

# Yosemite Guide



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# Yosemite Essentials



A peak-hours reservation is required to drive into Yosemite on some dates in 2024.

A reservation is required between 5 am and 4 pm on the following dates:

July 1 to August 16  
Daily

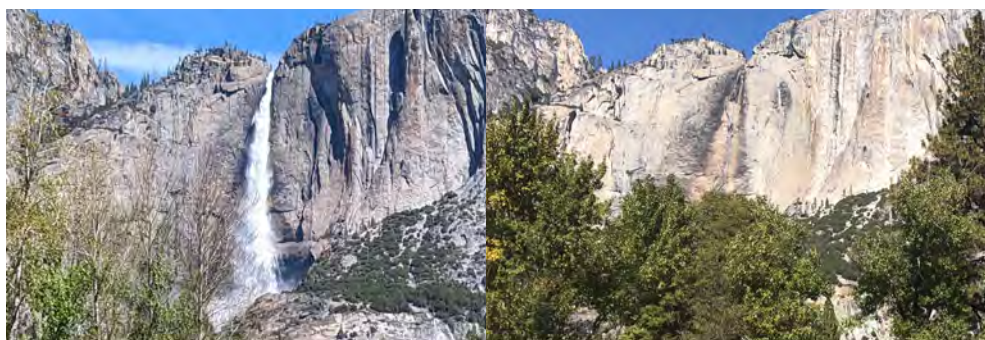
August 17 to October 27  
Saturdays, Sundays, & holidays only



To learn more, scan the QR code or visit [go.nps.gov/reserve](https://go.nps.gov/reserve).

**Book a reservation at Recreation.gov.** A portion of reservations were released in January 2024; additional reservations are released seven days in advance at 8 am Pacific time. Reservations are valid for up to three consecutive days.

**Visitors may enter the park with:** a peak-hours reservation; a Wilderness or Half Dome permit; in-park camping, lodging, or vacation rental; regional transit or a tour group.



Yosemite Falls in spring

Yosemite Falls in late summer

## Summer in Yosemite: What to Expect

**Seasonal waterfalls may be dry.** Waterfalls peak in spring, fed by snowmelt at higher elevations. Bridalveil, Vernal, and Nevada Falls flow year-round but are less full this time of year.

**Arrive early or in late afternoon.** On busy summer days, wait times at entrance stations can be long, and parking in Yosemite Valley may completely fill. Once you find a parking space, keep it. Walk, bike, or ride a free shuttle to Valley trailheads and other destinations.

**The Mist Trail is closed for repairs** Monday through Thursday, between 7 am and 3:30 pm. This section is open on weekends. During the closure, reach the top of Vernal Fall (and points beyond) via the John Muir Trail. Check the map on the back cover to view the closure.

## Emergency Services

In an Emergency:  
Call or Text 911

**Non-emergency dispatch line**  
209/379-1992


**Medical Clinic (Yosemite Valley)**  
209/372-4637 | Open Mon to Fri,  
9 am – 6 pm. Urgent care walk-ins  
with out-of-pocket fees: 1 pm –  
4:30 pm.


**Yosemite Village Garage**  
Call 209/372-1060 for 24-hour  
roadside assistance.


**Lost & Found** Check at the  
nearest open information center  
or hotel front desk, or visit  
[go.nps.gov/lost](https://go.nps.gov/lost) to report a lost  
item.

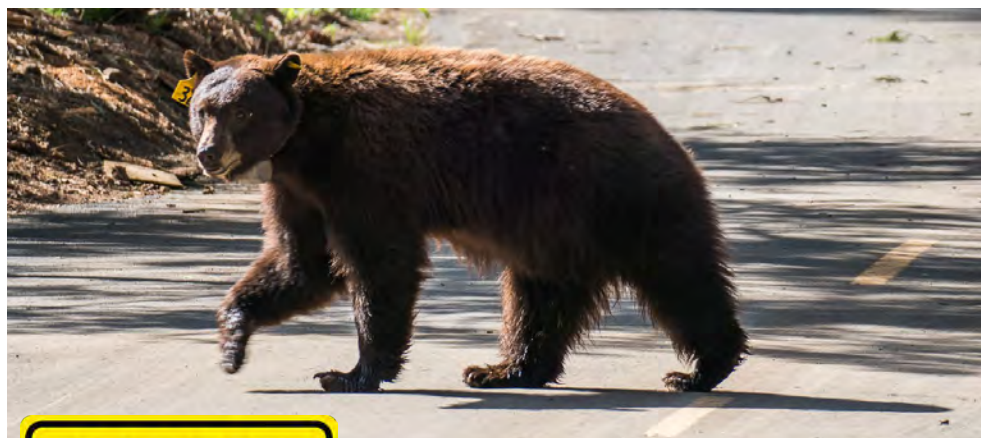
## Accessibility

For a complete list of accessible services, exhibits, and recreational opportunities, download a Yosemite Accessibility Guide at [go.nps.gov/AccessYosemite](https://go.nps.gov/AccessYosemite)

 Sign Language interpreting is available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at 209/379-5250 (v/txt). Two weeks advance notice is requested but not required.

 Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advance request at information centers.

 Accessible parking spaces are available throughout the park.



**In 2023, 17 bears were hit by vehicles in Yosemite.**

**You are driving in wildlife habitat.** Follow posted speed limits, drive carefully, and watch for animals crossing the road. “Red Bear, Dead Bear” signs on park roads mark places where bears have been hit this year.

**It is illegal to approach or feed any wild animal, including squirrels and birds.**

Wildlife can cause injuries and transmit diseases. Human food is unhealthy for wild animals. Animals used to being fed can become dangerous and be killed as a result.

## Proper Food Storage is Required by Law

Avoid accidentally sharing your food by properly storing it or keeping it within arm’s reach.

### During the Day

While hiking or picnicking, always keep your food within arm’s reach. When away from your vehicle, lock it and keep all windows closed, with food, drinks, and coolers hidden from sight. Never leave food in a truck bed or strapped to the outside of a vehicle.

### At Night

Bears can easily break into vehicles. Food, trash, and other scented items may **NOT** be stored inside vehicles overnight. These items must be kept inside a food locker or in a hotel room or hard-sided cabin with doors and windows closed. Food may also be stored inside a completely hard-sided RV with all windows and doors closed.

If you see a bear in the park, email [yose\\_bear\\_mgmt@nps.gov](mailto:yose_bear_mgmt@nps.gov) or call the Save-a-Bear hotline at 209/372-0322. To learn more about food storage and bears, visit [KeepBearsWild.org](https://KeepBearsWild.org).

## Park Regulations

The National Park Service is bound by its mission to protect Yosemite’s natural and cultural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. Regulations are in place to protect both visitors and park resources.

### Prohibited activities include:

- Using drones
- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants and animals
- Hunting animals
- Picking up archeological items, such as arrowheads
- Using metal detectors
- Driving vehicles into meadows
- Biking off of paved roads
- Camping outside of designated campgrounds
- Possession of weapons inside federal facilities
- Possessing or using marijuana, including medical marijuana

To report illegal activity, call park dispatch at 209/379-1992.

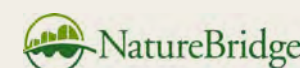


**Pets are not allowed on hiking trails.**

Pets are only permitted on paved walking and biking paths, in most campgrounds, and in parking areas. Pets must be leashed at all times.

Service dogs are allowed anywhere that visitors can go. Emotional support, therapy, and companion animals are subject to pet regulations.

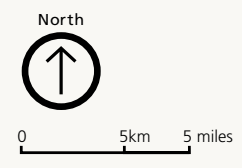
## Park Partners



# ↘\* Park Map



Campgrounds in Yosemite are reservation-only from April to October. Not all campgrounds are open year-round. Turn to page 5 for more information.



Roads on map are simplified and do not reflect degree of windiness.

**NOTE:** There are only two gas stations inside the park and **NO GAS** in Yosemite Valley.

- Gas Station
- Entrance Station
- Campground
- Information Center

## Where to Find More Information

### Information Centers

Start your visit here! Pick up trail maps, become a junior ranger, get help planning your trip, and ask about closures and trail conditions.

**Yosemite Valley Welcome Center**  
 9 am to 5 pm daily  
*The welcome center is the Valley's NEW hub for visitor information. The former visitor center is now the Yosemite Exploration Center, offering rotating exhibits, a theater, and the Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore. Both are located in Yosemite Village, near shuttle stops 1, 2, 4, & 5.*

**Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio**  
 9 am to 5 pm daily

**Big Oak Flat Information Station**  
 8 am to 5 pm daily

**Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center**  
 9 am to 5 pm daily



### Look up Current Conditions

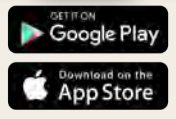
To check the current status of park roads, call 209/372-0200 (press 1, then 1.)

For planned or long-term closures to park roads, trails, and facilities, scan the QR code or visit [go.nps.gov/conditions](http://go.nps.gov/conditions).



