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Yosemite Guide

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.

Emergency Services

In an Emergency:
Call or Text 911

Non-emergency dispatch line
209/379-1992

Yosemite Valley Medical Clinic
209/372-4637; Open Mon to Fri, 9 am – 5 pm. *Urgent care walk-ins:* 1 pm – 3:30 pm.

Road Conditions
209/372-0200 (press 1, then 1)

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 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

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

Pets are NOT allowed on 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. Properly dispose of pet waste. Service dogs are allowed 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 pet regulations.*

Get the Official National Parks App



Search for trails and other things to do, navigate with the park map, view the event 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".

? Yosemite Essentials



❄️ Winter in Yosemite

🚶 Opportunities for hiking are limited.

Trails may be hazardously icy, covered in snow, or inaccessible during seasonal road closures. Ask a ranger about current trail conditions and closures before you go. *Turn to page 9 for winter-friendly activities & page 10 for hiking in Yosemite Valley.*

🚫 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.

🚗 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.

📞 Call 209/372-0200 (press 1, then 1) to check for current chain restrictions and road closures before driving.

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.*



Keep Bears Wild

Store Food Properly

☀️ 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 or call the Save-a-Bear hotline at 209/372-0322. To learn more about food storage and bears, visit KeepBearsWild.org.



✅ Day-Use Reservation Required to drive into the park on some weekends in February.

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

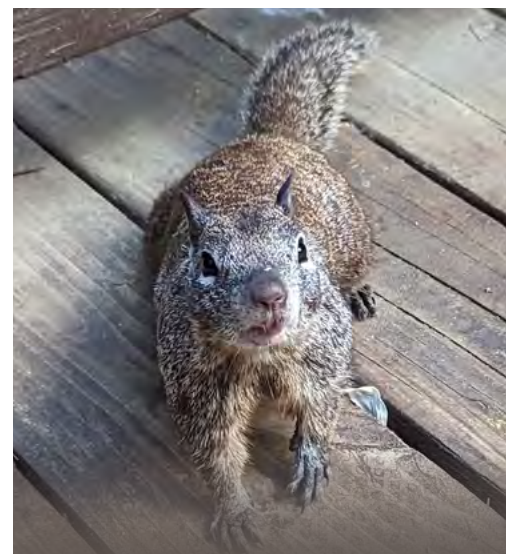
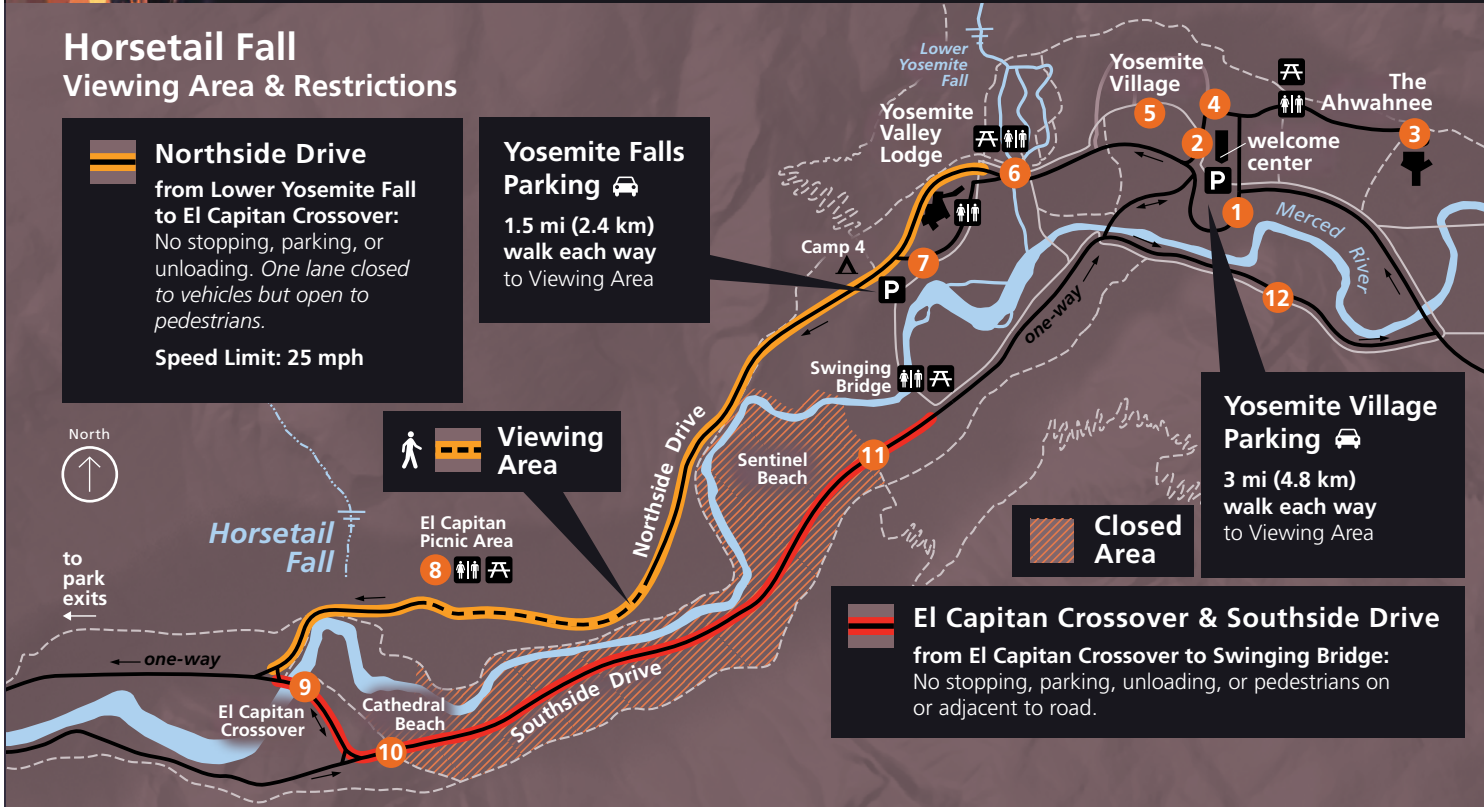
Special Restrictions in Place February 8 – 23

