

# ACTIVITIES

## YOSEMITE VALLEY

### VALLEY VISITOR CENTER

Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle bus stops #3 and #7). Information, maps, wilderness permits, books, and exhibits. ♻

### YOSEMITE MUSEUM

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Visitor Center. ♻

#### INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch). Displays interpret the cultural history of Yosemite's native Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Demonstrations of basket-weaving, beadwork, and/or traditional games are presented.

#### THE MUSEUM STORE

Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch 12:00–12:30). Carries books and traditional Indian arts and crafts. Closed January 2, 2001 until spring.

### INDIAN VILLAGE OF AHWAHNEE

Located behind the Yosemite Museum and always open. Sometimes there are opportunities to join Indian Cultural Program staff for demonstrations or programs about Ahwahneechee skills and culture. ♻

### SELF-GUIDING TRAILS

There are four self-guiding trails in Yosemite Valley: two near the Visitor Center in the Yosemite Village area, one at the east end of the Valley near Mirror Lake, and one at Curry Village.

*The Miwok in Yosemite* is a short loop trail that meanders through the Indian Village of Ahwahnee, a reconstructed Miwok-Paiute village. A booklet is available at the trailhead and in the Visitor Center. Large-print materials for the visually impaired are available in the Visitor Center. The trail begins behind the Yosemite Museum. ♻

*Changing Yosemite* is a 1-mile trail that begins in front of the Visitor Center, near shuttle bus stop #3. It winds through a nearby meadow and explores the changes that have led to the Yosemite we experience today. A booklet and large-print materials for the visually impaired are available at the Visitor Center. ♻

*Mirror Lake Interpretive Trail* is a short loop adjacent to Mirror Lake, a seasonal lake on Tenaya Creek. Exhibits focus on the rich natural history of the area, Native American use, and cultural history of this popular destination. To reach the start of the trail, walk 1 mile from shuttle bus stop #16 to the restrooms near the lake. The self-guiding trail begins here. ♻

*Legacy of Curry Village* is an easy stroll commemorating the early days of Camp Curry. Pick up a map and guide at the Curry Village front desk or tour desk.

### THE ANSEL ADAMS GALLERY

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village next to the Visitor Center. The Gallery offers work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other fine artists. In addition, a wide selection of handcrafts, books, gifts, and photography supplies are also offered. For more information, call the Gallery at 209/372-4413 or visit their website at [www.adamsgallery.com](http://www.adamsgallery.com).

#### PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS AND SPECIAL EVENTS:

**November 25:** Book signing by William Neill of his new book by Chronicle, *Traces of Time* between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

**December 1 – January 31, 2001** "Traces of Time," new work by William Neill coinciding with release of his new book.

**December 9:** Artist's reception with William Neill between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### YOSEMITE CEMETERY

This historic cemetery is located across the street and just west of the Yosemite Museum. Galen Clark is buried here, along with other pioneer park visitors, Native Americans, and people who played important roles in the development of what is now Yosemite National Park. A *Guide to the Yosemite Cemetery* is available at the Visitor Center.

## WALKS & TALKS

Join a ranger for an easy walk to explore Yosemite's natural and cultural history. Programs are usually offered daily in the afternoons. Topics may include geology, forest ecology, wildlife, waterfalls, human history, and current park management issues. Snowshoe walks are offered on Sundays in the Tuolumne Grove, and daily at Badger Pass.

## EVENING PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Evening programs include talks, films, slide presentations, storytelling, and music about Yosemite's human and natural heritage. Offered by either National Park Service (NPS) rangers, staff from Yosemite Concession Services (YCS), or the Ansel Adams Gallery, these programs last one hour and are held indoors during the winter.



## JUST FOR KIDS

Kids love the challenge of a scavenger hunt! Stop by the Curry Village front desk or tour desk to take part in a childrens' Curry Centennial Scavenger Hunt. Pick up a handout and, upon completion, return it for a commemorative button.

