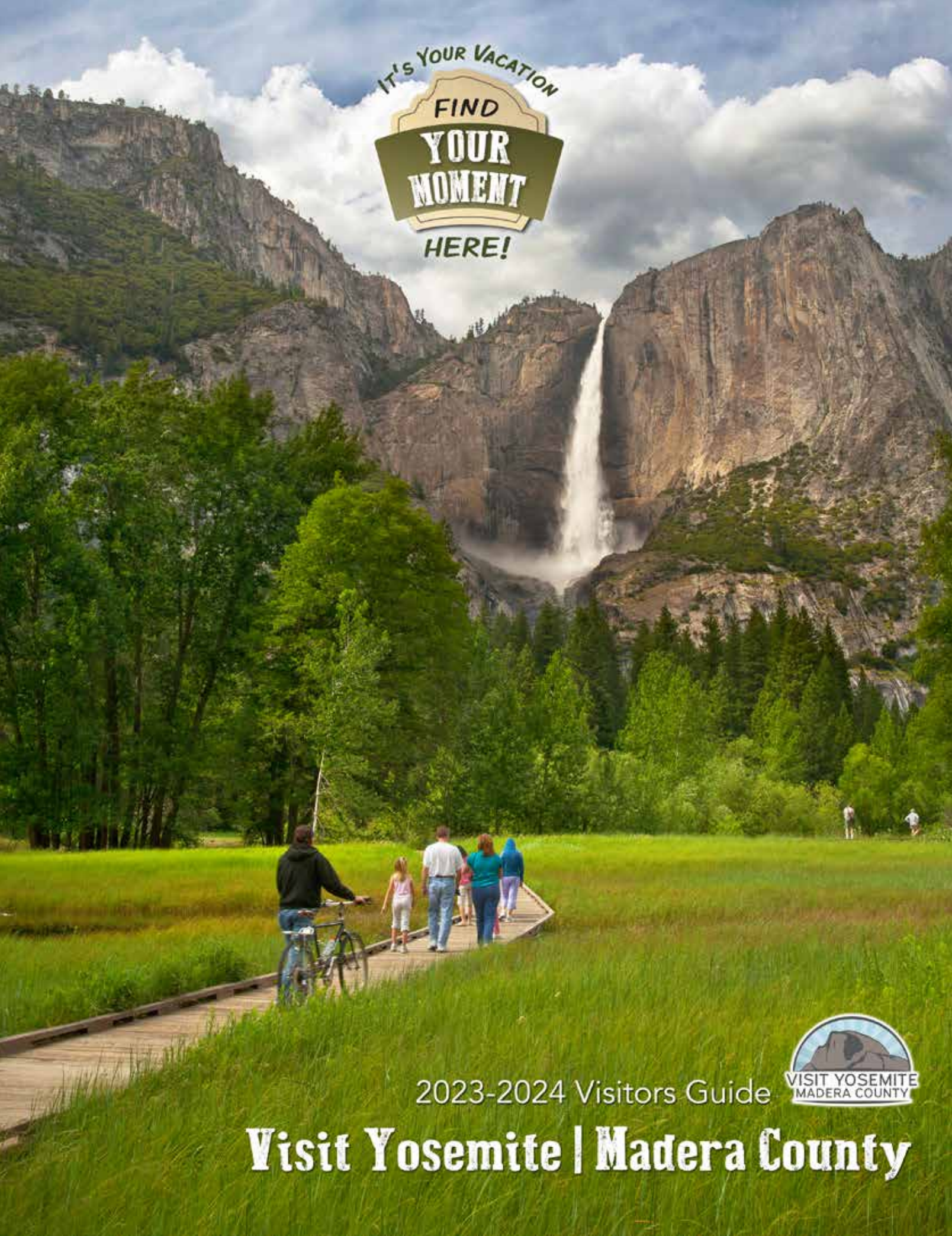


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2023-2024 Visitors Guide



**Visit Yosemite | Madera County**

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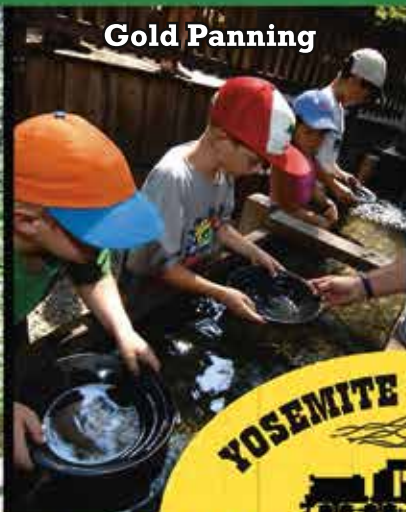
**Daily Excursions – April through October**

**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 2024 YOSEMITE RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION UPDATE

Dear Visitor:

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

Yosemite National Park will be requiring a reservation to drive into or through the park during peak hours (5am to 4pm) on some days from April 13 through October 27, 2024.

## Reservations are required:

- April 13 thru June 30, Saturdays & Sundays and holidays (May 27 & June 19) only during peak hours (5am - 4pm)
- July 1 thru August 16, seven days a week during peak hours (5am - 4pm)
- August 17 thru October 27, Saturdays & Sundays and holidays (Sept 2 & Oct 14) only during peak hours (5am - 4pm)

## WHEN you can get reservations:

- NOW - Reservations are still available for many dates this season.
- If none are currently available, more will be released 7 days prior to arrival at 8am Pacific Time. *Tip: Be signed in to your account at recreation.gov and ready to book at 8 am.*

## WHERE you can to get reservations:

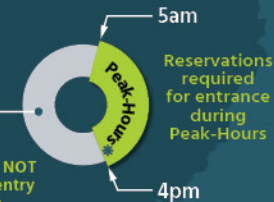
[www.Recreation.gov/timed-entry/10086745](http://www.Recreation.gov/timed-entry/10086745) or call (877) 444-6777.

## 2024 "PEAK-HOURS PLUS" RESERVATION PERIODS



Reservations are NOT required for entry to Hetch Hetchy

## PEAK HOURS for 2024



\* Full Day and Half Day reservations are available

During Peak-Hours, visitors can enter with:



Peak-Hours Reservations



In-park camping, lodging, or vacation rentals



Wilderness or Half Dome permits



Regional transit or tour groups

Reservations at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)



## Tips for Visiting Yosemite:

- o Yosemite Valley shuttle buses are free and the best way to get around the valley. Routes and stop info, including any updates, are found on the park's website. [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/publictransportation.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/publictransportation.htm)
- o The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located just inside the park's South Entrance. It's perfect for either an early morning, or a late day exploration if you don't have a Peak-Hours Pass. More info at [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/mg.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/mg.htm). Catching the sunset at Glacier Point or Sentinel Dome is another great thing to do during the summer months after peak hours.
- o Tuolumne Meadows Campground is closed for major rehabilitation until 2025. All other park campgrounds are planned to be open with reservations required April through October. There will be no first-come, first-served campgrounds. [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/camping.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/camping.htm)
- o Wilderness permits are only available online at [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm)

## What happens if you don't have a Peak-Hours Plus Reservation?

## DON'T WORRY!

- No reservation is needed if you enter before 5am or after 4pm
- Take a tour, an adventure, or public transportation. No Peak-Hours Plus Reservation is needed
- Enjoy all that the Southern Gateway communities have to offer
- Additional reservations are released at 8am, 7 days before planned arrival date

Oakhurst Visitor Center  
Hours: 8:30am - 4:30pm  
Phone: (559) 683-4636

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK



VISIT YOSEMITE MADERA COUNTY



## Getting Into Yosemite without a Peak-Hours Plus Reservation

There are two great options for getting into Yosemite when you don't have a Peak-Hours Plus Reservation. The first is to take a group or private tour with Discover Yosemite Tours. Discover Yosemite picks up guests at various locations in the Southern Gateway, and will make your visit to Yosemite both relaxing and unforgettable. They do the planning, pay the fees, feed you and take you on a professionally guided trip through the phenomenal grandeur of this national treasure.

