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# Yosemite Essentials

## Winter in Yosemite

### Opportunities for hiking are limited.

Trails may be hazardous, icy, covered in snow, or inaccessible during seasonal road closures. Ask a ranger about current trail conditions and closures before you go. *Turn to pages 10 & 11 for more.*

### Tioga Road and Glacier Point Road are closed

to vehicles from approximately November through May or June. The Tioga Pass Entrance is closed in winter, and there is no vehicle access to or from the east side of Yosemite.

### Tire chains may be required on park roads.

Call 209/372-0220 (press 1, then 1) to hear current information about road closures and tire chain restrictions.

**Winter visitors should carry tire chains or cables and know how to use them.** Chain restrictions can go into effect at any time. All vehicles are required by law to carry chains when restrictions are in effect (NO exceptions.) **For more information, visit [go.nps.gov/chains](https://go.nps.gov/chains)**

To avoid winter driving in Yosemite, travel to the park by YARTS bus and use free valley shuttles during your visit. *Turn to pages 6 & 7 for more.*

### Day-Use Reservation Required on Some Weekends in February.

In order to manage the Horsetail Fall event, a reservation will be required for entry to Yosemite on: Feb. 8–9, Feb. 15–17, & Feb. 22–23, 2025. Find more information at [go.nps.gov/reserve](https://go.nps.gov/reserve).

## At least 21 bears were hit by vehicles in Yosemite in 2024.



### 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.

### 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.*

### It is illegal to approach or feed any wild animal.

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

**Bears are active in winter, and proper food storage is required year-round.**

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).*

## 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 – 5 pm.  
*Urgent care walk-ins with out-of-pocket fees: 1 pm – 3:30 pm.*


### Roadside Assistance


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.

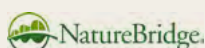
## Park Regulations

The National Park Service is dedicated to protecting Yosemite 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

## Park Partners



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## Where to Find More Information

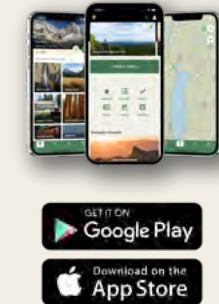
### Information Centers

Start your visit here! Get help planning your trip, ask about closures and trail conditions, and pick up junior ranger booklets and trail maps.

- Yosemite Valley Welcome Center**  
9 am to 5 pm daily
- Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio**  
Closed for the Season
- Big Oak Flat Information Station**  
Closed for the Season
- Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center**  
Closed for the Season

### Look up Current Conditions

To check for current road closures or tire chain restrictions, 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).



### Get the Official NPS App

This free app covers 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".



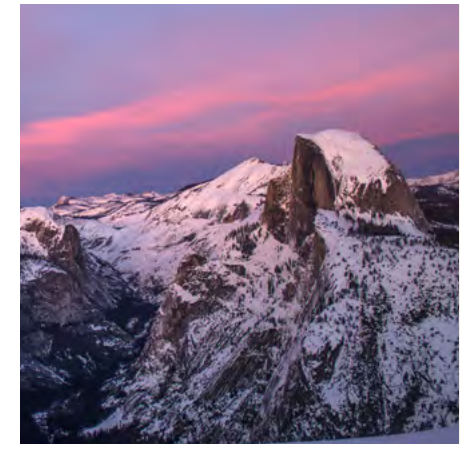
## Places to Explore



**YOSEMITE VALLEY**  
The first stop for many park visitors, Yosemite Valley is known for its waterfalls, towering granite walls, and iconic features like El Capitan and Half Dome. The Valley remains open and easily accessible in winter, but walkways and hiking trails may still be snowy and icy.  
Start your visit at the new welcome center in Yosemite Village for park information, then stop by the Yosemite Exploration Center and the Yosemite Museum for exhibits and cultural demonstrations (turn to page 4 for hours.) Enjoy a peaceful stroll through Cook's Meadow and to Lower Yosemite Fall, which grows throughout winter and peaks in the spring.