### Sign Up for Yosemite Traffic Alerts

Get up-to-the-minute text alerts for delays and unplanned road closures: text **ynptraff** to 333111



### Get the Official NPS App

This free app features over 400 parks across the US! Search for trails and other things to do, navigate with the park map, view the program calendar, and find your next park. Download Yosemite ahead of time to access park information when you're offline.

Download from your device's app store: search "National Park Service".



## Places to Explore



### YOSEMITE VALLEY

The first stop for many park visitors, Yosemite Valley is known for its towering granite walls and iconic features like El Capitan and Half Dome. The Valley's many waterfalls roar in spring but slow or dry up completely by late summer.

Start your visit at the new welcome center in Yosemite Village for trail maps and park information. Then stop by the Yosemite Museum and the Yosemite Exploration Center for exhibits and cultural demonstrations. Turn to page 4 for hours. Check page 8 for a variety of talks, tours, and classes in the Valley. Turn to page 11 for Valley hiking information.



### GLACIER POINT

Take in stunning views of Yosemite Valley from 3,000 feet above the Valley floor. Other scenic overlooks and numerous trailheads are also accessible from Glacier Point Road.

**30 mi (48 km) or 1 hour from Yosemite Valley**

**Directions** From Yosemite Valley, drive south on Wawona Road. After 9 miles, turn left onto Glacier Point Road.



### CRANE FLAT

Visit two giant sequoia groves north of Yosemite Valley that are smaller and quieter than the Mariposa Grove. Hike one mile down to the Tuolumne Grove or 1.5 miles down to the Merced Grove. Parking at each trailhead is extremely limited. **Merced Grove may be closed in July and August for biomass removal.**

**16 mi (26 km) or ½ hour from Yosemite Valley**

**Directions** From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road to Tioga Road Junction at Crane Flat. Turn right for Tuolumne Grove parking, or continue on Big Oak Flat Road for 3.5 miles to Merced Grove parking.

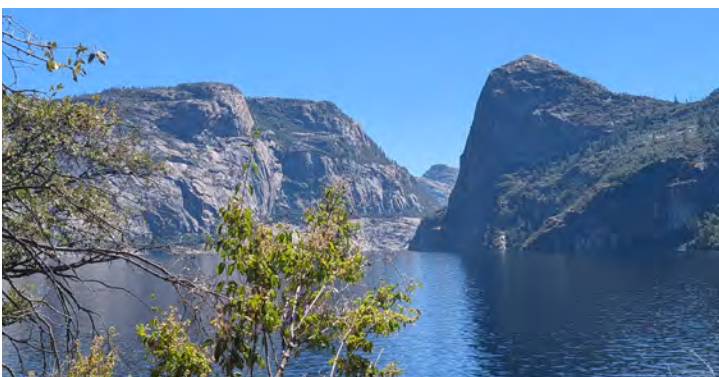


### WAWONA & THE MARIPOSA GROVE

The Mariposa Grove is home to over 500 mature giant sequoias and several miles of trails. Shuttle service from the parking area to the Grove operates from 8 am to 7 pm. When there is no shuttle, the Grove is accessible only via a 2-mile hike (each way.) Stop in Wawona for more trails, visitor services, and the Yosemite History Center (open daily.)

**30 mi (48 km) or 1 hour from Yosemite Valley**

**Directions** From Yosemite Valley, drive south on Wawona Road. Watch for signs for the Mariposa Grove just before the park's South Entrance.

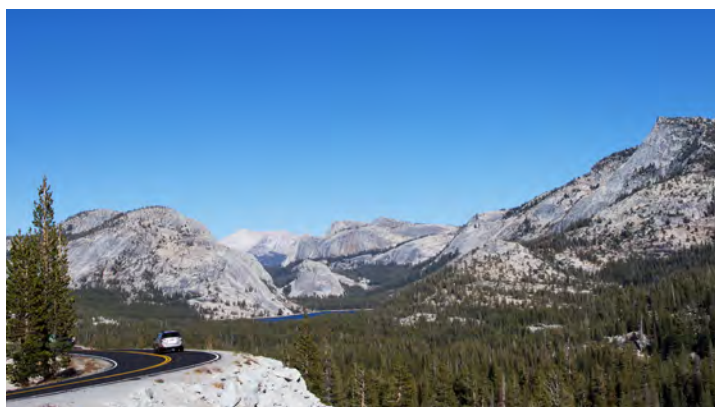


### HETCH HETCHY

Visitors can walk across the dam, hike along the reservoir, or access Yosemite's wilderness. Summer visitors should be prepared for very high heat and little shade.

**40 mi (64 km) or 1½ hours from Yosemite Valley**

**Directions** From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy 120 W.) Just outside the Big Oak Flat Entrance, turn right on Evergreen Road. *Hetch Hetchy Rd is open daily from sunrise to sunset. Vehicles and trailers over 25 ft long and 8 ft wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Rd.*



### TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Tioga Road is a 45-mile scenic drive through Yosemite's high country, with access to trailheads, scenic vistas, and popular destinations like Tenaya Lake and Tuolumne Meadows. Services are extremely limited in this remote area, so fill up on gas, snacks, and water before you go.

**54 mi (87 km) or 1½ hours from Yosemite Valley**

**Directions** From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy 120 W) to Crane Flat. Turn right onto Tioga Road (Hwy 120 E.)

## Things to Do

### Explore by Car

Stop at scenic viewpoints like Tunnel View or El Capitan Meadow as you travel through the Valley.

### Hit the Trail

Explore hundreds of miles of trails, from relaxing strolls to epic treks through vast wilderness. Stop by an information center to pick up free trail maps and get ranger recommendations tailored to you and your interests! Turn to pages 10 & 11 for basic trail information.

### Join a Ranger for a Talk or Guided Walk

Turn to page 8 for a weekly schedule of free programs.

### Experience the Park After Dark

Stargaze on your own, or book a guided nighttime program. Turn to page 8 for the program schedule.

### Sign Up for an Art or Photography Class

Engage with Yosemite in a whole new way, and explore your creative side! Turn to page 8 for details.

### Ride a Bicycle

Explore miles of paved, scenic bike trails through Yosemite Valley. Turn to page 4 for bike rentals.

### Watch for Wildlife

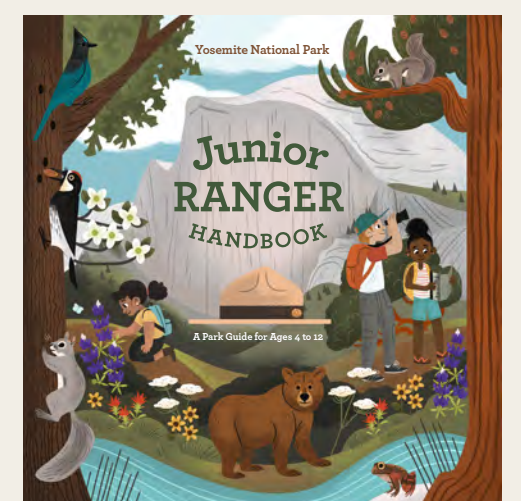
Visit meadows around dawn and dusk for the best chance of spotting birds and other wildlife. Remember it's illegal to feed or approach any wildlife in the park.

### Explore Beyond Yosemite Valley

Wander through one of the park's giant sequoia groves, hike along a reservoir to a waterfall at Hetch Hetchy, or explore the peaks and meadows of the High Sierra.

### Earn a Junior Ranger Badge

Pick up a free *Junior Ranger Handbook* at any open information center. Complete the activities while you explore the park, then return your book to receive a badge!





## YOSEMITE VALLEY

1 indicates the nearest shuttle stop(s).

Turn to page 6 for a map of the Yosemite Valley Shuttle System.

### INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

- Yosemite Valley Welcome Center** 1 2 4 9 am – 5 pm
- Yosemite Exploration Center & Theater** 2 4 5 9 am – 5 pm
- Yosemite Museum** 2 4 5 10 am – 5 pm
- Wilderness Center** 2 4 5 8 am – 5 pm
- Happy Isles Art & Nature Center** 16 9 am – 4 pm; may close for lunch.
- Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (Sierra Club)** 12  
Open Wed – Sun, 10 am – 4 pm

### GIFTS, GEAR, & GROCERIES

- YOSEMITE VILLAGE** 1 2 4 5
  - The Ansel Adams Gallery** 9 am – 5 pm. *Art, books, & gifts.*
  - Yosemite Conservancy Store (Welcome Center)** 9 am – 5 pm
  - Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore (Exploration Center)** 9 am – 5 pm
  - Yosemite Museum Store** 10 am – 5 pm, *may close for lunch.*
  - Village Store** 8 am – 10 pm. *Large selection of groceries & gifts.*
- THE AHWAHNEE** 3
  - Gift Shop** 8 am – 9 pm
  - Sweet Shop** 7 am – 10 pm
- YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE** 7
  - Gift Shop** 8 am – 10 pm. *Gifts & snacks.*
- CURRY VILLAGE** 14 19
  - Yosemite Mountain Shop** 8 am – 8 pm. *Hiking/climbing gear & apparel.*
  - Curry Village Gift & Grocery** 8 am – 10 pm
- HOUSEKEEPING CAMP** 12
  - Grocery** 8 am – 8 pm

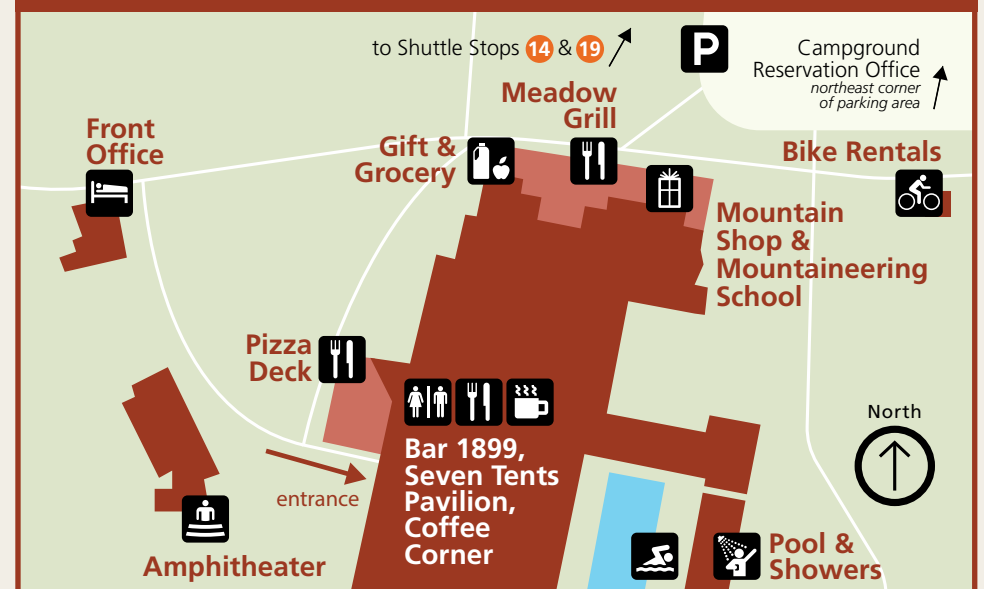
### FOOD & BEVERAGE

- YOSEMITE VILLAGE** 1 2 4 5
  - Degnan's Kitchen**  
Breakfast: 7 am – 11 am; Lunch: 11:30 am – 6 pm  
*Peet's Coffee, deli sandwiches, & grab-and-go items. Indoor & outdoor seating.*
  - Village Grill** 11 am – 6 pm. *Burgers, hot dogs, & more. Outdoor seating.*
- THE AHWAHNEE** 3
  - Coffee Bar** 6:30 am – 10:30 am
  - The Ahwahnee Bar** 11:30 am – 11 pm. *Beer on tap, cocktails, & light bites.*
  - Ahwahnee Dining Room**  
Breakfast: 7 am – 10 am; Dinner: 5:30 pm – 9 pm.  
*Fine dining. Appropriate attire respectfully required for dinner. Dinner reservations strongly recommended: 209/372-1489 or OpenTable.com.*
- YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE** 7
  - Base Camp Eatery** Breakfast: 6:30 am – 10:45 am; Lunch/Dinner: 11 am – 9 pm.  
*Fast casual burgers, chicken, & more. Indoor & outdoor seating.*
  - Starbucks Coffee** 6:30 am – 6:30 pm
  - Mountain Room Lounge** Mon–Fri: 4:30 pm – 10 pm, Sat/Sun: 12 pm – 10 pm.  
*Beer on tap, cocktails, & light bites.*
  - Mountain Room Restaurant** 5 pm – 10 pm (last seating at 9:30 pm)  
*Upscale casual steakhouse. Reservations recommended: OpenTable.com.*
- CURRY VILLAGE** 14 19
  - Seven Tents Pavilion** Breakfast: 7 am – 10 am; Dinner: 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm.  
*Casual dining with rotating menu of hearty meals. Indoor seating.*
  - Peet's Coffee Corner** 6 am – 2 pm
  - Bar 1899** 11:30 am – 10 pm. *Beer on tap, cocktails, & light bites.*
  - Pizza Deck** 11 am – 10 pm. *Pizza whole or by the slice. Outdoor seating.*
  - Taqueria @ Meadow Grill** 11 am – 8 pm. *Tacos. Outdoor seating.*
  - Jennie's Ice Cream** 11 am – 8:30 pm

### YOSEMITE VILLAGE SERVICES



### CURRY VILLAGE SERVICES



### TOURS & ACTIVITIES

- Book tours & activities anytime at [TravelYosemite.com](http://TravelYosemite.com).
- Yosemite Valley Lodge Tour & Activity Desk** 7 7:30 am – 7 pm
- Yosemite Valley Lodge Pool** 7 11 am – 6 pm.
- Village Store Tour & Activity Kiosk** 1 2 4 8 am – 7 pm.
- Curry Village Tour & Activity Kiosk** 14 19 8 am – 7 pm.
- Curry Village Pool** closed for renovation.
- Mountaineering School (Curry Village)** 14 19 8:30 am – 12 pm, 1 pm – 4:30 pm. *Guided hiking & rock climbing experiences.*

### BIKE RENTALS

- Yosemite Valley Lodge Bike Stand** 7 8 am – 7 pm
- Curry Village Bike Stand** 14 19 8 am – 7 pm
- Village Store Bike Stand** 1 2 4 8 am – 7 pm

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES

**Yosemite Community Church (The Chapel)** Pastor Brent Moore  
Call 209/372-4831 or visit [YosemiteValleyChapel.org](http://YosemiteValleyChapel.org) for information.  
Sunday Services: 9:15 am & 11 am.

### OTHER SERVICES

- Laundry (Housekeeping Camp)** 12 8 am – 10 pm
- Showers (Curry Village)** 14 19 24 hrs. *Shuttle stops 14 & 19.*
- Yosemite Village Post Office** 2 4 5 Mon – Fri: 8:30 am – 5 pm, Sat: 10 am – 12 pm. *Shuttle stops 1/2/4/5.*
- Yosemite Village Garage** 1 2 4 8 am – 12 pm, 1 pm – 5 pm  
*Propane available during regular operating hours. 24-hour roadside assistance: call 209/372-1060. No gas available in Yosemite Valley.*

## WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE



### INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

**Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio** 9 am – 5 pm

**Yosemite History Center** Open daily.



### FOOD & BEVERAGE

**Wawona Hotel Dining Room** Breakfast: 7 am – 10 am, Lunch: 11 am – 3 pm, Dinner: 5 pm – 9 pm, Lounge Service: 5 pm – 9:30 pm

**Summer BBQ** Saturdays from 5 pm – 7 pm

### OTHER SERVICES

**Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop** 8 am – 8 pm

**Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore (Wawona)** 9 am – 5 pm

**Yosemite Conservancy Depot (Mariposa Grove)** 9 am – 5 pm

**Golf Course** Golf: Th–M, 8 am – 6 pm; Disc golf: Tu & W, 12 – 6 pm

**Golf Shop & Snack Stand** 7 am – 6 pm

**Tennis Courts** 8 am – dusk

**Stable** Daily rides: 8:30 am, 11:30 am, 2:30 pm. All-day rides: 8 am (Thurs only)

**Wawona Post Office** Mon – Fri: 9 am – 1 pm, Sat: 9 am – 12 pm

**Wawona Service Station** staffed 9 am – 6 pm. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump. Propane available during staffed hours only.

## GLACIER POINT

**Gift Shop** 9 am – 7 pm. Small selection of gifts & snacks.

### Yosemite Bike Share (Yosemite Conservancy)

The free Yosemite Bike Share is open for the season! You can use the bike share for short trips (up to two hours) in Yosemite Valley.

#### How it Works:

1. Get connected: Download the Yosemite Bike Share mobile app for Apple/iOS or Android in advance.
2. Get a bike: Use the app to unlock a bike at one of the Yosemite Bike Share stations, located at the Yosemite Village day-use parking

area and Yosemite Valley Lodge day-use parking area (across the street from Camp 4).

3. Get pedaling: Ride safely! Use the helmet provided with the bike (or wear your own) and stay on roads and paved bike paths.

Visit [yosemite.org/yosemite-bike-share](http://yosemite.org/yosemite-bike-share) to learn more about this program, see a map of bike paths and plan your routes.

### Zero Landfill Initiative: Propane Canisters

Exciting news, campers: you can now buy and exchange Little Kamper 1 lb. propane canisters in Yosemite stores, including the Village Store, Curry Village Gift Shop, Mountain Shop, Wawona Store, and El Portal Market.

