The Yosemite Valley Visitor Shuttle operates from 7am to 10pm and serves stops in numerical order. Shuttles run daily every 20 to 30 minutes, depending on time of day. See schedule posted at shuttle stops. In the event of snow and ice, buses may suspend service to shuttle stops #15 - #19.
Things to Do

Winter in Yosemite

WELCOME
Visit the Yosemite Museum

Take a Photography Class

Explore Like A Junior Ranger

OUTSIDE YOSEMITE VALLEY

Family Fun

Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

GETTING AROUND

ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

ACCESSIBLE PARKING, LODGING, TOURS, AND ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE ACROSS THE PARK.

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF ACCESSIBLE SERVICES, RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND EXHIBITS, VISIT WWW.NPS.GOV/YOSE/PLANYOURVISIT/ACCESSIBILITY.HTM.

Exhibit text:

Our local professional guides offer rock climbing, guided hikes and backpacking trips. Reservations required. Call (209) 372-8444 or email yms@aramark.com.

Adventure with Yosemite Conservancy

Are you looking for a memorable way to deepen your connection with the park? Go on an expert-led adventure with Yosemite Conservancy! Join a scheduled Outdoor Adventure, such as a day hike, backpacking trip or bird-watching walk, or create a Custom Adventure tailored to your interests and schedule. For details, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures, or call (209) 379-2317, ext. 10. See page 4 for upcoming adventures.

Yosemite Mountaineering School

Reservations required. Call (209) 372-8444 or email yms@aramark.com.

Photo by Kenny Karst

ACCESSIBILITY COORDINATOR AT (209) 379-1035 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Toll-Free Number:

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. Then 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), VP: (209) 222-3944, or e-mail yose_deaf_services@nps.gov. Two weeks advance notice preferred.

Assistive Listening Devices available upon advance request, inquire at a visitor center. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.

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

Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

Experience Your America Yosemite National Park

Yosemite Guide April 3, 2019 - May 14, 2019

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.

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Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Entrance Fees
Non-commercial car, pickup truck, RV, or van with 15 or fewer passenger seats - Valid for 7 days $35/Vehicle
Vehicle Valid for 7 days $35/Vehicle
Motorcycle Valid for 7 days $30/motorcycle
Individual Valid for 7 days $20, (in a bus, on foot, bicycle, or horse)

Yosemite Park Pass $70
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

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

HIGHWAY 120 WEST
Yosemite Chamber of Commerce 209/379-9120 or 209/965-0429
Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau 209/646-1333 www.tcb.com

HIGHWAY 41
Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau 559/683-4636 www.yosemiteyear.com

HIGHWAY 132/49
Coulterville Visitor Center 209/787-3329

HIGHWAY 140/49
California Welcome Center, Merced 209/846-5383 or 209/724-8104 www.yosemite-gateway.org
Mariposa County Visitor Center 855/425-5386 or 209/966-7081 Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau 209/742-4567 www.yosemitegateway.com

HIGHEST 120 EAST
Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce and Mono Lake Visitor Center, 760/647-6629 www.leevining.com

Adverse Weather and Driving in Yosemite

In the event of heavy rainfall, road conditions may become hazardous, especially in areas recently burned by the Ferguson Fire. The risk of rockfalls, debris flows, and mudslides increases after a fire, mainly because of vegetation loss and increased runoff. High-risk areas for rock falls and debris flows are located within burned areas along the Highway 140 and 41 corridors. Be aware, drive cautiously, and obey posted signs and closures.

Chain Control Information:
Winter road conditions through Yosemite National Park may require tire chains. It is possible that your route will take you from an elevation of 3,000 feet up to an elevation of 7,000 feet in just a few miles, and road conditions can vary widely with the terrain. For updated 24-hour road and weather conditions for Yosemite National Park, please call (209) 372-0200.

You are required to have and carry chains or traction devices in your vehicle any time you see a “Chains Required” sign. Speed limit is 25 MPH. Signs will indicate when chains must be installed on your tires. Here is a short explanation of chain control signs on Yosemite roads.

R1 - This sign indicates that all vehicles without mud and snow tires are required to install traction devices. Vehicles that have mud and snow tires do not need to have traction devices on but must carry chains. All vehicles towing trailers must have chains on one drive axle. Trailers with brakes must have chains on at least one trailer axle.

R2 - This sign indicates that chains or traction devices must be installed on ALL vehicles except 4-wheel/all-wheel drive vehicles with mud and snow tires. Four-wheel drive vehicles do not need traction devices installed but must have 4-wheel drive engaged.

