**Road Info**

Due to construction, you may experience short delays or temporary detours on some park roads. Call 209/372-0200 for recorded road information.

**Easy Access to Lower Yosemite Fall**

During construction at Lower Yosemite Fall, you are encouraged to park in the designated day-visitor lot at Yosemite Village and take the free shuttle bus as you explore the Valley. Shuttle buses run every 10 minutes from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and all are wheelchair lift equipped. See route on map below.

**Shuttle Bus Route**

- Roadway
- Shuttle Bus Only
- Shuttle Bus Drop
- Trailhead
- Bike Path
- Campground
- Picnic Area
- Food Service
- Lodging
- Store
- Restroom
- Accessible Parking

**Shuttle Bus Map**

**Visitor Center** Located in Yosemite Village. Park and walk or take the free shuttle bus.

**PARK HERE**

- From the Valley via Southside Drive (one way)
- Just beyond Chapel, turn left at the stop sign onto Sentinel Drive
- Drive over bridge at stop sign, turn right
- PARKING AREA is located on Northside Drive

**Detailed Trail Maps**

Detailed trail maps are available for purchase at visitor centers and stores throughout the park. See the Yosemite Guide for descriptions of Valley day hikes.

**Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Map**

**Yosemite National Park**

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**YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM**

For bus schedules to and from the Yosemite area, call 1-877-98-YARTS or visit YARTS online at www.yarts.com

**Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park**

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**Ride the Free Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus**

Shuttle buses operate daily at 10-minute intervals. All buses follow the same route, serving stops in numerical order.

**SCHEDULE**

7:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

1. Yosemite Village/Day Parking
2. Yosemite Village
3. The Ahwahnee
4. Yosemite Village/Degnan’s Complex
5. Visitor Center
6. Lower Yosemite Fall
7. Camp 4/Upper Yosemite Fall Trailhead
8. Yosemite Lodge
9. Visitor Center
10. Yosemite Village
11. Sentinel Bridge/Yosemite Chapel
12. Housekeeping Camp/LeConte Memorial Lodge
13. Curry Village Rental Center
14. Curry Village Registration Desk
15. Curry Village Parking
16. Upper Pines Campground
17. Happy Isles/John Muir Trailhead
18. Mirror Lake Junction
19. Stable
20. Lower Pines Campground
21. Curry Village Parking
22. Curry Village Rental Center

**WHERE TO GO**
Valley Visitor Center
Open 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9). Information, maps, books, and exhibits. TTY. 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 Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Sunday noon to 6:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center Theater. Closed capturing available.

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. Historic 19th and 20th century Yosemite landscape paintings from the park's museum collection.

Indian Cultural Exhibit
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 Miwuk and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Demonstrations of traditional skills are presented. No food or drink permitted.

Yosemite Store
Open 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.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. Occasionally, Indian Cultural Program staff provide demonstrations or programs about Ahwahnechee 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 Ahwahnee history and culture. Program staff provide demonstrations or programs about Ahwahnee history, skills, and the museum.

Wilderness Center
Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village between The Ansel Adams Gallery and the post office. One-stop resource for backpackers in need of wilderness permits, bear canisters, maps, and guidelines. Displays and information on pre-trip planning, minimum impact camping techniques, and Yosemite’s wilderness.

Nature Center at Happy Isles
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 toward nature-augmenting for families. Nearby are shuttles trained on the area’s four different environments; forest, meadow, fall, and fen. You can also see substantial evidence of the huge forest, river, talus, and fen focusing on the area’s four different environments; nature-exploring for families. Nearby are short trails offering traditional American Indian arts and crafts and books on related subjects.

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 McCauley Cabin and Soda Springs This historic area is only accessible by walking. There are two trails, both flat and both 1/2-mile long. See the map of Tuolumne Meadows 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 various times. Free Olmsted Point/Tuolumne/ Tioga Pass Shuttle Bus Free shuttle 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. Shuttle service travels 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 (3:00 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 Olmsted Point at 6:00 p.m. Schedules are subject to change. Please check route maps at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center or shuttle bus stops for details.

