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2020/2021 Visitors Guide

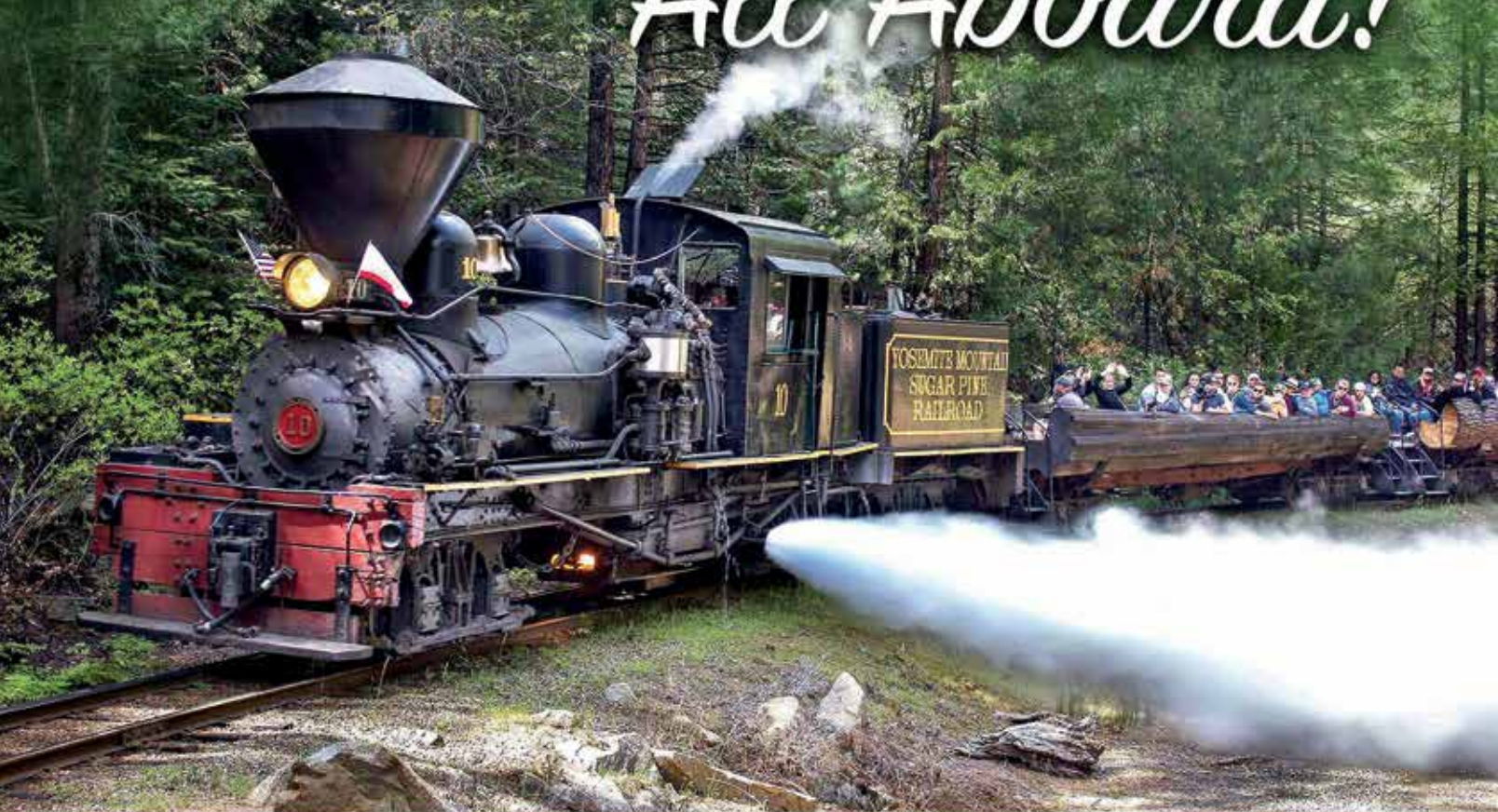
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Dear Visitor:

During these COVID-19 times there have been many changes on how you travel and how we, as your travel destination, make sure to keep our visitors and locals safe.

We've added this insert into our 2020/2021 Visitors Guide to help you navigate those changes. If you have further questions, please feel free to call our office at (559) 683-4636 Monday through Saturday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm to talk to a "live" person. You can also stop by the Visitor Center in Oakhurst at 40343 Highway 41 to get maps and current information when you are in the area. We will also be updating the guide and this insert on-line periodically during the year to reflect the latest available information.

www.yosemitethisyear.com/visitor-guide

Local businesses are owned and operated by families, and people just like you. This community has taken a pledge to uphold the highest standards of cleanliness, sanitation and safety for everyone. Please help us stay open by following all required safety measures at all times.



We **WELCOME** you to our beautiful destination.
Enjoy your journey

YOSEMITE UPDATES - 2021

From May 21 through September 30, YOSEMITE will require a reservation to enter the park. Day-use visitors must book their tickets in advance at www.Recreation.gov/timed-entry/10086745. More details about reservations are found on the park's website at

www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/reservations.htm.

TIPS FOR VISITING YOSEMITE:

- Be prepared for some limits to services in the park including lodging, camping, dining, and shopping. www.travelyosemite.com
- There are no shuttle buses operating in Yosemite for the 2021 season.
- The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is currently closed due to damage from a January 2021 Mono wind event. The grove is expected to open for hike-in and bike-in traffic only. The most up-to-date status regarding entry to, and services in the grove, can be found at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/mg.htm.
- Bridalveil Fall area and the trails to the fall are closed due to the Bridalveil Fall Rehabilitation Project
- The Glacier Point Road Project has been postponed to 2022. Glacier Point will be accessible once the road opens for the 2021 season. Road status information can be found at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/conditions.htm.
- Wilderness permits are only available on-line at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm

These QR codes provide some quick links for two key websites providing a wealth of additional information to help plan your visit.

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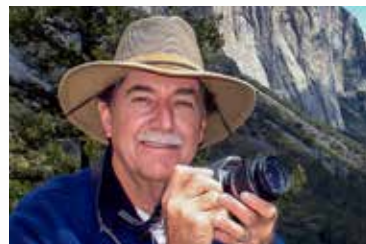


Yosemite Tours & Adventures (No Park Reservation Needed):

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

DAILY GROUP OR PRIVATE GUIDED TOURS

- Crossroads Tours - (559) 658-8687 - www.Yosemite1.com
- Discover Yosemite Tours - (559) 642-4400 - www.DiscoverYosemite.com
- Photo Safari Yosemite - (559) 760-6124 - PhotoSafariYosemite.com



REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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

SPECIALTY GUIDED TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

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





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Hope To See You Soon!

Hit the road and experience a gateway to exploration that offers so much more than Yosemite National Park. It's the ultimate California Road Trip, and it's all right here. In Madera County, we're farmers, hikers and climbers, we're brewers and winemakers, we're cowboys and gold miners, we're entertainers and some pretty great hosts. We hope that you'll find your perfect adventure along the way, then return year after year to this special part of the world.

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THE OFFICIAL SOUTHERN YOSEMITE VISITORS BUREAU

VISITOR CENTER HOURS

Mid-May thru Mid-October: Daily 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mid-October thru Mid-May: Monday - Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. • Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Email: info@yosemitethisyear.com



Highway Conditions & Weather Reports

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

Highway 41 into Yosemite National Park rarely suffers impassability.

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

National
Weather
Service
noaa.org

U.S. Forest Service

U.S. Forest Service/Oakhurst

fs.fed.us • (559) 658-7588

(April - September)

Sierra National Forest

Bass Lake Ranger

Headquarters

(559) 877-2218

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

Average Temperatures Yosemite National Park

	LOW	HIGH		LOW	HIGH
Jan	29°	48°	July	57°	89°
Feb	31°	52°	Aug	56°	89°
March	34°	58°	Sept	51°	82°
April	38°	64°	Oct	42°	71°
May	45°	71°	Nov	33°	56°
June	51°	81°	Dec	28°	47°

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.



