



# Yosemite Guide



Half Dome and the high Sierra, as seen from Sentinel Dome

Keep this Guide with you while you explore the park! **Here's what's inside:**



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Yosemite National Park **August 20 – September 23, 2025**

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In an Emergency: Call or Text 911

**General Park Information**  
209/372-0200

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

**24-hour Roadside Assistance**  
209/372-1060


**Yosemite Medical Clinic**  
209/372-4637

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

**Accessibility** Download an Accessibility Guide: [go.nps.gov/AccessYosemite](http://go.nps.gov/AccessYosemite)

### Digital Resources

**National Park Service app**  
Take maps and park information with you while you explore the park. Available for iOS and Android.



**Yosemite National Park website**  
[www.nps.gov/yose](http://www.nps.gov/yose)

**Social Media** Let's be friends!  
@YosemiteNPS  
@YosemiteNPS

## 21 bears were hit by vehicles in Yosemite last year.



### 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.

### 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 archaeological 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
- Possession or using marijuana, including medical marijuana

### Enjoy Your National Park!

### Pets are NOT allowed on hiking trails.



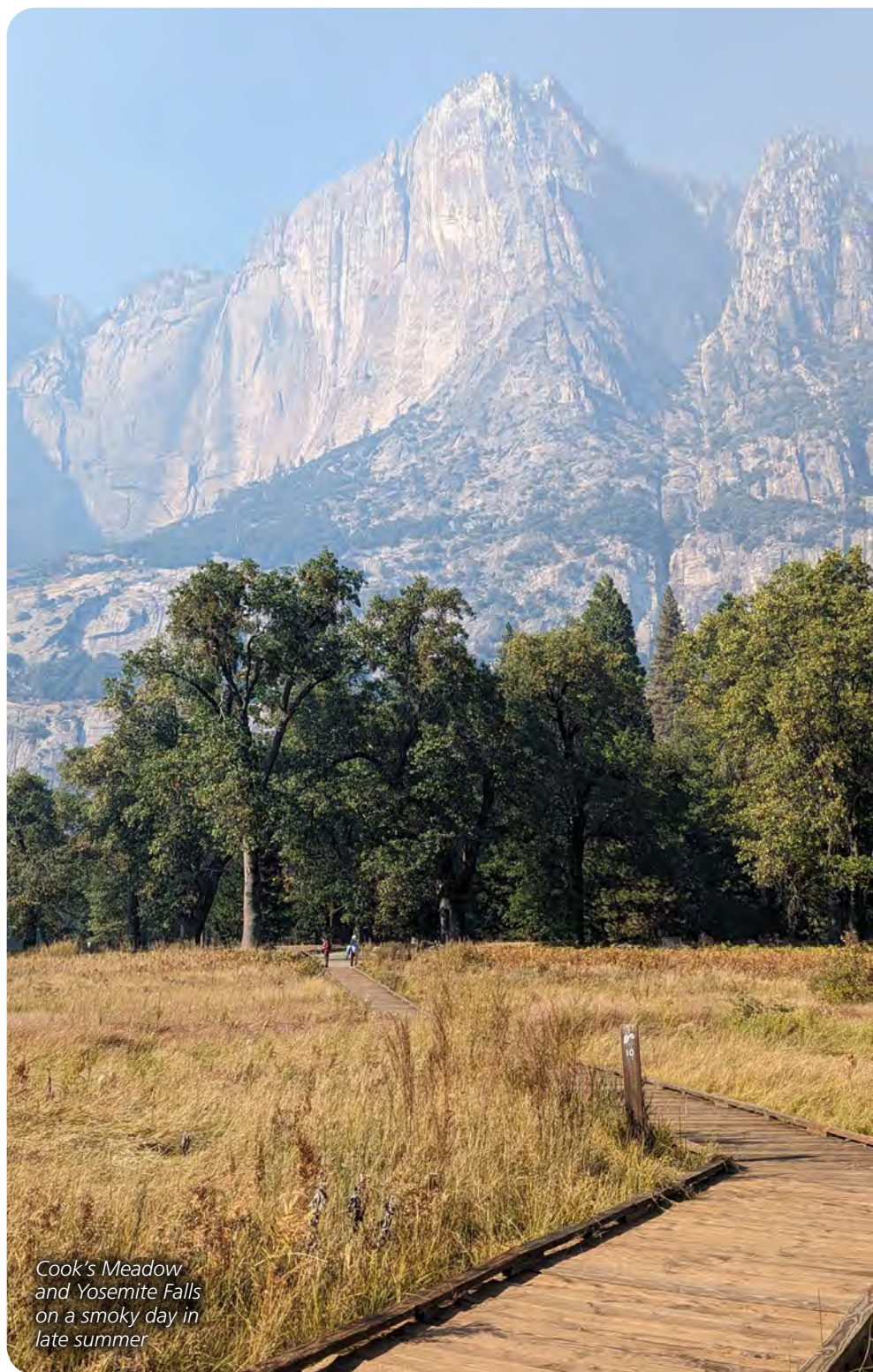
Pets are **ONLY** permitted on paved walking and biking paths, in most campgrounds, and in parking areas. Pets must be leashed at all times. Properly dispose of pet waste. Turn to pages 10 & 11 for pet-friendly walks in Yosemite Valley.

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 all subject to pet regulations.





# Yosemite Essentials



Cook's Meadow  
and Yosemite Falls  
on a smoky day in  
late summer

## Things to Know

### **Expect Yosemite Valley to be busy, especially on weekends and holidays.**

Arrive early to avoid long lines at entrances and to find parking more easily. Park in one of three main Valley parking areas (Curry Village, Yosemite Village, or Yosemite Falls) and walk, bike, or use free shuttles to reach trailheads and other Valley destinations. *Turn to page 6 for a shuttle map.* **Sign up for Yosemite traffic alerts by texting [ynptraffic](https://www.yosemitepark.com/ynptraffic) to 333111.**

### **Waterfalls may be dry by late summer.**

Peak runoff happens during spring snowmelt. Some waterfalls (including Yosemite Falls) may be only a trickle or completely dry by August.

### **It's fire season in Yosemite.**

**Smoke from wildfires inside or outside the park may affect visibility and can pose a health concern, especially for sensitive individuals.**

Fires are only allowed in portable stoves, barbecue grills, and **established** fire rings. Never leave a fire unattended; extinguish the fire *completely* before you leave it. *Additional fire restrictions may be in effect, depending on conditions.*

### **Be aware of summer thunderstorms.**

Check the weather forecast before you go, and pay attention to conditions while hiking. Stay off granite domes and other high-elevation, exposed places during storms, when there is a high risk of lightning strikes. Take shelter in a building or hard-topped vehicle when possible.

### **A peak-hours reservation is required to drive into the park on Labor Day weekend.**

A reservation is required to enter (or pass through) the park between 6 am and 2 pm (August 30 to September 1 only.)

