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**Visit Yosemite | Madera County**  
2022 Visitors Guide

# RIDE THE LOGGER



**Daily Excursions – April through October**

**Narrated Steam Train Ride • Gold Panning  
Thornberry Museum • Kids Depot Toy Store • Gift Shop  
Jenny Railcar • Sandwich Shop • Picnic Area**

**Steam Train Rides**



**Gold Panning**



**Moonlight Special**



**Private Events**



**YOSEMITE MOUNTAIN  
SUGAR PINE RAILROAD**





# VISIT YOSEMITE | MADERA COUNTY 2022 YOSEMITE RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION UPDATE

Please #RecreateResponsibly and **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!**

Dear Visitor:

Yosemite National Park will have multiple major Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) and other infrastructure improvement projects on-going during 2022. Many of these will have impacts to access and services in the park.

## Reservation required:

- May 20 thru September 30, during peak hours (6am - 4pm)

WHEN can you get reservations:

- For all dates - 70% of total reservations open **March 23, 8am PST**
- 30% are held in reserve - available seven (7) days before planned entrance date beginning at **8am PST**

WHERE to get reservations:

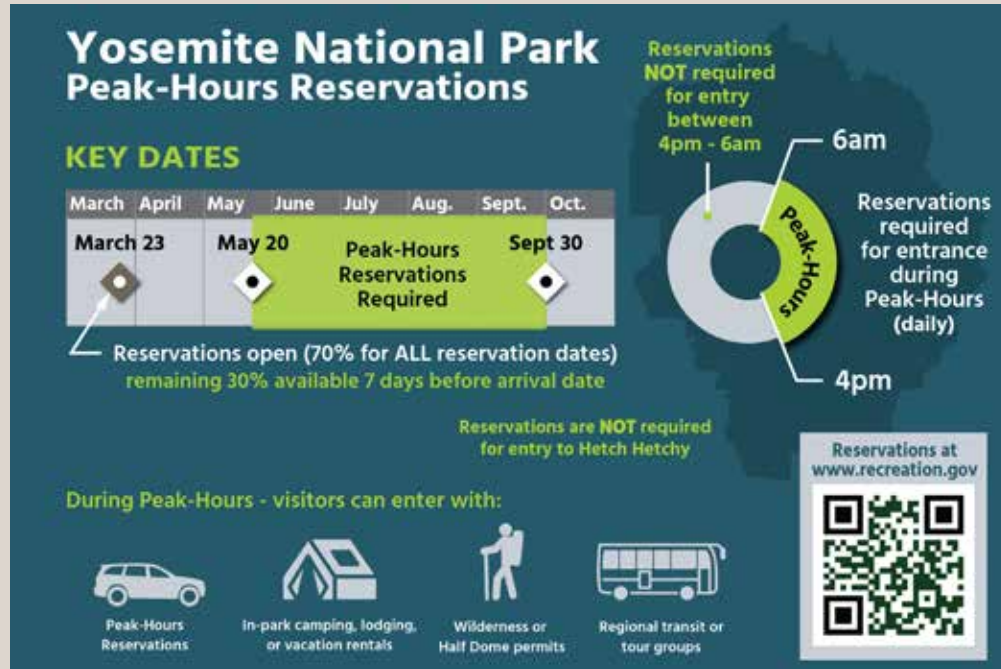
[www.Recreation.gov/timed-entry/10086745](http://www.Recreation.gov/timed-entry/10086745)

or call (877) 444-6777

More information:

[www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/reservations.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/reservations.htm)

Or call the YNP Public Information Office at (209) 372-0200, press 3, press 5



## Tips for Visiting Yosemite:

- Be prepared for some limits to services in the park including lodging, parking, camping, dining, and shopping. [www.travelyosemite.com](http://www.travelyosemite.com)
- Restrictions may still be in place due to COVID-19. Please check the park's website for the latest status. [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/index.htm)
- Shuttle buses are planned to be operating throughout the park this year. Routes and stops info including updates will be on the park's website. [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/publictransportation.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/publictransportation.htm)
- The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is expected to return to normal operation on or around Memorial Day Weekend. The most up-to-date information regarding status and available facilities in the Grove can best be found online. [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/mg.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/mg.htm)
- Bridalveil Fall (trails and parking) and Glacier Point Road are **CLOSED** for 2022.
- Tuolumne Meadows, Porcupine Flat, Crane Flat & Bridalveil Creek Campgrounds are **CLOSED**. All other park campgrounds are planned to be open with reservations are required for all of them. There will be no first-come, first-served campgrounds. [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/camping.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/camping.htm)
- Wilderness permits are only available on-line at [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits)

### Oakhurst Visitor Center

Hours: 8:30am - 4:30pm, Mon. - Sat.

9:00am - 1:00pm, Sun.

Phone: (559) 683-4636

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## Yosemite Tours & Adventures (No Park Reservation Needed):

Below is a list of public, private and specialty tours for guests who want to enter Yosemite during peak hours but don't have reservations to get in. These are also great for guests who do have a reservation and want a guided tour or specialty adventure like rock climbing, hiking, photography, fishing and more...

### DAILY GROUP OR PRIVATE GUIDED TOURS

- Crossroads Tours - (559) 658-8687 - [www.Yosemite1.com](http://www.Yosemite1.com)
- Discover Yosemite Tours - (559) 642-4400 - [www.DiscoverYosemite.com](http://www.DiscoverYosemite.com)
- Incredible Adventures, Inc. - (415) 642-7378 - [www.IncAdventures.com](http://www.IncAdventures.com)
- Photo Safari Yosemite - (559) 760-6124 - [www.PhotoSafariYosemite.com](http://www.PhotoSafariYosemite.com)
- Three Brothers Adventure Tours - (559) 307-5146 - [www.3BrothersTours.com](http://www.3BrothersTours.com)

More Tours and  
Transportation information at  
[www.yosemitethisyear.com/  
tours-transportation](http://www.yosemitethisyear.com/tours-transportation)



### REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

- YARTS (Yosemite Area Regional Transportation) - (877) 989-2787 - [www.YARTS.com](http://www.YARTS.com)  
*Seasonal Only - May 10 thru Sept 10 for the Highway 41 Route*
- Amtrak San Joaquins (connects to YARTS) - (800) USA-RAIL - [www.AmtrakSanJoaquins.com](http://www.AmtrakSanJoaquins.com)

