Vacation Races | National Park Half Marathon Series



## **EVENT SCHEDULE**

FRIDAY

Race Expo & Bib Pickup Starts *We cannot accommodate runners before 10 am	10:00 am
Race Expo ends	6:00 pm
Bib Pickup ends	7:00 pm

#### **SATURDAY**

NOTE: All runners will access this event via shuttles in the Oakhurst and Bass Lake areas. See <u>page 6</u> for a full parking and shuttle info.

Parking lots open	4:00 am
First shuttles load	4:15 am
Morning bib pickup opens at start line	4:45 am
National Anthem	5:55 am
<b>RACE STARTS -</b> Rolling waves begin	6:00 AM
Last Oakhurst shuttle loads	6:40 am
Spectator & return shuttles begin Round-trip from Oakhurst to finish line	8:00 am
Awards Ceremony	9:15 am



We are so excited to invite you back for the Yosemite Half Marathon 2023 race! I know I speak for our many

area businesses that this is one of our favorite events of the year.

Blake, our resident Bald Eagle at Bass Lake, will be keeping an "eagle" eye on you as you race along the shoreline around Bass Lake.

On June 30, 1864 amidst the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Yosemite Grant Act. This Act set aside Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove for preservation and public use, thus creating the first National Park.

Yosemite's unmatched beauty attracts millions of people each year. Although it may appear timeless and enduring, the area is fragile and constantly changing. Every visitor is a steward and has a responsibility to protect the area for future generations. As a race participant we trust in your support of this endeavor.

If this is your first time here I hope you'll enjoy your visit as you explore and discover what Yosemite, Bass Lake and Madera County has to offer. If you have been here before, welcome home. How lucky we all are to get to share in the ownership of this land, established and preserved "For the benefit and enjoyment of the people!"

All of us here wish the runners great success and hope all participants take advantage of what this area has to offer.

Good luck to you all and welcome back!! Sincerely,

Khonela Salubury Rhonda Salisbury, CEO

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Oakhurst Visitor Center: 559-683-4636 www.YosemiteThisYear.com

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# EVENT SCHEDULE

## 10:00 AM

RACE EXPO & BIB PICKUP -

The expo will be held at Recreation Point at Bass Lake, CA. The expo will be open from 10am-6pm, but you'll be able to pick up your bib until 7pm. **BYOB: Our expo is bag-free so don't forget to Bring Your Own Bag!** 

6:00 pm

Race Expo Ends Bib pickup ends

7:00 pm

5:58 am

Sunrise

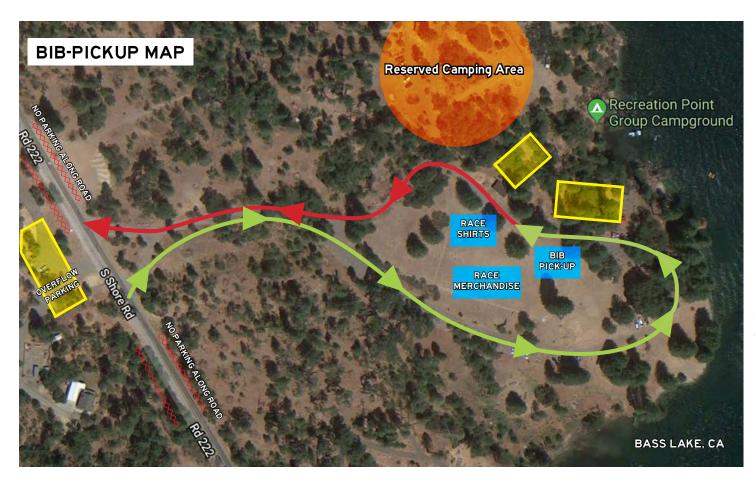
## RACE DAY SHUTTLES & PARKING

Check <u>page 6</u> for shuttle loading times, event parking locations, and parking maps.

## SATURDAY, MAY 6

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4:00 am	4:15 am	4:45 am	5:15 am	5:50 am	5:55 am	6:00 am	8:00 AM	9:15 am	10:30 am
Oakhurst parking lots open	First shuttles load at: - Oakhurst - Millers Landin - The Forks - VR Campgrout		Last shuttle leaves from Oakhurst to start line	Last call for Gear Check	National Anthem	HALF MARATHON STARTS	Spectator & return shuttles begin to/from the finish line	Awards Ceremony	Finish Line Cutoff

\*This is the only shuttle time for Millers landing, The Forks, and VR Campground/Recreation Point. Don't be late!



## MAP LEGEND

- Entrance path
- Exit path
- Bib and merchandise tents
- Campground
- Parking Areas

## **EXPO PARKING**

There will be plenty of parking near the expo as shown on the map. The camping area is only open to those who reserved a campsite through Vacation Races in advance.

*Want to avoid lines?* Pick up your bib during off hours between 10-1pm and 3-6pm.



## **BIB PICKUP DETAILS**

*Expo Bib Pickup:* Friday, May 5th from 10am - 6pm | <u>Recreation Point Campground</u> (400073 Rd 222, Bass Lake, CA) *Race Morning:* Saturday, May 6th starting at 4:45am| Pick-up at the start line via shuttle

This is the same location as the finish line. At the expo you can pick up your bib, race shirt, and other gear. Plan to stay for a while and shop our other vendors and sponsors! Bib pickup will be available until 7:00 pm (you can also get your bib race morning at the start line). When you pick up your packet at the expo, we encourage you to Bring Your Own Bag! To keep in line with our tradition of waste elimination and conservation of the land, all Vacation Races expos are completely bagless! If you would like to purchase a reusable, foldable bag, we'll have them available at our merchandise store.

\*See <u>page 6</u> for race-day parking & shuttles.

## VACATION RACES CAMPGROUND



For those with a reserved campsite, you will check in with our campground host. Campground check-in begins Thursday, May 4th at 3:00 pm. Check-out by Sunday, May 7th at 9:00 am <u>at the latest</u>. If you rented a tent, please return it before the check-out deadline to help us stay on schedule.

A shuttle will be provided to take you from the campground to the start line on race morning.

*Location:* <u>Recreation Point Campground</u> 400073 Rd 222, Bass Lake, CA (next to both bib pickup and the finish line)

Mandatory shuttle time for campers: Shuttles will leave from Rec Point at 4:15am sharp. If you miss this shuttle, you will need to drive into Oakhurst and take the later shuttles to the start line. The finish line is located near the campground, so you do not need a return shuttle.

\*For additional race morning details, see page 6.

#### **RACE VOLUNTEERS & STAFF**



During the event if you need help, look for the blue shirts! Our lovely volunteers will have VOLUNTEER somewhere on their shirt. Our volunteers are just that, unpaid volunteers who are here to help where they can. Even if you have a bad day, please do not yell at our volunteers. We love them and could not produce our races without them. Please consider volunteering for one of our races in the future.

Those responsible for the event will be identified with STAFF, CREW, or MARKETING somewhere on their shirt. You can yell at them :) They know every in and out of the race and should be able to answer any question you might have. If not, they can find it quickly.

Members of our Civilian Production Corp (CPC) are paid race committee members who help produce the race (shirts labeled CREW). We are always looking for new members of the CPC. If you are interested in joining, please apply at <u>vacationraces.com/programs-and-initiatives/civilian-production-corps.</u>

#### **OFFICIAL RACE MERCHANDISE**

## **MERCH TENT HOURS & MORE**

RACE EXPO/FRIDAY: 10:00am - 6:00pm SATURDAY: 8:00am - shortly after the finish line closes

We have a wide variety of options to commemorate your accomplishment of running this race! Beach hoodies, t-shirts, sweatshirts, tank tops, water bottles, stickers, hats, bags, and posters will all be available for you to browse and buy!

*Didn't get your merch?* You can find any remaining inventory online following the event. Please allow time for us to update the store.

