

—AMAZING NATIONAL PARKS—

YOSEMITE

National Park

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School-to-Home Support for Caregivers and Teachers

This appealing book is designed to teach students about core subject areas. Students will build upon what they already know about the subject, and engage in topics that they want to learn more about. Here are a few guiding questions to help readers build their comprehension skills. Possible answers appear here in red.

Before Reading:

What do I know about Yosemite National Park?

- I know the national park is in the Sierra Nevada mountain range.
- I know many people visit Yosemite National Park.

What do I want to learn about this topic?

- I want to learn what people can see in the national park.
- I want to learn what people can do in the national park.

During Reading:

I'm curious to know...

- I'm curious to know what kinds of animals live in the national park.
- I'm curious to know what kinds of plants grow in the national park.

How is this like something I already know?

- I know that bears often live in mountains.
- I know that some of the trees in the national park are very tall.

After Reading:

What was the author trying to teach me?

- The author was trying to teach me about why so many people visit Yosemite National Park.
- The author was trying to teach me what visitors can see at the national park.

How did the photographs and captions help me understand more?

- The photographs helped me picture what the national park looks like.
- The captions gave me extra information about what there is to see at the national park.

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Chapter 1

WELCOME TO YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Waterfalls spill from towering **cliffs**. These mountains are home to one of the oldest national parks in the United States. Millions of people visit Yosemite National Park every year!

Know the Park

The U.S. government owns national parks and takes care of them. National parks are used to help protect natural areas.



Know the Park

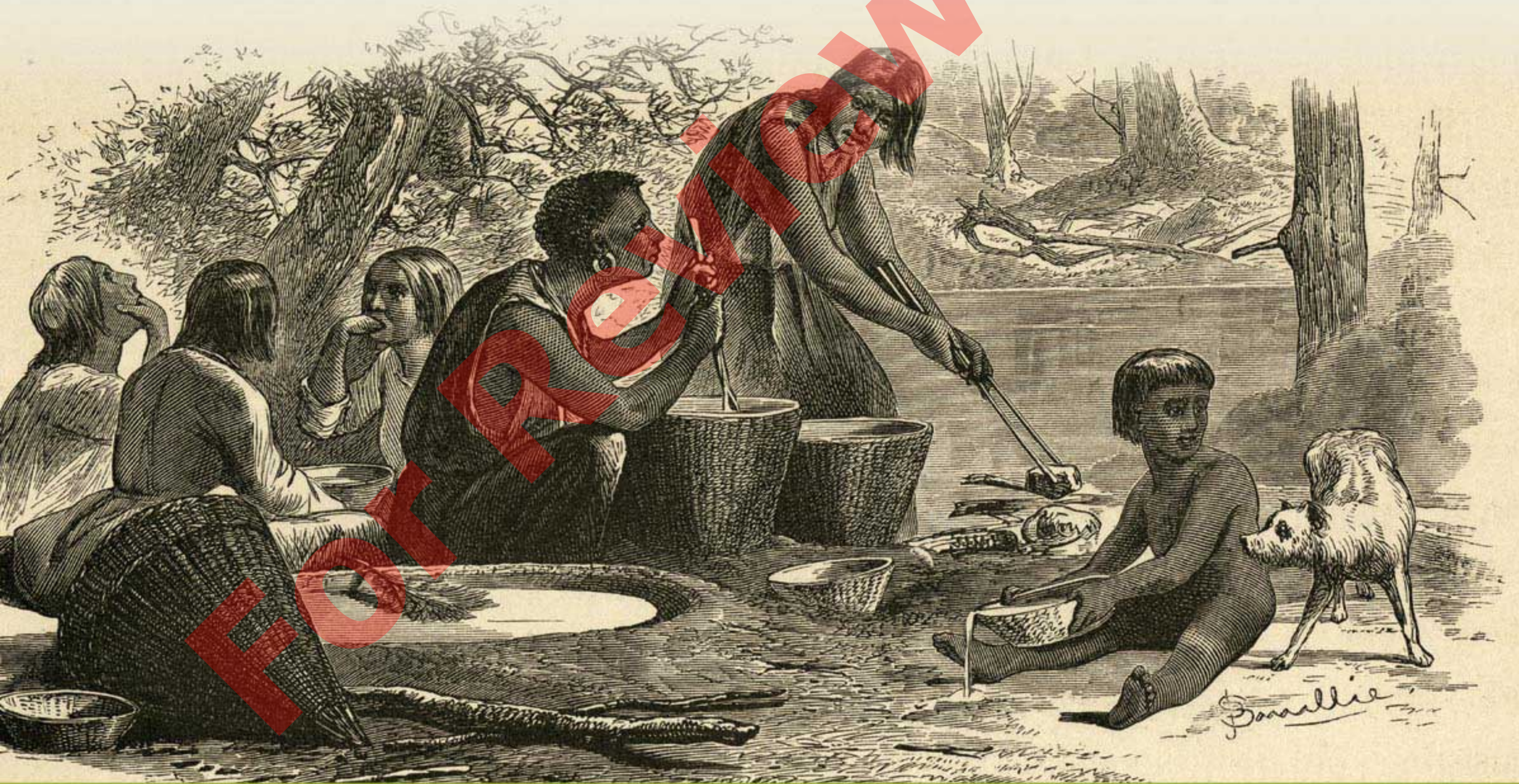
Mount Lyell is the highest mountain in the national park. It stands 13,114 feet (3,997 meters) tall.