- Discover Yosemite Tours - (559) 642-4400 - [www.DiscoverYosemite.com](http://www.DiscoverYosemite.com)



Have to wait to get into Yosemite? There are many fun things to do!



The second is to take advantage of our Regional Public Transportation services. These include:

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



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



## SPECIALTY GUIDED TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

Booking a fun tour or activity with the partners listed below allows you enter to Yosemite without needing a Peak-Hours Plus Reservation.

- Airborn 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)
- Pedal Forward Bikes & Adventure - (559) 676-8842 - [www.PedalForwardBikes.com](http://www.PedalForwardBikes.com)
- 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 - [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



RHONDA SALISBURY • CEO/FILM COMMISSIONER,  
VISIT YOSEMITE | MADERA COUNTY

## Hello Visitors!

Welcome to the southern Yosemite region and bountiful Madera County. We hope you have many “moments” in our towns and bring home everlasting memories.

Our “Welcoming Committee” (who’ve been known to act like animals) is here to remind everyone to “Respect It, Protect It and Enjoy It” while you are here in our home and theirs. This wild bunch will give you tips throughout the guide on what to do in the area and how to make sure it’s there for generations to come.

We hope you enjoy your trip as much as we enjoy having you. Please stop by the Visitor Center in Oakhurst for maps and personal itinerary planning.

Yosemite Falls  
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Nancy Robbins  
- see page 57.



# 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  
TikTok.com - @visityosemite



**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



**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.

**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

**Average Temperatures**

**Yosemite National Park**

	LOW	HIGH		LOW	HIGH
Jan	29°	48°	July	57°	99°
Feb	31°	52°	Aug	56°	99°
March	34°	58°	Sept	51°	82°
April	38°	64°	Oct	42°	71°
May	45°	80°	Nov	33°	56°
June	51°	85°	Dec	28°	47°

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# Explore the Fossils to Falls Road Trip thru Madera County





SPRING HIKING YOSEMITE • CIARA TURNER-EWERT

# Yosemite In A Day or more

## DAY 1 (Yosemite Valley)

Keep up to date on traffic and parking conditions within the park

Yosemite Traffic Alerts

Text YNPTRAFFIC to 333111

**STOP 1** **Glacier Point (Open Seasonally)**  
Make your way up to Glacier Point via Glacier Point Road. At over 3000 feet above the valley floor, this grand vista offers a bird's-eye view of Yosemite Valley, many of the valley's majestic waterfalls, and the massive granite peaks of Yosemite's high country.

**STOP 2** **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 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 3** **Bridalveil Fall and Swinging Bridge**  
Just under 4 miles from the Bridalveil Fall parking area and trailhead (expected to re-open spring 2024) this popular picnic area, complete with picnic tables 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!

**STOP 4** **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 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 new Yosemite Valley Welcome Center, the Yosemite Exploration 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.



## PARK RESERVATION UPDATE

Yosemite has indicated that a pilot reservation system will be implemented for the Summer 2024 season. You can find out the latest information about any reservation system, as well as park projects & conditions, in our "What to Expect When Visiting Yosemite Now" article.



## 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).



BRIDALVEIL FALL • CHRISTIAN MUELLER

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HALF DOME  
MERCED RIVER FALL  
• DARVIN ATKESON

## DAY 3 (Highway 120 East)

- STOP 1 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.

**A WORD TO THE WISE -**  
always check park status and updates BEFORE you visit Yosemite!



## Other Favorite Stops to Consider

- **Hetch Hetchy**  
Hetch Hetchy Valley was dubbed by John Muir as a "wonderfully exact counterpoint" to Yosemite Valley. The now water-filled valley boasts fewer visitors, truly beautiful scenery, and one of the park's longest hiking seasons.
- **The Cascades Picnic Area**  
During the spring, torrents of water from melting snow thunder over granite walls to form The Cascades waterfall. The picnic area right off of El Portal Road is a great place to enjoy a meal all while enjoying the sights and sounds of rushing water from both The Cascades and the Merced River.

# Yosemite Valley

## & Valley Shuttle Map



VALLEY VIEW PANORAMA  
VYMC

*\*Stops serviced by the Valleywide Shuttle only*

- 1 Yosemite Village Parking
- 2 Village Store & Yosemite Valley Welcome Center
- 3 The Ahwahnee\*
- 4 Degnan's Kitchen\*
- 5 Yosemite Exploration Center & Museum\* **YARTS**
- 6 Lower Yosemite Fall\*
- 7 Yosemite Valley Lodge/ Yosemite Falls Parking\* **YARTS**

- 8 El Capitan Picnic Area\*
- 9 El Capitan Meadow\*
- 10 Cathedral Beach\*
- 11 Four Mile Trail\*
- 12 Housekeeping Camp/ Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center
- 14 Curry Village (eastbound) **YARTS**
- 15 Upper Pines Campground
- 16 Happy Isles/Mist Trail

- 17 Mirror Lake
- 18 Lower Pines Campground
- 19 Curry Village (westbound)





