

Yosemite Guide



NPS sign language interpreter, Kara Stella, interprets for guide, Zach Naegle, on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel tour. Photo by Jim McKenzie





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Yosemite Valley Shuttle System

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System

Year-round Route:
 Valley Shuttle

Summer-only Route:
 El Capitan Shuttle

Legend:
 Campground
 Parking
 Picnic Area
 Restroom
 Walk-In Campground

Stop # Location

1	Yosemite Village Parking	11	Sentinel Bridge	17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
2	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 Kitchen	14	Half Dome Village Parking	E3	El Capitan Picnic Area
5	Yosemite Valley Visitor Center	20	Upper Pines Campground / Trailhead Parking	E4	El Capitan Crossover
6	Lower Yosemite Fall	15	Happy Isles / Mist Trail	E5	Cathedral Beach Picnic Area
7	Camp 4 / Yosemite Falls Parking	16		E6	Four Mile Trailhead
8	Yosemite Valley Lodge				

The Yosemite Valley Shuttle operates from 7am to 10pm and serves stops in numerical order. Shuttles run daily every 10 to 20 minutes. The El Capitan Shuttle will run from 9am to 5pm, every 30 minutes, beginning May 25. See schedules posted at shuttle stops.

Seasonal Highlights

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

Explore Like A Junior Ranger!

Go wild as Yosemite's newest Junior Ranger and explore and learn about your park, and how you can help protect it today and in the future. You can become a Yosemite Junior Ranger by purchasing a self-guided booklet in any Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore. In order to take the Junior Ranger oath and earn your patch and badge, the booklet must be completed, a bag of trash collected, and a guided program attended. *Guided programs are listed on pages 6, 7, 9, and 10.* Be ready to share your Junior Ranger adventure stories with your family and friends! See the Just for Kids section on page 12 for more information.

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 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

Stroll with a Ranger

Learn about the wonders of the park on a ranger-guided stroll. Programs are offered daily throughout the park on a variety of topics including waterfalls, trees, bears, geology, and more. (See pages 6, 7, 9, and 10 for details.)

Take a Photography Class

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



Pacific Dogwood blooms in Yosemite Valley. 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 filled with exploring, relax and enjoy a show at the Yosemite Theater. Yosemite Theater presents a variety of performances, including plays based on some of the park's most colorful characters, inspiring films, and celebrations of Yosemite's culture and history. (See page 6 for show descriptions and schedules.)

Yosemite Conservancy Art Programs

Yosemite Conservancy invites you to participate in one of our fun plein air art sessions held Monday through Saturday

from 10am to 2pm in Yosemite Valley. Workshops begin at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center near shuttle stop #16. Come by and browse our selection of art supplies, gifts, and original art. Open daily from 9am to 4pm. See page 6 for details.

Get Outdoors with Yosemite Conservancy

Are you looking for a memorable way to explore Yosemite, tailored to your interests and ability? Our expert guides will enhance your understanding of the park as you walk among Yosemite's famous cliffs, trees and waterfalls. Whether you'd rather explore the park's flora and fauna

during a gentle saunter along the river or learn about Yosemite's geology while taking an exhilarating and vigorous hike, we'll help you create the perfect outdoor experience. Contact us to plan a Custom Adventure for your family or group. Visit yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or (209)379-2317 x10 to find your adventure today. See page 6 for details.

Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge) is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am until 4pm. Free evening programs are scheduled for 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 library, and historical exhibits. Call (209)372-4542 for program details.


Volunteer Drop-In Program


Want to give back to the park? Consider donating some of your time with the Volunteer Drop-In Program! The Volunteer Drop-In Program is a family-friendly activity where you can take an active role in protecting and preserving our natural resources. Whether it's your first time to the park or you are a returning visitor, come create new memories while removing invasive species, collecting native seeds, and picking up litter. The Drop-In Program will meet every Friday, starting June 1 at 9:30am in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Projects will last 1 to 3 hours and volunteers must wear long pants and closed-toe shoes. Sun protection, water, and snacks are recommended. Youth under eighteen must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Questions? Email yose_volunteers@nps.gov, or call (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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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, \$35 beginning June 1, 2018

Motorcycle Valid for 7 days

\$25/motorcycle, \$30 beginning June 1, 2018

Individual Valid for 7 days

\$15 (In a bus, on foot, bicycle, or horse),

\$20 beginning June 1, 2018

Yosemite Pass \$60,

\$70 beginning June 1, 2018

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

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

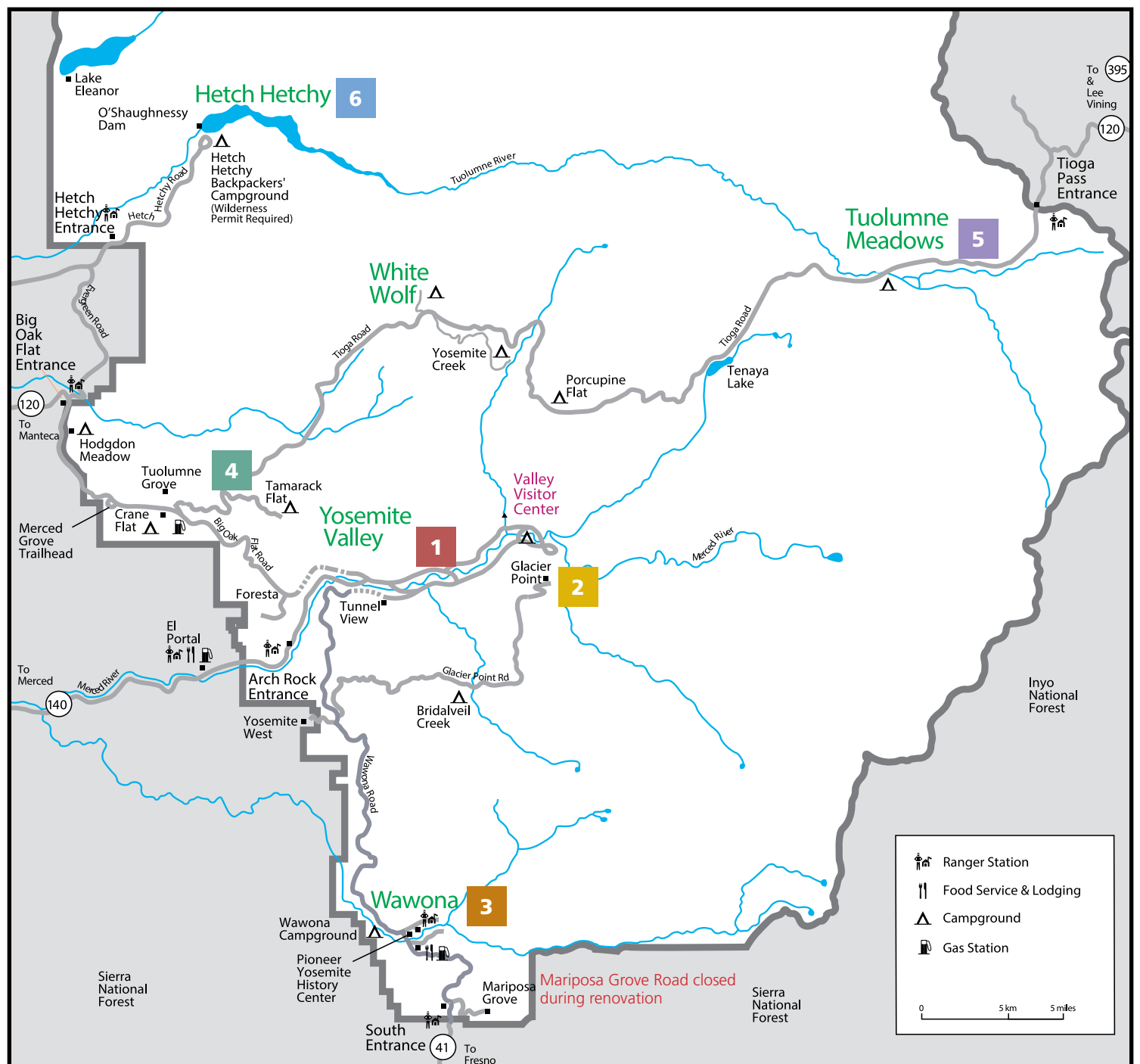
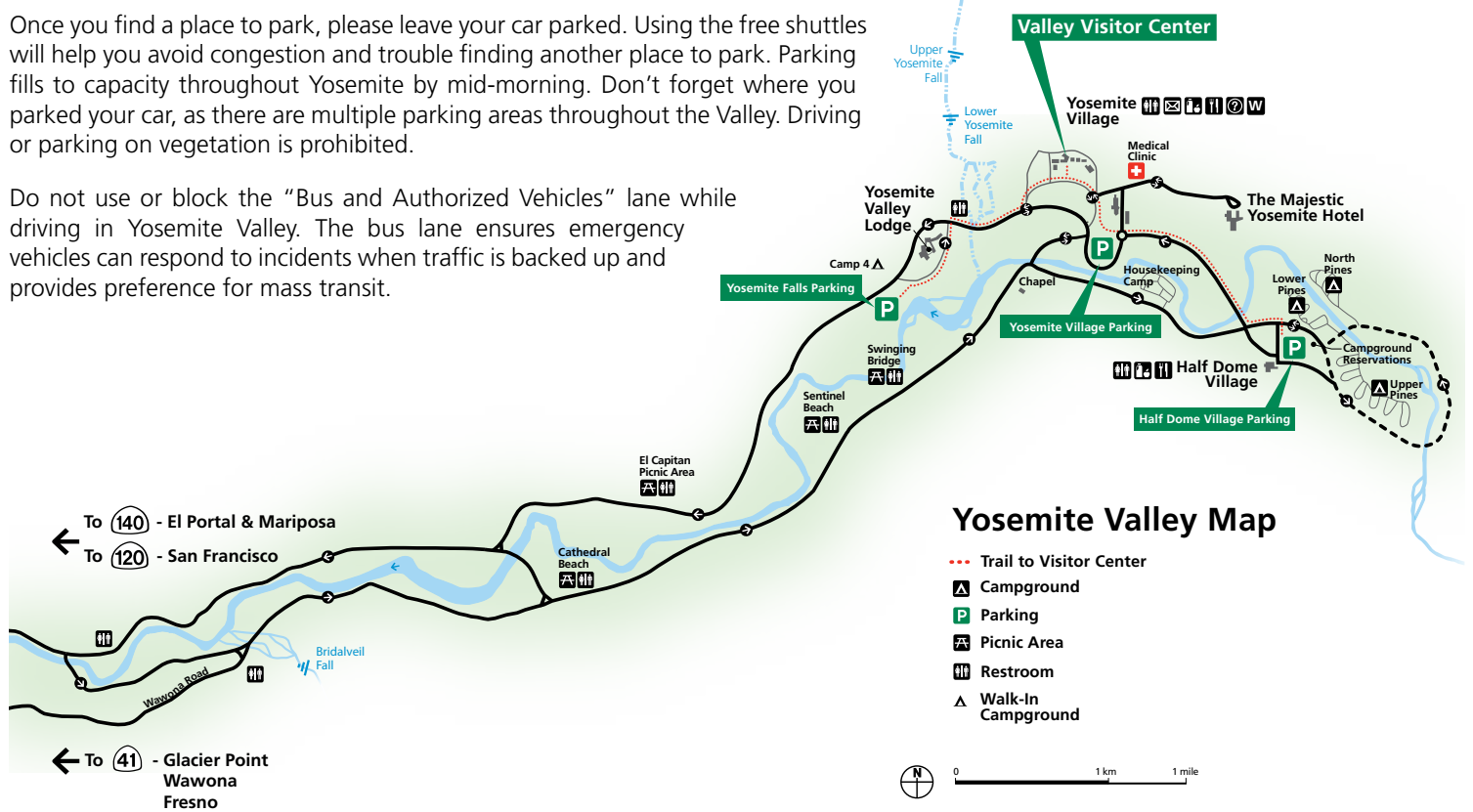
Yosemite Travel Tips

