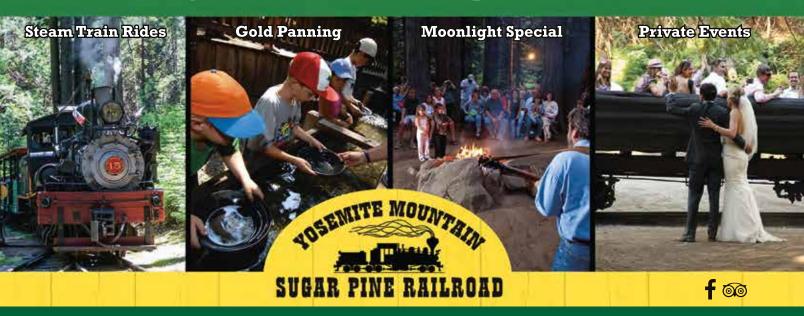


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Daily Excursions – April through October

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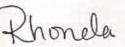
We are so happy to welcome everyone "Back to the Wild" this year! We hope you enjoy our expanded visitor guide with lots of new articles and information to make your stay with us fun and exciting!

REDUCE, REUSE RECYCLE

LEAVE NO

Our "Welcoming Committee" is stepping up to remind everyone to Recreate Responsibly while you are here to help us protect the things that make you want to visit our beautiful area. The wild bunch will be giving you tips on how you can "Protect It, Respect It, and Enjoy It" throughout the guide.

Don't forget to stop by the Visitor Center in Oakhurst for maps and personal itinerary planning, or to just say "hi".



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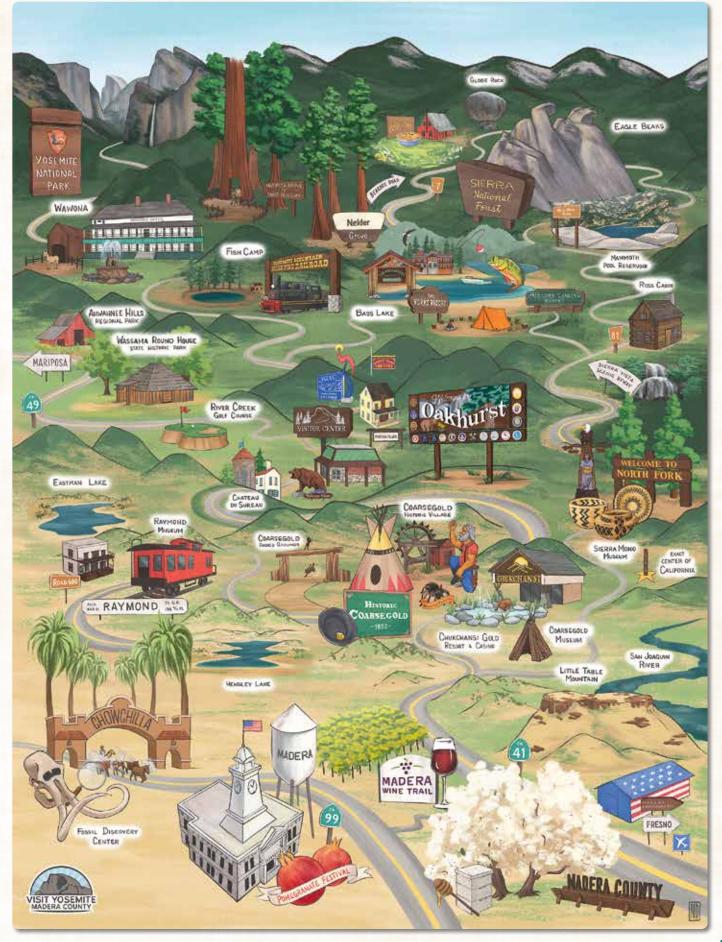
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Explore the Fossils to Falls Road Trip thru Madera County



You can explore **Yosemite for** many days,

but if you have limited time, here's a list of must see highlights.

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Yosemite In A Day or more

DAY 1 (Yosemite Valley)

Tunnel View

This stunning and popular view is a "must see" stop on your visit. Made most famous by Ansel Adams, from here many of the Yosemite's key landmarks can be seen: El Capitan, Bridalveil Fall, Half Dome, Clouds Rest, Sentinel Dome (and many more). Then continue your journey toward Yosemite Valley.

Swinging Bridge

Just under 4 miles from the Bridalveil Fall trailhead (currently closed for renovation) this popular picnic area, complete with picnic table and grills, offers great views of the Merced River, Sentinel Rock, and Yosemite Falls (both day and nighttime views can be stunning). The bridge no longer moves, the current structure replaced a swinging one that was damaged in a flood several decades ago, but the views will move you!

Note – during summer months this spot can be very popular and parking is limited.

Yosemite Chapel S TO

The Yosemite Chapel is the oldest building still in continuous use in Yosemite Valley. Dating back to 1879, the chapel offers both a history lesson and a spectacular view of Yosemite Falls. It's also a fantastic location to capture fall photos.

Sentinel Bridge

Just a short 0.2 miles from the chapel, and a left over Sentinel Bridge, and you'll find experience another great viewing spot (follow the signs to the parking lot). From the parking lot, which is also Valley Shuttle Stop 11, you get panoramic views of Cooks Meadow and Yosemite Falls. You can access to the Cook's Meadow loop trail from here. After taking in the views, walk back over to the bridge for a viewing spot featuring a wonderful view of Half Dome over the Merced River.

Yosemite Village, Valley Loop Trail & Yosemite Falls

5 **Yosemite Village, valley Loop Trail & Testing** Follow the signs for Visitor Parking area. There is much to see in the Yosemite Village including the Valley Visitor Center, the Yosemite Museum, Ansel Adams Gallery, and the Indian Village, just to name a few. Looking for a bite to eat, step into Degnan's Deli for a tasty sandwich. We suggest taking it to-go and enjoying a short walk to Lower Yosemite Fall. There, you can enjoy your meal while gazing at the magnificent 2,425 foot waterfall. From the lower fall, head out on the Valley Loop Trail and stroll your way through the valley enjoying views of Half Dome, El Capitan, and the Merced River from many different angles. Along the way enjoy scenes of lush meadows, wildflowers, and a possible deer or coyote sighting.

Valley View

Stopping at this picturesque location at the end of your day of exploring the valley provides a nice balance to your start at Tunnel View. Here the Merced River flows on by and the late day light paints the walls of the western end of the valley. The warm light highlights the towering granite walls and brings out unique color and details. You get a true appreciation for why this much photographed spot is also known as the Gates of the Valley.

DAY 2 (Highway 41)

Mariposa Grove

Stand among some of the world's oldest and largest trees in the Mariposa Grove. This is the largest of the three groves in Yosemite and home to several hundred mature Giant Sequoias and miles of great trails to explore.

Wawona

 $\frac{1}{5}$ Located about 10 minutes inside the south gate to Yosemite, step back in time in historic Wawona. Explore picturesque sites such as the Yosemite History Center, the Wawona Hotel, the Chinese Laundry Building, and the Wawona Covered Bridge.

Chilnualna Falls

Take a less-traveled hike to enjoy some of the lower cascades of Chilnualna Falls or plan for a full day of hiking and complete the entire trail to the top of the falls. (8.4 miles /13.5 kilometers).



EL CAPITAN IN WINTER • STEVE MONTALTO

Other Favorite Stops to consider:

- El Capitan Meadow enjoy a picnic lunch from Degnan's Deli while watching climbers tackle the towering granite face of El Capitan.
- The Ahwahnee enjoying a hot chocolate, or maybe an Irish Coffee, is a great way to finish off a day of winter exploration in the valley.
- Ahwahnee Meadow it's a great place to enjoy sunset in the valley as you watch the warm colors of alpenglow shift from orange to dark red as the travel up the face of Half Dome and Washington Column.

A WORD TO THE WISE

- always the check park status and updates **BEFORE** you visit Yosemite!

IMPORTANT 2022 PARK UPDATE

Two major projects: Bridalveil Fall

Rehabilitation Project and Glacier Point Road Project, will close access to these two locations we typically consider "must sees" for the 2022 season. Glacier Point can still be accessed by several hiking trails: Four Mile, Panorama, and Pohono Trails.

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DAY 3 (Highway 120 East)

Tuolumne Grove

Tuolumne Grove Park at the grove trailhead and take a short 1¼ mile hike along Old Big Oak Flat Road through a shaded forest. Here you can find around two dozen mature Giant Sequoias. Plan for 11/2 to 2 hours of hiking.

Olmsted Point

Enjoy amazing views that showcase how glaciers shaped this part of Yosemite as you look down Tenaya Canyon toward Yosemite Valley. Clouds Rest and a unique view of Half Dome are key features toward the south with Tenaya Lake viewed toward the northeast.

Tenaya Lake

The views around the alpine lake are spectacular, and it's a popular location to enjoy a picnic, do some kayaking, take a swim, or do some fishing. You can also choose just to lay back, soak up the sunshine and enjoy the fresh air.

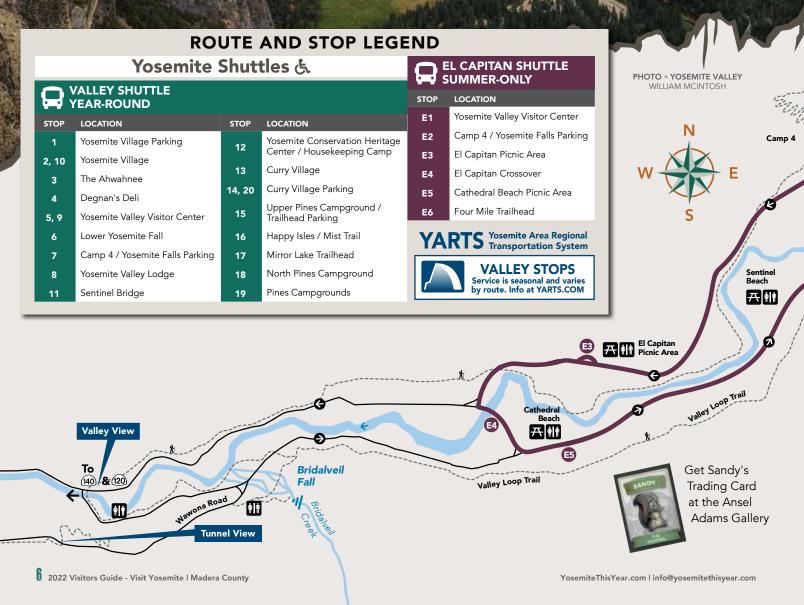
Tuolumne Meadows

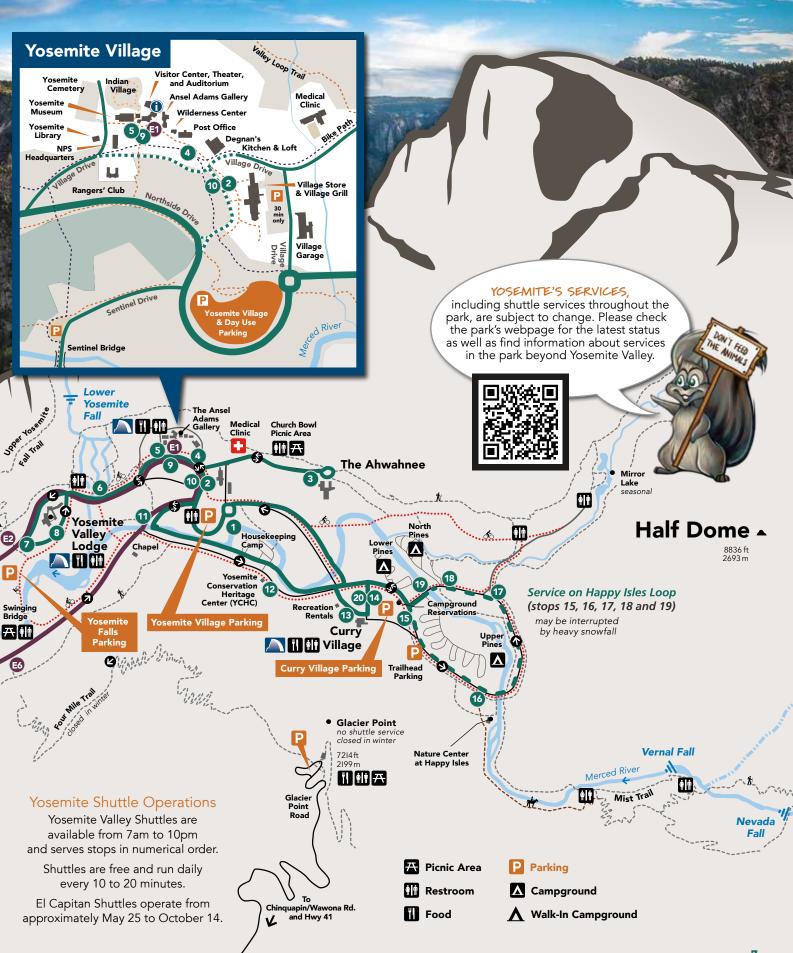
ē 4 Just 61/2 miles from Tenaya Lake is one of the largest high-elevation meadows in the Sierra. Stop by the Visitor Center, take a short hike to the Parsons Memorial Lodge or simply enjoy the changing light on the meadow, the Tuolumne River, and the many unique geologic features of the area like Lembert Dome, Unicorn and Cathedral Peaks.



