

# Yosemite Guide



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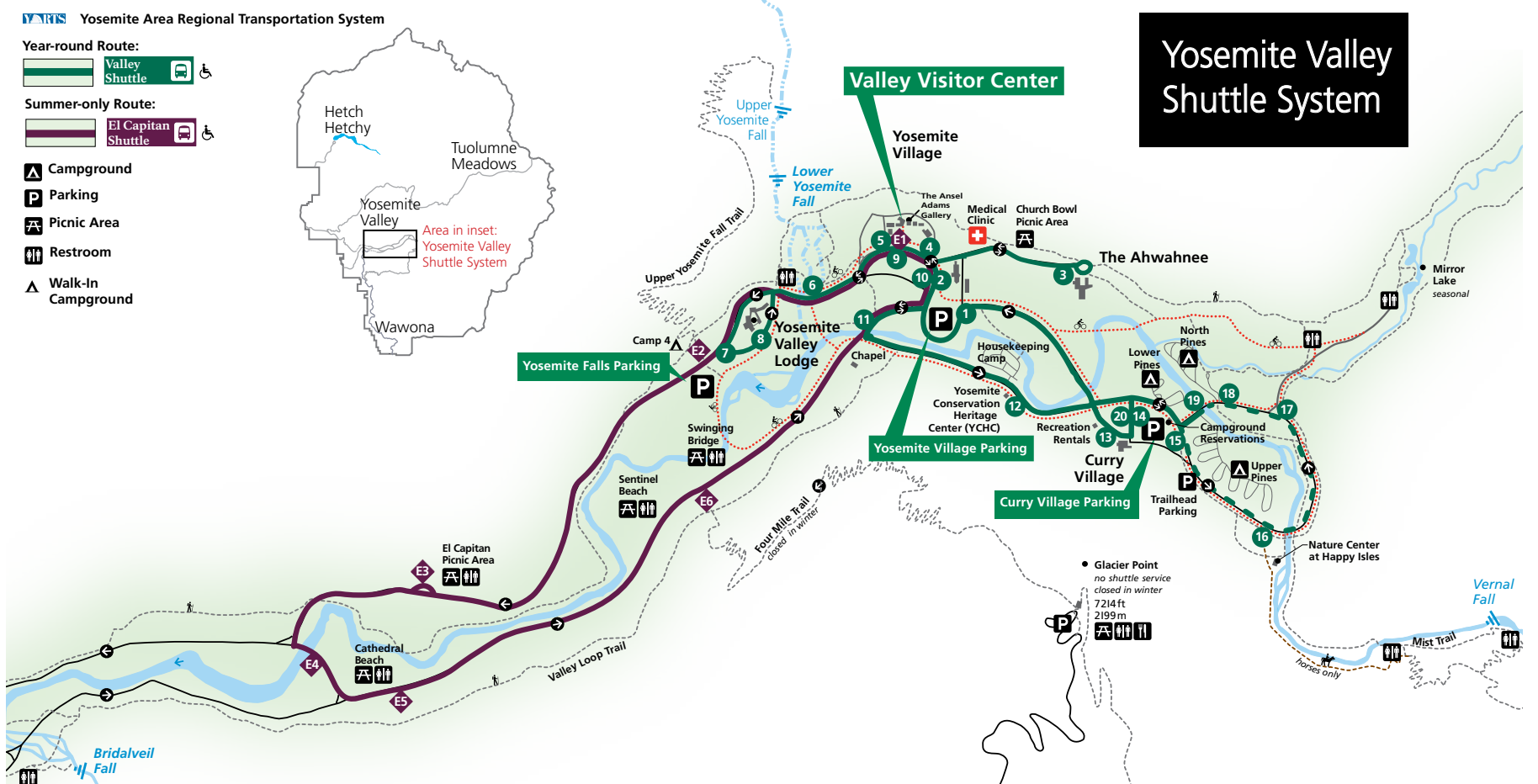


Yosemite's rockclimbing community go to great lengths to clean hard-to-reach areas during a Yosemite Facelift event. Photo by Kaya Lindsey

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

Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location	Stop #	Location
1	Yosemite Village Parking	11	Sentinel Bridge	17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
2 10	Yosemite Village	12	Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center / Housekeeping Camp	18	North Pines Campground
3	The Ahwahnee	13	Curry Village	19	Pines Campgrounds
4	Degnan's Kitchen	14 20	Curry Village Parking	E3	El Capitan Picnic Area
5 9 E1	Yosemite Valley Visitor Center	15	Upper Pines Campground / Trailhead Parking	E4	El Capitan Crossover
6	Lower Yosemite Fall	16	Happy Isles / Mist Trail	E5	Cathedral Beach Picnic Area
7 E2	Camp 4 / Yosemite Falls Parking			E6	Four Mile Trailhead
8	Yosemite Valley Lodge				

\*Shuttle bus routes may change or be delayed due to high traffic volumes.

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# Seasonal Highlights

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

## WELCOME

You made it! You're here! The following information may help maximize your time in Yosemite.

### Ask A Ranger at the Visitor Center

All visitor centers in Yosemite National Park are staffed with knowledgeable rangers and volunteers, ready to help answer your questions, provide directions, and hand out maps and brochures. Visitor centers are located in Yosemite Valley, Big Oak Flat, Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows. See pages 5, 8, and 10 for hours and more details.

### Pop-up Information Centers

Look for pop-up blue booths throughout Yosemite, which are staffed with Yosemite Conservancy volunteers who are ready to answer your questions or give you directions. If you're interested in volunteering with the Yosemite Conservancy in the park, visit [yosemiteconservancy.org/volunteer](http://yosemiteconservancy.org/volunteer).

## ARTS & CULTURE

### Visit the Yosemite Museum

Learn the history of Yosemite Indians by exploring a museum collection that includes remarkable woven baskets and traditional dress. Tour the outdoor Indian Village or talk with an Indian cultural demonstrator. Shuttle stops #5 and #9.

### The Ansel Adams Gallery Photography Classes

Looking to enhance your Yosemite photography skills in the footsteps of Ansel Adams? Join a photography expert from The Ansel Adams Gallery in a dynamic hands-on class, or basic camera walk while soaking up the surrounding beauty of Yosemite Valley. For details, visit <http://anseladams.com> or sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village. Shuttle stops #5 and #9. See pages 5 and 6 for more information.

### Arts in the Park

Add some art and theater to your Yosemite itinerary! Join Yosemite Conservancy at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (shuttle stop #16) for an outdoor workshop with a professional artist, or for children's art activities, or at the Yosemite Theater for an evening performance or film. See page 6 for upcoming workshops and shows.



A Yosemite Climbing Ranger prepares to access and clean hard-to-reach areas during Yosemite Facelift. Read more about Yosemite Facelift and the climbing community's stewardship in the park on page 18. Photo by Kyle Queener

Want the Guide on your Apple or Android device?

## Get the App!

Search **NPS-Yosemite** in app stores or at [nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit](http://nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit) to download the official park app for up-to-date listings of programs, services, an interactive map, and more!



iPhone/iPad



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## GUIDED OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

### Adventure with Yosemite Conservancy

Are you looking for a memorable way to deepen your connection with the park? Go on an expert-led adventure with Yosemite Conservancy! Join a scheduled Outdoor Adventure, such as a day hike, backpacking trip or bird-watching walk, or create a Custom Adventure tailored to your interests and schedule. For details, visit [yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures](http://yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures), or call (209) 379-2317 ext. 10. See pages 6 and 11 for upcoming adventures.

### Adventure Out with the Yosemite Mountaineering School (YMS)

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](mailto:yms@aramark.com)

## FAMILY FUN

### Stroll with a Ranger

Learn about the wonders of the park on a ranger-guided stroll. Programs are offered daily throughout the park on various topics including bears, waterfalls, and more. See pages 6, 7, 9, and 11 for details.

### Explore Like A Junior Ranger!

Become a Junior Ranger and learn how you can help protect your park. To become a Junior Ranger, purchase a self-guided booklet, attend a guided program, collect a bag of trash, then take your oath and earn your badge. Guided programs are listed on pages 6, 7, 9, and 11. See page 12 for details.

### Attend a Program at Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge) is open Wednesday through Sunday, 10am to 4pm. Free evening programs are scheduled for Friday and Saturday 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 details.

### Volunteer Drop-In Program

Want to give back to Yosemite? Come join the fun! 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, or picking up litter. The Drop-In Program will meet every Friday at 9:30am in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center from May 31 to September 13. Projects will last 1-3 hours and volunteers must wear clothes that can get dirty, long pants, and closed-toe shoes. Sun protection, water, and snacks are recommended. Youth under 18 must be accompanied by parent or guardian. Questions? Email [yose\\_volunteers@nps.gov](mailto:yose_volunteers@nps.gov), or call (209) 379-1850.

## GETTING AROUND

### Take the Free Shuttle

Park your car and let the free shuttle take you to the most scenic points in the valley. You will help cut down on traffic congestion, and will be able to capture the best pictures. See schedules posted at shuttle stops.



### Entering a National Park

Yosemite is a place where wilderness prevails. Prepare yourself for a wild experience. The National Park Service is bound by its mission to protect Yosemite's natural and cultural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. Please, be attentive to the regulations in place to protect park resources (page 15) and those designed for your safety (page 14).



### Fire - Police - Medical Emergency:

Dial 911

**Medical Clinic** (in Yosemite Valley)

Open 7 days per week from 9am to 7pm.

Medical Clinic Phone: (209) 372-4637.



### Road, Weather, and Park Information:

(209) 372-0200

**Yosemite Village Garage** - 8am to 5pm, 24 hour AAA towing, NO gas, propane service until 4:30pm. (209) 372-1060

### Access for People with Disabilities

For a complete list of accessible services, exhibits, and recreational opportunities, pick up a Yosemite Accessibility Guide at any park entrance station or visitor center, or view online at [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm), or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at (209) 379-1035.



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 available upon advance request at any visitor center.



Audio tours available at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.



Accessible parking spaces available west of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

### Upcoming Park Projects

#### Bridalveil Fall Rehabilitation Project

Why: To rehabilitate visitor facilities at the base of Bridalveil Fall and surrounding area.

When: 2019 - 2020

Visitor Impact: Comfort station and parking lot may not be available due to construction.

#### Replace Big Oak Flat Welcome Center Complex

Why: To enhance the visitor experience and improve operational efficiency for existing park programs.

When: Beginning spring 2020

Visitor Impact: No services at BOF through the 2020 and 2021 seasons.

#### Tioga Road Rehabilitation Plan

Why: To make safety improvements, while preserving natural and cultural resources along the road.

When: lasting through 2020 and 2021 seasons

Visitor Impact: 30-minute traffic delays along Tioga Road due to construction.



