

Yosemite National Park



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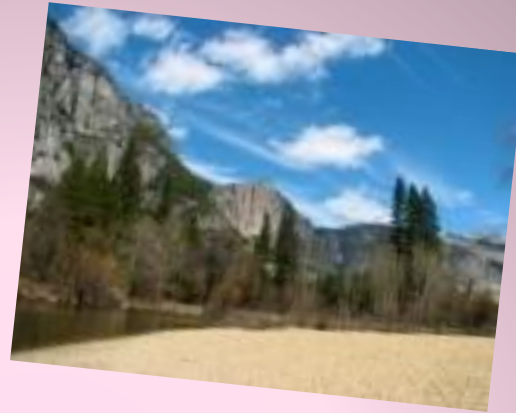
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Common Things

Yosemite National Park is located in California, on the west coast of the United States. It occupies more than 3,000 square kilometers. The park is situated in the mountains of the Sierra Nevada and has an elevation range from 600 to 4,000 meters. Yosemite is world famous for its fantastic granite cliffs, waterfalls, glaciers, mountain rivers and streams. Almost 95% of the park is protected wilderness, which is home to a huge diversity of plants and animals.



John Muir



PLANNING YOUR HIKE

Yosemite is a place of wilderness. A small fee is charged to enter the park. You should make a reservation for the campgrounds if you want to spend the night in the park. Pets, cars and bicycles are not allowed on wilderness trails.



- ❑ Evaluate your abilities honestly. Make plans that will suit the weakest members of your group.
- ❑ Be sure to carry a map and compass with you at all plans.
- ❑ Plan a lot of time for rest, food preparation and a storage, and a campsite selection.
- ❑ You should be prepared for an extreme cold, a sudden rain, a strong wind, morning or evening fog and high temperatures regardless of the season.
- ❑ Think carefully about what equipment you are going to take. Always carry extra food and water.

In the park it is illegal:

- to hunt animals
- to collect plants or cones
- to camp outside of camping areas
- to feed wild animals
- to collect reptiles or insects, particularly butterflies
- to pick up or use wood from the surrounding area
- to make any permanent changes to campsites
- Because of fire danger, campfires are permitted ONLY from 5.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
- Quiet hours are between 10.00 p.m. and 8.00 a.m.
- Because of bears, proper food storage is necessary 24 hours a day.

Some dangerous things



Drowning is believed to be the number 1 cause of death in national parks.

Be especially careful near rivers and streams.

If you fall in, it will soon prove to be nearly impossible to get out.

The water is very cold and the current is strong. It can quickly drain all your strength .



Afternoon thunderstorms are not rare. As soon as you see dark clouds or hear distant thunder find shelter immediately.



- Do not try to hide under a tree — get inside a building.*
- If you are out in the wilderness, find a cave.*
- It is as dangerous to stay in open meadows.*
- You should also stay away from water and all open metal constructions.*