ONLINE STORE: <u>www.store.vacationraces.com</u>



## Featured Designer: Ruth Bury

Ruth got her start on Graphic Design after being inspired by the historic events and overall 'look' of the 1984 Olympics in L.A. She graduated from the Colorado Institute of the Arts.

Over the years Ruth has become an avid runner and has joined us for 9 Vacation Races events and counting!

Plus, more exclusive race designs from Ruth and other artists available at the merch tent!



## **RUNNING GEAR & VR EXCLUSIVE MERCH**



Prices are subject to change.



#### COURSE

The race will be starting at the Pines Resort and running the first 3 miles in

counterclockwise direction along the north side of the lake. This is a nice paved road with slight rolling hills and beautiful lake views the whole time. Around mile 2.25 the course will turn right running along the south side of the lake. The first Aid Station will be just before mile 3.

Around mile 4 the course will turn right, taking a slight detour with a short little climb for approximately 1/2 mile about 3/4 of the way up the hill you will turn right onto a dirt forest service road that will take you down a beautiful dirt road with a little downhill descent as turn right back onto the south side of the lake. There will be a full service Aid Station as you turn back onto the road that will include cut up bananas and oranges.

The next few miles will be flat windy roads overlooking the lake. Around mile 8.5 you will make a U-turn heading back along the lake to the finish line. You will pass 3 more Aid Stations along the way. Mile 8.7, mile 10 and mile 12. As you approach the finish line you will take a right into Little Denver Church picnic area. From here the course will cross over a small bridge and finish along the shores of the lake at Recreation Point.



## ELEVATION

You can see the elevation map on the next page. The course has a little elevation bump between mile 4 and 6.5 The rest

of the course is fairly flat with some very slight rollers. The total race gain is 806 ft. with max elevation of 3,743 ft.



#### TIMING

All masters and overall awards will be based on gun time. If you plan to compete for these top spots you will need to line up at the front of the line. All age divisions and team awards will be based on chip time. If you are standing towards the back, it may be a few minutes before you cross the start line. Your time does not officially start until you cross the starting line, so please be courteous to others as we start the race. If you will be walking, please start near the back of your group to help avoid congestion crossing the starting mat. There will also be a timing mat placed at the turnaround spot at mile 8.5 to make sure all runners have ran the full course.



#### PACERS

Pacers will line up at the start line around 5:30 am. There will be a pacer pacing the race in 10 minute intervals starting at a 1h40m pace up to 2h30m. We will also have a

2h45m, 3h, and 3h30m pacer. Please seed yourself near the time you expect to finish.



#### **GEAR CHECK**

You may use a gear check bag at the starting line area and fill it with anything you want transported to the finish line. The truck with Gear check bags will leave 10 minutes before the race starts to transport all bags back to the finish line. There will be white garbage bags and permanent markers you can use to write your name and bib number. Avoid putting valuables in your bag. We'll have an area at the start line to collect your gear check bags.

\*Gear check bags will be available at the finish line as soon as the first person finishes. If you do not pick up your bag, we will hold onto them for one week only and you may contact us to claim it.

### **CLOTHING ON COURSE**

At the first aid station, we will have a bin to place any layers of clothing you'd like to shed. Clothing dropped off at this aid station will be picked up when the last runner has passed it. Depending on when you started, you may have to wait for your clothing at the finish. Anything else found along the course will not be brought to the finish. Clothing not picked up by noon will no longer be claimable

## **NO LITTERING**

AID STATIONS + We will have aid stations near miles 2.75, 4, 7, 8.75, 10, and 12. All aid stations will have bathrooms, water + Gnarly Hydrate, and Honey Stinger energy gels. Mile 7 and 10 will also have oranges and bananas. There will be basic first aid needs at each aid station, but the EMT will be at Mile 7.

#### **CUP-FREE RACING**

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CUP ON COURSE. Although we don't have cups on the course, we have plenty of aid stations with water and Gnarly Hydrate! At all aid stations we will have BLUE COOLERS WITH WATER and RED COOLERS WITH GNARLY HYDRATE (ELECTROLYTE DRINK). Both will have the same speed valves attached. So at each aid station you will have your choice of water or Gnarly Hydrate.

## TIME LIMIT



All runners will have 4 hours to finish the race. That is a 18.5 minute mile plenty of time for walkers! If at anytime we deem it unsafe and need to pull a runner off the course we would hope for understanding and immediate cooperation. Failure to comply will result in being banned from future events.



#### WAVE START

A wave start will help us organize the race and prevent overcrowding on

the course. When you line up to start the race, look at the color noted on your bib, and for signs at the start to determine where to stand. Waves are grouped based on expected finish time each runner indicated when registering for the race. We will space the waves out a few minutes at the starting line, so please be patient.

Blue Wave: 1:00-1:55 Green Wave: 1:55-2:05 Yellow Wave: 2:15-2:25 Lt Blue Wave: 2:25-2:35

Purple Wave: 2:35-2:45 Red Wave: 2:45-3:00 Orange Wave: 2:05-2:15 Pink Wave: 3:00-3:30 Dk Green Wave: 3:30-4:00

Waves are assigned based on estimated finish time which was provided at the time of registration. We do not police the waves and will not strictly enforce them, so you are free to run in a different wave if you NEED to. Please stick to your assigned wave unless you absolutely need to switch.



#### **RECOVERY FOOD BOX**

At the finish line we will have a

recovery box (full of recovery snacks), bananas, and chocolate milk, as well as water and Gnarly Hydrate. Please help yourself to one box, chocolate milk, and banana per runner. In an attempt to reduce waste, we will provide a place to trade/leave any unwanted snack items.



#### STROLLERS

Strollers are welcome on our course, but please make sure you're comfortable using your stroller on steep hills. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the course, and be courteous to other runners by starting your

race in the last wave.



## They are a liability that our insurance Keep in mind that dogs are not

allowed on the shuttles, either.

## PARKING & SHUTTLES

We will have plenty of parking to accommodate all of our runners.

However, there will be no parking at the start line or finish line. All runners will be shuttled to the start line. We will then have return shuttles back to all shuttle pickup points.

#### VR Campground, Miller's Landing, or The

Forks: Shuttles will pick you up from your location at 4:15am. Do not be late! If you miss this shuttle time, you will need to drive into Oakhurst and catch the shuttle there.

**Oakhurst Shuttle & Parking Locations:** You may walk to the Fairfield Inn parking lot shuttle stop OR park in one of the available lots listed below for the shuttle behind Yosemite High School:

- LDS Church, 49967 High School Rd
- Parking area in front of Yosemite High School
- Oakhurst Evangelical Church

\*See the following page (pg. 6) for a full parking map and details.

## SPECTATOR INFO

Unfortunately, this is not a very spectator-friendly course. Because of

the significant amount of road control, spectators are not allowed anywhere around Bass Lake. Spectators are encouraged to be at the finish line to cheer on all our runners. They can park in designated parking near the finish line (Day- use Areas along Rd 222), or the same parking lots the runners use in Oakhurst and be shuttled back and forth.

The shuttles begin running at 8:00 am, so spectators may need to walk from the nearby lots if their runner will finish before that time. Aside from the Oakhurst parking lots, the walk to the finish is less than a mile from parking. Note: The runner area is for runners only! Please do not enter the runner area or partake of runners' food

**COURSE RECORDS** 

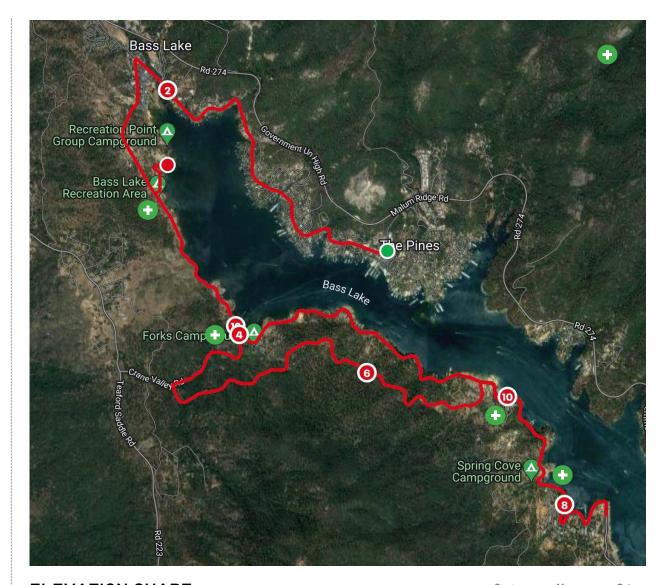
We are running a new and alternate course this year, which means no records have been set. Our course record holders receive a FREE RACE ENTRY every year that their time remains the course record!

