hotel
The Gift Shop
8am to 10pm
The Sweet Shop
7am to 10pm

Yosemite Village Lodge
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Half Dome Village
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm

Yosemite Bookstore
Inside Yosemite Visitor Center
9am to 5pm

Yosemite Museum Store
9am to 5pm

Valley Wilderness Center
8am to 5pm

Village Store
8am to 10pm

Half Dome Village Bar
7am to 10pm

BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL

Yosemite Village
The Ansel Adams Gallery
9am to 6pm
Yosemite Art Center
9am to 6pm, closed for lunch at 12pm

Yosemite Village Lodge
Gift/Grocery
8am to 6pm

Inside Yosemite Visitor Center
9am to 5pm

Yosemite Museum Store
9am to 5pm

Valley Wilderness Center
8am to 5pm

Village Store
8am to 10pm

Half Dome Village
Gift/Grocery
8am to 6pm

Happy Isles
Nature Center at Happy Isles
6am to 7pm

BICYCLE & RAFT RENTALS

Yosemite Village
Bicycle Rentals
8am to 7pm, weather permitting

Half Dome Village
Bicycle Rentals
8am to 7pm, weather permitting

Raft Rentals
8am to 5pm, conditions permitting

Yosemite Village
Bicycle Rentals
8am to 7pm, weather permitting

Half Dome Village
Bicycle Rentals
8am to 7pm, weather permitting

Raft Rentals
8am to 5pm, conditions permitting

Happy Isles
Nature Center at Happy Isles
6am to 7pm

BICYCLE & RAFT RENTALS

Yosemite Village
Bicycle Rentals
8am to 7pm, weather permitting

Half Dome Village
Bicycle Rentals
8am to 7pm, weather permitting

Raft Rentals
8am to 5pm, conditions permitting

Happy Isles
Nature Center at Happy Isles
6am to 7pm

A rainbow appears in the mist of Bridalveil Fall in late afternoon. Photo by Christine Lobsey

Illustration by Binta Wold

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Yosemite Valley
Where to go and what to do

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

Yosemite Films
Two films are shown daily, every half hour beginning at 9:30am, except on Sundays, when the first showing is at noon. The first 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 Valley Visitor Center Theater.

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
Open daily from 9am to 5pm, may close for lunch. Interprets the cultural history of Yosemite’s Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present.

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

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

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

Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center
Open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm, with free evening programs Friday and Saturday at 8pm. The center has a library, a children’s corner, and a new climate change exhibit. The center is located at shuttle stop #12.

The Ansel Adams Gallery
In Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center, the gallery is open daily from 9am to 6pm. The gallery offers the works of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other artists. See page 6 for photo walk times. For more information, call 209/372-4413, or visit www.anseladams.com.

Exhibit: Chasing Rainbows - Keith Waltlet
May 28, 2017 - July 8, 2017
Keith S. Waltlet is recognized as one of the most prolific photographers to have ever entered Yosemite National Park, and throughout his career, Double Rainbow, Tunnel View (See Cover Photo) has become his most successful, collected fine print, as well as finding its way into books and multiple presentations about the rewards and challenges of photographing an aesthetic icon like Yosemite Valley.

To celebrate that image and the many memorable moments that he was fortunate to witness during those years, The Ansel Adams Gallery will feature a collection of Keith’s most popular images in the exhibit Chasing Rainbows - A Thirty-Year Arc. True to the exhibit’s name, there will be rainbows, such as El Capitan, Rainbow, recorded in the midst of the wild thunderstorm that punctuated a historic ascent of Half Dome by Mike Corbett and Mark Wellman in September of 1991, and another bow echoing the dramatic gesture of the iconic Jeffrey Pine on the summit of Sentinel Dome. Other favorites will be featured, such as Frosty Pines, Yellowstone, taken just weeks before Keith and his sweetheart Annette Bottaro-Waltlet left Yosemite to live in their new home of Boise, Idaho in 1998. Keith has written: “As I photographed that rainbow thirty years ago, I was wondering how I could consider going anywhere else. I’m fortunate that I get to come back so often to teach for the Gallery and continue to share the park’s beauty. It’s transformative.”

