Yosemite Valley

Valley Visitor Center
Open 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9). Information, maps, books, exhibits, and a multipurpose One-Day in Yosemite program. No food or drink permitted. Open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. No food or drink permitted.

Yosemite Museum
Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. No food or drink permitted. Ansel Adams Gallery
Located behind the Yosemite Museum and open during daylight hours. There is sometimes the need for demonstrations or programs about Ahwahnee 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 7:30 to 6:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village between The Ahwahnee and the post office. One-stop resource for backpackers in need of wilderness permits, bear canisters, maps, and guidebooks. Displays and information on permit planning, minimum impact camping techniques, and Yosemite’s wilderness.

Nature Center at Happy Valley
Open 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, lake, and fen. You can also see 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 #15. No food or drink permitted.

The Ansel Adams Gallery
Open 9:00 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, handcrafts, books, gifts, photography supplies, and cameras/tripod rentals are available. For more information, call the Gallery at 209/372-4413 or visit their web site at www.anseladams.com.

GALLERY EXHIBIT
August 19-September 30
This late summer exhibit will feature the color photography of Charlie Craig, including new works highlighting the spring and summer seasons of Yosemite. Craig is a recognized master printer now using the latest technologies to produce his fine art prints.

Le Conte Memorial Lodge
Open Wednesday through Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Located at shuttle stop #12. The Le Conte Memorial Lodge, Yosemite’s first public visitor center, is operated by the ski patrol. It features a children’s corner, 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 East Auditorium located behind the Valley Visitor Center in Yosemite Village near shuttle stop #3. See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times. No food or drink permitted.

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-mile trail that begins in front of the Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5. It winds through Cook’s Meadows and explores the changes that have led to the Yosemite we experience today.

Mirror Lake Interpretive Trail is a short loop trail adjacent to Mirror Lake, a drained lake in Tenaya 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 disabled parking spaces near the lake. The self-guiding trail begins here.

The Legacy of Curry Village is an easy stroll commencing the early days of Camp Curry. Pick up a map and guide at the Curry Village front desk or tour desk.

Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center
Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 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 Tuolumne Meadows and hike to the place where John Muir and Robert Underwood Johnson camped 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 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 Tuoga Pass. Due to limited trailhead parking, use of the free shuttle bus 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 (9:00 a.m. and noon) and two afternoon (1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.) runs to Tuoga Pass.

Service begins at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge at 7:00 a.m. Shuttle buses begin at approximately 30-minute intervals between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The last shuttle bus leaves Olmsted Point at 6:30 p.m. Schedules are subject to change. Please check 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 6-10) 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 inspire and delight.
**Yosemite Valley**

**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. Each day class begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m.

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

| NSP | National Park Service |
| AAA | American Alpine Club |
| AAG | The Ansel Adams Gallery |
| YCS | Yosemite Concession Services |
| YA | Yosemite Association |
| YI | Yosemite Institute |
| $ | Programs offered for a fee |

**Indicates programs accessible for visitors in wheelchairs.**

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### Scheduled Events

**Parsons Memorial Lodge**

*These programs begin at 8:30 p.m. and last approximately 1 hour. Allow 30 minutes walking time to Parsons Memorial Lodge from either Lembert Dome parking area or the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Admission is free.*

**Saturday and Sunday**

August 17-18

**Sixth Annual Tuolumne Meadows Poetry Festival**

*Sandi Meeker, G.C. Heroux, and Patti Timm with guest Bill Herzog.*

August 24

**Ansel Adams in Tuolumne Meadows**

Michael Adams, M.D., son of Virginia and Ansel Adams

**Meadows Poetry Festival**

*Meet the Composer, Inc. is provided with the support of National Endowment for the Arts, NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center, and Poets & Writers, Inc. through a matching grant from the Irvine Foundation. Funding from the LeConte Memorial Lodge and Yosemite Valley Parks Volunteers.*

**Free Art Classes**

Each day class begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m.

