

## Daily Report - Yosemite National Park Monday, November 9, 2009

### Weather

#### **Yosemite Valley**

**Today:** Partly sunny, with a high near 60. South southwest wind around 14 mph.

**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

**Tuesday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 64. East southeast wind 9 to 11 mph becoming south southwest.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35. Southeast wind around 9 mph.

**Veterans Day:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 59. East southeast wind 5 to 14 mph becoming south southwest.

**Wednesday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34.

#### **El Portal Area**

**Today:** Partly sunny, with a high near 57. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36. East wind around 10 mph.

**Tuesday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 71. East wind 7 to 11 mph becoming south southwest.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38. East southeast wind around 9 mph.

**Veterans Day:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65. East wind 6 to 11 mph becoming south southwest.

**Wednesday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37

#### **Tuolumne Area**

**Today:** Partly sunny, with a temperature falling to around 39 by 5pm. Southwest wind between 14 and 18 mph, with gusts as high as 22 mph.

**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21. South wind around 8 mph.

**Tuesday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 52. South southwest wind between 5 and 14 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 23. South wind between 5 and 8 mph.

**Veterans Day:** A 20 percent chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 46. Southwest wind 5 to 8 mph increasing to between 18 and 21 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** A 30 percent chance of snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22.

### Park News

**Yosemite Forum Tuesday, November 10th, Noon to 1 P.M Auditorium, Yosemite Valley:**

Please join us for a presentation by Dr. Matt Brooks, Research Botanist and Leader of the USGS Yosemite Field Station on Invasive Plants and Fire Management.

The presentation will:

- 1) Identify the factors that promote plant invasions, with special emphasis on how they apply to fire management
- 2) Explain how plant invasions can alter fire regimes
- 3) Provide examples of when fire may be an effective tool to manage invasive plants
- 4) Discuss options for managing invasive plants in post-fire landscapes
- 5) Include resources that people can use to find more information about the interactions between invasive plants and fire management. (A Long 11/9/09)

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**With the renovation completed, Swinging bridge is now open to all traffic.** Backpackers bridge will be closed due to construction from November 4 to December 3 with intermittent openings during evenings , Fridays, and weekends. (T Esquivel 10/5/09)

### Updates

Yosemite News Release

November 5, 2009  
For Immediate Release

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### **Yosemite National Park to Waive Fees for Veterans Day**

In celebration of Veterans Day, Yosemite National Park, and all other National Park sites across the country, will offer free admission Wednesday, November 11, 2009 for all visitors in honor of current members and retired members of the United States armed forces and their families. Free admission is being observed by all public lands managed by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture.

This fee free day has been observed since 2006 when former Secretary of Interior Dirk Kempthorne made the announcement. Waiving entrance fee waivers to all public lands on Veterans Day is one way to show appreciate for the millions of men and women who fight to keep America's public lands accessible to all Americans.

Fees being waived for Veterans Day includes the fees associated with entrance into the park only. All other fees associated with camping, lodging, or activities within the park are not waived. The fee waiver is good for Veterans Day only. (K Cobb 11/9/09)

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### **Weekly Construction Update for the week of November 8, 2009**

The new Integrated Utilities Phase 3B contractor, Mozingo Construction inc will begin mobilizing equipment and material into the Camp 6 area this week. The contractor will begin work in both the Ahwahnee Hotel and the Camp 6 areas in the next few weeks. This project includes a new sewer lift station near the Ahwahnee Hotel, a new utility corridor under the existing road from the Ahwahnee Hotel to the Village, and also removal of old/abandoned utilities from the sensitive resource areas. (D Coon 11/9/09)

### **Acting Designations**

Kristina Rylands, Acting Planning Division Chief, will be out of the park November 9th thru the 11th. Jim Bacon will be the Acting Division Chief for Planning and may be reached at 379-1375 or if unavailable you may leave a message with Doyle Harrison at 379-1110.

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Dave Humphrey (379-1029) will be Acting Chief of Resources Management and Science) from November 9-10.

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Sue Beatty (379-3290) will be acting Branch Chief for Vegetation and Ecological Restoration on Nov. 9-10.

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Jim Roche will be the acting Branch Chief for Physical Science and Landscape Ecology November 9-10. Jim can be reached at 379-1446.

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Kent van Wagendonk will be the acting Branch Chief for Physical Science and Landscape Ecology November 12-13. Kent can be reached at 379-1046.

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Jeffrey Trust will be Acting Valley Field Interpretation Supervisor through November 28.

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Tami Barton will be the acting Human Resources Officer until further notice, she can be reached at (209) 379-1810.

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Ed Applying will be acting General Foreman, R&T, Friday, 11/6 thru Sunday, 11/15 while Tim Ludington is away from the park. Ed can be reached at 372-0506 or contact Beth Benitag at 379-1057.

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I am out of the office on travel and leave from November 2nd till the 10th. During this time please contact Sheri Ogden with any Lands Program related issues or questions (S McCabe)

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Shane Sims Acting Safety Officer Nov 2-11 he can be reached at 379-1209

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Tolley Gorham will be the acting Communications Branch Chief October 15, 2009 til November 9, 2009. He can be reached at 379-1092.

