Experience Your America Yosemite National Park

Elm tree in Cooks Meadow, Yosemite Valley. Photo by Christine Loberg

Pardon our dust! Shuttle service and traffic circulation may change due to road repairs, conditions permitting. Expect detours and delays.

The Yosemite Valley Shuttle operates from 7am to 10pm and stops every 15 to 30 minutes, depending on time of day. The El Capitan Shuttle runs from 9am to 7pm, every 30 minutes, 7am to 9am, and 10am to 11pm, and serves the Half Dome and Mirror Lake trails.

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Seasonal Highlights

Keep this Guide with you to get the most out of your visit

FIRE MANAGEMENT IN YOSEMITE
Fire and smoke are as much a part of the Yosemite ecosystem as water and ice. Fire allows for the recycling of nutrients to the soil, and more sunlight, which encourages the germination and regrowth of plants, shrubs and tree. Some species, like giant sequoias, actually need fire to reproduce. Regular fires can also help keep fuel loads low, avoiding larger, more severe fires in the future. See the feature story on page 10 to learn more about the role of fire in Yosemite.

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

ADVENTURE OUT WITH 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 to 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.

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, conservationists, and 5 for details.

GET OUTSIDE AND ENJOY YOUR PARK!
Whether you’re looking for a cold-weather adventure, a warm fireplace, or a bit of both, Yosemite is a magical place in fall and winter!

ADVENTURE WITH YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY
Explore the park in a new way with Yosemite Conservancy’s naturalist guides! Get an inside look at natural history during a personalized hike or backpacking trip, take an evening stroll to Taft Point, or spend a day diving into the fascinating world of owls and woodpeckers. Sign up for a scheduled Outdoor Adventure, or contact us to plan a Custom Adventure. See page 6.

GET CREATIVE AT THE ART CENTER
Join Yosemite Conservancy at 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 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.

VISIT THE YOSEMITE MUSEUM
Explore exhibits from California Indian culture and talk with an Indian cultural demonstrator at the Yosemite Museum. Tour the outdoor Indian Village. Located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stops #5 and #9.

STROLL 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 topics including waterfalls, trees, bears, geology, Yosemite Indians and more. See pages 5, 6, and 7 for details.

CURL UP IN FRONT OF A FIREPLACE!
The Majestic Yosemite Hotel has three grand fireplaces that have always provided heat to offset the year’s most frigid temperatures. Bring a book and a warm drink and find a cozy niche in front of the fire, the perfect place to warm your hands and toes.

HIKE TO MIRROR MEADOW
Situated at the base of Half Dome, Mirror Lake frames reflections of Yosemite’s most iconic cliff. (The lake is dry until the first significant precipitation of the season.) The quiet trail is gentle and follows Tenaya Creek through the eastern Valley. The trail starts at shuttle stop #17.

TAKE THE BUS
Free shuttles, which are environment-friendly, electric/diesel hybrids, are available in Yosemite Valley year-round. Park your car and let an expert drive you to some of the most scenic and historic points in the park. Not only will you be doing your part to cut down on traffic congestion and vehicle pollutants, you’ll also have your hands free and able to capture that perfect photo of Half Dome.

ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
Accessible parking, lodging, tours, and activities are available throughout the park.

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

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

Sign Language interpreting available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at (209)379-5250 (v/tty) or at yose_deaf_services@nps.gov. Two weeks advance notice preferred.

Assistive Listening Devices are available upon request. Ask at any park visitor center about assistive listening devices for ranger-led programs, public events and tours in Yosemite Valley, Wawona, Glacier Point and Tuolumne Meadows.

A descriptive audio tour of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center is available for visitors who are blind. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.

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Experience Your America  Yosemite National Park

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 (No per-person fee)

Vehicle $30/vehicle

Motorcycle Valid for 7 days $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 1 year at all federal recreation sites.

Interagency Senior Pass $80 (lifetime) For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.

Interagency Annual Senior Pass $20 (Annual) For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.

