



## Thanksgiving 2018 Activities & Guided Trips

### 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.** \$130 per adult, \$70 per youth (4 to 12)

#### 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.** \$130 per adult, \$70 per youth (8 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.** \$100 per adult, \$55 per youth (8 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.** \$100 per adult, \$55 per youth (8 to 12)

#### Stargazing at the Rush Creek – *New this year!*

Experience the night sky like never before! Far from light pollution, you'll be up close to nature's light show, gazing through our Dobsonian telescope. Observe stars, planets, constellations, and glimmering galaxies.

**Offered on Wednesday and Saturday, 8pm** – see Recreation Desk. \$35 per adult, \$10 per youth (12 and under).

### ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE EVERY DAY ON PROPERTY

- **Rentals:** Mountain Strollers, Snowshoes, Trekking Poles, Daypacks, Child Carrier Backpack & GPS Devices
- **Massage:** Indulge in your choice of Swedish, Deep Tissue, Hot Stone, Reflexology, Hand, Food and Scalp, or our energy balancing Rush Creek Signature Massage. See the Recreation Team for availabilities and pricing.



## Thanksgiving Week Activities

### MONDAY (November 19<sup>th</sup>)

- **Kids Craft:** 10am-3pm, Game Room. Join us for a self-guided, kid friendly craft!
- **Basket Weaving Craft:** 3pm-5pm, Recreation Desk, \$5 per basket. Make a basket out of reed, wood, and beads!
- **Yosemite's Miwok Talk:** 6pm, Guest Lounge. Learn about the native Miwok of Yosemite and hear stories of their life in Yosemite Valley.
- **NFL Monday Night Football:** 5:15pm, Tavern. Chiefs v. Rams
- **S 'mores:** 6-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit. Join us for the campfire treat of marshmallow, chocolate and graham cracker!

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

- **Kids Craft:** 10am-3pm, Game Room. Join us for a self-guided, kid friendly craft!
- **Owl Pellet Activity:** 3-5pm, Recreation Desk, \$5 per pellet. Find out what an owl has eaten by dissecting its pellet!
- **Rim Fire Talk:** 6pm, 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:** 6-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit

### WEDNESDAY (November 21<sup>st</sup>)

- **Kids Craft:** 10am-3pm, Game Room. Join us for a self-guided, kid friendly craft!
- **Pumpkin Marbling** 3-5pm, Recreation Desk, \$5 per person. Create painted swirl pattern mini pumpkins.
- **Wildlife Talk:** 6pm, Guest Lounge. Mountain lions, coyotes, and black bears, oh my! Learn about the animals of Yosemite in this interactive presentation done by one of our friendly naturalists.
- **S 'mores:** 6-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit

### THURSDAY (November 22<sup>nd</sup> - Thanksgiving Day)

- **NFL Football Games:** Tavern (no sound) & Event Hall (with sound). Bears v. Lions (9:30am, Event Hall only); Redskins v. Cowboys (1:30pm); Falcons v. Saints (5:20pm)
- **Thanksgiving Cookie Craft:** 3-5pm, Recreation Desk, \$5 per person. Decorate a delicious Thanksgiving themed cookies!
- **Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt:** 1-5pm. See Recreation Desk for Details. Join us exploring the property for our "Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt". Gather a team and follow clues to win prizes!
- **Fireside Music Jamboree:** Guest Lounge. Join us in our Guest Lounge for live music with a local favorite, Sequoia.
- **Thanksgiving Dinner** 3-9pm, Dining Room. Reservation required—see host stand to make reservation.
- **S 'mores:** 6-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit

### FRIDAY (November 23<sup>th</sup>)

- **Pet Rock Turkey:** 10am-3pm, Game room. Classic craft with a twist—decorate your very own "Pet Rock Turkey".
- **Crack Your Own Geode:** 3-5pm, Rec Desk \$5 per geode. Crack your own geode to discover the crystals within.
- **Rock Talk:** 6pm, Guest Lounge. Learn all about geology and how it plays into the beauty of Yosemite!
- **S 'mores:** 6-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit
- **Bingo!** 7:30pm, Guest Lounge. Great for the entire family. Win prizes!

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

- **Kids Craft:** 10am-3pm, Game Room
- **Tie Dye!** 3-5pm, Rec Desk. \$10 – includes Rush Creek logo t-shirt. Weather dependent.
- **S 'mores:** 6-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit

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

- **Kids Craft:** 10am-3pm, Game Room
- **Sierra Reptile Painting:** 3-5pm, Rec Desk. Learn about our local reptiles during this self-guided craft.
- **Rim Fire Talk:** 6pm, Guest Lounge. See Wednesday's description.
- **S 'mores:** 6-8pm, Outdoor Fire Pit

ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON AVAILABILITY AND CURRENT CONDITIONS.  
SEE RECREATION BOARD FOR MOST UPDATED ACTIVITIES LIST.