

# Visit Yosemite | Madera County

## 2025-2026 Visitors Guide



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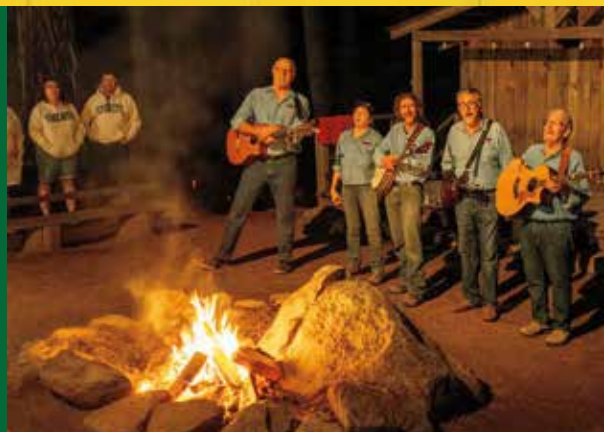
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## Hello Visitors!

Welcome to the Southern Yosemite region and Madera County! We're thrilled to have you here and invite you to PLAY in our backyard and explore the incredible beauty, rich heritage, and warm hospitality that define our area. Whether you're here to hike the scenic trails, indulge in our farm-to-table cuisine, or immerse yourself in the vibrant local art scene, we hope you'll find unforgettable moments.

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## NOTE REGARDING

### GPS

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.

## Average Temperatures Yosemite N.P.

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

## Weather Reports & Highway Conditions

### Yosemite National Park

- [nps.gov/yose](https://nps.gov/yose)
- (209) 372-0200
- Highway 41 into Yosemite National Park is open all year

### National Weather Service • [noaa.org](https://noaa.org)

### Caltrans

- [roads.dot.ca.gov](https://roads.dot.ca.gov)
- (800) 427-7623
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Visitor Center Hours  
Daily 8:30 am  
to 4:30 pm

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## 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
Kings Canyon N.P. ....	97 miles	2 hours
Sacramento .....	170 miles	3.5 hours
San Diego .....	380 miles	6 hours
San Francisco .....	213 miles	4 hours
Sequoia N.P. ....	123 miles	2.3 hours
Yosemite Valley .....	41 miles	1.5 hours

## U.S. Forest Service

### Sierra National Forest Bass Lake Ranger District

- [fs.usda.gov/sierra/](https://fs.usda.gov/sierra/)

### Oakhurst Office

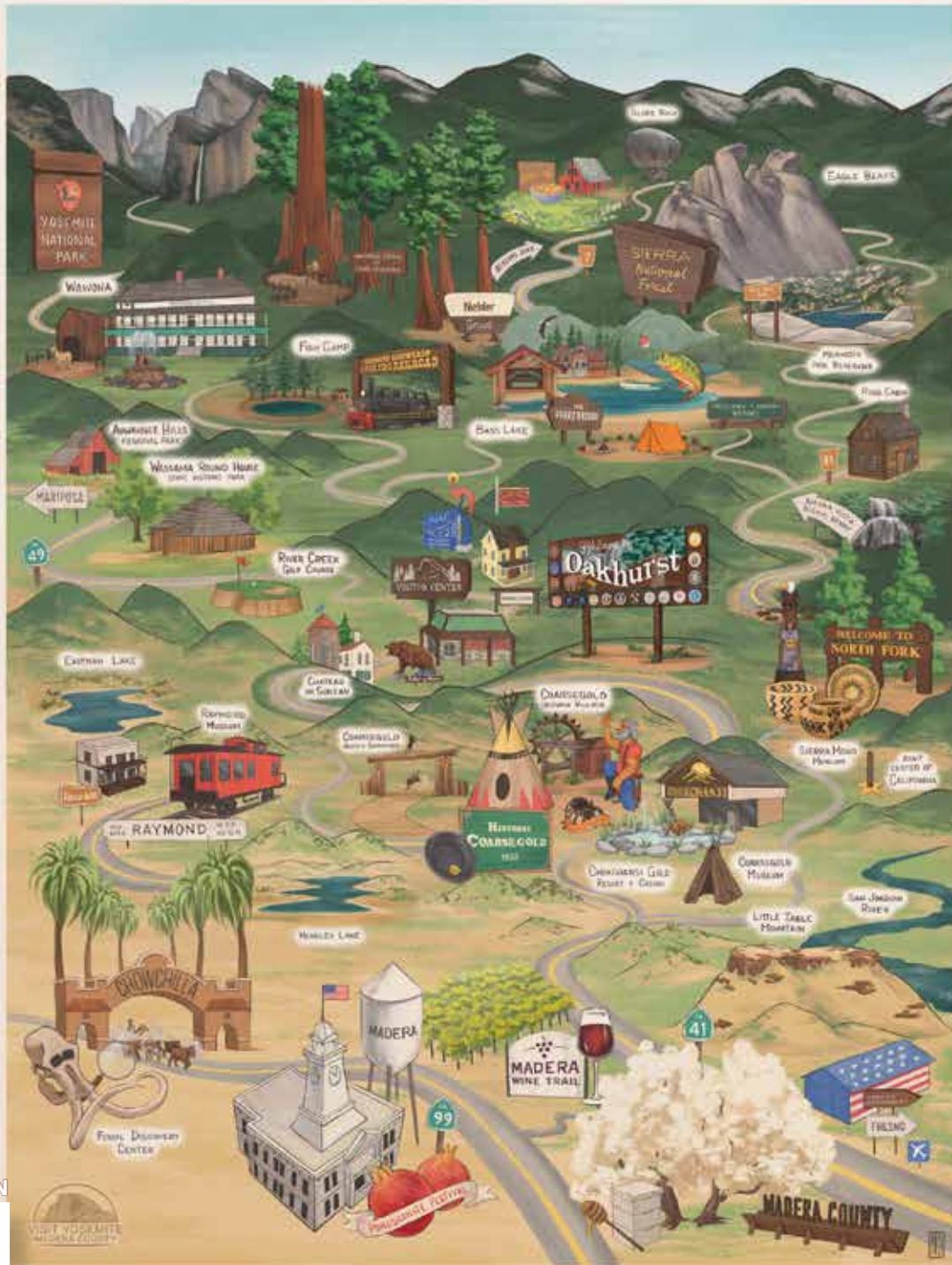
- (559) 658-7588
- Seasonal

### North Fork Office

- (559) 877-2218
- All Year



# The Fossils To Falls Road Trip



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MORE INFORMATION





# Yosemite

in a day or more

YOSEMITE IN SPRING • DANIEL CHUI • VYMC

## DAY 1 (Yosemite Valley)

**STOP 1** **Glacier Point (Open Seasonally)**  
A great place to start your visit to the park is Glacier Point. From its vantage point high above Yosemite Valley (3000 feet!) you get a bird's-eye view of the valley below, some of the park's majestic waterfalls, and the massive granite peaks of Yosemite's high country.

**STOP 2** **Tunnel View**  
As many will attest, this stunning view made famous by Ansel Adams decades ago, is a "must see" stop on your visit. At this popular viewing area many of Yosemite's distinctive landmarks can be seen: El Capitan, Clouds Rest, Half Dome, Sentinel Dome, Bridalveil Fall (and many more). After taking in this view, continue your journey down towards Yosemite Valley.

**STOP 3** **Bridalveil Fall and Swinging Bridge**  
Known as Pohono ("Spirit of the Puffing Wind") by the native Ahwahneechee people, Bridalveil Fall is the first grand waterfall that visitors will see when they visit Yosemite Valley. While Bridalveil typically flows year-round, in the spring and early summer the flow peaks and the mist near its base is truly an experience! The park completed a major rehabilitation in 2023 which included new facilities, improved trails, and many new viewing areas for visitors to experience the beauty of Bridalveil.

**STOP 4** **Yosemite Chapel**  
There are many historic buildings in the park, but the Yosemite Chapel is the oldest building still in 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 photos, especially during the Fall season.

**STOP 5** **Yosemite Village, Valley Loop Trail & Yosemite Falls**  
Follow the signs for the 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 wildlife 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."

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## PARK RESERVATIONS

Yosemite has tested a variety of reservation programs over the last few years in an attempt to address overcrowding. The plans for a system are still in development. You can find out the latest information about any reservation system, as well as park projects and 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 with 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 (closed for major renovations), 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).



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TUOLUMNE MEADOWS  
SUNSET • STEVE  
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## DAY 3 (Highway 120 East)

### A WORD TO THE WISE -

always check park status and updates BEFORE you visit Yosemite!

