Please Don't Feed the Bears

by Lisa Strong-Aufhauser

Some of the black bears in Yosemite can be as clever at stealing food as the cartoon character Yogi Bear. However, the resulting loss and damage to human property is not a laughing matter. Yosemite bears have discovered how easy it is to obtain food from humans. The last open dump in the park where bears foraged on human garbage was closed in 1971. From the 1920's until the mid-1940's there were regularly scheduled bear shows at these open-pit dumps. With the introduction of unnatural food sources (the artificial bear feeding area near El Capitan used 60 tons of scraps in 1937), the number of bears increased dramatically in Yosemite Valley. According to a Yosemite biologist, the natural food supplies in Yosemite Valley including herbaceous plants, acorns, berries and insects, can probably support less than ten bears during the summer. During the 1930's, 60 bears summered in the Valley. With the increased bear population in Yosemite Valley, there were increased incidents of bears breaking into buildings, causing general damage to human property, and causing personal injury.

The National Park Service tried to control the problem in several ways. Control feeding areas were established away from the east end of Yosemite Valley in hopes of drawing the bears away from the human use areas. Some bears were trapped and relocated to National Forest Service areas or zoos. Other bears were destroyed by rangers. In 1963, the Park Service took further action, closing the dump near Curry Village and bear-proofing all the Valley's 32-gallon garbage cans. The Half Dome-shaped garbage can lids make it very difficult for bears to climb inside, which before they did regularly in their search for food. The intention was to remove the artificial food sources and return the bear population to its natural level.

After this was done, there were a lot of hungry bears roaming around wondering what happened to all the free food. Their search for easily accessible food led them to the park's campgrounds. The bears took advantage of unwitting visitors by raiding their campsites and eating all the food left out. Because of the bears' desire for food and their sometimes destructive behavior, over 100 bears were destroyed between 1960 and 1972.

In 1975, the National Park Service recognized that the problem was not strictly a "bear problem." It was a "people problem" too. Although the bears were stealing food, and sometimes smashing car windows and peeling off car doors to get to food stored in plain sight inside, it was people who failed to store their food away from the bears, and this continues to be the problem.

In light of this problem, the current Human-Bear Management Plan, initiated in 1975, has five basic elements: 1) remove all artificial food sources; 2) inform and educate the public about the... (continued on page 2)
How to Store Your Food From Bears

With the shortening days of autumn, Yosemite's black bears are preparing for their winter naps. This preparation consists largely of feeding on nature's harvest, particularly acorns. However, black bears are opportunists, and are attracted to any food source, including canned foods, coolers, and backpacks. Protect your food and valuables, and the bear's natural lifestyle by storing your food properly. And remember, NEVER try to retrieve food taken by a bear.

Camping

Storing your food in the recently installed bear boxes is the most effective way to protect your food from bears and other animals while camping in Yosemite. These metal lockers close with a simple clip that bears cannot manipulate, nor can the bears break through the metal. The boxes are for food storage ONLY.

DO NOT — store flammables in the bear boxes such as stove fuel, charcoal, etc.
DO NOT — leave garbage in the bear box. Throw your garbage away in the bear-proof trash dumpsters provided in the campground.
DO NOT — let children play in the bear box.
Please leave the door of the bear box open when you check out of your campsite.

If no bear box is available, the next best method is to put the food in containers and store it in the trunk of your car. If your vehicle does not have a trunk, store the food in the cab making sure all windows and vents are closed, and cover the containers. This last step is important because some bears have made the visual association of an ice chest or grocery bag with food, and may break into your vehicle without having smelled the food.

Backcountry

Losing your food to bears while out on a backpack can ruin your trip and destroy the wilderness of Yosemite's bears, so it is important (and required) to always store your food properly while you are in the backcountry. The counter-balance method is the most successful method of food storage. A diagram and explanation of this method is available at the wilderness permit stations in the park. Yosemite's bears have figured out other visitor methods such as hanging the food in one tree and tying it off on another. The bears will chew through the tied off rope and wait for the food to drop out of the other tree. It is also unsafe to store food in a tent. There is nothing to keep the bear from ripping the tent to get to the food, and you may be injured if you happen to be in the tent at the time.

Bear Management

Before 1963, bears could be found feeding at open garbage dumps in Yosemite Valley. Since then, Yosemite's bears have been caught, its behavior is evaluated by resource management personnel and is either destroyed or given an ear tag with identification, then transported to a remote area of the park and released. Often times the transplanted bear makes its way back to the Valley or other areas of concentrated human use where human food is easy to find. If the bear continues to return, its behavior will be re-evaluated. If resource management personnel decide a bear is a threat to people, the bear will be captured and destroyed.

Fire Management

If you see smoke during your visit to Yosemite this fall, it may be from a natural fire that is being allowed to burn or a fire deliberately set by the National Park Service. Both are a part of a continuing fire management program to maintain the natural conditions and processes of the park's ecosystems.

Lightning strikes started many fires in Yosemite this summer. Several of these fires were located in areas where human development was unthreatened. Yosemite's policy is to allow these fires to burn naturally. If they near human development, the fires are contained on that side. Several natural management fires are burning in the park, the largest of which are the LeConte Fire near Hetch Hetchy and the Echo Fire near Merced Lake. All the fires are routinely monitored by resource management personnel and will probably continue burning or smoldering until after several major storms have dropped sufficient rain or snow to put them out.

Because of the unusually dry conditions, each new natural fire will be assessed individually and a decision made as to whether to let the fire burn or suppress it (put it out).

Fire Management Not New

Active fire management began in a number of national parks some years ago. The National Park Service seeks to return park lands to the condition that preceded the days of total fire suppression. During times of cooler weather and high relative humidity, park rangers and scientists use prescribed burns to remove ground fuel and reduce the chance of destructive fires later. At any time of year lightning fires at higher elevations, generally at or above 7,000 feet, are usually permitted to run their course, with rangers only monitoring them.

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YOSEMITE VALLEY

The Free Valley Shuttle Bus offers convenient transportation to the Valley Visitor Center and other portions of eastern Yosemite Valley. For details see map on back page.

Guest Activities. A variety of different tours and saddle trips can be arranged at any of the Valley lodging areas. Bicycle rentals are available at Yosemite Lodge and Curry Village, conditions permitting. A self-guiding auto tour is available with the aid of the Yosemite Road Guide booklet available at any retail outlet.

