



## Project Walk Map & Stop Descriptions

### Stop 1- Yosemite Museum and Indian Village

For more than 4,000 years, Native American families made a life for themselves in the Yosemite region. Exhibits sponsored by The Yosemite Fund in the museum and at a re-created Miwok Indian village preserve the culture of Yosemite's earliest human residents.

**Yosemite Fund grants: \$210,500**



### Stop 2- Oak Tree Planting

The Yosemite Fund, with a grant from **Chevron** and numerous memorial gifts, is sponsoring a program to replenish the black oak woodlands of the Yosemite Valley. The newly planted trees can be spotted easily because each has a protective tube around its base to protect it from deer and other grazing animals.

**Yosemite Fund grants: \$147,000**

### Stop 3- Peregrine Falcons

Gone from the Sierra just a decade ago, Peregrine falcons have made a strong comeback thanks to Yosemite Fund donors and hardworking wildlife researchers. The Peregrines were almost wiped out due to pesticides such as DDT. Scan the cliffs for falcons at this stop. Some 19 birds now majestically soar the skies over Yosemite.



**Yosemite Fund grants \$100,000**



### Stop 4- Merced River Restoration

The Merced River is the valley's main waterway and provides crucial habitat for the fish, birds and animals of Yosemite Valley. Restoration projects sponsored by The Yosemite Fund have renewed the vitality of this beautiful waterway. One healthy restored area can be seen at the Lower River campground. With individual donations and grants from **Deloitte & Touche**, the Fund

has also supported river restoration projects at Housekeeping Camp, Sentinel Bridge and Little Yosemite Valley.

**Yosemite Fund grants: \$133,742**

### Stop 5- Stoneman Meadow Restoration

Stoneman Meadow offers some of the most magnificent views available in Yosemite Valley. After years of misuse, some 27 footpaths were trampled across the meadow, spoiling its natural beauty and endangering its very existence. With support from The Yosemite Fund and **Transamerica Corporation**, volunteers and Park Service workers have done much to restore Stoneman Meadow to its original state. Stop here on your walk to enjoy views that now include lush grass and flowers as well as inspiring cliffs and waterfalls.

**Yosemite Fund grants: \$54,000**

### Stop 6- Bear-Proof Food Lockers

Bear-proof food lockers at campsites are solving a longstanding Yosemite problem. The feeding of human food to bears - either intentionally or accidentally - has necessitated the death of at least 15 bears in recent years.



Unintentional feeding, from bears breaking into cars, coolers and tents at campgrounds, is being reduced dramatically thanks to the installation of over 1,000 lockers provided by The Fund.

**Yosemite Fund grants: \$513,000**

## **Stop 7- Happy Isles Restoration**

Until a recent Yosemite Fund restoration project, Happy Isles was suffering greatly from its popularity as a major gateway to the splendor of Vernal Falls, Nevada Falls, Half Dome and high country wilderness areas along the John Muir trail. Each year half a million people pass through this lovely riverside area. Now, as soon as visitors approach Happy Isles, they can enjoy the results of the Fund-sponsored restoration effort: revegetated woodland and riverbanks, new trails on the islands and new exhibits in the Nature Center. The islands are now wheelchair accessible.

**Yosemite Fund grants: \$800,000**

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