R3 - This sign indicates that ALL vehicles are required to install traction devices, regardless of having mud and snow tires or 4-wheel/all-wheel drive capability, NO EXCEPTIONS.

*Mud and snow tires are commonly indicated by an “M+S” icon on the side of the tire.
*Be sure to install traction devices on the drive axle of your vehicle.
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, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail leads you to a stunning view looking 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. While the Mariposa Grove Road closes to cars in the winter, approximately from the end of November until mid-March, the road is open to hikers, snowshoers, and skiers, and all trails in the grove remain open for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The nearby Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite.

Crane Flat 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 (1¼ hour) from Yosemite Valley via the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120W) and the Evergreen Road. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open from 8am to 7pm through April and from 7am to 9pm beginning in May. Wilderness permits and bear canisters are available at the entrance station from 8am to 5pm through April and 7am to 5pm May 1 through Labor Day. Vehicles and/or trailers over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.
Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore
Open daily from 9am to 5pm, the visitor center and bookstore offers information, maps, books, souvenirs, and more. Explore the exhibits and learn how Yosemite’s landscape formed and how people interact with it. Located near shuttle stops #5 and #9.

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

Indian Cultural Exhibit
Explore the cultural history of Yosemite’s Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Visit with Indian Cultural Demonstrators and see demonstrations of traditional skills such as stone tool making, basket weaving, beadwork, flutes, etc. Open daily from 9am to 5pm, may close for lunch.

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

Yosemite Renaissance 34 Art Exhibit
The Yosemite Renaissance competition and exhibit is on display at the Yosemite Museum Gallery through May 3, 2019. This year, 62 unique works were chosen by 60 artists from across the nation, selected to inspire a new generation of people to understand, preserve and protect our wild lands and natural places. If you are an artist inspired by Yosemite and the California Sierra Nevada region, you can apply for Yosemite Renaissance 35! The call to artists begins June 1, 2019. Visit www.yosemiterenaissance.org to learn more. The Museum Gallery is open 10am to Noon and 1pm to 4pm daily.

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

The Ansel Adams Gallery
The Ansel Adams Gallery is open daily from 9am to 5pm. The gallery offers original works by Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, painters, and printers. See page 5 for photo walk and other event times. Call (209) 372-4413 or visit www.anseladams.com for more information.

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.

Exhibit
April 1, 2019 - June 9, 2019
A World of Alternatives - Original Photographs by Mark Citret, Jeffrey Conley, Vaughn Hutchins and Kerik Kouklis
Photography is an art form not just that old, and when we refer to “traditional photography,” it is often in reference to the gelatin silver print — Ansel Adams’ preferred medium. In reality, what we now know as Alternative Processes — e.g. platinum, carbon, gum, collodion — often predated the more popular gelatin silver method by decades. Each of these alternates produces rich, textured prints of subtly and atmosphere. In actuality, the platinum print yields a fuller range of tones than that of its silver successor, where the deepest shadows reveal great detail, while the highlights remain radiant with hints of delicate spectral differences.

Between April 1 and June 29, 2019, The Ansel Adams Gallery will feature a rotating exhibit A World of Alternatives with original work by photographers Mark Citret, Jeffrey Conley, Vaughn Hutchins and Kerik Kouklis. A variety of alternative processes will be on display, including the more modern adaptation of Platinum over Pigment printing, where digital photography and old world forms merge to create pastel tinged works that harken back to the days of hand-tinted photographs. A reception for the artists with light refreshments will be held Saturday, April 27 from 5-5pm at The Ansel Adams Gallery.

Yosemite Conservancy Art Programs (YC)
Join Yosemite Conservancy for a range of activities at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Learn from a professional artist, stop by for family-friendly crafts and activities, browse supplies and original artwork, and more. The center is open daily from 9am to 4pm.