COVER PHOTO Yosemite Falls & Half Dome

Photographer
Nancy Robbins

What started out as a few late night hours photographing with friends turned into a twenty hour marathon up and down the Upper Yosemite Fall trail. The views were spectacular, the memories even better. When looking at the photograph, I am reminded that my best results are captured when going with the moment. And I didn't even have to get out of bed to catch the sunrise; I was already up.





MEET OUR Welcoming Committee!

They've been
known to act
like animals!

This fun group of characters invites you to explore Yosemite's Southern Gateway by joining them on an exciting adventure, the Fossils to Falls Road Trip. It's a journey that takes you from the heart of California's agriculture region, through the historic Madera Wine Trail and to the beauty and grandeur of Yosemite National Park! Along the way you'll visit some of our area's most popular attractions. Collect special trading cards for each of the Welcoming Committee Members at specific locations and enter to win a custom **Yosemite Adventure Vacation package!**

The more places you visit and the more cards you collect, the more chances you have to win!



Learn more about the Welcoming Committee and start planning your Fossil to Falls Road Trip at YosemiteThisYear.com/welcoming-committee

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Yosemite

IN A DAY *or more*

TUNNEL VIEW • STEVE MONTALTO/HIGHMOUNTAIN IMAGES

We highly recommend spending more time in the park, but if you are limited to only one day, here is our list of must-see highlights.

DAY 1 (Yosemite Valley)

STOP 1 **Glacier Point** (Open Seasonally)
Make your way up to Glacier Point via Glacier Point Road. At 3,000 feet above the valley floor, this grand vista offers a bird's-eye view of Yosemite Valley, many of the valley's waterfalls, and massive granite peaks of Yosemite's high country.

STOP 2 **Tunnel View and Bridalveil Fall**
Enjoy views of of Bridalveil Fall, Half Dome, Clouds Rest and El Capitan. From Tunnel View head toward Yosemite Valley. You will see a sign for Bridalveil Fall on your right. Enjoy an easy ¼ mile walk to the base of the waterfall (be prepared to get a little wet in the springtime).

STOP 3 **Yosemite Chapel**
The Yosemite Chapel is the oldest building still in continuous use in Yosemite Valley. Dating back to 1879, the chapel offers both a history lesson and a spectacular view of Yosemite Falls. It's also a fantastic location to capture fall photos.

STOP 4 **Sentinel Bridge**
Continue on Southside Drive and follow the signs to turn left over Sentinel Bridge. You can park at Shuttle Stop 11. After taking in views of Yosemite Falls across Cooks Meadow, walk back to the middle of the bridge for the perfect selfie spot featuring a view of Half Dome over the Merced River.

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

Follow the signs for the Day Use parking area. If it is time for lunch, step into Degnan's Deli for a tasty sandwich. We suggest taking it to-go and making the short walk to Lower Yosemite Fall. There, you can enjoy your lunch while gazing at the magnificent 2,425 foot waterfall. From the lower fall, head out on the Valley Loop Trail and meander your way through the valley enjoying views of Half Dome, El Capitan, and the Merced River from different angles. In addition, enjoy lush meadows, wildflowers, and a possible deer or coyote sighting. Looking for an easy way to get around the Valley? Hop on the free Yosemite Valley Shuttle. (See map on page 6/7)

STOP 6 **Curry Village** (Open Seasonally)
Work your way back to Curry Village to enjoy a tasty fresh-baked pizza on the Pizza Deck. If you're in the mood for something more refined, hop back on the Yosemite Valley Shuttle and head over to The Ahwahnee for dinner. If you have a little extra time, stop in at the Ansel Adams Gallery, Indian Museum and the Valley Visitor Center before you depart.

You'll need to get an early start if you want to pack all these great sights into **ONE DAY!**



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DAY 2 (Highway 41)

STOP 1 Mariposa Grove
Stand among some of the world's oldest and largest trees in Mariposa Grove. With its newly completed multi-year restoration, Mariposa Grove is home to several hundred mature Giant Sequoias and is the largest grove in Yosemite.

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 Pioneer Yosemite History Center, the Wawona Hotel 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. (8.4 miles /13.5 kilometers).



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OTHER RECOMMENDED STOPS

Hetch Hetchy

Hetch Hetchy Valley and Reservoir is located in the northeast corner of the park; it's roughly a 1½ hour drive from Yosemite Valley. Dubbed by John Muir as a "wonderfully exact counterpart" to Yosemite Valley. This gorgeous water-filled valley, boasts fewer visitors, beautiful scenery and one of the park's longest hiking seasons.



MARIPOSA GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS • VYMC

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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 this alpine lake are spectacular and it's a popular location to enjoy a picnic, do some kayaking, swimming or fishing. You can also choose to just lay back and enjoy the sunshine.

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 Parson Memorial Lodge or simply enjoy the changing light on the meadow, the Tuolumne River, and the many unique geologic features of the area like Lembert Dome, Unicorn and Cathedral Peaks.



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YOUR
CAMERA**
Tunnel View
is the perfect
place to
start



**Yosemite Area Regional
Transportation System**

ROUTES



Summer-only



Year-round



Stop # Location

1	Yosemite Village Parking
10 2	Yosemite Village
3	The Ahwahnee
4	Degnan's Deli
9 5	Yosemite Valley Visitor Center
6	Lower Yosemite Fall
7	Camp 4 / Yosemite Falls Parking
8	Yosemite Valley Lodge

Stop # Location

11	Sentinel Bridge
12	Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center / Housekeeping Camp
13	Curry Village
20 14	Curry Village Parking
15	Upper Pines Campground / Trailhead Parking
16	Happy Isles / Mist Trail



Yosemite Valley

& Valley Shuttle Map



The Yosemite Valley Shuttle

operates from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
and serves stops in numerical order.

Shuttles run daily every 10 to 20 minutes.

The El Capitan Shuttle operates
from approximately
May 25 to October 14.

Stop # Location

17	Mirror Lake Trailhead
18	North Pines Campground
19	Pines Campgrounds
E3	El Capitan Picnic Area
E4	El Capitan Crossover
E5	Cathedral Beach Picnic Area
E6	Four Mile Trailhead

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Half Dome.

8836 ft
2693 m

*Service on Happy Isles Loop
(stops 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19)
may be interrupted
by heavy snowfall*

P Parking

Picnic Area

Restroom

Walk-In Campground

Campground

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Bass Lake

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THE PINES RESORT

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Bass Lake
Recreation
Office



Visitor
Center

VISITOR INFORMATION

CAMPGROUNDS

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

GROUP CAMPGROUNDS

1. Recreation Point
2. Crane Valley Group Camp

PICNIC AREAS

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

★ THE PINES VILLAGE

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

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

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A Local" video



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE FORKS RESORT • VYMC

Bass Lake

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

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

With summer water temps reaching 80 degrees, Bass Lake is the perfect place to splash around during the warmer months. Relax on a sandy beach with a book, have a family picnic at one of the many day-use areas, or enjoy an array of water sports from swimming, paddleboarding, kayaking to motor-boating.

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



PADDLEBOARDING ON BASS LAKE • VYMC

balance by joining a morning paddleboard yoga session at Miller Landing Resort.

On-water activities are not the only thing Bass Lake is known for. With the Sierra National Forest's 1.3 million acres as a backyard, the lake is a great jumping off point for all adventures both big and small. Hike or mountain bike on the many trails, or take an off-road adventure into the heart of the Sierra (check out the Sierra Vista Scenic Byway on page 18).

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

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BOATING AT THE LAKE

Looking to rent a boat, kayak or paddleboard? Need to add some accessories or to stock up on supplies? You can find what you need to make the most of your day on the water!

MARINAS

- The Forks Resort
- Miller's Landing Resort

BOAT LAUNCHES

- Pines Marina
- Wishon Point Boat Ramp
- Bass Lake Boat Rentals

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF THE PINES RESORT & BASS LAKE WATER SPORTS • VYMC



THE FORKS RESORT • VYMC

Staying at Bass Lake

Bass Lake is not just a great place to eat and play, it's a perfect place to call your home-away-from-home when you visit the area. The Forks Resort and Miller's Landing Resort (both seasonal, although Miller's cabins can be rented year-round) on the South Shore of the lake and have been favorites places for family vacations at the lake for generations. The Pines Resort, located in the bustling Pines Village on the North Shore, is year-round and offers a variety of accommodations, from lakeside hotel suites to two-story chalets and rental cabins. It also boasts amenities such as an outdoor swimming pool, a tennis court, and two on-site restaurants.

