

Wawona Hotel Fact Sheet

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ORIGIN: Galen Clark began operation of Wawona Hotel, then named "Clark's Station," in 1856. Travelers stopped en route to Yosemite Valley for lodging and refreshments. In 1875, Clark sold "Clark's Station" to Henry Washburn, who renamed the site Wawona, an Indian word meaning "Big Trees." Clark Cottage (1876), is the oldest remaining structure in the complex, built prior to the main hotel building, which was constructed in 1879. The most recent additions are the Annex built in 1917, and the golf course and swimming tank, which opened in 1918. The Wawona Hotel was designated as a National Historic Landmark on June 2, 1987

LOCATION: In Yosemite National Park, approximately 30 miles from Yosemite Valley on Highway 41, seven miles from the park's south entrance and Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. The Wawona Hotel is a cluster of eight white Victorian-style buildings, whose rooms open onto wrap-around verandas. Guests may relax in the Adirondack chairs and watch mule deer nibble on the beer hop vines trailing down the porch columns.

FOUNDED: 1856; The Wawona Hotel will celebrate the 125th Anniversary of its main hotel building (rebuilt in 1879 following a major fire) during a four-day special event in April 2004.

REFURBISHED: 2002

OPERATED BY: DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite (DNC), the concessionaire authorized by the National Park Service, to operate lodging, dining and recreational activities in Yosemite.

GENERAL MANAGER: Monica Miller, CFBE

ACCOMMODATIONS: 104 unique rooms (50 with private bath, many featuring clawfoot bathtubs, and 54 with access to shared bathrooms).

Guests staying in rooms without a private bath may wrap themselves in a plush, terrycloth robe to walk down the hall to the nearby bathroom. None of the rooms have a television or telephone.

- 29 rooms in the Main Building (2 with private bath)
- 9 Moore Cottage rooms (2 with private bath)
- 16 Washburn Cottage rooms (all with private bath)
- 8 Clark Cottage rooms (all with private bath)
- 3 Little White Cottage rooms (2 with private bath)
- 39 rooms in The Annex (20 with private bath)

OPERATION: Open on a daily basis during spring, summer and fall (approximately late March through late November), and for major holidays in December. Closed Jan. 2, 2004 through March 31, 2004.

FOOD/BEVERAGE SERVICE:

Main Dining Room – Breakfast, lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch served in the elegant dining room with turn-of-the century décor and walls of paned-glass windows providing sunset views.

Barbecue – On Saturday evenings in summer, guests may enjoy an outdoor Western-style barbecue of steak, chicken and hamburgers.

Golf Shop – Open approximately mid-April to November. Snack and beverage service daily.

Cocktail Service – Beverage service daily, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

OTHER SERVICES:

Evening Entertainment – Since 1983, singer and pianist Tom Bopp has entertained guests in the Wawona Hotel lobby lounge with vintage songs of Yosemite.

Golf Course – One of the oldest courses in the Sierra, the 35-par Wawona Golf Course features nine holes and 3,035 yards. Electric carts and caddie carts are available for rent. (Open daily mid-April to November, weather permitting) Phone: 209-375-6572

Pool – The “Swimming Tank” is available to guests during the summer (weather permitting).

Tennis – The tennis court is available to guests at no extra charge. Non-guests pay \$2.50 an hour.

The Lawns – The hotel grounds provide a peaceful and beautiful setting for an outdoor buffet, hors d’oeuvres reception or barbecue for as many as 200 people.

The Sunroom – Three walls of windows with picturesque views of the greens and wide verandas make for an intimate reception for as many as 50 people. The room has polished honey-colored wood floors, a fireplace nestled between built-in cushioned sofa seats and four rare mother-of-pearl, leaded ceiling lamps.

Grocery Store/Post Office/ Pioneer Gift Shop – located down the hill from the hotel.

NEARBY ACTIVITIES:

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, guided horseback riding, rock climbing, hiking, fishing, photography, ranger-led nature programs, Saturday night barn dances and stagecoach rides at the Pioneer History Center, a collection of historical buildings from different eras of Yosemite’s history, including a covered bridge, blacksmith shop, bakery, Wells Fargo bank and a jail. In the winter, cross-country and downhill skiing and snowboarding are available at nearby Badger Pass and guests may take a free shuttle bus to Badger Pass.

PARKING:

Free parking is available on the premises.

RESERVATIONS:

DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite Central Reservations Office
6771 North Palm Avenue, Fresno, CA 93704
Phone: 559-252-4848 or online at www.YosemitePark.com

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