

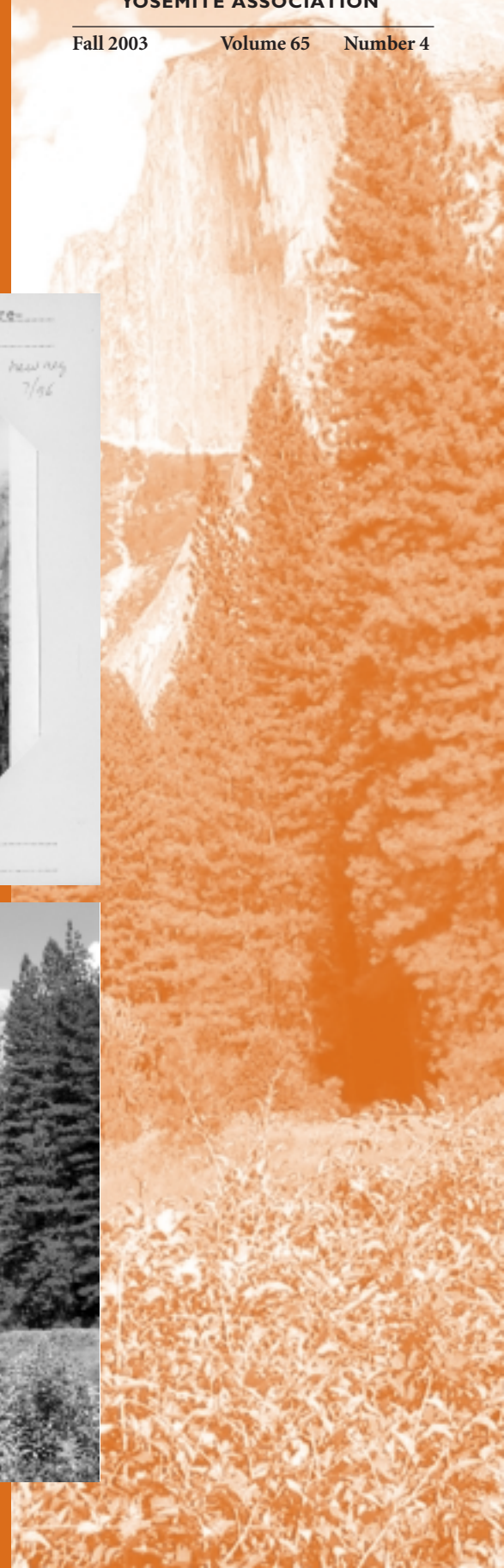
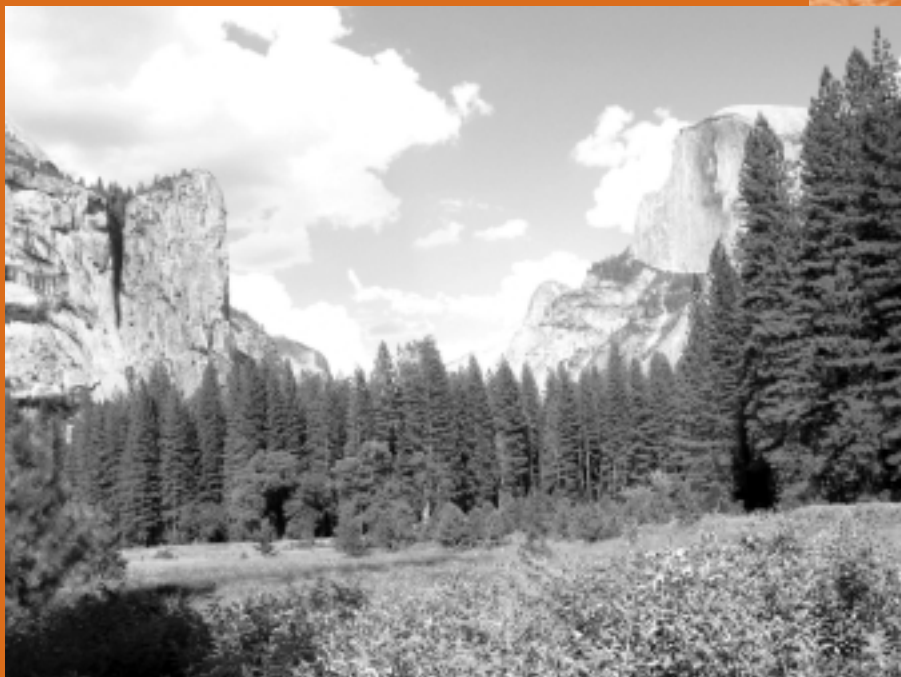
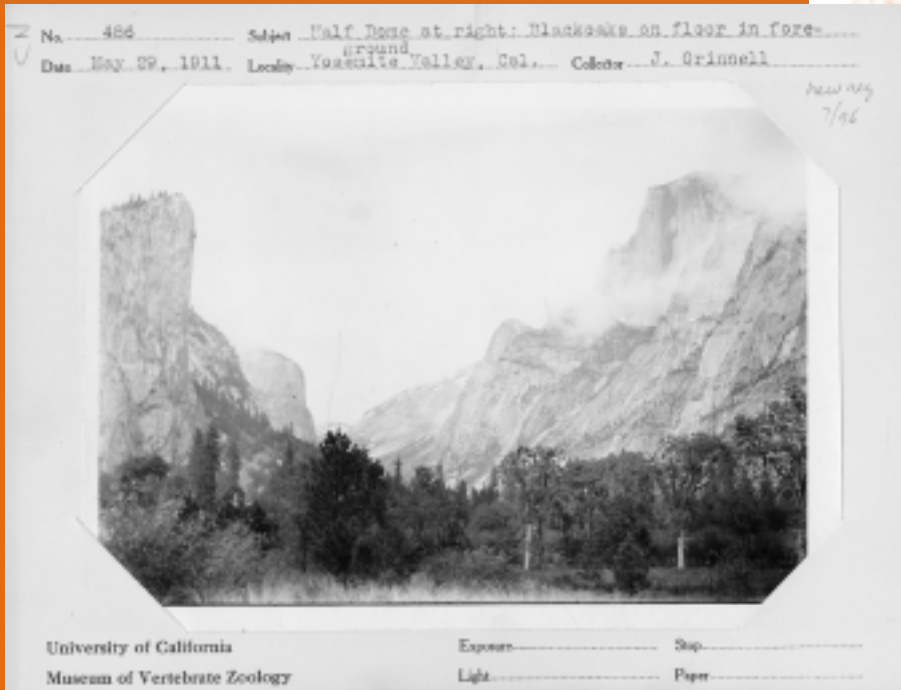
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## In the Footsteps of Grinnell & Storer



# A Message from the President

**G**REETINGS FROM SNOWY YOSEMITE, where our first storm of the season resulted in a relatively early closure of the Tioga Pass Road (October 31). With the remarkably warm temperatures we experienced in October, it seemed like the transition from summer to winter lasted no more than a day or so! We hope our members and friends are enjoying the autumn and the arrival of the holiday season.

Inside this issue of *Yosemite* is a special pull-out insert: the **2004 Yosemite Outdoor Adventures Catalog!** Even though participation in our program of field courses has dropped in recent years, members tell us they value the opportunity to learn in Yosemite, and the National Park Service has encouraged us to continue to offer the classes. That's why we hope you'll choose to enroll in one or more of the adventure courses in 2004.

We've made a number of changes to the program and added lots of new offerings. Mark your calendar now for the first (of many, we hope) Yosemite Bird Festival to be held April 23-25 in Yosemite Valley. For booklovers, we've scheduled a weekend (February 27-29) with Nevada Barr, when she'll unveil her new Anna Pigeon mystery that's set in Yosemite (*High Country*).

There's a writing and yoga course, a day with rock climber Ron Kauk, several service trips, classes in Spanish, and a number of activities for families, including a Family Camping Jamboree. We believe there's a course to fit everybody's interest, and hope you'll sign up soon for your own special Yosemite adventure.

At the back of the journal (page 23) is a list of the devoted members who have donated to YA in celebration of our 80th anniversary. To date those aggregated gifts have totaled more than \$40,000, and we send thanks and appreciation to all who have shown such exemplary support.

Our goal for the year, however, is \$80,000, and we are just more than half-way there. We hope that those of you who haven't donated yet will do so before 2004 comes to a close. We'll be sending a special year-end mailing to ask for your gift to aid our work at a time when it is as important as ever. (You also can use the envelope enclosed in this journal.)