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Yosemite Valley & Valley Shuttle Map





Southern Yosemite Hiking Trails

Move beyond the Mist Trail in Yosemite Valley and explore other areas of Yosemite National Park that are less familiar but just as impressive. Travelers are expanding their interests and discovering the beauty of southern Yosemite and Wawona. Find new paths and become a more sustainable traveler along the way.

Chilnualna Falls Trail

RATING: MODERATE TO CHALLENGING

This 8 mile out and back trail begins at the end of Chilnualna Falls Road. There are restrooms and bear boxes at the trailhead. On route to the top of the waterfall, you will climb over 2,000 ft of elevation. Access this trail in the late spring or early summer for the most impressive displays of water. Chilnualna Falls is ephemeral, meaning it does not flow year-round. By July, the conditions in the region are mostly dry. However, the jaw-dropping view from the top is impressive at any time of year.

The Swinging Bridge (Wawona) RATING: EASY

More of a walk than a serious hike, this 1 mile out and back trail provides access to the namesake bridge that crosses the South Fork of the Merced River. Unlike the Swinging Bridge in Yosemite Valley, this bridge actually swings (the Yosemite Valley Swinging Bridge originally did swing until it was replaced due to flood damage in 1965). Water levels rush in springtime, but drop down significant months later making for the perfect swimming hole in late summer. At the Wawona store, turn right on Forest drive, then stay left when the road forks. There are pit toilets near the dirt parking area.

HIKING IN MARIPOSA GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS . VYMC

Alder Creek Falls RATING: MODERATE

From the Wawona Campground, drive 4.2 miles to the parking area near the sign for Mosquito Creek, located at a distinctive hairpin turn in the road. The trail begins on the east side of the road, across from the bear boxes. Use caution if crossing the street. Climb uphill and east. It is an 8 mile, out-and-back journey to reach an impressive view of this hidden waterfall. The trail features many wildflowers, including Harlequin Lupin in late spring.

Wawona Meadow Loop Trail

RATING: EASY

This 3.5 mile loop trail traverses one of the largest meadows in Yosemite National Park. Although a nine-hole golf course occupies the northern part of the meadow, the stunning natural beauty shines bright. Green grass and wildflowers fill the senses in the spring, and hikers delight in fall colors in late October and November. The trail is horse-friendly, dog-friendly, and bike-friendly, too!

Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias

RATING: VARIOUS

There are numerous day hikes found in the Mariposa Grove region of Yosemite National Park. Explore the Grizzly Giant Loop, Big Trees Loop, Guardians Loop, or even an excursion to Wawona Point. Ask for a map of trails to explore in Wawona and the Mariposa Grove at the Oakhurst Visitor Center. Note that the free shuttle from the parking area to the Grove Access Area does not operate during winter months. Exploring the grove by hiking, cross country skiing or snowshoeing is still an option. Check current conditions, and know before you go.





Sierra Foothills **Hiking Trails**

Find hidden gems in Madera County's gateway to Yosemite. The land captivates the imagination with stories of adventure, history, and natural beauty.

Lewis Creek National **Recreation Trail to Corlieu** Falls and Red Rock Falls

RATING: MODERATE

Astonishingly, the two impressive waterfalls on this trail are not within the Yosemite National Park boundary, but they could be. This place is special. It deserves protection and care. This 7.4 mile, out-and-back trail is heavily trafficked in the summertime and during holidays. To hike the entire length of the trail, park at the trailhead located on Cedar Valley Road and hike north toward Sugar Pine, following the route of the historic Madera Sugar Pine Lumber Co. flume.

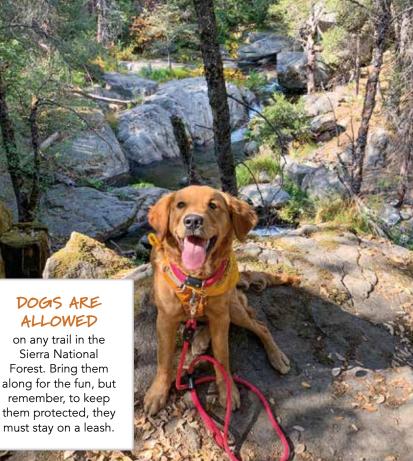
Ahwahnee Hills Regional Park RATING: EASY

This stunning property has a lot of history. It was once home to the Ahwahnee Tavern, a stagecoach luncheon stop for President Theodore Roosevelt, Susan B. Anthony, John D. Rockfeller, and the Crown Prince of Belgium. Today, there are 7 miles of walking trails, 6 miles of horse trails, a seasonal creek, a springtime pond, and a picturesque barn on the property. Wednesday - Sunday 8am - 7:30pm. Nearby, take a self-guided tour of a California Registered Historical Landmark, the Wassama Round House State Park.

Hensley Lake – Buck Ridge Trail

RATING: EASY-MODERATE

Hikers, mountain bikers, runners, and horses are welcome on this 6.8 mile loop trail. The best time to visit is during the winter and spring, when raindrops and wildflowers grace the landscape for a few short months. Bring \$5 for parking. Picnic tables, restrooms, and are campsites available at Hensley Lake. Visit after winter storms to watch the surprising contrast of rolling grassy hills against the distant snow-capped Sierra Nevada.



CAMP ENJOYING LEWIS CREEK NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL • BREEZE TURNER

Oakhurst River Parkway

RATING: EASY

The Oakhurst River Parkway is an easy, three-mile out-and-back trail that begins at the Oakhurst Community Park and winds along the Fresno River. It passes Fresno Flats Historic Village and Park before it makes its way to Yosemite High School. You return back the way you came.

Oakhurst Community Park

RATING: MORE OF A WALK IN THE PARK THAN A HIKE

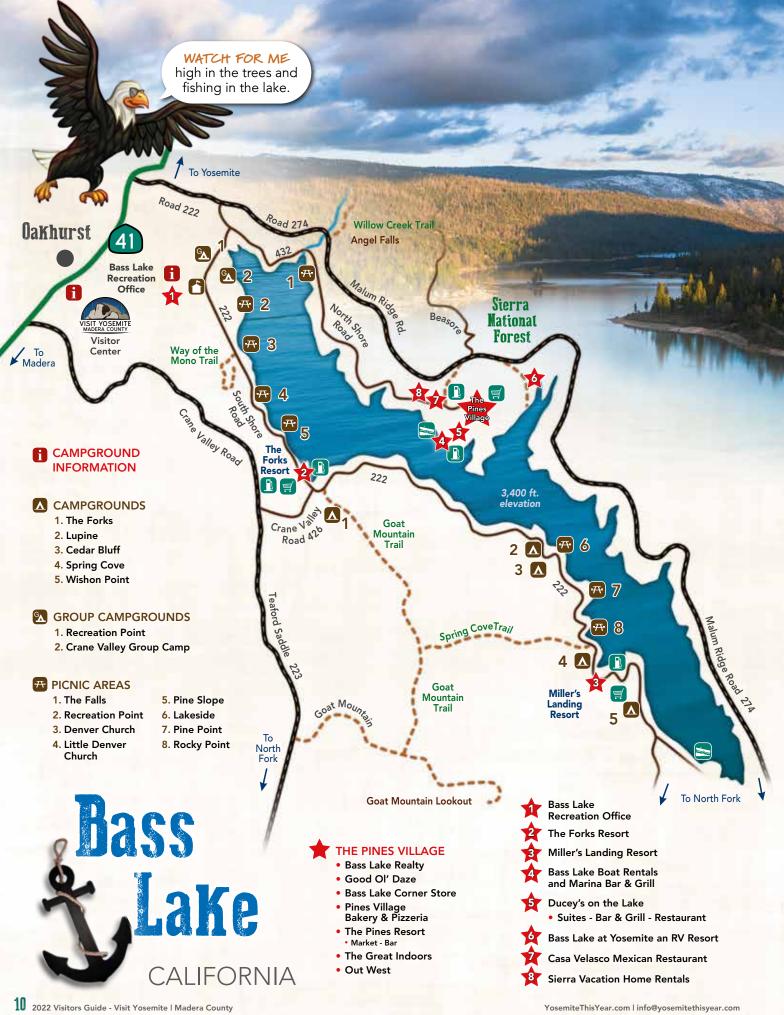
Okay, you've got us! This one is not a hiking trail. But, you can walk the path around the park with views of the Fresno River on all sides of this island-like park. Let the little ones run and play. Don't miss the summer entertainment, like the "In The Park Series," or fun at the Oakhurst Fall Festival.

North Fork – Cedars Interpretive Trail

RATING: A PERFECT COFFEE SPOT

Park at the Bass Lake Ranger District of the Sierra National Forest Headquarters located in the historic town of North Fork. The 1/4 mile nature trail wraps around the building running along the North Fork of Willow Creek. There are benches, shade, and interpretive signage available for your enjoyment. Pick up a cup of coffee from the nearby Red Barn Coffee Co., relax, and listen to the sounds of babbling water and native birds. While in the area, make a pilgrimage to the "Exact Center of California."

Outside of Yosemite National Park there are enough trails and back roads to fill a lifetime of expeditions.



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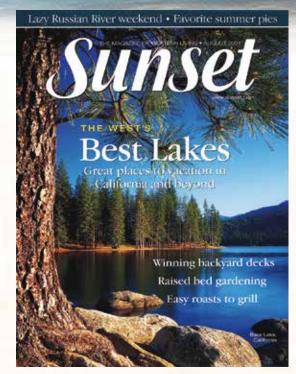
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Bass Lake

Bass Lake sits in the perfect location. It is just 17 miles from the southern gate of Yosemite National Park and 7 miles from the park's largest gateway community of Oakhurst. Its pristine waters and sandy shores are nestled among the tall cedars and pines at an elevation of 3,415 feet. It all comes together to create the perfect spring break, summer getaway, fall romantic adventure, or winter escape.

A year-round vacation destination, Bass Lake was named one of the "West's Best Lakes" by Sunset Magazine and has been a popular tourist destination since the 1930s. The lake is renowned for excellent water activities, mountain bike trails, hiking, fishing, shopping, and lakeside dining.



BASS LAKE PANORAMA . VYMC

Bring your toys and launch your own boat from one of two public boat launches, or rent a fully-equipped boat from any of the three full-service marinas. Want to learn a new skill? Ask about water-skiing or wakeboarding lessons. You can even start your day with a little more balance by joining a morning paddleboard yoga session at Miller's Landing Resort

On-water activities are not the only thing Bass Lake is known for. With the Sierra National Forest's 1.3 million acres as a backyard, the lake is a great jumping off point for all adventures both big and small. Hike or mountain bike on the

With summer water temps reaching 80 degrees, Bass Lake is the perfect place to splash around during the warmer months. Relax on a sandy beach with a book, have a family picnic at one of the many day-use areas, or enjoy an array of water sports from swimming, paddleboarding, kayaking to motor-boating. many trails, or take an off-road adventure into the heart of the Sierra (check out the Sierra Vista Scenic Byway on page 18).

There is a lot to love about Bass Lake and to be honest, there's too much to capture it all here. To help with that, download our handy digital Microguide that outlines the 30 Things We Love About Bass Lake (see page 13).

