



Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

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Experience Your America Yosemite National Park

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Yosemite Valley Shuttle System

Mirror Lake Loop is currently closed due to rockfall

Vernal
Fall

Year-round Route:

Summer-only Routes:

 **El Capitan Shuttle**  

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System

-  Campground
-  Parking
-  Picnic Area
-  Restroom
-  Walk-In Campground

The Valley Shuttle operates daily from 7am to 10pm, serving stops in numerical order. From 10 am to 7pm, service operates every 10 minutes. From 7-10am and 7-10pm, service operates every 20 minutes.

The El Capitan Shuttle operates from 9 am to 6 pm. Shuttles run daily every 30 minutes.

Stop #	Location		
1	Visitor Parking	8	Yosemite Lodge
2 10	Yosemite Village	11	Sentinel Bridge
3	The Ahwahnee	12	LeConte / Housekeeping Camp
4	Degnan's Deli	13a 21	Recreation Rentals
5 9 E1	Valley Visitor Center	13b	Curry Village
6	Lower Yosemite Fall	14 20	Curry Village Parking
7 E2	Camp 4	15	Upper Pines Campground
		16	Happy Isles
		17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
		18	Stable
		19	Pines Campgrounds
		E3	El Capitan Picnic Area
		E4	El Capitan Bridge
		E5	Four Mile Trailhead

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Seasonal Updates

Keep this Guide with you to Get the Most Out of Your Trip to Yosemite National Park

What do you want to do with your special time in Yosemite? For many, part of the Yosemite experience is reliving the memories while sharing photos of your trip with family and friends. Yosemite has always attracted artists and photographers. Learn more about Ansel Adams and his Yosemite legacy by visiting The Ansel Adams Gallery, and read our feature story on page 18.

Take a Hike!

With approximately 800 miles of trails, Yosemite is a great place to hike! Make sure your hike is a safe one. Visit a Visitor Center and Bookstore for trail information and maps, and be sure to check the weather before you leave.

Walk to a Waterfall

Yosemite Valley is famous for its awe-inspiring waterfalls; each as distinct as the granite cliffs they dive over. While Yosemite Falls may be dry by August, Bridalveil, Vernal, and Nevada Falls flow all year. (See page 17 for hiking information.)

Visit the other valley, Hetch Hetchy
“Almost an exact counterpart of the Yosemite...a visit to its counterpart may be recommended, if it be only to see how curiously nature has repeated herself.”
-Josiah D. Whitney.

Hetch Hetchy provides spectacular vistas, waterfalls, and early season hiking. (See page 2 for a park map and area information.)

Explore a Sequoia Grove

Meet the most massive trees on earth as you explore a giant sequoia grove. Yosemite is home to three groves—the Mariposa Grove, which contains hundreds of sequoias, and the Tuolumne and Merced Groves, which each hold dozens. (See page 2 for a map of the park.)



Valley View/ Photo Courtesy of the Ansel Adams Family

Travel Back in Time

Visit Wawona’s Pioneer Yosemite History Center and join “Buckshot” for a horse-drawn stage ride! These 10-minute rides introduce you to an early chapter in Yosemite’s history. Fun for the whole family. (See pages 8 and 9 for history center and other program information.)

Discover the Night Sky

Attend the “Starry Skies Over Yosemite Valley” for a wild ride through the universe to learn about stars, constellations, planets, meteors, and other night sky features, all from the comfort of Yosemite Valley. Sign up at any tour desk. (See page 4 for tour desk locations.)

Stroll with a Ranger

Learn about the wonders of the park on a ranger-guided stroll. Programs are offered daily throughout the park on a variety of topics including waterfalls, trees, bears, geology, Yosemite Indians and more. (See area program grids on pages 6, 7, 9, and 11.)

Take a Photography Class

Learn how to best capture the landscape of Yosemite by joining a photography expert from the Ansel Adams Gallery. Several classes are offered each week. Learn more and sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stops #5 and #9. (See pages 6 and 7 for times and meeting places.)

Go to the Theater

Yosemite Theatre LIVE offers entertainment and inspiration through a variety of live theater performances that bring Yosemite’s history to life. Discover the world of John Muir and other characters from the park’s rich history. (See page 7 for shows and starting times.)

Have Fun with the Family

Learn about Yosemite, meet a park ranger, and have a blast by becoming a Yosemite Junior Ranger or Yosemite Little Cub. Check in with any visitor center to find out how. Stop by the Nature Center at Happy Isles for another great place to explore with the family. (See page 12 for the Jr. Ranger Page.)

Visit the Yosemite Museum

Learn about Yosemite Indians by exploring a museum collection that includes remarkable woven baskets and traditional dress. Tour the outdoor Indian Village or talk with an Indian cultural demonstrator. The Yosemite Museum is located in Yosemite Village at shuttle stops #5 and #9. (See page 5 for museum hours and a list of gallery events and features.)

**9th Annual Yosemite Facelift
September 26-30**

Volunteer to help clean up Yosemite! Join the National Park Service and the Yosemite Climbing Association for this official National Public Lands Day event, picking up litter and performing special projects to clean up Yosemite after a busy summer. All volunteers must register on site to participate (no advance registration), and should wear long pants, closed-toed shoes, and be prepared for the weather. For more information contact 209/379-1850 or yose_volunteers@nps.gov, or visit the Yosemite Facelift 2012 Facebook page.

Access for People with Disabilities

Accessible parking, lodging, tours, and activities are available throughout the park.



For a complete list of accessible services, recreational opportunities, and exhibits, pick up an updated Yosemite Accessibility Guide which is available at park entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm, or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at 209/379-1035 for more information.

Accessible parking spaces are available just west of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. To reach these, enter the Valley on Southside Drive. Turn left on Sentinel Drive. Turn left on Northside Drive, and follow the blue and white signs.



Sign Language interpreting is available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at 209/379-5250 (v/txt) Two weeks advance notice is requested. Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advance request. Inquire at a visitor center.



Audio tours are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.

Emergency Information

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

**For up-to-date road, weather, and park information:
209/372-0200**

Sudden changes in weather are common in the Sierra Nevada. Call the number above or check at a visitor center for the most recent weather conditions.

Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley) Open 7 days per week from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM for primary and urgent care needs. Phone: 209/372-4637

Dental Clinic (In Yosemite Valley) 209/372-4200

Yosemite Valley Garage (24-hr. emergency towing available)
209/372-8320

Lost and Found

To inquire about items lost or found at one of Yosemite’s restaurants, hotels, lounges, shuttle buses or tour services, call 209/372-4357. For items lost or found in other areas of the park, call 209/379-1001.

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Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places in the park!

Entrance Fees

Reservations are *NOT* required to enter. The park is open year-round, 24 hours/day.

Vehicle \$20
Valid for 7 days

Individual \$10
In a bus, on foot, bicycle, motorcycle, or horse. Valid for 7 days.

Yosemite Pass \$40
Valid for one year in Yosemite.

Interagency Annual Pass \$80
Valid for one year at all federal recreation sites.

Interagency Senior Pass \$10
(Lifetime) For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.

Interagency Access Pass (Free)
(Lifetime) For permanently disabled U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Interagency Military Pass (Free)
(Lifetime) For active duty U.S. military and dependants

Reservations

Campground Reservations
877/444-6777
www.recreation.gov

Lodging Reservations
801/559-5000
www.yosemitepark.com

Regional Info

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)
www.yarts.com

Highway 120 West
Yosemite Chamber of Commerce
800/449-9120 or 209/962-0429

Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau
800/446-1333, www.tcvb.com

Highway 41
Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau
559/683-4636
www.yosemitethisyear.com

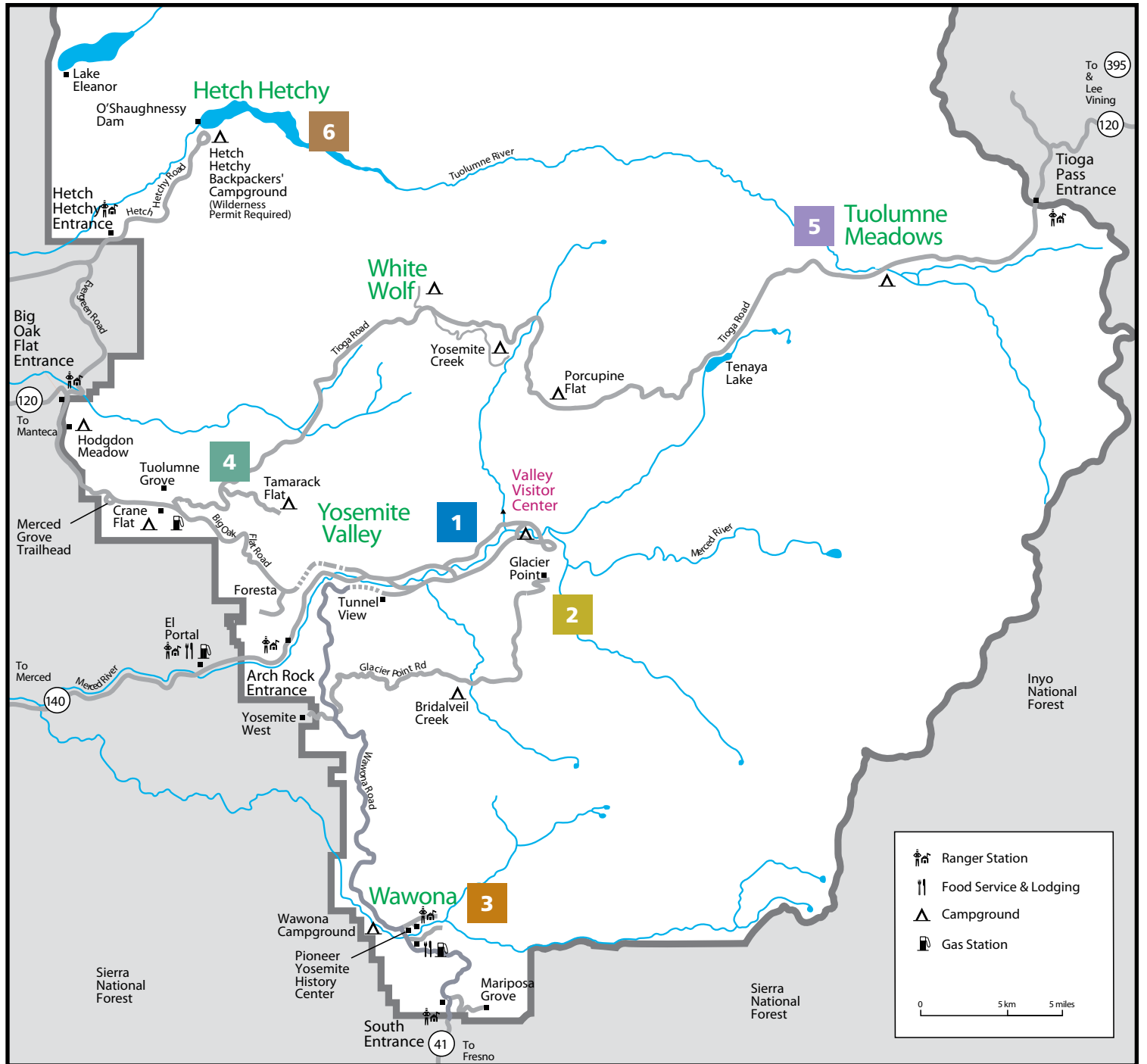
Highway 132/49
Coulterville Visitor Center
209/878-3074

Highway 140/49
Mariposa County Visitor Center
866/425-3366 or 209/966-7081

Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau, 209/742-4567
www.homeofyosemite.com

Highway 120 East
Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce and Mono Lake Visitor Center, 760/647-6629
www.leevining.com

Calif. Welcome Center, Merced
800/446-5353 or 209/724-8104
www.yosemite-gateway.org



Yosemite Valley

1 Yosemite Valley, open all year, is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. You can get there via Highway 41/Wawona Road from Fresno, Highway 140/El Portal Road from Merced, Highway 120 west/Big Oak Flat Road from Manteca, and (during summer) via the Tioga Road/Highway 120 east from Lee Vining. Yosemite Valley is home to massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome, plunging waterfalls including the tallest in North America, and attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls slows to trickle by August, a moderate hike will bring you to impressive Vernal and Nevada Falls. Walk to Mirror Lake, where you will see reflections of Half Dome. Gaze up at El Capitan, a massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. Whether you explore the valley by foot, bike, car, on horseback, raft, or tour, you will behold scenery that will leave you breathless and eager to see what's around the next corner.