MARIPOSA GROVE AND WAWONA

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles south of Yosemite Valley via Highway 41, two miles from the Park's south entrance. A tram tour begins here (through mid-fall) at the Lower Grove parking area ($5.00 adults, $2.50 children 5-12 and senior citizens). Ranger-led walks and several trails originate here.

Wawona's Pioneer History Center is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea here in Yosemite. Although the structures themselves are closed at this time of year, interpretive signs provide a self-guiding tour of the Center.

TIOGA ROAD

WINTER CLOSURE

Weather permitting, trans-Sierra Highway 120, the Tioga Road, generally remains open until the first major snowstorm after November 1. The earliest recorded winter closure of the route was October 28, 1975, and the latest seasonal closure was December 29, 1976.

Services and facilities along the route will be limited and subject to seasonal closures. The Tuolumne Meadows Campground generally remains open until mid-October, weather permitting. Beginning October 15, no overnight parking will be allowed along the Tioga Road corridor between Crane Flat and the Tioga Pass Entrance Station, and overnight backcountry users will have to park their vehicles outside the restricted parking area.

Check with park information stations for current conditions and closures.

THE TIOGA ROAD AND TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

If you have more than one or two days, you may wish to travel into the eastern and higher parts of the Park. The 39 miles from Crane Flat to Tuolumne Meadows along the Tioga Road is a scenic drive past forests, meadows, domes, and lakes. There are many pull-outs with broad and beautiful vistas, some with signs explaining certain natural history points.

Tuolumne Meadows is a large, open meadow surrounded by majestic peaks and domes. The Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center and some services will be available into late September. Be prepared for changing weather. For short hikes, consider going to the top of Lembert Dome or to Elizabeth Lake. A good picnic spot can be found at Tenaya Lake. Near Crane Flat, the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias is a short drive off the Tioga Road.

GLACIER POINT CLOSURE

Fall, 1988

Due to construction of a new parking area and access road at Glacier Point, visitor access will be limited. Heavy trucks and other construction equipment will be traveling on the Glacier Point road daily, creating hazardous conditions for unwary visitors.

Following is an explanation of the Glacier Point closure, which is expected to be in effect until late September:

Road: The Glacier Point road beyond the Sentinel Dome parking area is open to public traffic from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The road will normally be open to the public from 12:00 noon on Friday through 10:00 p.m. Sunday. Exceptions to the weekend openings will be few, and will be advertised during the week prior to the exception. September 19-23, the Glacier Point Road will be closed 24 hours a day due to repaving. From 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the road will be closed at Mono Meadows trailhead. From 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. the road will be closed at the Sentinel Dome Parking Area.

Parking: Overnight parking for backcountry users is limited to Mono Meadows trailhead. Here backcountry users have access to the Panorama, Illilouette and Buena Vista trails.

No overnight parking will be permitted at Glacier Point, Washburn Point or Sentinel Dome or anywhere along the road between Mono Meadows trailhead and Glacier Point.

Hiking: All trails in the Glacier Point area remain open with no restrictions. This includes the 4-Mile Trail, Panorama Trail, and the trail from Sentinel Dome to Glacier Point. Visitors can park at Sentinel Dome parking area and hike the trail to Glacier point.

* NO HIKING OR BICYCLING IS PERMITTED ON THE CLOSED PORTION OF THE GLACIER POINT ROAD.
**CAMPING IN YOSEMITE**

**Yosemite Valley:**

Automobile campgrounds in Yosemite Valley are on a reservation system through Ticketron year-round. Reservations may be made up to, but not more than, eight weeks in advance in person at any Ticketron outlet nationwide or by writing Ticketron, Dept. R, 401 Hackensack Ave., Hackensack, NJ 07601. Telephone reservations are NOT accepted. Sunnyside, a walk-in campground, is open on a first-come, first-served basis all year.

**Outside Yosemite Valley:**

Hodgdon Meadow Campground requires Ticketron reservations through October 31. Tuolumne Meadows and Crane Flat Campgrounds are also on the Ticketron reservation system this year. One-half of Tuolumne Meadows Campground remains first-come, first-served. Tuolumne Meadows Campground is scheduled to be open through October 14 and Crane Flat will be open through October 31. Other park campgrounds outside Yosemite Valley are operated on a first-come, first-served basis. Hodgdon Meadow Campground and Wawona Campgrounds are open all year, and other campgrounds are open approximately June through September.

**Group Campgrounds:**

There are five group campgrounds in Yosemite. Reservations may be made up to, but not more than, 12 weeks in advance. Four group campgrounds only remain open from Spring through early Fall. Hodgdon Meadow group campground remains open year-round and requires Ticketron reservations through October 31st.

Camping in Yosemite is allowed in designated campsites only. The camping limits between June 1 and September 15 are: 10 days in six campsites; 15 days in four campsites; 20 days in three campsites; 30 days in two campsites in the Valley campsgrounds. No camping in PSY Campground. Hodgdon Meadow and Crane Flat Campgrounds are open all year and require Ticketron reservations for use during your visit to Yosemite Valley. There are no hookups in any of Yosemite's campgrounds.

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**Enjoy Yosemite Safely**

Mountain driving requires constant attention. Park roads are narrow, steep and winding.

- Gear down when roads are steep and slippery; gently pump brakes to stop.
- BE COURTEOUS — PULL INTO TURNOUTS TO ALLOW OTHER VEHICLES TO PASS!
- Don't let the beauty of Yosemite distract your driving. Pull completely off the roadway into a safe turnout to photograph or observe the scenery and wildlife.
- Obey the posted and advisory speed signs. Slow down when road conditions warrant.
- Always stay on your side of the road, especially on tight curves.
- Alcohol and driving are a fatal combination. **Don't drink and drive!**

Rock climbing and scrambling continue to be one of the leading causes of injury and death to the unprepared and inexperienced. Some important things to remember before attempting to scramble or climb the rock walls and cliffs of Yosemite are:

- It is difficult to access a route from below if you are not experienced.
- A short fall of less than six feet can cause serious injury or even death.

Finally, before attempting to scramble or climb on Yosemite's walls, provide yourself with proper training, equipment and time.

Never swim or wade in streams above waterfalls. Swift currents and deceptively slippery footing can cause you to fall and be swept over a waterfall.

Tripping and falling are common accidents on park walkways and trails. Remember that wet, smooth granite is slippery.