NEW EXHIBIT: A Retrospective - William Neill
July 9, 2017 – August 19, 2017
It is a common story amongst the Yosemite denizenship to hear them tell about how the park sang them a Siren’s song upon their initial arrival in the Sierra. In the early twentieth century, even Harry Best and Ansel Adams both capitulated to this muse, returning year in and year out in a search for a greater comprehension of place, pursuit, nature and life. And this cycle continues today with every new artist that is lured to explore the park. In 1977, William Neill found his own life’s path redirected when he came to photograph Yosemite for the first time. Not long after, he began working at The Ansel Adams Gallery as a staff photographer, teaching visitors all he could about the art form and the place that he loved. While other itinerant interests would take him on journeys far and wide, from the American Southwest to Antarctica, he would make Yosemite his permanent home. Forty years later, to commemorate his commitment to photography and great body of work, The Ansel Adams Gallery will be hosting the exhibit, William Neill - A Retrospective, from July 9 to August 19, 2017. Work on display will concentrate on imagery from Yosemite National Park, but will feature additional photographs made throughout this esteemed career. An opening reception for the artist will be held at the gallery on July 15 from 3pm to 5pm, we hope to see you there.

Valley Services

Garage
Yosemite Village
8am to 5pm. Closed for 1 hour at noon
24-hour AAA tow service available until 4:30pm.
209/372-1060

Post Offices
Yosemite Village
Main Office
Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 10am to noon
Yosemite Valley Lodge
Post Office
Monday-Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

Groceries and Tours
Yosemite Village
Village Store
Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm
Tour Desk
7:30am to 3:30pm

Yosemite Valley Lodge
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Tour Desk
7:30am to 3:30pm
Half Dome Village
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Tour Desk
7:30am to 3:30pm

Housekeeping Camp
Gift/Grocery
8am to 9pm

Showers and Laundry
Housekeeping Camp
Showers - 7:30am to 10pm
Laundry - 8am to 10pm
Half Dome Village
Showers open 24 hours
Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures (YC) Enjoy an expert-guided experience at the Art Center in Yosemite Village! Join us for one of our upcoming beginner–level classes led by expert artists. (Monday-Saturday, 10am-2pm).

Yosemite Art Center (YC) Enjoy an expert-guided experience at the Art Center in Yosemite Village! Join us for one of our upcoming beginner–level classes led by expert artists. (Monday-Saturday, 10am-2pm).

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY
June 21, 2017 - July 25, 2017

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JUNIOR RANGER WALK
2:00 pm
Exploring the Night: Starry Night Skies Over Yosemite. Limited Space. (YH)

JUNIOR RANGER WALK
2:00 pm
Jr. Ranger Walk - Wild About Bears. (YH)

RANGER PROGRAM
12:30 pm
Ask A Climber

RANGER PROGRAM
12:30 pm
Ask A Climber

RANGER PROGRAM
1:00 pm
USING YOUR DIGITAL CAMERA 1:00 pm. The Ansel Adams Gallery. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG)"
Wawona and Mariposa Grove
Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park

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 cocoa. Use this time to plan your day or to get other questions answered. See page 9 for schedule.

OLD-FASHIONED FOURTH OF JULY!
You are cordially invited to join the staff of the Pioneer Yosemite History Center for an old fashioned 4th of July celebration! Activities will include a parade, speeches and games, such as gunny sack races, three-legged races, an egg toss and tug-of-war. A fun time will be enjoyed by people of all ages. This celebration takes place at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center on July 4, between 2pm and 4pm.

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 stories from Yosemite’s past. Once or twice a week, he will present an hour-long interpretive program on the vintage songs of Yosemite or the history of Wawona with slide or music accompaniment. Check with Tom at the piano for dates and times.

WAWONA VISITOR CENTER AT HILL’S STUDIO
Open from 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 lodge or park at the store parking area and follow 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. Five dollars for adults and $4 for children ages 3 to 12-years-old.

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 began with hopes to re-open in late 2017. 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, ranger walks, and sunset talks are all offered for your enjoyment at this stunning location. See next page for times and more information.

