Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Association Special Programs

**A Writers' Winter Walk with Beth Pratt**

**FEBRUARY 4**

Full Moon Snowshoe with Emily Jacobs

**FEBRUARY 11**

Exploring the Winter World with Dick Ewart

**FEBRUARY 25 - 26**

The Unknown West End with Pete Devine

**MARCH 24**

Snowshoe Explorations with Naturalist Julie Miller

**MARCH 26**

Call The Yosemite Association at 209/379-2321 for details, or visit www.yosemite.org, or check at the Visitor Center

**Yosemite Renaissance**

ANNUAL ART COMPETITION PRIZEWINNERS

Contemporary fine-art interpretations of the human and natural landscape of Yosemite and the Sierra Nevada are featured in this competitive exhibition sponsored for 21 years by Yosemite Renaissance, a nonprofit organization supporting the arts of Yosemite.

Opening reception: February 24, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Exhibit: February 25 through May 7

Friday - Monday 10:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Left: Oak, Pine, Rock 2005. Photo by Vaughn Hutchins

Yosemite Museum

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

**FEATURES**

Museum Gallery

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Indian Cultural Exhibit

Open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch). 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.

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Open Friday through Sunday 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 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.

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

The Ansel Adams Gallery

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

**GALLERY EXHIBIT**

On display through February 24. Call 209/372-4413 for more information.

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**Family Winter Celebration**

**FEBRUARY 18**

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Curry Village Guest Lounge

Join park interpretive staff for an afternoon of crafts, learning stations, walks, and winter fun!

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 (shuttle stops #1 and #9). Information, maps, books, exhibits, bear canister rental and self-registration for wilderness permits. 

**FILM**

Spirit of Yosemite

This inspiring 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 4:30 p.m., and Sunday noon to 4:30 p.m. in the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Theater.

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Pioneer Yosemite History Center

Go back in time for home-crochet edging, a woolen lodger, and log cabins. Visit the Pioneer Yosemite History Center, express Yosemite's history, and learn 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.

Badger Pass

Badger Pass Ski Area

Badger Pass, California's oldest operating ski area, is the center of Yosemite ski and snowboarding activity during the winter. It is located at 7,200 feet in elevation and is a 1-hour drive from Yosemite Valley on the Glacier Point Road. There are 10 runs, 3 ski schools, downhill and cross-country ski schools, ski rentals, and a day lodge. Cross-country skiers will find groomed and unscored trails that originate at Badger Pass. Trails are groomed on the Glacier Point Road all the way to Glacier Point. Wilderness permits are available at the Badger Pass A-frame. Call 209/372-1000 for ski conditions.

Badger Pass Bus

Ride the free bus to Badger Pass Ski Area. Road and weather conditions permitting, the bus leaves daily from Curry Village at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Yosemite Village at 8:10 a.m. and 10:40 a.m., The Ahwahnee at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., and Badger Pass Lodge at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Return buses leave Badger Pass at 2:00 p.m and 4:00 p.m. Several buses operate on busy days. Allow at least one hour for a one-way trip. Additional information is available at front hotel desks.

Ranger Snowshoe Walk—Explore the Forest in Winter Daily, 10:30 a.m.

Enter the dazzling world of Yosemite with an expert naturalist. Join an NPS ranger at the Badger Pass A-frame for a moderate/strenuous 2-hour walk (not recommended for children under 10 yrs). Wear warm clothing and boots. Snowshoes provided for a suggested donation of $5.

Full Moon Snowshoe Walks

February 8 & 10, March 10 - 14, 6:30 p.m.

Join an interpreter for a 2-3 mile walk in a moonlit winter woodland. Watch the moon rise over majestic firs at Badger Pass. No experience necessary, however, this program is not recommended for children under 10 as it is moderately strenuous. Visit a tour desk, Badger Pass Lodge, or call 209/372-1240 or 550/521-4484 for required advance reservations. Tickets are $14.75 (snowshoes included), or $5 (bring your own snowshoes).

Note: Ranger and Full Moon Snowshoe walks will be canceled if the Badger Pass Road is closed, or if weather conditions are too severe.

Tuolumne Grove

The Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of the Big Oak Flat Road and the Tuopa Road. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road trails downhill from Crane Flat into the Tuolumne Grove of Big Trees, a cluster of about 25 sequoias. New closed to cars, this 2-mile roundtrip walk or ski has an elevation change of 500 feet (150 meters). It 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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Mariposa Grove

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, located at the southernmost end of Yosemite, is the largest stand of giant sequoias in the park (about 500 trees). Allow 1½ hours driving time from Yosemite Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the parking area; however, many giant sequoias can be seen from the parking area to the Grove, accessible only on foot. It's a 4-mile roundtrip hike or ski into the Tuolumne Grove from the Big Oak Flat Road and the Tuopa Road. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road trails downhill from Crane Flat into the Tuolumne Grove of Big Trees, a cluster of about 25 sequoias. New closed to cars, this 2-mile roundtrip walk or ski has an elevation change of 500 feet (150 meters). It 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 quintessential stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, accessible only on foot. It's a 4-mile roundtrip hike or ski 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 roundtrip hike or ski to this group of about 20 sequoias.