

Volunteer Amrit Ale from the Sherpa Exchange Program makes the final move of a climbing patrol of Higher Cathedral Spire. NPS Photo

A person is rappelling down a steep, light-colored rock face. They are wearing a blue tank top, orange pants, and a black helmet. A red rope is attached to their harness and extends upwards. The background shows a dense forest of green trees and a clear blue sky.

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Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System

Year-round Route:

- Valley Shuttle
- Service interrupted by heavy snow

Summer-only Route:

- El Capitan Shuttle

Legend:

- ▲ Campground
- P Parking
- ⛶ Picnic Area
- 🚻 Restroom
- ▲ Walk-In Campground

Map Labels:

- Hetch Hetchy
- Tuolumne Meadows
- Yosemite Valley
- Wawona
- Upper Yosemite Fall Trail
- Upper Yosemite Fall
- Lower Yosemite Fall
- Valley Visitor Center
- Yosemite Village
- Medical Clinic
- Church Bowl Picnic Area
- The Majestic Yosemite Hotel
- North Pines
- Lower Pines
- Housekeeping Camp
- Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center
- Chapel
- Yosemite Valley Lodge
- Camp 4
- Swinging Bridge
- Sentinel Beach
- Four Mile Trail closed in winter
- El Capitan Picnic Area
- Cathedral Beach
- Northside Drive
- Southside Drive
- Bridalveil
- Valley Loop Trail
- Glacier Point 7214ft 2199m
- Trailhead Parking
- Upper Pines
- Campground Reservations
- Half Dome Village
- Nature Center at Happy Isles
- Mirror Lake seasonal
- Yosemite Creek
- Vernal Fall
- Mist Trail closed in winter
- horses only

Service on Happy Isles Loop (stops 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19) interrupted by heavy snowfall.

Pardon our dust! Beginning September 18, 2017, shuttle service and traffic circulation will change due to road repairs, conditions permitting. Expect detours and delays. Please reference updated map given at entrance stations and visitor centers.

Stop #	Location				
1	Yosemite Village Parking	11	Sentinel Bridge	17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
2 10	Yosemite Village	12	Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center / Housekeeping Camp	18	North Pines Campground
3 	The Majestic Yosemite Hotel	13 	Half Dome Village	19	Pines Campgrounds
4	Degnan's Deli	14 20	Half Dome Village Parking		El Capitan Picnic Area
5 9  	Valley Visitor Center	15	Upper Pines Campground / Trailhead Parking		El Capitan Crossover
6	Lower Yosemite Fall				Cathedral Beach Picnic Area
7 	Camp 4 / Yosemite Falls Parking				Four Mile Trailhead
8 	Yosemite Valley Lodge	16	Happy Isles / Mist Trail		

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Welcome to Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Entrance Fees

Non-commercial car, truck, RV, or van with 15 or fewer passenger seats Valid for 7 days

(No per-person fee)
Vehicle Valid for 7 days
\$30/Vehicle

Motorcycle Valid for 7 days
\$25/motorcycle

Individual Valid for 7 days
\$15 *(In a bus, on foot, bicycle, or horse)*

Yosemite Pass \$60
Valid for one year in Yosemite.

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

Interagency Senior Pass \$80
(Lifetime) For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.

Interagency Annual Senior Pass \$20
(Annual) 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)
(Annual) For active duty U.S. military and dependents

Interagency 4th Grade Pass (Free)
(Annual) For fourth graders and their families. Must present paper voucher

Reservations

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

Lodging Reservations
888/413-8869
www.travelyosemite.com
Group Sales Office: 888/339-3481

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
209/878-3329

Highway 140/49
California Welcome Center, Merced
800/446-5353 or 209/724-8104
www.yosemite-gateway.org

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

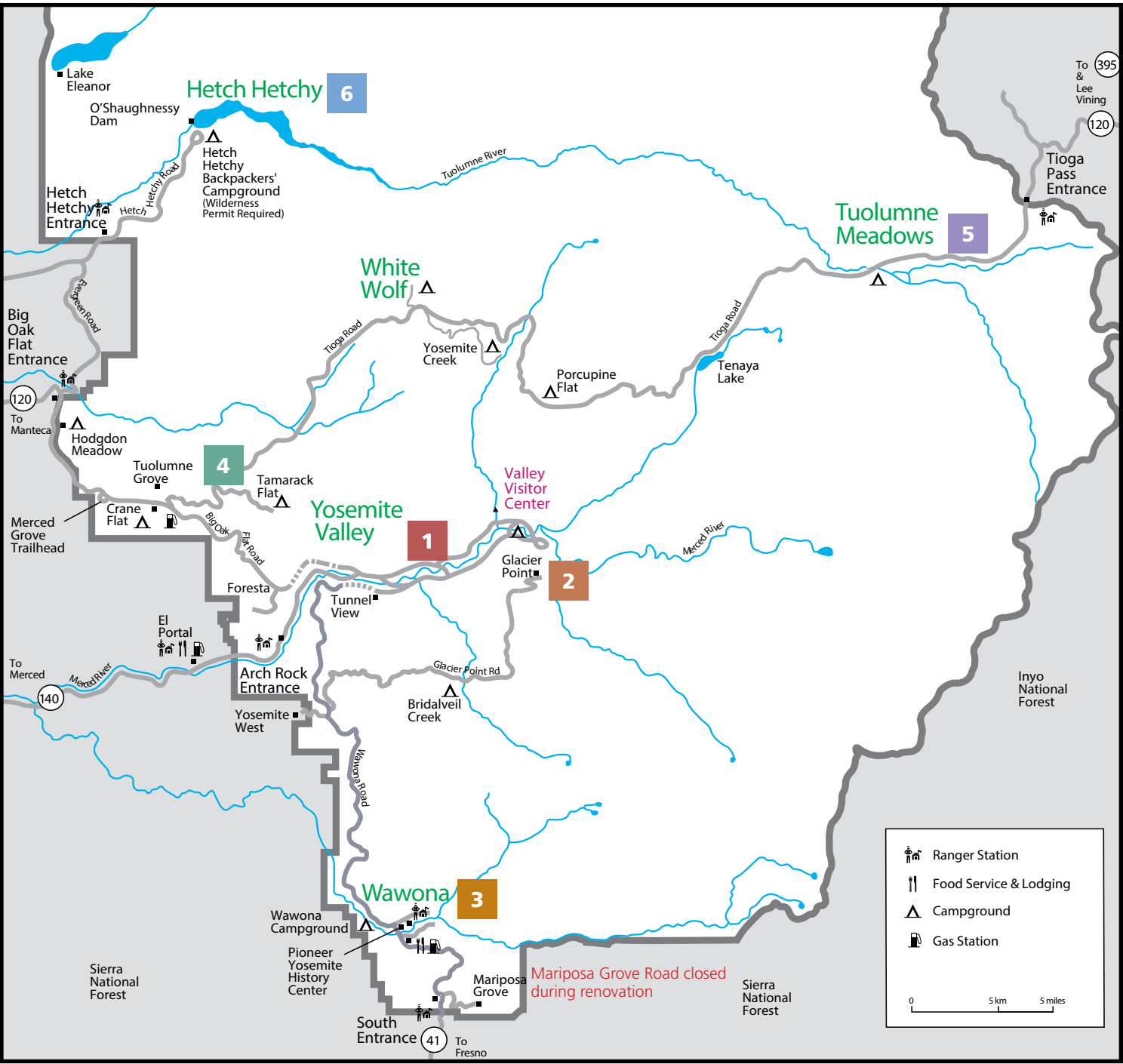
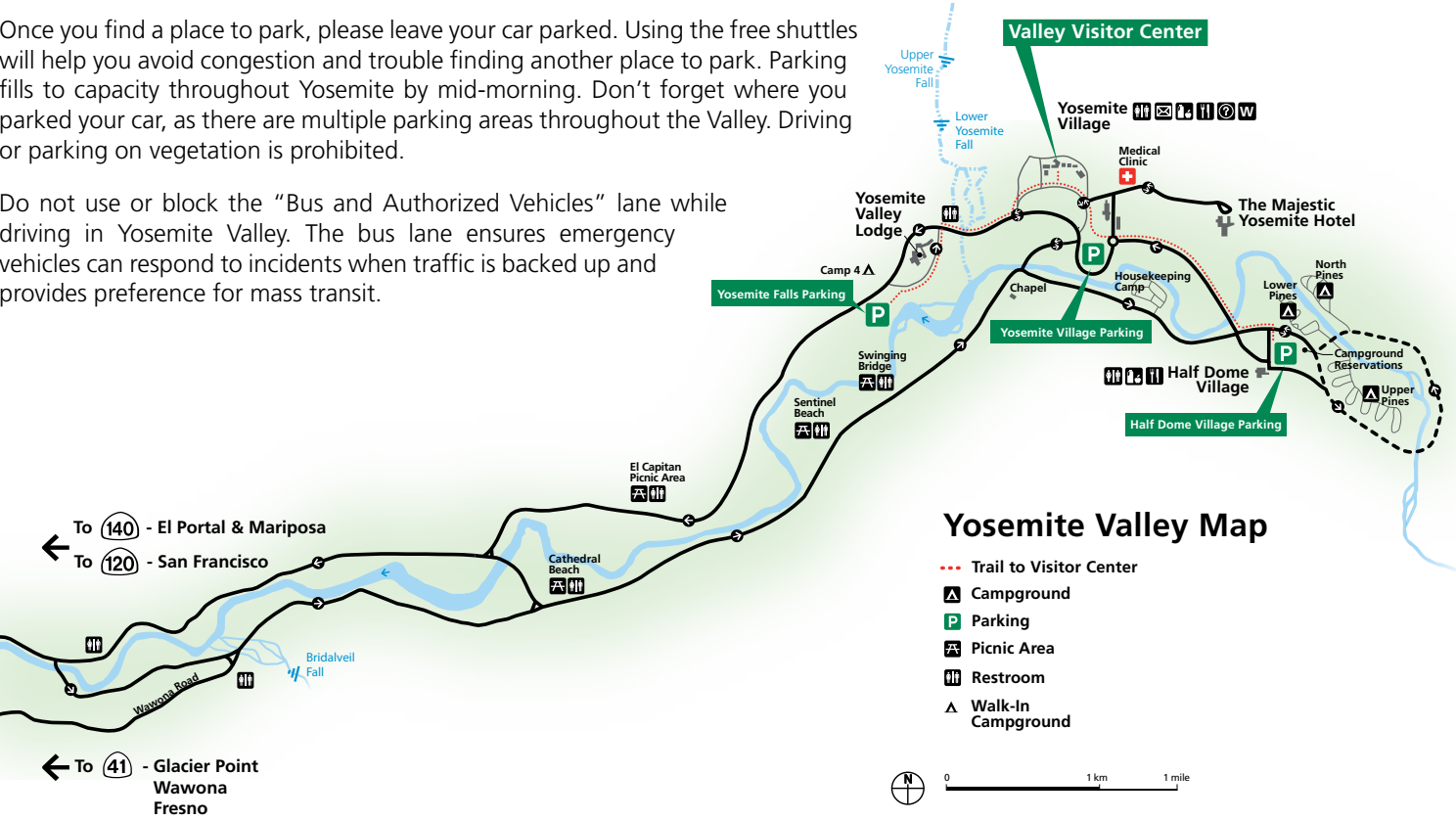
Yosemite Travel Tips

We're having a busy summer! If you haven't already, you're likely to experience congestion, especially in Yosemite Valley. Be prepared for two- to three-hour delays, especially in afternoons and on weekends. Plan accordingly and use restrooms when available.