### SPECIALTY GUIDED TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

- Airborrn Aviation - Airplane Tours over Yosemite - (209) 966-2143 - [www.YosemiteAviation.com](http://www.YosemiteAviation.com)
- Ansel Adams Gallery - (209) 372-4413 - [www.AnselAdams.com](http://www.AnselAdams.com)
- Lasting Adventures, Inc. - (800) 513-8651 - [www.LastingAdventures.org](http://www.LastingAdventures.org)
- Sierra Fly Fisher Guide Service | Yosemite Rivers Fly Shop - (559) 683-7664 - [www.SierraFlyFisher.com](http://www.SierraFlyFisher.com)
- Southern Yosemite Mountain Guides - (800) 231-4575 - [www.SYMG.com](http://www.SYMG.com)
- Yosemite Conservancy - (209) 379-2317 ext. 10 - [www.Yosemite.org](http://www.Yosemite.org)
- Yosemite Trails Horseback Adventures - (559) 683-7611 - [www.YosemiteTrails.com](http://www.YosemiteTrails.com)



**Respect It  
Protect It  
Enjoy It**

**Hello Visitors!**

## Rhonda



# Visit Yosemite | Madera County

THE OFFICIAL SOUTHERN YOSEMITE VISITORS BUREAU

## VISITOR CENTER HOURS

Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Monday through Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Summer)

## VISIT US ONLINE!

YosemiteThisYear.com

Facebook.com/YosemiteMadera  
Twitter.com/YosemiteMadera  
YouTube.com/VisitYosemiteMaderaCounty  
Pinterest.com/YosemiteMadera  
Instagram.com/YosemiteMadera



Guide Books & Maps • Free Coffee • Clean Restrooms  
24-Hour Information & Reservation Board • Gift Shop

40343 Highway 41, Oakhurst, CA 93644

Phone: (559) 683-4636 • Email: info@yosemitethisyear.com



## U.S. Forest Service

Sierra National Forest  
Bass Lake Ranger District

www.fs.usda.gov/sierra/

## Oakhurst Office

(559) 658-7588

(April - September)

## North Fork Office

(559) 877-2218

(All Year)

## Mileage & Drive Times to Oakhurst

FROM	MILEAGE	DRIVE TIME
Bakersfield	155 miles	2.5 hours
Fresno	48 miles	50 minutes
Las Vegas	438 miles	7 hours
Los Angeles	275 miles	4.5 hours
Merced	67 miles	1.25 hours
Sacramento	170 miles	3.5 hours
San Diego	380 miles	6 hours
San Francisco	213 miles	4 hours

## Highway Conditions & Weather Reports

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

Highway 41 into Yosemite National Park is open all year

National Weather Service noaa.org

Caltrans roads.dot.ca.gov  
(800) 427-7623 • Highway 41

## NOTE REGARDING

### GPS

GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM

Electronics are wonderful—but are not always reliable in rural and mountain areas. For your safety, don't depend on GPS/Nav Satellite devices to get you to your destination.

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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.

GLACIER POINT SUNRISE • CALIFORNIA HIGH SIERRA

## Yosemite In A Day or more

### DAY 1 (Yosemite Valley)

**STOP 1 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.

**STOP 2 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.*

**STOP 3 Yosemite Chapel**  
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.

**STOP 4 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.

**STOP 5 Yosemite Village, Valley Loop Trail & Yosemite Falls**  
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.

**STOP 6 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)

**STOP 1 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.

**STOP 2 Wawona**  
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.

**STOP 3 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 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.

## DAY 3 (Highway 120 East)

**STOP 1 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 1½ to 2 hours of hiking.

**STOP 2 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.

**STOP 3 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.

**STOP 4 Tuolumne Meadows**  
Just 6½ 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.



YOSEMITE FALLS AND AUTUMN COLORS • DARVIN ATKESON

# Yosemite Valley

## & Valley Shuttle Map

### ROUTE AND STOP LEGEND

#### Yosemite Shuttles &



#### VALLEY SHUTTLE YEAR-ROUND

STOP	LOCATION	STOP	LOCATION
1	Yosemite Village Parking	12	Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center / Housekeeping Camp
2, 10	Yosemite Village	13	Curry Village
3	The Ahwahnee	14, 20	Curry Village Parking
4	Degnan's Deli	15	Upper Pines Campground / Trailhead Parking
5, 9	Yosemite Valley Visitor Center	16	Happy Isles / Mist Trail
6	Lower Yosemite Fall	17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
7	Camp 4 / Yosemite Falls Parking	18	North Pines Campground
8	Yosemite Valley Lodge	19	Pines Campgrounds
11	Sentinel Bridge		