Horsetail Fall can glow orange when it's backlit by sunset. This unique lighting effect happens only on evenings with a clear sky when the waterfall is flowing and when the sun is at the right angle in mid- to late February. This event attracts many visitors to a small area, causing traffic congestion, parking issues, safety concerns, and impacts to natural and cultural resources.

🚗 Expect to park far from the viewing area and walk. Wear warm clothing and bring a headlamp or flashlight. Stay out of closed areas and do not trample vegetation.

♿ Limited parking is available near El Capitan Picnic Area **ONLY** for visitors with a valid disability placard.

Horsetail Fall Viewing Area & Restrictions



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.

↗* Park Map

Tire chains may be required on park roads. Call 209/372-0200 (press 1, then 1) to hear current information about road closures and tire chain restrictions.



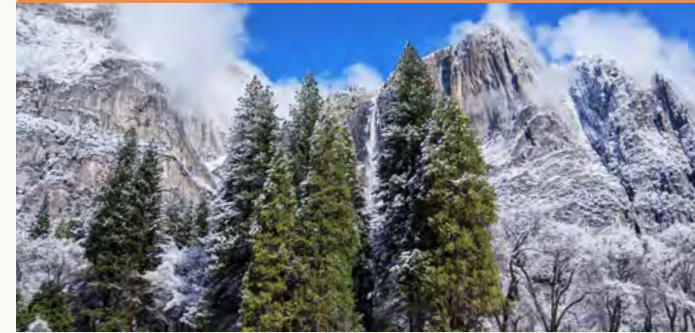
* Indicates campground open in winter. Most campgrounds are NOT open year-round. Turn to page 5 for more information.



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

- Gas Station
- Campground
- Information Center
- Entrance Station

YOSEMITE VALLEY



Yosemite Valley is famous 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.

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

Park at **Curry Village** (shuttle stops 14 & 19), **Yosemite Village** (shuttle stop 1), or **Yosemite Falls** (shuttle stop 7.) Use free shuttles to get around Yosemite Valley: turn to page 6 for shuttle information map.

INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

Use Yosemite Village Parking or shuttle stops 1, 2, 4, or 5.

Welcome Center open 9 am to 5 pm daily
Maps, information, junior ranger booklets, lost & found, gifts

Exploration Center open 9 am to 5 pm daily
Exhibits, park film, bookstore

Yosemite Museum open 10 am to 4 pm daily
Exhibits, cultural demonstrations, Indian Village, gifts

VISITOR SERVICES

Dining, shopping, & recreation. Turn to page 4 for hours & locations.

THINGS TO DO

Explore by Car

Stop at scenic viewpoints like Tunnel View, Valley View, and El Capitan Meadow.

Take a Winter Walk

Starting at shuttle stop 6, take a stroll around Cook's Meadow for views of Half Dome, Yosemite Falls, the Merced River, and maybe even winter wildlife! For a longer walk, add a loop around Lower Yosemite Fall.

Join a Ranger or Yosemite Naturalist for a Talk or Guided Walk

Turn to page 8 for a weekly schedule of programs.

Explore Exhibits & Art in Yosemite Village

Stroll through Yosemite Village and check out the exploration center, museum, theater, and Ansel Adams Gallery.

Ice Skate at Curry Village

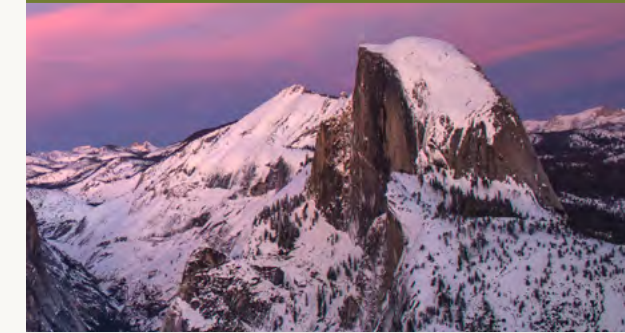
Turn to page 9 for more information.

