As part of an extensive oral history project sponsored by the Yosemite Fund, I have spent the past two years interviewing Native American people who lived in Yosemite Valley. Most of the interviewees were of Indigenous Mono Lake Paiute and/or Southern Miwuk heritage. Some were born at the Indian Village along Indian Creek, across from the present-day Yosemite Medical Clinic, where the largely Miwuk and Paiute community lived before relocation to a new Indian village in 1931. The memories and experiences of those who participated in the oral history project provide a truly intimate and personal perspective on life within the local Indian community from the 1920s through the 1960s. What follows are a few excerpts that shed some light on the unique cultural experiences of those who grew up during that time.

*That's What Grandma Said*

**The Yosemite American Indian Oral History Project**

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Leanna Tom cracking acorns at the Indian Village near today's Yosemite Medical Clinic. Pretty good size girl, her and her sister, Louisa. Because see, my grandmother didn't die until 1956. It was a thing that the Paiute and Miwuk ladies did. They made their acorn meal. And they climbed that rock. How did my grandmother get up there? How did my aunt get up there? There would be a group of ladies, maybe four or five, and pound their acorn. —Delia Hern

"I used to help Grandma [Louisa Tom] when I was a little girl. Crack acorn. I kind of remember her cracking 'em, she get from here [Yosemite]. She used to have acorn in the winter time. She love acorn, I love acorn. They used to get together and pound acorn. You know where my house was? There's a pounding rock back there. Alice and Aunt Agnes, myself, we all help one another pound. —Amy Rhoan

"...Your life was at stake."

In 1851, the Mariposa Battalion set out to remove all Indian people from Yosemite Valley and place them on a reservation near Fresno. Here, the story has been passed down from grandmother to granddaughter. Amy Rhoan recalled her grandmother Leanna Tom's version of the invasion:

"She said when the soldier came in she was sitting atop a large outcropping of bedrock. The soldiers had gone way up in that Indian Creek. They climbed the mountain and the two girls stay up there and then they watch the soldiers, see what they were doing to go. They come back down after, when the soldiers left. Yeah, that was way before. That's what Grandma said."

Louisa Tom's granddaughter, Delia Hern, remembered the same Monday:

"He [Captain Sam] had two daughters, that's Louisa Tom and Leanna Tom. And I would say they must have been between eight and ten years old or somewhere. And then, their dad, Captain Sam, had to leave the girls. I have tried to picture that. Anyway, in a rock crevice they were placed, told to stay. 'They're too young to come or long pieces of board, and when we get home, I put the saddle on the horses.' He said, 'Put the saddle on the horses and make them sneeze or cough'. But they stayed there. See, now-a-days you can't ask that child to stay in one place. It's different. In those days you had to because your life was at stake."

TRAVELING NEIGHBORS

The relationship of the Mono Lake Paiute residing on the east side of the Sierra with Yosemite Valley appears to be quite significant and fairly long-standing. Two elders recall their own experiences of travel between Mono Lake and Yosemite Valley:

"When I first came back from [boarding] school Aunt Agnes wanted to come over here to be with Stanley [Casta]. I remember, I rode horse over Snow Creek trail. We come from Mono Lake on the horse, all the way. And my grandmother told my aunt, 'When you get to Yosemite, hobble the horses. Let them rest one day, he says, 'and send those horses back.' He said, 'put the saddle on the horses and take the bridle off and hang it on the saddle, and tell 'em to go home.' So that's what my aunt did. Take them over there, put at Mirror Lake, tell 'em to go home. Hit the other side, you know, so they can start going. They did. And then Grandpa know when the horses supposed to be at Walker Lake on the other side. One day or two days, he went up there, see if the horses come. The horses was already there, eating, feeding themselves. They got home. That was something great."

—Amy Rhoan

"Well, I think I remember the roads, but they blindfolded us as we ride up to around Bloody Canyon there. I think rock slides probably covered up all the trails they used to have. Because when we went over that way I think they blindfold us because we were scared to look down. It was so steep down there. If we ever fall we just land way down into the canyon. There was quite a few of us used to go over there and back again. It was fun, a lot of people and their horses. On there's quite a few of us went. The whole family. They carried their food and their blanket. We stop in Tenaya Lake. We camp over night and the old people fix fried bread with maple and potatoes. They had fried potatoes. We kids played around there, right in the corner of Tenaya Lake. Yeah, that's where we'd stop. And they sang songs, Indian songs, and they talked, and they prayed. Us kids, we just climb the rocks. But now [when I go up there, and it's so quiet, and I can hear the wind blowing...I can hear kids laughing."

—Lorraine Cranier

Norman James in a basket, Yosemite Valley, 1924.


TIMES CHANGED, YET UNCHANGED

At times, the contrast in the lives of some individuals can be remarkable. The late Norman James spoke to me last year about growing up in the era immediately before World War II.

"Our grandmother [Louisa Tom] would tell us, 'Go down to the lake [Mono Lake] and get some kohus [Townsend's ground squirrel].' That's those little prairie dogs down there. 'Get kohus and get katchalau [brine fly larvae].' That's the stuff they got on the lake. So we used to get those things. We'd take buckets down there and we'd pour water in those little holes. Mostly kids. What we used to do is go down to the lake and get some water and we'd carry some long sticks along with us or long pieces of board, and when we pour water down this one hole we wait until those little kohus come running out of the other hole. Then we'd club 'em, put 'em in another bucket, then we take them all home, They just get 'em and clean them and then they would dig a big hole underneath the fire, and stick those things underneath there and roast them. They didn't have too much fun, they were real thin and they left the fur on there, just left 'em whole. Wrap it up in flour sacks or whatever they had and just rolled 'em up and put it underneath there."

Within a decade, Norman would be flying sorties over Nazi-occupied Italy as a ball-turret gunner aboard a B-24. With the burgeoning tourism of Yosemite today, it may be difficult to realize what life was like for the Miwuk/Paiute residents of the Indian Village in the 1920s and 30s, and how isolated they still were from mainstream American culture.

"The tourists that came down [to the village], they got to be good friends. Like my Grandma, she had this lady that would come up from L.A., and she had these corn nuts with her little girl and they gave us some corn nuts. First time I ever had corn nuts. Those were the best things I ever tasted. But they didn't have them in stores or anything. They came from L.A." —Helen Coats

TRADITION & HISTORY CONTINUE

While oral traditions are not always completely accurate, the immediate and personal nature of storytelling from one generation to another creates links between the past and the present. Indeed, truly amazing bits of life have managed to travel through these interlocking conversations which cover, in some of the examples cited here, over 150 years. Or perhaps even longer:

"I have a friend, he belongs with the anthropologist thing in Berkeley, and we would discuss things. He said, 'You know, the Indian people came over from Asia.' And I said, 'Doctor, I'm sorry, but I have to do this. I've always felt that if we came over from Asia my grandmother would have said something.' —Delia Hern

Brian Bibby lives near Sacramento. He has taught Native American studies and has been involved in Native Californian traditions for years.