If you're visiting Yosemite Valley for the day, look for parking in three major parking lots: Yosemite Falls Parking Lot, Yosemite Village Parking Lot, and at Half Dome Village Parking (formerly Curry Village). Free shuttle service to destinations throughout Yosemite Valley is available from each of these parking lots. If you have lodging or campground reservations, please park at your lodge or campsite.

Once you find a place to park, please leave your car parked. Using the free shuttles will help you avoid congestion and trouble finding another place to park. Parking fills to capacity throughout Yosemite by mid-morning. Don't forget where you parked your car, as there are multiple parking areas throughout the Valley. Driving or parking on vegetation is prohibited.

Do not use or block the "Bus and Authorized Vehicles" lane while driving in Yosemite Valley. The bus lane ensures emergency vehicles can respond to incidents when traffic is backed up and provides preference for mass transit.



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 the summer) via the Highway 120 east/Tioga Road 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 a 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, raft, or tour, you will behold scenery that will leave you breathless and eager to see what’s around the next corner.

Glacier Point

2 Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and Yosemite’s high country, is located 30 miles (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 view, looking 3,214 feet down to Yosemite Valley. **There is a free shuttle service that runs from Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area (YSSA) to Glacier Point (service ends Sep 5). The shuttle will be required when the Glacier Point parking lot is full; visitors with accessibility placards, valid wilderness permits for trailheads along Glacier Point Road, or camping at Bridalveil Creek Campground will be allowed to continue. The Glacier Point shuttle will begin running at 10am. The last shuttle from Glacier Point leaves at 5:30pm, and from YSSA at 4:30pm. There is no free shuttle for hikers from Glacier Point or YSSA to Yosemite Valley.*

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 Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is closed for restoration, see page 8 for details.*** 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, or hike one of the scenic trails. For more information, visit the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio, adjacent to the Big Trees Lodge. This was once a painting studio for the 19th-century artist Thomas Hill.

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 feet to nearly 10,000 feet. 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.

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, Lembert Dome, or along the Tuolumne River through Lyell Canyon. Take advantage of the Tuolumne Meadows Hikers’ Bus from Yosemite Valley.

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. Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles from Yosemite Valley. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open 7am to 9pm, May 1 through Labor Day. Wilderness permits and bear canisters are available while the road is open. Hetch Hetchy Road is accessible via the Big Oak Flat Road and Evergreen Road and is approximately a 1¼-hour drive from Yosemite Valley. Trailers, vehicles over 25 feet long, RVs and other vehicles over 8 ft. wide are not allowed on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.



Half Dome view from Glacier Point. Photo by Armand Williams



Giant Sequoias. Photo by Christine Loberg



Tenaya Lake along Tioga Road. NPS Photo



Tuolumne River at Tuolumne Meadows. Photo by Ryan Alonzo

DID YOU KNOW

- El Capitan and Half Dome are part of the 95 percent of Yosemite designated as wilderness. In fact, all cliffs above 4,200 feet elevation and more than 200 feet from the road are included in wilderness.
- Yosemite is an international rock climbing destination and there is a long history of rock climbing here. Climbers come from around the world to venture through Yosemite’s vertical wilderness.
- The climbing ethic is to leave as little sign of human passage through vertical wilderness as possible.
- Yosemite is known as a traditional climbing destination. Far less permanent or fixed fall protection is present on Yosemite’s rock than at most other popular climbing destinations.



Seasonal Highlights

Keep this Guide with you to get the most out of your trip to Yosemite National Park

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 different topics including waterfalls, trees, bears, geology, Yosemite Indians and more. *See pages 6, 7, 9, and 11 for schedules and more details.*

Adventure Out with Yosemite Mountaineering School

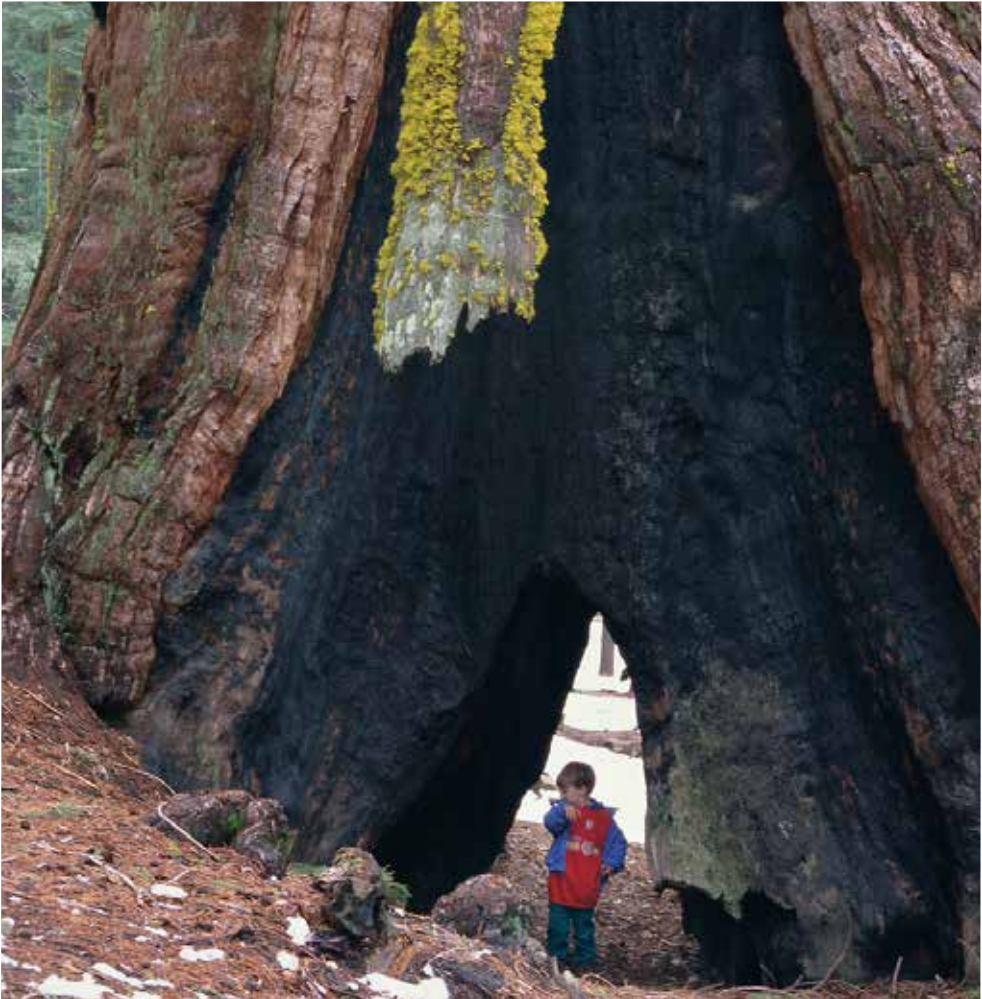
Yosemite Mountaineering School provides outdoor adventures for people of all experience levels. We are here to help you learn how to enjoy Yosemite safely and responsibly. Give us a call to join one of our group classes or to schedule a custom outing designed specifically for your group. We offer professional guides for hiking, backpacking and rock climbing. Reservations required. Call 209/372-8344 or email yms@aramark.com.

Visit the Yosemite Museum

Learn about Yosemite Indians by exploring an exhibit 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.

Take a Photography Class

Learn how to best capture the Yosemite landscape by joining a photography expert from The Ansel Adams Gallery. Several classes are offered each week. Some have fees, some are free. Sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village, shuttle stops #5 and #9. *See pages 5 and 6.*



The Mariposa Grove Restoration Project is nearing completion. NPS Photo

Get outside and enjoy your park!

Summer offers spectacular views of waterfalls, great hiking, and other endless opportunities for recreation. Find the adventures that will make lasting Yosemite memories for years to come.

Go to the Theater

After a day of exploring the park, relax and enjoy a show at the Yosemite Theater. This season, you can catch live shows starring Yosemite rangers, get inspired by a renowned rock-climber, and travel back in time to meet important figures from the park's past. See page 6 for details.

Get Creative at the Art Center

Join Yosemite Conservancy at Yosemite Art Center to take a beginner class with a professional artist, browse supplies and original artwork, and more. We offer expert-led art classes for beginners and Open Studio crafts for the whole family. The Art Center is located next to the Village Store and is open Monday through Saturday, 9am to 4pm (closed for lunch 12pm to 1pm). See page 6 for details.

Adventure with Yosemite Conservancy

Explore the park in a new way with Yosemite Conservancy's naturalist guides! Get an inside look at natural history during a personalized hike or backpacking trip, learn about American Indian traditions and food preparation, or take an evening stroll to Taft Point. Sign up for a scheduled Outdoor Adventure, or contact us to plan a Custom Adventure. See pg. 6 for details.

Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

Formerly known as LeConte Memorial Lodge, the Center is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm. Free evening programs occur on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8pm. Seating is available for 50 guests. The Center, located at shuttle stop #12, has a natural history library, a children's corner, and historical exhibits. Call 209/372-4542 for program details.

Volunteer Drop-In Program

Be part of the solution and keep your park beautiful! Join park staff to help protect Yosemite's habitat through ecological restoration and litter cleanup projects. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to work one to three hours. Volunteers must wear long pants and closed-toe shoes. A hat and sun protection are recommended, and we encourage volunteers to bring water and snacks. All tools will be provided. Groups larger than 10 should contact the volunteer program in advance: yose_volunteers@nps.gov or 209/379-1850.

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.



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. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator 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.

Emergency Information

Emergency Dial 911

Yosemite Village Garage offers 24-hour emergency roadside assistance

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

Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley) Open 7 days per week from 9am to 7pm for primary and urgent care needs. Ambulance available 24 hours by calling 9-1-1. Medical Clinic Phone: 209/372-4637.

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, email yose_lostandfound@nps.gov

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Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park



Yosemite Moonrise, a relief print by Tom Killion, will be on display at The Ansel Adams Gallery from August 20 to September 30, 2017.

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

NATURALIST PROGRAMS

Naturalists give walks and talks about Yosemite’s natural and cultural history, every day. 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.

TOURS

Tours listed below depart from Yosemite Valley Lodge and are weather dependent.

The **Valley Floor Tour** is a 26-mile, two-hour, open-air tram tour narrated by a park ranger. This tour departs several times daily, check any Tour and Activity Desk for times. Be sure to ask about Moonlight Tours, Starry Skies Tours and other tours. *Weather and road conditions permitting.*

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

Call 209/372-1240 to make reservations or inquire at the tour desks at Yosemite Valley Lodge, Yosemite Village, or Half Dome Village.

