Experience Yosemite
Your America

July 18 - 31, 2001

Valley Visitor Center

Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle stop #5 and #10). Information, maps, books, exhibits, and a multilingual One Day in Yosemite program.

New Feature

Spirit of Yosemite

This inspiring film provides a stunning overview of Yosemite’s splendor. It is shown every hour from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center’s newly renovated West Auditorium Theater. Closed captioning available.

Yosemite Museum

Located to the south of Village next to the Valley Visitor Center.

Features

Indian Cultural Exhibit

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Displays interpret the cultural history of Yosemite’s native Miwok and Paiute people from 1500 to the present. Demos of basket-weaving, bradwork, 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. An opportunity to view historic Yosemite photographs taken by renowned photographers Ansel and Margaret Adams. Phone (209) 372-0263 for demonstrations or programs about Anseladams.com skills and culture.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. The Gallery offers work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other fine artists. In addition, a wide selection of handcrafts, books, gifts, and photography supplies is available. For more information, call the Gallery at 209/372-4413 or visit their web site at www.anseladams.com.

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Open daily 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Closed for lunch). This family-oriented nature center includes natural history exhibits, interactive displays, and a book-store geared to nature-exploring families. Nearby are short trails focusing on the area’s four different environments, forest, river, talus, and fen. You can also see substantial evidence of the huge 1996 rockfall from the Glacier Point cliff far above the Nature Center. A new outdoor exhibit details the geologic story of rockfalls in Yosemite. The Center is a short walk from shuttle bus stop #16.

Le Conte Memorial Lodge

Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Located at shuttle stop #12. The Le Conte Memorial Lodge, Yosemite’s first public visitor center, is operated by the Sierra Club and features a children’s library, and a variety of environmental education and evening programs. For more information, call (209) 372-4443.

Yosemite Cemetery

This historic cemetery is located across the street and just west of the Yosemite Museum. People buried here include Native Americans, caucasal park visitors, and people who played important roles in the development of what is now Yosemite National Park. A Guide to the Yosemite Cemetery is available at the Valley Visitor Center.

Wilderness Center

Open daily 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village between the Ansel Adams Gallery and the post office. One-stop resource for backcountry in need of wilderness permits, bear canisters, maps, and guidebooks. Displays and information on pre-trip planning, minimum impact camping techniques, and Yosemite’s wilderness.

Discover Yosemite Family Program

Explore Yosemite’s natural and cultural history with a professional naturalist and a small group of families. This program includes hiking, hands-on science activities, and games and stories for kids 5 and under and their parents. See Schedule Events pages inside for dates and times. Registration and information at any tour desk.

Self-Guiding Trails

There are four self-guiding trails in Yosemite Valley; two near the Valley Visitor Center in the Yosemite Village area, one at the east end of the Valley near Mirror Lake, and one commemorating the history of Curry Village.

The Miwok in Yosemite is a short loop trail that winds through the Indian Village of Ahwahnee, a reconstructed Miwok-Paiute village. A booklet is available at the trailhead and in the Visitor Center. Large print materials are available in the Visitor Center for the visually impaired. The trail is open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Changing Yosemite is a 1-mile trail that begins in front of the Visitor Center, near shuttle bus stop #5. It winds through a nearby meadow and explores the changes that have led to the Yosemite we experience today. A booklet is available at the trailhead, and large print materials are available for the visually impaired at the Visitor Center.

The Indian Village of Ahwahnee

Located behind the Yosemite Museum and open during daylight hours. There is sometimes the opportunity to join Indian Cultural Program staff for demonstrations or programs about Ahwahneechee skills and culture.

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Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. Park information, trail information, books, maps, and displays. Phone (209) 372-0263.

Parsons Memorial 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 1-mile (10 minute) walk from Lembert Dome parking area or from the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Staffed by park volunteers, the Lodge is usually open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Free Tuolumne/Olmsted Point/Tuolumne Pass Shuttle Bus

Free shuttle bus service is available during the summer along the Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tuolumne Pass. Due to limited trailhead parking, use of the free shuttle buses is strongly advised.

Shuttle travels between Tuolumne Lodge and Olmsted Point with stops along the Tioga Road, including Tuolumne Campground and the Tuolumne Visitor Center. The shuttle also makes two morning (9:00 a.m. and Noon) and two afternoon (1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.) runs to Tuolumne Pass.

Service begins at Tuolumne Lodge at 7:00 a.m. Shuttle buses arrive at approximately 10-minute intervals between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The last shuttle bus leaves Olmsted Point at 6:10 p.m. Schedules are subject to change. Please check route map at the Tuolumne Visitor Center or shuttle bus stops for details.