Mirror Lake and Mount Watkins. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Glacier Point

2 Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and the Yosemite’s high country, is located 30 miles (a one-hour drive) from Yosemite Valley or Wawona. To get there from either of these places, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), to Chinquapin, then turn onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating—some might say unnerving—view 3,214 feet down to Yosemite Valley below.



View from Glacier Point. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Wawona and Mariposa Grove

3 The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1 ¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park’s South Entrance. The nearby Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite. Enjoy a horse-drawn stage ride, watch blacksmiths at work at the blacksmith shop, or hike one of the scenic trails. For more information, visit the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio, adjacent to the historic Wawona Hotel. This was once a painting studio for the 19th-century artist Thomas Hill. The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is a short drive or help reduce congestion by taking the free shuttle from the Wawona Store.



The Mariposa Grove Museum. Photo by Pam Meierding

Tioga Road and Tuolumne Grove

4 Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. It is usually open from late May or early June through sometime in November. The road’s elevation ranges from 6,200 to nearly 10,000 feet, so it offers an opportunity to experience many of Yosemite’s habitats. The White Wolf area, midway across the park, is the starting point for day hikes to Lukens Lake and Harden Lake. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area on the Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the grove. Or park at Merced Grove trailhead on Big Oak Flat Road and walk 1.5 steep miles down to the grove. These groves are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but are quieter and off-limits to vehicles. Remember: walking down is easier than walking back up.



Cathedral Peak. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Tuolumne Meadows

5 Tuolumne Meadows provides a glimpse of the High Sierra. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows surrounded by even higher granite domes and peaks. It is the jumping off place for countless hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. Stop at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center for information about hiking to Cathedral Lakes, Elizabeth Lake, Dog Lake, Lember Dome, or along the Tuolumne River through Lyell Canyon. Take advantage of the free shuttle service in Tuolumne Meadows or the Tuolumne Meadows Tour and Hikers’ Bus from Yosemite Valley.



Bridge over the Tuolumne River at Tuolumne Meadows. Photo by John Sun

Hetch Hetchy

6 Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the city of San Francisco, is also home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. Due to its importance as a municipal water supply, no swimming is permitted, however. Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles from Yosemite Valley. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open 8 am to 7 pm through October 31st, with reduced hours during the rest of the year. Hetch Hetchy Road is accessible via the Big Oak Flat Road and Evergreen Road and is approximately a 1 ¼-hour drive from Yosemite Valley. Trailers, vehicles over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not allowed on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.



Hetch Hetchy. Photo by Erik Skindrud

HANTAVIRUS INFORMATION

Mice are an important part of the ecosystem, but can carry diseases that are harmful to humans. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread in the droppings and saliva of infected rodents. Not all rodents are infected with hantavirus, but infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You can be in close proximity to park rodents, so it is important you take steps to protect yourself from HPS.

Tell housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice in your tent or cabin and do not clean up the area yourself. Keep doors shut and do not eat or bring food into your cabin that is not in a sealed container. Do not pitch tents near rodent burrows or droppings. HPS begins with aches, fever, and chills 1- 6 weeks after exposure, progressing to cough and difficulty breathing. Seek medical attention immediately if you experience these symptoms.

Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park



The Incomparable Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Valley embraces one of the world’s most outstanding concentrations of waterfalls, granite walls, meadows, wildflowers, and trees. The Valley also harbors a rich collection of human stories, from American Indian lore to the birth of the national park movement.

Yosemite Valley

An unlimited array of possibilities await you in Yosemite Valley. Most involve sightseeing and learning about the scenery. See pages 5, 6, and 7 for more information on program topics and visitor services available.

Ranger Programs

Rangers give walks and talks every day about Yosemite’s natural and cultural history. See pages 6 and 7 for scheduled walks, talks, and evening programs.

Walking and Hiking

From easy walks to Lower Yosemite Fall, Cook’s Meadow, and Mirror Lake to strenuous hikes to the top of Yosemite Falls or Nevada Fall, Yosemite Valley has a wide range of walking and hiking possibilities. See page 17 for a list of hikes.

Bicycling

Several miles of bicycle paths wind through Yosemite Valley. You can use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Lodge or Curry Village. Bikes are only allowed on paved bicycle paths.

Tours

Tours listed below depart from Yosemite Lodge. Tours may be weather dependent.

The **Valley Floor Tour** is a 26-mile, two-hour open-air tram tour narrated by a park ranger (weather permitting). The tour departs Yosemite Lodge several times daily.

The **Glacier Point Tour** leaves Yosemite Lodge at 8:30 am, 10 am, and 1:30 pm daily when the Glacier Point Road is open. One-way tickets are available for those who want to hike down from Glacier Point.

The **Grand Tour** includes the Valley, Glacier Point, and the Mariposa Grove. An experienced guide narrates each tour. The tour departs Yosemite Lodge at 8:45 am daily.

Call 209/372-1240 for reservations or inquire at the tour desks at Yosemite Lodge, Yosemite Village, Curry Village, and The Ahwahnee.

Mule & Horseback Rides

Horse or mule rides begin at the stable near North Pines Campground. Stable hours are 7:00 am to 5 pm daily. Information: 209/372-8348 (reservations strongly recommended).

Sightseeing

Some of the famous landmarks in Yosemite Valley include:

- Yosemite Falls gives the Valley an extra touch of life when it’s flowing

- You can walk to its base or take the strenuous trail to its top (see page 17 for hiking information).
- Half Dome**, Yosemite’s most distinctive monument, dominates most views in Yosemite Valley. Forces of uplift, erosion from rivers and glaciers, and rockfall all shaped this famous feature into what we see today. Cook’s Meadow, Sentinel Bridge, Tunnel View, and Glacier Point, are just a few locations with stunning views of Half Dome.
 - El Capitan**, a massive granite monolith, stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. From spring to fall, climbers come from all over the globe to scale El Capitan.
 - Happy Isles** is a place to see dramatic natural processes at work. It is easily reached by shuttle at stop #16 or by walking from Curry Village. Cross the footbridges onto the isles or wander through outdoor and indoor exhibits detailing Yosemite’s geologic story.
 - Tunnel View**, along Wawona Road (Hwy 41) provides a classic view of Yosemite Valley, El Capitan, Half Dome, Sentinel Rock, Cathedral Rocks, and Bridalveil Fall. It is spectacular at sunset or after the clearing of a storm.

Hours listed are core hours for facilities and may be extended during periods of peak visitation. Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

- Yosemite Village**
Degnan’s Loft
Weekdays 5pm-9pm
Closes for the season Sept. 30
Degnan’s Delicatessen
7am to 5pm
Village Grill
11am to 5pm
Internet Kiosks
7am to 5pm
- The Ahwahnee**
Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 3pm
Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm
Sunday Brunch: 7am to 2pm
Appropriate attire respectfully required for dinner.
Reservations are recommended for ALL meals - strongly recommended for dinner. 372-1489
Ahwahnee Breakfast Bar
7am to 10:30am
The Ahwahnee Bar
11:30am to 11pm
- Yosemite Lodge**
Food Court
Breakfast: 6:30am to 11am
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm
Dinner: 5pm to 8:30pm (*Grab and Go only 8-8:30pm*)
Mountain Room Lounge
Monday – Friday
4:30pm to 11pm
Saturday – Sunday
Noon to 11pm
Mountain Room Restaurant
5:30pm to 8:30pm
Reservations taken for 8 or more. 209/372-1281 or 209/372-1403
- Curry Village**
Coffee Corner/Ice Cream
Daily 7am to 11pm through Sept. 15,
Daily 7 am to 11am beginning Sept. 16
Ice Cream closes for the season Sept. 15
Curry Village Bar
Noon to 10pm daily through Sept. 15
beginning Sept.16- 5pm to 10pm, Sunday
- Thursday and noon to 10pm on Friday & Saturday
Pavilion Buffet
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:00pm
Pizza Deck
Noon to 9pm
Meadow Grill
11am to 8pm
- Happy Isles Snack Stand**
11am to 5pm
Closes for the season Oct. 7th
- BOOKS, GIFTS & APPAREL**
- The Ansel Adams Gallery**
9am to 6pm
Yosemite Art Center
9am to 4:30pm *closed for lunch 12pm to 1pm*
Yosemite Bookstore
Inside Yosemite Visitor Center
9am to 6pm
Yosemite Museum Store
9am to 5pm
Valley Wilderness Center
8am to 5pm
Village Store
8am to 9pm
Habitat Yosemite
11am to 4pm, Thursday- Sunday
Sport Shop
10am to 5pm
- Ahwahnee**
The Ahwahnee Gift Shop
8am to 9pm
The Ahwahnee Sweet Shop
7am to 10pm
- Yosemite Lodge**
Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm
Nature Shop
10am to 7pm
- Curry Village**
Mountain Shop
8am to 8pm
Curry Village Gift/Grocery
8am to 9pm

Yosemite Valley

Where to go and what to do

Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

Visitor center and bookstore hours are 9am to 6pm. The visitor center is just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9). The facility offers information, maps, and books. Explore the exhibits and learn how Yosemite’s landscape formed and how people interact with it.

FILM: SPIRIT OF YOSEMITE

This inspiring visitor-orientation film provides a stunning overview of Yosemite’s splendor. It is shown every 30 minutes, Monday through Saturday between 9:30 am and 5:30 pm, Sunday between noon and 5:30 pm in the Valley Visitor Center Theater.

Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center.

INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

Open 9am to 5pm. Interprets the cultural history of Yosemite’s Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE

Open daily from 9 am to 5 pm. The store offers books and traditional American Indian arts, crafts, jewelry, and books.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM GALLERY

Yosemite Viewed: 19th and 20th Century Landscape Paintings:

This exhibit features a selection of landscapes from the Yosemite Museum collection ranging from Thomas Ayres’ 1855 drawing of the view from Inspiration Point to a late 20th century interpretation of the same scene by Jane Culp.

Works by Albert Bierstadt, Thomas Moran, Chris Jorgensen, Chiura Obata, and others will be included. The



ca. 1890 painting by Thomas F. Laycock, oil on canvas, catalog no. 23998



Biking in Yosemite Valley, Photo by Deniene

Cosmopolitan Register, which includes signatures of prominent visiting artists, and the Cosmopolitan interactive, will be part of the display. Yosemite Museum Gallery, 10am-12pm, 1pm-4pm daily through October 31.

Ansel Adams Gallery

In Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center, the gallery is open daily from 9 am to 6 pm. The gallery offers the work of Ansel Adams, other photographers and artists, camera walks, workshops, and classes. Activities are listed on the front porch.