Turn to page 11 for information about hiking in Yosemite Valley.

TIAGA 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.

GLACIER POINT & BADGER PASS



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.

GETTING HERE

From Yosemite Valley, drive south on Wawona Road for 9 mi (14 km.) Turn left onto Glacier Point Road, then continue 5 mi (8 km) to Badger Pass Ski Area. Turn to page 9 for information about the Badger Pass shuttle.

VISITOR SERVICES & THINGS TO DO

Turn to page 9 for information about skiing, snowshoeing, and tubing at Badger Pass.

WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE



Explore giant sequoias, meadows, and the South Fork Merced River near Yosemite's South Entrance.

GETTING HERE

From Yosemite Valley, drive south on the Wawona Road for 30 mi (48 km), or about one hour.

INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

Wawona Visitor Center closed
Yosemite History Center open daily

VISITOR SERVICES

Gas available 24 hours. Other services very limited: turn to page 5.

THINGS TO DO

Visit the Yosemite History Center
Explore buildings, carriages, and an historic bridge from the early days of tourism in Yosemite. Outdoor exhibits open daily.

Stroll along the Wawona Meadow Loop
Starting across from the Wawona Hotel, enjoy a mostly-flat 3.5-mile loop around the scenic meadow. Trail may be snowy or muddy.

Hike to the Mariposa Grove
There is NO shuttle service or vehicle access to the grove during the winter. From the parking area, hike 2 mi (3 km), with 500 ft (150 m) of elevation gain each way, up the road or the Washburn Trail to reach the front of the grove. Skis or snowshoes may be necessary, depending on conditions.

CRANE FLAT



Visit two quiet sequoia groves and a snow play area near the Big Oak Flat Entrance.

GETTING HERE

Located 16 mi (26 km), or 30 minutes from Yosemite Valley, via Big Oak Flat Road.

INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

Big Oak Flat Information Station closed for the season

VISITOR SERVICES

Gas available 24 hours. Turn to page 5 for store hours.

THINGS TO DO

Visit Giant Sequoias

Hike 1 mi (1.6 km) down to the Tuolumne Grove or 1.5 mi (2.4 km) down to the Merced Grove. Parking at each trailhead is extremely limited. Skis or snowshoes may be needed to access the groves in winter.

Snow Play Area

Turn to page 9 for information.

HETCH HETCHY

Walk across the O'Shaughnessy Dam, hike along the reservoir, or access Yosemite's wilderness. Open sunrise to sunset only.

GETTING HERE

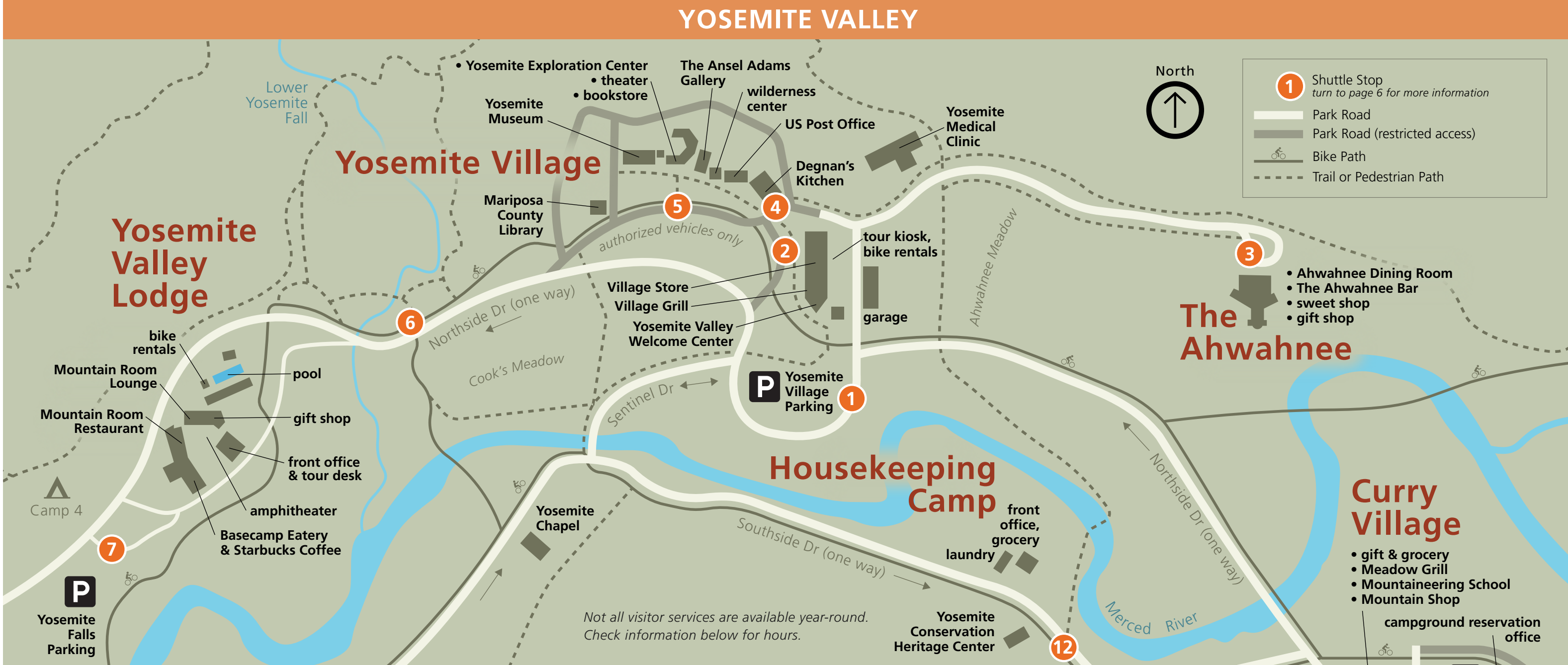
Located 38 mi (61 km) or 1.5 hours from Yosemite Valley. Take Big Oak Flat Road to the Big Oak Flat Entrance. Just after exiting the park, turn right on Evergreen Road. Follow signs to Hetch Hetchy entrance. *Vehicles and trailers over 25 ft long and 8 ft wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Rd.*