Want other options? Bass Lake has been a favorite spot for vacation rentals since the 1950s. Plus there are many campsites and a full-service RV Resort all within walking distance to the lake.

(Bass Lake lodging options on pages 54-56)

DINING AT THE LAKE

A day of play and soaking up the beauty of the lake can build up an appetite. The good news is that there are many delicious ways to satisfy your hunger right here!

- Casa Velasco Mexican Restaurant
- The Forks Resort
- Miller's Landing Resort
- Pines Village Bakery and Pizzeria
- Ducey's Restaurant
- Ducey's Bar and Grill
- Marina Burger
- Pines Market & Deli



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30 Things We Love About Bass Lake

You can see there is a lot to love about Bass Lake (and too much to capture it all here).

BASS LAKE STAY

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

BASS LAKE PLAY & EAT

7. **Miller's Landing Resort Boat Rentals and Grill** - Waverunners, ski boats, kayaks, and more in the marina. Plus a family restaurant, and store are all found here.



WAKE SURFING ON BASS LAKE • VYMC

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8. **Bass Lake Boat Rentals and Marina 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.
15. **Sporting Events At Bass Lake** - Outstanding challenges from elite triathlons to fun outdoor activities for kids.
16. **Fireworks and Boat Parade** - Timeless celebration with patriotic boat parade and fantastic fireworks over the lake.
17. **Special Events Around the Lake** - Live music, fire dancing, movies on the lake – fun for all ages.
18. **Lakeside Day Use Picnic Areas** - Picnic and recreation areas for swimming, fishing, with barbecues, and restrooms nearby.

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 at least two 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.



VISIT YOSEMITE | MADERA COUNTY: BASS LAKE



BASS LAKE SHOP

24. **Out West & The Great Indoors** - Two new shops featuring clothing, gifts, souvenirs, snacks, and more.
25. **Good Ol Daze & Corner Store** - High-quality gifts, clothing, accessories, and tasty treats in an old fashioned setting.

BASS LAKE EAT

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

BASS LAKE EAT & DRINK

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

Want to see more?



Check out our handy online Microguide

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A LAKESIDE RESORT THAT'S AS UNIQUE AS YOU ARE



8 Things That Make The Pines Resort Different

- 1. UNIQUE** - The Pines Resort is the only year-round lakeside resort in the Yosemite area.
- 2. HONORS** - Bass Lake was rated one of the "West's BEST Lakes" by Sunset magazine.
- 3. ACCOMMODATION** - The Pines Resort offers two-story mountain cabins with full kitchens and lakefront hotel suites.
- 4. WATER ACTIVITIES** - On-site full service boat rental, huge swimming pool, marina and fishing, with local waterfalls, trails and activities.
- 5. CONVENIENCE** - Restaurants, bars, market, liquor store, gas station, post office and small shops of the Pines Village within walking distance.
- 6. HISTORY** - The iconic movie "The Great Outdoors" and Academy Award winner "Leave Her to Heaven" among others were filmed at Bass Lake.
- 7. RETREAT** - Full conference center with indoor and outdoor venues, surrounded by the lake, waterfalls, tall pines and mountains of the Sierra.
- 8. LOCATION** - Located at 3,400 ft elevation (the snow line), which makes the water in Bass Lake warm for activities in summer and easily accessible in the winter with just enough snow to make it magical.

Bass Lake Events

Events are a big part of life at the lake

Starting with the Bass Lake Fishing Derby in early May through the New Year's celebrations at The Pines Resort, the calendar is full of variety and fun. The annual Bass Lake 4th of July Fireworks (the largest in Madera County) is a highlight of the region and just one example of how we love to celebrate. Live music performances, barbecues, seasonal art and craft fairs, comedy shows, and sporting events are just a taste of what you can experience.

Go to YosemiteThisYear.com/whats-happening for event information



SMOKEY BEAR STARTING THE BASS LAKE 5K • VYMC



BASS LAKE 4TH OF JULY BOAT PARADE • VYMC



BASS LAKE FISHING DERBY • VYMC



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Sierra 
Vacation Home Rentals



Bass Lake Campgrounds

SEE MAP ON PAGE 8



CAMPGROUNDS	RV	TENT	GROUP	UNITS	FEES*	WATER	RESERVE	SEASONAL	ELEV.
FORKS	●	●		31	\$37	●	✓	Seasonal	3500
LUPINE/CEDAR BLUFF	●	●		113	\$37-\$144	●	✓	All year	3500
RECREATION POINT	✗	✗	●	7	\$176-\$293	●	✓	All year	3500
SPRING COVE	●	●		63	\$37	●	✓	Seasonal	3500
WISHON POINT	●	●		31	\$37-\$73	●	✓	Seasonal	3500
CRANE VALLEY	●	●	●	7	\$67-\$167	●	✓	All year	3500

*Prices are approximate and subject to change without notice.

Campfire Permits

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



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



HIGH SIERRA RV PARK

Bass Lake at Yosemite an RV Resort

(559) 642-3145 • Bass Lake
basslakeatyosemite.com

Elks Lodge

(559) 683-2717 • Oakhurst
oakhurstelks.com

High Sierra RV and Mobile Home Park

(559) 683-7662 • Oakhurst
highsierrarv.com **55**

The Lakes RV & Golf Resort

(866) 665-6980 • Chowchilla
thelakesrv.com

Yosemite RV Resort

(559) 683-7855 • Coarsegold
yosemitervresort.com **55**

Sierra National Forest Campgrounds

Reserve at 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	Closed until July
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	Closed until July
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	Closed until July
SODA SPRINGS	●	●		18	\$28-\$57		✗	Seasonal	FS81	4300	Closed until July
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	Closed until July
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



HIGH SIERRA CAMPING • KIM LAWSON

For more information visit
YosemiteThisYear.com

Camping Information

Wilderness Permits

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

Contact the agencies listed below.

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

Yosemite Campgrounds

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

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

Public Showers

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

- **Jones Store** (seasonal) at Beasore Meadows
- **Miller's Landing Resort** (seasonal) at Bass Lake (559) 642-3633

Dump Stations

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

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

OAKHURST High Sierra RV & Mobile Home Park
 Free for registered guests or \$10 for dump station only, open year round. (559) 683-7662

Pack It In - Pack It Out

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



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Sierra Vista Scenic Byway

With nearly 100 miles of road winding through the beautiful Sierra National Forest, you'll enjoy thick wooded forests, meadows overflowing with wildflowers, breathtaking panoramic vistas and unique rock formations, all right in the heart of California!

The Scenic Byway packs in one stunning view after the next. Get an early start so you'll have plenty of time to stop and enjoy the sights.

Your journey starts at a little over 3,300 feet above sea level, makes your way past historic cabins, stands of Giant Sequoias and iconic landmarks as you climb to over 7,300 feet.



FRESNO DOME • VYMC



NELDER GROVE • VYMC

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

Nelder Grove

Almost everyone knows of Yosemite National Park's famous groves of Giant Sequoias, but did you know that tucked away nearby in the Sierra National Forest is a 1,540-acre home to 100 of these wonderful giants. With hiking trails, historic cabins and an interpretive center, Nelder Grove is both a natural wonder and a unique window into the pioneer history of the area. You can make it a brief stop on your journey or spend a whole day exploring and enjoying the beauty here.

Globe Rock

Formed in-place by natural erosion, this large (over 15 tons), nearly spherical rock makes for a unique photo opportunity along the Byway. In fact, former President Theodore Roosevelt was photographed here.

Mile High Curve / Mile High Vista

Enjoy the spectacular view looking out over rugged mountain peaks and the Mammoth Pool Reservoir.