Yosemite National Park is in eastern California. It covers 1,169 square miles (3,028 square kilometers) of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. The Sierra Nevada has some of the highest mountains in the U.S.

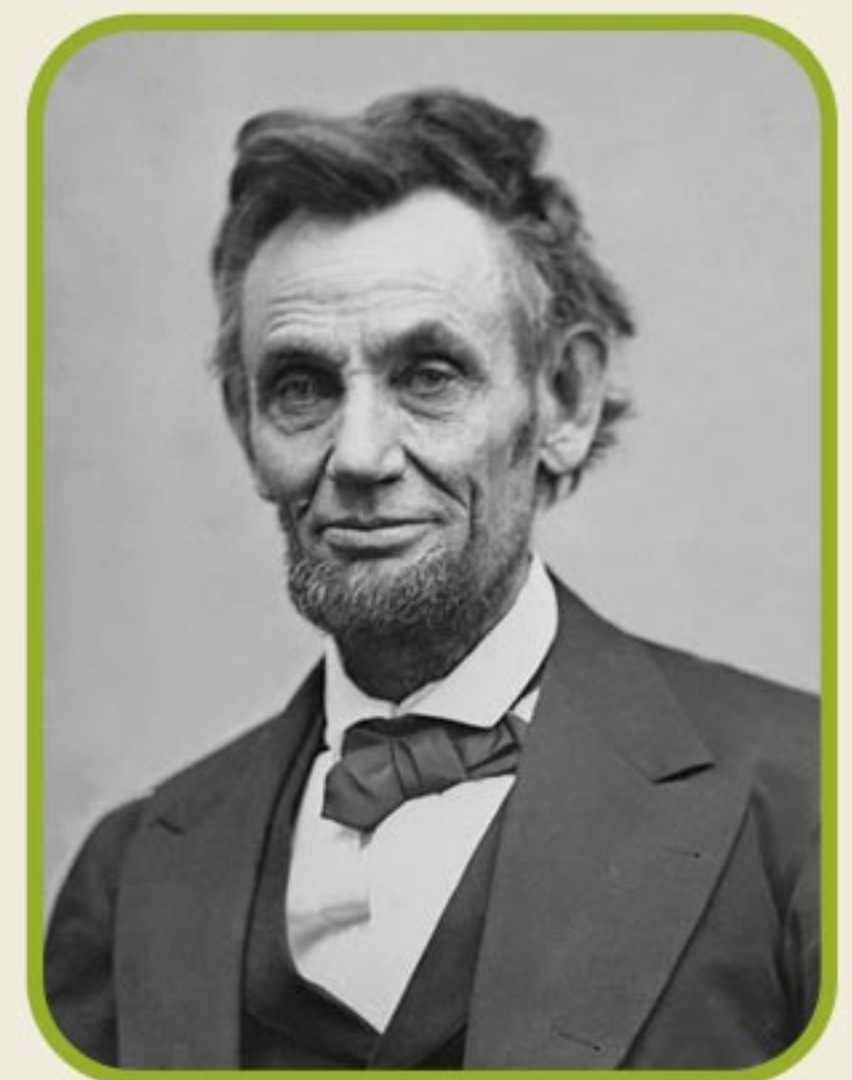
BEFORE IT WAS A PARK

Native American peoples lived in the area beginning thousands of years ago. In the 1400s, the Ahwahneechee people made their homes in Yosemite Valley. Miners in search of gold and **settlers** who wanted to build homes came to the area in the mid-1800s. They clashed with the Ahwahneechee. Thousands of Ahwahneechee people died in the war that followed.





By the 1860s, Yosemite's beauty began to bring visitors from all over the United States. In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill to make it a protected area. The Ahwahneechee continued to live in Yosemite, but their way of life was changing.

