### Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

Vol. 8 Issue 4



# **Yosemite** Today

Experience Your America

> April 30 – May 27, 2008

# Yosemite National Park



### National Be Bear Aware and Wildlife Stewardship Month

May 23 10:00am – 3:00pm Join wildlife staff in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center to learn more about Yosemite's black bears and other wildlife. In addition, films will be shown and programs conducted in the Visitor Center Auditorium.

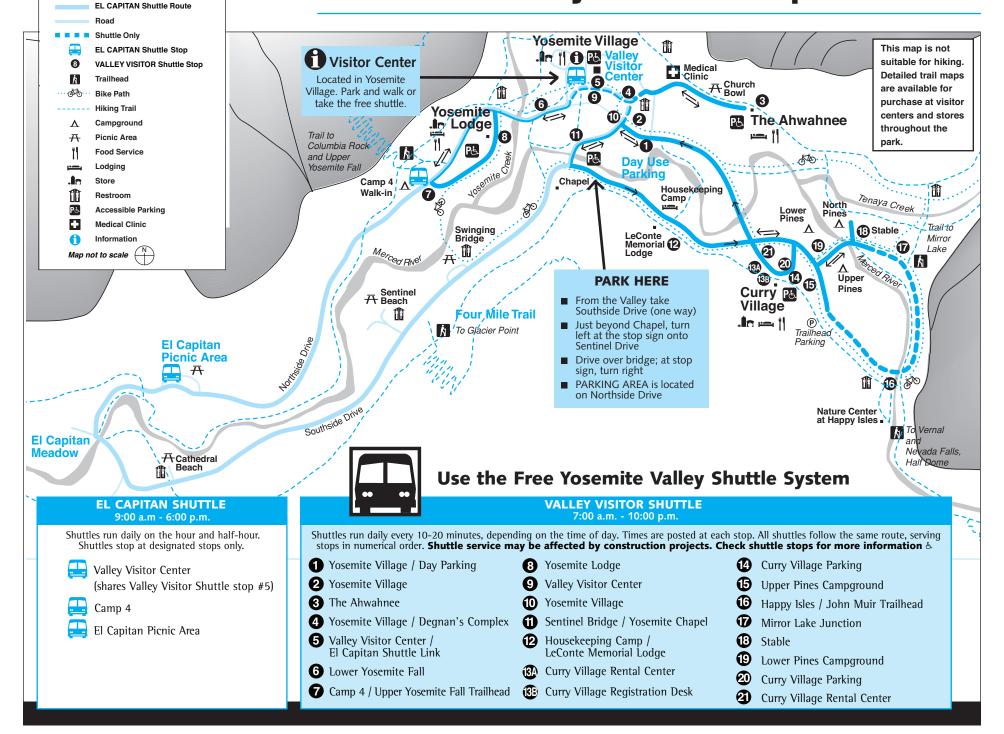
# YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

YARTS bus stops are located in Yosemite Valley at The Ahwahnee, Curry Village, Valley Visitor Center, and Yosemite Lodge. For bus schedules to and from the Yosemite area, call 1-877-98-YARTS, or visit YARTS online at www.yarts.com.

VALLEY VISITOR Shuttle Route



# Yosemite Valley Shuttle Map



# Scheduled Events

# **S U N D A Y** May 4, 11, 18, 25

Amphitheater (NPS) &

1/2 hr. Bring a mug. Lower Pines Campground

 $1^{1/2}$  hrs. Lower Yosemite Fall shuttle stop #6

10:00am Ranger Stroll - Rivers and Waterfalls

8:00am Coffee with a Ranger

# **MONDAY** May 5, 12, 19, 26

- 7:30am Naturalist Walks: A Yosemite Birdwalk 3 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center (YA) \$
- 8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 1/2 hr. Bring a mug. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &

(NPS)

DNC = Delaware North Companie Yosemite AAG = The Anse

Adams Gallery SC = Sierra Clu

**Programs** printed in color are especially

for children and

their families.

