Sunset over the Tuolumne River. Photo by Ryan Alonzo

The Yosemite Valley Shuttle operates from 7am to 10pm and serves stops in numerical order. Shuttles run daily every 10 to 20 minutes. The El Capitan Shuttle will run from 9am to 5pm, every 30 minutes, beginning May 25. See schedules posted at shuttle stops.

*Shuttle bus route may change due to high traffic volumes.
WELCOME
You made it! You’re here! The following information may help maximize your time in Yosemite. Be prepared to go wild!

Ask A Ranger at the Visitor Center
All visitor centers in Yosemite National Park are staffed with knowledgeable rangers and volunteers, ready to help answer your questions, provide directions, and hand out maps and brochures. Visitor centers are located in Yosemite Valley, Big Oak Flat, Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows. See pages 5, 8 and 10 for hours and more details.

Pop-up Information Centers
Look for pop-up blue booths throughout Yosemite, which are staffed with Yosemite Conservancy volunteers who are ready to answer your questions or give you directions. If you’re interested in volunteering with the Yosemite Conservancy in the park, visit yosemitconservancy.org/volunteer.

What’s New? Mariposa Grove is Open!
After three years of restoration projects, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias has reopened. Take some time to walk among the Giants. See page 8 for details.

ARTS & CULTURE
Visit the Yosemite Museum
Learn the history of Yosemite Indians by exploring a museum collection that includes remarkable woven baskets and traditional dress. Tour the outdoor Indian Village or talk with an Indian cultural demonstrator. Shuttle stops #5 and #9.

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

Go to the Theater
After a day filled with exploring, relax and enjoy a show at the Yosemite Theater. The 2018 season includes inspiring films, plays and events. Pack your sunscreen and sandals for the most scenic points in the valley. You will laugh, you will cry, you will go wild! See pages 6, 7, 9 and 11 for details.

GUIDED OUTDOOR ADVENTURES
Adventure Out with the Yosemite Mountaineering School
The Yosemite Mountaineering School provides outdoor adventures for people of all experience levels. We are here to help you learn how to enjoy Yosemite safely and responsibly. Give us a call to join one of our group classes or schedule a custom outing designed specifically for your group. We offer professional guides for hiking, backpacking and rock climbing. Reservations are required. Please call (209) 372-8344 or email yms@aramark.com for more information and to make reservations.

Get Outdoors with the Yosemite Conservancy
Are you looking for a memorable way to explore the park? Go on a Custom Adventure with Yosemite Conservancy! These personalized guided programs are tailored to your interests and schedule. For details, visit yosemitconservancy.org/adventures, or call (209) 379-2317, ext. 10. See page 6 for more ways to get outside with the Conservancy.

FAMILY FUN
Stroll with a Ranger
Learn about the wonders of the park on a ranger-guided stroll. Programs are offered daily throughout the park on various topics including bears, waterfalls, and more. See pages 6, 7, 9, and 11 for details.

Explore Like A Junior Ranger!
Become a Junior Ranger and learn how you can help protect your park. To become a Junior Ranger, purchase a self-guided booklet, attend a guided program, collect a bag of trash, then take your oath and earn your badge. Guided programs are listed on pages 6, 7, 9, and 11. See page 12 for details.

Attend an Evening Program at Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center
The Sierra Club’s Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge) is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm. Free evening programs are scheduled for Friday and Saturday evenings at 8pm. Seating is available for 50 guests. The center, located at shuttle stop #912, has a natural history library, a children’s corner and library, and historical exhibits. Call (209) 372-4542 for program details.

Drop In and Volunteer
Want to give back to the park? Consider donating some of your time with the Volunteer Drop-In Program, a family-friendly activity where you can take an active role in protecting and preserving our natural resources! Come create new memories while removing invasive species, collecting native seeds, and picking up litter. The Drop-In Program meets every Friday at 9:30am in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Projects will last 1 to 3 hours and volunteers must wear long pants and closed-toe shoes. Sun protection, water, and snacks are recommended. Youth under eighteen must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Questions? Email yose_volunteers@nps.gov, or call (209) 379-1850.

GETTING AROUND
Take the Free Shuttle
Park your car and let the free shuttle take you to the most scenic points in the valley. You will be conveyed on traffic congestion, and will be able to capture the best pictures. See schedules posted at shuttle stops.

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

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

Sign Language interpreting is available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at (209) 379-5250 (v), (209) 379-5245 (t) or (209) 372-8344 (v), (209) 372-4637 (t) for advance notice is requested.

Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advance request, inquire at a visitor center.

Audio tours are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.

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

Emergency Information
Yosemite Village Garage • offers 24-hour emergency roadside assistance
For up-to-date road, weather, and park information:
(209) 372-6000

Medical Clinic (In Yosemite Valley):
Open 7 days per week from 9am to 7pm for primary and urgent care needs. Ambulance available 24 hours by calling 9-1-1.
Medical Clinic Phone: (209) 372-4637.

Lost and Found
To inquire about items lost or found at one of Yosemite’s restaurants, hotels, lounges, shuttle buses or tour services, call (209) 372-4857. For items lost or found in other areas of the park, email yose_lostandfound@nps.gov.

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

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Welcome to Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

**Yosemite Travel Tips**

The busy summer months have arrived! If you haven’t already, you’re likely to experience congestion, especially in Yosemite Valley. Be prepared for two- to three-hour delays, especially in afternoons and on weekends. Plan accordingly and use restrooms when available.

If you’re visiting Yosemite Valley for the day, look for parking in three major parking lots: Yosemite Falls Parking Lot, Yosemite Village Parking Lot, and at Half Dome Village Parking (formerly Curry Village). Free shuttle service to destinations throughout Yosemite Valley is available from each of these parking lots. If you have lodging or campground reservations, please park at your lodge or campsite.

Once you find a place to park, please leave your car parked. Using the free shuttles will help you avoid congestion and trouble finding another place to park. Parking fills to capacity throughout Yosemite by mid-morning. Don’t forget where you parked your car, as there are multiple parking areas throughout the Valley. Driving or parking on vegetation is prohibited.

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.

