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Do not use or block the “Bus and Authorized Vehicles” lane while driving in Yosemite Valley. The bus lane ensures emergency vehicles can respond to incidents when traffic is backed up and provides preference for mass transit.

Reservations

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

Lodging Reservations
888/693-6869
www.travelyosemite.com
Group Sales Office: 888/339-3481

Regional Info

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

Highway 120 West
Yosemite Chamber of Commerce 209/777-7081 or 209/382-0429

Sierra County Visitor Center 209/532-1888

Highway 41
Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau 559/853-4528
www.yosemitehillsideyear.com

Highway 132/49
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California Welcome Center, Merced 209/445-5353 or 209/724-6104
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www.mariposavistacenter.org

Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau 209/742-4567
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**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/Ei Portal Road from Merced, Highway 120/west/Big Oak Flat Road from Manteo, and (during the summer) via the Highway 120 east/ Tioga Road 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 3,983 feet from base to summit. Whether you explore the valley by foot, bike, car, 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 (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. “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 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, near the turnoff to Big Oak Flat Road and walk 1 ½ steep miles down to the grove. These groves are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but are quieter and off-limits to vehicles. Remember, walking down is easier than walking back up.

**Tuolumne Meadows**

Tuolumne Meadows provides a glimpse of the High Sierra. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows surrounded by 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 Leyll Canyon. Take advantage of the Tuolumne Meadows Hikers’ Bus from Yosemite Valley.

**Hetch Hetchy**

Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the City of San Francisco, is also home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. Due to its importance as a municipal water supply, no swimming is permitted. Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles from Yosemite Valley. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open 7am to 9pm, May 1 through Labor Day. Wilderness permits and bear canisters are available while the road is open. Hetch Hetchy Road is accessible via the Big Oak Flat Road and Evergreen Road and is approximately a ¼-hour drive from Yosemite Valley. Trailers, vehicles over 25 feet long, RVs and other vehicles over 8 ft. wide are not allowed on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.

**DID YOU KNOW**

- Bears’ sense of smell is said to be seven times stronger than a bloodhound. Think a bear can’t smell the food in the trunk of your car? Think again! Bears have been known to break windows and rip out back seats to get food that people left in their car trunk.
- Approaching a bear, or allowing a bear to get close to you, can have negative consequences for the bear. If you see a bear, remember to keep your distance (at least 50 yards).
- Feeding a bear is not only illegal but could quickly lead to that bear’s death. A bear that learns to accept hand-outs from people will quickly pose a risk to people and will probably be killed.
Seasonal Highlights

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

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

Adventure Out with the Yosemite Mountaineering School
Yosemite Mountaineering School provides outdoor adventures for people of all experience levels. We are here to help you 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

Visit the Yosemite Museum
Learn about Yosemite Indians by exploring an exhibit 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 Yosemite landscape by joining a photography expert from The Ansel Adams Gallery. Several classes are offered each week. Some have fees, some are free. Sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village, shuttle stops #5 and #9. See pages 5 and 6.

Get outside and enjoy your park!
Summer offers spectacular views of waterfalls, great hiking, and other endless opportunities for recreation. Find the adventures that will make lasting Yosemite memories for years to come.

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. Visit yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-theater for more information. See page 6 for more details.

Get Creative at the Art Center
Join Yosemite Conservancy at the Yosemite Art Center to take a beginner class with a professional artist, browse supplies and original artwork, and more. We offer expert-led art classes for beginners, classes for kids and teens, and Open Studio crafts for the whole family. The Art Center is located next to the Village Store and is open Monday through Saturday, 9am to 4pm, closed for lunch 12pm to 1pm. See page 6 for details.

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

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 Yosemite’s restaurants, hotels, lounges, shuttle buses or tour services, call 209/372-4357. For items lost or found in other areas of the park, email yose_lostandfound@nps.gov

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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 (TTY). 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.
The Incomparable Yosemite Valley

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

Yosemite Valley

NATURALIST PROGRAMS

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

WALKING AND HIKING

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

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 naturalist. It provides a classic view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, Sentinel Rock, Cathedral Rocks, and Bridalveil Fall. It is spectacular at sunset or after the clearing of a storm.