### 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 visible to the northeast.

### STOP 3 Tenaya Lake

Situated at an elevation of 8,150 feet, the views around this alpine lake are spectacular and it's a popular location to enjoy a picnic, do some kayaking, take a swim or hike the 2½ mile loop trail around it. You can also choose just to lay back, soak up the sunshine, and enjoy the fresh air.

### STOP 4 Tuolumne Meadows

6½ miles east 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 Lember Dome, Unicorn Peak, and Cathedral Peak.



## Other Favorite Stops to Consider

### • Hetch Hetchy

Hetch Hetchy is a bit off the beaten path, but it is truly worth the journey to experience what John Muir considered "... a grand landscape garden, one of nature's rarest and most precious mountain temples." The now water-filled valley boasts 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 Cascade Falls. 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



BRIDALVEIL FALL  
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*\*Stops serviced by the Valleywide Shuttle only*

- 1 Yosemite Village Parking
- 2 Village Store & 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**



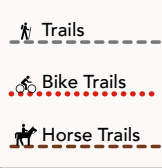
- 8 El Capitan Picnic Area
- 9 El Capitan Meadow
- 10 Cathedral Beach
- 11 Four Mile Trailhead
- 12 Housekeeping Camp & Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center
- 14 Curry Village (eastbound) **YARTS**
- 15 Upper Pines Campground
- 16 Happy Isles



Camp 4



East Yosemite Valley



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



## Yosemite Village



### YOSEMITE'S SHUTTLES

are free and run between 7 am and 10 pm.

**Valleywide Shuttle** (green route) runs seasonally and serves all stops in Yosemite Valley arriving every 12 to 22 minutes.

**East Valley Shuttle** (purple route) runs year-round arriving every 8 to 12 minutes.

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



### Half Dome ▲

8836 ft  
2693 m



**Yosemite Public Transportation Info**





# Yosemite Through The Seasons

Experience something unique & amazing in every season!



## SPRING -

experience the landscape's colorful reawakening. It's a time of vibrant renewal with roaring waterfalls, swift flowing water, and new brilliant-green foliage almost everywhere!

HORSETAIL FALL • BRITAIN ANDREW

Scan for Spring Itinerary



**FALL** - is the time to experience the wonderful contrast of a quieter and less crowded visit against a backdrop of amazing color as Mother Nature prepares for her winter slumber.



BRIDALVEIL FALL • DARVIN ATKESON • YVMC



HALF DOME, MERCED RIVER • BRITAIN ANDREW

Scan for Fall Itinerary



Chasing  
Moonbows  
in the  
Spring

Snowshoeing  
in the  
Mariposa  
Grove





## The Magic of the Horsetail Fall Event



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CALIFORNIA TUNNLE TREE, MARIPOSA GROVE  
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## Summer

LAMBERT DOME, TUOLUMNE MEADOWS • DANIEL CHUI • VYMC



**SUMMER** - with long days and warmer temperatures, it's the perfect season to explore the higher and more distant regions of the park. Summer opens up opportunities for hiking alpine trails, swimming in crystal-clear waters, and embarking on adventures in areas that shine brightest this time of year.



HALF DOME FROM OLMSTED POINT • STEVE MONTALTO



**WINTER** - one of the most magical times of the year; tranquil, serene, and often stunningly beautiful. A true winter wonderland full of thrilling things to see and do!



EL CAPITAN • STEVE MONTALTO • VYMC



## Winter

STONEMAN BRIDGE • DARVIN ATKESON • VYMC







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

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# 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. Pit toilets are available 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 all year round. By July, the conditions in the region are mostly dry. However, the jaw-dropping view from the top is still impressive.

## 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 spot, 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 is a special place and 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, and you must clean up after them.

OAKHURST RIVER PARKWAY • KIM LAWSON • VYMC

## 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: A WALK IN THE PARK

While this one's not a real hiking trail, you can walk around the dog-friendly 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 are events 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.



### ★ THE PINES VILLAGE

- Bass Lake Home Owners Association
- Bass Lake Realty
- Good Ol' Daze
- Nurture Coffee + Eats
- Pines Village Bakery & Pizzeria
- The Pines Resort
  - Market - Bar - Registration
- Pines Village Vacation Rentals & Gift Shop
- Out West
- Yosemite Bass Lake Suites

★ 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 |





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view the  
"Bass Lake  
Play Like  
A Local"  
video

# Bass Lake

Bass Lake sits in a nearly perfect location. It is just 17 miles from the southern gate of Yosemite National Park and seven 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.

You can find all types of lodging here including 3 resorts, an RV Park, lots of camping areas, and a wide variety of vacation home rentals.

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 24).

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 31 Things We Love About Bass Lake (see page 15).



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# 31 Things We Love About Bass Lake

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

## BASS LAKE STAY

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

## BASS LAKE PLAY & EAT

8. **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.
9. **Bass Lake Boat Rentals and Marina Bar & Grill** - North Shore full-service watersports rentals, lakeside grill with premium casual dining.
10. **The Forks Resort Boat Rentals and Restaurant** - Homemade meals in the original 50s diner setting, boat rentals at the adjacent dock.

## BASS LAKE PLAY

11. **Watersport Fun on Bass Lake** - Every type of water fun imaginable can be enjoyed on the lake.
12. **Patio Boat Fun** - Designed for all-day cruising, patio boats may include canopy, gas barbecue, and ice chest.

## BASS LAKE PLAY

13. **Paddleboarding and Kayaking** - Affordable, low-key explorer activities that leave room for socializing on the water.
14. **Mountain Biking** - Exciting trails for riders of all abilities, complete with beautiful Sierra views.
15. **Bass Lake Fishing Derby** - First weekend in May, anglers have a chance at \$55,000 in prize money.
16. **Sporting Events At Bass Lake** - Challenging events like a half marathon, triathlon, fun runs, and more!
17. **4th of July Fireworks and Boat Parade** - Timeless celebration with patriotic boat parade and spectacular fireworks over the lake.
18. **Special Events Around the Lake** - Craft fairs, live music, boat & car shows and more - fun for all ages.
19. **Lakeside Day Use Picnic Areas** - Picnic and recreation areas for a day of family fun.

## BASS LAKE EXPLORE

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

## BASS LAKE SHOP

25. **Out West and Pines Village Vacation Rentals & Gift Shop** - Discover unique treasures at Out West, offering handmade, American-made clothing and gifts, or visit the Gift Shop at Pines Villages Vacation Rentals for lake essentials, souvenirs, and old-time candy. Open year-round, these shops have something special for every Bass Lake visitor.
26. **Good Ol Daze** - High-quality gifts, clothing, accessories, and tasty treats in an old fashioned setting. Don't miss out on the delicious soft serve ice cream!

## BASS LAKE EAT

27. **Dining at Ducey's On The Lake** - Enjoy fine dining or the Bar & Grill with magnificent views of the lake.
28. **Pines Market** - A little bit of everything to keep the traveler happy, including groceries, produce, deli and gifts.
29. **Pines Village Bakery & Pizzeria and Nurture Coffee + Eats** - Right next door to each other - the perfect combo of scrumptious pizza and coffee drinks and a whole host of delicious eats!
30. **Casa Velasco Mexican Restaurant** - Some of the best authentic Mexican food in the mountains.

## BASS LAKE EAT & DRINK

31. **Pines Bar** - Down-home environment with a great selection of beers on tap and weekend live music.



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# Keep Bass Lake Clean

## Preserving Bass Lake's Beauty

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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.



# A CLEAN BASS LAKE BEGINS WITH ME



## #KeepBassLakeClean

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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. Always be prepared to pack out everything you bring in (while you're at it – please pick up any other trash you may see).



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# Bass Lake Hiking Trails

More hiking area info  
can be found here



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 of the native people who lived here. On the map located on page 12, 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 any of the day-use areas).



WAY OF THE MONO TRAIL • VYMC

## 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 1,600 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 • VYMC

## 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).



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# Bass Lake

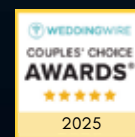
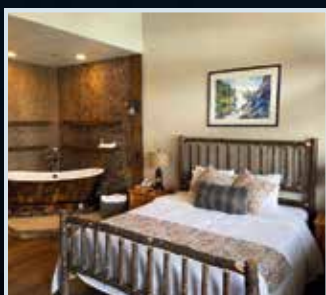
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# Bass Lake Campgrounds

CAMPGROUNDS	RV	TENT	GROUP	UNITS	SEASONAL
CEDAR BLUFF	●	●		113	All year
FORKS	●	●		31	Seasonal
LUPINE	●	●		113	All year
RECREATION POINT	✗	●	●	7	All year
SPRING COVE	●	●		63	Seasonal
WISHON POINT	●	●		31	Seasonal

✓ Reservations are required

📍 Map on page 12

💧 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
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# Campfire Permits

Free permits may be obtained from the Forest Service or the California Department of Forestry/Cal Fire or online at [preventwildfire.ca.org/permits](http://preventwildfire.ca.org/permits).