The Ansel Adams Gallery
Open 9:30 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/interpreters are available. For more information, call the Gallery at 209/372-4413 or visit their web site at www.anseladams.com.

GALLERY EXHIBIT
Through - September 4 Color photography by Jeff Grandy. Jeff has lived and worked in Yosemite almost continuously since 1978. In Jeff’s words, “I enjoy both the artistic and technical nature of photography. The act of looking for and creating new images both relaxes and energizes me. I find beauty and savor in the landscape. Endless combinations of color, form, texture, shadow and light intrigue me . . .”

LeConte Memorial Lodge
Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tours 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The LeConte Memorial Lodge, Yosemite’s first public visitor center, is operated by the Sierra Club and features a儿童’s corner, library, and a variety of environmental education and evening programs. For more information, call 209/372-4542.

Yosemite Theater Live
Help Yosemite Theater celebrate its 22nd season! Live actors perform each of the four shows on a stage in the Visitor Center Theater behind the Yosemite Visitor Center (shuttle stop #5 & #9). Hear the adventure/surprise tales and antics of John Muir. Share the journey by wagon across the plains to California with fenny pioneer Sarah Hawkins. Join the Story Quillers for an evening of storytelling about the natural world, or hear from Ron Kauk about his relationship to Yosemite through rock climbing with filmmaker Sterling Johnson. Tickets are $12/adult and $6/children 12 and under and can be purchased in advance at any tour desk or at the door (if available). See scheduled events pages for dates and times.

Hike with Yosemite Mounta ineering School
Learn about flora, fauna, climbing or the history of Yosemite. Have fun with an easy geology lesson! Two hikes are led daily beginning at 9:00 a.m. Sutied for hikers 16 and older, this moderate-to-park hike explores the Valley. At 1:30 p.m., an easy hike is offered for all ages, which explores the “backyard” of Ahwahnee. Each hike begins at the Ahwahnee and lasts 3/4 hours. The cost is $40 per person and tickets can be purchased at the Ahwahnee Concierge or the Front Desk. Call Yosemite Mounta ineering School at 209/372-0284 for more information.

Visit the Gallery at 209/372-4413 or visit their web site at www.anseladams.com.

El Captain from Tunnel View Photo by Colleen Brown

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T u o l u m n e  M e a d o w s

Tuolumne Meadows

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 6-10).

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 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 gear. End your perfect day with a Music Walk. This easy, evening stroll will inspire and delight.

Evening Activities
Come to the Dana Campfire Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground and take part in a tradition! Join a ranger for campfire, songs, story-telling, 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 is scheduled Wednesday at the Comness Circle in the “C” loop of the campground. End your day with a Star Program or Night Sky. Bring a pad to sit on the Star Program and dress warmly. Programs will be canceled if the sky is overcast. Sign-up for the Night Sky at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center.

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center
Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located just off the Tioga Road, along the road leading to Tuolumne Lodge, shuttle stop #3. Trail information, wilderness permits, bear carcass rentals, maps, and guidelines available.

WHAT TO DO
Special Events

PARSNS MEMORIAL LODGE
These inspiring programs begin at 2:00 p.m. and last approximately 1 hour. Allow 30 minutes walking time to Parsons Memorial Lodge from either Lambert Dome parking area or the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Admission is free.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14
Ooslalavin Singers
A performance of Native-inspired music by young singer led by ham-
pered dancer driver Malcolm Dalghish and singers Atora Smiley, Naomi Daleigh and Joshua Karlin.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15
Albegation: Our Pulsing Earth
Slide presentation by Jeff Maurer, Rapist Biologist.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
AUGUST 21 & 22
8th Annual Tuolumne Meadows Poetry Festival
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Poets Gary Short, Patti Stobie, Olaha Zepida, and guitarist Bill Hartwig. This event is supported by Poets & Writers, ASCAP, and Virgil Thomson Foundation.