- Wear proper footwear.
- Stay on designated walkways and trails.

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**Rules to Remember in Yosemite**

- Bicycles must remain on paved roads and designated paved bike paths. They are NOT ALLOWED on hiking trails or meadows.
- Park animals are wild! Do not feed or approach Yosemite's wildlife. Enjoy them from a safe distance, and leave them to find their own natural foods.
- Store your food properly from bears and other Yosemite animals.
- Pets frighten wildlife and disturb hikers. They must be leashed at all times and are not permitted on any park trails, except paved trails on the floor of Yosemite Valley.
- Do not remove from the park any natural objects. This includes pine cones, rocks, leaves, etc. Collecting natural specimens of any kind or defacing park features deprives other visitors. Leave everything as you found it for others to enjoy. If you must collect something, pick up some litter.
- Motor vehicles must stay on established roads open to public travel; vehicles are not permitted off-road.
- Firearms are not permitted in Yosemite National Park.
- There is no hunting in Yosemite National Park.

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**Wood Gathering**

Currently, you may lawfully collect downed and dead wood in Yosemite National Park for use during your stay. The exceptions are: you may not collect wood in Giant Sequoia groves or at elevations above 9,600 feet. In the future, a federal regulation will be implemented, which deems it unlawful to collect wood in Yosemite’s frontcountry areas during the summer months, in an attempt to better preserve the natural resources of the park.

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**Yosemite Campgrounds Not Requiring Reservations**

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**Notes**

- For backpackers/visitors without vehicles, 2 night maximum.
- Three-mile access road not suitable for large RV’s or trailers.
- Five-mile access road not suitable for large RV’s or trailers.
- RV access to front section only.

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What better way is there to experience Yosemite than to take a walk or hike. Listed below are several day hikes originating in Yosemite Valley. They each offer a unique view of Yosemite and allow you to explore at your own pace.

Please use your common sense to avoid accidents and injuries, and always remember to bring your own drinking water on hikes. Also, please observe these regulations when hiking on any of Yosemite’s trails:

- Please stay on trails. Taking shortcuts is dangerous and causes erosion and damage to the landscape.
- Dogs and other pets are allowed on paved paths only on the floor of Yosemite Valley and they must be on a leash at all times.
- BICYCLES, MOUNTAIN BICYCLES, MOTORCYCLES AND MOTOR VEHICLES ARE NOT ALLOWED ON ANY TRAILS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.
- Smoking on trails while traveling is prohibited. You may smoke while stopped. Please be extremely careful with all fires while visiting your Park.
- Horses and mules have the right-of-way on all trails. Hikers should step to the uphill, inside edge of the trail, if possible, and remain quiet while the animals pass. Do not attempt to touch them.
- Remember to stop by a park visitor center before your hike to get current trail and weather conditions. Detailed maps and hiking guides are available for purchase at park visitor centers and gift shops, and please have a safe and enjoyable hike!

### Backpack Into Fall

Fall is a pleasant time to backpack in Yosemite; summer crowds have diminished, autumn begins to color the landscape, and animals are busy preparing for winter. While hiking conditions are often favorable during September and October, sudden storms are not uncommon and temperatures can drop drastically, even at lower elevations. Temperatures are frequently below freezing at night, and snow can fall as early as September. Remember weather changes rapidly in the Sierra, and a beautiful clear morning can become a rainy (or snowy) afternoon.

Summer has been dry in Yosemite, and the small creeks are no longer running. Lakes and main streams are dependable water sources; however, all surface water should be purified. Boiling water for at least one minute or using a Giardia-rated water filter are the preferable methods, but an iodine-based chemical may also be effective.

Remember these safety tips:

- Check out — make sure someone knows where you are going and when you are due back.
- Hypothermia — know the symptoms and treatment. Be prepared to deal with cold, wind and water. Stay dry: wear wool or polypropylene clothing that keeps you warm even when it is wet. Wear a hat to reduce loss of body heat.
- Equipment — use an equipment check list to be sure you are properly prepared to enjoy — and survive — the experience. Take along extra provisions for an unexpected bivouac.

In fall of 1984, Congress designated Yosemite’s backcountry as wilderness. This legislation, the California Wilderness Act of 1984, is the culmination of nearly 100 years of efforts to protect the outstanding qualities of the central Sierra Nevada. What does this mean to you? Among other things:

- There are no mechanized vehicles allowed in a wilderness area. THIS MEANS NO BICYCLES OR MOTOR VEHICLES.
- No pets are allowed in a wilderness area.
- Wilderness permits are required for all overnight travel into Yosemite's backcountry. Permits are available at the Valley Permit Station next to the Visitor Center, the Big Oak Flat Information Station, the Wawona Ranger Station, and the Tuolumne Meadows Permit Station. For the hours of the permit stations call (209) 572-0307.

Backpackers do not need to check in after completing their hikes, nor are permits required for day hikes.

### Notes

- Whenever possible, only tap water should be used for drinking. If drinking surface water or melted snow, treat it if possible, and remain quiet while the animals pass. Do not attempt to touch them.
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### BEWARE OF GIARDIA LAMBLIA

Water-borne Giardia is being increasingly implicated as the cause of outbreaks of diarrhea. Giardiasis is an intestinal disease caused by Giardia lamblia, a protozoan. Associated symptoms include chronic diarrhea, abdominal cramps, bloating, fatigue and loss of weight. Treatment by a physician is necessary to kill the organisms.

*Giardia* is carried by humans and some domestic and wild animals that may contaminate lakes and streams. Whenever possible, only tap water should be used for drinking. If drinking surface water or melted snow, treat water by boiling for at least one minute or use an iodine-based purifier or a *Giardia*-rated water filter.
The Yosemite Guide

YOSEMITE
THEATER

An Evening with John Muir — Conversation with a Tramp

The acclaimed one-man stage production, An Evening with John Muir, which made its debut in Yosemite in 1983, is in its sixth season of regularly scheduled shows.

This portrayal of John Muir, created and performed by professional actor/director Lee Stetson, is drawn from the eminent naturalist's books, articles and unpublished journals. Described by reviewers as "elegant" and "inspirational," the program depicts the feisty Muir in the waning moments of his last major environmental battle — the struggle to preserve Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite.

Over the past six years the show has received and deserved more than 60,000 visitors by capturing Muir's rapturous love for nature, his outrage and contempt toward exploiters of wilderness, and his warmth and sense of humor.

