Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau January & February 2021 Marketing Update



**Executive** Director Update **TOT & TBID Income Book>Direct** Website KPIs **Overall Growth** International Market Growth Site Channel YOY Paid Search Budget / Paid Media Budget **Display Ads – Domestic &** International Paid Social Media Ads

Yosemite.com 2.0 **Content Creation** SEO **Special Offers** Travel Trade / Trade Shows **Email Marketing** Traditional Media **PR and Press Trips Traditional Sales** Collateral **International Marketing** 



## **Executive Director Update**

- When looking at the financial reports YTD, it's vital to remember YMCTB carried and consumed \$174K from PY for digital and SEM. Spend to income is <\$400K>
- PPP Loan application won/approved \$68,345.00
- Media FAM Trips returning, most are requiring added funding and many weekend requests (FAM = Expense covered trip)
- American Airlines adding new lift direct from ORD Chicago to FAT Fresno. Southwest has added new service after an absence of 12 years. YMCTB will be encouraging use of FAT as a less congested alternative for CA or Domestic flights
- Adding Expedia and new native media insertions with SF Gate to increase Spring visitation. Radio in the SF Bay Area is running now
- Budget is holding up. Spending was reduced or paused again during February due to last minute reservations system added by the NPS
- Requested a meeting with Superintendent Muldoon and DMO leaders to discuss summer park operations plans
- Yosemite.com 3.0 budget planning



## **TOT & TBID Income**

#### **TOT Collections**

Month	20/2	1 Amount	19/2	20 Amount	18/	19 Amount	17/	18 Amount	16/	'17 Amount
July	\$	1,474,664	\$	2,857,229	\$	1,548,198	\$	1,995,936	\$	2,011,727
August	\$	1,591,830	\$	2,626,881	\$	650,470	\$	1,823,040	\$	1,827,371
September	\$	790,349	\$	2,483,753	\$	1,670,119	\$	1,641,612	\$	1,700,907
October	\$	1,327,953	\$	1,852,803	\$	1,276,720	\$	1,289,251	\$	1,224,684
November	\$	1,166,846	\$	1,094,861	\$	859,085	\$	769,596	\$	761,591
December	\$	266,374	\$	1,081,371	\$	748,286	\$	752,876	\$	731,360
January	\$	211,545	\$	598,299	\$	454,886	\$	468,527	\$	406,545
February			\$	779,460	\$	394,608	\$	507,606	\$	476,816
March			\$	378,288	\$	671,734	\$	748,369	\$	735,920
April			\$	10,793	\$	1,471,107	\$	1,112,161	\$	1,274,928
Мау			\$	17,168	\$	2,234,619	\$	1,709,524	\$	1,678,830
June			\$	571,448	\$	2,844,599	\$	2,165,245	\$	2,052,049
GR TOTAL		\$6,829,562	\$	14,352,353	\$	14,824,432	:	\$14,983,743	\$	14,882,728
∆ Prior Year	\$	(7,522,791)	\$	(472,079)	\$	(159,311)		\$101,015	\$	529,576
Year To Date	\$	(5,765,634)								

### **TBID Income History**

Month	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018
Jul	\$32,892	\$284,356	\$210,888	\$200,131
Aug	\$137,534	\$226,277	\$179,271	\$211,504
Sep	\$123,733	\$227,407	\$59,998	\$165,258
Oct	\$86,666	\$227,841	\$96,547	\$183,879
Nov	\$85,361	\$116,805	\$202,663	\$141,347
Dec	\$111,592	\$148,902	\$97,688	\$92,485
Jan	\$44,592	\$94,089	\$46,424	\$79,151
Feb	\$28,312	\$53,395	\$60,668	\$49,164
Mar		\$62,297	\$56,365	\$53,953
Apr		\$37,165	\$61,510	\$62,241
May		\$5,937	\$105,351	\$96,000
Jun		\$3,422	\$124,642	\$156,291
Total	\$ 650,682	\$1,487,891	\$1,302,017	\$1,491,404
Total PY	\$1,487,891	\$1,302,017	\$1,491,404	\$1,477,140
Diff	\$ (837,210)	\$ 185,874	\$ (189,387)	\$ 14,265



## **Book>Direct Tracking**



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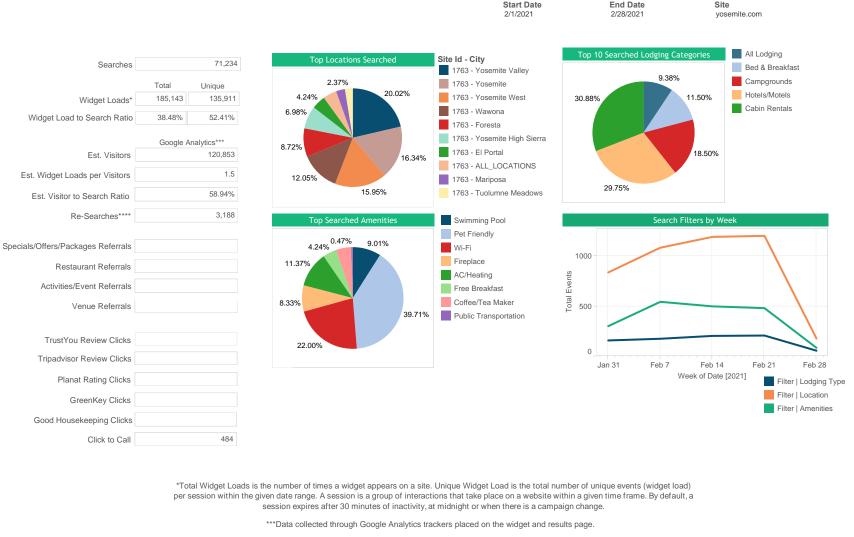
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### **Book>Direct Tracking**