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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**  
(No per-person fee)

**Vehicle** Valid for 7 days  
\$35/Vehicle

**Motorcycle** Valid for 7 days  
\$30/motorcycle

**Individual** Valid for 7 days  
\$20 (In a bus, on foot, bicycle, or horse),

**Yosemite Pass \$70**,  
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.yosemite.com

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

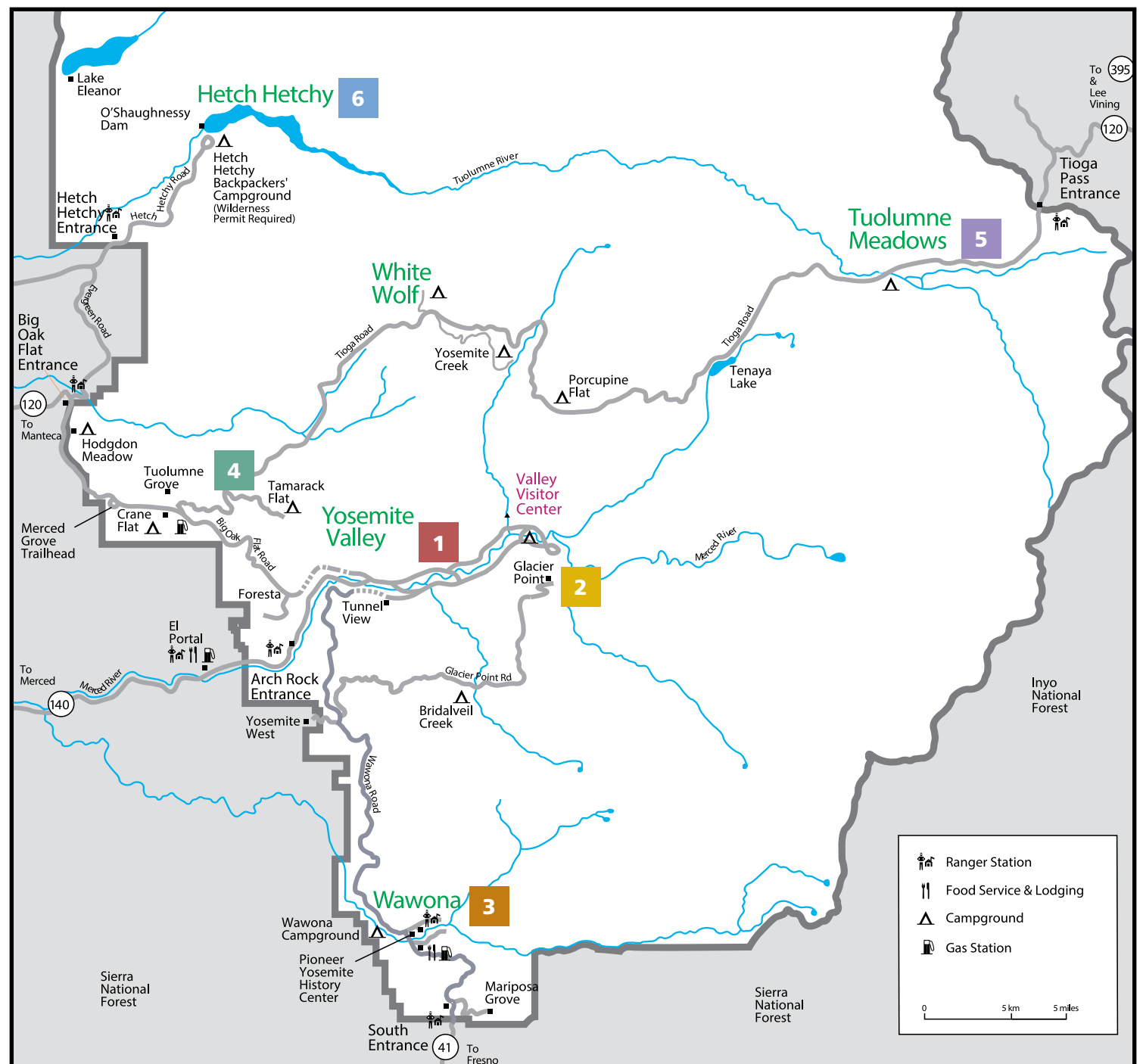
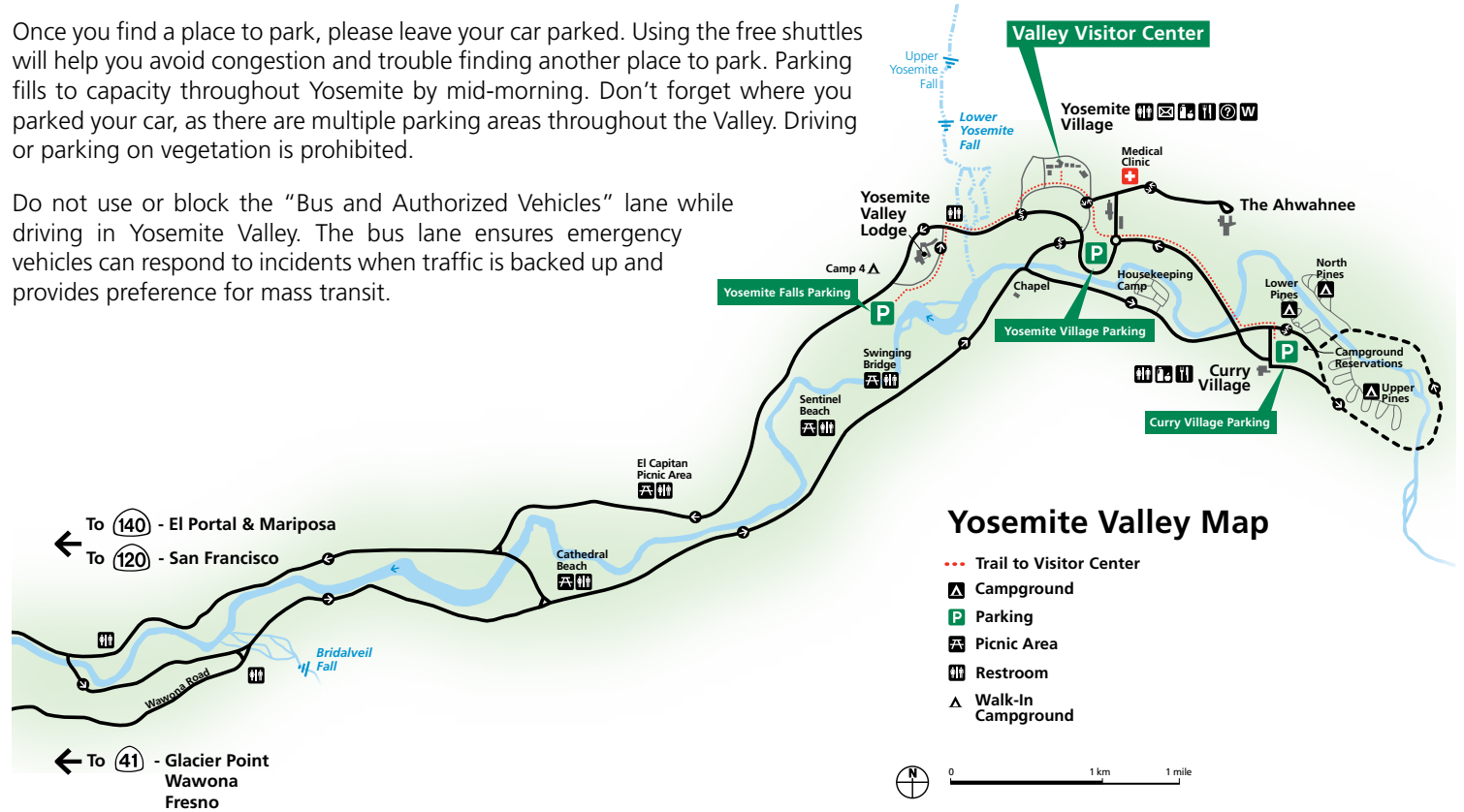
## Yosemite Travel Tips

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 Curry Village Parking. 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. Single vehicles over 30 feet long and trailers, are not permitted beyond Sentinel Dome/Taft Point Trailhead.

## Wawona and Mariposa Grove

**3** The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1 ¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park's South Entrance. The nearby Pioneer Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite. Enjoy a horse-drawn stage ride, watch blacksmiths at work, or hike one of the scenic trails. For more information, visit the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio, adjacent to the Wawona Hotel. 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 November. The road's elevation ranges from 6,200 feet to nearly 10,000 feet. The White Wolf area, midway across the park, is the starting point for day hikes to Lukens Lake and Harden Lake. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area on the Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the grove. Or park at Merced Grove trailhead on Big Oak Flat Road and walk 1.5 steep miles down to the grove. These groves are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but are quieter and off-limits to vehicles. Remember, walking down is easier than walking back up.

## Tuolumne Meadows

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

## Hetch Hetchy

**6** Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the City of San Francisco, is 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 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



Two kids look at climbers through a telescope an an Ask-A-Climber program. NPS Photo

## The Incomparable Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Valley embraces one of the world's most outstanding concentrations of waterfalls, granite walls, meadows, wildflowers, and trees, and also harbors a rich collection of human stories.

### 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 information about programs and services.

#### 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 tram tour narrated by a park ranger. Ask about Moonlight Tours, Starry Skies at Glacier Point Tours, and the Tuolumne Meadows Tour and Hiker's Bus.

The **Glacier Point Tour** is offered daily. One-way tickets are available for those who want to hike into Yosemite Valley from Glacier Point.

The 8-hour **Grand Tour** combines Yosemite Valley, Glacier Point and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias into one memorable tour. Departs daily until Sep 2.

For more information on departure times or to make reservations, call (209) 372-1240 or inquire at any of the Tour and Activity Desks at Yosemite Valley Lodge, Yosemite Village, or Curry Village.

#### Rafting

Rafting is a great way to see Yosemite Valley. Rent rafts at Curry Village, *conditions permitting*. See page 5 for hours. If you bring your own raft, see page 15 for regulations.

#### Bicycling

Experience Yosemite Valley on a bicycle. There are several miles of bicycle paths that wind through Yosemite Valley. Use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Valley Lodge or Curry Village, see page 5 for hours. Bicycles are only allowed on paved roads and 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 flowing with spring runoff. Walk to its base or take the strenuous trail to the top, see pg. 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. Cook's Meadow, Sentinel Bridge, Tunnel View, and Glacier Point, are a few locations that have 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. See if you can spot climbers on El Capitan through your binoculars and discover the thrill of the vertical wilderness on Yosemite's big walls.

- **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

11:30am to 9pm

###### Village Grill

11am to 6pm

##### The Ahwahnee

###### 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) 372-1403

###### The Ahwahnee Bar

11:30am to 11pm

##### Yosemite Valley Lodge

###### Base Camp Eatery Starbucks

6am to 6pm

###### Base Camp Eatery

Breakfast: 6:30am to 10:45am

Lunch: 11am to 4:30pm

Dinner: 4:30pm to 9:30pm

###### Mountain Room Lounge

Monday - Friday

4:30pm to 11pm

Saturday

Noon to 11pm

Sunday

Noon to 10pm

###### Mountain Room Restaurant

*For reservations call (209) 372-1281 or*

*(209) 372-1403; or book your reservation*

*on Opentable.com.*

Dinner: 5pm to 10pm,

##### Curry Village

###### Coffee Corner/Ice Cream

6am to 11pm,

Ice cream service - 11am to 10pm, closes

*for the season Sep 8*

###### Curry Village Bar

11am to 10pm

###### Pavilion

Breakfast: 7am to 10am

Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm

###### Pizza Deck

11am to 10pm

###### Meadow Grill

11am to 8pm, closes at 5pm beginning Sep

2, and closes for the season Sep 22.

#### BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL

##### Yosemite Village

###### The Ansel Adams Gallery

9am to 6pm

###### Yosemite Valley Visitor Center

9am to 5pm

###### Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore

at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center

9am to 5pm

###### Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at

Yosemite Museum

9am to 5pm, may close for lunch

###### Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center

8am to 5pm

###### Village Store

8am to 10pm, 8am to 9pm starting Sep 2

##### The Ahwahnee

###### The Gift Shop

8am to 10pm, closes at 9pm starting Sep 15

###### The Sweet Shop

7am to 10pm

##### Yosemite Valley Lodge

###### Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm, closes at 8pm starting Sep 2

##### Curry Village

###### Yosemite Mountain Shop

8am to 8pm

###### Gift/Grocery

8am to 10pm, closes at 8pm starting Sep 10

##### Housekeeping Camp

###### Gift/Grocery

8am to 9pm, closes at 8pm starting Sep 9

##### Happy Isles

###### Happy Isles Art and Nature Center

9am to 4pm, may close for lunch



# Yosemite Valley

Where to go and what to do



*Gates of the Valley*, by Alan Ross

## Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore are open from 9am to 5pm. The facility offers information, maps, and books, and is located near shuttle stops #5/#9. Explore exhibits and learn about Yosemite's landscape.

## Yosemite Films

Two films are shown daily, every half hour starting at 9:30am, except on Sundays, when the first show 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 visitor center. The museum is open daily from 9am to 5pm, *may close for lunch*. The Yosemite Museum Gallery is open daily from 10am to 4pm.

## Gallery Exhibit:

*"Yosemite Lenscape: From Inspiration to Obsession"*

160 years after the first picture was taken in Yosemite Valley, photography has done so much to shape the human experience of Yosemite National Park. This exhibit presents four frames for thinking about how photography has left a lasting impact on one of America's favorite parks: how early photographers shaped the park's origin, how researchers use modern-day imagery to make new discoveries, how social media is changing

the way we interact with the natural world, and how you the visitor celebrate and share your Yosemite experiences. After you visit the gallery, join in the conversation by posting your pictures with the hashtag #YosemiteLandscape.