Call 209/372-1240 to make reservations or inquire at the tour desks at Yosemite Valley Lodge, Yosemite Village, or Half Dome Village.

RAFTING

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

BICYCLING

Several miles of bicycle paths wind through Yosemite Valley. You may rent your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Valley Lodge or Half Dome Village, open 8am to 7pm, weather permitting. Bikes are not permitted on dirt trails.

SIGHTSEEING

Some famous landmarks in Yosemite Valley include:

- Yosemite Falls gives the Valley an extra touch of life when flowing with spring runoff. Walk to its base or take the strenuous trail to its top, see page 17 for hiking information.
- 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 41) provides a classic view of Yosemite Valley, El Capitan, Half Dome, Sentinel Rock, Cathedral Rocks, and Bridalveil Fall. It is spectacular at sunset or after the clearing of a storm.

Illustration by Binta Mild

Yosemite Miomonsie, a relief print by Tom Killion, will be on display at The Ansel Adams Gallery from August 20 to September 30, 2017.

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The Ansel Adams Gallery

9am to 6pm

Yosemite Art Center

9am to 4pm, closed for lunch at 12pm, closed on Sundays

Yosemite Bookstore

Inside Yosemite Visitor Center

9am to 5pm

Yosemite Museum Store

9am to 5pm

Yosemite Village Store

8am to 10pm

The Majestic Yosemite Hotel

The Gift Shop

8am to 10pm

The Sweet Shop

8am to 10pm

Bicycle Rentals

8am to 7pm, weather permitting

Bicycle Rentals

8am to 7pm, weather permitting

Raft Rentals

8am to 4pm, conditions permitting

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Degnan’s Kitchen

7am to 6pm

Degnan’s Loft

Noon to 9pm

Village Grill

11am to 6pm

Inside Yosemite Visitor Center

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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 nearest 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 last film is at 4:30pm. Ken Burns' Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirits plays on the hour and The Spirit of Yosemite plays on the half hour, in the Theater behind the 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
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 Valley Visitor Center.

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: William Neill - A Retrospective
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. Work on display will concentrate on imagery from Yosemite National Park, but will feature additional photographs made throughout his esteemed career.

NEW EXHIBIT: Tom Killion's High Sierra: The Poetry of Nature
August 20, 2017 – September 10, 2017
It is a celebrated aspect of art in the National Parks that, when successful, it evokes an emotional response and depicts a consequential interpretation of these majestic spaces. There is a caveat of this art which intends to help us see more literally the form that our parks like Yosemite have taken, while also guiding our imaginations to envision these places at their purest and most elemental structures. And this sentiment is on full display when looking at the Ukiyo-e style woodblock prints of Tom Killion. Each print is full of life – with playful lines, graphic designs and rich color or tone. From August 20 through September 30, The Ansel Adams Gallery will be hosting an exhibition of Mr. Killion’s work, from his newest woodblocks of Yosemite, to some rare and old favorites. We will also be holding an artist’s reception for Tom on Saturday, September 9, from 3pm to 5pm, inside the gallery in Yosemite Village where he will be talking about his work and taking questions from attendees. We hope to see you there!

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.

VALLEY SERVICES

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

GROCERIES AND TOILETRIES

Gift/Grocery
Tour Kiosk - Village Store
8am to 10pm
Yosemite Valley Lodge
Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm

SHOWERS AND LAUNDROMATY

Housekeeping Camp
Showers - 8am to 10pm
Laundry - 8am to 10pm
Half Dome Village
Showers open 24 hours
SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY
July 26, 2017 - August 29, 2017

Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures (YC)

- Yosemite Conservancy’s year-round, naturalist-led Outdoor Adventures offer something for every park explorer. Upcoming outings include:
  - Jul 29 – 30: All Angles of Angling: Fly Fishing and Aquatic Life
  - Aug 6: Dine and Discover: Full Moon Hike to Taft Point
  - Aug 24 – 27: Backpacking: On the Quest for Bighorn Sheep
  - To learn more and register, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/outdoor-adventures or call 209/379-2317 x10.