Beasore, Cold Spring and Jackass Meadows

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

Fresno Dome

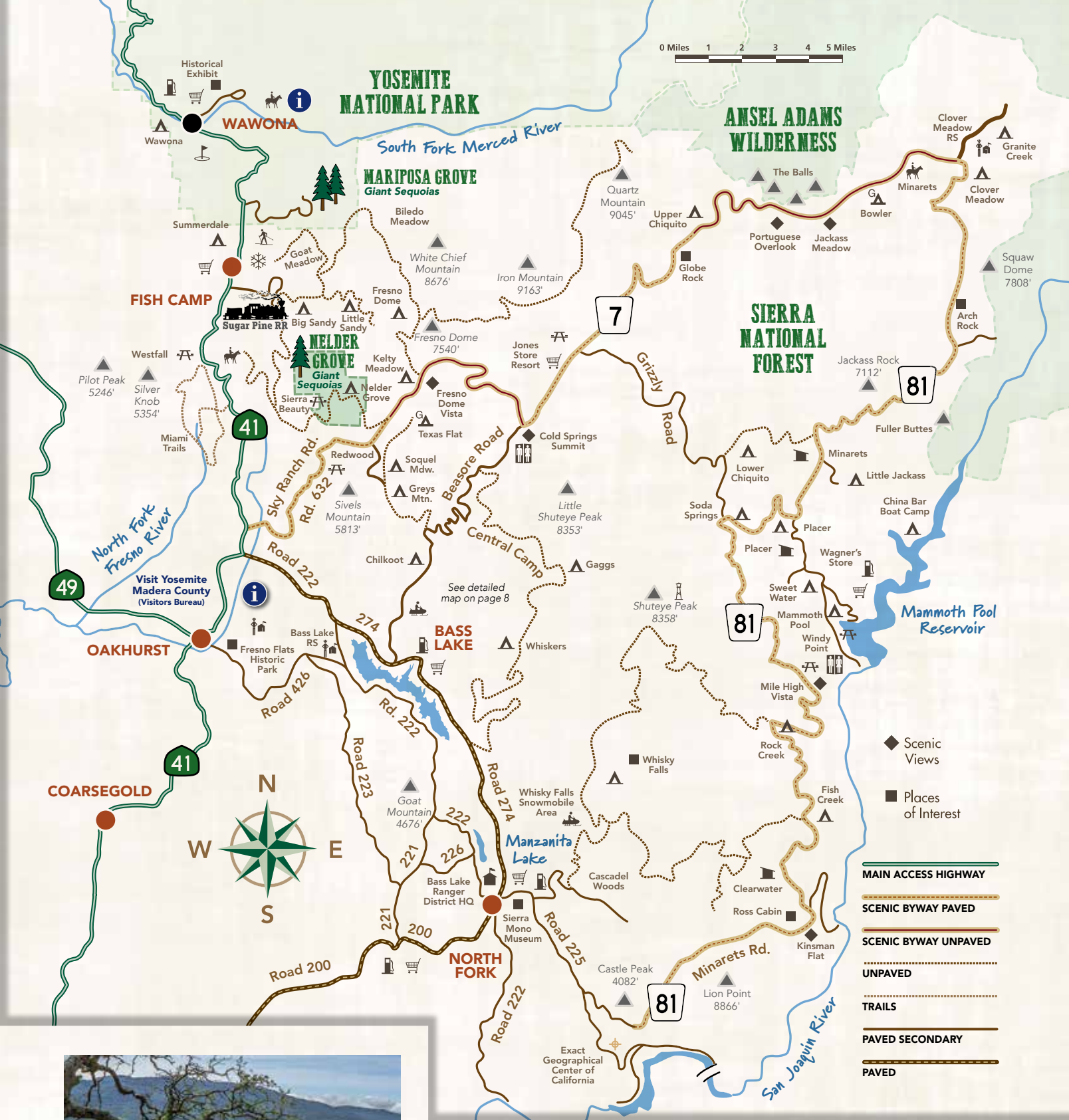
Take the short hike to the top of Fresno Dome to enjoy beautiful panoramic views of the Sierra National Forest. It was atop this isolated granite dome that John Muir was able to locate Nelder Grove.

Jones Store

This family-run business has a history going back nearly a century! Stop for a burger and a slice of freshly-baked pie (with a heaping helping of ice cream). Be sure to bring cash (no credit cards accepted) and arrive early as they serve until they run out. Make your way back to Bass Lake and relax for the evening.



JONES STORE • VYMC



REDINGER LAKE OVERLOOK • VYMC

YosemiteThisYear.com | info@yosemitethisyear.com

Visitor Information

- | | | |
|--------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Groceries | Campground | Group Campground |
| Gas Station | Restrooms | Picnic Area (day use only) |
| Pack Station | Lookout | Forest Service Facility (other) |
| Golf Course | Ranger Station | District Ranger Office |
| Snow Play | Snowmobile | Cross-Country Ski Area |

Sierra Vista Scenic Byway

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



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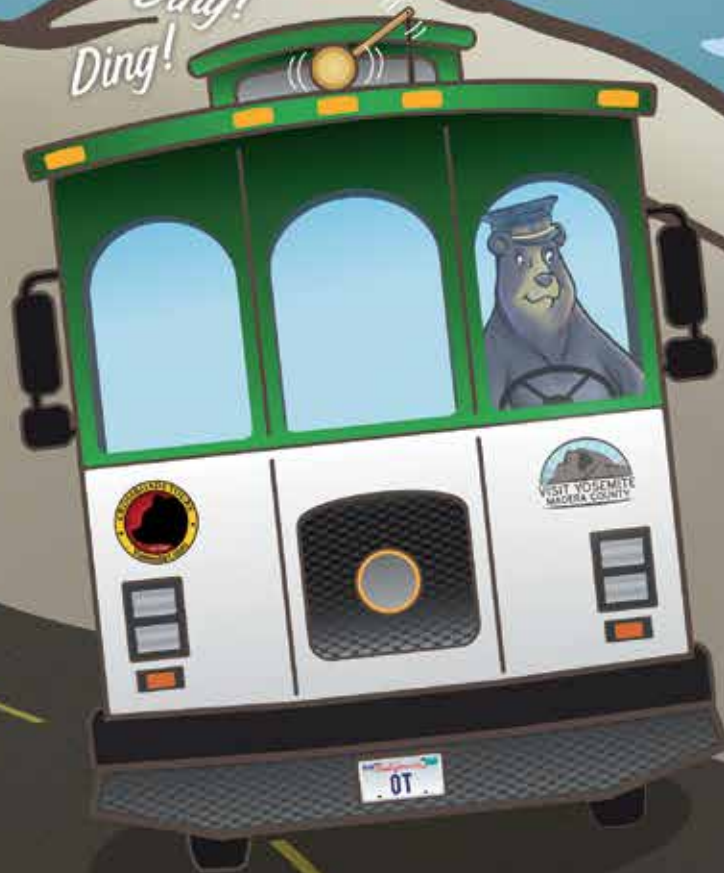
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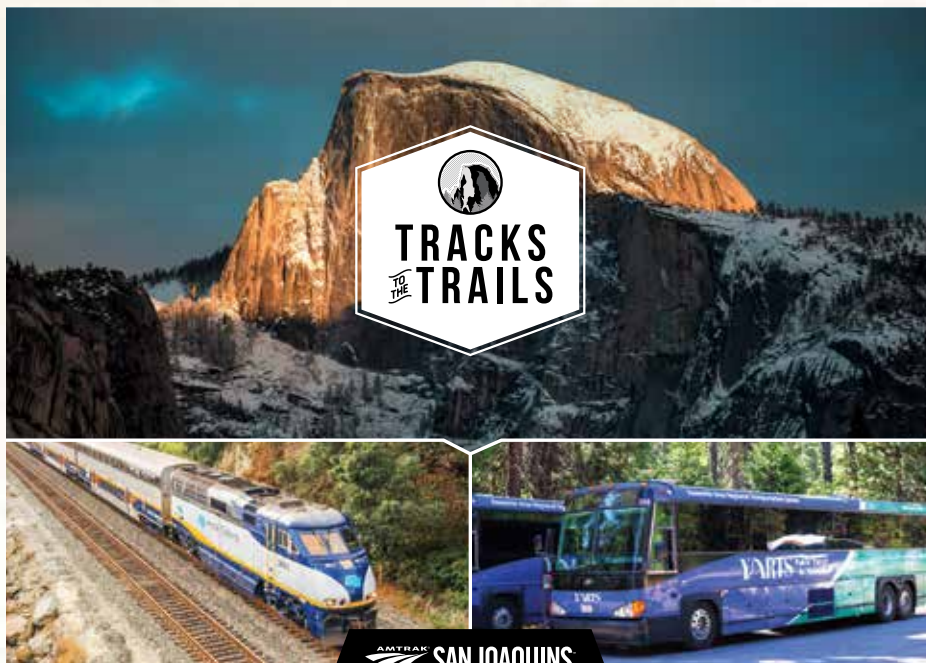