#### How it works:

1. Purchase a canister.
2. Use up the fuel.
3. Bring the canister back to any store that participates in the Little Kamper propane exchange program

4. Trade in your empty canister for a full one at a lower price.

*In alliance with the Zero Landfill Initiative, Yosemite Conservancy, the National Park Service and Yosemite Hospitality are working together to reduce improper disposal of single-use propane canisters and send less waste to our local landfill. This project was made possible in part by a grant from the National Park Foundation through the generous support of Subaru of America.*

## CRANE FLAT

**Big Oak Flat Information Station** 8 am – 5 pm

**Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore (Big Oak Flat Information Station)**  
Open Fri – Tues, 9 am – 5 pm

**Crane Flat Gas & Grocery** 8 am – 5 pm. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump.

## EL PORTAL

**El Portal Market** 9 am – 7 pm

**El Portal Service Station** staffed 8 am – 5 pm. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump.

## TIOGA RD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

*Services are very limited in this remote area of the park. Fill up on gas, snacks, and water ahead of time. The nearest gas is available inside the park at Crane Flat or 12 miles east of the park at Lee Vining.*

**Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center** 9 am – 5 pm

**Parsons Memorial Lodge** 10 am – 4 pm

**Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center** 8 am – 5 pm

**Tuolumne Meadows Post Office** Mon – Fri: 9 am – 5 pm, Sat 10 am – 1 pm

**Tuolumne Meadows Store** Opening to be determined

**Tuolumne Meadows Grill** Opening to be determined



### CAMPING & LODGING

**For general information about staying overnight in Yosemite or nearby communities, scan the QR code or visit [go.nps.gov/sleeping](http://go.nps.gov/sleeping)**

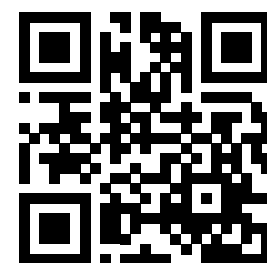
**CAMPING** A reservation is required for all campgrounds between April and October. Visit [go.nps.gov/campground](http://go.nps.gov/campground) for reservation booking windows and other campground details.

Check for availability and book a reservation at [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov), or by calling 877/444-6777.

Sleeping inside a vehicle is only allowed at a registered campsite. Sleeping overnight in a parking lot or on the side of the road is **NOT** permitted.

For information about backpacking and wilderness permits, turn to page 10.

**LODGING** Lodging inside the park is operated by Yosemite Hospitality. Reservations may be made up to one year in advance and are strongly recommended. Book a stay online at [www.TravelYosemite.com](http://www.TravelYosemite.com) or by calling 888/413-8869.



### Rehabilitation of The Ahwahnee



After more than 95 years in service, The Ahwahnee is continuing a multi-phase comprehensive rehabilitation plan to preserve the hotel's historic integrity, while bringing the building to code with modern fire and seismic safety standards. Scaffolding and construction noise may be present during parts of the rehabilitation project.

Due to these historic projects, Ahwahnee parking lot space has been reduced. Parking is valet only with a \$30 nightly charge, \$15 day-use or \$10 with validation. This change will only be during this historic project and will return to normal upon completion.

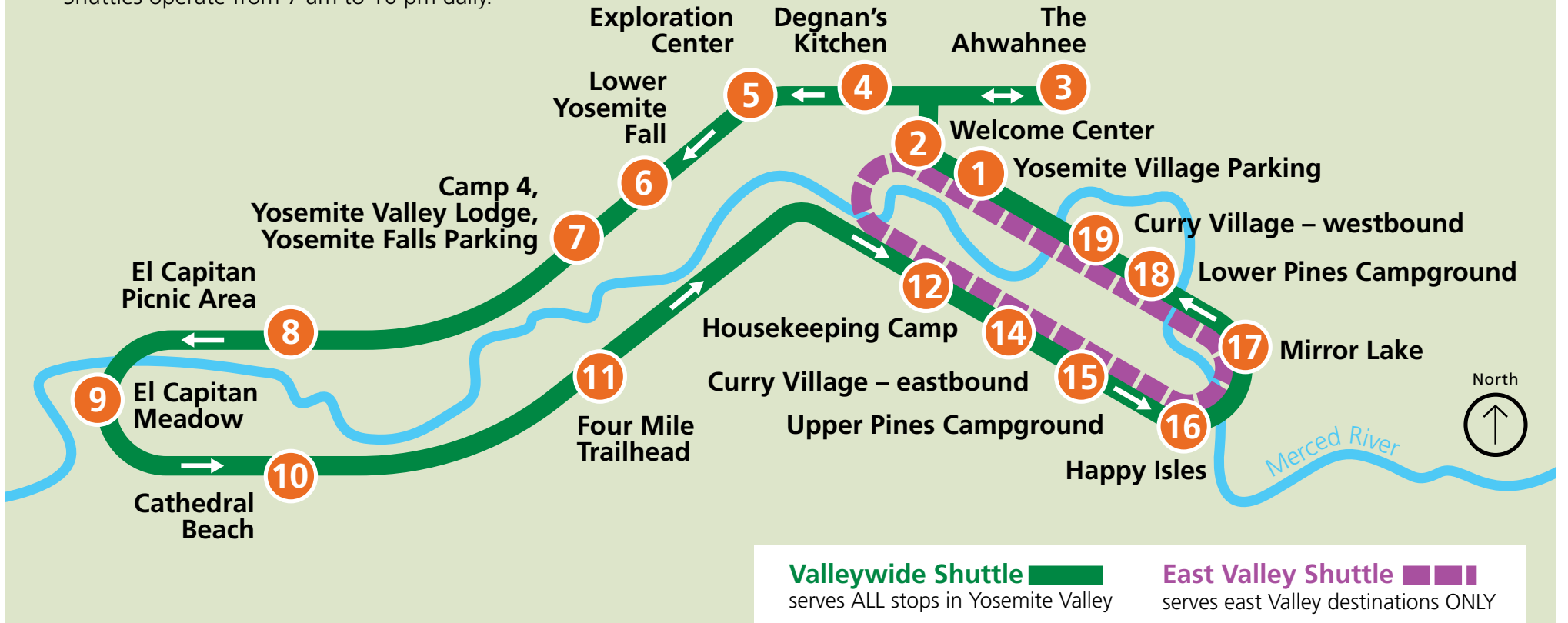




# Transportation

## Yosemite Valley Shuttle System

Shuttles operate from 7 am to 10 pm daily.



The FREE Yosemite Valley shuttles operate from 7 am to 10 pm daily.



### Valleywide Shuttle (green)

Serves ALL stops. Runs approx. every 22 – 32 min. Round-trip time of 1.5 hours.



### East Valley Shuttle (purple)

Serves east Valley destinations ONLY. Runs approx. every 18 – 22 min. Round-trip time of 50 min.



Pets are NOT allowed on shuttles.

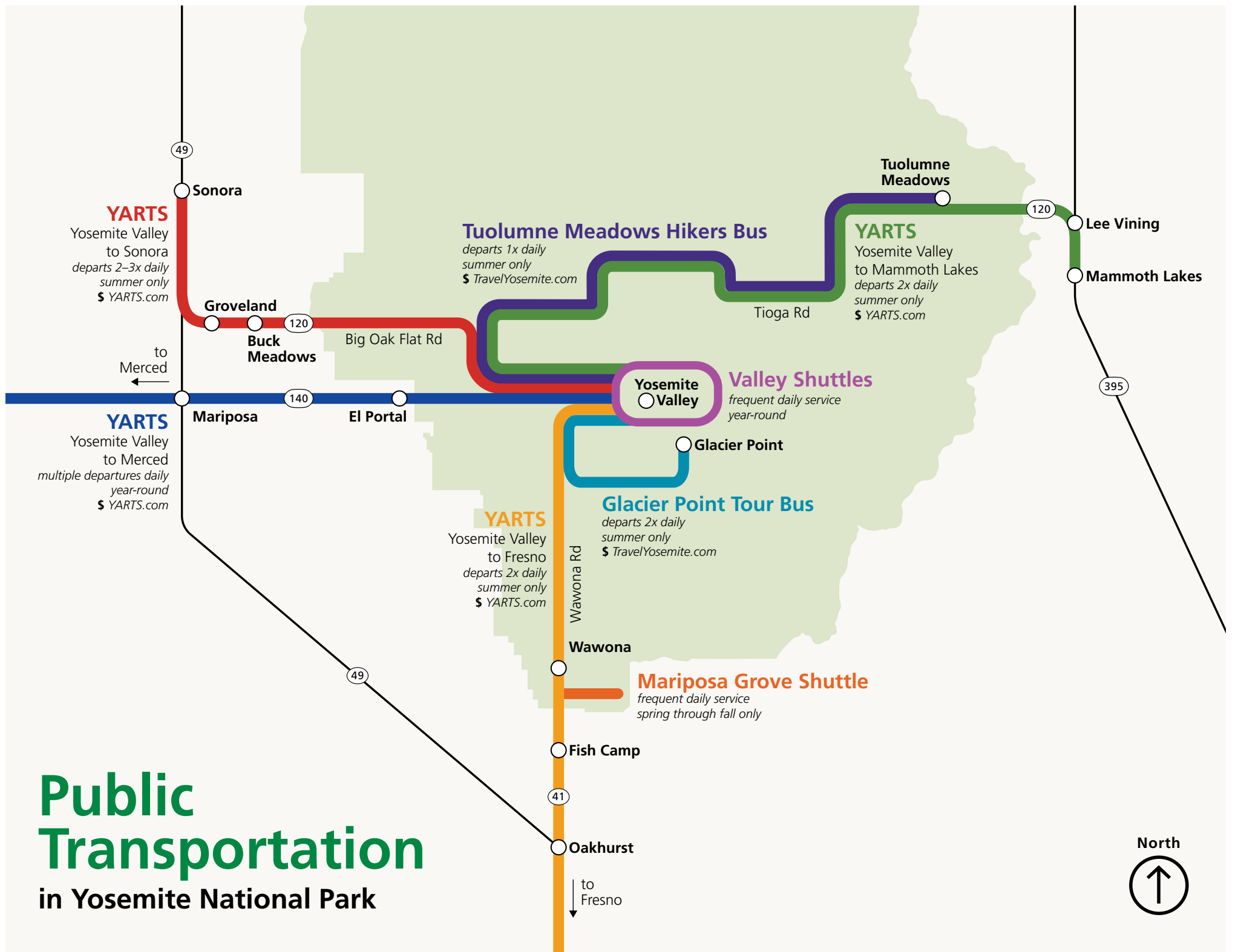
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## Yosemite Valley Shuttle Stops

