



Bridalveil Fall Rehabilitation

Project Background Yosemite National Park is pleased to announce the initiation of the Bridalveil Fall Rehabilitation Project. Plunging 620 feet (189 meters), Bridalveil Fall is the first major waterfall that visitors see when entering Yosemite Valley. Visitors can park and walk a short distance to the base of the iconic waterfall.

The National Park Service plans to rehabilitate visitor facilities at the base of Bridalveil Fall. The intent is to improve visitor experience, reduce congestion, improve visitor safety, meet accessibility standards, remove selected trees to open views, and correct long-standing maintenance issues. The project will implement actions prescribed in the *Merced Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement* (2014).

Issues and Concerns Visitors to the Bridalveil Fall area frequently comment on the poorly-functioning vault toilets as well as the crowded parking lots and trails. Most trails do not meet current accessibility standards.

The Bridalveil Fall Area Rehabilitation Project will:

- Improve visitor services at the base of the waterfall, including restroom facilities
- Improve accessibility for all
- Protect natural and cultural resources in the area
- Reduce crowding on the trails and the viewing platform
- Improve safety and reduce vehicular/pedestrian conflicts
- Improve interpretation and wayfinding



What are the Next Steps?

The park is preparing an environmental assessment as prescribed in the National Environmental Policy Act and coordinating compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act. The park is soliciting public comments during public scoping from April 26 through May 26, 2017.

The park expects to release the environmental assessment for public review in Spring 2018. The park will conduct a public meeting in Yosemite Valley concurrent with release and review of the environmental assessment. The final decision document is expected in summer 2018.



Participation

Your ideas, concerns, issues, suggestions, and potential topics for consideration are important to us as we develop the Bridalveil Fall Rehabilitation Project environmental assessment. Please share your written comments by May 26, 2017 via one of the following methods:

- **Online through the Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/bridalveil>.**
This is the preferred method.
- **Mail your comments to:**
*Superintendent
Yosemite National Park
Attn: Bridalveil Rehabilitation Project
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Yosemite, CA 95389*

For more information, please visit the Yosemite Planning Website at:
<https://www.nps.gov/yose/getinvolved/planning.htm>

Project Schedule (estimate):

Public Scoping Period
– April 26 through May 26, 2017
Public Scoping Meeting – May 10, 2017
Public Review of Environmental Assessment
– Spring 2018
Decision Document – Summer 2018
Project Construction Start – 2019