Daily art classes for ages 12 and up are taught by volunteer instructors Monday through Saturday, 10am to 2pm (unless otherwise noted), and are typically held outside. Most workshops are $20 per person, per class (materials and supplies not included). Upcoming classes include:

- Apr-1-6 Nature Drawing for Beginners with Sean Edgerton
- Apr-8-13 Mosaic Making with Nancy Meyer
- Apr 15-20 Spring Watercolor for Beginners with Steve Curl
- Apr 22-27 Drawing and Painting Yosemite’s Trees and Landscapes with Jennifer Bouxton-Gibb
- Apr 29-May 4 Watercolor: Drawing From Three Colors with Joan Pekna
- May 6-11 Watercolor Basics with Jo Neal Graves
- May 13-18 Nature Journaling with Watercolor with Faith Rumm

We also offer a drop-in Art Table and Open Studio, children’s art classes (ages 4-12, $10/participant or $30/family) and naturalist-led Art in Nature walks, see page 5 for schedule. To learn more and register for our art programs, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/art, contact us at (209) 372-0631 or artcenter@yosemiteconservancy.org, or visit us at Happy Isles!

Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures (YC)
Experience the park in a new way with Yosemite Conservancy’s naturalist guides! Upcoming outings include:

- Apr 19 Moonbow Photography
- Apr 21 Yosemite Nature Journaling: Creativity, Curiosity and Reflection
- Apr 27-28 Ackerson Meadow and Crane Flat: Birding and Bats
- May 3-5 Dine and Discover: Feathers, Flowers and Fire
- May 7-10 Spring Light Photography
- May 10-12 Hatch Hatchy and Ackerson Meadow: Wildflowers and Bats
- May 12 Mother’s Day Waterfalls Walk

Visit yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or call (209) 379-2317 ext. 10 to learn more, see other upcoming adventures and sign up. Custom Adventures can be arranged for individuals and groups. Proceeds from all our programs help preserve and protect Yosemite.
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### Yosemite Valley

- **Mother's Day Waterfalls Walk** (May 12 Only) 8 hrs. Celebrate Mother's Day on a guided daily hike to see famous and lesser-known waterfalls. Register: yosemiteconservancy.org/default.aspx. (YC)
- **Explore Yosemite’s Bird Life** 2 hrs. Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist for a guided bird-watching walk. Meet at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #499 (NS).
- **Ranger Walk – Rivers and Waterfalls** (Except May 3 and 10) 1 hr. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #549 (NS).
- **ART TABLE AND OPEN STUDIO** 4 hrs. Drop-in, collaborative Yosemite-themed table art for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, shuttle stop #16. Bring, rent or purchase supplies. (YC)
- **KIDS ART CLASS** (May 6 and 13 Only) 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC)
- **Historic Majestic Hotel Tour** 2 hrs. Immerse yourself in the history and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YC)
- **Naturalist Stroll** 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite’s natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YC)
- **Yosemite Theater – Return to Balance: A Climber’s Journey** 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores, any Tour & Activity Desk, or at the Yosemite Theater. See page 4. (YC)
- **Yosemite Theater – Stars Over Yosemite** 1 hr. Gather by the fire and listen to the stories of Yosemite's past and present! The Majestic Yosemite Hotel. (YH)
- **NIGHT PROWL** 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YC)
- **STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE** (May 12 Only) 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC)
**Services in Yosemite**

### Hours listed are core hours and may be extended during peak visitation.

### Food and Drink

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<td>Lions Club - First and third Thursday of each month at 7am, The Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Call (209) 372-4475</td>
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Permit Information
Camping, Hiking, and Wilderness Use

Half Dome Permit Information
Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week when the cables are up for 2019, May 24 through October 15, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 preseason lottery permits has already been issued for 2019. In addition, approximately 50 permits will be released by daily lottery throughout the season based on estimated under-use and cancellation rates (exact number may change throughout the season). Applications for daily 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. A non-refundable application fee applies to all submissions and a use fee applies to winning applicants. Finally, a daily quota of 75 Half Dome permits will be available to overnight users with an appropriate wilderness permit (use fee applies). These permits may be acquired through early reservations (50 per day) or day before walk-up (25 per day). Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area may descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit. More information is available at http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm. For backpackers more information is available at http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm.

Camping
Please note: some Yosemite Valley Campgrounds sustained considerable damage during 2019 winter storms. For more information on campground opening dates and to sign up to receive Campground Updates via email, visit go.nps.gov/campground. Call 209/372-0266 for same-day camping availability.

CAMPING RESERVATIONS
In Yosemite Valley’s car campgrounds, reservations are recommended December through February, and required March through November. Outside the valley, reservations are required summer through fall for Hodgdon Meadow, Crane Flat, Wawona, and half of Tuolumne Meadows. All other campgrounds (except group and stock campgrounds) are first-come, first-served. Campground reservations are available up to five months in advance, on the 15th of each month at 7 am Pacific time.

