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Week of  
**July 24-30, 2023**

## WEEKLY UPDATE

### YOSEMITE & BEYOND QUICK CONTACTS

Yosemite Road Conditions	(209) 372-0200, press 1, press 1 <a href="https://www.nps.gov/yose/index.htm">https://www.nps.gov/yose/index.htm</a>
Yosemite Public Information Office	(209) 372-0200, press 3, press 5 <a href="https://www.nps.gov/yose/index.htm">https://www.nps.gov/yose/index.htm</a>
Yosemite Lodging, Concessions & Restaurants	(888) 413-8869 <a href="https://www.travelyosemite.com/">https://www.travelyosemite.com/</a>
Yosemite Camping Reservations	(877) 444-6777 <a href="https://www.recreation.gov/">https://www.recreation.gov/</a>
CA Road Conditions (outside Yosemite)	(800) 427-7623 <a href="https://roads.dot.ca.gov/">https://roads.dot.ca.gov/</a>
Sequoia/Kings Canyon Road Conditions	(559) 565-3341, press 1, press 1 <a href="https://www.nps.gov/seki/index.htm">https://www.nps.gov/seki/index.htm</a>

### YOSEMITE DELAYS, PROJECTS & CONSTRUCTION

<b>Glacier Point Road Delays</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Construction crews will continue to work on the 15-mile-long Glacier Point Road corridor between Chinquapin and Glacier Point. Crews will be working at multiple locations along the road between 6AM and 9PM, with alternating one-way traffic control and up to 30-minute delays. The 30-minute delays will occur Monday thru Friday and continue thru August 31st, 2023.</li></ul>
<b>Pika Fire Update</b>  <b>Location:</b> Just west of North Dome <b>Elevation:</b> 7,100' <b>Discover date:</b> June 29, 2023 <b>Size:</b> 818 acres <b>Cause:</b> Lightning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The southern and eastern areas of the fire perimeter are contained. The fire has exhibited moderate growth with some isolated active pockets northwest of North Dome. Crews remain onsite to ensure the fire stays within the current perimeter and will continue to monitor for the coming weeks. Trail closures will continue to be in effect, impacting short sections of the North Dome Trail and Lehamite Creek.</li><li>Smoke from the Pika Fire are expected to impact Yosemite Valley in the evenings and overnight with conditions improving as smoke lifts during the late mornings. Impacts may also be seen in the trails in the park and surrounding communities of Foresta, Groveland, El Portal, and Lee Vining".</li></ul>
<b>Mist Trail Repair: July 10th - November 2nd</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Lower Mist Trail - from the John Muir Trail (JMT) junction (just uphill from the Vernal Fall Footbridge) to the top of Vernal Fall - will be closed M-TH between 7:00am and 3:30pm from 7/10/23 – 11/2/23 (subject to change). The trail will be open on Labor Day and</li></ul>

	<p>Columbus Day. The trail will remain open Fridays and on weekends. It is expected to be open overnight, however there may be certain days when trail crew is not able to make it safe to open overnight. In that case, the gates will remain closed, and signs will be posted at the two closure gates that the trail is closed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hikers and backpackers headed to Little Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and points beyond from the trailhead at Happy Isles may hike uphill on the Mist Trail if they reach the Mist Trail/JMT junction by 7:00am, Monday through Thursday. Otherwise, they must hike the JMT.</li> </ul>
<b>The Merced Grove is Closed for Restoration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small diameter conifers, hazard trees, and dead and downed wood are currently being removed to reduce wildfire risk to the sequoias and firefighters as preparation for the first prescribed fire in and around the grove. The grove will be closed for 2.5 months during the restoration for visitor and worker safety.</li> </ul>
<b>Valley-wide Continuous Flow Intersection Improvement Project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sentinel Drive remains closed for construction. Completion of work depends on the readiness of labor and availability of equipment and materials.</li> </ul>
<b>Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus Stop Improvements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The NPS contractor continues work at seven sites for new pavement construction in Yosemite Village, Curry Village, and on Happy Isles Loop. Disruption and delays in traffic circulation are to be expected. The contractor is authorized to conduct traffic control operations Monday through Thursday.</li> </ul>
<b>Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Until further notice, working charging stations are limited to eight at Yosemite Valley Lodge, two at the Ahwahnee Hotel, one at the Village Store, and two between the El Portal market and gas station.</li> </ul>
<b>Riverbank Restoration Between Sugar Pine Bridge and Ahwahnee Bridge, June through August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Vegetation and Ecological Restoration branch will be conducting riverbank restoration work between Sugar Pine Bridge and just past Ahwahnee Bridge from June-August.</li> </ul>
<b>Wawona and Yosemite Valley Wildfire Protection Project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As part of an ongoing hazardous fuels reduction project to protect communities, increase forest resilience, and decrease risk to firefighters and the public, small trees and dead and down wood will be removed in Wawona and Yosemite Valley. In Wawona, crews will be working along North Side Drive between Middle Brother and El Capitan picnic area and between El Capitan woodlot and Pohono Bridge</li> </ul>

## SHUTTLE BUSSES & PERMITS

<b>Park Shuttle Buses</b> <a href="https://www.travelyosemite.com/discover/travel-tips/shuttles/">https://www.travelyosemite.com/discover/travel-tips/shuttles/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hours of operation:</b> 7am – 10pm</li> <li>• See the current Yosemite Guide for shuttle route</li> </ul>
<b>Yosemite Wilderness Permit Information</b> <a href="NPS.gov/Yose/PlanYourVisit/WildPermits.htm">NPS.gov/Yose/PlanYourVisit/WildPermits.htm</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://Recreation.gov">Recreation.gov</a>, (209) 372-0740</li> </ul>

## BASS LAKE AREA (SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST)

<b>Bass Lake Ranger District Office</b> <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/sierra">https://www.fs.usda.gov/sierra</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (559) 877-2218</li> <li>57003 Road 225, North Fork, CA 93643</li> <li>Monday – Friday, 8am – 4:30pm</li> <li>Updated trail, camping and misc. information</li> </ul>
<b>Bass Lake Ranger Oakhurst Office</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NOW OPEN!</b></li> <li>Tuesday - Saturday, 8:30am – 4:30pm</li> </ul>
<b>Bass Lake Campground Office</b> <b>(Sierra Recreation)</b> <a href="http://www.Recreation.gov">www.Recreation.gov</a> , type in search bar “Bass Lake California” and select “Sierra National Forest”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (559) 642-3212</li> <li>39900 Road 222, Bass Lake, CA 93604</li> <li>Memorial Day through Labor Day, 9am – 5pm</li> <li>Campground reservations and information</li> </ul>
<b>Bass Lake Recreation Day Use Areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OPEN</b></li> </ul>
<b>Sierra National Forest Wilderness Permits</b> <a href="http://www.Recreation.gov">www.Recreation.gov</a> , type in search bar “Sierra National Forest Wilderness Permit”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (559) 855-5355</li> <li>PO Box 559, Prather, CA 93651</li> <li>Must apply for permits online</li> </ul>
<b>SNF – Nelder Grove of Giant Sequoias</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CLOSED - Forest Order No. 05-15-00-23-14</b></li> </ul>