



## Yosemite Trail Study

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. This is a research study that is being conducted by the National Park Service and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences to understand more about visitor use and safety in Yosemite National Park. Your participation is entirely voluntary and your responses will be completely anonymous.

This survey will take about four minutes to complete. We will not ask for your name or any contact information. Most of the questions have to do with your hike today. If you are willing to help us out, please start answering the questions that follow. Thank you.

### Topic Area 1: VISITHIS2

1. Have you hiked the Mist Trail before today?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

### Topic Area 2: LEARN8

2. Did you get information about this hike from any of the following sources? *(Please check all that apply)*

- A staff member at the Yosemite Visitor Center
- Employee of a Park hotel, restaurant, store, bike/raft rental or shuttle bus
- Another visitor
- Friend or family member

- € The Yosemite Guide (the free newspaper that is distributed to park visitors)
- € A guidebook
- € The news media (television/radio/newspaper)
- € Internet-Yosemite National Park website
- € Internet-website other than the National Park Service
- € Yosemite National Park signs
- € Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_
- € No new information, I was already familiar with the trail

Topic Area 2: TPLAN19

3. Did you receive any safety advice before starting out on this hike?

€ Yes



What was it? (check as many as apply)

- € To bring water
- € To wear hiking shoes
- € To stay out of the river
- € Not to feed the animals
- € Other \_\_\_\_\_

€ No [Go to Question 4]

Topic Area 3: ACT31 (variation)

4. What type of hike are you on today?

- € A day hike
- € An overnight/backpacking trip

Topic Area 2: TPLAN12 (variation)

5. When did you decide to go [down to the rocks by the river/ behind the fence]?

- € Before starting out on our hike
- € While we were hiking
- € Once we arrived at the [footbridge/top of Vernal Fall]

Topic Area 3: ACT2 (variation)

6. What was your main reason for going [down to the rocks by the river/ behind the fence]?

- € To rest
- € To have my drink/food
- € To look at the scenery
- € To have my picture taken
- € To take a picture
- € To use river water to fill a water bottle or wash something
- € To climb on rocks, or jump from rock to rock
- € Because there was no place else left to sit
- € To get away from other hikers
- € To get something (what?) \_\_\_\_\_
- € To be with one of my hiking companions
- € To cool off (from the spray of the water)
- € To cool off (by putting my hands or feet in the water)
- € Other reason (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Topic Area 3: TPLAN13

7. Why did that particular location appeal to you?

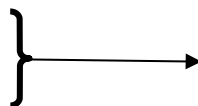
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Topic Area 6: EVALSERV8

8. Please indicate how safe you felt [on the rocks by the river/behind the fence]?

- € Very safe
- € Somewhat safe
- € Neither safe nor unsafe
- € Somewhat unsafe
- € Very unsafe



8a. What were your concerns?

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Topic Area 1: KNOW8

9. To your knowledge, does the Park have any rules about visitors going into that area?

- € Yes, visitors are not supposed to go there
- € No, visitors are allowed to go there
- € I'm not sure if there is a rule about going into that area

Topic Area 6: OPMGMT5

10. Do you think that visitors should be allowed in that area?

- € Yes
- € No

Topic Area 6: OPMGMT12

11. Why do you feel that way?

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Topic Area 6: OPMGMT6

12. There are many ways that the Park could try to keep people from going [on the rocks by the river/behind the fence]. Which of the following methods do you think would work best for a visitor like you?

- € Put up signs explaining why it is discouraged
- € Put up a fence or railing to discourage visitors from going there
- € Install more places to get clean water
- € Create a special area for picture-taking
- € Install some type of cooling/mist sprayers away from the river's edge
- € Station a park employee on the trail at this spot
- € Provide more places for visitors to sit
- € Issue a \$100 ticket to visitors who go there
- € None of these ideas would have stopped me from entering that area

Topic Area 6: OPMGMT6

13. Do you have any other suggestions for how to stop visitors from getting that close to the river?

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Topic Area 1: GEND1

14. What is your gender?

Male

Female

Topic Area 1: AGE2

15. In what year were you born? 19 \_\_\_\_

Topic Area 1: RES3

16. Do you live in the United States?

Yes → What is your five digit zip code? \_\_\_\_\_

No → What country did you live in? \_\_\_\_\_

Topic Area 1: LANG1

17. For reading, what language do you prefer? \_\_\_\_\_

Topic Area 1: ED1

18. What is the highest level of education that you completed?

Some high school

High school diploma/ GED

Some college

Bachelor's degree

Graduate degree

If you have any additional comments that you would like to share please use the space below.

Thank you! Now you can return your survey to our study team member.

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