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

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

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

RESERVATIONS
Campground Reservations (877)444-6777 www.recreation.gov

Lodging Reservations (888)413-8869 www.travelyosemite.com

Group Sales Office: (888)339-3481

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

Highway 120 West Yosemite Chamber of Commerce (209)449-9120 or (209)862-0429

Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau (800)444-1333 www.tcvb.com

Highway 41 Coulterville Visitor Center (209)787-3329

Highway 132/49 Mariposa County Visitor Center (209)966-7081

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Mariposa Grove Road CLOSED for Mariposa Grove Restoration.

YOSEMITE VALLEY

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

Photo by Christine Loberg
GLACIER POINT ROAD

Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and Yosemite's high country, is located 30 miles (1 hour) from Yosemite Valley. The road stays open as weather permits, however, overnight parking along it ends October 15. Glacier Point Road closes beyond the Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area after the first significant snowfall. When the road is snow-covered and conditions permit, a system of cross-country ski tracks are maintained on it. From Yosemite Valley, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), then turn left onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, when the road is open, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating view looking down 3,214 feet into Yosemite Valley.

WAWONA AND MARIPOSA GROVE

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park's south entrance station. The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is closed for restoration until late 2017, see page 7 for details. The nearby Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite. For more information about hiking trails in the Wawona area, visit the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio, adjacent to the Big Trees Lodge. This was once a painting studio for the 19th-century artist Thomas Hill.

CRANE FLAT AND TUOLUMNE GROVE

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

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS AND TIOGA ROAD

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

HETCH HETCHY

Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the City of San Francisco, is home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. The area's low elevation makes it a good place to hike in autumn and winter. The Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles (1½ hour) from Yosemite Valley via the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120W) and the Evergreen Road. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open from 8am to 7pm through October 31, then 8am to 5pm through March 31. Wilderness permits and bear canisters are available while the road is open. Vehicles and/or trailers over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.

DID YOU KNOW:

- For thousands of years, American Indians periodically set fires in Yosemite Valley to promote the growth of plants that provided food, medicine, and materials for baskets.
- The rest of the park also has an extensive history of wildfire. The frequent thunderstorms in the park can generate thousands of lightning strikes each year, some of which start wildfires.
- Tree ring studies reveal a fiery past and provide fire frequency dating back hundreds and thousands of years, demonstrating that wildfire was a common occurrence on the Yosemite landscape.
- In the late 1800s, well-meaning settlers halted traditional burning practices and suppressed lightning-ignited fires, which has resulted in increased fuel loads and had negative effects on native ecosystems.
- To restore fire to the fire-adapted ecosystems of Yosemite, fire managers sometimes manage lightning-caused fires for the benefit of natural or cultural resources.

WINTER WEATHER AND DRIVING IN YOSEMITE

The Tioga, Glacier Point, and Mariposa Grove Roads are closed each year from after the first significant snowfall to late May or early June. Other roads are generally plowed and maintained, but can close or present delays during storms. Motorists are advised to always carry chains and check weather and road conditions before travel. Icy and wet roadways can exist throughout the park! To check road conditions, call (209)372-0200 for roads inside the park and (800)442-7763 or visit www.dot.ca.gov for highways connecting to Yosemite, outside the park.

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

R1 - Chains Required, unless you are driving a car, pickup truck, or SUV weighing less than 6,000 pounds AND your auto or pickup has mud/snow tires installed (look for “M+S” on the wall of the tire).

R2 - Chains Required, unless you are driving a car, pickup truck, or SUV weighing less than 6,500 pounds AND your car has snow tires installed on all four wheels AND has four-wheel drive or all-wheel drive engaged.

R3 - Chains Required, on ALL vehicles (chains on 2 wheels of a 4-wheel drive).
Yosemite Valley
Spectacular vistas in the heart of the park

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

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

THE ANSEL ADAMS GALLERY
The Ansel Adams Gallery is open daily from 9am to 5pm, closes at 3pm on Thursday, November 23. The gallery offers the work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other artists. For more information call (209) 372-4111 or visit www.anseladams.com.