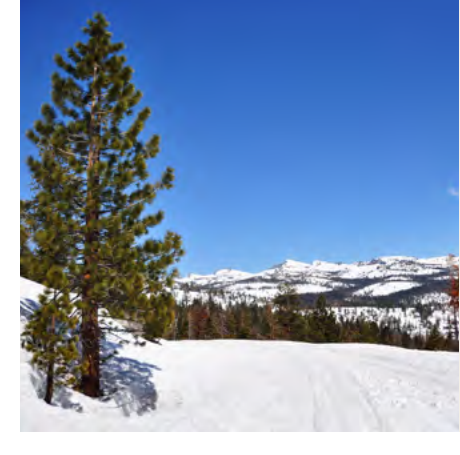
**WAWONA & THE MARIPOSA GROVE**  
The Mariposa Grove is home to over 500 mature giant sequoias. Shuttle service from the parking area to the grove operates until Nov. 30, if conditions allow. When shuttles are not running, hike 2 miles each way (with 500 ft of elevation gain) to reach the grove. Skis or snowshoes may be needed to access parts of the grove. Stop in Wawona for more trails, limited visitor services, and the Yosemite History Center (open daily.)  
**30 mi (48 km) or 1 hour from Yosemite Valley.** From Yosemite Valley, drive south on Wawona Road. Watch for signs for the Mariposa Grove just before the park's South Entrance.



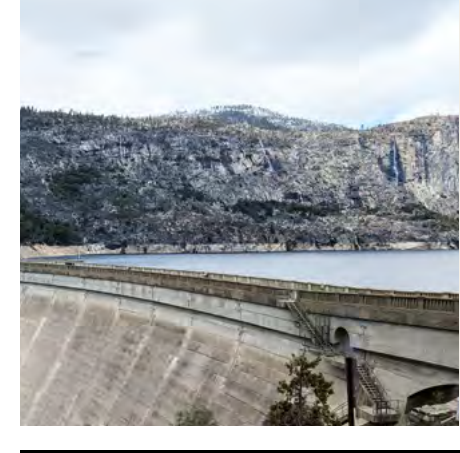
**GLACIER POINT & BADGER PASS SKI AREA**  
**Glacier Point Road is closed from approximately November to May.** When Badger Pass is open, the road is open to vehicles ONLY to the ski area. Glacier Point can only be accessed by ski or snowshoe.  
**15 mi (24 km) or 40 min from Yosemite Valley.** From Yosemite Valley, drive south on Wawona Road (continuation of Hwy 41) for 9 miles. Turn left onto Glacier Point Road, then continue 5 miles to Badger Pass Ski Area.



**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. Skis or snowshoes may be needed to access the groves in winter.  
**16 mi (26 km) or 30 minutes from Yosemite Valley.** From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road to its intersection with Tioga Road at Crane Flat. Turn right for Tuolumne Grove parking, or continue on Big Oak Flat Road for 3.5 miles to Merced Grove parking.



**TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS**  
**Tioga Road is closed from approximately November to May or June.** There is no access to or from the east side of the park. Yosemite's high country is accessible only by ski or snowshoe.



**HETCH HETCHY**  
Walk across the O'Shaughnessy Dam, hike along the reservoir, or access Yosemite's wilderness.  
**38 mi (61 km) or 1½ hours from Yosemite Valley.** From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road (continuation of Hwy 120 W) for 17 miles. Just outside the Big Oak Flat Entrance, turn right on Evergreen Road. Continue for 16 miles. *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.*

## Things to Do

Winter in Yosemite is a unique experience. Although many popular summer activities are not possible this time of year, there are so many ways to enjoy a snowy and peaceful park!

**Explore by Car**  
If driving through Yosemite Valley, stop at scenic viewpoints like Tunnel View, Valley View, and El Capitan Meadow.

**Take a Winter Walk**  
In Yosemite Valley, enjoy a relaxed stroll around Cook's Meadow for views of Half Dome, Sentinel Rock, the Merced River, and maybe even winter wildlife! Cross the road to add a loop around Lower Yosemite Fall.

**Add an Indoor Activity**  
To take a break from the cold, stop by the Yosemite Museum, Yosemite Exploration Center & Theater, and the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village. Explore the historic Ahwahnee Hotel (turn to page 8 for tour information.) Stop by Degnan's Kitchen or the Mountain Room Lounge for snacks and drinks by a warm fire (hours on page 4.)

**Join a Ranger or Yosemite Naturalist for a Talk or Guided Walk**  
Turn to page 8 for a weekly schedule of programs.

**Ice Skate at Curry Village** Turn to page 9 for more information.

**Ski, snowboard, or go tubing at Badger Pass**  
Gear rentals and lessons are available. Turn to page 9 for more information.

**Snowshoe or Cross-country Ski** Rent equipment at Badger Pass Ski Area. Turn to page 9 for more information.

**Play in the Snow at Crane Flat** Bring your own sledding gear, throw a snowball, and build a snowman. Turn to page 9 for more information.

**Become a Junior Ranger**  
Pick up a free *Junior Ranger Handbook* at the welcome center in Yosemite Valley. 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 – 4 pm
- Wilderness Center** closed for the season
- Happy Isles Art & Nature Center** closed for the season
- Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center** closed for the season

### GIFTS, GEAR, & GROCERIES

- YOSEMITE VILLAGE** 1 2 4 5
- The Ansel Adams Gallery** 10 am – 4 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 – 4 pm, may close for lunch.
- Village Store** 8 am – 8 pm. Large selection of groceries & gifts.