RAFTING

Rafting is a great way to see Yosemite Valley. Rafts can be rented at Half Dome Village from 10am to 4pm. If you plan to bring your own raft, please see page 15 for safety and regulatory information.

BICYCLING

Several miles of bicycle paths wind through Yosemite Valley. Use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Valley Lodge or Half Dome Village. Bikes are not permitted on dirt trails.

SIGHTSEEING

Some famous landmarks in Yosemite Valley include:

- **Yosemite Falls** gives the Valley an extra touch of life when flowing with spring runoff. 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. Cross the footbridges onto the isles or wander through indoor and outdoor 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.



Illustration by Binta Wold

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

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Yosemite Village

Degnan’s Kitchen

7am to 6pm

Degnan’s Loft

Noon to 9pm

Village Grill

11am to 6pm, *Closes for season Sep 12*

The Majestic Yosemite Hotel

Dining Room

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Lunch: 11:30am to 3pm,
ends at 2pm beginning Sep 4

Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm,
ends at 8:30pm beginning Oct 10

Sunday Brunch: 7am to 3pm,
ends at 2pm beginning Sep 11

Appropriate attire respectfully required for dinner. Reservations strongly recommended for dinner and Sunday Brunch.
Phone: 209/372-1489

Coffee Bar

7am to 10:30am

The Majestic Bar

11:30am to 11pm

Yosemite Valley Lodge

Food Court

Breakfast: 6:30am to 11am

Lunch: 11am to 4:30pm

Dinner: 4:30pm to 10pm

Mountain Room Lounge

Monday - Friday

4:30pm to 11pm

Saturday & Sunday

Noon to 11pm

Mountain Room Restaurant

*Reservations taken for 8 or more,
209/372-1281 or 209/372-1403*

Dinner: 5pm to 10pm,
closes at 9pm beginning Sep 4

Sunday Brunch: 9am to 1pm

Subject to closure for private events

Half Dome Village

Coffee Corner/Ice Cream

6am to 10pm, *ice cream service - 11am,*

closes at 11am beginning Sep 11,

Ice cream service closes for season Sep 10

Half Dome Village Bar

11am to 10pm

Pavilion

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Pizza Deck

11am to 10pm

Meadow Grill

11am to 8pm, *closes for season Sep 17*

BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL

Yosemite Village

The Ansel Adams Gallery

9am to 6pm

Yosemite Art Center

9am to 4pm, *closes for lunch at 12pm,*

closed on Sundays

Yosemite Bookstore

Inside Yosemite Visitor Center

9am to 5pm

Yosemite Museum Store

9am to 5pm

Valley Wilderness Center

8am to 5pm

Village Store

8am to 10pm, *closes at 9pm beginning Sep 4*

The Majestic Yosemite Hotel

The Gift Shop

8am to 10pm, *closes at 9pm beginning Sep 4*

The Sweet Shop

7am to 10pm

Yosemite Valley Lodge

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm,

closes at 8pm beginning Sep 25

Half Dome Village

Mountain Shop

8am to 8pm

Half Dome Village Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm,

closes at 8pm beginning Sep 11

Happy Isles

Nature Center at Happy Isles

9:30am to 5pm, *Closes for season Sep 4*

Yosemite Valley

Where to go and what to do

Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore are open from 9am to 5pm. The visitor center is nearest 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.

YOSEMITE FILMS

Two films are shown daily, every half hour beginning at 9:30am, except on Sundays, when the first showing is at noon. The last film is at 4:30pm. Ken Burns’ *Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit* plays on the hour and *The Spirit of Yosemite* plays on the half hour, in the Theater behind the Valley Visitor Center.

Yosemite Museum

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. The museum is open daily from 9am to 5pm, *may close for lunch*.

INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

Open daily from 9am to 5pm, *may close for lunch*. Interprets the cultural history of Yosemite’s Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present.

YOSEMITE MUSEUM STORE

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

Wilderness Center

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



Yosemite Valley, from Tunnel View. NPS Photo

YOSEMITE CONSERVATION HERITAGE CENTER

Open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm, with free evening programs Friday and Saturday at 8pm. The center has a library, a children’s corner, and a new climate change exhibit. The center is located at shuttle stop #12.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

In Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center, the gallery is open daily from 9am to 6pm. The gallery offers the works of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other artists. See page 6 for photo walk times. For more information, call 209/372-4413, or visit www.anseladams.com.

EXHIBIT:

Tom Killion's High Sierra:

The Poetry of Nature

August 20, 2017 – September 30, 2017

It is a celebrated aspect of art in the National Parks that, when successful, it evokes an emotional response and depicts a consequential interpretation of these majestic spaces. There is a caveat of this art which intends to help us see more literally the form that our parks like Yosemite have taken, while also guiding our imaginations to envision these places at their purest and most elemental structures. And this sentiment is on full display when looking at the Ukiyo-ë style woodblock prints of Tom Killion. Each print is full of life – with playful lines, graphic designs and rich color or tone. From August 20 through September 30, The Ansel Adams Gallery will be hosting an exhibition of Mr. Killion’s work, from his newest woodblocks of Yosemite, to some rare and old favorites. We will also be holding an artist’s reception for Tom on Saturday, September 9, from 3pm to 5pm, inside the gallery in Yosemite Village where he will be talking about his work and taking questions from attendees. We hope to see you there!

NEW EXHIBIT:

James McGrew - Interpreting Yosemite

Through the Seasons

October 1, 2017 – November 11, 2017

It is sometimes easy to forget that The Ansel Adams Gallery began as a painting studio operated by Ansel’s father-in-law Harry Best from 1902 until 1936. Mr. Best’s style of painting grew out of the Hudson River School variety as he ventured into both studio and plain air

sessions. Today the Gallery continues this tradition by featuring the work of James McGrew in a new solo exhibit: *Interpreting Yosemite through the Seasons, New Original Oil Paintings*.

From iconic grand views to remote and intimate perspectives, James McGrew’s most recent original oil paintings convey the diverse moods and experiences of Yosemite through the changing seasons. This exhibit will open on October 1 and run through November 11, 2017 and will feature both plein air and studio paintings showcasing a range from clearing moonlit snow storms to high water of spring in 2017 to the calm of late summer and Autumn color. The Ansel Adams Gallery will be hosting a public artist’s reception on Wednesday, October 4 from 3pm to 5pm.

NATURE CENTER AT HAPPY ISLES

Open 9:30am to 5pm. Designed for nature-exploring children and their families, the nature center offers natural-history exhibits and a bookstore. Located a short walk from shuttle stop #16. *Closes for the season September 4.*

VALLEY SERVICES

GARAGE

Yosemite Village

8am to 5pm, *Closed for 1 hour at noon*
24 hour AAA towing available
Propane service available until 4:30pm.
209/372-1060

POST OFFICES

Yosemite Village

Main Office

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

Yosemite Valley Lodge

Post Office

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

GROCERIES AND TOURS

Yosemite Village

Village Store

8am to 10pm,
closes at 9pm beginning Sep 4

Degnan’s Kitchen

7am to 6pm

Tour Kiosk - Village Store

7:30am to 3:30pm

Yosemite Valley Lodge

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm,
closes at 8pm beginning Sep 25

Tour Desk

7:30am to 7pm,
closes at 3pm beginning Sep 4

Half Dome Village

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm,
closes at 8pm beginning Sep 11

Tour Kiosk

7:30am to 3:30pm

Housekeeping Camp

Gift/Grocery

8am to 8pm, *closes at 6pm beginning Sep 11, closes for season Sep 24*

SHOWERS AND LAUNDRY

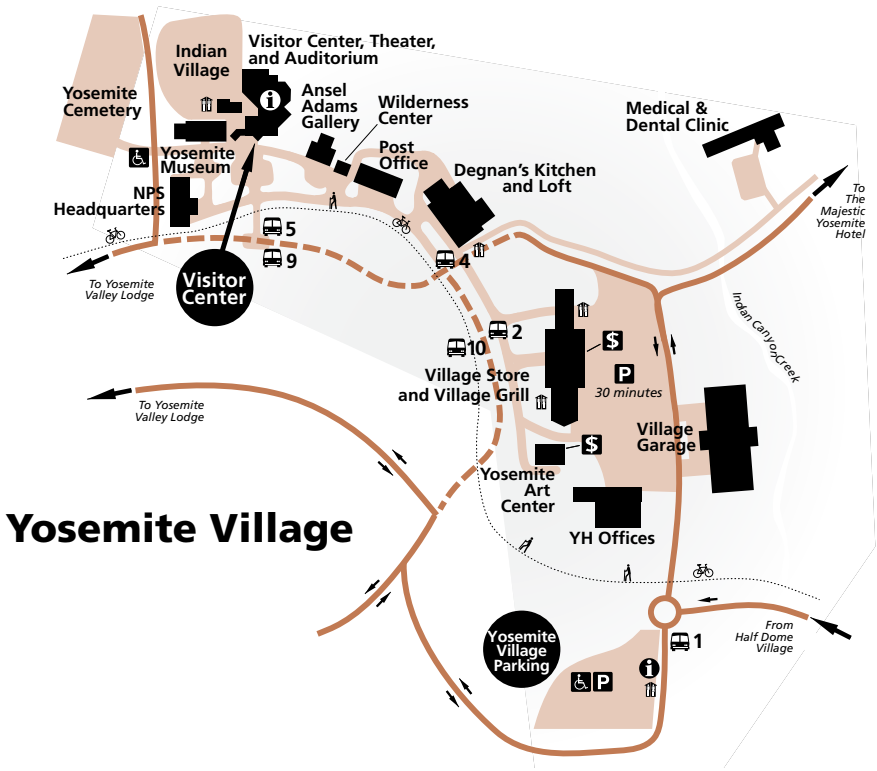
Housekeeping Camp

Showers - 7am to 10pm

Laundry - 8am to 10pm

Half Dome Village

Showers - Open 24 hours



SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

August 30, 2017 - October 3, 2017

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Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy's year-round, naturalist-led Outdoor Adventures offer something for every park explorer. Our autumn outings include:

Sep 30 - Oct 1	<i>Dine and Discover: American Indian Food Preparation and Acorns</i>
Oct 6	<i>Dine and Discover: Full Moon Hike to Taft Point</i>
Dec 2	<i>Yosemite Birding: The Day of the Woodpecker</i>

To learn more and register, visit bit.ly/yosemite-adventures or call 209/379-3217 x10. Park entry and camping are included with your registration; other lodging options are available. Custom Adventures can be arranged for individuals and groups. Proceeds from Yosemite Conservancy's programs help preserve and protect the park.

Yosemite Theater (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy's theater program offers live performances, educational presentations and beautiful films. All shows start at 7pm at the Yosemite Theater, located behind the Valley Visitor Center, shuttle bus stops #5 & #9. Get your tickets (\$10 per person, free tickets for children under age 12) at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Bookstore or at the theater before show time. For show details, visit bit.ly/yosemite-theater.