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30 Things We Love About Bass Lake

Here are highlights of the many reasons we love Bass Lake!

BASS LAKE STAY

- The Pines Resort Lakeside, 1. full-service resort, open year-round, with fine dining, and many amenities.
- The Forks Resort Modern cabins 2. with lake views, marina, and restaurant with home-style dining.
- 3. Miller's Landing Resort -Family cabins available yearround, with casual dining, and all watersports rentals.
- Vacation Home Rentals Scores 4. of vacation homes, many within walking distance of shopping, dining, and recreation.
- Bass Lake at Yosemite an 5. RV Resort - Full hook-up sites with cable and wi-fi, cabins, pool, café, and playground for kids.
- Campgrounds at Bass Lake -6. Tent and RV camping with fire rings, picnic tables, lake views, potable water, and restrooms.

BASS LAKE PLAY & EAT

- 7. Miller's Landing Resort Boat Rentals and Grill - Waverunners, ski boats, kayaks, and more in the marina. Plus a family restaurant, and store are all found here.
- **Bass Lake Boat Rentals and** 8. Marina Bar & Grill - North Shore full-service watersports rentals, lakeside grill with premium casual dining.
- 9. The Forks Resort Boat Rentals and Restaurant - Homemade meals in the original 50s diner setting, boat rentals at the adjacent dock.

BASS LAKE PLAY

- 10. Watersport Fun on Bass Lake -Every type of water fun imaginable can be enjoyed on the lake.
- 11. Patio Boat Fun Designed for all-day cruising, patio boats may include canopy, gas BBQ, and ice chest.
- 12. Paddleboarding and Kayaking -Affordable, low-key explorer activities that leave room for socializing on the water.
- 13. Mountain Biking Exciting trails for riders of all abilities, complete with beautiful Sierra views.
- 14. Bass Lake Fishing Derby First weekend in May, anglers have a chance at \$50,000+ in prize money.

BASS LAKE PLAY

- 15. Sporting Events At Bass Lake -Outstanding challenges from elite and kids triathlons, 5ks, fun runs and more!
- 16. 4th of July Fireworks and Boat Parade - Timeless celebration with patriotic boat parade and spectacular fireworks over the lake.
- 17. Special Events Around the Lake -Craft fairs, live music, antique boat & car shows - fun for all ages.
- 18. Lakeside Day Use Picnic Areas -Picnic and recreation areas for a day of family fun.

BASS LAKE EXPLORE

- 19. Way of the Mono Trail A self-guided mile-long loop to a spectacular vista point.
- 20. Falls Beach and Angel Falls -Day use area includes barbecue, picnic tables, potable water, restrooms, and the trailhead for Willow Creek trail.
- 21. Bald Eagles Bald eagles have been nesting at Bass Lake for over three decades.
- 22. Hiking Around Bass Lake -Trail hikes range from easy to more challenging, with stunning Sierra views.
- 23. Goat Mountain & The Dam -The lake was formed by constructing a 145-foot dam at the base of Goat Mountain.

BASS LAKE SHOP

24. Out West & The Great Indoors -Two shops featuring clothing, gifts, souvenirs, snacks, and more.

Want to see more?



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BASS LAKE SHOP

25. Good OI Daze & Corner Store -High-quality gifts, clothing, accessories, and tasty treats in an old fashioned setting.

BASS LAKE EAT

- 26. Dining At Ducey's On The Lake -Enjoy fine dining with magnificent views of the lake.
- 27. **Pines Market & Farmers Market** - A little bit of everything to keep the traveler happy, plus seasonal fruits and vegetables.
- 28. Pines Village Bakery & Pizzeria -A family-friendly place that's great for kicking back, located in the heart of the village.
- 29. Casa Velasco Mexican Restaurant - Some of the best authentic Mexican food in the mountains.

BASS LAKE EAT & DRINK

30. Pines Bar - Down-home environment with a great selection of beers on tap, weekend live music.





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PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT

Pack it in, pack it out. There are trash bins at the day-use areas, but they only hold so much and are frequently overloaded at the end of a big weekend (an overloaded trash bin is an invitation to all manner of wildlife: bears, raccoons, ravens, etc., to see what they can scavenge). Plus, there are miles of shoreline that don't have these accommodations. So always be prepared to take out everything you bring in (while you're at it – please pick up any other trash you see).





Keep Bass Lake Clean

Clear alpine waters. Miles of beach and treelined shoreline. Endless trails and creeks to explore. Yes – we have a lot enjoy and be thankful for here at Bass Lake.

But with thousands of people coming every year to recreate, we are bringing more to the lake and leaving more too. Keeping this place clean, and any other of the neighboring wilderness area too,



requires all of us to be mindful of our impact, use the spaces responsibly and clean up after ourselves when done.

Let's all do our part and Keep Bass Lake Clean!



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FORKS				31	\$37	Seasonal
LUPINE				113	\$37-\$144	All year
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SPRING COVE				63	\$37	Seasonal
WISHON POINT				31	\$37-\$73	Seasonal

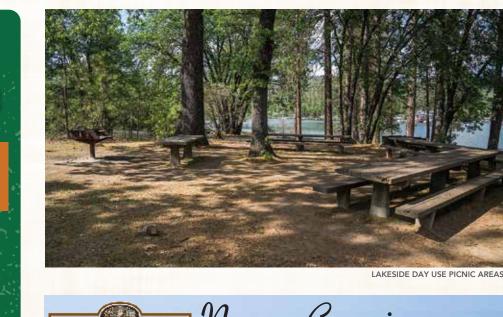
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Bass Lake Hiking Trails

Bass Lake is a popular destination for summer vacationers; the weather is warm, the water is cool, and the good times are limitless. Fans of Bass Lake return year after year to hit the beaches and have fun, but water sports are not the only activity for the adventurous. Discover three incredible hiking trails starting at the water's edge and climbing into the Sierra National Forest. Come prepared with the proper footwear, enough water, and a safety-first mindset, then enjoy the views from the top!

Way of the Mono Trail

RATING: EASY

Stretch your legs on a path that people and animals have traveled for hundreds of years. This 1-mile loop trail, has 150 ft' of elevation gain and offers sweeping views of Bass Lake at the halfway point. Interpretive signage and grinding stones teach about the history of the land and the native people who lived here. On the map, find the trailhead parking area across the street from Little Denver Church Day-Use Picnic Area. (Reminder: It is a good idea to bring \$10 for parking in the day-use areas).

Goat Mountain Lookout RATING: STRENUOUS

Named for the creatures that grazed here in the pioneer days. Returning from the fire lookout at the top of Goat Mountain, you might feel like a Billy-goat, too. Although the trail is rated moderate on some channels, be prepared for 9.8 miles, out and back, with more than 1600 ft' of elevation gain. If you are looking for a challenge on two feet, you've found it.

The Goat Mountain Trail is great for mountain biking too!

Willow Creek Trail to Angel Falls and Devils Slide RATING: VERY STRENUOUS

On the north shore of Bass Lake, explore this moderate-to-steep 3.1 mile out and back hike carefully. When visiting a waterfall or fast-moving waters like Willow Creek, use EXTREME caution. The rocks are slippery, and the water temperatures can be deadly cold. Give these waters respect. Like a wild animal, give it space. If it looks slick, it probably is - so don't go there. Be aware that along the way, you may encounter poison oak, mosquitos, and even midges.





BASS LAKE . GOAT MOUNTAIN . VYM





A LAKESIDE RESORT THAT'S AS UNIQUE AS YOU ARE



8 Things That Make The Pines Resort Different

1. UNIQUE - The Pines Resort is the only year-round lakeside resort in the Yosemite area.

2. HONORS - Bass Lake was rated one of the "West's BEST Lakes" by Sunset magazine.

3. ACCOMMODATION - The Pines Resort offers two-story mountain cabins with full kitchens and lakefront hotel suites.

4. WATER ACTIVITIES - On-site full service boat rental, huge swimming pool, marina and fishing, with local waterfalls, trails and activities.

5. CONVENIENCE - Restaurants, bars, market, liquor store, gas station, post office and small shops of the Pines Village within walking distance.

6. HISTORY - The iconic movie "The Great Outdoors" and Academy Award winner "Leave Her to Heaven" among others were filmed at Bass Lake.

7. RETREAT - Full conference center with indoor and outdoor venues, surrounded by the lake, waterfalls, tall pines and mountains of the Sierra.

8. LOCATION - Located at 3,400 ft elevation (the snow line), which makes the water in Bass Lake warm for activities in summer and easily accessible in the winter with just enough snow to make it magical.





Campfire Permits

Free permits may be obtained from the Forest Service or the California Department of Forestry/Cal Fire or online at preventwildfireca.org/permits.

Permits are required outside designated campgrounds in all areas of the Sierra National Forest.



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The Lakes RV & Golf Resort (866) 665-6980 • Chowchilla thelakesrv.com

Yosemite RV Resort (559) 683-7855 • Coarsegold yosemitervresort.com



YOSEMITE RV RESORT • COARSEGOLD, CA

Wagner's Mammoth Pool **Resort & Campgrounds**

(559) 841-3736 • North Fork mammothpool.com **RE-OPENING SUMMER 2022**

Sierra National Forest Campgrounds Book online at www.Recreation.gov • 1-877-444-6777

There are no RV hookups in any Sierra National Forest or Bass Lake campgrounds. *Prices are approximate and subject to change without notice.

CAMPGROUNDS	RV	TENT	GROUP	UNITS	FEES*	WATER	RESERVE	SEASONAL	LOCATION	ELEV.	SPECIAL
BIG SANDY				18	\$28		×	Seasonal	Jackson Rd	5800	
BOWLER				12	\$0		×	Seasonal	FS81	7000	Horses
CHILKOOT				14	\$28		~	Seasonal	FS7	4600	
CHINA BAR	×			6	\$0		×	Seasonal	Mammoth Pool	3300	Hike/Boat In
CLOVER MEADOW				7	\$0		×	Seasonal	FS81	7000	
FISH CREEK				7	\$28		~	Seasonal	FS81	4600	
FRESNO DOME				15	\$28		×	Seasonal	Rd 632	6400	
GAGGS CAMP				12	\$28		×	Seasonal	Sand Creek	5700	Horse Corral
GRANITE CREEK				14	\$0		×	Seasonal	Clover Meadow	7000	
GREYS MOUNTAIN			1	26	\$28-\$57		×	Seasonal	Rd 632	5400	
KELTY MEADOW				11	\$28-\$57		~	Seasonal	Rd 632	5800	Horse Camp
LITTLE JACKASS				5	\$0		×	Seasonal	off FS81	4800	
LONE SEQUOIA				5	\$0		×	\star Yr Rd	Hwy 41 Fish Cp	3800	
LOWER CHIQUITO				7	\$28		×	Seasonal	Grizzly Rd	4900	
MAMMOTH POOL				47	\$28		~	Seasonal	FS81	3600	
NELDER GROVE				7	\$0		×	Seasonal	Rd 632	5500	
PLACER				8	\$28-\$57		×	Seasonal	FS81	4100	
REDINGER LAKE				5	\$0		×	⊁ Yr Rd	Rd 225 North Fork	1400	
ROCK CREEK				18	\$28-\$57		~	Seasonal	FS81	4300	
SODA SPRINGS				18	\$28-\$57		×	Seasonal	FS81	4300	
SOQUEL				11	\$28		~	Seasonal	Rd 632	5400	
SUMMERDALE				30	\$32		~	Seasonal	Hwy 41 Fish Cp	5000	
SWEETWATER				7	\$28		~	Seasonal	FS81	3800	
TEXAS FLAT				4	\$94-\$141		~	Seasonal	Rd 632	5400	Horses
UPPER CHIQUITO				20	\$28		×	Seasonal	FS7	6800	
WHISKERS				8	\$28		×	Seasonal	Central Camp	5300	
WHISKY FALLS				14	\$0		×	Seasonal	4581 to 7507	5800	

Be sure to check with Sierra National Forest for possible road and campground closures.