Ranger Walks and Talks

Join a ranger to explore the Tuolumne area and learn about geology, birds, flowers, Indians, history, and more. These walks range from 1-2 hours and all but the long walks are fairly easy.

Twice a week, longer hikes are offered to lakes, duoms, or passes. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water, lunch, and rain gear.

On Fridays, end your perfect day with a Moosic Hall. This easy, early evening stroll will inspire and delight.

Just for Kids

Programs for children include Junior Rangers two days a week. Junior Rangers is a 2-hour program in which children ages 8-10 join a ranger to explore Yosemite’s high country.

T u o l u m n e  M e a d o w s

Lembert Dome in Tuolumne Meadows

Photo by Larry Ulrich

Evening Activities

Come to a campfire and take part in a tradition! 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.

Join the Star Party on Saturday evenings. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. Programs will be canceled if the sky is overcast.

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

Open daily 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Located just off the Tioga Road, along the roadway leading to Tuolumne Lodge, shuttle stop #3. Trail information, wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, maps, and guidebooks.
Glacier Point

Ranger Walks
Join a ranger for a walk to discover Yosemite’s unique, tucked-away places. See a pioneer cabin near a beautiful meadow, explore the red fir forest in the Canadian life zone, or hike to a wild-rush swamp.)

Evening Programs
Meet a ranger to enjoy the brooding shadows in Yosemite Valley and the alpenglow on the Sierra high country, or come for the sunset and stay for the moonrise. On some evenings, a star program will be co-hosted by rangers and volunteers from astronomical societies. Bring warm clothing.

(On Thursday evenings, photographers will not want to miss the Alpenglow Photo Shoot, led by representatives from Kodak (in association with Yosemite Concession Services).

Wawona & Mariposa Grove

Wawona Information Station at Hill’s Studio
Open daily 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch). Offers information about park activities, trail information, books, and maps. Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, Hill’s Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th century mural artist, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona Store parking area and follow the path up the hill. For more information call 209/379-4931. 

Wawona Wilderness Center
Open daily 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (closed for lunch). Located inside the Information Station. Wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, trail information, books, and maps.

Evening Programs
Come to a caregiver/Share in a park tradition by joining a ranger for an hour of stories, legends, and fun. Program topics vary each night and are posted in the Wawona Campground. Meet at the amphitheater in the “B” loop of the Wawona Campground at 8:00 p.m.

Discover Yosemite’s human and natural heritage in a 1-hour presentation offered by Yosemite Concession Services (NPS) staff at the Wawona Hotel. See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

Pioneer Yosemite History Center
See home-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 the inspiration for national parks across America and throughout the world. The Center is always open, and explanatory signs and brochures are available.

Take A Stage Ride
Take a stage ride and experience the adventure of horse-drawn stage travel in Yosemite. These 10-minute rides are offered on Wednesdays, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, from 10:00 a.m. to noon and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Sunday, July 29 rides will be offered from 10:00 a.m. to noon only). Purchase tickets near the Wawona Covered Bridge, $3/adult and $2/hold (ages 1-12).

Free Mariposa Grove & Wawona Shuttle Bus
The shuttle bus stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Shuttle operate daily during the summer beginning at 9:00 a.m. Last shuttle leaves Wawona at 4:30 p.m.; last shuttle leaves the Grove at 6:00 p.m. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the shuttle bus. Trailers and motor homes are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road from South Entrance to the Mariposa Grove. 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.

To Get to Mariposa Grove
Allow 1½ hours driving time to the Mariposa Grove from Yosemite Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the parking area in the Grove, but several giant sequoias can be seen from here. Information about access for the disabled is available at the entrance area. The access road to the Grove may close intermittently due to limited parking. Trailers and motor homes are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road. Please use the free shuttle service between Wawona and the Mariposa Grove.

Walking through the Grove
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 California Tree provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations are available at the trailhead (Spanish, German, French, Japanese).

Mariposa Grove Tram Tour
Trains run every day in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias for a 1-hour tour through the lower and upper groves. The first tram is at 9:00 a.m. and the last tram is at 6:00 p.m., running every 15 to 20 minutes from the boarding area.

Mariposa Grove Museum
Open 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch). Offers giant sequoia displays, books, maps, and information.

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WHAT TO DO

Big Oak Flat &
Big Oak Flat
Information Station
Open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. Station is located just inside the park at the Big Oak Flat Entrance Station (Highway 120 West), and offers park orientation material, trail information, books, and maps. Phone 209/379-1899.

