

Yosemite adding 400 acres of meadow, forest

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FRESNO, Calif. — Visitors to Yosemite National Park in California have more room to roam after officials on Wednesday announced a 400-acre expansion of the park — its largest in nearly 70 years.

The addition features wetlands and a grassy meadow surrounded by tall pine trees on rolling hills that are home to endangered wildlife.

Ackerson Meadow is located along Yosemite’s western boundary. The area was purchased from private owners by the Trust for Public Land, a nonprofit conservation group, for \$2.3 million and donated to the park.

Officials told The Associated Press that Yosemite will preserve the land — historically used for logging and cattle grazing — as habitat for wildlife such as the great grey owl, the largest owl in North American and listed



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This undated photo shows Ackerson Meadow in Yosemite National Park, Calif. Park officials announced Wednesday that the park’s western boundary has expanded 400 acres.

as endangered by California wildlife officials.

Robin and Nancy Wainwright, who owned the land since 2006, sold it to the trust. Robin Wainwright said they lost a “few hundred thousand

dollars” passing up a lucrative offer from a developer to build a resort.

He said he often saw bears

strolling through the meadow and owls soaring over fields of vibrant wildflowers blooming in the springtime. He didn’t want that experience available only to those who could afford a resort.

“To have that accessible by everyone to me is just a great thing,” Wainwright said. “It was worth losing a little bit of money for that.”

The park’s boundary has seen some minor changes over the years, but this expansion is the largest since 1949 to the park of nearly 750,000 acres total, park spokesman Scott Gediman said.

More than 4.5 million people are expected to visit Yosemite this year, which Gediman said would set a record for the park that celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2015.

Visitors pass Ackerson Meadow on their way to Hetch Hetchy reservoir,

which provides drinking water to San Francisco.

The land was bought with \$1.53 million from the Trust for Public Land and \$520,000 from the Yosemite Conservancy, which supports a variety of projects in the park. Anonymous donors contributed the rest, Gediman said.

“We are delighted and proud to make this gift to Yosemite and the people of America,” said Will Rogers, president of the Trust for Public Land.

The land completes the park’s original plans from 1890, which included Ackerson Meadow, said Yosemite Conservancy’s President Frank Dean.

“It’s a stunning open meadow surrounded by forest habitat, which supports a wide variety of flora and fauna,” said Park Superintendent Don Neubacher.



AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez

The new Apple AirPods are demonstrated during an event to announce new products in San Francisco.

Say goodbye to the iPhone’s headphone jack

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Apple’s latest iPhone may be more notable for what’s missing than what’s been added, as the consumer tech giant tries to revive demand for its top-selling product and nudge consumers closer to its vision of a wireless world.

That’s a world where, in Apple’s view, consumers will use the same wireless ear buds to shift seamlessly from listening to music on their iPhone to talking with their Apple Watch and other gadgets made by the California tech giant.

The iPhone 7 and 7 Plus unveiled Wednesday come with a faster processor, longer battery life and better cameras — including a new dual lens system in the pricier 7 Plus model that provides higher quality zooming. But the new phones won’t have the analog headphone jack that’s been a staple for decades in just about every consumer electronics device that can play audio.

Apple is betting its legions of loyal fans will embrace the shift to digital headsets that use wireless connections. Or — if they insist on sticking with their old ways — that they won’t mind using a new style of earbuds that plug into the iPhone’s “Lightning” charging port.

The redesigned earbuds — with cord — will be included with the new iPhones. Also in the box: an adapter that will let older headphones plug into the digital charging port. But Apple would clearly prefer to push consumers to make the leap into what it envisions as a “wireless future.”

“The reason to move on is courage,” said Philip Schiller, Apple’s senior vice president of worldwide marketing, who spoke during the company’s fall product event. “The courage to move on and do something new that will benefit all of us.”

As part of the transition, Apple also is introducing wireless “AirPods” that will sell for \$160. They’re powered by an Apple-designed processor and special software that Schiller said will let users easily sync the wireless buds to their iPhone, Apple Watch and other Apple devices. Apple is also promising a new line of high-end wireless speakers

from its Beats division.

Getting rid of the 3.5 millimeter headphone jack helped Apple make room for a second iPhone speaker designed for playing stereo sound. The iPhone 7 is also water resistant, a popular feature that rivals such as Samsung Electronics have already introduced in some phones.

Schiller portrayed the move to drop the headphone jack as a step toward improving user experience. “It makes no sense to tether ourselves with cables to our mobile devices,” he said during the company’s annual fall event.

Apple has previously reduced the number of ports in its popular line of MacBook computers, while encouraging people to use wireless services for transferring files and streaming data. By promoting wireless ear buds, analysts say, Apple may also hope to get more people using streaming services on the Apple Watch as well.