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For more information visit YosemiteThisYear.com

Public Showers

There are no showers at the campgrounds. For a fee, public showers are available at:

• Jones Store (seasonal) at Beasore Meadows

• Miller's Landing Resort (seasonal) at Bass Lake (559) 642-3633

Dump Stations

BASS LAKE

Forks Campground Seasonal, \$10 fee, pay by credit/debit. (559) 642-3737

COARSEGOLD Yosemite RV Resort

Free for registered guests or \$10 for dump station only, open year round. (559) 683-7855

OAKHURST High Sierra RV & Mobile Home Park

Free for registered guests or \$10 for dump station only, open year round. (559) 683-7662

Camping Information

Wilderness Permits Book online at www.Recreation.gov

Permits are required for overnight stays in wilderness areas: Ansel Adams Wilderness, Bass Lake Ranger District, Sierra National Forest and Yosemite National Park.

Contact the agencies listed below.

North Fork/Bass Lake	(559)	877-2218
Oakhurst (May - September)	(559)	658-7588
Yosemite Backcountry/Wilderness	(209)	372-0740

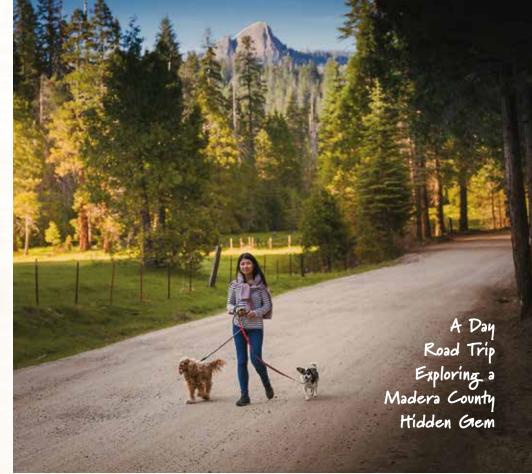
Yosemite Campgrounds Book online at www.Recreation.gov • 1-877-444-6777

CAMPGROUNDS	RV	TENT	GROUP	PET	UNITS	FEES*	RESERVE	SEASONAL	LOCATION	ELEV.
BRIDALVEIL CREEK					110	\$18-\$50	X	Seasonal	Glacier Pt Rd	7200
CAMP 4	X			×	35	\$6/person	X	All year	Yos Valley	4000
CRANE FLAT					166	\$26	 Image: A start of the start of	Seasonal	Crane Flat	6200
HODGDON MEADOWS					105	\$26-\$50	\checkmark	All year	Crane Flat	4900
LOWER PINES					60	\$26	\checkmark	Seasonal	Yos Valley	4000
NORTH PINES					81	\$26	\checkmark	Seasonal	Yos Valley	4000
PORCUPINE FLAT	X				52	\$12	X	Seasonal	Tioga Road	8100
TAMARACK FLAT	X				52	\$12	X	Seasonal	Crane Flat	6300
TUOLUMNE MEADOWS**					304	\$26-\$50	Half	Seasonal	Tioga Road	8600
UPPER PINES					238	\$26	\checkmark	All year	Yos Valley	4000
WAWONA Closed until April					93	\$26-\$50	\checkmark	All year	Wawona	4000
WHITE WOLF					74	\$18	X	Seasonal	Tioga Road	8000
YOSEMITE CREEK	×				75	\$12	×	Seasonal	Tioga Road	7700

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Sierra Vista Scenic Byway

Nestled here in the heart of California is a road trip adventure with 100 miles of winding road through the Sierra National Forest complete with wooded forests, wildflower filled meadows, breathtaking panoramic vistas, and unique rock formations. The Byway runs through a large portion of the 2020 Creek Fire area in which 380,000 acres of the forest were transformed by one of California's largest wildfires. You can see firsthand both the impacts of this elemental force and the initial stages of the area's recovery. In many places the landscape has changed, the scenes altered, but Nature's raw beauty and resilience is in full display.



HIKING WITH THE PUPS ALONG SKY RANCH ROAD . DANIEL CHUI

There are many sights to see along the Byway - here just a few that we recommend you take in:



Nelder Grove

Yosemite National Park isn't the only home for Giant Sequoias in the area. Tucked away just a bit south of the park is Nelder Grove, a 1,540-acre home in the Sierra National Forest to roughly 100 of these wonderful giants. With hiking trails, historic cabins and an interpretive center, Nelder is both a natural wonder and a unique window into the pioneer history of the area.

Globe Rock

This very large (over 15 tons), nearly spherical rock perched on a granite pedestal makes for a unique photo opportunity. Former President Theodore Roosevelt was in fact photographed here during his visit to Yosemite in 1903. This formation was not placed here by glaciers (or giants) but was formed instead by erosion right where it sits.

BULL BUCK TREE . NELDER GROVE . DEBRA SUTHERLAND

Mile High Curve / Mile High Vista

Enjoy the expansive view looking above the 123,000-acre Mammoth Pool Reservoir and over the many geologic formations and rugged mountain peaks of this dynamic landscape.

Beasore, Cold Springs and Jackass Meadows

Come in late spring or early summer to see these meadows bursting with wildflowers!

Fresno Dome

Take the short hike to the top of Fresno Dome to enjoy beautiful panoramic views of the Sierra National Forest. It was from atop this granite dome that John Muir was able to find the Giant Sequoias of what is now known as Nelder Grove.

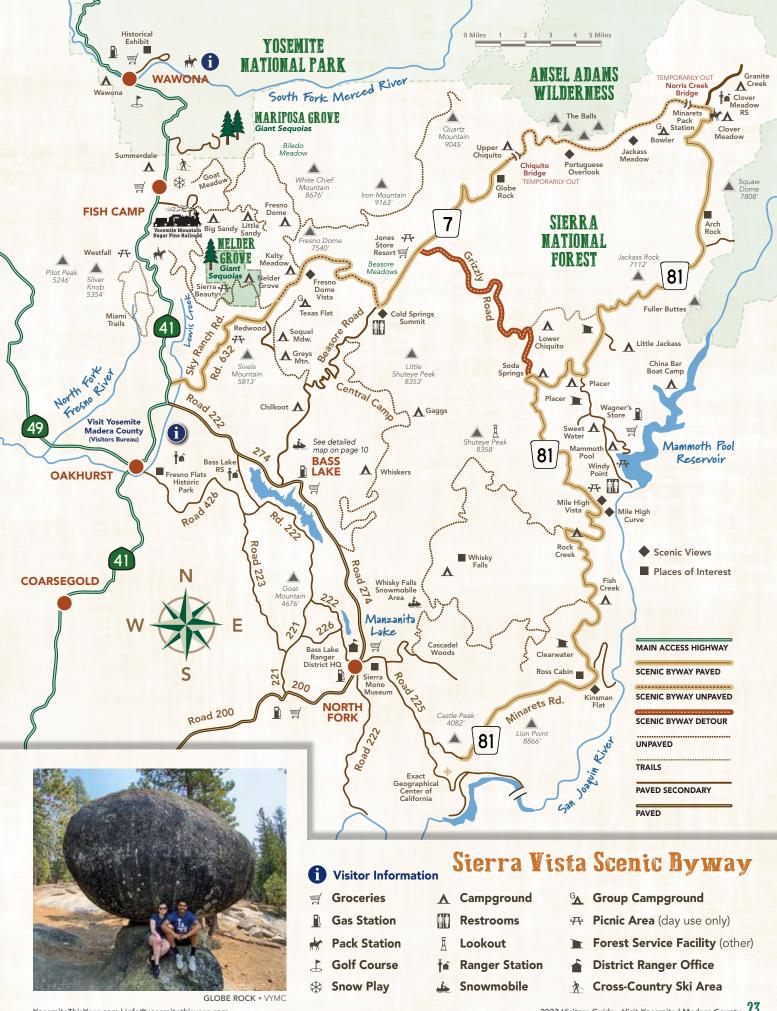
Jones Store

This family-run business has a history going back many generations. Stop in for a burger and a slice of freshly baked pie topped off with a heaping serving of ice cream on top. Be sure to bring cash (credit

cards are not accepted) and arrive early as they serve what they have until it runs out... and run out they do.



JONES STORE'S FAMOUS PIE . VYMC YosemiteThisYear.com | info@yosemitethisyear.com



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YOSEMITE AND GRASS

Full Day Yosemite Tours Full Moon • Private & Hiking Tours

OOOOAmazing! MUST DO

We saw some of the best views possible because of this tour and would recommend it to everyone! - Katie <u>B Trip Advisor</u>

FULL DAY TOUR PACKAGES INCLUDE:

• Park admission, picnic lunch & beverages

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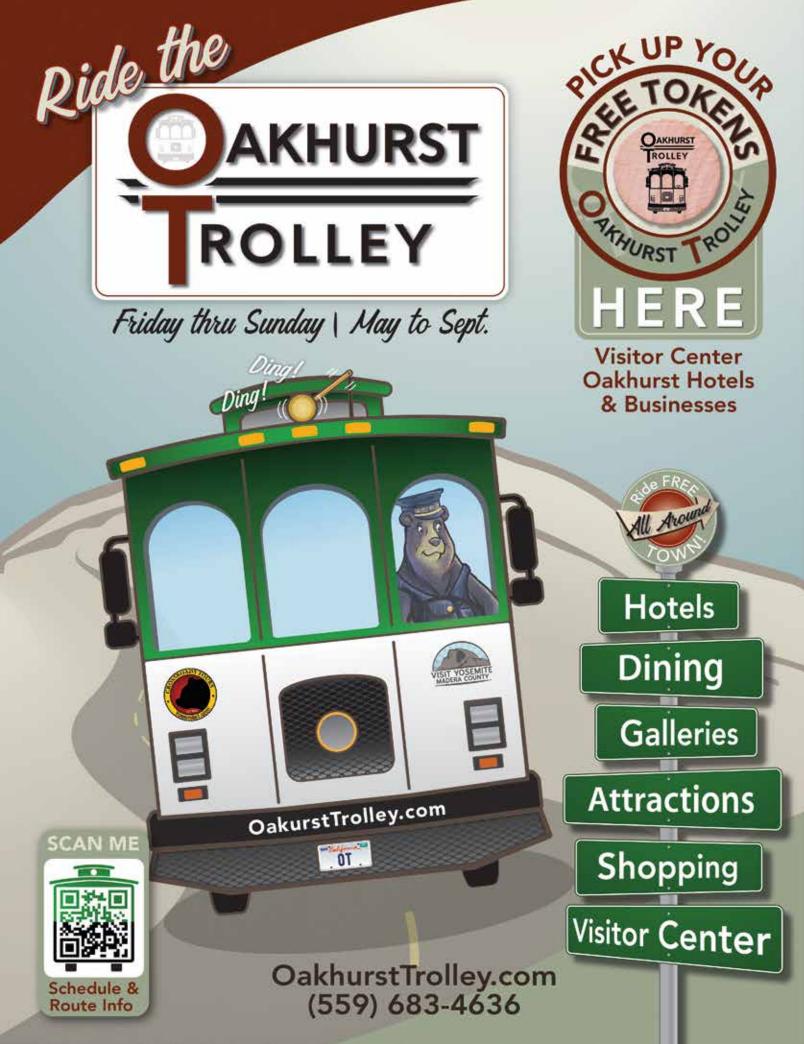
- Immaculate mini touring buses with large picture windows
- No worrying about finding parking spaces or navigating traffic
- Time for short walks at the main attractions
- Narrated by an experienced guide with insightful information

For more information or to book your tour visit:

DiscoverYosemite.com or call 559.642.4400



Reservations are required. Itineraries are subject to change due to seasons and other conditions.



Tours, Transportation & Guided Adventures



CROSSROADS TOURS

HALF DOME GUIDED ADVENTURE • SYMG

Make your visit to Yosemite National Park unforgettable with a guided tour or adventure. Guides plan the day, pick you up, drop you off and transport you through the phenomenal grandeur of this national treasure. Amtrak's San Joaquins line also makes Yosemite Valley just a train and bus ride away from many locations around the state. Or jump on a Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) bus (*seasonal*). Once in the valley, take advantage of the free Yosemite Valley Shuttle (map on page 6-7), or try the Yosemite Valley Floor Tour.

SAVE YOUR ENERGY FOR THE **ADVENTURE**.