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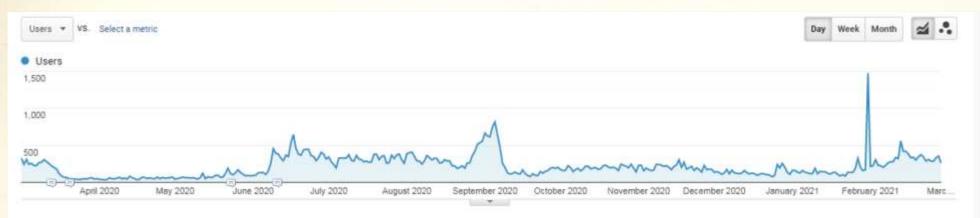




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### **Referral & Book>Direct -Tenaya Lodge Example**



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		Acquisition			Behavior			Conversions eCommerce *		
	Source 0	Users 0	New Users	Sessions 0	Bounce Rate	Pages / Session	Avg. Session Duration	Ecommerce Conversion Rate	Transactions	Revenue 🔹 🤟
		68,400 % of Total: 12.43% (550,280)	62,767 % of Total 11.34% (553,360)	88,732 % of Total 10.72% (827,915)	24.95% Avg for View: 30.68% (-18.70%)	2.70 Avg for View: 2.65 (1.83%)	00:03:12 Avg for View: 00:03:21 (-4.68%)	1.01% Avg for View. 1.61% (-37.24%)	897 % of Total 6.73% (13,335)	\$854,198.25 % of Total: 6.78% (\$12,600,587.27)
	1. yosemite.com	25,052 (35.89%)	23,474 (37.40%)	30,300 (34.15%)	14.39%	3.00	00:03:35	1.09%	331 (36.90%)	\$321,372.00 (37.62%)
D	2. yosemite redirect bookdirect net	3,858 (5.53%)	3,460 (5.51%)	4,432 (4.99%)	39.17%	2.37	00:02:48	1.99%	88 (9.81%)	\$73,735.00 (8.63%)
	3. myyosemitepark.com	<b>5,240</b> (7.51%)	4,857 (7.74%)	6,392 (7.20%)	17.47%	2.65	00:03:25	0.78%	50 (S.57%)	\$58,783.00 (6.88%)
	4. mer.org	943 (1.35%)	934 (1.49%)	1,319 (1.49%)	20.77%	3.99	00:03:12	4.55%	60 (6.69%)	\$56,793.00 (6.65%)
	5. retailmenot.com	575 (0.82%)	146 (0.23%)	922 (1.04%)	26.36%	3.59	00:06:02	6.94%	64 (7.13%)	\$55,544.25 (6.50%)
0	6. tools jackrabbitsystems.com	6,216 (8.91%)	5,371 (8.56%)	7,169 (8.08%)	20.10%	2.46	00:03:13	0.54%	<b>39</b> (4.35%)	\$36,696.00 (4.30%)

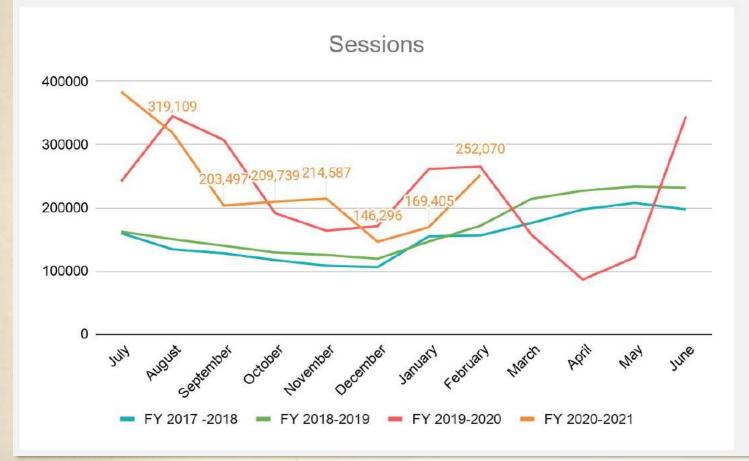


## **Yosemite.com KPIs: Performance Recap**

	July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 Month 8 of 12 = 67%	FY2020/21 Annual Goals	
PRIMARY KPI Partner Referrals	ACTUAL: 333.4k   71% to goal Lodging: 284k Things to do: 39.8k Dining: 10k	472,500 Referrals Lodging: 354,375   Things to Do: 108,675   Dining: 9,450	
Supporting KPIs			
Overall Sessions	ACTUAL: 1,898,241   78% to goal	2,420,000 Sessions	
Organic Sessions	ACTUAL: 900,319   64% to goal	1,400,000 Sessions	
International Market Sessions (UK, Australia, China, Germany, Scandinavia)	ACTUAL: 69,571   <mark>31%</mark> to goal	225,000 Sessions	
Tracked Metrics			
Book Direct Referrals	February: 44,334	YTD Total: 330,268	
Newsletter Sign Ups	New Subscribers FY YTD: 4,535	Total Subscribers: 66,329	



### **Overall Growth: Sessions**

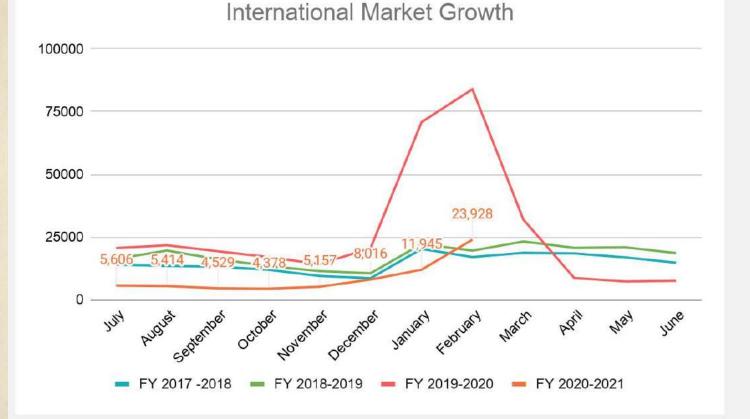


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Total Fiscal Year Sessions	1,898,241		
Fiscal Year Goal	2,420,000		
% of Goal Reached	78%		