Yosemite Theater (YC)

- Yosemite Conservancy’s Theater program offers entertainment and inspiration through live performances, educational presentations and beautiful films. All shows at 7pm at the Yosemite Theater, located behind the Valley Visitor Center, shuttle stop #5 & #6. Get your tickets ($10 per person, free for children under age 12) at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Bookstore or at the theater before show time.
  - Return to Balance: A Climber’s journey (Monday) join rock-climber Ron Kauk for a film and presentation celebrating Yosemite’s year-round beauty, the vertical wildness, and living in balance with nature.
  - John Muir Series: Stickeen and other Fellow Mortals (Friday) join the brave little dog Stickeen. Live performance by Lee Stetson.
  - Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier (Saturday) Ranger Shletton Johnson portrays the life of a Buffalo Soldier in Yosemite through live performances, movie-based shows, and audience Q&A.

Yosemite Art Center (YC)

- Enjoy an art-based creative experience at the Art Center in Yosemite Village! Join one of our upcoming beginner classes led by expert artists, Monday through Saturday, from 10am to 2pm:
  - Jul 24 - 29: Pastel Landscapes, with Young Wei Mbo
  - Jul 31 - Aug 5: Interplay: Watercolor and Ink, with QinJin Liu
  - Aug 7 - 12: Yosemite Sketching and Drawing, with Sue Long
  - Aug 14 - 19: Painting the Park, Fast and Loose, with David Peterson
  - Aug 21 - 26: Drawing Yosemite’s Shapes and Lines, with Sue Fursten
  - Aug 28 - Sep 2: Drawing Yosemite: Learn to Capture the Beauty, with Arlene Lindel

Classes with guest artists are recommended for ages 12 and up, and are typically held outside, weather and media permitting. Registration is $15 per person, per day; some classes have an additional materials fee. This summer, we’re also offering special art classes for kids (10 per family, per day), Monday through Thursday

You can sign up for any of our classes online at yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-art-center, or by phone at 209/372-4207, by email at artcenter@yosemiteconservancy.org, or in person at the Art Center. Drop-ins are welcome if space is available. Art supplies are available for rent or purchase.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Resident Minister - Pastor Brett Mason
209/372-4831 • www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org

Yosemite Valley Chapel
10am - East Auditorium behind Yosemite Valley
6pm - Lower Pines Amphitheater, shuttle stop #19

For more information, call 209/372-4831 or visit www.YosemiteValleyChapelWeddings.org

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Resident Minister - Pastor Brent Moore
209/372-4207, by email at artcenter@yosemiteconservancy.org, or in person at the Art Center. Drop-ins are welcome if space is available. See page 6 for details. (YC)

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**July 26, 2017 - August 29, 2017**

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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.

RANGER EVENING PROGRAMS
Join a ranger for an hour of nature, history, and insight into Yosemite at a Campfire Talk or at a Tuesday Evening Ranger Program. Topics vary nightly. See page 9 for times and location.

TOM BOPP AT THE PIANO
Starting August 8, 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 8:30am to 5pm. The visitor center offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, Hill’s Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona store parking area and follow the path up the hill.

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

EXPERIENCE HORSE-DRAWN TRAVEL
Travel into history by taking a 10-minute horse-drawn stage ride. Purchase tickets at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. See page 9 for schedule. Five dollars for adults and $4 for children ages 3 to 12 years old.

BLACKSMITH SHOP
Feel the heat, 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.

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Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park

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Wawona and Mariposa Grove
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**Glacier Point**

**RANGER EVENING PROGRAMS**

Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening days of summer and explore the high country. Stargazing programs, ranger talks, and sunset walks are all offered for your enjoyment at this stunning location. Times and location are listed to the right.