Service

NPS = National

- AAC = American Alpine Cl
- YA Yosemite Associatio
- = Programs offered for a fee



Indicates facilitie accessible to visi in wheelchairs. Short, steep incli may be encounted



Assisitive Listenir Devices are availa upon advanced request. Inquire a visitor center.

al Park re nies at te sel Club an Club	<ul> <li>12:30pm Ranger Stroll – Bears 1½ hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS)</li> <li>2:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</li> <li>5:30pm Twilight Stroll (May 18 and 25 only) 1 hr. Meets on The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC)</li> <li>7:00pm LeConte Memorial Lodge: Open House (May 11 and 25 only) 2 hrs. Shuttle stop #12 (SC)</li> <li>8:00pm Ranger Program 1 hr.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>8:30am Morning Photography Walk 2 hrs. Sign up/meet at The Ahwahnee front desk (DNC)</li> <li>10:00am Ranger Stroll –Yosemite's First People 1½ hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum (NPS) &amp; Art Class 4 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center See details below (YA)</li> <li>12:30pm Ranger Stroll – Bears 1½ hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS)</li> </ul>	Conditions permitting (AAG) 10:00am Ranger Stroll – Trees 1½ hrs. Ahwahnee shuttle stop #3 (NPS) Art Class 4 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center. See details below (YA) 12:00pm Yosemite Forum – Changes at the USGS Yosemite Field Stations: A New Lead Scientist and Expanded Capabilities (May 13 only) 1 hr. Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Auditorium (NPS) & 12:30pm Ranger Stroll – Bears 1½ hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS)	10:00am Ranger S 1 <sup>1/2</sup> hrs. Fro Center (NP Art Class Center. See 12:30pm Ranger S Lower Pines 1:00pm NPS Ope 4 hrs. Com ment effor (NPS) &
tion ns for ties isitors clines ntered.	<ul> <li>2 hrs. Shuttle stop #12 (SC)</li> <li>8:00pm Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp; Yosemite Theatre LIVE: Return to Balance - High Definition Rock Climbing Film (except May 4) 1½ hrs. Visitor Center Theater. Tickets/info. at any tour desk or at door (DNC) &amp; \$ LeConte Memorial Lodge May 4: John Muir &amp; Teddy Roosevelt in Yosemite, 1903 May 18: An Inconvenient Truth 1 hr. Shuttle stop #12 (SC)</li> <li>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) &amp; Evening Program (May 25 only) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) &amp;</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>2:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK <ol> <li>hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</li> </ol> </li> <li>8:00pm Ranger Program <ol> <li>hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp;</li> </ol> </li> <li>Yosemite Theatre LIVE: Yosemite Through the Eyes of a Buffalo Soldier, 1904 (except May 5) <ol> <li>hrs. Visitor Center Theater. Tickets/info. at any tour desk or at door (DNC) &amp; \$</li> </ol> </li> <li>8:30pm Evening Program <ol> <li>hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) &amp; Evening Program (May 26 only)</li> <li>hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) &amp;</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>2:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK <ol> <li>hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</li> </ol> </li> <li>5:30pm Twilight Stroll (May 6 and 13 only) <ol> <li>hr. Meets on The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC)</li> </ol> </li> <li>8:00pm Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp; <ol> <li>Yosemite Theatre LIVE: John Muir is Back – and Boy, is he Ticked Off! <ol> <li>(except May 6 and 13) 11/2 hrs.</li> <li>Visitor Center Theater. Tickets/info. at any tour desk or at door (DNC) &amp; \$</li> </ol> </li> <li>8:30pm Evening Program <ol> <li>hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) &amp; Evening Program (May 27 only)</li> <li>hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) &amp;</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ul>	2:30pm JUNIOR F 1 hr. Natur shuttle sto 6:45pm WEE WIL 45 min. St under Yose 8:00pm Ranger P Campgroun Yosemite with a Tr 1½ hrs. Vis Tickets/inf (DNC) & \$ 8:30pm Evening I 1 hr. Yoser
ning lilable e at a	<ul> <li>8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 45 min. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp;</li> <li>10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</li> <li>11:00am - 3:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (May 25 only) 10 min. Purchase tickets from Stage Driver in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$</li> <li>2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove (May 26 only) 1½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</li> <li>11:00am - 3:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (May 26 only) 10 min. Purchase tickets from Stage Driver in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 45 min. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp;</li> <li>2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 1½ hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</li> <li>5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer Tom Bopp Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC)</li> </ul>	9:00am <b>Ranger H</b> 6 hrs. Hike strenuous. bring a lun Weather p parking (N 5:30pm <b>Vintage</b> A 4 hrs. Live Tom Bopp
	Hetchy			10:00am <b>Ranger H</b> (May 14 a 2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> hrs. 0'