Yosemite Search and Rescue (Tuesdays). Yosemite Search and Rescue ranger John Dill offer useful safety advice for visitors and shares stories about emergency response missions.

John Muir Series: Conversation with a Tramp (Wednesdays). Sit with John Muir in the early 1900s as he receives news on the fate of his beloved Hetch Hetchy Valley. Live performance by Lee Stetson.

John Muir Series: Stickeen and Other Fellow Mortals (Thursdays) Enjoy Muir's tales about adventures with animals in the wild, including the brave little dog Stickeen. Live performance by Lee Stetson.

Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey (Fridays and Saturdays) Join rock-climber Ron Kauk for a film and presentation celebrating Yosemite's year-round beauty, the vertical wilderness, and living in balance with nature.

Yosemite Art Center (YC)

Get creative at the Art Center! Stop by during our kid-friendly Open Studio sessions (Monday through Saturday, 10am to 3pm), or join a beginner-level class led by an expert artist:

Aug 28 - Sep 2	<i>Drawing Yosemite: Learn to Capture the Beauty, with Arlene Linder</i>
Sep 4 - 9	<i>Capture the Beauty of Yosemite, with Osamu Saito</i>
Sep 11 - 16	<i>Nature Drawing, with Sean Edgerton</i>
Sep 18 - 23	<i>Yosemite in Pastel, with Ann Theirmann and Sandra Cherk</i>
Sep 25 - 30	<i>Yosemite in Clay, with Carol Foldvary-Anderson</i>
Oct 2 - 7	<i>Watercolor Sketchbook Journaling, with Janet Takahashi</i>

Volunteer art instructors teach single-day classes Monday through Saturday, 10am to 2pm. Classes are recommended for ages 12 and up, and are typically held outside. Registration is \$15 per person, per day; some classes have an additional materials fee. Sign up online at bit.ly/yosemite-art, by phone at 209/372-4207, or by email at artcenter@yosemiteconservancy.org, or in person. Drop-ins are welcome if space is available. Art supplies are available for rent or purchase. Note: Wednesday classes (except Sep 20 and Sep 27) meet at the Majestic Hotel; all other classes meet at the Yosemite Art Center, in Yosemite Village.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Resident Minister - Pastor Brent Moore
209/372-4831 • www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org
www.YosemiteValleyChapelWeddings.org
WEDNESDAY SERVICES IN THE YOSEMITE CHAPEL:
9:15am - Sunday School available
11am - (Memorial Day through Labor Day Only)
6:30pm - Evening Service/Bible Study in chapel
WEDNESDAY EVENING CHAPEL SERVICE
7pm, at the chapel
THURSDAY EVENING/OTHER BIBLE STUDIES
Call for times and locations

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
 Rectory Phone: 209/372-4729
 SATURDAY (Memorial Day to Labor Day)
 6pm - Lower Pines Amphitheater, shuttle stop #19
 SUNDAY
 10am - East Auditorium behind Yosemite Valley
 Visitor Center, shuttle stops #5/#9

CHURCH OF CHRIST (Non-denominational)
SUNDAY - 11am, El Portal Chapel
209/379-2100

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

Christian Sabbath Worship at Lower River Amphitheater, Saturday May 27-Sep 2
9:45am - Music/Sabbath School
11am - Worship, 12:30pm Potluck
www.facebook.com/YosemiteSDAChurch

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Sacrament Meeting, Sundays 1pm to 1:45pm
May 28 to Sep 3, Yosemite Valley Chapel





SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Yosemite Valley Chapel
Sunday - 8pm, Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30pm

LIONS CLUB

First and third Thursday of each month at noon,
The Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Call 209/372-4475.

MORNING	
Sunday	9:30am JUNIOR RANGER WALK (Except Oct 1) 1 hr. The Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	9:30am Adventure Hike - Vernal/Nevada Falls (Sep 3 Only) 6 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Half Dome Village Mountaineering School. (YH) \$
Monday	8:00am Morning Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite’s natural and cultural history on a guided morning stroll! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	9:00am Bike to Hike Tour (Sep 4 Only) 2.5 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Half Dome Village Bike Stand. (YH) \$
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Friday	9:30am DROP-IN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (Except Sep 22 and 29) 1-3 hrs. Meet in front of the Visitor Center to spend an hour or three giving back to the park you love. Long pants and closed-toe shoes should be worn. A hat and sun protection are recommended, and we encourage volunteers to bring water and snacks. All tools will be provided. (NPS)
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	Indicates facilities accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. Short, steep inclines may be encountered.	AAC	American Alpine Club
	A sign language interpreter may be available for deaf and hard-of-hearing visitors. Contact 209/379-5250 (v/txt) to request an interpreter. Advance notice of 2 weeks is requested.	YH	Yosemite Hospitality LLC
	Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advanced request. Inquire at a visitor center.	NPS	National Park Service
	Audio tours are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Refer to the Accessibility Guide for details	SC	Sierra Club
		TAAG	The Ansel Adams Gallery
		YC	Yosemite Conservancy
		\$	Programs offered for a fee

	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Sunday	12:30pm Ask A Climber 4 hrs. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for this informal program. Use telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS)	6:00pm Naturalist Stroll 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH)
	1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE (Except Oct 1) 2 hrs. Drop in any time to get started on earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS)	7:00pm WEE WILD ONES (Except Sep 3) 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 and under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH)
	4:00pm FAMILY RANGER TALK-MEET YOUR YOSEMITE 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS)	8:30pm Evening Program: A Century of Climbing in Yosemite (Sep 10 and 24 Only) 1 hr. American Alpine Club members present historic Yosemite climbing films and discuss the importance of this special history of Yosemite with the audience. Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater. (AAC)
	4:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH)	8:30pm Ranger Evening Program (Except Oct 1) 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS)
		9:00pm NIGHT PROWL 1 hr. Explore the night on a hike with a trained Naturalist! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$
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	1:00pm Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$	8:30pm Evening Program - Search and Rescue (Sep 4, 11, and 18 Only) 1 hr. Rangers talk about safety in Yosemite. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (NPS)
	1:00pm Discovery Hike - Less Traveled Lower Valley Loop (Sep 4 Only) 4 hrs. Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$	8:30pm Evening Program: A Century of Climbing in Yosemite (Sep 11 and 25 Only) 1 hr. American Alpine Club members present historic Yosemite climbing films and discuss the importance of this special history of Yosemite with the audience. Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater. (AAC)
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	2:30pm Ranger Walk - Yosemite's First People 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS)	9:00pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Except Sep 4) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$
	3:00pm Ranger Walk - Wild About Bears 1.5 hrs. Shuttle stop #7. (NPS)	
	4:00pm FAMILY RANGER TALK-MEET YOUR YOSEMITE 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS)	
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	1:00pm In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$	7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories/activities for kids 10 and under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH)
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	2:30pm Ranger Walk - Geology 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS)	8:30pm Evening Program on Bears 1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH)
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	12:30pm Ask A Climber 4 hrs. Join a ranger at the El Capitan Bridge for this informal program. Use telescopes to observe climbers on El Capitan and learn about climbing in Yosemite. (NPS)	6:00pm Naturalist Stroll (Except Sep 7) 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH)
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Friday	1:00pm Discovery Hike - Vernal Falls Bridge (Aug 30 Only) 3.5 hrs. Half Dome Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$	8:30pm Evening Program on Yosemite's Firefall 1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH)
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	3:00pm Ranger Walk - Wild About Bears 1.5 hrs. Shuttle stop #7. (NPS)	9:00pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Except Sep 6) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. (YH) \$
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	2:00pm Bike to Hike Tour (Aug 31 Only) 2.5 hrs. Half Dome Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$	8:00pm Stories About John Muir from The Wilder Muir: The Curious Nature of John Muir (Sep 1 Only) 1 hr. Dr. Bonnie Gisel, curator, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge), limited to 50 guests, shuttle stop #12. (SC)
Sunday	4:00pm FAMILY RANGER TALK - MEET YOUR YOSEMITE 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS)	8:00pm American Indian Storytelling and Flutes (Sep 8 Only) 1 hr. Ben Cunningham-Summerfield, California Tribal Member, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge), limited to 50 guests, shuttle stop #12. (SC)
	4:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour (Except Sep 7) 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH)	8:00pm Hike to Mount Whitney: Narrated Hiking Video (Sep 15 Only) 1 hr. Lee Terkelsen, Nature and Historical Film Maker, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge), limited to 50 guests, shuttle stop #12. (SC)
		8:00pm Charles Kellogg: The Bird Singer and Friend of John Muir and the Redwoods (Sep 22 Only) 1 hr. Mike Monroe, Director, Morgan Hill Historical Society, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge), limited to 50 guests, shuttle stop #12. (SC)
		8:00pm Dr. Steller's Jay: How the Infamous Blue Jay Got Its Name (Sep 29 Only) 1 hr. Pete Devine, Yosemite Conservancy Naturalist and Guide, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge), limited to 50 guests, shuttle stop #12. (SC)
		8:30pm Evening Program on Fire in Yosemite 1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH)

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Wawona and Mariposa Grove

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park



Horse-drawn stage rides with Burrell “Buckshot” Maier. NPS Photo

Explore History, Discover Giant Trees, and Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

Wawona

COFFEE WITH A RANGER

Grab your mug and join a ranger in the Wawona Campground Amphitheater for coffee, tea, and cocoa. Use this time to plan your day or to get other questions answered. *See page 9 for schedule.*

RANGER EVENING PROGRAMS

Join a ranger for an hour of nature, history, and insight into Yosemite at a Campfire Talk or at a Tuesday Evening Ranger Program. Topics vary nightly. See page 9 for times and location.

TOM BOPP AT THE PIANO

Join Pianist/Singer Tom Bopp in the Big Trees Lodge lobby from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, 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 VISITOR CENTER AT HILL’S STUDIO

Open 8:30am to 5pm. The 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.

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. Purchase tickets at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. See page 9 for schedule. Five dollars for adults and \$4 for children ages 3 to 12 years old.

BLACKSMITH SHOP

Feel the heat, smell the burning coal, hear the ring of the hammer on the anvil, and watch a demonstration of the ancient art of blacksmithing. See page 9 for dates, times, and locations.