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**Entrance Fees**

Non-commercial car, truck, RV, or van with 15 or fewer passenger seats (no per-person fee)

- **Vehicle**
  - Valid for 7 days
  - $35/vehicle

- **Motorcycle**
  - Valid for 7 days
  - $30/motorcycle

- **Individual**
  - Valid for 7 days
  - $10 (in a bus, on foot, bicycle, or horse)

- **Yosemite Pass** $70
  - Valid for one year in Yosemite.

- **Interagency Annual Pass** $80
  - Valid for one 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
  - 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.

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**Reservations**

**Campground Reservations**

- (877) 444-6777
  - www.recreation.gov

**Lodging Reservations**

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

**Group Sales Office:** (888) 339-3481

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**Regional Info**

**Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)**

- www.yarts.com

**Highway 120 West**

- Yosemite Chamber of Commerce
  - (800) 449-9120 or (209) 962-0429

- Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau
  - (800) 446-1333
  - www.tcvb.com

**Highway 41**

- Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau
  - (209) 878-3329
  - www.yosemitehhi.org

- Coulterville Visitor Center
  - (209) 962-0429

**Highway 140/49**

- California Welcome Center, Merced
  - (800) 446-5353 or (209) 724-8104
  - www.yosemite-gateway.org

- Mariposa County Visitor Center
  - (866) 425-3366 or (209) 966-7081

- Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau
  - (209) 742-4567
  - www.homeofyosemite.com

- Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce and Mono Lake Visitor Center
  - (760) 647-6629, www.leevining.com
Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Valley, open year-round, is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. Get there via Highway 41/Wawona Road from Fresno, Highway 140/El Portal Road from Merced, Highway 120 west/Big Oak Flat Road from Manteca, and (during summer) via the Tioga Road/Highway 120 east from Lee Vining. Yosemite Valley is home to massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome, plunging waterfalls including the tallest in North America, and attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls slows to a trickle by August, a moderate hike will bring you to impressive Vernal and Nevada Falls. Whether you explore the valley by foot, bike, car, or tour, you will behold scenery that will leave you breathless and eager to see what’s around the next corner.

Glacier Point

Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and Yosemite’s high country, is located 30 miles (a one-hour drive) from Yosemite Valley or Wawona. To get there from either of these places, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41) to Chinquapin, then turn onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating—some might say unnerving—view 3,214 feet down to Yosemite Valley below.

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. 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 November. The road’s elevation ranges from 6,200 feet to nearly 10,000 feet. The White Wolf area, midway across the park, is the starting point for day hikes to Lukens Lake and Harden Lake. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area on the Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the grove. Or park at Merced Grove trailhead on Big Oak Flat Road and walk 1.5 steep miles down to the grove. These groves are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but are quieter and off-limits to vehicles. Remember, walking down is easier than walking back up.

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, Lembert Dome, or along the Tuolumne River through Lyell 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 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 (1 ¼ hour) from Yosemite Valley via the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120W) and the Evergreen Road. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open from 7am to 9pm, May 1 through Labor Day. Wilderness permits and bear canisters are available at the entrance station from 7am to 5pm. Vehicles and/or trailers over 25 feet long, and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.
Experience Your America Yosemite National Park

Yosemite Valley

An unlimited array of possibilities await you in Yosemite Valley. Let your senses run wild as you learn about the scenery that surrounds you. See pages 5, 6, and 7 for more information on programs and other visitor services.

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 park ranger. Be sure to ask about Moonlight Tours, Starry Skies at Glacier Point, and the Tuolumne Meadows Moonlight Tours, and Tuolumne Meadows Tour and Hiker’s Bus.

The Glacier Point Tour is offered daily. One-way tickets are available for those who want to hike into Yosemite Valley from Glacier Point.

The full-day Yosemite Grand Tour combines Yosemite Valley, Glacier Point, and Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias into one memorable tour. Bring your camera for many photo opportunities. Tours depart daily at 8:45 am.

For more information on departure times and other visitor services, call (209) 372-1240 or inquire at any of the Tour and Activity 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, conditions permitting. If you bring your own raft, see page 15 for regulatory information.

Bicycling
Experience Yosemite Valley on a bicycle. There are several miles of bicycle paths that wind through Yosemite Valley. Use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Valley Lodge or Half Dome Village, open 8am to 7pm, weather permitting. Bicycles are only allowed on paved roads and paved bicycle paths.

Sightseeing
Some famous, awe-inspiring landmarks that Yosemite Valley is known for include:

- Yosemite Falls gives the Valley an extra touch of life when it’s flowing with spring runoff. You can walk to its base or take the strenuous trail to its top, page 17.
- Half Dome, Yosemite’s most distinctive monument, dominates most views in Yosemite Valley. Forces of uplift, erosion from rivers and glaciers, and rockfall all shaped this famous feature into what we see today. Cook’s Meadow, Sentinel Bridge, Tunnel View, and Glacier Point, are just a few locations that will grant you some 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. See if you can spot climbers on El Capitan through your bincoculars and discover the thrill of the vertical wilderness on Yosemite’s big walls.
- 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, wander through indoor and outdoor exhibits detailing Yosemite’s geologic story, or connect with nature through daily art workshops and activities.
- Tunnel View, along Wawona Road (Hwy 41) showcases the immensity of the granite walls that surround Yosemite Valley, providing a classic view of El Capitan, Half Dome, Sentinel Rock, Cathedral Rocks, and Bridalveil Fall. It is spectacular at sunset or after the clearing of a storm.

Visitors to Yosemite Valley can enjoy a variety of activities available daily in Yosemite Village, except when closed for weather or special events. Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.

The Majestic Yosemite Hotel
9am to 6pm
Breakfast 7am to 10am
Lunch 11am to 2pm
Dinner 5pm to 9pm
Honeymoon Suite 9am to 10pm
Drinks 9am to 10pm

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Yosemite Village
8am to 5pm
Happy Isles Bookstore
8am to 5pm

THE INCOMPARABLE YOSEMITE VALLEY

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Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore
The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore are open from 9am to 5pm. The facility offers information, maps, and books, and is located near shuttle stops #5/#9. Explore exhibits and learn more about Yosemite.