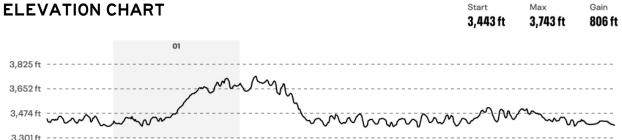


## MEDALS & AGE DIVISIONS

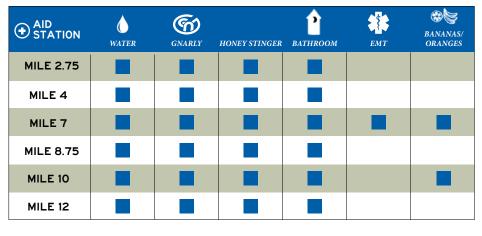
Place medals will be given to the top 5 male, female, and non-binary runners overall, as well as the Masters 40+ group. Additionally, the top 5 in each of the following age groups will also receive a place medal: 11 and younger, 12-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75 and older. We do not yet offer non-binary age group awards.

\*\*There will be finisher medals for everyone who finishes the race.





## **AID STATIONS CHART**



## AID STATION LOCATIONS

#### PHOTOGRAPHER ON COURSE

In addition to the finish line, our race photographers will be located on course taking photos of runners. Race photos are offered to our runners for FREE! As a heads up to runners, there will be signs or flags on the course to let runners know they are coming up on photographers. You know, just in case you wanted to freshen up, wipe away any snot, pick up the pace or otherwise pose for the photo :)

### HALF MARATHON PARKING AND FINISH LINE STAGING



MAP KEY

Runner Parking Areas
Runner Shuttle Pickup
Runner Drop Off Areas

## THERE IS NO PARKING AT THE START LINE.

ALL RUNNERS MUST TAKE A SHUTTLE ON RACE MORNING.

## **RACE DAY PARKING & SHUTTLES**

THERE IS NO PARKING OR DROP OFF AT THE START LINE. All runners will need to be shuttled to the start and back from the finish line. To reach the start line, all runners will park and load shuttles based on their location and departure time. Please make the effort to be on time.

#### OAKHURST SHUTTLE DETAILS:

PARKING LOTS OPEN: 4:00am

START LINE SHUTTLES RUN: 4:15am - 5:15am RETURN SERVICE? Yes, round-trips beginning at 8:00am. Spectator

service to the finish and service for all from the finish.

Yosemite High School Shuttle Stop (Open to all runners & spectators): You may park in one of these available lots and then walk to shuttle pickup behind Yosemite High School (shown on the map above):

- 1 LDS Church, 49967 High School Rd
- 2 Parking area along High School Rd in front of Yosemite High School
- 3 Oakhurst Evangelical Church

#### Fairfield Inn Shuttle Stop (Walking distance only):

Runners staying at the Fairfield Inn or nearby may walk over and take the shuttles located in front of the hotel. Other hotels within walking distance include: Hampton Inn Express, Holiday Inn, Best Western, Yosemite Southgate Hotel, and more. This is a shuttle pickup only and does NOT have event parking. It is intended just for runners staying in the immediate area.

## DROP OFF

If you are dropping a runner off, please drop them off in the front driveway of Oakhurst Elementary School or at the Jehovah's Witness parking lot: 50031 High School Rd, Oakhurst, CA. Runners will then walk over to the shuttle loading area behind Yosemite High School.

#### FINISH LINE AND AWARDS

- Shuttles will depart from the finish line starting at 8:00 am. They will take runners and spectators to and from the shuttle areas in Oakhurst. They will return runners only to the Bass Lake locations, but will not provde spectator service there.
- At the finish line we will have a food box (full of recovery snacks), bananas, and chocolate milk. Please help yourself to <u>one</u> food box,

#### BASS LAKE AREA SHUTTLE DETAILS:

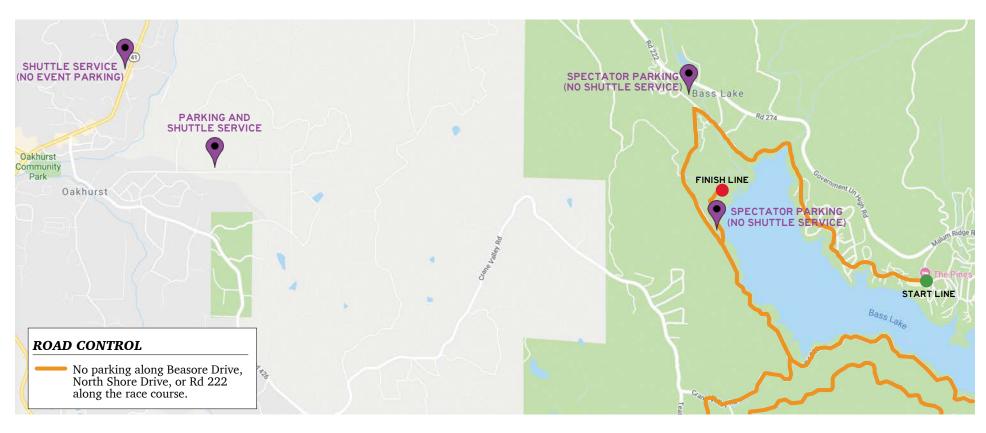
PARKING LOTS OPEN: 4:00am START LINE SHUTTLE: 4:15am ONLY! RETURN SERVICE? Yes, beginning at 8:00am. Runner drop-off only from the finish line.

*Vacation Races Campground, Miller's Landing, or The Forks:* There will be shuttle service to the start line loading and <u>leaving at 4:15 am sharp from</u> <u>your location</u>. Regardless of what wave you are assigned to, you will need to ride the shuttles at this time. These will be the ONLY shuttles leaving from these Bass Lake area locations. If you miss this departure time you will need to drive to Oakhurst, park, and catch a later shuttle. There will be service back to these locations from the finish line. Please confirm transportation to the start line and back from the finish line when you check in at these specific places.

There will be NO SPECTATOR SHUTTLE service from any of these locations. Spectators will need to find their own way to the finish to cheer for their runners.

chocolate milk, and banana per runner. There will be water at the finish line, but no cups. Please use your Nathan reusable cup or water bottle to fill up at the finish line.

- If you checked gear at the start of the race, you will be able to pick it up near the finish line area.
- Our event photographers will be at the finish line taking photos of runners. This photo as well as the course photos will be made available FOR FREE!
- The awards ceremony will take place near the finish line at 9:15 am.
- Merchandise will be available at the finish line, as well as possible medal engraving.



## SPECTATOR PARKING & SHUTTLES

Unfortunately, this is not a very spectator-friendly course. Because of the significant amount of road control, spectators are not allowed on Beasore Drive and anywhere around Bass Lake will cause too much congestion. Spectators are not allowed at the start line or along the course, but are encouraged to be at the finish line to cheer on all our runners. Keep in mind that parking immediately near the finish line is limited.

The following areas are where spectators may park:

- Designated day-use parking areas near the finish line along Rd 222
- The corner lot of Rd 274 and Rd 222

- The same parking lots that runners will use in Oakhurst. Take a shuttle to the finish and avoid the hassle!

Spectators should plan to walk to the finish line if they park anywhere at Bass Lake as they are all less than a mile from the finish line.