VISITOR SERVICES

No services available.

Visitor Services

Seasonal operating dates and hours are subject to change. Visit TravelYosemite.com for restaurant menus and more.



YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE 7	
FOOD & BEVERAGE	
Base Camp Eatery	Breakfast: 7 am – 10:30 am (opens 6:30 am starting 3/14); Lunch/Dinner: 11 am – 8 pm (closes 9 pm starting 3/14.) Fast casual burgers, chicken, & more. Indoor & outdoor seating.
Starbucks Coffee	7 am – 3 pm (6:30 am – 6:30 pm starting 3/14)
Mountain Room Lounge	Mon to Fri: 5 pm – 10 pm (opens 4:30 pm starting 3/14); Sat & Sun: 12 pm – 10 pm. Beer on tap, cocktails, & light bites.
Mountain Room Restaurant	5 pm – 9 pm (closes 10 pm starting 3/14) Upscale casual steakhouse. Reservations recommended: OpenTable.com .
GIFTS & GROCERIES	
Gift Shop	8 am – 8 pm (closes 10 pm starting 3/14.) Gifts & limited grocery.
OTHER SERVICES	
Tour & Activity Desk	7:30 am – 3 pm (closes 7 pm starting 3/14.)
Pool	closed for the season
Bike Rentals	closed for the season

THE AHWAHNEE 3	
FOOD & BEVERAGE hours subject to change; check local listings	
Coffee Bar	7 am – 10 am
The Ahwahnee Bar	11 am – 9 pm (11:30 – 11 pm starting 3/14.) Beer on tap, cocktails, & light bites.
Dining Room	Breakfast: 7 am – 10 am; Dinner: 5:30 pm – 9 pm. Lunch & Sunday Brunch may be available; check local listings. Fine dining. Appropriate attire respectfully required for dinner. Dinner reservations strongly recommended: 209/372-1489 or OpenTable.com .
GIFTS	
Gift Shop	9 am – 7 pm (8 am – 9 pm starting 3/14.)
Sweet Shop	7 am – 10 pm

RELIGIOUS SERVICES	
Yosemite Community Church (Yosemite Chapel) Pastor Brent Moore Call 209/372-4831 or visit YosemiteValleyChapel.org for information. Weekly Sunday services: 9:15 am	

YOSEMITE VILLAGE 1 2 4 5	
EXHIBITS & INFORMATION	
Yosemite Valley Welcome Center	9 am – 5 pm
Yosemite Exploration Center & Theater	9 am – 5 pm
Yosemite Museum	10 am – 4 pm
Wilderness Center	closed for the season
FOOD & BEVERAGE	
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
GIFTS & GROCERIES	
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 (closes 9 pm starting 3/14.) Wide selection of groceries & gifts.
OTHER SERVICES	
Medical Clinic	209/372-4637 (in an emergency, call 911) Mon to Fri: 9 am – 5 pm; Sat & Sun: closed
Bike Rentals	closed for the season
Tour & Activity Kiosk	closed for the season
Garage	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.
US Post Office	Mon – Fri: 8:30 am – 5 pm; Sat: 10 am – 12 pm; Sun: closed

ADDITIONAL SERVICES	
Happy Isles Art & Nature Center closed for the season	
Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center closed for the season	
Housekeeping Camp Grocery closed for the season	
Housekeeping Camp Laundry 8 am – 8 pm	