- THE AHWAHNEE** 3
- Gift Shop** 9 am – 7 pm
- Sweet Shop** 7 am – 10 pm

- YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE** 7
- Gift Shop** 8 am – 8 pm. Gifts & snacks.

- CURRY VILLAGE** 14 19
- Yosemite Mountain Shop** 8:30 am – 6:30 pm. Hiking/climbing gear & apparel.
- Curry Village Gift & Grocery** 8 am – 8 pm

- HOUSEKEEPING CAMP** 12
- Grocery** closed for the season

### 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** closed for the season

- THE AHWAHNEE** 3
- Coffee Bar** 6:30 am – 10:30 am
- The Ahwahnee Bar** 11:30 am – 9 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: 7 am – 10:45 am; Lunch/Dinner: 11 am – 8 pm.  
Fast casual burgers, chicken, & more. Indoor & outdoor seating.
- Starbucks Coffee** 7 am – 5 pm

- Mountain Room Lounge** Mon to Fri: 5 pm – 10 pm; Sat & Sun: 12 pm – 10 pm;  
New Year's Eve: 12 pm – 1 am. Beer on tap, cocktails, & light bites.
- Mountain Room Restaurant** 5 pm – 9 pm  
Upscale casual steakhouse. Reservations recommended: OpenTable.com.

- CURRY VILLAGE** 14 19
- Seven Tents Pavilion** (closed Dec 1–13, Jan 2–3.) 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** 6:30 am – 11 am (closed Dec 1–13, Jan 2–3.)

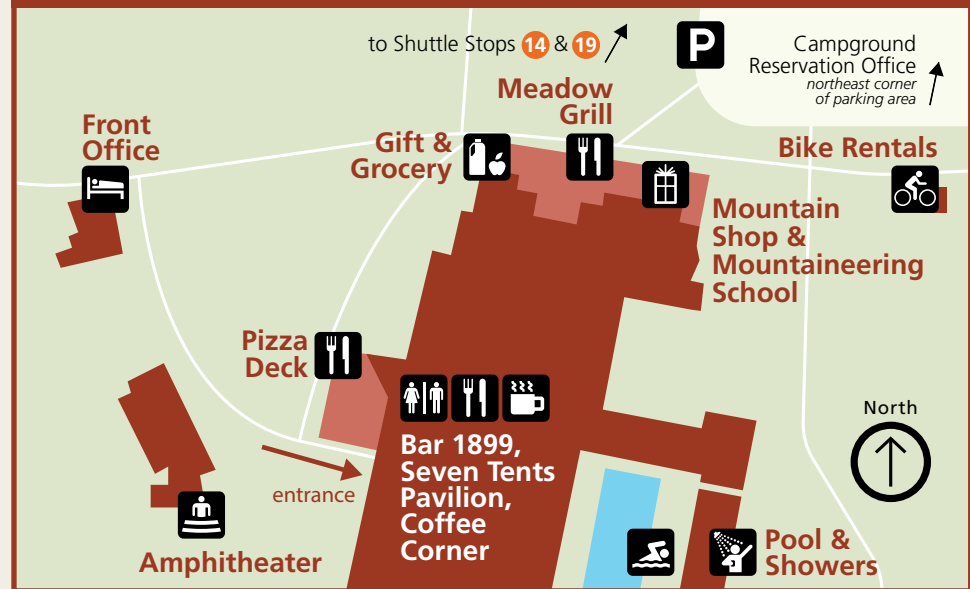
- Bar 1899** Beer on tap, cocktails, & light bites.  
Until Nov 30: 4 pm – 9 pm  
Dec 1–13: closed  
Dec 14–31: 12 pm – 9 pm  
Jan 1–2: closed  
Starting Jan 3: 4 pm – 9 pm.
- Pizza Deck** closed for the season

- Taqueria @ Meadow Grill** closed for the season
- Jennie's Ice Cream** closed for the season

### YOSEMITE VILLAGE SERVICES



### CURRY VILLAGE SERVICES



### TOURS & ACTIVITIES

- Book tours & activities anytime at [TravelYosemite.com](http://TravelYosemite.com).
- Yosemite Valley Lodge Tour & Activity Desk** 7:30 am – 3 pm
- Yosemite Valley Lodge Pool** closed for the season
- Village Store Tour & Activity Kiosk** closed for the season
- Curry Village Tour & Activity Kiosk** closed for the season
- Curry Village Pool** closed for renovation
- Curry Village Ice Rink** 8:30 am – 11 am (weekends & holidays only);  
12 pm – 2:30 pm; 3:30 pm – 6 pm; 7 pm – 9:30 pm
- Mountaineering School (Curry Village)** closed for the season

