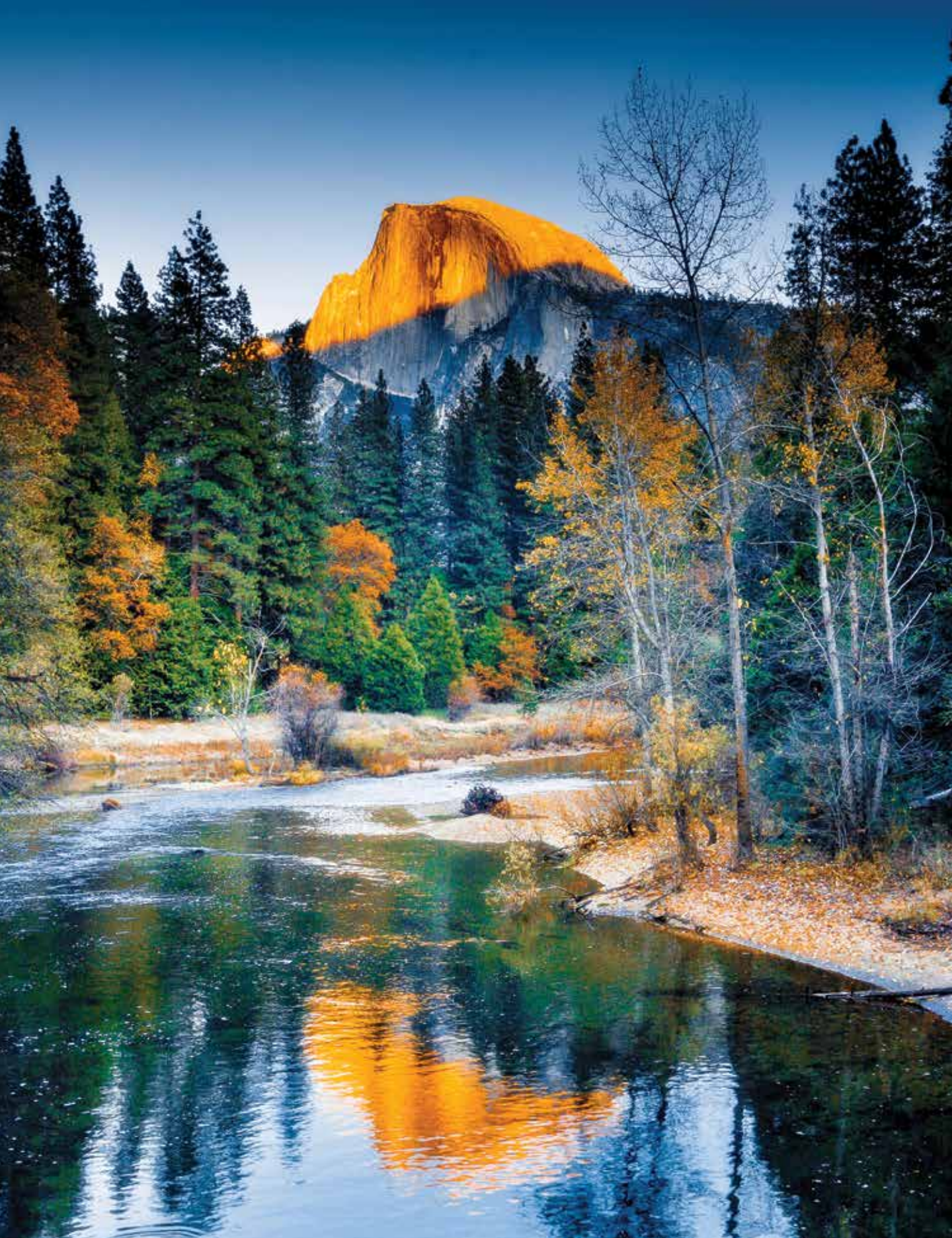


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YOUR ADVENTURE STARTS HERE

While the possibilities are endless to enjoy Yosemite National Park and the surrounding county, this guide will help you take it all in and ensure you make the most of your trip. Visit the must-sees, such as Half Dome and Yosemite Falls, experience Gold Rush history at one of the many museums, bike or hike the nearly endless paths and trails, or just take in the scenery at one of the many relaxing hotels, resorts, vacation rentals or B&B's.

... Happy traveling!





TUOLUMNE MEADOWS



TENAYA LAKE



YOSEMITE
NATIONAL PARK

YOSEMITE VALLEY



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YOSEMITE WEST



BADGER PASS



MARIPOSA GROVE



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MARIPOSA



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WELCOME TO ADVENTURE COUNTY



Nestled among natural monuments, vineyards, and historic Gold Rush landmarks, Mariposa County, home to Yosemite National Park, is Adventure County!

Located about 200 miles east of San Francisco, 300 miles north of Los Angeles and a little more than 400 miles northwest of Las Vegas, it is a must-see for any California tour itinerary. Alive with possibility, it's a world-class destination for all seasons that inspires curiosity, refreshes the soul, and proves that you don't need to be rich to live life to its fullest. The simple pleasures here are closer than you think—less than a tank of gas away for most Californians.

There's a lot to see, but this county is not just for viewing from a distance. It invites you to approach and experience it first-hand. Escape the daily grind, stand among millennia-old giant sequoias and impossibly high waterfalls, raft down the scenic Merced River, and discover all this remarkable place has to offer.

OUR HISTORY

In your travels through Mariposa, you might hear it referred to as the “Mother of all Counties.” That’s not meant as a boast. When California was granted statehood in 1850, Mariposa County was by far the largest county, comprising about one-fifth of the state. (It was later subdivided into eleven additional counties.) Soon after, the discovery of gold lured prospectors by the thousands, all with dreams of striking it rich.

The easy gold only lasted for a couple of decades, but it lasted long enough for roads and railways to be built. Communities evolved even as the local economy was shifting to quartz mining, ranching, farming and logging. Today’s visitors will find many remnants from those early days, from preserved landmarks to obscure ruins—all of them a testament to the county’s fascinating past.

With Yosemite National Park in Mariposa’s backyard, tourism played a role as far back as the 1870s, though it didn’t really take off until automobile travel did too. Nowadays, about four million people visit Yosemite National Park each year. Over the years, the county has become host to a wide variety of popular annual festivals and events. Joining these activities is a great way to experience more of the region’s history and culture during your visit.





WHAT'S YOUR ADVENTURE?

Adventure County, home of Yosemite National Park, is known for its picturesque scenery, welcoming locals, charming & historic foothill communities, annual festivals, and of course, great outdoor recreation.

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The climate is also welcoming, with mild summers and winters, colorful springs and falls, and sunny skies most days of the year.

Adventure County draws people from all walks of life. Thrill-seekers come for the whitewater rafting, ziplining, and world-class rock climbing. Nature enthusiasts marvel at the variety of wildlife, from delicate butterflies to majestic great grey owls. Photographers

and artists find wells of inspiration. The historians will enjoy our museums, authentic 19th century architecture, and Gold Rush-era remnants such as working stampmills. Visitors enjoy feeling as though they've stepped back in time, and the pace is a welcomed change. So breathe deep of the mountain air and relax, you're headed to Adventure County, and we can't wait to welcome you.





TRAVEL TIPS

Be Careful with GPS

Yosemite National Park encompasses 1,200 square miles of mostly wilderness – so typing “Yosemite” in your GPS may take you to some far out places – literally! Instead make sure you use the exact address of where you are going, and stay on the routes of major highways - don’t take shortcuts.

Are Tire Chains Required?

Yosemite National Park is open year round but the park service recommends tire chains when visiting from November through March. Chains are also available for purchase or rent in Mariposa and Fish Camp. Due to occasional storms, chains may become required if conditions call for them. Call **209/372-0200** (press 1 then 1) for current road conditions.

Take YARTS

No tire chain experience? No problem! Take the Yosemite Area Regional Transit System (YARTS) bus. YARTS has daily, year-round routes with affordable rates all along the Highway 140 corridor with stops near hotels in Mariposa, Midpines, El Portal and on Highway 41 at Fishcamp. Routes from Highway 120 and Tioga Pass are available seasonally. YARTS has connections to Yosemite from Amtrak and Greyhound stations and from the Fresno/Yosemite International Airport.