TO LEARN MORE about Native American people in the Yosemite area, visit the Indian Cultural Exhibit in the Yosemite Museum, or take the self-guiding trail through the Indian Village of Ahwahnee behind the Museum. There are several programs about Yosemite's Miwok and Paiute peoples Monday and Friday at 2:30 p.m. in Yosemite Valley, and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. (through September) in Tuolumne Meadows (see activity schedules on pages 10 & 12 for meeting locations).

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BE YOSEMITE WISE

Mountain Lion Sightings

Mountain lion sightings and encounters have been increasing in Yosemite over the past several years. Mountain lions are a normal and very important part of the park ecosystem, helping to keep deer populations in check. Although lion attacks are extremely rare, they are possible, as is injury from any wild animal. We offer the following recommendations for your safety:

• Do not leave pets or pet food outside and unattended, especially at dawn and dusk. Pets can attract mountain lions into developed areas.
• Mountain lions are attracted to areas with healthy deer populations, which includes many areas of the park.
• Avoid hiking alone. Watch children closely and never let them run ahead of you on the trail. Talk to children about lions, and teach them what to do if they meet one.
• Store food according to park regulations (see Bears article page 5).

What should you do if you meet a mountain lion?

• Never approach a mountain lion, especially one that is feeding or with kittens. Most mountain lions will try to avoid a confrontation. Always give them a way to escape.
• Don't run. Stay calm. Hold your ground, or back away slowly. Face the lion and stand upright. Do all you can to appear larger. Raise your arms. If you have small children with you, pick them up.
• If the lion behaves aggressively, wave your arms, shout and throw objects at it. The goal is to convince it that you are not prey and may be dangerous yourself.
• If attacked, fight back! Generally, mountain lions are calm, quiet, and elusive. The potential for being killed or injured by a mountain lion is quite low compared to many other natural hazards. Sightings are rare, so if you spot one, consider yourself privileged.

Fishing Regulations

Special fishing regulations apply on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley from the Happy Isles Footbridge downstream to Pohono Bridge. In this stretch of the river, it is catch-and-release only for native rainbow trout. Only artificial lures or flies with barbless hooks may be used, and bait fishing is prohibited. Brown trout limits are five fish per day and ten in possession. It is the responsibility of the angler to identify fish species. Stream and river fishing season begins on the last Saturday in April and continues through November 15 of the same year. The only exception is Frog Creek near Lake Eleanor, where fishing season does not open until June 15, in order to protect spawning rainbow trout. All lakes and reservoirs are open to fishing year-round. A valid California sport fishing license must be displayed by all persons 16 years of age and older who are fishing in Yosemite National Park. Licenses must be plainly visible, attached to outer clothing at or above the waist line. For information about licenses and fishing, inquire at visitor centers.

Help Keep Wildlife Wild

Did you know that feeding or closely approaching any park wildlife is prohibited by federal law? Your food is a threat to the survival of park animals. It can damage their health, make them vulnerable to death from cars, or lead to dangerous behavior. Treat your food as if it were poison to animals, because the result is often the same. Even though animals may look tame—especially when searching for a hand-out—they are capable of inflicting serious injury, and in extreme cases, causing death. Never attempt to touch or closely approach any park wildlife. Instead, view them through binoculars or telephoto lenses. A good rule-of-thumb: If an animal is aware of your presence, you're too close.

Tick-Borne Diseases

Be aware that ticks may exist in the park, and consult your doctor if you believe you've been bitten. If you are diagnosed with Lyme disease or relapsing fever, and you believe you got it in Yosemite, have your doctor contact the Park Sanitarian at 209/379-1083.

Safe Drinking Water

Giardia lamblia is carried by humans as well as some domestic and wild animals, and may contaminate lakes and streams. Whenever possible, only tap water should be used for drinking. If using surface water or melted snow, treat water by boiling for five minutes or by using a Giardia-rated water filter. If used properly, an iodine-based purifier is another alternative.

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

High Winds

High winds called Mono Winds sometimes occur in Yosemite. A Mono Wind is a type of Foehn wind created by an atmospheric condition which exists along the Sierra Crest. These winds can speed westward down canyons at 50 to 70 miles per hour. While quite rare, this phenomenon occurs more often in Yosemite Valley than any other occupied part of the park, and most frequently during October through March. Mono Winds can create potential danger from falling trees and may dictate that the National Park Service initiate area closures or evacuations to ensure the safety of park visitors and residents. If a closure or evacuation should occur, please follow instructions carefully and stay out of evacuated areas until officially notified that it is safe to return.

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**Camping Reservations**

Reservations are required for campsites in Yosemite Valley's auto campgrounds year-round and for Hodgdon Meadow, Crane Flat, Wawona, and Tuolumne Meadows campgrounds, from summer through fall. All other campgrounds (except group campgrounds) are operated on a first-come, first-served basis. See grid below for detailed information.

Camping reservations are now available in blocks of a month at a time, four months in advance, on the 15th of each month. Thus, for camping in May, reservations must be made by April 15. Telephone requests are being taken, and reservations are not changeable. Written requests for campsite reservations will be replaced out of the flood plain and the old campgrounds of in designated utility drains. Electrical extension cords may not be connected to campground restroom outlets.

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**Services**

There are no bookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), Wawona, and Tuolumne Meadows (summer only). Shower and laundry facilities are available year-round in Yosemite Valley. See page 5 for proper food storage guidelines.

**Campsites**

Firewood collection is prohibited in Yosemite Valley. Firewood, including split wood and down* wood. Please start campfires with newspaper. Do not burn pine cones or ashes, as they create unnecessary smoke. To improve air quality, outside the Valley, campfires are permitted only between 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. from May 1 through October 15. Outside the Valley, wood may not be gathered at elevations above 9,600 feet or on sequoia groves. Cutting standing trees or attached limbs, alive or dead, is prohibited, as is the use of chainsaws. Campfires are permitted only in established fire rings. See camping information on page 5.

**Group Campgrounds**

There are four group campgrounds in Yosemite. A maximum of 30 people are allowed in each group campsite and check-in/check-out time is Noon. The Valley group campground was destroyed in January's flood is not available. Stes will be replaced out of the flood plain and the old site will be restored. Reservations for Wawona and Bridalveil group campgrounds must be made through DESTINET four months in advance, on the 15th of each month, summer through fall.

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CAMPING

Bears Are Not To Blame

Each year black bears are killed in Yosemite National Park as a direct result of human carelessness and improper food storage. Some call it a "bear problem," but bears are not to blame. Driven by their powerful sense of smell, black bears are drawn to human food. Once bears get this food, they continue to seek it out—from backpacks, picnic tables, ice chests, and even cars. As their natural fear of people fades, they may become aggressive. When bears become too aggressive and destructive, they often have to be killed. Each year bears cause thousands of dollars in property damage in their search for human food and garbage.

The only way to stop this devastating cycle is to make sure that all food items are stored properly.

You Can Save A Bear's Life:

- Federal regulations require that when camping, you store all food and food-related supplies in metal storage "bear boxes" where provided; clips must be used to secure bear boxes. Bears recognize ice chests and cans, so store them as if they were food. Also, store grocery bags, garbage, and scented articles, such as soap, sunscreen, hair spray, and toothpaste. Sealing foods in air-tight containers will help minimize smells.

- When storage boxes are not available, put all food and related supplies (especially ice chests) out of sight in your vehicle's trunk.