Admission: $4.00 for adults, $3.00 for children (12 and under), no babies.

For schedule, see Activities on page 7.

Another Evening with John Muir

Stickeen and Other Fellow Mortals

"Fellow Mortals" — a common phrase describing animals in John Muir's writings — was an uncommon concept in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Muir was a first-hand witness to the horrifying devastation of wildlife in young America, and among the earliest and most articulate champions for animal rights.

Lee Stetson weaves together many of Muir's encounters with his fellow mortals, including rattlesnakes, bears, wild sheep, dogs and a sad, lonely pigeon named Martha.

The icy storm story of Stickeen is perhaps the most popular and most loved of his many adventures. This "little, black, short-legged, bouncy-bodied toy-dog," as Muir described him, "enlarged my life, extended its boundaries...Stickeen was the herald of a new gospel." And it is this Gospel-According-To-Muir, preaching of the fundamental unity and kinship of all the earth's life-forms, which is the subject of this production.

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Yosemite and the High Sierra

Nature film maker Bob Roney presents his superb film about Yosemite, the world's first natural park. With live narration Bob weaves the Yosemite story from the glacial period through pioneer times to the present. Highlights of the film include a climb up Cathedral Peak, a husband and wife ranger team living in Yosemite's winter wilderness and a hang glider view of Yosemite Valley.

Yosemite and the High Sierra has been presented by Bob Roney throughout the U.S. and Canada and was chosen to open the National Geographic Society's film series in Washington D.C.

Admission: $3.00 for adults, $2.00 for children (12 and under). For schedule, see Activities on page 7.

Yosemite By Song

A musical program of original songs is written and performed by professional songwriter/musician Gail Lynne Pyle.

The entire family will enjoy this presentation as Yosemite By Song was written for all ages. The collection of songs are playful, whimsical and fun. Gail weaves together many of Yosemite's highlights from Yosemite Falls to Black Bears in an entertaining and learning presentation. Slides and music encourage group participation. Admission $5.00 for adults, $2.00 for children (12 and under).

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YOSEMITE THEATRE

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Both experienced and novice birdwatchers are welcome to participate in this exciting activity. For more information, contact compiler Len McKenzie, PO. Box 577, Yosemite, CA 95389; or phone (209) 372-0291 (weekdays) or (209) 372-4738 (evenings and weekends).

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The theatrical programs in the performing and film arts are being expanded and diversified in Yosemite National Park this year. Embracing drama, music, poetry, and visual media, the shows bring to Yosemite the exciting talents of four performers.

Admission prices for each of the programs are listed in the descriptions below. Tickets may be purchased at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center in advance or, if seating is still available, at the time of performance.

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ART CLASSES AVAILABLE

During the fall, visitors to Yosemite can express their feelings about the park at the Art Activity Center.

Through the efforts of the National Park Service, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and the Yosemite Association, a series of free, informal outdoor classes in painting, photography and sketching is available. The Yosemite Association has engaged professionals to conduct four-hour sessions at the Center, located next to the Post Office in the Yosemite Village Mall. Classes start at 10:00 a.m. and continue until about 2:00 p.m. All class instruction is free and supplies are available for purchase at the Center.

The following visiting artists will be teaching:

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The Art Activity Center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. until it closes for the season on October 23rd.

The Yosemite Guide
## YOSEMITE VALLEY VISITOR ACTIVITIES

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### YOSEMITE THEATER

Programs of the performing and film arts. Visit Center Auditoriums. See article on page 8 for description and ticket fees.

- **Yosemite and the High Sierra (1 hour). $3.00/adult, $2.00/child**
  - 6:30 p.m. doors open, no admittance after 6:45 p.m. (through 10/26)
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- **Yosemite by Song (1 hour). $3.00/adult, $2.00/child**
  - 6:45 p.m. doors open, no admittance after 6:45 p.m. (through 9/20)

- **An Evening with John Muir (1 hour). $4.00/adult, $3.00/child, no babies**
  - 7:45 p.m. doors open, no admittance after 8:00 p.m. (through 10/18)
  - 7:45 p.m. doors open, no admittance after 8:00 p.m. (through 10/20)
  - 7:45 p.m. doors open, no admittance after 8:00 p.m. (through 10/24)

- **Another Evening with John Muir (1 hour). $4.00/adult, $3.00/child, no babies**
  - 8:00 p.m. doors open, no admittance after 8:15 p.m. (through 10/24)
  - 8:00 p.m. doors open, no admittance after 8:15 p.m. (through 10/25)
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- **Yosemite Climbing (1 hour). $3.00/adult, $2.00/child**
  - 9:00 p.m.

### ANSEL ADAMS: PHOTOGRAPHER film. A one-hour clasic.

- 7:00 p.m.

### EVENING RANGER PROGRAM. A one-hour film or slide presentation on an aspect of Yosemite's natural history. Topics vary nightly and are posted at the Visitor Center, campgrounds and lodges.

- **7:30 p.m. Lower Firs Campground Amphitheater (last program 10/9)**
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### YOSEMITE PRESENTS. Five Yosemite residents, Chet Bruce, Keith Wacket, James Corner, John Flint and Rolle Rodriguez, present their favorite aspect of Yosemite through scenic slide presentations, sponsored by Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Please note: Fall programs scheduled at Curry Village are subject to cancellation. Weather permitting only.

- **7:30 p.m. Yosemite Adventures (presented by Walter Flint)**
  - Sept. 11 - Oct. 20 at Yosemite Lodge (except 11/13)

- **7:30 p.m. Yosemite's Alphashine, Native Legends (presented by Rolle Rodriguez)**
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Step Into Yosemite’s Past

In 1864 Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias were first placed under governmental protection. The “Yosemite Grant,” as it was known, laid the foundation for America’s national parks and the National Park Service. Today the National Park Service administers 341 different units throughout the country representing a variety of natural and historic areas.

The Pioneer Yosemite History Center located in Wawona, in the southern portion of Yosemite National Park, is a collection of historic buildings and horse-drawn wagons which not only allow you to take a step back into Yosemite’s past, but also to understand the development of the purpose and value of national parks.