### **International Market Growth**



Total Fiscal Year International Market	69,571
Fiscal Year Goal	225,000
% of Goal Reached	31%



## **Site Channel YOY Performance**

Default Channel Grouping	Sessions •	%Δ	Users	Bounce Rate	Pages / Session
Organic Search	98,545	4.8% #	79,031	44.26%	2.29
Paid Social	50,829	429.3% 1	45,062	66.4%	1.76
Paid Search	37,060	-15.5% 🖡	29,874	33.65%	2.98
Direct	23,759	4.2% #	18,233	45.41%	2.26
Display	23,720	-65.2% 🖡	17,040	88.3%	1.21
Referral	10,478	232.0% #	8,575	13.22%	2.19
Social	3,738	-73.6% 🖡	3,377	26.32%	1.69
Email	3,704	2,472.2% #	2,973	46%	2.55



# **Display Ads Performance in US**

### **Highlights**

- Ads generated 1,916,859 impressions and 1,381 clicks
- 490 conversions with an average conversion rate of .06%
- Winter remarketing ads drove the most lodging conversions, with an average cost per conversion of \$24.49, increasing MOM
- The Tenaya retargeting ads performed better than the Ahwahnee retargeting ads this month
- The top performing creative is featured to the right

### **Takeaway**

 Explore additional CTAs with verbiage for other funnel stages Refresh your spirit in winter's glory. BOOK



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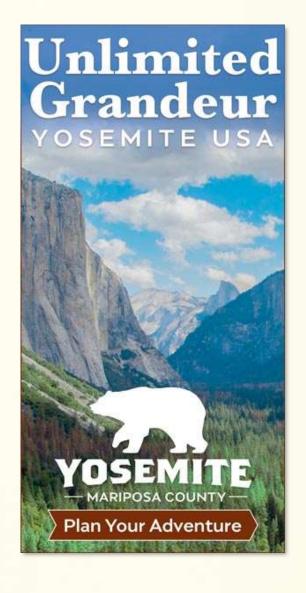
## **International Display Campaign: United Kingdom**

### **Highlights**

- The UK Brand Awareness campaign generated 6,300,436 impressions and 18,470 clicks
- We increased the budget this month and drove 2 conversions, we are seeing significant awareness from this campaign

### **Takeaways**

- The CTR for this campaign is .29%, in comparison to the industry benchmark of .47%, this indicates an opportunity to test different planning language on the creative, such as "dreaming" or "exploring" to encourage user click through
- We see the bounce rate for this campaign at 91.59% and pages per session at 1.11, which reinforces the opportunity to optimize the landing page





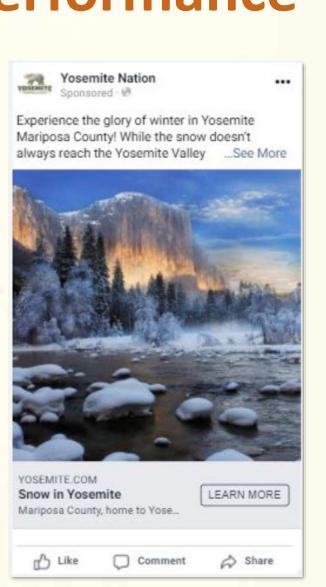
# **Paid Social Media Ads Performance**

### **Highlights**

- Ads generated 3,161,177 impressions and reached 1,019,648 users
- Paid social sessions increased 429% YoY at a 43% decrease in cost
- In February, your Shutterbugs audience was most engaged, with an overall 5% CTR – your top ad had a 6.41% CTR and is to the right
- Overall the average CTR of 4.42% is outperforming the industry benchmark of .90%

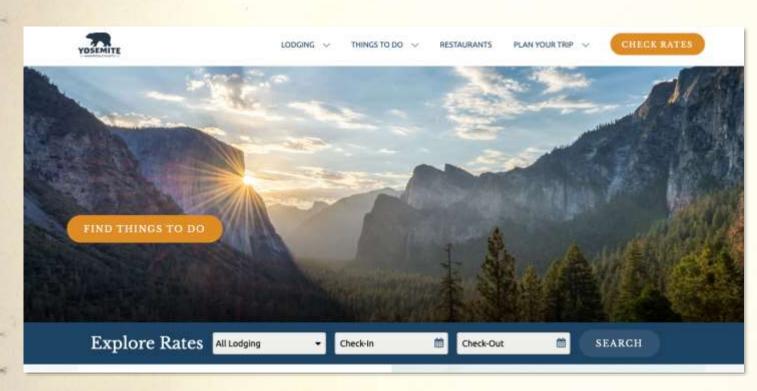
### <u>Takeaway</u>

 With photography audiences engaging more with scenic, picturesque imagery we see an opportunity to create similarly personalized ads for each audience



