June 28 - July 11, 2005

Yosemite National Park

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

Don’t miss this award-winning, state-of-the-art film! Shown every 30 minutes at the Valley Visitor Center, free of charge. See map below for directions to Day Parking. Take shuttle to stop #5.

Pick up your free Yosemite Map and Guide at the Visitor Center.

DANGER! Heavy wet snowfall has created above average run-off and deceptively powerful currents. Use extreme caution while near rivers, streams, and waterfalls.

Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Map

Visitor Center

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

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

SCHEDULE
7:00 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 Registration Desk
14 Curry Village Parking
15 Upper Pines Campground
16 Happy Isles / John Muir Trailhead
17 Mirror Lake Junction
18 Stable
19 Lower Pines Campground
20 Curry Village Parking
21 Curry Village Rental Center

Ride the Free Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus

Shuttle buses operate daily at 15-minute intervals. All buses follow the same route, serving stops in numerical order. 5.

WHERE TO GO

YOARTE 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
Food & Beverage Service

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

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Degnan’s Delicatessen
7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Degnan’s Café
7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Loft at Degnan’s
Monday – Thursday: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday – Sunday: Noon to 9:00 p.m.

Village Grill
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

YOSEMITE LODGE

Coffee Corner
6:30 a.m. to 9:00 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 9:00 p.m.

Cone Stand at the Pool
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weather permitting

THE AHWANEE

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 1:30 p.m.
Dinner: 5:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

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 10:00 p.m.

Pizza Patio
 Noon to 10:00 p.m.

Taqueria
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

HAPPY ISLES

Snack Stand
11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Groceries

Yosemite Lodge Gift/Grocery
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Village Store
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Degnan’s Delicatessen
7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Housekeeping Camp
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Curry Village Gift/Grocery
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Gifts, Books, & Apparel

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

The Ansel Adams Gallery
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Yosemite Bookstore
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Yosemite Museum Store
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed for lunch

Village Store
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Habitat Yosemite
9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Sport Shop
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Yosemite Art Center
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wilderness Center
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NATURE CENTER AT HAPPY ISLES

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch)

YOSEMITE LODGE

Gift/Grocery
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Nature Shop
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

THE AHWANEE

Gift Shop
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Sweet Shop
7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

CURRY VILLAGE

Mountain Shop
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Gift/Grocery
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

WHERE TO GO
**Yosemite Valley**

**Visitor Center and Bookstore**
Open 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (hustle stops #5 and #9). Information, maps, books, and exhibits. **TV**

**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 to Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Sunday noon to 6:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center Theater. Closed during inflatable. **TV**

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

**FEATURES**

**Museum Gallery**
Historic 19th and 20th century Yosemite landscape paintings from the park’s museum collection including first known non-nativist work of Thomas Ayers of 1885 and freshly restored night scene by Albert Bierstadt.

**Indian Cultural Exhibit**
Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch). Displays interpret the cultural history of Yosemite’s native people, including the Miwuk and Pah-Ute, from 1500 to the present. Demonstrations of traditional skills are presented. No food or drink permitted.

**Yosemite Museum Store**
Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch). 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 Ahwahneechee skills and culture. **TV**

**Yosemite Cemetery**
The 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 the Yosemite Cemetery is available at the Valley Visitor Center.

**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 backcountry in need of wilderness permits, bear canisters, maps, and guidebooks. 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 national history exhibits, interpretive displays, and a bookstore geared to nature-exploring for families. Nearby are short trails focusing on the area’s four different environments: forest, meadow, lake, and fire.

You can also see substantial evidence of the huge 1996 rockfall from the Glacier Point cliff for above the Nature Center. An outdoor exhibit details the geologic story of rockfall in Yosemite. The Center is a short walk from shuttle bus stop #16. **TV**

**The Ansel Adams Gallery**
Located in Yosemite Village next to the Visitor Center. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Gallery offers the work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers and other fine artists. In addition, a wide selection of handcrafted, books, gifts and photography supplies are offered. Scheduled activities are based on the front porch of the Gallery. For more information, call 1-800-566-7309 or visit www.anseladams.com.