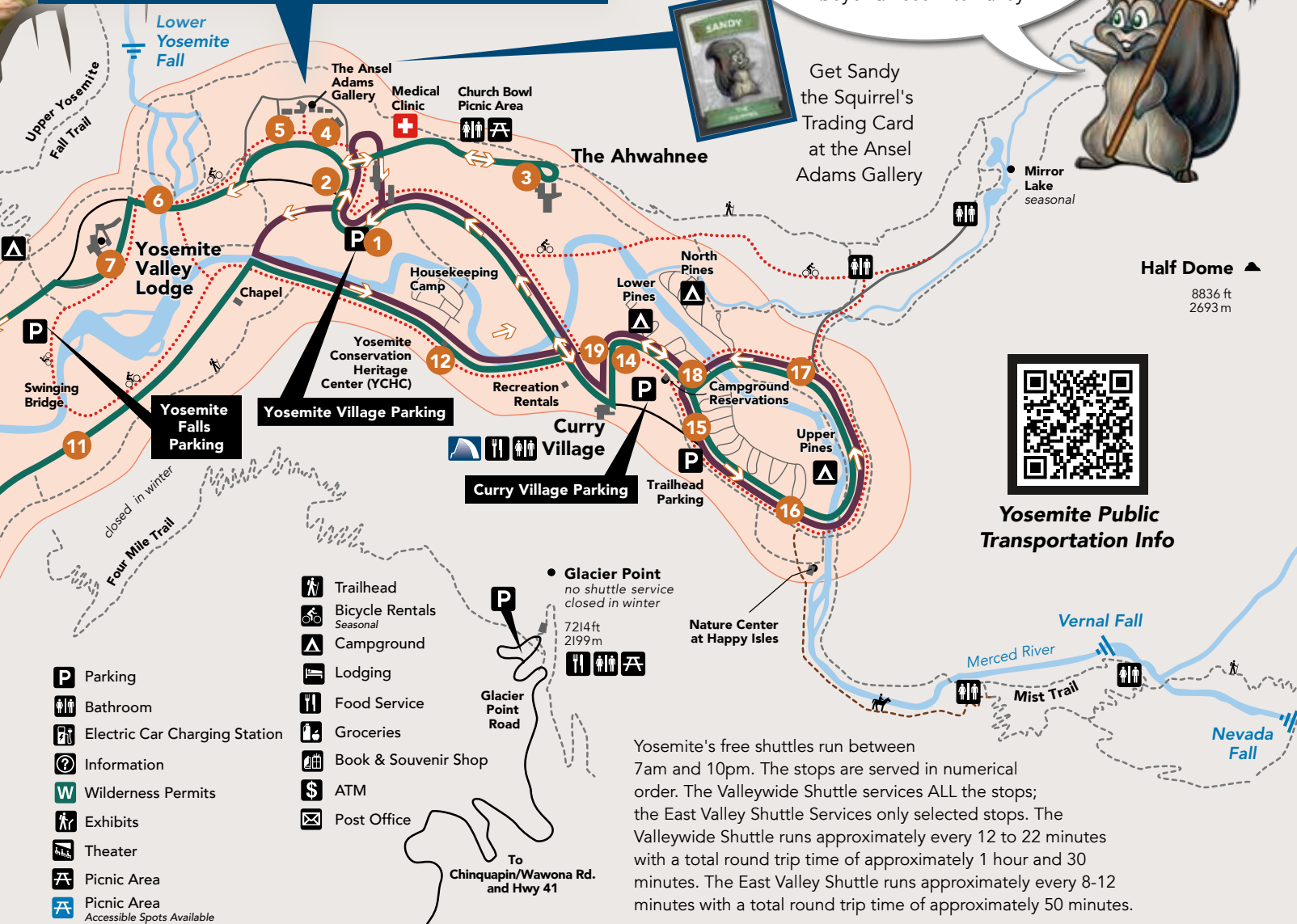
## Yosemite Village



**YOSEMITE'S SERVICES,** including shuttle operations throughout the park, are subject to change (even traffic patterns can change seasonally). Please check the park's webpage for the latest status as well as to find information about services and conditions in the park beyond Yosemite Valley.



Get Sandy the Squirrel's Trading Card at the Ansel Adams Gallery




**Yosemite Public Transportation Info**

- Trailhead
  - Bicycle Rentals Seasonal
  - Campground
  - Lodging
  - Food Service
  - Groceries
  - Book & Souvenir Shop
  - ATM
  - Post Office
  - Parking
  - Bathroom
  - Electric Car Charging Station
  - Information
  - Wilderness Permits
  - Exhibits
  - Theater
  - Picnic Area
  - Picnic Area Accessible Spots Available
- Glacier Point**  
no shuttle service closed in winter  
7214ft / 2199m
- To Chinquapin/Wawona Rd. and Hwy 41

Yosemite's free shuttles run between 7am and 10pm. The stops are served in numerical order. The Valleywide Shuttle services ALL the stops; the East Valley Shuttle Services only selected stops. The Valleywide Shuttle runs approximately every 12 to 22 minutes with a total round trip time of approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. The East Valley Shuttle runs approximately every 8-12 minutes with a total round trip time of approximately 50 minutes.



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**Much more hiking area info can be found here**

# Southern Yosemite Hiking Trails

While the trails in Yosemite Valley are some of the most popular in the park, we encourage you to explore other areas of Yosemite 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.

## 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 significantly 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.

## Chilnualna Falls Trail

RATING: MODERATE TO CHALLENGING

This 8 mile (round trip) 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 all year round.

## 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 road. 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 colorful 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 and they cover the full range of short and easy to long and strenuous. Explore the Grizzly Giant Loop, Big Trees Loop, Guardians Loop or even an excursion to the grove's highest section, 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. Depending on conditions, exploring the grove by hiking, cross country skiing or snowshoeing is an option. Know before you go and make sure to check current conditions.

*With over 800 miles of trails IN Yosemite and many more in the surrounding area, you have more than enough to fill a lifetime of adventure!*

# 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

Yosemite National Park is not the only place around to find some amazing waterfalls in the area. The Lewis Creek NRT 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. The park is open 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 campsites are available at Hensley Lake. Visit after winter storms to watch the surprising contrast of rolling grassy hills against the distant, snow-capped Sierra Nevada.



### DOGS ARE ALLOWED

on any trail in the Sierra National Forest. Bring them along for the fun, but remember, to keep them protected, they must stay on a leash.

OAKHURST RIVER PARKWAY • KIM LAWSON

## Oakhurst River Parkway

RATING: EASY

The Oakhurst River Parkway is an easy, 3 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

While this one's not a real hiking trail, you can walk around the park with views of the Fresno River on all sides of this island-like space. It's also a great place to let the little ones run and play, put on performances in the center gazebo, and get their wiggles out in the playground area. There's also several live entertainment and family activities scheduled here throughout the year.

## North Fork – Manzanita Lake

RATING: EASY

Just 0.7 miles up Road 222 from downtown North Fork, you can explore this easy 2.1 mile out-and-back hike to Manzanita Lake. The largely paved trail is great for hiking and mountain biking and fishing at the lake is a favorite activity for many. Dogs are welcome, but must be on a leash. While in the area, make a pilgrimage to the "Exact Center of California."





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



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To Yosemite

To Madera

Bass Lake Recreation Office



Visitor Center

Way of the Mono Trail

Willow Creek Trail  
Angel Falls

Sierra National Forest

**★ THE PINES VILLAGE**

- Bass Lake Home Owners Association
- Bass Lake Realty
- Good Ol' Daze
- Nuture
- Pines Village Bakery & Pizzeria
- The Pines Resort
  - Market - Bar - Registration
- 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** Outdoorsy Yosemite RV Campground
- ★ 7** Casa Velasco Mexican Restaurant
- ★ 8** Stars & Stripes Realty
- ★ 9** Bass Lake Home Rentals



# Bass Lake

CALIFORNIA

**i** **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 |



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

# Bass Lake

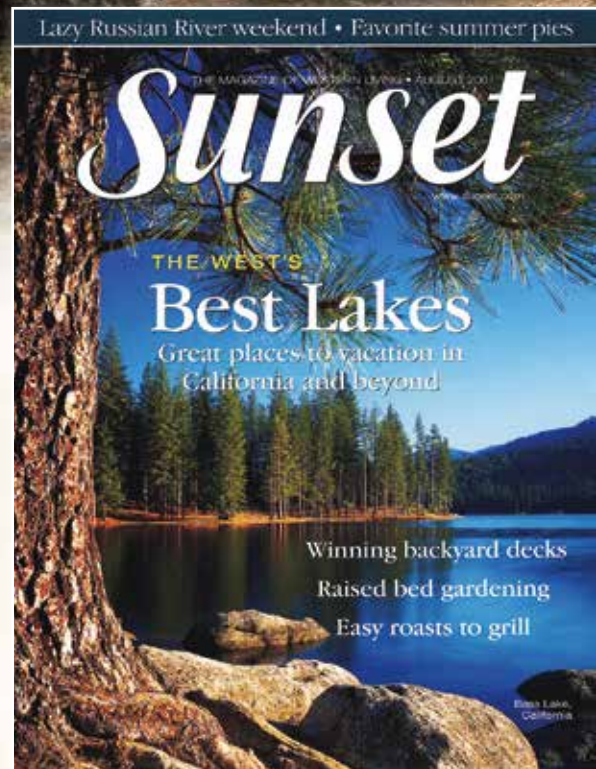
RECREATION POINT • YVMC

Bass Lake sits in a nearly 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 and kayaking to motor-boating.

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 sorts of 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 22).

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

- 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. Outdoorsy Yosemite RV Campground** - 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, boat & car shows and more - 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** - Shop featuring clothing, gifts, goods and much more - all showcasing the best of mountain living.