**Book a peak-hours reservation at [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).**

*Visitors can enter Yosemite with a peak-hours reservation OR a wilderness or Half Dome permit OR in-park camping, lodging, or vacation rental OR regional transit or tour group.*

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

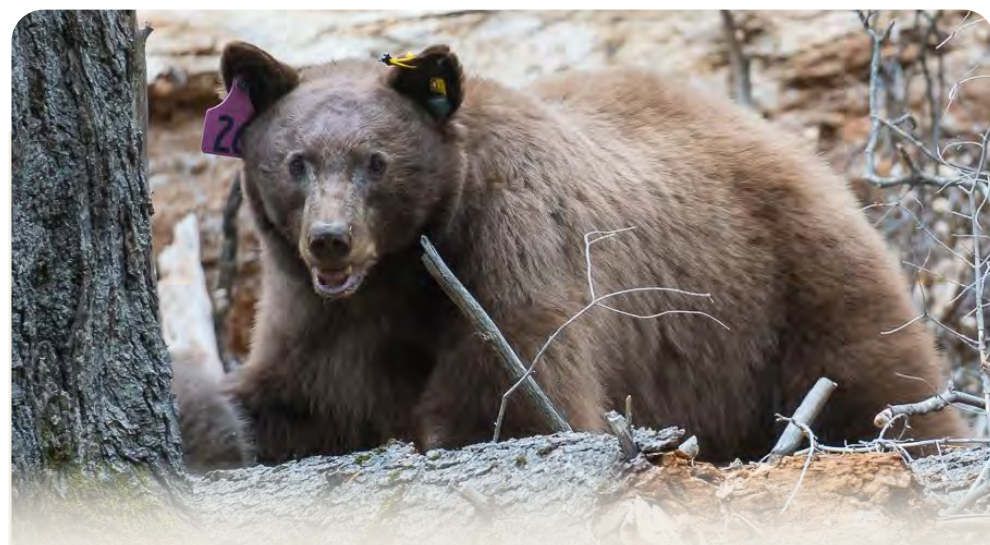


**DISTANCE FROM WILDLIFE: 150 feet = about four bus-lengths.**

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.

**Stay at least 150 ft (46 m)**  
from bears and coyotes.

**Stay at least 25 ft (8 m)**  
from all other wildlife.



## **Keep Bears Wild: Proper Food Storage is Required by Federal Law**

**To a bear, "food" also includes trash, toiletries, and anything else with a scent. All must be properly stored.**

### **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://www.KeepBearsWild.org).*



# Park Map



## YOSEMITE VALLEY



Yosemite Valley is famous for its waterfalls, towering granite walls, and iconic features like El Capitan and Half Dome.

### PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

Park at **Curry Village**, **Yosemite Village**, or **Yosemite Falls** and walk, bike, or ride a free shuttle to your destination (turn to page 6.)

### VISITOR SERVICES

- Welcome Center (Yosemite Village)** 9 am – 5 pm daily. *Information, junior ranger booklets, lost & found, gifts.*
- Exploration Center (Yosemite Village)** 9 am – 5 pm daily. *Exhibits, park film, gifts.*
- Yosemite Museum (Yosemite Village)** 10 am – 5 pm daily (closed for lunch.) *Exhibits, cultural demonstrations, gifts.*
- Happy Isles Art & Nature Center** 9 am – 4 pm daily. *Art classes, activities, exhibits. Visit [Yosemite.org/art](https://www.yosemite.org/art) for class schedule.* Variety of dining, shopping, recreation, & other services: turn to page 4.

### THINGS TO DO

**Turn to pages 10 & 11 for a map of the Valley and information about trails.**

**Tunnel View** Take in an iconic view from the mouth of Yosemite Valley.

**Yosemite Village** Check out exhibits, art, the park film, and the museum. (pg 4)

**Cook's Meadow & Lower Yosemite Fall** (Shuttle stop 6) Short, scenic strolls through the heart of the Valley on paved, wheelchair-accessible trails; see Yosemite Falls, Half Dome, the Merced River, and more.

**El Capitan Meadow** (Shuttle stop 9) Enjoy views of El Capitan and watch rock climbers in action.

**Attend a class or program** Explore talks, tours, guided hikes, and art classes. (pg 8)

**Explore by bicycle** Bring your own or rent one. Bikes are not allowed on hiking trails, but you can enjoy over 11 miles of paved, scenic bike paths in Yosemite Valley! (pg 7)

## TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS



The trip across Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. Tuolumne Meadows embodies the Sierra Nevada high country, the Tuolumne River winding through domes, peaks, and peaceful meadows. It's also the jumping-off point for many hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week.

**DIRECTIONS** 1.5 hours from Yosemite Valley. Drive 16 mi/26 km north on Big Oak Flat Rd to Crane Flat. Turn right onto Tioga Rd. Continue 39 mi/63 km to Tuolumne Meadows.

### VISITOR SERVICES

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

This area of the park is very remote, so plan ahead. Little or no cell service. No gas. Limited services: turn to page 5.

### THINGS TO DO

**Olmsted Point** Stop at this popular roadside overlook with excellent views of Half Dome, Clouds Rest, and Tenaya Lake.

**Tenaya Lake** Enjoy a picnic, a walk, or a chilly dip in the lake!

**Soda Springs** Take a scenic stroll through the heart of Tuolumne Meadows, with views of the river and surrounding domes and peaks.

**Enjoy a longer hike in Yosemite Wilderness** If you have time, explore one of the many scenic trails in this area! Stop by the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center for maps, recommendations, and current trail information.

## HETCH HETCHY



Walk across the O'Shaughnessy Dam, hike along the reservoir, or access Yosemite's Wilderness. Pick up a free map brochure at the entrance station for information about trails. **Open sunrise to sunset only.**

*Swimming and boating are not permitted in the reservoir. Pets are not allowed on the dam or on trails.*

**DIRECTIONS** 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 Hetch Hetchy Rd.*

## CRANE FLAT



Hike to two quiet sequoia groves near the Big Oak Flat Entrance.

**DIRECTIONS** 16 mi/26 km (30 min) from Yosemite Valley, on Big Oak Flat Road.

### VISITOR SERVICES

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

Gas station, limited grocery & gifts. *Turn to page 5.*

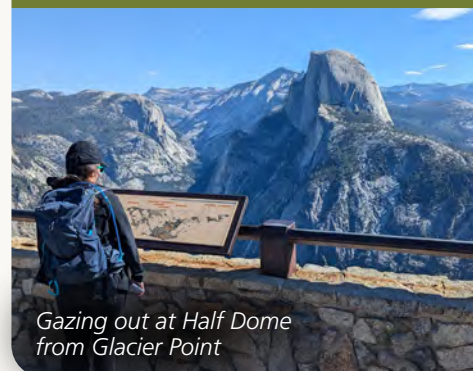
### THINGS TO DO

**Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias** Trailhead located on Tioga Rd, just north of Crane Flat. Hike 2 mi/3.2 km (roundtrip) to the grove. Add an optional 0.5-mi/0.8-km loop around the nature trail. Expect a steep climb of 500 ft/150 m on the return to the trailhead.

### Merced Grove of Giant Sequoias

A very small and quiet sequoia grove. From the trailhead on Big Oak Flat Rd, hike 3 mi/4.8 km (roundtrip) to the grove. Expect a steep climb of 520 ft/160 m on the return to the trailhead.

## GLACIER POINT



Take in stunning views of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and the high Sierra.

**DIRECTIONS** 1 hour from Yosemite Valley. Drive south on Wawona Road for 9 mi/14 km. Turn left onto Glacier Point Road and continue for 16 mi/26 km.

**VISITOR SERVICES** Limited gifts & snacks. *Turn to page 5.*

### THINGS TO DO

**Glacier Point Overlook** Enjoy spectacular views of the Valley floor, 3,200 ft below, as well as Half Dome and the high Sierra. Paved, wheelchair-accessible path.