CURRY VILLAGE 14 19	
FOOD & BEVERAGE hours subject to change; check local listings	
Seven Tents Pavilion	Open Fri/Sat/Sun. (Open daily 2/14 – 3/2 & starting 3/14.) Breakfast: 7 am – 10 am; Dinner: 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Casual dining with rotating menu of hearty meals.
Peet's Coffee Corner	Open Sat & Sun. (Open daily 2/15 – 3/2 & starting 3/15.) 6:30 am – 11 am (closes at 2 pm 2/15 – 3/2.) Coffee & light breakfast.
Bar 1899	Open Fri/Sat. (Open some Sun; check local listings. Open daily from 2/14 – 3/1 & starting 3/14.) 4 pm – 9 pm. Beer on tap, cocktails, & light bites.
Pizza Deck	Open Fri/Sat/Sun. Fri: 4 pm – 9 pm; Sat: 12 pm – 9 pm; Sun: 12 pm – 4 pm. (Open daily 2/15 to 3/1: 12 pm – 9 pm.) Pizza whole & by the slice.
Taqueria @ Meadow Grill	closed for the season
Jennie's Ice Cream	closed for the season
GIFTS, GEAR, & GROCERIES	
Gift & Grocery	8 am – 8 pm (closes 9 pm starting 3/14.)
Yosemite Mountain Shop	8:30 am – 6:30 pm. (8 am – 8 pm starting 3/14.) Hiking/climbing gear & apparel.
OTHER SERVICES	
Mountaineering School	closed for the season
Tour Kiosk, Bike Rentals, Raft Rentals	closed for the season
Ice Rink	turn to page 9 for hours
Pool	closed for renovation
Showers	24 hrs

WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio	closed for the season
Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore (Wawona)	closed for the season
Yosemite History Center	Open daily
Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop	8 am – 7 pm
Yosemite Conservancy Depot (Mariposa Grove)	closed for the season
Wawona Hotel	closed during renovation
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.

GLACIER POINT

All services closed for the season.

BADGER PASS SKI AREA

Turn to page 9 for information about winter at Badger Pass.

EL PORTAL

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

CRANE FLAT

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 opens 3/14: 8 am – 5 pm. Gas available year-round, 24-hour pay-at-the-pump.

TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

All services closed for the season.

INTERNET ACCESS

WIFI In Yosemite Valley: free public wifi is available in Yosemite Village at Degnan's Kitchen and the local branch of the Mariposa County Library. Registered hotel guests can also use wifi at The Ahwahnee, Yosemite Valley Lodge, and Curry Village.

In El Portal: free public wifi is available at the El Portal Market.

In Wawona: free public wifi is available at the local branch of the Mariposa County Library.

CAMPING & LODGING

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

Campgrounds open year-round:

- Upper Pines (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 or by calling 888/413-8869.

Transportation

Yosemite Valley Shuttle System



Yosemite Valley shuttles are FREE and operate from 7 am to 10 pm daily. No ticket required.

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.

Yosemite Valley Shuttle Stops

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

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

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

Parking

In Yosemite Valley, use one of three main parking areas: **Curry Village** (14, 19), **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.*

Roadside Assistance

24-hour roadside assistance: call 209/372-1060

Electric Vehicle Charging

EV charging is available at no cost, courtesy of Yosemite Hospitality.

Yosemite Valley Locations

- The Ahwahnee (6)
- Curry Village (20)
- Welcome Center (4)
- Yosemite Falls (10)
- Yosemite Valley Lodge (8)

El Portal Locations

- Market & Gas Station (2)

Wawona Locations

- Wawona Store (24)

Tuolumne Meadows Locations

- when Tioga Rd is open
- Tuolumne Meadows Store (4)

Gas Stations

There are NO gas stations in Yosemite Valley.

- **El Portal Gas Station** *outside the park gate* 15 mi from Yosemite Valley
- **Crane Flat Gas Station** 16.5 mi from Yosemite Valley
- **Wawona Gas Station** 28 mi from Yosemite Valley

Gas stations are open 24 hours with pay-at-the-pump (card only.) Staffed hours listed on page 5.

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.

Bicycles are available for rent in Yosemite Valley from spring through fall, as conditions allow (check page 4 for hours.)

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.

Bus & Shuttle Service

Travel to Yosemite via 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 or call 877/989-2787.

Yosemite Valley Shuttles (free)

Daily, year-round service. Refer to map at left.

Mariposa Grove Shuttle (free)

Spring through Fall ONLY.

