

April – May



Yosemite Valley Explorer Hike & Tour

“Yosemite Valley, to me, is always a sunrise, a glitter of green and golden wonder in a vast edifice of stone and space.” – Ansel Adams

Experience Yosemite Valley at its finest with this combination Valley tour and guided hike along an abandoned stagecoach route to one of Yosemite’s most spectacular, historic and least known vistas! During our tour, we visit the Valley’s most famous waterfalls and vista points, and we enjoy a variety of additional stops along the way. Our 3.5 mile stagecoach walk follows the historic Old Big Oak Flat Stagecoach route, which upon completion in 1874, allowed wheeled/stagecoach vehicles into Yosemite Valley for the first time. Though the old road has been long abandoned and nature has done its best to remove it from the landscape, a wonderful, gradual trail still remains. The route provides magnificent postcard views, yet it is unknown to most visitors. Along the trail you will learn about Yosemite flora, fauna, geology and natural history while enjoying stunning views of Half Dome, climbers on El Capitan, Bridalveil Falls, Ribbon Falls and Turtleback Dome. Learning about the storied history of Yosemite and the old horseback/stagecoach routes will give you a unique perspective as we head back to our modern stagecoach. It’ll be a day to remember – bring your camera!

Trip Time: 9:30AM-5PM

Group size: 2-7 participants. Reservations recommended or see Recreation Desk for availability.

Meeting Place: All trips meet in the Recreation Center 15 minutes before departure.

Price: \$100 Adults; \$65 Kids 12 and under. Includes transportation, naturalist guide, trekking pole rental and lunch voucher for use in our General Store.

Difficulty/Age Limit: Participants should be comfortable walking up to 6 miles on varied terrain at elevations of 4,000 feet. This hike is leisurely to modest in difficulty and participants should be in good shape and solid on their feet. The trip is suitable for fit individuals ages 6 and above.

What To Bring:

- Completed Trip Registration Forms
- Park admission or your Park pass if you already have one.
- Small backpack with 48-64 oz water and snacks
- Proper footwear – tennis shoes or hiking boots preferred
- Layered clothing including wind/rain jacket or sweatshirt
- Bug repellent, sunscreen, hat and sunglasses
- Camera and binoculars

Other Information: Our guides carry first aid kits, permits, maps, radios/cell phones and water filters. Guide gratuity is not included in your trip price; for exemplary service, a 10-20% tip is encouraged.