**Sentinel Dome & Taft Point** Starting from the trailhead on Glacier Point Rd, hike 2.4 mi/3.9 km (roundtrip) west to Taft Point, a scenic overlook along the Valley rim. From the same trailhead, hike 1.8 mi/3 km (roundtrip) northeast to Sentinel Dome. *Map on page 11.*

## WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE



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

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

### VISITOR SERVICES

**Wawona Visitor Center** 8 am – 5 pm daily

Gas station, limited grocery & gifts (page 5.)

### THINGS TO DO

**Yosemite History Center** Explore the early days of tourism in Yosemite. Outdoor exhibits open daily.

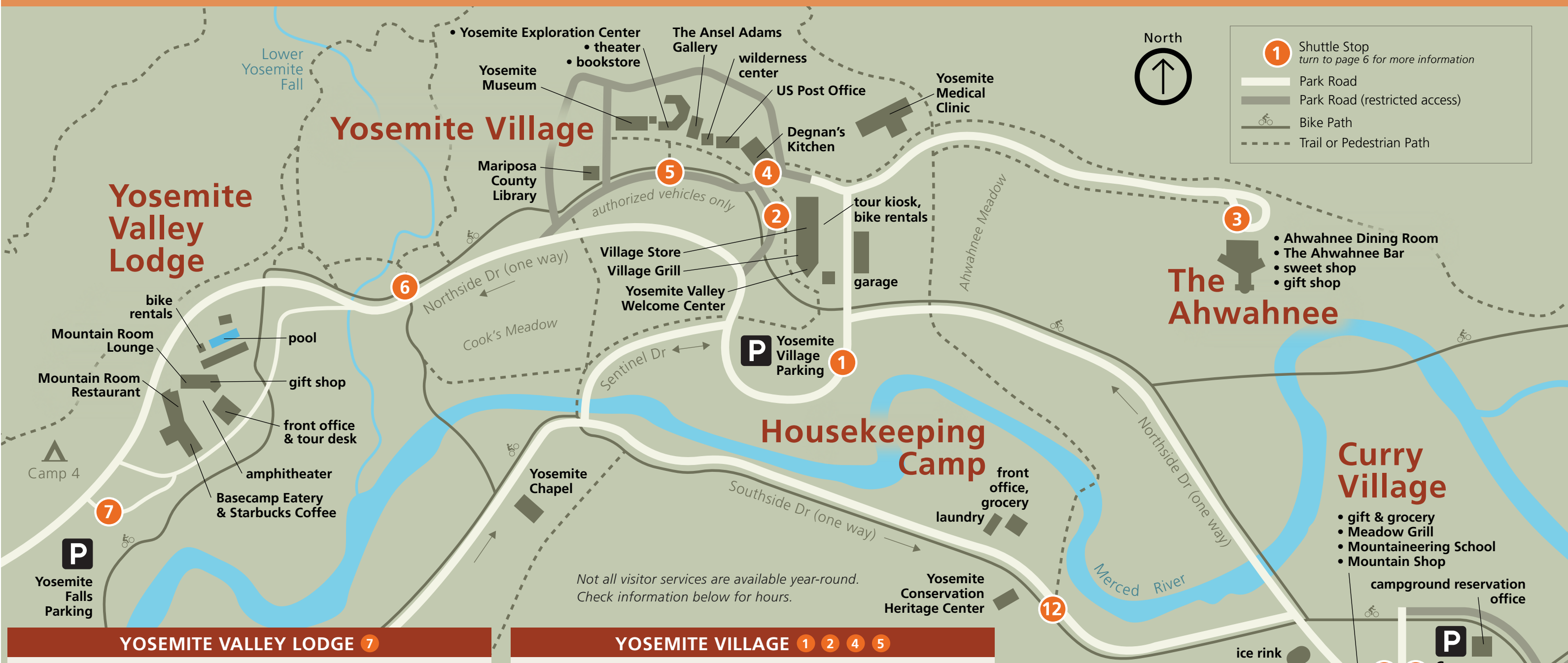
**Wawona Meadow Loop** Starting across from the Wawona Hotel, enjoy a mostly-flat, pet-friendly 3.5-mile loop around the scenic meadow.

### Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias

Visit Yosemite's largest sequoia grove and explore miles of scenic trails. Shuttles run from the parking area to the grove daily from 8 am to 7 pm. *Turn to page 7 for more shuttle information.*



YOSEMITE VALLEY



YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE 7
<b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGE</b>
<b>Base Camp Eatery</b> Breakfast: 6:30 am – 10:30 am; Lunch/Dinner: 11 am – 9 pm <i>Fast casual burgers, chicken, &amp; more. Indoor &amp; outdoor seating.</i>
<b>Starbucks Coffee</b> 6:30 am – 6:30 pm
<b>Mountain Room Lounge</b> Mon to Fri: 4:30 pm – 10 pm (5 pm – 10 pm starting Sep 8); Sat & Sun: 12 pm – 10 pm. <i>Beer on tap, cocktails, &amp; light bites.</i>
<b>Mountain Room Restaurant</b> 5 pm – 10 pm (final seating at 9:30.) <i>Upscale casual steakhouse. Indoor seating. Reservations recommended: OpenTable.com.</i>
<b>GIFTS &amp; GROCERIES</b>
<b>Gift Shop</b> 8 am – 10 pm (8 am – 8 pm starting Sep 8.) <i>Gifts &amp; snacks.</i>
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>
<b>Tour &amp; Activity Desk</b> 7:30 am – 7 pm (7:30 am – 3 pm starting Sep 9.) <i>Book tours anytime at Lodge front desk or at TravelYosemite.com.</i>
<b>Pool</b> 11 am – 6 pm (closes Sep 7.)
<b>Bike Rentals</b> 8 am – 7 pm (9 am – 6 pm starting Sep 2.) <i>ADA scooters and adaptive bicycles available by reservation: call 209/372-1208.</i>

THE AHWAHNEE 3
<b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGE</b>
<b>Coffee Bar</b> 6:30 am – 10:30 am
<b>The Ahwahnee Bar</b> 11:30 am – 11 pm. <i>Beer on tap, cocktails, &amp; light bites.</i>
<b>Dining Room</b> Breakfast: 7 am – 10 am; Lunch: 11:30 – 3 pm; Sunday brunch: 7 am – 2 pm; Dinner: 5:30 pm – 9 pm. <i>Fine dining. Appropriate attire required for dinner. Dinner reservations strongly recommended: 209/372-1489 or OpenTable.com.</i>
<b>GIFTS</b>
<b>Gift Shop</b> 8 am – 9 pm
<b>Sweet Shop</b> 7 am – 10 pm
<i>Parking at The Ahwahnee is valet-only during construction. Use Shuttle Stop 3.</i>

SPIRITUAL SERVICES
<b>Yosemite Community Church (Yosemite Chapel)</b> Pastor Brent Moore <i>Call 209/372-4831 or visit YosemiteValleyChapel.org for information.</i> Sunday services: 9:15 am (additional 11 am service until Aug 31.)
<b>Alcoholics Anonymous (Yosemite Chapel)</b> Tues & Thurs: 6:30 pm