*For more information visit **Yarts.com***

More Travel Tools

Visit our website to explore live webcams, find tips to avoid summer traffic congestion, and much more at **yosemiteexperience.com/travel-tools**

ABOUT YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Yosemite National Park has the unique ability to amaze, charm, and surprise, no matter how many times you've been there. Many people visit, yet few ever see Yosemite in its entirety—which would take some time indeed.

Established as one of the first national parks in October 1890, the protected territory encompasses 1,200 square miles of scenic wilderness in the Sierra Nevada, ranging from 2,000 feet above sea level to

more than 13,000 feet. About 4 million people visit each year, most during the summer, but Yosemite offers real adventure and inspiration for every season and every type of traveler.

TOP 5 MUST SEE

Yosemite sightseeing is all about the great outdoors and everything you can do to immerse yourself in it. Take a quick tour of some of the natural wonders you'll find here. Be sure to stay a few days, or else you'll feel rushed trying to discover it all.

1 *Big Rocks!*

Granite, water, and light are the hallmarks of Yosemite and the granite monoliths here are unrivaled. Half Dome is among the most iconic rock formations in the world and at more than 3,000 feet from base to summit, El Capitan is one of the largest. You'll find them both and many more in Yosemite Valley. For some of the best views of these icons drive up to Glacier Point or stop in at Tunnel View.

2 *Waterfalls*

The best-known is Yosemite Falls and it is also one of the tallest in North America and fifth highest in the world with a total drop of 2,425 feet—nearly half a mile. There are countless others to explore as well including Ribbon Fall, Bridalveil Fall, and Chilnualna Falls. Early spring is the best time to visit for waterfalls.

3 *The Locals*

Yosemite is home to many species of wildlife, including American black bears, majestic great gray owls, plucky marmots, tiny pikas, and much more. Seeing any of these animals in their natural home makes for an unforgettable experience but remember these tips to help protect them. First, drive slow! Bears, coyotes, and other wildlife are often seen crossing the roads, and are sometimes hit by speeding cars. Second, never approach or feed the wildlife; help keep them wild. Lastly, always use a bear-proof food locker when camping and never leave any food or anything with a scent in your car. Yosemite bears are very clever and can sometimes cause damage to vehicles and campsites in their search for food.

4 *Big Trees*

The most impressive plant specimen in the park is the giant sequoia, considered to be the most massive living thing on earth. The largest of the groves, Mariposa Grove, is undergoing restoration through 2016, but you can still enjoy these beautiful trees by visiting the Merced and Tuolumne Groves.

5 *"Wild and Scenic" Rivers and Jewel Lakes*

Sunbathe at the banks of the Merced River beneath Half Dome, picnic at the Tenaya Lake, the so-called "Jewel of the High Country," or just venture just outside Yosemite's border to experience whitewater rafting thrills!



TOP 10 THINGS TO DO

1 *Get on the Trail!*

Get out of your car and plan to spend at least one full day exploring the more than 800 miles of trail in Yosemite National Park. There is some type of incredible hike available in every season and for every fitness level.

2 *Cruise the Valley Floor*

One of the best ways to see the valley floor is by cruising around on a bike. Within Yosemite, there are 12 miles of designated bike trails in the eastern end of Yosemite Valley – rent a cruiser and go exploring. For mountain bikers, many forest service roads

in the Midpines area and near Stockton Creek in Mariposa are not to be missed!

3 *Guided Programs*

Explore with an expert! There are several fun programs to choose from including photography and naturalist walks, stargazing and tram tours, and ranger programs. Turn to page 26 to learn more.

4 *Museums & Living History*

Stop by the Yosemite Museum to explore a replica Native American village and learn about ancient

traditions and basket-weaving from cultural demonstrators. Plan a day exploring one of the several historical sites and museums in Mariposa, including the California State Mining and Mineral Museum. Go back in time at the Yosemite Pioneer History Center in Wawona and take a ride in an authentic stagecoach. Turn to page 22 to learn more!

5 *Ziplining Adventures*

The Yosemite Zipline and Adventure Ranch, located in Mariposa, offers horseback riding, ziplining on six different tracks, aerial ropes courses, gold-panning and more!





6 *Kid's Programs*

Yosemite is a natural playground for all ages. Wee Wild Ones is a program that features stories, songs, crafts, games, and other activities for kids 6 and under. The Story Time program delivers entertaining storytelling for kids age 12 and under and Ranger Ned's Big Adventure is theatrical fun for the whole family. Ask about Junior Ranger programs at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center for kids 7 to 12.

7 *Watersports*

In spring enjoy whitewater rafting in the Merced River Canyon, followed by an afternoon of picnicking and sunbathing on the banks of the beautiful Merced River. For a gentler ride, go

upstream into Yosemite National Park, where large rafts can be rented for easy gliding down the river. See page 33 for more information.

8 *Horseback & Mule Riding*

Nothing takes you back in time quite like a trip through breath taking scenery on horseback. Within the park, stables offer two-hour, four-hour and all-day guided rides via horse and mule from Yosemite Valley and Wawona. In Fishcamp, just outside the south entrance Highway 41, you can find horseback riding and sleigh rides at Yosemite Trails Saddle and Sleigh Company (available seasonally)!

9 *Rock Climbing*

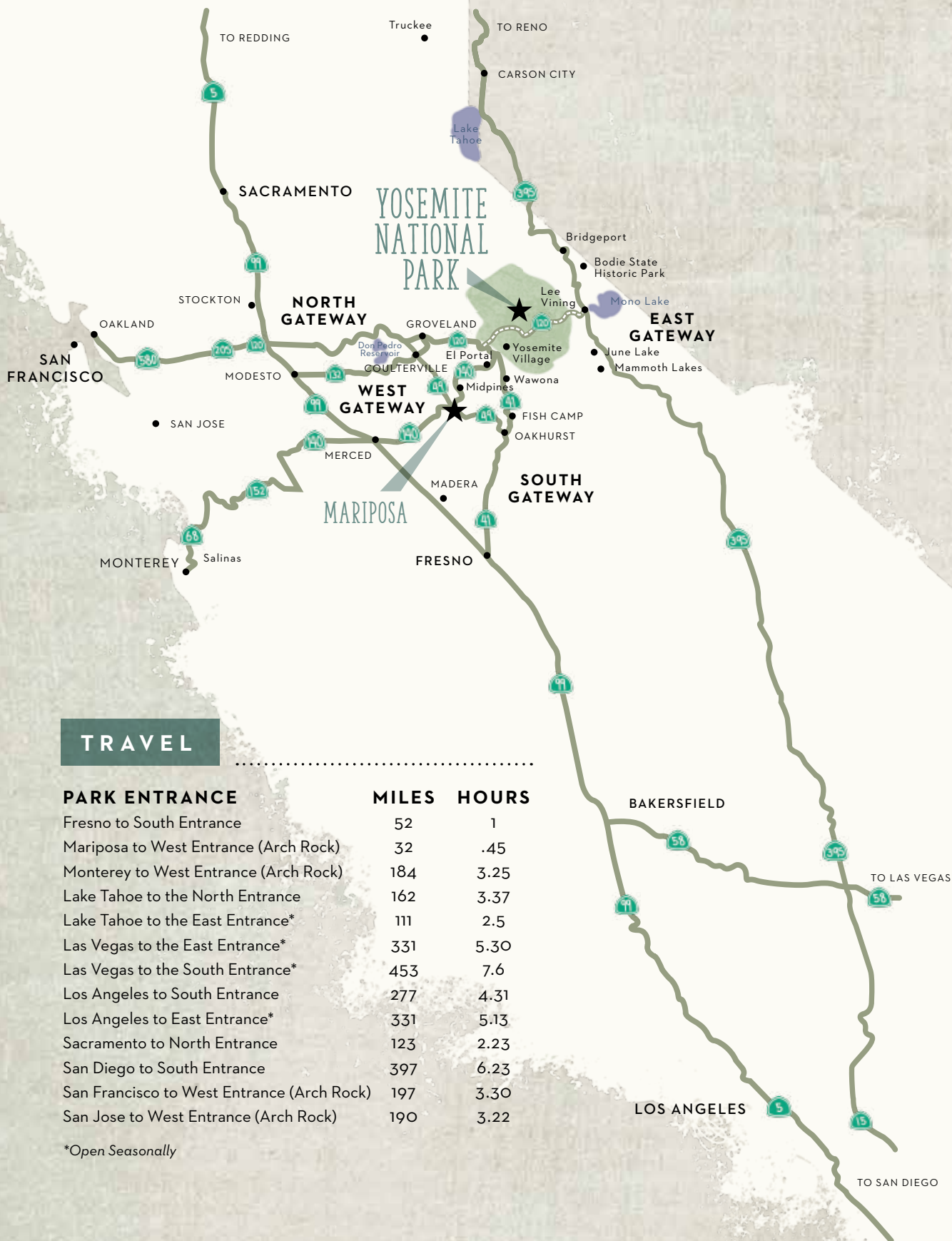
As a valley with 3,000-foot sheer granite walls, Yosemite is a world famous rock climbing destination. Non-climbers may simply enjoy a picnic lunch while watching the most elite on their way up El Capitan. If your interest surpasses your fear of heights, Yosemite Mountaineering School is a great place to "learn the ropes." It's open in Yosemite Valley all year, and at Tuolumne Meadows during the summer!

