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Activity Guide

ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE 3 RING BINDER
INFORMATION ON THE AREA AND YOSEMITE,
WITH ACTIVE LINKS.

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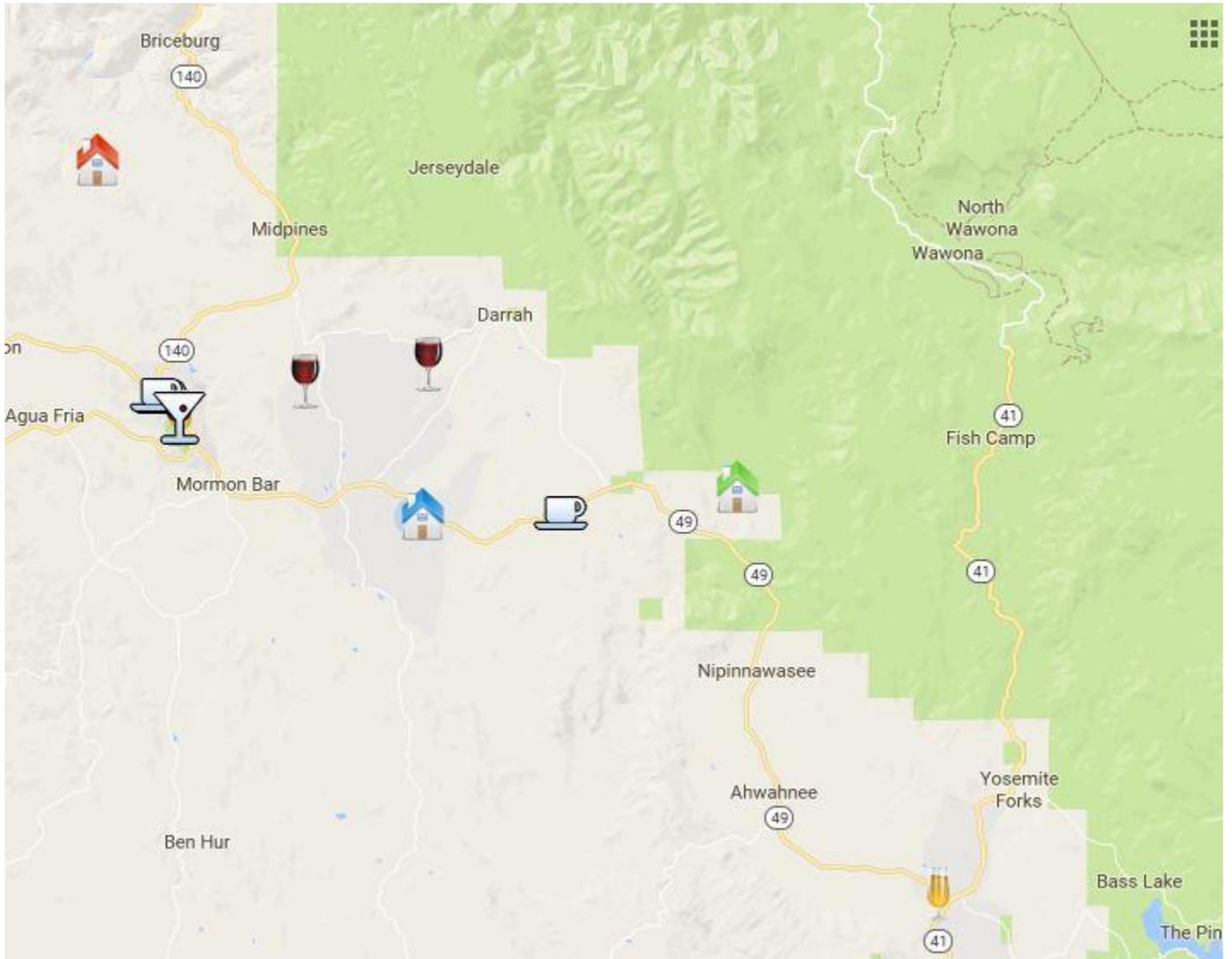
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Tasting