#### FINISH LINE/SPECTATOR SHUTTLES:

Spectators may park in the runner parking areas in Oakhurst and be shuttled to the finish line beginning at 8:00 am. See page 6 for a more detailed map of where to park if you plan to take a shuttle.

The parking areas are:

- The lot along High School Rd
- At the Oakhurst LDS Church, or Oakhurst Evangelical Free Church and walk over to the shuttle loading area near Yosemite High School (50200 High School Rd).

Following the race, spectators may ride the return shuttle back to the parking lots in Oakhurst. These return shuttles will load and depart from the Bass Lake Recreation Area loop (the same area as the finish line).

## WILL YOUR RUNNER FINISH EARLY?

If your runner is expected to finish before the 8:00am shuttles begin, we advise you to park at the limited Bass Lake locations listed above and walk to the finish.

#### VOLUNTEER

We can't put on a race without our amazing volunteers. Whether you are a spectator along for the trip or a family member that is not running the race, we encourage you to volunteer. Helping out at the race is a meaningful way to pass the time, and you can earn a discount toward a future vacation race (or pass the discount along to your runner friends). Volunteers can help out at the expo or on race day. Sign up online at:

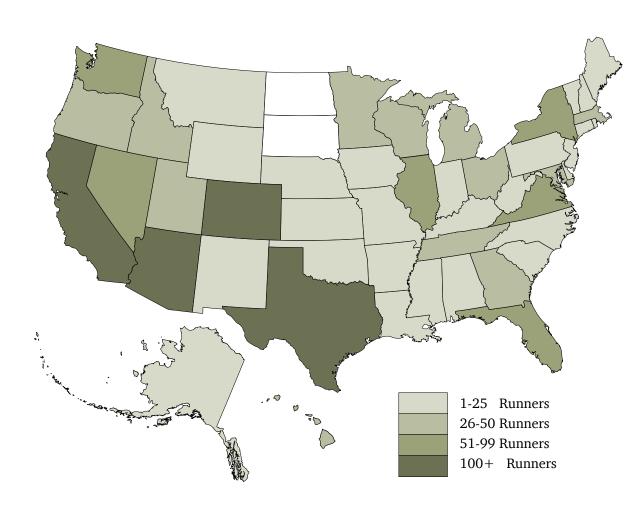
<u>runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/CA/BassLake/yosemitehalf</u> or check to see what positions are available at the expo on Friday. We love our volunteers!

#### **FINISH LINE AREA**

- The runner area is for runners only! Please do not enter the runner area or partake of runners' food or chocolate milk.
- Results will be available about 20 minutes after each runner crosses the finish line. Go to <u>runsignup.com</u> and search for Yosemite Half Marathon and click on the results link in the header.
- The awards ceremony will take place near the finish line at 9:15 am.
- In addition to the expo, the merchandise tent will be set up after the race near the finish line!



#### RUNNER DEMOGRAPHIC



#### **48 STATES**

#### 8 COUNTRIES

USA | AUSTRALIA | BELGIUM | CANADA | DENMARK | GERMANY | GREAT BRITAIN | MEXICO

#### **43 TEAMS**

#RunFam | 40 Club | ALL IN | AZ Max | Bay Area Aloos | Black Men Run | Brentwood's Finest Canadian Gazelles | Crunchwrap Supreme Slay F8 of the Furious | Fencewarmers | Fit Fifty FTTE Runners | Gazelles | Get-er-run | Gremmy Growing the Grassroots | Half Twisted Runners I Hydroloaders | I've Got The Runs | Jogging with the Doctor | McGee's Knees | Miles & Smiles | No Mercy Run Club | Northern MN Runner Gals | Pacific Beach Run Club | Pacific Beach Run Club 2 | Pacific Beach Run Club 3 | Pancakes vs. Waffles | PeakSquad | Pedigrue Crew | Run it back | Runners Knee Hao | Shannon's Squad | So Vai | Speedy Pals | Stanford Liberal Undergraduate Technology Students | Straight Outta Cali | Team Boogie | team jackson | The Collectors | UC.D.A.B | Yo-semites

#### **39% FIRST HALF MARATHON**

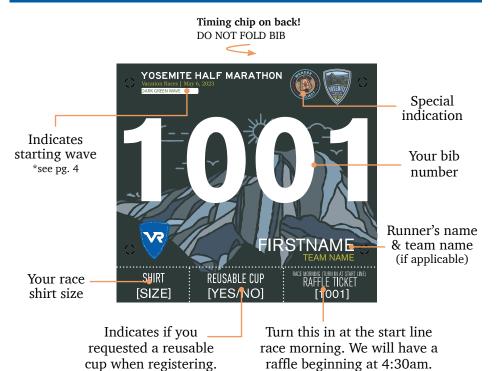
#### 42% FIRST TIME VISITING YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

## AGE DIVISIONS

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#### **BIB DETAILS**



#### NATIVE HISTORY

We believe it's important to understand the history of the land we inhabit and the people who shaped it. We hope these stories can teach us more about our shared histories.

#### FROM AHWAHNEE TO YOSEMITE

Modern-day Yosemite was initially called Ahwahnee by the local Sierra Miwok tribe, which meant "large mouth". They then called themselves Ahwah-ne-chee or "dwellers of Ahwahnee". However, surrounding tribes used the name Yohhe'meti or Yos.s.e'meti to refer to the Ahwahneechee, which translates to "those who kill". After the Mariposa Battalion invaded in 1851,

Yosemite became the recognized name still in use today.

Although the Mariposa Battalion drove them out, Ahwahneechee culture is still found within the valley. You can also visit a reconstructed village available within the National Park that represents Sierra Miwok life. Descendants of the valley's inhabitants still live throughout the area.

Learn more history at www.nps.gov/Yose/learn



## RACE DAY CHECKLIST

#### PRE-RACE DAY

- TRAIN
- Directions to hotel/campsite
- Directions to bib pickup
- Directions to race start/finish
- Photo ID
- Valid Military ID (if you registered with a Military Discount)
   Study the race course

### RACE DAY

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- Bib and timing chip
   Cup Free Hydration (Nathan reusable cup, hand held, water bottle, pack, etc.)
- Running Shoes
- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Hat/Visor
- Recovery plan
- Enjoy the park!

## TIMING SPECIFICS

#### **BEFORE THE RACE**

- Your timing chip is found on the back of your bib.
- You don't have to do anything. The bib chip looks like a sticker on the back of your bib. Do not fold your bib.
- NO CHIP = NO TIME!

#### AFTER THE RACE

- The bib chip is disposable and can be thrown away or left on your bib for you to cherish always.
- All masters and overall awards will be based on gun time. If you plan to compete for these top spots you will need to line up at the front of the line. All age divisions and team awards will be based on <u>chip time</u>. If you are standing towards the back, it may be a few minutes before you cross the start line. Your time does not officially start until you cross the starting line (unless you are competing for an overall top finisher spot), so please be courteous to others as we start the race.

## **CUP-FREE RACING**

Having our races so close to the National Parks, unnecessary waste and trash is something we are strongly against. We are dedicated to maintaining a clean race and preserving the beauty of the area we run in. There is nothing that will ruin a view more than seeing a piece a trash in plain view from a breathtaking landscape.

One of the most important things in a half marathon is ensuring that aid stations are plentiful and efficient. Hydration will make or break a race. What we do is offer a Nathan reusable cup for every runner that indicated they wanted one as part of their registration. Other options include running with a water bottle, running belt, Nathan pack or other hydration backpack, etc. Every runner prefers something different. Just make sure you have some way to stay hydrated!

Although we don't have cups on the course, we have plenty of aid stations with water and Gnarly Hydrate! At all aid stations we will have BLUE COOLERS WITH WATER and RED COOLERS WITH GNARLY HYDRATE (electrolyte drink). Both will have the same speed valves attached. So at each aid station you will have your choice of water or Gnarly Hydrate. Under no circumstances should you put your head under the valve to get a drink. Not only does this waste water, it is unsanitary and pretty inconsiderate of other runners.