#### EL CAPITAN SHUTTLE SUMMER-ONLY

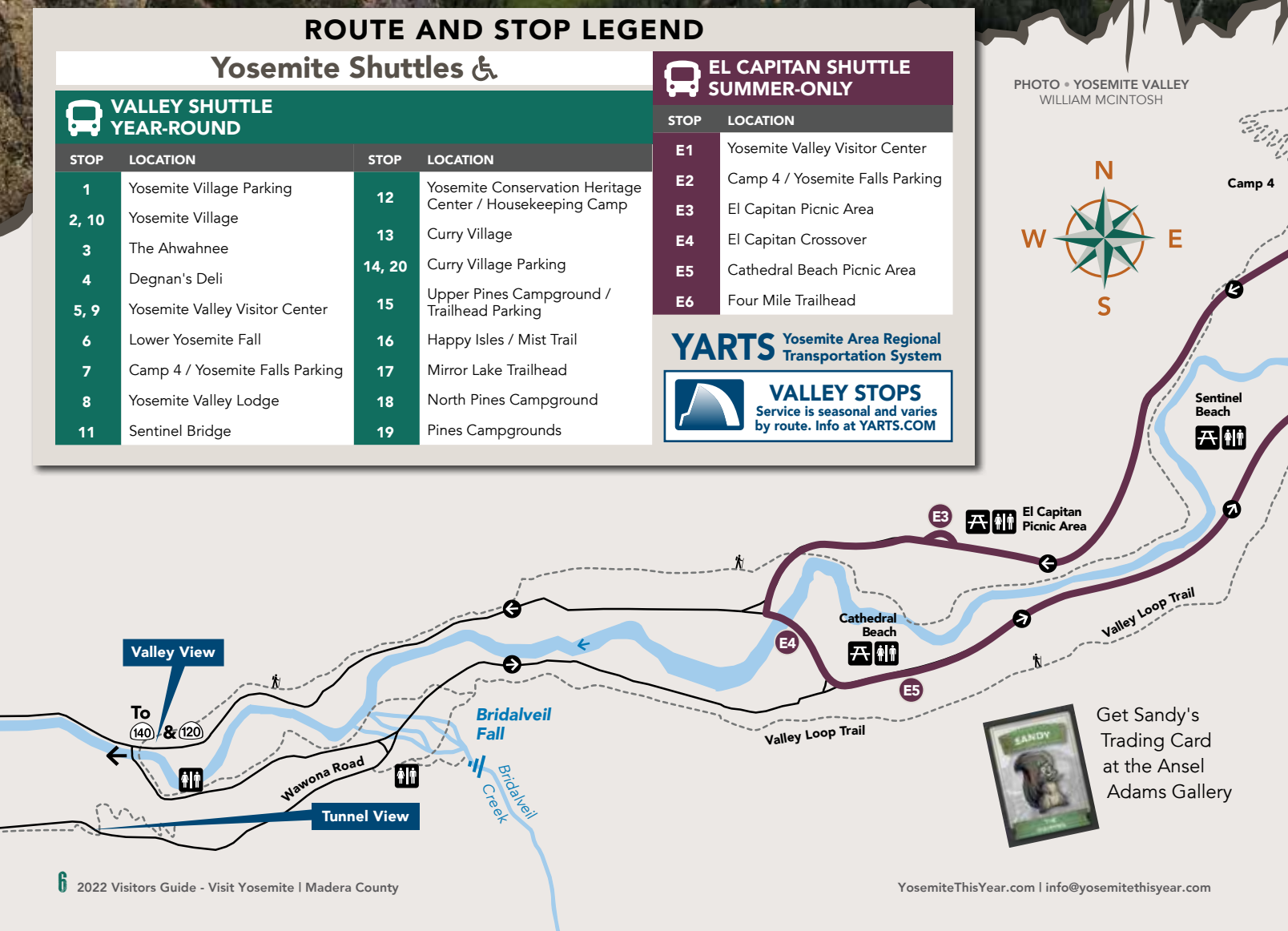
STOP	LOCATION
E1	Yosemite Valley Visitor Center
E2	Camp 4 / Yosemite Falls Parking
E3	El Capitan Picnic Area
E4	El Capitan Crossover
E5	Cathedral Beach Picnic Area
E6	Four Mile Trailhead

#### YARTS Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System



**VALLEY STOPS**  
Service is seasonal and varies  
by route. Info at [YARTS.COM](http://YARTS.COM)

PHOTO • YOSEMITE VALLEY  
WILLIAM MCINTOSH



## Yosemite Village



**YOSEMITE'S SERVICES,** including shuttle services throughout the park, are subject to change. Please check the park's webpage for the latest status as well as find information about services in the park beyond Yosemite Valley.



## Yosemite Shuttle Operations

Yosemite Valley Shuttles are available from 7am to 10pm and serves stops in numerical order.

Shuttles are free and run daily every 10 to 20 minutes.

El Capitan Shuttles operate from approximately May 25 to October 14.

# 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.

## 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.



HIKING IN MARIPOSA GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS • VYMC



# 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

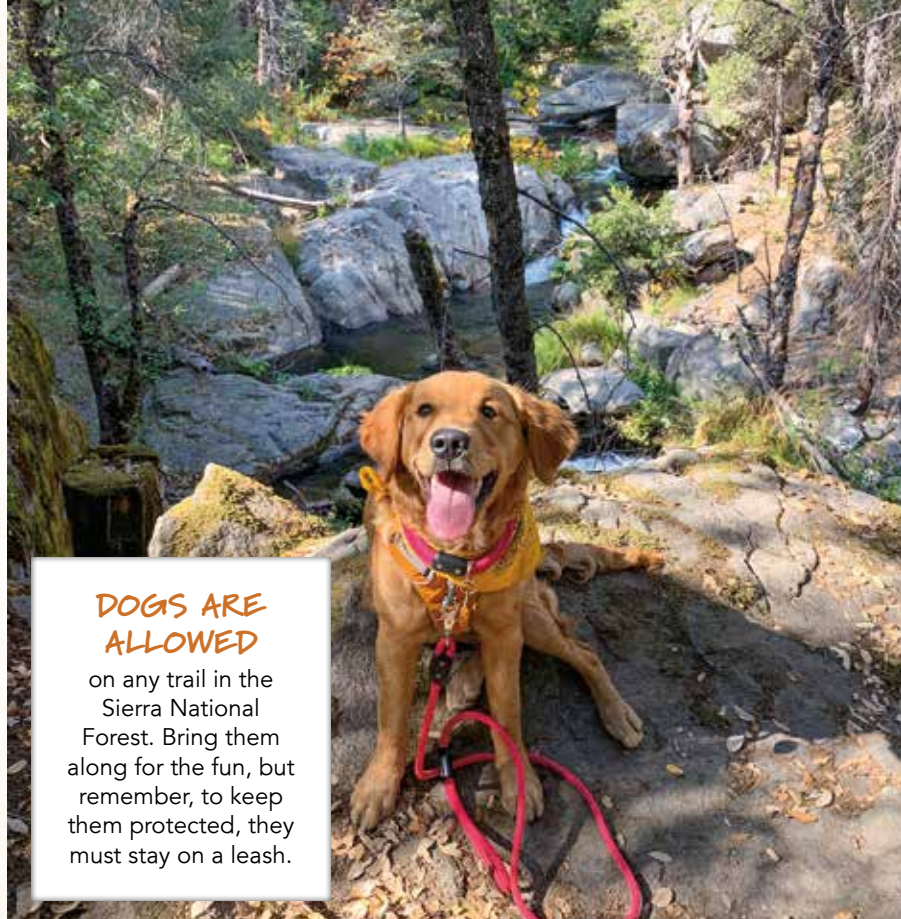
RATING: EASY

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. Rockefeller, 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