Big Oak Flat Wilderness Center
Wilderness permits available 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located inside the Information Station. Bear canister rentals, trail information, and limited map sales.

Yosemite’s Other Sequoia Groves

Tuolumne Grove
The Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West) and the Tuolumne Road. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the Tuolumne Grove of Big Trees, a cluster of about 25 sequoias. Now closed to cars, this 2-mile (3.2 km) round-trip hike has an elevation change of 500 feet (150 meters). The downhill walk is relatively easy, though it is moderately strenuous on the uphill return. Once in the Tuolumne Grove, there is an easy half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

Merced Grove
Yosemite’s highest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, accessible only on foot. It’s a 2-mile hike into the grove from the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located 3.6 miles north of Crane Flat and 4.5 miles south of the Big Oak Flat entrance, the trailhead is marked by a post labeled B-10 and a road sign. Allow at least 3 hours for the 4-mile round-trip hike to this small group of sequoias (about 20 trees).
July 14-27
9:30am
Project Walk/Picnic—Birding
1 hr. Amusement Park Trail (YCS) $ 
1 hr. Tuolumne Grove parking area (NPS)
1 hr. Crane Flat parking area
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**General Park Information**

**Emergency 911**
Fire – Police – Medical Emergency: Dial 911, 24 hours daily from [hotel room 9-911](#).

**Medical**
Yosemite Medical Clinic
Emergency care, 24 hours daily.
Drop-in and Urgent Care
Daily 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Schedules**

- **Monday - Thursday**
  - 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Sunday**
  - 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(Admin desk for regular activity) Call 209/372-4848

**ParaDoc/Ambulance Service**
24 hours daily.

**Dental Services**
Adjacent to Medical Clinic. For hours, call 209/372-4848. If no answer, call 209/372-4637.

**Services For Disabled**
An accessibility brochure is available at park entrance stations and visitor centers. Wheelchair rental available at Yosemite Medical Clinic, 209/372-6107, and the Yosemite Lodge bike stand, 209/372-2108.

**Accommodations**
For advanced reservations or information (rooms or activities), call 209/372-6280 (no voicemail), or (www.yosemitepark.com).

- For availability on day of arrival, check at any rental desk.

**Bear Canister Rental**
Available for $3 per trip at the Yosemite Valley wilderness Center, Yosemite Valley Sport Shop, Curry Village Mountain Shop, Big Oak Flat Wilderness Center, Crane Flat Store, Wawona Store, Wawona Wilderness Center, Tuolumne Meadows Mountaineering School and Sport Shop, Tuolumne Meadows Store, and the Fetch Hetchy Entrance Station. Canisters may be rented or returned at any rental location in the park.

**Recreation**
Conditions permitting.

- **Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk**
  - After hours, ticket sales available at [front desk](#).
  - Monday - Thursday: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
  - Friday - Saturday: 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL
Yosemite Mountaineering School offers lessons and guided climbing at all levels, overnight backpacking, and guided day hikes to spectacular areas of Yosemite Valley and the High Sierra.

- **Curry Village**
  - Located in the Mountain Shop
  - 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
  - Classes meet at 8:30 a.m. 209/372-8344

- **Tuolumne Meadows**
  - Located at stables
  - 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 209/372-8435

**BIKE RENTALS**
Daily, weather permitting, with hourly and daily rates. Baby-joggers, wheelchairs, and six-speed bikes with trailers.

- **Yosemite Village**
  - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - Call 209/372-1208

- **Yosemite Lodge**
  - 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 209/372-8319

**SWIMMING POOLS**
Yosemite Lodge
Weekdays: Noon to 5:00 p.m.
Weekends: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Curry Village
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Wawona
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**STABLES**
- 2-hour and 4-hour rides depart daily. All-day rides, private rides, and pack trips into Yosemite’s spectacular wilderness may also be arranged. Private horse boarding is available. Call for reservations.

- **Yosemite Valley**
  - 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-8348

- **Tuolumne Meadows**
  - 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-8417

- **Wawona**
  - 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-6502

**Sightseeing Tours**
2-hour open-air tram (weather permitting) or bus tour, or all-day and half-day bus tours depart daily from lodging facilities in Yosemite Valley. Inquire at tour/transportation desks at The Ahwahnee, Yosemite Lodge, Curry Village, Village Inn.

- **Valley Floor Tour**
  - This 36-mile, 2-hour tram tour departs at 10:00, 11:00, and 12:00 at 1:00, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, and 7:00, p.m. daily from Yosemite Lodge in Yosemite Valley.