Yosemite Valley Free Art Classes
Free, informal outdoor classes in various art mediums are available for adults through the Yosemite Art Center, located at the east end of Yosemite Village next to the Village Store. Classes are Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Free Art Classes
Programs printed in color are especially for children and their families.

NPS = National Park Service
DNC = Delaware North Companies at Yosemite
AAG = Yosemite Association
SC = Sierra Club
YA = Yosemite Association
YF = Yosemite Fund
$ = Program offered for a fee
Indicates programs accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

Composing, Inc. is provided with the support of a recording by young singer led by Ham- leen Dalghish, and Joshua Kartes. This event is supported by Poets & Writers, ASCAP, and Virgil Thomson Foundation. Free Art Classes are especially for children.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22
5:00 pm Family Bird Walk
Yosemite National Park is a sanctuary for many birds. Join a Ranger or naturalist for a walk in search of these birds.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23
10:00 am Ranger Walk—Yosemite’s First People
Join a Ranger for a 1-hour talk and presentation of the Miwok and Wawona tribes. Meet in front of Visitor Center (NPS).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24
7:00 pm Sunrise Photo Walk
Meet at Ahwahnee Hotel parking lot, near the Ahwahnee. Join a Ranger for a 1-hour photo walk in Yosemite Valley. Tickets at any tour desk $ (DNC).

Special Events

Yosemite Valley Scheduled Events

**Yosemite Valley**

**August 22**

8:00 am Family Bird Walk 2 hrs. Meet in front of Visitor Center (NPS)

10:00 am Ranger Walk—Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier 1 hr. Face of Visitor Center (NPS)

2:00 pm Writing Poetry From Nature Workshop 2 hrs. Sign-up in advance (DNC/NPS)

3:00 pm Junior Rangers 1½ hrs. For kids 7-12, accompanied by parent Meet at Happy Isles Nature Center (NPS)

Bear Walk 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)

4:45 pm WILD WEE ONES 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC/NPS)

8:00 pm Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories with John Muir: Adventures 1 hr. Visitor Center Theater Tickets at any tour desk $ (DNC)

**August 23**

8:00 am Ranger Walk—Yosemite’s First People 1½ hrs. Behind Valley Visitor Center (NPS)

Art Class 1 hr. Yosemite Art Center

3:00 pm Junior Rangers 1½ hrs. For kids 7-12, accompanied by parent Meet at Happy Isles Nature Center (NPS)

Bear Walk 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)

6:45 pm WILD WEE ONES 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC/NPS)

8:00 pm Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories with John Muir: Adventures 1 hr. Visitor Center Theater Tickets at any tour desk $ (DNC)

10:00 am Starry Skies Over Yosemite 1 hr. Meets near Yosemite Lodge Sign-up/details at any lodge tour desk $ (DNC)

10:00 am Junior Ranger—Yosemite 1½ hrs. Yosemite Art Center

9:30 am Nature in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

10:00 am Campfire 1 hr. Yosemite Campground Campfire Circle (NPS)

2:00 pm Nature in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Nature Point Trailhead (NPS)

3:00 pm Sunset Walk 1½ hrs. Nature Point trailhead (NPS)

5:30 pm Astronomy 1½ hrs. Behind Valley Visitor Center (NPS)

6:00 pm Nature in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Nature Point Trailhead (NPS)

11:45 pm Yosemite Art Center

**August 24**

10:00 am Nature in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Nature Point Trailhead (NPS)

3:00 pm Campfire 1 hr. Yosemite Campground Campfire Circle (NPS)

4:00 pm Junior Ranger—Yosemite 1½ hrs. Yosemite Art Center

5:00 pm Nature in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Nature Point Trailhead (NPS)

6:30 pm camper drive through Yosemite Valley 1½ hrs. Behind Valley Visitor Center (NPS)

3:00 pm Nature in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Nature Point Trailhead (NPS)