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Coffee & Espresso

Pony Espresso: 6:30 am – 4:30 pm M-F, 7 am – 3 pm Sat & Sun, Wi-Fi

Come and enjoy the distinctive vibe of Mariposa's original and only authentic coffee house, where good friends gather and new friends meet daily! We are a fun, eclectic shop, voted Mariposa's Best Coffee 12 years running. Try our wonderful coffee, roasted on the premises, and one of our many homemade menu items. Hang out with our fun and friendly baristas or chill in our cozy, quiet area and utilize the complimentary Wi-Fi. There's something for everyone at The Pony where coffee house authenticity meets creative individuality!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ponyexpressomariposa>

Email: ponyexpresso@yahoo.com

5182 CA-49, Mariposa, CA 95338

(209) 966-5053

MoonBow Espresso: 6 am – 6 pm M-F, 7 am – 6 pm Sat, 7 am – 5 pm Sun, Wi-Fi

MoonBow Espresso is cherished by the locals for their smoothies, blended drinks, Italian sodas, Espresso drinks and baked goods. Family owned and operated, MoonBow employees always go the extra mile to be sure that the drink you get is the drink you love. Stop by MoonBow today at the Visitor's Center at the 4 way stop of Hwy 140 & 49.

Email: moonbowespresso@gmail.com

5158 California 140, Mariposa, CA 95338

(209) 966-3331

Mariposa Coffee 9 am – 6 pm

The Mariposa Coffee Company is located in the beautiful Sierra Mountains just outside of Yosemite National Park. Nestled on the site of the historic 49er Stage Stop, visitors can tour the roasting process and experience a pure cup of coffee fresh out of the roaster! Our family owned company roasted its first batch of coffee in 1991. Using the finest high grown arabica coffee beans from around the world, we develop our blends to ensure the highest quality and consistency possible. We take pride in our products and offer a custom cup of coffee crafted from start to finish by one pair of hands belonging to the master roaster and blender Gerry Caputo.

Website: <https://www.mariposacoffeecompany.com/>

Email: coffee@yosemite.net

2045 Hwy. 49 South Mariposa, CA 95338

Phone: 209 742-7339

Casto Oaks Fine Wine & Art: 11 pm – 6 pm Th-Fr, 11 am – 7 Sat, 11 am -4 pm Sun

Combining fine wine and fine art is a perfect blend. Casto Oaks Fine Wine & Art, located in historic Mariposa in the Sierra Foothills near Yosemite, offers you this award winning pairing. Savor both Mount Bullion Vineyard's hearty Zinfandel and Casto Oaks' smooth Cabernet while acquiring dazzling fine art created by local artists.

Our winery, Mount Bullion Vineyard, is located at 6947 Highway 49 North in Mariposa where grapes are grown, fermented, barreled and aged, bottled and cellared. A visit to the winery can be accommodated by appointment only.

Website: <http://www.mtbullionvineyard.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Casto-Oaks-Fine-Wine-Art-187274587969662/>

Email: CastoOaksWine@aol.com

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(209) 742-2000

Silver Fox Vineyards: Appointment only

Silver Fox Vineyards, established in 1989, is owned and operated by Karen and Marvin Silver. Dedicated to quality, Silver Fox makes premium hand crafted wines. We personally farm 2.5 acres of vineyards. In addition two other growers in the nearby Sierra Foothills farm grapes exclusively for us.

Silver Fox is located near Yosemite National Park, at an elevation of 3000 feet, where the warm days and cool nights help the grapes develop the complex and intense flavors needed to produce our gold medal winning wines.