- In vehicles without trunks, all food, ice chests, and related supplies must be stored out of sight. Cover them completely with a tarp or blanket to hide them from view. Close windows tightly.

In Picnic Areas and/or Campgrounds:

- Never leave food unattended in a picnic area or camp site, and always dispose of all garbage properly. Always store all food and related supplies properly, including ice chests.

- Store food day and night. Bears may enter campsites or picnic areas during the day, even if people are there.

- Keep a clean camp. Put trash in bear-proof cans and dumpsters regularly.

Dayhiking:

- At the trailhead, store all food and related supplies properly, including ice chests.

- Don't leave your backpack and walk away to take a photograph. Bears know packs are a source of food.

Backcountry:

- Plan ahead to store food and any scented items in one of these three ways, listed in order of effectiveness:

  1) Rent or buy National Park Service-tested bear-resistant portable food canisters (see below left).

  2) When available, use installed devices such as metal storage boxes, poles, or cables (check for locations before departure).

  3) Carefully hang food and related supplies using the counter-balance method. Use this option only if others are not available, and practice it before your trip!

Dont Be Bear Careless!

NOTE: These regulations and precautions help decrease the chance of personal injury or property damage. However, bear damage and confrontations are still possible, even when all the guidelines are followed.

Use Bear-Resistant Food Canisters

In an effort to decrease incidents between bears and people, and to keep bears wild, the National Park Service is strongly encouraging backpackers to use bear-resistant food canisters. Canisters may be rented for a fee of $3 per day or purchased for approximately $75. They are available at the following locations: Yosemite Valley Sport Shop, Curry Village Mountain Shop, Crane Flat Grocery, Wawona Store, and the Tuolumne Meadows Store (see page 14 for hours of operation and closing dates).

Fire Safety

Please help prevent wildfires from damaging your park.

Each year campfires and cigarettes cause unwanted fires in Yosemite. These fires can be prevented by following a few simple rules.

- Campfires
  Build small campfires using only established campfire rings. Be aware of conditions, such as weather and items nearby that could accidentally catch fire. Never leave a fire unattended. Put out campfires by stirring with water a half hour before you leave the site, and remember to carefully feel charred material to make certain the fire is out.

- Portable Camping Stoves
  Refuel stoves only when they are cool and in a well-ventilated area.

- Charcoal Briquettes
  Because charcoal uses oxygen rapidly, you should never use it in confined spaces, such as tents or vehicles. After use, dunk charcoal briquettes in water until cold. Check them carefully. Never empty hot or warm briquettes in trash dumpsters.

- Cigarettes
  Never smoke while walking or in an area with flammable materials. Crush butts completely before throwing them into a garbage can. Never throw cigarettes out of a car window.

Camping in Areas Surrounding Yosemite

The U.S. Forest Service operates a variety of campgrounds on a seasonal basis near Yosemite in the Inyo, Sierra, and Stanislaus National Forests. Many of these campgrounds are operated on a first-come, first-served basis; however, some may be reserved. Unlike Yosemite, the national forests allow "dispersed" camping in some areas (outside of designated campgrounds). Campfire permits are required.

For additional information about national forests, call 800/280-CAMP, or contact the local U.S.F.S. district offices, listed below.

- Highway 120 West
  Groveland Ranger Station (Stanislaus N.F.)
  209/662-7825

- Highway 140
  Mariposa Ranger Station (Sierra N.F.)
  209/966-3638

For private campgrounds and lodging outside Yosemite, call the respective chamber of commerce or visitors bureau listed on page 8.

Keep food out of sight! This is what happens in a bear's habitat when food is left exposed in a car. NPS Photo by Steve Thompson

Photo by Mike Floyd
Rangers in Yosemite worked on 192 search and rescue operations in 1996, most of which involved evacuating hikers with lower leg injuries.

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Fall is a pleasant time to backpack in Yosemite; summer crowds have diminished and autumn begins to color the landscape. While hiking conditions are often favorable during September and October, sudden storms are not uncommon and temperatures can drop dramatically, even at lower elevations. Temperatures are frequently below freezing at night, and snow can fall as early as September. Wildlife changes rapidly in the Sierra, and a beautiful clear morning can become a rainy (or snowy) afternoon. Common sense and an understanding of wilderness travel techniques are required to safely enjoy these wilderness areas while protecting their fragility. Park regulations are designed for your safety and the protection of the environment. Rules, alone however, can never achieve these goals—it also takes understanding, care, and respect for these wild lands and their communities of wildlife.

High Water / Stream Crossings

Winter flooding damaged or washed out some wilderness trails and bridges. Routes with unusable bridges will be signed, and unusual conditions may exist throughout the wilderness. Check at permit stations for current conditions.

Plan Carefully

• Use topographic maps and guidebooks to plan your trip. Carry a "topo" map and compass, and know how to use them.

• Allow plenty of time for rest, food storage, and campsite selection. You must be four miles from any populated area and one mile from any road before camping.

• Check current weather conditions and forecasts prior to your trip. Be prepared for sudden changes in weather; plan for wind, cold, rain, snow, sun, or an emergency bivouac.

• Maximum group size is 15 people for trail travel and 8 people for off-trail travel.

• Proper equipment is vital. Carry sufficient food and water.

• Plan to pack out all trash.

• Yosemite's wilderness is a wildlife preserve—pets and weapons are prohibited. Bicycles and strollers are not allowed on any wilderness trail.

• Trip trails, hiking guides, and other literature may be obtained at visitor centers or ordered from the Yosemite Bookstore, P.O. Box 230, El Portal, CA 95318; 209/379-2648 or FAX 209/379-2486.

Wilderness Permits

Free wilderness permits are required year-round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's wilderness. They are not required for day hikes. Yosemite uses a trailhead quota system which limits the number of people who may begin overnight hikes from each trailhead, each day. This system is designed to avoid overcrowding and to reduce risks to wilderness areas. At least 50% of each trailhead quota is available on a first-come, first-served basis the day of, or one day prior to, the beginning of your trip. Permit stations are located in Yosemite Valley at the Wilderness Center, Wawona, Big Oak Flat, Hetch Hetchy, and Tuolumne Meadows. Call 209/372-0200 for open permit station locations and hours. Permits are also available by advance reservation (see block at right). Wilderness permits are not a registration; leave an accurate itinerary with family or friends before you begin your trip.

Protect Water Quality, Wildlife, and Fragile Terrain

Pack out all trash and use gas stoves rather than wood fires.

Use proper food storage techniques; bears can remain wild even in fall and winter.

Camp in an existing, well-used campsite at least 100 feet from water.

Bring a container to carry water to your camp from lakes or streams.

Purify all drinking water—boil for 3.5 minutes, use a chlorine-rated filter, or an iodine-based chemical treatment for effective results.

Dispose of human waste in a small hole at least 100 feet from water and trail.

Do all washing at least 100 feet from any water source or trail.

Wilderness Permit Reservations

Wilderness users who plan to enjoy Yosemite's beautiful high country during our peak season (May through September) are encouraged to make permit reservations. Reservations are available from 24 weeks to two days in advance of the trip start date, and can be made by writing to Wilderness Permit, P.O. Box 545, Yosemite, CA 95389, or by calling 209/372-0740.