## Indian Cultural Exhibit

Open daily from 9am to 5pm. Explore the living cultural history of Yosemite's native people. See Indian cultural exhibits and daily demonstrations of stone tool making, basket weaving, flutes, and more. Follow a self-guided accessible trail through an active re-constructed Miwok Village behind the museum to learn about the significant plants and structures.

## Yosemite Museum Store

Open daily, 9am to 5pm, *may close for lunch*. Find 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 Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village, near shuttle stops #5 and #9.

## Happy Isles Art and Nature Center

Open 9am to 4pm, *may close for lunch*. Designed for nature-lovers of all ages, the center offers workshops with professional artists, creative classes for kids, natural history exhibits, and more. Located a short walk from shuttle stop #16.

## Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge) is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 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.

## The Ansel Adams Gallery

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Yosemite 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 and page 7 for hands-on photography classes. For more details, call (209) 372-4413, or visit [www.anseladams.com](http://www.anseladams.com).

## New Exhibit:

*The Color of Black and White* - Original Photographs by Alan Ross

**August 18, 2019 - October 13, 2019**

For the photographer, the art (or skill) of seeing the finished print in the mind's eye is not to be taken lightly. It is a trait of true dedication – a sixth sense. Ansel Adams was a proponent of the task, and something he developed right here in the heart of Yosemite National Park around 1927. Today, Alan Ross continues this tradition of visualization. Alan has said: "People often ask me if I actually "see" in

black-and-white when I'm photographing. And the truth of it is, I do. For me, once the limitations or expectations of reality are eliminated, shapes, textures, relationships and nuance that might otherwise be missed come into view, and the image takes on a life of its own. Black-and-white, by its very nature, is an abstraction of reality and therefore tremendously liberating. With the "colors," or tones, of black-and-white, I am free to skew the emphasis of the elements in the scene. . . a green leafy plant in front of a red sandstone wall can either be the hero of the scene, or recede against the wall, depending on what I want viewers to see. I can see the reality of color in my own way. These "colors" between true black and harsh white are also what give me a visually rich, elegant and expressive silver image."

Opening on August 18 and running through October 13, 2019, *The Color of Black and White* – Original Photographs by Alan Ross will be on display at The Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village. A closing reception for the artist will be held on Saturday, October 12 from 3-5pm with the artist in attendance. Come and witness Alan's skewed views and 'colorful' visualization of The West.

## VALLEY SERVICES

### GARAGE

Yosemite Village

8am to 5pm, *Closed for 1 hour at noon*.  
24 hour AAA towing available, NO gas,  
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

### TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

Yosemite Village

#### Tour and Activity Desk - Village Store

7:30am to 3:30pm

Yosemite Valley Lodge

#### Tour and Activity Desk

7:30am to 7pm, *closes at 3pm starting Sep 9. Afterhours services at front desk.*

#### Bike Rentals

8am to 7pm, *weather permitting*

Curry Village

#### Tour and Activity Desk

7:30am to 3:30pm,  
*closes for the season Sep 2*

#### Mountaineering School

8:30am to 4:30pm, *Closed for 1 hour at noon*

#### Bike Rentals

8am to 7pm,

*10am to 6pm beginning Sep 6*

**Raft Rentals**, *conditions permitting*

10am to 4pm, *closes for the season Sep 15*

### SHOWERS AND LAUNDRY

#### Housekeeping Camp

Showers - 7am to 10pm  
Laundry - 8am to 10pm

#### Curry Village

Showers open 24 hours



# SCHEDULED EVENTS IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

August 28, 2019 - October 1, 2019



Park Ranger Aurora Trejo talks to visitors about Yosemite's flora and fauna at a pop-up ranger program. *NPS Photo*

## Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures (YC)

Experience the park in a new way with Yosemite Conservancy's naturalist guides! Upcoming outings include:

- Sep 14 **Dine and Discover: Full Moon Hike to Taft Point**
- Sep 20-22 **Dine and Discover: Wildlife Weekend**
- Sep 27-29 **Yosemite Miwok-Paiute Basketry Workshop**

Visit [yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures](http://yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures) or call (209) 379-2317 ext. 10 to learn more, see other upcoming adventures and sign up. Custom Adventures can be arranged for individuals and groups. Proceeds from all our programs help preserve and protect Yosemite. See page 10 for adventures starting from Tuolumne Meadows.

## 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, shuttle bus stops #5 & #9. Get your tickets (\$10 per person, free tickets for children under age 12) online at [yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-theater](http://yosemiteconservancy.org/yosemite-theater), at Yosemite Conservancy bookstores, or Yosemite Hospitality tour desks, or at the theater before show time.

**Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier** (Select dates, see page 7.) Ranger Shelton Johnson portrays a Buffalo Soldier in Yosemite in the early 1900s.

**A Room of Rascals: School in Yosemite's Stagecoach Days** (Select dates, see page 7.) Storyteller Brian Shoor spins a tale of antics and adventures set in the late 1880s.

**Conversation with a Tramp: An Evening with John Muir** (Wednesdays) Actor Lee Stetson brings John Muir to life as the legendary naturalist learns about the future of his beloved Hetch Hetchy Valley in the early 20th century.

**John Muir's Wild Mountain Adventures** (Thursdays) Ask John Muir! Engage with celebrated actor and historian Lee Stetson on his thrilling journeys in the western wilderness.

**Growing up in Yosemite: The Spirited Life of Florence Hutchings** (Fridays) Actor Audrey Davis embodies the adventurous "Flo," born in Yosemite Valley in 1864.

**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 Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Learn from a professional artist, stop by for family-friendly crafts and activities, browse supplies and original artwork, and more. The center is open daily, 9am to 4pm.

Daily art classes for ages 12 and up are taught by volunteer instructors Monday-Saturday, 10am-2pm (unless otherwise noted), and are typically held outside in Yosemite Valley. Most workshops are \$20 per person, per class (materials and supplies not included). Upcoming classes include:

- Aug 19-31 **Exploring Yosemite in Watercolor with Rachel Fisher**
- Sep 2-7 **Pastel Landscapes for Beginners with Tsungwei Moo**
- Sep 9-21 **Fun with Watercolor with Katherine Billeci**
- Sep 23-28 **Botanical Watercolor with Sean Edgerton**
- Sep 30-Oct 5 **Watercolor for Beginners with Dave Riddles**

We also offer a drop-in Open Studio (daily, 11am-3pm) and children's art classes (ages 4-12, \$10/participant or \$30/family, see listings on pages 6-7). To learn more and register for any of our art programs, visit [yosemiteconservancy.org/art](http://yosemiteconservancy.org/art), contact us at (209) 372-0631 or [artcenter@yosemiteconservancy.org](mailto:artcenter@yosemiteconservancy.org), or visit us at Happy Isles!

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Pastor Brent Moore - Resident Minister  
(209) 372-4831 • [YosemiteChapel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:YosemiteChapel@sbcglobal.net)  
[www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org](http://www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org)  
[www.YosemiteValleyChapelWeddings.org](http://www.YosemiteValleyChapelWeddings.org)  
Call for wedding information and availability  
**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:** call for location.

**ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS**  
OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS  
Behind Visitor Center in Yosemite Theater,  
Shuttle stops #5 or #9  
SUNDAY - 10am (year - round)  
For additional information call  
(559) 642-3452

**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 25 to Aug 31  
9:45am - Music/Sabbath School  
11am - Worship, 12:30pm Potluck  
[www.facebook.com/YosemiteSDAChurch](http://www.facebook.com/YosemiteSDAChurch)

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF  
LATTER-DAY SAINTS**  
Sacrament Meeting, Sundays 1pm to 1:45pm  
Memorial Day thru Labor Day, Yosemite Valley Chapel

## SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**  
Yosemite Valley Chapel  
Sunday, Tuesday, & Thursday - 7:30pm  
Oakhurst Hotline: (559) 683-1662

**LIONS CLUB**  
First and third Thursday of each month, at noon, at  
The Ahwahnee. Call for more Information.

## MORNING EVENTS

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Sunday	9:30am <b>Adventure Hike - Vernal/Nevada Falls</b> 6 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Curry Village Mountaineering School. (YH) \$
	9:30am <b>Discover Yosemite Walk</b> (Except Sep 29) 1 hr. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
	10:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> (Except Sep 29) 1 hr. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿
	10:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> (Sep 29 Only) 15 min. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
	11:00am <b>MEET YOUR YOSEMITE</b> (Except Sep 29) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
	11:00am <b>OPEN STUDIO</b> 4 hrs. Self-guided Yosemite-themed art activities for visitors of all ages at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (shuttle stop #16). Bring, rent or purchase supplies. Daily, 11am-3pm. (YC)
11:00am <b>KIDS ART CLASS</b> 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Limited to 10 students. (YC) \$	
Monday	9:00am <b>Bike to Hike Tour</b> 2.5 hrs. Tickets/info at any tour desk. Curry Village Bike Stand. (YH) \$
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Tuesday	8:15am <b>Adventure Hike - Panorama Trail With One-Way Glacier Point Bus Ride</b> 8 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
	9:00am <b>Camera Walk</b> 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance at The Ansel Adams Gallery and meet at The Ahwahnee Hotel. (TAAG) ♿
	9:30am <b>Discover Yosemite Walk</b> 1 hr. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
	10:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿
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	9:00am <b>Camera Walk</b> 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) ♿
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Friday	9:30am <b>Adventure Hike - Vernal/Nevada Falls</b> 6 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
	9:30am <b>DROP-IN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM</b> (Except Sep 20 and 27) 3 hrs. Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center to spend an hour or three giving back to the park you love.
	10:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿
	10:00am <b>Art Workshop</b> 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online: <a href="http://yosemiteconservancy.org/art">yosemiteconservancy.org/art</a> . Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6. (YC) \$
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Saturday	9:00am <b>Bike to Hike Tour</b> 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$
	9:00am <b>Camera Walk</b> 1.5 hrs. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) ♿
	10:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> 1 hr. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS) ♿
	10:00am <b>Ranger Walk - Life-ways of the Ahwahneechee</b> 1.5 hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿
	10:00am <b>Art Workshop</b> 4 hrs. Expert-led workshop at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Register online: <a href="http://yosemiteconservancy.org/art">yosemiteconservancy.org/art</a> . Drop-ins welcome if space is available. Ages 12+. See page 6. (YC) \$
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Programs printed in **ALL CAPS AND COLOR** are especially for children and their families.