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

Call Center Hours:
7am to 7pm Pacific time (November through February)
7am to 9pm Pacific time (March through October)

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

Wilderness Permits
Wilderness permits are required for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness. 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 plus $5 per person is charged to each confirmed reservation. Go to www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm to check trailhead availability and for more information on how to make a reservation. Reservations can be made online, by phone or mail. To make a reservation by phone, call (209) 372-0740, Mon-Fri from 8:30am to 4:30pm. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm, the Leave No Trace website at www.lntl.org, or the Friends of Yosemite Search and Rescue website at www.friendsofyosar.org.

Yosemite Valley
Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center will open May 3 and will be open daily from 8am to 5pm. Until then, wilderness permits and bear canisters can be obtained at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center seven days a week from 9am to 5pm.

YOSEMITE VALLEY
Yosemite Valley Visitor Center will open May 3 and will be open daily from 8am to 5pm through April, and 7am to 5pm from May 1 through Labor Day.

Wawona - Hill's Studio
Beginning May 3, the bookstore (only) will be open daily from 9am to 5pm, may close for lunch. Wilderness permits for Wawona and Mariposa Grove trailheads can be obtained by self-registration on the front porch of Hill's Studio. Bear canister rentals will be available at the bookstore when open.

Big Oak Flat
Beginning May 3, the bookstore (only) will be open at the Big Oak Flat Information Station, daily from 9am to 5pm, may close for lunch. Wilderness permits for the Big Oak Flat Road and Tioga Road trailheads are by self-registration on the front porch of the Information Station. Bear canister rentals will be available at the bookstore when open.

Hetch Hetchy
Bear canisters and wilderness permits for the Hetch Hetchy trailheads only are available at the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station from 8am to 5pm through April, and July to 5pm from May 1 through Labor Day.

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes*

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<td>Lower Yosemite Fall</td>
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<td>13 miles full loop, 5-7 hours full loop</td>
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General Camping Information*
Services
• All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker (33" d x 45" w x 18" h). See page 9 for food storage regulations.
• Shower and laundry facilities are available in Yosemite Valley.
• There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer only in Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows.

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

Campfires
• In Yosemite Valley between May 1 and September 30, campfires are permitted between 5 pm and 10 pm. At other times of the year and in out-of-Valley campgrounds, fires are permitted at any time, as long as they are attended.
• Firewood collection (including pine cones and pine needles) is permitted within the boundaries of campgrounds in Yosemite Valley, and can otherwise be gathered anywhere in the park that is outside Yosemite Valley below 9,600 feet, and not in a sequoia grove.

Pacific Dogwood against an Incensed Cedar tree. Photo by Christine Zolberg.
Keep yourself safe while exploring your park.

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

ENJOYING SPRING IN YOSEMITE

Every season in Yosemite presents us with unique beauty. For many visitors, the heart of spring is a particularly special time to visit the Park. Every living thing seems to be awakening following a winter’s slumber. The high Sierra snowpack is rapidly melting, creating full waterfalls and raging streams and rivers. The sound of running water can be as enchanting as its sight and reminds us of the life it brings to Yosemite and California’s rich farmlands below. Yosemite’s streams are also a temptation for the curious, the photographer, and the weary hiker simply wanting to cool tired feet. However, Yosemite’s water can be deceptively dangerous and unforgiving. Yosemite’s visitors are strongly urged to enjoy any flowing or falling water from a safe distance. Please enjoy the water from the safety of the trail or in developed areas only.

WEATHER

Spring weather is some of our finest for enjoying outdoor activities. Nevertheless, cold fronts can bring snow as low as the Valley floor well into May. The higher country is noticeably cooler. In summary, while you are likely to enjoy pleasant weather, check the latest conditions and always be ready to add layers of clothing to stay warm and dry.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

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

HANTAVIRUS INFORMATION

Mice are an important part of the ecosystem, but can carry diseases harmful to humans. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread to humans via the droppings, urine, or saliva of infected rodents. Not all rodents are infected with hantavirus, but infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You may come into close proximity to rodents during your visit, so it is important you take steps to protect yourself from HPS. HPS risk is greater inside of buildings or other enclosures where deer mice are present. If staying in guest lodging, please tell the housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice in your accommodations. Do not clean up the area yourself. Keep doors to your cabin that is not in a sealed container.