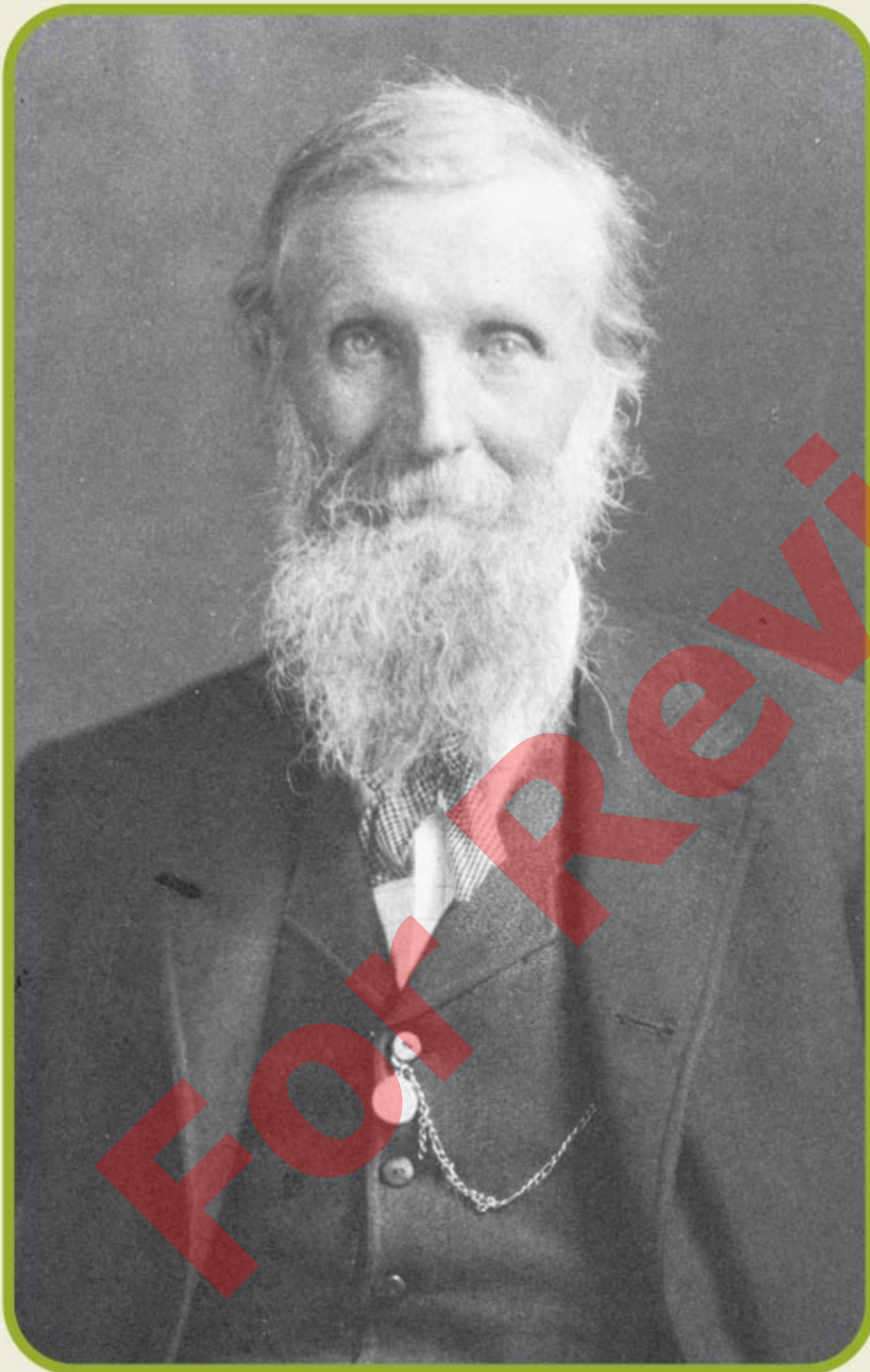


Abraham Lincoln



FOUNDING THE PARK

In 1868, **naturalist** John Muir visited Yosemite. Inspired by the beauty of the area, he wanted it to be **preserved** as a national park. He wrote letters and articles about it. The U.S. Congress made it a national park on October 1, 1890.



John Muir

Know the Park

At first, the Ahwahneechee were allowed to stay in their homes and work in the park. Starting in the 1950s, park officials forced them to move. Today no Native Americans live within the national park.

THE PARK TODAY

Yosemite National Park is the 16th-largest national park in the United States. It's also one of the most visited national parks. More than 4 million people enjoy Yosemite National Park every year!