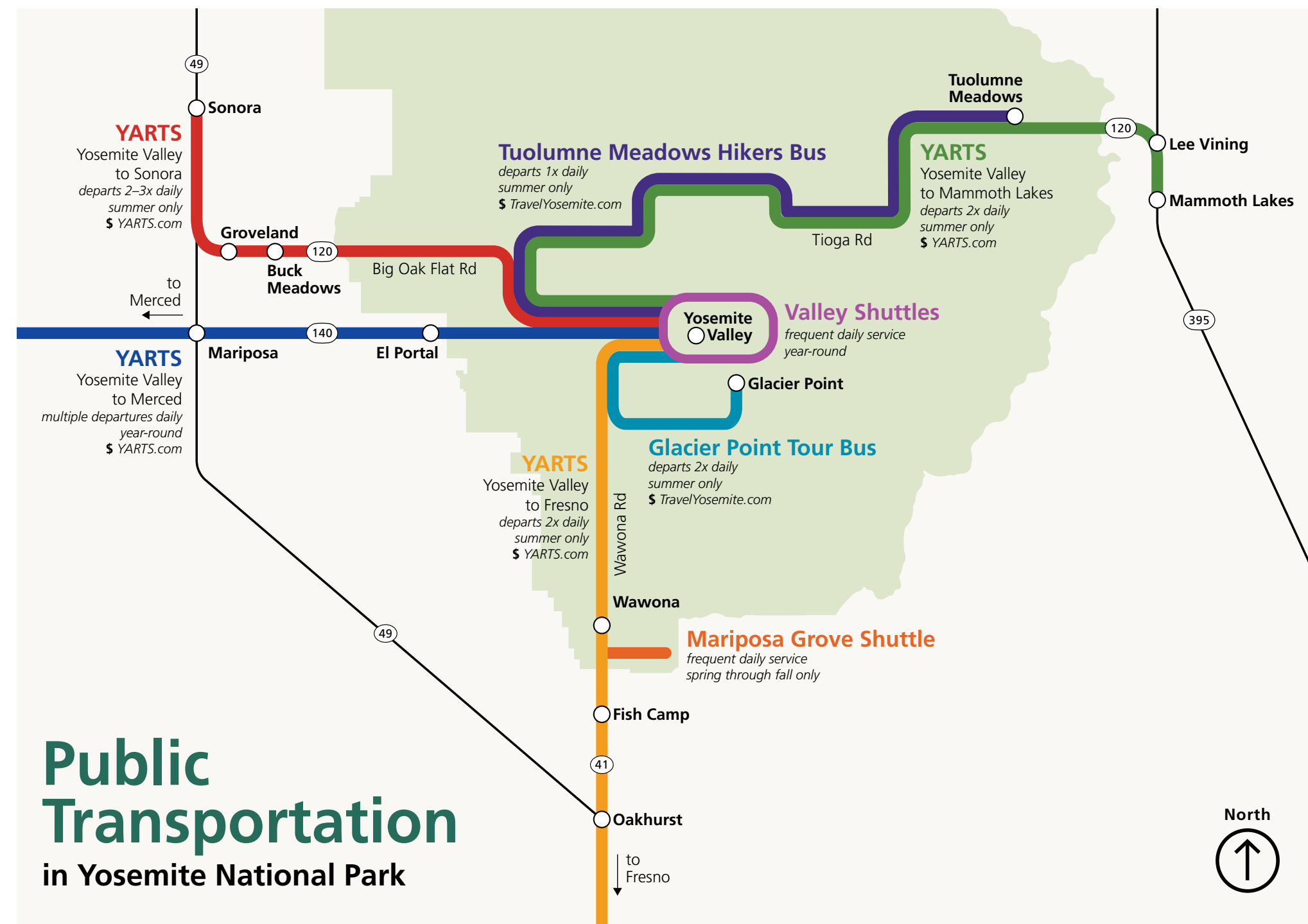
No shuttle service or vehicle access in winter. From the parking area, hike 2 mi (3 km), with 500 ft (150 m) of elevation gain each way, up the road or the Washburn Trail to reach the front of the grove. Skis or snowshoes may be necessary, depending on conditions.

Tuolumne Meadows Hikers Bus (\$)

Summer only. Visit TravelYosemite.com.

Glacier Point Tour Bus (\$)

Summer only. Visit TravelYosemite.com.




Public Transportation in Yosemite National Park

Activities

Program Schedule

Visit 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?
2 pm (15 min) daily	 Family Ranger Talk 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?
2 pm (1 hr) daily	Historic Ahwahnee Hotel Tour Learn about the history behind Yosemite's famous luxury hotel on this complimentary one-hour tour. Meet on the hotel's back lawn. <i>Note: Valet parking only, use shuttle stop 3.</i>	YH	free	no; drop-in only
3 pm (1 hr) daily	Guided Nature Walk Learn about Yosemite's natural history and ecosystems with a Yosemite Naturalist. Meet at the Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater.	YH	free	no; drop-in only

YOSEMITE VALLEY: ART & PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

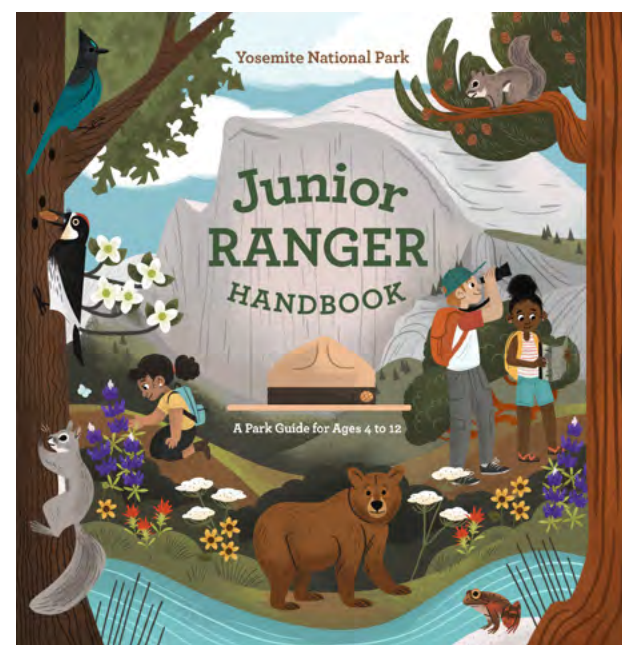
DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
9 am (1.5 hrs) Tu & Th	The Ansel Adams Gallery Photography Walk Join a staff photographer for a brief field lecture in Yosemite Valley. Limited space; registration required.	TAAG	free	yes; visit AnselAdams.com
9 am (3 hrs) W	In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography Join a staff photographer to learn how to make better photographs with the camera you always carry.	TAAG	\$	yes; visit AnselAdams.com
1 pm (3 hrs) Sa	In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography Join a staff photographer to learn how to make better photographs with the camera you always carry.	TAAG	\$	yes; visit AnselAdams.com
1 pm (4 hrs) M & Th	In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Join a staff photographer for a field class around Yosemite Valley.	TAAG	\$	yes; visit AnselAdams.com
1 pm (4 hrs) Tu	Ansel Adams' Legacy and Your Digital Camera Join a staff photographer for a field class to learn how to make better photographs with your DSLR camera.	TAAG	\$	yes; visit AnselAdams.com