11:45 pm Yosemite Art Center

**August 25**

10:00 am Morning in Hatchet Valley 2 hrs. Meet near Yosemite Lodge (NPS)

6:00 pm Twilight Walk—Tramping with the Trees 1½ hrs. Meet in front of Wawona Lodge (NPS)

8:00 pm Astronomy (August 15 only) 1½ hrs. Meet in front of Wawona Lodge (NPS)

10:30 am Yosemite’s Bears (August 15 only) 1½ hrs. Meet in front of Wawona Lodge (NPS)
WEDNESDAY
August 18, 2004

7:00am
sunriseWalk
1 hr. Sespe Arch (NPS)

10:00am
rangerWalk—merced meanders
1 hr. Sentinel Bridge, shuttle stop 41 (NPS)

Art Class
4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center
Photo Demonstration for Traditional & Digital Cameras
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (Kodak)

3:00pm
JUNIOR RANGERS
1 1/2 hrs. For kids 7-12, accompanied by parent
Meet at Happy Isles Nature Center (NPS)

Bear Walk
1 hr. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

6:00pm
Moe Wu Eh
1 hr. Meet behind Visitor Center (NPS)

6:45pm
WEE WILD ONES
45 min. Stories and activities for kids 4 and under
Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (NPS)

7:00pm
OLD-FASHIONED CAMPFIRE & SING-ALONG
(August 17 only)
1 hr. Near Curry Village. Tickets/information at any lodge tour desk $ (DNC)

8:00pm
Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories with John Muir: Animals
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater

CAMPFIRE
1 hr. Yosemite Valley Campground (Kodak)

Domes and Meadows—Wild Stories
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209/372-4025 $10 donation for materials

9:00pm
PHOTOGRAPHY WALK
2 hrs. Limited space, advance sign up required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery conditions permitting (DAG)

10:00pm
EXPLORE YOSEMITE FAMILY PROGRAM
3 hrs. Hike with a naturalist, for kids 4-12 Tickets/information at any lodge tour desk $ (DNC)

10:30pm
Ranger Walk—mirror lake hike
3 hrs. Bring water; it’s a nice, easy hike
Shuttle stop 17 (#P)

Art Class
4 hrs. Yosemite Art Center
Photo Demonstration for Traditional & Digital Cameras
1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (Kodak)

9:00am
Explore the naturalista de Mariposa Grove
1 hr. Parking at the parking lot at the edge of the Mariposa Grove (NPS)

10:00am
Horse-Drawn Stage Rides
10 min. Purchase tickets at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center $ (NPS)

10:00am
Blacksmith Demonstration
10 min. Purchase tickets at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center $ (NPS)

8:00pm
Campfire (August 17 only)
1 hr. Wawona Campground Campfire Circle (NPS)

8:00pm
sunriseWalk
1 hr. Sespe Arch (NPS)

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Blacksmith Demonstration
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2:00pm
Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove
1 hr. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

8:00pm
Campfire (August 17 only)
1 hr. Wawona Campground Campfire Circle (NPS)

7:15pm
Sunset Walk
1 hr. Glacier Point viewpoint (NPS)

7:15pm
Stars Over Yosemite
1 hr. Glacier Point viewpoint (NPS)

6:45pm
Alpenglow Photo Shoot
1 hr. Glacier Point Amphitheater (Kodak)

7:15pm
Sunset Walk
1 hr. Glacier Point viewpoint (NPS)

8:15pm
Stars Over Yosemite
1 hr. Glacier Point viewpoint (NPS)

7:30am
rangerWalk—birds
1 hr. Limited Dome parking area
Brocures are available (NPS)

5:30am
rangerWalk—giant basin
1 hr. Strusmann Trail (NPS)
5:30am
rangerWalk—tulip basin
1 hr. Tuolumne Meadows Parking at Tuolumne Pass.

