

10 places to stay while you're at Yosemite National Park

Choose your own adventure: a rustic tent cabin at the base of Half Dome or a lavish lodge just outside the national park's gate.



Yosemite National Park welcomes approximately four million visitors every year. Not surprisingly, travelers from around the world are drawn to the 748,000 acres of natural beauty which include Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, El Capitan, Glacier Point, numerous waterfalls, and Mariposa Grove, where visitors can walk through a giant sequoia. With so much to see and do, visitors to the national park should consider finding a home base nearby to allow enough time for a multi-day adventure to explore.

Outdoor enthusiasts looking for an ideal place to stay should check into these 10 places to stay in and near Yosemite National Park, each offering something for every type of traveler.

4. Firefall Ranch, Groveland

Best for: Families

Opened in May 2024, this newer hotel located a half hour from the Big Oak Flat entrance is a goldmine for families. Firefall Ranch's outdoor heated pool is open 24 hours, a boon for active kids (and sleepless adults). Individual cabins encircle a frog-laden pond, and on-site amenities and activities include a mini golf course, climbing wall, nightly s'mores, and guided art activities to keep kids busy. According to the property's General Manager Joe Juskiewicz, the ranch started offering horseback riding on its extensive acreage in April.

Good to know: For a family activity that merges nature and sports, try the ranch's forest disc golf course. It features 18 holes across 300 acres. As the hotel's name alludes, a seasonal package in February called the Firefall Express brings guests into Yosemite to see the Firefall phenomenon where a portion of El Capitan appears to be aflame; other excursions can be booked as well.