Call 209/372-4413, or visit www.anseladams.com.

Exhibit: Penny Otwell – New Work
August 20th - September 29th (*Reception September 13th, from 3-5pm*)

This is Otwell’s third solo show at The Ansel Adams Gallery and she has become one of the gallery’s best selling artists. 2012 will bring a new series, HIGH SIERRA 2012, which the artist is currently working on. Otwell’s work is distinctively her own style and she has both corporate (PATAGONIA, INC., DELAWARE NORTH, INC.) and private collectors who follow her work.

New Exhibit: Sally Owens and Tom Killion “The High Sierra: Two Views”.

September 29th – November 17th
(*Reception Saturday, October 20th 3-5 pm.*)

Wilderness Center

The Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village adjacent to the post office. Hours are 8am to 5pm. Visit the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters.

Yosemite Art Center

The Yosemite Art Center invites you to participate in one of our art workshops held Tuesday through Saturday. There is a requested donation of \$10. Supplies, cards, gifts, and original art are available for purchase. The Center is located in Yosemite Village next to the Village Store. Yosemite Art Center Hours: Daily 9am-4:30pm (closed for lunch) Art Workshop hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10am-2pm. For other classes please check the Scheduled Events in Yosemite Valley.

Nature Center at Happy Isles

Open 10am to 4pm daily (closed for lunch). Designed for nature-exploring children and their families, the nature center offers natural-history exhibits. The nature center is a short walk from shuttle stop # 16.

Yosemite Theater LIVE

Yosemite Theater LIVE offers entertainment and inspiration through a variety of fantastic theater performances. Discover the historical Yosemite of John Muir and current excitement of our rock climbers and rescue rangers.(See page 7 for shows and starting times.)

LeConte Memorial Lodge

LeConte Memorial Lodge is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm, with evening programs Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, and some Thursday evenings. Evening programs are scheduled for 8:00 pm and are free. The Lodge has a library, children’s corner, and a new climate change exhibit. The Lodge is located at shuttle stop #12. *Open through September, 30, 2012.*

VALLEY SERVICES

POST OFFICES

Yosemite Village

Main Office

Monday-Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 10am to noon

Yosemite Lodge

Post Office

Monday-Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

GROCERIES AND TOURS

Yosemite Village

Village Store Gift/Grocery

8am to 9pm

Degnan’s Deli

7am to 5pm

Tour Desk - Village Store

7:30am to 3pm, *closes for the season Oct. 7*

Yosemite Lodge

Gift/Grocery

8am to 8pm

Tour Desk

7:30am to 7pm

Curry Village

Gift/Grocery

8am to 9pm

Tour Desk

7:30am to 3pm, *closes for the season Oct. 7*

Housekeeping Camp

Gift/Grocery

8am to 6pm

SHOWERS AND LAUNDRY

Housekeeping Camp

Laundry 8am to 10pm

Shower 7am to 10pm

Curry Village

Shower House Open 24 hrs.

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

September 5, 2012 - October 9, 2012



An NPS Interpretive Ranger engages young park visitors during a Junior Ranger Day Program. NPS Photo

Yosemite Outdoor Adventures

The non-profit Yosemite Conservancy sponsors this year-round series of fun, engaging field programs; they’re a great way to deepen your connection to our park.

September 8	High Country Hawkwatch Raptor migration along the crest
September 9	Mammoth Peak Summit A good hike to a special summit
September 28-30	Miwok-Paiute Basketry Miwok-Paiute women share their heritage
September 28	Mariposa Grove Discovery Into the big trees with our fire ecologist
September 30	Wawona Photography Autumn’s glow in our southern basin

Find all the details at www.yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures, or call 209/379-2317, ext. 10. Park entry and camping are included, and motel rooms have already been set aside for these programs. The Conservancy also arranges Custom Adventures for individuals, families and groups: adventures@yosemiteconservancy.org.

Yosemite Art Center Workshops (YAC)

The Yosemite Art Center invites you to participate in one of our art workshops held Tuesday through Saturday. There is a requested donation of \$10. Supplies, cards, gifts, and original art are available for purchase. The Center is located in Yosemite Village next to the Village Store. Yosemite Art Center Hours: Daily 9am-4:30pm (closed for lunch)

September 4th - September 8th	Osamu Saito	Capture your Yosemite in Watercolor
September 11th-September 15th	Chris Van Winkle	Plein Air Experience Watercolor
September 18th - September 22nd	Karen Bieber	Making a Watercolor Journal of Yosemite
September 25th - September 29th	Barbara Rosenthal	Charcoal/Soft Pastel/ Light and Shadow
October 2nd - October 6th	Marcy Wheeler	Impressive Expressive Yosemite
October 9th - October 13th	HenriettaSparkman	Monotype Expressions Printmaking

Yosemite Mountaineering School (YMS)

YMS offers rock climbing classes, guided climbs, custom backcountry trips, and daily hikes. Experience the park with a professional guide: 209/372-8344.

LeConte Memorial Lodge (SC)

LeConte Memorial Lodge is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm, with evening programs Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, and some Thursday evenings. Evening programs begin at 8pm and are free. The Lodge has a library, children’s corner, and a climate change exhibit. The Lodge is located at shuttle stop #12.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH (YOSEMITE CHAPEL) 209-372-4831, www.yosemitevalleychapel.org
Pastor Brent Moore Resident Minister
SUNDAY SERVICES
9:15 am (Sunday School available).
11:00am(Memorial Day-Labor Day ONLY, no Sunday School)
6:30am Sunday Evening Service/Bible Study
A.C.M.N.P Sunday Morning Campground Services
Lower Pines and Wawona Campground Amphitheaters 9:00am
TUESDAY BIBLE STUDIES
Men’s and Women’s Bible 7:00pm, call chapel
THURSDAY MIDWEEK SERVICE
Thursday Evening Service 7:00pm
Various Bible Studies during the week call for times and locations.

ROMAN CATHOLIC
Sunday, 10am at Valley Visitor Center Theater
Saturday, 6pm, Lower Pines Amphitheater, 209/372-4729.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
El Portal Chapel / Worship: Sunday 11am
Info: 209/379-2100

A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN THE NATIONAL PARKS
9am Sunday at Lower Pines, Wawona, and Tuolumne Meadows campgrounds.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
7:30pm Sunday, Tuesday, & Thursday
DNC General Office Bldg. Yosemite Village.

LIONS CLUB
First and third Thursday of each month at noon, The Ahwahnee. Call 209/372-4475.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
Thursday at noon at The Ahwahnee. Reservations/ information: 209/372-8459.

	MORNING
Sunday	8:15am Ranger Walk - Yosemite’s Legacy 1 1/2 hrs. Front of Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 10:00am Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)
Monday	8:15am Ranger Walk - Yosemite’s First People 1 1/2 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum (NPS) 9:00am Camera Walk 1 ½ hours. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at the Ahwahnee Hotel (TAAG) 9:30am FAMILY CRAFTS Yosemite Art Center (YC) 10:00am Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)
Tuesday	8:15am Ranger Walk - Geology 1 1/2 hrs. Front of Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 9:00am Camera Walk 1 ½ hours. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) 10:00am Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 10:00am Art Workshop 4hrs Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$. For more information see page 6.
Wednesday	8:15am Ranger Walk - Wild About Wildlife 1 1/2 hrs. Front of Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 10:00am Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 10:00am Art Workshop 4hrs Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$. For more information see page 6.
Thursday	8:15am Ranger Walk – Ahwahneechee Stories and Games 1 ½ hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum (NPS) 9:00am Camera Walk 1 ½ hours. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG). 10:00am Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 10:00am Art Workshop 4hrs Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$. For more information see page 6.
Friday	8:15am Ranger Walk - Merced Meanders 1 1/2 hrs. shuttle stop #6 (NPS) 10:00am Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 10:00am Art Workshop 4hrs Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$. For more information see page 6.
Saturday	8:15am Ranger Walk - Trees 1 1/2 hrs. The Ahwahnee shuttle stop #3 (NPS) 9:00am Camera Walk 1 ½ hours. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) 10:00am Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) 10:00am Art Workshop 4hrs Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$. For more information see page 6.

AAC	American Alpine Club		Indicates facilities accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. Short, steep inclines may be encountered.
DNC	DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, Inc.		
NPS	National Park Service		Sign Language interpreting is available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at 209/379-5250 (w/ txt) Two weeks advance notice is requested.
SC	Sierra Club		
TAAG	The Ansel Adams Gallery		Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advanced request. Inquire at a visitor center.
YAC	Yosemite Art Center		
YC	Yosemite Conservancy		
YMS	Yosemite Mountaineering School		
\$	Programs offered for a fee		

	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Sunday	1:30pm BEGINNER'S ART 2hrs (min age 8) Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ 2:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) 4:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) Programs printed in ALL CAPS & COLOR are especially for Children and their Families	5:00pm Naturalist Stroll (except Sept 9) 1 hr. See local listings for title, The Ahwahnee back lawn benches. (DNC) 6:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories and activities for kids 3-6, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) 7:00pm Yosemite Theater LIVE: "Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1904" featuring Ranger Shelton Johnson. (Except 9/23) 1½ hrs. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$ 8:00pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) 8:00pm Evening Program, Sierra Club 1hr. Le Conte Memorial Lodge (Shuttle bus stop #12) (SC) Pete Devine, Yosemite Conservancy Naturalist "Dr. Steller's Jay: How the Steller Jay Got Its Name" (September 9 only) Jonathan Bayless, Chief Curator, YNP "It's Movietime! Yosemite in Film Over the Decades" (September 16 only) Pete Devine, Yosemite Conservancy Naturalist "Yosemite's Sister Parks in China" (September 23 only)
Monday	1:00pm "Using your Digital Camera" Class 4hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery \$ (TAAG) 1:30pm BEGINNER'S ART 2hrs (min age 8) Yosemite Art Center (YC) \$ 2:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Walk - Bears 1 1/2hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) 4:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)	8:00pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) 8:30pm NIGHT PROWL 1 ½ hrs, Explore Yosemite at night! Tickets/info at any tour desk (DNC) \$
Tuesday	12:00pm Yosemite Forum (September 11 only) 1 hr. "A mammal's take on the Rapture Hypothesis, Jacob's Ladder, and other notions of gloom, doom, and uniform change in alpine ecosystems". Valley Visitor Center Auditorium (NPS) 1:00pm "In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams" Class 4hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery \$ (TAAG) 1:30pm CHILDREN'S ART CLASS 1 1/2 hrs (min age 6). For more information see page 6. 2:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Walk - Bears 1 1/2hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) 4:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)	7:00pm Yosemite Theater LIVE: "Search & Rescue in Yosemite" with veteran ranger John Dill. 1½ hrs. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$ 8:00pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater (DNC)
Wednesday	2:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) 4:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)	7:00pm Yosemite Theater LIVE: "The Spirit of John Muir" performed by Lee Stetson. Except 9/5 and 9/12) 1½ hrs . Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$ 8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC)
Thursday	1:00pm "Using your Digital Camera" Class 4hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery \$ (TAAG) 2:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Walk - Bears 1 1/2hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) 4:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)	6:00pm Naturalist Stroll (begins Sept 20) 1 hr. See local listings for title, The Ahwahnee back lawn. (DNC) 6:00pm WEE WILD ONES (begins Sept 20) 45 min. Stories and activities for ages 3-6, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC) 7:00pm Yosemite Theater LIVE: "Conversation with a Tramp: an Evening with John Muir" performed by Lee Stetson. (Except 9/6 and 9/13) 1½ hrs. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$ 8:00pm Evening Program, Sierra Club 1hr. Le Conte Memorial Lodge (Shuttle bus stop #12) (SC) Debbie Cook, Coulterville, CA, Event Coordinator, "Muir & Coulterville, CA" (September 13 only) 8:00pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC)
Friday	2:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Walk - Bears 1 1/2hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) 4:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)	7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) 7:30pm Yosemite Theater LIVE: Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey followed by discussion with climber Ron Kauk, featured in the film. 1½ hrs. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$ 8:00pm Film: Ansel Adams 1hrs, Check Local listings for venue (TAAG). 8:00pm Evening Program, Sierra Club 1hr. Le Conte Memorial Lodge (Shuttle bus stop #12) (SC) Ben Cunningham-Summerfield, California Tribal Member "American Indian Storytelling & Flute" (September 7 only) Lee Terkelsen, Nature Film-Maker "Sequoia to Mt. Whitney" Hiking Narrative (September 14 only) John Dill, YNP Search & Rescue Ranger, "Search & Rescue in Yosemite" (September 21 only) 1 1/2 hr. Tom Arfsten, Yosemite Historian, "Galen Clark: Yosemite Guardian" (September 28 only) 8:00pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) 8:00pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (TAAG) 8:30pm NIGHT PROWL 1 ½ hrs, Explore Yosemite at night! Tickets/info at any tour desk. (DNC) \$
Saturday	1:00pm "In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams" Class 4hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery \$ (TAAG) 3:00pm Fine Print Tour 1 hr. Very limited space. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery (TAAG) 2:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Walk - Bears 1 1/2hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) 4:00pm Meet Your Yosemite 15 min. talk about a Yosemite topic, Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS)	6:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 min. Stories and activities for ages 3-6, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) 7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) 7:30pm Yosemite Theater LIVE: Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey followed by discussion with climber Ron Kauk, featured in the film. 1½ hrs. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Valley Visitor Center or any tour desk. Valley Visitor Center Theater (YC) \$ 8:00pm Evening Program, Sierra Club 1hr. Le Conte Memorial Lodge (Shuttle bus stop #12) (SC) Charles Schoeberger, Nature Photographer, "Yosemite: Fall & Winter Photo Essay" (September 8 only) Lee Terkelsen, Nature Film-Maker "Along the John Muir Trail" (September 15 only) Michael Bryant & Robin Pliskin, Northern California Musicians "Concert & Sing-Along: Songs About Nature" (September 22 only) Stephen Joseph, Landscape Photographer "John Muir & His Plants" (September 29 only) 8:00pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Curry Village Amphitheater. (DNC) 8:00pm Evening Program 1 hr. Check local listings for topic, Yosemite Lodge at the Falls Amphitheater. (DNC/AAC)

Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point

Wawona & Mariposa Grove

Coffee with a Ranger

Grab your mug and join a ranger in the Wawona Campground Amphitheater for coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. Use this time to plan your day or to get other questions answered.

Evening Programs

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, 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 program on the vintage 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 8:30 am to 5 pm. The Wawona Visitor Center offers information about park activities, Wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister 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 the hill. 209/375-9531

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 explores 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.

EXPERIENCE HORSE-DRAWN TRAVEL

Travel into history by taking a 10-minute horse-drawn stage ride. Tickets may be purchased at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. \$4/adults and \$3/child (ages 3-12)

Mariposa Grove

Located near Yosemite’s South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove is the park’s largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees. A few of these giants are visible in the parking area. Information about access for disabled



people is available at the tram boarding area.

GETTING TO MARIPOSA GROVE

Allow 1½ hours driving time to reach the grove from the Valley. Cars are prohibited beyond the grove parking lot. The access road to the grove may close intermittently due to limited parking.

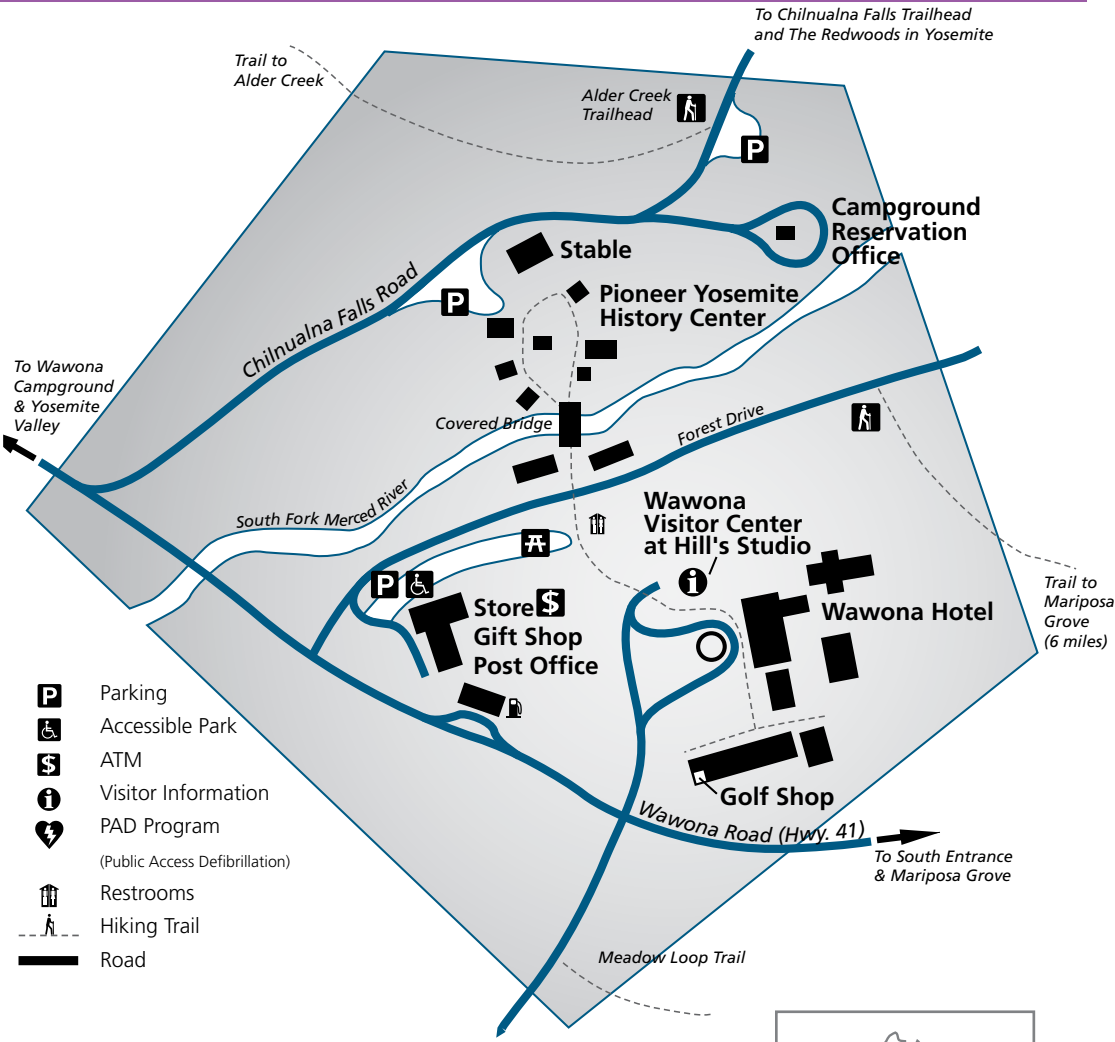
Trailers are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road. Private vehicles longer than 25 feet are not permitted on this road.

FREE MARIPOSA GROVE & WAWONA SHUTTLE

A shuttle 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 am, and the last shuttle leaves the grove at 6 pm, or after the last tour. Please use this free bus service to help reduce congestion and parking delays.

Mariposa Grove Museum

Open 10 am to 4 pm. Located in the Upper Mariposa Grove, the museum offers information, displays on giant sequoias.



Walking through the Grove

Trails into the grove extend uphill from the trailhead 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.

Dogs or bikes are not permitted anywhere in the Grove

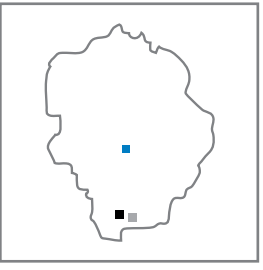


Photo: “Buckshot” Burrell Maier and the Wawona Stage Coach/ NPS Photo



Geology Hut. Photo courtesy Yosemite Research Library

Glacier Point

Evening Programs

Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening shadows in Yosemite Valley and the alpenglow (or moonrise) on the Sierra high country. Stargazing programs are offered, as well. Details at right.

Hours listed are core hours for facilities and may be extended during periods of peak visitation. Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Wawona
Wawona Hotel Dining Room
Breakfast: 7:00am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 1:30pm
Lounge Service 5pm-9:30pm
Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm
Saturday BBQ: 5-7pm, *last BBQ of the season, Sept. 8*
Golf Shop & Snack Stand
8am to 5pm when golf course is open
Glacier Point
Snack Stand
10am to 4pm, *closes for the season Oct. 14*

GROCERIES

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop
8am to 6pm

GIFTS & APPAREL

Wawona
Wawona Store & Pioneer Shop
8am to 6pm
Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio (Information and Books)
8:30am to 5pm
Glacier Point
Gift Shop
10am to 5pm
Mariposa Grove
Mariposa Grove Museum
10am to 4pm
Big Trees Gift Shop
9am to 5pm

POST OFFICE

Wawona Post Office
Monday-Friday: 9am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to noon

GAS STATION

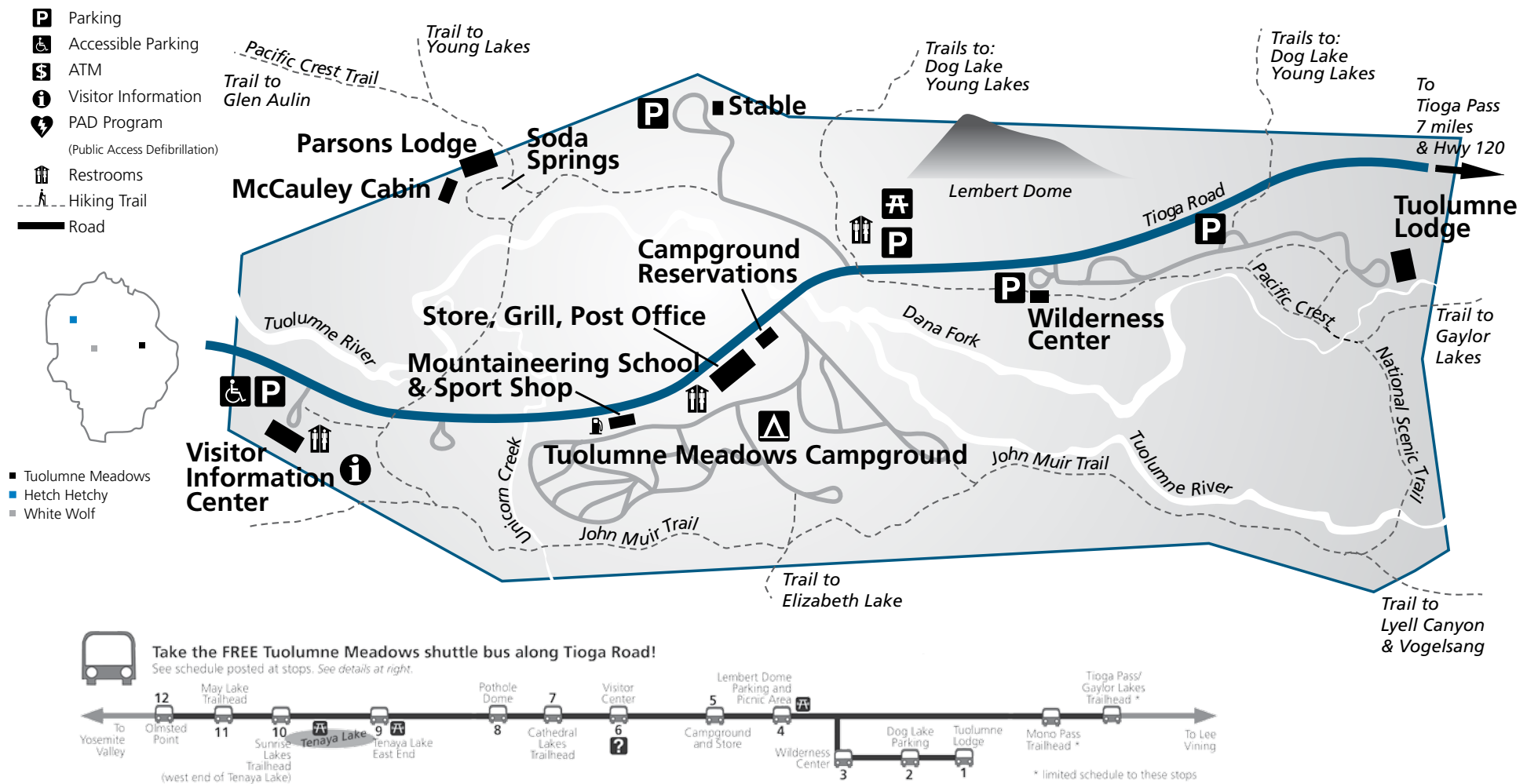
Wawona Gas Station
9am to 6pm Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