*Kid's Night Out:* Kid's 7-12 can spend their parents out for dinner and enjoy dinner and crafts, stories, and games in a fun and educational manner from 5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Saturday night at Curry Village or Yosemite Village. Sign up at any tour desk. Cost is \$12.50/child and \$10 for each additional child. Cost includes dinner and supplies. (Begins January 6)



This symbol indicates programs and facilities suitable for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

### YOSEMITE WINTER THEATER

Come help Yosemite Theater celebrate its seventeenth season! The National Park Service recognizes Yosemite Theater as the best interpretive program of its type in the National Park System. Tickets may be purchased at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center or Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk in advance, or if seating is still available, at the time of performance. All winter shows are held at the Yosemite Lodge and are accessible to visitors with disabilities. Check with the Valley Visitor Center or the Yosemite Lodge tour desk for specific location.

Please check at the Visitor Center or Yosemite Lodge Tour desk for additional shows not listed in this guide.

#### JOHN MUIR IN YOSEMITE

Actor Lee Stetson's vibrant portrayal of John Muir has enthralled Yosemite visitors for the past 17 years. Catch his must-see show during a limited holiday engagement. In *The Spirit of John Muir: Stories of Ice and Snow*, he'll delight audiences with tales of Muir's daring winter adventures. Each show is 1½ hours. Tickets are \$7/adults, \$6/seniors (62+), and \$3/children (12 and under). December 22, 23, 25, 26, and 29 only. See schedule below for dates and times.

YCS = Yosemite Concession Services  
NPS = National Park Service

AAG = Ansel Adams Gallery  
\$ = Program offered for a fee

Yosemite Theater programs are in shaded boxes below and are offered for a fee. See prices above.

Programs listed below in color are especially for children and families.

### MONDAY

**1:00 p.m.**  
Ranger Talk/Walk—Park Protectors, 1 to 1½ hours  
Front of the Visitor Center ♻

**2:00 p.m.**  
Ranger Walk—Yosemite's First People, 1 to 1½ hours  
Behind the Visitor Center ♻

**6:30 p.m.**  
Full Moon Snowshoe Walk (Dec 11, Jan 8, and April 9 only; no experience necessary), 2 hours, Badger Pass Lodge, sign up necessary at any lodge tour desk (YCS) \$

**7:30 p.m.**  
Fireside Storytelling, 1 hour, The Ahwahnee, Great Lounge fireplace (YCS) ♻

Evening Program, 1 hour  
Check for location at Visitor Center or any lodge front desk (YCS/NPS) ♻

Yosemite Theater – *The Spirit of John Muir: Stories of Snow and Ice* (December 25 only), 1½ hours, Yosemite Lodge ♻ \$

### TUESDAY

**8:30 a.m.**  
Camera Walk (begins March 6), 2 hours  
Sign up/Meet at Yosemite Lodge tour desk (YCS)

**1:00 p.m.**  
Ranger Talk/Walk—Nature's Power: Geology and Water (except December 5 and February 6), 1 to 1½ hours, shuttle bus stop #4

**6:30 p.m.**  
Full Moon Snowshoe Walk (Dec 12, Jan 9 only; no experience necessary) 2 hours, Badger Pass Lodge, sign up necessary at any lodge tour desk (YCS) \$

**7:30 p.m.**  
Evening Program, 1 hour  
Check for location at Visitor Center or any lodge front desk (YCS/NPS) ♻

Yosemite Theater – *The Spirit of John Muir: Stories of Snow and Ice* (December 26 only), 1½ hours, Yosemite Lodge ♻ \$

### WEDNESDAY

**1:00 p.m.**  
Ranger Talk/Walk—Winter Ecology – How do they survive? (except February 7), 1 to 1½ hours, shuttle bus stop #10

**6:30 p.m.**  
Historic Ahwahnee Tour (except Nov 22), 1 hour  
Sign up at The Ahwahnee front desk (YCS)

**Full Moon Snowshoe Walk** (Jan 10, Feb 7 only; no experience necessary) 2 hours, Badger Pass Lodge, sign up necessary at any lodge tour desk (YCS) \$

**7:30 p.m.**  
Evening Program, 1 hour  
Check for location at Visitor Center or any lodge front desk (YCS/NPS) ♻

### THURSDAY

**1:00 p.m.**  
Ranger Talk/Walk—Yosemite's Legacy, 1 to 1½ hours  
In front of the Visitor Center ♻

**6:30 p.m.**  
Full Moon Snowshoe Walk (Feb. 8, March 8 only; no experience necessary) 2 hours, Badger Pass Lodge, sign up necessary at any lodge tour desk (YCS) \$

