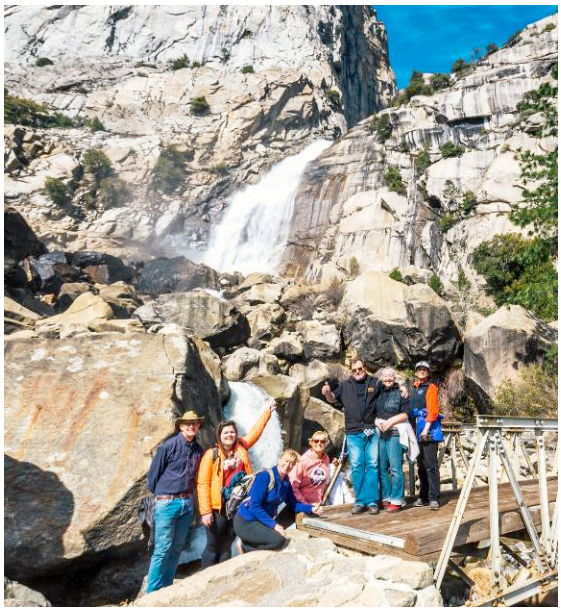
APRIL 2017 RECREATION & ACTIVITIES



GUIDED RECREATION

TOURING & HIKING

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!

Offered most days, 9:15am-1:15pm, $80 per adults, $50 per youth (8-12)

Hetch Hetchy Wapama Falls Naturalist Hike

Explore Yosemite's hidden gem! Hetch Hetchy is a dramatic, crowd-free jewel – complete with domes, waterfalls and an idyllic, serene feel. You'll learn about Hetch Hetchy's long and storied history on our 5-mile round trip hike among granite, creeks and wildflower filled meadows to beautiful 1,000-foot Wapama Falls, with its two-tiered falls tumbling into the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir.

Offered most days, 10am-2:30pm, $80 per adult, $50 per youth (8-12) (This tour departs from our sister property, Evergreen Lodge)

Rancheria Falls Naturalist Hike

Continue past Wapama Falls and head deep into the lesser traveled Hetch Hetchy Valley on this spectacular hike along steep granite walls to Rancheria Falls. You'll enjoy breathtaking views and get to see abundant wildflowers, beautiful waterfalls and possibly bears and other furry/scaly friends. Along the way we'll discuss local flora and fauna as well as the historic Hetch Hetchy Dam predicament.

Offered most days, 9am-5:30pm, $125 per adult, $75 per youth (12-15) (This tour departs from our sister property, Evergreen Lodge)

Granite Gorge & Preston Falls Naturalist Hike

Join us for a beautiful 8-mile round trip hike to the stunning Preston Falls in the Stanislaus Forest, downstream from the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir along the Tuolumne River. This secluded hike is a wildflower seeker's paradise, with Lupine, Indian Paintbrush, Larkspur and Shooting Stars in abundance during the spring.

Offered most days, 9am-4pm, $125 per adult, $75 per youth (10-15) (This tour departs from our sister property, Evergreen Lodge)

Sierra Sunset Hike

Experience the best of our 'home' area, as we hike through secluded old growth forest in search of our forest friends that emerge at twilight. Bring your camera to capture the spring beauty, wildlife and mesmerizing 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.

Offered most days, Start Time Varies, $45 per adult, $25 per youth (8-12) (This tour departs from our sister property, Evergreen Lodge)

WINE TOURS

Yosemite Cellars Vineyard Tour and Wine Tasting

The Sierra Foothills are home to some intriguing winemakers who are creating some surprisingly delicious varietals. Our guides will drive you to the small foothill town of Groveland, where you will explore our favorite local vineyard. The owners of Yosemite Cellars will walk you through their history and wines with a tasting of their 6 varietals accompanied by hors d'oeuvres while gazing out across the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Advanced reservation required, see Rec Desk for details, $75 per adult, $25 per youth

VISIT RECREATION DESK FOR TRIP DETAILS.

HOMEMADE SANDWICHES & SNACKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GENERAL STORE FOR YOUR GUIDED TRIPS OR SELF-GUIDED ADVENTURES!

OTHER ACTIVITIES

FLY FISHING & RAFTING TOURS

Introduction to Fly Fishing

Enjoy the best of our area on our full day fly-fishing adventure customized for your group! Our partner's Introduction to Fly Fishing private trip is great for beginners and families, where our partner's private fly fishing guides can help you achieve all of your fishing goals, including casting, fly selection, reading water and basic knot tying, as well as other fly fishing techniques.

Offered most days, Start Times: 7am & 12pm, see Recreation Desk for More Info.
Full Day Intro to Fly fishing: $250 per angler; 2-5 anglers, advanced reservation required

Experienced Anglers Trip

Already know the basics!? Join our partner's local fly-fishing guides and gain access to the best waters in the Sierra for native Rainbow Trout, wild Brook trout and trophy Brown trout. They can help sharpen your cast, share tips and techniques or just provide the right fly for the right fish.