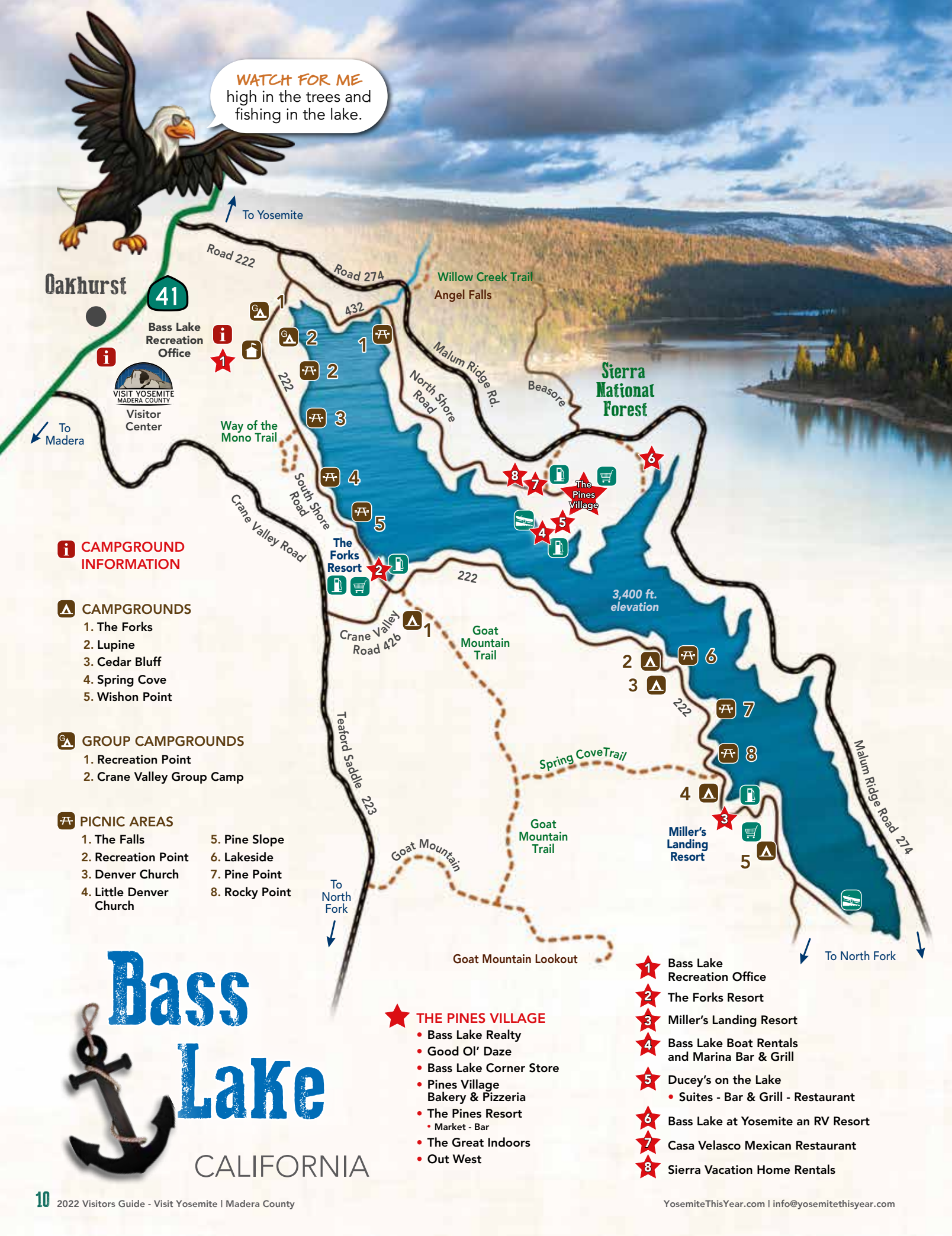
Okay, you've got us! This one is not a hiking trail. But, you can walk the path around the park with views of the Fresno River on all sides of this island-like park. Let the little ones run and play. Don't miss the summer entertainment, like the "In The Park Series," or fun at the Oakhurst Fall Festival.

## 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 ¼ 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.



WATCH FOR ME  
high in the trees and  
fishing in the lake.

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Bass Lake  
Recreation  
Office

VISIT YOSEMITE  
MADERA COUNTY  
Visitor  
Center

To Yosemite

Road 222

Road 274

Willow Creek Trail  
Angel Falls

Sierra  
National  
Forest

Way of the  
Mono Trail

To  
Madera

Malum Ridge Rd.  
North Shore  
Road

Beasore

Crane Valley Road  
South Shore  
Road

The Forks  
Resort

222

3,400 ft.  
elevation

Goat  
Mountain  
Trail

Crane Valley  
Road 426

Teaford Rd Saddle 223

To  
North  
Fork

Goat Mountain

Spring Cove Trail

Goat Mountain  
Trail

Goat Mountain Lookout

Malum Ridge Road 274

To North Fork

Bass  
Lake



CALIFORNIA

**CAMPGROUND  
INFORMATION**

**CAMPGROUNDS**

1. The Forks
2. Lupine
3. Cedar Bluff
4. Spring Cove
5. Wishon Point

**GROUP CAMPGROUNDS**

1. Recreation Point
2. Crane Valley Group Camp

**PICNIC AREAS**

- |                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1. The Falls            | 5. Pine Slope  |
| 2. Recreation Point     | 6. Lakeside    |
| 3. Denver Church        | 7. Pine Point  |
| 4. Little Denver Church | 8. Rocky Point |

**THE PINES VILLAGE**

- Bass Lake Realty
- Good Ol' Daze
- Bass Lake Corner Store
- Pines Village Bakery & Pizzeria
- The Pines Resort
- Market - Bar
- The Great Indoors
- Out West

- 1 Bass Lake Recreation Office
- 2 The Forks Resort
- 3 Miller's Landing Resort
- 4 Bass Lake Boat Rentals and Marina Bar & Grill
- 5 Ducey's on the Lake
  - Suites - Bar & Grill - Restaurant
- 6 Bass Lake at Yosemite an RV Resort
- 7 Casa Velasco Mexican Restaurant
- 8 Sierra Vacation Home Rentals

Scan to view the "Bass Lake  
Play Like A Local" video

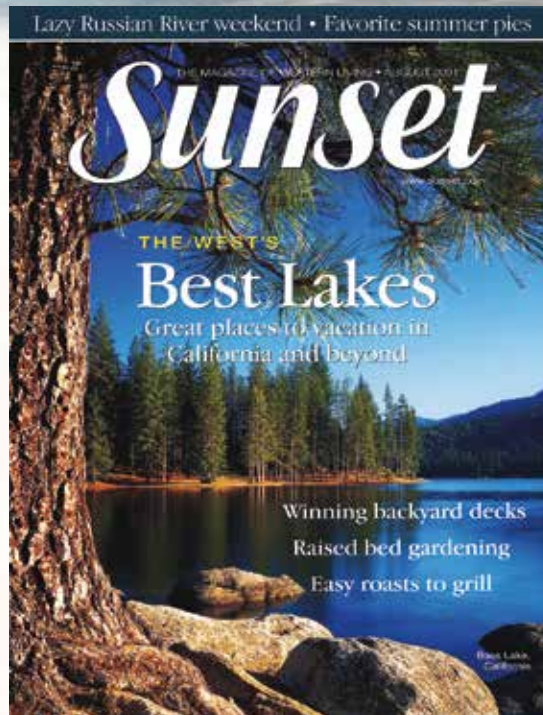


## Bass Lake

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.