A short self-guiding trail through the Pioneer Yosemite History Center begins at the entrance to the covered bridge near the Gray Barn and wagon display. Ranger-led tours are offered during the month of September on Saturdays and Sundays (except September 10) at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (Refer to Activities, page 8 for schedule.)
MARIPOSA GROVE ACTIVITIES
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Please allow 11/2 hours driving time to the Mariposa Grove from Yosemite Valley.
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| AUTUMN AMONG THE BIG TREES. Fall is a beautiful time in the Mariposa Grove! Enjoy a quiet morning stroll to Yosemite's largest tree. 11/2 hours, 1 1/2 miles (2.4 km).
Meet at the Mariposa Grove trailhead in the Mariposa Grove parking area. ● 2:00 p.m. (September only) | | | | 2:00 p.m. (through September, except 9/9) | 2:00 p.m. (through 10/26) | 2:00 p.m. (through 10/27) | 2:00 p.m. (through 10/28) | 2:00 p.m. |
| LAND OF THE GIANTS. Ride a tram into the heart of the Giant Sequoia community and join a ranger as you explore on foot. 2 hours, 1 1/2 miles (2.4 km). Easy. Meet at tram boarding area. Tram costs are $5.00/adult and $2.50/child or senior. Note: When the tram service is discontinued, walk will be “Autumn Among the Big Trees” (see above), at 2:00 p.m. ● | 10:30 a.m. (September only) | 2:00 p.m. | 2:00 p.m. | | | | | |

How to See the Mariposa Grove

Automobiles: Cars are prohibited beyond the parking area; however, several Giant Sequoias can be seen in the immediate vicinity of parking.

Trams: Trams operate daily (conditions permitting) 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., September 6 - October 2; 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., October 3 - closing (weather dependent). These times indicate when the first and last tram departs the boarding area in the Mariposa Grove; trams operate every 20 minutes. The fees for tram tours are $5.00 for adults, $2.50 for senior citizens and children 5-12, and children under 5 ride free. The Family Rate is $18.50 for parents and their children 17 and under. All ticket holders are allowed unlimited ridership during the day. Prices are subject to change.

Walking: The trailhead is located at the tram boarding area near the parking area.

CRANE FLAT/BIG OAK FLAT VISITOR ACTIVITIES
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BIG OAK FLAT INFORMATION STATION. Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday through Tuesday. 379-3455. Orientation, trail information, wilderness permits, books and maps. ●

SELF-GUIDING TRAIL IN THE TUOLUMNE GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS. Explore the natural history of the Big Trees. Trail is easy, 1/2 hour, 1/2 mile. Trail begins at the nature trail parking area, one mile down the Tuolumne Grove Road.

Note: Passengers on tram tour have the option to disembark at any of the three scheduled stops and walk from one stop to the next or to follow trails back to the parking area.

ORIENTATION TALKS. Meet on the front porch of the Big Oak Flat Information Station to find out what to see and do in Yosemite. 30 minutes. ●

AFTERNOON NATURE WALK. Join a ranger and enjoy the largest living things on earth—the Giant Sequoia Trees, or the mystery of a meadow. Easy, 2 hours, 1 mile. ●

CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS. Share a park tradition with campfire singing and a ranger talk. 1 hour. ●

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TUOLUMNE MEADOWS VISITOR ACTIVITIES
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TUOLUMNE MEADOWS VISITOR CENTER. Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., daily. 372-0263. Trail information, books, maps, orientation and special programs.

SELF-GUIDING TRAIL TO SODA SPRINGS AND PARSONS MEMORIAL LODGE. Discover the natural history of Tuolumne Meadows and hike to the place where John Muir and Robert Underwood Johnson conceived the idea of establishing Yosemite National Park. Easy, one hour, one mile. Trail begins at the Glen Aulin trailhead, 1\text{/4} miles along the road to the Tuolumne Meadows Stables.

Symbol indicates programs, facilities and trails suitable for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance. Printed information on accessible park programs, facilities and trails is available at entrance and information stations.

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Yosemite Road Guide Available

Whether you're traveling by private car or on public transportation, the Yosemite Road Guide will make your visit to Yosemite more interesting, enjoyable and convenient. It contains numerous illustrations, detailed maps and extensive information about Yosemite's geologic history, its pioneers, how the area became a park, plus facts about all the park's natural features. It is published by the Yosemite Association, a nonprofit organization headquartered in the Park. The 80-page booklet costs $2.95 and is available at all park visitor centers and most park gift shops.

Autumn in Tuolumne

The winds change direction and a cool breeze of solitude descends upon Tuolumne, signaling the end of yet another summer. Fall comes early to the meadows, and when the majority of human visitors have departed after Labor Day, a quietness pervades. The high country seems to be clinging to a final moment of activity before the heavy white blanket of snow covers this land of primeval grandeur.

The camper and hiker coming to Tuolumne during this season should be, like all the other living things, prepared for more rigorous environmental conditions. Mornings in the 20s and afternoons in the 50s are common. An occasional snowstorm might dust the meadows at any time, while the next day may be warm enough to lie on the beach at Tenaya Lake.

During these shorter days of cool, crisp mornings and pleasantly warm afternoons, one notices the absence of the familiar summertime residents. The majority of the Belding ground squirrels and marmots have silently slipped into their burrows for their long hibernation, while the mule deer have begun to congregate at the west end of the meadows to begin the rutting season before making their trip to the foothills.

In this quietness of the fall season, one realizes that perhaps only in the winter is the Sierra truly wild and natural; for during the next seven months the land will lie underneath the snow and rejuvenate.
The Yosemite Association is a nonprofit organization established to aid and support the National Park Service in Yosemite National Park. Revenues generated by the Association’s activities are used to fund a variety of NPS programs in Yosemite. Not only does the Yosemite Association publish and sell literature and maps, it also sponsors field seminars and interpretive programs.

A critical element in the success of the Association is its membership. Individuals and families throughout the country have long supported the Yosemite Association through both their dues and personal commitments. Members receive a variety of benefits, including a quarterly newsletter regarding park activities and developments, discounts on publications and seminars, note paper and decals. As well, there is an annual members’ meeting held each fall in the park. Membership dues and contributions are tax-deductible as provided by law.

Anyone who loves Yosemite and wishes to become more closely involved and affiliated with the park is encouraged to become a member of the Yosemite Association.

The Yosemite Association invites you...

The Yosemite Fund Invites You...

to experience the splendor and magic of Yosemite at the Ballo Vallata, October 1 and 2, 1988, and support the important work of The Yosemite Fund.