The busy summer months have arrived! 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 year-round, is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. Get there via Highway 41/Wawona Road from Fresno, Highway 140/El Portal Road from Merced, Highway 120 west/Big Oak Flat Road from Manteca, and (during summer) via the Tioga Road/Highway 120 east from Lee Vining. Yosemite Valley is home to massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome, plunging waterfalls including the tallest in North America, and attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls slows to 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, 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 (a one-hour drive) from Yosemite Valley or Wawona. To get there from either of these places, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), to Chinquapin, then turn onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating—some might say unnerving—view 3,214 feet down to Yosemite Valley below.

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. *As of July 6, 2015, 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. *Tioga Road may not be open in May and June due to snow and ice.*

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. *Tioga Road may not be open in May and June due to snow and ice.*

Hetch Hetchy

6 Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the City of San Francisco, is home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. The area's low elevation makes it a good place to hike in autumn and winter. The Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles (1½ hour) from Yosemite Valley via the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120W) and the Evergreen Road. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open from 7am to 9pm, May 1 through Labor Day. Wilderness permits and bear canisters are available at the entrance station from 7am to 5pm. Vehicles and/or trailers over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.



Half Dome view from Glacier Point. Photo by Armand Williams



The Mariposa Grove. Photo by Christine Loberg



Tenaya Lake. Photo by Kenny Karst



Tuolumne River at Tuolumne Meadows. Photo by Ryan Alonzo



Hetch Hetchy. Photo by Sheree Peshlakai

Yosemite Valley

Spectacular vistas and the heart of the park

Yosemite Valley

An unlimited array of possibilities await you in Yosemite Valley. Let your senses run wild as you learn about the scenery that surrounds you. See pages 5, 6, and 7 for more information on program topics and visitor services available.

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. The tour departs Yosemite Valley Lodge several times daily, weather permitting. Check any Tour and Activity Desk for times. Be sure to ask about Moonlight Tours and Starry Skies at Glacier Point Tours, as well!

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, and Half Dome Village.

RAFTING

Rafting is a great way to see Yosemite Valley. Rafts can be rented at Half Dome Village beginning May 19, from 10am to 4pm, conditions permitting. If you plan to bring your own raft, please see page 15 for safety and regulatory information.



Bridalveil Fall. Photo by Christine Loberg.

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.

BICYCLING

Experience Yosemite Valley on a bicycle. There are several miles of bicycle paths that wind through Yosemite Valley. You can use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Valley Lodge or Half Dome Village, open 8am to 7pm, *weather permitting*. Bicycles are only allowed on paved roads and paved bicycle paths.

SIGHTSEEING

Some famous, awe-inspiring landmarks that Yosemite Valley is known for include:

- **Yosemite Falls** gives the Valley an extra touch of life when it's flowing with spring runoff. You can walk to its base or take the strenuous trail to its top (see page 17).

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 that will grant you some 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, wander through indoor and outdoor exhibits detailing Yosemite's geologic story, or connect with nature through daily art workshops and activities.
- **Tunnel View**, along Wawona Road (Hwy 41) showcases the immensity of the granite walls that surround Yosemite Valley, providing a classic view of El Capitan, Half Dome, Sentinel Rock, Cathedral Rocks, and Bridalveil Fall. It is spectacular at sunset or after the clearing of a storm.

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

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Yosemite Village

Degnan's Kitchen
7am to 6pm

The Loft at Degnan's
12pm to 9pm

Village Grill
11am to 6pm

The Majestic Yosemite Hotel

Dining Room

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Lunch: 11:30am to 3pm

Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm

Sunday Brunch: 7am to 3pm

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

Base Camp Eatery Starbucks

6am to 9pm

Base Camp Eatery

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

Half Dome Village

Coffee Corner/Ice Cream

6am to 10pm,

ice cream service - 11am to 10pm,

beginning May 19

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

BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL

Yosemite Village

The Ansel Adams Gallery

9am to 6pm

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center

9am to 5pm

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Yosemite Museum

9am to 5pm, *may close for lunch*

Valley Wilderness Center

8am to 5pm

Village Store

8am to 10pm

The Majestic Yosemite Hotel

The Gift Shop

8am to 10pm

The Sweet Shop

7am to 10pm

Yosemite Valley Lodge

Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

Half Dome Village

Mountain Shop

8am to 8pm

Half Dome Village Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm

Happy Isles

Happy Isles Art and Nature Center

9am to 4pm,

Yosemite Valley

Where to go and what to do



Half Dome. NPS Photo

Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore are open from 9am to 5pm. The visitor center is west of the main post office, near 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 Yosemite 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, 9am to 5pm, *may close for lunch*. The store offers traditional American Indian arts, crafts, jewelry, and books.

Wilderness Center

Open daily from 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.

HAPPY ISLES ART AND NATURE CENTER

Open 9am to 4pm. 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.

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:

Alan Ross: The Language of Light
April 8, 2018 - May 19, 2018

Yosemite and Alan Ross have a storied history. Mr. Ross has been photographing this hallowed valley since he first came to work for Ansel Adams in 1974. Many adventures followed — the camera in tow as he developed his language of light.

"For me, a photograph is very much a kind of language. It can be as practical and unadorned as an entry in an encyclopedia. It can be a chapter in a novel, or it can be haiku. And for those of us to whom words do not come easily, a photograph is a language that allows us to express who we are and how we respond to the world around us. I have used this "language of light" for more than 40 years," Alan said.