There will be water at the finish line, but no cups. *Please use your Nathan reusable cup or water bottle to fill up at the finish line*.



POST-RACE INFO



#### **RACE RESULTS** Results will be available about 20 minutes after each runner crosses the finish line. Go to <u>runsignup</u>. <u>com</u> and search for Yosemite Half Marathon and click on the results link in the header. Or use the QR code here and on the back of your race bib!

We will post a link to the results on Facebook and also send them in a post-race email a day or two after the race. Keep in mind, the results are not official until all runners have crossed the finish line. Because our age group winners are based on chip time, it is possible to cross the finish line before someone else in your age group while still finishing with a slower time than them.

#### **GEAR CHECK**

If you checked gear at the start, you will be able to pick it up nearby the finish line. It should be available once the first runner finishes. We will hold on to gear check bags for one week only.

#### **MEDALS & AWARDS**

All runners will receive a finisher medal. Place medals will be given to the top 5 male, female, and non-binary runners overall as well as the Masters 40+ group. Additionally, the top 5 male and females in each age group and the top 3 teams will also receive a place medal. We will have an Awards Ceremony at 9:15am. If you are not around for the ceremony, we can mail your top finisher award to you (with a shipping fee around \$10).

#### **LOST & FOUND**

- There is no official lost & found. If you lost an item you can contact us at info@vacationraces.com.
- We will hold onto lost items and unclaimed gear check bags for <u>one week</u> only. Please contact us.
- There will be a bin to dump extra clothing at the first aid station. Any clothing found littered on the course elsewhere will be considered trash and either thrown away or donated.

#### **MEDICAL AREA**

The medical area at the finish line is for athletes only; family members are not allowed. Overcrowding in the medical area prevents medical staff from doing their job. For information on an athlete receiving medical attention please wait outside the area for updates.

#### **POST-RACE SURVEY**

Within a week of race day we will be sending out a postrace survey. We would really appreciate it if you took the 8-10 minutes to complete the survey for us. The survey provides us with information that allows us to better work with the local community and gain more support for future races, but more importantly it provides us with valuable insight into what we are doing well and what we need to improve. We love our runners and couldn't improve our race series without your feedback. Please watch for the email.

## **RACE PHOTOS**

All race photos are FREE courtesy of local photographers this year! Photos are typically available the Friday following the race. We will send out an email and post it on Facebook to notify all runners when the photos from the half marathon are available.

#### HOW TO VIEW YOUR PHOTOS

Visit www.runsignup.com, search for the Yosemite and click 'Photos' tab on the header. You will be able to search photos by your bib number. Please note that photos may be split into folders by course location and timeframe.

#### PHOTOS ON COURSE

There will be signs on course to let runners know when a photographer is coming up. You know, just in case you wanted to freshen up, wipe away any snot, and pick up the pace :)

#### **KEEP YOUR BIB VISIBLE**

To be sure you can find your on photos later, wear your bib with the numbers clearly visible on your stomach at all times. Bibs worn on legs are easily obstructed or missed.



### **TRAINING PARTNER**



#### MEET TERRY CHIPLIN

Terry is the creator of Active at Altitude and official training partner of the Vacation Races series. He is a Lydiard running coach and positive running coach; he helps runners switch to a positive mindset and focus before their race, achieving more than they thought they could. He has years of experience and just happens to be one of the nicest guys around.

We couldn't be happier to have Active at Altitude as a part of our race series. Contact Terry Chiplin with any questions regarding training programs for our races.

terry@activeataltitude.com www.activeataltitude.com (303) 304-9159

#### FREE TRAINING PROGRAMS

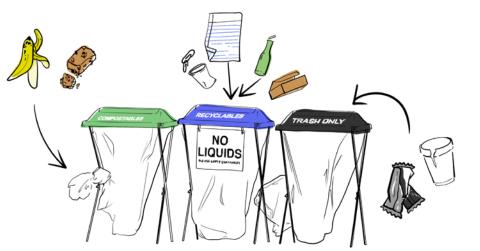
*New Offering!* We are currently rolling out a digital download of our training plans on the Vacation Races website. All you need to do is sign up to immediately unlock a PDF download of your training plan!

As our official partner, Terry offers FREE racespecific training programs for beginner and intermediate runners that you can sign up for online.

The programs are 16 weeks long for beginning runners and 12 weeks long for intermediate runners. They are personalized to the race you're running - giving you structured training strategies for high altitude courses, extended downhill courses, and everything in-between!

## ZERO WASTE STATIONS

We care deeply about keeping the places that we run beautiful which is why we are committed to sending as little waste to the landfill as we possibly can. We do this by setting up "Zero Waste" stations at our events, where you can help us by sorting your trash into the appropriate container.









#### COMPOSTABLES (GREEN LID)

Place your banana and orange peels on the course, and any uneaten food or drink items at the expo or start/finish lines.

#### EMPTY ALL ORGANIC WASTE IN THE GREEN BIN.

#### **RECYCLABLES (BLUE LID)**

Place any plastics with a #1-7 and recycling symbol somewhere on it, aluminum cans, steel cans, paper, cardboard, and any glass items. Please empty any liquids/ food out of the containers into the "compostables", then place the lids back on before recycling.

## EVERYTHING ELSE (BLACK LID)

Place everything else that is non-recyclable and noncompostable waste, such as the wrappers from the items in your post race food box, used gel packets, or styrofoam.

## **RACEJOY RUNNER TRACKING**

RaceJoy is a fun way for spectators to interact with their runner during the race. Track your runner's progress, send virtual cheers, etc. Runners that use the app will also be able to hear special messages from the Vacation Races team! We highly recommend both runners and spectators tracking their runner virtually download the app and login separately prior to coming to the event.

## Joy Alert! This Race is in RaceJoy!

## **Key RaceJoy Features!**



Available for Apple

and Android devices

Live Phone Tracking! **GPS Progress Alerts!** Send-a-Cheer! acej

> Share your race experience with supporting friends and family!

## **Download RaceJoy Today!**

**Questions?** Email: support@racejoy.com Website: racejoy.com See RaceJoy Buzz Alerts or FAQ in App Like us on Facebook to see what races are offering RaceJoy!





#### **Live Tracking**

Live phone tracking of up to 50 participants moving along the official course map. Receive NearMe alerts as a participants draws near and use the MeetUp feature to find one another.

#### **Progress Alerts**

GPS-based progress alerts are issued continuously in audio format. Typically these are sent every mile and include pace and estimated finish time.



#### Send-a-Cheer

Send entertaining, motivational audio cheer clips or custom personal messages with text-to-cheer.

The race participant must carry their phone and enable tracking on race day.

Note: Make sure the spectator logs in as themselves or RaceJoy will track their phone and not yours.

Participants! Come back on race day and click the Start My Race button as you cross the start line.

Be sure to follow the in-app prompts to ensure proper setup of the various features available to you on race day

If you have any questions about RaceJoy for this race, contact support@racejoy.com. We're happy to help!

## **MEET THE RACE STAFF**



## **LYLE ANDERSON Event Director**

Favorite Course: Lake Powell Favorite Park: Arches National Park Yosemite Activity: Hiking to see Half Dome



#### **MATT CLIFFORD** Director of Race Operations Favorite Course: Glacier Favorite Park: Grand Teton



## BRIDGETTE BARNEY Expo Manager

Favorite Course: Glacier Favorite Park: Glacier National Park Yosemite Activity: Collecting redwood pine cones!