Mariposa Grove

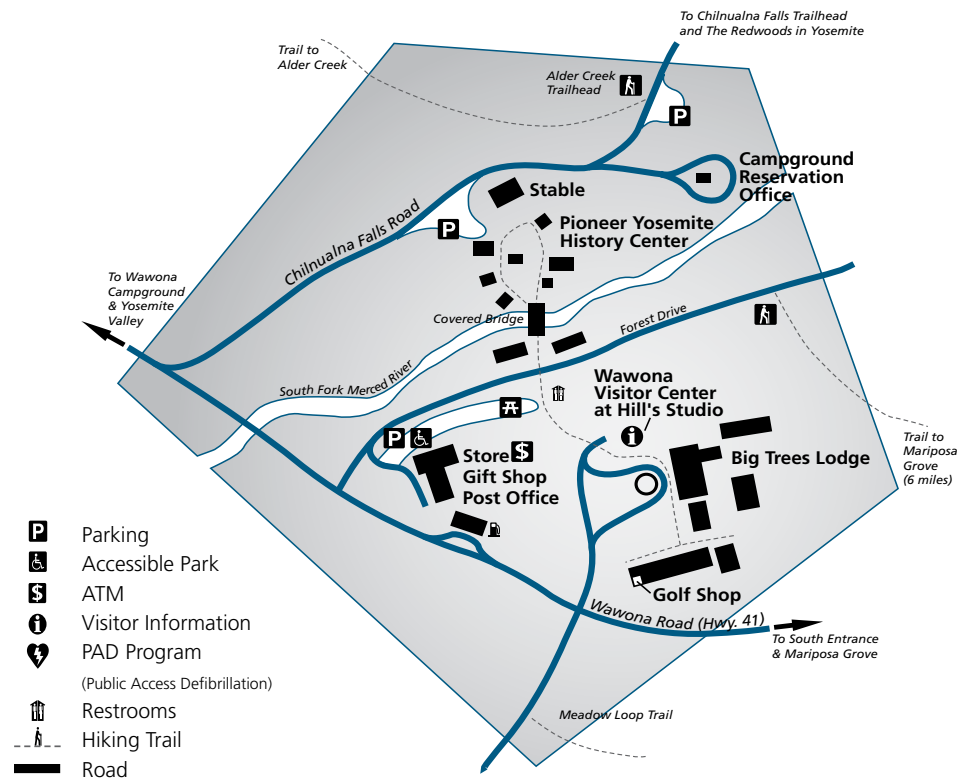
Located near Yosemite’s South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove is the park’s largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees throughout the grove.

GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE MARIPOSA GROVE!

The Restoration of the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias Project is almost complete! On July 6, 2015, a temporary closure of the grove began with hopes

to re-open in late 2017. The restoration project will improve the habitat and restore the hydrology in the grove. It will also enhance the visitors’ experience and enjoyment of the grove, with improved trails, providing universal access, and remodeled bathrooms.

The Mariposa Grove Road is closed to all public access, including bicycle and pedestrian traffic. Hiking trails within the grove are also closed.





Geology Ranger Walk at Sentinel Dome. *NPS Photo*

Glacier Point

RANGER 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, ranger walks, and sunset talks are all offered for your enjoyment at this stunning location. Times and location are listed to the 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
Big Trees Lodge Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11am to 3pm, *closes at 2pm beginning Sep 4*
Dinner: 5pm to 9pm, *5:30pm to 8:30pm beginning Sep 4*
Reservations taken for 6 or more.
Lounge Service: 5pm to 9:30pm
Saturday BBQ: 5pm to 7pm, *weather permitting, closes for season Sep 9*
Golf Shop & Snack Stand
8am to 6pm, *weather permitting, closes at 4:30pm beginning Sep 4*

Glacier Point
Snack Stand
9am to 7pm, *conditions permitting, closes at 5pm beginning Sep 4*

GROCERIES

Wawona
Big Trees Store & Pioneer Gift Shop
8am to 8pm

GIFTS & APPAREL

Wawona
Big Trees Store & Pioneer Gift Shop
8am to 8pm
Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio Bookstore
8:30am to 5pm

Glacier Point
Gift Shop
9am to 7pm, *conditions permitting, closes at 5pm beginning Sep 4*
Snack Stand
9am to 7pm, *conditions permitting, closes at 5pm beginning Sep 4*

POST OFFICE

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

GAS STATION

Wawona
Big Trees Lodge Service Station
8am to 5pm, Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

GOLF

Wawona
Big Trees Lodge Golf Course
8am to 6pm, *weather and conditions permitting.* Nine-hole, par-35 course. Phone: 209/375-6572

	WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE	GLACIER POINT
Sunday	10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Stage Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 children, ages 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (Sep 3 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm Campfire Talk (Sep 3 Only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly (NPS) ♿	2:00pm Ranger Walk - Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan 1.5 hrs. Moderately difficult. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop. (NPS) 9:00pm GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Sep 3 Only) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point (elevation: 7,214 ft./2,199 m.) Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. Shuttle services available. (YH) \$ &
Monday	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio. (NPS) ♿ <div>Programs printed in ALL CAPS AND COLOR are especially for children and their families.</div>	2:00pm JUNIOR RANGERS 30 mins. Meet at Glacier Point Amphitheater (NPS) 7:00pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Sep 4 and 11 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point amphitheater, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 6:30pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Except Sep 4 and 11) 30 mins. Glacier Point amphitheater, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 9:00pm GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Sep 4 Only) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point (elevation: 7,214 ft./2,199 m.) Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. Shuttle services available. (YH) \$ &
Tuesday	5:30pm Vintage Music 4 hrs. Pianist/singer Tom Bopp performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past in the Big Trees Lodge lobby. Historical programs available by request are given at 8:30pm. For details or to request a program, drop by the piano before 8pm, while Tom's performing. (YH)	7:00pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Sep 5 and 12 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point amphitheater, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 6:30pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Except Sep 5 and 12) 30 mins. Glacier Point amphitheater, overlooking the Valley. (NPS)
Wednesday	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER TALK 15 mins. Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio. (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm – 4:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (Aug 30 Only) 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Stage Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 children ages 3-12. (NPS) \$ 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (Aug 30 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 5:30pm Vintage Music 4 hrs. Pianist/singer Tom Bopp performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past in the Big Trees Lodge lobby. Historical programs available by request are given at 8:30pm. For details or to request a program, drop by the piano before 8pm, while Tom's performing. (YH) 7:30pm Campfire Talk (Aug 30 Only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly. (NPS) ♿	11:00am JUNIOR RANGERS 30min. Meet at Glacier Point Amphitheater (NPS) 2:00pm Ranger Walk - Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan 1.5 hrs. Moderately difficult. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop. (NPS) 7:00pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Aug 30 and Sep 6 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point amphitheater, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 6:30pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Except Aug 30 and Sep 6) 30 mins. Glacier Point amphitheater, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 9:00pm GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Aug 30 Only) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point (elevation: 7,214 ft./2,199 m.) Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. Shuttle services available. (YH) \$ &
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Saturday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger...Hot Cocoa too! (Sep 2 Only) 45 mins. Bring a mug. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿ 9:00am Nature Walk with a Ranger (Sep 2 Only) 2 hrs. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call 855/290-3499. (NPS) 9:00am JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM (Sep 2 Only) 1.5 hrs. Especially for ages 7-12. Meet at Wawona Campground Amphitheater. (NPS) ♿ 10:00am JUNIOR RANGER TALK (Except Sep 2) 15 minutes Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio. (NPS) ♿ 10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 children ages 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm / 2:00pm to 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (Sep 2 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 5:30pm Vintage Music 4 hrs. Pianist/singer Tom Bopp performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past in the Big Trees Lodge lobby. Historical programs available by request are given at 8:30pm. For details or to request a program, drop by the piano before 8pm, while Tom's performing. (YH) 7:30pm Campfire Talk (Sep 2 Only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. Topics vary nightly. (NPS) ♿	2:00pm Ranger Walk – Cliffs and Domes 2 hrs. Moderately difficult. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome parking area on Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 7:00pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Sep 2 and 9 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point amphitheater, overlooking the Valley. (NPS) 6:30pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Except Sep 2 and 9) 30 mins. Glacier Point amphitheater, overlooking the Valley. (NPS)

Tuolumne Meadows, White Wolf, and Crane Flat



Photo by Sheree Peshlakal

When the Tioga Road is open, the drive through 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.

Tuolumne Meadows

- *Thank you for staying on official trails to protect fragile meadow ecosystems.*
- *Dogs, bicycles, and strollers are only allowed on roads that are open to vehicles.*
- *Day-hikers and backpackers must go to the toilet at least 100 feet away from water, trail, and camp areas; bury human waste six inches deep and pack out toilet paper and all other trash.*

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Open 9am to 5pm through Sunday, September 24. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps and displays.

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 10am to 4pm through September 24. Soda Springs are small,

naturally carbonated springs that attract deer, birds and other wildlife. Stay on the trail to help protect this unique place.

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

Open 8am to 5pm. Visit the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters. The center is located, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, across from shuttle stop #3.

Just For Kids

Programs for children include Junior Rangers, a 2-hour ranger-led program targeting ages 7-12 and Campfire for Kids.

Ranger Walks

Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, wildlife, history, wildflowers, 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-gazing program – bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly.

Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open 8am to 5pm. The visitor center offers information about park activities, wilderness permits, trail information, books, bear canister rentals, and maps. The center is located just inside the park entrance on Hwy 120W.

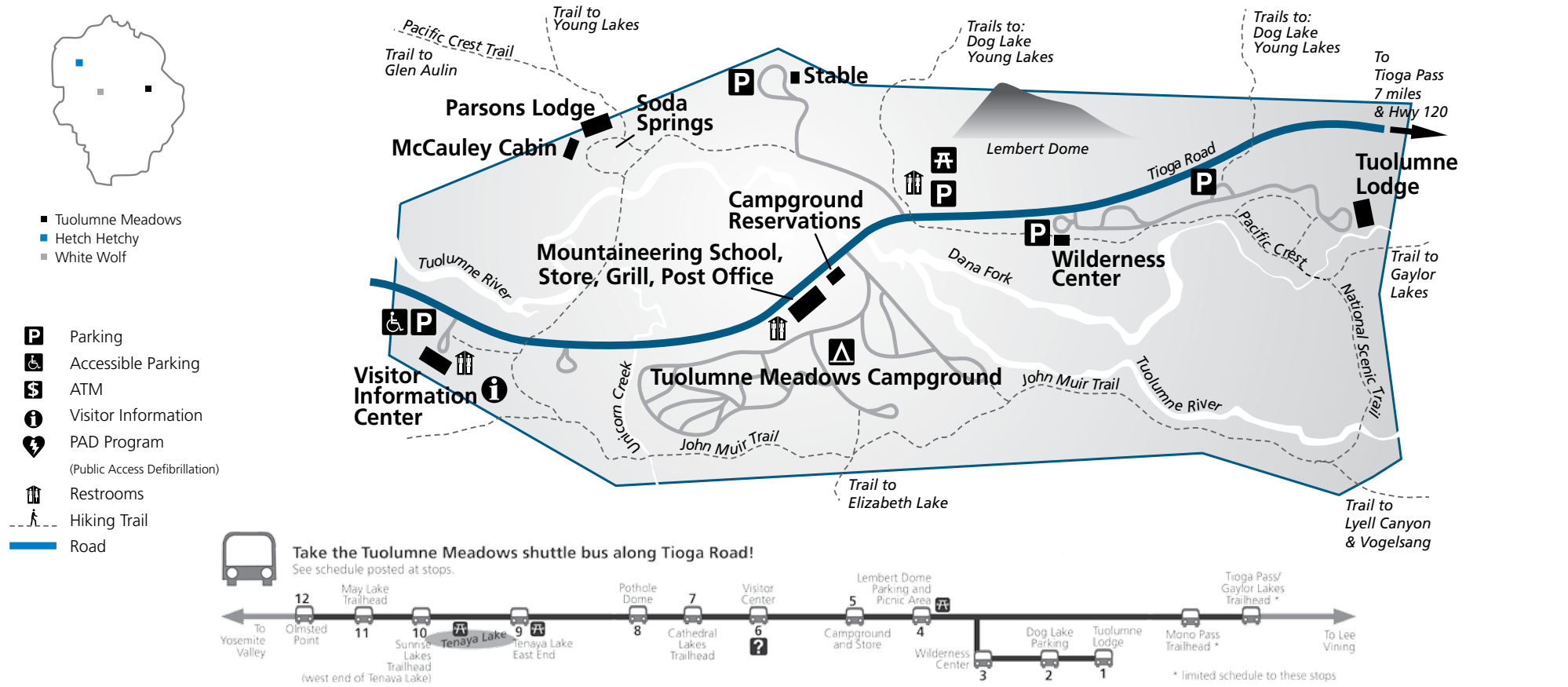
Tuolumne Grove

The trailhead for the Tuolumne Grove, which consists of approximately 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 in one mile. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill portion. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile nature trail. There is no potable water available. Be sure to bring drinking water with you.