EXHIBIT
James McGrew: Interpreting Yosemite through the Seasons
October 1, 2017 - November 11, 2017
It is sometimes easy to forget that The Ansel Adams Gallery began as a painting studio operated by Ansel’s father-in-law Harry Best from 1902 until 1936. Mr. Best’s style of painting grew out of the Hudson River School variety as he ventured into both studio and plein air sessions. Today the Gallery continues this tradition by featuring the work of James McGrew in a new solo exhibit Interpreting Yosemite through the Seasons, New Original Oil Paintings. From iconic grand views to remote and intimate perspectives, James McGrew’s most recent original oil paintings convey the diverse moods and experiences of Yosemite through the changing seasons. This exhibit will open on October 1 and run through November 11, 2017 and will feature both plein air and studio paintings showcasing a range from clearing moonlit snow storms to high water of spring in 2017 to the calm of late summer and Autumn color. The Ansel Adams Gallery will be hosting a public artist’s reception on Wednesday, October 4 from 3pm to 5pm.

NEW EXHIBIT
Anne Larsen and John Sexton: Exploring Light
November 12, 2017 - January 7, 2018
Anne Larsen and John Sexton have been sharing their passion for photography and exploring the land with their large format cameras for over twenty years. They both have a passion for the sheer beauty of the black and white silver gelatin print hand-printed in the traditional wet darkroom.

The exhibition will include not only stunning images of the natural environment, but will also incorporate human-made subjects. For each of the two photographers the use of light as it graces the subject and its use throughout the creative photographic process is essential. Though their palettes are different, both Anne’s and John’s prints share a common beauty and luminosity.

Anne Larsen and John Sexton: Exploring Light will be at The Ansel Adams Gallery November 12, 2017 through January 7, 2018, and will showcase a number of images spanning two great careers. Please stop by during your visit to see these stunning works in person.

POST OFFICES
YOSEMITE VALLEY VISITOR CENTER
Main Post Office
Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5pm
Saturday, 10am to noon
YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE
Post Office
Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 5pm
Closed for lunch from 12:30pm to 1:30pm
Wawona Post Office
Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm
Saturday, 9am to noon
BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL
YOSEMITE VALLEY VISITOR CENTER
YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE
Open from 9am to 5pm, may close for lunch.
YOSEMITE ART CENTER
Open from 9am to 5pm, closes at 3pm on Nov 23
YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY BOOKSTORE
Open from 9am to 5pm, closes at 3pm on Nov 23
WEATHER CENTER
Open 8am to 5pm, closes for lunch from 12:30pm to 1:30pm
Wawona Post Office
Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm
Saturday, 9am to noon

Yosemite Village
Main Post Office
Open 24 hours
Gift/Grocery
Open 7am to 8pm, 8am to 9pm beginning Oct 9
Village Store
Open 7am to 7pm, 8am to 9pm, 8am to 8pm starting Oct 9
Gift Shop
Open 7am to 9pm, 8am to 10pm beginning Oct 9
Sweet Shop
Open 7am to 10pm
YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE
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YOSEMITE VILLAGE
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Big Trees Lodge Store
Open 7am to 9pm
SHower/S Laundry
Half Dome Village Showers
Open 24 hours
Housekeeping Camp Laundromat
Open 8am to 10pm
**Yosemite Valley**

- **Ranger Reserve**
  - October 4, 11, 18, and 25 Only: 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advance registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) $5

- **SPECIAL HALLOWEEN TOUR**
  - October 31 Only: 2 hr. Meet in front of the Indian Cultural Museum, near shuttle stop #5. (YH)

- **Historic Majestic Hotel Tour**
  - October 4, 11, 18, and 25 Only: 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH)

**Art Class at the Yosemite Art Center**

- October 16 and 23 Only: (4 hrs) 1 hr. Art class with a guest artist. Register online. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6 for details. (YC) $5

- **DROP-IN CRAFTS**
  - October 4, 9, 16, and 23 Only (2 hrs) Drop-in crafts are especially for children and their families. Programs with a fee are indicated. $5

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  - October 17 and 24 Only: 1 hr. Art class with a guest artist. Register online. Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6 for details. (YC) $5

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  - October 10, 17, and 24 Only (4 hrs) Drop-in crafts are especially for children and their families. Programs with a fee are indicated. $5

- **Camera Walk**
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Experience the Incomparable Yosemite Valley

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

Yosemite in Winter

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

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

SIGHTSEEING
Some of the famous landmarks in Yosemite Valley include:

• Lower Yosemite Fall is an easy 30-minute loop trail starting from shuttle stop #6. (Yosemite Falls will be dry until rain and snow return.) This hike features educational exhibits and a picnic area, and is accessible to the mobility impaired.