Website: <http://silverfoxwine.com/>

Email: enjoy@sti.net

4683 Morning Star Ln, Mariposa, CA 95338

(209) 966-4800

Butterfly Creek Winery: 11 am – 5 pm Tu – Sun, free tasting, picnic area
Kim & Keith favorite place. When you meet Bob the winemaker you will understand

The Gerken family arrived in Mariposa in 1972, and have been developing their family vineyards ever since. The mountain spring water, clean climate and zesty Sierra Nevada soil provide the perfect setting for the premium wines that Butterfly Creek Winery produces.

Butterfly Creek Winery and Vineyards is set on 200 acres adjoining the Sierra Foothills, yet only 45 minutes driving time from the borders of Yosemite National Park. When visiting the winery plan a picnic lunch next to our own bubbling "Butterfly Creek."

Website: <http://www.yosemitewine.com/>

[Facebook](#)

Email: wine@sti.net

4063 Triangle Road, Mariposa, CA 95338

Phone (209) 966-2097 - FAX (209) 742-5019

Rauch Ranch Rusty Nail: 8 am – 8 pm, Apr – Nov, appointment only

Working Cattle, Winery Tours, Taste Testing our award winning varieties of wine, House Back riding and the coveted Clay Pidgeon shoots are just a few of the activities that the Rauch Ranch offer. Certain activities are seasonal please plan ahead and let us know what you would be interested in before your stay.

Website: <http://rauchranchrustynail.webs.com/>

E-Mail: rauch@sti.net

3398 Ben Hur Rd, Mariposa California 95338

Phones (209) 742-7162 (209) 617-3649 (209) 769-1765

Fax (209) 966-2309

Other Tasting

Sierra Cider, Hard Apple Cider: A appointment only

Sierra Cider's farm & cidery is located in the historic California foothills near the gateway to Yosemite National Park. Here the fertile mountain soil, warm summers and cool autumn nights provide ideal growing conditions which enrich the apple juice with the balanced flavors and tastes found in our fine ciders.

At our orchard we grow our own cider type apples including traditional English bittersweets, early American russets, and lots of crabapples. We blend them to balance the sharp, sweet, and bitter tastes into complex and delicious ciders. We hope you will agree and enjoy our ciders with family and friends. Best served well chilled.

Website: <http://sierracider.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sierracider/>

E-Mail: beth@sierracider.com

5569 Meadow Lane, Mariposa, CA 95338

(209) 966-4910

Yosemite Treats, Ice Cream, Yogurt, Smoothies, Coffee Drinks, Pastries: 9 am – 7:30 pm M – Th, 9 am – 8:30 pm Fr & Sat, 10:30 am – 6:30 pm Sun, Wi-Fi

Kim & Keith favorite place.

Here at Yosemite Treats, we are proud to offer a wide variety of delicious products to meet your every craving. Satisfy your sweet tooth with our quality hand packed ice cream, frozen yogurt, real fruit smoothies, freshly baked goods, or a locally roasted coffee drink. We are proud to say we will never limit your frozen dessert creation. Let your imagination run wild with over 30 exciting toppings to choose from. We look forward to becoming your sweet treat destination. Visit us today!

Website: <http://www.yosemitetreats.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Yosemite-Treats-317648681733193/>

Email: info@yosemitetreats.com

5040 Highway 140, Mariposa, CA 95338

(209) 742-5497

CostaLivos Mountain Gold Olive Oil, Vinaigrettes and Olive Oil, 10 mi, 18 min

The CostaLivos olive grove is nestled in the western foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountain range, warmed by the California sun and watered by fresh glacial rivers. We carefully tend our olive trees to produce the highest quality fruits, which are handpicked and cold pressed to yield the most flavorful extra virgin olive oils. We are dedicated to ensuring that our artisan olive oils and balsamic vinegars are the most delicious you'll ever taste!

When you serve CostaLivos olive oils and balsamic vinegars to your friends and family, you can be sure that you are serving them the best. Taste the quality, taste the CostaLivos difference.

