July 16 - July 29, 2002

Yosemite Valley

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 stops #9 and #41). Information, maps, books, exhibits, and a multiday program One Day in Yosemite.

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 captioning available. Assisted Listening Devices are available at the Valley Visitor Center in Spanish, French, Dutch, and Japanese for hearing impaired speakers of English.

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

FEATURES
Museum Gallery
Open 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 basketweaving, beadwork, and/or traditional games are presented.

Yosemite Museum Store
Open 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 Ahwahnee’s skills and culture.

Yosemite Cemetery
This historic cemetery is located across the street and just next to 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 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village between The Ansel Adams Gallery and the Open Post Office. One-stop resource for backpackers in Yosemite Valley or if scaring is still available, at the time of performance. Most shows are given in the East Auditorium located behind the Valley Visitor Center in Yosemite Village, 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 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-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 wondrous 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 double parking spaces near the lake. The self-guiding trail begins here.

The Legacy of Curry Village is an easy 0.3-mile loop commemorating the early days of Camp Curry. Pick up a map and guide at the Curry Village front desk or tour desk.

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Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center
Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and display. 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 1/2-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 Sundays. From July 13 to August 24. Look for these listings in the Scheduled Events section of Yosemite Today.

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

Shuttles travel between Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Old Storm Point with stops along the Tioga Road including Tuolumne Campground and the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. The shuttle also makes two morning (8:00 a.m. and noon) and two afternoon (1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.) runs to Tioga Pass.

Service begins at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge at 7:00 a.m. Shuttle buses arrive at approximately 30-minute intervals between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The last shuttle bus leaves Old Storm Point at 6:30 p.m. Schedules 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 8-10 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 8 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, lunch, and rain gear. End your perfect day with a Music Walk. This easy, early evening stroll will impress and delight.