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.



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 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).

# MILLER'S LANDING RESORT

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## BEST SELECTION OF BOAT RENTALS ON BASS LAKE

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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

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



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## BASS LAKE SHOP

25. **Good Ol 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.

Want to see more?



Check out our handy online Microguide

[YosemiteThisYear.com/bass-lake](https://YosemiteThisYear.com/bass-lake)



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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).



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# Keep Bass Lake Clean

Clear alpine waters. Miles of beach and treelined shoreline. Endless trails and creeks to explore. Yes – we have a lot to 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.



BASS LAKE • JANET MARTINEZ

## A CLEAN BASS LAKE BEGINS WITH ME



### #KeepBassLakeClean

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# Bass Lake Campgrounds

\*Prices are approximate and subject to change without notice.

CAMPGROUNDS	RV	TENT	GROUP	UNITS	FEES*	SEASONAL
CEDAR BLUFF	●	●		113	\$37-\$144	All year
FORKS	●	●		31	\$37	Seasonal
LUPINE	●	●		113	\$37-\$144	All year
RECREATION POINT	✗	●	●	7	\$176-\$293	All year
SPRING COVE	●	●		63	\$37	Seasonal
WISHON POINT	●	●		31	\$37-\$73	Seasonal

- ✓ Reservations are required
- 📍 Map on page 10
- 💧 Water is Available
- 🏔️ Elevation 3500'



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## Camping Etiquette

A following few simple rules help make camping safe & enjoyable for everyone!

- 🏕️ Keep Your Campsite Clean
- 🗑️ Leave No Trace
- 🔥 Practice Campfire Safety
- 🪵 Use Local Firewood
- 🦌 Respect the Wildlife
- 🔊✖️ Respect Quiet Hours
- 🐕 Be Mindful of Your Pets
- 👤 Respect Other's Personal Space
- ✓ Follow Campground Rules



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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).



DOG FRIENDLY HIKING ON THE WAY OF THE MONO TRIAL • BREEZE TURNER

## 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!



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## 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.



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## 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.



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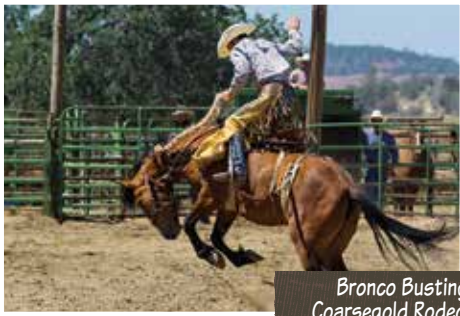
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Boating with the family  
**BASS LAKE**



Fossil Discovery Center of Madera County  
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County Courthouse & Historic Museum  
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# The Communities of Madera County

## 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](http://preventwildfireca.org/permits).

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



**KNOW BEFORE YOU GO:**  
check [www.fs.usda.gov/sierra](http://www.fs.usda.gov/sierra)  
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## RV Parks


### Bass Lake at Yosemite an RV Resort

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[basslakeatyosemite.com](http://basslakeatyosemite.com)

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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	●	●		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		✗	* 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.

\* If access available



### Pack It In - Pack It Out

Many campgrounds do not have garbage pickup, so please pack out all trash.

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For more information visit  
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### 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



## Camping Information

### Wilderness Permits

Book online at [www.Recreation.gov](http://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



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

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\*\*Tuolumne Meadows campgrounds will be closed 2022 and 2023

### Dump Stations

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*There are many sights*

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## 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.

## 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.



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## SAVE YOUR ENERGY FOR THE ADVENTURE.





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**Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FAT)**

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**Oakhurst Trolley**

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**Starlight Taxi**

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**Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System Public Transit (YARTS)**

(877) 989-2787  
• Hwy 41 Route: Mid-May to  
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**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

**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

**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!  
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• Midpines  
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## 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 you out there. Rent on-road vehicles, off-road vehicles, and snow tracks. Guide services are available, as are self-guided tours.

**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 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.

**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 Too! 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!



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# Calendar of Events

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## MARCH

**Annual Chowchilla Stampede & Cattle Drive**  
(209) 756-3056 • Chowchilla  
Facebook.com/chowchilla-western-stampede-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  
yosemitemarathon.com



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## 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  
coarsegoldhistoriccottage.com

## 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



POMEGRANATE FRUIT & NUT FESTIVAL

YosemiteThisYear.com | info@yosemitethisyear.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

**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



TARANTULA FESTIVAL • VYMC

## 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  
cgradeogrounds.com

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

**19th Annual Kiwanis Run for the Gold Car Show**  
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oakhurstkiwanis.org



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## 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

