**Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System**

**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.

**Overnight Parking**
Starting October 15, parking along Tioga Road and Glacier Point Road will be limited to day use. No overnight parking will be permitted.

**Yosemite Valley Bike Trail**
Crews will begin making repairs (crack filling, pothole repairs, etc.) at various locations along 7-miles of the existing bikepath on the east end of Yosemite Valley. This work will require intermittent closures and delays to various trail segments while the repairs are ongoing. The bikepaths will be open on weekends and holidays during this work, unless there are safety concerns whereby a trail segment would need to remain closed for an extended period of time.

**Yosemite Today**

Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park Vol. 5 Issue 13

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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**

**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 Parking
14. Curry Village Rental Center
15. Curry Village Registration Desk
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
* No service after dark
**Visitor Center and Bookstore**
Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (bustle stops #5 and #9). Information, maps, books, and exhibits are provided. Check capturing available.

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**Fall Color Advisory**
All spring and summer leaves have been using pigments (chlorophylls, xanthophyll, and carotenoids) to make food from air, water, and sunlight. As temperatures cool and days get shorter, leaves on deciduous trees stop producing chlorophyll and the familiar green color fades away to reveal the other pigments which have been masked all season. Quaking Aspen and big-leaf maple display the yellowish cast. Some leaves will retain the red pigment anthocyanin, coloring trees like dogwoods or the non-native sugar maple near the Chapel, or ones like the poison-oak along the El Portal Road a brilliant orange, pink, or even purple. The best autumn colors occur under conditions like we’re having now — clear, dry, and cool but not freezing weather: the deeper of color may vary from tree to tree and even leaf to leaf. Leaves directly exposed to the sun may turn red, while shaded leaves may be yellow. Leaves on some trees like white alders or California buckeyes (which are “summer deciduous” as a drought adaptation) just shrivel and turn brown. Leaves on manzanita trees, like some California black oaks, will linger and only fall next spring when new leaves emerge. Live oaks, tan oaks, bay laurel and the Poison Oak keep their newest leaves throughout the winter to get a head start on food production next spring.

**Yosemite Field Jourmaling: Autumn Botanicals**
*October 15 - 16*
For details, call the Yosemite Association at 209-372-4413 or visit www.anseladams.com.

**Autumn Light: Photography in Yosemite Valley & Beyond**
*October 27 - 30*
Starting October 9, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Gallery offers the work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers and other fine artists. Scheduled activities are listed on the front porch of the Gallery. For more information, call 209-372-4413 or visit www.anseladams.com.

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**Tuolumne Meadows**

**Soda Springs**
This historic area is only accessible by walking. There are two trails, both Rila and both 12-mile-long. See the map of Tuolumne Meadows area in this paper. The Soda Springs are small naturally carbonated springs that often attract birds and deer at sunrise and sunset.

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**Photography in Yosemite Valley & Beyond**
OCTOBER 27 - 30
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**Half Dome**
Photo by Colleen Brown

**WHAT TO DO**

**Indicates facilities accessible for visitors in wheelchairs. Short steep inclines may be encountered.**

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*October 28 - 30*
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**Scheduled Events**

### SUNDAY  
October 9, 16, 23, 30

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| 8:00am | Coffee with a Ranger  
1½ hrs.  
Plan your trip or just chat with a ranger  
Drinks available at nearby Coffee Corner  
Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater (NPS)  |
| 9:00am | WEE WILD ONES  
(except October 10)  
45 min. Stories & activities for kids 6 and under  
Ahwahnee Great Lounge Fireplace (DNC)  |
| 3:00pm | Ranger Walk —Bears  
1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)  |
| 7:30pm | Film - Ansel Adams  
1 hr. Check local postings for venue and topic (AAG)  |

### MONDAY  
October 10, 17, 24, 31

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| 10:00am | Ranger Walk—A Changing Yosemite  
(except October 10)  
1½ hrs. Front of Visitor Center (NPS)  |
| 3:00pm | Ranger Walk—Yosemite’s First People  
1½ hrs. Behind Visitor Center (NPS)  |
| 4:30pm | Autumn Twilight Stroll  
1 hr. The Ahwahnee Hotel (DNC)  |
| 7:30pm | Evening Program  
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### TUESDAY  
October 4, 11, 18, 25

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| 9:00am | Photography Walk  
2 hrs. Limited space advance sign-up required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery  
condition permitting (AAG)  |
|       | CHILDREN’S STORYTIME  
½ hr. For children 7 and under. Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Ahwahnee Great Lounge Fireplace (DNC)  |
|       | Yosemite Forum—Interaction of Climate and Hydrology  
(October 11 only)  
1 hr. Valley Visitor Center Auditorium (NPS)  |
| 3:00pm | Ranger Walk—Bears  
1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS)  |
| 7:30pm | FIRESIDE STORYTELLING FOR ALL AGES  
1 hr. Ahwahnee Great Lounge Fireplace (DNC)  
Yosemite Theater—LIVE  
Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a Fourth Marriage: Stories of a Pioneer Woman  
(October 11 only)  
1½ hrs. Valley Visitor Center Theater  
Shuttle stops 5 & 9  
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October 11, 18, 25