### BIKE RENTALS

- Yosemite Valley Lodge Bike Stand** closed for the season
- Curry Village Bike Stand** closed for the season
- Village Store Bike Stand** closed for the season

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES

- Yosemite Community Church (The Chapel)** Pastor Brent Moore  
Call 209/372-4831 or visit [YosemiteValleyChapel.org](http://YosemiteValleyChapel.org) for information.  
Weekly Sunday services: 9:15 am  
Thanksgiving service (Nov 28): 10 am  
Christmas Eve service (Dec 24): 4 pm

### OTHER SERVICES

- Laundry (Housekeeping Camp)** closed for the season
- Showers (Curry Village)** 14 19 24 hrs
- Yosemite Village Post Office** 2 4 5 Mon – Fri: 8:30 am – 5 pm,  
Sat: 10 am – 12 pm, Sun: closed
- 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** closed for the season. Temporary visitor information station in Wawona on Chilnualna Falls Rd, 500 ft from Wawona Rd intersection. Open until Jan 11, 9 am – 4 pm (closed Tu/W & 12 pm – 1 pm.)
- Yosemite History Center** Open daily

### FOOD & BEVERAGE

- Wawona Hotel Dining Room** Breakfast: 7 am – 10 am (until Dec 1)  
Lunch: 11:30 am – 2 pm (until Nov 30)  
Dinner: 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm (until Nov 30)  
Lounge Service: 5 pm – 9:30 pm (until Nov 30)

### OTHER SERVICES

- Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop** 8 am – 8 pm (closes 7 pm starting Dec 2)
- Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore (Wawona)** closed for the season
- Yosemite Conservancy Depot (Mariposa Grove)** 9 am – 5 pm (closes Dec 15)
- Golf Course** closed for the season
- Golf Shop & Snack Stand** closed for the season
- Tennis Courts** closed for the season
- Stable** closed for the season
- Wawona Post Office** Mon – Fri: 9 am – 1 pm, Sat: 9 am – 12 pm, Sun: closed
- Wawona Service Station** staffed 9 am – 6 pm. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump.  
Propane available during staffed hours only.

## BADGER PASS SKI AREA

### SKIING & TUBING

- Opens Dec 13, if snow conditions allow. Turn to page 9 for more information.
- Lift Operation** 9 am – 4 pm
- Lift Tickets** 8:30 am – 4 pm
- Ski School Desk** 8:30 am – 4 pm
- Snow Tubing** 11 am – 1 pm; 2 pm – 4 pm
- Equipment Rental** 8:30 am – 4 pm

### SHUTTLE SERVICE

- Starts Dec 13, if snow conditions allow. Shuttles are free, but seats are limited.
- Yosemite Valley to Badger Pass**  
Curry Village: 8:05 am & 10:35 am  
Yosemite Valley (bus terminal next to the garage): 8:10 am & 10:40 am  
The Ahwahnee: 8:15 am & 10:45 am  
Yosemite Valley Lodge 8:30 am & 11 am
- Badger Pass to Yosemite Valley** departures at 2 pm & 4 pm

### OTHER SERVICES

- Opens Dec 13, if snow conditions allow.
- Skiers Grill** 8 am – 4 pm
- Snowflake Room** 12 pm – 4 pm (Fri, Sat, Sun & Holidays only)
- Sport Shop** 9 am – 4 pm

## CRANE FLAT

### LIMITED SERVICES

- Big Oak Flat Information Station** closed for the season
- Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore (Big Oak Flat Information Station)** closed for the season
- Crane Flat Gas & Grocery Store** closed for the season. Gas available year-round,  
24-hour pay-at-the-pump.

## EL PORTAL

### LIMITED SERVICES

- El Portal Market** 9 am – 7 pm
- El Portal Service Station** staffed 8 am – 5 pm. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump.

## CAMPING & LODGING

**CAMPING** Most campgrounds do not remain open year-round. Visit [go.nps.gov/campground](http://go.nps.gov/campground) for more information about camping in Yosemite. To make a campground reservation, visit [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov), or call 877/444-6777.

### Campgrounds open year-round:

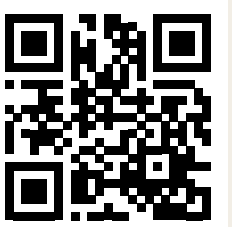
- Upper Pines Campground (by reservation only)
- Camp 4 (first-come, first-served in winter)
- Wawona (first-come, first-served in winter)
- Hodgdon Meadow (first-come, first-served in winter)

All open campgrounds will be reservation-only February 8 – 23, during the Horsetail Fall event.