Yosemite Films
Two films are shown daily, every half hour starting at 9:30am, except on Sundays, when the first show is at noon. The last film is at 4:30pm. Ken Burns’ Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit plays on the hour and The Spirit of Yosemite plays on the half-hour, in the Theater behind the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

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

Exhibit: Yosemite Viewed: 19th and 20th Century Landscape Paintings
This exhibit features paintings drawn from the Yosemite Museum collection, representing a variety of styles and approaches to the artistic interpretation of this grand landscape. Open daily from 10am to 4pm.

Indian Cultural Exhibit
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Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures (YC)

Experience the park in a new way with Yosemite Conservancy’s naturalist guides! Enjoy guided hikes and backcountry tours, learn the basics of bird-watching, or spend the night under the stars. Upcoming outings:

- **Overnight Under the Milky Way**: Backpacking trips, learn the basics of bird-watching, or spend the night under the stars. Upcoming outings. For more information and to sign up, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or call (209) 379-2317, ext. 10. Custom overnight excursions can be arranged for groups. Proceeds from all our programs help preserve and protect Yosemite. See page 11 for details on adventures based in the Tuolumne Meadows and White Wolf areas.

**Programs offered for a fee** are especially for children and their families.

**SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY**

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**REINFORCED SERVICES**

- **Church of Christ** (Non-denominational)
  11 am, 1st Portal Chapel (209) 379-2100
- **Seventh-day Adventist**
  9 am, 1st Portal Chapel (209) 379-2100
- **Lion's Club**
  10 am, at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center shuttle stop #4/99

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

- **Alcoholics Anonymous**
  Yosemite Valley Chapel
- **pcis**
  Yosemite Valley Chapel, shuttle stop #4/99

**Audio tours** are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Refer to the Accessibility Guide for details.
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**AFTERNOON**

1:00pm **Adams’ Legacy and Your Digital Camera Photography Class** 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Adams Gallery. (YAG) **Yosemite Museum**

1:00pm **KIDS ART CLASS** 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 2-12. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Stop, no registration needed. (YC) **Happy Isles Art and Nature Center**

2:30pm **DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE** 2 hrs. Drop in any time to get started or finish up your badge. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS)

2:30pm **Ranger Walk – Merced Meadow** 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #12. (NPS)

3:00pm **JUNIOR RANGER SWEAR-IN** 15 mins. Being completed. Ranger books to be in soon and receive your badge. Happy Isles Art and Nature center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS)

3:00pm **FAMILY RANGER TALK – TELL YOUR YOSEMITE 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS)

4:00pm **Adams’ Legacy and Your Digital Camera Photography Class** 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Adams Gallery. (YAG) **Yosemite Museum**

4:00pm **KIDS ART CLASS** 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 2-12. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Stop, no registration needed. (YC) **Happy Isles Art and Nature Center**

5:00pm **Discovery Hike - Less Traveled Lower Valley Loop** 3 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. **Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater**

5:00pm **Historic Majestic Hotel Tour** 1 hr. Immerses yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. Stop, no registration needed. (YH) **Majestic Yosemite Hotel**

6:00pm **KIDS ART CLASS** 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 2-12. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Stop, no registration needed. (YC) **Happy Isles Art and Nature Center**

6:00pm **DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE** 2 hrs. Drop in any time to get started or finish up your badge. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS)

6:30pm **Ranger Walk – Ahwahneechee Stories and Games** 1.5 hrs. Front of the Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #12. (NPS)

7:00pm **Ranger Walk – Wild About Bears** 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #12. (NPS)

7:30pm **F▒▒ Print Visiting** 1 hr. Sign up in advance and meet at the At The Adams Gallery. Very limited space. (TAAG)

8:00pm **JUNIOR RANGER SWEAR-IN** 15 mins. Being completed. Ranger books to be in soon and receive your badge. Happy Isles Art and Nature center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS)

8:00pm **FAMILY RANGER TALK – TELL YOUR YOSEMITE 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS)

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**EVENING**

6:00pm **Naturalist Stroll** 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite’s natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH)

6:00pm **WEE WILD OWES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH)

6:00pm **Yosemite Theater – Yosemite Takes Search and Rescue** 1:5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Yosemite Conservation Bookstore, any tour & activity desk, or at the Yosemite Theater. See page 6. (YC) **Yosemite Theater**

6:30pm **Ranger Program** 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)

6:30pm **INFORMATION OVER YOSEMITE** 3 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. Meet at any tour desk. (NPS) **Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater**

7:30pm **WEE WILD OWES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH)

8:00pm **WEE WILD OWES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH)

8:00pm **Yosemite Theater – Return to Balance: A Climber’s Journey** 1:5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Yosemite Conservation Bookstore, any tour & activity desk, or at the Yosemite Theater. See page 6. (YC) **Yosemite Theater**

8:00pm **Ranger Program** 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)

9:00pm **INFORMATION OVER YOSEMITE** 3 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. Meet at any tour desk. (NPS) **Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater**

9:00pm **STARBY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE** 2:00 hrs. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YC) **Yosemite Theater**

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**Programs printed in ALL CAPS AND COLOR are especially for children and their families.**
Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point

Explore History, Discover Giant Trees, and Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

Wawona

Evening Programs
Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Big Trees Lodge lobby from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, Tuesday through Saturday, for music and stories from Yosemite’s past. If you ask him, Tom might perform one of three one-hour picture shows: Yosemite Music, Roosevelt & Muir 1903, or Wawona History.

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio
Open daily from 8:30am to 5pm. The visitor center offers information about park activities, books, wilderness permits, trail information, bear canister rentals, and maps. Located on the grounds of the Big Trees Lodge, Hill’s Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the lodge or park at the Big Trees Lodge 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
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 schedule.

Mariposa Grove
Located near Yosemite’s South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is the park’s largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees in the grove. Come visit one of only a few locations on earth where you can get a personal glimpse of giant sequoias, at the Mariposa Grove.

Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias
The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias re-opened June 15, marking the completion of a $40 million restoration project. This ambitious project, in partnership with Yosemite Conservancy, sought to restore the Grove by removing a parking lot at the base of the sequoias, removing commercial facilities, and restoring the hydrology to ensure that new trees can grow in a healthy environment. Additionally, a new parking area and welcome plaza have been constructed at the park’s South Entrance.

Free Shuttle to the Mariposa Grove
A free shuttle provides service from the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza, to the Mariposa Grove, from 8am to 8pm, departing every 10 minutes. Private vehicles may only enter the Mariposa Grove when the shuttle bus is not operating. Only vehicles displaying an accessibility placard are permitted to drive into the Mariposa Grove at any time. There is no shuttle service between Wawona and the Mariposa Grove, for the general public. Pets are not allowed on trails in the Grove.

Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias Map
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**WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE**

- **Monday**
  - **10:00am - 1:00pm** Blacksmithing Demonstration, Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS)
  - **2:00pm - 2:20pm** Horse-Drawn Stage Rides, 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Pioneer Yosemite History Center. 35 adult / $4 child, ages 3-12. (NPS)
  - **2:00pm - 5:00pm** Blacksmithing Demonstration, Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS)

- **Tuesday**
  - **10:00am - 1:00pm** Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 2 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS)
  - **2:00pm - 5:00pm** Blacksmithing Demonstration, Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS)

- **Wednesday**
  - **10:00am - 1:00pm** Blacksmithing Demonstration, Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS)
  - **2:00pm - 4:00pm** Horse-Drawn Stage Rides, 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Stage Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center. 35 adult / $4 child, ages 3-12. (NPS)
  - **2:00pm - 5:00pm** Blacksmithing Demonstration, Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS)
  - **5:30pm** Vintage Music 4 hrs. Pianoist/Singer Tom Bopp performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past in the Big Trees Lodge lobby. Historical programs are available by request and are usually given at 5:30pm. For details or to request a program, drop by the piano before 8pm, while Tom is performing.

- **Thursday**
  - **10:00am - 1:00pm** Blacksmithing Demonstration, Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS)
  - **2:00pm - 2:20pm** Horse-Drawn Stage Rides, 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Pioneer Yosemite History Center. 35 adult / $4 child, ages 3-12. (NPS)
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- **Friday**
  - **10:00am - 1:00pm** Blacksmithing Demonstration, Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS)
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- **Saturday**
  - **8:30am** Explore Mariposa Grove's Bird & Plant Life 2 hrs. Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist for a guided walk in Mariposa Grove. Meet at Mariposa Grove Visitor's Center, south end of Visitors Center (NPS)
  - **9:00am** Junior Ranger Program 1 hr. especially for ages 7-12. Meet at The Redwoods in Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chinicua Falls Road. For questions, please call (855) 290-3499. (NPS)
  - **10:00am - 2:20pm** Horse-Drawn Stage Rides, 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Pioneer Yosemite History Center. 35 adult / $4 child, ages 3-12. (NPS)
  - **2:00pm - 5:00pm** Blacksmithing Demonstration, Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS)
  - **2:00pm - 5:00pm** Juniors Ranger Program 1 hr. especially for ages 7-12. Meet at the south end of Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS)
  - **5:30pm** Vintage Music 4 hrs. Pianoist/Singer Tom Bopp performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past in the Big Trees Lodge lobby. Historical programs are available by request and are usually given at 5:30pm. For details or to request a program, drop by the piano before 8pm, while Tom is performing.
  - **7:30pm** Campfire Talk 1 hour. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS)

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**GAGE POINT**

- **Monday**
  - **12:00pm** Junior Ranger Program 30 mins. Meet at the Glacier Point Amphitheater. (NPS)
  - **7:15pm** Sunset Ranger Talk 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking Yosemite Valley and panoramic views of the High Sierra. (NPS)

- **Tuesday**
  - **12:00pm** Junior Ranger Program 30 mins. Meet at the Glacier Point Amphitheater. (NPS)
  - **7:15pm** Sunset Ranger Talk 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking Yosemite Valley and panoramic views of the High Sierra. (NPS)

- **Wednesday**
  - **9:00am** Glacier Point Starry Night Skies over Yosemite 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point (NPS).
  - **7:15pm** Sunset Ranger Talk 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking Yosemite Valley and panoramic views of the High Sierra. (NPS)

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**FOOD & BEVERAGE**

- **Monday**
  - **7am to 5pm** Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS)
  - **8:30am to 5pm** Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS)
  - **2:00pm - 5:00pm** Big Trees Lodge Dining Room

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**GIFTS & GROCERIES**

- **Monday**
  - **8am to 5pm** Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Wawona Visitor Center
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**POST OFFICE**

- **Monday-Friday**
  - **9:30am to noon** Post Office

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**GAS STATION**

- **Monday-Sunday**
  - **8am to 5pm** Post Office

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**STABLES**

- **Monday-Sunday**
  - **7am to 5pm** Wawona Stable
Experience Your America Yosemite National Park

Tuolumne Meadows, one of the largest high-elevation meadows in the Sierra Nevada, the Tuolumne River meanders through its meadow and is surrounded by a backdrop of rugged peaks and glacially carved domes.

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 public vehicle traffic.
• 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 daily from 8am to 5pm. Visit the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters. The Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center is located south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, across from shuttle stop #1.

Just for Kids
Programs for children include Junior Rangers, 1.5 or 2-hour ranger-led program targeting ages 7 to 12, Little Cubs, a 45-minute program targeting ages 3 to 6, and 1-hour Campfire for Kids. Check for special programs posted weekly.

Ranger Walks
Join a FREE ranger program to explore new areas and learn about geology, wildlife, history, wildflowers, the Tuolumne Meadows area and more. Most are easy walks. Check the schedule for all-day hikes with a ranger to wild and beautiful places for a deeply memorable adventure.