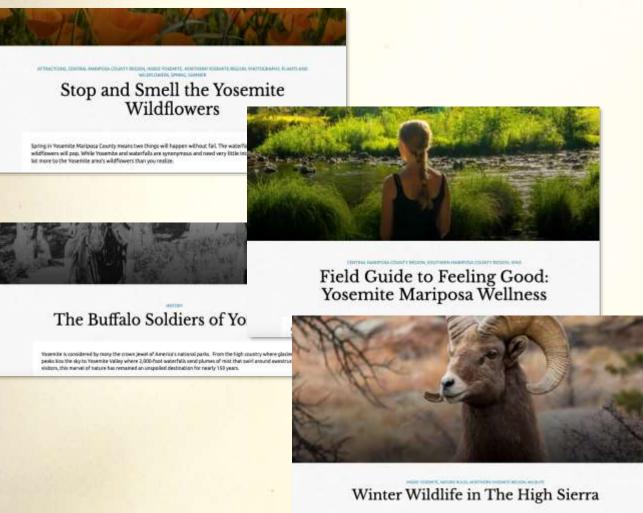


# **Yosemite.com Strategy 2.0**



- Improvements to Yosemite.com continue in the form of minor improvements to the operating system and larger additions to the site structure.
- We've installed a new plugin called TinyPNG which will compress images on Yosemite.com to improve load time on Mobile platforms.
- Noble Studios has been directed to take on a full technical audit of Yosemite.com to analyze the user experience and will install updates to ensure our aging site runs as best as possible.
- Our Video Hub has been moved forward and is nearing completion so that we can have an area on our site for our new video content.

## **Content Creation**



- **12 new blogs** have been published since the previous BoD meeting.
- Topics include: wildflower viewing, Yosemite's Buffalo Soldiers, wellness
- practices, photography and wildlife viewing.
- Shifting our 18-month content calendar meetings have allowed us to write content that is more targeted to the needs of our ever-changing tourism climate.
- We continue to focus on activities outside of Yosemite National Park to move tourists about the county to businesses and prep for potential restrictions this summer and in February.
- In total, 52 new blogs have been published in the fiscal year to this point more than all of 2019-20.



## SEO



### A Guide to the Natural Yosemite Firefall 2021– Horsetail Fall Firefall



CENTRAL MARIPOSA COUNTY REGION, ITINERARIES, NORTHERN YOSEMITE REGION, NW MARIPOSA COUNTY REGION, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, SOUTHERN YOSEMITE REGION, SUMMER, TOURS, TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION

National Park Road Trip Itineraries: To Yosemite and Beyond

- By working with our partners at Noble Studios we continue to write new content and update old content so that Yosemite.com pages are showing up higher in Google Searches.
- Through Noble's keyword research, we've identified search terms, like "National Park Itineraries" that Yosemite.com does not trend for. While these are high funnel terms, the articles do link to lodging properties and special offers to convert visitors.
- We also updated older content, such as our Horsetail Falls article that was published in early 2020, so that it ranks higher for search terms that are more relevant now, like "Yosemite Firefall 2021"
- Noble is currently making SEO optimizations to lodging pages to ensure that we maintain our already strong authority on lodging search terms.



### **SEO**

We saw rank growth for many branded terms surrounding hiking, campgrounds and more Information.

### Takeaway:

For those keywords that lost rank including fishing, maps and webcams, look for optimization opportunities.

Recent Rank Changes	Current Rank	Previous Rank	Search Volume
Yosemite RV camping	1	4	2,900
Vernal Falls	2	3	8,100
Yosemite tours	2	3	1,900
Climbing Half Dome	3	2	2,400
Mariposa grove	3	4	8,100
Yosemite fishing	3	2	880
Yosemite maps	3	2	9,900
Yosemite webcams	3	2	9,900



# **Special Offers**

The Special Offers project continues to grow. Below is the status since the last meeting.

- Participation to date 57 Offers to date (42 lodging, 9 retail and 6 attractions).
- Promoted in one E-newsletter since January to an average audience of 61,000 consumers.
- 18,432 click-throughs to the individual Special Offers since January 21.
- 7 social media posts across all platforms with a paid social spend of \$2400.



### Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite

BOOK TODAY AND SAVE 15% - Offer ends March 16th

OFFER VALID 03/02/2021 THROUGH 03/16/2021



### Sweetwater Lodge

10% Off - Offer ends March 21, 2021

View Offer

View Offer



### Sierra Sunrise Vacation Rental

10% Discount Off Nightly Rate - Offer ends 3/31/21



## **Social Media – YosemiteNation Facebook**



### **Social Media – YosemiteNation Facebook Examples**

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**Yosemite Nation** Published by Hootsuite O - February 26 at 3:50 PM · O

Yosemite National Park's reservation system ends this Monday, March 1, with pre-purchased day-use passes no longer required to visit the park beginning March 1st. As always, wear a face covering, observe social distancing, stay safe, and #RecreateResponsibly. #YosemiteNation #VisitGoldCountry Visit California ... See More

### **BEGINNING MARCH 1ST.**

Reservations no longer required to visit Yosemite National Park



Engagements

Completed

39.8K

View Results

People Reached Boosted on March 1 at 11:24 AM By Craig Polson People Reached 368K Engagements

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568 Comments 2.2K Shares

**Boost Again** 

**Yosemite Nation** Published by Hootsuite 0 - February 9 - 3

People Reached

008 9.4K

With the recent winter storms and high country snowpack, Yosemite's waterfalls will be roaring for months to come.

To hold you over until your next visit here's Lower Yosemite Fall and the bottom of the Middle Cascades above and behind it.

Photo by Instagram user @jakob\_Ir... See More









## **Social Media - Facebook Local**



YOSEMITE -MARIPOSA-COUNTY

## **Social Media - Facebook Local Examples**

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Vosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau Published by Tony McDaniel O - January 28 - 🕥

#### Know before you go!

If you're heading into or around Mariposa County this week, we're getting a lot of winter weather. Just take a look at the Fish Camp Fire Station in this photo from County Supervisor, Miles Menetrey.