Sponsored by the Contra Costa County Chapter of The Yosemite Fund, Ballo Vallata promises to be an exciting and elegant event. Highlights of the weekend include motor coach transportation provided courtesy of Parlor Car Tours from Contra Costa County, champagne brunch en route, and a welcome by Park Superintendent Jack Morehead at historic Wawona. A buffet luncheon will be served, with entertainment by Lee Stetson as John Muir. A sunset reception, black tie dinner and ball at the majestic Ahwahnee Hotel are also part of this exciting event at the Park. After sightseeing on Sunday, the group will return to Contra Costa County.

Overnight accommodations are included at either the Ahwahnee (package $1,500/couple) or the Yosemite Lodge (package $1,000/couple). Proceeds from the weekend will benefit The Yosemite Fund. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.

If you would like to be one of the lucky seventy couples who will attend Ballo Vallata, please call Margaret Lesher, event committee chairwoman, at (415) 943-8129.

Take advantage of this memorable opportunity, and help Yosemite, too!

Please enroll me in the Yosemite Association as a...

- Regular Member $20.00
- Contributing Member $50.00
- Life Member $500.00
- Supporting Member $35.00
- Sustaining Member $100.00
- Participating Life Member $1,000.00
- Spouse Add $5.00

Name (please print) __________________________ Phone Number __________________________
Address __________________________________________
City __________________________ State ________ Zip ______________
Enclosed is my check or money order for $ _________, or charge to my
BankamericaCard/VISA: Number ___________ Expiration Date ___________
MasterCard: Number ___________ Expiration Date ___________

Mail to: Yosemite Association
Post Office Box 545, Yosemite National Park, CA 95389, 209/379-2646.

FOR OFFICE USE
Paid _______ Card # _______ Exp. Date _______ Gift _______ File _______ Comp. _______

The Yosemite Fund

Help Us Make A Difference!

Did you know that you can repair a trail, remove an unsafe campfire ring, augment the peregrine falcon population, replant a meadow, and identify important archaeological sites at Yosemite National Park? Over 25,000 people are doing exactly that — through gifts to The Yosemite Fund.

In a unique partnership with the National Park Service, the Fund is helping to restore and protect the natural beauty of one of our greatest national treasures. But many people do not know about the Fund and its work, and how they can help.

In existence for only three years, the Fund has, among other projects, brought bighorn sheep back to Yosemite after a lapse of 70 years, and financed special projects that are expected to ensure the survival of two endangered species, the great gray owl and the peregrine falcon. Trails are being repaired and trampled meadows have been revegetated. An unsightly and unsafe sewer treatment plant has been torn down and the site rehabilitated for visitor use. A number of cultural programs, including the addition of important collections to Yosemite Museum, are being funded this year.

Much work remains to be done. But it can’t happen without the support of many concerned Americans. Please send your tax-deductible gift with the coupon below. Help us make a difference at Yosemite!

Donation Coupon

I/we wish to support The Yosemite Fund.

A tax-deductible gift of $ _________ is enclosed.

Name __________________________
Address __________________________________________
City __________________________ State ________ Zip ______________
Telephone ( ) __________________________

Mail to: The Yosemite Fund
155 Montgomery Street, Suite 1104
San Francisco, CA 94104
Or call (415) 484-1782.
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An early mistake in managing national parks was the failure to recognize fire as an important agent in natural systems. Fire suppression actually began before this park was established, and while it continues to be an essential program, it has not been without adverse effects.

Aids in Recycling Nutrients

Fire releases nutrients from plant tissues to the soil, exposes a seedbed for plant reproduction, opens the ground surface to sunlight, thins understory vegetation, kills the spores of fungi and other pathogens with smoke, promotes a diversity of plant regrowth that yields a plentiful food supply and other benefits to wildlife, and generally enhances the health of the community. Most of each ecosystem’s plants, animals, and soil organisms have evolved with fire as a governing force, and they ultimately need it for survival.

This policy, based on a knowledge of fire ecology, occasionally results in smoky skies and temporary inconvenience. But the long-term benefits outweigh the short-term disadvantages.

If you see smoke, it may be a management fire and need not be reported. Please remember, though, to remind the children, that the appropriate times for wildland fires are determined by park scientists, not by the careless use of matches or campfires.

Teaching in Nature’s Grandest Classroom

John Muir referred to Yosemite Valley as “nature’s grandest creation,” but for the Yosemite Institute it is also nature’s grandest classroom. The Institute conducts outdoor education programs that are designed to develop an understanding and appreciation of our environment through a “hands-on” approach to learning about the natural sciences.

Schools bring classes to the Institute for a week-long field-based session that consists of a series of day hikes and evening programs led by experienced naturalists.

Topics such as Yosemite geology and glaciation, forest ecology, Sierran mammals, birds and the history of the Miwok Indians are taught.

The Institute recently received the National Wildlife Federation’s Conservation Achievement Award for its educational program. For information about group programs, contact: Yosemite Institute, P.O. Box 487, Yosemite, CA 95389. Telephone number 209/372-4441.

Yosemite Centennial Approaching

Yosemite National Park will commemorate its 100th anniversary in 1990, and plans to celebrate the centennial are now being developed.

The centennial year will undoubtedly feature a major ceremonial event on the park’s establishment date of October 1, 1990. A number of other varied activities will be scheduled throughout that year, including a major exhibit displaying many items in the park’s museum collections at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco and a special centennial exhibit in the park’s new Fine Arts Gallery in the Yosemite Museum.

Emphasis in all centennial events will be on using Yosemite’s history to look to the future, highlighting the pivotal role this park has played in shaping the national park concept and park management policies.

Yosemite was designed as this nation’s third national park, following Yellowstone (1872) and Sequoia (September 25, 1890), which will also observe its centennial in 1990. Preceding all of them was the Yosemite Grant, which set aside Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias to be administered by the State of California for “...public resort and recreation.” That unprecedented action by Congress in 1864 actually represented the first application of the park idea.

Park Superintendent Jack Morehead recently appointed a Centennial Planning Committee to organize and coordinate special centennial events and projects and to serve as a clearinghouse for proposed activities. Another group of people with connections to Yosemite have agreed to serve as an advisory board that will assist the committee.

A logo and calendar of events will soon be produced to publicize and promote the park centennial, and specific programs will be announced through the news media and the Yosemite Guide. Watch for details as plans materialize.