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### WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

#### Sunday

**HORSE-DRAWN STAGE RIDES**
- 10:00am – 2:00pm: Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Pioneer Yosemite History Center lobby, last sale at 12:45pm. (YH)
- 2:00pm – 5:00pm: Blacksmithing Demonstrations Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (YH)
- 8:00pm – 9:00pm: Campfire Talk 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly. (YH)

**JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM**
- 10:00am – Noon: Junior Ranger Program 1.5 hrs. Meet at Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio. (YR)
- 2:00pm: Junior Ranger Program 2.5 hrs. Meet at the Glacier Point Amphitheater. (YH)

**GEOLOGY HUT**
- 10:00am – Noon: Visit Yosemite’s Past. (YH)
- 2:00pm: Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (YH)
- 9:00pm: GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE! 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point (elevation: 7,214 ft. 2,199 m.) Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour and activity desk. Shuttle services available. (YH)

**POST OFFICE**
- 9:00am – 5:00pm: Big Trees Store & Pioneer Gift Shop 8am to 8pm
- 9:00am – 5:00pm: Ranger Walk - Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan 1 hr. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (YH)

**GIFTS & APPAREL**
- 8:30am – 5:00pm: Pioneer Yosemite History Center Gift Shop 8am to 5pm
- 8:30am – 5:00pm: Stars Over Yosemite! 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point (elevation: 7,214 ft. 2,199 m.) Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour and activity desk. Shuttle services available. (YH)

**GAS STATION**
- 8:00am – 5:00pm: Wawona Post Office Monday-Friday, 9am to 5pm Saturday: 9am to noon
- 8:00am – 5:00pm: Big Trees Service Station 8am to 5pm, Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

**STABLES**
- 7am to 6pm: Wawona Stables 7am to 7pm, Rides daily at 8am, 10am, and 2pm. Advance reservations recommended

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### GLACIER POINT

#### Sunday

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**JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM**
- 10:00am – Noon: Junior Ranger Program 30 mins. Meet at the Glacier Point Amphitheater. (YH)
- 2:00pm: Ranger Walk - Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan 1 hr. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (YH)
- 7:45pm: Sunset Ranger Talk 30 mins. Glacier Point amphitheater, overlooking the Valley. (YH)
- 9:00pm: GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE! 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point (elevation: 7,214 ft. 2,199 m.) Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour and activity desk. Shuttle services available. (YH)

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**PROGRAMS printed in ALL CAPS AND COLOR**

- especially for children and their families.
Tuolumne Meadows

- Please walk on official trails to protect fragile meadow ecosystems.
- Dogs, bicycles, and strollers are only allowed on roads open to vehicles.
- Day-hikers and backpackers must go to the bathroom at least 100 feet away from water, trail, and camp areas; bury human waste six inches deep; pack out toilet paper and all other trash.

*Due to snow and ice, it is very likely that Tuolumne Meadows programs, services, and trailheads may not be available before July 1. Check local postings for programs and service hours.

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center
Once open for the season, hours will be 9am to 5pm. The visitor center is a resourceful place for park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays.

Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley Cabin, and Soda Springs
Two trails, both flat and 3/4-mile long, lead to this historic area accessible only by walking. Parsons Memorial Lodge will be open from 10am to 4pm beginning soon after the Tioga Road opens. Soda Springs are small, naturally-carbonated springs that attract birds and deer, especially at sunrise and sunset.

Ranger Programs and Walks
Explore new areas with a park ranger and learn about geology, birds, flowers, history, the Tuolumne River, and more. Check local postings for ranger walks, talks, and programs including activities just for kids. These will begin soon after the road opens and will be posted at the Wilderness Center.

Wilderness Center
The center is scheduled to open soon after the Tioga Road opens. Please check the website for hours of operation. Wilderness permits, bear canisters, information, books, and maps are available.

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

Tuolumne Grove
The trailhead for the Tuolumne Grove, which consists of approximately 25 sequoias, is near the intersection of the Big Oak Flat and Tioga roads at Crane Flat. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from the parking area into the grove. The trail drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The way down can seem much easier than the uphill return. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill portion. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile nature trail. There is no potable water available. Be sure to bring drinking water with you.

Merced Grove
Yosemite’s quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of approximately 20 big trees accessible only on foot. It’s a three-mile round-trip hike (about three hours) into the grove. The trail drops down 1.5 miles making this a moderately strenuous hike on the uphill portion. There is no potable water at the parking area or down in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you. The grove is located 3.5 miles north of Crane Flat and 4.5 miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance along the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). The trail is marked by a sign and a post labeled B-10. Tuolumne Grove.
High Country Hiking!