Include the following in your request: name, address, daytime phone, number of people in the party, method of travel (i.e., ski, snowshoe, foot, horse), number of stock (if applicable), start and end dates, entry and exit trailhead, and principle destination. Include alternate dates and/or trailheads. A $3 per person, non-refundable processing fee is charged for all reservation requests. Payment by check or money order should be made to the Yosemite Association. Credit card payments are accepted with valid card number and expiration date. Reservation phone lines are often busy. We encourage you to make your request in writing. Mail requests are processed simultaneously with phone requests.

For Wilderness Information Call 209/372-0200 (press option 5)

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

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CLASSROOMS IN THE PARK

Yosemite National Park is the ideal outdoor classroom for exploring natural and cultural history topics. Yosemite's Parks as Classrooms program coordinates with the California State Curriculum Framework, and offers ranger-led field trips for classes visiting the park. There is a $35 fee per class, and each program lasts one to two hours. Park entrance fees are waived for the educational visits.

These programs emphasize the National Park Service's message of protection and preservation of natural and cultural resources. Fall visits (offered in October and November) feature a Miwok Indian theme. Spring programs, held in April and May, focus on Yosemite's geology and habitats. Confirmation packets mailed to participating classes include park information, background material, and pre- and post-visit activities for classroom use. Class size is limited to 35 students, although two classes can be scheduled for the same day. Call after September 2 for a Parks as Classrooms program application.

EXPLORE THE WORLD OF NATURE

Interested in exploring Yosemite's birds, rocks, and trees at your own pace? Borrow an Explorer Pack, a convenient-to-carry day-pack filled with activities and guide books, which will help the whole family explore the world of nature. Featuring Feathers will aid in identifying Yosemite's birds; Rocks in Yosemite leads you into the mineral world of the park; The Un-B-Leaf-able World of Trees aids in tree identification; and Small Wonders will help you discover the many little miracles of Yosemite. Packs are available for check-out, free-of-charge (a deposit or credit card is required, refunded when pack is returned), at the Nature Center at Happy Isles (until it closes October 6).

Yosemite Institute offers the Junior/Senior Ranger program. Pick up one NPS Ranger Program, pick up one bag of trash, and complete the Activity Paper. Collect your trash (recycle items if you can!) and deposit it in one of the bear-proof dumpsters located throughout the park. Before the ranger program begins, tell the ranger that you would like to earn a Junior or Senior Ranger patch. When you have the requirements checked off by a ranger (your parents can check off that you picked up trash), bring the completed Activity Paper and check-off sheet to the Valley Visitor Center to redeem it for your pack.

Just for Kids

Become a Junior/Senior Ranger

Learn about Yosemite while having fun and earn a Junior (ages 8-10 years) or Senior (ages 11-12 years) Ranger patch. Pick up a Junior/Senior Ranger Activity Packet at the Valley Visitor Center (there is a $3 fee). Junior/Senior Rangers are required attend one NPS Ranger Program, pick up one bag of trash, and complete the Activity Paper.

Yosemite Web Sites

Whether planning your next visit to Yosemite, recalling a previous vacation, or even considering bringing a class to the park, the National Park Service, Yosemite Association, The Yosemite Fund, and Yosemite Concession Services all invite you to browse their pages on the World Wide Web:

- The official NPS Home Page (http://www.nps.gov/yose/) contains the latest park information mostly in text format. Included is an evolving collection of Yosemite Notebooks where you can see wonderful waterfalls, go bat-watching with a ranger, and enjoy many other Yosemite experiences online.
- The Yosemite Association's Yosemite Online (http://yosemite.org) features visitor information, a bookstore, listing of outdoor classes, membership data, the daily weather forecast, a live camera view of Glacier Point, and even a 3D Quiktime Video of Yosemite Valley.
- The Yosemite Fund Page (http://www.connect.net/yosemite) frequently has project updates with photographs online.
- The site currently features photos of the restoration work at Glacier Point and last year's rockfall at Happy Isles. Other features include "Wild Card," "Waterfalls," and "Tips For Travelers" along with current donation information.
- The Yosemite Concession Services Page (http://www.yosemitepark.com) is the newest Yosemite online service. It features 200 pages of information on lodging, shopping, dining, and park activities with links to other Yosemite-related Web sites.

INFORMATION HOT LINE

Take advantage of Yosemite's 900 telephone information service. By calling 900/454-YOSE (daily, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pacific time), a trained information specialist will answer your questions about all aspects of the park, and send park handouts and brochures to assist in trip planning. Sponsored by the non-profit Yosemite Association, the service costs $1.95 for the first minute and 95 cents for each additional minute. Revenues from the 900 line benefit Yosemite education programs. Calls must be at least 18 years of age or have parental permission.

Drive Safely

In 1996, 404 motor vehicle accidents occurred in Yosemite National Park. Follow these driving tips to avoid accidents:

- Obey posted speed limits. Slow down when road conditions warrant. Be alert for rocks in the roadway, wildlife crossing, or other unexpected situations.
- Stay on your side of the road, especially on tight curves. Be aware of bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Be courteous. Pull into turnouts to allow other vehicles to pass. Do not stop in the roadway! Find a safe turnout if you wish to take a photograph, consult a map, or enjoy park scenery or wildlife.
- When roads are steep and slippery, shift down. Avoid excessive slowing on curves, or your vehicle may slide.
- Don't drink and drive. It's a fatal combination.

TEACHER WORKSHOPS

The National Park Service and the Yosemite Institute conduct workshops to introduce classroom teachers to instructional tools they can use in teaching Yosemite and the Sierra ecosystems. The workshops combine specific curriculum training and field trips to explore environments within the park. A five-day workshop is offered in the summer and weekend workshops in the spring and fall. Extended education units are available through California State University at Fresno. For more information, or to get a registration packet, call the Yosemite Institute at 209/379-9511.
TRANSPORTATION
TO AND FROM YOSEMITE VALLEY:

- VIA The Yosemite Connection / Grey Line 542 (800) 200-1951, or CA 99/400/20/Park Service between Fresno/Yosemite Air Terminal and Yosemite Valley. Stop-offs at Mariposa, Oakhurst, Fish Camp, and Yosemite. Whistle-stops equipped with advance notice. Schedule available at Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk, Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, or by calling VIA. Other bus trips are available from Bos to Fresno to Yosemite by advance reservations year-round.

- MERCEX — VIA The Yosemite Connection / Grey Line 542 (800) 200-1951, or CA 99/400/20/Park Service between Fresno/Yosemite Air Terminal and Yosemite Valley. Deluxe coaches provide several round-trip daily between Yosemite and Merced and Yosemite. Whistle-stops equipped with advance notice. Schedules available at Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk, Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, or by calling VIA. Tickets can be purchased from bus drivers. Departures are from Yosemite Lodge.

WITHIN YOSEMITE:

Free shuttle service is provided throughout the exterior portion of Yosemite Valley year-round. In summer, free shuttle buses run from Wawona to the Mariposa Grove and from Tuolumne Pass to Yosemite Lodge. Hikers' shuttle runs daily to Glacier Point late spring through autumn and to Tuolumne Meadows late June through Labor Day. For late summer and fall, there is a schedule, and reservations are required by any bus a day ahead.