Website: <https://costalivos.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Costalivos/>

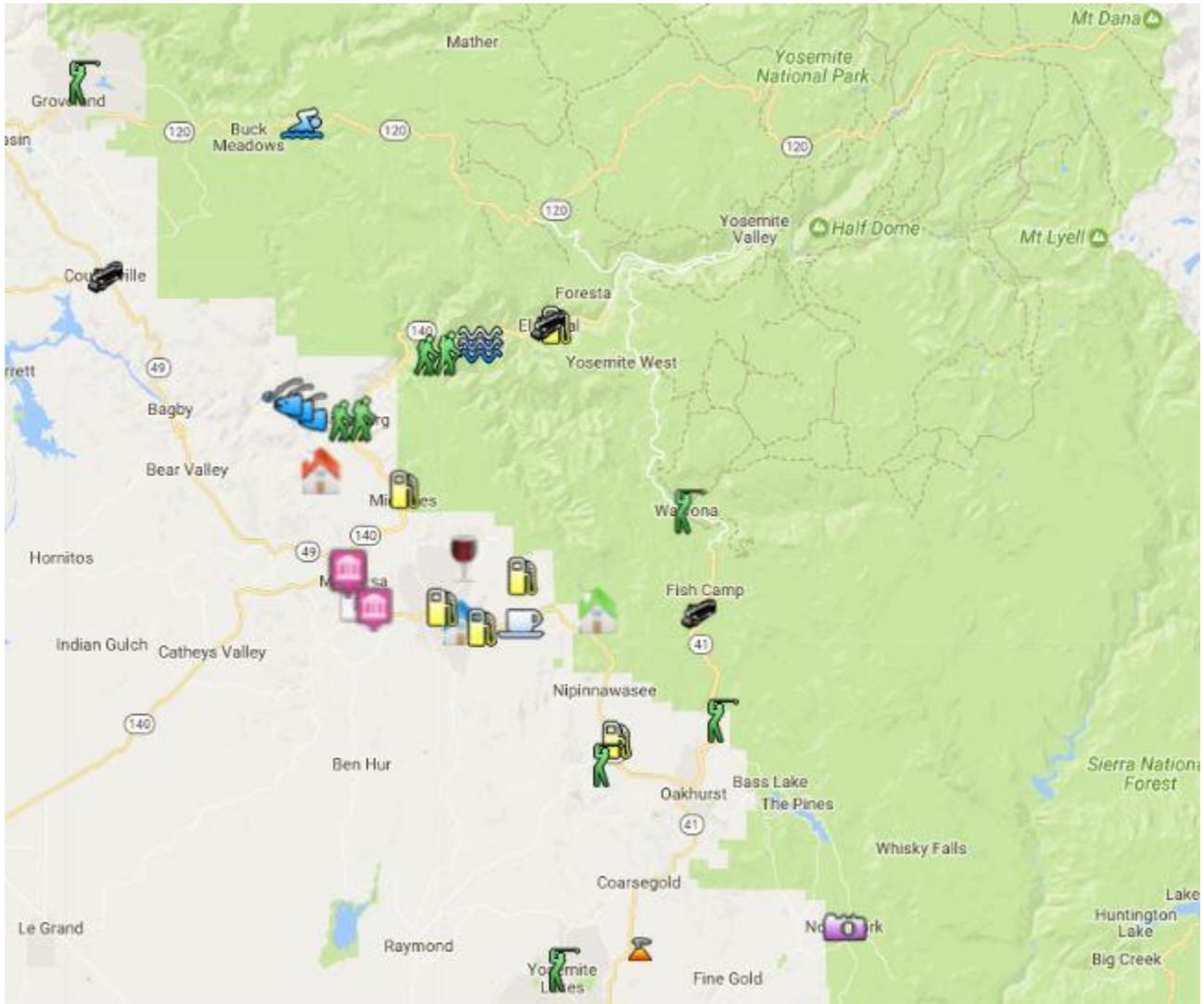
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(209) 742-6198

Activities

Activities Map





Boating

Mariposa offers [Lake McClure and Lake McSwain](#) boating, fishing, and watersports activities, and [Bass Lake](#) is on the way to the South Entrance of Yosemite National Park. Inside Yosemite National Park, canoeing and kayaking has been allowed in the past, but [current park policy](#) is no promises in the future.