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| 5:30pm | Vintage Music of Yosemite  
4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer  
Tom Bopp. Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC)  |

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9:00am **WEE WILD ONES** (except October 12)
45 min. Stories and activities for kids 6 and under. Ahwahnee Great Lounge Fireplace (DNC)

2:00pm **NPS Open House** (October 26 only)
6 hrs. Come and learn about park improvement efforts. Valley Visitor Center Auditorium (NPS).

3:00pm **Ranger Walk—Geology**
1½ hrs. Front of Visitor Center (NPS).

7:30pm **Yosemite Theater – LIVE**
1½ hrs. Valley Visitor Center Theater Shuttle stops 5 & 9.
Tickets at any tour desk or at door $ (DNC).

**THURSDAY**
October 6, 13, 20, 27

9:00am **Photography Walk**
2½ hrs. Limited space advance sign-up required. Meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery conditions permitting (AAG).

3:00pm **Ranger Walk—Yosemite's Legacy**
1½ hrs. Front of Visitor Center (NPS).

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Evening Program
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**FRIDAY**
October 7, 14, 21, 28

10:00am **Ranger Walk—Ahwahneechee Tools and Treasures**
1½ hrs. Behind Visitor Center (NPS).

2:00pm **Ranger Walk—Bears**
1½ hrs. Curry Village Amphitheater (NPS).

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Evening Program
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**SATURDAY**
October 8, 15, 22, 29

8:00am **Photography Walk**
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3:00pm **Ranger Walk—Trees**
1½ hrs. The Ahwahnee, shuttle stop #3 (NPS).

**HALLOWEEN FAMILY NIGHT**
October 29
1½ hrs. See below for more details.

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October 29
6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  2½ Hrs.
**NATURAL CENTER AT HAPPY ISLES**

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**Wawona & Mariposa Grove**

**Evening Programs**
Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 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 vintages songs of Yosemite or the history of Wawona with slide or music accompaniment. Check with Tom at the piano for dates and times.

**Yosemite Botanical Symposium**
Peter Raven, director of the famed Missouri Botanical Garden and Steve Botti, author of "An Illustrated Flora of Yosemite NP" will keynote this annual event. Dr. Peter M. Raven, director of the Missouri Botanical Garden will present "Biodiversity in the Redwood Family: A Global Perspective." Steve Botti, author of "An Illustrated Flora of Yosemite NP" will present "Flora of Yosemite: A Guide for the Botanically Curious." Additional sessions will be held throughout the day beginning at 10:00 a.m. Last shuttle bus leaves the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Shuttles operate to the Mariposa Grove from Yosemite Valley. Cars are prohibited in Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. Tours are 1 1/4 hours long. Audio tram tours run every day in the Mariposa Grove from Yosemite Valley. Cans 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 Wawona Visitor Center. The shuttle bus stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Shuttle operates throughout the day beginning at 10:00 a.m. Last shuttle leaves the Grove at 5:00 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**
Allow 1 1/2 hours driving time to the Mariposa Grove from Yosemite Valley. Cans 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 Wawona Visitor Center. The shuttle bus stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Shuttle operates throughout the day beginning at 10:00 a.m. Last shuttle leaves the Grove at 5:00 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.

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Self-registration for wilderness permits will be available on the front porch of Hill's Studio from Wawona Hotel for Chilnualna Falls and Alder Creek trail only. Permits for all other trails are available at the Tuolumne Valley Wilderness Center beginning October 24, self-registration for wilderness permits will be available for all park trails. Bear carrier rental is available at the Wawona Store.

**Pioneer Yosemite History Center**
Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center explains 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.

**To Get to Mariposa Grove**
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**Mariposa Grove Museum**
Open daily 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (shut off for lunch) throughout October 10. Giant Sequoia displays and store offering books, maps and information. Located in the upper portion of the Mariposa Grove.

**Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias**
This 2-mile (3.2 km) round-trip trail can be encountered.

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**Crane Flat & Big Oak Flat**

**Big Oak Flat Information Station**
Wilderness Permits

Self-registration for wilderness permits on post or the Big Oak Flat Information Station.