Lodging

Reservations for all overnight lodging in Yosemite can be made by calling 209/372-3222 or by writing to General Reservations, Yosemite Concession Services, 341 East Home, Fresno, CA 93727. Lodging in Yosemite Valley includes Yosemite Lodge, Housekeeping Camp, Yosemite Lodge, and The Ahwahnee. Lodging outside Yosemite Valley includes the Wawona Hotel, in the wintery, the Wawona Lodge and the Black Oak Lodge. Lodging outside Yosemite Valley in general is limited to overnight stays. In Yosemite Valley, the only remaining lodging is at Yosemite Lodge. The road ends at Glacier Point. In winter, the road is plowed only as far as the Badger Pass. However, the road opens again and is generally open between late spring and late fall. Additional information about Yosemite Valley is available by calling 1-800/238-1796 or 209/372-0200.

GLACIER POINT:

Glacier Point is a picnic area with a spectacular view of Yosemite Valley. The road to Glacier Point is one of the most scenic drives in the national park, with views of the valley and the surrounding mountains.

INFORMATION FOR LODGING AND ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE PARK:

YVAT (Yosemite Valley Area Traveler Information) 300 W. 49th Street, Suite 105, Yosemite, CA 95360. 209/372-3221. Contact the park for your reservation needs.

Information for Cloud's Rest, Ice Cap, Yosemite Falls, and other areas can be obtained at the Yosemite Valley Information Center, Yosemite Lodge, or The Ahwahnee. Check park websites for additional information or online reservations. For more information, see page 12.

Who To Call...

- Recorded General Park Information including: Reservations, Park Permits, etc. 209/372-3222.
- Yosemite Valley Area Traveler Information Center, P.O. Box 230, El Portal, CA 95340. 209/372-3222.
- Yosemite National Park, P.O. Box 419, Yosemite, CA 95389. 209/372-0200.
- Yosemite Lodge, Yosemite Valley, 1600 Yosemite Park Road, Yosemite Village, CA 95389. 209/372-3222.
- Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, 1600 Yosemite Park Road, Yosemite Village, CA 95389. 209/372-3222.
- Yosemite National Park, 209/372-0200.
- Yosemite National Park Home Page (in Japanese, Chinese, and Spanish are available at the Yosemite National Park Home Page)

Reservations

- Reservations, Yosemite Concession Services, 341 East Home, Fresno, CA 93727. 800/436-7275.
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VISITOR ACTIVITIES

Yosemite Valley

Valley Visitor Center
Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village west of the main post office (shuttle bus stops #6 and #9). Information, maps, books, exhibits, a multilingual One Day in Yosemite program, and an exhibit of contemporary art produced as a result of an artists' pack-trip into Yosemite's high country opens September 12.

Yosemite: Its Grace and Grandeur and Echoes of Tenaya Tours: An exploration of Yosemite's visual programs, provide a good introduction to Yosemite's splendor. They are shown regularly in the Visitor Center's West Auditorium; show times are posted on auditorium doors.

Ansel Adams Gallery
Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. through October 15; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. October 16. Located in Yosemite Village next to the Visitor Center. The Gallery offers works of Ansel Adams and contemporary photographers. For more information, call the Gallery at 209/372-4413.

Indian Village of Ahwahnee
Located behind the Yosemite Museum and always open. There is often the opportunity to join Indian Cultural Program staff or rangers, or staff from Yosemite Concession Services (YCS), and the Sierra Club. These programs last one hour and are held outdoors (unless otherwise noted), weather permitting.

Nature Center at Happy Isles
Open daily 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closes October 6). This family-oriented nature center includes natural history exhibits, activities, and a bookstore. It is a short walk from shuttle bus stop #16.

Wilderness Center
Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through mid to late October; afternoon walks after Labor Day. Call Palace people from 1850 to the present, demonstrations of basket-weaving, beadwork, and traditional games are presented.

Museum Gallery
Open daily 10:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (through September 14; check with Visitor Center for gallery door for fall schedule). Historical paintings from the Yosemite Museum collection.

Sierra Club's LeConte Memorial
Open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closes September 29). Located at shuttle stop #12. The LeConte Memorial Yosemite's first public visitor center, is operated by the Sierra Club and features a children's corner, library, and a variety of environmental education and evening programs. For more information on programs, see activities listed below. Booklets provided at the LeConte Memorial, campgrounds, Valley Visitor Center, and post office. You may also call 209/372-4412.

Programs printed below in color are also available at park entrance stations and visitor centers.

See photo and captions on page 8 for more information on finding arrangements for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors.

Additional Programs
Yosemite National Park

Look for this logo on fliers in visitor centers, lodgings, and campgrounds for additional program information.

Evening Programs and Activities

Evening programs include talks, walks, films, slide presentations, storytelling, and music about Yosemite's human and natural heritage. Offered by National Park Service (NPS) rangers, or staff from Yosemite Concession Services (YCS), and the Sierra Club. These programs last one hour and are held outdoors (unless otherwise noted), weather permitting.

MONDAY
7:30 p.m.
Morning Light Camera Walk, 1 hour
The Ahwahnee (September 1 to October 27) (YCS)
8:30 a.m.
Morning Light Camera Walk, 1 hour
The Ahwahnee (November 3 to March 31) (YCS)
2:30 p.m.
Ranger Walk—Ahwahnee Stories & Games, 60 to 90 minutes
Behind Visitor Center &
6:30 p.m.
Ranger Walk—Yosemite's Legacy, 60 to 90 minutes
Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS)

TUESDAY
7:30 a.m.
Morning Light Camera Walk, 1 hour
Yosemite Lodge (September 2 to October 28) (YCS)
8:30 a.m.
Morning Light Camera Walk, 1 hour
Yosemite Lodge (November 4 to March 31) (YCS)
2:30 p.m.
Ranger Walk—Forest Discovery (September 9), 60 to 90 minutes
Bus stop #4 &
6:30 p.m.
Ranger Walk—Granite and Ice (no program September 3), 60 to 90 minutes
Bus stop #4 (ends October 14), Evening Program (September 2 to October 28) (YCS)

WEDNESDAY
7:30 a.m.
Morning Light Camera Walk, 1 hour
Yosemite Lodge (September 2 to October 29) (YCS)
8:30 a.m.
Morning Light Camera Walk, 1 hour
Yosemite Lodge (November 3 to March 31) (YCS)
10:00 a.m.
Sentinal Meadow Discovery Walk (September 24 only), 1 hour
Bus stop #11 (Sierra Club)
1:00 p.m.
Happy Isles Aquatic Field Trip (September 24 only), 1 hour
Bus stop #11 (Sierra Club)
2:30 p.m.
Ranger Walk—Yosemite's Legacy, 60 to 90 minutes
Front of the Visitor Center

THURSDAY
7:00 p.m.
Evening Program for Families (September 24 only), 1 hour
LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)
7:30 p.m.
Evening Program (October 15), 1 hour
Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS) &
Evening Program, 1 hour
Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS)

