**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.

**Road Info**
Due to construction, you may experience short delays or temporary detours on some park roads. Call 209/372-0200 or visit YARTS online at www.yarts.com for recorded road information.

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**Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Map**

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

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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

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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, resuming 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
Food & Beverage Service

These hours of operation are approximate. Current hours of operation are posted at each front desk or facility.

YOSEMITE VILLAGE
Dagman’s Delicatessen 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Dagman’s Café 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
The Loft at Dagman’s Noon to 9:00 p.m.
Village Grill 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

YOSEMITE LODGE
Coffee Corner 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Food Court Breakfast – 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Lunch – 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Dinner – 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Lifeguard served between meal periods.

Mountain Room Bar & Lounge
Saturday - Sunday: Noon to 10:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday: 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Mountain Room Restaurant
Saturday - Sunday: Noon to 10:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday: 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Pool Ice Cream
9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

THE AHWAHNEE
Dining Room Breakfast – 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Brunch – 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Lunch – 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Dinner – 5:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.
Reservations and appropriate attire are respectfully required. 209/372-4143

The Ahwahnee Bar
11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

CURRY VILLAGE
Coffee Corner 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Pavilion Buffet Breakfast Buffet – 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Dinner Buffet – 5:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Pavilion Bar Noon to 11:00 p.m.

Yosemite Village, Yosemite Lodge, and Curry Village
What’s Happening In
Yosemite Today

Experience Yosemite
America

August 24 - September 6, 2004

Yosemite Valley

Valley Visitor Center
Open 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 & #9). Information, maps, books, and gifts are subject to change. Indicate facilities accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

Experience the geologic story of rockfalls in Yosemite. The Center offers work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other fine artists. In addition, handbooks, books, gifts, photography supplies, and cameras/rental rentals 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 14
Color photography by Jeff Grandy. Jeff has lived and worked in Yosemite almost continuously since 1979. 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 stimulates me. I find beauty and solace 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. Located at shuttle stop #12. The LeConte 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 209/372-4412.

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 Valley Visitor Center (shuttle stop #5 & #9). Hear the adventurers’ tales and antics of John Muir. Share the journey by wagon across the plains to California with fancy pioneer Sarah Hawkins. Join the Story Quilters 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 $40/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 Mountaingeering School
Learn about flora, fauna, climbing or the history of Yosemite! Have fun with an easy geology lesson! Two hikes are lead daily beginning at 9:00 a.m. Sutied for hikers 16 and older, this moderate-paced 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 Mountaingeering School at 209/372-0344 for more information.

Yosemite Outdoor Adventures
These programs are offered for a fee.

High Country Day Hikes
AUGUST 26-29
7:00 a.m.

The Story Behind the Scenery: The Ridge of the Tuolumne Meadows Region
SEPTEMBER 4
8:30 a.m.

Fall Birding in Tuolumne Meadow
SEPTEMBER 5
7:30 a.m.

For details, call the Yosemite Association at 209/379-2331 or visit www.yosemite.org, or check at the Valley Visitor Center.

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, flowerers, 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, bring water, lunch, and sun 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, 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 Comstock Circle 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. For more information, see the Visit 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 roadway leading to Tuolumne Lodge, shuttle stop #3. Trail information, wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, maps, and guidebooks available.

What to Do

WHAT TO DO
### Scheduled Events

#### SUNDAY
August 30 & September 5

- **7:30am** SUNRISE ADVENTURE WALK TO MIRROR LAKE
  - 2 hrs. (SC)
  - Meet at Mirror Lake Trailhead (NPS)

- **10:00am** Ranger Walk—Yosemite’s First People
  - 1½ hrs. Behind Valley Visitor Center (NPS)

- **2:00pm** WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP
  - 2½ hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge (DNC)

- **3:00pm** Ranger Walk—A Walk with the Mariposa Indians
  - 1½ hrs. New Mariposa Grove Trailhead (NPS)

- **6:15pm** WEE WILD ONES
  - 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)

#### MONDAY
August 30 & September 6

- **10:00am** Ranger Walk—Yosemite’s First People
  - 1½ hrs. Behind Valley Visitor Center (NPS)