GOLF

Wawona Hotel Golf Course
9am to 5pm, weather and conditions permitting. Nine-hole, par-35 course.

	WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE	GLACIER POINT
Sunday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger (Sept 30 only) ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (Sept. 30 only) 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 10:00 am - 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 min each Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$4 adult / \$3 child 3-12 (NPS) \$ 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (Sept 30 only) 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS)	2:00pm A Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan 1½ hrs. Easy. Meet in front of the Glacier Point Gift Shop (NPS) 6:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Sept 9 and Oct 7 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 6:30pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Sept 9, 16, and 23 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS)
Monday	10:00 am - 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (Oct. 8 only) 10 min each Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$4 adult / \$3 child 3-12 (NPS) \$ Programs printed in ALL CAPS & COLOR are especially for Children and their Families	
Tuesday	5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp, programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm, drop by the piano early in the evening & ask Tom for details, Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC)	2:00pm Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/ Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 6:30pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Sept 11, 18, and 25 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS)
Wednesday	5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp, programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm, drop by the piano early in the evening & ask Tom for details, Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC)	2:00pm Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/ Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 6:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Sept 26 and Oct 3 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 6:30pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Sept 5, 12, and 19 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS)
Thursday	5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp, programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm, drop by the piano early in the evening & ask Tom for details, Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC)	1:00pm Get Lost With a Ranger! 3 hrs. Learn map and compass skills. Sentinel Dome Parking Area. 6:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Sept 27 and Oct 4 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 6:30pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Sept 6, 13, and 20 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS)
Friday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger (except Sept 7) ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (except Sept 7) 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 10:00 am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 min each Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$4 adult / \$3 child 3-12 (NPS) \$ 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (except Sept 7) 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp, programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm, drop by the piano early in the evening & ask Tom for details, Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC)	2:00pm A Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan 1½ hrs. Easy. Meet in front of the Glacier Point Gift Shop (NPS) 5:45pm Full Moon Hike to Sentinel Dome (Sept 28 only) 2.5 hrs. Dress warmly. Meet at Sentinel Dome parking area. (NPS) 6:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Oct 5 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 6:30pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Sept 7, 14, and 21 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 7:30pm Stars Over Yosemite (except Sept. 28) Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast. (NPS)
Saturday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger (except Sept 8) ¾ hr. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) 9:30 am - 11:30am Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (Sept. 29 only) 10 min each Purchase tickets at Wells Fargo office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$4 adult / \$3 child 3-12 (NPS) \$ 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (except Sept 8) 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 10:00 am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (Sept 8, 15, 22 only) 10 min each Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$4 adult / \$3 child 3-12 (NPS) \$ 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (except Sept 8 & 29) 1½ hrs. Lower Grove Trailhead (NPS) 5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music and historical programs with pianist/singer Tom Bopp, programs are available by request, usually given at 8:30pm, drop by the piano early in the evening & ask Tom for details, Wawona Hotel Lounge (DNC)	2:00pm Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Meet at Taft Point/ Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 6:15pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Sept 29 and Oct 6 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 6:30pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Sept 8, 15, and 22 only) ½ hr. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 7:30pm Stars Over Yosemite (except Sept. 29) Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast. (NPS)

Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat



Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center
Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through September 25. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

The Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center is located just south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, at shuttle stop #3. Hours are 8 am to 5 pm. The wilderness center offers wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, maps, and general park information.

Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley Cabin, and Soda Springs

Two trails, both flat and 3/4-mile long, lead to this historic area accessible only by walking. Parsons Memorial Lodge is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, September 21. Soda Springs are small, naturally-carbonated springs that attract birds and deer, especially at sunrise and sunset.

Just for Kids

Programs for children include Junior Rangers, a two-hour ranger-led program for children (ages 7-12), and Campfire for Kids.

Ranger Walks

Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, birds, flowers, history, the Tuolumne River, and more. These walks range from one to eight hours and, except for the long walks, are fairly easy.

Evening Activities

Come to a traditional, ranger-led campfire program for stories, songs, and insight into Yosemite. Program topics vary, and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. End your day with a star program—bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly.

Mule and Horseback Rides

Horse or mule rides begin at the Tuolumne Meadows stable. Stable hours are 7:30am to 5pm. Information: 209/372-8427. Closes for the season Sept. 15th

Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open 8 am to 5 pm. The information station offers general park information, books and maps. It also provides wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, trail, and backpacking information.

Merced Grove

Yosemite's quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of about 20 big trees accessible only on foot. It's a three-mile round-trip hike (about three hours) into the grove. The trail drops down 1.5 miles making this a moderately strenuous hike on the uphill portion.

There is no potable water at the parking area or down in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you. The grove is located 3½ miles north of Crane Flat and 4½ miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance along the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). The trail is marked by a sign and a post labeled B-10.

Tuolumne Grove

The trail head for this grove of about 25 sequoias is near the intersection of the Big Oak Flat and Tioga roads at Crane Flat. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from the parking area into the grove. The trail drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The way down can seem much easier than the uphill return to the parking lot. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill portion. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guided nature trail. There is no potable water at the parking area or in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you.



Check local postings for changes to hours of operation.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Tuolumne Meadows
Tuolumne Meadows Grill
8am to 5pm
Closes for the season Sept. 23
Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room
Breakfast- 7am to 9am
Closes for the season after breakfast Sept. 16
Dinner-Reservations Strongly Recommended - 5:45pm to 8:00pm
Closes for the season after dinner Sept.15

White Wolf
White Wolf Lodge
Breakfast - 7:30 to 9:30am
Closes for the season after breakfast on Sept 9
Lunch - noon-2pm Sandwiches, beverages, and snacks available at the front desk store
Closes for the season on Sept 8
Dinner - 6 to 8pm, Reservations recommended
Closes for the season after dinner Sept 8

GROCERIES

Tuolumne Meadows
Store
9am to 6pm
Closes for season at noon, Sept. 24
Crane Flat
Store
9am to 5pm

GIFTS & APPAREL

Tuolumne Meadows
Mountaineering School and Sport Shop
Daily 9am to 5pm
Closes for season Sept. 23, weather permitting
Tuolumne Meadows Bookstore
Inside the Visitor Center
9am to 5pm through Sept. 25
Tuolumne Meadows Store
9am to 6pm
Closes for season at noon, Sept. 24

POST OFFICE

Tuolumne Meadows
Post Office
Monday – Friday: 9am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to 1pm
Closes for season Sept. 24

GAS STATIONS

Tuolumne Meadows
Gas and propane available.
Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

Crane Flat
9am to 5pm
Diesel available.
Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

FREE SHUTTLE BUS

Olmsted Pt. / Tuolumne / Tioga Pass
Closes for the season Sept. 16th

See map, page 10. Free shuttle service is available along the Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tioga Pass. Service begins when conditions permit.

Shuttles travel between Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Olmsted Point with stops along the Tioga Road, including Tuolumne Meadows Campground and the visitor center. The shuttle also makes morning and afternoon runs to Tioga Pass.

Service begins at the Lodge at 7 am. Shuttles arrive at approximately 30-minute intervals between 7 am and 7 pm.

	TUOLUMNE MEADOWS	WHITE WOLF <i>*Check local postings for current programs</i>	CRANE FLAT/ HODGDON MEADOW/ HETCH HETCHY <i>*Check local postings for additional programs</i>
Sunday	10:00am Ranger Walk—Sketching in Tuolumne (September 16 only) 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring sunglasses, notebook, pen, and pencil. (NPS) 10:00am Ranger Hike—Lambert Dome (except September 30 and October 7) 3 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 3 miles. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2. Bring snacks and water. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (except September 30 and October 7) 15 min. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm Ranger Walk—Winter’s A-Comin’! (except September 30 and October 7) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29 (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (except September 30 and October 7) 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm Campfire (except September 30 and October 7) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)		8:30pm Night Prowl 1 hr Hodgdon Meadows. Make reservations at the Big Oak Flat info. station (209) 379-1899 (NPS)
Monday	10:30am Tenaya Lake Walk and Clean-up with Climber Ron Kauk (except October 1 and 8) 1 hr. East end of Tenaya Lake, shuttle stop #9 (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (except October 1 and 8) 15 min. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm Ranger Walk—Bears and Other Wildlife (except October 1 and 8) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (except October 1 and 8) 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm Campfire (except October 1 and 8) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 7:30pm Stars over Mono Lake (except October 1 and 8) 1 1/2 hrs. Meet at South Tufa in Mono Basin. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS) ♿		9:30am Ranger Hike: Hetch Hetchy 2 hrs. Bring water. Meet at the O’Shaughnessy dam (NPS)
Tuesday	10:00am Ranger Walk—Geology of Tuolumne Meadows (except October 2 and 9) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29 (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (except October 2 and 9) 15 min. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 1:30pm Ranger Walk—Bennettville Exploration (except October 2 and 9) 3 1/2 hrs. Tioga Lake turnout east of Tioga Pass (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (except October 2 and 9) 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm Campfire (except October 2 and 9) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)		8:00pm Starry, Starry Night 2hr Crane Flat area. Make reservations at the Big Oak Flat Info. station (209) 379-1899 (NPS)
Wednesday	8:00am Ranger Walk—Birds (September 5 and 12 only) 2 1/2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) 8:30am Coffee with a Ranger (September 5 and 12 only) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) 10:00am Indians in the High Country (September 5 and 12 only) 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (September 5 and 12 only) 15 min. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 1:30pm Ranger Walk—Along the River (September 5 and 12 only) 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (September 5 and 12 only) 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm Campfire (September 5 and 12 only) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 9:00pm Ranger Talk—Stars (September 5 and 12 only) 1 hr. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	Programs printed in ALL CAPS & COLOR are especially for Children and their Families	
Thursday	9:00am Ranger Hike—Cathedral Lakes (September 13 and 20 only) 6-8 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 7 miles. Meet at Cathedral Lakes trailhead, shuttle stop #7. Bring lunch, water, and rain gear (NPS) 10:00am Ranger Walk—A Place Long Traveled: History of Tuolumne Meadows (except September 27 and October 4) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center shuttle stop #6 (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (except September 27 and October 4) 15 min. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm Ranger Walk—The Secret Life of Plants (except September 27 and October 4) 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (except September 27 and October 4) 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm Campfire (except September 27 and October 4) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)		
Friday	8:30am Coffee with a Ranger (except September 28 and October 5) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) 9:15am Ranger Hike—Gaylor Lakes Basin (except September 28 and October 5) 5-6 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 5 miles. Meet at Gaylor Lakes parking lot at Tioga Pass. Bring lunch, water, and rain gear (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (except September 28 and October 5) 15 min. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm Ranger Walk—Domes and Meadows (except September 28 and October 5) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome shuttle stop #8, road marker T-29 (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (except September 28 and October 5) 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm Campfire (except September 28 and October 5) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)		
Saturday	9:15am Ranger Hike—Mono Pass (except September 29 and October 6) 6-8 hrs. Moderately strenuous. 8 miles. Meet at Mono Pass trailhead. Bring lunch, water, and rain gear. (NPS) 10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK (except September 29 and October 6) 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Dog Lake parking, shuttle stop #2 (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (except September 29 and October 6) 15 min. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 3:00pm Ranger Talk—Welcome to Tuolumne! (except September 29 and October 6) 15 minutes Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot (NPS) ♿ 6:30pm CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS (except September 29 and October 6) 3/4 hr. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) & 7:30pm Campfire (except September 29 and October 6) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 9:00pm Ranger Talk—Stars (except September 29 and October 6) 1 hr. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)		2:00pm Ranger Hike: Hetch Hetchy 2 hrs. Bring water. Meet at the O’Shaughnessy dam (NPS)