This fall and winter will be an exciting time for us because we will be part of a \$750,000 cooperative project to remodel the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center lobby and the Yosemite Association bookstore there. Working closely with the National Park Service and the Yosemite Fund, we will be moving the store to a location separate from the information desk and adding new fixtures, lighting, and displays. If all goes as planned, the facility will re-open to the public next April. In the meantime, the Wilderness Center will serve as the interim visitor center.

In closing, I'd like to congratulate the park's main concessioner, Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts at Yosemite (formerly Yosemite Concession Services), on its tenth anniversary in the park. The company we used to call YCS has changed its name, but they say it's fine to refer to them as DNC now. Whatever you call them, the primary concessioner in Yosemite has been a great friend and partner of YA over the past ten years. We extend congratulations, thanks, and good luck to our associates at DNC as they enter their second decade in Yosemite.

Thanking you for another year of your support for the Yosemite Association, I send best regards.

*Steve*

Steven P. Medley, President



*Cover: View from Stoneman Meadow taken by Grinnell survey party in 1911 (top); below it, the same view taken in summer, 2003.*



# IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF GRINNELL & STORER

## MUSEUM SCIENTISTS TO REPEAT LANDMARK 80-YEAR-OLD YOSEMITE WILDLIFE SURVEY

A party of biologists from the University of California, Berkeley, camped out around Yosemite National Park this summer, reprising a survey of park wildlife first conducted more than 80 years ago by an earlier generation of UC Berkeley scientists.

The survey by members of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology follows the same transect—from the Central Valley through Yosemite Valley to Mono Lake—as did Joseph Grinnell and Tracey Storer in their landmark survey of Sierra Nevada birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians between 1914 and 1920. At the time, Grinnell was director of the museum and a zoology professor at UC Berkeley.

The National Park Service last year asked the museum scientists to conduct a new survey, since no complete

assessment of park wildlife had been done since Grinnell's day. The team began its work in May.

“With this survey, we are hoping to get new baseline data to compare to the Grinnell and Storer surveys early in the twentieth century and see if there have been any changes in the abundance or distribution of species in the park,” said Yosemite's lead wildlife biologist, Steve Thompson. The park service is committing \$41,000 to the survey, Thompson said, while museum staff will donate about twice that amount in time and effort.

The survey is part of a National Park Service initiative to inventory and monitor wildlife in the national parks, but it coincides with the museum's wish to commemorate its 100th anniversary with a major project of value to California. By the museum's centennial in 2008, scientists there hope to have resurveyed many of Grinnell's original transects around the state.

“Yosemite is the crown jewel of the national park system and also of our project, because it was such a high profile piece of work by Grinnell in the first place,” said museum director Craig Moritz, UC Berkeley professor of integrative biology.

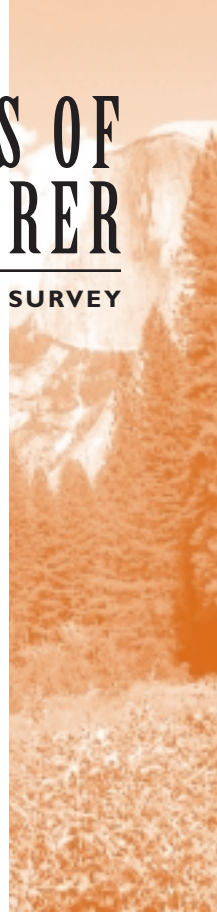
The survey of over twenty sites in Yosemite will take about three years and involve most museum scientists and several students. It is being conducted concurrently with resurveys of Grinnell's other transects, including Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Parks, Lassen National Park, the Trinity Alps, the Lower Colorado River, Death Valley and the Mojave Desert.

While new data gathered this summer have not yet been thoroughly analyzed, a few surprises have already emerged. In Yosemite Valley, the formerly most abundant species of shrew has been supplanted by a species previously known only from higher elevations in the park. And, while looking at mammals in the northwest corner of the park around Merced Grove and Crane Flat, the scientists discovered that the golden mantled ground squirrel had disappeared from many areas, essentially moving to elevations 500 feet higher.

Joseph Grinnell was an eminent biologist of the early twentieth century, known for his concept of the ecological niche—the role an organism plays in the broader ecology of an area—and for his insistence on systematic and careful surveys of wildlife. Desiring to establish a research center that would rival the major natural history museums of the East Coast and Europe, he accepted

*Top: The survey's camp at Merced Lake in 1915.*

*Bottom: A typical camp of the UC survey party, summer 2003.*







Face view of wolverine collected in Lyell Canyon, 1915.

collecting, the current team will capture and release most of the animals. Bird populations will be assessed by observation and point counts, while mammals will be sampled through live trapping and release. A few small mammals will be taken to ensure correct identification and to provide reference material, as will some amphibians and reptiles.

This year so far, UC Berkeley biologists have made four trips to the park, often packing in their food and traps on mules. The first was in May to survey Yosemite Valley; followed by a trip in June to the northwest part of the park near Crane Flat and Merced Big Trees; one in early July to the Glacier Point area; and one in late July to

Lyell Canyon. The team set off August 5 for a 10-day survey near the Tuolumne area at Glen Aulin. During the summer the team comprises between four and eight people, including park service biologists, who are surveying mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians. A separate team of herpetologists will descend on the park this fall and next spring to look for amphibians like frogs and salamanders.

A museum photographer will follow up by taking photos of the same areas as did Grinnell and his crew, ideally from the exact same spot.

Though the study is designed to assess the status of all vertebrates, there are some animals the park is specifically interested in because their status is currently unknown. These are not the obvious large or pervasive animals—bears, deer, owls and others—that have been

the subject of previous targeted studies. Instead, the list includes a pocket mouse, two species of grasshopper mouse, six species of shrews, six species of chipmunks, and reptiles like the Western fence lizard, Western skink, sagebrush lizard, night snake, and sharp-tailed snake.

“We’re learning there have been ecological changes within the park that until now we haven’t been able to document adequately,” said Leslie Chow, a UC Berkeley graduate now serving in Yosemite as a research

wildlife biologist for the U.S. Geological Survey. “We view the park as relatively pristine because we don’t allow logging, but other actions—things like suppressing fires for a hundred years—have had an impact.”

Moritz expects that other transects they survey will exhibit much greater change.

“It’s our best protected landscape in California, so we are expecting Yosemite to be the benchmark against which we can compare other transects,” he said.

If Thompson and Chow have their way, museum scientists will regularly visit the park to document the changes occurring in species distribution and population.

“Grinnell established a baseline in the teens, and hope-

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**We’re going back through the field notes containing all the original information to do an exact comparison between today and eighty years ago, which is a remarkable thing.**

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fully we can convince the park that this sort of monitoring needs to be done on a more regular basis,” Chow said. “We’d like to get the museum involved so it will come back every twenty years and do something like this.”

“I hope this cooperation is just a springboard for further work we can do with the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology,” Thompson said. “We do need the data.”

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# FROM V TO U—GLACIATION AND VALLEY SCULPTURE

BY N. KING HUBER

Glaciers are powerful agents of erosion, capable of greatly modifying the landscape. The Sierra Nevada has undergone multiple glaciations, although the exact number is unknown. Most of the glacial sculpture in the Sierra, however, was accomplished during the earliest and most extensive glaciation, known as the Sherwin glaciation, which ended a million years ago and may have lasted as long as 300 thousand years.<sup>1</sup> At that time the granitic rocks that make up the bulk of the range were deeply weathered and offered little resistance to glacial excavation. Later glaciers, generally smaller, had to deal with the fresher and more resistant rock that was exposed by the action of Sherwin glaciers, and they were largely limited to “clean-up” activities, such as the removal of rock debris, or talus, that had tumbled from valley slopes during interglacial periods.

Glaciers in mountainous terrain, such as the Sierra Nevada, largely follow and modify pre-existing stream valleys. Glaciated valleys tend to differ from normal stream valleys in two important ways. First and foremost, glaciated valleys tend to be straighter and less meandering than unglaciated stream valleys. Secondly, they tend to develop a U-shaped cross-profile rather than the V-shaped cross-profile characteristic of stream valleys beyond the reach of Sierran glaciers. Compare, for example, Hetch Hetchy Valley (Figure 1) with the canyon of the Merced River immediately below El Portal (Figure 2). Why this difference in form? Although existing pre-glacial rock structures play a part, this difference in form? Although existing pre-glacial rock structures play a part, the difference is largely due to the differing physical nature of the sculptors, water and ice.