10:00am
rangerWalk—domes and meadows
2 hrs. Purchase Dome shuttle stop 49 Road marker T-29 (NPS)

10:00am
KIDS CAMPFIRE
1 1/2 hrs. Cozy Circle, Loop C, Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)

8:00pm
Campfire (August 17 only)
1 hr. Crane Flat Campground (NPS)

8:30pm
Campfire (August 17 only)
1 hr. Crane Flat Campground (NPS)

7:30pm
Twilight Walk
1 hr. Easy walk. Meet in front of White Wolf Lodge (NPS)

7:30pm
Coffee With A Ranger
1 hr. Bring a mug, coffee provided
White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS)

6:00pm
Campfire
1 hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS)

8:00pm
Campfire
1 hr. White Wolf Campfire Circle (NPS)

7:00am
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10:00am
KIDS CAMPFIRE
1 1/2 hrs. Cozy Circle, Loop C, Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)
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 weekends, join a ranger and an astronomical society for a night with telescopes. Meet at the Glacier Point amphitheater after the sunset talk. See Scheduled Events section for specific dates. Bring warm clothes.

Evening Programs
Come to a campfire! Share in a park tradition by joining a ranger for an hour of stories, legends, and an astronomical society for a night with telescopes. Meet at the Glacier Point amphitheater after the sunset talk. See Scheduled Events section for specific dates. Bring warm clothes.

Wawona Information Station at Hill’s Studio
Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, 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 Star parking area and follow the path up the hill. For more information call 209/379-9501.

Pioneer Yosemite History Center
Go back to a time of horse-driven wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center explores Yosemite’s history and explains how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world. The Center is always open, and interpretive signs and brochures are available.

LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS
See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

Blacksmith Shop
Smell the burning coal, hear the ring of the hammer on the anvil, and watch a demonstration of the ancient art of blacksmithing.

Experience Horse-Drawn Travel
Travel into history by taking a 10-minute ride. Tickets may be purchased from the stage driver near the Wawona Covered Bridge. $1/adult and $2/child (ages 3-12). See signs – 3-1/2.

To Get to Mariposa Grove
Allow 1 1/2 hours driving time to the Mariposa Grove entrance. Cans are prohibited beyond the park area, but vooral giant sequoias can be seen from here. Information about access for the disabled is available at the tram boarding area. The access road to the Grove may close intermittently due to limited parking. Trailers and motor homes are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road from the South Entrance to Mariposa Grove.

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, visitors are strongly encouraged to use the free bus service to help alleviate congestion and lengthy 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.

Crane Flat, Big Oak Flat, and White Wolf

Big Oak Flat
Information Station
Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch). 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. Park 209/379-1899.

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
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 Tuopa 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 900 feet (270 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 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.

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

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

Information

Road and Weather
Park General Information
209/372-2409

Campground Reservations
800/436-2777 reservations.nps.gov

www.nps.gov/yose/access/park entrance stations, visitor centers, and day hikes to spectacular areas of Yosemite

YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING
Rental location in the park.

Yosemite Mountaineering School and Guide Shop, Tuolumne Meadows

YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING

(tuolumnegepark.com)

YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING

BICYCLE RENTAL
Daily, weekly or monthly, with hourly and daily rates. Baby-joggers, wheelchairs, and six-speed bikes with trailers. Bikes must be returned by 5:45 p.m.

Yosemite Lodge
8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. 209/372-1208

Curry Village
Located at shuttle stops #13 & 21
8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. 209/372-8319

RAFTING
Closed for season.

TRAIL RIDES
Blader poverty, 2- and 4-day rides daily. Daily rides, private rides, and pack trips into Yosemite's spectacular wilderness may be arranged. Contact reservations.

Yosemite Valley
Located at shuttle stop #18
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-8348

Wawona
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SWIMMING POOL
Curry Village
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Yosemite Lodge
Lap swim 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
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GOLFING
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9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Glacier Point Tour
A 4-hour round trip from Yosemite Valley to Glacier Point. The Glacier Point Tour is available for one-day fee at the starting point. Bikes are available from the campground.

