What’s Happening In Yosemite Valley

Valley Visitor Center
Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 5:40 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #4 and #9). Information, maps, books, exhibits, and a multimedia One-Day in Yosemite program.

New Film Spirit of Yosemite
This inspiring state-of-the-art visitor orientation film provides a stunning overview of Yosemite’s splendor. It is shown every hour on the half-hour from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center’s newly remodeled West Auditorium Theater. Closed captioning available.

Yosemite Museum
Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center.

Features
Museum Gallery
Open daily 10:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Displays interpret the cultural history of Yosemite’s native Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Demonstrations of basket-weaving, beadwork, and traditional games are presented.

Yosemite Museum Store
Open daily 9:30 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. Offering traditional American Indian arts and crafts and books on related subjects.

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

Yosemite Cemetery
This historic cemetery is located across the street and just west 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
Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village between the Ansel Adams Gallery and the Tuolumne Visitor Center. Provides information, maps, bear canister rentals, and the roadway leading to Tuolumne Lodge, shuttle stop #5. It winds through Cook’s Meadow and explores the changes that have led to the Yosemite we experience today.

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center
Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays. Phone 209/372-0263.

Parsons Memorial Lodge and Soda Springs
Discover the natural and human history of Yosemite and how to be in the place where John Muir and Robert Underwood Johnson conceived the idea of establishing Yosemite National Park. This area is an easy 1/2-mile walk from Lambert Dome parking area or from the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Parsons Memorial Lodge, staffed by park volunteers, is usually open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Free Tuolumne/Olmsted Point/Tioga Pass Shuttle Bus
Beginns June 14
Free shuttle bus service is available during the summer along the Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tuolumne Pass. Due to limited traffic conditions, use of the free shuttle buses is strongly advised.

Shuttles travel between Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Olmsted Point with stops along the Tioga Road, including Tuolumne Campground and the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. The shuttle also makes two morning (6:00 a.m. and Noon) and two afternoon (3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.) runs to Tuolumne Pass.

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

Just for Kids
Programs for children include Junior Rangers two days a week and a kids’ campfire program. Junior Rangers is a 2-hour program in which children (ages 6-11) join a ranger to explore Yosemite’s high country.

Ranger Walks
Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, birds, flowers, American Indians, history and more. These walks range from 1 to 2 hours and all but the long walks are fairly easy.

Twice a week, longer hikes are offered to lakes, domes, or passes. Wear sturdy shoes, and bring water, tea, and sun gear. End your perfect day with a Music Walk. This easy, early evening stroll will inspire and delight.

Evening Activities
Come to a campfire and take part in a tradition! Join a ranger for camping, 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.

Yosemite Falls Shuttle
Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch). Located just off the Tioga Road, along the roadway leading to Tuolumne Lodge, shuttle stop #5. Trail information, wilderness permits, bear cannister rentals, maps, and guidebooks available.

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**Free Art Classes**

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**Glacier Point**

**Ranger Walks**
Join a ranger for a walk to discover Yosemite's unique, tucked-away places. See a present cave near a beautiful meadow, explore the red fir forest in the Canadian life zone, or hike to a seldom-seen waterfall.

**Evening Programs**
Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening shadows in Yosemite Valley and the alpenglow on the Sierra high country, or come for the sunset and stay for the moonrise. On Saturday evenings, explore the night sky with a ranger (cancelled if the sky is overcast).

**Half Dome, North Dome, and Tenaya Canyon as seen from Glacier Point.**

**Visit the Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona.**

**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 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 209/375-9531.

**Wawona Wilderness Center**
Open daily 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch). Located inside the Information Station. Wilderness permits, trail information, bear canister rentals, books, and maps.

**Evening Programs**
Come to a campfire! 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.

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby as he performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past. Tom also features presentations with slides, historic Yosemite music, or Wawona history on some Thursday and Saturday nights.

**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 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 10-minute ride and experience the adventure of horse-drawn stage travel in Yosemite. Purchase tickets near the Wawona Covered Bridge. $5/adult and $3/child (ages 3-12). See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

**Free Mariposa Grove & Wawona Shuttle Bus**
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 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.

**Due to narrow roads and very limited parking, visit- ers are strongly encouraged to use this free bus service to help alleviate congestion and lengthy parking delays.**

**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 there. Information about access for the disabled is available at the tram boarding 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.

**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).

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**What to Do**

**Crane Flat & Big Oak Flat**

**Big Oak Flat Information Station**
Open daily 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 overview materials, trail information, books, and maps. Phone 209/379-1294.

**Big Oak Flat Wilderness Center**
Open daily 8:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located inside the Information Station. Wilderness permits, trail information, bear canoe rentals, 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 Tioga 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 (.32 km) round-trip hike has an elevation change of 500 feet (152 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 quietest 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 3.5 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).

**Wawona & Mariposa Grove**

**Visit the Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona.**

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**Mariposa Grove Tram Tour**
Trips 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 5:00 p.m., running every 15 to 20 minutes from the boarding area.

**Mariposa Grove Museum**
Opens June 7
Open Friday through Tuesday, 5:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (closed for lunch). Offers giant sequoia displays, books, maps, and information.

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