Cycling

Mariposa offers numerous options for cycling enthusiasts. These range from the paved paths in [Yosemite Valley](#) where [bike rentals](#) are available, to the newly finished [Exchequer Mountain Bike Park](#).

Stop by the [Pony Expresso](#), which also does bike repairs, for the latest on the local Mariposa trails, or visit [mapmyride.com](#) for their reviews.



Driving

[Driving conditions](#) supplied by The National Park Service.



Fishing

The State of California 2019 [free fishing days](#) are July 6 and August 31.

The All Weather Highway along the [Merced River](#) has trout, bass and salmon, and is a beautiful canyon. The Tioga Pass side of the park has the most prolific fishing, as can be seen in the California Department Fish and Wildlife [Fishing Guide](#) (Fishing Guide button, zip code 95389, then zoom out). The Park does maintain [good historical information, rules and regulations](#), but bottom line is there is much better fishing outside the park. A day trip over Tioga Pass to [Saddlebag Lake Resort](#) is a local favorite.



Gold Panning

Gold panning is an integral part of Mariposa County's history and to this day is strong source of income for many residents. Some "panners" boast their ability to shake \$50 an hour from Mariposa creeks and you can hear them discuss their claims at our local watering holes.

Gold panning is a great experience for visitors and below are some great places to hone your panning skills.

Gold Panning Areas:

Briceburg, Merced River, Mariposa, BLM

[Dials Rock & Fossil Shop](#)

Gold Panning Services:

[California State Mining & Mineral Museum \(Saturdays\)](#)

[Dials Rock & Fossil Shop](#)

[Yosemite Ziplines](#)

[Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad](#)



Golfing

We have the [Wawona Golf Course](#) inside Yosemite National Park, and also have some close by courses including the [River Creek Golf Course](#), and the [Sierra Sky Ranch Golf Course](#).



Hiking

We have a lot of inquiries about hiking inside the park. The [yosemitechikes.com](#) is an excellent overview and we encourage visitors to check out their website. [Hiking in Yosemite National Park by EveryTrail.com](#) is for mobile apps. The National Park Service provides a guide for [Day Hikes in Yosemite Valley](#). Hikes closer to town includes [Stockton Creek Preserve](#), Merced River Recreation Area, and [Hites Cove Trail](#).

[YExplore Glogal Adventures](#) offers a wide range of guided hiking adventures.



Horseback Riding

Horseback riding is available at [Yosemite Trails](#) just outside of the south entrance near Fish Camp, and at three locations inside of [Yosemite National Park](#). The [Sierra National Forest](#) also has horseback riding.

[Horseback Riding & Stock Use rules](#) for people with their own stock are provided by the Park Service.



Museums

Mariposa County offers first rate historic museums that offer a view into our rich gold mining beginnings. Mariposa County was an integral part of the California Gold Rush and a large majority of museums in the County pay homage to this fact. Our museums boast a vast and extensive collection of rare artifacts to this time period which helped shape the beginnings of California.

Mariposa County Museums:

[California State Mining & Mineral Museum \(Mariposa Fairgrounds\)](#)

[Mariposa Museum & History Center \(Mariposa\)](#)

[Coulterville Museum \(Coulterville\)](#)

[Mariposa County Courthouse \(Mariposa\)](#)

Yosemite Museums:

[Ansel Adams Gallery \(Yosemite National Park\)](#)

[Pioneer Museum & History Center \(Wawona / YNP\)](#)

[Yosemite Museum \(Yosemite Valley\)](#)



Off Roading

Mariposa has numerous off road trails in the surrounding area outside of Yosemite National Park (no trails exist for vehicles inside the park). The [Sierra National Forest](#), and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) both provide maps of the trails in the area.