10 *Relaxing*

After all those adventures, you've earned some R&R. Enjoy one of the areas many relaxing spas and wellness activities. Turn to page 39 to learn more!







TRAVEL

PARK ENTRANCE

	MILES	HOURS
Fresno to South Entrance	52	1
Mariposa to West Entrance (Arch Rock)	32	.45
Monterey to West Entrance (Arch Rock)	184	3.25
Lake Tahoe to the North Entrance	162	3.37
Lake Tahoe to the East Entrance*	111	2.5
Las Vegas to the East Entrance*	331	5.30
Las Vegas to the South Entrance*	453	7.6
Los Angeles to South Entrance	277	4.31
Los Angeles to East Entrance*	331	5.13
Sacramento to North Entrance	123	2.23
San Diego to South Entrance	397	6.23
San Francisco to West Entrance (Arch Rock)	197	3.30
San Jose to West Entrance (Arch Rock)	190	3.22

*Open Seasonally

GETTING HERE

There are four entrances to Yosemite National Park, all of which go through Mariposa County.

The South Entrance is on Highway 41, 64 miles north of Fresno; West Entrance is on Highway 140, 75 miles northeast of Merced; North Entrance is on Highway 120, 88 miles from Manteca; and East Entrance is on Highway 120, 10 miles west of Lee Vining.

The park is open year-round. However, Tioga Pass, Glacier Point, and Mariposa Grove roads are typically closed from October/November through May/June due to snow. Other roads may close temporarily due to heavy snow, rockslides or road repairs. Call the National Park Service information line at 209-372-0200 for the latest road and weather updates.

GETTING IN

The park's general entrance fee per car or RV is \$30 from April through October, \$25 from November through March. This is valid for unlimited entries to Yosemite for seven days, and includes admission for all occupants of the car. Other admission options include the Yosemite Pass (\$60, valid for one year), the Access Pass (free for US citizens or permanent residents with permanent

disabilities), and the Senior Pass (a \$10 lifetime admission for US citizens or permanent residents aged 62 or older). Obtain these passes at any park entrance station.

In Yosemite, pets are allowed on fully paved trails, roads and most campgrounds, if on a leash 6 feet or shorter. Ask about pet-friendly services and areas when making reservations.

GETTING AROUND

Driving

In summer your best bet is to arrive early and leave late. Even on the busiest driving days in Yosemite Valley, traffic does build up around 9 or 10 a.m. and then subsides at 6 or 7 p.m. Take advantage of the quiet times to get in and out of the valley. Drive into the valley and park – then take the free hybrid shuttles to your destinations and trailheads within the valley floor.

Ride the Bus

If you prefer relaxing in an air-conditioned, state-of-the-art coach on your journey then YARTS (Yosemite Area Rapid Transit System) is the option for you. YARTS operates 365 days each year on the Highway 140 corridor (Merced to Yosemite National Park, through Mariposa County) with multiple runs each day.

YARTS also operates during the summers in Tuolumne and Mono Counties. For schedules and ticket information contact www.yarts.com. Once you arrive at Yosemite you can still take advantage of stress-free sightseeing by hopping on the Yosemite Shuttle on the valley floor. The shuttles are free and you can find the schedules at www.nps.gov.

Ride a Bicycle

Biking is one of the best ways to get around the valley floor, especially during the busier summer months. Twelve miles of paved bike trails allow traffic-free travel to most places within the eastern end of Yosemite Valley. Bicycle rentals are available at the Curry Village Recreation Center and at the Yosemite Lodge Bike Stand, weather conditions permitting.

Walk

Walking is the simplest method of all. Bring your camera, and really stop to smell the wildflowers along the way.



MARIPOSA COUNTY

COMMUNITIES & TOWNS



Highway 140

If you're arriving on Highway 140, the first Mariposa community you reach is Catheys Valley, which originated as a mining community in the early 1850s. This is a great place to explore by bicycle, especially in the springtime when wildflowers and butterflies abound.

Definitely worth a side trip is the quiet town of Hornitos, west of Catheys Valley. Back in its mining heyday, the plaza in Hornitos was probably one of the wildest spots in California, with monte tables, fandango halls, shooting scrapes, and gold dust in abundance. Joaquin Murietta, an outlaw who gained Robin Hood-like notoriety, is said to have frequented saloons like the old Plaza Bar and made many an escape through a secret passageway under the old Campodonica store.

Further up scenic Highway 140, you'll find the historical town (and county seat) of Mariposa. Highway 140 and Highway 49 intersect in the center of town. Several disastrous fires early in the settlement's history convinced settlers to rebuild with stone, brick and adobe. Many of those structures still exist today and have been in more or less continuous use without need for major restoration. You'll feel as if you're reliving the Old West as you stroll up the historic main street. The town also boasts a number of excellent wineries, restaurants and shops.

Continuing northeast, Highway 140 climbs over the Midpines Summit (elev. 2960) and drops in elevation as you wind your way towards the beautiful Merced River Canyon.

Highway 140 is the "All Season" Motor Coach Highway.

Here, it's easy to find hiking trails, swimming holes, fishing spots, and whitewater rafting outfits (seasonally).

Continuing up Highway 140, a picturesque suspension bridge crosses the Merced River at Briceburg. The former Yosemite Valley Railroad, which ran along the river's north bank, is flanked by several campgrounds and beaches.

From Briceburg, the highway follows the Merced Canyon to El Portal, where you can find picnic areas, campgrounds, and a fully-restored logging locomotive and caboose on display.

From El Portal it's just a short drive to Yosemite Valley through the Arch Rock Entrance. Be sure to stop and pose at the Yosemite National Park sign before entering.



YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK



Highway 41

The air cools and the scent of pine mingles with fir and cedar as you head toward Mariposa County's southern border on Highway 41. The community of Fish Camp, just two miles from the Yosemite National Park boundary, is home to charming bed-and-breakfast inns, cabin rentals, and magnificent Four-Diamond luxury accommodations.

Once inside the park borders, continue north to Wawona, where you'll find the Victorian-era Wawona Hotel, the Pioneer Yosemite History Center, and the Wawona golf course. Vacation rentals are abundant here, many in close proximity to Chilnualna Falls.

The South Fork of the Merced, crossed by a historic covered bridge, flows gently through Wawona, a lovely place to camp, meditate, or swim.

The Wawona Road continues on to Yosemite Valley, passing through Yosemite West, where a number of privately-owned mountain homes and condos are offered as vacation rentals. At Chinquapin, the Glacier Point Road leads to the Badger Pass Ski Area in winter, and to Glacier Point in summer. Descending to Tunnel View, the road offers a spectacular panoramic view of Yosemite Valley, with famous landmarks including Bridalveil Falls, Half Dome, and El Capitan.