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- **6:30 pm**  | **Romantic Ranger Walk − Cliffs and Domes** 1 hr. Meet at The Redwoods in Yosemite Valley. *(NPS)*
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**FOOD & BEVERAGE**

- **Wawona**  | **Big Trees Lodge Dining Room**
  Breakfast: 7am to 10am
  Lunch: 11am to 2pm
  Dinner: 5pm to 9pm  
  Reservations taken for 6 or more. Lounge Service: 5pm to 9:30pm  
  Saturday BBQ: 5pm to 7pm, weather permitting
- **Glacier Point**  | **Swimming Pool**
  Daylight hours, weather permitting
- **Wawona**  | **Golf Shop & Snack Stand**  
  8am to 6pm, weather permitting
- **Glacier Point**  | **Snack Stand**  
  9am to 7pm, conditions permitting

**GROCES**

- **Wawona**  | **Big Trees Store & Pioneer Gift Shop**  
  8am to 8pm
- **Glacier Point**  | **Big Trees Lodge Service Station**  
  8am to 9pm, weather permitting

**POST OFFICE**

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

**GAS STATION**

- **Wawona**  | **Big Trees Lodge Service Station**  
  8am to 5pm, Diesel & propane available
  Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

**GOLF**

- **Wawona**  | **Big Trees Lodge Golf Course**  
  8am to 6pm, weather and conditions permitting
  Nine-hole, par-35 course. Phone: 209/375-6572

**STABLES**

- **Wawona**  | **Big Trees Stable**  
  7am to 5pm, Riders daily at 8am, 10am, and 2pm. Advance reservations recommended
Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat

Tuolumne Meadows

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

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

Tuolumne Meadows 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 center is located along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, across from shuttle stop #3.

Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley Cabin, and Soda Springs
Two trails, both flat and 1/4 mile long, lead to this historic area accessible only by walking. Parsons Memorial Lodge is open 10am to 4pm. Soda Springs are small, naturally carbonated springs that attract deer, birds and other wildlife.

Just For Kids
Programs for children include Junior Rangers, a 2-hour ranger-led program targeting ages 7-12 and Campfire for Kids (When the campground opens). See page 11.

Ranger Walks
Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, wildlife, history, wildflowers, the Tuolumne River, and more. These walks range from one to eight hours, except for the long walks, which are fairly easy.

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**Evening Activities**

- **Come to a traditional, ranger-led campfire program for stories, songs and insight into Yosemite. Topics vary and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. End your day with a star-gazing program – bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly.**

**Parsons Memorial Lodge Summer Series**

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

  - **Saturday, July 29, 2017 - 2pm to 3:30pm Names and Nature, Words and World**
  - **Illustrated talk and discussion of recent work with artist, writer, and naturalist James Prosek, author of *From the World and Ocean Fishes***

  - **Sunday, July 30, 2017 - 2pm to 3pm The Beautiful and the Damned: Building a Relationship with Beauty in an Age of Environmental Distress**
  - **Talk and discussion with Megan Mayhew Bergman, author of *Birds of a Lesser Paradise and Almost Famous Women*.**

  - **Saturday, August 5, 2017 - 2pm to 3:30pm Oolution Singers**

  - **Sunday, August 6, 2017 - 2pm to 3:30pm The Wisdom of Trials**
  - **Reading, talk, and discussion with Robert Moor, author of *On Trails*.**

  - **Saturday, August 12, 2017 - 2pm to 3:30pm Making “Tree Lines”**
  - **Drawings and stories by artist Valerie P. Cohen and Michael P. Cohen, authors of the new book, *Tree Lines*.**

  - **Sunday, August 13, 2017 - 2pm to 3:30pm The Mystery of Birdsong**
  - **Talk and discussion with naturalist David Lukas, author of *Sierra Nevada Birds*.**

**Annual Tuolumne Meadows Poetry Festival**

- **Saturday, August 19 to Sunday, August 20 Morning workshops and afternoon readings featuring poets Camille Dungy, Teddy Macker, Gary Young, and musician Shira Kammen.**

  - **Saturday, August 19, 2017 10am to 11:30am - *Little Things that Count: Writing Small Poems about Big Things* Poetry workshop with Camille Dungy**

  - **2pm to 3:30pm - Featured poets and music 7:30pm to 10 pm - Open reading and music**

  - **Sunday, August 20, 2017 10am to 11:30am - *The Unbroken Line: Exploring the Prose Poem* Writing workshop with Gary Young**