SNOWSHOEING AT DEWEY POINT • YEXPLORE

Tours and Tour Listings

📷 SEE PHOTO ON PAGE

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



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Airborn Aviation - Yosemite Tours can make your visit to Yosemite even more spectacular with flights above the park and the surrounding Sierra Nevada mountains.

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.

📷 **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.

Lasting Adventures, Inc. offers youth summer camps, custom day hikes and backpacking trips, adventure-based outdoor education, corporate adventure programs, and family adventure programs.

Sierra Nevada Motorsports 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.

📷 **Southern Yosemite Mountain Guides (SYMG)** is a leader in the active travel and mountain guiding world, providing carefully planned and executed trips and adventures in the most spectacular wilderness areas of around Yosemite and the Sierra.

📷 **YExplore Yosemite Adventures** offers a wide variety of guided tours, activities and hikes; Yosemite Hikes, Photo Workshops, Nature Tours, Night Skies Workshops, Group Tours, Half Dome Hikes, Backpack Trips and much more.

Yosemite Trails Saddle Company (seasonal) provides a unique experience of Yosemite and the Sierra National Forest with daily trail rides.

TOURS

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Mariposa/Yosemite Airport
Mariposa • (209) 966-2143
yosemiteaviation.com

Crossroads Tours • Oakhurst
(559) 658-8687 • yosemite1.com

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Oakhurst • (559) 642-4400
discoveryosemite.com

Lasting Adventures, Inc.
Groveland • (800) 513-8651
lastingadventures.com

Sierra Nevada Motorsports 38

Oakhurst • (559) 479-5915
sierranevadamotorsports.com

Southern Yosemite Mountain Guides • Oakhurst
(559) 642-2817 • symg.com

YExplore Yosemite Adventures
Yosemite • (209) 532-7014
yexplore.com

Yosemite Trails Saddle Company
Fish Camp • (559) 683-7611
yosemitetrails.com

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1 (800) USA-RAIL
amtraksanjoaquins.com

Fresno Yosemite 44

International Airport (FAT)
Fresno • (559) 621-4500
flyfresno.com

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

Starlight Taxi
Oakhurst • (559) 641-6641

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Transportation System Public Transit (YARTS)
(877) 989-2787 • yarts.com
Mid-May to Mid-September

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Fossil to Falls Road Trip

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Take the family on a fun adventure through Madera County. The Fossils-to-Falls Trail is a journey that takes you from the farmlands of the San Joaquin Valley up into Yosemite National Park. Along the way, find and collect trading cards of our Welcoming Committee members at popular attractions for a chance to win a Yosemite Adventure Package!



FOSSIL DISCOVERY CENTER • VYMC

FOSSIL DISCOVERY CENTER

See one of the largest collections of middle-Pleistocene era fossils in all of North America, at the Fossil Discovery Center in Chowchilla. Here you can get face-to-face with some of the creatures that roamed the area over 780,000 years ago. Junior paleontologists can even experience their own mock dig. Mr. Mead, the Sabre-toothed Cat, can be found here along with Mammoths, Sloths, Dire Wolves, Camels, and Horses. Say hello to him and make sure to collect his card here.



SIERRA

Before leaving town, make sure to visit my cousin, the "World Famous" Talking Bear!

He loves to chat and to have his picture taken with visitors.



VISITORS CENTER • VYMC

OAKHURST

Oakhurst, located on Highway 41 just 16 miles from Yosemite's southern entrance, is the Park's largest gateway town. It offers an abundance of lodging and dining options (from the fast and simple to the truly luxurious). And ... as Sierra the Black Bear has been known to frequently say "There's so much to see and do here!" The list is long including art galleries, museums, and many historic sites. If shopping and finding bargains is your thing, make sure to explore the many thrift and gift shops. There's also a craft brewery, a winery, and a distillery right here in town. Make sure to stop in the Visitor Center where you can meet Sierra, collect her card, and get all of your travel questions answered!



MR. MEAD



HONEY

MADERA WINE TRAIL

Madera County is a region rich in agriculture. It is also one of the oldest wine growing regions in the United States. Join Honey, the Honeybee at these family-owned wineries along the Madera Wine Trail and enjoy a wonderful combination of hospitality and some truly fantastic, award-winning wines.

- Fäsi Estate Winery
- Ficklin Vineyards
- Idle Hour Winery
- Quady Winery
- San Joaquin Wine Company
- Westbrook Wine Farm

MADERA WINE TRAIL



After enjoying

Tunnel View, stop by the Visitor Center in Yosemite Valley to collect my trading card!

Yosemite National Park

BLAKE

Keep your eyes open - you may spot other

Bald Eagles at the Lake.

BASS LAKE

Bass Lake is known for fishing, water sports, hiking, mountain biking, shopping, and excellent lakeside dining. There are many lodging options here too, including camping, cabins, vacation rentals, full service resorts, and marinas. You can find BLake, the Bald Eagle and collect one of his trading cards at any of the three lakeside resorts; The Pines Resort, The Forks Resort or Millers Landing Resort.



BASS LAKE WATER FUN • VYMC

All aboard!

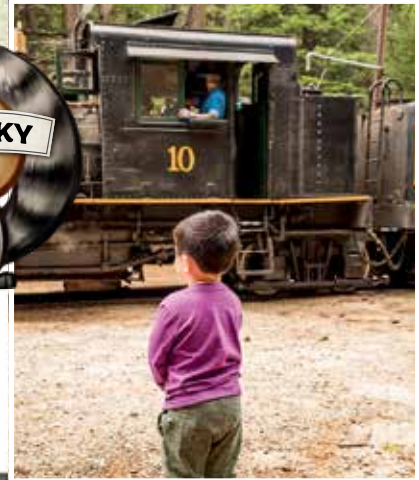
YOSEMITE MOUNTAIN SUGAR PINE RAILROAD

Travel back in time aboard a historic steam train on a 4-mile excursion into the Sierra National Forest. The historic railroad offers train rides, gold panning, plus other attractions like the Thornberry Museum, the Station Sandwich Shop and fun gifts & collectibles stores. The railroad is a seasonal operation with trains running March through November (weather permitting). Don't forget to collect your Ricky the Raccoon trading card at the Kids Depot.

YOSEMITE MOUNTAIN SUGAR PINE RAILROAD • VYMC



RICKY



YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Just inside the park's southern entrance, the Mariposa Grove is the largest grove of Giant Sequoias in Yosemite and is home to over 500 of magnificent giants. Stop in the Depot at the Welcome Plaza and meet Galen the Great Horned Owl and collect his card. Then take the free shuttle into the Mariposa Grove where there are a variety of trails from easy to strenuous with the Grove.

TUNNEL VIEW • NANCY ROBBINS

Tunnel View is one of the most photographed vistas in the world and is a must-see stop for all visitors to Yosemite.

It is one of Sandy the Squirrel's favorite places in the park. From this incredible viewpoint you can see iconic spots such as El Capitan, Half Dome and Bridalveil Fall among many other of Yosemite's treasures.