Yosemite received over twice as much snow as usual this past winter, making for winter-like conditions in areas around Tuolumne Meadows—even now. Here is a glimpse at the winter stats as of April 26, 2017:

Season Totals: Nov 1, 2016 - April 26, 2017
Total Snowfall: 493 inches
Total Water: 51.13 inches

"Most recorded in Tuolumne Meadows this summer.

If you plan to hike or backpack above 8,000 feet this summer, anticipate high water crossings, snow bridges, hard snow on mountain passes, and other hazards. Go to a visitor center or wilderness center to check current conditions, and please, come prepared, make good decisions and do not put others at risk when visiting the wilderness this summer.

HETCHEY, HODGDON MEADOW, CRANE FLAT, AND WHITE WOLF

See local postings for additional naturalist walks and programs in Tuolumne Meadows.

Tuesday

9:00am JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM* 1 hr. All ages welcome. Exploration of the Crane Flat Campground area, games, stories, etc. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from the 200 loop). Wear sturdy footwear and be prepared for walks. (NPS)

1:00pm Giant Sequoia Walk 45 mins. Join a ranger-naturalist for a walk through the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias to learn about these fascinating trees. Meet at the picnic tables at the lower end of the Tuolumne Grove, a mile walk downhill from the parking area. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water. (NPS)

7:00pm Twilight Meadow Observation and Sketching Walk 1 hr. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground campfire circle near the group campsite. Leisurely walk with stops. Wear sturdy footwear. Supplies provided if needed. (NPS)

8:30pm Ranger Campfire Program* 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist for a traditional high country campfire program. See local postings for each week's subject. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across the 200 loop). (NPS)

Wednesday

3:00pm – 4:00pm Ranger on the Dam Stop by anytime during this hour and talk with a ranger-naturalist to learn about the Hetch Hetchy Valley and O'Shaughnessy Dam. (NPS)

8:00pm Bats! 1 hr. Be a Citizen Scientist for the night. Join our researchers and assist with acoustical monitoring of bats at Hodgdon Meadows. Sign up at Big Oak Flat information Station or call 209/379-1899. Limit 20 participants. (NPS)

8:30pm YOSEMITE NIGHT SKY 2 hrs. Crane Flat area. Make reservations at the Big Oak Flat info station 209/379-1899. Limited to 20 participants. (NPS)

Thursday

9:00am JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM* 1 hr. All ages welcome. Exploration of the Hodgdon Meadow area, games, stories, etc. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground campfire circle near the group campsite. Wear sturdy footwear and be prepared to walk. (NPS)

1:00pm Fire and Sequoias Walk 2 hrs. Join a Ranger Naturalist for a walk down into and through the Tuolumne grove of giant sequoias. Meet at the trailhead for the grove near the parking lot. Moderately difficult, 2.5 miles round trip. Wear sturdy footwear and bring drinking water. (NPS)

7:00pm Hetch Hetchy Waterside Chat 1 hr. O’Shaughnessy Dam. A ranger-naturalist will discuss a range of topics relevant to the natural and cultural history of water and the Tuolumne River. Visit the Big Oak Flat Information Station or call 209/379-1899 if you want to know the topic of the week. Bring a chair if you’d like and allow 45 mins. drive-time from Big Oak Flat Visitor Information Station. (NPS)

8:30pm Ranger Campfire Program* 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist for a traditional high country campfire program. See local postings for each week’s subject. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from the 200 loop). (NPS)

Friday

7:00pm Bear Walk 1 hr. Learn about these amazing creatures who call Yosemite home. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from the 200 loop). Wear sturdy footwear. (NPS)

8:30pm YOSEMITE NIGHT SKY 2 hrs. Crane Flat area. Make reservations at the Big Oak Flat info station 209/379-1899. Limited to 20 participants. (NPS)

Saturday

8:00am – 9:00am Coffee with a Ranger Stop by anytime during this hour for free coffee and to learn about the park. Bring your own mug and questions. Hodgdon Meadow Campground. Check kiosk posting for location. (NPS)

