



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Yosemite National Park

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Public Use Limitation – Public Health Emergency

Coronavirus, the virus responsible for the disease COVID-19, has caused a public health emergency as declared by Mariposa County, the State of California, and the United States Government. In consultation with local, county, and state public health officials and guidance provided by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and in order to maintain public health and safety while allowing management and administrative operations to continue, the Superintendent is designating the entirety of Yosemite National Park as closed to all but residents of the Park, Yosemite West and the El Portal Administrative Site, approved contractors and authorized employees of the National Park Service (NPS), park concessioners, and partners (Yosemite National Park Safety Closure – Public Health Emergency dated May 15, 2020). For those who are authorized to be present within the closure area, certain public use limits, restrictions or closures (community containment measures) are warranted to reduce the risk of exposure and transmission of COVID-19 at the individual and population level by limiting social interactions and preventing inadvertent exposures.

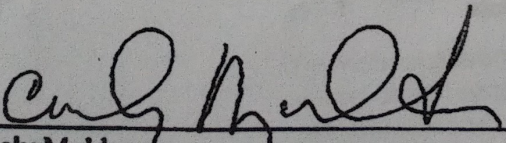
By order of the Superintendent of Yosemite National Park and under authority of Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.5(a), Section (a)(1) and Section (a)(2):

Starting Friday, May 15, 2020 at 12:00 pm, the following community containment measures are in effect within Yosemite National Park:

- Individuals shall stay inside or in the immediate proximity of their residence unless they are:
 - performing critical community infrastructure or response work for the NPS, park concessioner, an approved contractor or an authorized Park Partner, or
 - conducting essential activities (procuring food or medicine, traveling to a healthcare facility, etc.).
- Individuals may recreate outside throughout the open areas of Yosemite National Park for purposes of exercise provided they are maintaining social distancing of 6 feet with all but immediate family members.
- Individuals shall not congregate in groups of 11 or more at any time; all individuals shall maintain social distancing of 6 feet with all but immediate family members.
- Individuals who have been directed by a Public Health Official or the Superintendent to be in "Isolation" or "Quarantine" shall stay within their residence at all times except to receive medical care until cleared by a Public Health Official or medical professional.

Administrative exemptions or modifications to the specified quarantine measures may be made for community members who perform certain critical community infrastructure or response roles as determined by the Park Superintendent.

These measures are being enacted to maintain public health and safety. The area will be monitored to ensure compliance with these limits and/or restrictions. Your cooperation in complying with these measures is greatly appreciated. This designation will remain in place until rescinded.


Cicely Muldoon
Acting Superintendent

15 May 2020
Date