Big Trees Tram Tour
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South of Valley Store (Bank of America) Inside Valley Store

YOSEMITE LODE
Inside main registration area

Curry Village
Inside gift/souvenir store

Wawona
Inside Wawona Store

El Portal
On Hwy. 140 at Yosemite View Lodge and the El Portal Market

MISCELLANEOUS

Babysitting
Limited babysitting available for registered guests at Yosemite Lodge and The Ahwahnee. Call front desk or convince for additional information.

Kennel
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Located at the stable in Yosemite Valley. Dogs must be pet, over of proof of shots and license required. 209/372-8348

Services Organizations

Al-Anon
5:00 p.m. Wednesday
DNC General Office Building (Executive Conference Room) Yosemite Village

Alcoholics Anonymous
8:30 p.m. Sunday
7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
DNC General Office Building

Narcotics Anonymous
7:30 p.m. Saturday
DNC General Office Building

Lions Club
Meet Thursdays for lunch at noon in The Ahwahnee.

Rotary International
Meets Thursdays for lunch at room in The Ahwahnee Hotel. Meetings open to all community. For meeting reservations, call 209/372-1401.

Religious Services

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH (Nondenominational Christian)
Pastor Brent Moore 209/372-4831

Worship Service
Yosemite Valley Chapel
9:15 a.m. Sunday (Chapel at Church and Nursery available)
11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday
7:30 p.m. Thursday

Campground Worship Services
Louser Point (Tuolumne Valley), Wawona, Yosemite Lodge, Yosemite Village 5:00 p.m. Sunday

ROMAN CATHOLIC
Rev. Raymond J. Duffy 209/372-4729

Mass in Yosemite Valley
Village Post Auditorium
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Mass in Wawona
Community Gym (Old School House)
Saturday 6:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Pastor Ron Skelton 209/379-2307
El Portal Chapel
Worship Service
Saturday 9:00 a.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
Yosemite ValleySacrament Sunday Service
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
Don Murray, Coordinator 209/379-0614
Yosemite Valley at Lower River Amphitheater. Across Bridge from Housekeeping Camp

Sabbath School
Saturday 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service
Saturday 11:00 a.m.

CROSSWAY CHURCH
(Dr. Christian Pentz)
Pastor Steve Hughes 209/372-2418

Worship Service
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Lower River Amphitheater
Sunday 7:00 p.m. Curry Village Community Center

EL PORTAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Pastor Russ Marsh 209/379-2255
El Portal Chapel
Worship Service
First and third Saturday 7:30 p.m.

Summer branch drop is an uncommon occurrence, but the weather reports and forecasts indicate certain conditions. Sudden branch drop occurs when long horizontal oak limbs without noticeable voids suddenly break and fall. While it is rare enough, it seems to coincide with hot, calm days following rainfall. On sunny summer days, avoid parking or standing below long, horizontal oak limbs, and don’t leave infants or anyone with impaired mobility in the shade area. If you have to move more often, stay in the shade of a tall pine, enjoy the exercise!

Tours

Tuolumne Meadows
Located at gas station
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-8344

Yosemite Lodge
8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. 209/372-1208

Curry Village
Located at shuttle stops #13 & 21
8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. 209/372-8319

RAFTING
Closed for season.

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Blade poverty, 2- and 4-day rides daily. Daily rides, private rides, and pack trips into Yosemite's spectacular wilderness may be arranged. Contact reservations.

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Night Sky Information

Take advantage of the opportunities in Yosemite to view the wonders of the night sky. Here are some sights to look for while you are out during the nighttime hours.

The planet Venus is the " morning star" this month. Look for Venus in the east at dawn shining brilliantly, with Saturn to its lower left, gradually gaining speed and moving away from the Sun. By September, the "morning star" will be the brightest star in the sky.

August 15 will be a good night to grab a blanket and lay out under the stars. After 10:00 pm, and an open view of the sky to enjoy the night sky.