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



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There are no RV hookups in any Sierra National Forest or Bass Lake campgrounds.

CAMPGROUNDS	RV	TENT	GROUP	UNITS	WATER	RESERVE	SEASONAL	LOCATION	ELEV.	SPECIAL
BIG SANDY	●	●		18		✗	Seasonal	Jackson Rd	5800	
BOWLER	●	●	●	12		✗	Seasonal	FS81	7000	Horses
CHILKOOT	●	●		14		✓	Seasonal	FS7	4600	
CHINA BAR	✗	●		6		✗	Seasonal	Mammoth Pool	3300	Hike/Boat In
CLOVER MEADOW	●	●		7	●	✗	Seasonal	FS81	7000	
FISH CREEK	●	●		7		✓	Seasonal	FS81	4600	
FRESNO DOME	●	●		15		✗	Seasonal	Rd 632	6400	
GAGGS CAMP	●	●		12		✗	Seasonal	Sand Creek	5700	Horse Corral
GRANITE CREEK	●	●		14		✗	Seasonal	Clover Meadow	7000	
GREYS MOUNTAIN	●	●		26		✗	Seasonal	Rd 632	5400	
KELTY MEADOW	●	●		11		✓	Seasonal	Rd 632	5800	Horse Camp
LITTLE JACKASS	●	●		5		✗	Seasonal	off FS81	4800	
LONE SEQUOIA	●	●		5		✗	* Yr Rd	Hwy 41 Fish Cp	3800	
LOWER CHIQUITO	●	●		7		✗	Seasonal	Grizzly Rd	4900	
MAMMOTH POOL	●	●		47	●	✓	Seasonal	FS81	3600	
NELDER GROVE	●	●		7		✗	Seasonal	Rd 632	5500	
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ROCK CREEK	●	●		18	●	✓	Seasonal	FS81	4300	
SODA SPRINGS	●	●		18		✗	Seasonal	FS81	4300	
SOQUEL	●	●		11		✓	Seasonal	Rd 632	5400	
SUMMERDALE	●	●		30	●	✓	Seasonal	Hwy 41 Fish Cp	5000	
SWEETWATER	●	●		7		✓	Seasonal	FS81	3800	
TEXAS FLAT	●	●	●	4		✓	Seasonal	Rd 632	5400	Horses
UPPER CHIQUITO	●	●		20		✗	Seasonal	FS7	6800	
WHISKERS	●	●		8		✗	Seasonal	Central Camp	5300	
WHISKY FALLS	●	●		14		✗	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:



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

There are no RV hookups in any Yosemite campground. \*Prices are approximate and subject to change without notice.

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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 continuing work on a multi-year fuel reduction project in Nelder Grove. While work is in progress, the grove is closed to public access. Please call the USF Bass Lake Ranger District Office at (559) 877-2218 to check on current conditions 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 Meadow

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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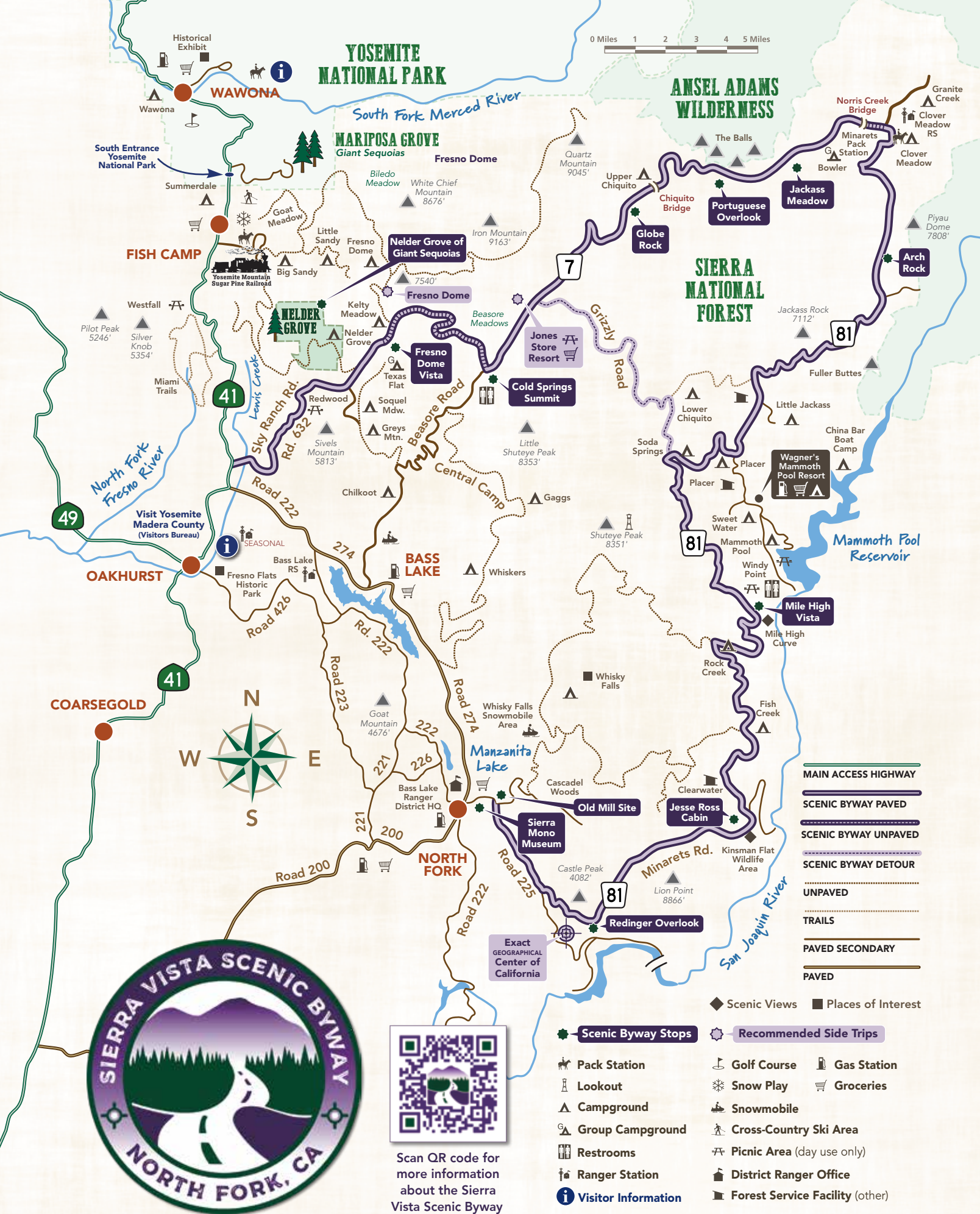
### Globe Rock