**GALLERY EXHIBIT**
Through July 25
Joseph Hodara is on the forefront of his craft. Using brilliant color, body composition, and technical ability, he expresses a sense of energy and life within his landscapes. His work is widely published and is found in both private collections and exhibiting galleries.

**Reception:** June 25th, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Light refreshments will be served.

**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 center, library, and a variety of environmental education and evening programs. For more information, call 209/372-4542.

**Yosemite Theater Live**
Come help Yosemite Theater celebrate its 22nd season! Shows are presented live in the Visitor Center Theater. Hear the adventuresome tales and antics of John Muir, share the journey by wagon across the plains to California withfrisky pioneer Sarah Hawkins, or hear from Ron Kuck about his relationship to Yosemite through rock climbing with filmmaker Sterling Johnson, or experience early park history from Park Ranger Sheldon Johnson as Cavalry Officer Elly Brown. Tickets are $8.00/adult, $4.00/children 12 and under, and are sold at the door (if available), or in advance at any tour desk. See above for dates and times. **TV**

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**Hetch Hetchy**

**Yest It’s Worth the Drive!**
Steep cliffs, lofty domes, and two of Yosemite's most beautiful and least famous waterfalls await those who go the distance. Few visitors know about Hetch Hetchy. Those who do assume that after the Tuolumne River was dammed over 80 years ago everything beautiful about the Hetch Hetchy region disappeared. Discover for yourself that beauty and solitude of Yosemite’s park. **TV**

**Waterfalls**
Tuolumne (TWO-lumne) and Wapama Falls both drop more than 1000 feet from cliffs on the north side of the river. It’s easy to see and photograph the two together. Late spring is the best time to view them, since Tuolumne dries up in early summer.

**Domes and Cliffs**
Look for Hetch Hetchy Dome on the north side of the reservoir and conical Kolara Rock on the south side. Kolara Rock is particularly notorious to park wildlife specialists as a breeding area for Peregrine Falcons.

**O’Shaughnessy Dam**
When 312 feet high O’Shaughnessy Dam was dedicated in 1923, it was the largest structure on the west coast. In spring and summer, water may pour over the spillway, creating an artificial waterfall.

**Day Hiking**
Take advantage of the easy scenic trail from the dam through the granite tunnel and on to Tuolumne and Wapama Falls. It’s about 5 miles round trip (2.5 km) and can be taken up to 4 hours. Beyond Wapama Falls, the trail to Rachieta Fall is an ambitious 2-day hike of approximately 13 miles (21 km). Another short trail leads from the Hetch Hetchy Entrance to Lookout Point, which provides a sweeping view of the northeast corner of the park.

**Backpacking**
The Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne, Laurel Lake, Lake Vernon, Jack Main Canyon, Ponderosa Valley and Smith Peak are a few of the scenic destinations backpackers can choose from in the Hetch Hetchy region. Lake Eleanor and Kibb Lake may also be reached from O’Shaughnessy Dam, but are more accessible from Stanislaus National Forest. Get a Wilderness permit and go! But don’t forget to bring along a bear canister, as bears are very active in Hetch Hetchy area.

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**Yosemite Outdoor Adventures**
These programs are offered for a fee.

**Backpacking the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne**
June 30 - July 4
Yosemite en Español
JULY 1
Investigating the Wildflowers of Tuolumne Meadows
JULY 2
Summer Birding in Tuolumne Meadows
JULY 3
Keep Bears Wild Research Project, Session 1
JULY 3 – 14
The Search for Life in the Universe; from Yosemite to the Milky Way
JULY 9 – 10
Junior Ranger Adventure
JULY 9
A Day at Twenty Lakes Basin
JULY 9
Following the Wildflowers: a Progressive Photography Exploration
JULY 9
Yosemite Valley Rim Wildflower Walk
JULY 10
A Hike with a View: Cloud’s Rest
JULY 10
Wildflowers of Forests and Meadows
JULY 10

For details, call the Yosemite Association at 209/379-3321 or visit www.yosemite.org, or check at the Valley Visitor Center.
### 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. Each day class begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m.

| June 27 – July 2 | Linda Mitchell Watercolor July 4 – 9 | Al Sottillo Acrylic July 11 – 16 | Doug Castleman Watercolor

Thursdays & Saturdays Art Class for Beginners Ages 8 – 80
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Limited space; reserve in advance. Supplies must be purchased.