THE ANSEL ADAMS GALLERY

Camera Rental

Did you forget your camera? Can’t figure out a borrowed one? Or worse, a malfunction has made your camera useless? If so, come see us at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Make it easy on yourself and rent a camera! From the simplest "point-and-shoot" to a single lens reflex with several lenses, accessories, tripods and binoculars, we can help you out.

Free Camera Walks

For an hour and a half, beginning to advanced photographers will enjoy this time with a knowledgeable Ansel Adams Gallery staff photographer. Saturday’s walks are at 3:00 p.m. and will cover a different topic each week, including: Photographing Fall Color, Capturing Wildlife on Film, Selecting Equipment, and much more. Sunday’s walks are at 8:30 a.m. and will cover a basic overview of photographic techniques to help you make the most of Yosemite’s wonderful photographic opportunities. Stop by The Ansel Adams Gallery for more information. Space is limited, advance sign-ups requested.

“Ansel Adams: Photographer” Film

The Ansel Adams Gallery is pleased to offer, free of charge, a one-hour showing of the classic documentary film, "Ansel Adams: Photographer." The film reveals the life, spirit, and artistry of Ansel Adams. Visit our Center, West Auditorium, at 7:00 p.m. each Sunday.

The Ansel Adams Gallery
Photography Workshops

Ansel Adams originated and taught the first of his annual Yosemite Workshops in 1940. This year celebrates the 47th year of that tradition. The Workshops allow you to explore and expand your own creative potential. Spend an intense week in close contact with master photographers, working together in the grandeur of Yosemite National Park.

Additional information at The Ansel Adams Gallery.

Fall Session, October 9–15, 1988:

Barbara Bosworth
Mark Klett
Chris Rainier
Jerry Uelsmann

November Weekend Workshop


The Ansel Adams Gallery:
209-372-4413.
Yosemite Valley Autumn Weather

Autumn weather in Yosemite is often variable. It may rain or snow at any time during the fall months. It is best to come prepared for inclement weather. Below is a generalized outlook for the fall.

September: Warm sunny days and cool nights with a touch of autumn in the air.

October: Autumn gold begins to color the landscape and a quiet serenity settles over the Valley. This year the season has come early. Black oak, big leaf maple and dogwood often reach their peak around this time. (Please remember exact times cannot be accurately predicted.) Days are pleasantly warm with bright skies, and nights turn cold.

November: Clear frosty mornings with crisp afternoons and gentle fall breezes; occasional rain and perhaps even light snow. Autumn brilliance begins to fade in preparation for winter.

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For current road and weather information, dial (209) 372-4605.

Special Entrance Permits

Golden Age Passport is a free lifetime entrance pass available to people over age 62 who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. To obtain a pass, bring proof of age to any visitor center in the park.

Golden Access Passport is a free lifetime entrance pass available to people who have been medically determined blind or permanently disabled and as a result are eligible to receive benefits under federal law, and are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. To obtain a pass, bring proof of this status to any visitor center in the park.

The Golden Age and the Golden Access Passports admit the permit holders and any accompanying passengers in single, private, non-commercial vehicles. Where entry is not by private car, the passports admit the permit holders and their spouses, children and parents. The Passports also provide a 50 percent discount on federal use fees charged for facilities and services. In Yosemite, this includes camping. The Passports must be presented by the permit holder when making campground reservations through Ticketron. Fees charged by the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., a private concessionaire, are not included in this discount program.

Golden Eagle Passport is an annual entrance pass to Yosemite National Park and other parks, monuments, historic sites, recreation areas and wildlife refuges administered by the federal government that charge an entrance fee. The cost is $25.

The Golden Eagle Passport and the Park Pass can be obtained at any park entrance gate. The visitor centers do not sell them. They are valid for one calendar year (January 1 through December 31) and are neither refundable nor transferable. The passes admit the permit holders and any accompanying passengers in a single, private, non-commercial vehicle. Where entry is not by private vehicle, the passes admit the permit holders, their spouses, children and parents. THESE PASSES ARE FOR ENTRANCE FEES ONLY.

OH DEER!

It is harmful to feed the deer or approach them for several reasons. The salt, sugar, preservatives and other components of human food can make deer sick and unhealthy. Sometimes deer become too dependent on humans for their food and stop foraging on their own. Also, the deer lose their natural fear of humans. This can be fatal when the deer migrate to lower elevations, outside the park, and become easy targets for hunters.

Feeding the deer or getting close to them can also be hazardous to you!

Although some of Yosemite's deer seem tame, they are actually wild and unpredictable, capable of inflicting serious injury and, in extreme cases, death.

It is also dangerous to stop your vehicle in the road to view deer or other wildlife; you may be responsible for causing an accident. Be an alert driver, and pull completely off the roadway, in an appropriate pull-out, when stopping to look at Yosemite's wildlife.

Please, protect Yosemite's deer and yourself; don't try to feed or get near the deer. And please drive carefully!

Recycling In Yosemite

Yosemite has its own recycling program with a higher deposit for each can or bottle than found elsewhere in California. To get a refund on beverage bottles and cans, return them to any store which sells them, to the recycling center in the Village Store parking lot or at Curry Village, or any of the park's gas stations.

Recycling centers also accept newspapers, cardboard, and glass and plastic bottles for recycling although there is no redemption value on these items. The program is administered by Yosemite Park and Curry Co., and all profits from this program are used on environmental projects which benefit the park.

Lyme's Disease

Lyme's disease is an illness transmitted by ticks, although not all ticks carry the disease. Symptoms in advanced cases are severe, including arthritis, meningitis, neurological problems, and/or cardiac symptoms. These symptoms can occur a few weeks to over a year after the tick bite. Early signs can include a rash around the infected tick bite and flu-like symptoms. Timely treatment can cure or lessen the severity of the disease. Be certain to tell your doctor you were bitten by a tick. If you are diagnosed as having Lyme's disease, have your doctor contact the Park Sanitarian at (209) 372-0288.

Littering is unsightly and unlawful. Yosemite needs your help to keep the park clean. This year Yosemite National Park did not receive money to fund any trash clean-up, so always can your trash, and pick up some trash that isn't yours too.
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Guest Services

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Yosemite by Bike

Gilding along the Valley floor by bike, all Yosemite’s sights will swirl about you. Bicycles may be rented by the hour or the day at the Yosemite Lodge or Curry Village bike stands.

There are now more than eight miles of surfaced bike paths separating bicycle traffic from automobiles, making biking convenient and fun.