**Yosemite's Other Sequoia Groves**

**Tuolumne Grove**
The Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoia 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, this 3-mile (1.2 km) round-trip hike has an elevation change of 500 feet (150 meter). The downhill walk is relatively easy, though it is moderately strenuous on the uphill return. Since 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.
**General Park Information**

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

**Information**
Road and Weather General Park Information 209/372-3030 www.nps.gov/yose
Campground Reservations 800/410-7275, reservation.nps.gov

**Medical**
Yosemite Medical Clinic
Emergency care: 24 hours daily 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 noon Saturday
Located on Ahwahnee Drive in Yosemite Valley, the clinic provides routine and emergency medical care, 24-hour pharmacy/ambulance services, limited pharmacy, labs, x-ray, physical therapy, and Mountain Oxygen 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 defibrillator (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: Village Store (Yosemite Village), Yosemite Lodge at the Falls, Curry Village Registration Desk, The Ahwahnee, Crane Flat Store, Wawona Hotel, and Badger Pass Lodge.

**Dental Services**
Adjacent to Medical Clinic. For hours, call 209/372-4300. If no answer, call 209/372-4617.

**Services For Disabled**
The Yosemite Accessibility Guide is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at www.nps.gov/yose/access/.
TTVs are available inside The Ahwahnee, Valley Visitor Center, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls, and outside the Curry Village front desk.

**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 $3 per trip at the Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center, Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center, Wawona Store, Crane Flat Store, and the Wawona Visitor Center. Canisters may be rented or returned at any rental location in the park.

**Recreation**
**Yosemite Mountain Institute**
School and Guide Service
Yosemite Mountain Institute School and Guide Service offers lessons and guided climbing at all levels, overnights backpacking, and guided day hikes to spectacular areas of Yosemite Valley and the high country.

**Curry Village**
Located at the Mountain Shop 8:30 a.m. to Noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-4244

**Bicycle Rental**
Daily, weather permitting, with hourly and daily rates. Baby-joggers, wheelchairs, and one-speed bikes with trailers. The last bike rental for the day will go out at 4:45 p.m. Bikes must be returned by 5:45 p.m.

**Yosemite Lodge at the Falls**
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 209/372-1208

**Curry Village**
Located at shuttle stops #13A and #21 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 209/372-8319

**Night Sky Information**
Take advantage of the opportunities in Yosemite to view the wonders of the night sky. There are some sights to look for while you are out during the night hours. Mars will be bright and visible during October. It will be the closest to Earth on October 25.

**October 6**
Al Taifull above the southeast horizon, look for Venus above the thin crescent moon.

**October 17**
Full Moon, called The Hunter’s Moon will be visible this morning. A slight partial phase of the moon during the early morning hours can be seen, the deepest “dent” on the Moon appearing at 4:00 a.m.

**October 18**
Moon rises in the east-southeast after twilight. Mars rises below it a half an hour later, crossing the sky together for the rest of the night.

**October 19**
Look for Mars shining brightly to the right of the Moon at moonrise.

**October 25**
At dawn, Saturn will appear to the lower right of the Moon before and during sunrise.

**October 29**
Mars will be closest to Earth, 43 million miles away. It will appear unusually large if viewed through a telescope.

**October 30**
Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m.

**General Services**

**ATM**
Yosemite Village
South of Village Store (Bank of America) Inside Village Store
Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Inside main reception 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 at the Falls and The Ahwahnee. Call front desk or conceal for additional information.

**Internet Access**
Wireless Internet service is available in some public places at the Yosemite Lodge at the Falls and at The Ahwahnee for a fee. Internet keys, also for a fee, are located in the lobby at the Yosemite Lodge at the Falls. Check at the front desks for more information. In addition, free terminals are available at the Girls Club/Mariposa County Satellite Library near the Valley Visitor Center. Look for hours posted on the door.

**Service Organizations**

Al-Anon
Alcoholics Anonymous
Narcotics Anonymous
Lions Club

**Rotary International**
Meets first and third Thursdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. (no child care) Thursday 7:00 p.m. (no child care)

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Pastor Ron Skorton 209/379-2307 El Portal Chapel Worship Service Sunday 10:00 a.m.

**CROSSWAY CHURCH**
Pastor John Hughes 209/372-4729 Mass in Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Theater Sunday 10:00 a.m.

**WAWONA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**
Pastor David Adams 209/372-3435 Wawona Community Center Worship Service Sunday 10:00 a.m.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY**
Wednesday 1:00 p.m.

**Religious Services**

**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Pastor Brent Mercer 209/372-4811 Various Bible Studies during the week. Call pastor for appointment.

**Worship Service**
Yosemite Valley Chapel Sunday 9:15 a.m. (Children’s Church and Nursery available) 6:30 p.m. (no child care) Thursday 7:00 p.m. (no child care)

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

**EL PORTAL COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Pastor Ron Marsh 209/379-1231 El Portal Chapel Worship Service Sunday 10:30 a.m.

**Wawona Chapel**
Small Group Study Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

**Women’s Bible Study**
Wednesday 1:00 p.m.

**GENERAL PARK INFORMATION AND SERVICES**