### Scheduled Events

#### Valley Visitor Center
- **Photography Walk**: 8:30 am, June 10, Yosemite Museum.
- **Cameras Walk**: 9:30 am, June 10, Sentinel Bridge shuttle stop #9.
- **Ranger Walk—Buffalo Soldiers in Yosemite**: 10:30 am, Valley Visitor Center.
- **Spring Twilight Stroll**: 7:30 pm, Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories with John Muir.
- **Yosemite Theater Live—Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a Fourth Marriage**: 8:00 pm, Yosemite Museum.
- **Evening Program**: 8:30 pm, Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS/YI).
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#### Yosemite Valley
- **Half Dome at Mirror Lake**: Photo by Chamberlin/Hochberg.

### Yosemite Today

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### Free Art Classes

Free, informal outdoor classes in various art mediums are available for adults through the Art Activity Center, located at the west end of Yosemite Village next to the Village Store. Supplies are available for purchase at the Center, which is open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Classes begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until 2:00 p.m.

**May 8-12**
- **Fealing Lin**

**May 13-19**
- **Jim Kingwell**

**May 20**
- **Robert Dvorak**

**May 27-June 2**
- **Roger Folk**

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**FEATURES**

- **Museum Gallery**
  - Beginning June 3, open daily 10:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Edens and Interactions, an exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of Yosemite and the 100th year of Yosemite National Park, is currently known as The Ansel Adams Gallery.
- **Indian Cultural Exhibit**
  - Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., closed for lunch. Displays interpret the cultural history of Yosemite’s native Miwuk and Pohono people from 1850 to the present. Demonstrations of basket-weaving, beadwork, and traditional games are presented.
- **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 Native American skills and culture.
- **Yosemite Cemetery**
  - This historic cemetery is located across the street and just past the west end of the Yosemite Museum. People buried here include American Indians 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**
  - Beginning May 10, open daily 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village between The Ansel Adams Gallery and the post office. One-stop resource for backpackers in need of wilderness permits, bear canisters, maps, and guidelines. Displays and information on pre-trip planning, minimum camping techniques, and Yosemite’s wilderness.
- **Nature Center at Happy Isles**
  - Beginning May 16, open daily 10:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This family-oriented nature center includes natural history exhibits, interactive displays, and a bookstore geared to nature-loving families. Nearby are short trails focusing on the area’s four different environments: forest, meadow, talus, and stream. In the summer, you can also see substantial evidence of the June 1996 rockfall from the Glacier Point cliff far above the Nature Center. A new outdoor exhibit details the geologic story of rockfall in Yosemite. The Center is a short walk from shuttle bus stop #10.
- **The Ansel Adams Gallery**
  - Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village.
  - 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 209/372-4411 or visit their website at www.anseladams.com.
- **GALLERY EXHIBIT**
  - Through June 3
  - **Rare Views in a Rare Light**
  - The color landscape photography of Robert Turner. A dramatic collection of rare prints that capture the magical light of the western landscape.
- **LeConte Memorial Lodge**
  - Open Wednesday through Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Located at shuttle stop #12. The LeConte Memorial Lodge, 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, call 209/372-4411.
**WHAT TO DO**

**Wawona & Mariposa Grove**

**Wawona Information Station at Hill's Studio**
Beginning May 10, 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 landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona Store parking area and follow the paths up the hill. For more information call 209/375-9531.

**Pioneer Yosemite History Center Station**
Walk across the 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.

May 25, 26, 27 only
Visit Yosemite's Past
Meet at a ranger at 2:00 p.m. at the Wawona Covered Bridge for a 1-hour tour of the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS)

May 24, 25, 26, 27 only
Experience Horse-Drawn Train
Travel into history by taking a 10-minute stage ride. Tickets may be purchased near the Wawona Covered Bridge. $3 adults, $2 children ages 3-12 (NPS)

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Phone 209/379-1899.

**Merced Grove**
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Limited babysitting available for registered guests at Yosemite Lodge and The Ahwahnee. Call front desk or facility.

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- Fire – Police – Medical Emergency: Dial 911, 24 hours a day (from hotel room 9-911)
- Drop-in and Urgent Care: 24 hours daily
- Medical: 911
- Recreational Services: 209/372-4367
- Dental Services: 209/372-4367

**Bicycle Rental**
- Conditions permitting

**Bear Canister Rental**
- Available at the Curry Village Mountain Shop, Village Sport Shop, Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center, Crane Flat Stores, and Wawona Store.
- Canisters may be rented or returned at any rental location in the park.

**Narcotics Anonymous**
- Yosemite Valley: Saturday 7:30 p.m.
- YCS General Office Building (Employer Training Center), Yosemite Village

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