River water, with its extreme fluidity, can flow fast enough so that its inertia, or resistance to change in direction, forces the water against the outside of river bends where it moves fastest. Thus rivers tend to erode the outside of their bends and to deposit sediment on the inside where the water flows more slowly. This behavior is beautifully illustrated by the meander pattern of the Merced River on the present Yosemite Valley floor. There the river has a low gradient, or slope, and is cutting into easily eroded alluvial materials only on the outside of river bends. Even in hard bedrock, a mountain river with high energy can cut deep canyons with entrenched meanders that remain sinuous, such as on the Merced River below El Portal.

In contrast, ice flows as a plastic solid. Glaciers move so slowly that inertial forces are negligible. A glacier will flow fastest, and erode fastest, where its surface slope is steepest, other things being equal. If a glacier occupies a sinuous valley cut by a river, the ice surface tends to drop more steeply on the inside of bends than on their outer sides (Figure 3). Thus the fastest flow of ice tends to be on the inside of bends. Hence the inside of bends in the bed of a glacier tend to erode rapidly, and over time the glacier will tend to remove the topographic spur, or ridge, that forms the inside of the bend. In the process of eliminating the original valley spurs, the glacier not only straightens the valley, but modifies the V-shape by broadening the valley floor.

Additional insight into the form of glacial valleys can be gained by examining the mechanics of glacial erosion. In considering the interaction of flow of plastic material, such as ice, with the frictional effects of the walls of a rel-



**Figure 1.** Glaciated Hetch Hetchy Valley, with its broad, open floor (NPS Archives).



**Figure 2.** Unglaciated Merced River canyon below El Portal, with its pronounced V-shaped cross-profile (Dallas L. Peck).

atively narrow V-shaped valley, it can be shown that the ice would have a maximum velocity gradient some distance up the sides of the valley walls (Figure 4).<sup>2</sup> At this location the shear stress, a measure of erosive force, would be greatest. Thus the valley sides would be preferentially eroded there, and the V-shaped profile gradually changed to a U-shaped profile (Figure 5).

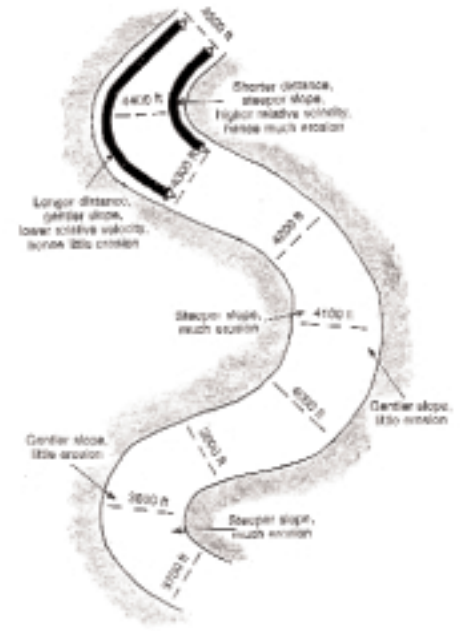
Prominent planar fractures, known as joints, are common in granite and can exert significant control over glacial excavation, so not all glaciated valleys in Sierran granite will acquire a distinct U-shaped profile. If the rock has prominent joints, known as “sheet joints,” sub-parallel to the sides of a V-shaped canyon, the glacier will simply pluck off the rock sheet-by-sheet, and so maintain a modified, but still V-shaped, canyon profile. Examples are the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne River above Hetch Hetchy Valley (which contained the largest and most active valley glacier in the Sierra Nevada), the Merced Gorge between Yosemite Valley and El Portal, and Tenaya Canyon, all of which have retained roughly V-shaped cross-profiles. If joints trend across a canyon, or are otherwise irregular, glacial excavation will produce a more prominently U-shaped profile, such as in Yosemite Valley or Hetch Hetchy.

Once a glacier has sculpted a U-shaped bed, it can continue to excavate its bed to any depth. Where much ice has to flow through a narrower segment of the valley, or at the point of convergence of two glaciers, the ice must flow more rapidly through the slot to accommodate the combined volume of ice. Rapid flow tends to excavate deeply, and the glacier bed can be locally deepened to create a basin that later fills with water to form a lake after the ice melts. The deep bedrock basin in upper Yosemite Valley may have been carved by ice from the Merced and Tenaya glaciers that converged there during the extensive Sherwin glaciation. During the millennia following retreat of the Sherwin ice, that basin was mostly filled, in part by entrained material released by the melting ice, in part by stream-transported sediment and, in part by debris weathered and spalled from the valley walls.

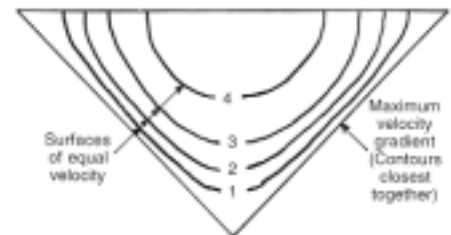
The processes described above are best exemplified by the development of such long, straight, U-shaped valleys as those displayed by Stubblefield, Matterhorn, and Virginia Canyons in northern Yosemite National Park, and Lyell Canyon above Tuolumne Meadows (Figure 6). These valleys are high enough in the range to have undergone multiple full-scale glaciations, including the last one, the Tioga glaciation, which peaked about 20,000 years ago.

In many ways, Hetch Hetchy Valley, on the Tuolumne River some 15 miles north of Yosemite Valley, is a “fresher” example of a glacial valley than Yosemite. Even during the most recent Tioga-age glaciation, the Tuolumne River canyon was filled to its rim with ice. In

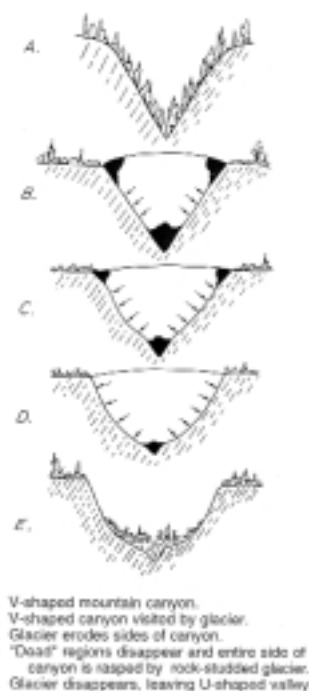
**Figure 3.** Diagram showing variation in steepness of ice-surface slope on opposite sides of bends in a valley glacier. Dashed lines are elevation contours on the upper surface of the glacier.



**Figure 4.** Schematic cross-section showing velocity contours within a glacier in a V-shaped valley. The maximum velocity gradient, where the shear stress is greatest, is part way up the valley sides. After Johnson (1970).



**Figure 5.** Diagrams illustrating steps in the possible evolution of a U-shaped glacial valley. Black areas indicate “dead” areas of low velocity; arrows indicate places of intense glacial erosion. After Johnson (1970).



A. V-shaped mountain canyon.  
B. V-shaped canyon visited by glacier.  
C. Glacier erodes sides of canyon.  
D. “Dead” regions disappear and entire side of canyon is shaped by rock-studded glacier.  
E. Glacier disappears, leaving U-shaped valley.



**Figure 6.** The Lyell Fork of the Tuolumne River above Tuolumne Meadows. Note the gentle, sweeping curves of this broadly U-shaped glaciated valley. Photograph by Robert W. Cameron. © Cameron and Company; used with permission.

that river's large drainage basin, 2-1/2 times the size of the one feeding ice to Yosemite Valley, many high-valley glaciers converged and completely filled Hetch Hetchy Valley, leaving lateral moraines thousands of feet above the valley floor.<sup>3</sup> Hetch Hetchy's walls are relatively clean, accentuating its classic U-shaped character. The valley has little talus because successive glaciers removed weak and weathered rock from the cliffs and rockfall debris from the valley floor.

Yosemite Valley's glacial history is quite different. The huge Sherwin glacier of one million years ago excavated the valley and overtopped its walls, but since that time no glaciers have completely filled the valley. The last and much smaller Tioga-age glacier scoured the lower parts of valley walls part way down the valley and skimmed off talus and some valley fill, leaving the Bridalveil terminal moraine and El Capitan recessional moraine in its wake.<sup>4</sup>

As a result, over the last million years, the rock of the upper valley walls has weathered, joints have been enlarged, and rock has spalled off to form an irregularly sculptured surface, including the pinnacles and spires that we see today. With its angled, weathered walls and large talus accumulations, Yosemite Valley has lost much of the cleaner U-shape character that it might have once had. Because of post-glacial valley fill, its U-shape may actually have been visually enhanced. What Yosemite Valley has lost is the smooth, linear valley walls that are now sharply angled and deeply weathered.