**MEGAN STANLEY** Merchandise Manager

Favorite Course: Rocky Mountain Favorite Park: Rocky Mountain National Park



### Customer Service Favorite Course: Grand Teton Favorite Park: Yosemite

**CARA BARRY** 



#### RACHEL CZUPSKI Merchandise Favorite Course: Mt. Rushmore Favorite Park: Grand Canyon



KATIE TOM Director of Marketing Favorite Course: Glacier Favorite Park: Zion

## **KELLY MIYAHARA**

Race Announcer Favorite Course: I'm joining the team and

still exploring our courses...stay tuned! Favorite Park: Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park

## WANDER PROJECT, VRC, AND NEOCACHING





Wander Project is the official non-profit organization of Vacation Races. Our mission is to engage with athletes and racing events to support local communities through inspired fundraising and service.

We seek to live our values of: inspiration, engagement and support with every athlete, racing event and partner organization we have the opportunity to serve.

By registering for this race, you have the opportunity to support the community in and around this area. All donations will be distributed through a grant process at the end of the year to help address local issues identified by community partners in the area. We are excited to support the communities that inspire us to run!

Wander Projects is an official 501(c)3. Donations made to the Wander Project are tax-deductible.

### **YOSEMITE CHARITY BIBS**

Join Wander Project and our Charity Bib program to run in Vacation Races' events! Raise a minimum of \$1,000 to support the community in and around the National Park and we'll waive your race entry fee. The Charity Bib program is a serious commitment, so if you are considering joining, please don't take this lightly.

As an added bonus for 2023, there will be prizes for the TOP fundraiser at each event. AND, if you are the top fundraiser for the year (this includes charity bibs for all Vacation Races National Park Series events) you will win a race entry for a 2024 half marathon of your choice (this does not include Global Adventures)!

We are also excited to open up a grant process in the areas where we are racing! We are hoping to broaden our reach within these communities and gain a better understanding of the current needs in each area. Since 2015 we have been able to donate over **1 MILLION DOLLARS** with our fundraising efforts to organizations such as Navajo YES!, Friends of the Smokies, and Grand Teton National Park Foundation. With your help, we believe it can be even more!

For more information on how Charity Bibs work, visit: **VACATIONRACES.COM/CHARITYBIBS** 



We'd like to give a shout-out to our amazing 2023 Yosemite charity bib runners who met or exceeded the minimum funds raised this year: YOU INSPIRE US!

Adeline Poris Andrew Kielak Camille Suarez Cate Whitehouse Hayley Hashemi Hope Stark Kimberlee Keast Michelle Kubicki Paige Sullivan Peanut Alvarez-Mena Peter Lipman Rebecca Lipman Sophia Johansen Blake Mayes Breanne Jolly Elizabeth Scott Kathryn Madden Keely Fillman Krista Glotzbach Nicole Cruz Laura Le



## **Become a Yosemite Explorer!**

Earn your Yosemite Explorer Club badge FREE, courtesy of Vacation Races

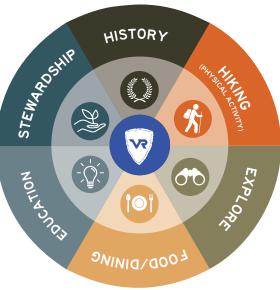
NEW!

We have created this curated Explorer Club scavenger hunt so that you can have as broad or as deep of an experience with the National Parks and the surrounding area as possible. The Explorer Club is full of adventures and experiences you can have here at Yosemite National Park.

Each Explorer Club challenge consists of a variety activities which fit into 6 different categories: *History, Hiking, Explore, Food/Dining, Education,* and

*Stewardship*. You get to choose which activities to do. Each item is worth a certain number of points (with opportunities to "level-up"). The higher the difficulty, the more points the activity is worth. Earn enough points and you earn yourself the official Explorer badge! This scavenger hunt has so many of our favorites in it, whether you have an afternoon or a week in the park you should be able to plan an amazing itinerary with these suggestions.

The Vacation Races event will give you a tiny sampling of the beauty of Yosemite National Park. But there's so much more! In addition to running the race, we hope you take the time to explore these beautiful and diverse protected lands. Whether it's hiking, biking, guided tours, or just a drive through the park, we encourage you to explore Yosemite National Park and its surrounding communities.



#### Here's how to become an Explorer!

We're hosting our curated activities on the Neocaching app. This app is still in development, so we encourage feedback in order to provide you with the best platform for exploration.

- Install the free Neocaching app (<u>www.Neocaching.com</u>)
- Sign-up using the same email address you used to register for the race
- Join the Yosemite Explorer Club challenge and start completing activities
- Earn at least 1,500 points within 7-days of the race and you'll earn a your free Explorer badge! Just use the code: VREXPLORERCLUB



NEOCACHING

## SCAN TO GET THE APP AND START EXPLORING!

NEED HELP NAVIGATING THE PARK? Check out the National Park Service Information Guide (bit.ly/3roMF5f)



Want a taste of the Yosemite Explorer Club scavenger hunt? Here's a sample of the activities available on the app. Bring this page with you as you explore the area and complete activities. Once you've completed 1,500 points worth of activities within 7 days of the race, submit them via the Neocaching app.

Want the full scavenger hunt? Be sure to download the app and plan out our activities in advance!

	CHALLENGE	LEVEL-UP CHALLENGE	POINTS	LEVEL-UP POINTS	SCORE
60	Take a picture in front of the park sign	Share it with the scavenger hunt hashtag #yosemiteexplorer	100	100	
	Drink a craft beer or root beer from Southgate Brewery		100		
00	Drive the scenic road up Glacier Point		100		
	Go to a visitor center	Get bib stamped with cancelation stamp at the visitor center	100	100	
60	Visit Tuolomne Meadows		100		
60	Visit Wawona Swinging Bridge		100		
	Visit Yosemite Madera County Visitor Center		100		
60	Visit Bridalveil Fall		100		
60	Sit and watch climbers on El Capitan		100		
60	Mariposa Grove	Go through the California Tunnel Tree	100	100	
	Visit the Children's Museum of the Sierra		100		
60	Lower Yosemite Falls		100		
60	Drive to Tunnel View		100		
	Find the oldest building in Yosemite Valley	Discover the history of who built it	100	100	
<b>%</b>	Hike the Mist Trail to Nevada Fall	Come back down the John Muir Trail	250	250	
00	See a Grizzly Bear	Leave it alone :)	250	250	
<b>%</b>	Hike to Cathedral Lakes	Jump in!	250	250	
<b>S</b>	Hike to Sentinel Dome		250		
M	Fill a bag with trash		250		
No.	Write a thank you note to the park rangers	Donate to Yosemite Conservancy	250	250	
60	Visit Tuolomne Grove		250		
	Rent a boat and get on the water at Bass Lake		250		
60	Ride the Yosemite Sugar Pine Railroad		250		
	Earn a Junior Ranger Badge		250		
<b>K</b>	Hike up Half Dome		500		
<b>(</b> 37)	Hike Clouds Rest Trail		500		
	Hike the Panorama Trail		500		
All I	Volunteer at a park service project		500		
00	Discover the Milky Way from Tunnel View		500		

Remember to report your score within 7 days of the end of the race by downloading the Neocaching app!

GRAND TOTAL

Here are some of our must do experiences in the park! The first three are suitable for all ages, while the last two are more challenging. Please prepare for all outdoor activities in advance and take care of yourself, the park, and each other!



#### **GIANT SEQUOIAS**

We want you to see a Giant Sequoia tree! There are a few places where you can accomplish this: Mariposa Grove, Nelder Grove (technically outside of Yosemite National Park in Sierra National Forest), Merced Grove (the smallest of Yosemite's 3 Giant Sequoia groves), and Tuolumne Grove (the grove contains a couple dozen mature Giant Sequoias, including one you can walk through).



#### LOWER YOSEMITE FALLS

Part of North America's tallest waterfall, Lower Yosemite Falls is the final 320-foot (98-meter) drop. This short, easy walk from Lower Yosemite Falls Trailhead rewards with spectacular views. This paved loop trail offers different vantage points of Yosemite Falls and Yosemite Creek, and you can stop at the many exhibits to learn more about the natural and cultural history of the area.