**August 12-18**

*Susan Trinningham Oil Pastels August 19-25*  
Anne Thiemann Pastel/Shotting August 26-September 1  
Jan Schaffer Watercolor

**Snowy Ridge**

**10:00am to 11:00am**  
Ranger Walk—Along the River

1.5 hrs.

**2:00pm to 3:00pm**  
Ranger Walk—Trees

1.5 hrs.

**Glacier Point**

**2:00pm**  
**Ranger Walk**

**3 hrs.**

**4:00pm**  
**Sunset Talk**

**5 hrs.**

**Tuolumne Meadows**

**10:00am to 11:00am**  
**Special—About Climbing**

2 hrs.

**11:00am**  
**Ranger Walk**—Animals

2 hrs.

**1:00pm**  
**Ranger Walk—Along the River**

2 hrs.

**8:00pm**  
**Campfire**

**White Wolf Golf Club Pool**

**10:00am**  
**Ranger Walk—Bears**

2 hrs. White Wolf Lodge parking lot
**THURSDAY, August 15, 2002**

**9:00am**
Sunrise Photo Walk $$$

**9:30am**
Ranger Walk to Wawona $$$

**10:00am**
Ranger Walk—Puppy Dome $$$

**10:30am**
Ranger Talk/Walk—Bears $$$

**11:00am**
Make a Nature Quilt $$$

**12:00pm**
Lunch, Yoga and Meditation $$$

**1:00pm**
Ranger Talk/Walk—Bears $$$

**1:30pm**
Ranger Walk—Wawona $$$

**2:00pm**
Ranger Talk/Walk—Bears $$$

**2:30pm**
Ranger Walk/Campfire $$$

**3:00pm**
Ranger Walk—Birds $$$

**3:30pm**
Ranger Walk—Puppy Dome $$$

**4:00pm**
Ranger Talk/Walk—Bears $$$

**5:00pm**
Ranger Walk—Wawona $$$

**6:00pm**
Sunset Photo Walk $$$

**7:00pm**
Twilight Stroll $$$

**8:00pm**
Yosemite Theater Live—Sarah Hawkins $$$

**9:00pm**
Yosemite Museum (NPS) $$$

**10:00pm**
Sleep under the Stars $$$

**11:00pm**
Museum of Natural History $$$
August 13 - 26, 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 seldom-visited waterfall.
See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

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 Thursday 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.
Illustration: Lawrence Ormsby

Wawona & Mariposa Grove

Wawona Information Station at Hill’s Studio
Open 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 uphill. For more information call 209/757-9531.

Wawona Wilderness Center
Open 8:20 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 campground! 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 pavilion in the “B” loop of the campground. Join parks photographer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby, Tuesday through Saturday, 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 hand-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 interpretive 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. $3/adult and $1.50/child (ages 3-12). See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

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 turn-barrowing area. The access road to the Grove may close intermittently due to limited parking.

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 in Spanish, German, French, and Japanese.

DISTANCE & ELEVATION

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Mariposa Grove Tram Tour
Tour 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
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.

Crane Flat, Big Oak Flat, and White Wolf

Big Oak Flat Information Station
Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 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: 209/379-1019.

Big Oak Flat Wilderness Center
Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located inside the Information Station. Wilderness permits, trail information, bear canister rentals, and limited map sales.

Yosemite's Other Sequoia Groves

Tuolomne Grove
The Tuolomne Grove at Giant Sequoia is near Crane Flat at the intersection of the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West) and the Tioga Road. The western entrance of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the Tuolomne Grove of Big Trees, a cluster of about 25 sequoias. Some close 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 steepness on the uphill return. Once in the Tuolomne Grove, there is an easy half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

Merced Grove
Yosemite’s quietest stand of sequoias 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 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 1½ hours for the 4.6-mile round-trip hike to the grove, about 20 sequoias.

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

WHAT TO DO