John Muir glossed over these differences between Hetch Hetchy and Yosemite Valley. Calling all similar glaciated Sierran valleys, including Kings Canyon,

"yosemites" as a generic term, he wrote that "Nature is not so poor as to possess only one of anything."<sup>5</sup>

At the same time, these differences puzzled Josiah Whitney who could see the evidence for an extensive glacier in Hetch Hetchy, but could not visualize effective glaciation in Yosemite Valley. He wrote: "The walls of the Yosemite on each side were carefully examined by the writer without his having been able to find on them any signs of smoothed, striated, or polished surfaces which could be unhesitatingly set down as the work of ice."<sup>6</sup>

Muir helped define and emphasize the erosive power of ice; Whitney was more receptive to the erosive power of water. Both were grappling with the problem of the origins of U- and V-shaped valleys. Since their time we have learned that mountains are sculptured not just by water, not just by ice, but over time by both in combination with other complex forces and conditions so striking that their results have been set aside as Yosemite National Park.

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# THE CHANGING PARK VISITOR

## FEWER FAMILIES CHOOSE NATIONAL PARK VACATIONS

From their inception more than a century ago, national parks have been magnets to a world hungry for awe and, especially in America's post-World War II boom, recreation.

Now the most crowd-pleasing of parks — including Grand Canyon, Yosemite and Mount Rainier — are seeing declines in use, particularly among campers.

The trend predates the falloff in tourism linked to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. While researchers probe for answers, the falloff does seem to reflect shifts in society: from shorter vacations to an aging baby-boomer generation more comfortable in hotels to a generation of youth for whom “nature” is compellingly represented on TV or by computer.

“People don't take the big vacations to several parks anymore,” said Bridget Einfeldt of Carlsbad Caverns National Park in New Mexico, where visits number almost half what they did in the late 1980s. “They don't have time when both parents work. People, when they go on vacation now, want to be pampered. You go to a spa, you go on a cruise, you go to a resort.”

Visitors at Mount Rainier in Washington have dropped from a 1991 high of almost 1.6 million to 1.3 million last year.

Fewer people went to Grand Canyon National Park last year than any year since 1991.

Numbers at Yosemite National Park peaked at just more than 4 million in 1996, but they have dropped 16 percent since. Yellowstone Park numbers have not reached their 1992 high.

The trend reaches to the East Coast, where visits to Shenandoah National Park near Washington, D.C., last year had fallen a third from their 1993 high.

Visits to the entire national park system have remained roughly level, dropping only slightly since Sept. 11. But numbers at historic and urban sites in the Eastern United States, and new sites added in recent years, hide the larger declines at major, iconic Western parks.

Statisticians predict further declines in the next two years.

### FINDING THE TIME

It's not that travelers will find parks empty this summer. But there's a growing sense that natural vacation lands may not hold the allure they once did.

“Mostly it's a matter of finding time to come up,” noted Ron Ich of Tacoma, who soaked up a brilliant sunny day and the spectacle of snowy Mount Rainier National Park with his wife, Jane, on a spring afternoon.

It's a disconcerting change for beloved parks where visitor numbers grew unchecked for so many years that some feared they were being “loved to death.”

While the pressure is off, National Park Service Director Fran Mainella wants her staff to invite more visitors.

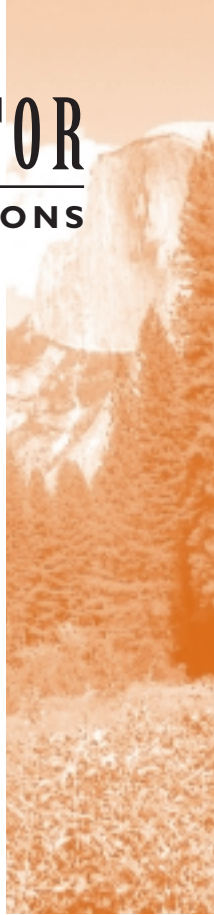
“Fifty years from now, with the changing dynamics of the country, we want a nation that can still relate to the parks, especially the natural side of them,” said Elaine Sevy, a spokeswoman.

“The Park Service faces a great challenge maintaining its place in a changing society,” said Jim Gramann, a professor at Texas A&M University and visiting social scientist for the parks.

The slump has continued despite population growth nationally and as President Bush made the national parks a centerpiece of his environmental agenda, pledging to spend \$5 billion to fix deteriorating roads and trails. It puzzles officials eager to maintain support for wild places in an increasingly urban society.

Experts offer explanations:

- Many parks may reach capacity during the busiest summer months, and news coverage of crowding and crime may drive others away.
- Some parks have eliminated campgrounds, reduced lodging and employed shuttle buses and advance reservations to reduce congestion, limiting numbers.
- A depressed economy may slow travel, especially by foreign tourists who visit parks in large numbers. But that would not explain declines starting in the mid-1990s.
- The average American road trip has shrunk from 3.5 days to 2.5 days, as families grow busier and schools switch to year-round schedules. That leaves less time for travel.
- Some ethnic groups may not head to destination parks as commonly as white, middle-class travelers once did, opting instead for daytime, family outings to urban parks.



- Increased entrance fees, along with steep lodging and meal costs, may price park visits beyond the reach of families on limited incomes.

“It’s a sad situation,” said Ron Ich, sitting on the rear bumper of his hatchback in the Paradise Inn parking lot at Mount Rainier. “It costs \$80 for gas, \$20 a night to camp, you’ve got food, and there’s all the time packing and unpacking. It’s hard to just pile in the car and go.”

Ich’s wife, Jane, said families also may be avoiding summertime trails awash in people and cars circling parking lots for spaces.

“I don’t think people get out to parks as much as they used to, and I know that’s part of it,” she said.

#### VIEW THROUGH THE WINDSHIELD

Of all federal lands, national parks keep clearest track of recreation use. Their numbers suggest that Americans today experience wild places less through slouching tents and singed marshmallows than windshield tours.

The number of people camping in national parks hit its lowest point in more than 25 years in 2001, a decline of 30 percent from its high of 8.9 million two decades earlier. The number staying overnight — either camping or in lodges — has dipped by 20 percent since 1994. That means more people visit parks only for the day.

Camping, it turns out, is a pursuit of the affluent. Surveys of campers in California by Dean Runyan Associates of Portland, Ore., showed more than two-thirds have incomes of \$50,000 or more. And those camping in national parks outspend all others.

But as dedicated park visitors age, they may opt for more comfortable outings elsewhere.

“As the population ages, camping isn’t such a big draw,” said Butch Street, who tracks visitor statistics for the Park Service. “Roughing it is when the Hilton’s full, you stay at the Holiday Inn.”

Urban youths and young adults who have grown up with video games and the Internet also may not visit parks and wilderness like their parents did. More than eight of 10 campers questioned in California grew interested in the outdoors as children, but more than half of camping parties had no children.

Few people younger than 30 had tents pitched.

“They have the world in the keyboard at their fingertips,” said Gramann, the Texas A&M professor. “The traditional family vacation to the national parks isn’t as relevant to people growing up today.”

#### TIME, CROWDING CITED

A national study by Northern Arizona University found two main reasons people did not visit national parks. First, they were short on time. Second, they thought of parks as places to look at scenery, but didn’t know what else they could do there.

They also viewed parks as crowded and travel to them as expensive.

“The challenge before the parks is to get involved in education and tell people what they have to offer,” said Fred Solop, who led the study.

Parks looking for their next generation of visitors may face a difficult test. Visitors to national parks have long tended to be white, highly educated and affluent. But Latinos and other ethnic groups who have not frequented parks as much are driving population growth in many parts of the country.

“There’s a matter of long-term political sustainability of the parks,” Gramann said. “These are new voters who really don’t know anything about the national parks. So the challenge to the Park Service is to reach out to them.”

That’s changing the way parks serve visitors.

North Cascades National Park in Washington has enlarged campsites for extended families — often ethnic minorities — that travel together, Superintendent Bill Paleck said. Crews also have built more handicapped-accessible trails, drawing couples with young children who might not use more rugged routes in the largely undeveloped park.