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.



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)

## 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.

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.

### 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.

## 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 (\$10 with validation.) This change will only be during this historic project and will return to normal upon completion.

# Shuttles

## 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.

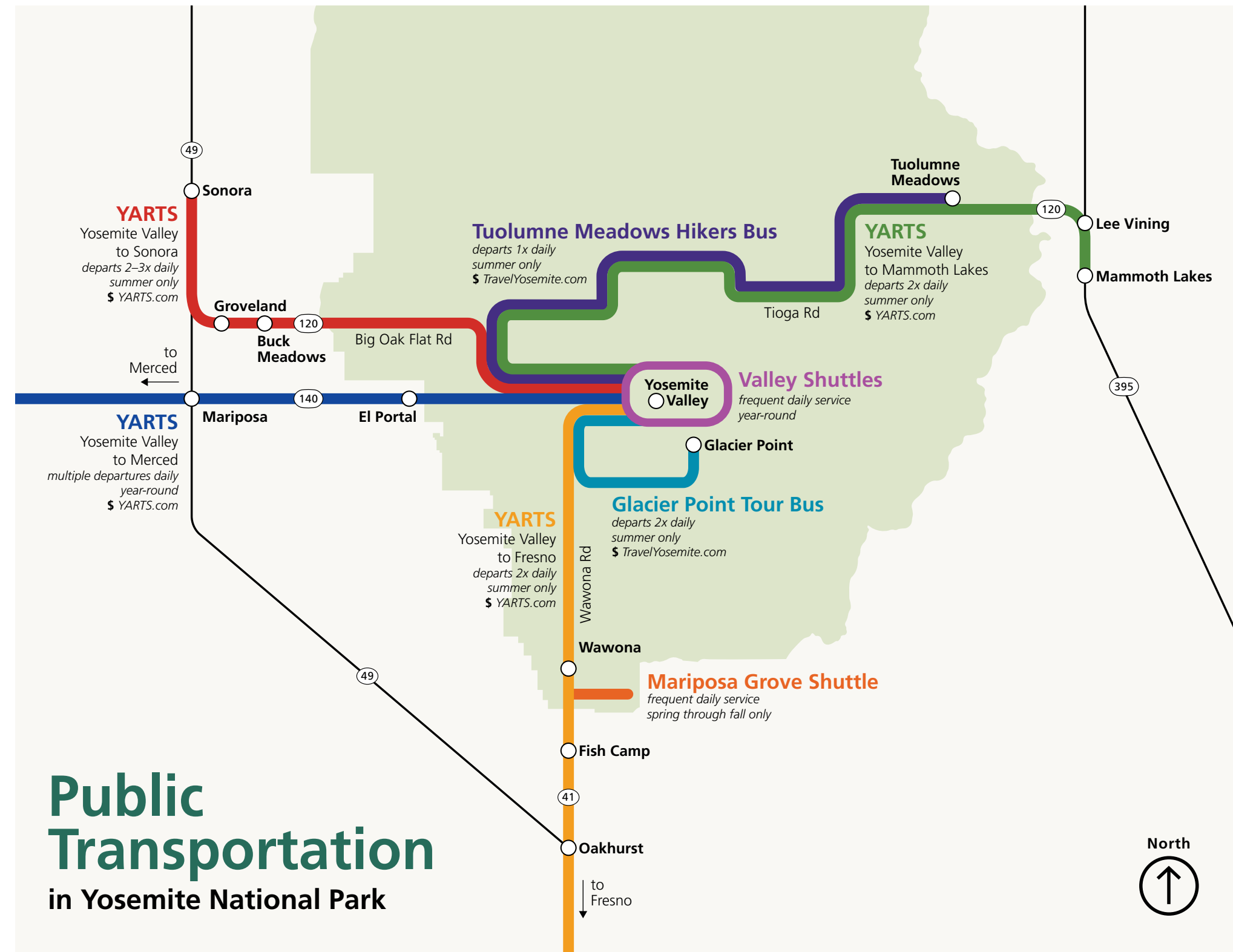
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## Yosemite Valley Shuttle Stops

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

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



## Public Transportation in Yosemite National Park



### YARTS

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.**

### Bicycling in Yosemite

Bike paths may be icy or covered in snow. Use extra caution while biking in winter. 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.

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.

### Mariposa Grove Shuttle

Free shuttle service from the grove's Welcome Plaza & Parking to the Arrival Area & Trailhead. Shuttles pick up every 15 minutes.

