

Yosemite and How to Get There

Heard about Yosemite? You probably know that Yosemite is one of the most worth visiting places in the whole continent of America. It has been the object of respect and admiration for a number of years, so it's no surprise that thousands of people from all over the United States and the world visit the place annually.

Yosemite was first inhabited by the Native Americans known by the name "Ahwahneechee". It was declared as a National Park in the year 1890 through the efforts of John Muir, one of the earliest modern preservationists. From then on, travelers from all over the world come and explore the area for the great natural wonders it provides, including the tallest mountains with meadows, waterfalls, wildflowers, vistas at Glacier Point, and the historical communities that surround the region.

Now, do you want to see the place in person? If so, then I bet you'll be interested to know how you can get there.

Getting to Yosemite is actually so easy. Almost all major modes of transportation are available. There are airports, tour buses and public transportation ready to serve passengers from anywhere on earth. But perhaps the best way to reach Yosemite is by car as the drive would only take about three hours and a half. Once you're there, you get around by hiking. Yes, that's the best way to explore the Yosemite region, especially the park. So if you are planning to visit Yosemite perhaps this coming Christmas vacation, be ready to hike.

However, for those who are not really athletic, you can get to Yosemite by taking the route to the Valley Floor-Yosemite Village Loop Trail, which is located just about two miles from the national park. Taking this route often delights travelers simply for one main reason – this valley offers the breathtaking views of the most

stunning falls of the region, as well as the Royal Arches and the notable Half Dome.

Yosemite can also be reached through another well-known trail, the Sentinel Dome Trail. This area is situated 1.2 mile hike from the national park, and what makes this trail worth trekking is that it offers views of the Half Dome, El Captain, and the towering falls of the region. And, if you find yourself a bit more ambitious, you have the chance to take the Half Dome Trail, which is actually an 8.2 miles hike from the national park. What's exciting about taking this trail is that you'll encounter strenuous climbs while on the road. This climb will get you exactly to the zenith of the park. You also have another choice, that is, to take the Yosemite Falls Loop Trail, which is a 7.8-mile hike combined with climbs, taking you to the Upper Yosemite Fall.

Well, if you are new to the place, there's no other better way of reaching and exploring Yosemite than to ask help from the available guides servicing the area. They will surely help you enjoy your trek.

Yosemite National Park

Want to trek into the wilderness? Do you want to see a number of habitats and enjoy the breathtaking views of mountains with meadows, valleys and waterfalls? If your answer is yes, then why don't you consider the Yosemite National Park? Don't you know that this place is one of the best-known preserved wild lands in the state of California? Well, yes, Yosemite National Park has long been considered as one of the best wild parks to go for an ultimate trek.

The Yosemite National Park is located in Mariposa County and Tuolumne County in the state of California. It covers an area of about 1,189 square miles and stretches across the western slopes of the spectacular mountain range of Sierra Nevada, which is located near the border of the states of California and Nevada.

For thousands of years, the Yosemite National Park is the most common object of awe and respect. It has been visited by thousands of people coming from different areas in the world. According to certain statistics, the park is often visited by more than 3 million visitors every year for several good reasons. One of the most known is that Yosemite National Park has a lot of things to offer to its visitors, including the spectacular views of the Yosemite Valley, granite cliffs, the Giant Sequoia groves, mountain with meadows, waterfalls with wildflowers, and of course the biological diversity that attracts both children and adults. It is interesting to know that about 89% of the Yosemite National Park is designated by the state's government as wilderness area.

There are a lot of features popular in Yosemite National Park. One of the most well-known is the Yosemite Valley which represents just a percent of the total area covered by the park. Although that small, the Yosemite Valley is exactly where most tourists and locals alike arrive and stay. It is but the center of the Yosemite region.

There is also the El Captain, which is noted for its being a granite cliff that comes out over the Yosemite Valley. According to several claims, this is the exact area where rock climbers from all over the United States and the world perform their stunts. Perhaps the reason for this preference is the El Captain of the Yosemite National Park has a diverse range of difficulties. There are even a number of climbing routes, giving the climbers great access to its wonders.

The Yosemite National Park also boasts other features such as the Half Dome, Sentinel Dome, Tuolumne Meadows, Dana Meadows, Kuna Crest, Clark and Cathedral Range, Mount Dana and Mount Gibbs, and Mount Conness, Giant Sequoia, Merced Grove, Tuolumne Grove, Mariposa Grove, and a lot more. And, in terms of habitats, the Yosemite National Park now delights visitors for its wide diversity of habitats ranging from thick foothill chaparral to the alpine rock, which supports more than 250 species of animals.

The Yosemite National Park can now be reached and explored all year. The area is accessible by car, buses, and trams. But note that the optimal way for exploring all the areas covered by the park is none other than hiking.

The Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Valley, for long years, has been considered as one of the most interesting sites to visit in Yosemite. It is actually considered as the centerpiece of the Yosemite National Park, so it's no wonder that people who visit to see the Park also visit to see the Valley.

The Yosemite Valley is basically a half-mile deep depression that emerged as a result of the glaciers attack during the last ice age. From that origin, the Yosemite Valley now soars up to 3,000 feet high granite domes complemented by the towering and stunning waterfalls. Three of the world's highest waterfalls are in fact located at the Valley.

There are a lot of wonders to see in the Yosemite Valley. The Merced River, in the first place, flows across the flat floor of the area at about 4,000 feet of elevation above sea level. Also, the

floor of the valley highlights the towering oak trees with a combination of the conifer woodlands and meadows. These areas are inhabited mainly by a diversity of wildlife. So if the diverse habitat of the Yosemite National Park is one of the reasons for your visit, then there's no other way to go than to the Yosemite Valley.

In addition, the Valley is surrounded by steeps and vertical cliffs made of granite. The most celebrated cliffs in this area include the Half Dome, El Capitan monolith, and the Glacier Point. As mentioned earlier, all of these wonders are even complemented by the sites of waterfalls that tumble down into the base of the Valley. The most famous of these falls are the Yosemite Fall, Bridalveil, Nevada, vernal and Illilouette. According to some claims, these falls tend to reach their maximum flow during the late spring and their flow drops significantly as the season from late spring continues.

Perhaps what's more interesting to know about the Yosemite Valley is that it offer access to a number of services, activities and facilities that people may need while staying there. One of the most visited is the Valley Visitor Center where a number of publications, orientation films, and theater programs are exhibited for the people to see. If you are the type who loves adventure trekking, you can find guides nearby who are willing to take and introduce you to the greatest wonders of the Valley. And, if you are wondering where on the Yosemite Valley you can stay while on vacation or holiday, you have the choice to select among the four available lodging facilities in the area, including the Ahwahnee, Yosemite Lodge, Curry Village, and Housekeeping Camp.

With so much wonders available in the area, the Yosemite Valley has received the National Park status in 1880. This designation was also brought about by the strong efforts of John Muir, a

pioneering Scottish naturalist who led the preservation of the Yosemite wilderness. Since that time, the Yosemite Valley has grown in popularity that today the United States and other countries outside the American continent show admiration and awe to its wonders.