



# APRIL 2019 RECREATION & ACTIVITIES

*(schedule and activities subject to weather and changing conditions – visit Recreation Desk for updates)*





## GUIDED RECREATION

### TOURING & HIKING



#### 'Range of Light' Yosemite Valley Naturalist Tour

Springtime creates spectacular conditions, with dramatic waterfalls, endless wildflowers and stunning panoramas throughout Yosemite. Our tour showcases the Valley's most famous and impressive wonders. During our tour we will stop at breathtaking vistas, take short walks and explore the many iconic landmarks in Yosemite National Park. *Reservations encouraged, 9:15am-3:15pm, \$150 per adult, \$80 per youth (4-12)*

#### 'Wonders of Yosemite' Naturalist Hike & Tour

Enjoy the beauty and grandeur of Yosemite during our unique combination of Yosemite Valley and Giant Sequoia guided naturalist tour. This two-in-one tour offers an unparalleled Yosemite experience, from dramatic waterfalls, endless wildflowers and stunning panoramas to a serene 3-mile hike to the Giant Sequoia trees. *Reservations encouraged, 9:15am-5:30pm, \$175 per adult, \$95 per youth (8-12)*



#### Giant Sequoia Guided Hike

Experience the beauty of the majesty of the Giant Sequoias on this 3-mile round trip hike. The stunning contrast of spring against the reddish bark of the sequoias, the largest living species on earth, is like nothing you have ever seen. Our guides will share with you knowledge about the Park and the sequoias and will help make sure your experience is fun and inspiring! *Reservations encouraged, 9:15am-1:30pm, \$125 per adults, \$65 per youth (8-12)*



#### Hetch Hetchy Wapama Falls Naturalist Hike (Departs from the Evergreen Lodge)

Explore one of Yosemite's hidden gems, Hetch Hetchy, a dramatic, crowd-free jewel – complete with domes, waterfalls and an idyllic, serene feel. Along the way you'll learn about Hetch Hetchy's long and storied history on our 5-mile round trip hike among granite features, creeks and wildflower filled meadows to beautiful 1,000-foot Wapama Falls, with its two-tiered falls tumbling into the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. *Reservations encouraged, 10am-2:30pm, \$125 per adult, \$65 per youth (8-12)*



#### Rancheria Falls Naturalist Hike (Departs from Evergreen Lodge)

Head deep into the seldom traveled Hetch Hetchy Valley on this 13 mile (round trip) hike to Rancheria Falls. You will pass 1000 foot Wapama Falls on your way. During this hike your naturalist guide will point out the local flora and fauna as well as discuss the history of Hetch Hetchy's O'Shaughnessy Dam, one of the most controversial issues in national park history. This trek is a great opportunity to see many of our furry and scaly friends, maybe even a bear! Get ready for a great experience in this dramatic, crowd-free jewel of Yosemite. Expect a long day hike in which the rewards greatly outweigh the efforts.



*Reservations encouraged, 9am-5:30pm, \$175 per adult, ages 12 and up*

### FLY FISHING



#### Private Full & Half Day Fly Fishing Trips

Our Private Fly Fishing trips allow every experience level to find just what they need in order to obtain the upper hand in the Yosemite area. Our knowledgeable guides get you away from all the crowds of Yosemite's main tourist attractions, as you fly fish in pristine locations around the park.

*Advance reservation required, visit the Recreation Desk for details.*

*Private Half Day prices start at \$300, Private Full Day Fly prices start at \$450*

### FOR AVAILABILITY & RESERVATIONS:

Visit [www.RushCreekLodge.com/Explore](http://www.RushCreekLodge.com/Explore); email [Recreation@RushCreekLodge.com](mailto:Recreation@RushCreekLodge.com); call (209) 379-2373 extension 3; or visit the Recreation Desk in the Guest Lounge.



# DAILY ACTIVITIES

## ONSITE ADVENTURES



### Stargazing at Rush Creek

Experience the night sky like never before! Up close to nature's light show, you'll be gazing through our 12" aperture Dobsonian telescope with go-to tracking technology. Learn about constellations, observe planets, nebulas, galaxies, and other celestial wonders.

\$35 per adult, \$10 per youth (12 and under). Advance reservation required, please contact Recreation Desk for availability and details.



### California Craft Beer Tasting

Sample at least 4 beers indigenous to the Golden State while learning some brewing history to boot. Includes souvenir tasting glass and snacks. Must be 21 or older to participate.

6-7:30pm, \$25. Advance reservation required, please contact the Recreation Desk for availability and details.



### Glass Blowing Experience

Join our expert glassblower for an exciting introduction to the art of hot glass blowing, while she guides you through the necessary steps required to make your own piece of glass art. No experience is necessary for this mesmerizing one and a half hour class.

Adults and kids are welcome, just be a least 8 to 16 years old and bring adult supervision. All take-home glass pieces need overnight annealing (a cooling process) and will be ready for pick up the next day.