YOSEMITE VILLAGE 1 2 4 5
<b>EXHIBITS &amp; INFORMATION</b>
<b>Yosemite Valley Welcome Center</b> 9 am – 5 pm
<b>Yosemite Exploration Center &amp; Theater</b> 9 am – 5 pm
<b>Yosemite Museum</b> 10 am – 5 pm, <i>may close for lunch</i>
<b>Wilderness Center</b> 8 am – 5 pm
<b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGE</b>
<b>Degnan's Kitchen</b> Breakfast: 7 am – 11 am; Lunch: 11:30 am – 6 pm. <i>Peet's Coffee, deli sandwiches, &amp; grab-and-go items. Indoor &amp; outdoor seating. Wi-Fi.</i>
<b>Village Grill</b> 11 am – 6 pm. <i>Burgers, sandwiches, hot dogs, &amp; soft serve ice cream. Outdoor seating only.</i>
<b>GIFTS &amp; GROCERIES</b>
<b>The Ansel Adams Gallery</b> 9 am – 5 pm. <i>Art, books, &amp; gifts. Rotating exhibitions &amp; photography classes listed on page 9.</i>
<b>Yosemite Conservancy Store (Welcome Center)</b> 9 am – 5 pm
<b>Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore (Exploration Center)</b> 9 am – 5 pm
<b>Yosemite Museum Store</b> 10 am – 4 pm, <i>may close for lunch</i>
<b>Village Store</b> 8 am – 10 pm (8 am – 9 pm starting Sep 8.) <i>Groceries &amp; gifts.</i>
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>
<b>Medical Clinic</b> 209/372-4637. (The clinic is NOT an emergency room; in an emergency, call 911.) Urgent care walk-ins: Mon – Fri, 1 pm – 3:30 pm.
<b>Bike Rentals</b> 8 am – 7 pm
<b>Tour Kiosk</b> 8 am – 7 pm
<b>Garage</b> 8 am – 12 pm, 1 pm – 5 pm. <i>Propane available during regular operating hours. 24-hour roadside assistance: call 209/372-1060.</i>
<b>US Post Office</b> Mon – Fri : 8:30 am – 5 pm; Sat: 10 am – 12 pm; Sun: closed

OTHER LOCATIONS
<b>Happy Isles Art &amp; Nature Center</b> 16 9 am – 4 pm <i>Register for classes at Yosemite.org/art.</i>
<b>Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center</b> 12 10 am – 4 pm (closed Mon & Tues) <i>Hours subject to change.</i>
<b>Housekeeping Camp Store</b> 12 8 am – 8 pm. <i>Gifts &amp; limited grocery.</i>
<b>Housekeeping Camp Laundry</b> 12 8 am – 10 pm

CURRY VILLAGE 14 19
<b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGE</b>
<b>Seven Tents Pavilion</b> Breakfast: 7 am – 10 am; Dinner: 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. <i>Casual dining with hearty, homestyle meals. Indoor seating.</i>
<b>Coffee Corner</b> 6 am – 2 pm. <i>Peet's coffee &amp; light breakfast. Indoor seating.</i>
<b>Bar 1899</b> 11:30 am – 10 pm. <i>Beer on tap, cocktails, &amp; light bites. Indoor seating.</i>
<b>Pizza Deck</b> 11 am – 10 pm. <i>Pizza whole &amp; by the slice. Outdoor seating.</i>
<b>Taqueria @ Meadow Grill</b> 11 am – 8 pm (closes Sep 21.) <i>Tacos, burritos, &amp; other Mexican favorites. Outdoor seating.</i>
<b>Jennie's Ice Cream</b> 11 am – 8:30 pm (closes Sep 7.)
<b>GIFTS, GEAR, &amp; GROCERIES</b>
<b>Gift &amp; Grocery</b> 8 am – 10 pm
<b>Yosemite Mountain Shop</b> 8 am – 8 pm. <i>Outdoor gear &amp; apparel.</i>
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>
<b>Mountaineering School</b> 8:30 am – 12 pm, 1 pm – 4:30 pm. <i>Guided hikes &amp; rock climbing lessons. Reservations recommended: 209/372-8344.</i>
<b>Bike Rentals</b> 8 am – 7 pm
<b>Raft Rentals</b> <i>closed for the season.</i>
<b>Tour Kiosk</b> 8 am – 7 pm
<b>Ice Rink</b> <i>closed (winter only).</i>
<b>Pool</b> <i>closed for renovation.</i>
<b>Showers</b> 24 hrs

WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

<b>EXHIBITS &amp; INFORMATION</b>
<b>Wawona Visitor Center &amp; Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore</b> 9 am – 5 pm
<b>Yosemite History Center</b> Outdoor exhibits open daily
<b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGE</b>
<b>Wawona Hotel Dining Room</b> <i>closed during hotel renovation</i>
<b>GIFTS &amp; GROCERIES</b>
<b>Wawona Store</b> 8 am – 8 pm. <i>Gifts &amp; limited grocery.</i>
<b>Yosemite Conservancy Depot (Mariposa Grove)</b> 9 am – 5 pm
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>
<b>Golf Course</b> 8 am – 6 pm
<b>Golf Shop &amp; Snack Stand</b> (Temporarily relocated to Wawona Store.) 7 am – 6 pm
<b>Stable</b> (closes Sep 7) Rides at 8:30 am, 11 am, & 2:30 pm. All-day ride Thurs: 8 am
<b>US Post Office</b> Mon – Fri: 9 am – 1 pm, Sat: 9 am – 12 pm, Sun: closed
<b>Wawona Service Station</b> staffed 8 am – 5 pm. <i>Propane available during staffed hours only. Gas &amp; diesel available with 24-hour pay-at-the-pump.</i>

GLACIER POINT

<b>Glacier Point Gift Shop</b> 9 am – 7 pm. <i>Small selection of gifts &amp; snacks.</i>
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EL PORTAL

<b>El Portal Market</b> 9 am – 7 pm. <i>Small selection of groceries &amp; gifts.</i>
<b>El Portal Service Station</b> staffed 8 am – 5 pm. <i>Gas &amp; diesel available with 24-hour pay-at-the-pump.</i>

CRANE FLAT

<b>Big Oak Flat Information Station</b> 8 am – 5 pm daily
<b>Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore (Big Oak Flat Information Station)</b> 9 am – 5 pm, <i>as staffing allows (closed Wed &amp; Thurs)</i>
<b>Crane Flat Gas &amp; Grocery</b> 8 am – 5 pm. <i>Gas &amp; diesel available year-round with 24-hour pay-at-the-pump.</i>

TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

<b>Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center &amp; Bookstore</b> 9 am – 5 pm
<b>Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center</b> 8 am – 5 pm
<b>Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room</b> (closes Sep 14) Breakfast: 7 am – 9 am; Dinner: 5:30 pm – 8 pm. <i>Reservation required for dinner: call 209/372-8413.</i>
<b>Tuolumne Meadows Store</b> (closes Sep 21) 8 am – 8 pm. <i>Limited gift &amp; grocery.</i>
<b>Tuolumne Meadows Grill</b> (closes Sep 14) 8 am – 6 pm. <i>Burgers, hot dogs, &amp; chili.</i>
<b>US Post Office</b> Mon – Fri : 9 am – 5 pm; Sat: 9 am – 1 pm; Sun: closed
<b>High Sierra Camps</b> <i>services unavailable in 2025.</i>
<b>White Wolf</b> <i>services unavailable in 2025.</i>

INTERNET ACCESS

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

In El Portal: free public Wi-Fi is available at the El Portal Market.

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

CAMPING & LODGING

**CAMPING** There is NO first-come, first-served camping in Yosemite. To reserve a campsite, visit [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) or call 877/444-6777.

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

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 [TravelYosemite.com](https://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		<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, gallery, wilderness center
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 (seasonal.)
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.