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## BASS LAKE SHOP

- 25. Good Ol Daze** - 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** - A little bit of everything to keep the traveler happy, including groceries, fresh produce and deli.
- 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 and weekend live music.

Want to see more?



Check out our handy online Microguide

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



BASS LAKE IN SPRING • JANET MARTINEZ

# Keep Bass Lake Clean

Let's all do our part  
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Clear alpine waters. Miles of beach and tree lined 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 areas too, requires all of us to be mindful of our impact, use the spaces responsibly and clean up after ourselves when done.



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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. Add to this the 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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# Bass Lake Hiking Trails

Much more hiking area info can be found here



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 feet of elevation gain and offers sweeping views of Bass Lake at the halfway point. Interpretive signage and grinding holes teach about the history of the land and the native people who lived here. On the map, find the trailhead parking area across the road from the Little Denver Church Day-Use Picnic Area. (Reminder: It is a good idea to bring \$10 for parking in the day-use areas).



WAY OF THE MONO TRAIL • BRAND USA

## 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 feet 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!



BASS LAKE GOAT MOUNTAIN HIKING TRAIL • YVMC

## Willow Creek Trail to Angel Falls and Devils Slide

RATING: MODERATE TO STRENUOUS

On the north shore of Bass Lake, explore this moderate-to-strenuous 3.1 mile out-and-back hike carefully (starting from The Falls Beach trailhead adds another ~0.2 mile). When visiting a waterfall or fast-moving waters like Willow Creek, use EXTREME caution. The rocks are slippery (even when dry) and the water temperatures can be deadly cold, especially during spring and early summer months. Give these waters respect. 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 gnats (the latter especially in the fall).



ANGEL FALLS, BASS LAKE • CIARA TURNER-EWERT



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### 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.



# 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

Following a 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 Others Personal Space
-  Follow Campground Rules



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**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)  
for current fire restrictions.

## Sierra National Forest Campgrounds *Book online at [www.Recreation.gov](http://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	●	●		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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## 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

### 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



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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 campground will be closed until 2025

### Dump Stations

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# Sierra Vista Scenic Byway

## A Day Road Trip Exploring a Madera County Hidden Gem

Nestled in the heart of California is a road trip adventure with nearly 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 early stages of the area's recovery. In many places the landscape has changed, the scenes altered, but Nature's raw beauty and resilience is on full display.



**FIRE** You will see its impact and the landscape's renewal in many places along the Byway.

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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 seventy of these wonderful monarchs. 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.

**Note** - The US Forest Service is implementing a multi-year fuel reduction project in Nelder Grove which will mean it is closed to public access for potentially up to two years. Please call the USF Bass Lake Ranger District Office (559) 877-2218 before planning to visit the grove.

### 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 the vibrant colors of mountain wildflowers!

### 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 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.

### 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.



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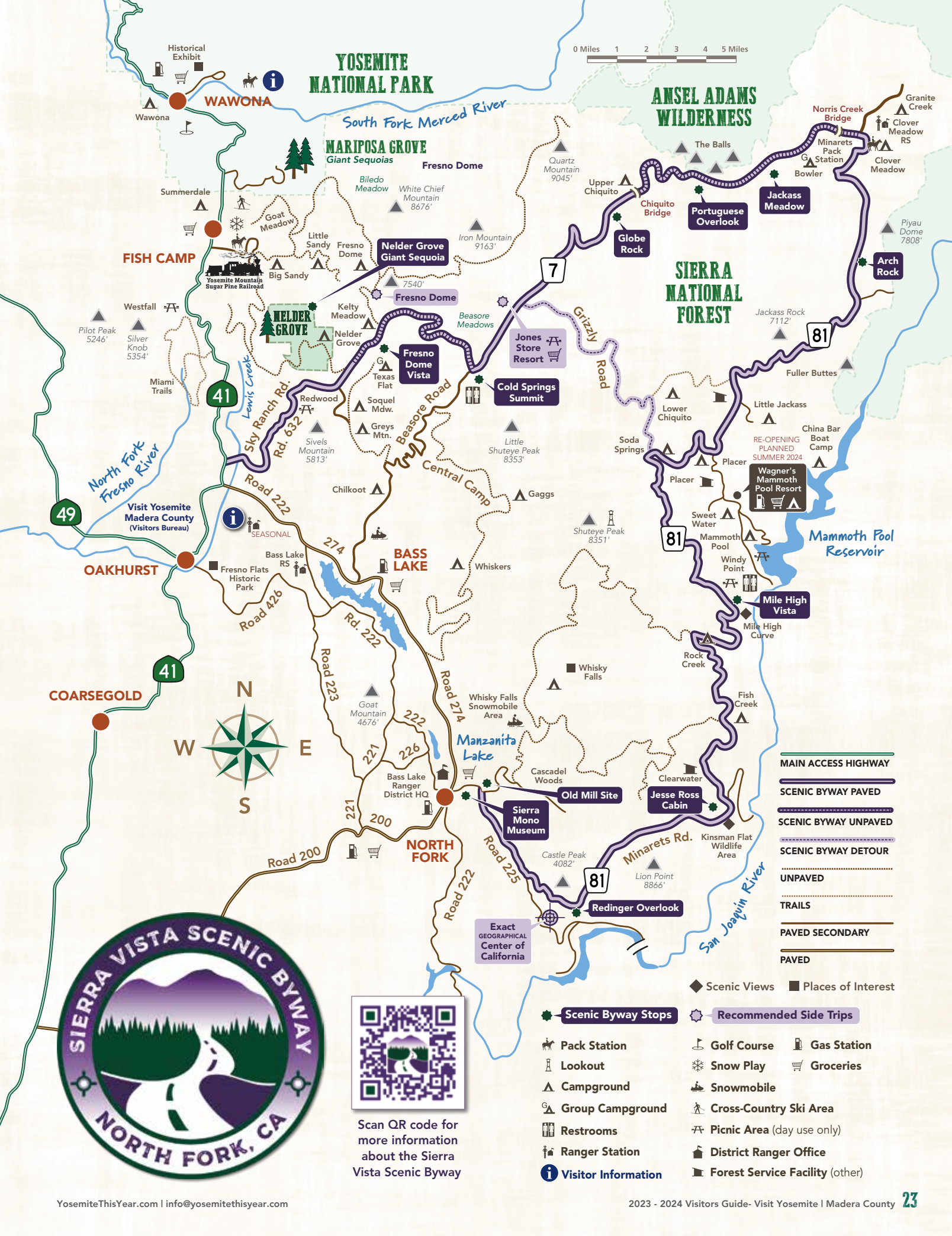
### Globe Rock

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 reportedly 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.