Instead of just discussing troop movements at Civil War battlefields, Gramann said, rangers also talk about the era’s struggle over slavery, making talks relevant to more visitors.

“The United States, at that time, was working out what it meant to be free, and that’s part of the story,” he said.

More diverse parks may be needed. The few with a Latino connection deal mainly with Spanish conquest, but a bill in Congress would consider adding sites related to Cesar Chavez and the farm labor movement.

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# ASSOCIATION DATES

Legend:  
OA = Outdoor Adventure  
AAC = Art Activity Center

NOVEMBER DECEMBER

**Nov**  
Valley Visitor Center Information and Bookstore services temporarily relocated to Wilderness Education Center building (next to the post office) during VC renovation

**Nov 27 – 28**  
YA Administrative Office in El Portal closed for Thanksgiving

**Nov 27 – 30**  
Holiday Sale at Valley Visitor Center Bookstore and Museum Store – 20% off for YA members, 15% off for all other shoppers

**Dec**  
Valley Visitor Center Information and Bookstore services temporarily relocated to Wilderness Education Center building (next to the post office) during VC renovation

**Dec 20**  
Ostrander Ski Hut (operated by YA) opens for the season

**Dec 22**  
Last day to order items from YA for Christmas delivery (expedited shipping charges will apply)

**Dec 24 – 25**  
YA Administrative Office in El Portal closed for the holidays

JANUARY 2004

**Jan**  
Valley Visitor Center Information and Bookstore services temporarily relocated to Wilderness Education Center building (next to the post office) during VC renovation

**Jan 1**  
YA Administrative Office in El Portal closed for the holiday

**Jan 17**  
OA: Winter Ecology Ski Trek with Michael Ross

**Jan 24**  
OA: Storytelling for Grandparents (and parents) with The Story Quilters

**Jan 4**  
Museum Store last day of operation for the season

**Jan 19**  
YA Administrative Office in El Portal closed for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

**Jan 24**  
OA: An Evening of Storytelling for All Ages

**Jan 5**  
Wilderness Center reopens for weekday telephone inquiries and reservations

FEBRUARY

**Feb**  
Winter 2004 issue of the members' journal *Yosemite* to be mailed this month

(next to the post office) during VC renovation

**Feb 7**  
OA: A Writer's Winter Walk in Yosemite with Beth Pratt

**February 27-29**  
OA: A Weekend with Nevada Barr

**Feb**  
Valley Visitor Center Information and Bookstore services temporarily relocated to Wilderness Education Center building

**Feb 6**  
OA: Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias Full Moon Snowshoe with Julie Miller

**Feb 16**  
YA Administrative Office in El Portal closed for the Presidents' Day holiday

**Feb 27 – May 2**  
Yosemite Renaissance XIX exhibit at Yosemite Museum Gallery

**Feb 7**  
OA: Snowshoe Explorations with a Naturalist with Julie Miller

MARCH

**Mar**  
Valley Visitor Center Information and Bookstore services temporarily relocated to Wilderness Education Center building (next to the post office) during VC renovation

**Mar 6**  
OA: Snowshoe Explorations with a Naturalist – full moon evening program with Julie Miller

**Mar 26**  
Museum Store reopens for the season

**Mar 28**  
OA: Snowshoe Explorations with a Naturalist with Julie Miller

**Mar 5**  
OA: Dewey Point by Snowshoe with Julie Miller

**Mar 13-14**  
OA: Winter Explorations with a Ranger with Dick Ewart

**Mar 27**  
Spring Forum, Yosemite Valley

**Mar 27**  
OA: An Evening of Storytelling for All Ages

**Mar 28**  
OA: Discovering Spring Wildflowers at Hite Cove with Michael Ross



# MEMBERS PAGES

## A Bountiful Summer of Members' Events

We hope you were able to join us for one of our recent member gatherings. More than 100 YA members, volunteers, park partners, and dignitaries were on hand on August 4th to recognize our official 80th anniversary in a ceremony in front of the Yosemite Museum. To commemorate our long-standing ties with the museum, the association presented NPS representatives Dave Forgang, Jim Snyder, and Linda Eade with several gifts to the collection, including rare stereoviews and books, and a Native American basket. In turn, Yosemite Superintendent Mike Tollefson, Yosemite Fund President Bob Hansen, and representatives for the Association of Partners for Public Lands, Congressman George Radanovich, and Senator Barbara Boxer eloquently commended this milestone in YA's history. The event wrapped up with servings of delicious birthday cake for all, artfully prepared by The Ahwahnee's incomparable chefs.

In Fresno, 50 members and friends attended our 80th Anniversary celebration on August 17th at the Fresno Metropolitan Museum, enjoying Ranger Shelton Johnson's Buffalo Soldier "living



history" presentation, and a YA retrospective by Steve Medley. We thank the Fresno office of Merrill Lynch for their generous sponsorship of this special event.

Nearly 300 of you delighted in gorgeous fall weather and illuminating talks during our 28th Annual Members' Meeting in Tuolumne Meadows this September. The day's fundraising prize raffle and sale of unique Yosemite memorabilia were also tremendous successes, bringing in over \$3,500 in additional support for the association's work. We thank the National Park Service, DNC,

the collaborators on Yosemite Once Removed, and our many friends in the Yosemite community for their vital assistance with the weekend's events. We also thank Butterfly Creek Winery of Mariposa for its generous donation of wine for our meeting reception.

A score of especially generous members enjoyed an intimate gathering with park community members at the home of host Kevin Kelly, COO of DNC at Yosemite, on October 4th. This elegant reception, honoring those among you who have donated \$1,000 or more to YA

## Member Volunteers Enhance the Yosemite Experience

Thank you to the 2003 volunteers who provided over 9,500 hours of service in Yosemite Valley and Tuolumne Meadows this summer. Thousands of Yosemite visitors benefited when generous member volunteers answered the call to service, providing support for park programs at a time when the NPS has been forced to cut back on services. Staffed entirely by YA volunteers, Happy Isles Nature Center, the Camp 6 Yurt information station, the Yosemite Museum Gallery, and Parsons Lodge were all able to stay open for visitors to enjoy this summer. In addition, these loyal YA members also welcomed Outdoor Adventures participants to the Tuolumne Meadows Campground, introduced the Spirit of Yosemite orientation film at the Valley Visitor Center, and staffed membership/information booths in both the Valley and Tuolumne. For their

amazing accomplishments on our behalf, we salute the unsinkable Virginia "Mother Duck" Ferguson and the following diligent volunteer workforce:

June Bailey, Jennifer Baker, Mike & Jan Bigelow, Mike Bonham, Erin Brannigan, Lucy Bunz, Barbara Cady, Leonard Choate, Alexandra Cole, Glenda Cook, Ron Crumbo, Nancy Cupp, Jim Duff, Dennis Dettmer, Donna Engleman, Marlene Everingham, Sharon Fee, Hank & Linda Gilliam, Jack & Sue Hansen, Ann Hardeman, Carol Harris, Jack Henshall, Barbara Hill, Ted Hoesman, Bob Hoffmann, Janet & Loren Johnson, MaryJane & Vern Johnson, Jerry & Susan Kaplan, Roy Kautz, Chuck & Millie Krueger, Joanne Landers, Chris & Jeff Lashmet, Dana LeDuff, Martha Lee, Alan Libasci, Joanne Mandel, Jim May, John McClary, Bill McCluskey, Ken & Patsy McKay, Lou & Carole Meylan,

Donna Minnick, Dorothy Nakama, Susan Ornelaz, Gary & Lois Orr, Donna & Wayne Peterson, Joyce Rasmussen, Diane Ricks, Jesse Rhodes, Kelly Rinehart, Bea Sandy, Heather Schneider, Julie Schuller, Elizabeth Schultz, Dawn Sherertz, Ian Smith, Mary & George Sutliff, John Van Vleet, Theresa Ward, Barry Warmerdam, and Julice Winter.

**Do you have extra time on your hands to donate to Yosemite? Does camping for a month in the park and working with park visitors four or five days a week appeal to you? Contact Laurel or Chrissy at (209) 379-2317, or check out our website at [www.yosemite.org/helpus/volunteer.html](http://www.yosemite.org/helpus/volunteer.html) for more information on volunteering during the 2004 season.**



**Left:** YA president Steve Medley addresses those present for our 80th anniversary ceremony on August 4. To his right are Superintendent Mike Tollefson, Chris Edison from the Division of Interpretation, and Museum Curator Dave Forgang.