The Ansel Adams Gallery has hosted a series of exhibitions that have showcased Mr. Ross' unique vision over the years, and we are excited to continue this tradition.

NEW EXHIBIT:

Penny Otwell: Seeing Is Believing
May 20, 2018 - July 7, 2018

There is immensity to Yosemite that relates to both time and place — it pervades us here; it makes us feel humble. But there is also a romantic courtship that seems so genuine that, in spite of our diminutive status within these walls, we do not wish to leave their company. This dichotomy tugs and pulls at you, generating an internal rhythm as undulating as the folds of granite above you, as reliable as the coming of spring, and as consistent as the rolling current of the Merced River at your feet.

Where too many words could never say enough, visual artists have navigated this rhythm through light and paint, framing a fraction of the park which accentuates and tames the vitality of our experiences that are all at once unique and shared. And perhaps no artist has spent more time and energy within this mode in recent memory than Penny Otwell.

Penny has said of her time as an artist in Yosemite that "being a painter is like being a scientist: the facts are in front of you, the arrangements are endless, conditions, premises, and conclusions all determine each painting. Asking "what if?" is my way of experimentation in making art. Motivated by the rhythm and design observed in granite forms and geological changes, my painting style is uniquely my own."

New work by Ms. Otwell will be on display at The Ansel Adams Gallery as part of her exhibition, "Seeing is Believing" between May 20 and July 7, 2018. The gallery will also be hosting a reception for the artist on June 13 from 3pm to 5pm. We hope you have the opportunity to come by and share in the experience.

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
Degnan's Kitchen
7am to 6pm
Tour Desk - Village Store
7:30am to 3:30pm

Yosemite Valley Lodge

Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Tour Desk
7:30am to 7pm
Bike Rentals
8am to 7pm, *weather permitting*

Half Dome Village

Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm
Tour Desk
7:30am to 3pm
Mountaineering School
8:30am to 5pm, *Closed for 1 hour at noon*
Bike Rentals
8am to 7pm, *weather permitting*
Raft Rentals
10am to 4pm, *beginning May 19, weather permitting*

Housekeeping Camp

Gift/Grocery
8am to 9pm

SHOWERS, LAUNDRY, AND INTERNET

Housekeeping Camp
Showers - 7am to 10pm
Laundry - 8am to 10pm
Half Dome Village
Showers open 24 hours

SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

May 16, 2018 - June 19, 2018



Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures (YC)

Experience the park in a new way with Yosemite Conservancy's naturalist guides! Enjoy guided hikes and backpacking trips, learn traditional basket-weaving techniques, or hone photography skills with an expert. Upcoming outings include:

May 29-May 30	<i>Photographing the Moonbow: Double Your Chances</i>
June 9-10	<i>World Famous Waterfalls and Hidden Gems</i>
June 15-June 17	<i>Yosemite Miwok-Paiute Basketry</i>
June 21-June 24	<i>Backpack to Half Dome: Two-Night Summit Challenge</i>
June 27	<i>Dine and Discover: Full Moon Hike to Taft Point</i>
June 29-July 1	<i>Casual Backpack: Sunset Hike to Ostrander Lake</i>

To learn more and sign up, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or call (209)379-2317x10. Custom Adventures can be arranged for individuals and groups. This spring, we're also offering naturalist walks every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (\$10/person, no pre-registration required, see pages 6 and 7 for details). Proceeds from all our programs help preserve and protect Yosemite.

Yosemite Theater (YC)

Yosemite Conservancy's theater program offers entertainment and inspiration through live performances, educational presentations and beautiful films. All shows start at 7pm at the Yosemite Theater, located at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, shuttle bus stops #5 & #9. Get your tickets (\$10 per person, free tickets for children under age 12) at Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores, Tour & Activity Desks (see page 5 for locations), or at the theater before show time.

Yosemite Search and Rescue (Tuesdays). Hear stories about emergency response missions in the park from Yosemite's expert Search and Rescue rangers.

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

John Muir Series: John Muir is Back! (Thursdays). As modern-day environmental woes threaten his beloved planet, Muir urges us to become better stewards of the natural world. Live performance by Lee Stetson.

Growing Up in Yosemite: The Spirited Life of Florence Hutchings (Fridays). Travel back to the 19th century to see what life was like for a spirited girl growing up in Yosemite Valley. Live performance by Audrey Davis.

Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey (Saturdays). Join rock-climber Ron Kauk for a film and conversation celebrating Yosemite's vertical world.

Yosemite Conservancy Art Programs (YC)

Join Yosemite Conservancy for a range of activities at our art program's new home: Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Learn from a professional artist, drop in for a kids' activity, browse supplies and original artwork, and more. The center is open daily, 9am to 4pm. Upcoming programs include:

May 14-May 19	<i>Beginner Watercolor with Rita Randolph</i>
May 21-May 26	<i>Beginner Watercolor with Rita Randolph</i>
May 28-June 2	<i>Drawing with Charcoal with Jeff Hemming</i>
June 1-June 3	<i>Intermediate Plein Air Watercolor with Sonja Hamilton</i>
June 4-June 9	<i>Drawing with Graphite with Jeff Hemming</i>
June 11-June 16	<i>Painting and Printmaking with Sue Fierston</i>
June 18-June 23	<i>Painting and Printmaking with Sue Fierston</i>

Daily art classes for ages 12 and up are taught by volunteer instructors Monday-Saturday, 10am-2pm (\$20 per person, per class, materials and supplies not included in registration price). Classes are recommended for ages 12 and up, and are typically held outside. Bringing younger kids? One-hour instructed classes for children ages 2 to 12 will be held Monday through Thursday, starting June 11 (\$10 per person, \$30 per family, materials included). This year, we're also offering multiday art adventure programs that combine camping, hiking and creativity. To learn more and register for any of our art programs, visit yosemiteconservancy.org/art, contact us at (209)372-0631 or artcenter@yosemiteconservancy.org, or visit us at Happy Isles!

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Pastor Brent Moore - Resident Minister
SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE YOSEMITE CHAPEL:
9:15am - Sunday School available
11am - (Memorial Day through Labor Day Only)
6:30pm - Evening Service
WEDNESDAY MID-WEEK SERVICE
7pm, at the chapel
THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY
7pm, call chapel for location
(209)372-4831, www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org
www.YosemiteValleyChapelWeddings.org

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 27 to Sep 2, 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	8:00am Morning Stroll (June 3, 10, and 17 Only) 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided morning stroll! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	9:30am Adventure Hike - Vernal/Nevada Falls 6 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Curry Village Mountaineering School. (YH) \$
	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. The Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	11:00am OPEN STUDIO (Except June 17) Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Self-guided activity, great for families, children and teens. Studio open 11am to 3pm. See page 6. (YC)
Monday	8:00am Morning Stroll (June 4, 11, and 18 Only) 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided morning stroll! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	8:30am Explore Yosemite's Bird Life 2 hrs. Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist for a guided bird-watching walk. Meet in front of Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (shuttle stop #16). \$10/person. (YC) \$
	9:00am Bike to Hike Tour 2.5 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Curry Village Bike Stand. (YH) \$
	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. The Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	10:00am Art Class 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/art . Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6. (YC) \$
	11:00am OPEN STUDIO (Except June 11 and 18) Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Self-guided activity, great for families, children and teens. Studio open 11am to 3pm. See page 6. (YC)
Tuesday	8:00am Morning Stroll (June 5, 12, and 19 Only) 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided morning stroll! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	8:15am Adventure Hike - Panorama Trail With One-Way Glacier Point Bus Ride 8 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (ARA) \$
	9:00am Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. (TAAG) ♿
	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK (Except June 12) 1 hr. The Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	10:00am Art Class 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/art . Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6. (YC) \$
	11:00am OPEN STUDIO (Except June 12 and 19) Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Self-guided activity, great for families, children and teens. Studio open 11am to 3pm. See page 6. (YC)
Wednesday	8:00am Morning Stroll (June 6 and 13 Only) 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided morning stroll! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	8:30am Explore Yosemite's Bird Life 2 hrs. Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist for a guided bird-watching walk. Meet at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. (shuttle stops #5/#9). \$10/person. (YC) \$
	9:00am Bike to Hike Tour 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK (Except June 13) 1 hr. The Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	10:00am Art Class 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/art . Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6. (YC) \$
	11:00am OPEN STUDIO (Except June 13) Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Self-guided activity, great for families, children and teens. Studio open 11am to 3pm. See page 6. (YC)
Thursday	8:00am Morning Stroll (June 7 and 14 Only) 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 Discovery Hike - Vernal Falls Bridge 3.5 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
	9:00am Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) ♿
	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. The Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	10:00am Art Class 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/art . Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6. (YC) \$
	11:00am OPEN STUDIO (Except June 14) Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Self-guided activity, great for families, children and teens. Studio open 11am to 3pm. See page 6. (YC)
Friday	8:00am Morning Stroll (June 8 and 15 Only) 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided morning stroll! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	8:30am Explore Yosemite's Bird Life 2 hrs. Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist for a guided bird-watching walk. Meet at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (shuttle stops #5/#9). \$10/person. (YC) \$
	9:30am DROP-IN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center to spend an hour or three giving back to the park you love. See Seasonal Highlights page for details. (NPS)
	9:30am Adventure Hike - Vernal/Nevada Falls 6 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. The Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	10:00am Art Class 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/art . Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6. (YC) \$
Saturday	8:00am Morning Stroll (June 2, 9, and 16 Only) 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 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
	9:00am Camera Walk 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) ♿
	10:00am JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. The Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿
	10:00am Art Class 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online: yosemiteconservancy.org/art . Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6. (YC) \$
	11:00am OPEN STUDIO (Except June 16) Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Self-guided activity, great for families, children and teens. Studio open 11am to 3pm. See page 6. (YC)

Programs printed in **ALL CAPS AND COLOR** are especially for children and their families.