### Pets are NOT allowed on shuttles.

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) valet-only during construction
- Curry Village (20)
- Welcome Center (4)
- Yosemite Falls Parking (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

- near 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 (downhill)
- **Crane Flat Gas Station** 16.5 mi from Yosemite Valley (uphill)
- **Wawona Gas Station** 28 mi from Yosemite Valley (uphill)

Gas & diesel are available 24 hours with pay-at-the-pump (card only.) Staffed hours on page 5.



## Bicycling in Yosemite

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

**Rentals** Bicycles are available for full-day and half-day rentals (turn to pages 4 & 5 for hours and locations.) Standard adult & children's bikes are first-come, first-served. Bikes with trailers are available at Yosemite Valley Lodge and Curry Village only. ADA bicycles are available by reservation: call 209/372-1208.

**Yosemite Bike Share** Bikes available for 1-2 hour rides from Yosemite Village and Camp 4 parking areas. Check [goyose.org/bikeshare](http://goyose.org/bikeshare).

*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](http://www.YARTS.com) or call 877/989-2787.

### • Yosemite Valley Shuttles (free)

Daily, year-round service from 7 am to 10 pm. Refer to map at left.

### • Mariposa Grove Shuttles (free)

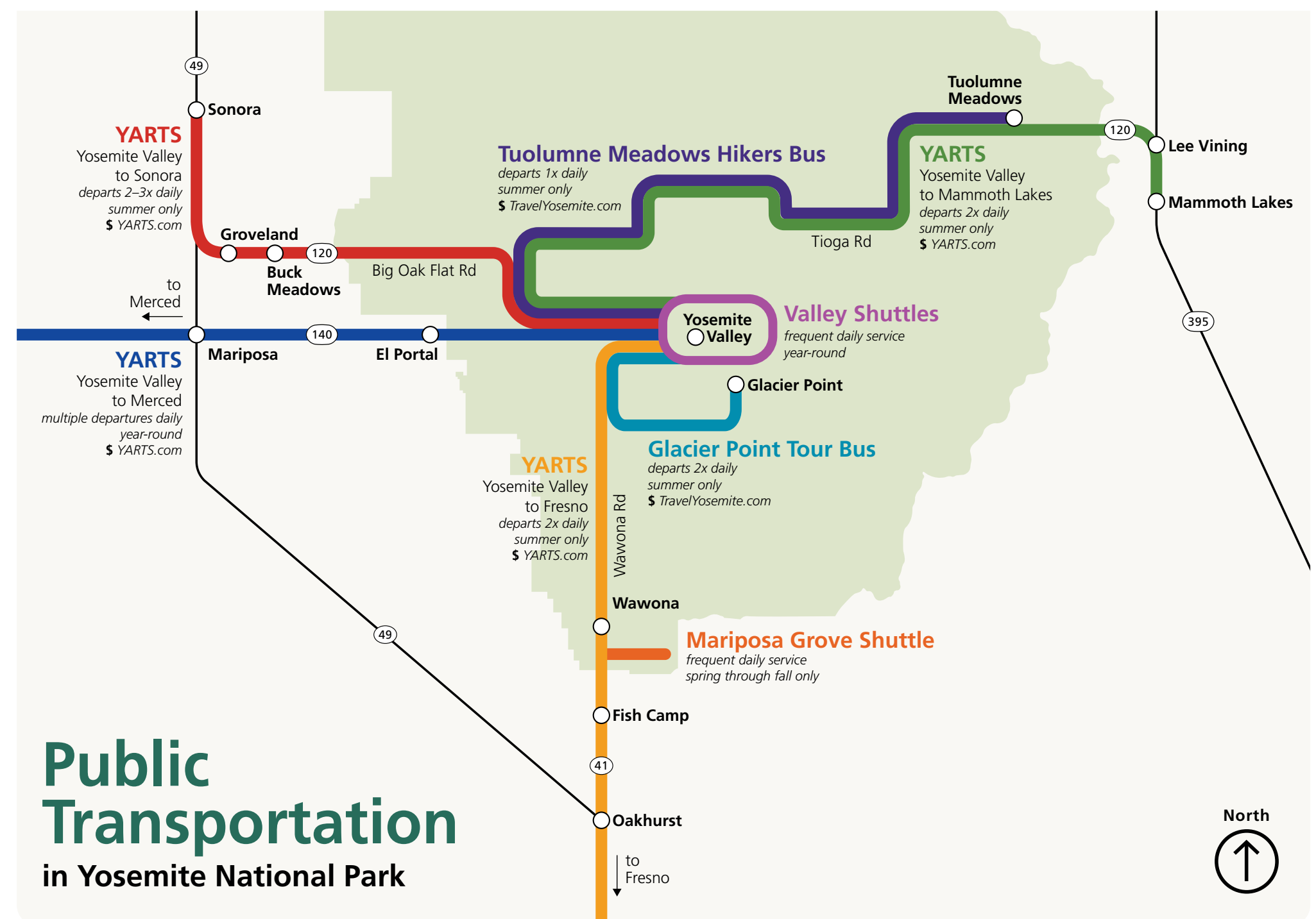
Daily service: 8 am to 7 pm; *last bus leaves the grove at 8:30 pm.* Shuttle service from the parking area (near South Entrance) to the grove and trailheads. *Vehicles with a valid disability placard may drive the Mariposa Grove Road as far as the Grizzly Giant during shuttle operating hours.*

### • Tuolumne Meadows Hikers Bus (\$)

Departs Yosemite Valley once daily, with hiker dropoffs and pickups along Tioga Road, conditions permitting. Visit the Yosemite Valley Lodge tour desk for details and tickets.

### • Glacier Point Tour Bus (\$)

Departs 8:30 am & 1:30 pm. Book a round-trip tour or a one-way ticket to hike back to Yosemite Valley. (NO hiker pickup at Glacier Point.) Visit [TravelYosemite.com](http://TravelYosemite.com) or an in-park tour desk for details and tickets.












# Programs

Visit [go.nps.gov/YosemiteCalendar](https://go.nps.gov/YosemiteCalendar) or the **NPS app** to view the online calendar. Program offerings are subject to change, depending on conditions and staff availability. Check listings at information centers daily for additional program offerings.