Become a Junior Ranger

Ages 3 and up can earn a badge while exploring the park

Yosemite National Park offers a wide variety of wide variety of programs and activities for kids of all ages! To find kid-friendly programs, see pages 6, 7, 9, and 11 of the Guide for program descriptions:

Programs printed in **ALL CAPS & COLOR** are especially for Children and their Families

Be a naturalist. Look for these common Yosemite wild animals. If you see one, make a note by the animal's picture below. If you don't see any of these wild animals during your visit, choose one you did see and draw it in the box on this page. Where did you see it? What was it doing? Also, remember never to feed or approach an animal.



Coyote



Black bear



Golden-mantled ground squirrel

Follow these steps to earn your Junior Ranger badge.*

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1. With an adult, pick a trail to walk. See page 17 of this Guide or stop by a visitor center to choose your trail. As you go, walk quietly, watch, listen, and think. Write the name of the trail you walked.

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2. Explore with your senses! Record the following.

I see: _____

I hear: _____

I smell: _____

I touch: _____

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3. Leave no Trace! If you see trash or rubbish, pick it up. Junior Rangers learn to be good park stewards by bringing in a bag of trash. Recycle any recyclable materials you pick up or bring along.

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4. Learn more. Go to a ranger-led program or visit with an Indian Cultural Demonstrator. What program did you attend? Have the ranger or demonstrator sign below.

Signed by: _____

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5. Write down something you learned from a ranger or Indian Cultural Demonstrator.

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6. Think about this. Why do people work to protect national parks?

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7. When you complete this page, take it to a visitor center. There you will take your oath and receive your Junior Ranger badge.

*Expanded Junior Ranger and Little Cub programs (and the chance to earn a patch) are available in the *Junior Ranger* or *Little Cub Handbooks*, which can be purchased at any Yosemite Conservancy bookstore.

Bears and Wildlife

Enjoying wildlife safely and responsibly



Sow and Cub. Photo by Christine White Loberg

Keep Wildlife Wild!

Black bears, coyote, deer, and grey squirrels are just a few of the many animal species in the park that are active year round. Learn how to help protect Yosemite’s wildlife.

Store Your Food Properly.
4,000 to 20,000 calories worth of grasses, berries, acorns, and grubs—that’s the typical daily diet of most bears. It’s a lot easier for a bear to eat the thousands of calories of food in an ice chest than it is to spend all day nibbling at grasses. Their incredible sense of smell allows them to detect things we can’t, which helps them find food—a black bear can smell a dead deer three miles away. To top it off, bears have excellent vision and can see in color, so they recognize ice chests, grocery bags, and other food containers as potential food sources.

If you see a bear, scare it away or keep your distance.
You may not see a bear during your visit because they naturally avoid people. However, if you see one in a developed area (like a campground or parking lot), act immediately to scare it away: Make noise and yell as loud as possible. If there is more than one person, stand together to present a more intimidating figure, but do not surround the bear.

If you see a bear anywhere else, consider yourself lucky—but keep your distance (at least 50 yards, or about the distance made by four shuttle buses parked end to end). If you get too close, you will be helping the bear become used to being around people. Bears that become

comfortable around humans lose their natural fear of us and may become too aggressive. When that happens, they sometimes have to be killed.

Drive the speed limit.
The most common human-related cause of death for a black bear in Yosemite is being hit by a car. Slow down! Driving too fast is almost always the cause of these accidental deaths.

Red Bear, Dead Bear
Did you notice the red bear markers as you drove through the park? Each of them mark a place where a bear was recently hit. Every year bears, hundreds of deer, and countless other animals are killed while trying to cross park roads. Many of these deaths could have been avoided if drivers observed posted speed limits.

Please remember that Yosemite National Park is a wildlife preserve: by driving the speed limit you are helping to protect the park and its wildlife.

Backpackers: Save Your Food, Save A Bear
Bear resistant food canisters are 2.7-pound containers that can be used to store five or more days of backpacker food when meals are carefully planned. Canisters have an inset lid that bears are

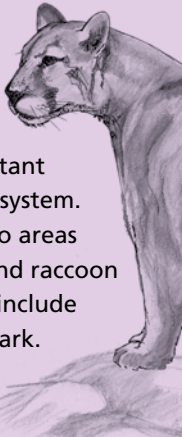
unable to open. When used correctly, bears learn that—although they smell like food—the canisters are not worth investigating.

Report Bear Sightings!
To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at 209/372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park’s website (www.nps.gov/yose/bears).

Coyotes
Watching a coyote hunting for mice in one of Yosemite’s many meadows can be an amazing wildlife experience. Coyotes are opportunistic carnivores that primarily prey on small mammals. Like bears, their diets change throughout the year with food availability.

Unfortunately, coyotes sometimes change their natural behavior to try to obtain human food. Approaching, and/or feeding coyotes can cause them to lose their natural fear of humans. Please do not stop to feed coyotes that you see along the sides of the roads. This encourages them to frequent roadsides to beg for food, endangering both coyotes and drivers.

Mountain Lions



Mountain lions are a normal and important part of the park ecosystem. They are attracted to areas with healthy deer and raccoon populations, which include many areas of the park. Although lion attacks on humans are extremely rare, they are possible, just as is injury from any wild animal.

For your safety:
Do not leave pets or pet food outside and unattended. Pets can attract mountain lions.

Avoid hiking alone. Watch children closely and never let them run ahead or lag behind on the trail. Teach children what to do if they see a lion.

What should you do if you meet a mountain lion?
Never approach one, especially if it is with kittens. Most lions will avoid confrontation. Always give them a way to escape.

Don’t run. Stay calm. Hold your ground, or back away slowly. Face the lion and stand upright. Do all you can to appear larger. Raise your arms. If you have small children with you, pick them up.

If the lion behaves aggressively, wave your arms, shout, and throw objects at it. The goal is to convince it that you may be dangerous. If attacked, fight back!

Mountain Lions are magnificent creatures and native to Yosemite. Generally, they are calm, quiet, and elusive. Sightings are rare, so if you spot one, consider yourself privileged!

How to Store Food

“Food” includes any item with a scent, regardless of packaging. This may include items that you do not consider food, such as canned goods, bottles, drinks, soap, cosmetics, toiletries, trash, ice chests (even when empty), and unwashed items used for preparing or eating meals.

LOCATION	FOOD STORAGE	WHY?
Your Vehicle	You may store food in your car (with windows closed) only during daylight hours. Do not store food in your car after dark: use a food locker. Remember to clear your car of food wrappers, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats. Never leave unattended food strapped to the outside of a vehicle or in a pickup truck bed.	Bears can smell food, even if it’s sealed in the trunk or glove compartment, and they recognize boxes and bags as potential food sources. They can easily and quickly break into all kinds of vehicles!
Your Campsite or Tent Cabin	You must store all your food in food lockers—not in your tent or tent cabin. A food locker is available at each campsite and tent cabin. Food may be stored out of sight in hard-sided RVs with windows closed.	Bears may enter campsites when people are present, and some will even check food lockers to see if they’re secured. Keep food lockers closed and latched at all times, even when you are in your campsite or tent cabin.
Picnic Areas & on the Trails	Do not leave food unattended. Always keep food within arm’s reach. Don’t turn your back to your food.	Bears may investigate picnic areas or backpacks for food even when people are present, so be alert.
Backpacking in the Wilderness	Bear resistant food containers are required throughout the Yosemite Wilderness. Hanging food is prohibited in Yosemite.	In Yosemite and the southern Sierra, bear canisters are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.



Protect Yourself...

Keep safety in mind as you explore the park



Half Dome Cables, NPS Photo

Permit Required to Hike Half Dome

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week when the cables are up for 2012, May 25 to October 8, conditions permitting. This interim measure increases safety along the cables while the park develops a long-term plan to manage use on the Half Dome Trail. In addition to the 300 permits per day released during the preseason lottery, approximately 50 permits will be available each day by lottery during the hiking season. These permits will be available based on the estimated rate of use and cancellations of permits (the exact number may change through the summer). The daily lotteries will have an application period two days prior to the hiking date with a notification late that night. To apply for a permit, visit Recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777. An application fee applies to all and a use fee applies to winning applicants. Backpackers with an appropriate wilderness permit can receive a Half Dome permit when they pick up their wilderness permit (use fee applies). Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area can descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit. More information is available at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm.

Keep yourself safe while exploring your park.

There are many ways to experience the wildness of Yosemite. While the forces of nature can create unexpected hazardous conditions, with a little common sense and some pre-planning, you can minimize the risks associated with many activities.

Around Water

- Stay away from swiftly-moving water. Keep children from wandering on or near these hazards. Choose swimming areas carefully and swim only during low water conditions.
- Always supervise children closely.
- Avoid areas of whitewater, where streams flow over rocky obstructions.
- Never swim or wade upstream from of a waterfall, even if the water appears shallow and calm. Each year, unsuspecting visitors are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when swimming in these areas.
- Swimming is not permitted in the Hetch Hetchy reservoir or in Emerald Pool above Vernal Fall.

Water Quality

To protect yourself from disease, treat any surface water before drinking. Treatment methods include boiling for five minutes, use of a Giardia-rated water filter, or iodine-based purifier. To prevent the spread of Giardia and other water-borne disease organisms, use restroom facilities where available, and always wash hands afterwards with soap and water. In natural areas where facilities are not available, wash, camp, and bury human waste at least 100 feet away from any water source or trail, burying human waste six inches deep and pack out any toilet paper.

Traffic Safety

Roads leading to the park are two-lane, narrow, and winding. When traveling on park roads you can protect yourself, other visitors, and park wildlife by observing the following simple rules: Please obey posted speed limits. Yosemite’s roads are used by both visitors and park wildlife. Use turnouts

to pull completely out of the road, to take photos, consult the park map, or simply enjoy the park’s scenery and wildlife.