## 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

## DECEMBER

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

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



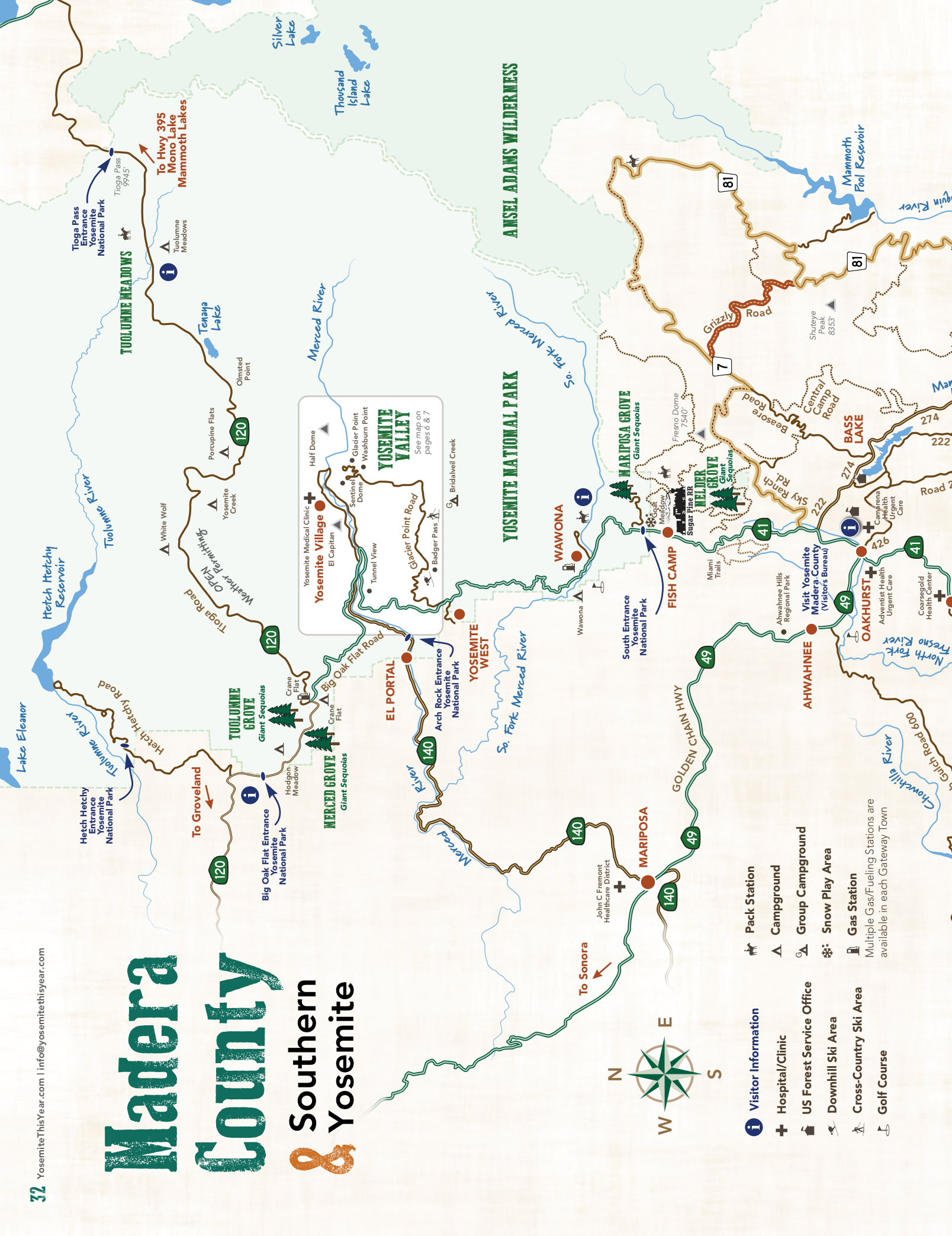
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Events are subject to change, please check  
our online calendar for current information.  
[YosemiteThisYear.com/whats-happening](http://YosemiteThisYear.com/whats-happening)

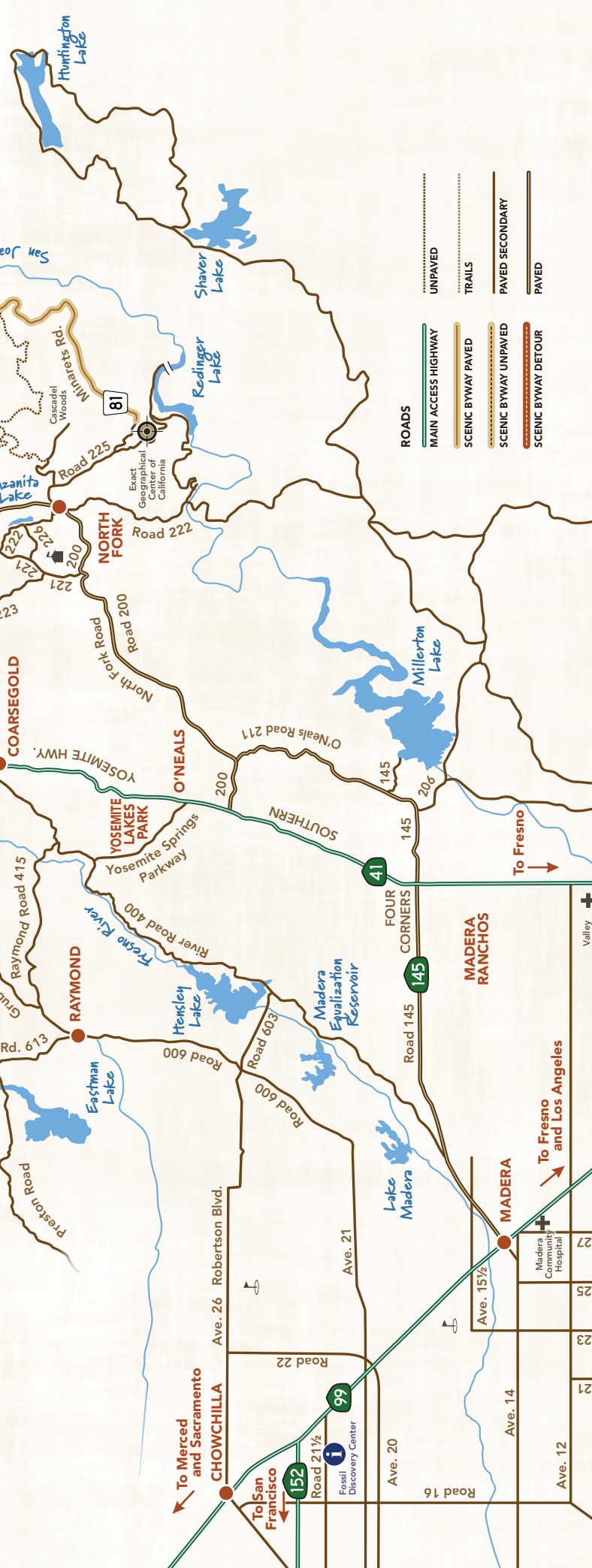


# Madera County

## Southern & Yosemite



- Visitor Information**
- Hospital/Clinic**
- US Forest Service Office**
- Downhill Ski Area**
- Cross-Country Ski Area**
- Golf Course**
- Pack Station**
- Campground**
- Group Campground**
- Snow Play Area**
- Gas Station**
- Multiple Gas/Fueling Stations are available in each Gateway Town**



## Drive Times from Oakhurst

Fossil Discovery Center	1 hour 10 minutes
Madera Courthouse Museum	55 minutes
Coarsegold Historic Village	15 minutes
Bass Lake	15 minutes
Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad	20 minutes
Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoia	30 minutes
Yosemite Valley	1 ½ hours
Hetch Hetchy	2 ½ hours
Tioga Pass	3 hours



## Road Conditions

### Yosemite National Park

[nps.gov/yose](http://nps.gov/yose)  
(209) 372-0200  
Press 1, then 1

### Caltrans

[roads.dot.ca.gov](http://roads.dot.ca.gov)  
Highway 41  
(800) 427-7623

## GPS

NOTE REGARDING

GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM  
*Electronics are wonderful—but are not always reliable in rural and mountain areas. For your safety, don't depend on GPS/Nav. Satellite devices to get you to your destination.*



# Pet Friendly ROAD TRIP



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 steam-powered journey into the region's past. Good news, dogs ride for free!

