



## Thanksgiving 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.

**9am-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

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

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



## Thanksgiving Week Daily Activities

### MONDAY (November 20<sup>st</sup>)

- **Bee Aware!: 2 Sessions: 3 & 4pm, Recreation Desk (\$5 per participant).** Learn all about bees and they relate to our food!
- **Yosemite's Miwok Talk: 6pm, Guest Lounge.** Join us as we share tales of the native Miwok of Yosemite.
- **NFL Monday Night Football: 5:30pm, Tavern (No Sound).** Falcons vs. Seattle Seahawks
- **S 'mores: 6-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit.** A treat of marshmallow, chocolate and graham cracker!

### TUESDAY (November 21<sup>nd</sup>)

- **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!
- **Movie Night: 7pm, Event Hall.** See our Recreation Team for Tonight's Movie Selection.
- **Trivia: 7-8pm, Guest Lounge.** Great for the entire family, test your knowledge and win prizes!
- **S 'mores: 6-8pm, Outdoor Fire-Pit.** A treat of marshmallow, chocolate and graham cracker!

### WEDNESDAY (November 22<sup>nd</sup>)

- **Animal Tracks: 3-5pm, Game Room (\$5 per track).** Using clay and life size animal track molds, create your own imprint.
- **Rim Fire Talk: 6pm, Guest Lounge.** Learn the story behind the smoke. Join us as we discuss California's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest wildfire, the 2013 Rim Fire, and its impact on the surrounding Stanislaus National Forest and Yosemite National Park.
- **Natural History Film Series: 7pm, Event Hall.** The Mono Lake Story
- **S 'mores: 6-8pm, Outdoor Fire-Pit.** A treat of marshmallow, chocolate and graham cracker!

### THURSDAY (November 23<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Day)

- **NFL Football Games: Tavern (No Sound).** Chargers vs. Cowboys 1:30pm, Giants vs. Redskins 5:30pm
- **Thanksgiving Cookie Craft: 3-5pm, Recreation Desk (\$5 per person).** Decorate a delicious Thanksgiving themed cookie!
- **Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt: 3:30-5:30pm, Recreation Center.** Gather a team and come at your leisure for this noncompetitive scavenger hunt. Get your first clue at the Recreation Desk. Complete the hunt for a prize!
- **Thanksgiving Dinner 3-9pm, Dining Room.** Reservations required—see Restaurant Host Stand for details.
- **S 'mores: 6-8pm, Outdoor Fire-Pit.** A treat of marshmallow, chocolate and graham cracker!

### FRIDAY (November 24<sup>th</sup>)

- **Crack Your Own Geode: 3-5pm, Recreation Desk (\$5 per geode).** Crack your very own geode to uncover crystals.
- **Pinecone Turkey Craft: 3-5pm, Game room.** Create your very own gobbler with a pinecone and construction paper!
- **S 'mores: 6-8pm, Outdoor Fire-Pit.** A treat of marshmallow, chocolate and graham cracker!
- **Bingo! 7:30pm, Guest Lounge.** Great for the entire family. Win prizes!
- **Stargazing: 7pm \$35 per adult, \$10 per youth, Advanced registration required—Sign up at the Recreation Desk.** Join our star guru and explore the night sky through our tracking telescope!
- **Live Music: Hunter Green: 9:30pm, Tavern.** LA-based Hunter Green is a young band quickly gaining momentum in the Reggae and Rock scenes.

### SATURDAY (November 25<sup>th</sup>)

- **Tie Dye! 3-5pm, Recreation Desk, \$10 per participant.** Create a souvenir you can wear to remind you of your Yosemite vacation.
- **California Craft Beer Tasting: 6-7:30pm, \$25.** Advance reservation required—Sign up at the Recreation Desk. 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.
- **S 'mores: 6-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit.** A treat of marshmallow, chocolate and graham cracker!

### SUNDAY (November 26<sup>th</sup>)

- **Sierra Reptile Painting: 3-5pm, Recreation Desk**
- **Rim Fire Talk: 6pm, Guest Lounge.** See Wednesday's description.
- **S 'mores: 6-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit.** A treat of marshmallow, chocolate and graham cracker!
- **Hatha Yoga & Sound Meditation: 8pm, Advance reservation required—Sign up at the Recreation Desk, \$25 per person.** End your evening with relaxing 60-minute Hatha Yoga and Sound Meditation session. Tibetan singing bowls will be incorporated throughout this centering yoga session. Must be 15 or older to participate.