TRANSPORTATION

Amtrak San Joaquins 1 (800) USA-RAIL amtraksanjoaquins.com

Hertz Rent-a-Car (559) 692-2277 • Oakhurst hertz.com

Fresno YosemiteInternational Airport (FAT)(559) 621-4500 • Fresnoflyfresno.com52

TOURS & GUIDED ADVENTURES

Airborrn Aviation - Yosemite Tours can make your visit to Yosemite even more spectacular with flights above the park and the surrounding Sierra Nevada mountains. • (209) 966-2143 • Mariposa • yosemiteaviation.com

 Crossroads Tours offers a variety of tour options and opportunities, from daily group and private tours of Yosemite, as well as a 3-day tour of the Majestic Mountain Loop which covers Yosemite, Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks. • (559) 658-8687
 Oakhurst • yosemite1.com

Discover Yosemite will do all the planning, pay the fees, feed you and narrate your adventure as you are transported through the beauty and grandeur that is Yosemite National Park. • (559) 642-4400 • Oakhurst
 • discoveryosemite.com

Incredible Adventures has been offering travelers a safe and reliable way to connect with nature since 1993. Today, we offer both small group tours and DMC services throughout North America. Our small groups provide a relaxed, fun-filled atmosphere while minimizing the environmental impact of our business. • (415) 642-7378 or (800) 777-8464 • San Francisco/Oakhurst • incadventures.com

Lasting Adventures, Inc. offers youth summer camps, custom day hikes and backpacking trips, adventure-based outdoor education, corporate adventure programs, and family adventure programs. • (800) 513-8651 • Groveland • lastingadventures.com

OARS Since 1969, OARS has helped people of all ages enjoy the best outdoor experience of their lives. Whether it's for one day or a two-week vacation, our experienced, professional, and customer-focused guides make all the difference. • (209) 736-4677 • Angels Camp • oars.com

Photo Safari Yosemite Choose to visit Yosemite in the safety and comfort of your own vehicle with your personal and private Safari Guide. As an approved Yosemite Guide, your personal guide will meet up with you inside or outside the park and then lead you to the many classic sites of the park.

• (559) 760-6124 • Oakhurst • photosafariyosemite.com

Oakhurst Trolley (559) 683-4636 • Oakhurst oakhursttrolley.com

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Starlight Taxi (559) 641-6641 • Oakhurst

Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System Public Transit (YARTS) (877) 989-2787 • Hwy 41 Route: Mid-May to Mid-September • yarts.com



YOSEMITE TRAILS HORSEBACK ADVENTURES

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Sierra Fly Fisher Guide Service offers fly fishing classes and trips for individuals, families, student groups and corporate meetings & events. • (559) 683-7664
Oakhurst • sierraflyfisher.com

Southern Yosemite Mountain Guides (SYMG) is a leader in the active travel and mountain guiding world, providing carefully planned and executed trips and adventures in the most spectacular wilderness areas of around Yosemite and the Sierra. • (559) 642-2817 or (800) 231-4575 • Oakhurst • symg.com

Three Brothers Adventure Tours is a boutique business offering full day, half day and customizable tours of Yosemite National Park. • (559) 307-5146 • Oakhurst • 3BrothersTours.com

Yosemite Adventure Company offers a wide range of on and off-road tour and vehicle rental options for exploring Yosemite and the surrounding Sierra National Forest in a fun and unique way. • (559) 377-6749 • Oakhurst • yosemiteadventureco.com

Yosemite Conservancy Explore Yosemite your way during a tailored adventure with one of our guides. Our Yosemite experts draw on years of experience and a deep passion for the park to provide top-notch service on guided hikes, backpacking trips, evening programs and more. • (209) 379-2317 • Yosemite • yosemite.org

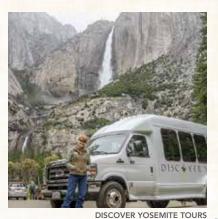
(209) 379-2317 • Yosemite • yosemite.org

 Yosemite Trails Horseback Adventures (seasonal) provides a unique experience of Yosemite and the Sierra National Forest with daily trail rides.
 (559) 683-7611
 Fish Camp • yosemitetrails.com

Zephyr Whitewater

Expeditions specializes in California whitewater river rafting trips, and have done so since 1973. Their guides, food, equipment, and desire to give clients the best trip possible is unsurpassed!

- (800) 431-3636
- Midpines
- zrafting.com





Get Off The Beaten Path

BY 4X4 ... The Sierra backroads stretch on for miles and miles, winding to vistas of the beautiful mountain range that John Muir referred to as "The Range of Light." There are hidden lakes, rocky peaks, pristine meadows, and wild rivers to explore. Yosemite Adventure Company has the wheels to get vou out there. Rent on-road vehicles, off-road vehicles, and snow tracks. Guide services are available, as are self-quided tours.

BY BIKE ... Pedal Forward Bikes and Adventures is not your average bike shop. It is a welcome center for travelers who like to explore on two wheels. Newcomers and experts alike will get great advice for trails and routes that will maximize their ride experience. If your ride needs repairs or a tune-up, they have you covered. Need gear to outfit your adventure - rent or buy top-notch mountain bikes, racks, and gear from the experts.

BASS LAKE MOUNTAIN BIKING • LOCAL FRESHIES

ON FOOT ... For those looking to get off the beaten path, Southern Yosemite Mountain Guides provides outdoor enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels the opportunity to experience the High Sierra. For over 30 years, their trusted guides have been helping travelers access backpacking, rock climbing, hiking, and camping in Yosemite National Park and the surrounding wilderness. Lasting Adventures, Inc. and Incredible Adventures are two additional exceptional guide/adventure services that bring a wealth of experience and a wide range programs to get you out there and have a wonderful time while you are there.

> BY HORSE ... Want a truly unique experience? Look no further than trail riding on horseback under the towering pines, cedars, and oaks of the western Sierra. Yosemite Trails Horseback Adventures has over a 50 year history of providing just such an opportunity on their sure-footed American Quarter Horses. As the owners aptly say, "It's a great way to take your vacation by the reins."

Gear up at Alpenglow Gear Co.

For those seeking to discover new horizons, proper planning is a must. Shop for must-have safety equipment, like personal locator beacons, headlamps, and ready-to-eat meals. Find trekking poles, clothing layers, camp stoves, snowshoes, sleds, skis, and so much more at Alpenglow Gear Co. Gear up with the tools to achieve any outdoor challenge.

Find Adventure in Town Tool **Yosemite Axe Throwing**

If you enjoy hiking and the outdoors, you are going to love this! After a day spent in the fresh mountain air, keep the fun going. At Yosemite Axe Throwing in Oakhurst, the warm scent of cedar and pine welcomes visitors through the doors. Target lanes and countertops made from reclaimed wood bring the outdoors inside and the enjoyment of timbersports to everyone. The club is open for ages eight and older, seven days a week. Go chop it up!







More than a bike shop! We are your one-stop shop for bike repair, rentals, gear, apparel & recreational advice.



40761 HWY 41 Oakhurst, CA 93644 559-676-8842 www.pedalforwardbikes.com





Calendar of **Events**

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MARCH

Annual Chowchilla Stampede & Cattle Drive (209) 756-3056 • Chowchilla Facebook.com/chowchilla-westernstampede-153473561356669

Tesoro Viejo Spring Classic Half Marathon runspringclassic.com

APRIL

14th Annual Woodcarvers Rendezvous (559) 906-4198 • Oakhurst woodtat@icloud.com

35th Annual Raymond Parade and Family Fun Day (559) 689-3488 • Raymond

Dragonfly Festival (559) 665-7107 • Fossil Discovery Center, Chowchilla • maderamammoths.org

Earth Day Yosemite (209) 372-0200 • Yosemite National Park nps.gov/yose

MAY

41st Annual Bass Lake Fishing Derby (559) 642-3676 • Bass Lake basslakechamber.com

69th Annual Coarsegold Rodeo (559) 285-3344 • Coarsegold cgrodeogrounds.com

Yosemite Half Marathon (559) 683-4636 • Bass Lake yosemitehalfmarathon.com

Weekly or Seasonal Events

Bass Lake LIVE Concerts (559) 642-3121 • The Pines Resort basslake.com May-September – Select Fridays

Golden Chain Theatre – Live Theater (559) 683-7112 • Oakhurst goldenchaintheatre.org • All Year

Madera Flea Market (559) 213-4554 • Madera Fairgrounds maderafleamarket.com All Year – Every Wednesday & Sunday

Oakhurst Farmers Market (559) 683-7117 • Oakhurst Truevaluehomecenter.com May thru September, Every Thursday

Marina Bar & Grill (559) 642-3200 • Bass Lake basslakeboatrentals.com May-Sept Live Music Daily



MAY

 Chowchilla-Madera County Fair (559) 665-3728 • Chowchilla chowchillafair.org

31st Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show Bass Lake • acbs-tahoe.org

Goddess in the Garden (559) 472-0587 tr1beglobal.org/gig-about

Memorial Day Peddlers Market & Show (559) 683-3900 • Coarsegold coarsegoldhistoricvillage.com

Miller's Landing Resort (559) 642-3633 • Bass Lake millerslanding.com • Various Events All Summer

Music in the Park, Movies in the Park, and the Chowchilla Farmers Market (559) 665-5603 • Veterans Memorial Park Chowchilla • cityofchowchilla.org/calendar June & July

Queen's Inn Wine Bar & Beer Garden (559) 683-4354 • Oakhurst • queensinn.com May – October - Live Music Every Saturday

Sierra Meadows Concert Series (559) 580-8085 • Ahwahnee sierrameadows.com • Various Dates

Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad Moonlight Special (559) 683-7273 • Fish Camp

yosemitesteamtrains.com May thru October – Every Saturday June thru August – Every Wednesday & Saturday Plus Special Events Throughout the Season JUNE

Bass Lake Boat, Hot Rod & Motorcycle Show (310) 625-1352 • Bass Lake fotmevents.net

Bass Lake Yosemite Triathlon (559) 683-4636 • Bass Lake basslaketri.com

Music In The Meadow (559) 642-4448 • Coarsegold coarsegoldhistoricalsociety.com

JULY

4th of July Celebrations (559) 683-4636 • yosemitethisyear.com Bass Lake • Chowchilla • Madera



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JULY

62nd Annual Loggers Jamboree
 (559) 877-2410 • North Fork
 northforkboosters.org

Joaquin Murrieta Ride (559) 871-2534 • Madera

AUGUST

Annual Indian Fair Days & Pow Wow (559) 877-2115 • North Fork monomuseum.org

SEPTEMBER

Labor Day Weekend Peddlers Market & Show (559) 683-3900 • Coarsegold coarsegoldhistoricvillage.com

My*Tri Kids Triathlon (559) 642-3633 • Bass Lake mytribasslake.com

Madera District Fair (559) 674-8511 • Madera Fairgrounds maderafair.com

Coarsegold Stampede Pro Rodeo (559) 285-3344 • Coarsegold cgrodeogrounds.com

California Wine Month (800) 613-0709 • Madera Wine Trail maderawinetrail.com

19th Annual Kiwanis Run for the Gold Car Show (559) 683-4452 • Oakhurst oakhurstkiwanis.org



NORTH FORK LOGGERS JAMBOREE • STEVE MONTALTO YosemiteThisYear.com | info@yosemitethisyear.com



SEPTEMBER

53rd Annual Mountain Heritage Day & Parade (559) 683-6570 • Oakhurst fresnoflatsmuseum.org

23rd Annual Chowchilla Chamber Classic Car Show (559) 665-5603 • Chowchilla chowchillachamber.org

Bass Lake Home Tour (559) 642-3600 • Bass Lake basslakehometour.com

Smokey Bear Run/Walk 1K and 2 Mile Fun Run (559) 683-1770 • Bass Lake smokeybearrun.com

Celebrate Agriculture with the Arts (559) 661-7005 • Madera maderaarts.org

South Shore Car & Boat Show (559) 642-3633 • Bass Lake millerslanding.com

OCTOBER

ARTober in Oakhurst (see page 47) 31 Days of Art Events • artober.net

Sierra Art Trails Open Studio Tour (559) 658-8844 • Mountain Area sierraarttrails.org

Oakhurst Fall Festival (559) 683-7766 • Oakhurst oakhurstchamber.com

Grizzly Century Ride North Fork • Sierra National Forest grizzlycentury.org

Chukchansi Pow Wow (559) 412-5590 • Coarsegold chukchansitribe.net

Bass Lake Halloween Carnival (800) 350-7463 • basslake.com

Events are subject to change, please check our online calendar for current information. YosemiteThisYear.com/whats-happening