## YOSEMITE VALLEY: WALKS, TALKS, & TOURS

DAY & TIME		PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
<b>Multiple Tours Daily</b>		<b>Valley Floor Tour</b> Experience the highlights of Yosemite Valley on an open-air tram (when weather allows.) Learn all about Yosemite's history and natural features with a park ranger or naturalist guide. Tours last approximately 2 hours. Book tickets at <a href="https://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a> or at an in-park tour desk (hours & locations on pages 4 & 5.)	YH & NPS	\$	yes; tickets at <a href="https://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a>
<b>8:30 am &amp; 1:30 pm</b> (4 hrs) Daily		<b>Glacier Point Bus Tour</b> Travel from Yosemite Valley to scenic Glacier Point, 3,000 ft above the Valley floor. Book tickets at <a href="https://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a> or at an in-park tour desk (hours & locations on pages 4 & 5.)	YH	\$	yes; tickets at <a href="https://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a>
<b>9 am</b> (1 hr) Su, M, Th, F, Sa		<b>Ranger Walk</b> Join a ranger for a naturalist walk and take a closer look at Yosemite. Meet in front of the Welcome Center. (Use shuttle stop 2.)	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>9 am – 11 am</b> Su*		<b>Climber Coffee (*starts Sep 14)</b> Meet with NPS climbing rangers to discuss climbing management issues, preventative search and rescue activities, and other current events surrounding the climbing community. Meet near the Camp 4 registration kiosk.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>10 am</b> (1 hr) Daily		<b>Junior Ranger Walk</b> Meet in front of the Welcome Center (use shuttle stop 2) for an easy walk with kid-focused activities related to Yosemite. <i>All children must be accompanied by an adult.</i>	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>10:30 am</b> (1 hr) Tu & W		<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 (use shuttle stop 5.)	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>12:30 – 4:30 pm</b> Daily*		<b>Ask-a-Climber (*starts Sep 6)</b> View climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. West side of El Capitan bridge, near shuttle stop 9. Stop by anytime between 12:30 and 4:30 pm.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>1 pm</b> (1 hr) Daily		<b>Ranger Walk: Wild About Bears</b> Learn about bears in Yosemite with a ranger (no bear sightings expected.) Meet in front of the Welcome Center (use shuttle stop 2.)	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>2 pm</b> (15 min) Daily		<b>Family Ranger Talk</b> Topics vary. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center (use shuttle stop 2.)	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>2 pm</b> (1 hr) Daily		<b>Historic Ahwahnee Hotel Tour</b> Learn about the history behind Yosemite's famous luxury hotel on this complimentary one-hour tour. Meet on the hotel's back lawn. (Parking at The Ahwahnee is valet-only during construction. Use shuttle stop 3.)	YH	free	no; drop-in only
<b>3 pm</b> (1 hr) Daily		<b>Guided Nature Walk</b> Join a naturalist for an easy guided walk of Yosemite's natural areas. Meet at the Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater. (use shuttle stop 7.)	YH	free	no; drop-in only
<b>3:30 pm</b> (45 min) Su*		<b>Climbing Exhibit Tour (*until Aug 31)</b> Join Yosemite Climbing Rangers for a tour of the rock climbing exhibit in the Exploration Center. (Yosemite Village, use shuttle stop 5.) Interested in more? Check out the program below, which follows the tour!	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>4:30 pm</b> (1 hr) Su*		<b>Climbing in Vertical Wild (*until Aug 31)</b> Yosemite Climbing Rangers will present a 15-minute film on rock climbing in vertical wilderness. Following the film, there will be a live presentation about rock climbing in Yosemite and a Q&A. Meet in the Yosemite Theater behind the Exploration Center (use shuttle stop 5.)	NPS & YC	free	no; drop-in only
<b>5:30 pm</b> (1.5 hrs) Daily*		<b>Sunset Walk</b> Experience the magic of Yosemite while the setting sun lights up favorite granite features. On this casual walk, join a naturalist to learn about the natural and cultural history of the park. *No program on Sep 11, 19, or 20	YC	\$	yes; register at <a href="https://Yosemite.org">Yosemite.org</a>
<b>8 pm</b> (30 min) Th, F, Sa		<b>Evening Programs</b> Yosemite naturalists present a variety of topics. Meet at the Curry Village Amphitheater (use shuttle stops 14 & 19.)	YH	free	no; drop-in only
<b>8:30 pm</b> (1.5 hrs) Nightly		<b>Yosemite After Dark</b> Grab a flashlight and join a Yosemite Naturalist for an interactive nature walk at night!	YH	\$	yes; tickets at <a href="https://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a>
<b>9 pm</b> (1.5 hrs) Nightly*		<b>Explore Yosemite's Night Sky</b> Join a naturalist for stargazing as they highlight stars and constellations with a laser pointer and share insights on astronomy and night sky lore. * <i>Schedule may vary; check the online registration calendar for updates.</i>	YC	\$	yes; register at <a href="https://Yosemite.org">Yosemite.org</a>

## WAWONA, MARIPOSA GROVE, & GLACIER POINT

DAY & TIME		PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
<b>9 am –10 am</b> W & Su		<b>Coffee with a Ranger (Wawona)</b> Meet at Pine Tree Market for coffee, a Q&A session, and general park updates with one of our rangers. Drop-ins welcome!	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>9:30 am</b> (1.5 hrs) daily		<b>Nature Walk (Mariposa Grove)</b> Meet at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area & Trailhead. Allow time to ride the free shuttle from the grove parking area.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>10:30 am</b> (30 min) W & Sa		<b>Bilingual Talk - History of Wildlife Management</b> Meet at Glacier Point Amphitheater.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>2:30 pm</b> (30 min) W & Sa		<b>Bilingual Talk - History of Wildlife Management</b> Meet at Yosemite History Center's covered bridge.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>3:15 pm</b> (45 min) daily		<b>Junior Ranger Talk (Mariposa Grove)</b> Meet at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area & Trailhead. Allow time to ride the free shuttle from the grove parking area. <i>Recommended for ages 4 and up. All children must be accompanied by an adult.</i>	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>7 pm</b> (1 hr) W & Sa		<b>Campfire Program (Wawona)</b> Meet at Wawona campground amphitheater.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>8:30 pm</b> (2 hrs) F & Sa*		<b>Stars over Yosemite, Glacier Point (*until Aug 30)</b> Meet at Glacier Point amphitheater. <i>Canceled if overcast. Pets not allowed.</i>	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>9 pm</b> (1 hr) Su, M, Tu, W, Th		<b>Glacier Point Starry Skies</b> Join a Yosemite Naturalist for an unforgettable night of stargazing from iconic Glacier Point! <i>Transportation to Glacier Point is not included.</i>	YH	\$	yes; tickets at <a href="https://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a>

## TUOLUMNE MEADOWS




DAY & TIME		PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
<b>8 am</b> (2.5 hrs) W & Sa*		<b>Bird Walk</b> with a Tuolumne Meadows expert. Easy stroll. Binoculars available. Meet at Lambert Dome parking. *No program Sep 10.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>9 am – 11 am</b> Su*		<b>Climber Coffee (*until Sep 7)</b> Meet with NPS climbing rangers to discuss climbing management issues, preventative search and rescue activities, and other current events surrounding the climbing community. Meet outside the Tuolumne Meadows Store.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>10 am – 4 pm</b> Daily		<b>Parsons Memorial Lodge at the Soda Springs</b> Daily activities and reading room.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>10 am</b> (2 hrs) M & Th		<b>Domes and Meadows</b> Take a closer look at Tuolumne Meadows' natural and cultural history with a ranger naturalist. Topics vary. Meet at Parsons Lodge parking area. Easy stroll.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>10 am</b> (1 hr) W & Sa*		<b>Junior Ranger Program</b> Topics vary. Meet at Lambert Dome picnic area. Easy stroll. *No program Sep 10.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>10 am</b> (2 hrs) Su & F		<b>Botanical Mysteries Walk</b> with a ranger naturalist. Find out how the plant life has adapted to the high elevation seasons! Moderately easy stroll. Meet at Lambert Dome parking.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>12 pm &amp; 3 pm</b> (15 min) Daily*		<b>Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne!</b> Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking area. *No program Sep 10.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>1 pm</b> (2 hrs) W*		<b>Geology of Tuolumne Meadows</b> Moderately strenuous walk through time. Meet at Pothole Dome parking/trailhead. *No program Sep 10.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>2 pm</b> (2 hrs) Th		<b>Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River Walk</b> Meet at Dog Lake parking area. Easy stroll.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>2 pm</b> (2 hrs) M		<b>History of the High Country</b> Meet at the Parsons Lodge parking area. Easy stroll.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>2 pm</b> (2 hrs) Tu		<b>Trees of Tuolumne</b> Meet at Dog Lake parking area. Easy stroll.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>6:30 pm</b> (1 hr) W*		<b>Kids' Campfire!</b> Special campfire with songs and stories, just for kids and families. Dress warmly! Meet at the Conness Campfire Circle (C Loop) at the Tuolumne Meadows campground. *When campground is open. No program Sep 10.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>7:30 pm</b> (1 hr) Nightly*		<b>Campfire Program</b> Different topics each night. Meet at the Dana Campfire Circle at the Tuolumne Meadows Campground. *When campground is open	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>7:30 pm</b> (40 min) M, W, & Sa*		<b>Campfireside Chat with a Ranger</b> Share stories of your days in Tuolumne Meadows with a ranger around the campfire. Meet at Tuolumne Lodge. *No program Sep 10.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
<b>9 pm</b> (1 hr) M, W, & Sa*		<b>Stars Over Tuolumne</b> Bring a pad to sit on and a flashlight. Dress very warmly. Meet at Lambert Dome parking. *No program Sep 10.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only