<b>AAC</b>	<b>American Alpine Club</b>		Indicates facilities accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. Short, steep inclines may be encountered.
<b>YH</b>	<b>Yosemite Hospitality LLC</b>		Contact (209) 379-5250 (v/txt) to request a sign language interpreter. Advanced notice of two weeks is requested, but not required.
<b>NPS</b>	<b>National Park Service</b>		Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advanced request for any public program. Inquire at any visitor center or tour desk.
<b>SC</b>	<b>Sierra Club</b>		Audio tours are available for the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Refer to the Accessibility Guide for details
<b>TAAG</b>	<b>The Ansel Adams Gallery</b>		
<b>YC</b>	<b>Yosemite Conservancy</b>		
<b>\$</b>	<b>Programs offered for a fee</b>		



	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Sunday	12:30PM <b>ASK-A-CLIMBER</b> 4 hrs. View climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. El Capitan bridge, across from the shuttle bus stop E4 (NPS)	5:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on The Ahwahnee hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	1:00pm <b>KIDS ART CLASS</b> 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Limited to 10 students. (YC) \$	7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	2:00pm <b>Yosemite Climbing Ranger Walk</b> 2 hrs. Discover the what's, how's, and why's of rock climbing on Yosemite's El Capitan. Walk to the base of El Capitan with a Climbing Ranger. Meet at El Capitan Bridge, across the river from shuttle stop E4. (NPS)	7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater – Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier</b> (Sep 1 Only) 1.5 hrs. Ranger Shelton Johnson brings history to life as Sgt. Elizy Boman. For ticket information, see page 6. (YC) \$
	2:00pm <b>Historic Ahwahnee Hotel Tour</b> 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind The Ahwahnee. Meet at the The Ahwahnee hotel concierge desk. (YH) ♿	7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater – A Room of Rascals: School in Yosemite's Stagecoach Days</b> (Sep 22 Only) 1.5 hrs. Travel back to Yosemite Valley in the 1880s with storyteller Brian Shoor. For ticket information, see page 6. (YC) \$
	2:00pm <b>DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE</b> (Except Sep 29) 2 hrs. Drop in any time to get started or finish earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿	8:00pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
4:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> (Except Sep 29) 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿	9:00pm <b>NIGHT PROWL</b> 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 <b>STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> 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) \$
Monday	12:30PM <b>ASK-A-CLIMBER</b> 4 hrs. View climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. El Capitan bridge, across from the shuttle bus stop E4 (NPS)	5:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> (Except Sep 16) 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on The Ahwahnee hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	1:00pm <b>Discovery Hike - Less Traveled Lower Valley Loop</b> 4 hrs. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$	7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> (Except Sep 16) 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	1:00pm <b>Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera Photography Class</b> 4 hrs. Set out on a photography excursion designed to hone your digital camera techniques. Learn about Ansel's innovations in landscape photography, and discover how to incorporate them into your own digital practice. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$	7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater – A Room of Rascals: School in Yosemite's Stagecoach Days</b> (Sep 23 Only) 1.5 hrs. Travel back to Yosemite Valley in the 1880s with storyteller Brian Shoor. For ticket information, see page 6. (YC) \$
	1:00pm <b>KIDS ART CLASS</b> 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Limited to 10 students. (YC) \$	8:00pm <b>Evening Program</b> (Except Sep 16) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	2:00pm <b>Historic Ahwahnee Hotel Tour</b> (Except Sep 16) 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind The Ahwahnee. Meet at the The Ahwahnee hotel concierge desk. (YH) ♿	8:00pm <b>Ranger Program</b> (Except Sep 30) 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) ♿
2:00pm <b>DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE</b> (Except Sep 30) 2 hrs. Drop in any time to get started or finish earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿	9:00pm <b>NIGHT PROWL</b> (Except Sep 16) 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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Tuesday	12:30PM <b>ASK-A-CLIMBER</b> 4 hrs. View climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. El Capitan bridge, across from the shuttle bus stop E4 (NPS)	5:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on The Ahwahnee hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	1:00pm <b>In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Photography Class</b> 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$	7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	1:00pm <b>In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography Class</b> 2 hrs. Get outside and dive into the tools and techniques to make, edit and produce professional photographs directly from your smartphone. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$	7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater – A Room of Rascals: School in Yosemite's Stagecoach Days</b> (Except Sep 24) 1.5 hrs. Travel back to Yosemite Valley in the 1880s with storyteller Brian Shoor. For ticket information, see page 6. (YC) \$
	1:00pm <b>KIDS ART CLASS</b> 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Limited to 10 students. (YC) \$	8:00pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	2:00pm <b>Historic Ahwahnee Hotel Tour</b> 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind The Ahwahnee. Meet at the The Ahwahnee hotel concierge desk. (YH) ♿	8:00pm <b>Evening Program on the Truth about Trash</b> (Sep 10 and 17 Only) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (Leave No Trace & Zero Landfill Initiative) ♿
2:00pm <b>DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE</b> 2 hrs. Drop in any time to get started or finish earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿	9:00pm <b>NIGHT PROWL</b> 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 <b>Ranger Walk – Wild About Bears</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) ♿	9:00pm <b>STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> 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) \$	
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	1:00pm <b>Discovery Hike - Vernal Falls Bridge</b> 3.5 hrs. Curry Village Mountaineering School. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$	7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	1:00pm <b>Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera Photography Class</b> 4 hrs. Set out on a photography excursion designed to hone your digital camera techniques. Learn about Ansel's innovations in landscape photography, and discover how to incorporate them into your own digital practice. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$	7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater - Conversation with a Tramp: An Evening with John Muir</b> (Except Sep 25) 1 hr. Live performance starring celebrated John Muir actor and historian Lee Stetson. For tickets, see page 6. (YC) \$
	2:00pm <b>Historic Ahwahnee Hotel Tour</b> 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind The Ahwahnee. Meet at the The Ahwahnee hotel concierge desk. (YH) ♿	8:00pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	2:00pm <b>DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE</b> 2 hrs. Drop in any time to get started or finish earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿	8:00pm <b>Ranger Program</b> 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) ♿
3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk – Wild About Bears</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) ♿	9:00pm <b>NIGHT PROWL</b> 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) \$	
4:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿	9:00pm <b>STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> 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) \$	
Thursday	12:30PM <b>ASK-A-CLIMBER</b> (Except Aug 29) 4 hrs. View climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. El Capitan bridge, across from the shuttle bus stop E4 (NPS)	5:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on The Ahwahnee hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	1:00pm <b>Using Your Digital Camera Photography Class</b> 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$	7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	2:00pm <b>Bike to Hike Tour</b> 2.5 hrs. Curry Village Bike Stand. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$	7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater – John Muir's Wild Mountain Adventures</b> (Except Sep 26) 1 hr. Live performance starring celebrated John Muir actor and historian Lee Stetson. For ticket information, see page 6. (YC) \$
	2:00pm <b>Historic Ahwahnee Hotel Tour</b> 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind The Ahwahnee. Meet at the The Ahwahnee hotel concierge desk. (YH) ♿	8:00pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
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	2:00pm <b>Wine &amp; Paint Program</b> 2 hr. Sip on wine and enjoy a cheese and fruit plate, all while learning how to paint iconic Yosemite scenery. Yosemite Valley Lodge Mountain Room Bar. Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See pg. 6 for locations. (YC & YH) \$	7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	2:00pm <b>Historic Ahwahnee Hotel Tour</b> 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind The Ahwahnee. Meet at the The Ahwahnee hotel concierge desk. (YH) ♿	7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater – Growing Up in Yosemite: The Spirited Life of Florence Hutchings</b> (Except Sep 27) 1.5 hrs. Audrey Davis portrays an adventurous girl in 19th-century Yosemite Valley. For tickets, see page 6. (YC) \$
	2:00pm <b>DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE</b> 2 hrs. Drop in any time to get started or finish earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿	8:00pm <b>Evening Program</b> 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk – Wild About Bears</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) ♿	8:00pm <b>Film - Ansel Adams: Photographer</b> 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Lodge, check local listings for venue. (TAAG) ♿
4:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿	8:00pm <b>John Muir and the Big Trees</b> (Sep 6 Only) 1 hr. Michael Wurtz, Director of Special Collections, University of the Pacific, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)	
	8:00pm <b>AMERICAN INDIAN FLUTE AND STORYTELLING</b> (Sep 13 Only) 1.5 hrs. Ben Cunningham-Summerfield, YNP Interpretive Ranger, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)	
	8:00pm <b>Sequoia: Big Trees, Big Impact</b> (Sep 20 Only) 1 hr. Lee Terkelsen, Nature and Historic Filmmaker, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)	
	8:00pm <b>Hidden Wonders of the Yosemite Night Sky &amp; Outer Space</b> (Sep 27 Only) 1 hr. Janet Wood, JPL/NASA Ambassador, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)	
	9:00pm <b>NIGHT PROWL</b> 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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Saturday	12:30PM <b>ASK-A-CLIMBER</b> 4 hrs. View climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. El Capitan bridge, across from the shuttle bus stop E4 (NPS)	5:00pm <b>Naturalist Stroll</b> 1 hr. Uncover Yosemite's natural and cultural history on a guided hike! Meet on The Ahwahnee hotel back lawn. (YH) ♿
	1:00pm <b>Discover Yosemite Walk</b> 1 hr. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿	5:00pm <b>Dine and Discover: Full Moon Hike to Taft Point</b> (Sep 14 Only) 6 hrs. Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist to enjoy refreshments and stunning views on the south rim of Yosemite Valley. Details and registration: yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures or (209) 379-2317 ext. 10. (YC) \$
	1:00pm <b>Discovery Hike - Less Traveled Lower Valley Loop</b> 3.5 hrs. Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater. Tickets/info at any tour desk. (YH) \$	7:00pm <b>Yosemite Theater – Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey</b> (Except Sep 28) 1.5 hrs. Join climber Ron Kauk for a film and presentation about life on and off the walls. For ticket information, see page 6. (YC) \$
	1:00pm <b>In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Photography Class</b> 4 hrs. Sign up and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG) \$	7:00pm <b>WEE WILD ONES</b> (Except Aug 31 and Sep 21) 45 mins. Stories and activities for kids 10 & under. Curry Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	1:00pm <b>KIDS ART CLASS</b> 1 hr. Instructor-led art class for kids age 4-12 at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center. Limited to 10 students. (YC) \$	8:00pm <b>Evening Program</b> (Except Sep 21) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater. (YH) ♿
	2:00pm <b>Historic Ahwahnee Hotel Tour</b> 1 hr. Immerse yourself in the history of and meaning behind The Ahwahnee. Meet at the The Ahwahnee hotel concierge desk. (YH) ♿	8:00pm <b>GOING BATTY! ALL ABOUT BATS</b> (Sep 7 Only) 1.5 hrs. Burleigh Lockwood, Wildlife Biologist, Fresno Chaffee Zoo, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)
	2:00pm <b>DROP-IN JUNIOR RANGER DISCOVERY TABLE</b> 2 hrs. Drop in any time to get started or finish earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿	8:00pm <b>Mount Diablo: A Study in Preserving Landscape</b> (Sep 14 Only) 1 hr. Stephen Joseph, Nature and Landscape Photographer, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)
	3:00pm <b>Collector's Fine Print Viewing</b> 1 hr. Sign up in advance and meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG)	8:00pm <b>Our National Parks and Public Lands After Dark: A Study in Astrophotography</b> (Sep 21 Only) 1 hr. Jeremy Evans, Nature Photographer/Filmmaker/Sierra Club Outings Leader, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)
	3:00pm <b>Ranger Walk – Wild About Bears</b> 1.5 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater, near shuttle stop #19 (NPS) ♿	8:00pm <b>Continuing Inspiration of John Muir</b> (Sep 28 Only) 1 hr. Harold Wood, John Muir Historian/YCHC Webmaster, Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center. Shuttle Stop #12 (SC)
4:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER TALK</b> 15 mins. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5/#9 (NPS) ♿	9:00pm <b>NIGHT PROWL</b> 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) \$	
7:00pm <b>JUNIOR RANGER CAMPFIRE</b> (Aug 31 Only) 1 hr. Campfire ring, near shuttle stop #16, look for temporary signs (NPS) ♿	9:00pm <b>STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> 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) \$	

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# Wawona, Mariposa Grove, and Glacier Point



Burrell "Buckshot" Maier drives a stage coach and transports park visitors back in time to discover what life was like for the early pioneers of Yosemite National Park. *Photo by Sheree Peshlakai*

## Explore History, Discover Giant Trees, and Find Amazing Vistas

These park areas offer endless opportunities for amazing experiences.

### Wawona

#### Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio

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. Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, Hill's Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona Store parking area and follow the path up the hill.

#### Evening Program

Join pianist/singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, Tuesday through Saturday, for music and stories from Yosemite's past. If you ask him, Tom might perform one of three one-hour picture shows: *Yosemite Music*, *Roosevelt & Muir 1903*, or *Wawona History*.

#### 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 has interpretive signs available.

#### Experience Horse-Drawn Travel

Travel into history by taking a 10-minute horse-drawn stage ride. Purchase tickets at the Grey Barn on Forest Drive, near the Wawona Store. See page 9 for schedule. 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 schedule.

### Mariposa Grove

Located near Yosemite's South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is the park's largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees in the grove. Allow 1½ hours driving time to reach the grove from the Valley. Trails into the grove extend uphill from the trailhead at the Mariposa Grove Arrival Area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the California Tree provide a self-guiding tour.