- AAC** American Alpine Club
- YH** Yosemite Hospitality LLC
- NPS** National Park Service
- SC** Sierra Club
- TAAG** The Ansel Adams Gallery
- YC** Yosemite Conservancy
- \$** Programs offered for a fee



Indicates facilities accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. Short, steep inclines may be encountered.



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.



Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advanced request. Inquire at a visitor center.



Audio tours are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Refer to the Accessibility Guide for details

	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Sunday	1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK (June 10 and 17 Only) 1 hr. The Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (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) ♿
	2:00pm DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE (June 10 and 17 Only) 2 hrs. Drop in any time to get started or finish up earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿	7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	2:00pm 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 Program (June 10 and 17 Only) 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿
	2:30pm Ranger Walk - Rivers and Waterfalls (June 10 and 17 Only) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (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. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$
	3:00pm JUNIOR RANGER SWEAR-IN (June 10 and 17 Only) 15 mins. The Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿	9:00pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$
4:00pm FAMILY RANGER TALK - MEET YOUR YOSEMITE 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿		
Monday	1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK (June 11 and 18 Only) 1 hr. The Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (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 Explore Yosemite's Plant Life 2 hrs. Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist for a guided botany walk. Meet in front of Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (use shuttle stop #16). \$10/person. (YC) \$	7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	1:00pm Discovery Hike - Less Traveled Lower Valley Loop 4 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$	8:30pm Ranger Program (June 11 and 18 Only) 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿
	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 on Natural and Cultural History 1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	1:00pm KIDS ART CLASS (June 11 and 18 Only) 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 2-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) \$	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. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$
	2:00pm KIDS ART CLASS (June 11 and 18 Only) 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 2-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) \$	9:00pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$
	2:00pm JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE (June 11 and 18 Only) 2 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿	
	2:00pm 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) ♿	
	2:30pm Ranger Walk - Yosemite's First People 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿	
	3:00pm JUNIOR RANGER SWEAR-IN (June 11 and 18 Only) 15 mins. The Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿	
4:00pm FAMILY RANGER TALK - MEET YOUR YOSEMITE 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿		
Tuesday	1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK (June 19 Only) 1 hr. The Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (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 In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$	7:00pm Yosemite Theater - Yosemite Search and Rescue 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores, any Tour & Activity Desk (see page 5 for locations) or at the Yosemite Theater. (YC) \$
	1:00pm KIDS ART CLASS (June 12 and 19 Only) 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 2-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) \$	7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	2:00pm KIDS ART CLASS (June 12 and 19 Only) 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 2-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) \$	8:30pm Ranger Program (June 19 Only) 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿
	2:00pm DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE (June 19 Only) 2 hrs. Drop in any time to get started or finish up earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿	9:00pm Evening Program on Fire in Yosemite 1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	2:00pm 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) ♿	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. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$
	3:00pm Ranger Walk - Wild About Bears (Except June 12) 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿	9:00pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$
	3:00pm JUNIOR RANGER SWEAR-IN (June 19 Only) 15 mins. The Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿	
4:00pm FAMILY RANGER TALK - MEET YOUR YOSEMITE (Except June 12) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿		
Wednesday	1:00pm Explore Yosemite's Plant Life 2 hrs. Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist for a guided botany walk. Meet at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (shuttle stops #5/#9). \$10/person. (YC) \$	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 Discovery Hike - Vernal Falls Bridge 3.5 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$	7:00pm Yosemite Theater - Join Muir Series: Conversation with a Tramp 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores, any Tour & Activity Desk (see page 5 for locations) or at the Yosemite Theater. (YC) \$
	1:00pm Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$	7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	1:00pm KIDS ART CLASS (June 13 Only) 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 2-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) \$	8:30pm Evening Program on Yosemite's Firefall 1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	2:00pm KIDS ART CLASS (June 13 Only) 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 2-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) \$	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. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$
	2:00pm Plein Air Art Demonstration (Except May 16) 1 hr. Learn about creating art outside in Ahwahnee Meadow. (YC)	9:00pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$
	2:00pm DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE (June 13 Only) 2 hrs. Drop in any time to get started or finish up earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿	
	2:00pm 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) ♿	
4:00pm FAMILY RANGER TALK - MEET YOUR YOSEMITE 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿		
Thursday	1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK (June 14 Only) 1 hr. The Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿	6:00pm Naturalist Stroll (Except May 31) 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on the Majestic Yosemite Hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	1:00pm Using Your Digital Camera 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$	7:00pm Yosemite Theater - Join Muir Series: John Muir is Back! 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores, any Tour & Activity Desk (see page 5 for locations) or at the Yosemite Theater. (YC) \$
	1:00pm KIDS ART CLASS (June 14 Only) 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 2-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) \$	7:00pm WEE WILD ONES (Except May 31) 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	2:00pm KIDS ART CLASS (June 14 Only) 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 2-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Drop-in, no registration needed. (YC) \$	8:30pm Ranger Program (June 14 Only) 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿
	2:00pm DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE (June 14 Only) 2 hrs. Drop in any time to get started or finish up earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿	8:30pm Evening Program on Climbing (Except May 31) 1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	2:00pm Historic Majestic Hotel Tour (Except May 31) 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind the Majestic Yosemite Hotel. Meet at the Majestic Yosemite Hotel Concierge. (YH) ♿	9:00pm NIGHT PROWL (Except May 31) 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. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$
	2:00pm Bike to Hike Tour 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$	9:00pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (Except May 31) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$
	2:30pm Ranger Walk - Yosemite's Trees (June 14 Only) 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿	
	3:00pm JUNIOR RANGER SWEAR-IN (June 14 Only) 15 mins. The Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿	
	4:00pm FAMILY RANGER TALK - MEET YOUR YOSEMITE 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿	
Friday	1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK (June 15 Only) 1 hr. The Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (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 Explore Yosemite's Plant Life 2 hrs. Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist for a guided botany walk. Meet at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (shuttle stops #5/#9). \$10/person. (YC) \$	7:00pm Yosemite Theater - Growing Up in Yosemite: The Spirited Life of Florence Hutchings 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores, any Tour & Activity Desk (see page 5 for locations) or at the Yosemite Theater. (YC) \$
	2:00pm DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE (June 15 Only) 2 hrs. Drop in any time to get started or finish up earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿	7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	2:00pm 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) ♿	8:00pm Inspiring Health and Well-being Through Deep Connections to Nature and Spirit (May 18 Only) 1 hr. Heather Sullivan, Co-Founder and Managing Director, Balance Rock, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center, limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12. (SC)
	3:00pm Ranger Walk - Wild About Bears 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿	8:00pm Hike to Mount Whitney - Narrated Hiking Video (June 1 Only) 1 hr. Lee Terkelsen, Nature and Historic Filmmaker, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center, limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12. (SC)
	3:00pm JUNIOR RANGER SWEAR-IN (June 15 Only) 15mins. The Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿	8:00pm AMERICAN INDIAN FLUTE AND STORYTELLING (June 8 Only) 1.5 hrs. Ben Cunningham-Summerfield, YNP Interpretive Ranger, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center, limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12. (SC)
	4:00pm FAMILY RANGER TALK - MEET YOUR YOSEMITE 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿	8:00pm Search and Rescue in Yosemite (June 15 Only) 1.5 hrs. John Dill, YNP Search and Rescue Ranger, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center, limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12. (SC)
		8:30pm Film - Ansel Adams 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge, check local listing for venue. (TAAG) ♿
	8:30pm Ranger Program (May 15 Only) 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿	
	8:30pm Evening Program on Bears 1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿	
	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. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$	
	9:00pm STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky! Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$	
Saturday	1:00pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK (June 16 Only) 1 hr. The Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (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 Discovery Hike - Less Traveled Lower Valley Loop 3.5 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$	7:00pm JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE (June 16 Only) 1 hr. Campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16, look for temporary signs. (NPS)
	1:00pm In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Photography Class 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$	7:00pm Yosemite Theater - Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey 1.5 hrs. Purchase tickets at Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores, any Tour & Activity Desk (see page 5 for locations) or at the Yosemite Theater. (YC) \$
	2:00pm DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE (June 16 Only) 2 hrs. Drop in any time to get started or finish up earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9. (NPS) ♿	7:00pm WEE WILD ONES 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	2:00pm 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) ♿	8:00pm Yosemite People: Street Photography in the Wilderness (May 19 Only) 1 hr. Jonas Kulikauskas, Photographer and Author Yosemite People, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center, limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12. (SC)
	3:00pm Ranger Walk - Wild About Bears 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19. (NPS) ♿	8:00pm Along the John Muir Trail. Mt. Whitney to Half Dome - Narrated Hiking Video (June 2 Only) 1 hr. Lee Terkelsen, Nature and Historic Filmmaker, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center, limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12. (SC)
	3:00pm JUNIOR RANGER SWEAR-IN (June 16 Only) 15min. The Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16. (NPS) ♿	8:00pm Following John Muir into Wild Yosemite (June 9 Only) 1 hr. Bob Hare, Photographer/Historian, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center, limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12. (SC)
	3:00pm Fine Print Viewing 1 hr. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Very limited space. (TAAG) ♿	8:00pm John Muir and the Big Trees (June 16 Only) 1 hr. Michael Wurtz, Director of Special Collections, University of the Pacific, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center, limited to 50 guests. Shuttle Stop #12. (SC)
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 - Natural and Cultural Change in Yosemite 1 hr. Half Dome Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿	
	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. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$	
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Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point