## Become a Junior Ranger!

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: ART & PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES



DAY & TIME		PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
<b>9 am</b> (4 hrs) M – F*		<b>Art Class</b> Slow down and connect with nature in a new way! Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (stop 16) for art classes. *No class Sep 8–12.	YC	\$	yes; register at <a href="https://Yosemite.org/art">Yosemite.org/art</a>
<b>9 am</b> (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. Limited space; registration required.	TAAG	free	yes; register at <a href="https://AnselAdams.com">AnselAdams.com</a>
<b>9 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; register at <a href="https://AnselAdams.com">AnselAdams.com</a>
<b>10 am – 3 pm</b> daily		<b>Kids' Open Art Studio</b> Free self-guided kid's art activities at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (shuttle stop 16.) Drop in anytime during studio hours.	YC	free	no; drop-in only.
<b>1 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; register at <a href="https://AnselAdams.com">AnselAdams.com</a>
<b>1 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; register at <a href="https://AnselAdams.com">AnselAdams.com</a>
<b>1 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; register at <a href="https://AnselAdams.com">AnselAdams.com</a>
<b>2 pm</b> (2 hrs) F*		<b>Paint and Sip (*until Aug 29)</b> Learn the basics of watercolor and create an iconic Yosemite landscape step-by-step. Painting supplies (plus wine and cheese) are included.	YC & YH	\$	yes; register at <a href="https://Yosemite.org/art">Yosemite.org/art</a>

## YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL

Group hikes and classes led by an expert Yosemite guide. All hikers must be 12 or older. Registration required; find more information and register at [TravelYosemite.com/things-to-do/hiking](https://TravelYosemite.com/things-to-do/hiking)

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM
<b>8:30 am</b> (4 hrs): M, W, Sa	<b>Guided Discovery Hike: Vernal Fall Footbridge</b> Difficulty: strenuous.
<b>8:30 am</b> (8 hrs): Tu, F	<b>Guided Adventure Hike: Nevada Fall</b> Difficulty: strenuous.
<b>8:30 am</b> (8 hrs): Su, Th	<b>Guided Adventure Hike: El Capitan Loop</b> Difficulty: moderate.
<b>1:30 pm</b> (4 hrs): M, W, Sa	<b>Guided Discovery Hike: Mirror Lake</b> Difficulty: moderate.
<b>9 am &amp; 1 pm</b> (3 hrs): Su, Tu, Th, Sa	<b>Backpacking Basics Clinic</b> Gain essential backcountry skills

## NEAR CRANE FLAT

DAY & TIME		PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
<b>11 am</b> (1 hr) M, Th*		<b>Giant Sequoia Hike</b> with a ranger. Meet in Tuolumne Grove. Allow time to hike 1 mile from the trailhead to reach the grove before the program. Total hike is 2.5 miles roundtrip with 500 feet of elevation change. *No hike on Sep 18.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only.
<b>2 – 3:30 pm</b> Daily		<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.
<b>6:30 pm</b> (1 hr) Su, Tu, F, Sa*		<b>Evening Program</b> Topics vary. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater. *No program on Aug 22 or Sep 12, 16, 19, 20, 23.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only.
<b>8:30 pm</b> (1.5 hrs) select dates*		<b>Stars over Crane Flat</b> Join a ranger for a night of stargazing. No pets, RVs, or trailers. *ONLY Aug 22 and Sep 12, 19.	NPS	free	yes; register at Big Oak Flat Information Station

## SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE	PROGRAM
<b>Aug 1 – 31</b> 10 am – 4 pm	<b>Obata Special Exhibit</b> Stop by the Yosemite Museum (Yosemite Village, shuttle stop 5) for <i>Obata's Yosemite: His Legacy. Our Future.</i> This special exhibit showcases original Obata pieces in Yosemite's collection alongside the works of local students and Obata Art Weekend workshop artists. <b>Yosemite Art Trail</b> Celebrate art in Yosemite with a glimpse into how this amazing place has inspired artists in the past. Look for art themed drop-in programs throughout the park and create your own Yosemite-inspired masterpiece with hands-on activities. Stop by an information center to learn more or view the schedule at: <a href="https://go.nps.gov/SPEV">go.nps.gov/SPEV</a> .
<b>Aug 15 – 21</b>	
<b>Aug 22 – 24</b>	<b>Obata Art Weekend</b> Celebrate the work and legacy of Chiura Obata, a Japanese American artist celebrated for his stunning portrayals of Yosemite's high country. Attend art workshops, demos, ranger talks, and more! For more information and to register for workshops, visit <a href="https://go.nps.gov/SPEV">go.nps.gov/SPEV</a>
<b>Sep 1 – 30</b> F, Sa*	<b>Evening Programming at the Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center</b> Join us for free evening programs from 7:30 – 9:30 pm on most Friday and Saturday nights* throughout September. (Limited parking; use shuttle stop 12.) Check the schedule of programs posted outside the YCHC and online at: <a href="https://sierraclub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center">sierraclub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center</a>
<b>Sep 18 – 20</b>	<b>Connecting to Traditions: Cultural Demonstration Program</b> Meet Indigenous artist Tisina Parker (Southern Sierra Miwuk/Mono Lake, traditional crafts) at the Yosemite Museum (use shuttle stop 5). Check at the museum for demonstration times.



Programs recommended for children and their families.



Programs accessible to visitors with wheelchairs.

NPS (*National Park Service*)  
YC (*Yosemite Conservancy*)

YH (*Yosemite Hospitality*)  
TAAG (*The Ansel Adams Gallery*)

## Park Partners



*Providing For Yosemite's Future*

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 (shuttle stop 16)
- Retail locations in Yosemite Valley, Wawona, Mariposa Grove, Big Oak Flat, & Tuolumne Meadows

### Outdoor Adventures

Check the calendar for guided hikes and backpacking trips in Yosemite: [Yosemite.org/experience/outdoor-adventures](https://Yosemite.org/experience/outdoor-adventures). Advance registration is required for all Outdoor Adventures. Programs come with camping in Yosemite and entry into the park!

Upcoming Outdoor Adventures:

- Aug 21 – 24 | Yosemite Field School: Bighorn Sheep Backpack
- Aug 22 – 24 | Yosemite Field School: Tuolumne Meadows Geology
- Aug 29 – Sep 1 | Women's Backpack: Cloud's Rest & Sunrise Lakes
- Aug 29 – 30 | Day Hike: Stewardship Weekend
- Sep 20 – 21 | Yosemite Rx: Forest Bathing & Nature Journaling

### Custom Adventures

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

### Art Classes

Join us for weekday workshops, kids' classes, overnight art retreats, and more. Visit [Yosemite.org/art](https://Yosemite.org/art) for class information and to register.