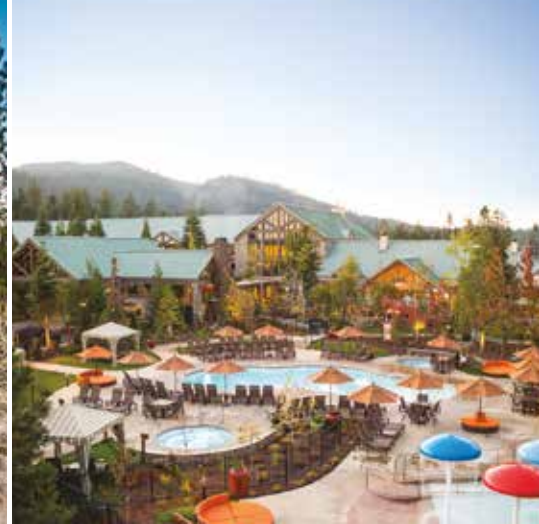
Grab a drink. What better a way to end a day of fun and adventure than with a glass of wine at one of our favorite watering holes. **Yosemite Wine Tails** or the **Queen's Inn Wine Bar & Beer Garden** are perfect ways to do just that. Check ahead as both venues feature live music and other entertainment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



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

For more Pet Friendly details visit  
[YosemiteThisYear.com/pet-friendly](https://YosemiteThisYear.com/pet-friendly).





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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 OF 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.

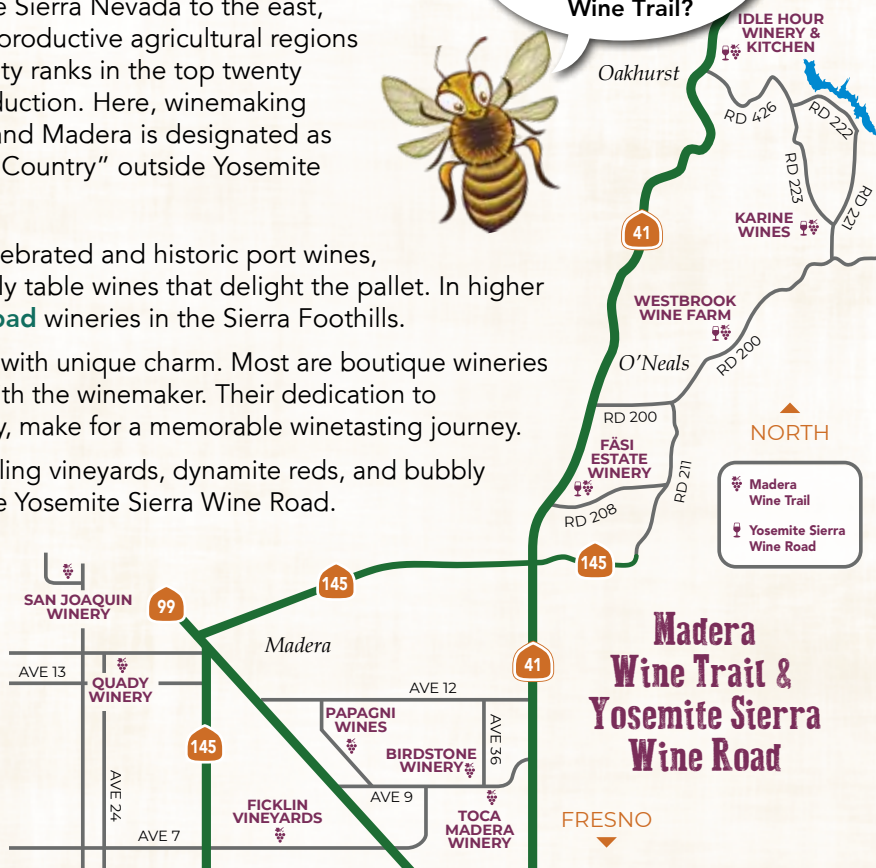
Sample incredible wines at **Idle Hour Winery & Kitchen**. There are three ways to experience; stop in the tasting room, order delicious and sophisticated food pairings, or enjoy while listening to music at the Wine Bar.

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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BASS LAKE FISHING DERBY • VYMC

**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.

**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



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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.

## Treat yourself to a visit with our history!

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## MUSEUMS & HISTORIC SITES OF Southern Yosemite

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 Fossil Discovery Center of Madera County        | 7 Fresno Flats Historic Village & Park         |
| 2 Madera County Historical Society Museum         | 8 Little Church on the Hill                    |
| 3 Raymond Museum                                  | 9 Golden Chain Theatre                         |
| 4 Coarsegold Historical Society & Historic Museum | 10 Wassama Round House State Historical Park   |
| 5 Sierra Mono Museum                              | 11 Ahwahnee Hills Regional Park                |
| 6 Coarsegold Historic Village                     | 12 Nelder Grove, Friends of Nelder Grove, Inc. |
|   | 13 Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad       |



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# Thrifting & Gifting



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- 5 Western Sierra Nursery
- 6 Enchanted Florist and Whatnots
- 7 Artifacts - World Import Gallery
- 8 Firefall Gallery
- 9 Yosemite Gateway Art Center
- 10 Reimer's Candies, Ice Cream & Gifts
- 11 Big Cedar Springs Souvenirs & Chainsaw Carvings
- 12 The Forks Resort (seasonal)
- 13 The Pines Village
  - Good Ol' Daze
  - Bass Lake Corner Store
  - Out West
  - The Great Indoors
  - The Pines Market, Deli & Gifts



- 14 Bass Lake Boat Rentals Gift Shop
- 15 Miller's Landing Resort (seasonal)
- 16 Bandit Brand Trading Post
- 17 Country Candy & Toys

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## Bass Lake

## Thrift Stores

- 1 Yosemite New Life Thrift Store
- 2 SPCA Thrift Shop
- 3 New Community United Church Thrift Store
- 4 Tokens Thrift Store
- 5 Mackey's Thrift Shop

## Adult Beverages

- 1 South Gate Brewing Company
- 2 Oakhurst Spirits & Art Gallery
- 3 Yosemite Wine Tails
- 4 Whiskey 41 Lounge at the Best Western PLUS
- 5 Queen's Inn Wine Bar & Beer Garden/Idle Hour Winery & Kitchen
- 6 Snowline Saloon
- 7 Pines Bar
- 8 Buckhorn Saloon & Restaurant

## North Fork

Find Hidden Treasure  
in Madera County's local

# Thrift & Gift Shops

Our area has a wide array of gift shops, each with its own unique personality. Discover locally handcrafted items found nowhere else and take home a keepsake 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.