• Bridalveil Fall is a year-round waterfall that can be visited on your way into or out of the Valley. Winds, swirling about the cliff, blow the wispy water into a delicate free-fall.

• El Capitan is a massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. From spring to fall, climbers come from all over the globe to scale El Capitan. Please stay on foot paths to avoid damaging delicate meadows.

• Half Dome, Yosemite’s most distinctive landmark, dominates most views in Yosemite Valley. Forces of uplift, erosion from rivers and glaciers, and rockfall all shaped this iconic feature into what we see today. Cook’s Meadow, Sentinel Bridge and Glacier Point all provide stunning views of Half Dome.

• Happy Isles is easily reached by the free shuttle bus at stop #16. Cross the footbridges onto the Isles or wander through outdoor exhibits detailing Yosemite’s geologic story. Shuttle buses may not go to stop #16 when road is snow-covered or icy.

• Tunnel View, along the Wawona Road (Hwy 41), provides a view that showcases Yosemite Valley. Capture breathtaking views of El Capitan, Bridalveil Fall and Half Dome. It is particularly spectacular at sunset or after the clearing of a storm.

TOURS
TOURS listed depart from Yosemite Valley Lodge, weather permitting. Inquire at the Tour and Activity Desk in the Yosemite Valley Lodge between 7:30am and 3pm. To learn more and register, visit bit.ly/yosemite-adventures or call (209)379-3217.

Yosemite Conservancy’s programs help preserve and protect the park.

YOSEMITE THEATER (YC)
Yosemite Conservancy’s theater program offers live performances, educational programs and beautiful films. All shows start at 7pm at the Yosemite Theater, located behind the Valley Visitor Center, shuttle bus stops #5 and #9. Get your tickets ($10 per person, free tickets for children under age 12) at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Bookstore or a Yosemite Hospitality tour desk, or at the theater 15 minutes before show time. For show details, visit bit.ly/yosemite-theater.

Yosemite Search and Rescue
Tuesdays (Oct 3 to 24)
Yosemite Search and Rescue Ranger John Dill offers useful safety advice for visitors and shares stories about emergency response missions.

John Muir Series:

• Conservation with a Trump Wednesdays (Oct 4 to 25)

• John Muir in the early 1900s as he receives news on the fate of his beloved Hetch Hetchy Valley. Live performance by Lee Stetson.

John Muir Series:

• Stickeen and Other Fellow Mortals Thursdays (Oct 5 to 26)

Enjoy Muir’s tales about adventures with animals in the wild, including the brave little dog, Stickeen. Live performance by Lee Stetson.

Return to Balance: A Climber’s Journey Fridays and Saturdays (Oct 6 to 28)
Join rock-climber Ron Kauk for a film and presentation celebrating Yosemite’s year-round beauty, the vertical wilderness, and living in balance with nature.

YOSEMITE RENAISSANCE 33, CALL FOR ENTRIES
Yosemite Renaissance is an annual juried competition/exhibition intended to encourage diverse artistic interpretations of Yosemite. Historically, the arts have played a very important role in the establishment of our State and National Parks. It is our hope that they can be just as important in future efforts to preserve and protect that heritage. Entries should be recent works of the landscape, environment, wildlife, and people of Yosemite or the Sierra Nevada. Both representational and non-representational submissions are accepted. Entries may be in any fine art medium including painting, photography, drawing, printmaking, textile and sculpture. Cash awards. Works accepted will be displayed at the Museum Gallery in Yosemite Valley during a two-month exhibition beginning at the end of February 2018. For more information please visit our website, www.yosemiterennaissance.org.

Yosemite Conservancy’s year-round, naturalist-led Outdoor Adventures offer something for every park explorer. Our autumn outings include:

Oct 6    Done and Discover: Fall Moon Hike to Tioga Point
Oct 26 to 29    Yosemite Photography: Capture the Autumn Light
Oct 27    Yosemite Birding: The Day of the Woodpecker
Oct 20 to 21    Autumn Watercolor with Janet Takahashi
Oct 21 to 26    Plein Air Watercolor with John Hewitt
Oct 23 to 28    Plein Air Watercolor with John Hewitt

Volunteer art instructors teach single-day classes Monday through Saturday, 10am to 2pm. Classes are recommended for ages 12 and up, and are typically held outside. Registration is $15 per person, per day; some classes have an additional materials fee. Sign up online at bit.ly/yosemite-art, by phone at (209)372-4207, by email at artcenter@yosemiteconservancy.org, or in person.