FRIDAY
10:00 a.m.
Evening Program for Families (September 26 only), 1/2 hour
Bus stop #11 (Sierra Club)
1:00 p.m.
Happy Isles Aquatic Field Trip (September 26 only), 1/2 hour
Bus stop #11 (Sierra Club)
2:30 p.m.
Ranger Walk—Yosemite's First People, 60 to 90 minutes
Behind Visitor Center &
6:00 p.m.
Evening Program for Families (September 26 only), 1 hour
LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)
7:30 p.m.
Evening Program (October 16), 1 hour
Lower Fews Amphitheater (YCS)
Evening Program (October 23), 1 hour
Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS) &

SATURDAY
9:00 a.m.
Ansel Adams Gallery Camera Walk, black & white photography
LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)
10:00 a.m.
Animals and Their Senses (September 27 only), 1-hour
LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)
1:30 p.m.
Happy Isles Aquatic Field Trip (September 27 only), 1-hour
Bus stop #11 (Sierra Club)
2:30 p.m.
Ranger Walk—4 Changing Yosemite, 1 to 2 hours
Bus stop #19 &
6:30 p.m.
Evening Discovery Walk to Sentinel Meadow (September 27 only), 1 hour
Bus stop #11 (Sierra Club)
7:30 p.m.
Evening Program, 1 hour
Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS) &
Evening Program (October 27), 1 hour
Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS)
8:00 p.m.
Evening Program (October 27), 1 hour
LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

SUNDAY
9:00 a.m.
Ansel Adams Gallery Camera Walk, color photography
Sign up at/ent on Galaxy porch
10:00 a.m.
Sentinel Meadow Discovery Walk (September 28 only), 1-1/2 hours
Bus stop #11 (Sierra Club)
1:00 p.m.
Happy Isles Aquatic Field Trip (September 28 only), 1-1/2 hours
Bus stop #11 (Sierra Club)
2:30 p.m.
Ranger Walk—Discover Yosemite, 60 to 90 minutes
Bus stop #11 (Sierra Club)
6:30 p.m.
Film—Ansel Adams, Photographer, Visitor Center West Auditorium &
7:30 p.m.
Evening Program (October 29), 1 hour
Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) &
8:00 p.m.
Evening Program (October 29), 1 hour
LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

Self-Guiding Trails
There are two self-guiding trails in the Yosemite Valley area: one through the Indian Village of Ahwahnee and another through a nearby meadow. Booklets are available at the start of each trail. Large-print materials are available in the Visitor Center for people with visual impairments.

The Ahwahnee is a short loop trail that winds through a reconstructed Miwok-Paiute Village in the Indian Village of Ahwahnee. It introduces Southern Miwok life, history, and language. The trail begins behind the Yosemite Museum building.

A Changing Yosemite is a one-mile trail that explores the changes which have led to the Yosemite we experience today. Trail begins near shuttle bus stop #6. &

Walks and Talks
Join a ranger for an easy walk to explore Yosemite's natural and cultural history. Programs are usually offered daily in the afternoons. Topics may include geology, forest ecology, wildlife, waterfalls, and campgrounds for additional program information.

Evening Program (October 27), 1 hour
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8:00 p.m.
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Additional Programs
Yosemite National Park

Look for this logo on fliers in visitor centers, lodgings, and campgrounds for additional program information.

Lakes and Talks
Join a ranger for a leisurely walk to explore Yosemite's natural and cultural history. Programs are usually offered daily in the afternoons. Topics may include geology, forest ecology, wildlife, waterfalls, and campgrounds for additional program information.

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Yosemite Activities

The John Muir Shows

Conversation With a Tramp: An Evening With John Muir
Actor Lee Stetson's vibrant portrayal of John Muir in “Tramp!” has enthralled Yosemite visitors for the past 13 years. Drawn from Muir’s articles, letters, and unpublished journals, the action revolves around his 25-year battle to save Yosemite’s beautiful Hetch Hetchy Valley. This is vintage Muir—funny, warm-hearted, yet capable of a towering rage in defense of his beloved Yosemite. “Tramp!” will capture your heart. 1-1/2 hours.

The Theater Schedule

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Wawona Information Station

Open daily through October 13, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch); open weekends October 14-November 16, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, and maps. For more information, call 209/375-9551.

Pioneer Yosemite History Center

See horse-drawn wagons, walk across a covered bridge, and visit historic buildings out of Yosemite's past. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center will explain how Yosemite was planned for national parks across America and throughout the world. The Center is always open, and explanatory signs and brochures are available.

No Barriers

Mark Wellman, a former Yosemite Park Ranger and the first paraplegic to climb El Capitan and Half Dome, will introduce a film he co-produced on extreme disabled sports. The film highlights his historic climbs in Yosemite Valley along with packing with whales in Baja, skiing the steep and deep in Lake Tahoe, skiing across the Sierra Nevada mountain range on arm power alone, open-ocean kayaking, and more. After the film, Mark will be available to answer questions and autograph his book, Climbing Back. This program is highly motivational and suitable for the whole family. As he states in the film, “Everyone faces the world with different abilities and disabilities. But we all have one goal in common...to break through our own barriers.” 1 hour.

Wawona Campfire Programs

Share in a park tradition by joining a ranger on Saturday night (through October 11) for an hour of stories, legends, and fun. Meet at the amphitheater in the “B” loop of the Wawona Campground.

Wawona Shuttle Bus

The free shuttle bus stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Shuttle operates daily (ends September 26) through October 5, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. last shuttle leaves the Grove at 4:00 p.m. Due to narrow roads and very limited parking, visitors are strongly encouraged to use this free bus service to help alleviate congestion and lengthy parking delays. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the shuttle bus.

Mariposa Grove Shuttle Bus

The free shuttle bus stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Shuttle operates daily (through October 5) beginning at 9:00 a.m. Last shuttle leaves Wawona at 4:30 p.m.; last shuttle leaves the Grove at 5:00 p.m. Due to narrow roads and very limited parking, visitors are strongly encouraged to use this free bus service to help alleviate congestion and lengthy parking delays. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the shuttle bus.

Ranger Walks and Tours

Join a ranger for an easy 1-1/2 hour walk through the lower Mariposa Grove to explore the forest and learn the secrets of the trees’ survival. To meet ranger walks at the Grove is full and closed to private vehicles. No programs will be given if the Grove is closed due to snow.

Friday

10:00 a.m.
Ranger Walk (through October 11), 1-1/2 hours
Lower Grove trailhead

Saturday

2:00 p.m.
Ranger Walk (through October 11), 1-1/2 hours
Lower Grove trailhead

Sunday

10:00 a.m.
Ranger Walk (through October 12), 1-1/2 hours
Lower Grove trailhead

Visitor Activities

The National Park Service recognized Yosemite Theater as the best interpretive program of its type in the National Park System. Admission prices and times for each of the programs are listed in the activity schedule below. Tickets may be purchased at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center in advance, or if seating is still available, at the time of performance. All shows are given at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center auditoriums and are wheelchair accessible.

THE SPIRIT OF JOHN MUIR

One moment you'll be riding down 3,000 feet with Muir on a snow avalanche, next climbing up a 500-foot ice cone at the foot of the Yosemite Fall, then rocking and reeling on a new-born talus slope during a stupendous Yosemite earthquake. Lee Stetson's story selections also include Muir's perilous night on Mount Shasta, a sled trip on an Alaskan glacier, and his first ascent of Half Dome. These adventurous encounters with wilderness are what brought Muir to his spirited defense of wilderness. 1-1/2 hours.