Explore History, Discover Giant Trees, and Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

Wawona

JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM

Join a ranger near the south end of the Wawona Covered Bridge for an hour of nature exploration. See page 9 for schedule. Especially for ages 7 to 12.

EVENING PROGRAMS

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

The Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore (only) will be open daily from 8:30am to 5pm, *may close for lunch*. Beginning May 24, Hill's Studio will be open daily from 8:30am to 5pm. The visitor center offers information about park activities, books, wilderness permits, trail information, bear canister rentals, and maps. Until May 24, wilderness permits for Wawona trailheads can be obtained by self-registration on the front porch, bear canisters can be rented inside the bookstore. Located on the grounds of the Big Trees Lodge, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the lodge or park at the Big Trees Lodge 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. Tickets may be purchased at the Stage Office in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center. See page 9 for dates, times, and locations. Five dollars for adults and \$4 for children ages 3 to 12-years old.

BLACKSMITH SHOP

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 in the grove.

GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE MARIPOSA GROVE!

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

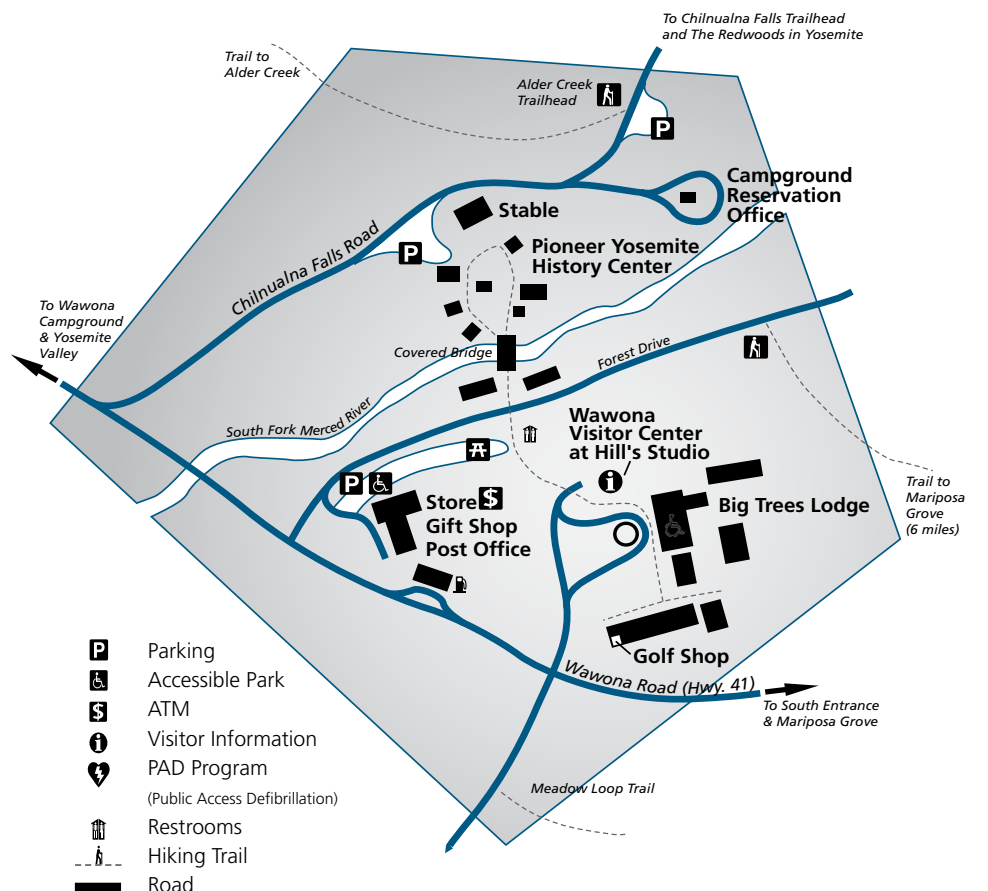
to re-open in June 2018. The restoration project will improve the habitat and restore the hydrology of the Mariposa Grove and improve visitors' experience and enjoyment of the grove. Trails will be improved providing universal access along with improved restrooms.

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

Glacier Point

EVENING PROGRAMS

Meet a ranger to enjoy the lengthening shadows in Yosemite Valley and the alpenglow (or moonrise) on the Sierra high country. Stargazing programs, ranger walks, and sunset talks are all offered for your enjoyment at this stunning location. See next page for times and for more information.





Geology Hut. Photo courtesy Yosemite Research Library

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
Dinner: 5pm to 9pm
Reservations taken for 6 or more.
Lounge Service: 5pm to 9:30pm
Saturday BBQ: 5pm to 7pm, beginning May 26, weather permitting
Golf Shop & Snack Stand
7am to 6pm, weather permitting
Glacier Point
Gift Shop and Snack Stand
9am to 7pm, conditions permitting

GROCERIES

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

GIFTS & APPAREL

Wawona

Big Trees Store & Pioneer Shop
8am to 8pm
Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Wawona Visitor Center
8am to 5pm
Yosemite Conservancy Depot at Mariposa Grove
9am to 5pm, beginning June 15

Glacier Point

Gift Shop
9am to 7pm, conditions permitting
Snack Stand
9am to 7pm, conditions permitting

POST OFFICE

Wawona Post Office

Monday-Friday: 9am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to noon

GAS STATION

Big Trees Lodge Service Station

8am to 5pm, Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

GOLF

Big Trees Lodge Golf Course

8am to 6pm, weather and conditions permitting. Nine-hole, par-35 course. (209)375-6572