Pet Friendly

Mariposa County and the surrounding region is pet friendly. Though there do exist restrictions within the National Park, when bringing your pet you will be most content spending time in our National Forest, public lands, and Bureau of Land Management lands.

For a full list of pet procedures in Yosemite, [click here](#).

For more liberal activities with your pet, consider the following travel suggestions:

Pet friendly Trails:

[Lake McClure Recreation area](#), located approximately 20 minutes from the town of Coulterville.

Merced River along Hwy 140 + Briceburg BLM area Located approx. 20 mins from the town of Mariposa.

[Jerseydale Campground and Sierra National Forest](#), located 15 minutes from the town of Mariposa.

[Nelder Grove](#) of giant sequoias is located approximately 30 minutes from The South Entrance to Yosemite National Park (pet friendly and you can actually touch the Giant Sequoias, which is becoming more and more difficult with current National Park restrictions.)

[Stockton Creek Preserve & Trail](#), located less than 1 mile from the town of Mariposa.

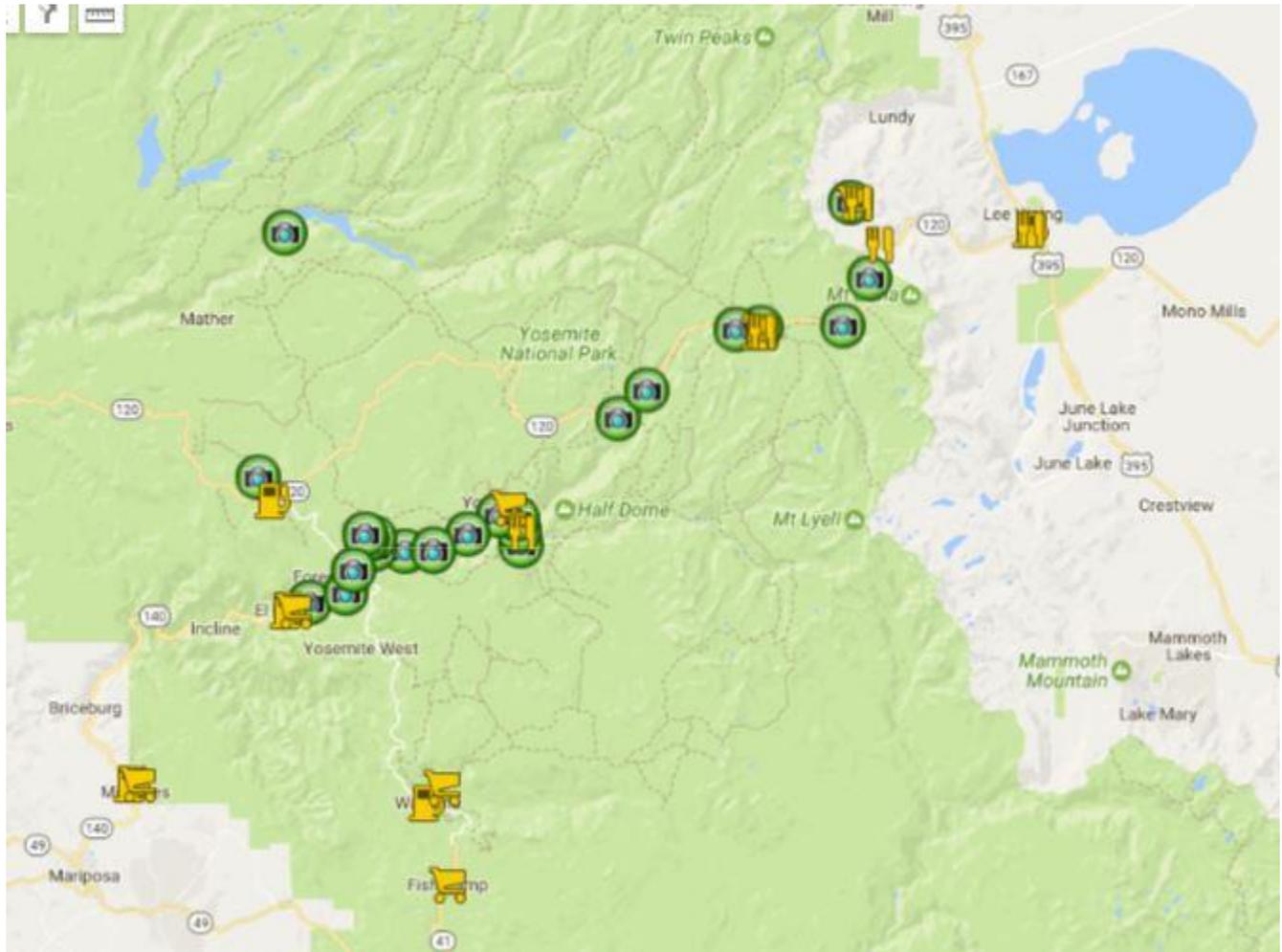


Picnicking

Yosemite has numerous [picnic areas](#) around the park, and in the highways leading in.



Photography



Railroading

Take a ride on [The Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad](#).



River Rafting

Whitewater rafting in the Merced River just outside the Arch Rock Entrance is available through [Zephyr Whitewater Expeditions](#) in spring and early summer. [Sierra Mac](#) offers Merced and Toulumne River trips. For a more gentle raft experience, [rafts can be rented inside Yosemite Valley](#), or you can bring your own inner tube of raft to use, which we always did as kids in Tuolumne River in Tuolumne Meadows campground.



Rock Climbing