**Shuttle Hours (until Nov 30, if conditions allow):**  
8 am to 3:30 pm (last bus leaves Mariposa Grove at 4:30 pm.)

When shuttles are not operating, the Mariposa Grove can be accessed ONLY via a 2-mile hike on the Washburn Trail.

### Tuolumne Meadows Hikers Bus

Service has concluded for the season. Visit [TravelYosemite.com](http://TravelYosemite.com) for more information.

### Glacier Point Tour Bus

Service has concluded for the season. Visit [TravelYosemite.com](http://TravelYosemite.com) for more information.

### Parking

In Yosemite Valley, use one of **three main parking areas: Curry Village (14, 15), Yosemite Village (1), or Yosemite Falls (7).** Parking can completely fill by late morning on weekends and holidays. Once you find a parking space, keep it. Walk, bike, or ride a shuttle 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.

# Events & Programs


Visit [go.nps.gov/YosemiteCalendar](https://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?
<b>2 pm</b> (15 min) daily	 <b>Family Ranger Talk</b> Topics vary. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center (shuttle stops 1/2/4.)	NPS	free	no; drop-in only


## YOSEMITE VALLEY: WALKS, TALKS, & TOURS

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
<b>3 pm</b> (1 hr) daily	<b>Guided Nature Walk</b> Learn about Yosemite's natural history and ecosystems with a Yosemite Naturalist. Meet at Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater (shuttle stop 7.)	YH	free	no; drop-in only
<b>2 pm</b> (1 hr) daily	 <b>Historic Ahwahnee Hotel</b> Tour Learn about the history behind Yosemite's famous luxury hotel on this complimentary one-hour tour. Meet on the hotel's back lawn. (Note: Valet parking only, use shuttle stop 3.)	YH	free	no; drop-in only

## YOSEMITE VALLEY: ART & PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES


DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
<b>9:30 am</b> (1 hr) Tu & Th	<b>The Ansel Adams Gallery Photography Walk</b> Join a staff photographer for a brief field lecture in Yosemite Valley.	TAAG	free	yes; visit <a href="https://AnselAdams.com">AnselAdams.com</a>
<b>9:30 am</b> (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	\$	yes; visit <a href="https://AnselAdams.com">AnselAdams.com</a>
<b>12:30 pm</b> (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	\$	yes; visit <a href="https://AnselAdams.com">AnselAdams.com</a>
<b>12:30 pm</b> (4 hrs) M & Th	<b>In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams</b> Join a staff photographer for a field class around Yosemite Valley.	TAAG	\$	yes; visit <a href="https://AnselAdams.com">AnselAdams.com</a>
<b>12:30 pm</b> (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	\$	yes; visit <a href="https://AnselAdams.com">AnselAdams.com</a>

## YOSEMITE VALLEY: EVENING PROGRAMS

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
<b>7 pm</b> (30 min) M, W, F, Sa	 <b>Evening Programs</b> Yosemite naturalists present a variety of topics. Meet at the Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room (shuttle stop 7.)	YH	free	no; drop-in only
<b>7 pm</b> (1.5 hrs) nightly	<b>Yosemite After Dark</b> Grab a flashlight and join a Yosemite Naturalist for a nature walk at night!	YH	\$	yes; tickets at <a href="https://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a>

## Winter at Badger Pass

Badger Pass Ski Area opens as early as December 13, if snow conditions allow. The ski area relies entirely on natural snow, and operating dates may vary. *Turn to page 5 for complete hours and Badger Pass Shuttle information.*

 Call the Snow Phone at 209/372-1000 to hear conditions, weather, and ski area information.

Please note: sledding and other snowplay is NOT allowed at Badger Pass.

## Downhill Skiing & Snowboarding

**Tickets:** 8:30 am – 4 pm  
**Lift Operation:** 9 am – 4 pm  
**Equipment Rental:** 8:30 am – 4 pm  
All-day, half-day, and season passes available. Ten ski runs, with slopes for all ages and experience levels. For more information, visit [TravelYosemite.com](https://TravelYosemite.com) or call 209/372-8430.

## Ski School

**Desk Hours:** 8:30 am – 4 pm  
Group and private lessons for adults and kids. Visit [TravelYosemite.com](https://TravelYosemite.com) or stop by the Ski School for information.

