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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

7:00am The Birds of Spring
   (April 27 only)
6 hrs. See details below (VCS) $ 

8:30am Program—Of All the Mountains I’ve Climbed
   (May 4 only)
1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge
Shuttle stop #12

10:00am WEE WILD ONES
   45 min. Stories and survive geared for children 3 and under
   The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace (VCS) $ 

2:00pm Ranger Walk—Marcel Meanders
   1 1/2 hrs. Sentinel Bridge parking area
   shuttle stop # 11

7:30pm Ansel Adams Film
   1 hr. Yosemite Lodge, check local postings
   for film selection and venue (VCS) $ 

8:00pm Evening Program—A First Hand Look
   at Search and Rescue in Yosemite
   (May 4 only)
1 hr. LeConte Memorial Lodge
Shuttle stop #12

2:00pm Ranger Walk—Yosemite’s Legacy
   1 hr. Front of Valley Visitor Center

8:00pm Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories
   with John Muir
   (April 21 only)

9:00am Photography Walk
   1 1/2 hrs. Curry Village amphitheater
   Meet on The Ansel Adams Gallery porch

8:00pm Evening Program
   1 hr. Check local postings for venue (VCS) $ 

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.

April 14-20

Fealing Lin
   Pen/Pencil on Watercolor

April 21-27

Anne Longman
   Watercolor

April 29-May 5

Robert Dvorak
   Watercolor

Valley Visitor Center

Open 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle stop 4 and #5). Information, maps, books, exhibits, a multimedia One Day in Yosemite program, and self-registration for wilderness permits.

Yosemite Museum

Located in the ahwahnee, 1st floor of Yosemite Village next to the Village Store. Open 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 traditional skills are presented. No food or drink permitted.

Indian Cultural Exhibit

Open 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 traditional skills are presented. No food or drink permitted.

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 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.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 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.

Yosemite Valley Outdoors

A Writer’s Walk in Yosemite

APRIL 19, 2003 at 9:00 a.m., 6 hrs.
Meet at in front of Valley Visitor Center
Call The Yosemite Association at 209/379-2321 for details.
**WHAT TO DO**

**ESDAY**

9:00am Photography Walk

2:00pm Ranger Walk—Yosemite's First People
1½ hrs. Back of Valley Visitor Center

8:00pm Evening Program–Yosemite’s First People
1 hr. Check local postings for venue (NPS/YCS). $ (except April 19)

**THURSDAY**

2:00pm Spring Stroll with a Ranger
1 hr. Front of Valley Visitor Center (NPS)

8:00pm Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories with John Muir (April 18th only)
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Cliff Room
Actor Lee Stetson portrays Muir telling some of his best tales. Tickets at Yosemite Lodge tour desk $ (YCS). $.

Evening Program—Back Home in the Mountains: Stories of Friends in Yosemite Valley
May 2 only 1 hr.
LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle stop #12

Evening Program
1 hr. Check local postings for venue (NPS/YCS). $.

**FRIDAY**

9:00am Photography Walk

8:00pm Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories with John Muir (April 19th only)
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Cliff Room
Actor Lee Stetson portrays Muir telling some of his best tales. Tickets at Yosemite Lodge tour desk $ (YCS). $.

Evening Program—3D Slide Show of National Parks
May 3 only 1 hr.
LeConte Memorial Lodge. Shuttle stop #12

Evening Program
1 hr. Check local postings for venue (NPS/YCS). $.

**SATURDAY**

9:00am Photography Walk

A Writer’s Walk in Yosemite (May 4th only)
6 hrs. See details below (YA) $.

10:00am WEE WILD ONES
except April 19 45 min.
Stories and surprises geared for children 6 and under.
The Ahwahnee Great Lounge fireplace (YCS). $.

2:00pm Ranger Walk—Trees
1½ hrs. The Ahwahnee, shuttle stop #3

3:00pm Fine Print Viewing
1½ hrs. Very limited space. Sign up in advance.
The Ansel Adams Gallery (YAG).

5:00pm Spring Twilight Stroll
except April 19
1 hr. The Ahwahnee outdoor patio (YCS). $.

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Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater

**FEASIVE**

**FEATURE**

A Glimpse of the Wawona Miwok Indians Before the Gold Rush

Every Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A talk and hike exploring Native American culture and natural history. Wear long pants and shoes or boots suitable for hiking. Meet at the Crane Flat parking lot (NPS).

**FREE Shuttle Bus**

Beginning April 15 (road and weather conditions permitting), you can ride the free shuttle bus to the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. This service will operate daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with stops originating at the Wawona Store. For more information, call 209/372-1240.

**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. $.

**Big Oak Flat**

Big Oak Flat Information Station
Beginning April 15, open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch).
Station is located past the marina at the Big Oak Flat Entrance Station (Highway 120 West), and offers park orientation material, trail information, books, and maps. Phone 209/379-1899. $.

**CELEBRATE EARTH DAY, JOHN MUIR’S BIRTHDAY and NATIONAL PARK WEEK**

**APRIL 21 at 8:00 p.m.**
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater

**Celebrate Earth Day!**
Clean Up Projects and Special Programs
**APRIL 22, All Day in Yosemite Valley**

**Wawona**

**Sequoia Groves**

**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 1½ 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 three 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-mile walk from the South Entrance of the park to the Grove.