YOSEMITE VALLEY: EVENING PROGRAMS

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
7 pm (30 min) M, W, F, Sa	 Evening Programs Yosemite naturalists present a variety of topics. Meet at the Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room (between the lounge and gift shop.)	YH	free	no; drop-in only
7 pm* (1.5 hrs) nightly	Yosemite After Dark Grab a flashlight and join a Yosemite Naturalist for a nature walk at night! *begins at 7:30 pm starting 3/9	YH	\$	yes; tickets at TravelYosemite.com
8 pm (1 hr) Su, Tu, Th	Walking Starry Skies Join a Yosemite Hospitality Guide for an unforgettable night of stargazing!	YH	\$	yes; tickets at TravelYosemite.com

 Programs designed especially for children and their families. NPS (National Park Service) YC (Yosemite Conservancy)	 Programs accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. YH (Yosemite Hospitality) TAAG (The Ansel Adams Gallery)
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Become a Yosemite 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!



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

- Providing For Yosemite's Future*
- 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 with the *Winter Wonderland in Yosemite Valley Day Hike* on March 1, 2025. Check the calendar for guided hikes and backpacking trips in Yosemite:
Yosemite.org/experience/outdoor-adventures


Custom Adventures
Private guided excursions, available year-round:
Yosemite.org/custom-adventures

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



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 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)



Contact 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.

- *Winter Rune: An Exhibition of an Enchanting Season* | January 12 – March 1
 - *Sky Country: Photographs by Bob Kolbrener* | March 2 – April 19, 2025
- Artist's Reception (free event): April 19 from 1 pm – 3 pm



Contact SierraClub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center or 209/372-4542

Location The Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center is closed for the season. We look forward to welcoming you back in May 2025!




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.



Winter at Badger Pass

Badger Pass Ski Area operates until March 30, if snow conditions allow. The ski area relies entirely on natural snow, and operating dates may vary. Please note: sledding and other snow play is NOT allowed at Badger Pass.

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

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 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 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 or in person. *Personal sleds and tubes are NOT allowed at Badger Pass.*

Cross-Country Skiing & Snowshoeing

Bring your own gear or rent equipment at Badger Pass. Cross-country ski lessons available through 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 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.

Badger Pass Shuttle

Free shuttle service between Yosemite Valley and Badger Pass Ski Area, *when ski lifts are operating*. Seats are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Departing from Yosemite Valley:

Curry Village: 8:05 am & 10:35 am
Yosemite Village (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

Departing from Badger Pass:

2 pm & 4 pm

Skiers Grill

8 am – 4 pm

Snowflake Room

12 pm – 4 pm (Fri, Sat, Sun & holidays only)

Sport Shop

9 am – 4 pm

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) or in-person prior to each session. Skate rentals available.

Sessions:

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

Yosemite Valley Trails

Know Before You Go

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. *Service dogs are permitted anywhere that visitors can go.*

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.

View wildlife from a distance. It is dangerous and illegal to approach or feed wildlife. Keep food within arm's reach.

Ask a ranger about trail conditions. Trails can be impacted by snow, flooding, and rockfall.

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 restrooms or trash cans. 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.