- **3:00pm** Ranger Walk—Trees
  - 1½ hrs. The Ahwahnee, shuttle stop #3 (NPS)

- **6:15pm** WEE WILD ONES
  - 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (NPS)

- **7:00pm** OLD-FASHIONED CAMPFIRE & SING-ALONG
  - 1½ hrs. Near Curry Village. Tickets/information at any lodge tour desk (DNC)

- **8:00pm** Yosemite Theater Live—Wild Stories with John Muir: Adventures
  - 1½ hrs. Center for Environmental Education. Tickets at any tour desk (DNC)

#### TUESDAY
August 31 & September 7

- **7:00pm** Stars Over Yosemite
  - 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)

- **8:00pm** Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove
  - 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

- **8:30pm** Evening Programs
  - 1½ hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC)
  - Check local postings for topics

#### Wednesday
September 2

- **8:00am** Stars Over Yosemite
  - 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC)

- **10:00am** Ranger Walk—Yosemite’s Past
  - 1½ hrs. Pioneer Yosemite History Center Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS)

- **11:30am** Horse-Drawn Stage Rides
  - 1½ hrs. Parking Shuttle stop #13 (DNC)

- **2:30pm** Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove
  - 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

- **8:30pm** STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY
  - 1½ hrs. From any tour desk (DNC)

#### Thursday
September 3

- **8:00am** Stars Over Yosemite
  - 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC)

- **10:00am** Ranger Walk—Yosemite’s Past
  - 1½ hrs. Pioneer Yosemite History Center Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS)

- **11:30am** Horse-Drawn Stage Rides
  - 1½ hrs. Parking Shuttle stop #13 (DNC)

- **2:30pm** Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove
  - 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

- **8:30pm** STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY
  - 1½ hrs. From any tour desk (DNC)

#### Friday
September 4

- **10:00am** Ranger Walk—Yosemite’s Past
  - 1½ hrs. Pioneer Yosemite History Center Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS)

- **11:30am** Horse-Drawn Stage Rides
  - 1½ hrs. Parking Shuttle stop #13 (DNC)

- **2:30pm** Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove
  - 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

- **8:30pm** STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY
  - 1½ hrs. From any tour desk (DNC)

#### Saturday
September 5

- **10:00am** Ranger Walk—Yosemite’s Past
  - 1½ hrs. Pioneer Yosemite History Center Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (NPS)

- **11:30am** Horse-Drawn Stage Rides
  - 1½ hrs. Parking Shuttle stop #13 (DNC)

- **2:30pm** Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove
  - 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)

- **8:30pm** STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY
  - 1½ hrs. From any tour desk (DNC)

### Other Events

- **5:30pm** Twilight Stroll
  - 1½ hrs. Yosemite Park Hotel (ROC)

- **6:15pm** WEE WILD ONES
  - 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)

- **7:30pm** Evening Programs
  - 1½ hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC)
  - Check local postings for topics

- **8:00pm** Yosemite Theater Live—Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a Fourth Marriage
  - 1½ hrs. Center for Environmental Education. Tickets at any tour desk (DNC)

- **8:30pm** Evening Programs
  - 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC)
  - Check local postings for topics

- **9:00pm** Stories of a Pioneer Woman
  - 1½ hrs. Yosemite Park Hotel (ROC)
  - Meet at the Park Hotel (ROC)

- **9:30pm** Bear Walk
  - 1½ hrs. Yosemite Village Amphitheater (NPS)

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  - Meet at the Park Hotel (ROC)

## Programs Printed in Color

- Programs in color are especially for children and their families.

## 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 Stores. Classes are Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## Yosemite Valley

- Yosemite Valley is the centerpiece of Yosemite National Park. Here you’ll find Yosemite Falls, Half Dome, and the Ahwahnee. The Valley is a popular destination for visitors throughout the year, offering a wide range of activities and attractions.

## National Park Service

- DPS = Delaware North
- Companies at Yosemite
- AAG = The Ansel Adams Gallery
- YF = Yosemite Fund
- $ = Programs offered for a fee

## Contact Information

- **Center** 209/372-4726 (TTY) for Coordinator at 209/372-0296
- **Contact the Deaf Services** and hard of hearing visitors.