Merced Grove

Yosemite’s quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of approximately 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. 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 3.5 miles north of Crane Flat and 4.5 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.



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FOOD & BEVERAGE

Tuolumne Meadows
Tuolumne Meadows Grill
8am to 6pm,
closes for the season Sep 24
Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 9am
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8pm,
Reservations strongly recommended
209/372-8413

GROCERIES

Tuolumne Meadows Store
8am to 8pm,
closes for the season Sep 24
Crane Flat Store
8am to 7pm

GIFTS AND APPAREL

Tuolumne Meadows
Tuoulumne Meadows Bookstore
Inside the Visitor Center
9am to 6pm,
closes for the season Sep 24
Tuolumne Meadows Store
8am to 8pm,
closes for the season Sep 24
Big Oak Flat
Big Oak Flat Bookstore
8am to 7pm

POST OFFICE

Tuolumne Meadows
Post Office
Monday - Friday: 9am to 5pm,
Saturday: 9am to 1pm,
Conditions permitting

GAS STATIONS

Crane Flat
8am to 7pm
Diesel & propane available.
Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

SHUTTLE BUS

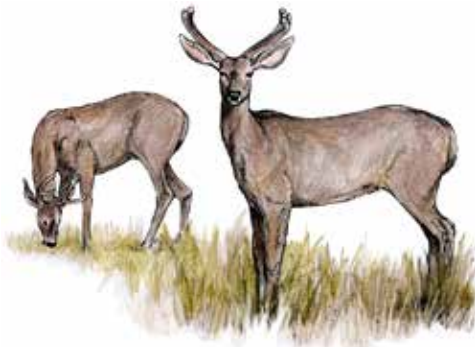
Olmstead Pt / Tuolumne / Tioga Pass
Service ends for the season Sep 10
Shuttle service is available along the Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tioga Pass for a fee, payable by cash only. See map on pg. 10.

Shuttle service begins at the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge at 7am. The shuttles arrive at about 30-minute intervals between 7am and 7pm. Stop times are posted at bus stops.

There are a number of different stops between Olmsted Point and Tioga Pass, with varying fees. A few of the commonly asked about stops and fees are included below.

TM Visitor Center to Tenaya Lake - \$4
TM Visitor Center to Olmsted Point - \$6
TM Lodge to Tioga Pass - \$8

For more information contact any tours and activity desk.



	TUOLUMNE MEADOWS See local postings for additional naturalist walks and programs	HETCH HETCHY, HODGDON MEADOW, CRANE FLAT AND WHITE WOLF See local postings for additional naturalist walks and programs.
Sunday	8:30am Coffee with a Ranger (Except Oct 1) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) 10:00am Ranger Walk – Sketching in Tuolumne (Except Oct 1) 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring sunglasses, sketchbook/journal, pen and pencil with an eraser. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Oct 1) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) 2:00pm Ranger Walk – Indians in the High Country (Except Oct 1) 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Oct 1) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) 7:30pm Campfire (Except Oct 1) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	9:00am Explore Hetch Hetchy (Sep 3 and 10 Only) 2 hrs. Join a ranger-naturalist to explore the unique natural and cultural history of this place. Meet at the O’Shaughnessy Dam. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water and sun protection. (NPS) 2:00pm Giant Sequoia Walk (Except Oct 1) 45 mins. Join a ranger-naturalist for a walk through the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias to learn about these fascinating trees. Meet at the picnic tables at the lower end of the Tuolumne Grove, a mile walk downhill from the parking area. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water. (NPS) 3:00pm Giant Sequoia Walk (Except Oct 1) 45 mins. Join a ranger-naturalist for a walk through the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias to learn about these fascinating trees. Meet at the picnic tables at the lower end of the Tuolumne Grove, a mile walk downhill from the parking area. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water. (NPS)
Monday	10:00am Ranger Talk – How to Be a Wilderness Wizard (Except Sep 25 and Oct 2) 1.5 hrs. Dog Lake parking lot. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 25 and Oct 2) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) 2:00pm Ranger Walk – From Bears to Butterflies: High Country Wildlife (Except Sep 25 and Oct 2) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office. (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 25 and Oct 2) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) 7:30pm Campfire (Except Sep 25 and Oct 2) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS) 8:00pm Stars Over Mono Lake (Except Sep 18, 25 and Oct 2) 1.5 hrs. Meet at South Tufa in Mono Basin. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	9:00am Bears and Other Wildlife Walk 1.5 hrs. Learn about some of the amazing creatures who call Yosemite home. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from the 200 loop). Wear sturdy footwear. (NPS) 5:00pm What’s With All the Dead Trees? 45 mins. Join a ranger-naturalist for a walk amidst one of Yosemite’s ever-changing forests. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground entrance kiosk. Wear sturdy footwear. (NPS) 6:30pm Twilight Meadow Observation and Sketching Walk 1 hr. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground campfire circle near the group campsites. Leisurely walk with stops. Wear sturdy footwear. Supplies provided if needed. (NPS) 7:30pm Bats! (Except Sep 25 and Oct 2) 1 hr. Be a Citizen Scientist for the night. Join our researchers and assist with acoustical monitoring of bats at White Wolf. Sign up at White Wolf Campground information board. Limit 20 participants. (NPS)
Tuesday	12:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 26 and Oct 3) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) 2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK (Except Sep 26 and Oct 3) 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Pothole Dome parking lot. (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 26 and Oct 3) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) 7:30pm Campfire! (Except Sep 26 and Oct 3) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	4:00pm – 5:00pm Ranger on the Dam Stop by anytime during this hour and talk with a ranger-naturalist to learn about the Hetch Hetchy Valley and O’Shaughnessy Dam. (NPS) 7:30pm Bats! (Except Sep 26 and Oct 3) 1 hr. Be a Citizen Scientist for the night. Join our researchers and assist with acoustical monitoring of bats at Hodgdon Meadows. Sign up at Big Oak Flat information Station or call (209) 379-1899. Limit 20 participants. (NPS) 7:30pm Yosemite’s Night Sky 2 hrs. Crane Flat area. Make reservations at the Big Oak Flat info station 209/379-1899. Limited to 20 participants. (NPS)
Wednesday	8:30am Ranger Walk – Birds (Except Sep 13, 27 and Oct 4) 3 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) 8:30am Awakening to the Meadows: Stretching and Observation (Except Sep 13, 27 and Oct 4) 1.5 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring a mat, pad or towel. (NPS) 10:00am DISCOVERY WALK FOR LITTLE CUBS (Except Sep 13, 27 and Oct 4) 50 mins. Ages 4-6. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 13, 27 and Oct 4) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) 1:30pm The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River (Except Sep 13, 27 and Oct 4) 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 13, 27 and Oct 4) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) 7:00pm CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS (Except Sep 13, 27 and Oct 4) 45 mins. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS) 7:30pm Campfire (Except Sep 13, 27 and Oct 4) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS) 9:00pm Ranger Talk – Stars (Except Sep 13, 27 and Oct 4) 1 hr. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	1:00pm Fire and Sequoias Walk 2 hrs. Join a Ranger Naturalist for a walk down into and through the Tuolumne grove of giant sequoias. Meet at the trailhead for the grove near the parking lot. Moderately difficult, 2.5 miles round trip. Wear sturdy footwear and bring drinking water. (NPS) 6:30pm TWILIGHT SENSORY WALK (Except Sep 13) 1 hr. Learn about Yosemite’s wildlife and the senses that help them survive and thrive in the wild. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground entrance kiosk. Wear sturdy footwear. (NPS) 7:30pm Bats! (Except Sep 13 and 27) 1 hr. Be a Citizen Scientist for the night. Join our researchers and assist with acoustical monitoring of bats at Crane Flat. Sign up at Big Oak Flat information Station or call 209/379-1899. Limit 20 participants. (NPS)
Thursday	9:00am Ranger Walk – Unseen Forest (Except Sep 28) 1.5 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. (NPS) 10:00am Ranger Walk – Domes and Meadows (Except Sep 28 and Oct 5) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome trailhead. (NPS) 11:00am Ranger Hike – Tenaya Lake Exploration (Except Sep 28 and Oct 5) 3 hrs. Easy. 2 miles. East end of Tenaya Lake, parking lot. Bring lunch, water and raingear. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 28 and Oct 5) 15 mins. Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) 2:00pm Ranger Walk – The Secret Life of Plants (Except Sep 28 and Oct 5) 2 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 28 and Oct 5) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) 7:30pm Campfire (Except Sep 28 and Oct 5) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS) <div>Programs printed in ALL CAPS AND COLOR are especially for children and their families.</div>	8:00am Another Side of Yosemite: Ranger-led Exploration 5 hrs. Join a ranger-naturalist for a half-day hike to some fascinating, lesser-known parts of Yosemite. Hikes range from 3 to 10 miles in length. Bring a lunch. Details available when you register. Sign up at Big Oak Flat information Station or call 209/379-1899. Limited group size. (NPS) 9:00am Yoga in Yosemite: Nature-based Yoga 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist for light stretching, breathing and nature observation. Meet across Hwy 120 from the road to Tamarack Flat Campground. Bring a mat, pad or towel, and water. (NPS) 7:30pm Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist for a traditional high-country campfire program. See local postings for each week’s subject. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground campfire circle, near the group campsites. (NPS) 7:30pm Bats! (Except Sep 28) 1 hr. Be a Citizen Scientist for the night. Join our researchers and assist with acoustical monitoring of bats at Tamarack Flat Campground. Sign up at Big Oak Flat information Station or call 209/379-1899. Limit 20 participants. (NPS)
Friday	8:30am Coffee with a Ranger (Except Sep 29) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions and a cup. (NPS) 10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK (Except Sep 29) 2 hrs. Ages 7-12. Dog Lake parking lot. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 29) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) 1:00pm High Country Hawk Watch (Except Sep 29) 3 hrs. Gaylor Lakes trailhead. Steep. 1 mile. Binoculars available. (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 29) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) 7:30pm Campfire (Except Sep 29) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	6:30pm Bear Walk 1 hr. Learn about some of the amazing creatures who call Yosemite home. Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from the 200 loop). Wear sturdy footwear. (NPS) 7:30pm Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist for a traditional high-country campfire program. See local postings for each week’s subject. Meet at the White Wolf Campground amphitheater. (NPS)
Saturday	8:00am Ranger Walk – Birds (Except Sep 30) 3 hrs. Lambert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) 10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK (Except Sep 30) 2 hrs. Ages 7-12 Lambert Dome picnic area. (NPS) 12:00pm Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 30) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) 3:00pm Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne! (Except Sep 30) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) 6:30pm CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS (Except Sep 30) 45 mins. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS) 7:30pm Campfire (Except Sep 30) 1 hr. Dana circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS) 9:00pm Ranger Talk – Stars (Except Sep 30) 1 hr. Lambert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	5:00pm JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM (Except Sep 23 and 30) 1 hr. All ages welcome. Exploration of the Crane Flat area, games, stories, songs, etc. Meet at Hodgdon Meadow Campfire Circle (near group sites). (NPS) 7:30pm Ranger Campfire Program 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist for a traditional high-country campfire program. See local postings for each week’s subject. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground amphitheater (across from the 200 loop). (NPS)