Effects of Altitude

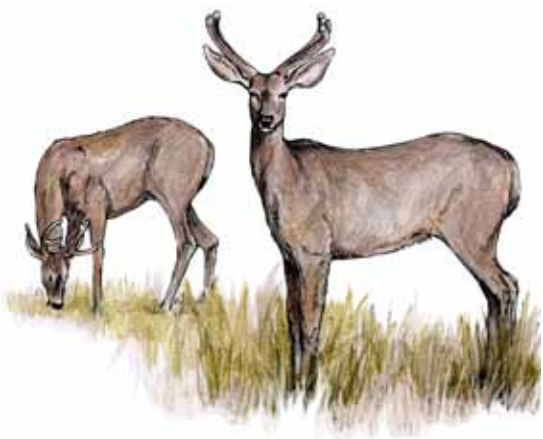
Altitude sickness may develop in otherwise healthy and fit people who are exposed to rapid increases in altitude. It can develop at altitudes as low as 8,000 feet (Yosemite Valley’s elevation is 4,000 feet). Should altitude sickness develop, descend to a lower elevation.

Hiking, Backpacking, River and Creek Crossings, and Rock Climbing

- Tell someone where you are going and when you are due back.
- Carry and know how to use a map and compass.
- Know how to use your gear and carry basic repair materials.
- Check weather forecasts.
- Avoid dehydration or heat exhaustion; carry and drink plenty of water, and bring high-energy food.
- Be prepared to set up emergency shelter even when out just for the day.
- Know how to use your gear and carry basic repair materials.
- Summer trails are not marked for winter use. When trails have full or partial snow coverage, good navigation skills are necessary.
- During spring runoff and high water any unbridged river or creek crossing can be hazardous. Always take extra time and use good judgment when crossing rivers and creeks.

Wilderness Permit Information

Wilderness permits are required year round for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness. Permits are issued and bear canisters are available for rent at the Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center, the Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center, the Big Oak Flat Information Center, Hill’s Studio in Wawona, and the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station during hours of operation. Check the web at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm, or call the park’s main phone line at 209/372-0200, for additional information. 60% of the trailhead quota is available in advance. Reservations are taken from 24 weeks to two days in advance of the start of your trip. A processing fee of \$5 per permit plus \$5 per person is charged to each confirmed reservation. Check the park’s website for trailhead availability and call 209/372-0740 to make an advanced reservation. 40% of the trailhead quota is available for first come, first serve, walk up permits. The earliest walk up permits become available is the day before your trip starts at 11am. If there is space available, walk up permits can be obtained on the day of your trip.



...and Yosemite

Protecting park resources



Protecting Yourself and the Park

Prepare yourself for a wild experience. Yosemite is a place where natural forces—such as rockfall, fire, and flood—are constantly at work. Here, wildlife freely roams. This is a place where wilderness prevails. The National Park Service recognizes the importance of Yosemite’s natural processes and is bound by its mission to protect them for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. While you are enjoying your visit, be attentive to the special regulations in place to protect park resources and those designed for your safety.

Rafting

Conditions permitting, rafting on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley (Stoneman Bridge to Sentinel Beach) and the South Fork of the Merced River in Wawona is open from 10 am to 6 pm daily to any type of non-motorized vessel or other flotation device.

- The entire length of the Merced River in Yosemite Valley is closed to all flotation devices whenever the river gauge at Sentinel Bridge reads 6.5 feet or higher. Ask at a visitor center for conditions and obey all posted signs.
- You must wear or have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device immediately available.
- Fallen trees and other natural debris in the river create important habitat for fish and other wildlife. Be alert—they can also create hazards for rafters.

Fishing

Fishing in Yosemite is regulated by state law. A valid California sport-fishing license is required for those persons age 16 years and older. When fishing, the license must be plainly visible by attaching it to an outer layer of clothing above the waistline.

- Trout season runs through November 15 (except Frog Creek near Lake Eleanor, which opens June 15).
- Special fishing regulations apply on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley from Happy Isles downstream to the Foresta Bridge in El Portal. Within these reaches of the river, it is catch-and-release only for rainbow trout. Brown trout limits are five fish per day. Only artificial lures or flies with barbless hooks may be used.
- The use of live or dead minnows, bait fish or amphibians, non-preserved fish eggs or roe is prohibited.

Pets

Keep in mind, daytime temperatures can reach above 100 ° Farenheit in the summer. Make sure to keep your pet cool and well-hydrated. In Yosemite, pet owners have a few rules to follow:

- Pets are only allowed in developed areas and on roads and paved bike paths. Pets are not allowed anywhere in the Mariposa or Merced sequoia groves. They are not allowed on trails, in wilderness areas, or where signs are posted prohibiting them.

- Pets must be on a leash (6 feet or less) or otherwise physically restrained.
- For the courtesy of others, human companions are responsible for cleaning up and depositing pet feces in trash receptacles.
- Pets are not allowed in any lodging facilities or other buildings within the park and are not allowed in some campgrounds.
- Pets may not be tied to an object and left unattended.

Bicycling

Bike rentals at Curry Village and Yosemite Lodge are open 9am to 6pm, with the last bike going out at 4:45pm. Each season, plants are crushed from bicycle travel in meadows,campgrounds, and picnic areas. Please respect park resources and keep bicycles on paved roads and paved bicycle trails. Bikes are not allowed to travel off paved trails. Mountain biking opportunities are available in designated areas outside of Yosemite.

Yosemite Guardians

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park’s most important guardians. With 4 million people watching over its special plants, animals, historic, and archeological sites, imagine how well-protected these park resources could be!

During your visit to Yosemite be aware that there are people who either unknowingly or intentionally harm park resources. Please contact a park official if you see any of the following illegal acts:

- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants
- Hunting animals
- Collecting reptiles and butterflies
- Picking up archeological items, such as arrowheads
- Using metal detectors
- Driving vehicles into meadows
- Biking off of paved roads
- Camping outside of designated campgrounds
- Possession of weapons inside federal facilities

If you see activities that could harm people or park resources, jot down any descriptions or a vehicle license plate number and call the park dispatch office at 209/379-1992.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm and find a copy of the Superintendent’s Compendium. This document is a compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions made by the superintendent, in addition to what is contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7 and 34), and other applicable federal statutes and regulations.



Upper Yosemite Fall, NPS photo

Weather in Yosemite

Dressing in layers and bringing plenty of water can help you stay safe through Yosemite’s changing weather conditions. As is true of all mountainous regions, weather in the Sierra Nevada can change rapidly any season of the year. Elevation plays a major role in temeperature and precipitation variability, and Yosemite ranges in elevation from 2,000 feet to more than 13,000 feet above sea level. It is not uncommon for clouds to build up suddenly, bringing rain and/or thunderstorms to an otherwise sunny day. In September and October, temperatures in Tuolumne Meadows can dip well ibelowng freezing, while day time temperatures at lower elevations, like Yosemite Valley and Hetch Hetchy, can soar to over 100° F.

Camping



Camping in Yosemite. Photo by Ray Santos

General Info...

To check same-day camping availability, call 209/372-0266

Services

- All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker (33"d x 45"w x 18"h). See page 5 for food storage regulations.
- Toilets are available in campgrounds; however, Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat have non-flushing vault toilets only and no potable water.
- Shower and laundry facilities are available year-round in Yosemite Valley.
- RVs over 24 feet are not recommended for Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat campgrounds, and RVs are not permitted in walk-in and group campsites. There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer only in Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows.

Regulations

- Proper food storage is required 24 hours a day.
- A maximum of six people (including children) and two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
- Quiet hours are from 10 pm to 6 am.
- Where permitted, pets must be on a leash and may not be left unattended.

Campfires

- In Yosemite Valley between May 1 and September 30, campfires are permitted between 5 pm and 10 pm. At other times of the year and in out-of-Valley campgrounds, fires are permitted at any time, as long as they are attended.
- Firewood collection (including pine cones and pine needles) is not permitted in Yosemite Valley; you may purchase firewood at stores near the campgrounds.

A primitive overnight experience

Yosemite National Park contains 13 popular campgrounds. Up to seven are on a reservation system, the rest are first-come, first-served. From April through September, reservations are essential and the first-come, first-served sites often fill by noon during these months.

Camping Reservations

Reservations are required March through November for campsites in Yosemite Valley’s car campgrounds and summer through fall for Hodgdon Meadow, Crane Flat, Wawona, and half of Tuolumne Meadows. All other campgrounds (except group and stock campgrounds) are first-come, first-served. Campground reservations are available up to five months in advance, on the 15th of each month at 7 am Pacific time. Log onto the website or call as soon as possible as some campgrounds fill within a few minutes of the opening period.

ARRIVAL DATE	FIRST DAY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS (7 AM PT)
Dec. 15 – Jan. 14	Aug. 15
Jan. 15 – Feb. 14	Sept. 15
Feb. 15 – Mar. 14	Oct. 15
Mar. 15 – Apr. 14	Nov. 15
Apr. 15 – May 14	Dec. 15
May 15 – Jun. 14	Jan. 15
Jun. 15 – Jul. 14	Feb. 15
Jul. 15 – Aug. 14	Mar. 15
Aug. 15 – Sep. 14	Apr. 15
Sep. 15 – Oct. 14	May 15
Oct. 15 – Nov. 14	Jun. 15
Nov. 15 – Dec. 14	Jul. 15

For campground reservations, visit www.recreation.gov (recommended) or call 877/444-6777 or TDD 877/833-6777 or 518/885-3639 from outside the US and Canada.

Hours:

7 am to 7 pm Pacific time
(November through February)

7 am to 9 pm Pacific time
(March through October)

Reservation offices in the park are located in the visitor parking area at Curry Village (shuttle bus stop #14), the Tuolumne Meadows Campground entrance, in Wawona off Chilnualna Falls Road, and at Big Oak Flat Information Station.

Yosemite Valley

There is a 30-day camping limit within Yosemite National Park in a calendar year; however, May 1 to September 15, the camping limit is 14 days and only seven of those days can be in Yosemite Valley or Wawona.

Camp 4 is a walk-in campground and is open all year on a first-come, first-served basis; these campsites are not wheelchair accessible. Sites are available on a per-person basis, and six

people will be placed in each campsite, regardless of number of people in your party. Camp 4 often fills before 9 am each day, May through September.

Camping in Areas Surrounding Yosemite

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) operates a variety of campgrounds on a seasonal basis near Yosemite. For additional information, contact Groveland Ranger Station at 209/962-7825; Mariposa Ranger Station at 209/966-3638; Mono Lake Ranger Station at 760/647-3044; or Oakhurst Ranger Station at 559/683-4636. For private campgrounds outside Yosemite, call the respective chamber of commerce or visitor bureau listed on page 10.

Group Campgrounds

There are group campsites at Tuolumne Meadows, Hodgdon Meadow, Wawona, and Bridalveil Creek Campgrounds. Reservations can be made the same way as individual site reservations; 13 to 30 people are allowed in each group campsite. Tent camping only. Pets, RVs, and generators are not permitted in group sites.