Tire chains are required in some parts of the county and Yosemite National Park is closed until Monday at the earliest due to last week's wind storm and this week's winter storm.... See More



Vosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau Published by Hootsuite • January 25 • •

What a beautiful snowy morning! Here's what the northern Mariposa County looks like this morning this is looking East towards Pilot Ridge, with Yosemite in the far distance in the clouds to the right.

What does it look like in your part of the county?

#YosemiteNation... See More



182 People Reached	22 Engagements	Boost Post
11		4 Comments



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## **Social Media - Instagram**





## **Social Media - Instagram Examples**

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yosemitenation "Is this the real life? Is this just fantasy?" We had to do a double take at this breathtaking image by @jakob\_Ir #yosemite #yosemitenationalpark #yosemitevalley #yosemitenp #yosemite\_national\_park #yosemitenps #yosemitepark @YosemiteNation @yosemitenps @visitcalifornia #californialove #california #californialove @visitcalifornia #californialove #waterfalls

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nacho3981 When will you guys open up more sites. How is being outdoors bad for people?????

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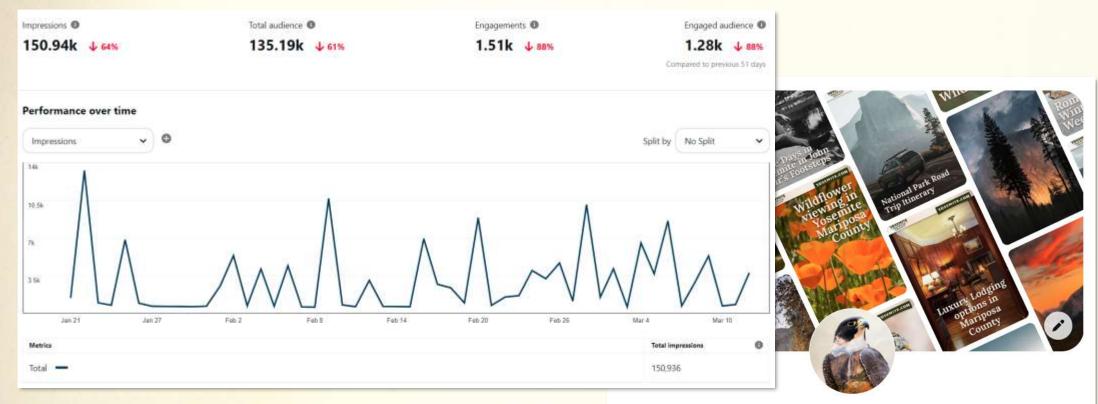


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Add a comment...



## **Social Media - Pinterest**



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### **Yosemite Mariposa County**

**yosemite.com** · @yosemitenation · Dedicated to helping you get the information you need for a memorable journey to Yosemite, and Mariposa County. Also find us on Instagram @YosemiteNation

1.9k followers 503 following

109.5k monthly views



## **Social Media - Pinterest Examples**





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#### yosemite.com

### **Snowfall on El Capitan**

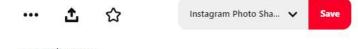
Snowy views from a few weeks ago - let's hope there's a bit more before the end of the season to keep those falls roaring. Photo by Instagram user @jeffmihalyo #YosemiteNation



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### The 🎔 on El Capitan

This 3000 ft. (914 m.) tall monolith is definitely a sight to behold. Ever notice the '♥' on El Cap? Photo by Friedrich (stock).



**Yosemite Mariposa County** 1.9k followers

#### Note to self

What do you want to remember about this Pin?

Add note

Photos Comments



## **Social Media - Twitter**





## **Social Media - Twitter**

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**Yosemite Nation** @yosemitenation · Feb 20 A winter wonderland for sure!!! Amazing capture by Instagram user @bradleyspuhler.

#### #YosemiteNation @VisitCA

#### ow.ly/Eulg50DFeFk (visit Yosemite info)





**Yosemite Nation** @yosemitenation · Feb 16 ···· Snowy views from a few weeks ago - let's hope there's a bit more before the end of the season to keep those falls roaring. Photo by Instagram user @jeffmihaly