Exercise Your America Yosemite National Park
Wilderness

Join a FREE ranger program to explore new areas and learn about geology, wildlife, history, wildflowers, the Tuolumne Meadows area and more. Most are easy walks. Check the schedule for all-day hikes with a ranger to wild and beautiful

HikingTrail

Parsons Lodge

McCauley Cabin

Soda Springs

Mountainlending Reservations

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Tuolumne Meadows Campground

Visitor Information

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Parsons Lodge

McCauley Cabin

Soda Springs

Mountaineering School, Store, Grill, Post Office

Campground

Stable

Lembert Dome

Visitor Information Center

 Headquarters

 Tuolumne Meadows Campground

 Evening Activities

 Come to a traditional, ranger-led campfire program experience stories, songs and insight into Yosemite. Program topics vary and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. End your day with a star-gazing program.

 Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley Cabin and Soda Springs

 Two trails, both flat and 3/4 mile-long, lead to this historic area accessible only by walking. Parsons Memorial Lodge is open 10am to 4pm. The Soda Springs are small, naturally carbonated springs that attract deer, birds and other wildlife. Please stay on the trail to help protect this place.

 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. Admissions free.

 Saturday, July 28 - 2pm to 3:30pm

 The California Field Atlas: A Love Story

 Conversation with author, naturalist and artist Obi Kaufmann.

 Sunday, July 29 - 2pm to 3:30pm

 Natural History: Reciprocal Healing and the Path of Delight

 Talk and discussion with contributors to Nature, Love, Medicine: Essays on Wildness and Wellness, including artist Edie Dillon, Owen Heistead, Sarah Juniper Rabkin and naturalist and editor of the collection Tom Fleisher.

 Saturday, August 4 - 7pm to 8pm

 High Country Council of All Beings

 A play in 3 acts featuring local flora, fauna and forces of Tuolumne Meadows.

 Sunday, August 5 - 2pm to 3:30pm

 For Future Generations through Thick and Thin

 Conversation with Laurel Munson Boyers, Yosemite’s first female wilderness manager.

 Saturday, August 11 - 2pm to 3:30pm

 Urban in Nature: Yosemite, Cars and California’s cities

 Talk and discussion with Guy McClellan, historian, teacher and Yosemite Park Ranger.

 Sunday, August 12 - 2pm to 3:30pm

 Hearing Hidden Melodies: Birdsong and Human Music

 Conversation with musician and birder Rob Frye.

 22nd Annual Tuolumne Meadows Poetry Festival

 Saturday and Sunday, August 18 and 19

 Morning workshops and afternoon readings featuring poets Rajiv Mohabir, Kai Carlson-Were, Joy Harjo, and musician Shira Kammen.

 Sunday, August 18

 10am to 11:30am

 Poetry workshop with Rajiv Mohabir

 2pm to 3:30pm

 Featured poets and music

 7:30pm to 10pm

 Open reading and music

 Sunday, August 19

 10am to 11:30am

 Poetry workshop with Kai Carlson-Were

 2pm to 3:30pm

 Featured poets and music

 Big Oak Flat

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

 Tuolumne Grove

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

 Merced Grove

 Yosemite’s quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of approximately 20 big trees accessible only on foot. It’s a three-mile round-trip hike (about three hours) into the grove. The trail drops down 1.5 miles making this a moderately strenuous hike on the uphill portion. There is no potable water at the parking area or down in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you.

 The grove is located 3½ miles north of Crane Flat and 4½ 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 Meadows programs, services, and trails may not be available before June due to snow and icy conditions.

### FOOD & BEVERAGE

#### Yosemite Meadows Grill

- Open: 5-9pm
- Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm
- Reservations recommended

#### Yosemite Meadows Lodge Dining Room

- Breakfast: 7am to 9am
- Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm
- Reservations recommended

### WHITE WOLF LODGE

#### Dining Room

- Breakfast: 7am to 9am
- Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm
- Reservations recommended

### GIFTS & GROCERIES

#### Gift/Groceries

- Open: 9am to 5pm
- Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, New Year's Day

#### Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Big Oak Flat信息中心

- Open: 8am to 5pm
- Limited Retail: 1pm to 5pm

#### Yosemite Conservancy Gift/Groceries

- Open: 8am to 5pm
- Limited Retail: 1pm to 5pm

### GUIDED ADVENTURES

#### Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventure

- Reservations strongly recommended

### GAS STATION

#### Tuolumne Grove Gas Station

- Gas: 8am to 6pm
- Service: 8am to 5pm

### TRANSPORTATION

- **Tuolumne Meadows Village:**
  - **Commuter Service:**
    - To Yosemite Valley, departing Dec 26 - Feb 25.
    - To Tuolumne Meadows, departing Feb 26 - Dec 25.

- **Tuolumne Meadows Hikers' Bus**
  - **Transportation:**
    - **Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center Parking Lot:**
      - Depart: 8am and 10am
      - Return: 2pm and 4pm
    - **Pothole Dome Campground:**
      - Depart: 8am and 10am
      - Return: 2pm and 4pm
    - **White Wolf Campground:**
      - Depart: 8am and 10am
      - Return: 2pm and 4pm

- **Yosemite Valley Bus Schedule:**
  - **Depart:**
    - 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm
  - **Return:**
    - 3pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm, 9pm, 10pm, 11pm

### HIGH SIERRA CAMPS

#### Glen Aulin, May Lake, Merced Lake Campground

- **Breakfast:**
  - Open: 7am to 9am
  - Limited Retail: 1pm to 5pm
- **Lunch:**
  - Open: 12pm to 2pm
  - Limited Retail: 1pm to 5pm
- **Dinner:**
  - Open: 5:30pm to 8pm
  - Limited Retail: 1pm to 5pm

#### Alternate Campground Services

- **Tours and Activity Desk:**
  - Open: 8am to 5pm
  - Closed: Christmas Day, New Year’s Day

- **Reservations:**
  - **Individuals:**
    - Call: (209) 372-8413
  - **Groups:**
    - Call: (209) 372-8414

### YOSEMITE NIGHT SKY

- **YOSEMITE NIGHT SKY:**
  - **Telescope programs:**
    - **Dome and Meadow:**
      - 9:30pm
    - **Tuolumne:**
      - 8:30pm