#### **GLACIER POINT**

Glacier Point is an overlook with an INCREDIBLE view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, Yosemite Falls, and Yosemite's high country. From the Glacier Point parking and tour unloading area, a short, paved, wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating (some might say unnerving) point 3,214 feet above Curry Village, on the floor of Yosemite Valley.



## NEVADA FALL

Difficulty: Strenuous Total Mileage: 7 mi round-trip Type of Hike: Out and back Elevation Gain: 1,900 ft. Time Required: ~5 hrs.

> Parking Lot Coordinates Latitude: 37.734878 Longitude: -119.566371

Nevada Fall is at the top of the Mist Trail. This is Yosemite's signature hike.

While many of Yosemite's trails are popular due to having a single spectacular destination, the Mist Trail has fabulous views scattered all along it, beginning at the bridge overlook, progressing to two unforgettable waterfalls that fall a combined total of more than 900 feet (270 meters), and ending with perhaps the most striking of all: The view of Nevada Fall, Liberty Cap, and the back of Half Dome from the Muir Trail return segment.

We recommend you go up the Mist Trail and then take the John Muir trail back down for some different views. The trail will then join back into the Mist Trail towards the bottom.



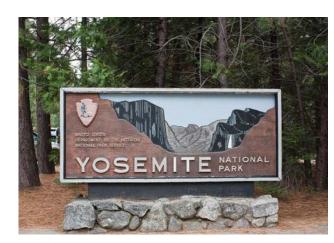
## **CLOUDS REST**

Difficulty: Strenuous Total Mileage: 14.5 mi round-trip Type of Hike: Out and back Elevation Gain: 1,775 ft. Time Required: 6-8 hrs.

> Parking Lot Coordinates Latitude: 37.825735 Longitude: -119.470439

Ready for some switchbacks? This is a strenuous hike and you'll climb a thousand feet in the form of switchbacks about 1.5 miles into it. Pace yourself and pack plenty of fluids. The destination is so rewarding with 360-degree views. If the clouds aren't forming you'll be able to see any number of Yosemite landmarks, including Tenaya Lake, Half Dome, Mt. Hoffman, Sentinel Dome, North Dome, and bits of Cathedral Rocks and El Capitan, plus Merced Lake and dozens of peaks you probably won't be able to name.

For your safety, please avoid this hike when snow can be seen on top of the mountain or when thunderstorms are nearby. Also, springtime historically has higher water flow. Though it's not far from the start of the trailhead, you may have to ford across the Tenaya Lake outlet.



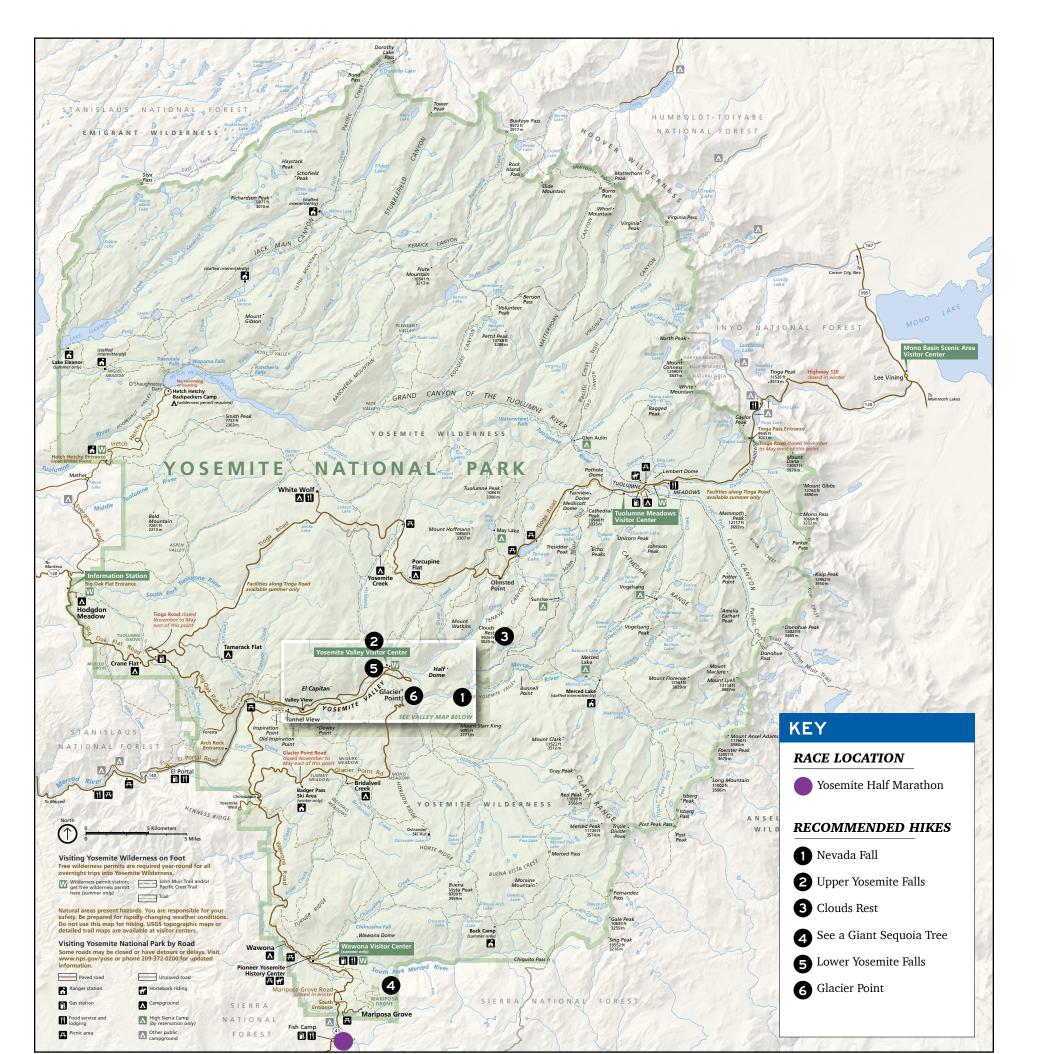
## PARK INFORMATION

Race registration fees do not include park entry. All visitors are required to purchase a pass in order to enter Yosemite National Park. Seniors over 62 can purchase a lifetime pass for just \$20. Active members of the U.S. Military are eligible for a free pass as well as U.S. citizens with permanent disabilities. If you already own a National Park Annual Pass, you're good to go! Otherwise you can purchase one at the park

Hikers can get injured on these hikes, largely due to not fully appreciating their dangers. Please take these hikes seriously, and do not act irresponsibly if you decide to attempt the hike. Make sure you are in condition to complete the hikes and take necessary precautions (bring lots of water, bring food, don't attempt hike in bad weather, don't travel alone, etc.). Please consult the NPS site to plan your hike.

> entrance, or just a single park pass. 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.

> Visit www.nps.gov/yose for more information and to help plan your visit.



## **PLAN YOUR VISIT TO YOSEMITE**

Map provided by www.nps.gov/yose

During the spring in Yosemite, certain roads may still be closed due to snow. Yosemite Valley and Wawona remain accessible by car all year, however the Tioga and Glacier Point Roads may remain closed often until late May. Weather is highly variable, with sunny and relatively warm days, but still an occasional winter storm. Yosemite Valley & Wawona  $(4,000 \text{ ft} / 1,200 \text{ m}): 69^{\circ}\text{F} (21^{\circ}\text{C}) / 39^{\circ}\text{F} (4^{\circ}\text{C})$ 

Hiking: While most of Yosemite remains snowy through May and into June, some hikes from Yosemite Valley, Wawona, and Hetch Hetchy are often snowfree by April, and most are usually snow-free by sometime in May. However, backpacking options are very limited. Always check the weather forecast in your area before beginning your activities.

Information provided by: https://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/spring



We love our National Parks! Since 2012 our company has produced races at the most beautiful places in the country. You can run on road, trails or a mix of both. From 5ks, Half Marathons, Ultramarathons, and multi-day trail running festivals you can discover the beauty of the parks at your own speed.