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BASS LAKE  
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NORTH FORK  
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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.

### FOSSIL DISCOVERY CENTER

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 massive creatures that roamed this land more than 780,000 years ago.



MR. MEAD

Visit more places, collect more cards, and receive more chances to **Win!**



Yosemite National Park

**Prospect**  
for fun right here in Madera County!

### COARSEGOLD

In 1849, newspapers recorded the third-largest gold discovery in California history in present-day Coarsegold. Today, there is still gold in these hills; Coarsegold is rich in history and shopping. Find Nugget, the California Ebony Tarantula, in the many eclectic shops at Coarsegold Historic Village. Plus, don't miss the annual Tarantula Awareness Festival on the last Saturday of October.

NUGGET



COARSEGOLD HISTORIC VILLAGE  
NANCY ROBBINS

Coarsegold

### 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.



HONEY

- Birdstone Winery
- Fäsi Estate Winery
- Ficklin Vineyards
- Idle Hour Winery & Kitchen
- Papagni Winery
- Quady Winery
- San Joaquin Wine Company
- Toca Madera Winery
- Westbrook Wine Farm

Chowchilla

### OAKHURST

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.

There's **So Much** to see and do here!

Madera



SIERRA



## 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.



ART E. FOX

Come  
**Enjoy  
the Art**  
in its many  
forms!"

## 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.

Look  
for my Bald  
Eagle friends and  
me soaring above  
**Bass Lake!**



BLAKE



## 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.



It's so  
**Easy to  
Play**



RICKY

Only two  
cards needed  
to **Win!**

## 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.



GALEN

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.



YOSEMITE FALLS • NANCY ROBBINS



Collect a minimum  
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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](https://RunFallClassic.com) and  
[YosemiteHalfMarathon.com](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://SmokeyBearRun.com)



SMOKEY BEAR RUN • BASS LAKE

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COARSEGOLD RODEO • STEVE MONTALTO

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 through the foothills.

[FresnoCycling.com](https://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](https://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.

[CgRodeoGrounds.com](https://CgRodeoGrounds.com)



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[GoldenChainTheatre.org](http://GoldenChainTheatre.org)



## Performing Arts

*For event information visit [YosemiteThisYear.com/whats-happening](http://YosemiteThisYear.com/whats-happening)*

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](http://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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/ygacarts)  
[YosemiteSierraArtists.org](http://YosemiteSierraArtists.org)



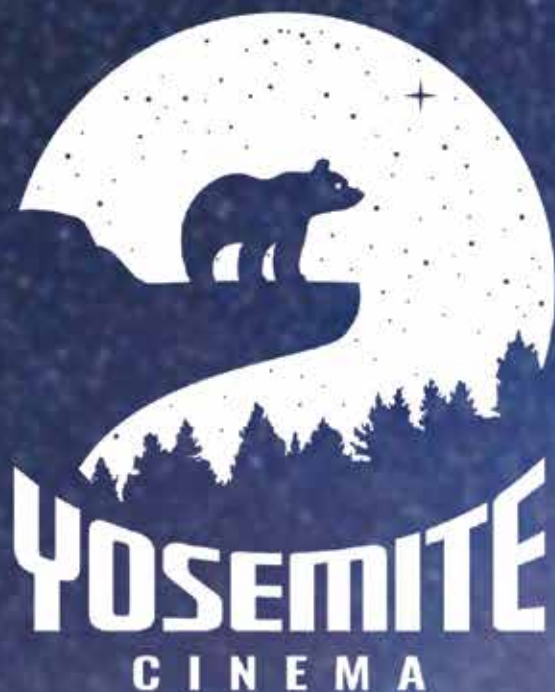
YOSEMITE SIERRA ARTIST DEMONSTRATION AT YOSEMITE GATEWAY ART CENTER • LURA SCHWARZ SMITH

## ARTOBER IN OAKHURST

Oakhurst is the largest of Yosemite 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.



[ARTober.net](http://ARTober.net)



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# Magic of Winter

in Yosemite and its Southern Gateway

Winter in the mountains is truly a special time!

Some come for quiet, some for the beauty, others to experience some of the unique fun of the season.

*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](https://YosemiteThisYear.com/winter-fun)



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FOREST BATHING WITH MINDFUL CAFE • WATERMELON SUGAR PHOTOS

## Finding Ways to Wellness

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### Recommendations for Getting Back to the Wild

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.

## 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 quiet, 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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## Forest Bathing in the Sierra



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).



GENERAL SHERMAN TREE • SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

### 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 Sequoias, 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.

Learn more at  
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**1**  
DAY

### Sequoia National Park

STOP 1 - GIANT FOREST MUSEUM  
STOP 2 - DRIVE THROUGH TUNNEL LOG  
STOP 3 - MORO ROCK  
STOP 4 - GENERAL SHERMAN TREE  
STOP 5 - CRYSTAL CAVE

**2**  
DAY

### Kings Canyon National Park

STOP 1 - GENERAL GRANT TREE  
STOP 2 - PANORAMIC POINT  
STOP 3 - BIG STUMP TRAIL  
STOP 4 - ROARING RIVER FALLS  
STOP 5 - THE ROAD'S END

**3**  
DAY

### Yosemite National Park

STOP 1 - MARIPOSA GROVE - GIANT SEQUOIAS  
STOP 2 - WAWONA PIONEER HISTORY CENTER  
STOP 3 - GLACIER POINT (Closed 2022)  
STOP 4 - TUNNEL VIEW  
STOP 5 - YOSEMITE VALLEY



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# El Capitan COVER PHOTO

Photographer **Britain Andrew**

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.



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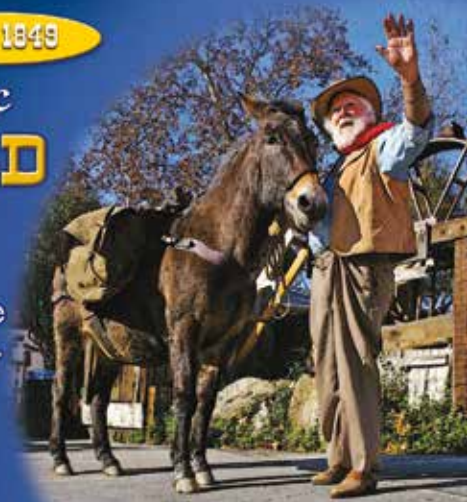
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