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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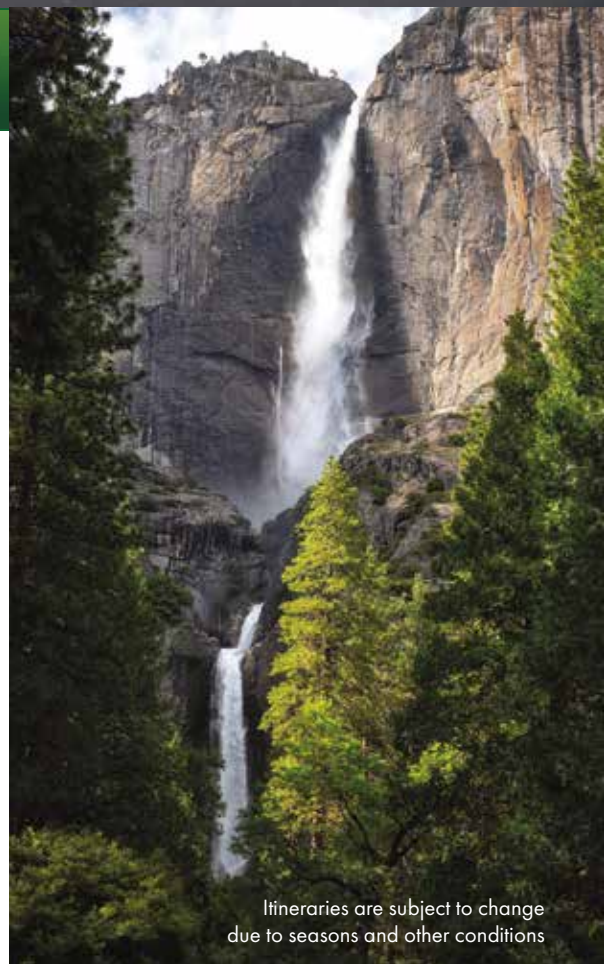
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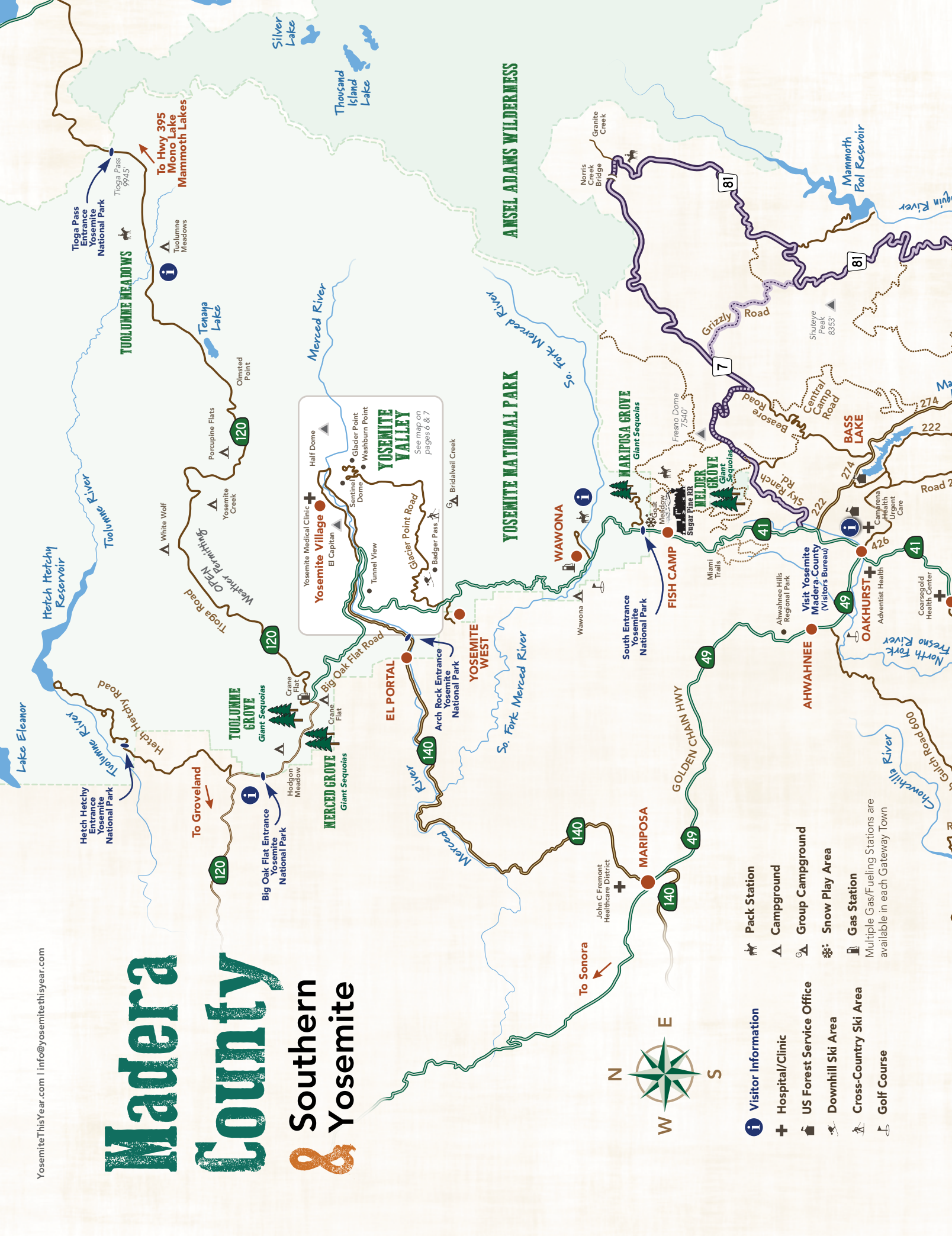
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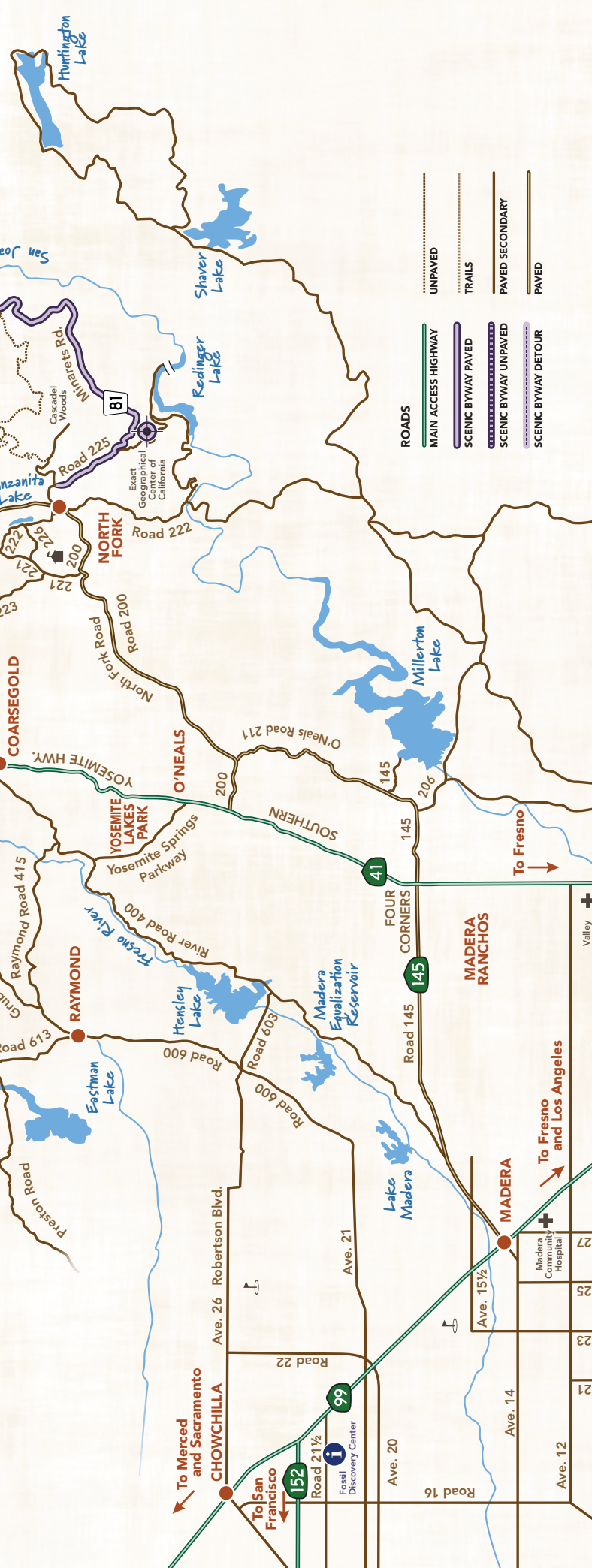


# Madera County

## Southern & Yosemite







## 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.*





# Unique and Fun Things To Do!

We invite you to enjoy some of our favorite ways to have fun in Madera County!



## Panning for Gold

Experience the excitement of California's Gold Rush era with gold panning adventures in Madera County! At Gold Rush City at the Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad in Fish Camp, and The Angry Bear Mining Company at Southgate Station in Oakhurst, you can relive the thrill that brought fortune-seekers to California in the 1800s. Try your hand at panning and uncover your own glittering treasures - perfect for families and adventurers of all ages. Who knows? You might just strike it rich!

**Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad, Fish Camp • [YMSPRR.com](http://YMSPRR.com)**  
**Southgate Station, Oakhurst • [SouthgateStation.com](http://SouthgateStation.com)**

## Axe Throwing



**Yosemite Axe Throwing,  
Oakhurst • [YosemiteAxe.com](http://YosemiteAxe.com)**

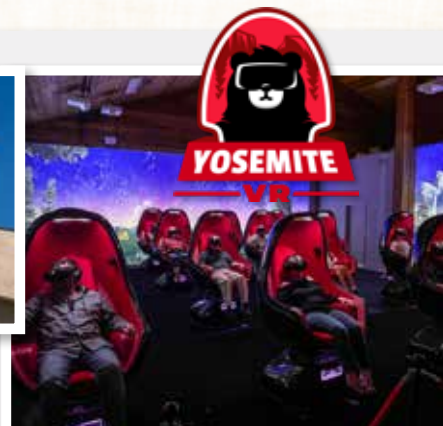
Get in on the thrill of one of the hottest and exciting new activities - axe throwing! At Yosemite Axe Throwing in Oakhurst, you can test your skills and even walk in the footsteps of greatness, as it's the home of the 2024 World Timbersports Champion, North Fork's own Nate Hodges!