## Yosemite Poster

- August 23 - 29
- Pam Pederson
- Pen/Ink/Watercolor
- August 30 - September 4
- Rober Dvorak
- Watercolor
- September 6 - 11
- Pat Devitt
- Acrylic

## Schedule

- **August 29 & September 5**
- **August 30 & September 6**
- **August 31 & September 7**
- **September 2**
- **September 3**
- **September 4**
- **September 5**

## Event Information

- Thumbnail photos: Look for thumbnail photos of each event on the Yosemite Valley Visit Center, Yosemite Village, and Wawona Covered Bridge interpretive signs.
- Accessible programs: See the “Free Art Classes” page for information on programs accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.
- Contact information: For more information on events and activities, contact the Deaf Services Coordinator at 209/372-0296 (TTY) or your Ranger Walk guide. Contact the Deaf Services Coordinator at 209/372-1442 (TTY) for information or to request an interpreter.
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**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.

On some Saturday evenings, photographers will not want to miss the Ahwongs Photo Shoot, led by representatives from Kodak (in association with Yosemite Concessions Services). See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

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**Wawona & Mariposa Grove**

**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.

**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 Tuolumne 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. New to closed to cars, this 2-mile (3.2 km) round-trip has an elevation change of 900 feet (275 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.

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**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. Phone 209/379-1819.

**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.

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**WHAT TO DO**

**DIRECTION & ELEVATION**

**LOCATION DISTANCE FROM TRAILHEAD ELEVATION GAIN**

Grizzly Giant 0.8 mile /1.3km 400 feet / 122 meters

Grove Museum 2.1 miles /3.5km 800 feet / 292 meters

Fallen Tunnel Tree 2.5 miles /4.0km 1,000 feet / 305 meters

Wawona Point 3.0 miles /4.8km 1,200 feet / 365 meters

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**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
911, 24 hour a day (from hotel room 9-911)

Information

Road and Weather
General Park Information
(209)372-0200
Campground Reservations
800/416-2277

Medical

Yosemite Medical Clinic
Emergency/transportation
Drop-in and urgent care: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Appointments: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. to room Saturday
Located on Ahwahnee Drive in Yosemite Village, the Clinic provides medical and emergency medical care, 24-hour paramedic/ambulance services, limited pharmacy, lab, x-ray, physical therapy, and Mountain Crisis Services for victims of domestic violence. 209/372-4437

PAID Program
PAID Program is designed to protect park visitors and staff from sudden cardiac arrest. All automated external defibrillator (AED) cabinets have been placed in high-risk locations and are open and available to anyone in the event of a medical emergency. For more information about the PAID Program, contact the Yosemite Medical Clinic.

AEDs can be found at the following locations:
- Valley Visitor Center Village Store (Yosemite Village)
- Yosemite Lodge, Curry Village
- Registration Desk, The Ahwahnee
- Cranes Flat Store
- Wawona Hotel
- Glacier Point Gift Shop
- Yosemite Lodge*
- Curry Village *
- Wawona Store
- Wawona Wilderness Center
- Tuolumne Meadows
- Yosemite Valley Floor

For advanced reservations or information (rooms or activities), call 559/252-4848 or activities), call 559/252-4848

Accommodations

For advanced reservations or information (rooms or activities), call 559/252-4848 (www.yosemitepark.com)
For availability on day of arrival, check at any front desk.

Bear Canister Rental
Available for $5 per trip at the Yosemite Village Wilderness Center, Curry Village Mountain Shop, Big Oak Flat Wilderness Center, Crane Flat Store, Wawona Store, Wawona Wilderness Center, Tuolumne Meadows Mountaineering School and Sport Shop, Tuolumne Meadows Store, and the Wawona Hotel Entrance Station. Canisters may be rented or returned at any rental location in the park.

Recreation

YMCA Mountain Wrestling School and Guide Service
YMCA Mountain Wrestling School and Guide Service offers lessons and guided climbing at all levels, overnight backpacking, and guided day trips to access areas of Yosemite Valley and the high country.