#### Nature Walk In The Mariposa Grove

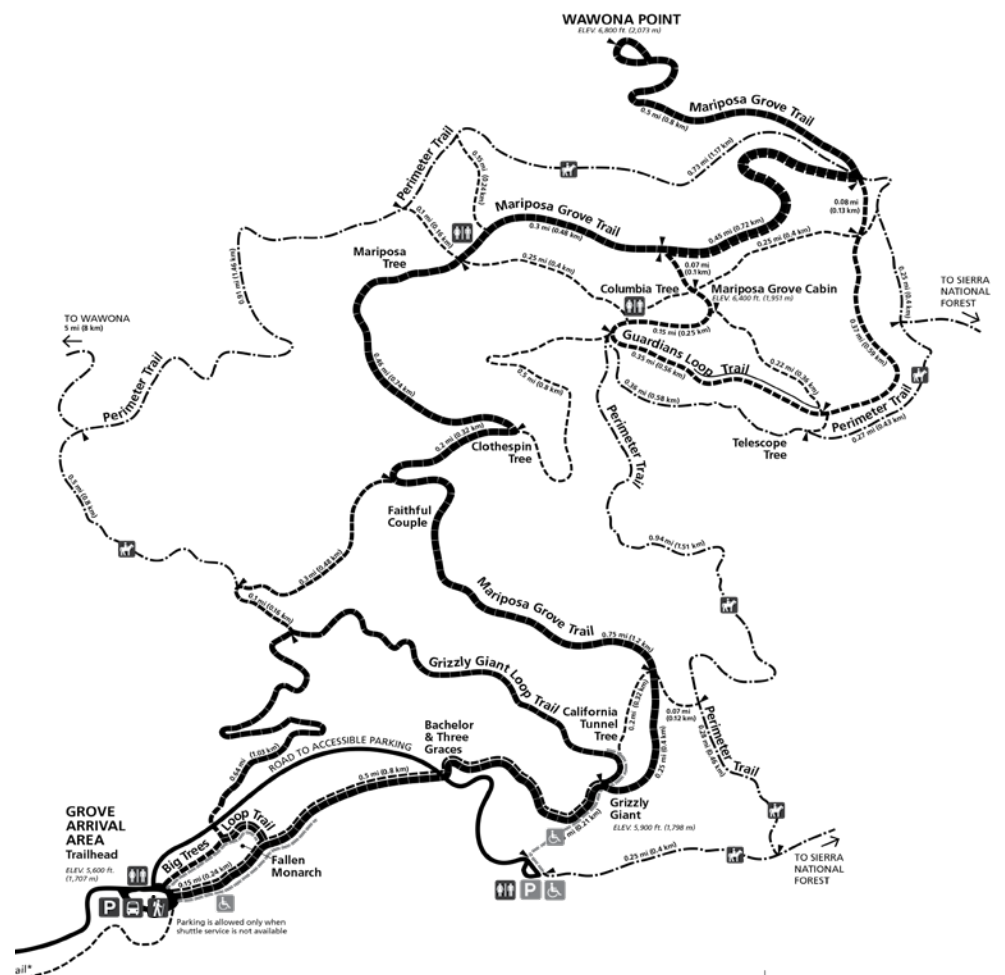
Surround yourself by some of the rarest and most remarkable living things on the planet, giant sequoias! Take a walk through the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias with an interpretive ranger and get all your sequoia questions answered. This 1.5 hour program is offered daily at 10am and 2pm. See page 9 for more programs information.

#### Free Shuttle to the Mariposa Grove

A free shuttle provides service from the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza, to the Mariposa Grove, from 8am to 8pm, departing every 10 minutes. Private vehicles may only enter the Mariposa Grove when the shuttle bus is not

operating. Only vehicles displaying an accessibility placard are permitted to drive into the Mariposa Grove at any time. There is no shuttle service between Wawona and the Mariposa Grove, for the general public. Pets are not allowed on trails in the Grove.

## Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias Map







Geology Hut. Photo courtesy Yosemite Research Library

## Glacier Point

### EVENING PROGRAMS

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

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

### FOOD & BEVERAGE

#### Wawona

##### Wawona Hotel Dining Room

Breakfast: 7am to 10am  
Lunch: 11am to 3pm,  
closes at 2pm starting Sep 2  
Dinner: 5pm to 9pm,  
5:30pm to 8:30pm starting Sep 2

Reservations taken for 6 or more.

Lounge Service: 5pm to 9:30pm

Saturday BBQ: 5pm to 7pm,  
closes for the season Sep 2

##### Golf Shop & Snack Stand

7am to 6pm,  
8am to 4:30pm starting Sep 2

#### Glacier Point

##### Snack Stand

9am to 7pm, 9:30am to 5pm beginning Sep 3 until road closes.

### GIFTS & GROCERIES

#### Wawona

##### Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop

8am to 8pm,  
8am to 7pm starting Sep 2

##### Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Wawona Visitor Center

8am to 5pm

#### Mariposa Grove

##### Yosemite Conservancy Depot at Mariposa Grove

9am to 5pm

#### Glacier Point

##### Gift Shop

9am to 7pm, 9:30am to 5pm beginning Sep 3 until road closes.

### POST OFFICE

#### Wawona Post Office

Monday-Friday: 9am to 5pm

Saturday: 9am to noon

### GAS STATION

#### Wawona Service Station

8am to 6pm, Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

### GOLF

#### Wawona Golf Course

8am to 6pm, conditions permitting.

Nine-hole, par-35 course. (209)375-6572

#### Disc Golf

Tuesday-Wednesday: 2pm to 6pm

### STABLES

#### Wawona Stable

7am to 5pm, closes for the season Sep 29

	WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE	GLACIER POINT
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM</b> (Sep 1 and 8 Only) 30 mins. Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio. (NPS) 10:00am – 2:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> (Except Sep 8) 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 children, ages 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> (Sep 1 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 2:00pm – 5:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> (Sep 1 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) 7:30pm <b>Campfire Talk</b> (Sep 1 and 8 Only) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿	2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk - Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan</b> 1.5 hrs. Moderately difficult. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop. (NPS) 6:15pm <b>Sunset Ranger Talk</b> (Sep 22 and 29 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking Yosemite Valley and the High Sierra. (NPS) 6:30pm <b>Sunset Ranger Talk</b> (Except Sep 22 and 29) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking Yosemite Valley and High Sierra. (NPS) 8:30pm <b>Stars Over Yosemite</b> (Sep 1 Only) 1.5+ hrs. Glacier Point amphitheater. Includes presentations and telescope viewing. Bring a pad to sit/lie on and dress warm. Canceled if overcast. (NPS) 9:00pm <b>STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (Sep 1 Only) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point (elevation: 7,214 ft. 2,199 m.) Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See Valley Services on pg. 5. Shuttle services available. (YH) \$ ♿
<b>Monday</b>	10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 8:00pm <b>Evening Ranger Program</b> (Sep 2 and 9 Only) 1 hr. Meet outside the main entrance of the Wawona Hotel. (NPS) ♿	2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk - Short Walk to a Great View of El Capitan</b> (Except Sep 30) 1.5 hrs. Moderately difficult. Meet at Glacier Point Gift Shop. (NPS) 6:30pm <b>Sunset Ranger Talk</b> (Sep 2 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking Yosemite Valley. (NPS) 9:00pm <b>STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (Sep 2 Only) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point (elevation: 7,214 ft. 2,199 m.) Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See Valley Services on pg. 5. Shuttle services available. (YH) \$ ♿
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<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 5:30pm <b>Vintage Music</b> 4 hrs. Pianist/singer Tom Bopp performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past in the Wawona Hotel 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. ♿	
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM</b> (Except Sep 18 and 25) 30 mins. Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 2:00pm – 4:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> (Aug 28 Only) 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 children ages 3-12. (NPS) \$ 2:00pm – 5:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> (Aug 28 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) 5:30pm <b>Vintage Music</b> 4 hrs. Pianist/singer Tom Bopp performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past in the Wawona Hotel 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 <b>STARRY NIGHT SKIES OVER YOSEMITE</b> (Aug 28 Only) 1 hr. Discover the stories of the night sky at Glacier Point (elevation: 7,214 ft. 2,199 m.) Advanced registration required, tickets and information are available at any tour & activity desk. See Valley Services on pg. 5. Shuttle services available. (YH) \$ ♿
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<b>Friday</b>	10:00am – 2:00pm <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> (Except Sep 6) 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 children ages 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> (Aug 30 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 2:00pm – 5:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> (Aug 30 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) 5:30pm <b>Vintage Music</b> 4 hrs. Pianist/singer Tom Bopp performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past in the Wawona Hotel 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. ♿ 7:30pm <b>Campfire Talk</b> (Except Sep 20 and 27) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿	6:15pm <b>Sunset Ranger Talk</b> (Sep 20 and 27 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley and High Sierra. (NPS) 6:30pm <b>Sunset Ranger Talk</b> (Except Sep 20 and 27) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley and High Sierra. (NPS) 8:30pm <b>Stars Over Yosemite</b> 1.5+ hrs. (Aug 30 Only) Glacier Point amphitheater. Includes presentations and telescope viewing. Bring a pad to sit/lie on and dress warm. Canceled if overcast. (NPS)
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am <b>Nature Walk with a Ranger</b> (Aug 31 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 <b>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides</b> (Except Sep 7) 10 mins. each. Purchase tickets at Grey Barn in Pioneer Yosemite History Center, \$5 adult / \$4 children ages 3-12. (NPS) \$ 10:00am – 1:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> (Aug 31 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 2:00pm <b>Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove</b> 1.5 hrs. Mariposa Grove Arrival Area (NPS) 2:00pm – 5:00pm <b>Blacksmithing Demonstration</b> (Aug 31 Only) Pioneer Yosemite History Center. (NPS) 5:30pm <b>Vintage Music</b> 4 hrs. Pianist/singer Tom Bopp performs songs and stories from Yosemite's past in the Wawona Hotel 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. ♿ 7:30pm <b>Campfire Talk</b> (Except Sep 21 and 28) 1 hr. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) ♿	2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk—Cliffs and Domes</b> 2 hrs. Explore fascinating ecosystems and geologic wonders on the way to towering cliff top tops or summit views. Meet at Taft Point/Sentinel Dome trailhead parking area along Glacier Point Road. (NPS) 6:15pm <b>Sunset Ranger Talk</b> (Sep 21 and 28 Only) 30 mins. Glacier Point railing, overlooking the Valley and High Sierra. (NPS) 6:30pm <b>Sunset Ranger Talk</b> (Except Sep 21 and 28) 30 mins. Glacier Point amphitheater, overlooking the High Sierra. (NPS) 8:30pm <b>Stars Over Yosemite</b> 1.5+ hrs. (Aug 31 Only) Glacier Point amphitheater. Includes presentations and telescope viewing. Bring a pad to sit/lie on and dress warm. Canceled if overcast. (NPS)



# Tuolumne Meadows, Crane Flat, and Hetch Hetchy



The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River in Tuolumne Meadows. NPS Photo

## Tuolumne Meadows

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

**Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center**  
Open 9am to 5pm. Get park orientation, trail information, books, maps, programs and displays. Closes for the season Sep 27.

**Tuolumne Meadows 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 Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center is located south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge.

**Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley Cabin, and Soda Springs**  
Two trails, both flat and 3/4-mile long, lead to this historic area accessible only by walking. Parsons Memorial Lodge is open from 10am to 4pm. The Soda Springs are small, naturally-carbonated springs that attract birds and deer. Please stay on the trail to protect this unique place.

**Ranger Walks**  
Join a FREE ranger program to explore new areas. Learn about geology, wildlife, history, wildflowers, the Tuolumne Meadows area and more. Most are easy walks.

**Just For Kids**  
Programs for kids include Junior Rangers, 1.5- or 2-hour ranger-led program targeting ages 7-12, Little Cubs, a 45-minute program targeting ages 3-6, and a 1-hour Campfire for Kids. Check for special programs posted weekly.