**Below:** The Ahwahnee Meadow in Yosemite Valley was the setting for a YA member recognition dinner at the home of board member Kevin Kelly on October 4.



in the past year, occurred against the stunning backdrop of the Ahwahnee Meadow. Attendees were treated to the dramatic sunset glow on the face of Half Dome, delicious food and drink, and an evening of camaraderie in a superlative setting. We were also thrilled to accept Mr. Kelly's invitation to host this event annually. If a donation of \$1,000 or more, or a "Benefactor" (\$1,000) level membership is within your means, we hope you'll make such a gift today. It will be our pleasure to invite you to this unique gathering next fall!

## Volunteers Restore Yosemite

Our hats are off to the hardworking YA member volunteer work crews who donated nearly 2,800 hours of manual labor this summer assisting National Park Service ecological restoration personnel in rehabilitating natural areas of the park. These wonderful folks surveyed rare plants, weeded exotic species, revegetated disturbed areas around trails, removed and reduced fire rings in the backcountry, repaired fences, monitored oak seedlings, and much, much more. The work weeks (a cooperative effort of the National Park Service, Yosemite Institute, DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, and YA) continue to help restore and preserve Yosemite for future generations. We thank this year's program participants:

Kyoko Adachi, Kathy Aguilar, Ricardo Azucena, Lynn Belcher, Ray & RoxAnne Borean, Donald Burns, Michael Cocco, Richard & Alice Cocke, Gerald Colligan,

Tuolumne Meadows work trip volunteers survey the landscape with NPS leader Victor Goldman.



Elizabeth Cook, Tony DeMaio, Jean Dillingham, Candace & Chris Elder, Cindy Elder, William Ernst, Susan & Jim Farrell, Marshall & Judy Fisher, Erika Frey, Belinda Gilbert, Melinda Giordano, Elke Guenter, Ann Hardeman, Gerald & Janice Haslam, Don Hedgepeth, Alena Highfield, Harvard & Helen Horiuchi, Eric Huffman, Richard James, Judy Johnson, June Jones, Steven Kahn, Elsa & Chris Kirkpatrick, Jim Klostergaard, Mona Knight, Yun Lien, Jerry McMahon, Richa Maheshwari, David Margiott, Kate Mawdsley, Jillian Metz, Hiroyuki Minamino, Kathy Montgomery, Russell Morimoto, Fran Muir, John Mullen, Lloyd & Susan Murray, Claudia Newbold, Jerry Nuding, Ralph Occhipinti, Carey Olson, Tom Pearson, Deanna Petree, Edward J. Polainer, James Raveret, Richard Rice, Jessica Roberts, Jean Roche, Ellen Rosenau, Richard Rudloff, Douglas Ryder, Joan Sanderson, Stephanie Stanfield, John Tsai, Tamara Walker, Marshall Woodgates, Sonya Yip, Karen Zotter, Marty Acree (NPS), Pete Beas (YI), Eryn Bordes (YI), Adonia Curry (YI), Marie Denn (NPS), Victor Goldman (NPS), Vicky Hartman (NPS), Cheryl Marsh (YI), Russell Marsh (YI), Kristin Malone (YI), Lisa Ordonez (NPS), Pete Price (YI), Echo Purtell (YI), Kelsey Ripple (YI), and Noreen Trombly (NPS).

Applications for 2004 work weeks will be available later this winter, once the work schedule has been established. Check our website or watch for an announcement in the next issue of *Yosemite* for more information.

## Membership Dues Increased

Member dues are a vital source of support for the many educational programs, products, and services YA provides, and make up nearly a quarter of our annual gross revenue. To keep pace with the ever-increasing need for our financial and programmatic contributions to Yosemite, YA's annual dues for most membership levels are being increased by at least 15% over the levels last set in 1999. This increase is effective immediately for all new memberships, and will be effective for membership renewals that expire on or after January 1, 2004. The new dues structure shown below will be reflected on your renewal reminders, normally sent to you two to three months before your membership is scheduled to expire.

### New Annual Dues Structure:

- Individual = \$35 (\$5 increase)
- Joint/Family = \$40 (\$5 increase)
- International = \$50 (\$10 increase)
- Supporting = \$60 (\$10 increase)
- Contributing = \$125 (\$25 increase)

The Sustaining, Patron, and Benefactor levels remain at \$250, \$500, and \$1,000 respectively.

## Leaving a Yosemite Legacy

Since 1923, thousands of individuals and families have helped the Yosemite Association undertake its important educational, scientific, and research programs, with gifts of time, services, and money. Each year we receive critical support for Yosemite in the form of charitable bequests from wills and estate plans. Such bequests play a vital role in our future funding.

We encourage you to consider including a gift to the Yosemite Association in your will or estate plan. It's a way to ensure that others will enjoy Yosemite far beyond your lifetime.

For information about leaving a Yosemite legacy, call (209) 379-2317, or write to P.O. Box 230, El Portal, CA 95318

## YA & Park Concessioner Recognized for Cooperation by GAO

A recently released report by the General Accounting Office entitled "Park Service - Agency Needs to Better Manage the Increasing Role of Nonprofit Partners," notes that in some national parks, the sales and services provided by cooperating associations have caused conflicts between park management, the associations, and concessioners.

We at YA were pleased that in commenting on the situation in Yosemite, the GAO reports that "Yosemite is a good example of where competing entities work together to serve overall park interests... In fact, there were a number of coordinated efforts between the association and concessioner." A list of positive points in YA's relationship with DNC (formerly YCS) was included.

The report points out that three major factors contribute to conflicts between associations and concessioners:

(1) NPS policies encourage an expanding reliance on nonprofit organizations, (2) the broad discretion local park managers have in deciding the role and scope of association activities has permitted expanded sales and service activities by cooperating associations, and (3) the agency has a financial incentive to use cooperating associations because they provide a higher return on sales revenue.

We are proud that YA and DNC were singled out for our fine working relationship, and extend our thanks to everyone at DNC (and particularly DNC Chief Operating Officer and YA board member Kevin Kelly) for their willingness to work cooperatively and supportively with us.

To view the full 100-page report in PDF format, visit <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d03585.pdf>.

## Lodging Discount Program Reminders



Do you have an existing reservation at **The Ahwahnee, Yosemite Lodge, Curry Village, Wawona Hotel, or Tenaya Lodge**? If so, you **MUST** provide Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts at Yosemite ("DNC"—formerly known as "YCS") your discount coupon PIN Number in advance of your arrival, then turn in that coupon and show your current YA membership card at check-in to receive your member discount at the above-listed facilities. DNC's one-time

use coupons expire June 1, 2004, so come visit the park soon!

YA members also are entitled to discounts of 10% or more at many other lodging properties in and around Yosemite, including **The Redwoods in Yosemite, Yosemite West, Yosemite View Lodge**, and the **Highlands House B&B**, just to name a few! These discounts are not coupon-based, so you can use them as many times as you like. Visit our Member Benefits website at <http://www.yosemite.org/member/benefits.htm> for a complete list of our lodging discount partners. You can call the YA membership information line at (209) 379-2317 if you have questions about these or any other membership benefits. We thank all of our lodging partners for making these valuable privileges available to our members.

## A Holiday Shopping Tip

Help the Yosemite Association when you shop online. Access your favorite merchants, like Barnes & Noble and Lands End, through [www.yosemite.greatergood.com](http://www.yosemite.greatergood.com) and 5% or more of your purchase will go directly to YA at no extra cost to you.

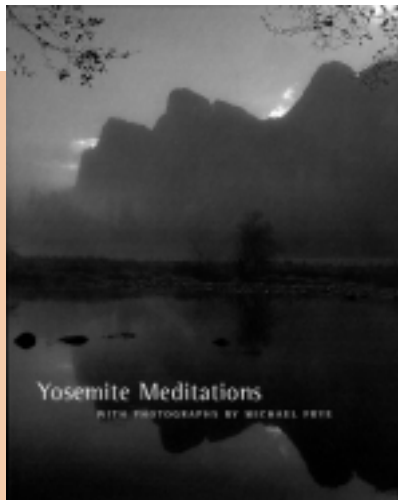


### Member Info Line 209/379-2317

If you're planning a trip to Yosemite and have questions, give our phone line a call between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. We don't make reservations, but we can give appropriate phone numbers and usually lots of helpful advice.