Trails Outside of Yosemite Valley

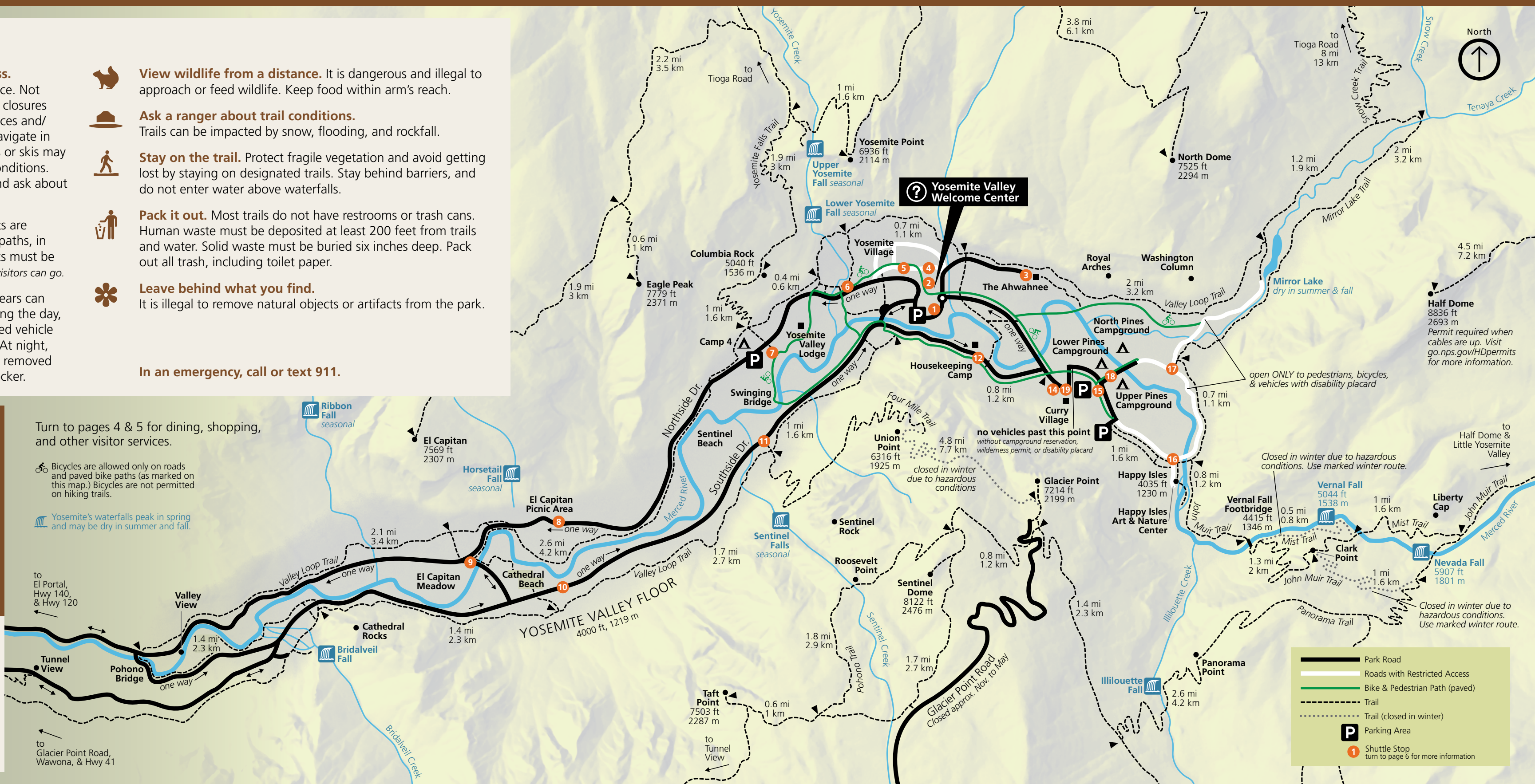
Stop by an open information center to pick up free trail maps and ask a ranger for recommendations. Turn to page 3 for hours and locations.



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



Turn to pages 4 & 5 for dining, shopping, and other visitor services.

Bicycles are allowed only on roads and paved bike paths (as marked on this map.) Bicycles are not permitted on hiking trails.

Yosemite's waterfalls peak in spring and may be dry in summer and fall.

to El Portal, Hwy 140, & Hwy 120

to Glacier Point Road, Wawona, & Hwy 41

Backpacking Yosemite

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

Visit go.nps.gov/WildPermits for the details.

Wilderness centers are CLOSED for the winter. 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** in front of the welcome center. Yosemite Valley trailheads ONLY.
- **Wawona Visitor Center** on the front porch. Wawona trailheads ONLY.
- **Big Oak Flat Information Station** on the front porch. Big Oak Flat trailheads ONLY.
- **Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station** from sunrise to sunset. Hetch Hetchy trailheads ONLY.
- **Badger Pass Ranger Station**, conditions permitting. Badger Pass trailheads ONLY.
- **Big Wall Climbing Permits** Self-registration permits for overnight climbs are available at El Capitan Crossover (shuttle stop 9.)

TRAIL	LENGTH & ELEVATION GAIN	STARTING POINT
Shorter Walks <i>scenic walks that usually take an hour or less</i>	distances are round-trip	
BRIDALVEIL FALL 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
LOWER YOSEMITE FALL 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
COOK'S MEADOW LOOP 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
MIRROR LAKE (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



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



leashed pets welcome

TRAIL	LENGTH & ELEVATION GAIN	STARTING POINT
Hiking to Vernal & Nevada Falls <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.</i>		
Happy Isles to Vernal Fall Footbridge 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
Winter Route: Happy Isles to Vernal Fall 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
Winter Route: Happy Isles to Nevada Fall 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
Choose Your Own Adventure		
YOSEMITE VALLEY LOOP TRAIL 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. Check the map above for distances from point-to-point and to plan your hike.	Up to 11.5 mi/18.5 km; Mostly flat, some gentle incline	Most shuttle stops; refer to map
More Challenging Hikes	distances are round-trip	
YOSEMITE FALLS TRAIL 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
FOUR MILE TRAIL TO GLACIER POINT 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