Sights



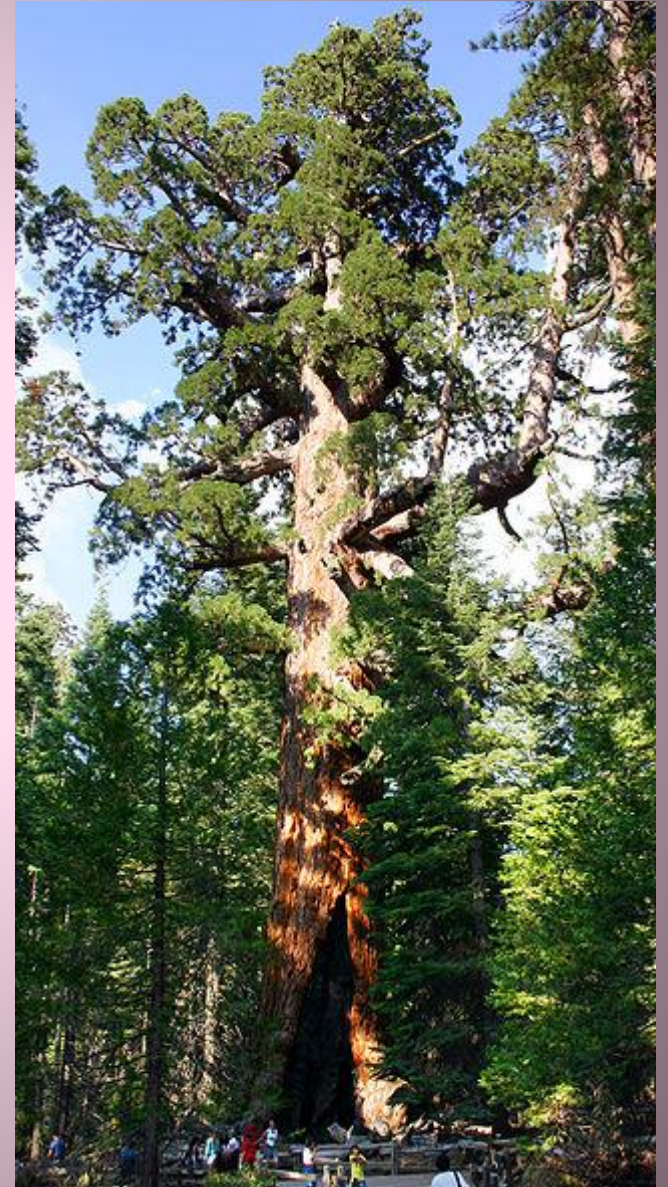
Yosemite Valley



Glacier Point



Mariposa Grove



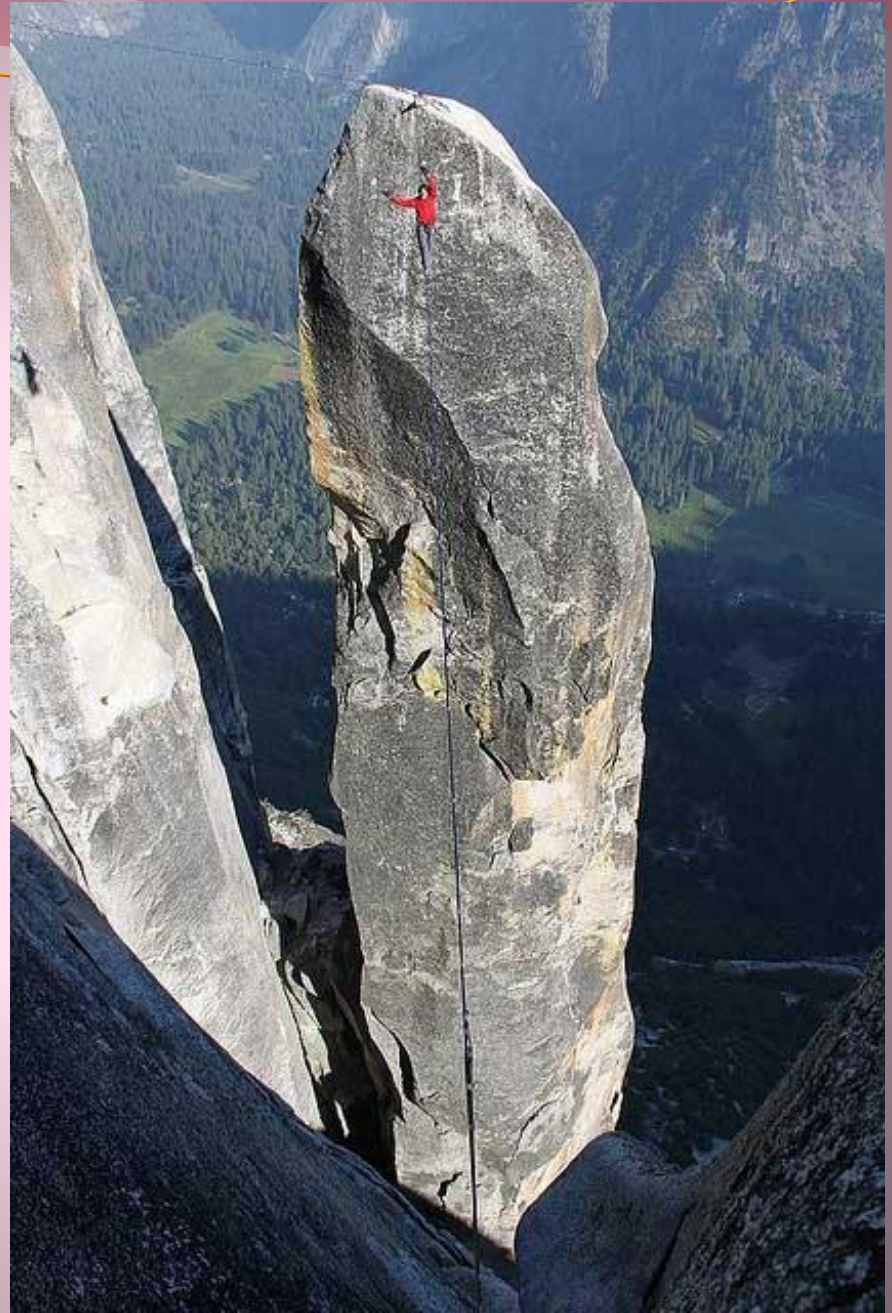
El Capitan



Half Dome



Lost Arrow Spire



Three brothers



Mirror Lake



Hetch Hetchy



May Lake



Yosemite Fall



Bridal Veil



Vernal Fall



Plant & Animal Life

The world of animals and plants is very different. Tourist can meet some rare animals which are protected now. For example, Grey Foxes, Mule Deers, Mountain Kingsnakes, White-headed Woodpeckers, and a wide variety of bat species.



American Black Bears



Spotted Owls



Bobcats

Squirrels



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Ticks

But there are some insects and reptiles which can be dangerous for tourists.

Among them are ticks which carry Lyme disease. That's why if it bites you, you should immediately find a doctor.



Rattlesnake

You may come across a rattlesnake but these snakes are unlikely to attack if you don't provoke them.



Mountain lions

Mountain lions live in this area. But tourist try not to meet them.