## Movies & VR Experience

After a day of hiking Yosemite's trails, unwind with a family-friendly outing to Yosemite Cinema in Oakhurst. Alongside popular first-run films on five screens, the cinema offers the cutting-edge Yosemite VR Experience. Using state-of-the-art Positron XR Cinema, motion pods transport you into Yosemite, on a stunning 15-minute journey through Yosemite Valley narrated by Bryan Cranston. Other award-winning VR films take you to extraordinary places like Everest and outer space - an unforgettable adventure for all ages!

**Yosemite Cinema, Oakhurst • [YosemiteCinema.com](http://YosemiteCinema.com)**



These are just some highlights! Find out about the some of the other wonderful things to do here in Yosemite's Southern Gateway!



## Meet Some Wildlife - Up Close

Discover the wonder of wildlife at The Nature of Wildworks in Coarsegold, where education meets compassion. This unique refuge is dedicated to enhancing understanding of nature while providing lifetime care for non-releasable wild animals and displaced domestic animals.







Go Play Party  
Zone, Oakhurst •  
[GoPlayPartyZone.com](http://GoPlayPartyZone.com)



## Go Play in the Party Zone!

Level up your fun at Go Play Party Zone in Oakhurst! Just minutes from Yosemite, this new hotspot is perfect for families, friends, and partygoers. Enjoy over 70 arcade games, skeeball, foosball, air hockey, and a nine-hole indoor mini golf course. Feeling creative? Explore the Art Room! Need a break? Relax in the comfy lounge. Every day is a play day at Go Play Party Zone!

## Search for Carved Bears



Oakhurst is known as the "The Carved Bear Capital of the World"™. Explore around town to find carved bears of all sizes; from cute and small enough you'd be inclined to take them home, to some large enough for your to curl up in their laps!



## Moonlight Moments

Experience the Sierra Nevada in an entirely new light - moonlight! These two unforgettable activities let you savor the beauty of nature after the sun sets.

At the Moonlight Special at Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad, enjoy a BBQ dinner under the stars, live music, and a nostalgic steam train ride. With a stop at Lewis Creek Canyon for entertainment and the glow of the firebox lighting your way back, it's an evening full of charm and history.



Discover Yosemite's Full Moon/Sunset Tour offers a serene hike to Sentinel Dome, where you'll witness the sunset melt into the rise of the full moon. Watch Yosemite's granite cliffs and Half Dome glow under the silvery light while enjoying a picnic dinner. This magical experience creates memories that will last you a lifetime.



DISCOVER YOSEMITE

Through private guided tours, you can connect with many of the resident animals and learn their incredible stories. Schedule your visit for an unforgettable, up-close experience with nature's remarkable creatures!

Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad, Fish Camp • [YMSPRR.com](http://YMSPRR.com)  
Discover Yosemite, Oakhurst • [DiscoverYosemite.com](http://DiscoverYosemite.com)

## Talk To The Bear

Once common throughout California, Grizzly Bears can only be found much further north. But you can visit, take pictures with, and talk to (actually he pretty much does all of the talking...) our very own life-sized World Famous Talking Bear right here in downtown Oakhurst!



Nature of Wildworks, Coarsegold  
[NatureOfWildworks.org](http://NatureOfWildworks.org)





# Calendar of Events

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## MARCH

**68th Annual Chowchilla Stampede & Cattle Drive**  
(209) 756-3056 • Chowchilla  
[Facebook.com/chowchilla-western-stampede-153473561356669](https://www.facebook.com/chowchilla-western-stampede-153473561356669)

**Tesoro Viejo Spring Classic Half Marathon**  
[runspringclassic.com](https://www.runspringclassic.com)

## APRIL

**17th Annual Woodcarvers Rendezvous**  
(559) 906-4198 • Oakhurst  
[woodtat@icloud.com](mailto:woodtat@icloud.com)

**38th Annual Raymond Parade and Family Fun Day**  
(559) 689-3488 • Raymond

**Earth Day Yosemite**  
(209) 372-0200 • Yosemite National Park  
[nps.gov/yose](https://www.nps.gov/yose)

## MAY

**44th Annual Bass Lake Fishing Derby**  
(559) 642-3676 • Bass Lake  
[basslakechamber.com](https://www.basslakechamber.com)

📷 **72nd Annual Coarsegold Rodeo**  
(559) 977-9879 • Coarsegold  
[coarsegoldrodeogrounds.com](https://www.coarsegoldrodeogrounds.com)

**Yosemite Half Marathon**  
(559) 683-4636 • Bass Lake  
[vacationraces.com/half-marathons/yosemite/](https://www.vacationraces.com/half-marathons/yosemite/)

**Chowchilla-Madera County Fair**  
(559) 665-3728 • Chowchilla  
[chowchillafair.org](https://www.chowchillafair.org)

**34th Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show**  
Bass Lake • [acbs-tahoe.org](https://www.acbs-tahoe.org)

**Memorial Day Peddlers Market & Show**  
(559) 683-3900 • Coarsegold  
[coarsegoldhistoriccville.com](https://www.coarsegoldhistoriccville.com)

## JUNE

**Bass Lake Boat, Hot Rod & Motorcycle Show**  
(310) 625-1352 • Bass Lake  
[fotmevents.net](https://www.fotmevents.net)



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## JUNE

**Bass Lake Yosemite Triathlon**  
(559) 683-4636 • Bass Lake  
[basslaketri.com](https://www.basslaketri.com)

**Music In The Meadow**  
(559) 642-4448 • Coarsegold  
[coarsegoldhistoricalsociety.com](https://www.coarsegoldhistoricalsociety.com)

## JULY

📷 **4th of July Celebrations**  
(559) 683-4636 • [yosemitethisyear.com](https://www.yosemitethisyear.com)  
Bass Lake • Chowchilla • Madera

📷 **65th Annual Loggers Jamboree**  
(559) 877-2410 • North Fork  
[northforkboosters.org](https://www.northforkboosters.org)

**Joaquin Murrieta Ride**  
(559) 871-2534 • Madera

## AUGUST

**Annual Indian Fair Days & Pow Wow**  
(559) 877-2115 • North Fork  
[monomuseum.org](https://www.monomuseum.org)

## SEPTEMBER

**Labor Day Weekend Peddlers Market & Show**  
(559) 683-3900 • Coarsegold  
[coarsegoldhistoriccville.com](https://www.coarsegoldhistoriccville.com)

📷 **Madera District Fair**  
(559) 674-8511 • Madera Fairgrounds  
[maderafair.com](https://www.maderafair.com)

## SEPTEMBER

**56th Annual Mountain Heritage Day**  
(559) 683-6570 • Oakhurst  
[fresnoflatmuseum.org](https://www.fresnoflatmuseum.org)

**26th Annual Chowchilla Chamber Classic Car Show**  
(559) 665-5603 • Chowchilla  
[chowchillachamber.org](https://www.chowchillachamber.org)

**Smokey Bear Run/Walk 1K and 2 Mile Fun Run**  
(559) 683-1770 • Bass Lake  
[smokeybearrun.com](https://www.smokeybearrun.com)

**Celebrate Agriculture with the Arts**  
(559) 661-7005 • Madera  
[maderaarts.org](https://www.maderaarts.org)

**South Shore Car & Boat Show**  
(559) 642-3633 • Bass Lake  
[millerslanding.com](https://www.millerslanding.com)

## OCTOBER

**ARTober in Oakhurst** (see page 49)  
31 Days of Art Events • [artober.net](https://www.artober.net)

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







NORTH FORK LOGGERS JAMBOREE • STEVE MONTALTO • VYM



MADERA DISTRICT FAIR

## OCTOBER

**Oakhurst Facelift** (559) 683-4636  
yosemitethisyear.com/articles/oakhurst-community-facelift

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

**Grizzly Gravel & Century Charity Rides**  
North Fork • Sierra National Forest  
grizzlycentury.org

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

**South Gate Brewing Company Anniversary Party & Oktoberfest**  
(559) 692-2739 • Oakhurst  
southgatebrewco.com

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

**Haunted Night at the Museum Fossil Discovery Center**  
(559) 665-7107 • Chowchilla  
maderamammoths.org

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



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YosemiteThisYear.com | info@yosemitethisyear.com