STABLES

Wawona Stable

7am to 5pm

	WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE	GLACIER POINT
Sunday	10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (Except May 20) 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (June 10 and 17 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 17 Only) 2 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area. (NPS) 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (June 10 and 17 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 17 Only) 2 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area. (NPS)	10:00am Ranger Walk - Hike Panoramic Views to Hidden Illilouette Fall (Except May 20 and 27) 3.5 hrs. moderately difficult. Meet in front of Glacier Point Gift Shop. (NPS) 7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Except May 20 and 27) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing overlooking Yosemite Valley and the High Sierra. (NPS) 9:00pm GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (June 10 and 17 Only) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point. Advanced registration required, details available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$ ♿
Monday	10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 18 Only) 2 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area. (NPS) 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 18 Only) 2 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area. (NPS)	2:00pm Ranger Walk - Cliffs and Domes (Except May 21 and 28) 2 hrs. Stroll through diverse forest ecosystems and geologic wonders on the way to towering cliff tops or summit views. Meet at the Sentinel Dome/Taft Point trailhead on Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Except May 21 and 28) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing overlooking Yosemite Valley and the High Sierra. (NPS) 9:00pm GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (June 11 and 18 Only) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point. Advanced registration required, details available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$ ♿
Tuesday	10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 19 Only) 2 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area. (NPS) 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 19 Only) 2 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 4:00pm JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM (June 19 Only) 1 hr. Especially for ages 7-12. Meet at south end of Wawona Covered Bridge. (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 usually given at 8:30pm. For details or to request a program, drop by the piano before 8pm, while Tom's performing. 6:30pm Evening Ranger Program (June 12 and 19 Only) 1 hr. Meet at The Redwoods In Yosemite Vacation Home Rentals office on Chilnualna Falls Road. For questions please call (855)290-3499. (NPS) ♿	2:00pm Ranger Walk (Except May 22, 29, and June 12) 1.5 hrs. A short walk to a great view of El Capitan. Moderately difficult. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop. (NPS) 7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Except May 22, 29, and June 12) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing overlooking Yosemite Valley and the High Sierra. (NPS) 9:00pm GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (June 12 and 19 Only) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point. Advanced registration required, details available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$ ♿
Wednesday	2:00pm – 4:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (June 6 and 13 Only) 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Stage Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12. (NPS) \$ 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (June 6 and 13 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) (handicap symbol) 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 usually given at 8:30pm. For details or to request a program, drop by the piano before 8pm, while Tom's performing.	2:00pm Ranger Walk - Cliffs and Domes (Except May 16, 23 and 30) 2 hrs. Stroll through diverse forest ecosystems and geologic wonders on the way to towering cliff tops or summit views. Meet at Sentinel Dome/Taft Point Trailhead on Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Except May 16, 23 and 30) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing overlooking Yosemite Valley and the High Sierra. (NPS) 9:00pm GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (June 13 Only) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point. Advanced registration required, details available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$ ♿
Thursday	10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (June 7 and 14 Only) 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Stage Office in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (June 7 and 14 Only). Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (June 7 and 14 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 usually given at 8:30pm. For details or to request a program, drop by the piano before 8pm, while Tom's performing.	9:00pm GLACIER POINT STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE (June 14 Only) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point. Advanced registration required, details available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YH) \$ ♿
Friday	10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (Except May 18 and 25) 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Pioneer Yosemite History Center \$5 adult/\$4 child 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (June 8 and 15 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 15 Only) 2 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area. (NPS) 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (June 8 and 15 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 15 Only) 2 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area. (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 usually given at 8:30pm. For details or to request a program, drop by the piano before 8pm, while Tom's performing.	7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Except May 18 and 25) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing overlooking Yosemite Valley and the High Sierra. (NPS) 8:30pm Stars Over Yosemite (Except May 18 and 25) Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast. (NPS)
Saturday	9:00am Nature Walk with a Ranger (June 16 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) 10:00am – 2:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (Except May 19) 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 child 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (June 9 and 16 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 16 Only) 2 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area. (NPS) 2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (June 16 Only) 2 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area. (NPS) 2:00pm – 5:00pm Blacksmithing Demonstration (June 9 and 16 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) ♿ 4:00pm JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM (June 9 and 16 Only) 1 hr. Especially for ages 7-12. Meet at south end of Wawona Covered Bridge. (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 usually given at 8:30pm. For details or to request a program, drop by the piano before 8pm, while Tom's performing. 8:00pm Campfire Talk (June 9 and 16 Only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater. (NPS) ♿	7:45pm Sunset Ranger Talk (Except May 19 and 26) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing overlooking Yosemite Valley and the High Sierra. (NPS) 8:30pm Stars Over Yosemite (Except May 19 and 26) Glacier Point amphitheater. Canceled if overcast. (NPS)

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North of Yosemite Valley

Ranger programs and spectacular vistas



Hetch Hetchy. Photo by Sheree Peshlakai

Hidden in Yosemite National Park's peaceful northwest corner, Hetch Hetchy Valley is a treasure worth visiting in all seasons. Hetch Hetchy boasts one of the longest hiking seasons in the park and is an ideal place for spring waterfalls and wildflower displays.

HETCH HETCHY, HODGDON MEADOW, AND CRANE FLAT

Programs start May 27, conditions permitting. See local postings for additional naturalist walks and campfire programs.

Sunday	9:00am JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM (Except May 20) 1 hr. All ages welcome. Exploration of the Hodgdon Meadow area, games, stories, etc. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground campfire circle near the group campsites. Wear sturdy footwear and be prepared to walk. (NPS)
Monday	9:00am Hetch Hetchy Wildflower Bloom Monitoring Walk (Except May 21) 2 hrs. Join a ranger-naturalist to learn to identify wildflowers and help update a weekly bloom list for the first mile of trail towards Wapama Falls from the O'Shaughnessy Dam. Wear sturdy footwear and bring sun protection and water. Meet at the dam at 9am or catch up along the way. (NPS)
Tuesday	4:00pm Ranger on the Dam (Except May 15, 22, and June 12) Stop by anytime during this hour and talk with a ranger-naturalist to learn about the Hetch Hetchy Valley and O'Shaughnessy Dam. (NPS) 8:30pm Yosemite Night Sky (Except May 15, 22, and June 12) 2 hrs. Crane Flat area. Make reservations at the Big Oak Flat information station or call (209)379-1899. (NPS)
Wednesday	1:00pm Giant Sequoia Walk (Except May 16 and 23) 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) 2:00pm Giant Sequoia Walk (Except May 16 and 23) 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) 7:00pm Twilight Meadow Observation and Sketching Walk (Except May 16 and 23) 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)
Thursday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger (Except May 17 and 24) 1 hr. Stop by anytime during this hour to learn about the park. Bring your own mug and your questions. Hodgdon Meadow Campground. Check kiosk posting for location. (NPS)
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Friday	7:00pm Bears and Other Wildlife Walk (Except May 18 and 25) 1 hr. Learn about some of the amazing creatures who call Yosemite home. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground campfire circle, near the group campsites. Wear sturdy footwear. (NPS)
Saturday	8:00am Coffee with a Ranger (Except May 19 and 26) 1 hr. Stop by anytime during this hour to learn about the park. Bring your own mug and your questions. Hodgdon Meadow Campground. Check kiosk posting for location. (NPS) 1:00pm Giant Sequoia Walk (Except May 19 and 26) 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) 2:00pm Giant Sequoia Walk (Except May 19 and 26) 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)

North of Yosemite Valley

Services and things to do



Tuolumne River. NPS Photo

Within Tuolumne Meadows, one of the largest high-elevation meadows in the Sierra Nevada, the Tuolumne River meanders quietly through its meadow channel and is surrounded by a backdrop of rugged mountain peaks and glacially carved domes.

Tuolumne Meadows

**Tuolumne Meadows services, programs, and trailheads may not be available before June, check local postings for opening dates.*

When the Tioga Road is open, the drive through Tuolumne Meadows at 8,600 feet above sea level (2,621 meters), provides a glimpse into the High Sierra. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows surrounded by even higher granite domes and peaks. This 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 and trail conditions if you are considering hiking to Cathedral Lakes, Elizabeth Lake, Dog Lake, Lembert Dome, or along the Tuolumne River through Lyell Canyon. Stay on trails to protect this unique and fragile place. Check local postings for Ranger Programs in the area!

Wilderness Center

The wilderness center is scheduled to open soon after the Tioga Road. Please check the website for hours of operation. Visit the wilderness center to learn about wilderness safety, plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters. The Tuolumne Meadows

Wilderness Center is located just south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, across from shuttle stop #3.

Big Oak Flat

Big Oak Flat Information Station

The Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore (only) will be open daily from 9am to 5pm, may close for lunch. Beginning May 24, the Information Station will be open daily from 8am to 5pm. The information station offers information about park activities, books, wilderness permits, trail information, bear canister rentals, and maps. Until May 24, wilderness permits for the Big Oak Flat Road and Tioga Road trailheads can be obtained by self-registration on the front porch and bear canisters can be rented inside the bookstore. 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 (150 meters) in one mile. The way down can

seem much easier than the uphill return. 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 about 20 big trees accessible only on foot. It's a three-mile round-trip hike (about 3 hours) into the grove. The trail drops down 1.5 miles making this a moderately strenuous hike on the uphill portion. There is no potable water at the parking area or down in the grove. 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 Meadows programs, services, and trails may not be available before June due to snow and icy conditions.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows Grill

8am to 6pm, beginning June 2, conditions permitting

Tuolumne Meadows Lodge

Dining Room, beginning June 2, conditions permitting

Breakfast: 7am to 9am

Dinner: 5:30pm to 8pm,

Reservations strongly recommended

(209)372-8413

White Wolf

White Wolf Lodge

Dining Room, beginning June 8, conditions permitting

Breakfast: 7:30am to 10am

Dinner: 5:30pm to 8pm,

Reservations recommended, (209)372-8416.