MARIPOSA GROVE • VYMC

GALEN



SANDY



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

YosemiteThisYear.com/welcoming-committee



Calendar of Events

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JANUARY

California Restaurant Month

yosemitethisyear.com/where-to-eat

FEBRUARY

Wine & Chocolate Weekend

(800) 613-0709 • Madera Wine Trail

maderawinetrail.com

MARCH

Annual Chowchilla Stampede & Cattle Drive

(559) 665-5603 • Chowchilla

chowchillachamber.org

APRIL

13th Annual Woodcarvers Rendezvous

(559) 906-4198 • Oakhurst

woodtat@icloud.com

34th Annual Raymond Parade and Family Fun Day

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

40th Annual Bass Lake Fishing Derby

(559) 642-3676 • Bass Lake

basslakechamber.com



OAKHURST FALL FESTIVAL • VYMC

68th Annual Coarsegold Rodeo

(559) 285-3344 • Coarsegold

cgradeogrounds.com

Yosemite Half Marathon

(559) 683-4636 • Bass Lake

yosemitemarathon.com

Chowchilla-Madera County Fair

(559) 665-3728 • Chowchilla

chowchillafair.org

30th Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show

Bass Lake • acbs-tahoe.org

Goddess in the Garden

(559) 472-0587

tr1beglobal.org/gig-about

Memorial Day Peddlers Market & Show

(559) 683-3900 • Coarsegold

coarsegoldhistoriccottage.com

Music in the Meadow

(559) 642-4448 • Coarsegold

coarsegoldhistoricalsociety.com

Bass Lake Yosemite Triathlon

(559) 683-4636 • Bass Lake

basslaketri.com

JUNE

Bass Lake Boat, Hot Rod & Motorcycle Show

(310) 625-1352 • Bass Lake

fotmevents.net

JULY

4th of July Celebrations

(559) 683-4636 • yosemitethisyear.com

Bass Lake • Chowchilla • Madera

61st Annual Loggers Jamboree

(559) 877-2410 • North Fork

northforkcommerce.com

BASS LAKE FIREWORKS
DARVIN ATKESON • YOSEMITE LANDSCAPES



Weekly or Seasonal Events

Bass Lake Farmers Market

(559) 642-8163 • Bass Lake

goodolddaze.com/farmersmkt.html

mid-May thru mid-September

Every Wednesday

Bass Lake Live

(559) 642-3121 • Bass Lake • basslake.com

May-September - Selected Fridays

Golden Chain Theater - Live Theatre

(559) 683-7112 • Oakhurst

goldenchaintheatre.org • All Year

Madera Flea Market

(559) 213-4554 • Madera Fairgrounds

maderafleamarket.com

All Year - Every Wednesday & Sunday

Oakhurst Farmers Market

(559) 683-7117 • Oakhurst

truevaluehomecenter.com

end-April thru September, Every Thursday

Moonlight Special

Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad

(559) 683-7273 • Fish Camp

yosemitesteamtrains.com

May thru October - Every Saturday

June thru August - Every Wednesday & Saturday

Music in the Park concerts

(559) 665-5603 • Chowchilla

chowchillachamber.org

June & July - Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Movie Night On The Water

Miller's Landing Resort

(559) 642-3633 • Bass Lake

millerslanding.com

Monthly showings throughout summer

Fire Show at Bass Lake Boat Rentals

(559) 642-3200 • Bass Lake

basslakeboatrentals.com

Assorted weekends throughout Summer.

7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Sierra Meadows Indoor Concert Series

(833) 966-1999 • sierrameadows.com

assorted dates throughout 2020



NORTH FORK LOGGERS JAMBOREE • VYMC

Joaquin Murrieta Ride
(559) 871-2534 • Madera

AUGUST

50th Annual Indian Fair Days & Pow Wow
(559) 877-2115 • North Fork
sierramonomuseum.org

SEPTEMBER

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

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

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

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

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

18th Annual Kiwanis Run for the Gold Car Show
(559) 683-4452 • Oakhurst
oakhurstkiwanis.org

51st Annual Mountain Heritage Day & Parade
(559) 683-6570 • Oakhurst
fresnoflatsmuseum.org

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HERITAGE DAYS AT FRESNO FLATS HISTORIC VILLAGE AND PARK • VYMC

21st Annual Chowchilla Chamber Classic Car Show
(559) 665-5603 • Chowchilla
chowchillachamber.org

Bass Lake Home Tour
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Drive Times from Oakhurst

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Pet Friendly ROAD TRIP

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

YOSEMITE - Many ask "Is Yosemite dog friendly?" The answer is yes but with some important restrictions. In general, dogs are allowed in developed, fully paved areas. They are allowed in most of the campsites as well (with the exception of walk-ins, like Camp 4). They are not, however, allowed on unpaved trails, in Yosemite's lodging or dining facilities, or shuttle buses. Dogs must be attended and on leashes at all times or restrained in something like a kennel. Want to bring your pet along to see the sites? There's more than just riding shotgun as you tour the many roads throughout the park, here are some sites and hikes we recommend:

- **Tunnel View** - one of the most famous views in the park. A great place for a canine inspired selfie.
- **Waterfalls** - the trails to Bridalveil and Lower Yosemite Fall bring you to viewing areas close to the base of these two valley waterfall landmarks.
- **Glacier Point** - a highly recommended destination 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.
- **Cooks Meadow Loop Trail** - right in the heart of Yosemite Valley a walk along the Cooks 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 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. You can 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 one of a few tasty treats from their Pet Menu 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 has welcomed four and two-legged ticket holders on a 4-mile steam-powered journey into the region's past. Good news, dogs ride for free!

Grab a drink. A day of fun and adventure deserves a good end and a glass of wine at two 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 periodically throughout the year.

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Judi's Jaunts

Hiking

By **Judi Hussain**
Visitor Center Coordinator

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With the popularity of Yosemite in summer, here are some of my favorite spots to enjoy a more peaceful experience inside and outside the park.



MARIPOSA GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS • VYMC

Yosemite/Mariposa Grove

Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is one of my favorite hikes. For those with limited hiking ability or accessibility needs, the Big Trees Loop requires minimal effort at .3 mile and no elevation gain. A two-mile round-trip leads to the Grizzly Giant and the California Tunnel Tree. Venture out on your own and hike to Wawona Point or spots in between, such as the Upper Grove cabin or the Telescope Tree. During the park's busiest month, we encountered no more than twenty people beyond the Griz.

Tioga Road/Tenaya Lake /Tuolumne Meadows

For me, Tioga's high country constitutes the most beautiful region of Yosemite. Open when snow melts and not as visited as other areas, hikers find magnificence in abundance. Wildflowers display their beauty into August and September. Hikes begin at 6,000 feet elevation and rise to 13,050 feet at Mt. Dana's summit, for fit, acclimated hikers. Easy strolls include a three-mile loop around Tenaya Lake with almost no one around beyond picnic areas. Plan for all day, with expansive views as your reward.

Sierra National Forest/Sierra Vista Scenic Byway

Wildflower Meadows

In late spring or summer, I love to travel Beasore Road up the Sierra Vista Scenic Byway. Masses of flowers in riotous bloom, from asters to yarrow, line Cold Springs Meadow which is easily accessible up to barbed-wire fencing, no hiking required. After that make your way to Jones Store, an old cattle stop owned by the same family for generations, famous for hamburgers and pie.

Head to Biledo Meadow, buried deep in Sierra National Forest. You'll spot flora nourished by still-flowing creeks to head-high growth. Several approaches include an eight-mile hike or a long drive up Sky Ranch Road where a high clearance vehicle, 4WD or AWD, and a strong back are essential. This area is historic as well as beautiful. Stay off meadows, pack-in, pack-out and leave the area pristine. Ask for directions.



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Shuteye Peak

This is Adventure (with a capital A)—just to reach the trailhead. High-clearance vehicles are a must, as is a good map of the area. You'll have to park some distance from the actual trailhead when the road becomes too rough, but it's worth the effort. It's a geologist's paradise with rock formations that take your breath away via a rough forest road to the fire lookout tower. In late August, we drove almost the entire Sierra Vista Scenic Byway before hiking. We'd expected to hit the trail before 3:30 pm. Having come this far, we weren't going to forego the journey, so we stumbled through a downhill trudge over rocks and exfoliated granite in the dark. The sunset along the way, one of the most stunning ever, made the hazards worthwhile. We arrived home after midnight, after six miles of pure bliss and solitude.