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

A campfire for children is scheduled Wednesday at the Conness Circle in the “C” loop of the campground. End your day with a Star Program or Night Prowl. 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 Prowl at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center.
SUNDAY | JULY 15-21
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7:30am HIK TO MIRROR LAKE (July 21 only)
6 hrs. 4.5 miles, moderate to strenuous
11:00am Ranger Walk—Marced Meanders
2 hrs. Sentinel Bridge Shuttle stop #1
11:00am WILDERNESS QUILT PROJECT (July 28 only)
1 hr. 15 min. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)
10:00am Ranger Walk—Yosemite’s First People
1 hr. 15 min. Behind Valley Visitor Center & Nature Center at Happy Jack
1:00pm EARTHY TUNES AND NATURE NUTS
1 hr. 15 min. Yosemite Lodge Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)
7:00pm Twilight Stroll
1 hr. The Ahwahnee patio (YCS)
8:00pm WEE WILD ONES
½ hr. (Kids 6-8 months) Stories and activities
10:00pm Twilight Nature Walk
1½ hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS)
8:00pm Evening Program
1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)
July 21
EARTHY TUNES AND NATURE NUTS
July 28 John Muir’s Wilderness University
8:00pm Evening Program
1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS)
FIlm—Ansel Adams, Photographer
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (AGA)
7:00am GRAMMY SIKES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY
1 hr. Near Yosemite Lodge sign upbriefs at any lodge tour desk $ (YCS)
10:00am To Wawona & 2 hrs. to 4:00pm
Stage Line Bus Ride
10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove
1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)
10:30am Visit Yosemite’s Past
1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center
Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS)
2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove
1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)
1:00pm Visit Yosemite’s Past
1 hr. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center
Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS)
8:00pm Campfire!
1 hr. Wawona Campground Campfire Circle (NPS)
9:00am GRAMMY SIKES OVER WAWONA (July 22 only)
Sign up briefly at any lodge tour desk $ (YCS)
7:40pm Sunset Talk
½ hr. Glacier Point Parking Lot (NPS)
8:00pm Campfire
1½ hr. Bridalveil Creek Campground Circle (YCS)
9:00am Ranger Hike—Mono Pass
6-8 hrs. 8-10 miles, moderate
Mono Pass Trailhead
Bring lunch, water, and raingear
10:00am Special—About Climbing
2 hrs. Lembert Dome parking area (NPS)
2:00pm Ranger Walk—View from the Top
2 hrs. Mtn. at Poofy dome shuttle stop #4, road marker T-29
Special Event—Tambourine Tales Told by Two (July 21 only) 1 hr.
Allow 10 minutes to walk to Yosemite Memorial Lodge (NPS)
Special Event—John Muir’s Last Journey (July 28 only) 1½ hr.
Allow 10 minutes to walk to Yosemite Memorial Lodge (NPS)
8:00pm Campfire
1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)
10:00am Ranger Walk—Monarch Pass
1½ hrs. Mariposa Grove parking area
2:00pm Ranger Walk—Ancient Bristlecone Pine
2 hrs. Ebbetts Pass Road (NPS)
8:00pm Campfire
1 hr. White Wolf Campground Campground (NPS)
MONDAY | JULY 22 & 29
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8:00am Camera Walk
2 hrs. Sign upbrief at the Ahwahnee Front Desk (YCS)
10:00am Ranger Walk—Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1904
1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)
2:00pm Ranger Walk—Trees
1½ hrs. The Ahwahnee, shuttle stop #3
7:00pm WEE WILD ONES
½ hr. (Kids 6-8 months) Stories and activities
10:00pm Ranger Walk—Old-Fashioned Campfire with the RECylced String Band
1½ hrs. Tickets at the Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk $ (YCS)
8:00pm Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories with John Muir
1½ hrs. Visitor Center East Auditorium
Tickets at the Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk or at the door $ (YCS)
8:00pm Evening Ranger Program
1 hr. Lower Pines Amphitheater
Program—Sacred Balance
1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS)
Evening Program
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS)
9:00am Special Event
1½ hr. Wawona Campground Campfire Circle (NPS)
7:40pm Sunset Talk
½ hr. Glacier Point Parking Lot (NPS)
9:00am Ranger Walk to McGurk Meadow & Cabin
2 hrs. Pioneer Spring at Bridalveil Creek Campground
7:40pm Sunset Talk
½ hr. Glacier Point Parking Lot (NPS)
9:30am Ranger Walk to the Loch
2 hrs. Lembert Dome parking area
2:00pm Ranger Walk—Indians in the High Country
2 hrs. Lembert Dome parking area
8:00pm Campfire
1 hr. Wawona Campground Campfire Circle (NPS)
TUESDAY | JULY 23 & 30
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6:30am Sunrise Photo Walk
1½ hrs. Sign upbrief at Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk (Kodak)
9:00am Photography Walk
2 hrs. Space limited
Sign up at The Ansel Adams Gallery
Weather permitting (AAG)
10:00am Ranger Walk—Grizzlies and Ice
1½ hrs. Lower Yosemite Fall parking area, near shuttle stop #4
Photo, Tips, Demos, & Answers
1 hr. (prompt) Behind the Valley Visitor Center (Kodak)
2:00pm Ranger Talk/Walk—Bears
1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater
7:00pm JUNIOR RANGERS
1 hr. (Kids 7-10)
Lower Pines Amphitheater
7:30pm Yosemite Theater Live—Campfire with John Muir
1½ hrs. Near Curry Village
Tickets/Information at any lodge tour desk $ (YCS)
8:00pm Yosemite Theater Live—Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a 4th Marriage: Stories of a Pioneer Woman
1½ hr. Visitor Center East Auditorium
Tickets available at the Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk or at the door $ (YCS)
8:30pm Evening Program
1½ hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (AGA)
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8:00am Yosemite in Pictures
1½ hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (Kodak)
Evening Program
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (YCS)
8:30am Sunset Talk
½ hr. Glacier Point Parking Lot (NPS)
8:00pm Campfire
1½ hr. Bridalveil Creek Campground Circle (YCS)
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Giant Sequoia
Photo by Sara Harvell

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Crane Flat, Big Oak Flat, and White Wolf

Big Oak Flat Information Station
Open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 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
Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday through Friday; 7:30 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. Hike closed to cars, but 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 in 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 Cray 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 3 hours for the 4-mile round-trip hike to this grove of about 20 sequoias.

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

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 some evenings, a star program will be co-hosted by rangers and volunteers from astronomical societies. Bring warm clothing. On Friday evenings, photographers will not want to miss the Alpenglow Photo Shoot, led by representatives from Kodak (in association with Yosemite Concession Services).

See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

Evening Programs at Hill’s Studio
Open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 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 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 209/754-5251.

Wawona Wilderness Center
Open 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.

Wawona Information Station at Hill’s Studio
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Tuolumne Grove of Big Trees, a cluster of about 20 sequoias. Allow 3 hours for the 4-mile round-trip hike to this grove of about 20 sequoias.

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