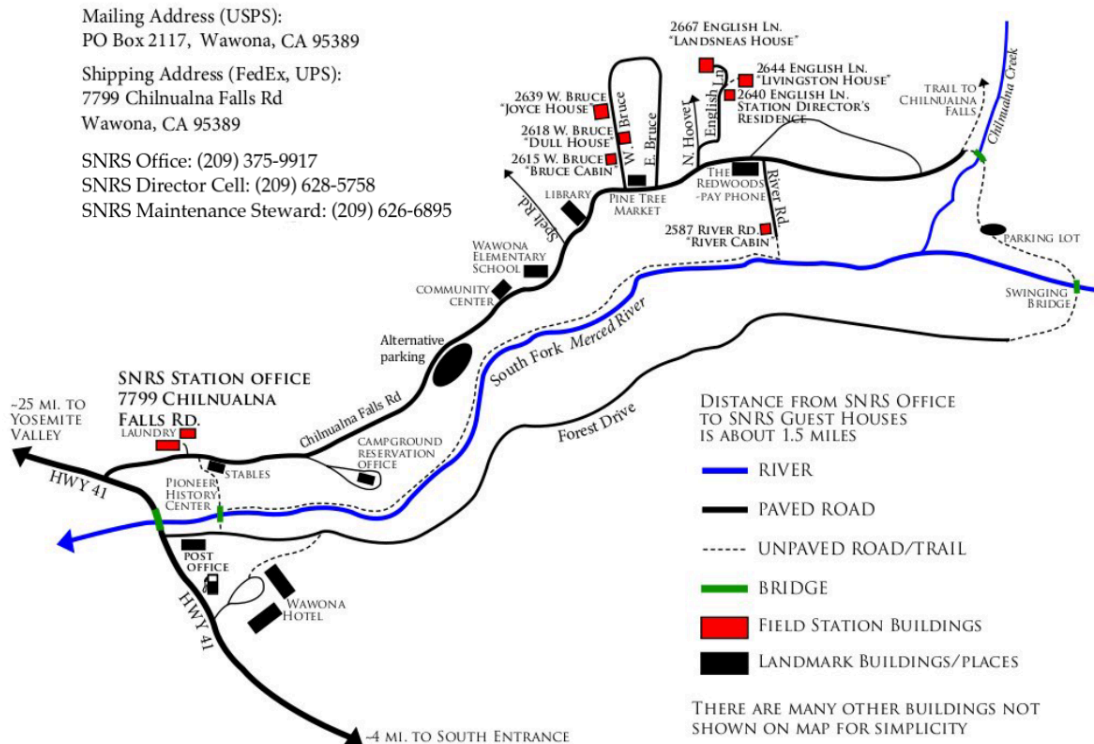


Fluids in Yosemite Conference

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Wawona Field Station: What to Expect

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Entering Yosemite/Arrival at the Field Station:

In order to get to the Wawona Field Station, you must enter Yosemite National Park. **At the gate, please provide your printed vehicle permit and your photo ID (emailed to you).**

The Wawona Field station is located off HWY 41, approximately 4 miles from the south entrance of the park. You can get to the Field Station from one of the following ways:

From Merced:

1. Take CA-140 E for 35 miles.
2. In Mariposa, turn right onto CA-49 S and continue for 26 miles.
3. In Oakhurst, turn left onto CA-41 N and continue for ~20 miles, passing through the Yosemite National Park entrance station.

4. ~4 miles north of the entrance station, turn right onto Chilnualna Falls road. The office will be on your left (7799 Chilnualna Falls Road)

From Fresno:

1. Take CA-41 N for ~66 miles, passing through the Yosemite National Park entrance station.
2. ~4 miles north of the entrance station, turn right onto Chilnualna Falls road. The office will be on your left (7799 Chilnualna Falls Road)

From Yosemite Valley:

1. Take CA-41 S/Wawona Road south for ~22 miles.

What to bring:

The Wawona Field Station consists of several cabins within Yosemite National Park. Each cabin has its own fully-equipped kitchen and mostly bare twin XL mattresses. You should bring the following:

- Bedding (pillows, sheets, blankets and/or sleeping bags)
- Towels and other personal items
- Comfortable shoes to walk in (the conference center is about 1 mile from the cabins)
- Headlamps or flashlights are recommended
- Pack a [“Go Bag”](#) a bag you always keep with you, containing critical items that you need if you cannot return to the station due to an evacuation. Items might include medication, documents, cell phones, etc.

Drugs and Weapons:

- Marijuana and other controlled substances are prohibited at the Wawona Field Station, as it is on federal land.
- Firearms are prohibited on all field station property.

Wildlife

- [Mountain lions](#) and [bears](#) are active in Wawona: carry a flashlight or headlamp at night, and do not walk alone. Coyotes, ravens, and bears have been seeking food in Wawona; do not leave food, trash, or scented items in your vehicle or outside.
- Report bear incidents and improper food/garbage storage to the Save A Bear Hotline: 209-372-0322.

WiFi and Cell Phones

- The Wi-Fi network is called “YFS” or “Yosemite Field Station” and the password is “Wawona123” and sometimes “gr@n1te&p1necones!” (the bold characters shown denote numbers, i.e. o and 1 and for o and i, respectively). If either of these do not work, try to password on the side of the modem.
- Only Verizon cell phones get reception (although Wi-Fi calling works if your phone and service provider permit it). Plan accordingly.

- There may be individuals from other groups staying in the cabin. Please coordinate with them to determine your specific room/bed.

Plan ahead!

- We have insufficient staff to respond to emails and calls on the weekends, so plan ahead and let us know if anything needs attention or if you have questions. If you have a maintenance emergency such as a major water leak, call the steward (209) 626-6895 or the director (209) 628-5758.
- Subscribe to [Nixle](#) and [Everbridge](#) alerts.
- Air Quality. You can check real time air quality [here](#).
- [Weather](#). Keep in mind that if you are entering on Highway 41 from either direction, you will need to travel over either Fish Camp (5,000 feet) or Chinquapin (6,000 feet). Just because it is raining in Wawona doesn't mean you won't need to drive in the snow. Bring chains and expect to actually use them.
- For current road, fire, and other park conditions, visit the [current conditions](#) website or call the Yosemite roads hotline: 209-372-0200 (1,1).
- [Leave no trace!](#)

When you leave:

- **Follow the cleaning [check-out checklist](#) form for each building used and return to the office or email to the station director when you depart.** Ensure the cabin and meeting spaces are clean, including floors, bathrooms, and kitchen. **You are responsible for cleaning charges if the facilities are not cleaned.**
- Report any maintenance issues on the checkout form.
- Turn off A/C, lights, close windows, and turn heat to 50F if the thermostat is not in a lockbox.
- Remove all trash, recycling, and unused food from the cabin. Trash and recycling are to be dropped off at the bins near the Wawona Campground Reservation Office (see map).
- Return your key to the lockbox.
- Return signed waivers (if applicable) with the check-out form to the mailbox at the back door of the main office. Check out by dropping off your cleaning checklist and signed waivers in the mailbox at the back door of the YFS office (2nd white building at 7799 Chilnualna Falls, on the left as you enter Wawona).
- Send us a synopsis and photos from your event. We made it easy for you by making this [form](#).