### DISCOVERY WALKS

- **Tuolumne Meadows Campground:**
  - **Glacial Till:**
    - 10am
  - **High Country Hawk Watch:**
    - 12pm
  - **Bugs, Bats, and Berries:**
    - 1:30pm
  - **Meadows Visitor Center:**
    - 2:30pm

### YOSEMITE WILDLIFE STORIES

- **Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center:**
  - **Yosemite Wildlife:**
    - 10am
  - **Parsons Summer Series:**
    - 11am

### DISCOVERY WALKS FOR LITTLE CUBS

- **Tuolumne Meadows Campground:**
  - **Bugs, Bats, and Berries:**
    - 9am
  - **Tuolumne:**
    - 10am

### VISITOR CENTER EVENTS

#### Yosemite Conservancy Programs

- **Ranger Programs:**
  - **Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center:**
    - **Tuolumne Meadows:**
      - 10am
  - **Tuolumne:**
    - 11am

#### Ranger Talks

- **Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center:**
  - **Tuolumne Meadows:**
    - 10am
  - **Tuolumne:**
    - 11am

### Ranger Campfire Program

- **Tuolumne Meadows Campground:**
  - **Tuolumne:**
    - 7pm

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### HETCH HETCHY, HODGDON MEADOW, CRANE FLAT & WHITE WOLF

#### Yosemite Campground programs and services

- **Coffee with a Ranger:**
  - **Tuolumne:**
    - 10am
  - **Hetch Hetchy:**
    - 11am
  - **Tuolumne:**
    - 12pm
  - **Tuolumne:**
    - 1pm
  - **Hetch Hetchy:**
    - 2pm
  - **Tuolumne:**
    - 3pm
  - **White Wolf:**
    - 4pm

#### Yosemite Campground programs

- **Tuolumne:**
  - **Tuolumne:**
    - 9am
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#### Yosemite Campground facilities

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Experience Your America Yosemite National Park

Just For Kids

Experience the Adventures of a Junior Ranger

Here Is How YOU Can Become A Junior Ranger!

Every year, hundreds of thousands of youth are sworn in as Junior Rangers in National Parks across the country! At Yosemite alone more than 20,000 youth participate in the Yosemite Junior Ranger Program, earning themselves an official Junior Ranger patch and badge! You could become Yosemite’s newest Junior Ranger today by completing the following steps:

- Purchase your Junior Ranger Hand Book at any of the Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores located in the Visitor Centers, or at the Village Store
- Complete the pages in your Junior Ranger Booklet
- Attend a Guided Program.
- Return your completed book to the staff at a Visitor Center, or the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, or attend a Junior Ranger Swear-in Ceremony.
- Take your official Junior Ranger Pledge.
- Earn your official Junior Ranger Badge along with a Junior Ranger Patch or a Little Cub Button.

JUST FOR FUN - Explore, Learn and Protect!

1. Who am I?
   a.) I am a small mammal with spots on my back. I use my cheeks as a pouch and eat plants and insects in the wild. I also love to steal your picnic...even though it's not healthy for me. Keep your lunch within arm's length to keep me away! Who am I?

   b.) My excellent sense of smell might lead me right to your cooler, your car or your tent which is why it is important to store all your food properly! I also have excellent vision and can recognize a grocery bag or food containers! Who am I?

   c.) Like my cousin the raccoon, I’m nocturnal, or most active at night. I’m omnivorous (meaning I eat both plants and animals), and am an excellent climber. I live in the rocky outcroppings in Yosemite. Who am I?

2. Draw a picture of something you saw while visiting Yosemite National Park!

3. The animals located to the right all call Yosemite National Park home. Circle the animal(s) you saw during your visit to Yosemite. Write three ways you can protect Yosemite’s wildlife.
   a.) ____________________________________________________________________________
   b.) ____________________________________________________________________________
   c.) ____________________________________________________________________________
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.

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).

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

Drive the speed limit.

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

Red Bear, Dead Bear

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

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

Backpackers: Save Your Food, Save A Bear

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

Report Bear Sightings!

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

How to Store Food

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

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<td>You may store food in your car (both windows closed) only during daylight hours. Do not store food in your car after dark. Use a food locker. Remember to clear your car of food wrappers, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats. Never leave unattended food wrapped (not in a pickup truck bed. Bears can smell food, even if it’s sealed in the truck or glove compartment, and they recognize boxes and bags as potential food sources. They can easily and quickly break into all kinds of vehicles!</td>
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<td>Your Campsite or Tent Cabin</td>
<td>You must store all 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 food storage containers with ventilated closures. Bears may enter campsites when people are present, and some will even check food lockers to see if they’re secured. Keep food lockers closed and locked at all times, even when you are in your campsite or tent cabin.</td>
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<td>Picnic Areas</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Backpacking in the Wilderness</td>
<td>Bear resistant food containers are required throughout the Yosemite Wilderness. Hanging food is prohibited in Yosemite. In Yosemite and the southern Sierra, bear canisters are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.</td>
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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 WILDLIFE WILD

Respect animals at a distance

Never feed or approach them.
Enjoying Yosemite
Summer is a popular time to visit Yosemite, and for good reasons; daylight hours are long and the weather is usually warm. Plant and animal life are vibrant. High country trails that have been hiding for months are now waiting to be hiked and the waterfalls are still full. However, summer conditions present unique challenges which you must consider to ensure your outdoor enjoyment.

Weather
Dehydration and exhaustion can occur during any season but we are particularly vulnerable during the summer heat. Always carry more water than you need. Without rationing water, make sure your hike or outdoor activity is half over before your water is half gone. Prevent dehydration by sipping lots of water throughout the day and frequently eating salty, easy-to-digest snacks. 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 fooled! Yosemite’s water is deceptively dangerous and unforgiving. Visitors are strongly urged to enjoy moving or falling water from a safe distance. Please: Do NOT leave the safety of the trail.

Boating / Floating
Before boating or floating, check the Park’s website at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/water.htm for allowable locations and conditions. We urge you to wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD). Mishaps occur suddenly, you may not have time to put on your PFD. Make sure your watercraft is safe for water conditions.

