**Yosemite Valley**

**Valley Visitor Center**
Located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #4 and #6). 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 30 minutes from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center’s newly remodeled West Auditorium Theater. Closed-capturing available. Audio-listening Devices are available at the Valley Visitor Center in English, French, Spanish, and Japanese for hearing-impaired visitors of English. 

**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. Edges and Interactions, an exhibit honoring the 100th anniversary of Ansel Adams’ birth and the centennial anniversary of Best’s Studio ( reopen today as The Ansel Adams Gallery).

**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 1850 to the present. Demonstrations of basket-weaving, beadwork, and other traditional arts are presented.

**Yosemite Museum Store**
Open daily 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 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 during daylight hours. There is sometimes the opportunity to join Indian Cultural Program staff for demonstrations or programs about Ahwahneechee 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 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village next to The Ahwahnee Hotel and just west of the Yosemite Museum. A Guide to the Wilderness Center is available at the Valley Visitor Center.

**Nature Center at Happy Isles**
Open daily 10:00 a.m. to Noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This nature center includes natural history exhibits, interactive displays, and a bookstore geared to nature-exploring for families. Nearby are short trails focusing on the area’s four different environments, forest, meadow, lakes, and fen. You can also see some 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 #4.

**The Ansel Adams Gallery**
Open daily 9:30 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.

**GALLERY EXHIBIT**

**July 2-August 12**

This early summer exhibit will feature the work of Yosemite photographer, Michael Frye, author of The Photographer’s Guide to Yosemite and contributor to Landscape Photographer magazine. Frye’s landscape, wildlife, and night photographs are in private and corporate collections, as well as widely published around the world.

**Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center**
Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays.

**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 1.2-mile walk from Lembert Dome parking area or from the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Allow 30 minutes walking time.

**Special programs occur at Parsons Memorial Lodge at 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. From July 13 to August 24. Look for these listings in the Scheduled Events section of Yosemite Today.**

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

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**LeConte Memorial Lodge**
Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 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 Foundation for Yosemite. It features a children’s center, library, and a variety of environmental education and evening programs. For more information, call 209/372-4542.

**Yosemite Theater Live**
Come help Yosemite Theater Live celebrate its 19th season! The National Park Service recognizes Yosemite Theater as the best interpretive program of its type in the National Park System. Tickets may be purchased at any tour desk in Yosemite Valley or if seating is still available, at the time of performance. Most shows are given in the Great Auditorium located behind the Valley Visitor Center in Yosemite Valley, near shuttle stop #5. See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

**Self-Guiding Trails**
There are four self-guiding trails in Yosemite Valley:

**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 begins behind the Yosemite Museum.

**A Changing Yosemite** is a 1/2-mile trail that begins in front of the Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5. It winds through Cook’s Meadow and explores the changes that have led to the Yosemite we experience today.

**Mirror Lake Interpretive Trail** is a short loop adjacent to Mirror Lake, a scenic lake on Tioga Creek. Exhibits focus on the rich natural history of the area, American Indian use, and history of the popular destination. To reach the start of the trail, walk 1 mile from shuttle stop #17 to the shaded parking spaces near the lake. The self-guiding trail begins here.

**The Legacy of Curry Village** is a one-mile winding commemorating the early days of Camp Curry. Pick up a map and guide at the Curry Village front desk or tour desk.

**Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, birds, flocks, American Indians, history, and more. These walks range from 1 to 2 hours and all last at least 1 hour and 30 minutes.**

**Twice a week, longer hikes are offered to lakes, children (ages 8-10) join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, birds, flocks, American Indians, history, and more. These walks range from 1 to 2 hours and all last at least 1 hour and 30 minutes.**

**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 8-10) join a ranger to explore Yosemite’s high country.

**Ranger Walks**
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**Evening Activities**
Come to a camper and take part in a tradition! Join a ranger for camper singing, storytelling, and answers to some of your questions about Yosemite. Programs vary and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. A camper for children is scheduled Wednesday at the Crescent Circle in the “C” loop of the campground. End your day with a Star Program or Night Program. Bring a pad to sit on for the Star Program and dress warmly. Programs will be canceled if the sky is overcast. Sign-up for the Night Program at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center.

**Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center**
Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed on Sundays. Located just off the Tuolumne Road, along the roadway leading to Tuolumne Lodge, shuttle stop #13. Trail information, wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, maps, and guidebooks available.

**WHAT TO DO**

**Tuolumne Meadows**

**Vogelshag Peak can be reached on foot (a strenuous 8 mile hike) via the Tuftofft Creek trail from Tuolumne Meadows. The Vogelshag High Sierra Camp can be reached 6 miles in on the same trail.**

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### Special Events

**Parsons Memorial Lodge**
These morning programs begin at 9:00 a.m. and last approximately 1 hour. Most programs take place in the Parsons Memorial Lodge from either Lower Yosemite parking area or the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Admission is free.

**HELP THE AHWAHNEE CELEBRATE 75 YEARS!**
July 13 & 14
Special programs will occur throughout the day, Saturday and Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Stop by the Ahwahnee for more information on these activities.

10:00am
**Bringing the Music Home**
1 hr. Vintage music and history program

11:30am
**Fashion of the Tumultuous Twenties**
1 hr. Vintage clothing display and history program

2:00pm
**Shaking the Blues Away**
2 ½ hrs. Live music, tea dance, and lesson

5:00pm
**Art Deco & The Ahwahnee**
1 hr. Slide show and presentation

6:00pm
**Pianist Tom Bopp**
3 hrs.

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### Yosemite Valley

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#### Free Art Classes

Free, informal outdoor classes in various art media are available for adults through the Art Activity Center, located at the east end of Yosemite Village next to the Village Store. Classes begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue through 2:00 p.m.

**July 1-7**
- Doug Castleman Watercolor
  July 8-14
- Don Fay Watercolor
  July 15-21
- Jesus Zepeda Pastel/Charcoal

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

- **NPS** = National Park Service
- **AAC** = America Alpine Club
- **AAG** = The Ansel Adams Gallery
- **YCS** = Yosemite concession Services
- **YA** = Yosemite Association
- **YI** = Yosemite Institute
- **$** = Programs offered for a fee

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Visit the Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona.

July 2 - July 15, 2002

**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 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 Friday and Saturday evenings, explore the night sky with a ranger (canceled if the sky is overcast). Bring warm clothing.

**Wawona & Mariposa Grove**

**Crane Flat, Big Oak Flat and White Wolf**

**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 209/379-1095.

**Big Oak Flat Wilderness Center**
Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday through Friday; 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Located inside the Information Station. Wilderness permits, trail information, bear canister rentals, books, and maps.

**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 (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 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 pole 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).

**Ranger Programs**
Please check the bulletin boards at Crane Flat, Big Oak Flat, and White Wolf for upcoming ranger programs.

**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 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, and Japanese).

**Mariposa Grove Tram Tour**
Trams run every day in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias for a 1-hour tour through theoren 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**
Giant sequoia displays open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in the Upper Grove. A sales area offering books, maps, and information is open Friday through Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**DISTANCE & ELEVATION**

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