9:30am Hodgdon Meadow Wildflower Bloom Monitoring Walk 1 1/2 hrs. Join a ranger-naturalist to learn to identify wildflowers and help update a weekly bloom list for Hodgdon Meadow. Wear sturdy footwear. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground Kiosk. (NPS)

8:30pm Ranger Campfire Program* 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist for a traditional high country campfire program. See local postings for each week’s subject. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from the 200 loop). (NPS)

* Crane Flat Campground programs will begin when the campground opens for the season.
Yosemite National Park offers a wide variety of programs and activities for kids of all ages! To find kid-friendly programs, see pages 6, 7, 9, and 11 of the Guide for program descriptions:

**Be a naturalist.** Look for these common Yosemite wild animals. If you see one, make a note by the animal’s picture below. If you don’t see any of these wild animals during your visit, choose one you did see and draw it in the box on this page. Where did you see it? What was it doing? Also, remember never to feed or approach an animal.

- Coyote
- Black bear
- Golden-mantled ground squirrel

Illustrations by Tom Whitworth

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**Follow these steps to earn your Junior Ranger badge.***

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.

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7. Think about this. Why do people work to protect national parks?

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8. When you complete this page, take it to a visitor center. There you will take your oath and receive your Junior Ranger badge.

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

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.

**Backpackers:**

Save Your Food, Save A Bear

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

**Report Bear Sightings!**

To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and accidental deaths.

**For your safety, avoid contact with wildlife and store food 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 the park service. In addition to keeping bears away, storing your food properly also reduces your exposure to rodents and their fleas, which may carry plague.

**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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**Bears and Wildlife**

Enjoying wildlife safely and responsibly

**MOUNTAIN LIONS**

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

**For your safety:**

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

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

**What should you do if you meet a mountain lion?**

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

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

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

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

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**Keep Wildlife Wild!**

Respect animals at a distance. Never feed or approach them.
Experience Your America Yosemite National Park

Yosemite National Park Rangers conducted a Swift Water Rescue Training / Water Safety Day on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley on May 25, 2017. This training was intended to train Park Rangers on rescue techniques and to educate the public on potential dangers related to swift and high water conditions. NPS Photo by Al Golub

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.

KEEP SAFE WHILE EXPLORING YOUR PARK.

ENJOYING YOUR YOSEMITE EXPERIENCE
Summer is a popular time to visit Yosemite, and for good reasons; daylight hours are long and the weather is usually warm. Plant and animal life are vibrant. High country trails that have been hiding for months are now waiting to be hiked and the waterfalls are still full. However, summer conditions present unique challenges which you must consider to ensure your outdoor enjoyment.

WEATHER
Dehydration and exhaustion can occur during any season but we are particularly vulnerable during the summer heat. Always carry more water than you need. Without rationing water, make sure your hike or outdoor activity is half over before your water is half gone. Prevent dehydration by sipping lots of water throughout the day and frequently eating salty, easy-to-digest snacks. If you are sweating, replace lost water. If you are sweating, replace lost salts with salty, easy-to-digest snacks.

BOATING / FLOATING
• Before boating or floating, check the Park’s website at 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 TRAILS
Yosemite’s 800 miles of trails pass through natural areas and endure all the forces of nature including flooding, fire, erosion, and slides. Trails may be damaged from weather and past fires. Snow can be present over higher elevation trails. Always carry a good topo map and compass (GPS optional) and know your location, including your back route, in case you need to turn around.

RIVERS AND STREAM
Yosemite’s streams are a huge temptation for the curious, the photographer, and the overheated and weary hiker simply wanting to cool tired feet. Do not be fooled! Yosemite’s water is deceptively dangerous and unforgiving. Visitors are strongly urged to enjoy moving or falling water from a safe distance. Please: DO NOT LEAVE THE SAFETY OF THE TRAIL OR DEVELOPED AREAS.

FOR ALL SEASONS
• Don’t approach moving water.
• Stay on established trails - do not take trail shortcuts, go over fences, or approach water. Almost all of Yosemite’s non-traffic related serious injuries occur off trail.
• Rock scrambling - leave it to the critters.
• Water and food – Carry more water than you need, stay hydrated and snack frequently – 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).

