
YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

(Est. 1890)

This Park pre-dates the establishment of the National Park Service by 26 years, with its iconic Half Dome and El Capitan known around the world for their jaw-dropping beauty. The tallest waterfall in North America—Yosemite Falls—is here as well. When John Muir saw Yosemite it was love at first sight. He lived in the area for six years and later wrote of it, “But no temple made with hands can compare with Yosemite. Every rock in its wall seems to glow with life.”

2015 RECREATION VISITORS

4.1 million (4th—National Parks)

> GOLF

You can find **PINE MOUNTAIN LAKE GOLF COURSE** in Groveland, 30 miles west of Yosemite. This 6,382-yard William F. Bell design opened in 1970 and sits almost 3,000 feet above sea level (or, “above the fog and below the snow”) just two miles from downtown Groveland. You’ll have to negotiate plenty of tall oaks and large pines, not to mention abundant wildlife, at this well-conditioned layout. And don’t challenge head pro Mike Cook to a match: he set the course record of 61 in 2015.

> STAY

In Groveland, options include the Charlotte Hotel, Groveland Hotel and Groveland Motel. Closer to Yosemite are Rush Creek Lodge, Yosemite Lakes RV & Campground and Yosemite Westgate Lodge. Stay-and-play packages are available.

> EAT

Formerly The Ahwahnee, you can’t go wrong with the dining room at the appropriately named The Majestic Yosemite Hotel. The food is as grand as the interior, which features 34-foot high beamed ceilings and granite pillars. Just remember proper attire is required for dinner (pants and collars for men—dresses, skirts or long pants for women). Try The Grill at Pine Mountain Lake, where the grilled New Zealand rack chops comes highly recommended.



Yosemite Falls



Pine Mountain Lake Golf Course