HOW TO SEE THE MARIPOSA GROVE

CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS

Check fliers at Wawona Campground, Wawona Hotel, and the Information Station for schedule of naturalist's walks.

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AUTOMOBILES

Cars are prohibited beyond the parking area in the Grove, but several giant sequoias can be seen from there. Allow 1-1/4 hours driving time to the Mariposa Grove from Yosemite Valley. Information on handcrafted accessibility is available at the tram boarding area. The access road to the Grove may close intermittently due to limited parking and/or snow. Please use the free shuttle service between Wawona and the Mariposa Grove (until October 5). Trailers and motor homes are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road.

WALKING

The trailhead for walking up through the Grove is located at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the Grizzly Giant provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations are available at the trailhead (Spanish, German, French, Japanese).

TRAM SCHEDULE FOR THE MARIPOSA GROVE

Trams run every day in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoia for a one-hour tour through the lower and upper groves. The first tram is at 9:00 a.m. and the last tram is at 5:00 p.m., running every 20 minutes from the boarding area. $8 for adults, $7.25 for seniors (62 or older), $4 for children (4-12); $24 maximum for a family (parents and their children under 16). Children under four ride free. Note: Trams will continue operating until the first snow falls.
VISITOR ACTIVITIES

GLACIER POINT

RANGER WALKS

Join a ranger for a walk to discover Yosemite's special places. Explore the red fir forest in the Canadian life zone, or hike to a seldom-seen waterfall.

MONDAY

2:00 p.m.  Ranger Walk (no program September 15, ends October 11), 2 hours. Taft Point/Sentinal Dome parking area on the Glacier Point Road

6:15 p.m.  Sunset Talk (September 22-October 23), Glacier Point railing Δ

6:45 p.m.  Sunset Talk (September # only), Glacier Point railing Δ

TUESDAY

1:00 p.m.  Ranger Walk to Illilouette Fall (no program September 16, ends October 16), 3 1/2 hours, Glacier Point Gift Shop

6:15 p.m.  Sunset Talk (September 23-October 16), Glacier Point railing Δ

6:45 p.m.  Sunset Talk (September # only), Glacier Point railing Δ

WEDNESDAY

6:45 p.m.  Sunset Talk (September 24-October 17), Glacier Point railing Δ

THURSDAY

6:45 p.m.  Sunset Talk (September 25-October 18), Glacier Point railing Δ

FRIDAY

6:45 p.m.  Sunset Talk (September 26-October 19), Glacier Point railing Δ

SATURDAY

6:15 p.m.  Sunset Talk (September 27-October 20), Glacier Point railing Δ

6:45 p.m.  Sunset Talk (September # only), Glacier Point railing Δ

7:00 p.m.  Taft Point/Sentinal Dome parking area on the Glacier Point Road

10:00 a.m.  Ranger Walk—Lembert Dome to the Top (September 6, 20 & 27 only), 3 hours (moderate), Lembert Dome parking area, road marker T-32

2:00 p.m.  Ranger Walk—Geology (September 6 & 13 only), 2 hours (easy), Pothole Dome parking area, road marker T-29

2:00 p.m.  Ranger Walk—Miwok/Paiute People (September 6 only), 2 hours (easy), Lembert Dome parking area, road marker T-32

7:00 p.m.  Ranger Walk (no program September 7, 14 & 21 only), Glacier Point railing Δ

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.  Ranger Walk—Miwok/Paiute People (September # only), 3 1/2 hours (easy), Tuolumne Grove parking area, road marker T-29, bring a lunch

1:00 p.m.  Ranger Walk (no program September 8, 15 & 22 only), 3 1/2 hours (easy), Glacier Point railing Δ

EVENING PROGRAMS

Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening shadows in Yosemite Valley and the alpenglow on the Sierra high country. Saturday's star program is subject to cancellation if the sky is overcast. Bring warm clothing.

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

RANGER WALKS AND TALKS

Through September, join a ranger to learn about a variety of subjects, such as geology, birds, flowers, Native Americans, and history. These walks are fairly easy, unless otherwise noted. Longer hikes are offered on Saturday and Sunday to special destinations.

PARSONS LODGE AND SODA SPRINGS

Discover the natural and human history of Tuolumne Meadows and hike to the place where John Muir and Robert Underwood Johnson conceived the idea of establishing Yosemite National Park. This area is an easy one-mile walk from Lembert Dome parking area or from the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center.

CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS

Take part in a tradition! Tuesday through Sunday evenings until the Tuolumne Meadows Campground closes for the season, join a ranger for campfire singing, storytelling, and answers to some of your questions about Yosemite. Program topics vary and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center.

CRANE FLAT/BIG OAK FLAT

BIG OAK FLAT INFORMATION STATION

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily through October 13. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays. For more information, call 209/372-0265.

RANGER WALKS

Join a ranger to discover Yosemite's special places. Short walks are offered to giant sequoia groves on weekends through October 12. Check the schedule below.

CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS

Share in a park tradition of stories, legends, and fun. Program topics vary and are posted at the campgrounds.

HOW TO SEE THE TUOLUMNE GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS

Only foot traffic is allowed into the Tuolumne Grove. Park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area near Crane Flat. The two-mile (3.2 km) round-trip hike into the Grove has an elevation change of 500 feet (150 meters), so it is moderately strenuous and will take approximately two hours. Ranger walks are offered into the Grove on weekends through October 12. There is an easy, 1/2 mile, self-guiding nature trail in the Tuolumne Grove.

CRANE FLAT/BIG OAK FLAT

FRIDAY

1:00 p.m.  Ranger Walk (ends October 10), 2-1/2 hours, Tuolumne Grove parking area

2:00 p.m.  Campfire (ends October 10), 1 hour, Crane Flat Campfire Circle &

SATURDAY

1:00 p.m.  Ranger Walk (ends October 11), 2-1/2 hours, Tuolumne Grove parking area

7:00 p.m.  Campfire (ends October 11), 1 hour, Crane Flat Campfire Circle &

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1:00 p.m.  Ranger Walk (ends October 12), 2-1/2 hours, Tuolumne Grove parking area

10:00 a.m.  Ranger Walk—Miwok/Paiute People (September # only), 3 1/2 hours (easy), Tuolumne Grove parking area, road marker T-29, bring a lunch

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The devastating floods of January 1997 created an immediate need to explain to Yosemite visitors the extent of flooding and consequent problems in the Valley. The Yosemite Fund stepped in with an increased grant for new wayside exhibits. Signs marking an area that was under five feet of rushing water give visitors a graphic understanding of the "100 year flood," and are an invaluable means of explaining park management decisions.

Weather-proof and easy-to-read, wayside exhibits combine way-finding information and an educational experience. They have long been used in the park, but due to lack of funding, many had become worn and out-dated. The Fund enabled a total redesign of Valley wayside exhibits, creating over 30 new coordinated signs with an additional 10 to replace exhibits damaged by the flood. With a grant from Transamerica Corporation and gifts from visitors who choose to become "Friends of Yosemite," the work will be completed this summer.