Since the late 1960s, the [Yosemite Mountaineering School & Guide Service](#) has guided tens of thousands of climbers—from novices through experts. Our guides are the only ones authorized to lead and teach climbing at Yosemite National Park. They're passionate climbers, patient teachers and know Yosemite's cliffs better than anyone. Every guide is a wilderness First Responder or holds a Wilderness EMT certification.



Rock Hounding

Mariposa County is home to many rock-hounds with many more coming to visit our hills in search of unique rocks and quartz crystals that practically fall out of our hills. The vast majority of Mariposa County is National Park, National Forest, or Private land which makes proper rock-hunting more difficult.

Considering that Mariposa County was one of the major epicenters of the 1800 Gold Rush, many gold claims dot the Merced River and digging on an active claim may become a dangerous undertaking.

The best method to rock-hounding in Mariposa County is to get to know locals. Wander into [Dials Rock & Fossil Shop](#), [Mariposa Gem and Mineral Club Store](#), or visit the [California State Mining and Mineral Museum](#) for more information.



Skiing & Snowboarding

[Badger Pass](#) makes every mountain adventure fun and stress-free with our friendly, affordable ski and snowboard area that's perfect for skiers and riders of all levels. Here you'll find equipment rentals, top-notch instructors, a ski shop, cafeteria and lounge—and our fantastic sundeck, where you can watch your kids ski as you bask in the sunshine. The

Yosemite Ski & Snowboard Area is open from mid-December through mid-March, conditions permitting. For information, lessons, snow conditions call 209.372.8430.



Touring

There are numerous options for guided tours inside Yosemite National, consisting of both scheduled tours by the Park Service subcontractor, and custom tours by private operators.

Custom tours from the town of Mariposa are available from [Yosemite Close Up Tours](#), [Yosemite Outfitters](#) and [Discover Yosemite](#). [Yosemite Model T-Tours](#) is available from Fish Camp.

Scenic flights over Yosemite are now available from [Airborn Aviation Services](#) out of Mariposa / Yosemite Airport.