For your safety, please remember that bikes are allowed only on established public roads and bike paths. Cyclists are urged to exercise caution to ensure the safety of pedestrians, other cyclists and wildlife. Remember, too, keep to the right of the center line on bike paths except to pass, and travel with the flow of traffic when on roadways used by automobiles. The road to Mirror Lake is closed to rental bikes.

The Yosemite Lodge bike stand is open every day, conditions permitting. The Curry Village bike stand is open spring through fall. For more information call 372-1208.

See Yosemite by Horseback

The Valley Stables offer two-hour horseback rides and half-day and all-day mule rides to scenic vistas. Children can enjoy daily burro picnics and walk-and-lead ponies.

Rides into Yosemite’s scenic backcountry are offered from the Tuolumne Meadows Stables.

Reservations (recommended) for all rides can be made at any stables office or Tour Desk. For more information call 372-1248.

Take A Bus Tour!

Knowledgeable guides reveal the wonders of Yosemite for you on a Yosemite tour. These tours depart several times each day. For departure times and costs, stop by a “Tour Desk” at The Ahwahnee, Curry Village, Yosemite Lodge or next to the Yosemite Village Store. For more information call 372-1240.

Valley Floor Tour — This two-hour guided tour operates every day, year-round, in an open-air tram, weather permitting. You’ll see and learn about picturesque spots in Yosemite Valley, including Half Dome, El Capitan, Bridalveil Fall, Valley View, Yosemite Falls and the spectacular Tunnel View.

Big Trees Tram — Drive to Wawona and see the world’s largest living trees from an open-air tram.

Mariposa Grove Tour — Enjoy a scenic ride into the amazing history of the world-famous trees of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. The largest trees measure over 25 feet in diameter and are more than 2,500 years old. This six-hour tour stops for lunch at the Wawona Hotel, a national historic landmark. (*Lunch not included with tour price.)

Glacier Point Tour — This four-hour tour takes you on a scenic expedition through Yosemite to Glacier Point, 3,214 feet above the Valley floor, for a breathtaking 270-degree panoramic view of Yosemite Valley and the High Sierra far beyond. A one-way rate for hikers is available.

Grand Tour — This is a full day’s outing combining the spectacular Glacier Point and Big Trees tours with a stop at Wawona Hotel for a buffet lunch.

Moonlight Tours — For a not-to-be-equaled experience, join a guide for an open-air moonlight tour of Yosemite, spectacularly illuminated by moonlight. Offered during full moon weeks only.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

All lodging accommodations in Yosemite National Park are operated by the Yosemite Park and Curry Company. Lodging reservations may be made by calling (209) 252-4848 or by writing Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Reservations, 5410 E. Home, Fresno, CA 93727.
Yosemite is world-renowned as a premier rock climbing area. The Yosemite Mountaineering School has also earned a reputation for excellence in rock climbing and mountaineering instruction. Now is your opportunity to experience this dramatic sport.

For the beginner, a basic lesson includes all the elements of simple rock climbing. Hands-on experience provides instruction on equipment, correct use of hand and footholds, belays and rappels.

Intermediate classes feature reinforcement of fundamental skills and more challenging climbing.

A series of multi-day, multi-skill classes are available for advanced climbers. New this year, the school offers guided backpacking instruction as well.

Classes are offered every day, conditions permitting. Reservations and further information are available at the Yosemite Mountaineering School, located in Tuolumne Meadows from June through mid-September, otherwise at Curry Village in Yosemite Valley. Call 372-1244 in Tuolumne or 372-1244 in the Valley and go climb a rock!

**PHOTO EXPRESS**

**Tomorrow's Memories Today**

Did you overexpose Half Dome? Did you get a picture of the family in front of the falls? Did you miss a scene? With Yosemite Photo Express, you’ll know the answer before you leave.

Drop your film at one of many convenient locations throughout the Valley (Yosemite Lodge Front Desk or Gift Shop, Ahwahnee Front Desk or Sweet Shop, Housekeeping Camp Store, Curry Village Gift Shop and Curry Village Kiosk) and pick up your full-size color prints in three hours. Two-hour service is available at Photo Express located across from the Curry Co. garage.

Processing is available for color print and disc film, E-6 process slide film (such as Ektachrome) and black and white film. Color reprints from color negatives are also available.

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PARK INFORMATION TELEPHONE NUMBERS
YOSEMITE
Weather/Road Info. (209) 372-4605
General Park Info. (209) 372-0244
Room Reservations (209) 252-9848
California National Parks (415) 556-6930
Western National Parks (800) 770-9488
TTY phones
As an aid to those with hearing impairment, the National Park Service and Yosemite Park and Curry Co., has installed TTY phones, which enable deaf people with their own TTY's to call the Park directly.

Park Service information
TTY only) (209) 372-4726
Room reservations (TTY only) (209) 255-8245

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sunday & Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Employee Training Center, YP&G general office building. Every morn-
ing at 7:00 a.m., an AA Round Table at the Curry Village Cafeteria until the cafeteria closes in mid-October. Look for the "big book"

Narcotics Anonymous
Saturdays, 7:30 p.m., Employee Training Center, YP&G general office building.

Loose Club
First and third Thursdays of each month, 12 noon, Ahwahnee Hotel

Rotary International
Tuesdays, 12:15 p.m., Broiler Room, Yosemite Lodge.

Lost Something? Found Something?
Contact the National Park Service Lost & Found Office
P.O. Box 57-9, Yosemite, CA 95389
(209) 372-4726

Services for Disabled Visitors
The National Park Service, in cooperation with the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., has undertaken a program to meet the needs of disabled visitors to Yosemite more effectively. The facilities and services that have been developed to help disabled people enjoy Yosemite are described in a general information packet available at park entrance stations and visitor centers.

Yosemite Medical Clinic, providing medical care to residents and visitors
Our services include:
Routine and emergency care
Prenatal care
Well-baby program
Physical therapy treatments
Expanded laboratory and X-ray services
24-hour urgent care

Dental Services
Dental office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Map
Shuttle Bus Schedule
All buses follow the same route, serving stops in numerical order. Shuttle buses are free and operate daily. The Happy Isles/Mirror Lake Loop will be served daily through October 10. The interval between buses varies from 10 to 20 minutes from September through October, to 30 minutes after October 23.
The schedule is:
September 19 - October 9
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
October 10 - November 20
10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Samaritan Health Service National Parks Division