Highway 132

JOHN MUIR HIGHWAY

All roads into Yosemite run through Mariposa County, the heart of Gold Country. For travelers arriving from the west, Highway 132 provides a scenic, laid back route to Yosemite's north entrance.

Continue east on Highway 132 to reach Lake McClure and Lake Don Pedro—both a water lovers' paradise, offering camping, fishing and sailing. Imagine spending several days on a houseboat or enjoying beautiful weather while water skiing or jet skiing. There are nearly 20,000 acres of water to enjoy.

At the intersection of state Highways 49 and 132, the community of Coulterville is a wonderful example of a truly unspoiled Gold Rush town. Coulterville features more than 40 historical buildings. Take the downtown walking tour to see why Coulterville has been named a California State Historic Site. Highway 132 from Coulterville to Highway 120 is now the John Muir Historic Route (J132) in honor of the world-renowned explorer and preservationist, who took the same route on an early journey into Yosemite over 100 years ago.

After Coulterville, Highway J132 climbs toward Greeley Hill, offering impressive vistas in every direction.

HISTORIC SITES & MUSEUMS

The historic and natural sites throughout Mariposa County and Yosemite National Park all have fascinating stories to tell. The best way to learn about those stories and gain a fuller perspective is by visiting some of the wonderful museums and landmarks here.

California State Mining & Mineral Museum

MARIPOSA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Get a fascinating glimpse of California's mineral wealth, colorful history and geologic diversity. The State's official collection contains over 13,000 gems, minerals and mining artifacts, including the "Fricot Nugget," a rare and beautiful 13.8-pound piece of crystalline gold found in the American River in 1864.

Learn more at Parks.Ca.gov

John Muir Geotourism Center

COULTERVILLE

The John Muir Geotourism Center celebrates geotourism, a type of travel that sustains or enhances the geographical character of a place. Explore exhibits, nature programs, and special events.

Learn more at JohnMuir.us

Mariposa County Courthouse

MARIPOSA

Completed in 1854, the Mariposa County Courthouse is the oldest superior courthouse west of the Mississippi and the oldest courthouse in continuous use west of the Rockies. Feel free to take a peek inside during normal business hours. (Naturally, security checks and rules of appropriate behavior are in effect.) Free to the public.

To setup your tour call 866-HALFDOME

Mariposa Museum & History Center

MARIPOSA

This award-winning small museum presents an authentic picture of people and life in Mariposa, concentrating on the Gold Rush and late 19th century. Exhibits include artifacts of the mining days and rooms re-creating old dwellings and stores from the era.

Learn more at MariposaMuseum.com

Northern Mariposa County History Center

COULTERVILLE

If you really want to see what a Gold Rush town looked like back in the day, Coulterville is the place to go. With over 40 historical buildings and landmarks, the town has a fascinating history.

Learn more at CoultervilleHistoryCenter.org

Pioneer Yosemite History Center

WAWONA

Across the covered bridge from the Wawona Store, the Pioneer Yosemite History Center brings to life the early days of European settlements in Yosemite and the experiences of tourists visiting the park in the nineteenth century, including several horse-drawn wagons. It also explains the inspiration and origin of our National Park system.

Learn more at YosemiteExperience.com/Pioneer-History

Yosemite Museum

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Yosemite Museum tells what we know of native Miwok and Paiute people since European settlers began arriving in droves from 1850 on. Behind Yosemite Museum is the Indian Village of Ahwahnee, a re-creation of an Indian settlement in the Yosemite Valley.

Learn more at YosemiteExperience.com/Yosemite-Museum







A DESTINATION FOR ALL SEASONS

Visit Mariposa County and Yosemite in all four seasons. Bring layers of clothing, since on any given day, temperatures vary with the elevation and hour. Whatever the season, there's plenty of exciting things to see and do.

WINTER

Winter in Yosemite is an almost mystical experience. The serene blanketed landscape is punctuated by the sights and sounds of visitors having a great time in this winter wonderland. Some enjoy skiing downhill at Badger Pass Ski Area. Others take on the trails cross-country style or snowshoe through the giant sequoia groves. And after a day of tubing or ice skating, nothing beats warming up next to a roaring campfire.

tip: Winter is also this time to enjoy greater availability and enticing lodging deals.

SUMMER

Summer is a great time to plan your escape. If you're a water lover, it's the perfect time to hit Lakes Don Pedro & McClure or swing in the Merced River. This is the peak visitation season in Yosemite, so head up to the High Country and Tuolumne Meadows to find opportunities for solitude and some of the best hiking trails in the park.

tip: After a full day of hiking, plan on enjoying a flight of locally brewed beers in the town of Mariposa.

SPRING

Spring is, simply put, a must-see. As winter recedes, the park comes to life in dramatic fashion. Rushing waterfalls are at their peak, and butterflies alight on blooming wildflowers everywhere. Visitors can still take advantage of winter conditions at higher elevations or enjoy the warmth of the sun in the low-lying areas.

tip: For the best springtime wildflowers take Highway 140 to Hite Cove in El Portal for an explosion of poppies, lupines, and more.

FALL

Fall brings a veritable fireworks display of red, orange, and yellow leaves. It's so breathtaking it brings out the amateur photographer in many visitors. Days are generally mild and this is a great time for hiking around the valley floor or exploring the giant sequoia groves.

tip: Seek out Cook's Meadow at dawn to experience the "awe" in autumn.

GUIDED TOURS & PROGRAMS

Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts at Yosemite

Delaware North Companies at Yosemite offers a wide range of guided tours and programs from twilight strolls and stargazing tours, to natural and cultural history programs, tours at The Ahwahnee, photography and camera walks, and programs for young children.

*Sign up for Yosemite Valley tours at any Tour and Activities Desk or call **209-372-4FUN** or visit **YosemitePark.com***

Yosemite Conservancy

Yosemite Conservancy is dedicated to enhancing the visitor experience and providing a deeper connection to the park through outdoor adventures, volunteering, and arts programs. Join a Conservancy art workshop, volunteer program, or guided hike with a naturalist on a variety of subjects from photography to cultural history. Every program you enjoy helps provide essential funding for the continued preservation of the park.

*Learn more **YosemiteConservancy.org** or call **209-379-2317 ext. 10***

NatureBridge

NatureBridge is the largest educational partner of the National Park Service. Nature Bridge provides children aged 10-17 with customized, hands-on, educational adventures in the world's greatest classroom: Yosemite National Park.

*To find out more, call **209-379-9511** or visit **NatureBridge.org***

Ranger & Interpretive Programming

Park rangers offer a range of free informative and inspiring walks to learn about Yosemite. All regularly scheduled programs are listed in the Yosemite Guide.

*Visit **YosemiteExperience.com/Yosemite-Guide** to check out the programs available during your visit.*

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Get your selfie stick ready to capture these top five Yosemite photo vistas.

TOP 5 PLACES TO GET THE SHOT!

1 *Tunnel View*

Made famous by Ansel Adams it is one of the best places in the park to get El Capitan, Half Dome, and Bridelveil Fall all in the same iconic shot. Look for it off Highway 41.

2 *Glacier Point & Sentinel Dome*

A 45 minute drive off Highway 41 will bring you to Glacier Point, with an iconic view of Half Dome, Yosemite Falls and the high country. If you want to stretch your legs – look for the Sentinel Dome trailhead off Glacier Point Road for a 2 mile roundtrip hike with similar views!

3 *Olmsted Point*

Off the Tioga Pass Road and only accessible in summer and early fall, Olmsted Point offers a view into Tenaya Canyon and a unique look at the northern side of Half Dome.

4 *Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias*

Among the most massive and oldest living things on the planet, giant sequoias are definitely worth the detour from the valley.

5 *Lower Yosemite Falls*

Lower Yosemite Falls can be accessed by an easy 1/2 mile of paved and wheelchair accessible trail. Go in spring for the best views and to feel the spray from the falls!

Once you get the shot be sure to share it: **#yosemitenation** on Facebook, Flickr, Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest.







HIKING

For the fullest experience of Yosemite National Park and the surrounding areas – get on the trail!