OCTOBER

24th Annual Coarsegold
 Tarantula Awareness Festival
 (559) 683-3900 • Coarsegold
 coarsegoldhistoricvillage.com

NOVEMBER

11th Annual Madera
 Pomegranate Fruit & Nut Festival
 (559) 673-3563 • Madera
 pomegranatefestival.com

Bass Lake Jingle Bash Pines Village • basslakechamber.com

Annual Bass Lake Tree Lighting Ceremony & Electric Parade (559) 642-3121 • Bass Lake basslake.com

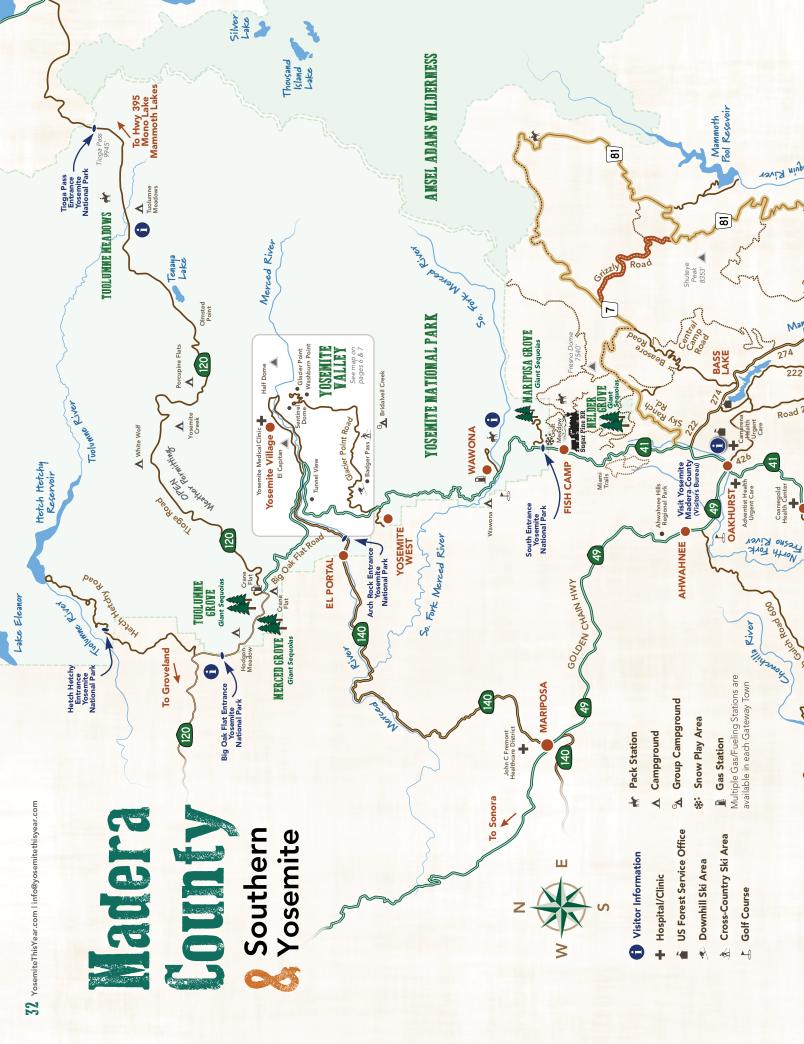
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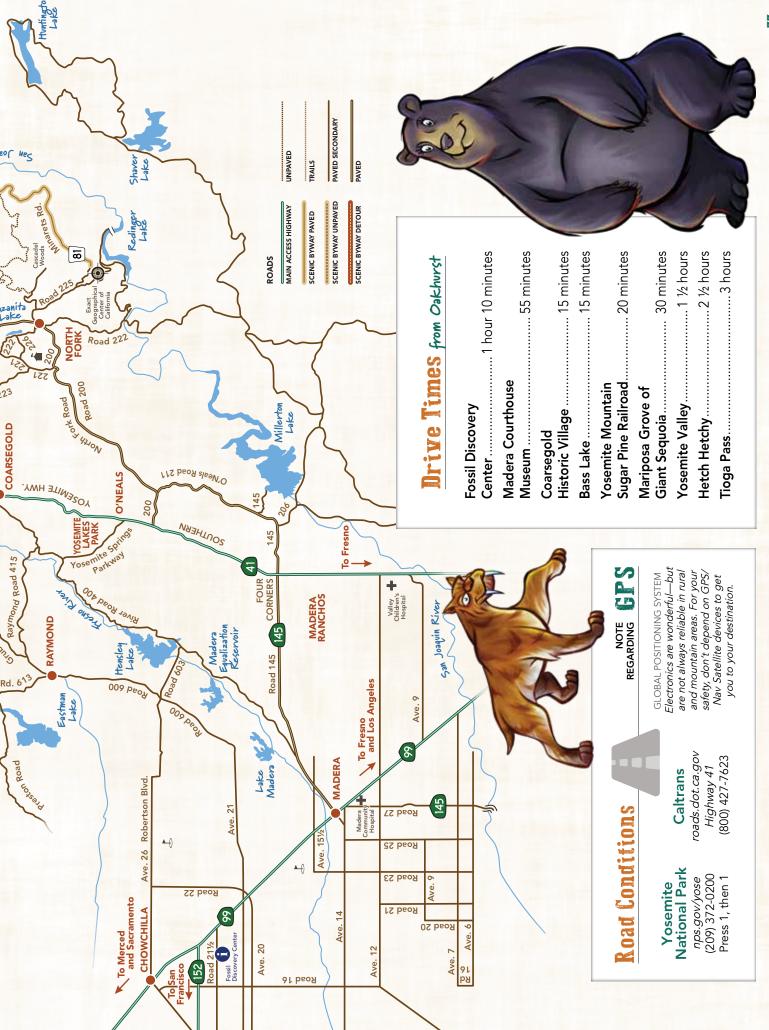
Christmas at Fresno Flats (559) 683-6570 • Oakhurst fresnoflatsmuseum.org

Downtown Madera Tractor Parade of Lights (559) 673-3563 • Madera maderachamber.com



CHOWCHILLA FAIR





Pet Friendly

From sightseeing in Yosemite to hiking the many trails in the Sierra National Forest there are many opportunities to include your canine family members in adventures through Yosemite's Southern Gateway.

YOSEMITE

Many ask "Is Yosemite dog friendly?"

The answer is yes, but with some important rules. In general, dogs are allowed in developed, fully paved areas. They are allowed in most of the campsites except for walk-in ones, like Camp 4. They are not, allowed typically on unpaved trails, in Yosemite's lodging or dining facilities, or on any of the shuttle buses. Dogs must always be attended and on leashes or restrained in something like a kennel. Here's some recommendations of places to experience with your pup in the park:

- **Tunnel View** one of the most famous views in the park. It's an excellent place for a canine-inspired selfie or a family portrait.
- Waterfalls the Lower Yosemite Falls trail will bring you to the viewing area at the base of the valley's largest waterfall landmark. (Note – Bridalveil Fall is another short, easy and dog friendly hike. It remains temporarily closed as work continues through 2022 on the Bridalveil Fall Rehabilitation Project.
- Glacier Point a highly recommended destination for both people and their pets with stunning views of the park high above Yosemite Valley. Unfortunately for Fido, Glacier Point Road will be closed to all traffic in 2022.
- **Mirror Lake Trail** a short, paved trail on the east end of Yosemite Valley that offers great close-up views of Half Dome, Washington Column and Mount Watkins. Note - an unpaved trail continues but dogs and bikes cannot.
- **Cook's Meadow Loop Trail** right in the heart of Yosemite Valley a walk along the Cook's Meadow Loop trail delivers amazing views of Yosemite Falls, Half Dome, Glacier Point, and Sentinel Rock.
- The Wawona Meadow Loop Trail this 3.5-mile path loops around scenic and historic Wawona Meadow.



BARK RANGER POPPY AT TUNNEL VIEW • MEREDITH MOULTON

BASS LAKE

If you are thinking of a pet-friendly place to explore and play, you couldn't do better than Bass Lake. Rent a boat and take Fido for a tour of the lake, practice your two and four-legged balance on a paddleboard, or hit the many trails around the lake for a hike (both short and long options are available). All that fun needs some fuel. Stop at The Forks or at Miller's Landing where you can treat your pup to some tasty treats from their Pet Menus or enjoy patio dining with your pup at Casa Velasco, all year round.

Looking for more ideas?

Hop a train. The **Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad** welcomes four and two-legged riders on its 4-mile steampowered journey into the region's past. Good news, dogs ride for free!

Grab a drink. What better a way to end a day of fun and adventure than with a glass of wine at of our favorite watering holes. Yosemite Wine Tails or the Queen's Inn Wine Bar & Beer Garden are perfect ways to do just that. Check ahead as both venues feature live music and

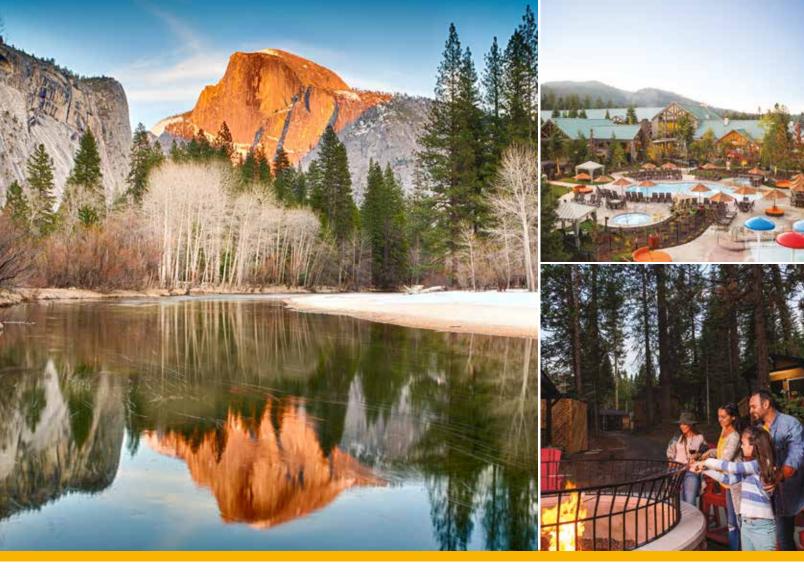
For more Pet Friendly details visit YosemiteThisYear.com/pet-friendly.

other entertainment throughout the year.



CHARLIE READY FOR A RIDE ON THE YOSEMITE MOUNTAIN SUGAR PINE RAILROAD • VYMC





SOME TALL TALES ARE REAL

A world of larger-than-life moments comes alive at Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite.

Explore the Sierra region at a full-service resort just two miles from Yosemite National Park, or at the neighboring Explorer Cabins at Tenaya Lodge. Home to massive mountains, astonishing valleys and 200-foot-tall giant sequoias, there's no place on Earth like Yosemite – and Tenaya Lodge puts you right at its doorstep.

TenayaLodge.com 888-514-2167

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Wine and Toast of Oakhurst

A coastal mountain range to the west and the Sierra Nevada to the east, California's Central Valley is one of the most productive agricultural regions in the world. Small, yet mighty, Madera County ranks in the top twenty in the United States for total agricultural production. Here, winemaking was happening as early as the 19th century, and Madera is designated as an American Viticulture Area. There is "Wine Country" outside Yosemite National Park to explore.

Along the **Madera Wine Trail**, find highly celebrated and historic port wines, silky-smooth single-varietals, and food-friendly table wines that delight the pallet. In higher elevations, join the **Yosemite Sierra Wine Road** wineries in the Sierra Foothills.

Each of the nine wineries in this region shines with unique charm. Most are boutique wineries where travelers can engage in conversation with the winemaker. Their dedication to excellence, coupled with a focus on hospitality, make for a memorable winetasting journey.

Discover historic varietals, outdoor spaces, rolling vineyards, dynamite reds, and bubbly brunch bites on the Madera Wine Trail and the Yosemite Sierra Wine Road.

Want More?

An abundance of beverage diversity greets travelers to Yosemite's Southern Gateway.

The Toast □• Oakhurst

is a hand-crafted beverage trail featuring beer, wine, and spirits all made in Oakhurst, California.