Become a Junior Ranger

Follow these steps to earn your Junior Ranger badge.*

Yosemite National Park offers a 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

illustrations by Tom Whitworth

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Did you already finish this page and earn your Junior Ranger badge? Are you ready for more Junior Ranger activities? Drop by a visitor center desk and pick up the free PSAR Junior Ranger booklet or Legacy Junior Ranger page to earn special patches!

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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. Ask a Ranger! What President signed the Yosemite Grant Act on June 30, 1864, setting aside Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove for special protection? _____

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5. Learn more. Go to a ranger-led program. What program did you attend? Have the ranger sign below.

Signed by: _____

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6. Write down something you learned from a ranger.

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

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8. 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



Black bear “logging in.” Photo by Karen Amstutz

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.

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

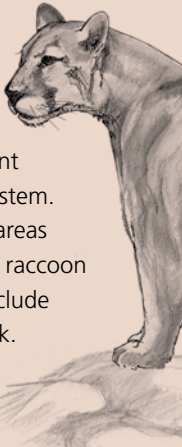
Watching a coyote hunting for mice in one of Yosemite’s many meadows can be an amazing wildlife experience. Coyotes are opportunistic carnivores that primarily prey on small mammals. Like bears, their diets change throughout the year with food availability.

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.

For your safety, avoid contact with wildlife and store food properly

Wild animals in Yosemite can transmit numerous diseases, including plague, rabies, and hantavirus. Keeping your distance and your food from wildlife not only protects them, it also protects you from injury and exposure to diseases. If you encounter a mammal, particularly a raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote, or bat, that is behaving erratically, don’t touch the animal. Instead, report the sick animal to a park employee. In addition to keeping bears away, storing your food properly also reduces your exposure to rodents and their fleas, which may carry plague.

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.

KEEP WILDLIFE WILD



Respect animals at a distance
Never feed or approach them

Protect Yourself...



Vernal Fall. NPS Photo by Sheree Peshlakai

KEEP 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.

AUTUMN CHANGES IN YOSEMITE

As the heat and excitement of the summer come to a close, changing seasons in Yosemite welcome in new possibilities for adventure and enjoyment in the park. Shorter days and cooler temperatures provide a glimpse of the coming winter in the high mountains and bring excellent conditions for enjoying Yosemite's trails and granite walls. With these changes it is important to know your limits to be prepared with the essentials when enjoying the myriad of outdoor recreation opportunities.

WEATHER

Autumn brings a mixture of conditions that may be difficult to anticipate. Dehydration and exhaustion can occur during any season and you are particularly vulnerable during the lingering summer heat in lower elevation areas of the park. Always carry more water than you need. Without rationing water, make sure your hike or outdoor activity is half over before your water is half gone. Prevent dehydration by sipping lots of water throughout the day and frequently eating salty, easy-to-digest snacks. During this season the high country may see its first storms, making it important to monitor weather forecasts while planning trips and making sure to be prepared with extra warm clothes in the event of cooler temperatures.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

Yosemite's streams are a huge temptation for the curious, the photographer, and the weary hiker simply wanting to cool tired feet. Do not be deceived! Yosemite's water is deceptively dangerous and unforgiving. Visitors are strongly urged to enjoy moving or falling water from a safe distance. Please: DO NOT LEAVE THE SAFETY OF THE TRAIL OR DEVELOPED AREAS.

ALTITUDE

The Yosemite Valley sits at 4,000 feet above sea level and although this is not generally high enough to cause altitude illness, you may feel diminished performance or shortness of breath during physical activity if you have not had an opportunity to acclimate. Altitude illness can begin as low as 6,000 feet. Since Tuolumne Meadows hovers around 9,000 feet and many other accessible destinations are much higher you may experience flu like symptoms or general weakness which can be signs of altitude illness. The effects of altitude can lead to problems with judgment and physical performance and even become life-threatening. Altitude illness affects us equally, regardless of age, physical condition, and gender. The only definitive cure for altitude illness is to lose elevation.

YOSEMITE'S TRAILS

Yosemite's 800 miles of trails pass through areas that endure all the forces of nature including flooding, fire, erosion, and slides. Trails may be damaged from weather and past fires. Snow will linger over higher elevation trails, and early storms may blanket the landscape. Always carry a good topo map and compass (GPS optional) and know your location, including your return route, in case you need to turn around.

YOSEMITE'S ROADS

Yosemite's roads are just as dangerous as in your home town but we have other hazards such as rock fall, distracted motorists, and abundant wildlife, including deer and bear. Moreover, there are many sites to distract you. If you cannot devote 100% of your attention to your driving, please pull completely off the road into designated pull-offs and parking areas. Buckle up! Park rangers enforce California's Motor Vehicle Code on park roads.

FOR ALL SEASONS

- Stay on established trails – do not take trail shortcuts, go over fences, or approach water. *Almost all of Yosemite's non-traffic related serious injuries occur off trail.*
- Rock scrambling - leave this to the critters.
- Water and food – Carry more water than you need; stay hydrated and snack frequently – have plenty of food and water. If you are sweating, replace lost salts with salty, easy-to-digest snacks.
- “10 hiking essentials” – including a flashlight or headlamp, sunglasses, sunscreen, navigation, and a signaling method (mirror and whistle).
- Let someone know – always leave your travel and hiking plan, including your intended route, destination, and estimated time of return, with a trusted person. *If no one knows you are missing, no one is going to be looking for you.*

HANTAVIRUS INFORMATION

Mice are an important part of the ecosystem, but can carry diseases harmful to humans. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread to humans via the droppings, urine, or saliva of infected rodents. Not all rodents are infected with hantavirus, but infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You may come into close proximity to rodents during your visit, so it is important you take steps to protect yourself from HPS. HPS risk is greater inside enclosures where deer mice are present. If staying in guest lodging, please tell the housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice in your room. Do not clean the area yourself. Keep doors to guest lodging shut and keep food in sealed containers. Do not pitch tents near rodent burrows or droppings. HPS often begins with flu-like symptoms such as aches, fever, and chills, one to seven weeks after exposure, progressing to cough and

difficulty in breathing. Seek medical attention immediately if you experience these symptoms and mention any potential rodent exposures. For more information visit: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm>.

PLAGUE

Plague is an infectious disease carried by squirrels and other rodents and their fleas. When an infected rodent becomes sick and dies, its fleas can carry the infection to other warm-blooded animals including humans. To protect yourself from plague, never feed wildlife, avoid dropping food scraps when eating outside, avoid disturbing rodent burrows, wear insect repellent with DEET, and tell a park ranger if you see a dead animal. Early symptoms of plague may include high fever, chills, nausea, weakness, painful swelling at the site of an insect bite, and other flu-like symptoms. If you develop any of these symptoms within 6 days of visiting an area at risk for plague in the park, see your doctor and inform them you may have been exposed. Plague is treatable if caught in time.

TREE HAZARD AWARENESS

Diseases, insects, soil moisture, wind, fire, and snow combine with human activities to create hazard trees (trees with outwardly visible defects that could fall and strike a person or property within a developed area). While the National Park service seeks to identify and reduce threats from hazard trees, trees without apparent defects also fail, and tree hazards cannot always be immediately identified and mitigated. Several catastrophic tree failures have left visitors seriously or fatally injured in Yosemite, in addition to property damage totaling over \$1,000,000. Be aware of your surroundings, especially away from developed areas, and keep in mind that some trees may fail at any time.

...and Yosemite’s Wild Places

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 Wilderness and 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 permit requirements and regulations in place to protect park resources and those designed for your safety.

Wilderness Permit Details

Wilderness permits are required year round for all overnight trips into Yosemite’s Wilderness. Permits are issued and bear canisters are available for rent at the Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center (see page 5) and at the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station during hours of operation. Wilderness permits are also available at the Hill’s Studio in Wawona (see page 8) and at the Big Oak Flat Information Station and the Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center (see page 10). Call the park’s main phone line at 209/372-0200, or check the web at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm, for additional information. For summer trips, 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, Monday through Friday, from 8am to 5pm and Saturday, 9am to 4pm. After September 2, the phone lines will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm, the Leave No Trace website at www.lnt.org, or the Friends of Yosemite Search and Rescue website at www.friendofyosar.org.

HALF DOME HIKE - PERMITS REQUIRED

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week through October 10, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 preseason lottery permits have already been issued for 2017. In addition, approximately 50 permits will be released by daily lottery throughout the season based on estimated under-use and cancellation rates (exact number may change throughout the summer). Applications for daily lotteries will be accepted 2 days prior to the desired hiking date between midnight and 1pm. To apply, visit Recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777. A non-refundable application fee applies to all submissions and a use fee applies to winning applicants. Finally, a daily quota of 75 Half Dome permits will be available to overnight users with an appropriate wilderness permit (use fee applies). These permits may be acquired through early reservations (50 per day) or day before walk-up (25 per day). Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area may descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit. More information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm>. For backpackers more information is available at: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm>.

Rafting

Conditions permitting, rafting on the Merced River in Yosemite Valley (Clark Bridge to Sentinel Beach) and the South Fork of the Merced River in Wawona is open from 10am to 6pm 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 ° Fahrenheit 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 bins.
- 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

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 paths. Bikes are not allowed to travel off paved paths. 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 over 5 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
- Possessing or using marijuana, including medical marijuana
- Operating an unmanned aircraft system (“drone”)

If you see activities that could harm people or park resources, jot down any descriptions or license plate number and call 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.

Camping



Camping in Yosemite. Photo by Ray Santos

GENERAL CAMPING INFORMATION

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

Services

- 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 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 in length are not recommended for Tamarack Flat, Yosemite Creek, and Porcupine Flat campgrounds. 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 10pm to 6am.
- 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.