Whether you are looking for a rigorous day-hike to dramatic vistas, or a leisurely saunter through shaded forest paths, there is a hike for everyone. Plan to enjoy at least one day hike during your visit. Below are just a few examples, find more at **YosemiteExperience.com**.

YOSEMITE VALLEY

Sentinel Bridge to Yosemite Falls

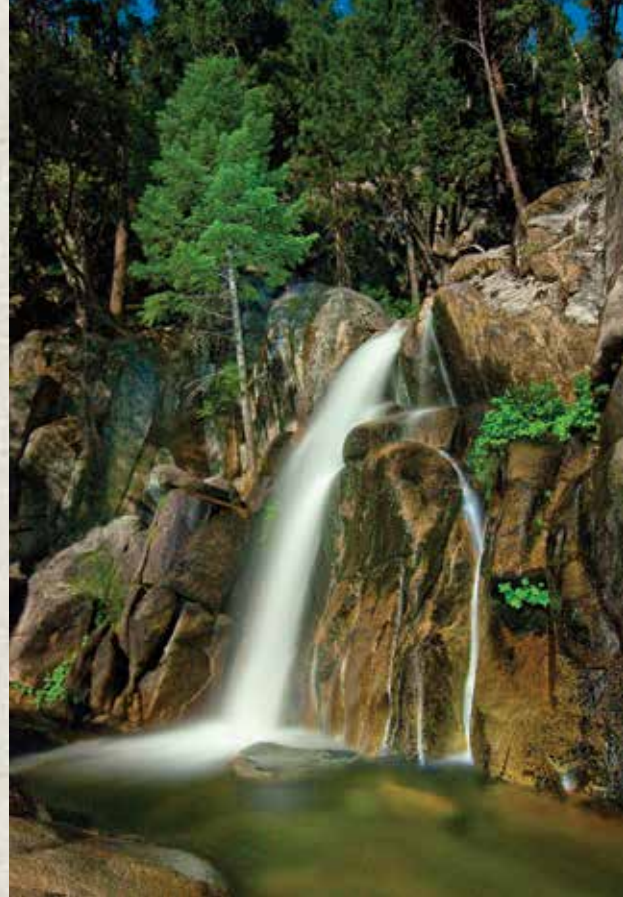
LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY - EASY

Take in the breathtaking drama of the entire valley. Enjoy almost 3 miles of easy walking and some of the most unforgettable Yosemite scenery. Crossing the famous Sentinel Bridge you will see the Yosemite Chapel, one of Yosemite's oldest buildings. The trail continues through open meadows and thick green forest, bringing you to the edge of the beautiful Merced River. The perfect place to stop, rest and enjoy a picnic lunch. Witness the grandeur of Yosemite Falls and panoramic views of Cathedral Rocks, Half Dome, Clouds Rest, and the Royal Arches.

Columbia Rock from the Upper Yosemite Falls Trail

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY - MODERATE

The Upper Yosemite Falls Trail is difficult but you can access some great views of Yosemite Falls by only going a portion of the trail to Columbia Rock. Just going to Columbia Rock is a 2 mile roundtrip hike but there is a 1,000 ft elevation gain – so be prepared for a few switchbacks.





Half Dome

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY - VERY DIFFICULT

Half Dome is one of the most prestigious and famous hikes in all of Yosemite, and for that matter, in the United States. This hike should only be attempted when the cables are up and weather permits. Requiring more than 10-15 hours to complete, it is likely the most difficult hike you will ever do but it is well worth the reward of an amazing view and a well-earned sense of accomplishment. This hike requires advanced permits, plenty of water, good shoes, and sun protection. Learn more about Half Dome permits at YosemiteExperience.com.

BEYOND THE VALLEY

Pothole Dome & Tuolumne River

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY - EASY

Enjoy a 2.5 mile roundtrip romp through Tuolumne Meadows and up to the top of Pothole Dome with stunning views of surrounding peaks and a chance to scramble around glacially-formed erratic boulders at the top.

Briceburg Canyon

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY - EASY

Part of the “Wild and Scenic” Merced River Canyon, Briceburg was once home to a mad flurry of gold-seekers. Visitors still pan for gold on the shores up and down the river. (Equipment is available at the Mariposa Museum and History Center). On this four-mile adventure, you will experience a suspension bridge hanging high over the river and follow the trail that once was the route of the Yosemite Valley Railroad. In spring your hike will include masses of wildflowers and incredible views of the Merced River.

Chilnualna Falls & Swinging Bridge

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY - MODERATE

Not for the faint of heart, the Swinging Bridge wobbles slightly as you cross to climb granite boulders up to the hiking trail. Once on the trail, it is easy to follow and meanders through dense forest, (often spattered like paint) with bright colored wildflowers. A lazy dirt road will lead you across the raging Merced River, bringing you to Chilnualna Falls as they cascade down the mountainside. You can even climb up for a closer view of the falls if you like, adding another four miles to the top, but even the first quarter mile will reward you with a dramatic, up-close and personal view of the lower falls.





ON THE WATER

Rafting

Rafting combines the serenity of a scenic river and the white-knuckle thrill of a plunging roller coaster. If you've never tried rafting before, the Merced River is an excellent place to test the waters, and there are many outfitters at many points along the river to choose from. At the height of the spring snow melt, the mighty Merced River runs fast and high, making a class IV run at many points. As the river recedes over the course of the season, it becomes a more leisurely class III run. At all times, it is a beautiful, memorable trip. Gentle rafting is available in Yosemite Valley. Rentals available seasonally from Curry Village.

Water Skiing, Jet Skiing & Wind Surfing

The ultimate lake experience awaits at Lakes McClure, McSwain, and Don Pedro. These lakes are a water lovers' paradise, offering camping, fishing, sailing, houseboating, water skiing and jet skiing. You can rent just about any watercraft at the marinas. The nearly 200 miles of shoreline are filled with coves where you can either set up camp or anchor a houseboat for the ultimate lake experience.

Fishing

The fish are always biting at Mariposa County's rivers and lakes. Grab some bait and find yourself a spot on one of the many fishing trails. A good one is the trail that follows the old Yosemite Railroad bed from Briceburg to Bagby, where you might catch large brown and rainbow trout. Lake McClure is a cold water lake making it very good for trout; King Salmon and Florida largemouth bass are also stocked there. Most of the trails are in native trout designated areas, so catch and release rules apply.



WINTER ADVENTURES

As the season's first snowfall blankets the meadows and mountains, Yosemite National Park is transformed into a winter wonderland full of exciting adventures for you and your family. Whether skiing the slopes of Badger Pass, snowshoeing beneath a full moon, or ice skating with Half Dome as your backdrop, you'll find yourself reconnecting with nature and with each other.

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Yosemite's Badger Pass Ski Area

Since 1935, Yosemite's Badger Pass—California's first established ski area—has been a favorite family destination and is often touted as the most affordable ski resort in California. The unimtimidating slopes and casual atmosphere make it perfect for beginning skiers and provide a fine setting for a relaxing family day in the snow and sunshine. And when you're ready to relax and warm up, slide on over to the Badger Pass Ski Lodge and enjoy the sweeping views in cozy comfort.







Yosemite Ski & Snowboard School

The Yosemite Ski & Snowboard School, established in 1928, is a great place to gain or sharpen skills. Classes are available for everyone ages 4 and up. With the help of talented instructors, you will quickly build confidence and improve your skills—all in a fun and safe learning environment. For details on classes, season passes and more, call 209-372-8430. For information on all winter activities, visit www.YosemitePark.com/Activities_WinterActivities

Downhill Skiing

A favorite of downhill skiers for its uniquely peaceful and stress-free setting, Badger Pass offers ten runs with a mix of beginner, intermediate and advanced trails. Plus, with five lifts, you're never more than a few minutes away from your next run.

Snowboarding

Badger Pass Ski Area features 10 runs and plenty of room to try new moves. With 85% of its trails devoted to beginner and intermediate levels, this is a perfect place for novices to learn and more seasoned boarders to hone their skills.