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**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](http://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. They can also create custom and hiking tours for you. • (559) 642-4400 • Oakhurst • [discoveryosemite.com](http://discoveryosemite.com) **28**

**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](http://lastingadventures.com)

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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](http://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 around Yosemite and the Sierra. • (559) 642-2817 or (800) 231-4575 • Oakhurst • [symg.com](http://symg.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](http://yosemiteadventureco.com) **31**

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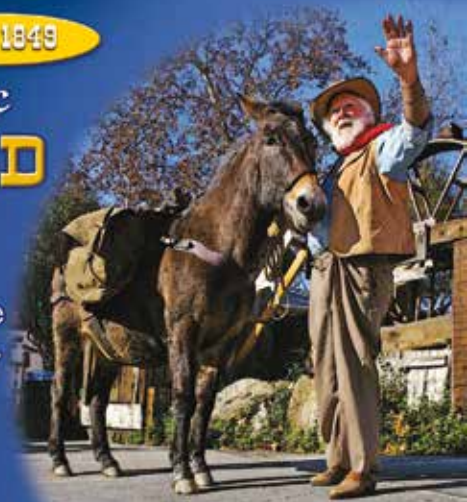


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 Fresno • flyfresno.com 54

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**Starlight Taxi**

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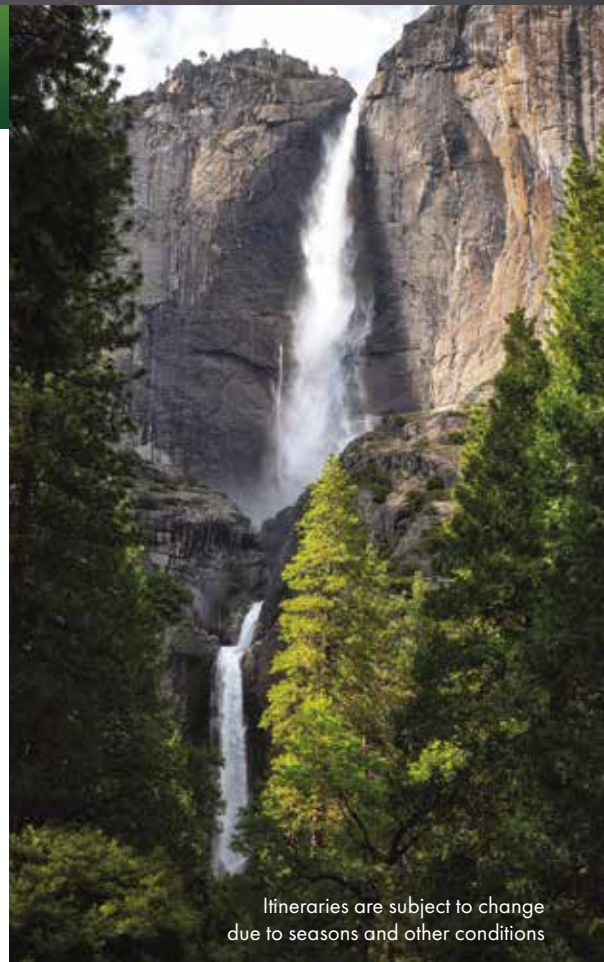
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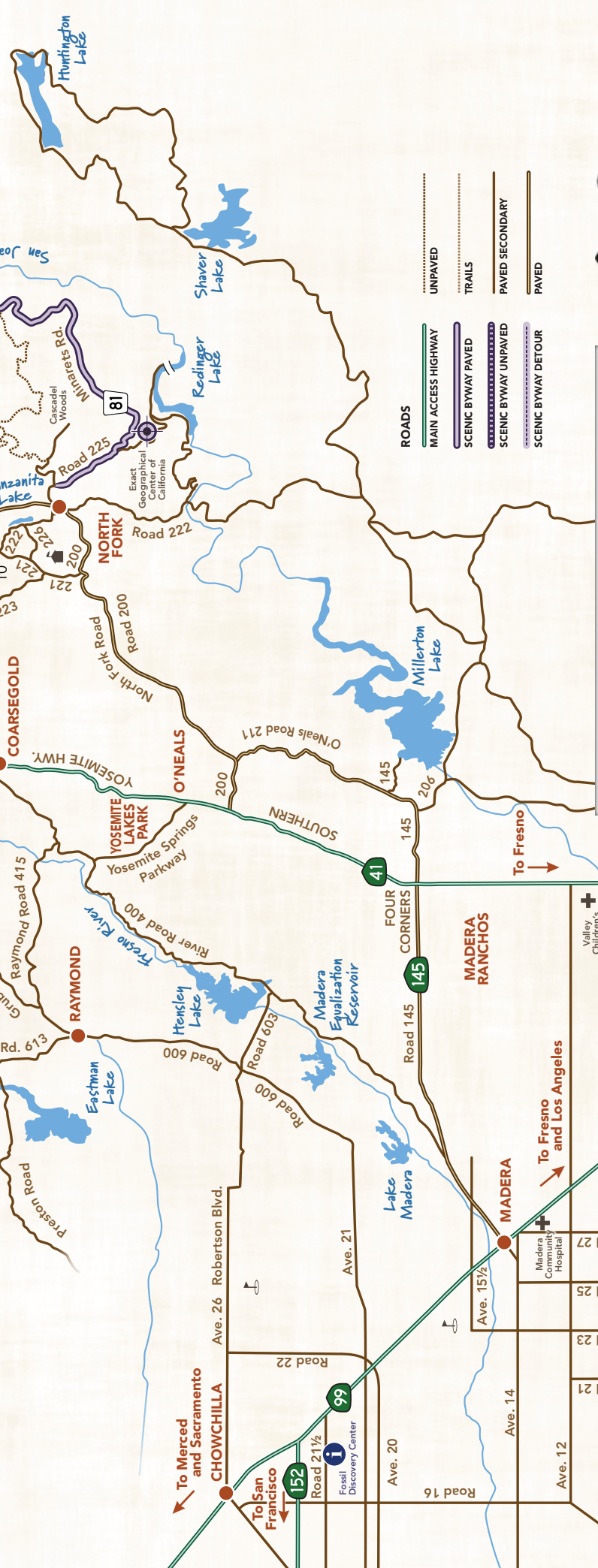
**YOSEMITE VALLEY**  
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- Yosemite Medical Clinic
- Half Dome
- El Capitan
- Sahhine Point
- Glacier Point
- Washburn Point
- Tunnel View
- Glacier Point Road
- Badger Pass
- Bridalveil Creek

- 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



See page 23 for map and info about the Sierra Vista Scenic Byway



## 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**  
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**Caltrans**

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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

**16th Annual Woodcarvers Rendezvous**  
(559) 906-4198 • Oakhurst  
woodtat@icloud.com

**37th 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

**43rd Annual Bass Lake Fishing Derby**  
(559) 642-3676 • Bass Lake  
basslakechamber.com

**71st Annual Coarsegold Rodeo**  
(559) 285-3344 • Coarsegold  
cgrodeogrounds.com

**Yosemite Half Marathon**  
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yosemitemarathon.com



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## MAY

**Chowchilla-Madera County Fair**  
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chowchillafair.org

**33rd Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show**  
Bass Lake • acbs-tahoe.org

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

**64th 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

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

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[YosemiteThisYear.com/whats-happening](https://www.yosemitethisyear.com/whats-happening)





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SEPTEMBER

**Coarsegold Stampede Pro Rodeo**

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cgrodeogrounds.com

**55th Annual Mountain Heritage Day**

(559) 683-6570 • Oakhurst  
fresnoflatsmuseum.org

**25th Annual Chowchilla Chamber Classic Car Show**

(559) 665-5603 • Chowchilla  
chowchillachamber.org

**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**

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

**Sierra Art Trails Open Studio Tour**

(559) 658-8844 • Mountain Area  
sierraarttrails.org

**Oakhurst Fall Festival**

(559) 683-7766 • Oakhurst  
oakhurstchamber.com

**Grizzly Gravel & Century Charity Rides**

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

**26th Annual Coarsegold Tarantula Awareness Festival**

(559) 683-3900 • Coarsegold  
coarsegoldhistoricvillage.com

NOVEMBER

**13th 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 & Parade of Lights**

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basslake.com

DECEMBER

**Christmas at Fresno Flats**

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fresnoflatsmuseum.org

**Downtown Madera Christmas Lights Parade**

(559) 673-3563 • Madera  
maderachamber.com



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**Oakhurst Farmers Market**

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queensinn.com  
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**Sierra Meadows Concert Series**

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sierrameadows.com • Various Dates

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(559) 642-3121 • Bass Lake  
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basslake.com • See website for dates

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(559) 683-7273 • Fish Camp  
yosemitesteamtrains.com  
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June thru August – Every Wednesday & Saturday  
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**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

**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

**Mountain Artisan Market at Fresno Flats Historic Village and Park**

(559) 760-3849 • Oakhurst  
fresnoflatsmuseum.org • 3rd Saturday  
of each month, May thru September

**Music in the Park, Movies in the Park, and the Chowchilla Farmers Market**

(559) 665-8615 • Veterans Memorial Park  
Chowchilla • cityofchowchilla.org/calendar  
June, July & August

# 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 on the Bridalveil Fall Rehabilitation Project. It is expected to reopen Spring 2024.)
- **Glacier Point** - a highly recommended destination for both people and their pets with stunning views of the park high above Yosemite Valley.
- **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.