**Tram Tour**
Beginning May 5 (weather permitting), tram operate daily for a 1-hour tour of the upper and lower grove.

**Merced Grove**

Yosemite’s quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, accessible only on 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 B-10 and a road sign. Allow about 3 hours for the 4-mile round-trip hike or ski to the small group of sequoias (about 20 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 Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the Tuolumne Grove, a cluster of about 25 sequoias. Now closed to cars, the 2-mile round-trip walk or ski is relatively easy, depending on conditions; however, it is moderately strenuous on the uphill return.
**Park Facilities and Services**

All hours are subject to change

**ATM**
- Yosemite Village
  - South of Valley Store (Bank of America)
- Inside Village Store

**Curry Village**
- Inside gift/grocery store

**Wawona**
- Inside Wawona Store

**El Portal**
- On Highway 140 at the Yosemite View Lodge and the El Portal Market

**General Park Information**

**Emergency 911**
- Fire – Police – Medical Emergency: Dial 911, 24 hours a day from hotel room 9-911

**Road and Weather**
- General Park Information 209/372-0200 www.nps.gov/yose
- Campground Reservations 800/438-5291 reservations.nps.gov

**Medical**
- Yosemite Medical Clinic
  - Emergency care: 24 hours daily
  - Drop-in and Urgent Care
    - Daily 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Scheduled Appointments
  - Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - Saturday 9:00 a.m. to noon
- Located on Ahwahnee Drive in Yosemite Valley, the clinic provides routine and emergency medical care for park employees, residents, and visitors. Experienced nursing staff, emergency physicians, nurse practitioners, and support staff on duty. Services include a limited pharmacy, lab, x-ray, physical therapy, and Mountain Crisis Services for victims of domestic violence. 209/372-4617

**Paramedic/Ambulance Service**
- 24 hours daily

**Dental Services**
- Adjacent to Main Office. For hours, call 209/372-4617.

**Services For Disabled**
- An accessibility brochure is located at park entrance stations and visitor centers. Accessibility information is also available online at www.nps.gov/yose.
- Wheelchair rental available at Yosemite Medical Clinic, 209/372-4617, and the Yosemite Lodge bike rental stand, 209/372-1208.

**Accommodations**
- For advance reservations or information (rooms or activities), call 510/352-4680, or www.yosemitepark.com.
- For availability on day of arrival, check at any front desk.

**Recreation**
- **General Information**

**YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL AND GUIDE SERVICE**
- Yosemite Mountaineering School and Guide Service offers courses and guided climbing at all levels, overnight backpacking, and guided day hikes to spectacular areas of Yosemite Valley, reservations required.
- **Curry Village**
  - Fishing
    - 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
    - Closed for lunch
    - Closed on Sunday
- **Yosemite Lodge**
  - Fishing
    - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Bicycles**
- Bikes, trailers, baby-joggers, schwinners, and six-speed bikes with trailers. Hourly and daily rates. Bikes must be returned by 4:15 p.m.

**Rental Carer Cant самого**
- Available for 5-day park at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, Yosemite Village Store, Curry Village Sport Shop, Curry Village Mountain Shop, Crane Flat Store, Wawona Store, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station.
- Canters may be returned at any rental location in the park.

**Auto Service, Towing, and Repair (AAA)**
- Village Garage
  - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - Closed for lunch.
  - Tow service 24 hour, Emergency gasoline 10 ppm available. 209/372-8120

**Service Organizations**
- **Al-Anon**
  - Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
  - YCS General Office Building
  - (Conference Room) Yosemite Village
- **Alcoholics Anonymous**
  - Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday 7:30 p.m.
  - YCS General Office Building
  - (Employee Training Center), Yosemite Village
- **Narcotics Anonymous**
  - 6:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday 7:30 p.m.
  - YCS General Office Building
  - (Employee Training Center), Yosemite Village
- **Lions Club**
  - Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at noon, The Ahwahnee.
  - Call 209/372-4475 for information.

**Religious Services**
- **YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH**
  - 209/372-4831
  - Pastor Brent Moore
- **YOSEMITE VALLEY CHAPEL**
  - Chapel Worship and Children’s Church
  - Sunday 9:15 a.m.
  - YCS Sunday School Service
  - Thursday 7:00 p.m.
- **EL PORTAL COMMUNITY CHURCH**
  - (Christian Protestant)
  - CROSSWAY CHURCH
    - Rev. Raymond J. Duffy 209/372-4729
  - YCS General Office Building
  - (Executive Conference Room) Yosemite Village

**Tours**
- **Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk**
  - 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - Sundays, Tuesday
  - 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday

**VALLEY FLOOR TOUR**
- This 20-mile, 2-hour motor coach tour departs several times daily from Yosemite Lodge. For hours at any tour desk. Conditions permitting. Beginning May 1, all tours will be conducted by National Park Service Rangers.

**Wilderness Permits**
- All wilderness areas are closed for the season. Anyone going overnight into Yosemite’s back- country must have a wilderness permit. You can self-register at any of the following locations: Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, Big Oak Flat Information Station, Wawona Information Station at Hetch Hetchy, the Tuolumne Meadows Vit-Hut, Badger Pass A-frame, or Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station.

**Crossroads**
- East Road is closed for the winter. Plan reservations. During the winter, use military vehicles.
- Bran can remain active throughout the winter. Visitors heading into Yosemite’s wilderness areas are highly encouraged to use less resistant food carabiners. They are required in some areas; check at visitor centers or online at www.nps.gov/yose/wilderness/blacksheetstorage.htm

**Showers & Laundromat**
- **SHOWERS**
  - Curry Village
  - 24 hour LAUNDROMAT
  - Yosemite Lodge

**Recycling**
- Village Store Recycling Center
  - Noon to 4:00 p.m.
  - Monday
  - Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday only
  - Bottles and cans may also be returned to place of purchase or park gas stations

**Post Offices**
- **Main Post Office – Yosemite Village**
  - Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
  - Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
  - **Yosemite Lodge Post Office**
    - Monday – Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
    - Friday 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
  - **Wawona Post Office**
    - Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
    - Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
  - **El Portal Post Office**
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