March 29 - May 2, 2006

Yosemite National Park

Construction may cause short delays or detours on some park roads. Call 209/372-0200 for recorded road information.

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

SCHEDULE
7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

WHERE TO GO

Don’t miss this award-winning film! Shown free of charge every 30 minutes at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Theater.

See map below.

This map is not suitable for hiking. Detailed trail maps are available for purchase at visitor centers and stores throughout the park.

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PARK HERE
- From the Valley take 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

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1 Yosemite Village / Day Parking
2 Yosemite Village
3 The Ahwahnee
4 Yosemite Village / Degnain’s Complex
5 Valley Visitor Center
6 Lower Yosemite Fall
7 Camp 4/Upper Yosemite Fall Trailhead
8 Yosemite Lodge
9 Valley Visitor Center
10 Yosemite Village
11 Sentinel Bridge / Yosemite Chapel
12 Upper Pines Campground
13 Yosemite Nature Center at Happy Isles
14 Mirror Lake Junction
15 Stable*
16 Lower Pines Campground
17 Curry Village Parking
18 Curry Village Rental Center

*Service begins March 31, conditions permitting
No service after dark

Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park Vol. 6 Issue 3

Experience Your America

Yosemite Today

YOSEMITE VALLEY SHUTTLE BUS MAP

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

Yosemite Renaissance is an annual art competition prize winners. Contemporary fine art interpretations of the human and natural landscape of Yosemite and the Sierra Nevada are featured in this competitive exhibition sponsored by 2011 by Yosemite Renaissance, a nonprofit organization supporting the arts of Yosemite.

Exhibit: 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

FREE ART CLASSES

The Yosemite Art Center offers free classes in various art media to adults and highly interested teens Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Classes are held outside, weather permitting. Sign up in advance at the Yosemite Art Center, next to the Village Store.

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NATIONAL PARK WEEK

April 22 – 30

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For program information, check local postings.

Test your national park knowledge:

What is the largest national park in the United States?

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve in Alaska, with 13.2 million acres.

What is the oldest U.S. national park?

Established in 1872, Yellowstone is often called the world's oldest national park, but the area now named Hot Springs National Park was set aside 40 years earlier.

What features sparked the designation of Yosemite as a national park?

The U.S. government granted Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove to the state of California in 1864 as a preserve "invaluable for all time." The surrounding spectacular lands became a national park in 1890.

Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and located in Yosemite Valley just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9), the visitor center offers information, maps, books, exhibits, leisure rental and self-registration for wilderness permits.

SPECIAL SCREENING

April 21 Evening • APRIL 22 All Day

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 Valley Visitor Center Theater.

Free admission, TTY 1-800-877-8339 (DNC/NPS)

Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Valley next to the Valley Visitor Center, the museum has a gallery, the Indian Cultural Exhibit, and a store.

FEATURES

Museum Gallery

Open Friday through Monday 10:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The gallery offers a variety of exhibits (see left). Indian Cultural Exhibit

Open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch), the exhibit displays interpret the cultural history of Yosemite’s native Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Demonstrations of traditional skills are presented. No food or drink permitted. Yosemite Museum Store

Open Thursday through Monday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The store offers 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, the village offers exhibits on Ahwahnean life. Occasionally, Indian Cultural Program staff provide demonstrations or programs about Ahwahnean 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. Guides to the Yosemite Cemetery are available at the Valley Visitor Center.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Located in Yosemite Valley next to the Valley Visitor Center and 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 handcrafts, books, gifts, digital services, and photography supplies are offered. Scheduled activities are listed on the front porch of the gallery. For more information, call 209/372-4413, or visit www.anseladams.com.

GALLERY EXHIBITS

On display through April 24: Carol Henry, Henry composes her arrangements of still lifes, words, and other items on a glass plate within an enlarge, then exposes light through the arrangement directly onto blackandwhite photographic paper. On display April 26 through June 11: Robert Turner. Turner devotes all of his artistic efforts to large format, fine-art wildlife photography acclaimed for capturing a sense of place.

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### Yosemite Outdoor Adventures

#### Spring Wildflowers of the Merced Canyon

**APRIL 1** with Michael Ross

#### Hike’s Cove Wildflower Photography

**APRIL 8** with John Senser

#### ‘Leave No Trace’ Trainer Certification

**APRIL 7-8** with Pete Devine

#### To the Top of Yosemite Falls

**APRIL 15** with Julie Miller

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**Note:** For details, call the Yosemite Association at 209/372-2321, or visit www.yosemite.org, or at the Valley Visitor Center.

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### Wawona

**Pioneer Yosemite History Center**

Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a wooden bridge, and log cabins. Visit the Pioneer Yosemite History Center, explore 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.

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### Yosemite's Giant Sequoias

#### Mariposa Grove

Located at Yosemite’s southernmost end, the Mariposa Grove is the park’s largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees. Allow 1½ hours driving time from Yosemite Valley to reach the grove. A few giant sequoias are visible from the parking area. Trails into the grove extend uphill from the far end of the parking lot, and interpretive signs between the trailhead and the California Tree offer a self-guiding tour. Written translations in German, French, Spanish, and Japanese are available at the trailhead.

The access road to the grove closes during the winter. If the road is closed, the four-mile roundtrip walk from Yosemite’s south entrance to the grove takes two to three hours (longer for hikes into the grove). Trains are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road. Private vehicles longer than 23 feet may not use this road during the hours of shuttle operation (see below).

**FREE MARIPOSA GROVE & WAWONA SHUTTLE BUS**

Weekends beginning April 22, conditions permitting

The shuttle bus stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the bus. Shuttles operate beginning at 9:00 a.m., and the last shuttle leaves the grove at 6:00 p.m., or after the last tour visit. Visitors are strongly encouraged to use this free bus service to help alleviate congestion and lengthy parking delays.

#### Merced Grove

Yosemite’s quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, accessible only on foot. It’s a 4-mile roundtrip hike or ski into the grove from Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120). Located 3.5 miles north of Crane Flat and 4.5 miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance. The trailhead is marked by a post labeled Big Oak Flat and a road sign. Allow 3 hours for the roundtrip hike or ski to this group of about 20 sequoias.

#### Tuolumne Grove

This cluster of about 25 sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of Big Oak Flat and Tioga roads. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the Tuolumne Grove. Now closed to cars, this 2-mile roundtrip walk or ski drops 900 feet (150 meters) into the grove. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill return. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.
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