Campgrounds in Yosemite National Park*

CAMPGROUND	OPEN 2012 (APPROX)	MAX RV LENGTH	MAX TRAILER LENGTH	RESERVATIONS REQUIRED?	DAILY FEE	# OF SITES	PETS	WATER
YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Upper Pines	All year	35 ft	24 ft	March 15- Nov 26	\$20	238	Yes	Tap
Lower Pines	March 3-Oct 29	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$20	60	Yes	Tap
North Pines	April 6-Nov 5	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$20	81	Yes	Tap
Camp 4	All year	No RVs/trailers	n/a	First-come, first-served	\$5/pers.	35	No	Tap
SOUTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Wawona	All year	35 ft	35 ft	April 8 – Oct 1	\$20	93	Yes	Tap
Bridalveil Creek	July 13 - Sept 10	35 ft	24 ft	First-come,first-served	\$14	110	Yes	Tap
NORTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Hodgdon Meadow	All year	35 ft	27 ft	Apr 18 – Oct 15	\$20	105	Yes	Tap
Crane Flat	June – Oct 9	35 ft	27 ft	Yes	\$20	166	Yes	Tap
Tamarack Flat	May 25 – Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$10	52	No	Creek (boil)
White Wolf	June – Sep 17	27 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$14	74	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Creek	June– Sep 10	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$10	75	Yes	Creek (boil)
Porcupine Flat	July – Oct 15	24 ft (limited)	20 ft	First-come, first-served	\$10	52	No	Creek (boil)
Tuolumne Meadows	June – Sep 26	35 ft	35 ft	50%	\$20	304	Yes	Tap

Hiking



Hikers on the Mist Trail, Yosemite National Park. Photo by Brian Ward

Choose your adventure

With over 800 miles of hiking trails, what better way to enjoy the beauty of Yosemite than on foot? Ask a ranger at any visitor center for one of several free day-hike handouts. Excellent maps and guidebooks are available at bookstores throughout the park.

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
Bridalveil Fall	Bridalveil Fall Parking Area	0.5 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Lower Yosemite Fall	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	1.0 mile round-trip, 20 minutes	Easy
Upper Yosemite Fall Trail to Columbia Rock	Camp 4 Near Shuttle Stop #7	2 miles round-trip, 2–3 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Upper Yosemite Fall	Same as above	7.2 miles round-trip, 6–8 hours	Very Strenuous 2,700-foot gain
Mirror Lake (a seasonal lake) <i>Mirror Lake trail temporarily closed after Tenaya Creek due to rockfall</i>	Mirror Lake Shuttle Stop #17	2 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Vernal Fall Footbridge	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	1.4 miles round-trip, 1–2 hours	Moderate, 400-foot gain
Top of Vernal Fall	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	3 miles round-trip, 2–4 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Nevada Fall	same as above	7 miles round-trip, 5–6 hours	Strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Top of Half Dome	same as above	14 mi (via Mist Trail) or 16.3 mi (via John Muir Trail) round-trip, 10–12 hours	Extremely Strenuous, 4,800-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point	Southside Drive	4.8 miles one-way, 3–4 hours one-way	Very Strenuous, 3,200-foot gain
Valley Floor Loop	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	13 miles full loop, 5–7 hours full loop	Moderate

Featured Trail:

Cook’s Meadow Loop, Yosemite Valley

(Easy, but may be a little snowy or icy in winter)

1 mile/1.6 km loop; 30 minutes
[wheelchair accessible] [leashed pets allowed]

Begin at Valley Visitor Center
(shuttle stop #5 or #9)

This short, easy walk offers stunning views of Half Dome, Glacier Point, and Royal Arches. From the visitor center, walk west along the bike path toward Lower Yosemite Fall. At shuttle stop #6, cross the street and follow the bike path, bearing left as the path forks. At Sentinel Bridge parking area, walk out onto the bridge to enjoy a classic view of Half Dome before returning to the parking area. Follow the boardwalk back across the meadow, cross the two streets, and turn right to return to the visitor center.

Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
WAWONA			
Wawona Meadow Loop	Wawona Hotel	3.5 miles round-trip, 1.5 hours	Easy
Swinging Bridge Loop	Wawona Store / Pioneer Yosemite Hist. Ctr. Parking Area	4.75 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
GLACIER POINT ROAD			
Taft Point	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Easy to Moderate
Sentinel Dome	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
TUOLUMNE MEADOWS AREA			
Soda Springs / Parsons Lodge	Lembert Dome Parking Area	1.5 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Lembert Dome	Lembert Dome Parking Area	4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderately Strenuous
John Muir Trail through Lyell Canyon	Dog Lake Parking Area	8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours	Easy, 200-foot gain
Elizabeth Lake	Tuolumne Meadows Group Campground	4.8 miles round trip, 4 to 5 hours	Moderate
TIOGA ROAD			
Lukens Lake	White Wolf ¹	5.4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderate
Yosemite Valley via Porcupine Creek	Porcupine Creek ¹	7 miles one-way, 4 to 6 hours	Moderate, 3,500- to 4,000-foot loss
Yosemite Valley via Yosemite Creek	Lukens Lake Trailhead ¹	10.5 miles one-way, 5 to 9 hours	Moderately Strenuous 3,500- to 4,000-foot loss
Yosemite Valley via Clouds Rest	Tenaya Lake ¹	19 miles one-way, 10 to 12 hours	Strenuous
HETCH HETCHY			
Wapama Falls	O’Shaughnessy Dam	5 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Easy to Moderate

The Ansel Adams Gallery: A Brief History

By: Mike Reeves



Photos Courtesy of the Ansel Adams Family

In the summer of 1901, a landscape painter by the name of Harry Best took an excursion to Yosemite Valley to camp and paint. Little did he know that this trip would have, indirectly, such an impact on so many, or that we would be telling this story now, nearly a century later. The following summer, in 1902, the Bests opened their studio in a tent in Yosemite Valley.

Best’s Studio was a family affair from the start. It was a husband and wife team producing and selling paintings, painted photographs, and photo finishing. Best’s Studio was the last of several artist studios that were established around the turn of the century, and paintings of his have hung in the White House for many years. His, and the company’s, success is attributed to a deep commitment to Yosemite National Park and the desire to share and create a positive Park experience for visitors.

Ansel Adams first came to Yosemite National Park in 1916 and returned in 1920 as a caretaker for the Sierra Club’s LeConte Lodge, still planning a career as a concert pianist. His goal brought him in close contact with the Bests including his daughter Virginia, and Ansel soon found himself visiting the Studio as much for the company as to practice the piano. On January 2, 1928, Ansel Adams and Virginia Best were married in the newly constructed Best’s Studio in the “new village” in Yosemite Valley.

The addition of Ansel Adams to the family had a major impact on the business. At the time of the wedding, Ansel’s career as a photographer was just beginning. He had published his

first portfolio in 1927, “Parmelian Prints of the High Sierras”. The Studio and Ansel had a symbiotic business relationship: Ansel providing high quality photographic material that appealed to visitors, and the Studio providing an outlet for his work and on-going financial support to a struggling artist.

Ansel and Virginia had two children, Michael, born in 1933 in Yosemite, and Anne, born in 1935 in San Francisco. The family split its time between San Francisco, where Ansel still maintained the family home, and Yosemite. During the Second World War the family moved to Yosemite year round, and the children grew up in this idyllic spot. Ansel and Virginia published a children’s story book, Michael and Anne in Yosemite, which still occasionally becomes available on the secondary market.

Harry Best passed away in 1936, and Virginia inherited the business that

she had been running for some years. Around this time, Ansel and Virginia conscientiously shifted the focus of the Studio to offer merchandise and services that fit with an ethic to respect the landscape and draw inspiration and creativity from the beauty of the environment. This ethic continues to guide The Ansel Adams Gallery. Ansel and Virginia published a number of books, cards, and other photographic related items.

In 1958 Ansel initiated the Yosemite Special Edition Photographs, a series of Ansel’s photographs printed under his supervision and differentiated from his exhibition prints by price and presentation. The Ansel Adams Gallery continues to offer the Yosemite Special Editions, printed by Alan Ross, a longtime assistant. The Gallery is the exclusive source for these beautiful photographs printed from Ansel Adams’ original negatives.

The Photography Workshop program began in 1940, and was one of the first photographic education programs in the country. The original workshops were one week long with several instructors, and groups of 10 to 12 students worked with different instructors in field, classroom, and darkroom sessions. Today the program continues with well-known photography instructors dedicated to continuing the experience of world class education, some of whom spent time with Ansel directly.

Virginia Best Adams operated the Studio until 1971, when she and Ansel turned the company over to Michael and Jeanne Adams, their son and daughter-in-law. During this time, the name of the business was changed to The Ansel Adams Gallery to reflect the primary focus of photography, and the powerful legacy that Ansel had in photography and environmental conservation. Photography and conservation are embodied in the work of Ansel Adams, and it is the purpose of the Gallery to encourage the values, efforts, and sense of awe that Ansel held and personified.

Today, the gallery continues to show the work of Ansel Adams and contemporary artists who continue to embody Ansel’s vision of exploration of Yosemite and other wild lands. Camera walks, classes, and workshops are all a great way to learn from photographers who can help visitors maximize their time in the park, and help create lasting and meaningful memories. Stop by for more information regarding these programs! We are located next door to the Visitor Center in Yosemite Village.



Supporting Your Park

Enhance the Visitor Experience

It takes a legion of people working together to protect this special park for you and future generations of visitors. You too can extend your connection to Yosemite well after you return home by getting involved with the organizations that partner to preserve Yosemite.

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The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery, owned by the family of photographer Ansel Adams since 1902, is a center that celebrates the arts and the natural grandeur of our environment. It cultivates an aesthetic appreciation and concern for our world by offering visitors a unique variety of literature and art, as well as programs that inspire creativity. Visit online at:



DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite

DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite (DNC) operates hotels, restaurants, sightseeing tours, recreational activities, interpretive programs, stores, shuttles and service stations in the park under contract with the U.S. Department of the Interior. DNC encourages its employees to develop a strong relationship with the park during their tenure.

For more information and employment opportunities with DNC at Yosemite, visit online at: www.YosemitePark.com



NatureBridge

NatureBridge provides residential field science programs for youth in the world's most spectacular classroom - Yosemite National Park. Through active student engagement, our faculty teaches science, history, and the arts and gives these subjects context through personal experience. A NatureBridge learning adventure strives to foster a life-long connection to the natural world and responsible actions to sustain it. Find out more about our year-round programs for schools and summer programs for individual teens at www.naturebridge.org/yosemite



Yosemite Conservancy

Yosemite Conservancy is the only philanthropic organization that is dedicated exclusively to the protection and preservation of Yosemite National Park and enhancement of the visitor experience. In recent years we have provided over \$70 million in grants to Yosemite from the generous support from donors, volunteers and foundations. The Conservancy works to restore trails, protect wildlife through scientific research and habitat restoration, and offers outdoor programs that provide visitors with unique ways to connect with the park. It has funded projects in areas including trail and habitat restoration, wildlife protection, education, volunteering, and the production of award-winning books and DVDs. Learn more at www.yosemiteconservancy.org



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Park Planning and Updates

Providing Access and Protecting Resources: The Draft Tuolumne and Merced River Plans

Yosemite National Park is putting the final touches on river plans that will guide long-term resource protection, visitor use and facilities management in the Merced and Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River corridors. Starting this fall, Yosemite will host open houses, workshops, site visits, webinars and other opportunities for you to learn about and participate in the crafting of these plans. Visit Yosemite's planning webpage to find out more about the plans, proposed release dates, and opportunities for public input.

- <http://www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/planning.htm>
- <http://www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/trp.htm>

Monthly Public Open House

Join park and partner staff to learn about projects and plans at a free monthly public Open House! The next Open House will be held on September 19, from 1-4pm in the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Auditorium.

Park entrance fees will be waived for those attending the Open House