The company is trying to reverse its first decline in iPhone sales since the company’s late founder, Steve Jobs, unveiled the trendsetting device in 2007. It’s also seen a drop in demand for the Apple Watch since its introduction last year.

While the company sold nearly 92 million iPhones in the first six months of this year, that’s about 15 percent fewer than the same period last year. Industry analysts say the iPhone 6S and 6S Plus, which Apple introduced last fall, didn’t offer many compelling new features over the previous year’s models.

“Smartphone advancements are slowing down as the market is maturing, so minor things like look and feel get more attention,” O’Donnell said, pointing out how Apple spent several minutes of its presentation extolling the virtues of an optional “jet black” finish for the new phones.

Other smartphone makers are also having trouble dazzling consumers with new advances. But Forrester Research analyst Julie Ask figures consumers will appreciate the faster chip and other improvements once they try the new iPhones.

Thursday Morning

STATION		6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	
FOX	(11) KFFX	11	AgDay	Hot/ Cleve.	Good Day Spokane				Paid	Animals	Steve Harvey		Crime Watch Daily	
	KPTV	3	Good Day Oregon at 6		Good Day Oregon				Good Day		The 700 Club		Paid	Paid
CBS	(19) KEPR	2	News	News	CBS This Morning (N)				Dr. Phil		The Price Is Right		Young & Restless	
	KOIN	19	KOIN 6 News at 6 a.m.		CBS This Morning (N)				Let's Make a Deal		The Price Is Right		Young & Restless	
NBC	(25) KNDU	6	Wake Up Northwest		Today Show Jessica Alba, Dana Carvey (N)				Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)		Million?	Million?
	KGW	8	KGW News at Sunrise		Today Show Jessica Alba, Dana Carvey (N)				Today Show II (N)		Today Show III (N)		Portland Today	
ABC	(42) KVEW	4	Northwest	Northwest	Good Morning America (N)				Live! With Kelly (N)		The View		Paid	Middle
	KATU	5	KATU News Morning		Good Morning America (N)				AM Northwest		The View		Live! With Kelly (N)	
PBS	(31) KTNW		Stretch	W.L.Yoga	Wild Kratts	Jet Go!	Nature Cat	C.George	D.Tiger (N)	D.Tiger	Sesame St.	Peg + Cat	DinoTrain	Sit and Fit
	(59) OPB	13	Sit and Fit	Jet Go!	Nature Cat	C.George	D.Tiger	D.Tiger	Sesame St.	Peg + Cat	DinoTrain	DinoTrain	SuperW!	Thomas

AFTERNOON

	STATION		12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
FOX	(11) KFFX	11	Paid	Pat. Court	Divorce	Divorce	Judge Mathis		The People's Court		2½Men	Anger M.	Mike&M.	Mike&M.
	KPTV	3	Rachael Ray (N)		Wendy Williams		The Dr. Oz Show		TMZ Live!		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	5 O'Clock News	
CBS	(19) KEPR	2	NameG.	Bold & B.	The Talk (N)		Let's Make a Deal		Dr. Phil		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	News
	KOIN	19	News	Bold & B.	The Talk (N)		The Doctors		Dr. Phil		KOIN 6 News at 4 p.m.		News	News
NBC	(25) KNDU	6	TMZ	Paid	Days of Our Lives		Hot Bench	Wendy Williams	Ellen DeGeneres (N)		NFL Kick		NFL Football (L)	
	KGW	8	KGW New	Paid	Days of Our Lives		FABLife		Ellen DeGeneres (N)		News	NFL Kick	NFL Football (L)	
ABC	(42) KVEW	4	The Chew		General Hospital		The Doctors		Rachael Ray (N)		Minute	Minute	News	News
	KATU	5	The Chew		General Hospital		Paid		Paid	Jeopardy!	Jeopardy!	KATU News @ 4		News
PBS	(31) KTNW		Charlie Rose		Good Food/Knitting		C.George	Thomas	Arthur	Nature Cat	Jet Go!	Odd Squad	Wild Kratts	Business
	(59) OPB	13	Grand	Hubert	Charlie Rose		Nature Cat		Bob Build	Cat/ Hat	Jet Go!	Speaks	WordGirl	Odd Squad