## **Community News**

The team at Hotel Charlotte is thrilled to have Bill Manville on board to lead our **3-day Writers Workshop, Writing to get Published on March 23, 24 & 25, 2010**. This is a three-day course, with a new lesson and writing assignment each night. The only prerequisite is a love of reading, a desire to write and get yourself published by a big New York house.

Pricing & Details:

Dates: March 23, 24 & 25

Price: \$129 book by 12/31/2009 (includes welcome dinner)

\$159 book 1/1/2010 or later (includes welcome dinner)

\$49 per individual day

\$29 Welcome dinner, tax and tip included

Program price includes three days of the Bill Manville workshop, Bill's guide Writing to Get Published Student's Hand-book, Lunch all 3 days, and a Welcome dinner on Monday, 3/23. (Hotel Charlotte 11/9/09)

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**2010 Yosemite National Park Calendar Sale at Yosemite Bookstore.** Yosemite Association is creating its own stimulus package by offering our beautiful, standard sized, 2010 Yosemite National Park calendar for only \$5.95, while supplies last. Calendars are available at the YA EIPortal Warehouse and on the Web store, as well. The perfect gift, now at a perfect price. With the potential 2010 merging of Yosemite's cooperating agencies, this may be a collectable. (Tom Arfsten 11/9/09)

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**Lunch Coordinator & Courier: Full-time, temporary position available** Dec. 2009 through June 2010 with Yosemite Institute. Responsible for the preparation, proper storage, and service of quality lunches and overnight backpack food. No cooking experience necessary. This person is also responsible for the transportation of lunches and interoffice supplies between Yosemite Institute facilities. Must pass background check and have valid drivers license. Excellent benefit package and work environment. \$11.00 to \$12.00/hr DOE. Deadline to apply Nov. 16th. Email resume to [syager@naturebridge.org](mailto:syager@naturebridge.org) or fax to 379-9510. Questions: 379-9514 ext 20. EOE. (P Lovegreen Schmidt 11/9/09)

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**Groveland this week, and a tad beyond**

11/15 Quaffing the Coast— a Sommelier hosted dinner: *Sonoma County* at Hotel Charlotte [www.HotelCharlotte.com/quaffing.html](http://www.HotelCharlotte.com/quaffing.html) Lynn 209-962-6455. Quaffing the coast pairs our favorite Sommelier, Nicole Darracq's wine choices with Victor's great menus and a whole new area of California, the coast wine regions. This dinner pairs with Sonoma County wines. Seats remain, reserve yours today. Get a 10% discount for a table of 10. Not valid with other discounts. (Hotel Charlotte 11/9/09)

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**Yosemite Association Holiday Open House, Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 4pm till 6pm/Warehouse Sale 12pm till 6pm, 5020 El Portal Road (across from the Post Office):** Come celebrate the holiday season at YA's annual open house. Refreshments, hot beverages, and good company provided. The warehouse will be hosting a 15% sale on all regularly priced merchandise, 25% for members. Merchandise from the Yosemite Indian Museum Store will be available. (C King 11/9/09)

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**Need Community Participants to Volunteer for Bracebridge Performances at the Ahwahnee:** At this time of year we want all interested Valley residents to register to participate in non-speaking parts as Villagers, Forest Folk, and Litter Bearers in the Bracebridge Dinners at The Ahwahnee. Even if you have registered last year or in past years, please contact us again. We must renew our listings every year. This year, very limited and set number of Forest Folk per dinner show performance will be needed. Also, costumes will be given out on a first come-first serve basis, so sign up soon. Families and people of all ages are welcome. Children **MUST** be accompanied by a parent. No exceptions.

New performance pattern and schedule this year includes December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. You are not required to participate in all the dinners but necessary to perform in as many as possible, preferably at least 4 nights. You will be required to attend a rehearsal scheduled at a later date prior to the first performance (TBA). Performances and waiting periods during the evening are long, and you may need to kneel and be in reasonably good shape! But, your contribution to the glorious Christmas pageantry is voluntary, you will have beautiful memories and be provided with a hearty Dinner Buffet.

Sign up TODAY with Cynthia McFann, Sales Manager for DNC at (559) 692-8951. Leave a voice-mail with name, mailing address, phone number, and work unit, or email [cmcfann@dncinc.com](mailto:cmcfann@dncinc.com) PRIOR to November 13th. She will send you the required paperwork to be completed and turned in promptly. Completed paperwork turned in on time, gives a First come-first serve status for costumes. Please understand that no additions to the cast will occur past the November 13th deadline. Thank you all for your contributions throughout the years. Hope you can join us this year. (M Miller 11/9/09)

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Entries must be in by 7:00am the day of publication. There are no weekend or holiday editions. Submissions: email [yose\\_daily\\_report@nps.gov](mailto:yose_daily_report@nps.gov)  
Yosemite's *Daily Report* is an internal memorandum of long standing intended to provide timely administrative information needed for daily park operations. The primary purpose of the report is to serve as a communication tool for park management to pass specific operational information to field employees of Yosemite National Park, park partners, concessioners, and related government agencies in a fast and efficient manner and offer a format for interdivisional, interagency, and general intra-park notifications. Although the *Daily Report* is intended exclusively as an internal memorandum, it is posted here in an effort to extend timely operational information to the communities surrounding the park