Cross-Country Skiing

Yosemite offers some of the best cross-country skiing in California, with more than 90 miles of

marked trails and 25 miles of machine-groomed track. Proficient skiers can make their way across the nearly 350 miles of trails and roads available throughout the park. In addition to tranquil day trips, there are heated overnight ski huts and lounge areas available at Glacier Point.

Snowshoeing

Leave the beaten path behind. Snowshoes provide an easy, low-impact way to get around, and can be rented from multiple locations within the park.

Ice Skating

Gliding around the ice rink at Tenaya Lodge or at Curry Village with Half Dome as your backdrop is one of the most enchanting experiences you will ever have—especially at night. The outdoor fire ring is a great place to warm up afterwards and share stories and s'mores.

Guided Programs

With guided programs you can marvel at the breath-taking beauty and learn about the history, wildlife and geology of Yosemite Valley's most famous sights. There are guided snowshoe hikes, walking tours, and even performances to be seen.

OTHER ADVENTURES

Zip Lining & Aerial Adventure

Just outside the town of Mariposa you'll find the Yosemite Zipline and Adventure Ranch, which is

open year round. Here you can conquer your "fear of heights" on a six stage zipline tour through the trees. The ranch also offers a challenging aerial

ropes course, mineral sluicing, and gold-panning. Family-friendly and geared for all ages – and a great addition to your Yosemite experience!



WINERIES & CRAFT BREWERIES

Ideally situated in the Sierra foothills, Mariposa wineries are thriving – and producing top notch vintage.

The location is excellent for growing wine grapes, which ripen during hot summer days and cool in the night air from the

Sierras. Craft breweries have also started springing up and are just the thing after a long day of hiking.

Stop along your tour to taste premium wines and hand-crafted brews or take a stroll among picturesque vineyards.

Castro Oaks Fine Wine & Art
209-742-2000 | MTBullionVineyard.com

Butterfly Creek Winery
209-966-2097 | YosemiteWine.com

Ciera Wine Cellars
209-742-6563

Silver Fox Vineyards
209-966-4800 | SilverFoxWine.com

Prospectors Brewing Co.
209-742-6896 | ProspectorsBrewingCompany.com

Yosemite Alewerks
209-742-6563 | Facebook.com/YosemiteAleWerks

TIME TO RELAX

Spas

Adventure County is all about the great outdoors, but that doesn't mean you can't enjoy great pampering. After a vigorous day of exploring, nothing beats a relaxing rubdown, a refreshing facial, or an invigorating sauna. Enjoy the Ascent Spa at Tenaya Lodge for Four-Diamond luxury and a variety of massage therapies and spa treatments. Or get back to the basics at the Yosemite Health Spa at The Yosemite Bug

Rustic Mountain Resort. Each spa experience will leave you feeling healthier, happier and ready to take on another big day.

Yoga Wellness

Whether you are an experienced yogi or a first-timer, there are plenty of opportunities to "OM." Join a yoga workshop at the Yosemite Health Spa and afterwards enjoy their organic and vegetarian-friendly café or spa facilities. Or go on a yoga trek

with Balanced Rock Foundation to practice yoga in a supportive and remarkably beautiful setting – it's an experience unlike any other!

Golf

If you love the great outdoors and golf, Mariposa County is the place for you. Yosemite's Wawona Golf Course was the first regulation course in the Sierra Nevada when it opened in 1918, and has provided golfers challenging but rewarding rounds ever since.



YOSEMITE ANNIVERSARIES

Yosemite is having a party!
Join us as we celebrate a major
milestone in the park.

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**FIND YOUR
PARK**

Share your story
#FindYourPark

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100th Anniversary of the National Park Service

In 2016, the nation celebrates the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. The centennial will kick off a second century of stewardship of America's national parks and engaging communities through recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs.

Make your visit during 2016 and be part of this incredible celebration. While you are in the park be sure to use #FindYourPark so that your friends can be part of this landmark celebration.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

See below for a small selection of events happening throughout the year.

Please visit YosemiteExperience.com/Events to see what's happening during your visit!

JANUARY

Chef's Holidays
YosemitePark.com/Chefs-Holidays

FEBRUARY

Chef's Holidays
YosemitePark.com/Chefs-Holidays

MARCH

Mariposa Storytelling Festival
Arts-Mariposa.org

Hornitos Enchilada Feed
Hornitospc.com

Nordic Holidays at Badger Pass
YosemitePark.com

APRIL

Mariposa Gem & Mineral Show
MariposaFair.com

Civil War Reenactment
TheCivilWarDays.com

Earth Day at Yosemite
Nps.gov/Yose

MAY

The Mariposa Butterfly Festival
MariposaButterflyFestival.org

Mariposa County Indian Council POW WOW
VisitMariposa.net

JUNE

Art and Wine Festival
MariposaRotary.org

John Muir Highway Festival
JohnMuir.us

Mariposa County Pioneer Wagon Train
MariposaWagonTrain.org

JULY

4th of July Celebration
VisitMariposa.net

Yosemite Music Festival
YosemiteMusicFestival.com

SEPTEMBER

Blazin' Hog BBQ Competition & Zydeco Music Festival
BlazinHog.com

Mariposa County Fair
MariposaFair.com

Coulterville CoyoteFest, Howl & Car Show
CoultervilleHistoryCenter.org

OCTOBER

Mariposa Yosemite Hot Rod & Custom Car Show
MariposaChamber.org

NOVEMBER

TEDx Yosemite
TEDxYosemite.com

Vintners' Holidays at The Ahwahnee
YosemitePark.com/Vintners-Holidays.aspx

DECEMBER

Merry Mountain Christmas Festival & Parade
MariposaChamber.org

Bracebridge Dinner at The Ahwahnee
YosemitePark.com/Bracebridge-Dinner

Vintners' Holidays at The Ahwahnee
YosemitePark.com/Vintners-Holidays

New Years Eve at The Ahwahnee
YosemitePark.com/New-Years-Eve

Holiday Events at The Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite
TenayaLodge.com/Holiday-Events

ON GOING EVENTS

Mariposa Symphony Orchestra (see website for schedule)
Arts-Mariposa.org

Mariposa Concerts in the Park (June through August)
Arts-Mariposa.org

Northern Mariposa County History Center Spring Lecture (March, April, May)
CoultervilleHistoryCenter.org/Events

ARTS & CULTURE

Mariposa Symphony Orchestra

Enjoy the virtuosity of the 50 piece Mariposa Symphony Orchestra. Performances are held throughout the year in various Mariposa County venues and routinely sell out well in advance, so be sure to plan ahead and visit **MariposaArtsCouncil.org** for more information.

Mariposa Evenings

MARIPOSA COUNTY ARTS PARK

This popular (and free) summer concert series features performances by local musicians and guests from across the state. Styles vary quite a bit, and have included swing, folk, classical, jazz, country and rock. Held in beautiful Mariposa Arts Park, it's a relaxing way to enjoy Mariposa's lovely evening weather. The free live concerts are at 7:00pm on Friday and Saturday evenings located in downtown Mariposa on 4th street.

*For further details on this and other cultural attractions, visit **MariposaArtsCouncil.org***

Theater & Art

In downtown Mariposa and in Yosemite National Park, authentic art galleries feature work from local and regional artists in a variety of mediums. The Treetop Gallery located at the Mariposa County Arts Council Gallery shows paintings, drawings, photography, woodwork, baskets, fabrics, and pottery from dozens of local and regional artists. Afterwards enjoy a performance from the Mariposa Theater Alliance.

While in Yosemite National Park, visit the Happy Isles Nature Center and the Yosemite Indian Museum. The Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village features the work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other fine artists. Create your own art at the Yosemite Conservancy Art Center. Enjoy indoor and outdoor art workshops in a variety of mediums and techniques led by professional artists. Performances take place seven nights a week at the Yosemite Theater. Art workshops and theater available April through October.





DINING

Mariposa County has great dining options for every occasion and budget. After a long day of exploring, nothing beats a hearty meal at a cozy café or a family-friendly restaurant. Or, if you prefer romantic meals with a great view of the sweeping landscape, there are excellent choices throughout the county awaiting your discovery. Let your appetite and spontaneity be your guide.