# **Yosemite Valley**

### **Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore**

Open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5 and #9), the visitor center offers information, maps, and books. Explore the exhibit hall and learn how Yosemite's spectacular landscape was formed, how people have interacted with it through the centuries, how wildlife adapts and survives, and how your national park continues to evolve. 🕹 🛲 TTY

### FILM

### **Spirit of Yosemite**

This inspiring visitor-orientation film provides a stunning overview of Yosemite's splendor. It is shown every 30 minutes Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5:30 p.m. in the Valley Visitor Center Theater. 📥 🚾

### **Yosemite Museum**

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. FEATURES

### Yosemite Renaissance XXIII

Open through May 4 Open Friday - Monday 10:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contemporary fine-art interpretations of the human and natural landscape of Yosemite and the Sierra Nevada are featured in this competitive exhibition sponsored for 22 years by Yosemite Renaissance, a nonprofit organization supporting the arts of Yosemite.

### Indian Cultural Exhibit

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The exhibit interprets the cultural history of Yosemite's native Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Demonstrations of traditional skills are presented. No food or drink permitted.

John Muir or Buffalo Soldier Elizy Boman, or see renowned climber Ron Kauk, as filmed by Sterling Johnson. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under and are sold in advance at any tour desk, or at the door (if available). See schedule above for dates and times. 🕹

### **Day-Use Parking Information Station** Open for season May 1

Located in the day-use parking area, and open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch), the station offers information about Yosemite.

### The Ansel Adams Gallery

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center and open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., the gallery offers the work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other fine artists. In addition, handcrafts, books, gifts, digital services, and photography supplies are available. Scheduled activities are listed on the front porch. For more information, call 209/372-4413, or visit www.anseladams.com.

# WEDNI April 30, A

8:00am Coffee wit

1/2 hr. Bring a

Amphitheate

**T U E S D A Y** May 6, 13, 20, 27

Amphitheater (NPS) &

1/2 hr. Bring a mug. Lower Pines Campground

8:00am Coffee with a Ranger

9:00am Photography Walk

### 9:00am Naturalist 2 hrs. Limited space. Reservations required Sign up/meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery 3 hrs. Yosem (YA) \$ Str Fron NPS) **ss** 4 See d Str nes C oen ome

forts RA ture

stop /ILC Stor osem

Pro ound te T

Trar Visit info \$ g Pr

semi

· Hil like i us. V lunc per (NP e M ive n

pp V

Hil and 0'Sh

### **Free Art Classes**

The Yosemite Art & Education Center is open 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily (closed for lunch) and offers a free art class daily Monday through Saturday beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Be prepared for a short walk to the painting site, and bring something to sit on. Bring your own supplies, or buy them at the center, located near the Village Store. Please register in advance. 209/372-1442



April 28 - May 3 Carolyn Fitz Ink Painting May 5 - 10 Catherine Crandall Drawing May 12 - 17 Robert Dvorak Watercolor May 25 - 31 Roger Folk Painting

### Join the Habitat Protectors

Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Yosemite Valley Visitor Center

Join National Park Service restoration efforts. Volunteers will work on restoration projects and learn about efforts and help restore the Valley. All ages welcome; those under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. All volunteers must wear long pants and closedtoe boots. Long sleeves, water, snacks, and sunblock are recommended. Groups larger than ten are required to pre-register. To learn more, please contact Marielle DeBree at 209/379-3286 or Marielle\_Debree@nps.gov

### Yosemite Museum Store

Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m, the store offers traditional American Indian arts and crafts, and books on related subjects.

### **The Indian Village of Ahwahnee**

Located behind the Yosemite Museum and open during daylight hours, the village offers exhibits on Ahwahneechee life. 🕹

### **Yosemite Cemetery**

This historic cemetery is located across the street just west of the Yosemite Museum. People buried here include American Indians and others who played an important role in the development of what is now Yosemite National Park. Guide to the Yosemite Cemetery is available at the Valley Visitor Center.

### **Valley Wilderness Center**

Open May 2-4 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Open for season May 9 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Beginning May 23 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village next to The Ansel Adams Gallery, the center offers Wilderness permits, bear canisters, maps, and guidebooks. Information on pre-trip planning, minimum-impact camping, and Yosemite's Wilderness are also available. 🕹

### **Yosemite Theatre Live**

Join us for Yosemite Theatre! Shows are presented live onstage in the Valley Visitor Center Theater. Hear tales of

### GALLERY EXHIBIT

Charles Cramer | Through May 30

Exquisite color photographs from Yosemite and beyond. Reception for the artist May 11 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m .