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 enclosures where deer mice are present. If staying in guest lodging, please tell the housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice in your room. Do not clean the area yourself. Keep doors to guest lodging shut and keep food in sealed containers. 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. For more information on hantavirus visit: http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm.

PLAGUE
Plague is an infectious bacterial disease carried by squirrels, chipmunks and other 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 when eating outside, avoid disturbing rodent burrows, wear insect repellent with DEET, and tell a park ranger 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, 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 if caught in time.

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

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...and Yosemite’s Wild Places

Protecting Yourself and the Park

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

Wilderness Permit Details

Wilderness permits are required year round for all overnight trips into Yosemite’s Wilderness. Permits are issued and bear canisters are available for rent in Yosemite Valley 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. Call the park’s main office 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, Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm, or check the website at 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.friendsofyosar.org.

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 2017, June 2 through October 10, conditions permitting. A total of 225 presaison lottery permits have already been issued for 2017. 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. Entails 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).


Rafting

Conditions permitting, rafting on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley (Clark Bridge to Sentinel Beach) and the South Fork of the Merced River in Wapona 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).
- Special fishing regulations apply on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley from Happy Isles downstream to the Foresta Bridge in El Portal. Within these reaches of the river, it is catch-and-release only for rainbow trout. Brown trout limits are five fish per day. Only artificial lures or flies with barbless hooks may be used.
- The use of live or dead minnows, bait fish or amphibians, non-preserved fish eggs or roe is prohibited.

Pets

Keep in mind, daytime temperatures can reach above 100 °Farenheit in the summer. Make sure to keep your pet cool and well-hydrated. In Yosemite, pet owners have a few rules to follow:

- Pets are only allowed in developed areas and on roads and paved bike paths. Pets are not allowed anywhere in the Mariposa or Merced sequoia groves. They are not allowed on trails, in wilderness areas, or where signs are posted prohibiting them.
- Pets must be on a leash (6 feet or less) or otherwise physically restrained.
- For the courtesy of others, human companions are responsible for cleaning up and depositing pet feces in trash bins.
- Pets are not allowed in any lodging facilities or other buildings within the park and are not allowed in some campgrounds.
- Pets may not be tied to an object and left unattended.

Bicycling

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

YOSEMETE GUARDIANS

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park’s most important guardians. With over 5 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.
An adventurous overnight experience

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

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

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 9 am each day, May through September.

Camping in Areas Surrounding Yosemite
The U.S. Forest Service 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 Tuolumne Meadows, Hodgdon Meadow, Wawona, and Bridalveil Creek Campgrounds. Reservations can be made the same way as individual site reservations; 13 to 30 people are allowed in each group campsite. Tent camping only. Pets, RVs, and generators are not permitted in group sites.

Camping in Yosemite National Park

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<th>OPEN DATE (APPROX)</th>
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<th>MAX TRAILER LENGTH</th>
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* Exact campground opening and closing dates are subject to conditions.

Experience Your America Yosemite National Park

Camping

Camping in Yosemite. Photo by Ray Santos
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

TRAIL / DESTINATION STARTING POINT DISTANCE / TIME DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
Bridalveil Fall Bridalveil Fall Parking Area 0.5 mile round-trip, 20 minutes Easy
Lower Yosemite Fall Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #7 1.0 mile round-trip, 20 minutes Easy
Upper Yosemite Fall Trail to Columbia Rock Camp 4 Near Shuttle Stop #7 2 miles round-trip, 2 to 3 hours Strenuous, 1,000-foot gain
Top of Upper Yosemite Fall Same as above 7.2 miles round-trip, 6 to 8 hours Very Strenuous, 2,700-foot gain
Mirror Lake (a seasonal lake) Mirror Lake Shuttle Stop #17 2 miles, 1 hour round-trip to Mirror Lake, 3 miles, loop around lake Easy
Vernal Fall Footbridge Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16 1.4 miles round-trip, 1 to 2 hours Moderate, 400-foot gain
Top of Vernal Fall Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16 3 miles round-trip, 2 to 4 hours Strenuous, 1,000-foot gain
Top of Nevada Fall Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16 7 miles round-trip, 5 to 6 hours Strenuous, 1,900-foot gain
Top of Half Dome Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16 14 miles (via Mist Trail) or 16.3 miles (via John Muir Trail) round-trip, 10 to 12 hours Extremely Strenuous, 4,600-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point Southside Drive 4.8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours, one-way Very strenuous, 3,200
Valley Floor Loop Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6 13 miles full loop, 5 to 7 hours full loop Moderate

Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

TRAIL / DESTINATION STARTING POINT DISTANCE / TIME DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
Wawona Wawona Meadow Loop Big Trees Lodge 3.5 miles round-trip, 1.5 hours Easy
Swinging Bridge Loop Wawona Store / Pioneer Yosemite History Center Parking Area 4.75 miles round-trip, 2 hours Moderate
Glacier Point Road Taft Point Sentinel Dome Parking Area 2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours Easy to Moderate
Sentinel Dome Sentinel Dome Parking Area 2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours Moderate
Tuolumne Meadows Area Soda Springs / Parsons Lodge Lambert Dome Parking Area 1.5 miles round-trip, 1 hour Easy
Lambert Dome Lambert Dome Parking Area 4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours Moderately Strenuous
John Muir Trail through Lyell Canyon Ding Lake Parking Area 8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours Easy, 200-foot gain
Elizabeth Lake Tuolumne Meadows Group Campground 4.8 miles round-trip, 4 to 5 hours Moderate
Tioga Road Lukens Lake White Wolf 5.4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours Moderate
Yosemite Valley via Porcupine Creek Porcupine Creek 7 miles one-way, 4 to 6 hours Moderate, 5,500 to 4,000-foot loss
Yosemite Valley via Yosemite Creek Lukens Lake Trailhead 10.5 miles one-way, 5 to 9 hours Moderately Strenuous, 5,000 to 4,000-foot loss
Yosemite Valley via Clouds Rest Tenaya Lake 19 miles one-way, 10 to 12 hours Strenuous
Hetch Hetchy Wapama Falls O'Shaughnessy Dam 5 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours Easy to Moderate

FEATURED HIKE

The Mist Trail to Vernal and Nevada Falls

Vernal Fall footbridge: 1.6 miles, 2.6 km round-trip; 1.5 hours with 400 ft, 122 m elevation gain
Vernal Fall: 2.4 miles, 3.8 km round-trip; 3 hours with 1,000 ft, 306 m elevation gain (via Mist Trail)
Nevada Fall: 5.4 miles, 8.7 km round-trip; 5 to 6 hours with 2,200 ft, 670 m elevation gain (via Mist Trail)

Begin at Happy Isles (shuttle stop #16)

Trail Description:
An excellent view of Vernal Fall is visible from the footbridge at 0.75 miles (1.2 km). Beyond the bridge, at 0.2 miles, the Mist Trail and the John Muir Trail diverge. To proceed directly to the top of Vernal Fall, follow the Mist Trail 0.5 mile (0.8 km) up a steep granite stairway of over 600 steps. Prepare for slippery footing and a tremendous amount of waterfall spray in spring and early summer. The top of Nevada Fall may be reached by continuing 1.3 miles (2.1 km) along the Mist Trail.

Things to know before you go:
• Swimming is not permitted in the Hetch Hetchy reservoir or in Emerald Pool above Vernal Fall.
• Stay away from swiftly-moving water. Choose swimming areas carefully and swim only during low water conditions.
• Always supervise children closely.
• Avoid areas of whitewater, where streams flow over rocky obstructions. Never swim or wade upstream from a waterfall, even if the water appears shallow and calm. Each year, unsuspecting visitors are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when swimming in these areas.
• If you plan to hike or backpack above 8,000 feet, it may still be winter-like conditions. Expect snow, flooded, and/or muddy conditions. Check current conditions at a wilderness or visitor center before starting hike.
**Bats!**

**Acoustical Monitoring in Yosemite**  
Story by Lisa Murphy

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**WHAT BAT IS THAT?**

As you wander through the twilight hours, you may see a silhouette quickly flitting overhead. As you notice the quieting of the bird song, you may hear a high-pitched chirping sound emerging in the quiet of the evening. Stop for a moment and engage your senses. You may have the opportunity to observe one of the 17 species of bats that inhabit Yosemite. Two of our bat species (the Spotted bat and the Western mastiff) echolocate in our auditory range, allowing us to listen in on their quest for food. The others echolocate at ultrasonic frequencies, far above our human hearing range.