#### #YosemiteNation @VisitCA

#### ow.ly/n2TJ50DBLv0 (build-your-own Yosemite itinerary)

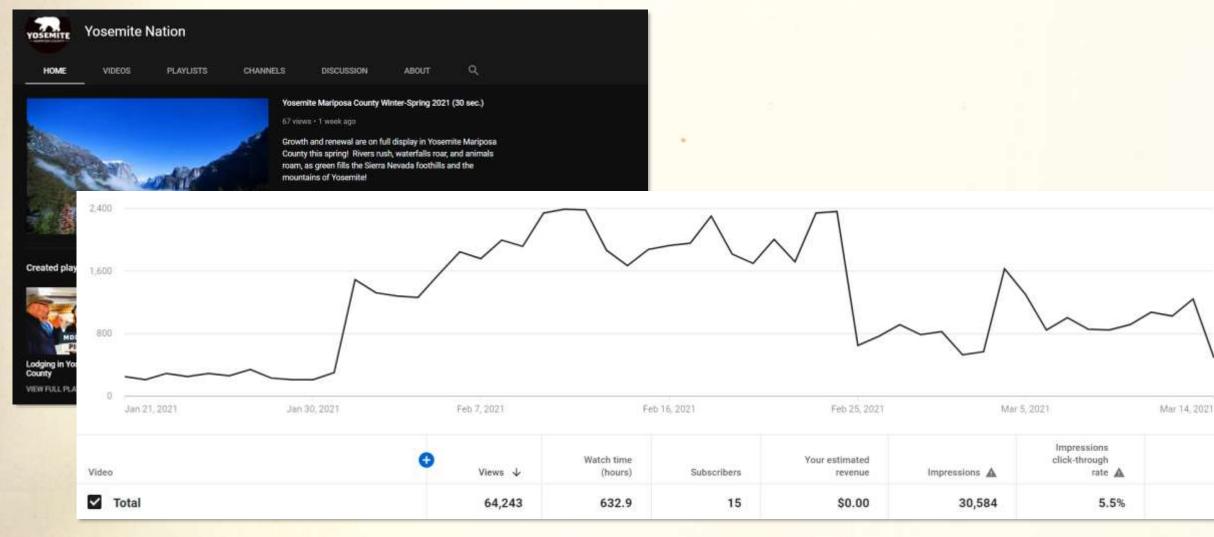




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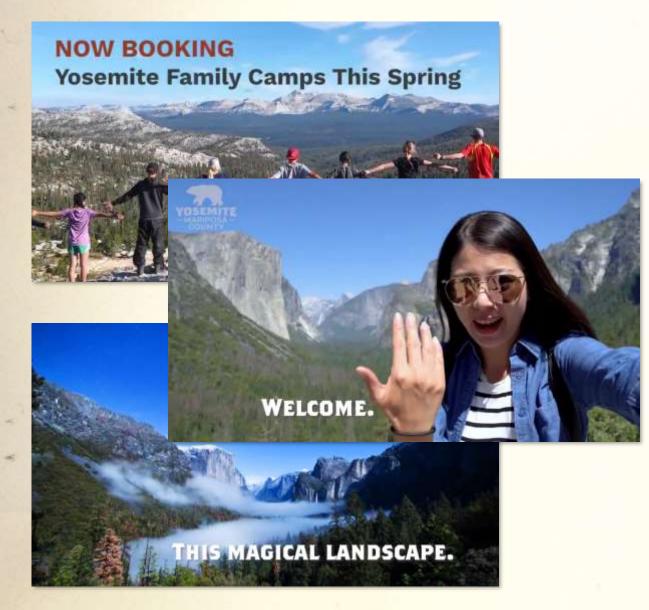
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## **Video Production**



We've proudly produced **21 videos** this year. Productions consist of:

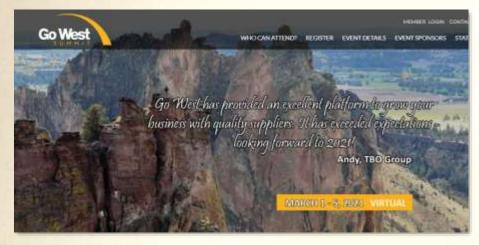
4 Modern Day Pioneers 8 Mariposa 7 Mariposa Moments

We have 2 more Modern Day Pioneers in postproduction and have several other videos in various stages of pre-production.

We set ourselves lofty production goals, but plan on easing back our production schedule due to time constraints and evolving team priorities as we head into spring and summer.



## **Travel Trade / Trade Shows**



### The Go West Summit - March 1-5, 2021

- Twenty appointments were conducted with travel trade product Managers from U.S, Germany, Japan and the United Kingdom.
- The overall feeling was optimistic about returning to international travel in 2022.
- All participants were excited to be included on the list for the Travel Trade Newsletter.



- IPW is planning a live event in September in Las Vegas 9/18 through 9/22, 2021.
- We have registered but not paid for the show as we are waiting until closer to the date to see if it will actually happen.

### Travel Trade Newsletter

The next newsletter is set to launch the second week of March. The list has grown to 450 subscribers.







Vertral Fall by Manusz Blach

#### From Winter Wonderland to Spring's Waterfalls

Looking for a natural getaway? An absolutely magical time to visit Yosemite and nearby Mariposa County is <u>late winter</u> and <u>early spring</u>. You'll have all of Yosemite's iconic sights from Half Dome to Yosemite Falls nearly to yoarself, along with the amazing history and culture you'll find in Mariposa County, known as the "Home of Yosemite."

Plus, the lodging is more affordable. Base your stay in the warmer, lower elevation towns of Mariposa or Midpines where you can choose from budget travel, luxury resorts or glamping spots. From here, it's easy access via Highway 140 to snowshoe through the High Sierra, cross country ski on Glacier Point Road or hike through the warmer Yosemite Valley.



# **Email Marketing**

### Owned eCRM:

The examples on the right are two recent emails send to our consumer list.

### Partner eBlast:

- We worked with National Park Trips to send the example on the left to 121,533 patrons.
- 55,808 Total Opens with an open rate of 27.2%
- 2,346 Clicks to clientsupplied links



#### Winter in Yosemite Mariposa County: Dreaming for the Future

We understand - we all want to travel, but right now it's pretty challenging. We prepared the following newsletter in hopes of being able to invite you back to Yosemite Mariposa County this winter, but our current regional COVID-19 restrictions make that hard to do. Instead we hope this newsletter will inspire you to start dreaming about visiting Yosemite Mariposa County. And, when things are better, we look forward to seeing you.



5 Days of Fun in Yosemite's Winter Season: Build Your Own Itinerary

Wave goodbye to crowded city centers and take a deep trutth of Yosemite's winter. Crisp clear air, rosy cheeks, and Yosemite's majesty practically to yourself.

Let us introduce you to five days worth of Yosemite winter bliss.

Day 1: Snowshoe or crosscountry ski through a giant sequoia grove ...

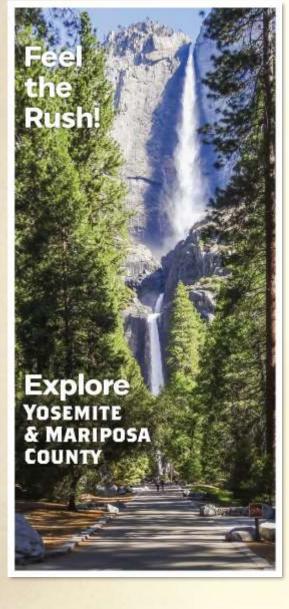


### TAKE A PEEK AT SOME SWEETHEART DEALS.



Here are some special offers that we think you're going to

## **Traditional Print**





GO THE DISTANCE - WORK, LEARN, STAY AND PLAY

IN YOSEMITE MARIPOSA COUNTY



BANG Insert – sent to 660,000 subscribers in the Bay Area on February 21, 2021.



