Yosemite Valley

Valley Visitor Center
Open 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #8). Information, maps, books, exhibits, and a multimedia One Day in Yosemite program.

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 5:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center’s newly remodeled West Auditorium Theater.

Closed captioning available. No CC.

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

FEATURES

Museum Gallery
Open 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 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.

Yosemite Museum Store
Open 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 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 Ahwahneecker skills and culture.

Yosemite Cemetery
This historic area is only accessible by walking. There are two trails, both flat and both 1/2 mile long. See the map of Yosemite Meadow’s area in this paper. Parsons Memorial Lodge is usually open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Historic, McCauley Cabin has an open house from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday. The Soda Springs are small naturally carbonated springs that often attract birds and deer at sun- rise and sunset.

Free Olmsted Point/ Tuolumne 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 trailhead parking, use of the free shuttle buses 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.) trips from 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 Olmsted Point at 6:00 p.m. Schedules are subject to change. Please check main maps at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center or shuttle bus stops for details.

Patrick is also a conservator of fine photographic printers for galleries and private collectors as well as an instructor of photography at Monterey Peninsula College.

Le Conte Memorial Lodge
Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 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 Sierra Club and features a children’s corner, library, and a variety of environmental education and evening programs. For more information, call 209/372-4413 or visit their website at www.sinclarium.com.

GALLERY EXHIBIT
Through July 30th
The Gallery presents the black and white photography of Patrick Jablonski. His dynamic prints are a tremendous example of contemporary photographers inspired by the western landscape.

Just for Kids
Programs for children include Junior Rangers, two days a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays and a kids’ campfire program on Wednesday night. Junior Rangers is a 2-hour ranger-led program for children (ages 8-10).

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 4 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.

Evening Activities
Come to the Dasa Campfire Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground and take part in a tradition! Join a ranger for campfire, songs, 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 Curry Cascades 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.

WHAT TO DO

Tuolumne Meadows

Yosemite Valley

What's Happening In Yosemite Valley Today

July 1 - 14, 2003

Welcome to Yosemite Valley.

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### Free Art Classes

| July 1 - 8 | Jim Murray | Sketching/Drawing |
| July 7 - 13 | Don Fay | Watercolor |

Programs offered for:

- Programs are especially for children and their families.
- Special Events are for children 6 and under.
- Campfires are open to the public.
- Special Events are for adults through the Art Activity Center, located at the east end of Yosemite Village.
- Each day class begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m.

#### Scheduled Events

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- Check local bulletin boards for additional program information.
### 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-seen 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 Saturday evenings, photographers will not want to miss the Allergem Photo Shoot, led by representatives from Kodak (in association with Yosemite Concession Services).

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Illustration by Lawrence O’Day

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### Wawona & Mariposa Grove

**Wawona Information Station at Hill’s Studio**
Open 8:00 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 art studio of famous 19th century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Hill’s Studio was the gallery and art studio of the Information Station. Wilderness permits, trail information, bear canister rentals, books, and maps.

**Evening Programs**
Come to a campfire! Share in a park tradition by joining a ranger for an hour of stories, legends, and fun. Programs vary each night and are posted in the Wawona Campground. Meet at the Information Station. Wilderness permits, trail information, bear canister rentals, books, and maps.

**To Get to Mariposa Grove**
You are cordially invited to join the staff of the Pioneer Yosemite History Center for an old-fashioned celebration on the 4th of July! Activities include a parade, speeches, and games such as Gunny Sack Races, Three Legged Races, Egg Toss, and Tent Toss. Of Top-Win. For people of all ages, at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Free Mariposa Grove & Wawona Shuttle Bus**
The shuttle bus stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Shuttles operate throughout the day beginning at 9:00 a.m. Last shuttle leaves the Grove at 6:00 p.m. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the shuttle bus. Due to narrow roads and very limited parking, shuttles are strongly encouraged to use this free bus service to help alleviate congestion and lengthen parking delays.

**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.

**Mariposa Grove Tram Tour**
Trams run 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 and story-telling books, maps, and information open daily 9:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Located in the upper portion of the Mariposa Grove.

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### Big Oak Flat, Big Oak Flat, and White Wolf

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**Wilderness Permits**
Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located inside the Information Station. Wilderness permits, trail information, bear carinster 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 highest 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 post labeled B-10 and a road sign. Allow 3 hours for the 4-mile round-trip hike to this group of about 20 sequoias.

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