### Program Information

- **NPS** = National Park Service
- **DNC** = Delaware North Companies at Yosemite
- **AAC** = American Alpine Club
- **SC** = Sierra Club
- **YA** = Yosemite Association
- **YSF** = Yosemite Fund
- **S** = Programs offered for a fee

Indicates facilities accessible for visitors in wheelchairs. Short steep inclines may be encountered. During the summer season, a sign language interpreter is available for deaf and hard of hearing visitors. Contact the Deaf Services Coordinator at 209/372-0296 (voice/TTY), or the Valley Visitor Center 209/372-4726 (TTY) for information or to request an interpreter. Advanced notice of 14 days requested. On occasion, shorter notice requests can be accommodated.

### Scheduled Events

**June 28 & July 5**

- **6:30 a.m.** Sunrise Walk (1½ hr. / adults) at Lower Glacier Point (NPS)
- **6:30 a.m.** Photography Walk 2+ hrs. Limited space. Advance sign-up required. Meet at the Ansel Adams Gallery, conditions permitting (AAC)
- **6:00 p.m.** Photographers Workshop (1½ hr. / ages 13+) at LeConte Memorial Lodge
- **10:00 p.m.** Stars over Yosemite (1½ hr. / ages 3+) at Yosemite Village Amphitheater
- **11:00 p.m.** Sunrise Walk (1½ hr. / adults) at Lower Glacier Point (NPS)

**July 6 & 11**

- **9:00 a.m.** Yosemite Open House 4 hrs. Learn the latest information regarding park improvement projects. Visitor Center Auditorium (NPS)
- **9:00 a.m.** Ranger Walk – Bears 1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater
- **9:00 a.m.** Photography Walk 1½ hr. Limited space. Advance sign-up required. Meet at the Ansel Adams Gallery, conditions permitting (AAC)
- **9:00 a.m.** Explore Yosemite Family Picnic 3 hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater
- **10:00 a.m.** Informational Talk about any tour desk (DNC)

**July 8 & 15**

- **10:00 a.m.** Visit Yosemite's Past (July 8 only) 1½ hrs. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center. Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (DNC)
- **2:00 p.m.** Knowledgeable Guide (DNC)
- **2:00 p.m.** Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center. Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (DNC)
- **9:00 a.m.** STARRY SKIES OVER WAWONA VALLEY (July 8 only)

**July 9 & 16**

- **10:00 a.m.** Visit Yosemite's Past (July 9 only) 1½ hrs. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center. Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (DNC)
- **2:00 p.m.** Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)
- **3:30 p.m.** Campfire 1½ hrs. Wawona Covered Bridge Area (NPS)
- **9:00 a.m.** STARRY SKIES OVER WAWONA (July 9 only)

**July 10 & 17**

- **10:00 a.m.** Visit Yosemite's Past (July 10 only) 1½ hrs. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center. Meet at Yosemite Village Amphitheater (NPS)
- **2:00 p.m.** Knowledgeable Guide (DNC)
- **2:00 p.m.** Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center. Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (DNC)
- **9:00 a.m.** STARRY SKIES OVER WAWONA (July 10 only)

**July 11 & 18**

- **10:00 a.m.** Visit Yosemite's Past (July 11 only) 1½ hrs. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center. Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (DNC)
- **2:00 p.m.** Knowledgeable Guide (DNC)
- **2:00 p.m.** Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center. Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (DNC)
- **9:00 a.m.** STARRY SKIES OVER WAWONA (July 11 only)