# YOSEMITE HOLIDAY CATALOG



## Yosemite Meditations

with photographs by Michael Frye, and a foreword by Yosemite Superintendent Michael Tollefson. Just in time for the holidays, the Yosemite Association has released this new gift book that's a beautifully-illustrated collection of quotations about nature, the environment, and the national parks, guaranteed to inspire and uplift readers.

The stunning color Yosemite photographs gracing the book's pages were taken by Michael Frye, a renowned photographer who resides in the park. A diverse group of notables, ranging from Frank Lloyd Wright to John Muir and from Albert Einstein to Henry David Thoreau, provides the included wisdom and inspirational thoughts.

Specifically designed to be used out of doors, this is a work that can be enjoyed alone in a high country meadow, or shared with friends and family on a camping or backpacking trip. The convenient size is ideal for putting into a pack or tote bag, making it easy to carry and appreciate in almost any setting. The book is 96 pages long, illustrated in full color, 4.75 x 6 inches in size, and hardbound with a dust jacket. Copyright 2003, Yosemite Association. \$9.95; **member price \$8.46**

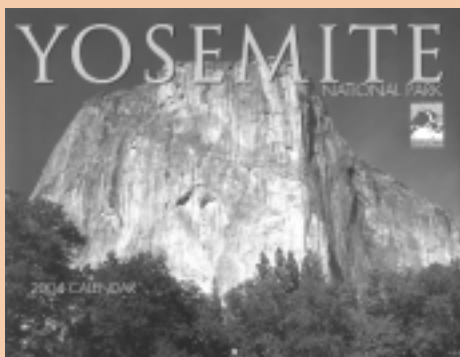
## Yosemite Once Removed—Portraits of the Backcountry

with photographs by Claude Fiddler, and essays by Steve Roper, Nancy Fiddler, John Hart, Anne Macquarie, and Doug Robinson.

This is a stunning series of photographs by skilled Sierra photographer Claude Fiddler that is paired with essays that focus on the territory beyond the roads and beaten paths of Yosemite written by a group of veteran Yosemite mountaineers.

These remarkable photographs and engaging essays will take readers to this marvelous region, far above much-visited Yosemite Valley. Essay topics include a history of the Yosemite wilderness, a walk with a backcountry ranger, locating the most remote spot in the park, winter skiing over the Sierra crest, and exploring Tenaya Canyon. Claude Fiddler contributes nearly 50 large-format color photographs (that took him some 20 years to complete) from all corners of Yosemite.

The volume is 11.25 x 9.5 inches, illustrated in full color, and clothbound with a dust jacket. Copyright 2003, Yosemite Association. \$29.95; **member price \$25.46**



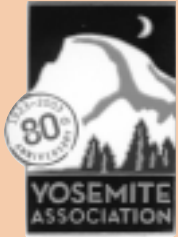
## 2004 Yosemite Wall Calendar

edited by Tide-Mark Press. If you haven't picked up a wall calendar for the new year, now's the time to do so. The 2004 Yosemite calendar features a variety of subjects, from lofty granite domes to snow-laden forests, and from sparkling waterfalls to untouched meadows.

Work is included by such renowned photographers as Keith Walklet, Dennis Flaherty, and Michael Frye. From icons in Yosemite Valley to high country landscapes and peaks, their images capture the spirit of awe John Muir felt so strongly when he made the park his home.

Each month is laid out with thumbnails of the previous and following months, and is annotated with important dates and holidays and phases of the moon. The 14 x 11 inch calendar unfolds to a 14 x 22 inch size and is printed in full color. \$11.95; **member price \$10.16.**

The last day to order for guaranteed Christmas delivery is December 22 (expedited shipping charges will apply).



**Yosemite Association  
80th Anniversary  
Enamel Pin**

by William Spear Design.

This beautiful new “cloisonne-style” enamel pin was developed to celebrate the Yosemite Association’s 80th anniversary. With its rich primary colors and gold lettering and highlights, the pin is a real eyecatcher.

The pin was developed for us by William Spear from the new 80th anniversary logo designed by Michael Osborne Design. Made of heavy enamel, it is 1 inch wide and 1.375 inches tall. Packaged in a tan cardboard gift box. \$12.95; **member price \$11.01**

**Yosemite & The Wild Sierra**

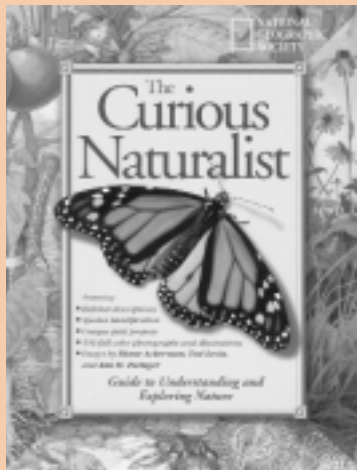
with photographs and foreword by

Galen Rowell.

Before he died in a plane crash last year, Galen Rowell traveled the globe capturing images of mountain landscapes. Still, he said, “More of what I am seeking in the wilds is right here in my home state of California than anywhere else on earth.” Rowell’s photography of Yosemite and the Sierra range



demonstrates the perfect union of artist, medium, and subject. From El Capitan to Mono Lake, the Owens Valley to Sequoia National Park, these images have the quality of light, color, and pattern that fluently conveys a potent visual language. This portfolio of Galen Rowell’s most exquisite mountain photography pays homage to the Sierra he so loved. The book is 112 pages long, illustrated in color, 10 inches by 8 inches in size, and paperbound. Copyright 2003, Sasquatch Books. \$19.95; **member price \$16.96**



**Curious Naturalist—A Guide to Understanding and Exploring Nature**

by National Geographic Society. This indispensable guide encourages the practicing amateur to become an expert in the natural world. In tours of nine North American ecosystems ranging from backyard to woodlands, mountain peaks to sandy shores, a diverse group of experienced naturalists show how to approach nature with a trained eye.

The book includes hundreds of photographs and dozens of watercolor paintings that illustrate the rich array of plants and animals, and their exquisite adaptations to the world we share with them. Detailed drawings for easy-to-make tools such as a pond viewer and a home barometer are included, along with step-by-step instructions for pressing and mounting plants and making casts of animal tracks. There are also expert explanations of simple field techniques such as recording animal sounds and calculating the distance of a thunderstorm.

The book is 288 pages, 7.75 inches x 10 inches in size, illustrated in color, and paperback. Copyright 1991, National Geographic Society. \$24; **member price \$20.40**

**Pajaro Field Bag**

This waist pack features seven pockets for everything you’ll need when you’re hiking or enjoying time in the outdoors. The main pocket is sized to accommodate field guides, travel books, or binoculars. There are smaller pockets (including one with a zipper) for note pads and maps, and specialized pockets for pencils, pens, and sunglasses. Best of all, a secret pocket sealed with Velcro keeps keys, credit cards, and other valuables safe.

It’s the best such pack we’ve found.

Made in the U.S.A. of durable Cordura in navy blue, forest green, or black by Pajaro. (please specify color) \$29.95; **member price \$25.46**



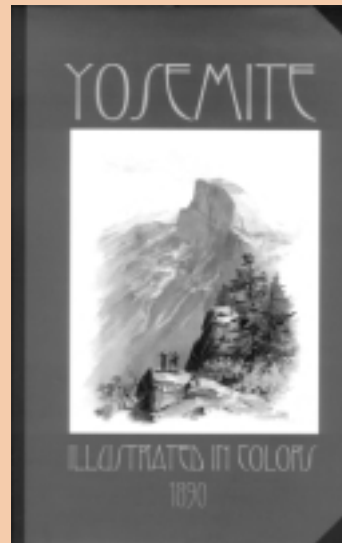
You can purchase these and many other Yosemite-related items online at [www.yosemitestore.com](http://www.yosemitestore.com)!

### Yosemite Illustrated in Colors

by Warren Cheney, with poetry by Harry Dix.

First published in 1890, this beautiful, oversized volume was the earliest “coffee table” book illustrating the scenic wonders of Yosemite. The book was a product of its era, and achieved a remarkable level of quality for its time. It features twelve full-color chromolithographs, made from specially commissioned watercolor and oil paintings of Yosemite Valley.