HANTAVIRUS INFORMATION

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 when eating outside, avoid pitching a tent near or disturbing rodent burrows, wear insect repellent with DEET, and immediately tell a park ranger if you see a dead animal. Early symptoms of plague may include fever, chills, nausea, painful swelling at the site of an insect bite or lymph node, and other flu-like symptoms. If you develop any of these symptoms within 6 days of visiting an area at risk for plague, see your doctor and inform them you may have been exposed. Plague is treatable with antibiotics if given in time.

AVOID CONTACT WITH WILDLIFE AND KEEP FOOD / TRASH STORED PROPERLY

Wild animals in Yosemite can transmit numerous diseases, including plague, rabies, and hantavirus. Keeping your distance and your food from wildlife not only protects them, it also protects you from injury and exposure to diseases. If you encounter a mammal, particularly a raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote, or bat, that is behaving erratically, don’t touch the animal. Instead, report the sick animal to a park employee. In addition to keeping bears away, storing your food properly also reduces your exposure to rodents and their fleas, which may carry plague.

WILDERNESS ETIQUETTE: USING YOUR BACKWOODS BATHROOM

When nature calls, make sure you are at least 200 feet away from any water source. Dig a hole in dirt at least 6 inches deep so you’re able to bury your waste—your toilet paper gets packed out with you. Don’t bury it or try to burn it! If you are in snow and can’t dig a hole to soil you are expected to pack out your waste as well.

Protecting yourself...
grocery bags, and other food containers as seen in color, so they recognize ice chests. To top it off, bears have excellent vision and can’t, which helps them find food—a black nibbling on grasses. Their incredible sense of smell allows them to detect things we can’t, which helps them find food—a black bear can smell a dead deer three miles away. To top it off, bears have excellent vision and see in color, so they recognize ice chests, grocery bags, and other food containers as potential food sources.

How to Store Food

**LOCATION** | **FOOD STORAGE** | **WHY?**
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Your Vehicle | You may store food in your car (with windows closed) only during daylight hours. Do not store food in your car after dark: use a food locker. Remember to clear your car of food 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 all kinds of vehicles!

Your Campsite or Tent Cabin | You must store all your food in food lockers—not in your tent or tent cabin. A food locker is available at each campsite and tent cabin. Food may be stored out of sight in hard-sided RVs with windows closed. Bears may enter campgrounds when people are present, and some will even shake 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. | Bears may enter campgrounds when people are present, and some will even shake 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.

Picnic Areas & on the Trail | 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. | Bears may investigate picnic areas or backpacks for food even when people are present, so be alert.

Backpacking in the Wilderness | Bear resistant food containers are required throughout the Yosemite Wilderness. Hanging food is prohibited in Yosemite. In Yosemite and the southern Sierra, bear canisters are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food. | Bears may investigate picnic areas or backpacks for food even when people are present, so be alert.

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.

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 are more than one person, stand together to present a more intimidating figure, but do not surround the bear. If you see a bear anywhere else, consider yourself lucky—but keep your distance (at least 50 yards, or about the distance made by four shuttle buses parked end to end). If you get too close, you will be helping the bear become used to being around people. Bears that become comfortable around humans lose their natural fear of us and may become too aggressive. When that happens, they sometimes have to be killed. Report bear sightings and incidents to the Save-A-Bear hotline (209) 372-0322 or by emailing yose_bear_mgmt@nps.gov. For more information about bears in Yosemite please visit www.keeptreasureswild.org.

**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, 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”)

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**Yosemite National Park Zero Landfill Initiative**

Be a steward of Yosemite by helping make Yosemite the first Zero Landfill park in the country. Through the Zero Landfill Initiative, Yosemite National Park is reducing the amount of trash that goes to the landfill every year. In partnership with Yosemite Hospitality, we are making it easier for visitors and staff to participate by adding more recycling containers with better labels. We are also working to reduce the amount of waste we generate in park management operations.

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 the right containers.
Yosemite National Park is well known as a mecca for rock climbers. People travel to Yosemite from around the world to pursue their dreams of conquering the park’s impressive granite peaks.

“As I hammered in the last bolt and staggered over the rim, it was not at all clear to me who was the conqueror and who was the conquered,” said Warren Harding, leader of the first team to climb El Capitan in 1958. “I do recall that El Cap seemed to be in much better condition than I was.”

