



Christmas 2017 Activities & Guided Trips

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

DAILY GUIDED RECREATION TRIPS

Trip capacity and availability is limited. Reservations strongly encouraged.



'Range of Light' Yosemite Valley Naturalist Tour

Have an incredible day exploring the many wonders of Yosemite National Park while learning about the natural processes that sculpted this landscape and the people who shaped its legacy. This tour is great for all ages and includes short walks and scenic vistas, serene meadows, and other renowned Valley attractions.

9:15am-3pm. \$105 per adult, \$65 per youth (12 and under)

Valley Explorer Hike

Explore the hidden trails of Yosemite Valley! Our gentle to moderate 4 to 5-mile hike winds around many of Yosemite's iconic wonders and provides splendid walking among creeks, meadows and boulders, with memorable views of Yosemite's iconic sites!

9:30am-3:30pm. \$105 per adult, \$65 per youth (7 to 12)

Hetch Hetchy Hike

(departs from our sister property the Evergreen Lodge)

Discover Yosemite's hidden secret, the stunning Hetch Hetchy Valley. Our 5-mile round-trip hike winds above the shores of the Hetch Hetchy reservoir. Hetch Hetchy is a dramatic, crowd-free jewel complete with domes, waterfalls and an idyllic, serene feel.

10am-2:30pm. \$80 per adult, \$50 per youth (7 to 12)

Giant Sequoia Naturalist Hike

Enjoy a guided walk (or snowshoe!) to an intimate, majestic grove of Giant Sequoias. This 3-mile round-trip trail, which leads us to the largest tree species on earth, was also one of the original roads into Yosemite Valley and is steeped in history and natural beauty.

9am-1:30pm. \$80 per adult, \$50 per youth (7 to 12)

Sierra Sunset Hike

(departs from our sister property the Evergreen Lodge)

Experience the best of our 'home' area, as we walk through secluded old growth forest in search of our forest friends that emerge at twilight. Bring your camera to capture the fall colors, wildlife and beautiful light at sunset and twilight on this 3 ½ mile walk.

Dress warmly; headlamps and cocoa are provided for the walk back to the Lodge.

3-6pm. \$45 per adult, \$25 per youth (12 and under, *No strollers can be taken on this tour*)

We also have a limited quantity of Osprey Poco Child Carrier Backpacks; please let us know at time of booking if you will need one of these. The backpack's max load is up to 48.5 pounds and can normally can fit a child up to 5 years old; depending on size.

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY ON PROPERTY

- **Rentals:** Mountain Strollers, Snowshoes, Trekking Poles, Daypacks, Child Carrier Backpack, Bikes and Electric Bikes

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Christmas Week Activities

Thursday (December 21st)

- **Nature Craft:** 10am-3pm, Game Room. Join us for a self-guided, kid friendly craft!
- **Giant Snowflake Craft:** 3pm-5pm, Game Room. Deck the halls or our game room with this fun snowflake craft.
- **Animal Tracks:** 3-5pm, Recreation Desk (\$5 per track). It's time to get creative! Using clay and life size animal track molds, create your own imprints to take home in this self-guided craft.
- **S'mores:** 6pm-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit. A treat of marshmallow, chocolate and graham cracker!

Friday (December 22nd)

- **Nature Craft:** 10am-3pm, Game Room. Join us for a self-guided, kid friendly craft!
- **Snow Globe Craft:** 3-5pm, Purchase From Recreation desk, (\$5 per Snow Globe). Build your very own snow globe and take a winter wonderland home with you.
- **Trivia:** 6:30-7:30pm, Guest Lounge. Great for the entire family. Win prizes!
- **S'mores:** 6-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit

Saturday (December 23rd)

- **Ornament & Stocking Decoration:** 1-5pm, Game Room. We're kicking off our holiday festivities by decking the halls with fun holiday themed crafts in our Game Room.
- **Letters to Santa** 3-5pm, Recreation Desk. We're making sure Santa knows whether we've been naughty or nice with our letters to Santa activity. Don't worry, we'll even send it out to him just in time for Christmas.
- **Rim Fire Talk:** 6pm, Guest Lounge. Learn the story behind the smoke. Join us as we discuss California's 3rd largest wildfire, the 2013 Rim Fire, and its impact on our backyard, Yosemite National Park and Stanislaus National Forest.
- **S'mores:** 6-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit

Sunday (December 24th- Christmas Eve)

- **Nature Craft:** 10am-3pm, Game Room. Join us for a self-guided, kid friendly craft!
- **S'mores House Decorating:** 3-5pm, Game Room. A mountain spin on the classic Gingerbread House—join us as we build houses out of marshmallows, graham crackers, and chocolate. Best part? It's a tasty craft you can eat!
- **S'mores.** 6-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit

Monday (December 25th- Christmas Day)

- **Visit from Santa!** 1-3pm, Guest Lounge. Santa makes a quick stop after his trip around the world for all the good boys and girls at Rush Creek Lodge! Come by for a picture!
- **Crack Your Own Geode:** 3-5pm, Recreation Desk (\$5 per geode). Crack your very own geode to uncover crystals!
- **Old World Christmas Feast:** 5pm-9pm, Restaurant. Reservations required—see Restaurant Host Stand for details.
- **S'mores:** 6pm-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit

Tuesday (December 26th)

- **Nature Craft:** 10am-3pm, Game Room. Join us for a self-guided, kid friendly craft!
- **Owl Pellet Activity:** 3-5pm, 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!
- **Bingo!** 7:00-7:30pm, Guest Lounge. Great for the entire family. Win prizes!
- **S'mores:** 6pm-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit

Wednesday (December 27th)

- **Nature Craft:** 10am-3pm, Game Room. Join us for a self-guided, kid friendly craft!
- **Snow Paint:** 3-5pm, Game Room. Get creative with our fun snow paint that you can sculpt and swirl into a three-dimensional work of art.
- **Rim Fire Talk:** 6pm, Guest Lounge. Learn the story behind the smoke. Join us as we discuss California's 3rd largest wildfire, the 2013 Rim Fire, and its impact on our backyard, Yosemite National Park and Stanislaus National Forest.
- **S'mores:** 6pm-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit

FEATURED HOLIDAY MASSAGE

Swedish Relaxation Massage with Hot Stone Treatment

Enjoy an indulgent Hot Stone Treatment with a Swedish Relaxation massage after a long winter's day. Ease into your holiday season with this stress relieving massage and soothing hot stones. You'll even receive a gift of muscle relaxing lotion to take home with you. Inquire at the Recreation Desk for more information.

50/80 minute sessions - \$115/\$155