\$95. Advance reservation required, please contact the Recreation Desk for availability and details.

## WELLNESS



### Therapeutic Massage

Round out your Yosemite adventure with our talented team of certified massage therapists. Our revitalizing massages include a balancing Rush Creek Signature, relaxing Swedish, therapeutic Deep Tissue, soothing Hot Stone, and comforting Pregnancy massage. More treatments and enhancements are available.

Advance reservation required, 25, 50 and 80 minute sessions available.

Visit Recreation Desk for availability and details.



### Hatha Flow Yoga Session

Join us for an energizing Hatha Flow yoga session. We combine slow and fluid movements, deep stretches and breathe work. Classes are designed for all ability levels. Must be 15 or older to participate.

Advance reservation required. 60-minute session, \$25 per person. 2-person minimum.

Contact Recreation Desk for availability and details.

## RENTALS



### Rental

### Price

### Deposit

Snowshoes \$25/adult full-day or \$15/kid full-day \$200

Trekking Poles \$10/full-day \$75

Backpack Kid Carrier \$25/full-day or \$15/2-hours \$250

Daypack \$10-full day \$50

Binoculars \$15-full day \$150

Visit the Recreation Desk in our Guest Lounge for more information. Deposits are refunded upon return to the Recreation Desk.

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## DAILY ACTIVITIES

### Monday

- **Kids Craft:** 10am-3pm, Game Room. Join us for a self-guided, kid friendly craft!
- **Basket Weaving:** 3-5pm, Purchase from Recreation Desk (\$5 per basket). Participate in a traditional Miwok craft; weave your own reed basket to take home with you.
- **Yosemite Miwok Talk:** 7pm, Guest Lounge. Learn about the native Miwok of Yosemite and hear stories of their life and history in the valley.
- **S'mores:** 6pm-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit. Classic campfires treat of marshmallow, chocolate and graham cracker toasted over an open fire.

### Tuesday

- **Kids Craft:** 10am-3pm, Game Room. Join us for a self-guided, kid friendly craft!
- **Tie Dye!** 3-5pm, \$10 includes logo t-shirt- Buy at Recreation Desk. Create a souvenir you can wear all summer to remind you of your Yosemite vacation.
- **Bingo!** 7pm, Guest Lounge. Great for the entire family. Win prizes!
- **S'mores:** 6pm-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit

### Wednesday

- **Kids Craft:** 10am-3pm, Game Room. Join us for a self-guided, kid friendly craft!
- **Animal Tracks:** 3-5pm, Game Room (\$5 per track). It's time to get creative, using clay and life size animal track molds, create your own imprint to take home
- **Rim Fire Talk:** 7pm, Guest Lounge. Learn the story behind the smoke. Join us as we discuss California's 5<sup>th</sup> largest wildfire, the 2013 Rim Fire, and its impact on the surrounding Stanislaus National Forest and Yosemite National Park.
- **S'mores:** 6pm-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit

### Thursday

- **Kids Craft:** 10am-3pm, Game Room. Join us for a self-guided, kid friendly craft!
- **Owl Pellet Activity:** 3-5pm, Purchase from Recreation Desk (\$5 per pellet). Have you ever wondered what an owl has for dinner? Find out by dissecting an actual owl pellet in this fun hands-on activity.
- **Wildlife Talk:** 7pm, Guest Lounge. Learn about some of Yosemite's plants and animals.
- **S'mores:** 6pm-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit

### Friday

- **Kids Craft:** 10am-3pm, Game Room. Join us for a self-guided, kid friendly craft!
- **Crack Your Own Geode:** 3-5pm, Purchase from Recreation Desk (\$5 per geode). Crack your very own geode and discover the crystals that lie within.
- **Rock Talk:** 7pm, Guest Lounge. Learn all about geology and how it plays into the beauty of Yosemite.
- **S'mores:** 6pm-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit
- **Karaoke:** 8-11pm, Tavern. Bring your friends and family to join our host Sam for some sing-your-heart-out karaoke to a selection of thousands of songs and a ton of fun!

### Saturday

- **Kids Craft:** 10am-3pm, Game Room. Join us for a self-guided, kid friendly craft!
- **Tie Dye!** 3-5pm, \$10 includes logo t-shirt- Buy at Recreation Desk
- **Bingo!** 7pm, Guest Lounge
- **S'mores:** 6pm-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit

### Sunday

- **Kids Craft:** 10am-3pm, Game Room. Join us for a self-guided, kid friendly craft!
- **Sierra Reptile Painting:** 3-5pm, Game Room. Learn about our local reptiles while creating a fun take away during this self-guided craft.
- **Rim Fire Talk:** 7pm, Guest Lounge
- **S'mores:** 6-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit

**NOTE:** Activities are complimentary except as noted.

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