### LeConte Memorial Lodge **Open for season May 1**

Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and located at shuttle stop #12. LeConte Memorial Lodge, Yosemite's first public visitor center, is operated by the Sierra Club and features a children's corner, library, and a variety of environmental education and evening programs. For more information, call 209/372-4542.

### **Nature Center at Happy Isles**

Open 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Designed for nature-exploring families, this center offers natural history exhibits, interactive diplays, field guides, and maps. Nearby are short trails through the area's forest, river, and fen environments. Evidence of the huge 1996 rockfall from the Glacier Point cliff is visible above. The center is a short walk from shuttle stop #16. 🕹

<b>S D A Y</b> ay 7, 14, 21	<b>T H U R S D A Y</b> May 1, 8, 15, 22	<b>F R I D A Y</b> May 2, 9, 16, 23	<b>S A T U R D A Y</b> May 3, 10, 17, 24
a Ranger mug. Lower Pines Campground (NPS) & Valks: Waterfall Wednesday e Art and Education Center II – Geology of Yosemite Valley Visitor b urs. Yosemite Art and Education tails below (YA) II – Bears 1½ hrs. mpground Amphitheater (NPS) House (April 30 only) nd learn about park improve-/ Valley Visitor Center Auditorium VGER WALK Genter at Happy Isles, near 16 (NPS) ONES as & activities for kids 6 and te Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) gram 1 hr. Lower Pines Amphitheater (NPS) & neatre LIVE: Conversations p (except April 30 and May 7) r Center Theater t any tour desk or at door gram + Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) &	<ul> <li>8:00am Coffee with a Ranger Y<sub>2</sub> hr. Bring a mug. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp;.</li> <li>9:00am Photography Walk 2 hrs. Limited space Reservations required. Sign up/meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Conditions permitting (AAG)</li> <li>10:00am Ranger Stroll -Yosemite's Legacy 1/2 hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) &amp;.</li> <li>Art Class 4 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center. See details below (YA)</li> <li>12:30pm Ranger Stroll - Bears 1/2 hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS)</li> <li>2:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</li> <li>4:30pm LeConte Memorial Lodge: An Inconvenient Truth (May 22 only) 1 hr. Shuttle stop #12 (SC)</li> <li>5:30pm Twilight Stroll (except May 1) 1 hr. Meets on The Ahwahnee back lawn (DNC)</li> <li>8:00pm Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp;. Yosemite Theatre LIVE: John Muir is Back - and Boy, is he Ticked Off! (except May 1 and 8) 1/2 hrs. Visitor Center Theater Tickets/info. at any tour desk or at door (DNC) &amp; \$</li> <li>8:30pm Evening Program 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (DNC) &amp;.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>8:00am Coffee with a Ranger Y<sub>2</sub> hr. Bring a mug. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp;</li> <li>9:00am Habitat Restoration Volunteer Program 4 hrs. Valley Visitor Center. See details below (NPS)</li> <li>10:00am Ranger Stroll – Wild About Wildlife 1Y<sub>2</sub> hrs. Front of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (NPS) &amp; Art Class 4 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center See details below (YA)</li> <li>12:30pm Ranger Stroll – Bears 1Y<sub>2</sub> hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS)</li> <li>2:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</li> <li>2:00pm LeConte Memorial Lodge: YOSEMITE VALLEY SCHOOL POETRY FESTIVAL (May 23 only) 1 hr. Shuttle stop #12 (SC)</li> <li>8:00pm Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp; Yosemite Theatre LIVE: Return to Balance - High Definition Rock Climbing Film (except May 9) 1Y<sub>2</sub> hrs. Visitor Center Theater. Tickets/info. at any tour desk or at door (DNC) &amp; \$ LeConte Memorial Lodge May 2: AMERICAN INDIAN STORYTELLING &amp; FLUTE May 9: Meet Galen Clark - Guardian of Yosemite May 16: A Visit with Dr. Steller's Jay May 23: John Muir Around the World 1 hr. Shuttle stop #12 (SC)</li> <li>8:30pm NIGHT PROVL 1Y<sub>2</sub> hrs. Explore Yosemite at night! Tickets/info. at any tour desk (DNC) \$ Film: Ansel Adams 1 hr. Yosemite Lodge Amphitheater (AAG) &amp;</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>8:00am Coffee with a Ranger <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hr. Bring a mug. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp;</li> <li>9:00am Photography Walk 2 hrs. Limited space Reservations required. Sign up/meet at The Ansel Adams Gallery. Conditions permitting (AAG)</li> <li>10:00am Ranger Stroll - Ahwahneechee Stories and Games 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hrs. Front of Yosemite Museum (NPS) Art Class 4 hrs. Yosemite Art and Education Center. See details below (YA)</li> <li>12:30pm Ranger Stroll - Bears 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hrs. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS)</li> <li>2:30pm JUNIOR RANGER WALK 1 hr. Nature Center at Happy Isles, near shuttle stop #16 (NPS)</li> <li>3:00pm Fine Print Viewing 1 hr. Limited space Sign up at The Ansel Adams Gallery (AAG)</li> <li>6:45pm WEE WILD ONES (May 24 only) 45 min. Stories &amp; activities for kids 6 and under. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC)</li> <li>8:00pm Ranger Program 1 hr. Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp; LeConte Memorial Lodge May 3: State Guardians of Yosemite: First Park Rangers May 10: Hiking Half Dome May 17: Centennial At Muir Woods - Panoramic Journey May 24: View of the Solar System 1 hr. Shuttle stop #12 (SC)</li> <li>8:30pm Evening Program (May 24 only) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) &amp; Evening Program (May 24 only) 1 hr. Curry Village Amphitheater (DNC) &amp;</li> </ul>
e to Chilnualna Falls 8 miles roundtrip, moderate to ear sturdy shoes or boots, and , water, and sunscreen iitting. Meet at the trailhead sic of Yosemite usic with pianist/singer awona Hotel lounge (DNC) e –Wildflowers & Waterfalls 21 only)	5:30pm <b>Vintage Music of Yosemite</b> 4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer Tom Bopp Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC)	<ul> <li>11:00am - 3:00pm</li> <li>Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (May 23 only) 10 min. Purchase tickets from Stage Driver in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$</li> <li>5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer Tom Bopp Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>8:00am Coffee with a Ranger 45 min. Wawona Campground Amphitheater (NPS) &amp; 10:00am Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 11/2 hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</li> <li>11:00am - 3:00pm Horse-Drawn Stage Rides (May 24 only) 10 min. Purchase tickets from Stage Driver in the Pioneer Yosemite History Center (NPS) \$</li> <li>2:00pm Nature Walk in the Mariposa Grove 11/2 hrs. Lower Grove trailhead (NPS)</li> <li>5:30pm Vintage Music of Yosemite 4 hrs. Live music with pianist/singer Tom Bopp Wawona Hotel lounge (DNC)</li> </ul>