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## 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 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.



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



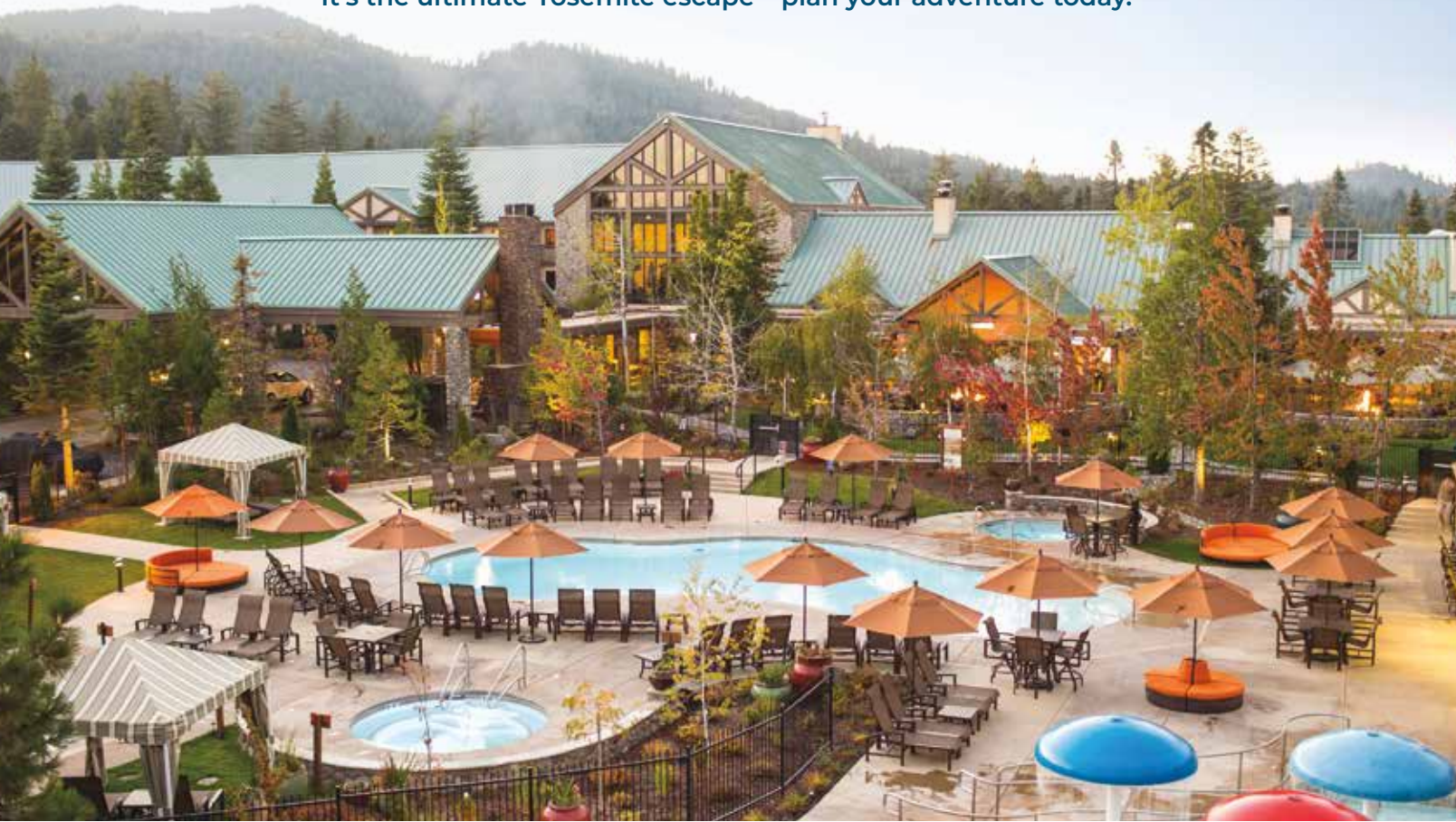



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Sample incredible wines at **Idle Hour Winery & Kitchen**. There are three ways to experience; stop in the tasting room, order delicious and sophisticated food pairings or enjoy while listening to live music at the Beer Garden and Wine Bar.

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 as well as some seasonal favorites.

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



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Have you heard the "BUZZ" about the Madera Wine Trail?

# Wineries of Madera County



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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 palate. In higher elevations, join the **Yosemite Sierra Wine Road** wineries in the Sierra Foothills.

Each of the ten wineries in this region shine 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 wine tasting journey.

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# Fishing

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**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.

**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.

**Mammoth Pool:** Mammoth Pool Reservoir is situated at an elevation of 3,300 feet on the eastern side of the Sierra Vista Scenic Byway. The reservoir is closed to the public during the month of May and the first half of June to allow migrating deer to swim across the reservoir so as to spend the summer in the Sierra Nevada highlands. Fishing re-opens June 17 until the first snowfall.

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

**Hensley Lake:** Just south of 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 each year the first weekend of May. Bass Lake has boats, tackle, bait, rentals, restaurants and California sport fishing licenses available for anglers.

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# Museums & Historical Sites

Explore a region rich with history



SIERRA MONO MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER

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 rich 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. Visit the recently renovated Sierra Mono Museum and Cultural Center to learn about the Mono tribe's history and cultural traditions. Come face-to-face with ancient creatures of San Joaquin Valley's past at the Fossil Discovery Center.



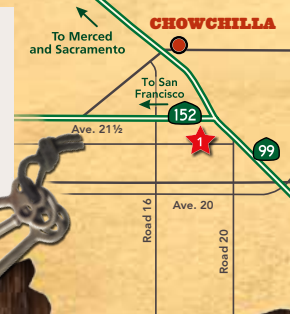
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## MUSEUMS & HISTORIC SITES OF Southern Yosemite

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# Thrifting & Gifting

Exploring local thrift and gift shops is a fun way to spend the day!