Experience Your America    Yosemite National Park

Drop-ins are welcome if space is available. Art supplies are available for rent or purchase. Wednesday classes meet at the Majestic Hotel, all other classes meet at the Yosemite Art Center, in Yosemite Village. Classes for the season Oct 28.

Yosemite Valley and Beyond

Winter in Yosemite Valley. Photo by Christine Loberg
**REDWOOD NATIONAL PARK**

**Temple of the Moon Drive**

3 miles north of Fort Bragg.

**Aptos Village Center**

3 miles south of Fort Bragg.

**Highway 1**

Near Fort Bragg and south of Bandon.

**Fort Bragg**

Located on the ocean side.

**Bandon**

Located on the ocean side.

**Depoe Bay**

Located on the ocean side.

**DOMINION OF REDWOODS**

Located near the mouth of the Smith River.

**ABBEY**

Located on the ocean side.

**SUNRISE BEACH**

Located on the ocean side.

**PIONEER YOSEMITE HISTORY CENTER**

Located near the south entrance of Yosemite National Park.

**Yosemite National Park**

Located near the south entrance of Yosemite National Park.

**Mariposa Grove**

Located near the north entrance of Yosemite National Park.

**GIANT SEQUOIA NATIONAL MONUMENT**

Located near the south entrance of Yosemite National Park.

**Yosemite Valley**

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**Tuolumne Meadows**

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**Yosemite Valley Lodge**

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**ACTIVITIES**

**El Portal**

Located near the north entrance of Yosemite National Park.

**Crane Flat**

Located near the north entrance of Yosemite National Park.

**Yosemite Valley Lodge**

Located near the north entrance of Yosemite National Park.

**GROCERIES**

**Big Trees Lodge**

Located near the north entrance of Yosemite National Park.

**Half Dome Village**

Located near the north entrance of Yosemite National Park.

**Yosemite Valley Lodge**

Located near the north entrance of Yosemite National Park.

**FOOD AND BEVERAGES**

**The Majestic Yosemite Hotel**

Located near the north entrance of Yosemite National Park.

**WEBSITE**

www.nps.gov/yose

**VISITOR CENTER**

Located near the north entrance of Yosemite National Park.

**JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM**

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**EXPERIENCE HORSE-DRAWN TRAVEL**

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**GENERAL SERVICES**

**Yosemite Village Garage**

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**MEDICAL CLINIC (Yosemite Valley)**

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**Alcoholics Anonymous**

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**ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS**

Located near the north entrance of Yosemite National Park.

**LIONS CLUB**

Located near the north entrance of Yosemite National Park.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST (Non-denominational)**

Located near the north entrance of Yosemite National Park.

**Yosemite's History**

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**Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center**

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ENJOYING AUTUMN IN YOSEMITE

Autumn in Yosemite is an exciting time for outdoor enthusiasts, photographers, and other artists. Lighting is gentle but colors are vibrant, temperatures are comfortable, and a gentle breeze through the trees provides a helpful breeze. With the leaves changing color, the park becomes a vibrant mix of reds, oranges, and yellows.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

Swift water is dangerous any time of year, even during low flow rates. Do not be deceived, Yosemite’s streams have strong and dangerous currents and are best enjoyed from the safety of the trail or other developed areas.

YOSEMITE’S ROADS

Yosemite’s roads are just as dangerous as in your home town, however, other hazards such as rock fall, distracted motorists, and abundant wildlife also exist. 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. Also, as we approach the winter months, be mindful of icy road conditions.

WEATHER

Comfortable daytime temperatures can drop with little warning. Unexpected storms can brew quickly, bringing wind, rain or snow down to the Valley floor. Prepare for potential weather changes. To avoid hypothermia, a life-threatening cooling of your body, wear layers of clothing. You can brew quickly, bringing wind, rain or snow, and slush. Thick wool or synthetic undergarments can be found throughout the US. You may come into close proximity to rodents during your visit, so it is important you take steps to protect yourself from HPS. HPS risk is greater inside of buildings or other enclosures where deer mice are present. If you are camping and backpacking, do not pitch tents near rodent burrows or droppings.YPG offers Hantavirus Information Service. For more information see page 4. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread to humans via the droppings or saliva of infected rodents.