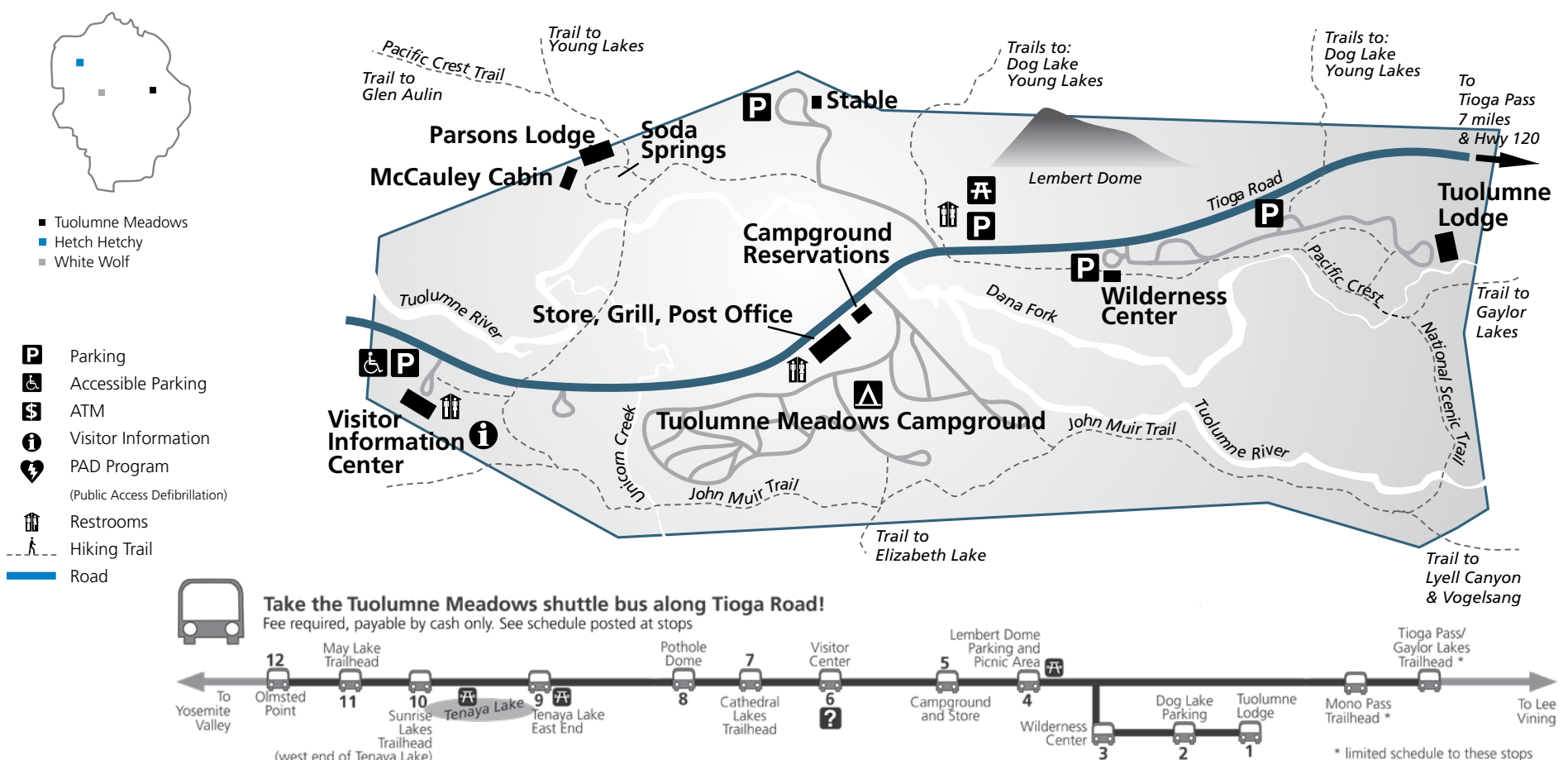
**Evening Activities**  
Come to a traditional, ranger-led campfire to experience stories, songs, and insight into Yosemite. Program topics vary and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. End your day with a star-gazing program. See page 11 for details.

**Parsons Memorial Lodge Summer Series**  
Allow 30 minutes walking time to Parsons Memorial Lodge from Lembert Dome parking area or Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Admission is free.

**Big Oak Flat Big Oak Flat Information Station**  
Open daily from 8am to 5pm. The information station offers information about park activities, books, wilderness permits, trail information, bear canister rentals and maps. The center is located just inside the park entrance on Hwy 120W.

**Tuolumne Grove**  
The trailhead for the Tuolumne Grove, which consists of approximately 25 sequoias, is near the intersection of the Big Oak Flat and Tioga Roads at Crane Flat. The trail leads downhill from the parking area into the grove, and drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The trip is moderately strenuous. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile nature trail. Bring drinking water.

**Merced Grove**  
Yosemite's quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of approximately 20 big trees, accessible only on foot. It's a three-mile round-trip, moderately strenuous hike (about three hours). Bring drinking water. 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.





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**

Tuolumne Meadows  
**Tuolumne Meadows Grill**  
 8am to 6pm,  
*closes for the season Sep 22*  
**Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room**  
*(closes for the season Sep 22)*  
 Breakfast: 7am to 9am  
 Dinner: 5:30pm to 8pm,  
 Reservations strongly recommended  
 (209) 372-8413

**GIFTS & GROCERIES**

Tuolumne Meadows  
**Gift/Groceries**  
 8am to 8pm,  
*closes for the season Sep 22*  
**Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center**  
 9am to 5pm,  
*closes for the season Sep 27*

**INFORMATION**

Tuolumne Meadows  
**Visitor Center**  
 9am to 5pm,  
*closes for the season Sep 27*

**GAS STATION**

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

**TRANSPORTATION**

Tuolumne Meadows Area Shuttle  
 The Tuolumne Meadows shuttle service runs through September 30, 2019. The shuttle provides service between Tuolumne Meadows and Olmsted Point every half hour between 7am and 7pm, see map and shuttle stops on page 10. Purchase passes at any Tour & Activity Desk, the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, or Tuolumne Meadows Store. Single fares can be purchased from the bus driver, cash only, exact amount appreciated.

**Passes:**  
 Day Pass - \$10  
 Weekly Pass - \$25.00  
 Ages 12-18 – 50% off  
 Under 12 ride free

Tuolumne Meadows Hikers' Bus  
 The hikers' bus leaves Yosemite Valley once daily, starting from Curry Village in the morning. The bus departs Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center mid-afternoon. Visit a Tours and Activity Desk for scheduled departures and to purchase tickets.

**GUIDED ADVENTURES**

Yosemite Conservancy Outdoor Adventures  
 Experience the park in a new way with Yosemite Conservancy's naturalist guides! Upcoming outings starting in the Tuolumne Meadows area include:

- Aug 29-Sep 1 *Wilderness Skills Backpack: Young Lakes & Mt. Conness*
- Aug 30-Sep 1 *Hidden High Sierra Lakes Backpack to Half Dome: Two Nights via Clouds Rest*
- Sep 6-8 *Casual Backpack: May Lake and Mt. Hoffmann*

Visit [yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures](http://yosemiteconservancy.org/adventures) or call (209) 379-2317 ext. 10 to learn more, see other upcoming adventures and sign up. Custom Adventures can be arranged for individuals and groups. Proceeds from all our programs help preserve and protect Yosemite. See page 6 for adventures starting from Yosemite Valley.

	<b>TUOLUMNE MEADOWS</b> See local postings for additional walks and programs	<b>HETCH HETCHY, HODGDON MEADOW, &amp; CRANE FLAT</b> See local postings for additional walks and programs
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00am <b>Awakening to the Meadows: Nature-inspired Yoga</b> (Except Sep 9) 1.5 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area. Bring a mat, pad or towel. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Ranger Program – Nature Journaling and the Art of Re-creation</b> (Except Sep 29) 2 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area. Bring a sketchbook/journal, pen and pencil with an eraser. (NPS) ♿ 12:00pm <b>Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> (Except Sep 29) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) 2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk – Indians in the High Country</b> (Except Sep 29) 2 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area. (NPS) 3:00pm <b>Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> (Except Sep 29) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm <b>Campfire!</b> (Except Sep 29) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	9:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM</b> (Except Sep 29) 1 hr. All ages welcome. Join a Ranger Naturalist to learn what it means to be a Junior Ranger with games, stories, etc. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater. Wear sturdy footwear. (NPS) 7:30pm <b>Ranger Campfire Program</b> (Sep 15 Only) 1 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist for a traditional high-country campfire program. See local postings for each week's subject. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campfire Circle (near group sites). Wear sturdy footwear. (NPS)
<b>Monday</b>	9:00am <b>Morning Stroll with a Ranger</b> (Except Sep 23 and 30) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation office. Easy walk. (NPS) 12:00pm <b>Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> (Except Sep 23 and 30) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk – From Bears to Butterflies: High Country Wildlife</b> (Except Sep 23 and 30) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Reservation Office (NPS) 3:00pm <b>Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> (Except Sep 23 and 30) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm <b>Campfire!</b> (Except Sep 23 and 30) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS) 7:30pm <b>Stars Over Mono Lake</b> (Except Sep 23 and 30) 1.5 hrs. Meet at South Tufa in Mono Basin. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS) ♿	10:00am <b>Ranger in the Grove</b> 2 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist anytime during this 2 hour drop-in program. Lessons and activities to help you learn more about these amazing 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) 7:30pm <b>Ranger Campfire Program</b> (except Sep 30) 1 hr. Join a ranger for a traditional high-country campfire program. See local postings for each week's subject. Meet at Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater. (NPS)
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM</b> (Except Sep 24 and Oct 1) 1.5 hrs. Ages 7-12. Campground Reservation office. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Trees, Trees, Beautiful Trees!</b> (Except Sep 24 and Oct 1) 12:00pm <b>Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> (Except Sep 24 and Oct 1) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 3:00pm <b>Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> (Except Sep 24 and Oct 1) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 6:30pm <b>Ranger Walk – Sunset</b> (Except Sep 24 and Oct 1) 45 mins. Lumbert Dome picnic area. (NPS) 7:30pm <b>Campfire!</b> (Except Sep 24 and Oct 1) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	10:00am <b>Ranger in the Grove</b> 2 hr. Join a ranger-naturalist anytime during this 2 hour drop-in program. Lessons and activities to help you learn more about these amazing 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) 4:30pm <b>Explore Hetch Hetchy</b> (Sep 3 and 10 Only) 2 hrs. Join a Ranger Naturalist for a moderate 2.6 mile hike to explore the wonders of the Hetch Hetchy Valley. Meet at the Hetchy Entrance Station Kiosk. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water. (NPS) 6:00pm <b>Wild About Bears</b> (Except Sep 10) 1 hr. Learn about these amazing creatures who call Yosemite home. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater. (NPS)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00am <b>Ranger Walk – Birds of the Meadows</b> (Except Sep 18 and 25) 3 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) 9:00am <b>Awakening to the Meadows: Nature-inspired Yoga</b> (Except Sep 18 and 25) 1.5 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area. Bring a mat, pad or towel. (NPS) 10:00am <b>STORY TIME FOR LITTLE CUBS</b> (Except Sep 18 and 25) 45 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Office. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Ranger Walk – Geology Of Tuolumne Meadows</b> (Except Sep 18 and 25) 2 hrs. Pothole Dome trailhead. (NPS) 12:00pm <b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> (Except Sep 18 and 25) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 1:30pm <b>The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River</b> (Except Sep 18 and 25) 2 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area. (NPS) 3:00pm <b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> (Except Sep 18 and 25) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm <b>Campfire!</b> (Except Sep 18 and 25) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS) 9:00pm <b>Ranger Talk – Stars</b> (Except Sep 18 and 25) 1 hr. Lumbert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	10:00am <b>Ranger on the Dam</b> 1 hr. Stop by anytime during this hour and talk with a ranger-naturalist to learn about the Hetch Hetchy Valley and O'Shaughnessy Dam. (NPS) 9:00am <b>NATURE EXPLORERS</b> 1 hr. Join a ranger naturalist to explore the lives of Yosemite's plants and animals. Wear sturdy footwear. Meet at Hodgdon Meadow Campfire Circle (near group sites). (NPS) 6:30pm <b>TWILIGHT MEADOW OBSERVATION AND SKETCHING WALK</b> (Except Sep 25) 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)
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00am <b>STORY TIME FOR LITTLE CUBS</b> (Except Sep 26 and Oct 3) 45 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Campground Office. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Ranger Walk – History of Bennettville Mine</b> (Except Sep 26) 4 hrs. Meet at Junction Campground parking lot. 2 miles east of Tioga Pass. Bring lunch, water, warm layers and raingear. Moderate high elevation walk. (NPS) 12:00pm <b>Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> (Except Sep 26) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm <b>Ranger Walk - Secret Lives of Subalpine Plants</b> (Except Sep 26) 2 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area. (NPS) 3:00pm <b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> (Except Sep 26) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm <b>Campfire!</b> (Except Sep 26) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	10:00am <b>Giant Sequoia Walk</b> (Except Sep 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) 11:30am <b>Giant Sequoia Walk</b> (Except Aug 29 and Sep 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) 7:30pm <b>YOSEMITE NIGHT SKY</b> 2 hrs. Crane Flat area. Make reservations at the Big Oak Flat info station (209) 379-1899. Limited to 20 participants. (NPS)
<b>Friday</b>	10:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> (Except Sep 27) 1 hr. Ages 7-12. Campground Reservation Office. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Ranger Walk – A Place Long Traveled: History of Tuolumne Meadows</b> (Except Sep 27) 2 hrs. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) 12:00pm <b>Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> (Except Sep 27) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 2:00pm <b>Ranger on the Beach</b> (Except Sep 27) 2 hrs. Look for the Ranger on Tenaya Lake's Eastern Beach. Learn about this young lake and how you can play a role in the future of Tenaya. (NPS) 3:00pm <b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> (Except Sep 27) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 7:30pm <b>Campfire!</b> (Except Sep 27) 1 hr. Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS)	9:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM</b> (Sep 20 and 27 Only) 1 hr. All ages welcome. Exploration of the Hodgdon Meadow Campground area, games, stories, etc. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground fire circle (near group campsites). Wear sturdy footwear and be prepared to walk. (NPS) 9:00am <b>Morning Meadow Sketch Walk</b> (Except Sep 20 and 27) 1 hr. Join a Ranger-Naturalist for a leisurely walk around the meadow with sketching activities. Supplies provided. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campfire Circle (near group sites). Wear sturdy footwear. (NPS) 6:30pm <b>FAMILY TWILIGHT WALK</b> 1 hr. Join a ranger naturalist for a short hike to explore Yosemite at dusk. Wear sturdy footwear. Bring flashlight. Meet at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground Kiosk. (NPS) 7:30pm <b>Ranger Campfire Program</b> (Except Sep 27) 1 hr. Join a ranger for a traditional high-country campfire program. See local postings for each week's subject. Meet at Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater. (NPS)
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00am <b>Ranger Walk – Birds of the Meadows</b> (Except Sep 28) 3 hrs. Lumbert Dome picnic area. Binoculars available. (NPS) 10:00am <b>JUNIOR RANGER WALK</b> (Except Sep 28) 2 hrs. Ages 7-12 Lumbert Dome picnic area. (NPS) 12:00pm <b>Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> (Except Sep 28) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 3:00pm <b>Ranger Talk - Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> (Except Sep 28) 15 mins. Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot. (NPS) ♿ 6:30pm <b>CAMPFIRE FOR KIDS</b> (Except Sep 28) 45 mins. Conness Circle, Loop C in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS) 7:30pm <b>Campfire!</b> (Except Sep 28) 1 hr. Dana circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. (NPS) 9:00pm <b>Ranger Talk – Stars</b> (Except Sep 28) 1 hr. Lumbert Dome picnic area. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. (NPS)	8:00am <b>Coffee with a Ranger.</b> Stop by anytime during this hour for free coffee and to learn about the park. Bring your own mug and questions. Hodgdon Meadow Campground. Located next to the Campground Host site. (NPS) 10:00am <b>Giant Sequoia Walk</b> 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) 11:30am <b>Giant Sequoia Walk</b> 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) 7:30pm <b>Ranger Campfire Program</b> (Except Sep 28) 1 hr. Join a ranger for a traditional high-country campfire program. See local postings for each week's subject. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater. (NPS)