# Wawona & Mariposa Grove

# Wawona Information Station at Hill's Studio

Opens May 9 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Hill's Studio is located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel. The station offers information about park activities, Wilderness permits, trail information, and maps. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona Store parking area and follow the path up the hill. For more information call 209/375-9531.

### **Pioneer Yosemite History Center**

Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. A visit to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center explores Yosemite's history and explains how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world. The center is always open, and interpretive signs and brochures are available.  $\boldsymbol{\xi}$ 

### Mariposa Grove

Located at Yosemite's southern end, the Mariposa Grove is the park's largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees. Allow 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours driving time from Yosemite Valley to reach the grove. A few giant sequoias are visible from the parking area. Trails into the grove extend uphill from the far end of the parking lot.

The access road to the grove closes during the winter. If the road is closed, the four-mile roundtrip walk from Yosemite's south entrance to the grove takes two to three hours (longer for hikes into the grove).

# Big Oak Flat & Sequoia Groves

### **Big Oak Flat Information Station**

**May 16 - 18** 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Open for season May 23** 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch). The center offers Wilderness permits, bear canister rental, and general park information.

### **Tuolumne Grove**

This cluster of about 25 sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of Big Oak Flat and Tioga roads. Walk one mile (with a 500-ft. drop in elevation) into the grove along the former route of the Big Oak Flat Road, now closed to cars. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill return. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is an easy, half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

### **Merced Grove**

Yosemite's quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of about 20 trees accessible only on foot. It's a four-mile roundtrip hike or ski (about three hours) into the grove from Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located  $3^{1}/_{2}$  miles north of Crane Flat and  $4^{1}/_{2}$  miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance, the trailhead is marked by a road sign and a post labeled B-10.