To learn more about "Friends of Yosemite" projects, look for temporary signs at the site of various Fund-sponsored efforts in Yosemite, such as Mirror Lake, Glacier Point, and Happy Isles. The Fund's Emergency Flood Relief Effort is underway, with a number of new projects confirmed, including a campground clean-up weekend, repair of the Yosemite Chapel, repair of the Vernal/Nevada Falls trail, and a new mobile information trailer.

You, too, can become a Friend of Yosemite. Please send your donation today, or call The Yosemite Fund at 415/434-1782. Donors of $25 or more are listed at the Honor Roll in Yosemite Valley at the Visitor Center and receive the Fund's publication "Flood Relief Effort," showing exactly how gifts are used to provide for Yosemite's future.
YOSEMITE LODGE
September 15
CAFETERIA (through October)
Lunch - 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (closed on October 13)

DESK CAFE - Noon to 9:00 p.m. (closed on October 13)

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS
Grill - 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (closed on September 21)
T. M. LODGE DINING ROOM
Breakfast - 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. (closed on October 13)
Lunch/Dinner - 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (through early November)
ICE CREAM STAND - 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (closes for season October 22)
FAST FOOD - 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (through October)

EMERGENCY:
FIRE - POLICE - MEDICAL
4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (hours may be under construction; closes with Tioga Road)

YOSEMITE LODGE
Cafeteria
Delicatessen - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Fast Food - 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Ice Cream - 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

DESGAN'S PIZZA PLACE
Lunch - 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (through October)
Dinner - 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (early November)
THE VILLAGE GRILL
Lunch/Dinner - 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed late October)

YOSEMITE LODGE
Cafeteria
Breakfast - 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (closed on October 13)
Lunch - 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
POOL RECREATION STAND (weather permitting; closed on season September 15)

GAR DEN TERRACE
Lunch/Dinner - Noon to 9:00 p.m. (hours may change in November)

MOUNTAIN ROOM RESTAURANT
Dinner - 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

MOUNTAIN ROOM LOUNGE
4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

THE AHWAHNEE
DINING ROOM
Breakfast - 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Lunch - 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Sunday Brunch - 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
GAMES ROOM
Light Dinner - 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

YOSEMITE LODGE
DESK CAFE - Noon to 9:00 p.m. (closed on October 13)
WAWONA LODGE
Grill - 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Brunch - 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Lunch Buffet - Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Dinner - 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

YOSEMITE LODGE
Snack Stand - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (closed on October 22)

BEVERAGE SERVICES
MOUNTAIN ROOM LOUNGE - 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
CURRY VILLAGE TERRACE - Noon to 9:00 p.m. (closed on October 13)
GARDEN TERRACE - Noon to 9:00 p.m. (closed on October 13)
WAWONA HOTEL - Noon to 9:30 p.m.
GOLF SHOP - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (closed on October 29)
AHWAHNEE BAR - Monday - Friday Noon to 11:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
LIGHT DINING - 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Yosemite Village Shopping Bag
Focuses specifically on children and their interests, as well as the new gift shop. This store (formerly Degnan's Yosemite Kids) mixes in fascinating, fun, and educational toys and gifts at the Village Gift Shop.

GROG/APPAREL SHOP - 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
THE AHWAHNEE GIFT SHOP - 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
SWET SHOP - 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
CUMBY VILLAGE MOUNTAIN SHOP - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
GIFT SHOP - 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
TUOLUMNE MEADOWS GROCERY STORE - 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (closed on September 28)
WAWONA GROCERY STORE - 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
A HWAHNEE BAR - Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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SERVICES FOR DISABLED
An accessibility brochure is available at park entrance stations and visitor centers.

MEDICAL
Yosemite Medical Clinic
 Urgent and emergency care 24 hour daily
 Drop-in 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily
 Scheduled appointments: Monday - Friday
 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to
 Noont 209/372-4637

DENTAL SERVICES
Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Adjacent to Medical Clinic 209/372-4200

LOST AND FOUND
To inquire about items lost or found at one
Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
209/372-4357, or write YCS Lost & Found, P.O. Box 578,
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Yosemite Village, south of the Village Store.

BANK SERVICES
BANK OF AMERICA VERSATEL MACHINE
6:00 a.m. to midnight
Located in Yosemite Village, south of the Village Store.

MISCELLANEOUS
BABYSITTING
Available for guests of The Ahwahnee or Yosemite Lodge. May be arranged by
by notifying front desk upon arrival. Subject to sitter availability and restrictions.

CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE
Service is available throughout Yosemite National Park.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
Yosemite Association
Outdoor seminars, some for college credit.
P.O. Box 230, El Portal, CA 95318
209/379-2321, 900/654-FOSS
(00/454-9674) for park information.
http://yosemite.org

Yosemite Institute
Non-profit environmental education organization.
Week-long, field-based sessions for school groups, teachers, and
other groups. P.O. Box 487, Yosemite, CA 95389.
209/375-9505

Recycling
Village Store Recycling Center - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Curry Village Recycling Center - 9:00 a.m. to Noon, 1:00 p.m.
to 5:00 p.m. (closes for season September 16)
Bottles and cans may also be
returned to place of purchase or park gas stations.

Yosemite Extra Savings
Yosemite Concession Services (YCS) offers
special discounts to individuals who purchase
the Yosemite Annual Pass, Golden Eagle, or Golden Age Pass. Over $50 in savings are
available for YCS services to guests enrolled
in the program, including:
- Two-for-one bike rentals
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when you present your Annual, Golden Eagle, or Golden Age Pass.

Service Organizations
ALANON
Yosemite Valley: Monday 7:00 p.m., YCS General Office Building (Conference Room)
Yosemite Village

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Yosemite Valley: Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 p.m., YCS General Office Building (Employee Training Center)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
Yosemite Valley: Saturday 7:30 p.m., YCS General Office Building (Employee Training Center)

LIONS CLUB
Meets first and third Thursday of each month. Call 209/372-4474 for information.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
Meets Wednesday at Noon at The Ahwahnee, Winter Club Room.
Rotarian families are welcome. For more
information, call 209/379-1068.

Religious Services
NOTE: FOR COMPLETE LISTINGS OF SPECIAL SERVICES (INCLUDING HOLIDAYS), CHECK SERVICE LOCATIONS, VISITOR CENTERS, OR CALL RESPECTIVE PHONE NUMBERS LISTED BELOW.

Church of Christ
Inquiries, directions, other services, contact Ron Skelton. 209/379-2307

El Portal Chapel
Worship Service: Sunday 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Yosemite Community Church
(Protestant Nondenominational)
Pastor Brian Empire 209/372-4831

Yosemite Valley Chapel:
Sunday 9:15 a.m. Worship Service & Children's Church
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Worship Service
Weekly Bible Studies: Call for locations and times.

Tour Yosemite by Bike
There are more than eight miles of surfaced bike paths separating
cyclist traffic from automobiles, making
bicycling convenient and fun. Rental
bicycles are available
by the hour or the day
at the Yosemite Lodge or Curry Village bike stands. The Yosemite Lodge and Curry
Village bike stands are open daily, conditions
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when you present your Annual, Golden Eagle, or Golden Age Pass.