- **Glacier Point Tour**
  - A 4-hour round-trip from Yosemite Valley to Glacier Point. The Glacier Point Tour also offers a one-way ticket for adventurers to hike back down to Yosemite Valley. Departs at 8:30, and 10:00 a.m., 11:30, and 5:30 p.m. daily from Yosemite Lodge in Yosemite Valley.

- **Big Trees Tram Tour**
  - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

- **Grand Tour**
  - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

**Service Organizations**

**ATM**
Yosemite Village
South of Village Store (Bank of America)
Inside Village Store
Yosemite Lodge
Inside main registration area
Curry Village
Inside gift/grocery store
Wawona
Inside Wawona Store
El Portal
On Hwy. 140 at Yosemite View Lodge (County Bank)

**Miscellaneous**

**Baby Sitting**
Limited babysitting available for registered guests at Yosemite Lodge and The Ahwahnee. Call front desk or concierge for additional information.

**Kenne**
Located at the stable in Yosemite Valley. Dogs must be gentle, over 10 pounds, with proof of shots and license required. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-8348

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**
Doug Warcup 209/722-7623
Thomas Wendt 209/721-8244
Yosemite Valley Sacramento Service
180 p.m. daily at Yosemite Chapel

**Roman Catholic**
Rev. Dennis Ahern, Resident Pastor 209/372-4729

**Mass in Yosemite Valley**
Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 5:00 p.m., Visitor Center West Auditorium
Friday 4:00 p.m., Yosemite Chapel

**Mass in Wawona**
Saturday 4:00 p.m., Old School House

**Seventh-Day Adventist**
Don Chipp 550/588-8186

**Sabbath School**
Sabbath School 10:00 a.m.

**Worship Service**
Saturday 11:00 a.m.
Yosemite Valley at Lower Pines Campground
Amphitheater (near shuttle bus stop #19)

**Crossway Church**
(Clergy: Protestant)
Pastor Bruce Hughes, Pastor Matt Bairs
209/372-2424
webmaster@crossway.com

**Worship Service**
Sunday 7:00 p.m., Yosemite Chapel
10:00 a.m., El Portal Community Hall

**Bible Study**
Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Girls Club

**Solid Rock/Climbers for Christ**
www.srdc.org

**EL PORTAL COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Pastor Ron March 209/379-2255
American Baptist
209/379-2428

**Worship Service**
Sunday 7:30 p.m., El Portal Chapel (first and third weekends)
Sunday 10:30 a.m., El Portal Chapel (second, fourth, and fifth weekends)
Associated with the California Southern Baptist Convention

**Wawona Christian Fellowship**
Pastor David Almack 209/965-3099

**Wawona Community Center**
Worship Service Saturday 9:00 a.m.

**Women’s Bible Study**
Wednesday 1:00 p.m.
Getting Around Yosemite National Park

**Yosemite Today**

**Hiking, Biking, and Driving in Yosemite Valley**

**Ride the Free Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus**

Schedules and routes may vary. Shuttle buses operate daily at 10-minute intervals, except during early morning and late evening hours when intervals may be 20 minutes. All buses follow the same route, serving stops in numerical order.

**SCHEDULE** 7:00 a.m. -10:00 p.m.

1. Yosemite Village/Day Parking
2. Yosemite Village
3. The Ahwahnee
4. Deyan’s
5. Visitor Center
6. Lower Yosemite Fall (Service ends at 7:30 p.m.)
7. Camp 4/Yosemite Falls Trailhead
8. Yosemite Lodge
9. Visitor Center
10. Yosemite Village
11. Sentinel Bridge/Yosemite Chapel
12. Housekeeping Camp/LeConte Memorial Lodge
13. Bike & Raft Rental
14. Curry Village
15. Upper Pines Campground
16. Happy Isles/John Muir Trailhead
17. Mirror Lake Junction*
18. Stable*
19. Lower Pines Campground
20. Curry Village
21. Bike & Raft Rental

*Service ends at 8:30 p.m.

**YOSEMITE VALLEY SHUTTLE BUS MAP**

Detailed trail maps are available for purchase at visitor centers and stores throughout the park. See page 7 of Yosemite Guide for descriptions of Valley day hikes.

**SHUTTLE BUS ROUTE**

- **Roadway**
- **Shuttle Bus Only**
- **Shuttle Bus Stop**
- **Hiking Trail**
- **Bike Path**
- **Campground**
- **Picnic Area**
- **Restroom**
- **Parking**
- **Information**

Map not to scale

**WHERE TO GO**

For bus schedules to and from the Yosemite area, call 1-877-98-YARTS or visit YARTS online at www.yarts.com