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

Yosemite’s Trails
Yosemite’s roads are as dangerous as the roads near your home, with additional hazards such as rock fall and abundant wildlife, including deer and bear. There are many sites to distract drivers. If you cannot devote 100% of your attention to your driving, please pull off the road into a designated pull-off or parking area. Buckle up! Park rangers enforce California’s Motor Vehicle Code on park roads.

For All Seasons

- Don’t approach moving water.
- Stay on established trails – do not take shortcuts, go over fences, or approach water. Most of Yosemite’s non-traffic related serious injuries occur off trail.
- Carry plenty of food and water, stay hydrated and snack often.
- “10 hiking essentials” – including a flashlight or headlamp, sunglasses, sunscreen, navigation, and a signaling method (mirror and whistle).
- Let someone know – always leave your travel and hiking plan, including intended route, destination, and time of return, with a trusted person. If no one knows you are missing, no one is going to be looking for you.
- And remember this truism: you are responsible for your safety.

Inspector Calculator

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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 take steps to protect yourself from HPS. HPS risk is greater inside enclosures where deer mice are present. If staying in guest lodging, tell housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice in your room. Do not clean the area yourself. Keep doors to guest lodging shut and keep food in sealed containers. If you are camping and backpacking, do not pitch tents near rodent burrows or droppings. HPS often begins with flu-like symptoms such as aches, fever, and chills, one to seven weeks after exposure, progressing to cough and difficulty in breathing. Seek medical attention immediately if you experience these symptoms and mention any potential rodent exposures. For more information on hantavirus visit: www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm.

Plague
Plague is an infectious bacterial disease that is carried by squirrels, chipmunks and other wild rodents and their fleas. When an infected rodent becomes sick and dies, its fleas can carry the infection to other warm-blooded animals including humans.

Avoid Contact with Wildlife
Wild animals in Yosemite can transmit diseases, including plague, rabies, and hantavirus. Keeping your distance and your food from wildlife not only protects them, it also protects you. If you encounter a mammal, particularly a raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote, or bat, that is behaving erratically, don’t touch it. Report the sick animal to a park employee. Storing your food properly will reduce your exposure to rodents and their fleas, which may carry plague.
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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.
• Please clean up and deposit pet feces in
trash receptacles.
• Pets are not allowed in lodging facilities,
Camp 4, or other buildings in the park.
• Pets may not be 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 trails. Bikes are
not allowed to travel off paved trails.
Mountain biking opportunities are available
in designated areas outside of Yosemite.
Backwoods Bathroom Etiquette
Help us keep our water clean! Human waste
must be buried at least 6 inches deep, and
at least 100 feet away from any source of water.
Toilet paper must be packed out.
Trail Etiquette
Trails are built to help you find your way into
(and out of) the Wilderness, but they’re also
carefully designed to minimize impact on
the landscape and prevent erosion. Please
stay on the trail to help protect your park.
Tuolomne Water
Did you know that water from Tuolomne
Meadows provides drinking water to over
2.6 million people, and irrigation water
to thousands of acres? Help keep this water
clean by using established restrooms and
staying on trails.
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
archaeological sites, imagine how well-
protected these park resources could be!
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. Be attentive to the special permit requirements and regulations in place to protect park resources and those designed for your safety.

Wilderness Permits
Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are
required seven days a week when the cables
are up for 2018, May 11 through October 9,
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Camping

An adventurous overnight experience

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

Camping Reservations

Reservations are required March through November for campsites in Yosemite Valley’s car campgrounds, and summer through fall for Hodgdon Meadow, Crane Flat, Wawona, and half of Tuolumne Meadows. All other campgrounds (except group and stock campgrounds) are first-come, first-served. Campground reservations are available up to five months in advance, on the 15th of each month at 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 current campground status, call (209) 372-0266.

Yosemite Valley

There is a 30-day camping limit within Yosemite National Park in a calendar year; From May 1 to September 15, the camping limit is 14 days, 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 campsites are not wheelchair accessible. Sites are available on a per-person basis, and six people will be placed in each campsite, regardless of number of people in your party. Camp 4 often fills before 9am, May through September.

Camping Outside Yosemite

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

Group Campgrounds

There are group campsites at Tuolumne Meadows, Hodgdon Meadow, Wawona, and Bridalveil Creek Campgrounds. Thirteen to 30 people are allowed in each group campsite. Tent camping only. Pets, RVs, and generators are not permitted.

Campfire Safety Tips

• Use camp stoves for cooking. Stoves have a contained flame that can quickly be turned off.
• Follow all posted signs, regulations, and restrictions.
• Never leave a campfire unattended.
• Make sure your campfire is entirely out before leaving it unattended
• Do not burn toilet paper or trash

For fire information call (209) 379-1493 or email yose_fire_info@nps.gov.

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 recommended for Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat campgrounds. RVs are not permitted in walk-in and group campgrounds. There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and in out-of-Valley campgrounds, (7 AM PT)

Regulations

• Proper food storage is required 24 hours a day.
• A maximum of six people (including children) and two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
• Quiet hours are from 10pm to 6am.
• Where permitted, pets must be on a leash and may not be left unattended.

Campfires

• In Yosemite Valley between May 1 and September 30, campfires are permitted between 5pm and 10pm. At other times of the year and in out-of-Valley campgrounds, fires are permitted at any time, as long as they are attended.
• Firewood collection (including pine cones and pine needles) is not permitted in Yosemite Valley; you may purchase firewood at stores near the campgrounds.

Campgrounds in Yosemite National Park*

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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 for purchase at bookstores throughout the park.