See page 54 for more information.

SHOPPING

If you're looking for a personal memento of your trip or want to bring something special to people back home, be sure to visit the historic downtown districts of Mariposa

and Coulterville.

Explore a wonderful array of souvenir gifts, specialty stores, antique shops and art galleries.

See page 56 for more information.

ATTRACTIONS DIRECTORY

ARTS & MUSIC

Sierra Artists Gallery

(209) 966-2284
6th Street & State Highway 140,
Mariposa
SierraArtistsGallery.com

The Ansel Adams Gallery

(209) 372-4413
9031 Village Drive,
Yosemite National Park
AnselAdams.com

The Mariposa Symphony Orchestra

(209) 966-6988
5009 State Highway 140,
Mariposa
MariposaArtsCouncil.org

Mariposa Arts Council & Theater Alliance

(209) 966-3155
State Highway 140,
Mariposa
MariposaArtsCouncil.org

Yosemite Museum & Art Gallery

9037 Village Drive,
Yosemite National Park

EDUCATION

John Muir Geotourism Center

(209) 878-3501
5016 Main Street,
Coulterville
JohnMuir.us

NatureBridge

(209) 379-9511 ext 19
El Portal
NatureBridge.org

Yosemite Conservancy

(209) 379-2317 ext 10
El Portal
YosemiteConservancy.org

MUSEUMS

California State Mining & Mineral Museum

(209) 742-7625
5005 Fairgrounds Rd,
Mariposa
MineralMuseum.com

Mariposa County Courthouse

(209) 966-7081
5088 Bullion Street,
Mariposa
MariposaChamber.org

Mariposa Museum & History Center

(209) 966-2924
5119 Jessie St,
Mariposa
MariposaMuseum.com

Northern Mariposa County History Center

(209) 878-3015
10301 State Highway 49,
Coulterville
CoultervilleMuseum.org

RIVER RAFTING

O.A.R.S. Merced River Rafting

(209) 736-2597
Oars.com

Zephyr WhiteWater Expeditions

(800) 431-3636
Zrafting.com

SCENIC & ADVENTURE

Epic Alpacas

(209) 374-3376
5273 Hornitos Rd,
Catheys Valley
EpicAlpacas.com

Mariposa Stage Lines

(209) 736-7095
MariposaStageLine.com

Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias

(209) 372-0200
South Entrance - Highway 41,
Yosemite National Park
YosemitePark.com

Model T Tours

(559) 641-7731
7730 Laurel Way, Fish Camp
DriveAModelt.com

Rauch Ranch & Rusty Nail Guest Ranch

(209) 742-7162
3398 Ben Hur Rd, Mariposa
RauchRanchRustyNail.webs.com

Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad

(559) 683-7273
56001 Highway 41,
Fish Camp
ymspr.com

Yosemite Trails Saddle & Sleigh Company

(559) 683-7611
7910 Jackson/Big Sandy Rd,
Fish Camp
YosemiteTrails.com

Yosemite Ziplines & Adventure Ranch LLC.

(209) 742-4844
4808 Highway 140,
Mariposa
YosemiteZipTours.com



SNOW PLAY

Horse Drawn Sleigh Ride

(559) 683-7611
7910 Jackson/Big Sandy Rd,
Fish Camp
YosemiteTrails.com

Yosemite's Badger Pass Ski Area

(209) 372-1000
Glacier Point Road,
Yosemite National Park
YosemitePark.com

SPA SERVICES

Ascent Spa at Tenaya Lodge

(559) 692-8954
1122 State Highway 41
Fish Camp

Balanced Rock

(209) 379-9453
Yosemite National Park
BalancedRock.org

Perfect Skin

(209) 742-4581
5067 E Highway,
Mariposa
MariposaPerfectSkin.com

Yosemite Health Spa

(866)826-7108 x3
6979A Highway 140,
Midpines
YosemiteHealthSpa.com

TOURS

Discover Yosemite, Inc.

(559) 642-4400
DiscoverYosemite.com

DNC Parks & Resorts

YosemitePark.com

YExplore

(800) 886-8009
Yexplore.com

Yosemite Close Up Tours

(209) 966-8383
YosemiteCloseUp.com

Yosemite Conservancy

(209) 379 2317 x 10
5020 El Portal Road,
El Portal
YosemiteConservancy.org

WINERIES

Butterfly Creek Winery

(209) 966-2097
4063 Triangle Rd,
Mariposa
Yosemitewine.com

Casto Oaks Fine Wine & Art

(209) 742-2000
5022 Highway 140,
Mariposa
CastoOaksWine.com

Ciera Wine Cellars

(209) 742-6563
5029 Highway 140,
Mariposa
CieraWineCellars.com

Silver Fox Vineyards

(209) 966-4800
Mariposa
SilverFoxWine.com

WEDDINGS IN MARIPOSA COUNTY

Imagine saying “I do” against the beautiful backdrop of Glacier Point or a misty rainbow waterfall.

From romantic outdoor ceremonies and small bed & breakfast weddings to large formal weddings and receptions, Adventure County has the perfect location for your special day. Mariposa’s wedding planners and culinary teams are able to fulfill all your dreams for the rehearsal dinner, wedding ceremony, reception and of course, a truly magical honeymoon.

Whether you choose to wed in Yosemite National Park or in one of the quiet communities of Mariposa County, you are sure to have a setting of breathtaking beauty and an unforgettable wedding experience.

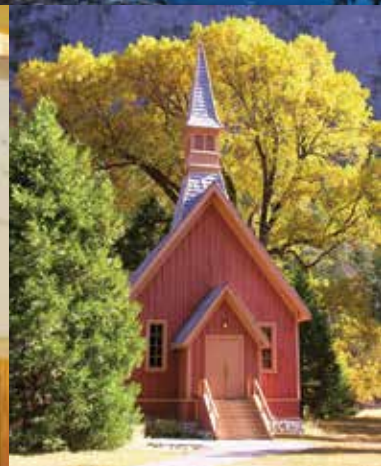
Wedding Planners

Yosemite Weddings | YosemiteWeddings.com
WeddingsinYosemite.com | WeddingsinYosemite.com
YosemiteWeddings.org | YosemiteWeddings.org

MEETING FACILITIES

Yosemite Valley is so majestic that in 1864 it was the first land ever set aside by the U.S. Congress for protection and preservation. If this setting can inspire Congress, just imagine what it can do for your business meeting, retreat, conference, outing or family reunion. Adventure County offers a variety of facilities accommodating groups of 12-1200 people.

To start planning your event, visit YosemiteExperience.com for a list of meeting facilities.



LODGING DIRECTORY

NORTH ENTRANCE
HIGHWAY 120/132
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Coulterville

HOTELS & MOTELS

Hotel Jeffery (Reopens Fall 2015)
(209) 878-0461
5001 Main Street
hoteljeffery.com

Yosemite Gold Country Lodge
(209) 878-3400
10407 State Highway 49 North
ygcldodge.com

BED & BREAKFAST INNS

Penon Blanco Lookout B&B
888) 257-4397
4705 Penon Blanco Road
yosemitecountry.com

Yosemite Coulterville Inn
(209) 878-3478
5004 Main Street

*Yosemite Paradise
Bed & Breakfast*
(209) 878-0711
9856 Ernst Road
booking.com/hotel/us/yosemite-paradise-bed-amp-breakfast.html

VACATION RENTALS

Dawn & Jim's Art Farm
(209) 878-0935
airbnb.com/rooms/640945

Misty Mountain Escape
(209) 878-3511
vrbo.com/450725

The Cabin at Quail Crossing -
(209) 878-0412
airbnb.com/rooms/941540

Yosemite Vista at Donkey Lane
(415) 682-1576
vrbo.com/389896

Foresta (Inside Yosemite)