  - **Saturday, August 26, 2017 - 2pm to 3:30pm Revealing the Mysteries of Sierra Snow and Ice**

  - **Illustrated talk and discussion with Thomas H. Painter, Principal Scientist, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Principal Investigator, NASA Airborne Snow Observatory.**

  - **This event is supported in part by Poets & Writers.**

**2017 High Sierra Natural History Celebration**

- **Friday, July 28 to Sunday, July 30, 2017 Join us for a weekend summit of naturalists, which will include evening gatherings, natural history programs, and featured speakers at Parsons Memorial Lodge, and opportunities to explore and enjoy the Tuolumne high country with other naturalists. Check daily listings for more details. Evening program locations will depend on campground openings.**

**Big Oak Flat**

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

**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 trail leads downhill from the parking area into the grove and drops 500 feet in one mile. The trail is moderately strenuous on the uphill portion. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile nature trail. Bring drinking water.**

**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 into the grove. The trail drops down 1.5 miles making this a moderately strenuous hike on the uphill portion. There is no potable water in the area – bring drinking water. 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.**
**FOOD & BEVERAGE**

Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows Grill

8am to 6pm, August 1 - 29

conditions permitting

Tuolumne Meadows Lodge

Dining Room

Opens Aug 1, conditions permitting

Breakfast: 7am to 9am

Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm

**GROCERIES**

Store

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Tuolumne Meadows Campground

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**GIFTS AND APPAREL**

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**services in the Tuolumne Meadows**

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**SPECIAL HOURS**

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Reservations strongly recommended

Opens Aug 1, conditions permitting

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**GIFTS AND APPAREL**

**Tuolumne Meadows Bookstore**

**OPEN July 26, 2017 - August 29, 2017**

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**Tuolumne Meadows Campground**

**GROCE RIES**

Store

8am to 7pm, August 1 - 29

conditions permitting

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**Tuolumne Meadows Campground Store**

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**CRANE FLAT**

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Crane Flat

**FOOD & BEVERAGE**

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Become a Junior Ranger

Follow these steps to earn your Junior Ranger badge.*

Yosemite National Park offers a wide variety of programs and activities for kids of all ages! To find kid-friendly programs, see pages 6, 7, 9, and 11 of the Guide for program descriptions:

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

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.

1. With an adult, pick a trail to walk. See page 17 of this Guide or stop by a visitor center to choose your trail. As you go, walk quietly, watch, listen, and think.

   Write the name of the trail you walked. ___________________________________

2. Explore with your senses! Record the following.

   I see: ______________________   I hear: ______________________

   I smell: ____________________   I touch: ______________________

3. Leave no Trace! If you see trash or rubbish, pick it up. Junior Rangers learn to be good park stewards by bringing in a bag of trash. Recycle any recyclable materials you pick up or bring along.

4. Ask a Ranger! What President signed the Yosemite Grant Act on June 30, 1864, setting aside Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove for special protection?__________________________________________________

5. Learn more. Go to a ranger-led program or visit with an Indian Cultural Demonstrator. What program did you attend? Have the ranger or demonstrator sign below.

   Signed by: ___________________________________________________

6. Write down something you learned from a ranger or Indian Cultural Demonstrator.

   _______________________________________________________________

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

   _______________________________________________________________

8. When you complete this page, take it to a visitor center.

   There you will take your oath and receive your Junior Ranger badge.

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

Enjoying wildlife safely and responsibly

Keep Wildlife Wild!

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

Store Your Food Properly.

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

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

If you see a bear anywhere else, consider yourself lucky—but keep your distance (at least 50 yards, or about the distance made by four shuttle buses parked end to end). If you get too close, you will be helping the bear become used to being around people.

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

Drive the speed limit.

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

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

Coyotes

Watching a coyote hunting for mice in one of Yosemite’s many meadows can be an amazing wildlife experience. Coyotes are opportunistic carnivores that primarily prey on small mammals. Like bears, their diets change throughout the year with food availability. Unfortunately, coyotes sometimes change their natural behavior to try to obtain human food. Approaching, and/or feeding coyotes can cause them to lose their natural fear of humans. Please do not stop to feed coyotes that you see along the sides of the roads. This encourages them to frequent roadsides to beg for food, endangering both coyotes and drivers.