## **Traditional Radio**



The "Above the Fog" Campaign this year was placed on six radio stations from Fresno to Modesto.





### January to March Earned Media Campaign



"Tourist traffic is light, snowmelt is pepping up the park's famous waterfalls, and wildflowers (including California poppies) are abloom."

"Landmarks like Half Dome and El Capitan look undeniably good in winter white."





THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

MATADOR (N) NETWORK

"Required Reservations to Enter Yosemite Are Ending"

"Experience a true spring awakening in Yosemite Mariposa County amid California poppies and western redbud trees."



## **Examples of Earned Media**

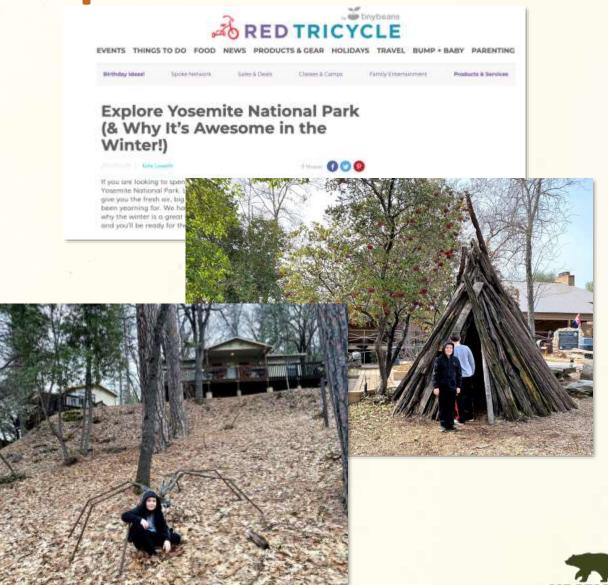
### DATES 1/19/21 TO 3/12/21

1/19/21 Beautiful Blue Locations to Life Your Mood	Crave Magazine	https://cravemag.co.uk/travel/blue-monday-beautiful-blue-locations-to-lift-your-mood/	BlackDiamond
	Travel Trade Gazette		BlackDiamond
1/21/21 Rays of Hope		https://www.ttgmedia.com/digital-editions/ttg-magazine/read-ttg-january-2021-26939	
1/21/21 Spirit of Adventure	Travel Trade Gazette	https://www.ttgmedia.com/digital-editions/ttg-magazine/read-ttg-january-2021-26939	BlackDiamond
1/21/21 12 months of travel inspiration	PR Travel News		Black Diamond
1/21/21 2020/21 Holidays to Book with Confidence	PR Travel News		BlackDiamond
1/27/21 Happy Planning Travel Guide For 2021	Yorkshire Times	https://yorkshiretimes.co.uk/article/Happy-Planning-Travel-Guide-For-2021	BlackDiamond
1/27/21 Plan Your Dream Trip	Crave Magazine	https://cravemag.co.uk/travel/far-flung-destinations-plan-your-dream-trip/	BlackDlamond
1/29/21 Happy Planning Travel Guide for 2021	Lancashire Times	https://lancashiretimes.co.uk/article/Happy-Planning-Travel-Guide-For-2021	BlackDiamond
2/1/21 Epic trips for the over 50's	NI Travel News	https://nitravelnews.com/news/epic-trips-for-the-over-50s/	BlackDiamond
2/4/21 Where Can I Take My Kids Over Spring Break?	LSM	https://www.wsj.com/articles/where-can-i-take-my-kids-over-spring-break-11612464940	360ViewPR pitch
2/4/21 Animals in Love	Berwickshire News & East Lothian Herald	Print	Black Diamond
2/5/21 Reunited With the United States of America	ABTA Print & Online	https://magazine.abtamag.com/editions/february-2021/?slide=2	BlackDiamond
2/9/21 Yosemite's firefall isn't the only winter phenomenon worth visiting for	Matador Network	https://matadornetwork.com/read/yosemites-winter-phenomenon-worth-visiting/	360 View PR Pitch/Tony McDaniel interview
2/10/21 ULTIMATE HONEYMOON EXPERIENCES AND DESTINATIONS	Viestra Magazine	ULTIMATE HONEYMOON EXPERIENCES AND DESTINATIONS	Black Diamond
2/17/21 Animals in Love	Hartleypool	Print	Blackdiamond
2/17/21 Winter Adventure Ideas for 2021/22	Viestra Magazine	http://viestramagazine.com/winter-adventure-ideas-for-p954-171.htm	BlackDiamond
2/19/21 Explore Yosemite National Park (& Why It's Awesome in the Winter!)	Red Tricycle	https://redtri.com/yosemite-national-park/slide/1	Kate Loweth Fam trip
2/21/21 American Express	Mirror	Print	Black Diamond
2/21/21 American Express	Express	Print	BlackDiamond
2/27/21 Required Reservations to Yosemite are Endign	NBC Los Angeles	https://www.nbclosangeles.com/worth-the-trip/required-reservations-to-enter-yosemite-are-ending/2537829/	360ViewPR
2/27/21 Ultimate Honeymoon Destinations; Our Top Picks	Crave Magazine	https://cravemag.co.uk/travel/ultimate-honeymoon-destinations-our-top-picks/	Blackdiamond
3/4/21 Socially distanced Wildflower Blooms in California	Visit California	https://media.visitcalifornia.com/story-inspiration/discover-story-ideas/enjoy-socially-distanced-spring-blooms-in-california	360ViewPR
3/10/21 13 California Road Trips You Should Try to Take at Least Once	Reader's Digest & MSN	https://www.msn.com/en-us/travel/tripideas/13-california-road-trips-you-should-try-to-take-at-least-once/ar-BB1eslhh	360 View PR