All of Yosemite’s 17 bat species are insectivores that hone in on their prey using echolocation calls. These calls are distinct to each species, therefore we can differentiate amongst the 17 species of bats. We analyze their calls using a specialized microphone and SonoBat™ software that can interpret their ultrasonic calls.

Although bat research has been ongoing in Yosemite for many years, most of this science occurs behind the scenes. Two interpretive research projects allow visitors to glimpse how we monitor the health of the park’s ecosystems by studying bats. We offer two nightly programs where you can join researchers to collect the evening’s bat echolocation data. (We allow 20 visitors to join us per night, sign up is necessary see page 11 for details)

Another opportunity is to visit our brand new Bat Station. Located between shuttle stop 16 and the Happy Isles Nature Center, you will find a small building that has a very big job. This is the site of the USGS stream-gaging station, the National Weather Service (NOAA) weather station, and the new bat station. This gaging station has been continuously measuring the temperature and flow of the Merced River, at this spot for over 100 years. The NWS equipment is measuring and reporting the local weather conditions. The newest addition to this building is the ultrasonic acoustical monitoring equipment that we have mounted on the roof. The small microphone picks up the echolocation calls of bats as they fly over. It transmits these to the computer where SonoBat Live™ software analyzes the calls by creating a sonogram image of the call, which is compared to the banked calls in the program. Within 20 seconds the software is able to identify the species of bat that emitted those particular calls.

The screen in the window will display a sonogram image and species name of the most recent detection. In addition, the touch pad on the building will enable you to view a summary of the evening’s bat activity including sonogram, the species identified, and information pages and photos for each bat species. And coming very soon you will be able to watch the nightly bat activity and interact with all of these functions on our new Yosemite Bat Channel on the Yosemite National Park website. These projects are made possible by generous donations through the Yosemite Conservancy. (yosemiteconservancy.org)

At the gaging station the two additional screens show the hydrograph of the river and the current weather data. This station may be the first public site to monitor meteorology, hydrology, and terrestrial species at one location. We hope that these public data sets will allow students to explore potential relationships and trends in the using of a combination of datasets.

**WHY ARE BATS SO IMPORTANT?**

We monitor bats because they are indicators of overall ecosystem health. Noticing a change in species diversity at a given location can alert us of the need to look deeper at what is going on at that site. Also, nationwide White Nose Syndrome (WNS) has been decimating bat populations, beginning in the Northeast and moving west over the last decade. So far no WNS cases have been reported in California, but we need to keep a close eye (and ear) on the bats to know of any possibility of its spread to Yosemite.
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.

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

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

Yosemite Hospitality LLC
Yosemite Hospitality, a subsidiary 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 is committed to providing park stewardship in collaboration with the National Park Service in effort to protect and preserve the park for millions of park visitors to enjoy. Visit www.TravelYosemite.com for more information.

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

Yosemite Conservancy
Through the support of donors, Yosemite Conservancy provides grants and support to Yosemite National Park to help preserve and protect Yosemite today and for future generations. Work funded by the Conservancy is visible throughout the park, in trail rehabilitation, wildlife protection and habitat restoration. The Conservancy is also dedicated to enhancing the visitor experience and providing a deeper connection to the park through outdoor programs, volunteering, wilderness services and its bookstores. Thanks to dedicated supporters, the Conservancy has provided more than $113 million in grants to Yosemite National Park. Learn more at www.yosemiteconservancy.org or call 415/434-1782.

Yosemite Volunteers: Serving Yosemite
Over 12,407 volunteers donated more than 174,885 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.

Yosemite Name Changes
The names of the following facilities in Yosemite have changed:

- 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)

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, call 209/379-1001 or email yose_lostandfound@nps.gov.

Yosemite Zero Landfill Initiative
Help make Yosemite the first Zero Landfill park in the country. Through the Zero Landfill Initiative, Yosemite is reducing the amount of trash sent to the landfill every year. In partnership with Yosemite Hospitality, we are making it easier to participate by adding more recycling containers with better labels.

Here are 3 things you can do to help:
1. Get rid of excess packaging by repacking food in reusable containers before you leave home.