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 a park employee. In addition to keeping bears away, storing your food properly also reduces your exposure to rodents and their fleas, which may carry plague.

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.

Location

Food Storage

Your Vehicle

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 vapors, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats. Never leave1 unsecured food in the outside of a vehicle or in a pickup truck bed.

Bears can smell food, even if it’s sealed in the trunk or glove compartment, and they recognize boxes and bags as potential food sources. They can easily and quickly break into all kinds of vehicles!

Your Campsite or Tent Cabin

You must store all your food in food lockers—not in your tent or tent cabin. A food locker is available at each campsite and tent cabin. Food may be stored out of sight in hard-sided fits with windows closed.

Bears may enter campsites when people are present, and some will even think food lockers to see if they’re secured. Keep food lockers closed and latched at all times, even when you are in your campsite or tent cabin.

Picnic Areas & on the Trails

Do not leave food unattended. Always keep food within arm’s reach. Don’t turn your back to your food.

Bears may investigate picnic areas or backpacks for food even when people are present, so be alert.

Backpacking in the Wilderness

Bear resistant food containers are required throughout the Yosemite Wilderness. Hanging food is prohibited in Yosemite.

In Yosemite and the southern Sierra, bear canisters are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.

Black bear “logging in.” Photo by Karen Amstutz

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!

KEEP WILD LIFE WILD

Respect animals at a distance

Never feed or approach them
KEEP 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 YOUR YOSEMITE EXPERIENCE

The dog days of summer are upon us and the water is still running. What a beautiful combination but please do not be fooled, the water is as dangerous as ever and maybe even more so because hot temperatures make the water difficult to resist.

WEATHER

Dehydration and exhaustion can occur during any season but you 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.

Thunderstorm season is here. Remember, there is no safe place outside when you can hear thunder. Follow the saying, “when thunder roars, go indoors.” If you cannot reach a building or car (with a hard top), hike down and away from ridges and outcroppings. Do not be the tallest object or near a tall object.

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 deceived! Yosemite’s water is deceptively dangerous. Visitors are strongly urged to cool tired feet. Do not be deceived!

YOSEMITE’S 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 will linger 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.

ALTITUDE

The Yosemite Valley sits at 4,000 feet above sea level and although this is not generally high enough to cause altitude illness, you may feel diminished performance or shortness of breath during physical activity if you have not had an opportunity to acclimate.

Altitude illness can begin as low as 6,000 feet. Tuolumne Meadows hikers around 9,000 feet and many other accessible destinations are much higher. Flu like symptoms or general weakness can be signs of altitude illness and it can cause problems with judgment and physical performance and even become life-threatening. Altitude illness affects us equally, regardless of age, physical condition, and gender. The only definitive cure for altitude illness is to lose elevation.

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’S ROADS

Yosemite’s roads are just as dangerous as in your home town but we have other hazards such as rock fall, distracted motorists, and abundant wildlife, including deer and bear. Moreover, there are many sites to distract you. If you cannot devote 100% of your attention to your driving, please pull completely off the road into designated pull-offs and parking areas. Buckle up! Park rangers enforce California’s Motor Vehicle Code on park roads.

FOR ALL SEASONS

• 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 water.

• “10 hiking essentials” – including a flashlight or headlamp, sunglasses, sunscreen, navigation, and a signaling method (mirror and whistle).

• Let someone know – always leave a trusted family member or friend informed about your travel and hiking plan, including your intended route, destination, and estimated time of return, with a trusted personal. If no one knows you are missing, no one is going to be looking for you.

And remember this truism: one is going to be looking for you.

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. Do not pitch tents near rodent burrows or droppings.