There is a combination of fee based tours and free shuttle service inside Yosemite National Park. [Fee based bus tours](#) available inside of Yosemite originate from Yosemite Valley. [YARTS](#) offer bus service to Yosemite Valley from the town of Mariposa, Midpines and Oakhurst (as well as numerous other stops). The [Yosemite Conservancy](#) also offers fee based tours. Free shuttle information from the park service can be found [here](#).



Ziplining

[Yosemite Ziplines and Adventure Ranch Outdoor](#) is open year round by reservation.

Recreation Areas



[Bass Lake](#)

Emerald green waters, majestic pines and mother nature...come see the beauty that is Bass Lake. Bass Lake is located 1 hour north of Fresno and just 17 miles from the Southern Gate to Yosemite National Park! Bass Lake is considered a "warm water" lake with water temperatures reaching near 80 degrees during the summer months which make it ideal for swimming, boating and fishing. Bass Lake is owned and operated by Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the waters of the lake are used to generate electricity, irrigate farmland in the Central Valley and for numerous recreational activities.



[Giant Sequoia National Monument](#)

The Giant Sequoia National Monument was designated by President William Jefferson Clinton in April 2000. The Monument now encompasses 328,315 acres. The giant sequoia (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) is the world's largest tree. It grows naturally only in a narrow 60-mile band of mixed conifer forest on the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada mountain range in California.



[Lake McClure and Lake McSwain](#)

Two GREAT Lakes, One GREAT Adventure. Whether you like to fish, boat, swim, camp or just want to enjoy a day at the lake, Lakes McClure and McSwain offer some of California's best in water recreation.



[Merced River Recreation Area](#)

The Merced River is designated a Wild and Scenic River and is a popular recreation area along Highway 140. The main fork flows through steep river canyons from Yosemite National Park into Sierra National Forest. The South Fork flows from high in the Sierras, through Wawona, down into Hites Cove. This area is known for its spectacular early spring wildflower displays. Activities include camping, swimming, whitewater rafting, hiking, fishing, and picnicking.

Temporary bridges along the Ferguson rock slide on Hwy 140 limit vehicle length to 28 feet. No overnight camping or fires except in designated areas.



[Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park](#)

This dramatic landscape testifies to nature's size, beauty, and diversity--huge mountains, rugged foothills, deep canyons, vast caverns, and the world's largest trees. These two parks lie side by side in the southern Sierra Nevada east of the San Joaquin Valley. Weather varies a lot by season and elevation, which ranges from 1,370' to 14,494'. Sequoias grow at 5,000 - 7,000', above usual snowline.



[Sierra National Forest](#)

The Sierra National Forest began in 1893 and encompasses the High Sierra and a connection to the Eastern Sierra. Sierra National Forest is a U.S. National Forest located on the western slope of central Sierra Nevada in California. It includes more than 1.3 million acres (5,300 km²), at altitudes that range from 1,000 to 14,000 feet (300 to 4,300 m) in elevation. The terrain includes rolling, oak-covered foothills, heavily forested middle elevation slopes and the alpine landscape of the High Sierra.



[Stanislaus National Forest](#)

Located in central California, lies the Stanislaus National Forest. You can fish in over 800 miles of rivers and streams, enjoy a comfortable cabin, stay in a campground, or hike into the backcountry seeking pristine solitude. You can swim near a sandy beach or wade into cold clear streams cooling your feet while lost in the beauty of nature, raft the exciting and breath-taking Tuolumne River, or canoe one of the many gorgeous lakes. You can ride a horse, a mountain bike or a snowmobile. Clearly the choice is yours in the special places of the Stanislaus National Forest.



[Yosemite National Park](#)

Not just a great valley, but a shrine to human foresight, the strength of granite, the power of glaciers, the persistence of life, and the tranquility of the High Sierra. First protected in 1864, Yosemite National Park is best known for its waterfalls, but within its nearly 1,200 square miles, you can find deep valleys, grand meadows, ancient giant sequoias, a vast wilderness area, and much more.