## Snow Tubing

Small tubing slopes perfect for families! Kids must be at least 42 inches tall. Tubing offered in two sessions: 11 am – 1 pm, and 2 pm – 4 pm. Tickets available at [TravelYosemite.com](https://TravelYosemite.com) or in person. *Personal sleds and tubes are NOT allowed at Badger Pass.*

## More Winter Activities

### Crane Flat Snow Play Area

A great place to take the family to sled and play in snow! Located just south of the Crane Flat gas station, near the Crane Flat Campground, about 30 minutes from Yosemite Valley on Big Oak Flat Road. Open when there is sufficient snow.

### Ice Skating at Curry Village

Family-friendly outdoor ice skating rink in Yosemite Valley. Tickets are available online in advance ([TravelYosemite.com](https://TravelYosemite.com)) or in-person prior to each session. Skate rentals available.

**Sessions:**  
8:30 am – 11 am, *weekends & holidays only*  
12 pm – 2:30 pm  
3:30 pm – 6 pm  
7 pm – 9:30 pm

## Cross-Country Skiing & Snowshoeing

Bring your own gear or rent equipment at Badger Pass. Cross-country ski lessons available through the the Ski School. Enjoy several scenic skiing and snowshoeing routes starting at Badger Pass. Stop by the Badger Pass Ranger Station (A-frame cabin) for information. *A wilderness permit is required for all overnight trips.*

## Guided Cross-Country Ski Experiences

Daytrips and overnight adventures with an expert guide. Visit [TravelYosemite.com](https://TravelYosemite.com) or call 209/372-4996 for information.

## Snowshoe Walks

Join a park ranger or volunteer for a FREE snowshoe walk, and learn more about winter in Yosemite! Snowshoes provided. Dress warmly. Check the online calendar or local listings (Yosemite Valley Welcome Center) for times.

## Experience Yosemite 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](https://Yosemite.org)

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

- Yosemite Exploration Center & Theater (Yosemite Village)
- Happy Isles Art & Nature Center (closed in winter)
- Retail locations throughout the park (some seasonal)

**Outdoor Adventures**  
*Outdoor Adventures resume in Spring 2025.* Check the calendar for guided hikes and backpacking trips in Yosemite:  
[Yosemite.org/experience/outdoor-adventures](https://Yosemite.org/experience/outdoor-adventures)

**Custom Adventures**  
 Private guided excursions, available year-round:  
[Yosemite.org/custom-adventures](https://Yosemite.org/custom-adventures)

**Upcoming Art Classes**  
*Art classes resume in Spring 2025.* Join us for weekday workshops, kids' classes, overnight art retreats, and more. Check the online calendar for upcoming classes at [Yosemite.org/art](https://Yosemite.org/art)

### YOSEMITE HOSPITALITY

operates lodging, dining, shopping, and other services throughout the park. A variety of tours, naturalist programs, guided hikes, and recreation rentals may be available. Book online, over the phone, or in person at the Yosemite Valley Lodge front desk.

**Contact** [TravelYosemite.com](https://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 (spring through fall, as conditions allow)
- Yosemite Mountaineering School at Curry Village: guided hikes & rock climbing (closed in winter)
- Badger Pass Ski Area (winter only)

### THE ANSEL ADAMS GALLERY

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

**Location** The Ansel Adams Gallery (open 10 am to 4 pm daily) is located in Yosemite Village. 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**  

- Cadence of Light: Photographs by Jeffrey Conley* November 17, 2024 – January 11, 2025

- Winter Rune: An Exhibition of an Enchanting Season* January 12, 2025 – March 1, 2025


### SIERRA CLUB


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

**Location** The Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (shuttle stop 12) closes for the season after Sep 29. We look forward to welcoming you back in May 2025! Until Sep 29, the center is open Wed – Sun, 10 am – 4 pm. Explore exhibits, the library, and the children's corner.

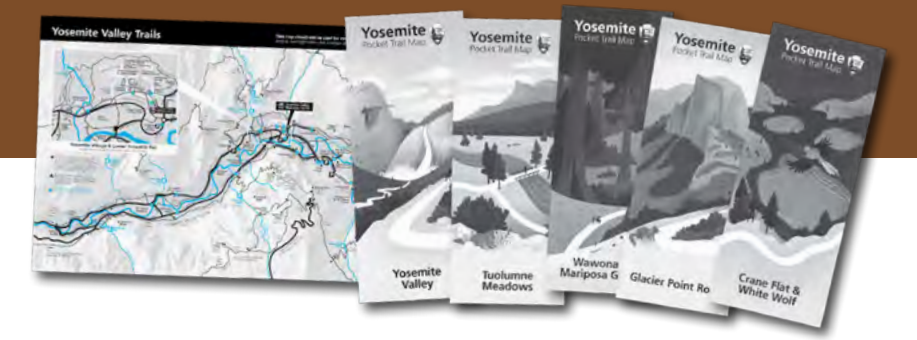
### NATUREBRIDGE

Bring your school to NatureBridge for multi-day, immersive environmental science programs that ignite curiosity and foster deep connections with nature. As the largest education partner of the National Park Service since 1971, NatureBridge provides transformative, hands-on learning experiences in the country's most iconic national parks. Our nonprofit organization is dedicated to inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards. Discover more and plan your school's adventure at [naturebridge.org](https://naturebridge.org).