This can be treated if caught in time.
Experience Your America    Yosemite National Park

...and Yosemite’s Wild Places

Protecting park resources

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 dedicated to protecting 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 camisoles are available for rent at the Yosemite Visitor Reservation Center (page 5) and at the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station during hours of operation. Wilderness permits are also available at the Hill’s Studio in Wawona (see page 8) and at the Big Oak Flat Information Station and the Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center (see page 10). Call the park’s main phone line at 209/372-0200, or check the web at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm, for additional information. For summer trips, reservations are taken from 24 weeks to two days in advance of the start of your trip. A processing fee of $5 per permit plus $5 per person is charged to each confirmed reservation. Check the park’s website for trailhead availability and call 209/372-0740, Monday through Friday, from 9am to 5pm and Saturday, 9am to 4pm. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm, the Leave No Trace website at www.lntl.org, or the Friends of Yosemite Search and Rescue website at www.friendofyosar.org.

HALF DOME HIKE - PERMITS REQUIRED

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week when the calves are up for 2017, June 2 through October 10, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 presession 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. Finally, a daily quota of 75 Half Dome permits will be available to overnight users with an appropriate wilderness permit (use fee applies). These permits may be acquired through early reservations (50 per day) or day before walk-up (25 per day). Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area may descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit. More information is available at http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm. For backpackers more information is available at: http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdswildpermits.htm.

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 Wawona is open from 10am to 6pm daily to any type of non-motorized vessel or other flotation device. • The entire length of the Merced River in Yosemite Valley is closed to all flotation devices whenever the river gauge at Sentinel Bridge reads 6.5 feet or higher. Ask at a visitor center for conditions and obey all posted signs. • You must wear or have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PFD) 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 E3 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 off paved paths. Mountain biking opportunities are available in designated areas outside of Yosemite.

YOSEMITE GUARDIANS

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park’s most important guardians. With 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
• 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 license plate number and call 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.

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**An adventurous overnight experience**

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

### Camping Reservations

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

For campground reservations, visit www.recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777 or TDD 877/833-6777 from 7am to 9pm, Pacific time, March through October, or from 7am to 7pm, November through February. Call 518/885-3639 if you’re dialing from outside the U.S. and Canada.

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

### 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 campites are not wheelchair accessible. Sites are available on a person basis, and six people will be placed in each campsite, regardless of number of people in your party. Camp 4 often fills before 9am each day, May through September.

### Campgrounds in Yosemite National Park*

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

### GENERAL CAMPING INFORMATION

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

**Services**

- Sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker (33”d x 45”w x 18”h). See page 5 for food storage regulations.
- Toilets available in campgrounds; however, Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat have non-flushing vault toilets only and no potable water.
- Shower and laundry facilities are available year-round in Yosemite Valley.
- RVs over 24 feet in length are not permitted in Yosemite Valley; pine cones and pine needles) is available year-round in Yosemite Valley.
- Campfires are permitted at any time, as long as they are attended.
- Campfires are permitted between 5 pm and 10 pm in walk-in and group campgrounds, and in out-of-Valley campgrounds.
- A maximum of six people (including children) and two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
- Proper food storage is required. RVs are not permitted in walk-in and group campites. There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer-only in Wawona and Tuolomne Meadows.
- Shower and laundry facilities are available year-round in Yosemite Valley.
- Tent camping only. Pets, RVs, and generators are not permitted in group sites.

### Regulations

- Proper food storage is required.
- A maximum of six people (including children) and two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
- Quiet hours are from 10pm to 6am.
- A maximum of six people (including children) and two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
- Campfires are allowed per campsite, regardless of number of people in your party. Camp 4 often fills before 9am each day, May through September.
- Toilets available in campgrounds; however, Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat have non-flushing vault toilets only and no potable water.

### 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

- Pine cones and pine needles are not permitted in Yosemite Valley; you may purchase firewood at stores near the campgrounds.
### Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

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<td>Elizabeth Lake</td>
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### Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

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### Hiking

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.

**FEATURED HIKE**

**The Mist Trail to Vernal and Nevada Falls**

- **Vernal Fall footbridge**: 1.6 km round-trip; 1.5 hours with 400 ft/122 m elevation gain
- **Vernal Fall**: 4.4 miles/7 km round-trip; 5 to 6 hours with 2,200 ft/670 m elevation gain (via Mist Trail)
- **Nevada Fall**: 5.4 miles/8.7 km round-trip; 5 to 6 hours with 4,000 ft/1,200 m elevation gain (via Mist Trail)

**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, ice, and/ or muddy conditions. Check current conditions at a wilderness or visitor center before starting hike.
Where Can I See A Bear?