## OCTOBER

**Bass Lake Paddle Crew**  
Witches & Warlocks Paddle  
f - Bass Lake Paddle Crew

**27th Annual Coarsegold Tarantula Awareness Festival**  
(559) 683-3900 • Coarsegold  
coarsegoldhistoricvillage.com

## NOVEMBER

**14th Annual Madera Pomegranate Fruit & Nut Festival**  
(559) 673-3563 • Madera  
pomegranatefestival.com

**Bass Lake Jingle Bash**  
Pines Village • basslakechamber.com

## NOVEMBER

**Annual Bass Lake Tree Lighting & Parade of Lights**  
(559) 642-3121 • Bass Lake  
basslake.com

## DECEMBER

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

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

**New Years Eve Celebration and Bass Lake Fireworks**  
(559) 642-3121 • Bass Lake • basslake.com

## Weekly or Seasonal Events

**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 14

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

**Oakhurst Art & Wine Hop**  
oakhurstarthop.com  
3rd Thursday May thru October - 5 to 8 pm

**Oakhurst Farmers Market at Ace Hardware**  
(559) 683-7117 • Oakhurst  
facebook.com/OakhurstFarmersMarket/  
May thru September, Every Thursday

**Queen's Inn Wine Bar & Beer Garden**  
(559) 683-4354 • Oakhurst  
queensinn.com 41  
May – October - Live Music Every Saturday

**Sierra Meadows Concert Series**  
(833) 966-1999 • Ahwahnee  
sierrameadows.com • Various Dates

**The Pines Resort**  
(559) 642-3121 • Bass Lake 20  
Bass Lake LIVE Concerts,  
Fireworks, and Arts & Crafts Fairs  
basslake.com • See website for dates

**Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad Moonlight Special** Inside Front Cover  
(559) 683-7273 • Fish Camp  
yosemitesteamtrains.com  
May thru October – Every Saturday  
June thru August – Every Wednesday & Saturday



# Pet Friendly ROAD TRIP



Yosemite's Southern Gateway offers plenty of opportunities to bring your canine family members along, whether you're sightseeing in Yosemite or trekking the trails of the Sierra National Forest.

## 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 typically allowed 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. Bridalveil Fall is another short, easy, and dog friendly walk. Enjoy the beautiful trail and viewing platforms of this 620 foot waterfall.
- **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.



PET FRIENDLY DOG BOATING • BREEZE TURNER WILLSON

## BASS LAKE

If you are looking for a pet-friendly place to explore and play, Bass Lake is the area for you. 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 available (see page 19). After a day of adventures around Bass Lake, fuel up with your pup at The Forks or Miller's Landing with a treat from their Pet Menus. Enjoy year-round patio dining with your furry friend at Casa Velasco and seasonal lakeside dining at Marina Bar & Grill.

### *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 places to do just that. Check ahead as both venues feature live music and other entertainment throughout the year.



PET FRIENDLY YOSEMITE MOUNTAIN  
SUGAR PINE RAILROAD • VYMC

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





## Be Bear Aware!

Always dispose of trash in bear-proof dumpsters.



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## OUTBOUND YOSEMITE

### Discover a New Side of Yosemite

Coming Fall 2025

Just 25 minutes away from Yosemite National Park's South Gate, our newest Outbound Hotel will feature 17 acres of beautifully designed cabins and common areas, plus a 300-person conference center and event venue made for good times and good vibes in the epic outdoors.



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

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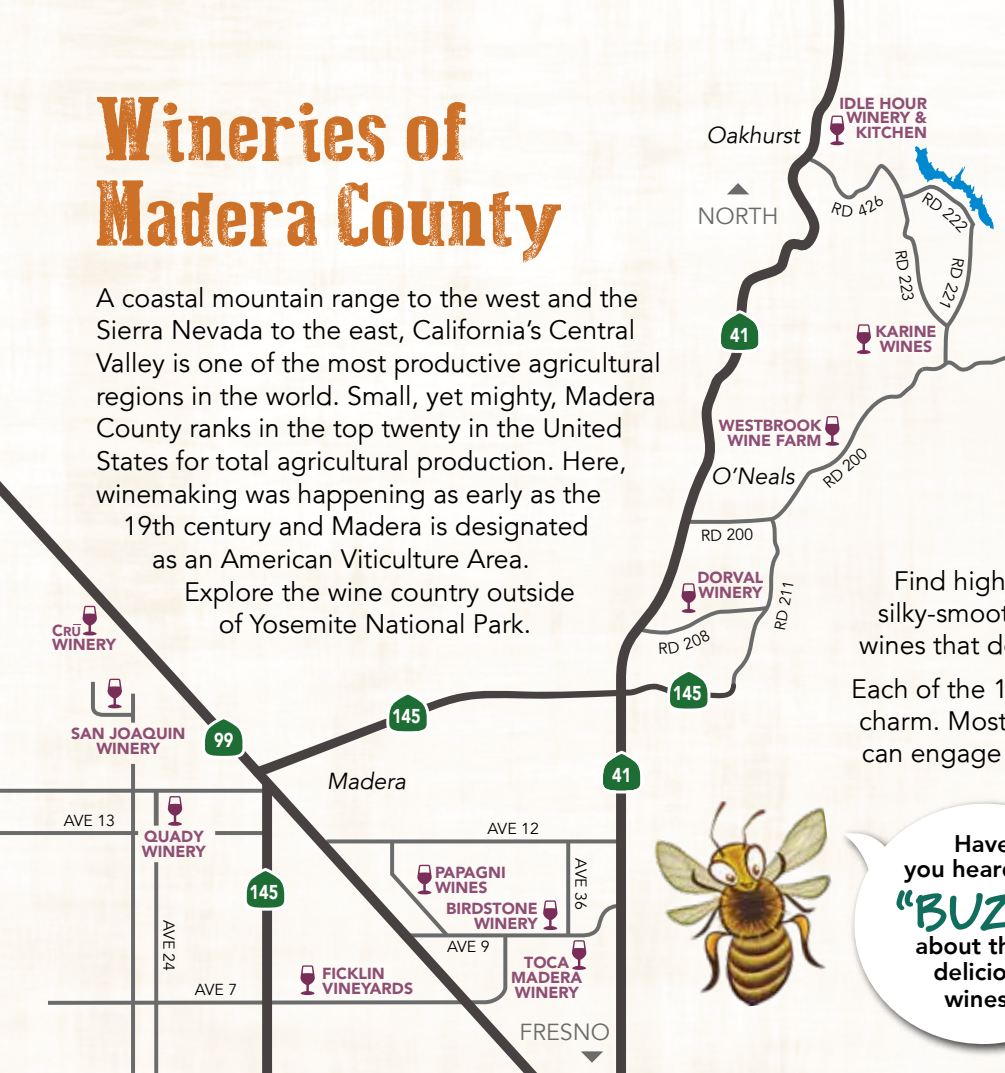
1122 CA-41, Fish Camp, CA



# Wineries of Madera County

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.

Explore the wine country outside of Yosemite National Park.



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North Fork, CA 93643  
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See our Newest Office!  
44860 Sunflower Lane  
O'Neals, CA 93645  
800-350-1155





TOAST OF OAKHURST - VYMC

# 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 live music at the **Queen's Inn Wine Bar & Beer Garden**.

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 glass, consider a stop at **Cellar Bar, Hemlock Restaurant & Bar, Snowline Saloon, Yosemite Wine Tails**, or the **Oakhurst Grill & Whiskey 41 Lounge**.

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**OPEN EVENINGS 4-9 pm**

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THE GRIZZLY GRAVEL & CENTURY CHARITY RIDE • JOHN CRAFT

## Play Hard in Madera County: Sports and Events

Madera County is home to a vibrant sports scene, offering thrilling events for athletes, outdoor enthusiasts, and spectators alike.



### FISH FOR CASH:

Anglers won't want to miss the **Bass Lake Fishing Derby**, where over \$55,000 in cash prizes are up for grabs for catching tagged prize fish.

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

### RIDE THE SIERRA:

Cyclists and adventurers can tackle the **Grizzly Gravel & Century Charity Ride**. With challenging road and gravel routes along the stunning Sierra Vista Scenic Byway, this event supports the Byway Association and nearby connected communities.

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



### RODEO TRADITION:

For over 70 years, the **Coarsegold Rodeo** has brought excitement to region the first weekend in May. As part of the California Cowboys Professional Rodeo Association (CCPRA), it's a must-see event for rodeo fans.