STOP	SHUTTLES	DESTINATION	AT THIS STOP
1		<b>Yosemite Village Parking</b> ALL Shuttles.	Parking, welcome center, Village Store.
2		<b>Welcome Center</b> ALL Shuttles.	Welcome center, Village Store, Exploration Center, museum, post office, shopping, dining.
3		<b>The Ahwahnee</b> Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.	Lodging, fine dining.
4		<b>Degnan's Kitchen</b> Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.	Welcome center, Village Store, Exploration Center, museum, post office, shopping, dining.
5		<b>Exploration Center</b> Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.	Exploration Center, museum, post office, shopping, dining.
6		<b>Lower Yosemite Fall</b> Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.	Trailheads, picnic area.
7		<b>Camp 4, Yosemite Valley Lodge, Yosemite Falls Parking</b> Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.	Parking, lodging, camping, trailheads, casual dining.
8		<b>El Capitan Picnic Area</b> Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.	Picnic area.

STOP	SHUTTLES	DESTINATION	AT THIS STOP
9		<b>El Capitan Meadow</b> Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.	Scenic area.
10		<b>Cathedral Beach</b> Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.	Picnic area.
11		<b>Four Mile Trailhead</b> Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.	Trailhead.
12		<b>Housekeeping Camp &amp; Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center</b> ALL Shuttles.	Lodging (seasonal), laundry (seasonal), exhibits & programs (seasonal).
14		<b>Curry Village—eastbound</b> ALL Shuttles.	Parking, lodging, dining, gift & grocery.
15		<b>Upper Pines Campground</b> ALL Shuttles.	Pines campgrounds.
16		<b>Happy Isles</b> ALL Shuttles.	Trailhead, Art & Nature Center.
17		<b>Mirror Lake</b> ALL Shuttles.	Trailhead.
18		<b>Lower Pines Campground</b> ALL Shuttles.	Pines campgrounds.
19		<b>Curry Village—westbound</b> ALL Shuttles.	Parking, lodging, dining, gift & grocery.



The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) is a public transit system that provides service into Yosemite. Enjoy year-round service from Merced and seasonal service from Sonora, Mammoth Lakes, and Fresno. Buses are air-conditioned, bike-friendly, wheelchair-accessible, and equipped for rider comfort. Save gas, save time, save money, by taking YARTS!

**For bus schedules and tickets, visit [www.YARTS.com](http://www.YARTS.com) or call 877/989-2787.**

### Parking

In Yosemite Valley, use one of **three main parking areas: Curry Village, Yosemite Village, or Yosemite Falls**. Parking can completely fill by late morning. Once you find a parking space, keep it. Use shuttles, walk, or bike to trailheads and other destinations.

*Park only in designated parking spaces or in a paved turnout, pulled completely off the road. Vehicles parked on vegetation or blocking traffic are subject to citation and may be towed.*

### Mariposa Grove Shuttle

Free shuttle service between Mariposa Grove parking (near Yosemite's South Entrance) and the front of the grove.

**Shuttles operate daily from 8 am to 7 pm** (last bus leaves Mariposa Grove at 8 pm.) Shuttles pick up every 10 to 15 minutes. *When shuttles are not operating, the Mariposa Grove can be accessed via a 2-mile hike on the Washburn Trail.*

### Tuolumne Meadows Hikers Bus

Daily bus service between Yosemite Valley and Tuolumne Meadows. Drop-off and pickup for backpackers at Tioga Road trailheads. Check [TravelYosemite.com](http://TravelYosemite.com) or a tour desk for schedule and tickets.

### Glacier Point Tour Bus

Book the full tour OR book a one-way ticket to Glacier Point and hike back down to Yosemite Valley. *Please note: there is NO hiker pick-up at Glacier Point.* Check [TravelYosemite.com](http://TravelYosemite.com) or a tour desk for schedule and tickets.

### Bicycling in Yosemite

Enjoy several miles of scenic bike paths through Yosemite Valley. Bicycles are also permitted on park roads (cyclists must obey traffic laws.) Bicycles are NOT allowed on hiking trails. Helmets are required by law for children under 18. The speed limit on bike paths is 15 mph.

Bring your own bike, borrow one for up to two hours through the Yosemite Bike Share program (turn to page 5), or find half-day and full-day rentals at Yosemite Valley bike stands (turn to page 4.)

E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors less than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed.





# Events & Programs

Visit [go.nps.gov/YosemiteCalendar](http://go.nps.gov/YosemiteCalendar) or the NPS app to view even more programs on the online calendar. Program offerings are subject to change.

## YOSEMITE VALLEY: Programs for Families

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
11 am, 1 pm, 2:30 pm (1 hr) M – Th*	<b>Kids' Art Class</b> Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for art classes geared toward ages 4 to 11. Space is limited; arrive early. *Classes offered 7 days a week through July 28.	YC	free	in-person registration only; limited space
11:30 am (1 hr) Th (until 8/8)	<b>Jr. Ranger Walk</b> Meet in front of the Exploration Center (shuttle stop 5) for an easy walk—through the center and outside—with kid-focused activities. All children must be accompanied by an adult.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
1:30 pm (1 hr) daily*	<b>Jr. Ranger Walk</b> Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center (shuttle stop 2) for an easy walk with kid-focused activities related to Yosemite. All children must be accompanied by an adult. *no program on 7/29	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
2 pm – 4 pm M, Tu, W*	<b>Drop-in Jr. Ranger Discovery Table</b> Drop in any time to get started or finish earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Located in front of the Yosemite Valley Exploration Center (shuttle stop 5.) *unavailable on 7/29	NPS	free	no; drop-in only

## YOSEMITE VALLEY: Walks, Talks, & Tours

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
8:30 am (1 hr) M, Tu, W*	<b>Ranger Walk</b> Join a ranger for a naturalist walk and take a closer look at Yosemite. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center (shuttle stop 2.) *no program on 7/29	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
2 pm (1 hr) M, F, Sa*	<b>Ranger Walk: Wild About Bears</b> Learn about bears in Yosemite with a ranger (no bear sightings expected). Meet in front of the museum in Yosemite Village (shuttle stop 5). *no program on 7/29	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
2 pm (1 hr) Tu & W (until 7/31)	<b>Discovery Walk</b> Join a ranger for an easy walk and learn more about what makes Yosemite special. Topics vary daily. Meet in front of the museum in Yosemite Village (shuttle stop 5).	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
2 pm (2 hrs) Su	<b>Climbing Ranger Walk</b> Learn about the history of rock climbing on El Capitan and what it's like to live on the wall. Moderate 1.5-mile hike to the base of El Cap; bring hiking shoes and water. Meet at the east end of El Capitan Meadow (across the bridge from shuttle stop 9.)	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
3 pm (1 hr) daily	<b>Curry Village Historic Tour</b> Explore the exciting history of the Curry Village Historic District on this hour-long guided tour. Meet at the Curry Village Amphitheater (shuttle stops 14 & 19.)	YH	free	no; drop-in only
4:30 pm (1 hr) daily (except Th)	<b>Yosemite Nature Notes Short Films: Live with a Naturalist</b> Enjoy short films and a thought-provoking talk by a naturalist at the theater behind the Yosemite Exploration Center (shuttle stop 5.)	YC	free	no; drop-in only
10 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 5:30 pm, daily	<b>Valley Floor Tour</b> Join a park ranger for a tour of Yosemite Valley via open-air tram. See the highlights and learn about the park. Approx. 2 hours. Purchase tickets at <a href="http://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a> or at an in-park ticket desk.	YH & NPS	\$	Required; book at <a href="http://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a>
8:30 am & 1:30 pm daily (through 8/15)	<b>Glacier Point Tour</b> Travel by bus from Yosemite Valley to scenic Glacier Point, 3,000 feet above the Valley floor. Approx. 4 hours. Purchase tickets at <a href="http://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a> or at an in-park ticket desk. <i>One-way tickets to Glacier Point are available for hikers.</i>	YH	\$	Required; book at <a href="http://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a>