Monitoring Yosemite’s Black Bears

Story by Caitlin Lee-Roney

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eeing a bear in Yosemite is an exciting experience, but where can you see a bear during your visit? Biologists in the park have developed many tools to help track and find bears that enter developed areas or get close to people in order to find food. But, did you know that the vast majority of bears in Yosemite (over 90%) are untagged? These are the bears you may encounter by sheer luck if you are out enjoying the park. You might find them grazing in meadows, eating acorns high up in oak trees, gorging on manzanita berries, or just passing by on a trail as they wander in search of their next snack. Bears are naturally shy of people, avoiding us whenever possible. But, bears are incredibly smart and curious, and have a huge appetite along with an unimaginably great sense of smell. So when they discover that people carry food (lots of it!) everywhere they go, they quickly change their natural behaviors drastically.

What happens when a bear gets human food? Bears are quick learners, and once they know how or where to find an easy food source, they don’t forget. A bear that gets human food will likely continue searching for more. When a bear becomes too aggressive in their search for human food, they must be killed. But all of this can be avoided. The “bear problem” in Yosemite is entirely a people problem, and your behavior while visiting the park can make all the difference to a bear.

Yosemite’s rangers work extremely hard to discourage these behaviors by bears, but with over five million visitors in the park last year, keeping human food from bears is not an easy task. The first goal is to educate people about how to be responsible with their food and trash when they visit the park. With proper food storage, people can keep food out of a bear’s reach thereby preventing any negative consequences to a bear.

When people fail to store their food properly and a bear frequents developed areas or other areas with people, park biologists capture, tag and collar, and start monitoring the bear’s behavior and movements. The park uses both radio telemetry and GPS to track the movements of management bears. GPS collars are set to plot a point on a map every hour. This data is helpful in figuring out where a bear is spending time. With this information, rangers can focus wilderness patrols in specific areas where a bear is spending time.

Focused education of people camping in those areas to prevent food storage problems, as well as scaring a bear away from people, can make a huge difference in the long-term behavior of a bear.

Radio telemetry doesn’t plot where a bear is on a map, but sends out a signal that can be picked up from within a few miles of the bear. With that signal, rangers can find the bear’s direction and general distance. Radio telemetry is also used in the park’s monitoring and alarm systems. These systems track a collared bear any time it is within a monitored area and alerts park rangers via their radios that a bear is in a specific campground or other monitored area. This way rangers, can quickly respond and chase a bear away before it is able to get food from an unsuspecting camper.

Rangers also keep track of where bears are being seen in the park through visitor reports of bears. If you see a bear during your visit, call and leave a message on the Save-A-Bear hotline 209/372-0322, or by e-mailing yose_bear_mgmt@nps.gov. The more rangers know about where bears are being seen and what they are doing around people, the better they can work to protect those bears and keep them wild. Visit KeepBearsWild.org for more information about bears in the park.

Remember, every time you store your food properly, keep your distance from bears (at least 50 yards), scare bears if they’re in a developed area or if approaching people, and report bear sightings, you’re doing your part to save a bear’s life.

DID YOU KNOW

- Collisions with vehicles is the leading known cause of black bear deaths in Yosemite? As many as 38 bears have been hit by vehicles in a single year in the park.
- If you see a bear in developed areas, or approaching people anywhere, you should yell and make as much noise as possible to scare it away.
- Black bear cubs stay with their mother for less than a year and a half before heading off on their own. When they are a year old they are called yearlings and are often mistaken for cubs that are missing their mother. These young bears are particularly susceptible to the lure of human food, so it is especially important to keep your food to yourself.

Bears frequently cross roads as they travel throughout the park. Please, pay attention, and obey all speed limits while driving in Yosemite. NPS Photo.
Supporting Your Park

Enhance the Visitor Experience

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

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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.

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• Half Dome Village (formerly Curry Village)
• Yosemite Valley Lodge (formerly Yosemite Lodge)
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209/379-9510 fax
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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.

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