In addition to the vertical challenge of rock climbing, the spring waterfalls and wildflowers, high alpine meadows in the heat of summer and trails through the astonishing diversity of Sierra Nevada life zones make Yosemite an iconic destination for hiking and backpacking. The Yosemite Mountaineering School & Guide Service (YMS), operated by Yosemite Hospitality, provides skilled instructors and experienced local guides with whom visitors can test their endurance and achieve their goals, whether the top of El Capitan or the wilderness of Yosemite’s High Country.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of YMS and the team is offering numerous adventures for park visitors to connect with Yosemite’s natural wonders. You can choose from world-class rock climbing and instruction, private guided climbs, custom and group hikes, guided backpacking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing throughout Yosemite’s extensive wilderness. The YMS is open year-round with exciting adventures for different seasons including guided snowshoe hikes to Dewey Point, backpacking to the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne River, guided hikes on the Panorama Trail and the “Welcome to the Rock” beginner rock climbing class at Swan Slab. Leave No Trace principles and wilderness ethics continue to be a focus for students and guides. Environmental education is an essential part of their program.

How did the YMS get started? A great mountaineer, Wayne Merry was one of the first rock climbers to reach the summit of El Capitan in November 1958, and would go on to start the Yosemite Mountaineering School & Guide Service. In addition to founding the YMS, Merry was instrumental in working with the National Park Service to create the Yosemite Search and Rescue (YOSAR), which completes on average 225 rescues per year.

Yosemite Mountaineering School? Ned was an extremely accomplished adventurer and was a member of the 1968 US Olympic Cross-Country Ski Team. He is also a member of the US Skiing Hall of Fame.

Did you know... 
• Warren Harding, leader of the first team to climb El Capitan in 1958, worked as a guide for YMS in the 1970s.
• The YMS started the cross-country ski school in 1970, which was the first on the west coast.
• Did you know that Ned Gillette held the position of Director of Skiing for Yosemite Mountaineering School? Ned was an extremely accomplished adventurer and was a member of the 1968 US Olympic Cross-Country Ski Team. He is also a member of the US Skiing Hall of Fame.
• Many of the Yosemite Mountaineering School guides at the time were used to accomplish the first two “top to bottom” rescues on El Capitan.
• Numerous well-known climbers have been Yosemite Mountaineering School guides: Bev Johnson, Ron Kauk, TM Herbert, Tommy Herbert, Peter Croft, Donny Reid, Chris Falkenstein, Miles Smart, just to name a few...
• Yosemite Mountaineering School guides first guided the face of El Capitan in May 1987 and now successfully lead 5-15 climbers up the face of El Capitan each year.

YMS guides, recognized as some of the finest rock climbers in the world, have a wide variety of skiing, climbing, and mountaineering skills and experience. Leave No Trace builds awareness, appreciation and respect for the wilderness and promotes responsible outdoor recreation through education, research, and partnerships. All of the school’s guides hold Wilderness First Responder Certifications, and all take pride in their wilderness rescue skills. Led by YMS director and chief guide, Dave Bengston, the school operates at Half Dome Village in Yosemite Valley, and at Tuolumne Meadows in the High Country. Visit TravelYosemite.com or call (209) 372-8444 to book an adventure with the YMS!
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Providing for Yosemite’s Future

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 by offering visitors a unique variety of literature and art, as well as programs that inspire creativity. Visit online at: www.anseladams.com.

Yosemite Hospitality LLC

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

NatureBridge

NatureBridge provides residential field science programs for youth in the world’s most spectacular classroom—Yosemite National Park. Through active student engagement, our faculty teaches science, history, and the arts and gives these subjects context through personal experience. A NatureBridge learning adventure strives to foster a lifelong 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 $125 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 10,374 volunteers donated more than 139,500 hours of service to Yosemite last year, restoring native habitat, working in visitor centers, serving as camp hosts, studying wildlife, cleaning up litter and more. Would you like to serve? We have group and individual volunteer opportunities, both short term and long term. Learn more at: www.nps.gov/yose/getinvolved/volunteer.htm or call the volunteer office at (209) 379-1850.

Yosemite Name Changes

The names of the following facilities in Yosemite have changed.

The changed names are:
• Half Dome Village (formerly Curry Village)
• Yosemite Valley Lodge (formerly Yosemite Lodge)
• The Majestic Yosemite Hotel (formerly The Ahwahnee)
• Big Trees Lodge (formerly Wawona Hotel)
• Yosemite Ski & Snowboard Area (formerly Badger Pass Ski Area)
• Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge)

Lose Something in Yosemite?

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

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