## YOSEMITE VALLEY: Art & Photography Classes

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
9 am (4 hrs) M – F	<b>Art Class</b> Join a guest instructor (all professional artists) for a hands-on, four-hour outdoor art workshop in Yosemite Valley. Meets at the Happy Isles Art & Nature Center. Check <a href="http://Yosemite.org/art">Yosemite.org/art</a> for class schedule and registration.	YC	\$	Required; visit <a href="http://Yosemite.org/art">Yosemite.org/art</a>
9 am (1.5 hrs) Tu & Sa	<b>Forest Art Walk</b> Explore the interconnected nature of art and observation within Yosemite Valley's landscape! Unleash your creativity and capture the beauty of forests in this meditative sketching and watercolor nature journaling class.	YC	\$	Required; visit <a href="http://Yosemite.org/art">Yosemite.org/art</a>
9 am (1.5 hrs) Tu & Th	<b>The Ansel Adams Gallery Photography Walk</b> Join a staff photographer for a brief field lecture in Yosemite Valley.	TAAG	free	Required; visit <a href="http://AnselAdams.com">AnselAdams.com</a>
9 am (3 hrs) W	<b>In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography</b> Join a staff photographer to learn how to make better photographs with the camera you always carry.	TAAG	\$	Required; visit <a href="http://AnselAdams.com">AnselAdams.com</a>
1 pm (3 hrs) Sa	<b>In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography</b> Join a staff photographer to learn how to make better photographs with the camera you always carry.	TAAG	\$	Required; visit <a href="http://AnselAdams.com">AnselAdams.com</a>
1 pm (4 hrs) M & Th	<b>In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams</b> Join a staff photographer for a field class around Yosemite Valley.	TAAG	\$	Required; visit <a href="http://AnselAdams.com">AnselAdams.com</a>
1 pm (4 hrs) Tu	<b>Ansel Adams's Legacy and Your Digital Camera</b> Join a staff photographer for a field class to learn how to make better photographs with your DSLR camera.	TAAG	\$	Required; visit <a href="http://AnselAdams.com">AnselAdams.com</a>
2 pm (2 hrs) F	<b>Paint &amp; Sip</b> Learn the basics of watercolor and create an iconic Yosemite landscape step-by-step. Includes food & beverage. Meets at the Mountain Room Lounge.	YC	\$	Required; visit <a href="http://Yosemite.org/art">Yosemite.org/art</a>

## YOSEMITE VALLEY: Guided Hikes with Yosemite Mountaineering School

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
8:30 am (4 hrs) M, W, Sa	<b>Discovery Hike: Vernal Fall Footbridge</b> Minimum age 12 yrs old. Book at <a href="http://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a> under Hiking (Group Hikes).	YH	\$	Required; book at <a href="http://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a>
8:30 am (8 hrs) Tu & F	<b>Adventure Hike: Nevada Fall</b> Minimum age 12 yrs old. Book at <a href="http://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a> under Hiking (Group Hikes).	YH	\$	Required; book at <a href="http://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a>
8:30 am (8 hrs) Tu & F	<b>Adventure Hike: El Capitan Loop</b> Minimum age 12 yrs old. Book at <a href="http://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a> under Hiking (Group Hikes).	YH	\$	Required; book at <a href="http://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a>
1:30 pm (4 hrs) M, W, Sa	<b>Discovery Hike: Mirror Lake</b> Minimum age 12 yrs old. Book at <a href="http://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a> under Hiking (Group Hikes).	YH	\$	Required; book at <a href="http://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a>

## YOSEMITE VALLEY: Evening Programs

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
8 pm (30 min) W, Th, F, Sa	<b>Evening Programs</b> Yosemite naturalists present a variety of topics on natural and cultural history. Meet at the Curry Village Amphitheater. (shuttle stops 14 & 19.)	YH	free	no; drop-in only
8:30 pm (1.5 hrs) nightly	<b>Yosemite After Dark</b> Grab a flashlight and join a Yosemite Naturalist for a nature walk at night!	YH	\$	Required; tickets at <a href="http://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a>
9 pm (2 hrs) nightly (except Th)	<b>Explore Yosemite's Night Sky</b> Minimal light pollution makes Yosemite Valley a perfect place for stargazing! Learn about stars, planets, constellations, night sky lore, and more.	YC	\$	Required; visit <a href="http://Yosemite.org/adventures">Yosemite.org/adventures</a>

## GLACIER POINT

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
2 pm (1 hr) Su & W	<b>¡En español! Programa de Guardaparques</b> Acompaña a un guardaparques a aprender sobre Yosemite en Glacier Point. Domingo y miércoles, 2 pm a 3 pm.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
8:30 pm select dates*	<b>Stars over Yosemite</b> Meet at Glacier Point amphitheater. No dogs allowed. *July 26 & 27, Aug 2 & 3, Aug 9 & 10 ONLY. Canceled if overcast.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
9 pm (1 hr) Su, M, Tu, W, Th*	<b>Glacier Point Starry Skies</b> Join a Yosemite Naturalist for a night of stargazing from atop iconic Glacier Point! *no program on 7/21, 7/22, 8/18, & 8/19. Note: Transportation is <b>not</b> included.	YH	\$	Required; tickets at <a href="http://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a>



Programs designed especially for children and their families.







Programs accessible to visitors in wheelchairs.

NPS (National Park Service)  
YH (Yosemite Hospitality)



YC (Yosemite Conservancy)  
TAAG (The Ansel Adams Gallery)











## WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
9 am – 10 am Su & W	 <b>Coffee With a Ranger</b> Meet at Pine Tree Market for coffee, a Q&A session, and general park updates with a ranger. Drop-ins welcome!	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
9:30 am (1.5 hrs) daily	<b>Nature Walk (Mariposa Grove)</b> Meet at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area. (Allow time to ride the shuttle or hike two miles from parking to the Arrival Area.)	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
3 pm (45 min) daily	 <b>Jr. Ranger Walk</b> Meet at the visitor center (Hill's Studio) in Wawona. Recommended for ages 4 and up.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
5:30 pm – 9:30 pm Tu–Sa (starting 7/30)	 <b>Pianist &amp; Singer Tom Bopp</b> Starting July 30, join Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby as he performs songs and tells stories from Yosemite's past.	YH	free	no; drop-in only
7 pm (1 hr) W & Sa	 <b>Campfire Program</b> Meet at Wawona campground amphitheater.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only




## CRANE FLAT & TUOLUMNE GROVE

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
9 am (1 hr) Su, M, Tu, F, Sa*	<b>Mornings with a Ranger</b> Meet at the Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater. Topics and activities vary daily. May include a leisurely walk. *No program on 7/21, 7/29, & 8/9	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
11:30 am (45 min) daily (except Tu*)	<b>Ranger Walk: Walk Amongst the Giants</b> Allow time to hike 1 mile from the Tuolumne Grove trailhead to meet the ranger in the Grove. Total hike is 2.5 miles roundtrip with 500 feet of elevation change. *No program on 7/21, 7/29, & 8/9	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
2 pm – 3 pm Su, M, F, Sa	 <b>Jr. Ranger Discovery Table</b> Drop in anytime to talk with a ranger and start or finish earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Located at the Tuolumne Grove Trailhead.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
2:30 pm (15 min) Tu, W, Th	 <b>Ranger Talk: Stories of Sequoias</b> Join a ranger to learn more about giant sequoia trees. Meet at the Tuolumne Grove trailhead.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only

## TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
7:30 am (2.5 hrs) W & Sa	<b>Bird Walk</b> with a Tuolumne Meadows expert. Easy stroll. Binoculars available. Meet at Lembert Dome Parking.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
9 am – 11 am Su	<b>Climber Coffee</b> Join climbing rangers to discuss climbing management issues, preventative search and rescue, and more. Meet at Tuolumne Meadows Store parking (if closed, meet at Lembert Dome parking.)	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
9 am (4 hrs) W	<b>Dog Lake Hike with a Ranger</b> Take a hike with a Ranger Naturalist and learn about the high elevation lake ecology. Bring lunch and water. Meets at Dog Lake Parking lot. Moderately strenuous.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
10 am (2 hrs) Su & Tu	<b>Wildflower Walk</b> with a ranger naturalist. Take a walk in the high country and find what's blooming. Learn more than names. Moderately strenuous. Meet at Lembert Dome parking.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
10 am (2 hrs) F	<b>Tioga Wildflower Walk</b> with a ranger naturalist. Find out what's blooming at Tioga Pass! Meet the intrepid flowers up high. Strenuous. Meet at Gaylor Lakes Trailhead (Tioga Pass.)	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
10 am (1 hr) W	 <b>Jr. Ranger Program</b> Topics vary. Meets at Lembert Dome parking. Easy stroll.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
11 am (2 hrs) M & Th	<b>Domes &amp; Meadows</b> Take a closer look at Tuolumne Meadows' natural and cultural history with a ranger Naturalist. Topics vary. Meets at Parsons Lodge parking. Easy stroll.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
11 am & 2 pm (30 min) daily	 <b>Story Time at Parsons Lodge</b> Sit and relax and listen to a ranger tell or read a story in the historic lodge.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
12 pm & 3:30 pm (15 min) daily	 <b>Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
12:30 pm (2 hrs) W	 <b>Tuolumne River Walk</b> Dog Lake parking lot. Easy stroll.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
8 pm (1 hr) M, Tu, Th, F, Sa	 <b>Campfire Program</b> Different topics each night. Meet at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
8 pm (40 min) Su & W	 <b>Campfireside Chat with a Ranger</b> Share stories of your days in Tuolumne Meadows with a park ranger around the campfire. Meet at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
8:30 pm* (1.5 hrs) M	 <b>Stars Over Mono</b> Gaze at the stars over the big Mono Basin at the edge of Mono Lake. Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. Meets at South Tufa at Mono Lake, east of Yosemite. Allow 40 minutes to drive from Tuolumne Meadows to Mono Lake. *8 pm starting 8/5	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
9:30 pm (1 hr) Su & W	 <b>Stars Over Tuolumne</b> Bring a pad to sit on and dress warmly. Meets at Lembert Dome parking.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only

## Special Events & Programs

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
July 18 5:30 pm (1.5 hrs)	 <b>Film Screening: The Paradise Paradox</b> Turning tough conversations into tangible solutions for those affected by mental illnesses. Join the Yosemite Medical Clinic for a free documentary screening at the theater behind the Yosemite Exploration Center (shuttle stop 5.)	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
weekends Jul 27 – Aug 18	<b>Parsons Lodge Summer Series</b> (Tuolumne Meadows) Enjoy talks and music by artists, poets, writers and scientists, plus a yoga and writing experience. The 28th annual Tuolumne Meadows Poetry Festival concludes the Series on August 17–18. Visit <a href="http://go.nps.gov/SPEV">go.nps.gov/SPEV</a> for schedule.	NPS & YC	free	no; drop-in only
Aug 17 & 18 9 am – 5 pm	 <b>Yosemite Knap-in</b> Ever wonder how arrow points are made? Come take a closer look at the process of knapping—the art of making stone tools. Demonstrators will be in the Indian Village behind the Yosemite Museum (shuttle stop 5.)	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
Aug 23 1 pm – 3 pm	 <b>Artist's Reception for Roman Loranc</b> at the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village (shuttle stop 5.) <i>Remnant Beauty: Photographs by Roman Loranc</i> runs from August 4 to September 28.	TAAG	free	no; drop-in only

## Activities with Park Partners

### YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY

is a nonprofit dedicated to preserving Yosemite National Park's resources and providing enriching visitor experiences in the park.

**Contact** [Yosemite.org](http://Yosemite.org)

**Locations** *Turn to page 4 for hours*

- Yosemite Exploration Center & Theater (Yosemite Village)
- Happy Isles Art & Nature Center
- Bookstores throughout the park

#### Outdoor Adventures

Check the calendar for guided hikes and backpacking trips in Yosemite: [Yosemite.org/experience/outdoor-adventures](http://Yosemite.org/experience/outdoor-adventures)

#### Custom Adventures

Check website for private excursions [Yosemite.org/custom-adventures](http://Yosemite.org/custom-adventures)

### Art Classes

Join us for weekday workshops, kids' classes, Paint & Sip, overnight art retreats, and more. Check the online calendar for upcoming classes at [Yosemite.org/art](http://Yosemite.org/art)

### YOSEMITE HOSPITALITY

operates lodging and other concessions throughout the park. A variety of tours, naturalist programs, guided hikes, and recreation rentals are available. Book online, over the phone, or in person.

**Contact** [TravelYosemite.com](http://TravelYosemite.com) or 888/413-8869

**Locations** *Turn to page 4 for hours*

- Tour desks and bike rentals at Yosemite Village, Curry Village, & Yosemite Valley Lodge
- Yosemite Mountaineering School at Curry Village

### THE ANSEL ADAMS GALLERY

**Contact** [AnselAdams.com/photography-education](http://AnselAdams.com/photography-education) or 209/372-4413.

**Location** *Turn to page 4 for hours*

The Ansel Adams Gallery is located in Yosemite Village (shuttle stop 5.) Experience a variety of fine arts, handcrafts, and a collection of Ansel Adams' original photographs.

The gallery also offers half-day or full-day photography classes and private guided tours led by a resident staff photographer.

#### Gallery Exhibitions

- *Water + Color: Paintings by Sally Owens*, through August 3

- *Remnant Beauty: Photographs by Roman Loranc*, August 4 – September 28

### SIERRA CLUB

**Contact** [SierraClub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center](http://SierraClub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center) or 209/372-4542

**Location** The Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (shuttle stop 12) is open Wed – Sun, 10 am – 4 pm. Explore exhibits, the library, and the children's corner.





# Trails



Grizzly Giant (Mariposa Grove)



Tuolumne Meadows

## What You Need to Know



### Pets are not allowed on hiking trails.

Pets are only permitted on paved biking and walking paths, in most campgrounds, and in parking areas. Pets must be leashed at all times.

*Service dogs are legally permitted anywhere that visitors can go. A service dog is trained to perform a specific task to assist a person with a disability. Emotional support, therapy, and companion animals are subject to all pet regulations.*



### Proper food storage is required by law.

Bears can easily break into vehicles to obtain food. During the day, food must be hidden from sight inside a locked vehicle with all windows and vents completely shut. At night, food, trash, and other scented items must be removed from vehicles and stored in a bear-resistant locker. Visit [KeepBearsWild.org](http://KeepBearsWild.org) for more information.



### View wildlife from a distance.

It is dangerous and illegal to approach or feed wildlife. Keep food within arm's reach at all times.



### Ask a ranger about trail conditions.

Trails can be impacted by snow, flooding, and rockfall. Some stream crossings do not have bridges and can be unsafe when water is high.



### Stay hydrated.

Carry and consume plenty of water and salty snacks. Any water from natural sources should be treated before drinking.



### Hiking at high elevation can be difficult.

You may become tired more quickly than expected—or even feel sick. Take breaks, drink plenty of water, and adjust plans if needed.



### Be prepared for changing conditions.

Check the forecast and carry waterproof layers. Stay off domes and other exposed places when there is a chance of thunderstorms.



### Stay on the trail.

Protect fragile vegetation and avoid getting lost by staying on designated trails. Stay behind barriers, and do not enter water above waterfalls.



### Pack it out.

Most trails do not have toilets or trash cans, so plan ahead. Human waste must be deposited at least 200 feet from trails and water. Solid waste must be buried six inches deep. Pack out all trash, including toilet paper.



### Leave behind what you find.

It is illegal to remove natural objects or artifacts from the park.

**In an emergency, call or text 911.**



### A Wilderness Permit is Required for All Overnight Trips

**Wilderness permits are required year-round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness.**

All trailhead quotas will be available online in advance for the 2024 hiking season.

Visit [go.nps.gov/WildPermits](http://go.nps.gov/WildPermits) to learn how to obtain a permit reservation.

*Please come prepared with your own allowed bear resistant food canister—or rent one at an open wilderness center.*

#### Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center

Open 8 am to 5 pm daily

#### Big Wall Climbing Permits

Self-registration permits for overnight climbs are available at El Capitan Crossover, near shuttle stop 9.

#### Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio

Open 8 am to 5 pm daily

#### Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open 8 am to 5 pm daily

#### Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

Open 8 am to 5 pm daily, *when Tioga Road is open*

#### Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station

Open 8 am to 5 pm daily



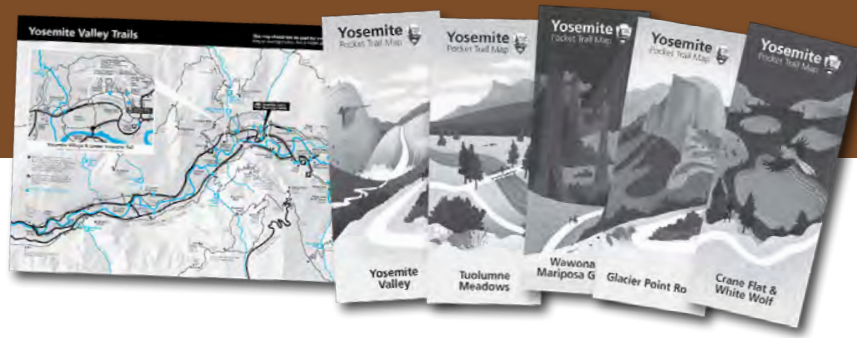
### Hiking Half Dome

**Permits are required 7 days a week when the cables are up, from late-May to mid-October, conditions permitting.** Permits are available by pre-season and daily lotteries. More information is available at [go.nps.gov/HDpermits](http://go.nps.gov/HDpermits).

Backpackers wanting to climb Half Dome as part of a wilderness trip can find information at [go.nps.gov/HDwildPermits](http://go.nps.gov/HDwildPermits).







Stop by an open information center  
to pick up free trail maps!  
Turn to page 2 for hours & locations.





## Trails in Yosemite Valley


Turn to the back cover for a simple map of some Valley trails.


	TRAIL	LENGTH & ELEVATION GAIN	STARTING POINT
	<b>Short Walks (scenic walks that usually take an hour or less)</b>	all distances are listed as round-trip	
	<b>BRIDALVEIL FALL</b> Take a short stroll to the base of Bridalveil Fall. A gentle incline leads to a wheelchair-accessible viewing area, while a steeper path climbs closer to the base of the fall. <i>Stay behind barriers. Rocks at the base of the waterfall are very slick and dangerous.</i>	0.5 mi/0.8 km; paved with gentle incline	Bridalveil Fall parking area or Southside Drive
	<b>LOWER YOSEMITE FALL</b> A short but rewarding trail to the base of Yosemite Falls. The east side of the loop is wheelchair-accessible. Expect falls to be dry by late summer, with heavy spray in spring. <i>Stay behind barriers. Rocks at the base of the waterfall are very slick and dangerous.</i>	1 mi/1.6 km; paved with gentle incline	Shuttle Stop 6
	<b>COOK'S MEADOW LOOP</b> Take a relaxed stroll and enjoy views of Yosemite Falls, Half Dome, and other valley highlights. Look and listen for birds and other wildlife in early morning and around dusk. Sections with pavement or boardwalk are wheelchair- and pet-friendly.	1 mi/1.6 km; flat pavement & boardwalk	Shuttle Stop 6
	<b>MIRROR LAKE</b> (dry in summer & fall) Take a short walk on a paved road to the front of the lake, at the base of Half Dome. Continue on the unpaved hiking trail for a 4.5-mile loop. Pets are allowed only on the paved section. Vehicles with a valid disability placard may drive to the front of Mirror Lake.	2 mi/3.2 km; 100 ft/30 m elev. gain	Shuttle Stop 17
	<b>More Challenging Hikes</b>		
	<b>YOSEMITE FALLS TRAIL</b> 6–8 hrs. A steep, rugged trail with dozens of switchbacks. Hike the first steep mile to Columbia Rock for stunning valley views. Continue to the top of Yosemite Falls; return the same way.	7.2 mi/11.6 km; 2,700 ft/820 m elev. gain	Camp 4 Shuttle Stop 7
	<b>FOUR MILE TRAIL TO GLACIER POINT</b> 6–8 hrs. This challenging trail offers spectacular views of Yosemite Valley. Plan to hike back down from Glacier Point—there is no shuttle to return you to the Valley. Combine with the Panorama Trail for an even longer 12-mile semi-loop. Upper section closed in winter.	9.6 mi/15.4 km; 3,200 ft/975 m elev. gain	Shuttle Stop 11
	<b>Hiking to Vernal &amp; Nevada Falls</b> <i>The Mist Trail between the lower JMT junction and the top of Vernal Fall (the stair section) is CLOSED for repairs Mon–Thurs, 7 am to 3:30 pm (open Fri/Sat/Sun.) When closed, use the JMT to reach Vernal Fall and points beyond. Check the map on the back cover to see the closed section and detour.</i>		
	Several routes are possible through this corridor (see map on back cover for reference.) Suggested routes:		
	<b>Happy Isles to Vernal Fall Footbridge (John Muir Trail—out and back)</b> 1–1.5 hrs. Hike the short but very steep first section of the John Muir Trail for a view of Vernal Fall from the footbridge.	1.6 mi/2.6 km; 400 ft/120 m elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
	<b>Happy Isles to top of Vernal Fall (JMT &amp; Mist Trail—out and back)</b> 2–3 hrs. Past the footbridge, hike up a steep granite stairway to the top of Vernal Fall. Return the same way.	2.4 mi/3.8 km; 1000 ft/300 m elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
	<b>Happy Isles to top of Vernal Fall (JMT &amp; Mist Trail—loop via Clark Point)</b> 2–3 hrs. Past the footbridge, hike up a steep granite stairway to the top of Vernal Fall. Continue to Clark Point for great views of Nevada Fall. Return via the John Muir Trail.	3.7 mi/6 km; 1500 ft/450 m elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
	<b>Happy Isles to top of Nevada Fall (JMT &amp; Mist Trail—out and back)</b> 4–5 hrs. From the top of Vernal Fall, continue up the rugged Mist Trail to the top of Nevada Fall. Return the same way.	5 mi/8 km; 2000 ft/600 m elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
	<b>Happy Isles to top of Nevada Fall (JMT &amp; Mist Trail—loop via Clark Point)</b> 4–5 hrs. From the top of Vernal Fall, continue up the rugged Mist Trail to the top of Nevada Fall. Return via the John Muir Trail.	5.8 mi/9.3 km; 2000 ft/600 m elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
	<b>Choose Your Own Adventure</b>		
	<b>YOSEMITE VALLEY LOOP TRAIL</b> Enjoy a scenic loop around the Yosemite Valley floor on this quiet, less-traveled trail. Hike a short section, or spend a day exploring the entire trail. Pick up a trail map at the welcome center (hours listed on page 2) to view distances from point-to-point and to plan your hike.	Up to 11.5 mi/18.5 km; Mostly flat, some gentle incline	Shuttle Stops 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, & 19.

## Trails Beyond Yosemite Valley

For many more hikes, pick up free trail maps at any open information center.

	TRAIL	LENGTH & ELEVATION GAIN	STARTING POINT
	<b>Mariposa Grove</b> Turn to page 7 for information about the Mariposa Grove shuttle.	all distances are listed as round-trip	
	<b>BIG TREES LOOP TRAIL</b> Winding through a forest with many giant sequoias, this trail features the Fallen Monarch and interpretive panels on the life and ecology of giant sequoias. This loop is relatively flat and is wheelchair accessible.	0.3 mi/0.5 m; flat	Mariposa Grove Arrival Area & Trailhead
	<b>GRIZZLY GIANT LOOP TRAIL</b> Hike past notable trees such as the Bachelor and Three Graces, the Grizzly Giant, and California Tunnel Tree. Visitors with a valid disability placard can drive as far as the Grizzly Giant parking area and enjoy this area of the grove via a section of trail that is wheelchair-accessible.	2 mi/3.2 km; 300 ft/90 m elev. gain	Mariposa Grove Arrival Area & Trailhead
	<b>Wawona</b>		
	<b>WAWONA MEADOW LOOP</b> Enjoy a scenic loop around the meadow on an unpaved fire road. Bicycles and leashed pets are permitted.	3.5 mi/4 km; mostly flat	Trailhead across from the Wawona Hotel
	<b>Tuolumne Meadows</b>		
	<b>PARSONS LODGE &amp; SODA SPRINGS</b> Enjoy a scenic stroll through Tuolumne Meadows to cold, bubbling Soda Springs and the historic lodge.	1.4 mi/2.3 km	Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center
	<b>TWIN BRIDGES</b> Follow the John Muir Trail to a scenic spot on the Lyell Fork of the Tuolumne River.	3 mi/4.8 km; mostly flat	Dog Lake parking area
	<b>Near Crane Flat</b>		
	<b>TUOLUMNE GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS</b> Hike one mile down to this smaller, more secluded grove, located northwest of Yosemite Valley near Crane Flat. A short nature trail loops through the grove.	2.5 mi/4 km; 500 ft/150 m gain (on return)	Tuolumne Grove Trailhead
	<b>MERCED GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS</b> <i>May be closed in July &amp; August for biomass removal.</i> Hike 1.5 miles down to Yosemite's smallest and least-visited sequoia grove, located northwest of Yosemite Valley on Big Oak Flat Road. Visit a small cluster of sequoias and a historic cabin.	3 mi/4.8 km; 520 ft/160 m gain (on return)	Merced Grove Trailhead

 wheelchair-accessible paved path or boardwalk

 leashed pets welcome