**July 12 & 19**

- **10:00 a.m.** Visit Yosemite's Past (July 12 only) 1½ hrs. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center. Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (DNC)
- **2:00 p.m.** Knowledgeable Guide (DNC)
- **2:00 p.m.** Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center. Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (DNC)
- **9:00 a.m.** STARRY SKIES OVER WAWONA (July 12 only)

**July 13 & 20**

- **10:00 a.m.** Visit Yosemite's Past (July 13 only) 1½ hrs. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center. Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (DNC)
- **2:00 p.m.** Knowledgeable Guide (DNC)
- **2:00 p.m.** Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center. Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (DNC)
- **9:00 a.m.** STARRY SKIES OVER WAWONA (July 13 only)

**July 14 & 21**

- **10:00 a.m.** Visit Yosemite's Past (July 14 only) 1½ hrs. Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center. Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (DNC)
- **2:00 p.m.** Knowledgeable Guide (DNC)
- **2:00 p.m.** Tour of Pioneer Yosemite History Center. Meet at Wawona Covered Bridge (DNC)
- **9:00 a.m.** STARRY SKIES OVER WAWONA (July 14 only)
WEDNESDAY June 28 & July 4

6:30am: Sunrise Photo Walk

9:00am: Explore Yosemite Family Program

10:00am: Ranger Walk—Yosemite Buffalo Soldiers

10:45am: Free Art Class

4:00pm: Trees at Yosemite

5:45pm: Photo Demonstration for Traditional and Digital Cameras

8:00pm: Yosemite Theater—Live

8:45pm: Evening Program

1:00pm: Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater

1:30pm: Yosemite in Pictures

9:00pm: STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY

THURSDAY June 29 & July 5

6:30am: Sunrise Photo Walk

9:00am: Photography Walk

10:00am: Children's PHOTO WALK

10:30am: Free Art Class

3:00pm: Ranger Walk—Yosemite Falls & Waterfalls

4:45pm: min. Resolution for Kids 6 & Under

7:00pm: OLD FASHIONED CAMPFIRE & SING-ALONG

7:30pm: OLD FASHIONED CAMPFIRE & SING-ALONG

8:00pm: Yosemite Theater—Live

8:45pm: Evening Program

1:00pm: Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater

1:30pm: Yosemite in Pictures

9:00pm: STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY

FRIDAY July 1 & 8

6:30am: Sunrise Photo Walk

9:00am: Explore Yosemite Family Program

10:00am: Free Art Class

3:00pm: Ranger Walk—Bears

6:00pm: Twilight Stroll

7:00pm: OLD FASHIONED CAMPFIRE & SING-ALONG

7:45pm: Photo Demonstration for Traditional and Digital Cameras

8:00pm: Yosemite Theater—Live

8:45pm: Evening Program

1:00pm: Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater

1:30pm: Yosemite in Pictures

9:00pm: STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY

SATURDAY July 2 & 9

6:30am: Sunrise Photo Walk

9:00am: Explore Yosemite Family Program

10:00am: Free Art Class

3:00pm: Ranger Field Trip

6:00pm: Ranger Walk—Rivers and Waterfalls

7:00pm: OLD FASHIONED CAMPFIRE & SING-ALONG

8:00pm: Outdoor Program

8:45pm: Evening Program

1:00pm: Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater

1:30pm: Yosemite in Pictures

9:00pm: STARRY SKIES OVER YOSEMITE VALLEY

WEDNESDAY July 12

10:00am: Visit Yosemite's Past

11:00am: Ranger Walk—Wildlife in Yosemite

2:00pm: Natural Walk in the Mariposa Grove

2:00pm: Horse-Drawn Stage Rides

3:00pm: Wet-Plate Photography Demonstration

3:30pm: Blacksmith Demonstration

3:30pm: Visit Yosemite's Past

10:00am: Visit Yosemite's Past

10:00am: Horse-Drawn Stage Rides

10:00am: Wet-Plate Photography Demonstration

10:30am: Blacksmith Demonstration

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10:30am: Horse-Drawn Stage Rides