This new edition of the book faithfully reproduces the original plates and text and includes additional early graphics of Yosemite, and the 1864 and 1890 Congressional acts that established the boundaries of Yosemite National Park. 72 pages, 10.25 inches by 13.25 inches, illustrated in full color, clothbound with dust jacket and velvet page marker. Copyright 2003, Windgate Press. \$45; **member price \$38.25**



### NEW! Yosemite Association 80th Anniversary Logo Vest

by Chuck Roast. This great new Polartec® vest is embroidered with the Yosemite Association 80th anniversary logo. Manufactured for us by Chuck Roast of New Hampshire, the Cascade-style vest is one of the most versatile items of clothing for the outdoors, and a great piece for all seasons.

The vest is made of Polartec® 200 from Malden Mills in a full unisex style with front hand-warmer pockets. It's navy blue in color with an embroidered logo that's 2.5 by 3.5 inches, a charcoal gray collar, a hemmed bottom, and a silver zipper. Available in S, M, L, XL, and XXL sizes. \$49.95; **member price \$42.46**. Be sure to specify size.

### SummitMark Yosemite Paperweights, Pins, and Zipper Pulls

by Geo-Situ. These unique metal products are designed to represent the summits of some of Yosemite's well-known features (El Capitan and Half Dome) and the actual U.S. Geological Survey bench mark on Glacier Point, and feature their names and geographic information. They are artfully rendered in brushed pewter—beautifully cast and finely detailed.

Information provided includes elevation and map coordinates taken from the official United States data source on domestic geographic names, the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS). There are two sizes of the markers—large paperweights and smaller pins and pulls. The paperweights are 3.25 inches in diameter, weigh between 6 and 7 ounces, and are packaged in a fleece bag. The pins (with removable backing) and pulls (with attaching clips) are one inch in diameter. They are manufactured in the United States by Geo-Situ. The paperweights are \$32.95 each; **member price \$28.01** each. The pins and pulls are \$9.00 each; **member price \$7.64** each (please specify El Capitan, Half Dome, or Glacier Point, and paperweight, zipper pull, or pin).





### Framed Yosemite One Cent Stamp

by *Harmony Designs*. This handsome Yosemite gift features the original Yosemite one cent stamp issued by the U.S. Postal Service in 1934. The green stamp depicting El Capitan is set in a white mat that is printed with an Ansel Adams' inspirational quote that reads: "Yosemite Valley, to me, is always a sunrise, a glitter of green and golden wonder in a vast edifice of stone and space."

The stamp and mat have been covered with glass and framed in wood that is reddish brown in color. The frame can be hung on the wall, and it also includes a hinged support leg for displaying the stamp on flat surfaces. The overall frame size is 4.5 inches by 3.75 inches. \$18.00; **member price \$15.30**



### Yosemite Christmas Greetings Cards

from the *Yosemite Museum collection*. For the holidays, these reproductions of a historic Christmas greeting card from the Yosemite Museum are just the ticket. Originally appearing on a postcard, the full-color image of El Capitan framed by poinsettia flowers has been reproduced on a sturdy note card of recycled paper.

The striking image reads "Christmas Greetings," but there is no message on the inside of the card.

This set of notecards is a great way to remember your friends and Yosemite during the holiday season. 8 cards with envelopes; 5 inches x 7 inches; copyright 1998, Yosemite Association. \$7.50; **member price \$6.38**

### MSR MiniWorks EX Ceramic Water Filter

by *Mountain Safety Research*. MSR has improved its water filter design with an AirSpring Accumulator that increases the speed and efficiency of the filtration process. The MiniWorks EX utilizes a 0.3 Micron Absolute filter designed to remove bacteria, protozoa (giardia and cryptosporidia), algae, silt, odors and fungi.

The ceramic element can be cleaned and reused repeatedly for easy field maintenance, and features a gauge that tells you when the ceramic filter needs replacement. The filter flow rate has been upgraded (1 liter in 60 seconds) with an easy lever pump. The MiniWorks features an inlet float to keep the intake hose off the stream bottom, and screws onto MSR hydration bags and Nalgene bottles for direct filtering.

Compact and lightweight, the MiniWorks EX fits easily into the smallest pack making it the perfect choice for day hiking, backpacking, trekking, and international travel. Weighs 16 oz. (456 g.) including reusable stuff sack, instructions, and scrub pad. Manufactured by Mountain Safety Research. \$79.95; **member price \$67.96**



### Yosemite Valley Jigsaw Puzzle

from a cartoon map by *Jo Mora*.

A favorite gift of many Yosemite lovers is this 500-piece jigsaw puzzle made using the cartoon-style map of Yosemite Valley painted by Jo Mora in 1931. Not only does it feature many humorous elements, it pictures many features in Yosemite Valley that are no longer to be found. They include the Old Village, the petting zoo at the Yosemite Museum, the Firefall, the bear feeding platform, and the Glacier Point Hotel.

For those who remember when the campgrounds had numbers instead of names, those designations are included, too. Probably the best feature of the puzzle, however, is that it's not impossible to complete! Its multiple colors and lots of characters make it relatively easy to find and match pieces. The puzzle is a gift that can be enjoyed over and over, and it's a great bit of Yosemite nostalgia. Copyright 2002, Yosemite Association. \$12.95; **member price \$11.01**

NEW COLORS AND LOGO NOW AVAILABLE!

**Yosemite Association Water Bottle**

by Nalgene



This highly functional wide-mouth Nalgene bottle made of super-tough, lexan polycarbonate is now available with the Yosemite Association's new 80th Anniversary Logo in three colors: meadow green, violet, and glacier blue, with white caps.

The bottles are virtually leak-proof, won't conduct heat or cold, and don't affect the taste of water or other liquids. You'll never lose their easy-to-open, attached, screw tops. Besides the YA logo, the bottles feature permanent gradation marks to make measuring powdered foods and drinks easy. A bottle weighs 5.3 ounces including attached cap; from Nalgene. \$9.95; **member price: \$8.46**

**Yosemite Association Mug**

This distinctive and functional heavy ceramic mug feels good with your hand wrapped around it. Available in two colors (green or maroon), it's imprinted with our logo and name in black and white. Holds 12 ounces of your favorite beverage.

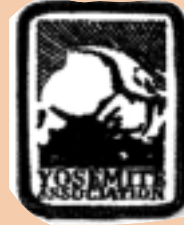


\$6.50 (please specify color); **member price \$5.53**



**Yosemite Wilderness Pin**

Here's a beautiful enamel pin commemorating Yosemite's unparalleled wilderness. It's circular in shape with a high country scene rendered in blues, grays, and greens. A real treasure for collectors. Approximately 1 inch in diameter. \$4.00; **member price \$3.40**



**Yosemite Association Patch**

Our Association logo is embroidered on colorful, sturdy fabric for placement on daypacks, shirts, blue jeans, jackets, or wherever! The patch is available in dark blue only. \$3.00; **member price \$2.55**

*Limited quantities remain—order your patch today!*

**Yosemite Black Bear Stuffed Animal**

This soft and fuzzy stuffed black bear (actually dark brown with a lighter muzzle) comes fitted with a yellow ear tag—just like those used by National Park Service rangers to research and track the bears in Yosemite.



The Yosemite black bear is part of an awareness program designed to educate the public so that bears will be roaming the Sierra Nevada for years to come. All proceeds from our sale of the stuffed bear will be donated to the program and aid Yosemite bears.

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YA's volunteer projects designed to help protect and restore Yosemite received a big boost this year from Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI), the outdoor equipment cooperative based in Seattle.

With the proceeds from the sale of REI Stewardship T-shirts, REI recently donated \$18,000 to the Yosemite Association to support its volunteer stewardship projects benefiting Yosemite National Park.

For each limited-edition stewardship t-shirt sold, REI made a \$10 donation—\$2 to each of the five participating non-

profit groups. The Yosemite Association, the Continental Divide Trail Alliance, EarthCorps, Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness, and the Appalachian Trail Conference all received \$18,000 to benefit their programs.

“REI's generous donation to our organization will fund important programs in Yosemite National Park,” said the Yosemite Association's vice president and CFO Beth Pratt. “For 80 years our nonprofit has been supporting Yosemite, and we rely on the help of our members and partners like REI to help us carry out our mission.”

The Yosemite REI Stewardship Tees

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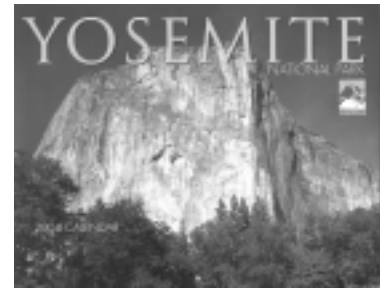
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