#### HALF MARATHONS

Our series of half marathons is widely considered some of the best races in the country. While not always on road, these gorgeous but challenging courses follow traditional road racing with aid stations every 2 miles, big and beautiful finisher medals, and all take place immediately next to the parks.

#### **ULTRAMARATHONS**

Our 3 annual ultramarathon races are not to be missed. Each race provides aid stations every 6-9 miles, brutally challenging but incredibly scenic courses, and a race community unlike any other. You can accomplish the challenge of your life with our help.

#### TRAILFEST

This unique event is one you will not soon forget. Trailfest is a 3 day trail-running festival with a central base camp that features a different 11-15 mile course each day in some of the most stunning locations in the country. Grand Circle Trailfest takes place in the heart of North America's most scenic national parks: Bryce Canyon, Joshua Tree, & Grand Canyon in early October. This event is an amazing experience you don't want to miss out on. Activities include trail running (of course), food, live entertainment, and trail running film festival screenings. You will see so much in such a short amount of time, you won't want to leave.

Learn more about all of our events at WWW.VACATIONRACES.COM

#### **GLOBAL ADVENTURES BY VACATION RACES**

Vacation Races has gone international! Yes, you heard that right - we have an entirely new type of event **WHAT'S INCLUDED IN A GLOBAL** called Global Adventures. This is not a traditional one-day racing event like we have put on before. This is an all-inclusive week long running vacation. Buy your plane tickets, get ready for adventure, and we'll take care of the rest! Not only will you have every detail of an international trip planned out for you, but you're sure to make some new friends as we run, hike, boat, zip-line, and eat our way around the globe.



HAND-PICKED

**TRAIL RUNS** 



ADRENALINE-PACKED ACTIVITES



CULTURAL **EXCURSIONS** 



PASSIONATE **STAFF & GUIDES** 

## **ADVENTURES TRIP?**

- ✔ Daily 7-12K trail runs
- ✓ Afternoon activities kayaking, zip-lining, whiskey tasting, and more!
- Hotel stays
- ✓ Daily meals & drinks but we give you 1-2 nights to explore and do dinner on your own!
- Transportation between your daily activites
- Dedicated local guides and VR staff

2023 Global Adventures destinations include Patagonia, Costa Rica, Iceland, Ireland, Croatia, Japan, and New Zealand...plus, more destinations coming in 2024! Learn more about all of our events at WWW.VACATIONRACES.COM



#### MILLER'S LANDING RESTAURANT AND MARINA

Although the famous Miller Burger is a crowd favorite, our restaurant offers a variety of delicious menu items to re-energize you! Our Maui Melt, Fish & Chips, BBQ Chicken Salad or Baja Fish Tacos will make your appetite happy! Don't forget to reward yourself after the race with a Fudge Bucket! It's a Giant Hot Fudge Sundae served in a bucket and yes, the shovel's included. It's enough to share but you certainly don't have to...you've earned it!

Miller's Landing Restaurant & Marina 37976 Rd 222 Wishon, CA 93669 Phone: (559) 642-3633 www.millerslanding.com



#### THE FORKS RESORT

The Forks Resort, located on Bass Lake, in the Sierra National Forest, has built a reputation as a traditional family vacation spot. Family owned and operated for three generations, The Forks has provided quality and consistency year after year to their customers. The Forks Restaurant, home of the famous "Forks Burger", offers the finest in family dining. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner featuring homemade soups, chili and dressings, served in the original "50's Diner" setting. We are looking forward to having you join us to fuel or refuel before or after the race!

The Forks Resort 39150 Road 222 Bass Lake, CA 93604 Phone: (559) 642-3737 www.theforksresort.com



#### **EVERGREEN LODGE AT YOSEMITE**

The Evergreen Lodge is a newly expanded historic resort featuring 88 spacious cabins in the woods. The lodge sits on 20 acres just a mile from Yosemite's western border, putting top attractions – Yosemite Valley, Tuolumne Meadows and Hetch Hetchy – in easy reach. Filled with personal touches, an amazing restaurant, historic tavern, saltwater pool and hot tub, indoor and outdoor play areas, daily activities and therapeutic massage- Consider us your backstage pass to Yosemite!

Evergreen Lodge at Yosemite Stanislaus National Forest 33160 Evergreen Rd Groveland, CA 95321 Phone: (209) 379-2606 www.evergreenlodge.com



#### TENAYA LODGE AT YOSEMITE

Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite is an all-season, AAA Four-diamond, resort framed by noble evergreen forest and a rich range of Sierra recreation. The lodge, set two miles from Yosemite National Park's South Gate, offers 302 rooms, suites and mountain cottage accommodations.

We are a family and pet friendly resort with several on-site resort activities.

Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite 1122 Highway 41 Fish Camp, CA 93623 Phone: (888) 514-2167 www.tenayalodge.com/dining



#### ASCENT SPA AT TENAYA LODGE

Enter into a world of relaxation and transform yourself at the world-class Ascent Spa at Tenaya Lodge.

Ascent Spa at Tenaya Lodge 1122 Highway 41 Fish Camp, CA 93623 Phone: (559) 692-8954 www.tenayalodge.com/spa



#### THE REDWOODS IN YOSEMITE

The Redwoods In Yosemite offers stays in over 120 vacation homes located inside Yosemite National Park in the town of Wawona. The homes are individually owned and range in size from studios to 6 bedrooms, rating bronze, silver, gold and platinum. We also have many pet friendly cabins!

The Redwoods in Yosemite Yosemite National Park 8038 Chilnualna Falls Rd Wawona, CA 95389 Phone: (844) 821-8336 www.redwoodsinyosemite.com



#### **BASS LAKE WATER SPORTS**

Bass Lake Boat Rentals and Watersports offers pontoon boats, wake board and wakesurf boats, jet skis, stand-up paddleboards, kayaks, and canoes at our lakefront marina located in the Pines Village. You'll run right past our marina!

We are a full service marina with boat rentals, grill, ice cream counter, store & special events all summer long. We look forward to seeing you!

Bass Lake Water Sports Sierra National Forest 54406 Rd 432 Bass Lake, CA 93604 Phone: (559) 642-3200 www.basslakeboatrentals.com



#### **RUSH CREEK LODGE AT YOSEMITE**

Rush Creek Lodge at Yosemite is a superbly designed 'destination within a destination,' providing a relaxed yet sophisticated experience adjacent West entrance to Yosemite National Park. Rush Creek features a tastefully appointed mix of 143 Lodge Rooms and Hillside Villas, as well as a variety of amenities for travelers including a Restaurant, Tavern, saltwater pool and two hot tubs, game room, guest lounge, professionally guided recreation and daily on-site activities.

Rush Creek Lodge at Yosemite Stanislaus National Forest 34001 CA-120 Groveland, CA 95321 Phone: (209) 379-2373 www.rushcreeklodge.com



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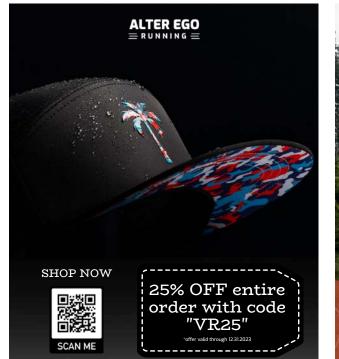
Special thanks to our friends at the U.S. Forest Service for their help and cooperation and for all they do daily to take care of our nation's wilderness!



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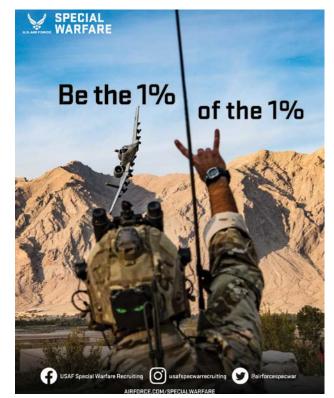






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