Yosemite Today

September 26 - October 31, 2001

Yosemite Valley

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Beginning October 15, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 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.

Gallery Exhibits

A World of Wonder, the photographic prints of master color printer Christopher Burkett through October 14. Watercolors and Woodblock Prints. Vibrant watercolors of local Yosemite artist, Sally Oman and dramatic multi-colored woodblock prints of Santa Cruz artist Tom Kilmer. Artist's Reception, October 20, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Yosemite Cemetery

This historic cemetery is located across the street and just west of the Yosemite Museum. People buried here include Native Americans, casual park visitors, and others who played an important role 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 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. through October 20. From October 21 through spring, self-registration is at the Valley Visitor Center. Located in Yosemite Village between The Ansel Adams Gallery and the post office. One-stop resource for backcountry users in need of wilderness permits, bear canisters, maps, and guidelines. Displays and information on preserving wilderness, minimum impact camping techniques, and Yosemite's wilderness. 

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### Scheduled Events

#### Free Art Classes

Free, informal outdoor classes in various art mediums are available for adults through the Art Activity Center, located at the east end of Yosemite Village next to the Village Store. Supplies are available for purchase at the Center, which is open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Classes begin October 8 and continue until 2:00 p.m.

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#### Wawona Covered Bridge Closure

The Wawona Covered Bridge is closed for emergency repairs. To access the Pioneer Yosemite History Center, park at the Wawona Stable (from the Wawona Store, take Wawona Road 1/4 mile north to Chilnualna Falls Road).

#### Yosemite Valley

- **9:00am** Camera Walk
  2 hrs. Sign up in advance, meet on The Ansel Adams Gallery porch, weather permitting (AAG)
- **1:00pm** Ranger Walk—Granite and Ice
  1½ hrs. Lower Yosemite Fall parking area near shuttle stop #6
- **2:30pm** Ranger Walk—Yosemite’s First People
  1½ hrs. Behind Valley Visitor Center
- **5:00pm** Twilight Ranger Walk
  (October 21 and 28 only)
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  (September 30, October 7 and 14 only)
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- **7:30pm** Film—Ansel Adams, Photographer
  Room/Amphitheater (AAG)

#### Wawona, Mariposa Grove

- **11:00am to 3:00pm** Stage Rides
  [September 10 only]
  10 min. Purchase tickets at the gray barn near Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS)

#### Glider Point

- **2:00pm** Ranger Walk
  (October 14 only)
  2 hrs. Taft/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road
- **6:30pm** Sunset Talk
  (October 14 only)
  ½ hr. Glacier Point rating (NPS)

### Programs printed in color are especially for children and their families.

YCS = Yosemite Concession Services  
NPS = National Park Service  
AAG = Ansel Adams Gallery  
YI = Yosemite Institute  
$ = Programs offered for a fee

Indicates programs accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

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**Wawona & Mariposa Grove**

- **Big Oak Flat**
  - **Big Oak Flat Information Station**
    - Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 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 209/375-9865.

- **Big Oak Flat Wilderness Center**
  - Located inside the Information Station. Wilderness permits available 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (closed 1 hr. for lunch) Thursday through Sunday, through October 14. Beginning October 15, self-registration. Prior to October 22, Half Dome trips must get permits at Yosemite Valley.

- **Wawona Information Station at Hill’s Studio**
  - Opens October 8
  - Open daily 8:10 a.m. to 4:10 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 landscape painter, 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 209/379-5933.

- **Wawona Wilderness Center**
  - Located inside the Information Station. Self-registration on the porch of the Information Station at Hill’s Studio for Chimnuela Falls and Alder Creek trails only. For permits all other trails available at the Wawona Valley Wilderness Center, or from October 21 through spring, at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

- **Tuolumne Grove of Big Trees**
  - 2-mile hike into the grove from the Big Oak Flat Road.
  - The Tuolumne Grove of Giants Sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West) and the Tuoga 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 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 greatest 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 2.5 miles north of Crane Flat or 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 about 3 hours for the 4-mile round-trip hike to this small group of sequoias (about 20 trees).

**Mariposa Grove**

- **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 train is at 9:00 a.m. and the last train 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.

**Crane Flat & Big Oak Flat**

- Ranger Walks
  - Join a ranger to discuss 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 seldom-seen waterfall.

- **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).

- **To Get to Mariposa Grove**
  - Allow 1 1/2 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 trailhead 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.

- **Mariposa Grove Shuttle Bus**
  - Ends October 21
  - The shuttle bus stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Shuttle service operates daily beginning at 9:00 a.m. Last shuttle leaves Wawona at 4:00 p.m., last shuttle leaves the Grove at 5:30 p.m. Beginning October 5, Saturday, and Sunday only. Closes for season October 21. Visits 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.

- **Bridge**
  - Please refer to the Scheduled Event pages for dates and times.

- **Wawona Point**
  - 3.0 miles /4.8km 1,200ft / 438m

- **Fallen Tunnel Tree**
  - 2.5 miles /4.0km 1,000ft / 305m

- **Grotty Giant**
  - 0.8 mile /1.3km 600ft / 183m

- **Grizzly Giant**
  - 2.1 miles /3.5km 900ft / 274m

- **World’s tallest tree**
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