## Tuolumne Meadows

### **Tuolumne Meadows Visitor**

**Center** *Opening date pending* Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and displays. Phone 209/372-0263 &

### Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley Cabin, and Soda Springs

Two trails, both flat and <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-mile long, lead to this historic area accessible only by walking. Soda Springs are small, naturally carbonated springs that attract birds and deer, especially at sunrise and sunset.

### **Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness**

**Center** Opens along with Tioga Road Open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed for lunch). Located just off Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Lodge, the center offers trail information, Wilderness permits, bear canister rentals, maps, and guidebooks. & Trailers are prohibited on the Mariposa Grove Road. Private vehicles longer than 25 feet may not use this road during the hours of shuttle operation (see below).

### FREE MARIPOSA GROVE & WAWONA SHUTTLE

*Opening date depends on weather and road conditions.* The shuttle bus stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the bus. Shuttles operate between at 9:00 a.m, and 6:00 p.m. Please use this free bus service to help reduce congestion and parking delays.



Published by the National Park Service, in cooperation with DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, Inc.

Editor	Marea Ortiz
Design / Production	Skip Gaynard Designs
Printing	Casey Printing, Inc.

### We're Interested . . .

We are always looking for ways to improve our visitor publications. You can help by sending your comments via e-mail to Marea\_Ortiz@nps.gov or fax to 209/372-0617.



# Park Facilities and Services

### ΑΤΜ

**Yosemite Village** South of Village Store (Bank of America) and inside Village Store

Yosemite Lodge Inside main registration area

### Curry Village Inside gift/grocery store

### Babysitting

Limited babysitting available for registered guests at Yosemite Lodge and The Ahwahnee. Call front desk or concierge for additional information.

### **Food & Beverage Service**

These hours of operation are approximate. Current hours of operation are posted at each front desk or facility.

### YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Degnan's Delicatessen 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Degnan's Loft

### Monday - Friday 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday noon to 9:00 p.m. Degnan's Cafe Opens for season May 24 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Village Grill 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### YOSEMITE LODGE

**Coffee Corner** 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Food Court** 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Breakfast 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Dinner 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### Mountain Room Lounge

Monday - Friday 4:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Saturday - Sunday noon to 11:00 p.m.

### Mountain Room Restaurant

Sunday - Thursday 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday - Saturday 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Reservations for parties of 8 or more 209/372-1281

### THE AHWAHNEE

### Dining Room

Breakfast 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dinner 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday Brunch 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Appropriate attire is respectfully requested for dinner. Reservations are recommended for dinner and Sunday Brunch. 209/372-1489

The Ahwahnee Bar 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

### CURRY VILLAGE

**Guest Lounge** 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. **Coffee Corner** 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. *Beginning May 16* 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Pizza Deck** noon to 9:00 p.m. *Beginning May 16* noon to 10:00 p.m.

### **Pavillion Buffet** Breakfast 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Dinner 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Taqueria** *Opens for season May 3* 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### **Curry Village Bar**

Monday - Friday 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Saturday - Sunday noon to 10:00 p.m. Beginning May 16 noon to 10:00 p.m. daily

### Happy Isles Snack Stand 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### WAWONA HOTEL

**Dining Room** Breakfast 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dinner 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. *Mother's Day Brunch May 13* 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday BBQ *Beginning May 17* 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Reservations taken for 6 or more. 209/375-1425

### GLACIER POINT

**Gift Shop** 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Opens for season May 16, conditions permitting Beginning May 23 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### TUOLUMNE MEADOWS Gift/Grocery 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Opens for season May 23, conditions permitting

## **Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop** 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Beginning May 23 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### MARIPOSA GROVE Big Trees Gift Shop 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Groceries

**Yosemite Lodge Gift/Grocery** 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. *Beginning May 23* 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Village Store** 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Beginning May 23 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. **Degnan's Delicatessen** 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Curry Village Gift/Grocery** 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Beginning May 23 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop

8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. *Beginning May 23* 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wawona Golf Shop & Snack Stand 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., when golf course is open

### Crane Flat 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Housekeeping Camp Grocery 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Beginning May 23 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### **Internet Access**

Internet access is available to park visitors at three locations: Yosemite Lodge, Degnan's Deli, and the Mariposa County Library (Girls Club), south of the Yosemite Cemetery. Access at the library is free, requires a sign-up and is available during limited hours Monday through Thursday (check at library for details). At Yosemite Lodge, kiosks and wireless access are available 24 hours a day, for a fee. At Degnan's Deli, kiosks are available 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a fee.