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



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## Golf Courses

**The Lakes RV & Golf Resort**  
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**Madera Municipal Golf Course**  
(559) 675-3504 • Madera  
maderamuni.com

**River Creek Golf Course**  
(559) 683-5600 • Ahwahnee  
rivercreekgolfcourse.com

Call to  
check  
availability

→ **Wawona Golf Course**  
(209) 375-6572 • Wawona  
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## Oakhurst Historic Museum

- Airbnb
- Local History
- Tours
- Gold Panning
- Events
- Dance



## Fresno Flats Historic Village and Park

49777 High School Rd | Oakhurst | [FresnoFlats.org](http://FresnoFlats.org)



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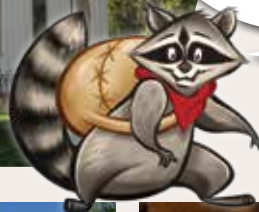
# Museums & Historical Sites

Explore a region rich with history



LITTLE CHURCH ON THE HILL • OAKHURST • VYMC

Learn about the Chukchansi people who have lived in this area for over 8,000 years at the Native American display in the Coarsegold Museum.



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.



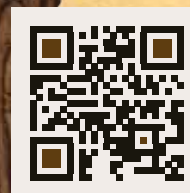
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COARSEGOLD HISTORIC MUSEUM • VYMC

## MUSEUMS & HISTORIC SITES OF Southern Yosemite

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





# Thrifting & Gifting

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



MAP NOT TO SCALE

## Gift Shops

- 1 Rooted In Season Market
- 2 Betty's Hallmark Store
- 3 Something Special
- 4 Sierra Mercantile
- 5 Ec\*lec\*tic
- 6 Oakhurst Giftworks
- 7 The Gallery at Oakhurst Spirits
- 8 Artifacts - World Import Gallery
- 9 Firefall Gallery
- 10 Seven Rivers Pickers
- 11 Yosemite Gateway Art Center
- 12 Reimer's Candies, Ice Cream & Gifts
- 13 Yosemite Falls Trading Post
- 14 Mountain House Marketplace

- 15 The Forks Resort (seasonal)
- 16 The Pines Village
  - Good Ol' Daze
  - Out West
  - Pines Village Vacation Rentals & Gift Shop
  - The Pines Market, Deli & Gifts
- 17 Bass Lake Boat Rentals Gift Shop
- 18 Miller's Landing Resort (seasonal)
- 19 Gift Stores at the Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad (seasonal)
- 20 Sierra Mono Museum Gift Shop
- 21 Nim Nobe General Store

## Oakhurst

## Coarsegold

(8 miles to Oakhurst)

## Visitor Center

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## Fish Camp

(8 miles from Bass Lake turnoff)

## Thrift Stores

- 1 Yosemite New Life Thrift Store
- 2 SPCA Thrift Shop
- 3 New Community United Methodist Church Thrift Store
- 4 Boutique Thrift Store
- 5 Wonderful Treasures Thrift Shop
- 6 The Warehouse Thrift Store

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

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

## Bass Lake

## Adult Beverages

- 1 Cellar Bar at Chateau du Sureau
- 2 Hemlock Restaurant & Bar at the Inelle
- 3 South Gate Brewing Company
- 4 Oakhurst Spirits
- 5 Yosemite Wine Tails
- 6 Whiskey 41 Lounge at the Best Western PLUS
- 7 Queen's Inn Wine Bar & Beer Garden/Idle Hour Winery & Kitchen
- 8 El Cid Mexican Cuisine Bar
- 9 Snowline Saloon
- 10 Pines Bar
- 11 Jackalope's Bar & Grill - Tenaya at Yosemite

## North Fork



Scan Me

Find Hidden Treasure  
in Madera County's local

## Thrift & Gift Shops

Gift shopping on vacation lets you capture the essence of your travels and share it with loved ones. Discover local art and unique souvenirs in local markets and boutiques, reflecting the culture and charm of your destination. Each gift becomes a cherished memory, making your journey even more meaningful.



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## Looking for something with added charm?

Shopping in thrift stores is a treasure hunt filled with surprises. Discover unique vintage clothing, retro furniture, and rare collectibles at a fraction of the price. The ever-changing inventory ensures every visit is exciting and unpredictable, blending the joy of discovery with the thrill of a great deal.





# 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 our "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.



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



Yosemite National Park

Prospect

for fun right here in Madera County!

Fish Camp

### 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, or visiting the many animals at the Nature of Wildworks wildlife care center. If you're in the area, don't miss the annual Tarantula Awareness Festival on the last Saturday in October.

NUGGET



Oakhurst

Coarsegold

Chowchilla



### WINERIES OF MADERA COUNTY

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.



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

Madera

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

### OAKHURST

Get to know Oakhurst, the largest gateway town to Yosemite National Park. 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.



SIERRA







## ART GALLERIES OF OAKHURST

Oakhurst is a place bursting with creative talent, and there's no better place to see it than at the Yosemite Gateway Art Center, The Gallery at Oakhurst Spirits, and Firefall Gallery. Together, these galleries form the hub for fine art and artists in Oakhurst, showcasing works by renowned regional artists in styles and mediums ranging from stunning photography to contemporary sculpture.

This vibrant art community offers year-round artist demonstrations, exhibits, and creative events. You can also find the trading card for our most colorful character, Art E. Fox, at these locations!

Enjoy the Art in its many forms!



ART E. FOX

It's so Easy to Play



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, Rebelz Coffee and the Sierra Mono Museum.

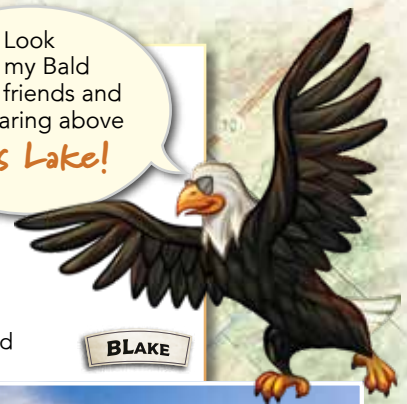


## BASS LAKE

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 Resort.

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.

Collect all 10 for a Special Gift!



SANDY

[YosemiteThisYear.com/welcoming-committee](http://YosemiteThisYear.com/welcoming-committee)



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





A CHRISTMAS CAROL • GOLDEN CHAIN THEATRE

# Performing Arts

## GOLDEN CHAIN THEATRE:

A Legacy of Live Theatre in  
Yosemite's Southern Gateway



Live theatre takes center stage at the Golden Chain Theatre (GCT) in Oakhurst, a beloved institution founded in the late 1960s to celebrate the colorful era of 19th-century melodramas. GCT's first performance, W.H. Smith's classic "The Drunkard," set the tone for a tradition that has endured for over 50 years. Since moving to its permanent home in the former Snowline Bowling Alley in 1972, GCT has grown into a cornerstone of culture for both locals and visitors, presenting a range of captivating shows each season.

Recent years have featured an eclectic lineup including suspenseful dramas like "The Mousetrap" and "Silent Sky," crowd-pleasing comedies such as "Savannah Sipping Society" and Mel Brooks' award-winning show, "The Producers," and beloved musicals like "Mary Poppins" and "Shrek the Musical." Yet, GCT remains true to its roots, staging classic melodramas like "Here Come the Cows" and "Males Order Bride" each season.

For an unforgettable outdoor experience, join GCT on the Moonlight Melodrama train rides with the Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad. This family-friendly evening under the stars brings a taste of theatrical adventure to the heart of the Sierra National Forest—combining history, humor, and nature for an experience like no other.

[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
- **Live Music at the Marina Bar & Grill**  
(daily, all summer)
- **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
- **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.

## MADERA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

For over 40 years, the Madera County Arts Council (MCAC) has enriched the community by fostering art and cultural programs for residents and visitors alike. Through initiatives that support local arts groups and individual artists, MCAC showcases diverse talent across the county. The council's Circle Gallery in Madera hosts various exhibits, including the renowned annual "Celebrate Agriculture with the Arts," a signature competition and exhibit highlighting the region's agricultural heritage and artistic excellence.