EVENING

	STATION		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
FOX	(11) KFFX	11	Modern "Won't You Be Our Neighbor"		Modern Family		2 Broke Girls "And the Fat Cat"		2 Broke Girls "And Too Little Sleep"		Rosewood A patient of Erica Kincaid's dies on the table, Rosewood steps in to help.		Bones A drunk college student discovers the dead body of a Secret Service agent.	
	KPTV	3	6 O'Clock News		Family Feud		Family Feud		Rosewood Kissyface		Bones "The Secret in the Service"		10 O'Clock News	
CBS	(19) KEPR	2	Action News at 6 p.m.		Inside Edition		The Big Bang Theory		The Simpsons		Life in Pieces		Big Brother A group of strangers lives together in a house outfitted with cameras & microphones.	
	KOIN	19	KOIN 6 News at 6		Evening News		Extra		Ent. Tonight		Big Bang Theory		Life in Pieces	
NBC	(25) KNDU	6	NFL Football		Carolina Panthers at Denver Broncos Site: Sports Authority Field at Mile High -- Denver, Colo. (L)				Local News Primetime		Family Feud		Wheel of Fortune	
	KGW	8	NFL Football		Carolina Panthers at Denver Broncos Site: Sports Authority Field at Mile High -- Denver, Colo. (L)				Paid Program		Paid Program		Grant's Getaways	
ABC	(42) KVEW	4	Extra		Local News at 6:30		Entertainment Tonight		The Insider		100K Pyramid "Alfonso Ribeiro vs. Mario Batali and Barbara Corcoran vs. Daymond John"		The \$100,000 Pyramid Actor Steve Schirripa and actress Melissa Peterman face off.	
	KATU	5	KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!		Wheel of Fortune		The \$100,000 Pyramid		The \$100,000 Pyramid		Match Game	
PBS	(31) KTNW		PBS NewsHour		BBC World News		Well Read (N)		This Old House		Ask This Old House		In Our Son's Name (N)	
	(59) OPB	13	In the Americas		Business (N)		PBS NewsHour		Age Reversed With Miranda Esmonde-White		Ed Slott Ed Slott shows how to take retirement savings on a permanent vacation from taxes.		Rick Steves'	
	STATION	PEN	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
A&E	52		The First 48 "Massacre in Little Haiti/ Exposed"		The First 48 "Senior Year"		60 Days In		:45 60 Days In		60 Days In "Hazed and Confused" (N)		Behind Bars: Rookie "Predator vs. Prey" (N)	
	AMC	60	★ The Mummy Adventurers inadvertently resurrect a malevolent force with unspeakable power.		★ ★★ The Mummy Returns '01, Adv) Brendan mummy is resurrected and resumes its evil quest for immortality.		Fraser. A 3,000-year-old mummy is resurrected and resumes its evil quest for immortality.		★ ★★ Die Hard: With a Vengeance		:05 The First 48 "Cranked"		:05 North Woods Law	
ANPL	24		Rocky Mt. Hunters		North Woods Law		North Woods Law		North Woods Law		Justice "Headless Elk"		:05 North Woods Law	
CMT	43		Cowboys Cheer. (N)		Pickler (N)	Cowboys Cheerleaders	J. Pickler	Broken Skull Challen	Broken Skull Challen		Broken Skull Challen		Roseanne	Roseanne
CNBC	72		Shark Tank		American Greed (N)		American Greed: Scam		American Greed: Scam		American Greed: Scam		Paid	Paid
CNN	68		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight	
DISC	51		Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws: Full "Ready, Set, Crow..."		Blue Collar Backers		Blue Collar Backers		Blue Collar Backers		Street Outlaws	
DISN	26		Liv Maddie/Underc.		Bunk'd	Liv Maddie	★ Radio Rebel Debby Ryan.		:40 Jessie		StuckMid		Girl World	
ESPN	33		ITF Tennis U.S. Open Women's Semifinal Site: USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34		Hockey Exhibition Game (L)		SportsC.		E:60	30Shorts	Baseball Tonight (L)		J & J (N)		30 for 30 "The '85 Bears"	
FNC	66		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		On the Record	
FOOD	61		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		BeatPlay		Beat Play	Beat Play
FREE	32		Middle		★ ★★ Bedtime Stories Adam Sandler.		:45 ★ ★★ Billy Madison '95, Com)		Adam Sandler.		The 700 Club		The 700 Club	
FX	65		★ ★★ Ted '12, Com) Mark Wahlberg.		★ ★★ Neighbors '14, Com) Seth Rogen.		Better (N)		Sex&Drugs		Better		★ Ted	
GOLF	68		PGA Golf BMW Championship Site: Conway Farms Golf Club		PGA Golf BMW Championship Site: Conway Farms Golf Club		PGA Golf BMW Championship Site: Conway Farms Golf Club		PGA Golf BMW Championship Site: Conway Farms Golf Club		PGA Golf BMW Championship Site: Conway Farms Golf Club		PGA Golf BMW Championship Site: Conway Farms Golf Club	
GSN	76		Winsan.		Fam. Feud		Fam. Feud		Fam. Feud		Fam. Feud		Fam. Feud	
HALL	87		Last Man		Last Man		Last Man		Last Man		Middle		Middle	
HGTV	60		FlipFlop		FlipFlop									