10:30am: Wet-Plate Photography Demonstration

10:30am: Blacksmith Demonstration

10:30am: Visit Yosemite's Past

10:30am: Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove

10:30am: Campfire

7:15pm: Alpenglow Photo Shoot

8:30pm: Stars over Yosemite

10:00pm: Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove

10:00pm: Campfire

10:00pm: Stars over Yosemite

10:00pm: Ranger Field Trip

7:15pm: Alpenglow Photo Shoot

8:30pm: Stars over Yosemite

10:00pm: Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove

10:00pm: Campfire

10:00pm: Stars over Yosemite

10:00pm: Ranger Field Trip

WHAT TO DO
June 28 - July 11, 2005

Glacier Point

All activities pending opening of the road

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 Thursday evenings, photographers will not want to miss the Alpenglow Photo Shoot, led by representatives from Kodak (in association with Deluxe North Companies). Glacier Point is one of the best places in Yosemite to see the star. Star-gazing programs are offered on the weekends starting at 8:30 p.m.

See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

Illustration by Lawrence Greaney

Wawona & Mariposa Grove

Celebrate an Old-Fashioned 4th of July at Pioneer Yosemite History Center!
Activities include a parade, speeches, and games such as Gymn Sack Races, Three Legged Races, Egg Toss, and Tag-of-War. A fun time will be enjoyed by people of all ages. This celebration takes place at the Pioneer Yosemite History Center on July 4th between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Evening Programs
Come to a complete! Start it in a park tradition, by joining a ranger for an hour of stories, legends, and fun. Every Sunday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Program topics vary each night. Meet at the amphitheater at 8:00 p.m. in the Wawona Campground.

Join pianist/organist Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs songs and stories from Yosemite’s past. Once or twice a week, he will present an hour-long interpretive programs on the untold songs of Yosemite or the history of Wawona with slide or music accompaniment. Check with Tom at the piano for dates and times.

Wawona Information Station at Hill’s Studio
Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Closed for lunch) Information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, handi-camcorder 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 Store parking area and follow the path up to the hill. For more information call 209/375-9531.

Pioneer Yosemite History Center
Historic hand-drawn wagon exhibit, covered bridge and historic cabins. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center explores Yosemite’s history and explains how from the Yosemite; the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world. The center is always open and interpretive signs and brochures are available. It

LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS
See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

Experience Horse-Drawn Travel
Travel into history by taking a 10-minute stage ride. Tickets may be purchased at the “Stage Office” in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. $3 adults, $2 children ages 3-12 (NPS)

Blacksmith Demonstration
Smell the burning coal, hear the ring of the hammer, see the blacksmith at work and watch as a blacksmith demonstrates the ancient art of blacksmithing. Visit the blacksmith at the Blacksmith Shop in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS)

Old-Fashioned Wet-Plate Photography
See the equipment and art with a photographer who uses the same type of materials and chemicals used by Yosemite photographers 140 years ago. Meet at the Artist’s Cabin in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS)

Blacksmith Shop
Smell the burning coal, hear the ring of the hammer, see the blacksmith at work and watch a demonstration of the ancient art of blacksmithing.

To Get to Mariposa Grove
Allow 1½ hours driving time to the Mariposa Grove from Yosemite Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the parking area in the Grove, but several giant sequoias can be seen from there. 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.

Crane Flat and Big Oak Flat
Big Oak Flat Information Station
Open Thursday - Monday 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 information, trail information, books, and maps. Phone 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, handi-camcorder 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 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. Now closed to cars, the 2-mile (3.2 km) round-trip walk has an elevation change of 500 feet (150 meter). 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.

Marced Grove
 Yosemite’s quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, accessible on foot only. It’s a 3-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.

Washington Pass
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 Museum
Open daily 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Closed for lunch). Giant Sequoia displays and store offering books, maps and information. Located in the upper portion of the Mariposa Grove.