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



# Just For Kids

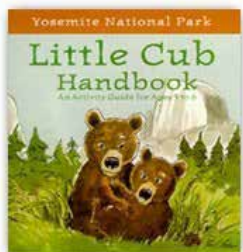
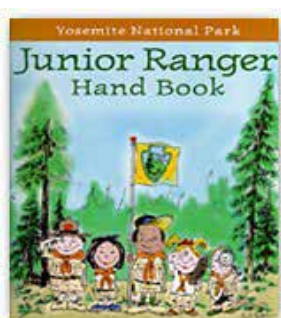
Experience the Adventures of a Junior Ranger



Park Ranger Karen Powers leads a Junior Ranger Walk through Cook's Meadow. *NPS Photo*

## Explore, Learn, and Protect!

Junior Rangers at Yosemite National Park take an oath to protect parks, continue to learn about the natural and cultural history at other parks, and vow to share their own ranger story with friends and family.



## 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 or Little Cub Hand Book** at any of the Yosemite Conservancy Bookstores located in park Visitor Centers, or at the Village Store
- Complete the pages in your Junior Ranger Booklet
- Pick up trash.
- Attend a Guided Program.
- Return your completed book and a bag of trash 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.





# Bears and Wildlife

Enjoying wildlife safely and responsibly



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!

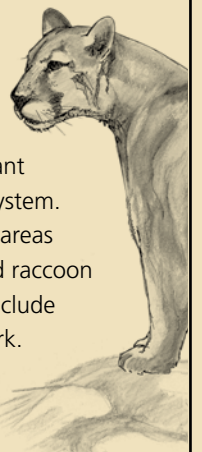
To report bear sightings, improper food storage, trash problems, and other bear-related problems, leave a message for the Bear Management Team at (209) 372-0322. Your call can be made anonymously. For more information regarding bears and proper food storage, visit the park's website ([go.nps.gov/bears](http://go.nps.gov/bears)).

### 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.

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 feed coyotes you see along the road. 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?
<b>Your Vehicle</b>	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!
<b>Your Campsite or Tent Cabin</b>	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.
<b>Picnic Areas &amp; on the Trails</b>	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.
<b>Backpacking in the Wilderness</b>	Bear resistant food containers are required throughout the Yosemite Wilderness. Hanging food is prohibited in Yosemite.	In Yosemite and the southern Sierra, bear canisters are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.





# Protect Yourself...

Make safety a priority during your visit to Yosemite



Yosemite Search and Rescue prepare for a medical transport from the Ahwahnee Meadow. NPS Photo

## AUTUMN CHANGES IN YOSEMITE

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

## RIVERS, STREAMS, AND WATERFALLS

Yosemite's streams are a huge temptation for the curious, the photographer, and the weary hiker simply wanting to cool tired feet. Do not be deceived! Yosemite's water is deceptively dangerous and unforgiving. Visitors are strongly urged to enjoy moving or falling water from a safe distance. *Granite rocks and boulders near rivers and waterfalls, wet or dry, are extremely slippery. To avoid injury, do not leave the safety of the trail.*



## ALTITUDE

The elevation of Yosemite Valley is around 4,000 feet, and Tuolumne Meadows hovers around 9,000 feet, which may leave you experiencing signs of altitude illness. The effects of altitude can lead to problems with judgment and physical performance and may even become lifethreatening. Altitude illness affects us equally, regardless of age, physical condition, and gender. The only cure for altitude illness is to lose elevation.

## YOSEMITE'S ROADS

Yosemite's roads have added hazards when compared to your roads at home. Rock fall, distracted motorists, and abundant wildlife, including deer and bear, to name a few. Moreover, there are many sites to distract you. If you cannot devote all of your attention to your driving, pull completely off the road into designated pull-outs. Buckle up! Park rangers enforce California's Motor Vehicle Code on park roads.

## WEATHER

Dehydration and exhaustion can occur during any season. You are particularly vulnerable during the lingering summer heat in lower elevation areas of the park. Always carry more water than you need and make sure your hike or outdoor activity is half over before your water is half gone. Prevent dehydration by sipping lots of water throughout the day and frequently eating salty, easy-to-digest snacks. During this season the high country may see its first storms, making it important to monitor weather forecasts while planning trips and making sure to be prepared with extra warm clothes in the event of cooler temperatures.

## FOR ALL SEASONS

- Stay on established trails – do not take shortcuts, ignore fences, or approach water. Almost all of Yosemite's non-traffic related serious injuries occur off trail.
- Rock scrambling - leave this to the critters.
- Water and food – Carry more water than you need; stay hydrated and snack frequently. 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 – leave your hiking plan, including intended route, destination, and estimated time of return, with a trusted person. If no one knows you are missing, no one is going to be looking for you.

## HANTAVIRUS INFORMATION

Mice are an important part of the ecosystem, but can carry diseases harmful to humans. Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread to humans via the droppings, urine, or saliva of infected rodents. Not all rodents are infected with hantavirus, but infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You may come into close proximity to rodents during your visit, so take steps to protect yourself from HPS. HPS risk is greater inside enclosures where deer mice are present. If staying in guest lodging, tell housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice in your room. Do not clean the area yourself. Keep doors to guest lodging shut and keep food in sealed containers. 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. For more information on hantavirus visit: [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm](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.

Never feed wildlife and avoid pitching a tent near or disturbing rodent burrows. Wear insect repellent with DEET, and tell a park ranger if you see a dead animal.

Early symptoms of plague may include high fever, chills, nausea, and weakness. If you have these symptoms within 6 days of visiting an area at risk for plague, see your doctor and tell them you may have been exposed.

## AVOID CONTACT WITH WILDLIFE

Wildlife in Yosemite can transmit diseases, including plague, rabies, and hantavirus. Keeping your distance and your food from wildlife not only protects them, it also protects you. If you encounter a mammal behaving erratically, don't touch it. Report the sick animal to a park employee. Storing your food properly will reduce your exposure to rodents and their fleas, which may carry plague.



# ...and Yosemite's Wild Places

## Protecting park resources



### Wilderness Permit Details

Wilderness permits are required for all overnight trips into Yosemite's 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.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm) to check trailhead availability and for more information on how to make a reservation. Reservations can be made online, by phone or mail. To make a reservation by phone, call (209) 372-0740, Mon-Fri from 8am to 5pm and Saturday from 9am to 4pm. After September 2, the phone lines will be open Mon-Fri from 8:30am to 4:30pm. For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm), the Leave No Trace website at [www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org), or the Friends of Yosemite Search and Rescue website at [www.friendofyosar.org](http://www.friendofyosar.org)

### Permit Required to Hike Half Dome

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week through October 15, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 preseason lottery permits have already been issued for 2019. 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 1 pm. To apply, visit [Recreation.gov](http://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). 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 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 signs.

- You must have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device.
- Fallen trees and natural debris in the river create important habitat for wildlife, but can create hazards for rafters.

### Fishing

Fishing in Yosemite is regulated by state law. A valid California sport-fishing license is required for persons age 16 years and older. When fishing, the license must be plainly visible, attached above the waistline. Fishing from bridges in the park is not allowed. In addition, Yosemite has special fishing regulations for the Tuolumne and Merced Rivers to protect native Rainbow trout:

**Merced River** - From Happy Isles bridge to the western boundary of the Park:

- Open to fishing from the last Saturday in April to November 15
- Artificial lures only (no bait of any kind) with a single barbless hook may be used
- Daily bag limit - zero (0) rainbow trout; five (5) brown trout per day
- Possession bag limit - zero (0) rainbow trout; ten (10) brown trout in possession

**Tuolumne River** - From O'Shaughnessy Dam downstream to Early Intake Diversion Dam

*From last Saturday in April to November 15*

- Maximum size limit of 12 total inches
- Artificial lures only (no bait of any kind) with a single barbless hook may be used
- Daily bag limit - two (2) trout per day
- Possession bag limit - two (2) trout

*From November 16 through the Friday preceding the last Saturday in April*

- Artificial lures only (no bait of any kind) with a single barbless hook may be used
- Daily bag limit - zero (0) trout per day
- Possession bag limit - zero (0) trout
- 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:

- 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, or in wilderness areas.
- Pets must be on a leash (6 feet or less) or otherwise physically restrained.
- Please 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

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.