Visit **South Gate Brewing Company** This full-service brewery, and gastropub, expertly combines quality hops, small-batch beer, and farm-fresh food into a symphony of flavor on their seasonally changing menu.

Sample incredible wines at Idle Hour Winery & Kitchen. There are three ways to experience; stop in the tasting room, order delicious and sophisticated food pairings, or enjoy while listening to music at the Wine Bar.

At **Oakhurst Spirits**, sip hand-crafted rum, whiskey, gin, and more. Ask about the cocktail menu that includes refreshing lemonade with local-lavender-infused vodka.

For even more options for a place to raise a glass, consider a stop at the Snowline Saloon, Yosemite Wine Trails or the Oakhurst Grill & Whiskey 41 Lounge (which purportedly has the largest whisky selection in the region).

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In Yosemite National Park, there are 58 permanent streams with over 770 miles of crystal clear water. In these waters live a myriad of fish such as brown trout, golden trout, brook trout, and the native rainbow trout. Practice catch and release on the

valley portions of the Merced River, wade into the glacial waters of Tenaya Lake, or keep it "reel" in the high county meadows of the Tuolumne River.

Mammoth Pool: Mammoth Pool Reservoir is situated at an elevation of 3,300', on the eastern side of the Sierra Vista Scenic Byway. The fishing season on this lake runs from mid-April to the end of April, then halts to allow for deer migration. Fishing re-opens June 17 until the first snowfall.

Redinger Lake: At this hidden gem, find seclusion and solitude while you're casting your line. Fish any time of year on this 500-acre lake. It's an excellent addition to any road trip, especially when checking out the geographical center of California or the town of North Fork. The guides at Sierra Fly Fisher and the Yosemite Rivers Fly Shop in Oakhurst lead fly fishing excursions to the Sierra National Forest, Yosemite, Sequoia, and Kings Canyon National Parks.



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Kerckhoff Reservoir: If seeking a day of adventure with a bit of seclusion, Kerckhoff is a good option. About a half-hour beyond Bass Lake, find year-round fishing featuring eastern brook trout, smallmouth bass, and bluegill.

Eastman Lake: This reservoir on the Chowchilla River, surrounded by impossibly tall and rolling hills, is a scenic, restful setting. It draws fishing enthusiasts from afar with the trophy-sized bass that lurk in its waters.

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Hensley Lake: Just outside the historic town of Raymond, explore twenty miles of shoreline hikes, mountain bike trails, and hidden viewpoints. Camping, fishing, and picnicking are open year-round. A winter trip to this low-elevation reservoir is a welcome escape from valley fog and mountain snow.

Bass Lake: Located south of Yosemite National Park, Bass Lake is the place to fish. The annual Bass Lake Fishing Derby kicks off the famous lake's busy summer season. Bass Lake has boats, tackle, bait, rentals, restaurants, and California sport fishing licenses available for anglers.

FISHING ON KERCKHOFF RESERVOIR . VYMC



Museums & Historical Sites Explore a region rich with history



The Fresno Flats Historic Village and Park is a wonderful place to experience what 19th Century life in the Sierra Nevada foothills and mountains of Central California was like.

Take an educational and fun-filled journey into the area's past and discover the many historical treasures of the region along the way. Ride a historic steam train into the Sierra National Forest at the Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad, come face to face with ancient creatures of San Joaquin Valley's past at the Fossil

Discovery Center. Visit the newly renovated Sierra Mono Museum and Cultural Center to learn about the Mono tribe's history and cultural traditions.

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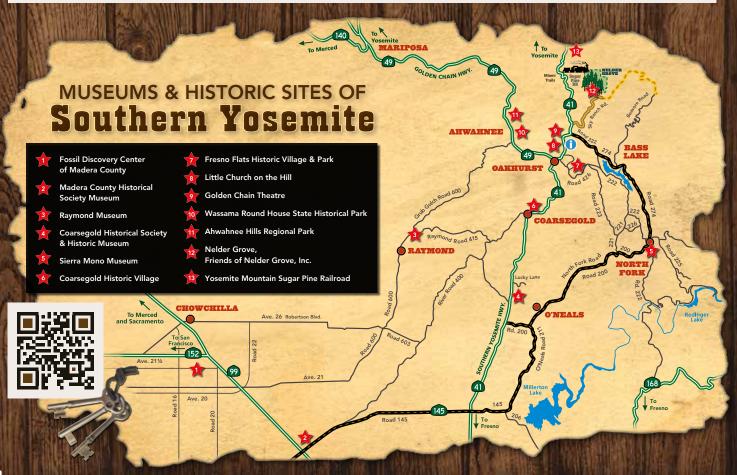


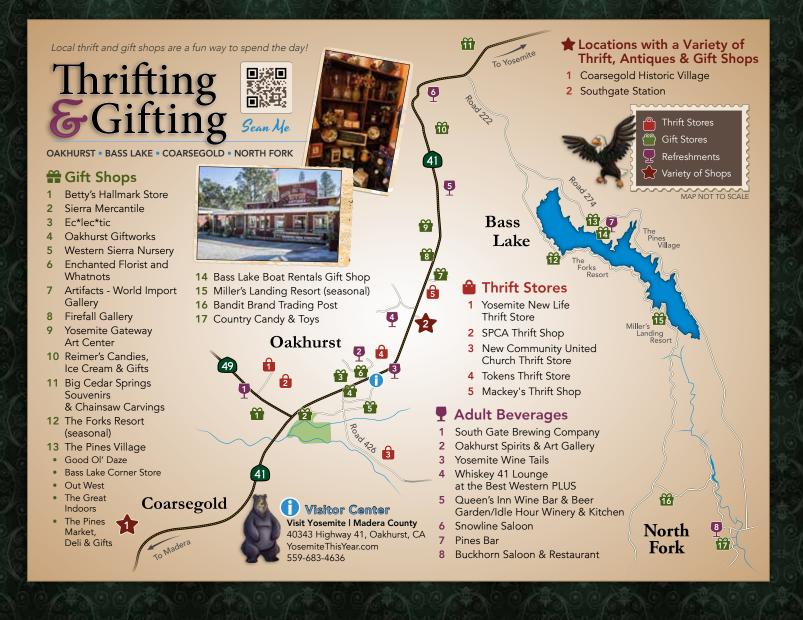


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that will be a unique and treasured reminder of the great time you and your family have enjoyed here. From fine art, to fun souvenirs, you can find it here.



Looking for something with added charm?

Thrift stores just may be your answer and the exploration can be as rewarding as what you find! Browse through shelves loaded with treasures at one of many local stores. There's nothing better than a great find such as a cool jacket, a wonderful book, a vintage vase or a throwback record. You'll have fun browsing through trinkets you have never seen before.

Fossils to Falls Road Trip a Family Fun adventure (with some adult time too!)

The Fossils to Falls Road Trip begins in the farmlands of the San Joaquin Valley and ends at the grand vistas of Yosemite National Park. Along the way, collect trading cards of the nine native animal characters known as the Welcoming Committee. Find their cards at these popular attractions, then enter for a chance to win a Yosemite Adventure Vacation.

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Explore one of the largest collections of middle-Pleistocene era fossils in North America. Here, find the trading card for Mr. Mead, the Saber-toothed Cat, along with the fossilized remains of Columbian Mammoths, 18-ft. Sloths, and Dire Wolves. At the mock dig, budding paleontologists can use their imagination to uncover the Visit massive creatures that roamed this land more than 780,000 years ago.

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is still gold in these hills; Coarsegold is rich in history and shopping. Find Nugget, the California Ebony Tarantula, in

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MADERA WINE TRAIL

Madera County has an abundance of agriculture and history. These worlds combine into one of the oldest wine grape-growing regions in the U.S. Enjoy an excellent combination of hospitality and fantastic, award-winning wines. Ask for Honey, the Honeybee, at any of the family-owned wineries along the Madera Wine Trail.

Birdstone Winery

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- Ficklin Vineyards
- Idle Hour Winery & Kitchen
- Papagni Winery
- Quady Winery
- San Joaquin Wine Company
- Toca Madera Winery

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Village. Plus, don't miss the annual Tarantula Awareness Festival on the last Saturday of October.



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Get to know the largest gateway town of Yosemite National Park, Oakhurst. It lies at the junction of the Golden Chain Highway (CA-41) and the Southern Yosemite Highway (CA-41), just 16-miles from the park entrance. Book the region's top lodging, then stay a while, discovering a host of adventures you never expected to find. Please stop at the Visitor Center to meet Sierra, The Black Bear, collect her card, and find answers to travel questions. Get the information on live performances, things to do, historical sites, delicious dining, and the Toast of Oakhurst Beverage Tour.



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So Much

to see and

do here!

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YOSEMITE GATEWAY ART CENTER

Oakhurst is a place bursting full of creative talent and there's no better place to see examples of it firsthand than the Yosemite Gateway Art Center. The Art Center is home to multiple galleries representing art from renowned regional artists working in many styles and mediums. From stunning photography to contemporary sculpture, you can find it here! This hub for art, artists,

and creative events in the region hosts a wide variety of artist demonstrations and exhibits throughout the year, including the annual Yosemite Renaissance Traveling Exhibit and Sierra Art Trails Open Studio Tour. It is also the place to find the trading card for our most colorful character, Art E. Fox, the Sierra Nevada Red Fox.



for my Bald Eagle friends and me soaring above Bass Lakel

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BASS LAKE 🔌

Bass Lake is known for fishing, hiking, mountain biking, shopping,

and excellent lakeside dining. Many lodging options include camping, cabins, vacation rentals, and lakeside resorts. Three marinas provide boat rentals that range from kayaks to party barges. Find Blake, the Bald Eagle, and collect his trading card at;

The Pines Resort, The Forks Resort, or Miller's Landing.



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YOSEMITE MOUNTAIN SUGAR PINE RAILROAD

Travel back in time aboard a historic steam train on a four-mile excursion into the Sierra National Forest. The landmark railroad offers train rides, gold panning, evening programs, a museum, a sandwich shop, and a toy store, March through November, weather permitting. Collect Ricky, the Raccoon's trading card, then get ready for an exhilarating journey.



RICKY



YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Just inside the park's southern entrance, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is home to nearly 500 of these magnificent giants. Visit the Welcome Plaza, near the parking area, to meet Galen, the Great-Horned Owl, and collect his card. It is a breeze to travel to the Mariposa Grove Arrival Area via the free shuttle. Visitors may access the famous Grizzly Giant and California Tunnel trees via a five-mile round-trip hike if the shuttle is unavailable. Check conditions during winter months and periodic shutdowns.

The last stop, and the grand finale of the Fossils to Falls Road Trip, are the magical sights of Yosemite Valley!

Tunnel View is an essential destination on any Yosemite visit; see Bridalveil Fall, Sentinel Dome, Half Dome, Clouds Rest, and El Capitan from this iconic viewpoint. The trading card for Sandy, the Squirrel, is available for travelers at the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village, near the Visitor Center.



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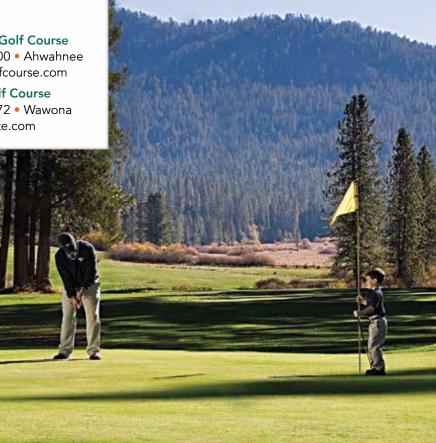
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Sporting Events

You can find all kinds of adventures in Yosemite's Southern Gateway and if you prefer yours to be of the athletic variety, we've got you covered! From wrangling bulls to racking up the miles, there are plenty of ways to satisfy your competitive drive.

For endurance athletes, the competitive year starts off at lower elevations in March with the **Tesoro Viejo Spring Classic Half Marathon**. In May things move up hill, literally, with the popular **Yosemite Half Marathon**. This scenic course through the Sierra National Forest ends at the shores of beautiful Bass Lake. It is often part of a full weekend of adventure including epic hiking in Yosemite, exploring the Sierra Vista Scenic Byway as well as the many trails and activities around Bass Lake.