Curry Village
Located in the Mountain Shop
8:30 a.m. to Noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Clues must be at 8:30 p.m. 209/372-4434

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

BICYCLE RENTAL
Daily, weekly rentals, with hourly and daily rates. Baby-joggers, wheelchairs, and six-speed bikes with trailers. Bikes must be returned by 5:00 p.m.

Yosemite Lodge
8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 209/372-1208

Canisters may be rented or returned at any location.

RAISING
Closed for season.

TRAIL RIDES
Walking permitted.
2- and 4-hour rides depart daily. All-day rides, private rides, and pack trips into Yosemite’s spectacular wilderness may also be arranged. Private horse handling is available. Call for reservations.

Yosemite Valley
Located at shuttle stop #18
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-8344

Wawona
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/375-6502

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

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

GOLFING
Wawona Hotel Golf Course
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
9-hole, par 35 course
Green fees: 9 holes $14.50, 18 holes $21.00

Tennis
Tennis and/or squash courts at various locations.

Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk
1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Yosemite Villages Tour Kiosk
7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Curry Village Tour Kiosk
7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Visitor Center-Yosemite Village
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SIGHTSEEING TOURS

Valley Floor Tour
This 26-mile, 2 hour-tram tour departs at 10:00, 11:00 a.m., and 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, and 4:00 p.m. daily from Yosemite Lodge to Yosemite Valley. Most tours are conducted by Yosemite National Park Rangers.

Glacier Point Tour
A 4-hour round trip from Yosemite Valley to Glacier Point. The Glacier Point Tour also offers a one-way ticket for adventurers to hike back down to Yosemite Valley. Departs at 11:00, and 1:30 p.m. daily from Yosemite Lodge.

Big Trees Tram Tour
Tram runs every day in the Mariposa Grove 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.* Call 209/375-1623 for information.

Grand Tour
An 8-hour combination of Big Trees and Glacier Point Tours. Departs 8:45 a.m. daily from Yosemite Lodge.

*Reservations permitted

Ranger-led tram tour
NPS Photo by Reja Surratt

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 not disturbed by the nighttime hours.

At the end of August, the planet Saturn will appear close to Venus ‘ lower left in the early morning sky. The brightest star at dusk is Vega, shining brightly overhead.
August 24 The planet Jupiter will shine to the right of the Moon after dusk.
August 29 Full Moon tonight, rising at 9:47 p.m. This month the Full Moon is called the Grain Moon, or the Green Corn Moon. September 2 This morning’s moon, Venus can be seen shining brightly close to Saturn. Look for these two planets to move further apart each morning.

General Services

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Yosemite Village
South of Village Store (Bank of America)
Inside Village Store
Inside main registration area
Curry Village
Inside gift/grocery 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 concierge for additional information.

Keno
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Located at the stable in Yosemite Valley. Dogs must be gentle, over 10 pounds, with proof of shots and license required. 209/372-8348

Religious Services

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH
(Protestant/Christian) Pastor Brent Moe 209/372-4831 Counseling provided. Call pastor for appointment.

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

Campground Worship Services
Lassen Pines (Tuolumne Valley), Wawona, White Wolf, Tuolumne Meadows
5:00 p.m. Sunday

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

Mass in Yosemite Valley
El Portal Center West Auditorium
Sunday 10 a.m.

Mass in Wawona
Community Center/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 Valley Sacramento Service Sunday 11:00 a.m.
South of Village Store (Bank of America)
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
Don Mur, Coordinator 209/372-0614 Yosemite Valley at Lower River Amphitheater, across bridge from Housekeeping Camp inside gift/grocery store

SABBATH CHAPEL
Saturday 11:00 a.m.

CROSSWAY CHURCH
(Christian Protestant) Pastor Steve Hughes 209/379-2418

EL PORTAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Pastor Russ Mond 209/379-2255
El Portal Chapel
Worship Service
First and third Saturday 7:30 p.m.
Second, fourth, and fifth Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Summer branch drop is an uncommon occurrence, but the weather reports and forecasts indicate prime conditions. Sudden branch drop occurs when long horizontal oak limbs without naturally viable defects 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 walking under long, horizontal oak limbs, and don’t leave infants or anyone with impaired mobility in the drop zone. If you have to move more often to stay in the shade of a tall pine, enjoy the exercise!