WILDERNESS PERMIT DETAILS

Wilderness permits are required year round for all overnight trips. The Yosemite Wilderness. Permits issued for rock climbing are available in the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station during hours of operation. Wilderness permits are available at the Hill’s Studio in Wawona and at the Big Oak Flat Information Station (see page 7). 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 8:30am to 4:30pm until October 20 and starting again on November 13.

HALF DOME PERMIT INFORMATION

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week through October 10, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 preseason 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 use and cancellation rates. Applications for daily lottery permits 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. Ten 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 should proceed through the subalpine area or descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit. More information is available at: http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm.

HANTAVIRUS INFORMATION

Mice are an important part of the ecosystem, but can carry diseases harmful to humans. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread to humans via the droppings or saliva of infected rodents. Not all rodents are infected with hantavirus, but infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You may come across hantavirus information service. See page 4. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread to humans via the droppings or saliva of infected rodents. Not all rodents are infected with hantavirus, but infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You may come into close proximity to rodents during your visit, so it is important you take steps to protect yourself from HPS. HPS risk is greater inside of buildings or other enclosures where deer mice are present. If you are camping and backpacking, do not pitch tents near rodent burrows or droppings. HPS occurs much with the flu-like symptoms such as achiness, fever, and chills, one to seven weeks after exposure, progressing to cough and difficulty in breathing. Seek medical attention immediately if you experience these symptoms and mention any potential rodent exposures to your physician. For more information on hantavirus and other environmental safety hazards visit: http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/safety.htm.

PLAGUE

Plague is an infectious bacterial disease that is carried by squirrels, chipmunks and other wild rodents and their fleas. When an infected rodent becomes sick and dies, its fleas can carry the infection to other animals including humans. To protect yourself from plague, never feed wildlife, avoid dropping food that attract rodents when eating outside, avoid pitching a tent near or disturbing rodent burrows, wear insect repellent with DEET, and tell a park ranger if you see a dead animal. Early symptoms of plague may include high fever, chills, nausea, weakness, painful swelling at the site of an insect bite or lymph node, and other flu-like symptoms. If you develop any 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 given antibiotics in time.

A couple descending steps on the Mist Trail. NPS Photo
Bears in Yosemite
You may not see a bear during your visit because they naturally avoid people. However, if you see one in a developed area, act immediately to scare it away. Make noise and yell. If in a group, stand together to present a more intimidating figure, but don’t surround the bear. If you see a bear anywhere else, consider yourself lucky—because they naturally avoid people.

Pets
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. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up and depositing pet feces in trash bins. Pets are not allowed on shuttle busses. 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.

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.

Keep Out Food
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 vehicles!

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Pit Visions
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Black bears in a Yosemite meadow. NPS Photo.

YOSEMITE VALLEY DAY HIKES

TRAIL DESTINATION STARTING POINT DISTANCE/TIME DIFFICULTY
Bridalveil Fall Bridalveil Fall Parking Area 0.5 mile round-trip, 20 minutes Easy
Lower Yosemite Fall Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6 3.0 mile round-trip, 20 minutes Easy
Upper Yosemite Fall Trail to Columbia Rock Camp 4 Hear 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 round-trip, 1 hour 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 same as above 5 miles round-trip, 5 to 6 hours strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point - One Way Closed in Winter Southside Drive 4.8 miles, 3 to 4 hours Very strenuous, 3,200-foot gain
Valley Floor Full Loop Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6 13 miles, 5 to 7 hours Moderate

FOR MORE INFORMATION
To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafty.htm and find a copy of the Superintendent’s Compendium. This document is a compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions made by the superintendent, in addition to what is contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7 and 34), and other applicable federal statutes and regulations.