[MaderaArts.org](https://MaderaArts.org)



## SIERRA ART TRAILS

A cornerstone ARTober event is the Sierra Art Trails Open Studio Tour. This multi-weekend 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 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](https://SierraArtTrails.org)

## YOSEMITE GATEWAY ART CENTER & YOSEMITE SIERRA ARTISTS

Discover the vibrant arts scene at the Yosemite Gateway Art Center in Oakhurst, the hub for local and visiting art lovers. This dynamic space hosts a variety of galleries that feature rotating exhibits, showcasing a diverse array of styles, mediums, and artists from across the region. Year-round, the center brings exceptional special exhibits, including the annual Yosemite Sierra Artists (YSA) Show and the acclaimed Yosemite Renaissance traveling exhibition, which celebrates art inspired by the Yosemite region. YGAC also serves as the headquarters for Sierra Art Trails, the annual open studio tour showcasing the work of local artists across the region.

Yosemite Sierra Artists is a very active group hosting regular workshops, exhibits and live artist demonstrations, at a range of venues around town providing many opportunities to experience the creativity and inspiration that define this cultural cornerstone.

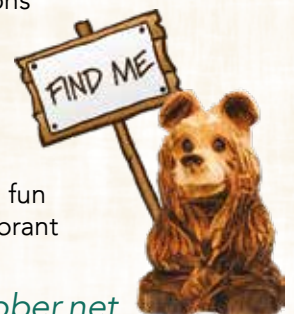
[YGAC.com](https://YGAC.com) - [YosemiteSierraArtists.org](https://YosemiteSierraArtists.org)



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## ARTOBER IN OAKHURST

As Yosemite's largest gateway community, Oakhurst boasts one of the highest per capita artist populations in the United States. Each October, or "ARTober," local artists come together for a month-long celebration of creativity. With artist demos, exhibits, special events, and the popular ART the Bear treasure hunt, ARTober offers a fun and immersive way to experience the vibrant art scene of the Sierra Nevada Foothills.



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





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**Giant Sequoias - Sunsets - Vistas - Lakes - Fresno Dome - Snow**



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EXPLORE THE

# 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.

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

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 a perfect season to capture images, both grand and intimate, of Yosemite's beauty.



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

**Here are just a few of our favorites:**

## Badger Pass Ski Area

Winter sports have a long history in Yosemite with skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, tubing, and cross-country skiing are all in the mix. 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

Yosemite and its Southern Gateway have been home to Native Peoples for many thousands of years. They lived then, as now, as part and caretakers of the lands they call their home.



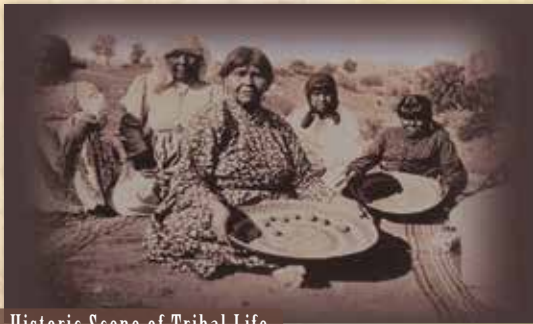
Sierra Mono Indian Fair Days & Pow Wow

## NORTH FORK RANCHERIA OF THE MONO INDIANS



Soaproot Brush

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 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.



Historic Scene of Tribal Life

## PICAYUNE RANCHERIA OF THE CHUKCHANSI INDIANS



Chukchansi Pow Wow

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. These tribes all have similar culture and customs but have had different dialects throughout history.



Yosemite Indian Village

## 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.

## EXPERIENCE MORE NATIVE HERITAGE AND CULTURE

You can discover even more places in Madera County to connect with our rich Native culture. Don't miss the California Native American Exhibit at the Fossil Discovery Center, the Coarsegold Historic Museum, the Wassama Round House State Historic Park, and the Fresno Flats Historic Village and Park. Scan the QR code to explore a full list of cultural sites and experiences nearby!





# Finding Ways to Wellness *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.

## Recommendations for Finding Peace in Nature

-  **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.



## Spa, Massage, and Classes

Many visitors to the Yosemite region look to the mountains as part of their wellness journey.

The breathtaking views inspire a connection to nature's healing powers. Embrace the energy of this sacred landscape with experiences designed to enhance wellness and relaxation.

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**Serenity Springs Spa**  
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**Sierra Massage Therapy**  
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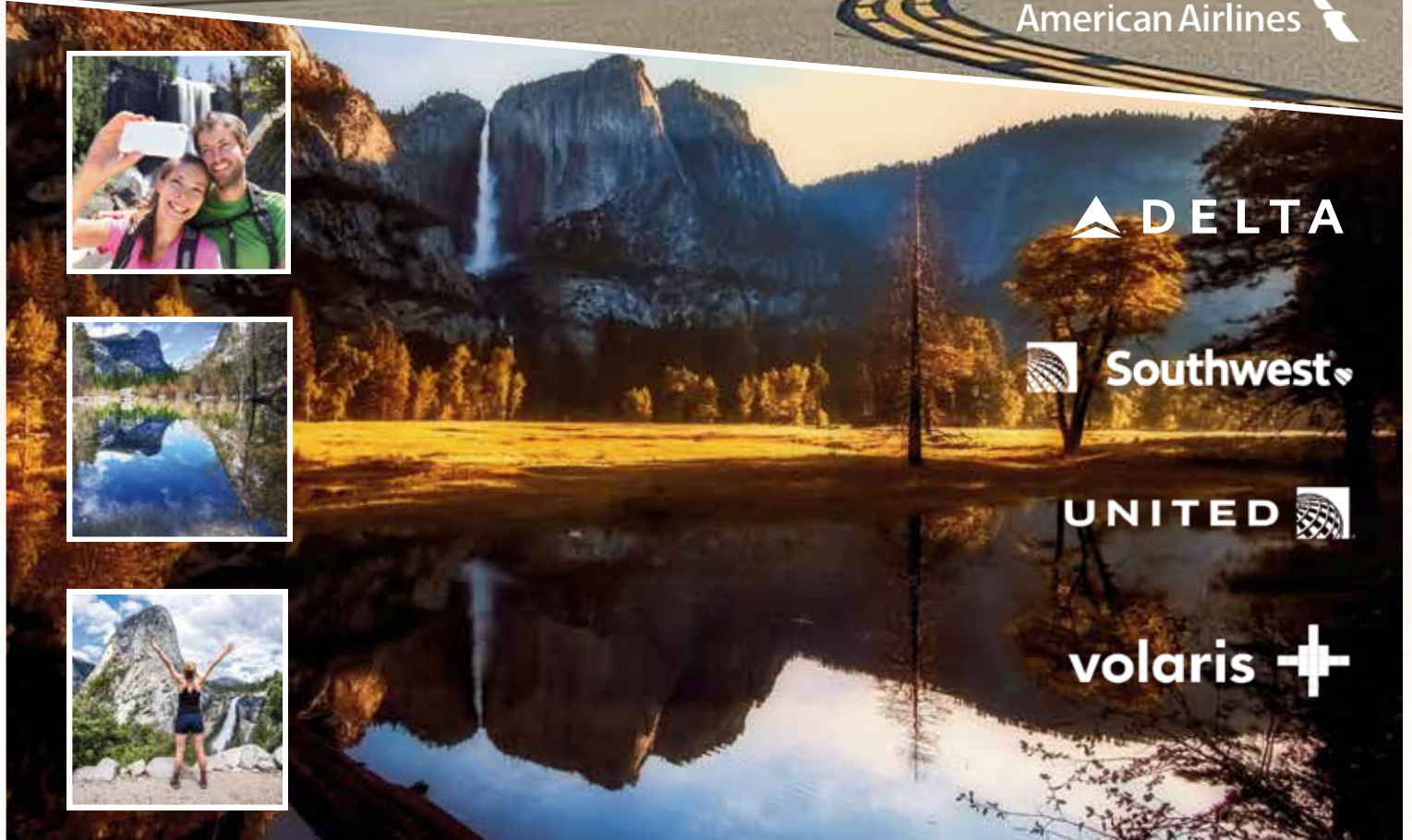
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## Sequoia • Kings Canyon • Yosemite

### 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 two-hour journey).



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### DAY 3

#### Yosemite National Park

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



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**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 - YOSEMITE HISTORY CENTER  
STOP 3 - GLACIER POINT  
STOP 4 - TUNNEL VIEW  
STOP 5 - YOSEMITE VALLEY



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I setup to watch the sunset from a small area atop a boulder behind the Geology Hut located at Glacier Point. This little stone hut allows you to enter from either side and provides great views of Half Dome and the Eastern Sierra range while also providing some protection from the wind and rain. It's a favorite spot to view one of Yosemite's most famous monoliths, appropriately named Half Dome. The sunsets here are spectacular no matter what day you visit and it's a short walk out to Glacier Point. It is a must visit with a great vista should you stop to see Glacier Point.



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