VACATION RENTALS

Alpenglow Chalet
(209) 723-2342
4yosemite.com/rentalalpengaginfo.html

Clouds Rest Cabin
(866) 320-1588
cloudsrestcabin.com

El Capitan View
(888) 438-3522
4yosemite.com/rentalelcapecinfo.htm

Foresta Ridge Cabin
(209) 742-2133
vrbo.com/291059

Meadow Woods Home
(866) 367-3543
lodging4vacations.com

The Abweanee
(408) 221-1369
vrbo.com/393013

*Yosemite Half Dome View
Vacation Rentals*
(866) 367-3543
lodging4vacations.com

Yosemite Hilltop Cabins
(949) 697-8462
4yosemite.com

*Yosemite Rocky Point
Guest House*
(209) 379-2643
4yosemite.com

Yosemite Valley View
(510) 875-5034
vrbo.com/105731

Groveland & Buck Meadows

HOTELS & MOTELS

Buck Meadows Lodge
(209) 962-5281
7649 State Highway 120
buckmeadowslodge.com

Yosemite Ridge Resort
(209) 962-6877
7589 State Highway 120
yosemiteridge.com

Yosemite Westgate Lodge
(800) 253-9673 / (209) 962-5281
7633 State Highway 120
yosemitewestgate.com

BED & BREAKFAST INNS

Blackberry Inn Bed & Breakfast
(209) 962-4663
7567 Hamilton Station Loop
blackberry-inn.com

SOUTH ENTRANCE
HIGHWAY 41
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Fish Camp

HOTELS & MOTELS

Owl's Nest Lodging
(559) 683-3484
1237 State Highway 41
owlsnestlodging.com

Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite

(888) 514-2167
1122 State Highway 41
tenayalodge.com

White Chief Mountain Lodge

(559) 683-5444
7776 White Chief Mountain Road
whitechiefmountainlodge.com

BED & BREAKFAST INNS

Big Creek Inn Bed & Breakfast

(559) 641-2828
1221 State Highway 41
yosemiteinn.com

Little Ahwahnee Inn

(559) 683-5052
7610 Forest Drive
littleahwahneeinn.com

Tin Lizzie Inn

(866) 488-6877
7730 Laurel Way
tinlizzieinn.com

VACATION RENTALS

Bear Cub Den

(559) 683-2387
bearcubdenyosemite.com

Cabin on a Bridge

(559) 222-2022
cabin Yosemite.com

Casa De Sierra (MCOE)

(559) 642-0122
vrbo.com/184736

Sugar Pine Cabin

(559) 760-1320
sugarpinecabin.comamenities.html

The Laughing Bear

(805) 868-0601
vrbo.com/472958

The Yosemite Forest Lodge

(626) 798-1094
yosemiteforestlodge.com

Tin Lizzie Carriage House

(559) 641-7731
tinlizzieinn.com

Yosemite Carriage House

(559) 683-8139

Wawona (Inside Yosemite)

HOTELS/MOTELS

Wawona Hotel

(209) 375-6556
8308 Wawona Road
yosemitepark.com

VACATION RENTALS

Hornor & Hindes Cabin

(559) 846-6539
vrbo.com/38212

Martin's Lovely Vacation Homes

(209) 375-6554
vacationrentals.com/listing/
p7001370

Summit House

(323) 702-5015
yosemite-summithouse

The Redwoods in Yosemite

(877) 753-8566
redwoodsinyosemite.com

Yosemite West

(Inside Yosemite)

VACATION RENTALS

Yosemite West High Sierra B&B

(209) 372-4808
yosemitehighsierra.com

Alpine Aerie

(559) 972-2716
vrbo.com/346422

Alpine Escape Yosemite Rental

(209) 379-5242
yosemitehouse.com

Cedar Chalet

(800) 669-9300
yosemitelodging.com

Cozy Bear Cottages

(209) 372-4054
cozy-bear.com

Cozy Cub

(408) 353-5124
scenicwonders.com

Falcon's Nest Vacation Home

(209) 372-8517
yosemiteperegrine.com

Hans Basecamp

(800) 985-4267
hansbasecamp.com

Hummingbird Raven House

(408) 891-8360
vrbo.com/94764

Jumping Deer Apartment at Pine Arbor

(209) 379-4170
vrbo.com/3498716

Mountain View Home

(866) 367-3543
halfdomeviewrentals.com

Oak Meadows House

vrbo.com/474019

Oso Lodge

(760) 297-1439
vrbo.com/260188

Owl Moon Cabin

(209) 769-0928
4yosemite.com

Pine Arbor Retrea

(209) 379-4170
vrbo.com/128858

Suite Sunshine

(209) 372-8623
4yosemite.com

The Yosemite Alpine Hut
(415) 225-4267
flipkey.com/512941

The Yosemite Sunset House
(831) 625-1685
yosemitesunsets.com

Top of the Pines
(925) 634-1179
yosemitewest.comtop2.htm

*West of the West
Vacation Rental*
(209) 769-1982
vrbo.com/565940

Yosemite Chalet
(415) 677-5618
vrbo.com/124839

Yosemite Copper Bear Lodge
(760) 727-4543
yosemitecopperbearlodge.com

*Yosemite Four Seasons
Vacation Rentals*
(209) 372-9000
yosemitelodging.com

Yosemite Mountain Lodge
(209) 372-4676
yosemitemountainlodge.com

Yosemite Peregrine
(209) 372-8517
yosemiteperegrine.com

Yosemite Tree Tops
vrbo.com/276687

Yosemite West Cottages
(559) 642-2211
yosemitewestreservations.com

*Yosemite's Enchanted
Forest Condo*
(949) 632-5342
enchantedyosemite.com

*Yosemite's Royal Retreat and
Serenity Suite*
(209) 379-5775
yosemitestay.com

Yosemite's Scenic Wonders
(888) YOSEMITE (888) 967-3648
scenicwonders.com

Chateau Yosemite
(209) 628-0446
chateauyosemite.com

Cultural Heritage House
(209) 200-7086
cultural-heritage-house-
yosemite.com

Pine Arbor Retreat
(800) 669-9300
pinearbor.com

Roundbat Ranch
flipkey.com/716527

Yosemite Mountain Hideaway
(209) 225-9682
vrbo.com/506401

Yosemite Ranch
(209) 742-5118

*Yosemite Refuge Vacation
Rental*
(209) 336-6229
yosemiterefuge.com

Yosemite Sunsets
(831) 625-1685

Yosemite Vacation Rental
(209) 736-4083

WEST ENTRANCE
HIGHWAY 140

Catheys Valley

BED & BREAKFAST INNS

Rancho Bernardo Bed & Breakfast
(209) 966-4511
2617 Old Highway
ranchobernardobnb.com

El Portal

HOTELS & MOTELS

Cedar Lodge
(209) 379-2817
9966 State Highway 140
yosemiteresorts.us

Yosemite View Lodge
(209) 379-2681
11136 State Highway 140
yosemiteresorts.us

BED & BREAKFAST INNS

Yosemite Blue Butterfly Inn
(209) 379-2100
11132 Highway 140
yosemitebluebutterflyinn.com

VACATION RENTALS

Yosemite's River House
(209) 379-2458
vrbo.com/236113

Yosemite Vacation Resorts
(888) 742-4371 (209) 379-2681
yosemiteresorts.us

Mariposa

HOTELS & MOTELS

5th Street Inn
(209) 966-6048
4994 5th Street
fifthstreetinn.com

Best Western Plus
(209) 966-7545
4999 State Highway 140
yosemitebestwestern.com

Comfort Inn
(209) 966-4344
4994 Bullion St
comfortinn.comhotel-mariposa-california-CA938

Mariposa Hotel Inn
(209) 966-7500
5029 State Highway 140
mariposahotelinn.com

Miner's Inn Motel
(209) 742-7777
5181 State Highway 49 North
yosemiteminersinn@hotmail.com

Mother Lode Lodge
(209) 966-2521
5051 State Highway 140
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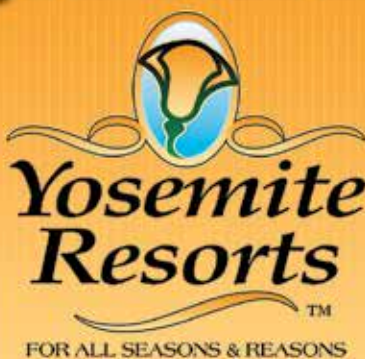
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