GIFTS & GROCERIES

Tuolumne Meadows

Gift/Groceries

8am to 8pm, beginning May 26, conditions permitting

Crane Flat

Gift/Groceries

8am to 7pm

Big Oak Flat

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Big

Oak Flat Information Center

9am to 5pm

GAS STATION

Crane Flat

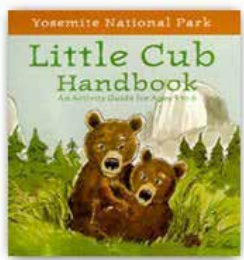
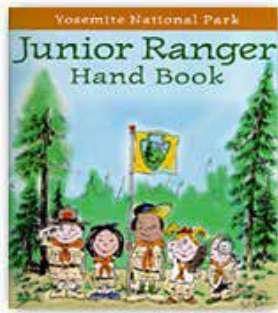
8am to 7pm, conditions permitting

Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump

24 hours with credit or debit card.

Just For Kids

Experience the Adventures of a Junior Ranger



Here Is How YOU Can Become A Junior Ranger!

Every year, hundreds of thousands of youth are sworn in as Junior Rangers in National Parks across the country! At Yosemite alone more than 20,000 youth participate in the Yosemite Junior Ranger Program, earning themselves an official Junior Ranger patch and badge! You could become Yosemite's newest Junior Ranger today by completing the following steps:

- Purchase your **Junior Ranger Hand Book** at any of the Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores located in the Visitor Centers, or at the Village Store
- Complete the pages in your Junior Ranger Booklet
- Attend a Guided Program.
- Return your completed book to the staff at a Visitor Center, or the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, or attend a Junior Ranger Swear-in Ceremony.
- Take your official Junior Ranger Pledge.
- Earn your official Junior Ranger Badge along with a Junior Ranger Patch or a Little Cub Button.



JUST FOR FUN - Explore, Learn and Protect!

1. Who am I?

a.) I am a small mammal who is often mistaken for a Chipmunk, but unlike the Chipmunk, the two stripes on my back only go up to my neck, not to my head. Who am I?

b.) My excellent sense of smell might lead me right to your cooler, your car or your tent which is why it is important to store all your food properly! I also have excellent vision and can recognize a grocery bag or food containers! Who am I?

c.) I am a four legged mammal who can be found in the high country. Some people think I have antlers but I actually have horns! Who am I?



*Black Bear



*Ring-tailed Cat



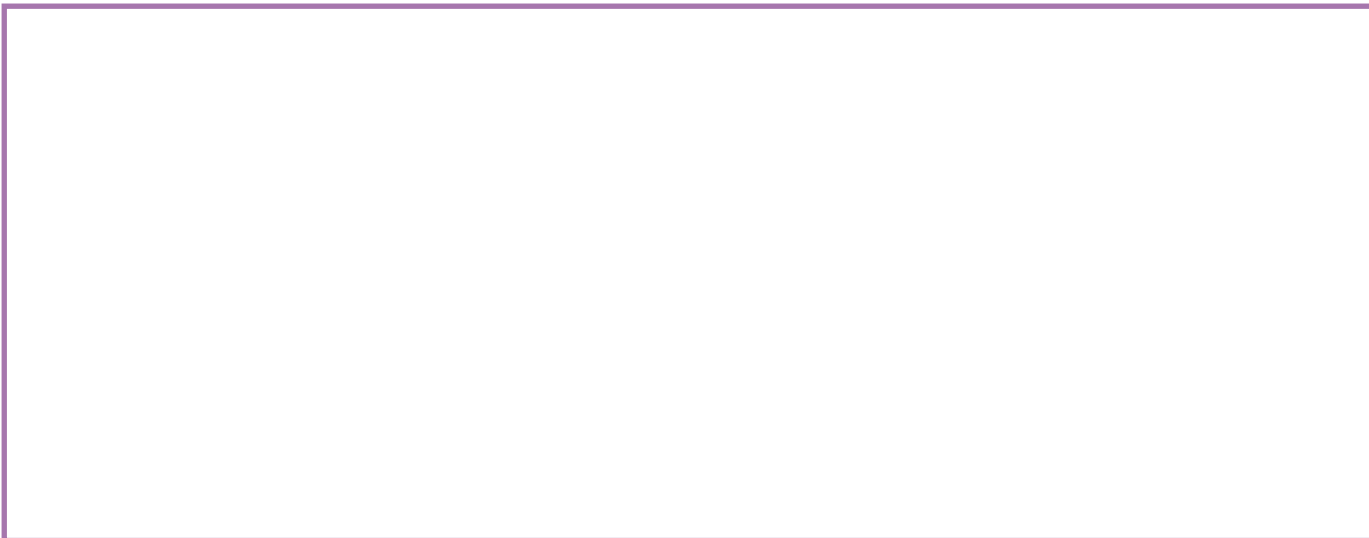
*Coyote



*Ground Squirrel

*Illustrations by Binta Wold

2. Draw a picture of something you saw while visiting Yosemite National Park!



3. The animals located to the right all call Yosemite National Park home. Circle the animal(s) you saw during your visit to Yosemite. Write three ways you can protect Yosemite's wildlife.

- a.) _____
 b.) _____
 c.) _____

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.

Red Bear, Dead Bear

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

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

Backpackers:

Save Your Food, Save A Bear

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

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

Report Bear Sightings!

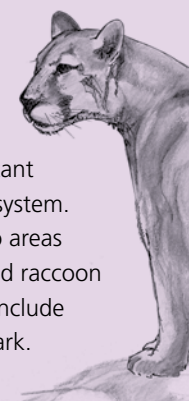
To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at (209)372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park's website (www.nps.gov/yose/bears).

Coyotes

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

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

MOUNTAIN LIONS



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

For your safety:

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

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

What should you do if you meet a mountain lion?

Never approach one, especially if it is with kittens. Most lions will avoid confrontation. Always give them a way to escape.

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

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

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

How to Store Food

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

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

KEEP WILDLIFE WILD



Respect animals at a distance
Never feed or approach them

Protect Yourself...

Keep yourself safe while exploring your park.

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

ENJOYING YOSEMITE IN LATE SPRING

Late spring is a vibrant season in Yosemite. Every detail of nature seems to be reaching its peak. Streams and waterfalls are at peak flow, refreshing life throughout the Park. This is a great time to visit Yosemite and create wonderful, safe and healthy memories.

WEATHER

While there is ample snow still on the ground in the higher elevations—it is unlikely to fall from the sky this time of year. Hotter and drier weather is more likely at all elevations. Prevent dehydration by drinking water throughout the day and frequently eating salty, easy-to-digest snacks. Thunderstorm season is here. Remember, when you can hear thunder there is no safe place to be outside. Follow the saying, “when thunder roars, go indoors.” If you cannot reach a building or car (with a hard top), hike down and away from ridges and outcroppings. Do not be the tallest object or near a tall object.

RIVERS AND STREAM

Yosemite’s streams are a huge temptation for the curious, the photographer, and the overheated and weary hiker simply wanting to cool tired feet. Do not be fooled! 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 TRAIL.

BOATING / FLOATING

Before boating or floating, please check the Park’s website at <https://www.nps.gov/yose> for allowable locations and conditions. We strongly urge you to wear a Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) when on the water. Mishaps occur so suddenly that you will not have time to put on your PFD. Lastly, make sure your watercraft is suitable for water conditions.

YOSEMITE’S TRAILS

Yosemite’s 800 miles of trails wind through natural areas and endure all the forces of nature including flooding, fire, and slides. High country trails can still be under snow and exposed trails may be damaged due to erosion or fire. Always carry a good topo map and compass (GPS optional) and be prepared to turn around if conditions are beyond your comfort zone.

YOSEMITE’S ROADS

What does your home town and Yosemite National Park have in common? Answer: the traffic can be just as dangerous here plus we have other hazards such as rock fall and abundant wildlife, including deer and bears. Moreover, there are many sites to distract drivers. If you cannot devote 100 percent of your attention to your driving, please pull completely off the road into designated pull-offs and parking areas. Also, Buckle up! Park rangers enforce California’s Motor Vehicle Code on park roads.

FOR ALL SEASONS

- Stay on established trails or in developed areas – do not take trail shortcuts or approach the 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 – make sure you 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 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.

And remember this truism: **you** are responsible for **your** safety.

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 of buildings or other enclosures where deer mice are present. If staying in guest lodging, please tell the housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice in your accommodations. Do not clean up the area yourself. Keep

doors to guest lodging shut and do not bring food into your cabin that is not in a sealed container. If you are camping and backpacking, 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 to your physician. For more information on hantavirus and other environmental safety hazards visit: <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm>

PLAGUE

Plague is an infectious bacterial disease that is carried by squirrels, chipmunks and other wild 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 that attract rodents when eating outside, avoid pitching a tent near or disturbing rodent burrows, wear insect repellent with DEET, and tell a park ranger immediately 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 or lymph node, 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 with antibiotics if given in time.

AVOID CONTACT WITH WILDLIFE AND KEEP FOOD AND TRASH STORED 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.