## YOSEMITE GUARDIANS

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park's most important guardians. 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

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.

### DRONES

Launching, landing, or operating Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) is prohibited. Use of UAS can harm park resources and/or interfere with park operations:

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm](http://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

What you need to know about camping in Yosemite



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](http://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 Curry Village (shuttle stop #14), the Tuolumne Meadows Campground entrance, in Wawona off Chilnualna Falls Road, and at the Big Oak Flat Information Station. For current campground status, call (209) 372-0266.

### Yosemite Valley

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

### Camping Outside Yosemite

For information about U.S. Forest Service seasonal campgrounds near Yosemite, 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 2.

### Campfires/Fireworks

You must practice fire safety while visiting. Know and understand current fire rules and restrictions. Make sure campfires are out cold before leaving by using the "drown, stir, and feel" method and remember fireworks are strictly prohibited.

### NEW Camp 4 Daily Lottery

A Camp 4 pilot daily lottery is in effect until September 15 (last lottery will run September 14), and will return to first-come, first serve September 16. You must enter lottery for a chance to obtain a site and may no longer stand in line at Camp 4 for a site. The lottery opens at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) at 12:01am pacific time the day before your intended arrival date and closes at 4pm pacific time. A \$10, non-refundable application fee is required. The lottery automatically matches applicants with the number of open camping spaces and charges for the number of nights indicated. All applicants will be notified by email as to whether or not they were successful. Each person (not just the primary applicant) must check in at the campground using a valid photo ID. Six people will be assigned to each campsite; people in one group may be assigned to different campsites. You can register for up to seven nights. Camp 4 is open all year and sites are not wheelchair accessible.

## 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 all year 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, not left unattended.

### Campfires

- In Yosemite Valley between May 1 and September 30, campfires are permitted between 5pm and 10pm. 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.

### Group Campgrounds

Tuolumne Meadows, Hodgdon Meadow, Wawona, and Bridalveil Creek have group campgrounds. Thirteen to 30 people are allowed in each group campsite. Tent camping only. Pets, RVs, and generators are not permitted.

## 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	Apr 1 - Oct 27	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$26	60	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Valley - North Pines	Apr 1 - Oct 27	40 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$26	81	Yes	Tap
Yosemite Valley - Camp 4	All year	No RVs/trailers		May 21-Sep 15 via lottery (returns to first-come, first serve Sep 16)	\$6/person	36	No	Tap
South - Wawona	Closes Oct 1 for construction	35 ft	35 ft	April 8 - Oct 1	\$26	93	Yes	Tap
South - Bridalveil Creek	July 15 - Sep 23	35 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$12	110	Yes	Creek (boil)
North - Hodgdon Meadow	All year	35 ft	30 ft	Apr - Oct 1	\$26	105	Yes	Tap
North - Crane Flat	Aug 1 - Oct 15	35 ft	35 ft	Yes	\$26	166	Yes	Tap
North - Tamarack Flat	June 24 - Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
North - White Wolf	?? - Sep 23	27 ft	24 ft	First-come, first-served	\$18	74	Yes	Tap
North - Yosemite Creek	July 15 - Sep 3	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	75	Yes	Creek (boil)
North - Porcupine Flat	July 26 - Oct 15	No RVs/trailers		First-come, first-served	\$12	52	Yes	Creek (boil)
North - Tuolumne Meadows	July 12 - Sep 23	35 ft	35 ft	50%	\$26	304	Yes	Tap

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



# Hiking

What trails will you hike while in Yosemite?



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
<b>Wawona - Meadow Loop</b>	Wawona Hotel	3.5 miles round-trip, 1.5 hours	Easy
<b>Wawona - Swinging Bridge Loop</b>	Wawona Store / Pioneer Yosemite History Center Parking Area	4.75 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
<b>Mariposa Grove - Big Trees Loop</b>	Mariposa Grove Arrival Area	0.3 mile round trip, 30 to 45 mins.	Easy
<b>Mariposa Grove - Grizzly Giant Loop Trail</b>	Mariposa Grove Arrival Area	2.1 miles round trip, 1.5 to 2 hours	Moderate
<b>Glacier Point Area - Taft Point</b>	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Easy to Moderate
<b>Glacier Point Area - Sentinel Dome</b>	Sentinel Dome Parking Area	2.2 miles round-trip, 2 hours	Moderate
<b>Tuolumne Meadows - Soda Springs / Parsons Lodge</b>	Lembert Dome Parking Area	1.5 miles round-trip, 1 hour	Easy
<b>Tuolumne Meadows - Lembert Dome</b>	Lembert Dome Parking Area	4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderately Strenuous
<b>Tuolumne Meadows - John Muir Trail through Lyell Canyon</b>	Dog Lake Parking Area	8 miles one-way, 3 to 4 hours	Easy, 200-foot gain
<b>Tuolumne Meadows - Elizabeth Lake</b>	Tuolumne Meadows Group Campground	4.8 miles round trip, 4 to 5 hours	Moderate
<b>Tioga Road - Lukens Lake</b>	White Wolf <sup>1</sup>	5.4 miles round-trip, 3 to 4 hours	Moderate
<b>Tioga Road - Yosemite Valley via Porcupine Creek</b>	Porcupine Creek <sup>1</sup>	7 miles one-way, 4 to 6 hours	Moderate, 4,000-foot loss
<b>Tioga Road - Yosemite Valley via Yosemite Creek</b>	Lukens Lake Trailhead <sup>1</sup>	10.5 miles one-way, 5 to 9 hours	Moderately Strenuous 3,500 to 4,000-foot loss
<b>Tioga Road - Yosemite Valley via Clouds Rest</b>	Tenaya Lake <sup>1</sup>	19 miles one-way, 10 to 12 hours	Strenuous
<b>Hetch Hetchy Area - Wapama Falls</b>	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)

*\*Pets are not allowed on this loop trail*

### 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. Nearly every year, unsuspecting visitors are swept over waterfalls to their deaths when swimming in these areas.



# Yosemite Facelift:

## Climbing Stewardship in Yosemite

Story by Yosemite Climbing Rangers



Climbing Rangers and Facelift volunteers clean Camp VI on the Nose of El Capitan. *NPS Photo*



Climber Steward Kaya Lindsey prepares to fill a trash bag with trash dropped near the Vernal Fall bridge. *NPS Photo*



Cleaning trash doesn't mean you can't take a moment to appreciate the views. *NPS Photo*

Every summer millions of people visit Yosemite National Park to experience and explore the world renowned scenery. And while most visitors arrive and leave with little or no trace, sometimes trash is left behind. Ken Yager, founder of the Yosemite Climbing Association and Yosemite area local, noticed the summer impact on the park and worried that winter snow and rain would make the trash harder to cleanup. Why not pull together a group of volunteers in the autumn to get the trash while it was still close to the road and campgrounds?

Starting in 2004, Yosemite Facelift has taken place every September in coordination with the National Public Lands Day. The week-long event started with a few climbers, passionate about taking care of a place they love, and has grown into the largest volunteer cleanup in the National Park Service (NPS). The event is still a partnership between Yosemite Climbing Association and the NPS, and now thousands of volunteers take time from sight-seeing to collect trash from the park's most heavily visited areas.

Last year's event logged 3,334 volunteers who put in over 11,700 hours of work. In total, 14,126 pounds of trash was collected, of which 8,745 was small trash. That's a lot of toilet paper and cigarette butts! Synchronizing the event with National

Public Lands Day means entrance fees to the park are waived. All National Park Sites will offer free admission this year on September 28, 2019. During the week, visitors to Yosemite will see people walking around the park with litter sticks and reflective vests.

In addition to cleaning up trash on the ground, Facelift Special Project cleanups utilize climbing techniques to access the vertical terrain of Yosemite. Many popular overlooks are adjacent to cliffs and trash from these overlooks can collect in hard-to-access areas. Yosemite Climbing Rangers and volunteer Climber Stewards organize skilled teams to reach areas near Glacier Point, Half Dome, Vernal Fall, and Tunnel View. At Half Dome's Cables Route, Facelift teams use ropes to rappel down the cliff to collect water bottles, cell phones, cameras and other items that have dropped from this famously exposed hike.

*"When we learn about the extraordinary efforts that go into cleaning up the places we cherish, we are less likely to walk past a stray piece of trash."*

The Yosemite Climbing Ranger program is generously supported by Yosemite Conservancy with an overarching mission of educating the visiting public and climbers regarding low impact climbing

and stewardship in parks. The Yosemite Facelift is one of many avenues that they use to achieve those goals.

Since it began, climbers have used Facelift as an opportunity to clean climbing routes as well. Yosemite Valley is world renowned for the multi-day rock climbs that wind up its huge expanses of vertical rock. Like a backpacker in the wilderness, most climbers follow Leave No Trace ethics on multi-day rock climbs, but certain locations on El Capitan and other cliffs have collected trash during thousands of ascents.

The popular Nose route of El Capitan is a route often targeted for cleanup by climbers. The world famous route was first climbed in 1958 by Warren Harding, Wayne Merry, and George Whitmore. The modern average team spends 3 to 5 days on the route, spending nights on small ledges as they ascend the wall. Near the top of the route is one such ledge, known as Camp VI. A deep crack at the back of the ledge collects accidental and intentional trash. When the first "Nose Wipe" cleanup took place in 2006 detritus had all but filled the crack. Multiple Facelift cleanups later, and the crack has little to no trash left. The hope of these clean-ups is that restoring natural places will inspire everyone to keep them clean in the future.

Many places around Yosemite that have been cleaned during Facelift see less and less trash each year. When we learn about the extraordinary efforts that go into cleaning up the places we cherish, we are less likely to walk past a stray piece of trash. Facelift has cultivated an ethic of stewardship and respect for public lands. Visit any of the park's four Wilderness Centers for more information regarding Leave No Trace ethics.

Are you interested in participating? Volunteers can sign up at the booth in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center from 8am to 4pm Wednesday, September 25 through Saturday, September 28. On Sunday, September 29 registration will be open from 8am to 2pm. A second check-in station will be located at the Tuolumne Meadows Store on Friday and Saturday, September 27-28. The Tuolumne Meadows booth will be open from 10am to 3:30pm. Crew leaders will be at the booths to organize workgroups and hand out trash bags, gloves, and litter sticks. Trash must be returned to the booths each day by the registration area's closing time to be weighed and sorted. All volunteers must register prior to participating in the event. After volunteering, participants are invited to nightly gear raffles and evening programs.



Facelift volunteers take a break from trash collection to scrub old graffiti in a cave. *NPS Photo*



Tons of trash has been collected during Yosemite Facelift events in the past. *NPS Photo*

### Did You Know...

- Yosemite Facelift is the largest organized volunteer cleanup of any national park.
- Yosemite Facelift is a park-wide volunteer event that was started by the Yosemite Climbing Association in 2004 to encourage climbers and other visitors to clean up the park at the end of the busy summer season.
- September 24th to 30th, 2019, will be the 16th Annual Facelift.
- Using ropes, Climbing Rangers and Climber Stewards clean up hard to access areas below visitor overlooks and on cliffs.
- Evening Programs during Facelift feature slideshows from local and international climbers.



# 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.

This publication was made possible by the Yosemite Park Partners listed on this page. Read more below or visit [www.yosemitepartners.org](http://www.yosemitepartners.org) to learn more about helping these organizations provide for the future of Yosemite National Park.



### The Ansel Adams Gallery



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

### Yosemite Hospitality LLC



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](http://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](http://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](http://yosemiteconservancy.org) or (415) 434-1782.

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## Yosemite Volunteers: Serving Yosemite

Over 10,734 volunteers donated more than 139,520 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](http://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:

- Curry Village (formerly Half Dome Village)
- The Ahwahnee (formerly The Majestic Yosemite Hotel)
- Wawona Hotel (formerly Big Trees Lodge)
- Badger Pass Ski Area (formerly Yosemite Ski & Snowboard 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](mailto:yose_lostandfound@nps.gov).