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

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<td>Bridalveil Fall</td>
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<td>Lower Yosemite Fall</td>
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<td>Upper Yosemite Fall Trail to Columbine Rock</td>
<td>Camp 4 Near Shuttle Stop #7</td>
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<td>Strenuous, 1,000-foot gain</td>
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<td>Top of Upper Yosemite Fall</td>
<td>Same as above</td>
<td>7.2 miles round-trip, 6 to 8 hours</td>
<td>Very Strenuous, 2,700-foot gain</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mirror Lake (a seasonal lake)</td>
<td>Mirror Lake Shuttle Stop #17</td>
<td>2 miles, 1 hour round-trip to Mirror Lake, 3 miles, loop around lake</td>
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<td>Vernal Fall Footbridge</td>
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<td>Top of Vernal Fall</td>
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<td>Top of Nevada Fall</td>
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<td>Wawona - Swinging Bridge Loop</td>
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<td>10.5 miles one-way, 5 to 9 hours</td>
<td>Moderately Strenuous, 3,500 to 4,000-foot loss</td>
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<td>Tioga Road - Yosemite Valley via Clouds Rest</td>
<td>Tenaya Lake</td>
<td>19 miles one-way, 10 to 12 hours</td>
<td>Strenuous</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hetch Hetchy Area - Wapama Falls</td>
<td>O’Shaughnessy Dam</td>
<td>5 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours</td>
<td>Easy to Moderate</td>
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FEATURED HIKE

Mirror Lake Loop

Distance: 5 miles / 8 kilometers
Elevation Gain: 200 feet
Difficulty: Moderate
Time: 2 to 3 hours
Trailhead: Mirror Lake (shuttle stop #17)

Trail Description:
This trail begins at shuttle stop #17. The first mile of this trail is a paved service road that leads directly to Mirror Lake. You may access the loop trail from the end of the paved path. The loop follows Tenaya Creek beyond the lake, and crosses two bridges after the Snow Creek Trail junction before returning past Mirror Lake on the south side of Tenaya Canyon.

Mirror Lake is often referred to as Mirror Meadow in late summer due to the lack of water and the influx of grasses and sandy areas, however, this hike allows for exhilarating views of Half Dome and Mt. Watkins. Exhibits along the trail tell the story of Mirror Lake’s lake-to-meadow succession, and also highlight some of the cultural history of the area.

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. Keep children from wandering on or near these hazards. 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. Nearly every year, unsuspecting visitors are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when swimming in these areas.
A Letter From A Mother Marmot:
Advice on How to Respectfully Visit Yosemite

Story by Park Ranger Eric Smith

The Tuolumne Rangers have received this heartfelt letter from a marmot mother of seven who lives nearby. Yellow-bellied marmots are large golden-furred rodents who survive at high altitudes by conserving energy all summer to sleep through the long cold winter.

Dear Yosemite National Park Visitors,

Thank you all for choosing to come visit my home in Yosemite in the summer. As you may know, most of you drive here in summer, which is also the busiest time for us. Since we sleep the rest of the year, this is our only moment to raise and feed our babies before winter returns. You may notice my seven children horsing around the meadow on the trail toward Soda Springs.

I know I speak for the other animals around here, (some that I call friends and some that I don’t) you all could drive slower. This is, after all, our neighborhood. Our young don’t know the dangers of the road. Your cars always catch us by surprise.

My neighbors include a family of Oregon Junco who nest under a nice-sized rock (whose children have lovely new tail feathers), a mother deer with two older daughters and a newborn fawn with spots, and a couple scarlet tanagers who live with their nestlings a couple trees down, to name a few.

Every year, bears, deer, squirrels, and marmots like me end up dead on the road. We could never count all the bees, butterflies, and grasshoppers who end up smashed. Is it worth it to get to where you’re going a minute or two earlier?

We all want you to enjoy yourselves here, and I hope you find Yosemite to be as beautiful as I do. If you go more slowly, you can keep us safe and see more deeply into this beautiful place we call home. We know this is a lovely place, and we’re happy to share.

Your friend in the summer sun,

Mother M. Marmot
Erratic Boulder #1890, 
Tuolumne Meadows

Yellow-bellied marmot - NPS Photo

In summer, the varied habitats of Yosemite become nurseries for countless wild animals. Mother deer give birth to their spotted fawns and hide them in tall meadow grass while they forage. Peregrine falcons fledge young on cliffsides while the striking sparrow known as the Oregon Junco gathers insects to feed its nestlings beside a rock on the ground.

Yosemite is a living neighborhood, and summer is precious time for young animals to grow and learn about their surroundings. Unfortunately, the highways running through this park present danger to all animal life. Summer is also the busiest time in Yosemite National Park. More cars drive these highways between the months of June and September for the rest of the year combined.

No matter where you came from, it has taken great time and effort to make it here. Please, for the sake of all the animal residents of Yosemite, take your time now that you’ve arrived. And if you take your time, and take a good look around, you’ll realize just how many furry residents live in Yosemite’s neighborhood.
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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The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery, owned by the family of photographer Ansel Adams since 1902, is a center that celebrates the arts and the natural grandeur of our environment. It cultivates an aesthetic appreciation and concern for our world through photography, literature and art, as well as programs by offering visitors a unique variety of experiences. Yosemite 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 Hospitality LLC

Yosemite Hospitality, a subsidiary of Aramark, operates lodging, food and beverage, retail, recreational activities, tours, interpretive programs, transportation, and service stations under contract with the U.S. Department of Interior with a focus on delivering authentic and memorable guest experiences. Yosemite Hospitality is committed to providing park stewardship in collaboration with the National Park Service in effort to protect and preserve the park for millions of park visitors to enjoy. Visit www.TravelYosemite.com for more information.

NatureBridge

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

Yosemite Conservancy

Yosemite Conservancy inspires people to support projects and programs that preserve Yosemite National Park and enrich the visitor experience. Thanks to generous donors, the Conservancy has provided $119 million in grants to the park to restore trails and habitat, protect wildlife, provide educational programs, and more. The Conservancy’s guided adventures, volunteer opportunities, wilderness services and bookstores help visitors of all ages connect with Yosemite. Learn more: yosemiteconservancy.org or (415) 434-1782.

Yosemite Volunteers: Serving Yosemite

Over 10,714 volunteers donated more than 139,520 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. Toss excess packaging before leaving home by repacking food in reusable 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 Ski & Snowboard Area (formerly Badger Pass Ski Area)
• Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge)

Lost and Found

To inquire about items lost or found at one of Yosemite’s restaurants, hotels, lounges, shuttle buses or tour services, call (209) 372-4357. For items lost or found in other areas of the park, call (209) 379-1001 or email yose_lostandfound@nps.gov.