**7:30 p.m.**  
Evening Program, 1 hour  
Check for location at Visitor Center or any lodge front desk (YCS/NPS) ♻

### FRIDAY

**9:00 a.m.**  
Color Landscape Photography, Two-hour photography walk and class taught by staff photographers. Limited to 15 participants. Sign up in advance/meet on The Ansel Adams Gallery front porch. Weather permitting

**10:00 a.m.**  
Ranger Talk/Walk—Industries of the Ahwahneechee, 1 to 1½ hours  
Behind Visitor Center ♻

**1:00 p.m.**  
Ranger Talk/Walk—Trees in Winter, 1 to 1½ hours, shuttle bus stop #10

**6:30 p.m.**  
Full Moon Snowshoe Walk (Feb. 9, March 9 only; no experience necessary) 2 hours, Badger Pass Lodge, sign up necessary at any lodge tour desk (YCS) \$  
Historic Ahwahnee Tour, 1 hour, sign up at The Ahwahnee front desk (YCS)

**7:30 p.m.**  
Family Sing-a-Long with Singer/Songwriter Gail Dreifus (begins January 5) 1 hour, check any lodge front desk for location

Evening Program (ends December 29), 1 hour  
Check for location at Visitor Center or any lodge front desk (YCS/NPS)

**8:00 p.m.**  
Yosemite Theater – *The Spirit of John Muir: Stories of Snow and Ice* (December 22 and 29 only), 1½ hours, Yosemite Lodge ♻ \$

### SATURDAY

**9:00 a.m.**  
Color and Digital Photography, Two-hour photography walk and class taught by staff photographers. Limited to 15 participants. Sign up in advance/meet on The Ansel Adams Gallery front porch. Weather permitting

**10:30 a.m.**  
Fine Print Viewing, Venture into our fine print room with our curator for a closer look at photography represented by The Ansel Adams Gallery. Limited to five participants per viewing. Sign up in advance at the Gallery

**11:00 a.m.**  
Ranger Talk/Walk—Planning for Yosemite's Future, 1½ hours  
In front of Visitor Center

**1:00 p.m.**  
Ranger Talk/Walk—Water and Waterfalls, 1 to 1½ hours, shuttle bus stop #4

**5:30 p.m.**  
A Kid's Night Out (begins Jan 6), 2 hours (see activity description above)  
Sign up at the Yosemite Lodge (YCS) \$

**7:30 p.m.**  
Evening Program, 1 hour, check at Visitor Center or Yosemite Lodge for location (NPS) ♻

**8:00 p.m.**  
Yosemite Theater – *The Spirit of John Muir: Stories of Snow and Ice* (December 23 only), 1½ hours, Yosemite Lodge ♻ \$

### SUNDAY

**10:00 a.m.**  
Ranger Walk—Ahwahneechee Stories and Games, 1 to 1½ hours  
Behind Visitor Center ♻

**11:00 a.m.**  
Ranger Walk—Sequoias in Winter, 3-4 hours, bring your lunch, walk cancelled in inclement weather or during dangerous road conditions. Tuolumne Grove parking lot (\$3 fee for showshoes)

**6:30 p.m.**  
Full Moon Snowshoe Walk (Dec 10 and April 8 only; no experience necessary), 2 hours, Badger Pass Lodge, sign up necessary at any lodge tour desk (YCS) \$

**7:30 p.m.**  
Ansel Adams: Photographer Film, 1 hour, a closer look at Ansel Adams's life in Yosemite and his years as a photographer, check at Visitor Center or any lodge front desk for location (AAG)

## FREE ART CLASSES THANKSGIVING WEEK

Chris Van Winkle will teach free, informal outdoor watercolor classes for adults through the Art Activity Center during the week of November 20-26. The Center is located in Yosemite Valley next to the Village Store. Supplies are available for purchase at the Center which will be open 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during this week. Classes begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until 2:00 p.m.