> RunFallClassic.com and YosemiteHalfMarathon.com

The Bass Lake Yosemite Triathlon has

been drawing multi-sport athletes to the foothills since the early 1980s. The event was resurrected in 2011 and celebrates its eleventh year in 2022. It offers both Olympic and Sprint distance courses and team options too. Want something shorter and with a fun twist? **The Bass Lake 5K Poker Run & Go Fish Run** could be just the ticket.

BassLakeTri.com

Younger multi-sport athletes also get to test their mettle at Bass Lake during the **My*Tri Youth Triathlon**. Hosted by Miller's Landing Resort, the MY*Tri is a super-fun event in early September that is open to kids 5-17 years of age.

MyTriBassLake.com

Rounding out the competitive running opportunities on the calendar is a longtime local fall favorite, the **Smokey Bear Run/Walk** at Bass Lake.

SmokeyBearRun.com



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For folks who prefer to pedal as opposed to run, there are two events to put on the schedule. The first is the fall classic cycling event, **The Grizzly Century**. This event offers a variety of courses on roads (and now on dirt too) in the heart of the Sierra Nevada. From a relatively easy 24 mile course that loops Bass Lake to a challenging 100 mile long "The Griz" ride on the roads of the Sierra Vista Scenic Byway. For those that truly prefer the roads less traveled, there's the **Everyone Loves Raymond Gravel Rides**. This relatively new event (the inaugural one was in 2018) takes place in November and offers some fun and challenging routes ranging from 30 to 90 miles though the foothills.

FresnoCycling.com

Bass Lake Fishing Derby Anglers also get to challenge each other for bragging rights for the "Big Ones" at the Bass Lake Fishing Derby each May. The weekend-long event brings folks from all over the area to come enjoy the beauty of the lake in mid-spring while attempting to catch their share of over \$50,000+ dollars of tagged, prize fish. Bass Lake is not the only place for fishermen to go reel-to-reel. Both Eastman and Millerton Lakes are active sites for regional competitions throughout each fishing season. BassLakeChamber.com

For a change of pace, and a chance to spectate as opposed to participate, dust off your boots and come experience the excitement of rodeo at the Coarsegold Rodeo Grounds. The venue hosts two main events each year, the Coarsegold Rodeo (spring) and the Coarsegold Stampede PRCA Rodeo (fall). Fans are treated to a variety of events including Mutton Bustin', the Michael Steen Exceptional Kids Rodeo, and the pageantry of Rodeo Royalty. All of this is topped off with the excitement of Pro Rodeo competitions. The rodeos are truly fun for the whole family.

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Performing Arts

GoldenChainTheatre.org

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Live theatre thrives in Yosemite's Southern Gateway at the The Golden Chain Theatre (GCT) in Oakhurst. The GCT annually produces seasons with a diverse line-up of musicals, dramas and comedy productions. Recent years have seen musical favorites such as "Fiddler On The Roof," "Little Women The Musical," "Oklahoma," "Oliver," "Peter Pan," and a recent production of "Mary Poppins the Musical" performed on their stage. But the GCT is home to more than just wonderful musicals; comedies such as Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple, Female Edition" and the "Savannah Sipping Society" and dramas like "Mousetrap" and "Steel Magnolias" are just a sampling of the range of shows seen on the GCT stage in recent seasons. The theatre started life over fifty years ago as a tourist attraction presenting historical melodramas from the late 1800s and early 1900s. GCT hasn't forgotten its roots. Classics such as "A Woman in White" and "Here Come the Cows" annually grace the GCT stage as well as some original productions like "Little Orphan Angela," which was unique in more ways than one being a drive-in Melodrama experience during the 2021 season complete with outdoor stage! This company definitely puts the DRAMA into melodrama.



Like the other arts, musical talent runs deep in the region.

At many times during the year, you can enjoy live music hosted at venues throughout the area. Both one-off events and regular musical series feature a range of local, regional and national performers and music from a wide range of genres. There is so much to choose from and enjoy.

Here's a sampling of a few of our favorite concert series:

- Saturday Music by The River Concert Series Queens Inn Wine Bar & Beer Garden
- Live From the Meadows Concert Series Sierra Meadows
- Bass Lake LIVE Summer Concert Series The Pines Resort, Bass Lake
- Fäsi Estate Winery Concert Series (Spring, Summer & Fall editions)
- Music in the Park, Chowchilla
- Tesoro Viejo Live on the Lawn Summer Concert Series



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Art and the Arts in Madera County

Madera County is wonderfully rich in history as well as natural beauty. These features have drawn many to the area, including a thriving and growing community of artists, artisans, and crafts people. From fine art to performing art, you can find and enjoy it here.

THE MADERA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

(MCAC) has over a 30-year history of providing county residents and visitors access to art and culture through many diverse programs and services. MCAC works to stimulate and support local arts groups and individual artists throughout the County

and hosts several exhibits at the Council-run Circle Gallery in the City of Madera. Among their many initiatives and events is the annual "Celebrate Agriculture with the Arts" program. Drawing participants from throughout the region, it is a signature exhibit and competition that showcases the breadth of artistic talent while celebrating the role that agriculture plays both economically, and culturally.

MaderaArts.org

SIERRA ART TRAILS

A cornerstone ARTober event is the Sierra Art Trails Open Studio Tour. This multi-day event brings together nearly a hundred local and regional artists working in a wide array of media. A shortlist (very short) includes photography, painting, pastels and ceramics to printmaking, sculpture, woodworking, and leather craft. Seeing an abundance of wonderful art is great, but the best part may be spending time with artists, often at their home studios, where the magic itself happens.

The trail is a special, once-a-year journey throughout Eastern Madera and Mariposa Counties. An artistic road trip that celebrates art in the region, for artists and art lovers alike.

SierraArtTrails.org

YOSEMITE GATEWAY ART CENTER

If you want to visit the center of the regional arts activities, look no further than the Yosemite Gateway Art Center in Oakhurst. The art center is home to a number of galleries that regularly showcase a wide range of art and artists as well as serves as home for special art exhibits throughout year. Exhibits such as the Yosemite Sierra Artists (YSA) Annual Show and the regionally renowned Yosemite Renaissance annual traveling art exhibit. YSA exhibits and artist demonstrations are regular events throughout the year.

www.facebook.com/ygacarts YosemiteSierraArtists.org



ARTober.net

ARTOBER IN OAKHURST

Oakhurst is the largest of Yosemite FIND MI National Parks gateway communities. In addition to this distinction, it has what is believed to be one of the largest number of artists, per capita, in the United States. Every ARTober (aka October) many of these artists come together to take part in a month-long celebration of all things art. From artist demos, exhibits and special events to the ART the Bear carved-bear treasure hunt, it's a fun and artful way to celebrate the creative side of life in the Sierra Nevada Foothills.







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The quiet. This season sees less visitors than any other time of year, thus making your journey feel like a more private and personal experience.

The beauty. Imagine scenes of granite monoliths encased in ice crystals towering above snow covered meadows. Waterfalls, newly revived with the season's welcome rains, send mist into nearby forests, frosting the trees with ice, creating a winter wonderland many only dream of seeing.

Winter is also a perfect season to capture images, both grand and intimate, of the beauty of Yosemite. WINTER SUNRISE AT GLACIER POINT . LOCAL FRESHIES

Winter Fun comes in many forms from classic activities to some that are adventurous and off the beaten path.

Here's just a few of our favorites:

Badger Pass

Winter sports have a long history in Yosemite. Skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, tubing, and cross-country skiing are all in the mix here. If you are new to winter sports or want to sharpen your skills, sign up for a class.

Goat Meadow Snow Play Area

Located in Fish Camp just outside the south gate to Yosemite. Head here for a day of sledding and snow-play fun with family and friends.

Yosemite Adventure Company

Take an adventurous tour up into mountains of the Sierra National Forest and enjoy sites few have the opportunity or means to access in the winter months.

Ice Skating

A family favorite activity. There are two locales to enjoy strapping on some skates, gliding across the ice, and warming up with hot cocoa.

- Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite -Located near the southern entrance to Yosemite National Park.
- Curry Village -Located in Yosemite Valley

After a day of fun and adventure, retire to beautiful snow-dusted Bass Lake. Snuggle up with a steamy beverage next to a crackling fire in your own lakeside suite or chalet at The Pines Resort, Miller's Landing Resort or one of the many vacation home rentals around the lake.

Come experience the magic that is winter here! YosemiteThisYear.com/winter-fun



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Finding Ways to Wellness

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Get out there! No journey to Yosemite National Park and Madera County would be complete without spending time outdoors-no matter the season. Boost your energy, reduce your stress, build your fitness level.



Walk in the forest - Hiking trails abound in Madera County and Yosemite National Park, including many that take you away from civilization so you can reconnect with the earth and your spirit.

Swim in a lake – Take a dip in a sun-warmed lake, such as Bass Lake, or brave the colder temps of Tenaya Lake in Yosemite's high country. Kayak, do paddleboard yoga, or sun yourself on the shore to boost your vitamin D.



Eat organically, from fruits and vegetables in season - Purchase locally-grown items from our farmers' markets or dine at restaurants featuring locally sourced products on their menus, prepared lovingly for you. As a special treat, sign up for culinary classes at The Elderberry House Restaurant.

Perform yoga or tai chi atop a granite dome or near a meadow – Limber up with gentle movements made even more refreshing being accomplished outdoors in the open air.

Meditate outdoors - Reduce stress and improve your mood by quieting your mind in meditation outdoors. Get in touch with your Higher Self and let your mind wander amid vibrant wildflowers and giant trees.



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FOREST BATHING WITH MINDFUL CAFE . WATERMELON SUGAR PHOTOS

What is Forest Bathing?

The ancient practice "shinrin-yoku" roughly translates as "taking in the forest atmosphere." Despite the unique name, Forest Bathing is simply an intentional, reconnecting walk in nature. It can be helpful to have a guide to give insights and show how to access guiet, hidden places ideal for Forest Bathing. For serenity-seekers, Mindful Café offers guided Forest Bathing excursions at Yosemite's south gate.





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Get Outside

With sunshine-filled days and the wild Sierra Nevada mountains beckoning, there are endless outdoor expeditions.

Shop Small

Explore the many mom n' pop souvenir shops, local farmers' markets, and historic villages that give the county a country charm.

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Discover the healing benefits of being in nature. Forest Bathing is a fully immersive practice that uses all your senses to connect deeply with the surrounding forest. It's not a hike, so no worries about your fitness level, and it doesn't include dunking yourself in water (unless, of course, that's your thing). Immerse yourself in a guided forest bathing experience.

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DAY 1

Sequoia National Park

Start your journey with a scenic drive to Sequoia National Park from Visalia (Highway 99 and Highway 198). See the Giant Forest Museum, Tunnel Log, Moro Rock, and the largest tree in the world... the General Sherman Tree. You can also venture underground in the Crystal Cave. Stay the night in the welcoming town of Visalia. Make sure to experience farm-to-table restaurants in their quaint downtown.

DAY 2

Kings Canyon National Park

See the General Grant Tree, Panoramic Point, Big Stump Trail, Roaring River Falls, and The Road's End. After your visit, head north and stay overnight near the south entrance of Yosemite in the southern gateway town of Oakhurst. To get there, take Highway 180 from Kings Canyon to Fresno then head north on Highway 41 (about a 2 hour journey).



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DAY 3

Yosemite National Park

Get an early start for your drive into the park or take a guided tour and spend the day exploring Yosemite. See the Mariposa Grove of Giant Seguoias, Wawona's Pioneer Yosemite History Center, Tunnel View and Yosemite Valley. Come back to Oakhurst for a night's stay or extend your journey on through to one of Yosemite's other three gateways.

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El Capitan COVER PHOTO

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Not all special moments require a grudging uphill slog to witness a beautiful vista in Yosemite. This photo was taken during an afternoon along the Merced River.



Myself, and two others (Brenton Hirao and Kevin Luc), were spending the end of our workday fishing near El Capitan. Our fishing prospects came out empty handed, but this beautiful

mule deer crossed while we spent some treasured time in the summer sun. I, fortunately, rummaged through my backpack quickly enough to grab my camera and capture this glimpse of grace.



Would you like to see your photo in the 2023 Visitors Guide?

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