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Today, not only can you experience a variety of wines, from world-renowned dessert wines and ports to award winning, food-friendly, single-variety and blended wines along the Madera Wine Trail, but often get to spend time with the owners and wine makers themselves. The wineries are family-run and often located in the vineyards where the grapes are grown. Their focus on excellence coupled with a warm and engaging personal touch shines through.

The Madera Vintners Association invites you to come and experience the wines, wineries and the hospitality of a region rich in winemaking history that is the Madera Wine Trail.



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2. **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.
3. **Eat organically, from fruits and vegetables in season** – Purchase locally-grown items from our farmers markets or dine at restaurants featuring locally sourced product in their menus, prepared lovingly for you. As a special treat, sign up for culinary classes at Erna's Elderberry House Restaurant.
4. **Perform yoga or tai chi on top of a dome or in a meadow** – Limber up with gentle movements made even more refreshing being accomplished outdoors in the open air.
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MUSEUMS & HISTORIC SITES OF Southern Yosemite

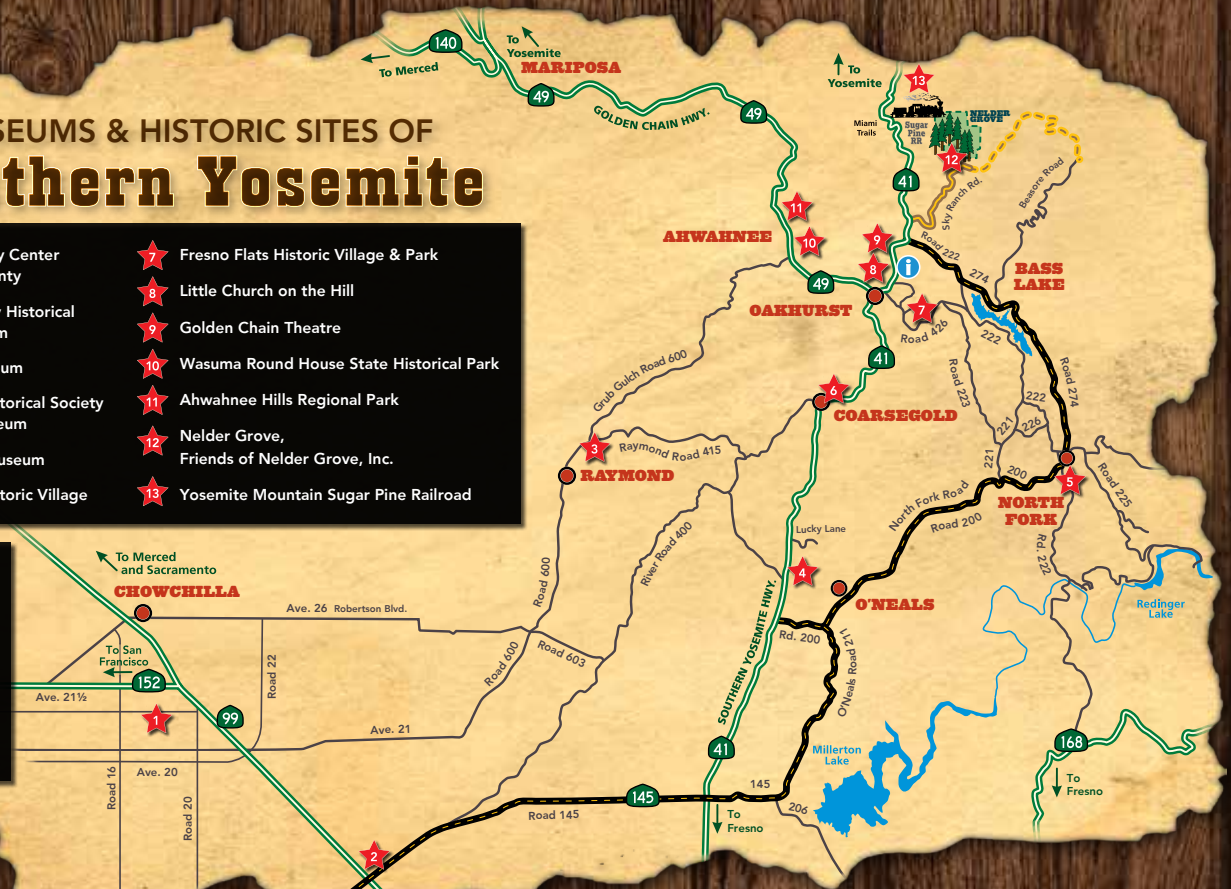
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 - Good Ol' Daze
 - Bass Lake Corner Store
 - Out West
 - The Great Indoors
 - The Pines Market, Deli & Gifts



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

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

Winter is also a photographer's dream in Yosemite.

Come experience the magic that is winter here!



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Winter Fun comes in many forms from classic activities to some pretty adventurous and off the beaten paths. Here's just a few of our favorites:

Badger Pass

Be part of the long history of winter sports in Yosemite. Skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, tubing, and cross country skiing are all in the mix here. And... if you are new to winter sports or want to sharpen your skills, sign up for a class.

Yosemite Snow Play Area

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

Sierra Nevada Motorsports

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

Ice Skating

A family favorite activity. There are two locales where you can enjoy strapping on some skates, gliding across the ice, and warming hot cocoa.

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

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

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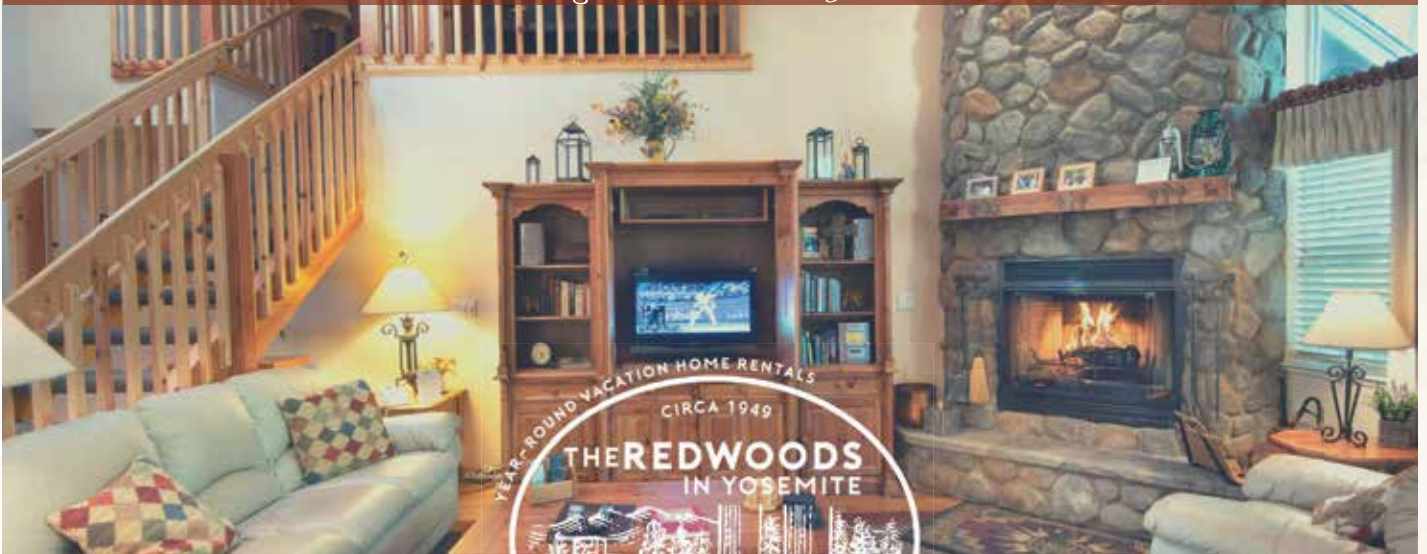
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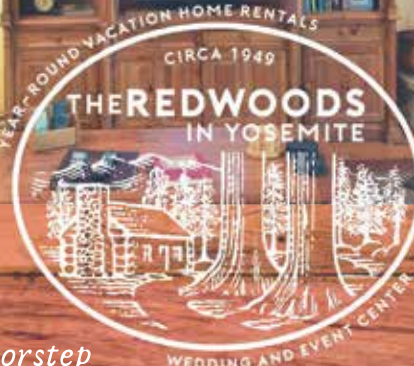
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Sporting Events

Adventures in Yosemite's Southern Gateway come in all sizes and styles, 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 year starts off in May with the popular Yosemite Half Marathon. A scenic, mostly downhill course through the Sierra National Forest ending at the shores of beautiful Bass Lake. Runners often make it a full weekend of adventure with epic hikes in Yosemite, the Sierra Vista Scenic Byway and Bass Lake.