### Showers & Laundromat

### SHOWERS

Curry Village 24 hours Housekeeping Camp 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### LAUNDROMAT

Housekeeping Camp 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### Recycling

### Yosemite Village Store Recycling Center Noon to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

### **Post Offices**

Main Post Office - Yosemite Village Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. to noon

Yosemite Lodge Post Office Monday – Friday 12:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. Wawona Post Office Monday – Friday

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to noon **El Portal Post Office** Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### **Gas Station**

### Wawona

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

### **Crane Flat** 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Diesel available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

**El Portal** 9:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Diesel available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

### Auto Service, Towing, and Repair (AAA)

Village Garage 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Towing 24 hours. Propane available until 4:00 p.m. 209/372-8320

### **Service Organizations**

**Al-Anon** There will be no more Al-Anon meetings until further notice. If you need to speak with someone, or ask questions, please call Shari B. at 209/372-4812.

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

7:30 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday DNC General Office Building (Employee Training Center) Yosemite Village **Lions Club** 

### Meets the first and third Thursdays of each

Camping

month at noon, The Ahwahnee. Call 209/372-4475 for information.

ation.gov. For same-day reservations, visit

able. See the Yosemite Guide for details.

**& Accessible Services** 

entrance stations, visitor centers, and online at

TTYs are available inside The Ahwahnee and

Center and Curry Village front desk.

Yosemite Lodge, and outside the Valley Visitor

Yosemite's Campground Reservation Office at the

northeast corner of the Curry Village parking lot.

The Yosemite Accessibility Guide is available at park

www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm

First-come, first-served campsites are also avail-

### **Rotary International**

Meets Thursdays for lunch at noon in The Ahwahnee Mural Room. Visiting Rotarian families and guests welcome. For meeting reservations or information, call 209/372-8459.

### **Religious Services**

### YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

(Nondenominational Christian) Pastor Brent Moore 209/372-4831 Wedding information on our website: www.yosemitevalleychapel.org Various Bible Studies during the week. Counseling provided. Call pastor for appointment.

### Worship Service/Yosemite Valley Chapel

Sunday 9:15 a.m. (Sunday School and Nursery available) May 25: 11:00 a.m. (no child care) Sunday 6:30 p.m. (no child care) Tuesday Bible Study: call Chapel for more info. Thursday 7:00 p.m. May 4: Annual Marriage Renewal Sunday 9:15 a.m. (child care) 11:00 a.m. (no child care)

### **ROMAN CATHOLIC**

Rev. Raymond J. Duffy 209/372-4729

### **Mass in Yosemite Valley** Valley Visitor Center Theater Sunday 10:00 a.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST** (Nondenominational)

Ron Skelton 209/379-2307 or 209/379-2100 El Portal Chapel/Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. Foresta Road, at top of Chapel Lane

### CROSSWAY TRIBE OF JESUS

(Christian Protestant) 209/379-2428 Pastor Steve Hughes

**Worship Gathering** Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. Yosemite Valley Chapel

**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST** *Beginning May 24* Coordinators Ray & Edie DeFehr 209/586-4325 Yosemite Valley at Lower River Amphitheater, across bridge from Housekeeping Camp or left at gate, approx. 1/3 mile north of Stoneman Bridge.

Music Saturday 9:45 a.m. Sabbath School Saturday 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Saturday 11:00 a.m. Potluck Picnic Saturday 12:30 p.m.