MAP NOT TO SCALE

## Gift Shops

- Hilltop Home & Garden
- Betty's Hallmark Store
- Something Special
- Sierra Mercantile
- Ec\*lec\*tic
- Oakhurst Giftworks
- Western Sierra Nursery
- The Gallery at Oakhurst Spirits
- Artifacts - World Import Gallery
- Firefall Gallery
- Seven Rivers Pickers
- Yosemite Gateway Art Center
- Idle Hour Winery & Kitchen Public Market
- Reimer's Candies, Ice Cream & Gifts
- Yosemite Falls Trading Post

- The Forks Resort (seasonal)
- The Pines Village
  - Good Ol' Daze
  - Out West
  - The Pines Market, Deli & Gifts
- Bass Lake Boat Rentals Gift Shop
- Miller's Landing Resort (seasonal)
- Sierra Mono Museum Gift Shop
- The Kids Depot at the Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad

## Thrift Stores

- Yosemite New Life Thrift Store
- SPCA Thrift Shop
- New Community United Methodist Church Thrift Store
- Boutique Thrift Store
- Tokens Thrift Store
- Wonderful Treasures Thrift Shop
- The Warehouse Thrift Store
- The Wandering Phoenix

## Adult Beverages

- South Gate Brewing Company
- Oakhurst Spirits
- Yosemite Wine Tails
- Whiskey 41 Lounge at the Best Western PLUS
- Queen's Inn Wine Bar & Beer Garden/Idle Hour Winery & Kitchen
- Snowline Saloon
- Pines Bar

## Locations with a variety of Thrift, Antiques & Gift Shops

- Coarsegold Historic Village
- Southgate Station
  - Good Ol' Things and other shops



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 and specialties. Discover locally handcrafted items found nowhere else and take home a keepsake that will be a unique and treasured reminder



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of the great time you and your family have enjoyed here. From fine art to fun souvenirs, you can find it here.



ARTIFACTS WORLD IMPORT GALLERY

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 and treasures 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 ten 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!**



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

Yosemite National Park

Fish Camp

Oakhurst

Coarsegold

NUGGET

## COARSEGOLD

In this goldrush era community, discover Nugget, the California Ebony Tarantula, at the Coarsegold Historic Museum just south of Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino. Travelers can also uncover Nugget while exploring the eclectic shops at Coarsegold Historic Village. If you're in the area, don't miss the annual Tarantula Awareness Festival on the last Saturday in October.



## SOUTHERN YOSEMITE WINERIES

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 including those along the Madera Wine Trail and Yosemite Sierra Wine Road.



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

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Madera

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



## OAKHURST

Get to know the largest gateway town of Yosemite National Park, Oakhurst. It lies at the junction of the Golden Chain Highway (CA-49) 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. Stop at the Visitor Center to meet Sierra, the Black Bear, collect her card and find answers to your 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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### YOSEMITE GATEWAY ART CENTER

Oakhurst is a place bursting with creative talent and there's no better place to see that 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. It is also the

place to find the trading card for our most colorful character, Art E. Fox, the Sierra Nevada Red Fox.

Enjoy the Art in its many forms!



ART E. FOX

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RICKY

### YOSEMITE MOUNTAIN SUGAR PINE RAILROAD

Travel back in time aboard an 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.



Come explore the Heart of California!



RANGER

### NORTH FORK

The town of North Fork has the distinction of being at the center of things - most notably the exact center of California! It's also home to the annual North Fork Loggers Jamboree, the Sierra Mono Museum and Cultural Center and it's the starting point of the Sierra Vista Scenic Byway. You can find Ranger the California Mule Deer at The Gnarly Carrot and the Sierra Mono Museum.



North Fork

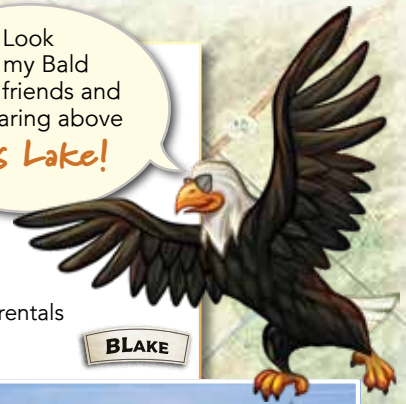
Bass Lake

### 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

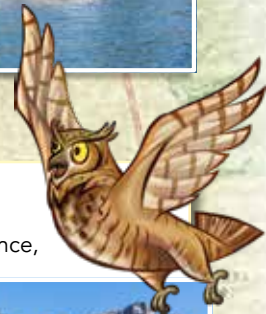


GALEN

### YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Just inside the park's southern entrance, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is home to nearly 500 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 park shuttle. Word to the wise: The Washburn Trail can take you to the BIG trees if the shuttle is unavailable.

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, Half Dome, Clouds Rest, and El Capitan from this iconic viewpoint. The trading card for Sandy, the Squirrel, is available at the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village and Tenaya at Yosemite in the gateway town of Fish Camp.



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SANDY

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Collect a minimum of 2 cards to enter the Yosemite Adventure Contest. Collect more cards for more chances to win!

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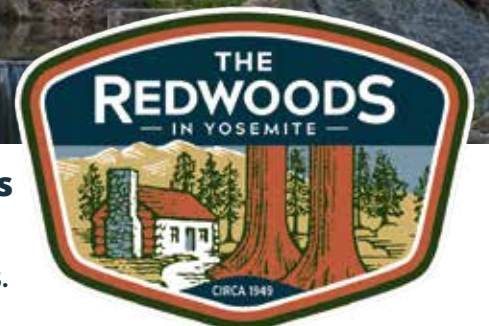
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# Sporting Events

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 typically starts off at lower elevations in March with the **Tesoro Viejo Spring Classic Half Marathon**. In May things move up hill, literally, with the very 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 on or around Bass Lake.

[RunFallClassic.com](http://RunFallClassic.com) and  
[YosemiteHalfMarathon.com](http://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 thirteenth year in 2024. It offers both Olympic and Sprint distance courses and team options too.

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

Rounding out the competitive running opportunities on the calendar is a longtime local fall favorite, the **Smokey Bear Run/Walk** at Bass Lake. Races range from 1/8 mile for ages 2-4, up to 10k run so there's something for all ages and abilities.

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



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BASS LAKE YOSEMITE TRIATHLON • VYMC

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 & Gravel Ride**. The Griz offers a variety of routes on roads, both paved and gravel, in the heart of the Sierra Nevada. From a relatively easy 24 mile course that loops Bass Lake to the namesake Grizzly Century: a challenging 100 mile ride with over 10,000 feet of elevation gain, long 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 February and offers some fun and challenging routes ranging from 30 to 90 miles through the foothills.

[FresnoCycling.com](http://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](http://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 the annual **Coarsegold California Cowboys Professional Rodeo Association (CCPRA) Rodeo** the first weekend in May. 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 rodeo is truly fun for the whole family.

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



THE SOUND OF MUSIC • GOLDEN CHAIN THEATRE

# Performing Arts



Live theatre thrives in Yosemite's Southern Gateway at The Golden Chain Theatre (GCT) in Oakhurst. Founded in the late 1960's to put on historical melodramas of the late 1800s and early 1900s as a tourist attraction (W.H. Smith's "The Drunkard" was the first play performed by GCT). Since establishing a permanent home at the former Snowline Bowling Alley in 1972, GCT has grown and expanded its repertoire significantly over the years. Recent seasons have seen a wide variety of theatrical offerings on the GCT stage. Dramas like "Mousetrap", "Steel Magnolias" and "Silent Sky", comedies such as "Savannah Sipping Society" and "Much Ado About Nothing", as well as several musicals like "Oklahoma", "Peter Pan", "Mary Poppins" and "Shrek the Musical" have entertained locals and visitors alike. Rest assured, the Golden Chain Theatre hasn't forgotten its roots. Classic melodramas such as "A Woman in White" and "Here Come the Cows" can be seen every season on the GCT stage as well as original productions like "Little Orphan Angela" and "Someone Save My Baby, Ruth!". The Golden Chain Theatre's productions are not limited to just their stage... check out the Moonlight Melodrama train rides at the Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad for a family fun way to spend an evening under the stars in the Sierra National Forest.

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



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

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 just a sampling of a few of our favorite live music series:

- **Bass Lake LIVE Summer Concert Series**  
The Pines Resort, Bass Lake
- **Fäsi Estate Winery Concert Series**  
(Spring, Summer & Fall editions)
- **Ground Series at AXIS**  
AXIS Coffee Bar + Eatery
- **Live from the Meadows Concert Series**  
Sierra Meadows
- **Live Music Concert Series**  
Queen's Inn Wine Bar & Beer Garden
- **Live Music Sundays** Toca Madera Winery
- **Music in the Park**, Chowchilla
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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.