Crane Flat and Big Oak Flat

(to be continued)
Food & Beverage Service

Wawona Hotel

Dining Room

Breakfast and Buffet – 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Buffet – 10:10 a.m. to 1:10 p.m.
Lunch – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Dinner – 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday BBQ – 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Post Office

Wawona Post Office

Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Gift Shop

Wawona Gift Shop

Grocery

Wawona Grocery Store

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Gifts, Books, & Apparel

Wawona Hotel Golf Shop

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

Pioneer Gift Shop/Grocery

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wawona Wilderness Center

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch)

Mariposa Grove Gift Shop

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Museum Shop

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch)

Glacier Point Gift Shop

9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tuolumne Meadows

All services closed pending snow removal from Tioga Road. Camgrounds and services reopening process will begin upon opening of Tioga Road.

Tioga Road Still Under Snow

Heavy snowfall from the winter of 2004 – 2005 has delayed the opening of the Tioga Road. When the snow plows and snow blowers set out into Crane Flat in mid-April they encountered 12 to 16-foot deep drifts with water moisture contents as high as 49%! The factors that continue to hamper plowing and the subsequent opening of the road include:

- Avalanche areas (26 potential areas). The Ililwet Point avalanche zone requires a lot of work, including application of charcoal over the snow to help with melting and blasting the snow slab to make it safer for movement.
- Heavy snow pack slows the whole operation.
- Trees that have fallen across the road and been buried in the snow. These can cause substantial damage to the equipment and result in a stop to all operations until they’re cleared.
- Rock slides buried by the snow. These can cause substantial damage to the equipment and result in a stop to all operations.
- Snow storms during the opening require a stop to Tioga Road operations in order to plow and sand the path itself.
- Road repairs and ditching and brushing operations once snow has melted back enough.

Crane Flat El Portal

El Portal Gas Station

Crane Flat

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Diesel available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

Post Office

El Portal Post Office

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
BICYCLE RENTAL
Daily, weather permitting, with hourly and six-speed bikes with trailers. Bikes must be returned by 5:30 p.m.
Yosemite Lodge
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
209/372-1208
Cable Village
Located at Shuttle stops #13 & 21
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
209/372-8319

RAFTING
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Water and weather conditions permitting
Last shuttle leaves at 6:00 p.m.
Rental located in Curry Village, Shuttle stops #13 & 21

TRAIL RIDES
2-hour and 4-hour rides depart daily depending on conditions. All-day rides, private rides, and pack trips into Yosemite’s spectacular wilderness may also be arranged. Private horse boarding is available for reservations.
Yosemite Valley
Located at Shuttle stop #18
7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
209/372-8349
Wawona
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
209/375-6052

SWIMMING POOL
Comanche Pool
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Yosemite Lodge
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Wawona
9:00 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 $22.00

Tours
Inquire at tour transportation desks at the following locations.
Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk
7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Yosemite Village Tour Kiosk
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Curry Village Tour Kiosk
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

SIGHTSEEING TOURS
Valley Floor Tour
This 26-mile, 2-hour tram tour departs at 10:00, 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 p.m. daily from Yosemite Lodge in Yosemite Valley.
Tram leaves at 8:30, 10:00, and 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily from Yosemite Lodge.

Big Trees Tram Tour
Tram runs daily 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 leaves at 3:00 p.m., running every 15 to 20 minutes from the boarding area. Call 209/375-2247 for information.

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

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 night hours. On July 3, NASA satellite Deep Impact will fire a fast-moving copper bullet into the mountain-sized comet Temple 1. Scientists wish the inside of a comet is really made of and how hard it might be to knock a comet or asteroid off a collision course with Earth.

June 28 After rising for about 3 hours before sunrise Mars and Moon will form the sky together until the light of day washes out the “red planet.”

July 3 The Deep impact collision should be visible at about 10:30 p.m. Look for a faint but rather brightening glow in the sky next to Spica in the constellation Virgo. Today, Earth will also be at its Aphelion which is the point in our orbit where we are farthest from the sun - 94.5 million miles.

July 6 Tonight Moon is new so it will be the best night for stargazing. The planet Jupiter will be the brightest object in the sky, but first look for the planets Mercury & Venus traveling together very low on the western horizon just after sunset.