**Curry Village** weather permitting

209/372-8344

**RAFT RENTALS** 

**TRAIL RIDES** 

Wawona

GOLF

conditions permitting

**BICYCLE RENTALS** 

8:30 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Yosemite Lodge 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Curry Village** 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Curry Village** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Opens for season May 25, weather and river

**Wawona Hotel** 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/372-8348

# **General Park Information**

Fire - Police - Medical Emergency: Dial 9-1-1, 24<br/>hours a day (from hotel room 9, 9-1-1)To reserve campsites, call the National Recreation<br/>Reservation Service at 877/444-6777 between<br/>7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., or check www.recre-

### **Park Information**

**General Park Information** 

**Park Partner Information** 

**Yosemite Medical Clinic** 

Emergency care: 24 hours daily

www.yosemitepartners.org

Medical

Appointments

209/372-0200 www.nps.gov/yose

Road, Weather, and

**Emergency 9-1-1** 

Guest Lounge 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

### Gifts, Books, & Apparel

### YOSEMITE VILLAGE

The Ansel Adams Gallery 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### **Yosemite Art & Education Center**

9:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Yosemite Bookstore** 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Inside Valley Visitor Center

Yosemite Museum Store 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Village Store** 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. *Beginning May 23* 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Sport Shop** 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Habitat Yosemite** 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### YOSEMITE LODGE

**Gift/Grocery** 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. *Beginning May 23* 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### Nature Shop

Sunday - Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday - Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### THE AHWAHNEE

**Gift Shop** 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Sweet Shop** 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### CURRY VILLAGE

**Mountain Shop** 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Gift/Grocery** 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. *Beginning May 23* 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. the clinic provides routine and emergency medical care, 24-hour paramedic/ambulance services, limited pharmacy, lab, x-ray, physical therapy, and Mountain Crisis Services for victims of domestic violence. 209/372-4637

Drop-in and urgent care: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Located on Ahwahnee Drive in Yosemite Valley,

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

### **PAD** Program

Yosemite's Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Program is designed to protect park visitors and staff from sudden cardiac arrest. All automated external defibrillator (AED) cabinets have been placed in high visitor-use locations and are open and accessible to anyone in the event of a medical emergency. For more information about the PAD Program, contact the Yosemite Medical Clinic.

AEDs can be found at the following locations: Village Store (Yosemite Village); registration desks at Yosemite Lodge, Curry Village, The Ahwahnee, and the Wawona Hotel; Crane Flat Store; Badger Pass Lodge (winter); and Glacier Point (summer).

### **Dental Services**

Adjacent to Yosemite Medical Clinic. For hours, call 209/372-4200. If no answer, call 209/372-4637.

### Accommodations

For advance reservations or information (rooms or activities), call 801/559-5000, or visit *www.YosemitePark.com.* For availability on day of arrival, check at any front desk.

enter the Valley on Southside Drive, and go west (left) on Sentinel Drive. Turn left on Northside Drive, and follow the blue-and-white accessibility signs.

Accessible parking spaces are available just west of

the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. To reach these,

### **Wilderness Permits**

Anyone going into Yosemite's backcountry must have a wilderness permit. Self-register for permits at the Valley Visitor Center (until May 2), Valley Wilderness Center (beginning May 2), Hill's Studio porch (near Wawona Hotel), Big Oak Flat Information Station, Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station, or Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center (when open).

### **Bear Canister Rental**

Canisters are available for \$5 per trip at the Valley Visitor Center Bookstore, the Valley Wilderness Center (beginning May 9), Hill's Studio (beginning May 10), Big Oak Flat Information Station (beginning May 23) and Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center (when Tioga Road opens) and Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station.

### **Recreation** Conditions permitting

### YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL AND GUIDE SERVICE

Yosemite Mountaineering School and Guide Service offers lessons and guided climbing at all levels, overnight backpacking, and guided day hikes to spectacular areas of Yosemite. Opens for season May 16, conditions permitting 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 209/375-6502

Yosemite Valley Stable Shuttle stop #18

2-hour rides depart daily. Call for reservations.

### **SWIMMING POOLS**

*Opens for season May 24, conditions permitting* Curry Village, Yosemite Lodge, and Wawona

### **Tours** Conditions permitting

**Information & Reservations** 209/372-4386 Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Saturday - Sunday 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### **Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk** 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 209/372-1240

**Yosemite Village Tour Desk** 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Curry Village Tour Kiosk 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### SIGHTSEEING TOURS

**Valley Floor Tour** *weather permitting* This 26-mile, 2-hour tour departs several times daily from Yosemite Lodge in Yosemite Valley. Contact any tour desk for times.

### **Moonlight Tour** May 16 - 20 *weather permitting*

**Big Trees Tram Tour** Call 209/375-1621 Opening date depends on weather conditions

**Glacier Point and Grand Tours** *Opening date depends on weather conditions* 

### GENERAL YOSEMITE INFORMATION