## MADERA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

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, 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)



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## 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.

[YosemiteSierraArtists.org](http://YosemiteSierraArtists.org)  
[YGAC.com](http://YGAC.com)

## ARTOBER IN OAKHURST

Oakhurst is the largest of Yosemite National Park's 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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*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 can only dream of seeing.

Winter is also a perfect season to capture images, both grand and intimate, of the beauty of Yosemite.



MARIPOSA GROVE HIKE • VYMC

**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 the 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 now three locales to enjoy strapping on some skates, gliding across the ice (both real and synthetic\*) and warming up with hot cocoa:

- **Tenaya at Yosemite** - Located near the southern entrance to Yosemite National Park
- **Curry Village** - Located in Yosemite Valley
- **The Pines Resort\*** - Located in the Pines Village at Bass Lake

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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# Celebrating Local Native Cultures

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## NORTH FORK RANCHERIA OF THE MONO INDIANS

The North Fork Mono are among the original inhabitants of the foothills of the San Joaquin Valley and Sierra Mountains. North Fork Mono society has traditionally consisted of two clans represented by the golden eagle and the coyote. The animals stand guard at the Sierra Mono Museum and Cultural Center over the many displays of traditional Mono life. The old way of life for the Mono is exhibited through fishing, hunting, acorn gathering, cooking, healing, basket making, games and ceremonies at the Sierra Mono Museum and Cultural Center.



Sierra Mono Indian Fair Days & Pow Wow



Ancestors Exhibit at the Coarsegold Museum

## PICAYUNE RANCHERIA OF THE CHUKCHANSI INDIANS

The Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians is affiliated to Chukchansi Yokuts culture. Chukchansi Yokuts are indigenous to Central California where they have inhabited areas of the San Joaquin Valley and Sierra Nevada foothills for more than 12,000 years. Many Chukchansi still live in these foothills about 30 miles north of Fresno; the headquarters of the tribe, Picayune Rancheria, is located there today. Chukchansi is the language spoken regionally, in which anthropologists have classified an estimated 60 tribes together as Yokuts—meaning people. Hence, Chukchansi Yokuts. However, these tribes all have similar culture and customs but have had different dialects throughout history.

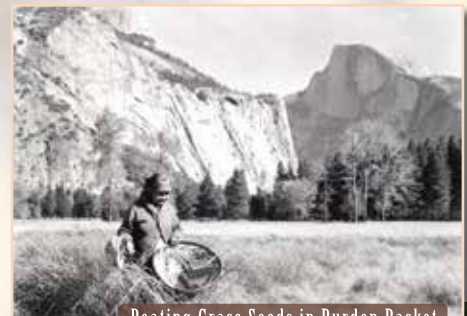


Chukchansi Pow Wow

## YOSEMITE INDIAN VILLAGE OF AHWAHNEE

This reconstructed village is located on the former site of the largest Indian village in Yosemite Valley. The bark houses, ceremonial roundhouse, sweathouse, pounding rocks, cabin, acorn granaries, and chief's house are representative of the structures found in a Sierra Nevada Miwok village of the late nineteenth century. Today the village is still actively used by members of the local American Indian community for ceremonies and special gatherings.

The word "Miwok" is also spelled "Miwuk" or "Me-Wuk." Translated as "people" or "Indian people," it is used to identify persons who are descended from any one of the several different Miwok groups in California.



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## Recommendations for Getting Back to the Wild

-  **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.
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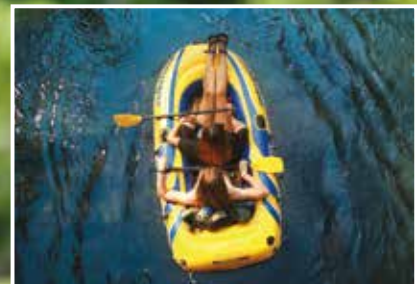
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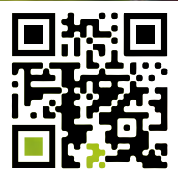
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STOP 1 - GENERAL GRANT TREE  
STOP 2 - PANORAMIC POINT  
STOP 3 - BIG STUMP TRAIL  
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STOP 5 - THE ROAD'S END

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# Yosemite Falls COVER PHOTO



Photographer **Nancy Robbins**

I am lucky to live and work within the boundary of Yosemite National Park. Every day brings something new to experience as seasons change from one to another. Getting close to nature allows one to witness how the sights, smells and sounds of Yosemite can be distinctly different as months (even days) pass. Approach one of the Yosemite's waterfalls to feel the spray against your skin. At close distance the sound of the Yosemite Falls is thunderous, in spring and early summer it can be heard throughout the eastern end of the valley.



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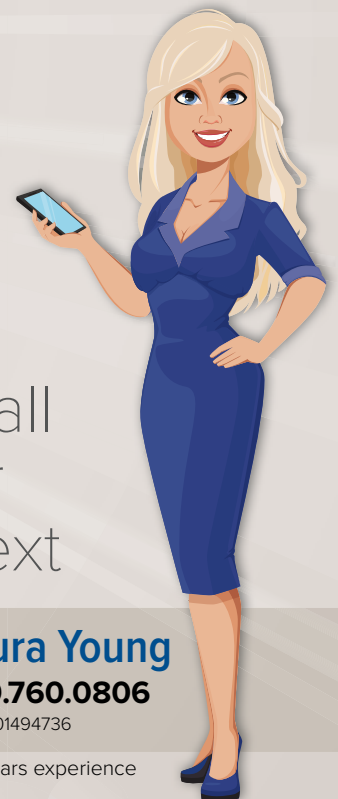
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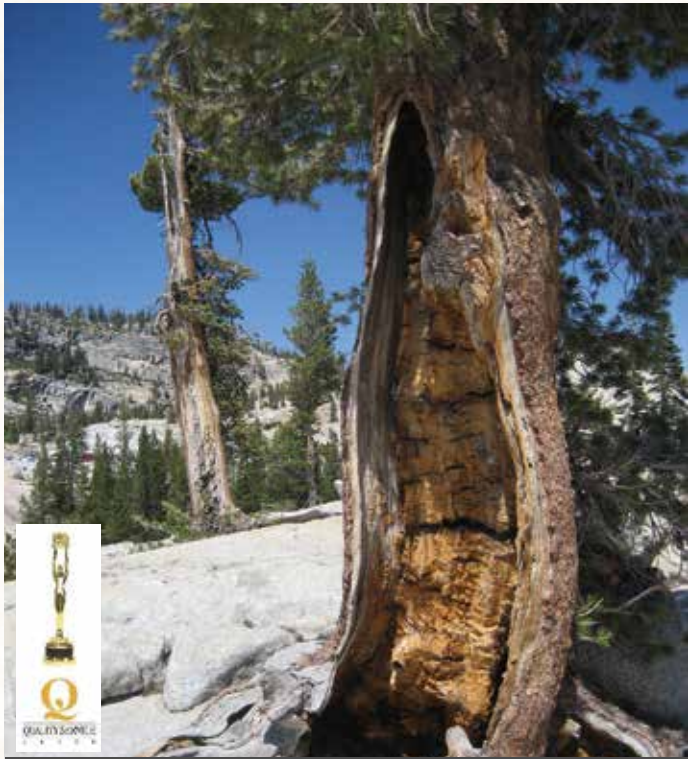
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