 Programs designed especially for children and their families.

 Programs accessible to visitors in wheelchairs.

NPS (National Park Service)  
 YC (Yosemite Conservancy)  
 YH (Yosemite Hospitality)  
 TAAG (The Ansel Adams Gallery)



Mariposa Grove



Cook's Meadow, Yosemite Valley

## What You Need to Know

- Winter hiking requires extra preparedness.**  
In winter, trails may be covered in snow and ice. Not all trailheads are reachable when winter road closures are in effect. Hikers should carry traction devices and/or trekking poles, and MUST know how to navigate in snow when the trail is not visible. Snowshoes or skis may be necessary for some trips, depending on conditions. Before you go, check the weather forecast and ask about trail conditions and closures.
- 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.**

## Backpacking Yosemite

**A wilderness permit is required for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness.**

Visit [go.nps.gov/WildPermits](http://go.nps.gov/WildPermits) for the details.

Wilderness centers are CLOSED for the winter. Wilderness permits are available by self-registration only.

Come prepared with your own approved bear canister—or rent one at the welcome center in Yosemite Valley (open 9 am to 5 pm daily).

### Self-Registration Permit Locations

**Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center**  
Self-registration permits for Valley trailheads ONLY are available in front of the welcome center.

**Wawona Visitor Center**  
Self-registration permits for Wawona trailheads ONLY are available on the front porch.

**Big Oak Flat Information Station**  
Self-registration permits for Big Oak Flat trailheads ONLY are available on the front porch.

**Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center**  
*Closed for the season.*

**Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station**  
Self-registration permits for Hetch Hetchy trailheads ONLY are available at the entrance station kiosk (gates open from sunrise to sunset.)

**Badger Pass Ranger Station**  
Self-registration permits for Glacier Point Road trailheads ONLY are available at the Badger Pass A-Frame, *conditions permitting.*

**Big Wall Climbing Permits**  
Self-registration permits for overnight climbs are available at El Capitan Crossover (shuttle stop 9.)

### Hiking Half Dome

**Half Dome Cables are down for the season.**

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 (March 1–31) and daily lotteries. More information is available at [go.nps.gov/HDpermits](http://go.nps.gov/HDpermits)

## 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. <i>Upper section closed in winter. Entire trail may close, depending on conditions.</i> 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.	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>Sections of the Mist Trail and John Muir Trail close in winter due to hazardous icy conditions. Open sections of trail may also be very icy. Use extreme caution. Reference the map on the back cover for winter closures.</i>		
<b>Happy Isles to Vernal Fall Footbridge</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. Return the same way.	1.6 mi/2.6 km; 400 ft/120 m elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
<b>Winter Route: Happy Isles to Vernal Fall</b> 3–4 hours. Hike the John Muir Trail to the Vernal Fall Footbridge, then follow the trail up a series of switchbacks to Clark Point. Descend from Clark Point to the top of Vernal Fall. Return the same way.	4.8 mi/7.7 km round-trip; 1500 ft/450 m elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
<b>Winter Route: Happy Isles to Nevada Fall</b> 5–6 hours. Hike the John Muir Trail to the Vernal Fall Footbridge, then follow the trail up a series of switchbacks to Clark Point. Descend from Clark Point to the top of Nevada Fall. Continue up the Mist Trail to Nevada Fall. Return the same way.	6.6 mi/10.6 km round-trip; 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> <i>The Mariposa Grove Shuttle does NOT operate after November 30, and there is no access to the grove by vehicle. The grove can only be reached via a 2-mile hike (with 500 ft of elevation gain) each way. Skis or snowshoes may be needed to reach or travel through the grove, depending on conditions.</i>		
<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.	0.3 mi/0.5 mi; 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>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. <i>Skis or snowshoes may be necessary in winter, depending on conditions.</i>	2.5 mi/4 km; 500 ft/150 m gain (on return)	Tuolumne Grove Trailhead
<b>MERCED GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS</b> 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. <i>Skis or snowshoes may be necessary in winter, depending on conditions.</i>	3 mi/4.8 km; 520 ft/160 m gain (on return)	Merced Grove Trailhead

wheelchair-accessible paved path or boardwalk  
*Paths may be snowy or icy in winter.*

leashed pets welcome