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Upper Yosemite Fall and ice cone
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We are always looking for ways to improve our visitor publications. You can help by sending your comments or ideas to ansel2@nps.gov or to 3090/10.

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SUNDAY

10:00am WEE WILD ONES
45 min. Stories and songs to encourage children to love nature. (YCS) S

1:30pm Ranger Walk—Merced Meanders
1 1/2 hrs. Restricted to shuttle stop #11

3:00pm FIRESIDE STORYTELLING
1 hr. The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace

Yosemite Theater—John Muir Stories in Ice and Snow
(February 16 only)
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Cliff Room
Tickets at door or at Tour Desk (YCS) S & F

Film—Ansel Adams, Photographer
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (YAC) S

MONDAY

8:30am Cameras Walk
Except March 4
2 hrs. Sign/meet up at The Ahwahnee front desk (YCS) S

1:30pm Ranger Walk—Yosemite’s Legacy
1 1/2 hrs. Front of Valley Visitor Center

7:30pm Evening Program
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings for venue (NPS) S

THURSDAY

11:00am Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter
2 hrs. Badger Pass A-frame
Wear warm clothing and boots for this moderate/strenuous walk. Snowshoes provided, although not recommended for children under 10 yrs.

1:30pm Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter
(February 16 only)
See description above

4:00pm Full Moon Snowshoe Walk
(February 16 only)
2 hrs. No experience required

See description above

NOTE: Snowshoe walks will be cancelled if the Badger Pass Road is closed; or if weather conditions are too severe.

FEBRUARY 15 AND MARCH 1
8 HOURS

10:30am Winter Photography in Yosemite
Curry 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 camera/rental items are available. For more information, call the Gallery at 209/372-4413 or visit their web site at www.anseladams.com.

Through February 12
Freemont Moments, the inspirational color work of acclaimed local photographer, Keith Walklet. The color photographs portray the intimate details of Yosemite Valley and the drama of the Sierra Nevada high country.

February 13 - March 4
A group show by exceptional black and white photographers, Kerri Roski, platinum prints, Jeff Conley, silver gelatin prints, and Klaude Chickens, carbon prints. This show highlights the diversity of printing techniques used to visually communicate the individual expression of these artists’ images.

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Join park staff for an afternoon of crafts, walks, and winter fun! 

FEBRUARY 15 10:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Curry Village Community Center
Drop in or stay for the entire day!

JOSEYMITE OUTDOOR ADVENTURES
Yosemite Association Special Program
Snowshoe Explorations with a Naturalist
FEBRUARY 15 AND MARCH 1
Most at 8:15 a.m. at the Yosemite Lodge Front Desk
Winter Photography in Yosemite
MARCH 24 - 26 Multi-day program in Yosemite Valley
Call The Yosemite Association at 209/379-2212 for details on both programs.

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TUESDAY

1:30pm Ranger Walk—Yosemite in Winter
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge parking area shuttle stop #11

7:30pm Evening Program
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NPS = National Park Service
YCS = Yosemite Concession Services
YA = Yosemite Association
AAG = Ansel Adams Gallery
S = Program offered for a fee

Indicates programs and facilities accessible for people in wheelchairs, with assistance.
Badger Pass, California’s oldest operating ski area, is the center of Yosemite ski and snowboarding activity during the season. It is located at 7,200 feet in elevation and is a 1-hour drive from Yosemite Valley on the Glacier Point Road. There are 10 lifts, 3 ski lifts, downhill and cross-country, and 10 runs. Snowshoe trails are available at the Badger Pass A-frame. Call 209/372-1000 for ski conditions.

Badger Pass Bus

Ride the free bus to Badger Pass Ski Area (bus begins running when ski area opens for the season). Bus and weather conditions permitting, the bus leaves daily from Curry Village at 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Yosemite Village at 7:40 a.m. and 10:10 a.m., and Yosemite Lodge at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The bus arrives at Badger Pass at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Return buses leave Badger Pass at 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Several buses operate on busy days. Allow at least one hour for a one-way trip. Additional information is available at hotel front desks.

**Full Moon Snowshoe Walks**

February 12 – 16

Join an interpretive for a 2-3 mile walk in a moonlit winter wonderland. Watch the moon rise over majestic firs at Badger Pass. No experience necessary; however, this program is not recommended for children under 10 as it is moderately strenuous. Visit a tour desk in Yosemite Valley or call 209/372-1240 or 559/252-4848 for required advance reservations.

**Sequoia Groves in Winter**

**Mariposa Grove**

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, located at the southern-most end of Yosemite, is the largest stand of giant sequoias in the park (about 500 trees). Allow 1-1/2 hours driving time from Yosemite Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the parking area; however, many giant sequoias can be seen from there. From the parking area, all trails in the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias are uphill. The trailhead is located at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the Grizzly Giant provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations of these signs are available at the trailhead (German, French, Spanish, Japanese).

In winter, the access road to the Grove is closed due to snow. Once the access road is closed, add an extra hour or two for the 2-3 mile walk from the South Entrance of the park to the Grove.

**Merced Grove**

Yosemite’s quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, accessible only by foot. It’s a 2-mile hike or ski 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 Station, the trailhead is marked by a post labeled “M-10” and a road sign. Allow about 3 hours for the 4-mile round-trip hike or ski to this small group of sequoias (about 25 trees).

**Tuolumne Grove**

The Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of the Big Oak Flat Road and the Tioga Road. The former route of the old Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the Tuolumne Grove, a cluster of about 25 sequoias. Now closed to cars, this 2-mile round-trip walk or ski is relatively easy, depending on conditions; however, it is moderately strenuous on the uphill return.

**WHAT TO DO**

**February 4 - March 3, 2003**

**Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias**

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**Wawona**

Pioneer Yosemite History Center

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.

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