...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 for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness. 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. Go to www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits to check trailhead availability and for more information on how to make a reservation. Reservations can be made by fax, phone or mail. To make a reservation by phone, call (209)372-0740, Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Starting May 25, the phones will be answered Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm and Saturday from 9am to 4pm. 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

Permit Required to Hike Half Dome

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week when the cables are up for 2018, May 25 through October 9, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 preseason lottery permits have already been issued for 2018. 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's Bridge to Sentinel Beach) and the South Fork of the Merced River in Wawona is open from 10am to 6pm daily to non-motorized vessels or flotation devices.

- The entire length of the Merced River in Yosemite Valley is closed to all flotation devices when 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 have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device.
- 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

Daytime temperatures can reach above 100 ° Fahrenheit in the summer. 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 paved roads and paved bike paths. Pets are not allowed anywhere in the Mariposa or Merced sequoia groves, 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.
- Please clean up and deposit pet feces in trash receptacles.
- Pets are not allowed in lodging facilities, Camp 4, or other buildings in the park.
- Pets may not be 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 trails. Bikes are not allowed to travel off paved trails. Mountain biking opportunities are available in designated areas outside of Yosemite.

Backwoods Bathroom Etiquette

Help us keep our water clean! Human waste must be buried at least 6 inches deep, and at least 100 feet away from any source of water. Toilet paper must be packed out.

Trail Etiquette

Trails are built to help you find your way into (and out of) the Wilderness, but they're also carefully designed to minimize impact on the landscape and prevent erosion. Please stay on the trail to help protect your park.

Tuolumne Water

Did you know that water from Tuolumne Meadows provides drinking water to over 2.6 million people, and irrigation water to thousands of acres? Help keep this water clean but using established restrooms and staying on trails.

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 a vehicle license plate number and call the park dispatch office at 209/379-1992.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

Camping



Camping in Yosemite. Photo by Ray Santos

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 9 am 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.



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.

Campgrounds in Yosemite National Park*

CAMPGROUND	OPEN 2018 (APPROXIMATE)	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
Yosemite Valley - Lower Pines	Mar 30 - Nov 30	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$26	60	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Valley - North Pines	Mar 26 - Nov 5	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$26	81	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Valley - Camp 4	All year	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$6/person	35	No	Tap
South - Wawona	All year	35 ft	35 ft	April - Oct 15	\$26	93	Yes	Tap
South - Bridalveil Creek	July 1 - Sep 17	35 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$18	110	Yes	Tap
North - Hodgdon Meadow	All year	35 ft	30 ft	Apr 9 - Oct 15	\$26	105	Yes	Tap
North - Crane Flat	May 27 - Oct 15	35 ft	30 ft	Yes	\$26	166	Yes	Tap
North - Tamarack Flat	May 24 - Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
North - White Wolf	Jun 15 - Oct 1	27 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$18	74	Yes	Tap
North - Yosemite Creek	Jul 1 - Sep 4	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	75	Yes	Creek (boil)
North - Porcupine Flat	Jul 6 - Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
North - Tuolumne Meadows	June 15 - Sep 24	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 for purchase 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-foot gain
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
Wawona - 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
Glacier Point Road - Sentinel Dome	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
Tuolumne Meadows - Soda Springs / Parsons Lodge	Lembert Dome Parking Area	1.5 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
Tuolumne Meadows - Lembert Dome	Lembert Dome Parking Area	4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderately Strenuous
Tuolumne Meadows - John Muir Trail through Lyell Canyon	Dog Lake Parking Area	8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours	Easy, 200-foot gain
Tuolumne Meadows - 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
Tioga Road - Yosemite Valley via Porcupine Creek	Porcupine Creek ¹	7 miles one-way, 4 to 6 hours	Moderate, 3,500 to 4,000-foot loss
Tioga Road - 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
Tioga Road - 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 kilometers

Elevation Gain: 200 feet

Difficulty: Moderate

Time: 2 to 3 hours

Trailhead: Mirror Lake (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 hike 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.

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. Keep children from wandering on or near these hazards. Choose swimming areas carefully and swim only during low water conditions.
- Always supervise children closely.
- Avoid areas of whitewater, where streams flow over rocky obstructions.
- Never swim or wade upstream from 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.

Yosemite Deaf Services:

The First Deaf Services Program in a National Park

by Kara Stella



NPS sign language interpreter, Kara Stella, interprets for a park guide. NPS Photo

On a sweltering summer day in 2017, two bright-eyed children proudly took the Junior Ranger pledge at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center desk. Their hands animatedly waving as they spoke, these two siblings answered each question with enthusiasm. They were masters at the process, having completed Junior Ranger project books at a long list of parks their family had visited through the years. Nonetheless, this particular experience was unforgettable for the family and the ranger - so much so that months later, their parents emailed the ranger to marvel that the kids were still talking about that day and musing if they should grow up to be rangers. Before then they had never participated in their native language, American Sign Language (ASL); and they had never met a signing ranger.

Yosemite holds the honor of being the first park in the national park system to establish a Deaf Services Program, which began in 1979. Although the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 established the legal requirement of equal access to programs in the parks, most parks weren't providing services in those days. In 1978, Deaf visitor Dale Dahl attended a park program with his partner, Maureen Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald, a professional interpreter, volunteered her services that day. Luckily, the ranger leading the program happened to be the Chief of Interpretation, Len McKenzie. Although McKenzie acted

out bird behavior for Dahl, it was obvious Fitzgerald's interpretation was invaluable. Shortly thereafter, a letter from Dahl and Fitzgerald arrived on McKenzie's desk with an offer to assist in creating a Deaf Services program for the park. Fitzgerald was offered a Volunteer in Park position that summer. She brought in Mary Ellen Lentz, Deaf community member and avid camper and skier, to advise the park.

Since then, a series of skilled rangers have served as ASL interpreters. Years of summer services, partnerships with the Deaf community and active Deaf outreach has built a cadre of passionate Deaf supporters of Yosemite. In 2016, Yosemite became the first park to create a permanent and year-round ASL interpreter position, the Deaf Services Coordinator (DSC).

Behind the scenes, the DSC provides accessibility training to park staff, creates videos in ASL on the Deaf Services webpage and maintains equipment, such as the park's public videophone and collection of Assistive Listening Devices, available by request. But the interactions with Deaf and hard of hearing visitors are the heart of the program. Offerings include trip planning by videophone, email and in person at the visitor centers, and interpretation of any park program at no cost to the visitor. These seemingly simple services make a world of difference for a Deaf visitor. A recent Deaf visitor commented, "We met the Deaf Services ranger at the visitor center and went on a tram tour with her interpreting. Everything was easy. For the first time, we understand the story of the park!"

In 2008, the Deaf Services Program was honored to receive the National Park Service Accessibility Achievement Award, given to an individuals or group that exemplifies the concept of universal accessibility in the park system. Yosemite National Park is proud to offer access to Deaf and hard of hearing visitors. Please spread the word about this unique service, and share with us your own experience!

Deaf Services Request Line: (209)379-5250 (v/txt)

Deaf Services Videophone: (209)222-3944

Website: <https://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/deafservices.htm>

Facebook page: Yosemite Deaf Services

Did You Know

- Yosemite is the first park in the national park system to establish a Deaf Services Program.
- Yosemite is the first park to create a permanent and year round sign language interpreter position.
- Since 1973, National Parks have been required to provide equal access for programs and services for Deaf and hard of hearing visitors.
- Those who identify as "Deaf with a capital D" are part of a culture and community that uses American Sign Language as their primary language.
- Each country has their own sign language; sign language is not universal.
- American Sign Language has a unique vocabulary, grammar and syntax that makes it different from spoken English.



Yosemite Deaf Services Ranger, Kara Stella.

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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Yosemite Hospitality, a subsidiary of Aramark, operates lodging, food and beverage, retail, recreational activities, tours, interpretive programs, transportation, and service stations under contract with the U.S. Department of Interior with a focus on delivering authentic and memorable guest experiences. Yosemite Hospitality is committed to providing park stewardship in collaboration with the National Park Service in effort to protect and preserve the park for millions of park visitors to enjoy. Visit www.TravelYosemite.com for more information.

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

Yosemite Conservancy inspires people to support projects and programs that preserve Yosemite National Park and enrich the visitor experience. Thanks to generous donors, the Conservancy has provided \$119 million in grants to the park to restore trails and habitat, protect wildlife, provide educational programs, and more. The Conservancy's guided adventures, volunteer opportunities, wilderness services and bookstores help visitors of all ages connect with Yosemite. Learn more: yosemiteconservancy.org or (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. Toss excess packaging before leaving home by repacking food in reuseable containers.
2. Use a refillable water bottle/travel mug. Camping? Use refillable propane canisters.
3. Put trash/recycling in correct bins.



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.