YOSEMITE GUARDIANS
Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park’s most important guardians. With nearly 4 million people watching over its special plants, animals, historic, and archeological sites, imagine how well-protected these park resources could be! During your visit to Yosemite be aware that there are people who either unknowingly or intentionally harm park resources. Please contact a park official if you see any of the following illegal acts:

- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants
- Hunting animals
- Collecting reptiles and butterflies
- Picking up archeological items, such as arrowheads
- Using metal detectors
- Driving vehicles into meadows
- Biking off of paved roads
- Camping outside of designated campgrounds
- Possession of weapons inside federal facilities
- Possessing or using marijuana, including medical marijuana
- Operating an unmanned aircraft system (“drone”)

If you see activities that could harm people or park resources, jot down any descriptions or a vehicle license plate number and call the park dispatch office at (209) 379-1992.

...and Yosemite

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

Drive the Speed Limit.
The typical daily diet of most bears may consist of 4,000 to 20,000 calories worth of grasses, acorns, and grubs. It’s easier for a bear to eat the thousands of calories of food in an ice chest than it is to spend all day nibbling on grasses. Their 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. Bears also have excellent vision and see in color, so they recognize ice chests and grocery bags as potential food sources.

Store Your Food Properly.
The most common human-related cause of death for a bear in Yosemite is being hit by a car. Slow down! Driving too fast is almost always the cause of these accidental deaths. To report bear sightings, call (209) 372-0322.

How to Store Food
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Location Food Storage Why?
Your Vehicle You may store food in your car (with windows closed) during daylight hours, not after dark: use a food locker. Clear your car of food wrappers, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats. 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 vehicles!
Your Campsite or Tent Cabin 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 RV’s with windows closed.
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 the Yosemite area, bear canisters are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.

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Wildfires have burned over 12,000 acres in Yosemite this year. Near homes or infrastructure, the park took aggressive suppression actions to protect values at risk. Where fire was burning in Wilderness, away from values at risk and under favorable weather conditions, the park allowed the fires to continue to burn. In some cases, this management strategy is employed to minimize firefighter exposure to risk. In other cases, it is employed to both reduce the risk of future severe fire under more extreme weather conditions, and to restore fire-adapted ecosystems.

Fire and smoke are as much a part of the Yosemite ecosystem as water and ice. Prior to the arrival of Euro-American settlers, forest fires ignited by lightning or Native American management practices were commonplace in Yosemite, burning as frequently as every 10-15 years at lower elevations. These fires were generally of low to moderate severity (where severity is defined as the amount of vegetation killed by the fire). Low to moderate severity fires consume the dead needles and wood on the forest floor, and some shrubs and small trees. Some mature trees are also killed individually or in small clumps. Euro-American settlers began suppressing all fires in a well-intended effort to “protect” Yosemite’s forests. Over the last 40 years, Yosemite scientists and researchers from universities across the country have learned that suppressing fires only delays the inevitable, and can result in more forest loss than would have occurred when fires were more frequent. Without fires to routinely thin out the forest and consume the dead wood, the forests are now more susceptible to high severity fires that can result in near-complete tree mortality across thousands of acres.

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Collectively, the range of burn patterns contributes to a diverse landscape, allowing for the wildlife and pollinating insects that depend on these different plant communities to thrive. For example, numerous species, including the California Spotted Owl and Pacific fisher, depend on mature forests, others like Lazuli Buntings and Fox Sparrows prefer open shrublands, and still others prefer the range in between. Many species rely on the “edge” between different patches, using mature forest for cover and more open ground for foraging, for example.

Habitat diversity across the landscape is also critical under the changing climate. We are still learning about resilient species and habitats as the climate changes, but we do know that maintaining habitat diversity will reduce the potential for dramatic changes. Just as diversifying your investments can increase your potential for success, so can diversifying native ecosystems. If one habitat type (or investment) is dramatically affected by outside forces, there are others that may be more resilient.

Restoring fire to the landscape helps the park meet its core mission – to preserve the native ecosystems that Yosemite was established to protect, for the benefit of current and future generations.
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 1962, 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.anseladams.com for details.

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Yosemite Village

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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.

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 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.
3. Put trash and recycling in correct containers.

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 Lodge (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, email yose_lostandfound@nps.gov or call (209)379-1001.

NATURE BRIDGE
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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.
3. Put trash and recycling in correct containers.

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Yosemite Zero Landfill Initiative

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, wilderness services, volunteering, 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.