Offered most days, Start Times: 7am & 12pm, see Recreation Desk for More Info.
Full Day Experienced Anglers Trip: $215 per angler, 2-5 anglers, advanced reservation required

Half Day and Full Day White Water Rafting Trips

Experience the exhilaration of the finest whitewater rafting in the state on the beautiful Merced (class II to III) and Tuolumne Rivers (class III to IV). Full day trips are available on the Merced and Tuolumne; Half Day Trips are available on the Merced. *Offered daily, See Recreation Desk to book your adventure!*

Merced Half Days start at $116, Full Days start at $165, Tuolumne Full Days start at $291

WELLNESS

Therapeutic Massage at Rush Creek Lodge

After a hard day of play in the great outdoors, enjoy an indulgent full body massage by our certified massage therapist, who offers a blend of traditional European modalities as well as sports massage, deep tissue massage, reflexology and therapeutic relaxation massage.

Advance reservation required. 30, 60 & 90 minute sessions available. Contact Recreation Desk for details.

BANDS & EVENTS

- **Friday, April 14th – Live Music! "Scratchdog String Band"**

  9:30pm to 12:30am in the Tavern. Enjoy music, drinks and dancing!

- **Sunday, April 16th – Easter Celebration**

  Join us for an Egg hunt, Spring crafts and Easter S'mores! See Easter Weekend Calendar for details.

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EVENING ACTIVITIES

All On-site activities are complimentary unless otherwise noted.

Monday

- **Sierra Reptiles Craft:** *3-5pm, Game Room.* Reptiles are starting to come out of hibernation! Paint one of your own to take home for this self-guided craft.
- **Yosemite Cellars Wine Tasting:** Join local winemakers for a tasting from Yosemite Cellars' mountain vineyard. Includes souvenir wine glass and hors d'oeuvres. $30 per adult (21+) *6:00-7:30pm, Rush Creek Lodge Terrace. (Advanced reservations by 5pm required)*
- **Yosemite Wildlife Talk:** *6:30pm, Guest Lounge.* Learn how Yosemite's wildlife use adaptations and strategy to survive in different ecosystems in the Sierra Nevada.
- **S'mores:** *6-8pm, Outdoor Fireplace*

Tuesday

- **Owl Pellet Activity:** *3-5pm, purchase from Recreation Desk. ($5)* Have you ever wondered what an owl has for dinner? Find out by dissecting an actual owl pellet!
- **Intro to Yosemite:** *6:30pm, Guest Lounge.* Join our knowledgeable naturalists this evening for information about our favorite hikes, advice on the best sights to see and directions to our local treasures.
- **S'mores:** *6-8pm, Outdoor Fireplace*

Wednesday

- **Puff Paint Craft:** *3-5pm, Game Room.* Get creative with our fun paint that you can sculpt and swirl into a three-dimensional work of art.
- **Rim Fire Talk:** *6:30pm, Guest Lounge.* Learn the story behind the smoke. Join us for this talk about the 2013 Rim Fire and its impact on the surrounding Stanislaus National Forest and Yosemite National Park.
- **Mono Lake Movie:** *7pm, Event Hall.* Learn about the history and ecology of nearby Mono Lake.
- **S'mores:** *6-8pm, Outdoor Fireplace*

Thursday

- **Wood Cookie Nature Craft:** *3-5pm, Game Room*. Create your own personalized wood cookie signs to hang on your door.
- **Yosemite Wildlife Talk:** *6:30pm, Guest Lounge*. See Monday's description.
- **S'mores:** *6-8pm, Outdoor Fireplace*

Friday

- **Crack Your Own Geode:** *3-5pm, purchase from Recreation Desk. ($5)* We are ready to take a "break" with you, and help crack open your geode in this guided activity. Goggles and assistance with the rock hammer is provided.
- **Intro to Yosemite:** *6:30pm, Guest Lounge.* See Tuesday's description.
- **S'mores:** *6-8pm, Outdoor Fireplace*

Saturday

- **Bird Houses:** *3-5pm, purchase from Recreation Desk. ($5)* Spring is here and birds are looking for places to nest! We'll help you assemble and paint a birdhouse to take home in the hopes of attracting some feathered friends.
- **Intro to Yosemite:** *6:30pm, Guest Lounge.* See Tuesday's description.
- **Bingo!** *7:30pm, Guest Lounge.* Join us for three rounds of Bingo and win fabulous prizes!
- **S'mores:** *6-8pm, Outdoor Fireplace*

Sunday

- **Sun Print Craft:** *3-5pm, pick up from Recreation Desk.* Use our special photographic paper and the sun to create beautiful personalized works of art in this self-guided craft.
- **Rim Fire Talk:** *6:30pm, Guest Lounge.* See Wednesday's description.
- **S'mores:** *6-8pm, Outdoor Fireplace*