YosemiteHalfMarathon.com

Both a fan and competitor favorite, 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 tenth year in 2020. It offers both Olympic and Sprint distance courses on and around Bass Lake. Want something shorter and with a fun twist? The Bass Lake 5K Poker Run & Go Fish Run could be just the ticket.

BassLakeTri.com

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

MyTriBassLake.com

Rounding out the competitive running opportunities on the calendar are two fall events, the new Tesoro Viejo Fall Classic Half Marathon (2019 was its inaugural year) and the long time local favorite, the Smokey Bear Run/Walk at Bass Lake.

RunFallClassic.com and SmokeyBearRun.com



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For folks who prefer to pedal as opposed to run, there is the fall classic cycling event, The Grizzly Century. This event offers a variety of courses on roads (and now on dirt too) in the heart of the Sierra Nevada. From a relatively easy 24 mile course that loops Bass Lake to a challenging 100 mile long "The Griz" ride on the roads of the Sierra Vista Scenic Byway.

GrizzlyCentury.org

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

CgRodeoGrounds.com

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 \$55,000 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



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Performing Arts

For live theatrical performances, The Golden Chain Theatre (GCT) is the place to visit. The GCT annually produces seasons with a diverse line-up of musicals, dramas and comedy productions. Recent years have seen musical favorites such as "Godspell", "Fiddler On The Roof", "Little Women, The Musical", "Oklahoma", "Oliver" and a recent original production of "Peter Pan" performed on their stage. Complementing these productions have been comedies such as Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple, Female Edition" and the hilarious as well as touching "Savannah Sipping Society". Critical dramas such as "Angel Street", "Mousetrap" and "Steel Magnolias" have also graced the stage. This talented community theater hasn't forgotten its roots. The theatre was established as a tourist attraction, presenting historical melodramas from the late 1800s and early 1900s. These campy classics, such as "A Woman in White" and "Here Come the Cows" still grace the GCT stage, complete with live piano accompaniment and all the audience interaction that help put the DRAMA into melodrama.

GoldenChainTheatre.org

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's much to choose from and enjoy.

Here are a few of our favorite concert series:

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Art and the Arts in Madera County

Madera County is wonderfully rich in history and 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.



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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 within the County and hosts several exhibits at the Council-run Circle Gallery in the city of Madera. Among their many initiatives 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

ARTOBER IN OAKHURST

Oakhurst is located just 16 miles south of Yosemite National Park's southern entrance and is the largest of the 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.

ARTober.net

SIERRA ART TRAILS

A cornerstone ARTober event is the Sierra Art Trails Open Studio Tour. This three-day event, which will celebrate its sixteenth year in 2020, brings together over one hundred local and regional artists working in a wide array of media. A shortlist (very short) includes photography, painting, pastels and ceramics to printmaking, sculpture, woodworking and leathercraft. 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, an artistic road trip, throughout Eastern Madera and Mariposa Counties, one that is a wonderful celebration of art in the region, both for artists and art lovers alike.

SierraArtTrails.org

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DAY 2

Kings Canyon National Park

See the General Grant Tree, Boyden Cavern, Roaring River Falls, Zumwalt Meadow and The Roads 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 to Oakhurst.



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DAY 3

Yosemite National Park

Get an early start and drive yourself or take a guided tour and spend the day exploring Yosemite. See the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, Wawona's Pioneer Yosemite History Center, Glacier Point, 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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Yosemite National Park














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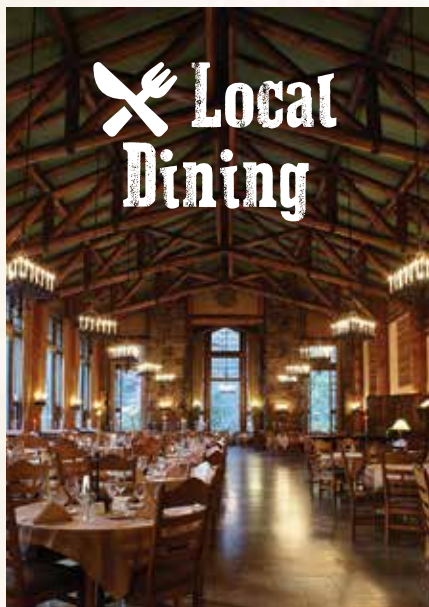
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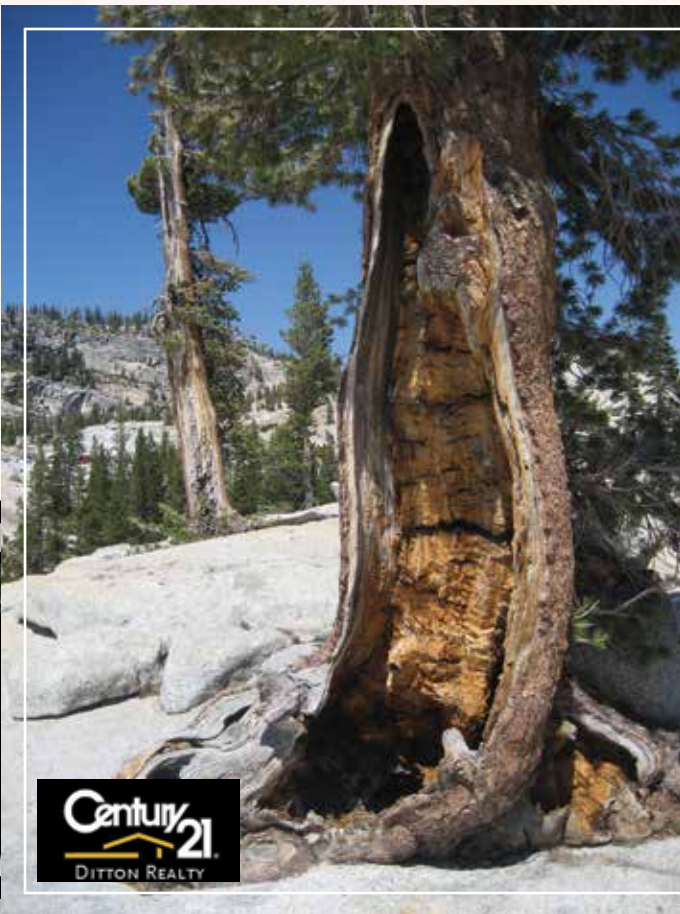
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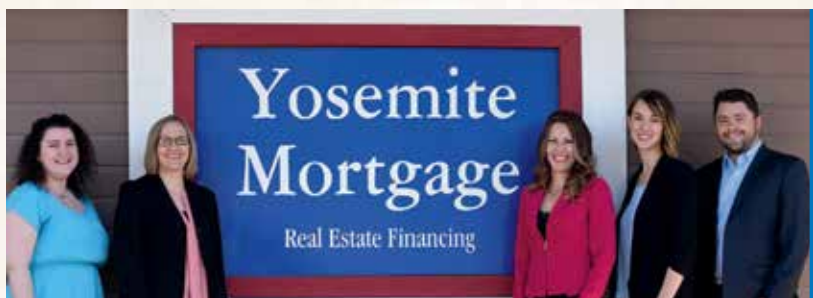
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

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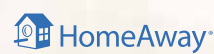
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