# **Press Trips**

- We hosted Kate Loweth who wrote for Red Tricycle, a parenting outlet.
- Kate stayed with at Yosemite Bug Rustic Mountain Resort and visited 1850, The California State Mining and Mineral Museum, the Mariposa Museum and History Center as well as Yosemite. Kate wrote in detail about the experience that she and her family had.
- We were particularly pleased with the turn around time, that article was published within a week.
- Kim Westerman is writing for Forbes. She is also doing a family travel story and staying at Tenaya Lodge's Explorer Cabins.
- We continue to plan press trips and will have more to report on at the May meeting.



## **Traditional Sales**

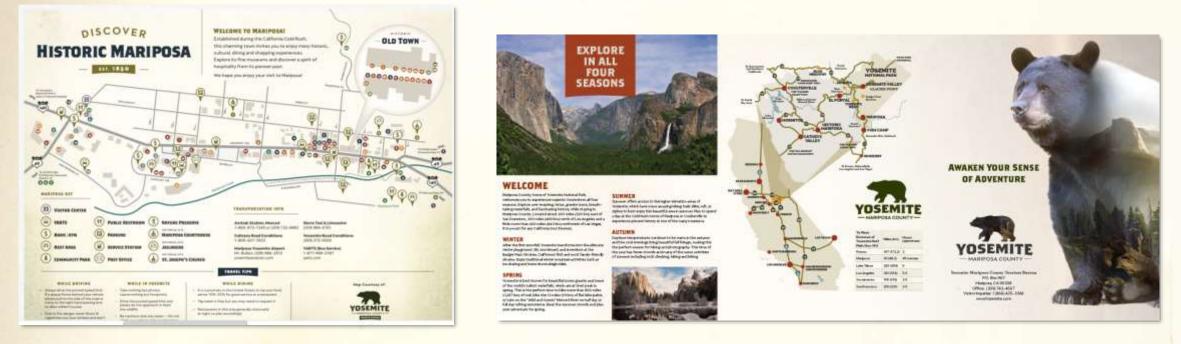


With no group current activity due to COVID-19, staff is rebuilding our meetings web pages and supportive materials. This will position YMCTB to assist in a strong market return of group bookings. In accordance with the strategic plan, we are updating assets to support traditional sales efforts. These include:

- Update Sales sheets for primary meeting facilities.
- Updating Group Sales contacts for each property.
- Rebuilding the Meeting Planner website page on Yosemite.com and improving navigation.
- Updating and improving the RFP request process.



## Collateral



- Mini-DVP The international offices were consulted on its use and improvement. The updated file will be provided, and each office will print in country to eliminate shipping costs.
- Mariposa Town Map There has been significant changes to the downtown corridor so this map is being updated and will be ready to send to print April 1st.
- DVP (Complete redesign) The design process is underway with completion in September.



## **International - Germany**

### **Highlights from Msi**

### **VUSA Roadshow**

Tony McDaniel and Julie Hadzega were included in the VUSA Roadshow video welcoming German travel agents back to our region



### **VUSA B2B Newsletter**

Yosemite Mariposa County was featured in the VUSA B2B newsletter going out to 21.800 recipients.

- Open Rate: 44.1 %
- Click Rate: 2.7%





## International – United Kingdom

### Highlights from Black Diamond



Fri 12 Feb 2021 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM GMT 

Online, Airmeet

Holid

Holidays Please & Elegant Escapes United Airlines Virgin Atlantic Holidays

February 2021

Trainings

Meetings:

Trailfinders - Agents trained – 164 Virgin Atlantic Holidays - Agents trained - 83

### VirtY'all Getaway

Yosemite Mariposa County partnered with Black Diamond and Travel Connection Group to take part in virtual networking event, VirtY'all Getaway. In the second instalment of the online event, Yosemite Mariposa County hosted a table as part of the Black Diamond booth to promote Yosemite Mariposa County to the media and trade. The event was very well attended; Brendan and Emma spoke to 125 members of the trade and media during the four-hour event. The team conducted all associated follow up.



## **International - Scandinavia**

### **Highlights from Atlantic Link**



### 45 minutes in Yosemite

Atlantic Link is happy to invite you to an amazing webinar! Sit behind your desk at home and join 45 minutes with Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau. Tony McDaniel, Communications Manager & Julie Hadzega, Travel Trade Manager, will educate you about Yosemite Mariposa County and inspire you and your clients for future travels to California and Yosemite. On January 26, 2021, Atlantic Link facilitated a 45-minute webinar on behalf of Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau. Atlantic Link handled anything from the invitations, reminders registrations and this report. The webinar was attended by 47 high level agents, representing Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland.

### "Very informative and inspiring!"

Therese Jellmund / Project Manager Group & Conference at Lingmerths Resebyra, Sweden

"I think it was great how the 3 representatives filled in with information and supplied each other with information. It was a great presentation, with maps and accommodation. Great job!"

Katharina Wiig / Product Manager at Unike Reiser, Norway



### Final thoughts...

- Thank you to the sponsorship committee
- California will continue to be our primary marketing focus
- Fall marketing will be somewhat dependent on...
  - NPS if there is a Yosemite reservations system
  - Budget and county financial commitment
- Coop Partner Marketing in 2021/2022? Discuss during Marketing budget review
- We'll continue to manage marketing spend based on income



# **Thank You!**



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