An adventurous 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 7am 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 or call 877/444-6777 or TDD 877/833-6777 from 7am to 9pm, Pacific time, March through October, or from 7am to 7pm, November through February. Call 518/885-3639 if you're dialing from outside the U.S. and Canada.

Campground offices in the park are located in the visitor parking area at Half Dome Village (shuttle bus stop #14), the Tuolumne Meadows Campground entrance, in Wawona off Chilnualna Falls Road, and at the 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 9am each day, May through September.

Camping in Areas Surrounding Yosemite

The U.S. Forest Service 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 2017 (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	All Year	\$26	238	Yes	Tap
Lower Pines	Mar 29 - Nov 1	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$26	60	Yes	Tap
North Pines	Apr 3 - Nov 6	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$26	81	Yes	Tap
Camp 4	All year	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$6/person	35	No	Tap
SOUTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Wawona	All year	35 ft	35 ft	April 10 - Oct 9	\$26	93	Yes	Tap
Bridalveil Creek	Aug 1 - Sep 18	35 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$18	110	Yes	Tap
NORTH OF YOSEMITE VALLEY								
Hodgdon Meadow	All year	40 ft	30 ft	Apr 10 – Oct 10	\$26	105	Yes	Tap
Crane Flat	Jul/Aug - Oct 9	40 ft	30 ft	Yes	\$26	166	Yes	Tap
Tamarack Flat	Jul/Aug - Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	52	No	Creek (boil)
White Wolf	Jul/Aug - Sep 25	27 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$18	74	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Creek	Jul/Aug - Sep 4	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	75	Yes	Creek (boil)
Porcupine Flat	Jul/Aug – Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
Tuolumne Meadows	Aug 1 - Sep 25	35 ft	35 ft	50%	\$26	304	Yes	Tap

* Exact campground opening and closing dates are subject to conditions.

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 to 3 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Upper Yosemite Fall	Same as above	7.2 miles round-trip, 6 to 8 hours	Very Strenuous 2,700-foot gain
Mirror Lake (a seasonal lake)	Mirror Lake Shuttle Stop #17	2 miles, 1 hour round-trip to Mirror Lake, 5 miles, loop around lake	Easy
Vernal Fall Footbridge	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	1.4 miles round-trip, 1 to 2 hours	Moderate, 400-foot gain
Top of Vernal Fall	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	3 miles round-trip, 2 to 4 hours	Strenuous 1,000-foot gain
Top of Nevada Fall	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	7 miles round-trip, 5 to 6 hours	Strenuous 1,900-foot gain
Top of Half Dome	Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	14 miles (via Mist Trail) or 16.3 miles (via John Muir Trail) round-trip, 10 to 12 hours	Extremely Strenuous, 4,800-foot gain
Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point	Southside Drive	4.8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours, one-way	Very strenuous, 3,200
Valley Floor Loop	Lower Yosemite Fall Shuttle Stop #6	13 miles full loop, 5 to 7 hours full loop	Moderate

Day Hikes Outside of Yosemite Valley

TRAIL / DESTINATION	STARTING POINT	DISTANCE / TIME	DIFFICULTY / ELEVATION
WAWONA			
Wawona Meadow Loop	Big Trees Lodge	3.5 miles round-trip, 1.5 hours	Easy
Swinging Bridge Loop	Wawona Store / Pioneer Yosemite History Center 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

FEATURED HIKE

Mirror Lake Loop

Distance: 5 miles/8 km

Elevation Gain: 200 ft.

Difficulty: Moderate

Time: 2-3 hours

Begin at: Mirror Lake Trailhead (shuttle stop #17)

Trail Description:

This trail begins at shuttle stop #17. The first mile of this trail is a paved service road that leads directly to Mirror Lake. You may access the loop trail from the end of the paved path. The loop follows Tenaya Creek beyond the lake, and crosses two bridges after the Snow Creek Trail junction before returning past Mirror Lake on the south side of Tenaya Canyon.

Mirror Lake is often referred to as Mirror Meadow in late summer due to the lack of water and the influx of grasses and sandy areas, however, this hikes allows for exhilarating views of Half Dome and Mt. Watkins. Exhibits along the trail tell the story of Mirror Lake's lake-to-meadow succession, and also highlight some of the cultural history of the area.

Things to know before you go:

- Swimming is not permitted in the Hetch Hetchy reservoir or in Emerald Pool above Vernal Fall.
- Stay away from swiftly-moving water. 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 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.
- If you plan to hike or backpack above 8,000 feet, it may still be winter-like conditions. Expect snowy, flooded, and/or muddy conditions. Check current conditions at a wilderness or vistior center before starting hike.

Vertical Wilderness

Climbing Stewardship in Yosemite

Story by Yosemite Climbing Rangers



Climbing Rangers Bud Miller and Cameron King begin day three of an overnight climbing patrol of the North American Wall on El Capitan. *NPS Photo*



Aid climbing through a roof on Leaning Tower, Climbing Ranger Ben Doyle pauses to enjoy one of the many unique places accessed by climbing. *NPS Photo*

Look up...The granite faces of El Capitan, Half Dome, and beyond are all part of Yosemite’s vast wilderness. In fact, rock climbing is an activity that is predominantly done within the 95 percent of Yosemite designated as wilderness. Yosemite’s wilderness includes all cliffs above 4,200 feet elevation more than 200 feet from the road.

What does wilderness mean? As outlined in the Wilderness Act of 1964, “A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain.”

The climbing ethic is to leave as little sign of passage through vertical wilderness areas as possible. By doing so climbers honor the many who will come after them, they honor what drew them to these areas in the first place, and they honor the wilderness itself.

There is a long history of climbing in Yosemite. El Capitan was first climbed in 1958 by Warren Harding, Wayne Merry, and George Whitmore, who spent 45 days on the wall. Now typically climbed in three to five days, El Capitan attracts climbers from around the world. Yosemite’s cliffs are an international destination recognized as one of the birthplaces of modern climbing and a necessary visit for any aspiring climber. Today, the climbing community still recognizes Yosemite as primarily a

“traditional” climbing area. In traditional climbing, climbers look for natural crack systems in the rock to enable and protect upward progress. Gear placed for protection in cracks can be placed and removed without affecting the rock.

Interacting with wilderness provides great opportunity. Climbers visit a world protected from human domination, they adventure through vertical expanses of rock untrammelled, and they gain access to lessons available only in such environments. However, wilderness is a fragile entity. Deliberate action must always be made to preserve the wilderness that we as a people have historically treasured.

What are some of the things that rock climbers do to protect wilderness?

- With many climbers coming to Yosemite, access routes that approach and descend from cliffs throughout the park are a concern. Climbers have volunteered immense amounts of time and labor performing restoration and impact mitigation work with Yosemite Climbing Management. Over 26,000 feet of climber access routes were restored in 2016 alone, largely by climber volunteers.
- Yosemite boasts the highest concentration of peregrine falcon nesting sites in the Sierra Nevada. This is particularly impressive as peregrines were absent from the park for more than thirty years before they were re-discovered in 1978. Since their return,

climbing closures meant to give nesting sites space have encouraged their recovery. Due to the diligence of the park service and the respect that climbers have shown towards peregrine related climbing closures, these beautiful birds have come to thrive again.

- Innovations in climbing gear technology in the past fifty years have changed the impact climbers have on the rock. No hammers are required to place or remove the vast majority of exceptionally strong protective gear that modern climbers use. Pitons are largely relics of the past, replaced by cams and other clean or hammerless protection.
- Many climbers embrace stewardship as a fundamental aspect of their lifestyle. For the 2017 season, Yosemite Climbing Management is being supported by six Climber Steward Volunteers. These fantastic volunteers are donating

months of their time in the name of better protecting and caring for the vertical wilderness of Yosemite.

Interested in learning more about rock climbing in Yosemite? Stop by the Ask-A-Climber program at El Capitan Bridge. A Climbing Ranger will be answering questions about climbing and looking at climbers on the face of El Capitan through telescopes. Ever wonder how rock climbers spend several days and nights on big walls, or how they are able to safely navigate through the vertical environment? Come and find out!

The Climbing Stewardship program and Ask a Climber are made possible through the support of Yosemite Conservancy donors. The Yosemite Conservancy assists the National Park Service in protecting and celebrating the history and future of climbing in Yosemite's vertical wilderness.

Climbers, be mindful of these concepts when climbing in Yosemite’s Wilderness:

- Store your food properly so as not to encourage wildlife towards an unnatural and unhealthy diet.
- Whenever you consider fixing lines or placing permanent anchors, practice respect for the resource and for the wilderness experience of others.
- Follow wilderness regulations regarding camping in Yosemite’s backcountry while pursuing climbing objectives.
- Avoid “gardening” to establish new routes or boulder problems. Cliffs and their talus are unique and limited habitats.
- Educate yourself and other climbers on closures to protect wildlife.
- Limit your group size and follow designated trails.
- The ideal is to always leave the minimum sign of our passage through wilderness.

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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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



Providing For Yosemite's Future

Through the support of donors, Yosemite Conservancy provides grants and support to Yosemite National Park to help preserve and protect Yosemite today and for future generations. Work funded by the Conservancy is visible throughout the park, in trail rehabilitation, wildlife protection and habitat restoration. The Conservancy is also dedicated to enhancing the visitor experience and providing a deeper connection to the park through outdoor programs, volunteering, wilderness services and its bookstores. Thanks to dedicated supporters, the Conservancy has provided more than \$113 million in grants to Yosemite National Park. Learn more at www.yosemiteconservancy.org or call 415/434-1782.

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Yosemite Volunteers: Serving Yosemite

Over 12,407 volunteers donated more than 174,885 hours of service to Yosemite last year, restoring native habitat, working in visitor centers, serving as camp hosts, studying wildlife, cleaning up litter and more. Would you like to serve? We have group and individual volunteer opportunities, both short term and long term. Learn more at: www.nps.gov/yose/getinvolved/volunteer.htm or call the volunteer office at 209/379- 1850.



Yosemite Zero Landfill Initiative

Help make Yosemite the first Zero Landfill park in the country. Through the Zero Landfill Initiative, Yosemite is reducing the amount of trash sent to the landfill every year. In partnership with Yosemite Hospitality, we are making it easier to participate by adding more recycling containers with better labels.

- Here are 3 things you can do to help:
1. Get rid of excess packaging by repacking food in reuseable containers before you leave home.
 2. Bring a refillable water bottle/travel mug. Camping? Use refillable propane canisters.
 3. Put trash/recycling in correct containers.



Yosemite Name Changes

The names of the following facilities in Yosemite have changed:

- Half Dome Village (formerly Curry Village)
- Yosemite Valley Lodge (formerly Yosemite Lodge)
- The Majestic Yosemite Hotel (formerly The Ahwahnee)
- Big Trees Lodge (formerly Wawona Hotel)
- Yosemite Ski & Snowboard Area (formerly Badger Pass Ski Area)
- Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge)

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 or email yose_lostandfound@nps.gov.