A Large black bear

Yosemite National Park is home to large black bears which are known to have broken cars, trailers, tents, and other camping equipment.



If you are a tourists in this park
you should observe some
necessary rules :

- do not leave food in the car
- dispose of food in special box
- keep all doors and windows of your hut closed
- do not let the bear get closer to your food
- if you are close to a bear, shout and make big hand gestures
- if the bear accidentally get food, do not try to take it back

Tourism & Sport Activities

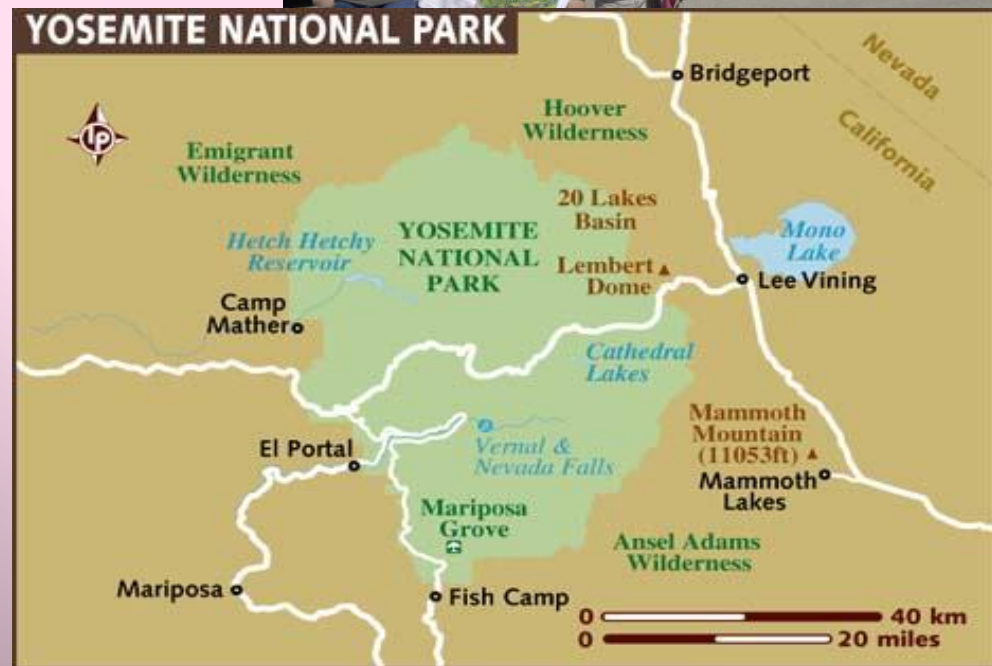


There are some activities for tourists in the park which is open all year-round.

- ❑ You may drive a car
- ❑ Go hiking
- ❑ Ride a bike
- ❑ Go fishing
- ❑ Have a picnic
- ❑ Swimming
- ❑ Rafting
- ❑ And others



The most comfortable way to see a beauty of nature is by car, but the most interesting is on foot because there are a lot of trails in Yosemite.





**"No temple made with human hands
can compare with Yosemite"
John Muir.**

Thank you for your attention!