July 10 Moon is halfway between new and first quarter which is the best time during its cycle to view it through a telescope because long shadows on its surface enhance the topological relief of craters and mountains.

General Services

Emergency 911
Fire – Police – Medical Emergency: 911, 24 hours a day (from hotel room 9-110)

Information
Road and Weather General Park Information
209/372-0300 www.nps.gov/yose
Campground Reservations
888/444-7275 reservations.nps.gov

Medical
Yosemite Medical Clinic
Emergency care: 24 hours daily
Daytime triage 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 noon Saturday
Located on Ahwahnee Drive in Yosemite Valley, the clinic provides routine and emergency medical care, 24-hour paramedic/ambulance service, limited pharmacy, labs, x-ray, physical therapy, and Mountain Cross Services for victims of domestic violence. 209/372-4617

PAD Program
Yosemite’s Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Program is designed to protect park visitors and staff from sudden cardiac arrest. All automated external defibrillators (AED) cabinets have been placed in high-risk locations and are open and accessible to anyone in the event of a medical emergency. For more information about the PAD 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, Crane Flat Store, Wawona Hotel, and Badger Pass Lodge.

Dental Services
Adjacent to Medical Cir. For hours, call 209/372-4310. If no answer, call 209/372-4637.

Fees For Services
The Yosemite Accessibility Guide is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at www.nps.gov/yose/access/TTS are available inside The Ahwahnee, Yosemite Lodge, and at the Curry Village front desk.

Accommodations
For additional reservations or information (rooms or suites), call 559/525-4845 (www.yosemitepark.com). For availability on day of arrival, check at any front desk.

Rear Canister Rental
Available for $5-per-trip at the Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center, Big Oak Flat Wilderness Center, Crane Flat Store, Wawona Store, Wawona Wilderness Center, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station. Canisters may be rented or returned at any rental location in the park.

Recreation
YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL AND GUIDE SERVICE
Yosemite Mountaineering School and Guide Service offers lessons and guided climbing at all levels, overnight backpacking, and guided day hikes to spectacular 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.
5:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. day hikesDepart The Ahwahnee Hotel at 9:00 a.m. and 1:10 p.m.
Camps meet at 8:30 a.m. 209/372-8414

Religious Services
YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH
(Nondenominational Christian)
Pastor Brent Mount 209/372-4311
Counseling provided. Call pastor for appointment.
Worship Service
Yosemite Valley Chapel
9:15 a.m. Sunday (Children’s Church and Nursery available)
11:00 a.m. Sunday
7:30 p.m. Thursday
Campground Worship Services
Locust Pines, Yosemite Valley, Wawona, White Wolf, Tuolumne Meadows
9:00 a.m. Sunday
* Will begin when campground opens for season.

ROMAN CATHOLIC
Rev. Raymond J. Duffy 209/372-4729
Mass in Yosemite Valley
Visitor Center Theater
Sunday: 10:00 a.m.
Saturday: 7:30 p.m.
Mass in Wawona
Community Center/Old School House
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Pastor Bart Skelton 209/375-2307
El Portal Chapel
Worship Service
Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
Don Murra 209/584-0614
Yosemite Valley at Lower Amphitheater, across bridge from Housekeeping Camp (entrance sign #10)
Sabbath School
Saturday: 11:00 a.m.
Worship Service
Saturday: 7:00 a.m.
CROSSWAY CHURCH
(Christian Pentecostal)
Pastor Steve Hughes 209/379-2428
Worship Service
Sunday: 7:00 a.m. Curry Village Community Center
EL PUEBLO COMMUNITY CHURCH
Pastor Ross Mark 209/379-2255
El Portal Chapel
Worship Service
Frid and third Saturday 7:30 p.m.
Second, fourth, and fifth Sunday 10:30 a.m.
WAWONA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Pastor David Adamick 209/366-3039
Wawona Community Center
Worship Service
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
Women’s Bible Study
Wednesday: 1:00 p.m.

Ranger-led tram tour
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