Upcoming Art Classes:

- Aug 18 – 22 | Pastels with Miranda Craft
- Aug 25 – 29 | Watercolor with Judy Person
- Sep 1 – 5 | Watercolor & Ink with Casey Cheuvront
- Sep 15 – 19 | Charcoal with John Tullis



**YOSEMITE HOSPITALITY**  
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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 at a tour desk or kiosk.

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 is

located in Yosemite Village, open from 9 am to 5 pm daily. 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.

Current & Upcoming Exhibitions:

- Jul 13 – Sep 20 | *Photographs from the Edge: Images by Jimmy Chin*
- Sep 21 – Nov 15 | *The Gentle Season: The Paintings of Penny Otwell*



**SIERRA CLUB**

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

**Location** Sierra Club volunteers welcome visitors to explore the exhibits, the natural history library, and the children's corner. The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center is open Wed to Sun, 10 am to 4 pm.



**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).





# Valley Trails

## Know Before You Go



**Pets are NOT allowed on hiking trails.** Pets are only permitted on paved biking and walking paths, in most campgrounds, and in parking areas. Keep pets on a leash at all times, and properly dispose of pet waste. *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 any wild animal, including birds and squirrels. Don't let wildlife steal your snacks: keep your backpack and food within arm's reach at all times.



**Stay on the trail.** Protect fragile vegetation and avoid getting lost or injured by staying on designated trails. Stay behind barriers, don't shortcut switchbacks, and never enter water above waterfalls.



**Pack it out.** Most trails do not have trash cans or restrooms, so plan ahead when possible. 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 fruit peels and toilet paper.*



**Leave behind what you find.** It is illegal to remove natural objects or artifacts from the park. Instead, take a photo to remember your find!

**IN AN EMERGENCY, CALL OR TEXT 911.**

## Trails Outside of Yosemite Valley

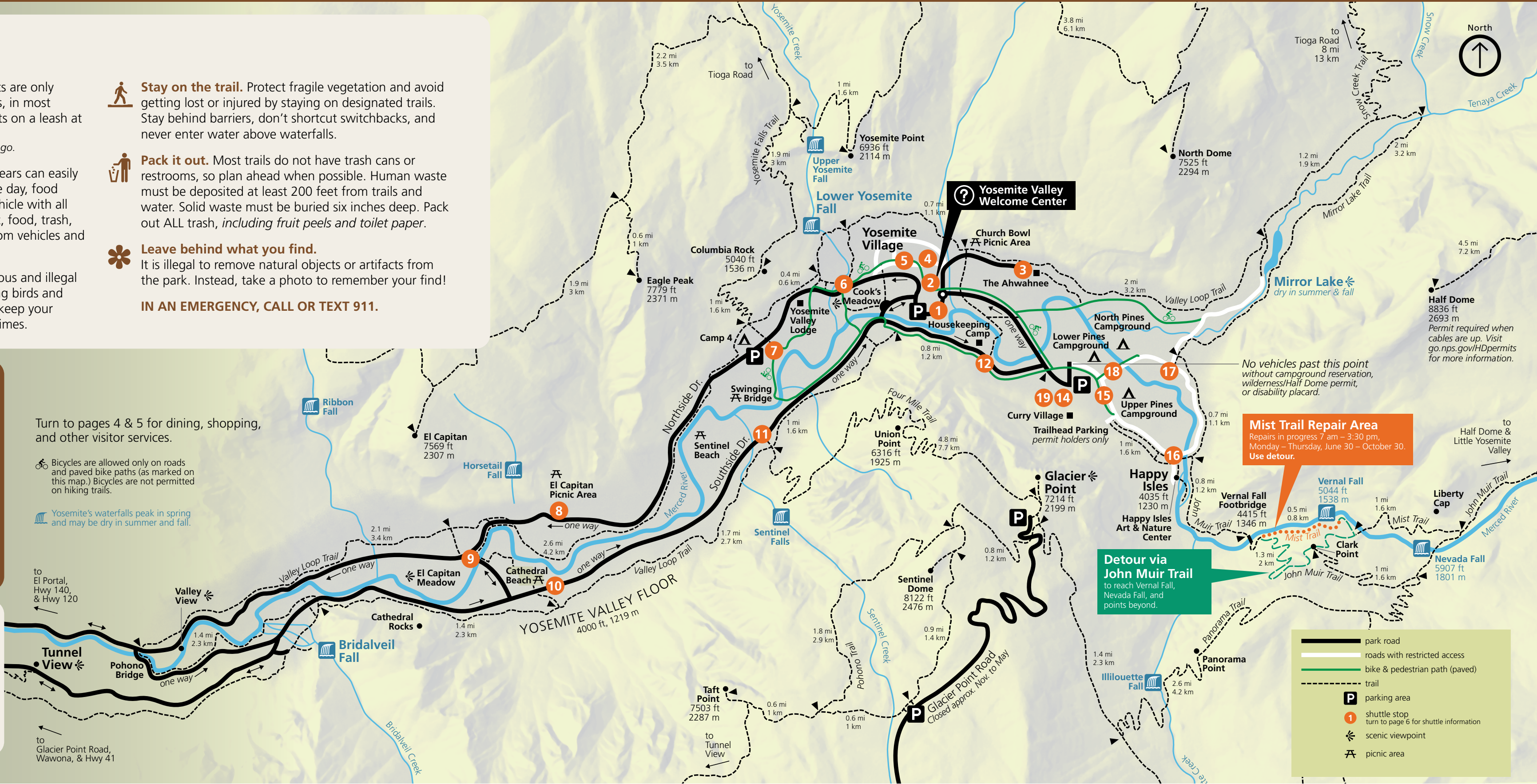
Stop by an open information center to pick up free trail maps and ask a ranger for recommendations. Turn to page 3 for hours and locations.



## Hiking Half Dome

**A permit is required 7 days a week when the cables are up (approx. May through October.)** Permits are available by pre-season (March 1–31) and daily lotteries.

Find more information at [go.nps.gov/HDpermits](https://www.nps.gov/HDpermits)



## Backpacking Yosemite

**A wilderness permit is required for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness.** All permits are available by reservation online. Visit [go.nps.gov/WildPermits](https://www.nps.gov/WildPermits) for information.

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

### Wilderness Permit Pickup Locations

- Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center:** 8 am – 5 pm
- Wawona Visitor Center:** 8 am – 5 pm
- Big Oak Flat Information Station:** 8 am – 5 pm
- Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center:** 8 am – 5 pm.
- Big Wall Climbing Permits:** Self-registration permits for overnight climbs are available at El Capitan Crossover (shuttle stop 9.)

wheelchair-accessible paved path or boardwalk

leashed pets welcome  
*pets are also welcome on paved bike paths, shown on the map in solid green.*

TRAIL	LENGTH & ELEVATION GAIN	STARTING POINT
<b>Shorter Walks</b> <i>scenic walks that usually take an hour or less</i>	<i>distances are round-trip</i>	
<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 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 <b>6</b>
<b>COOK'S MEADOW LOOP</b> Take a relaxed stroll and enjoy views of Yosemite Falls, Half Dome, and the Merced River. Look and listen for birds and other wildlife in early morning and around dusk.	1 mi/1.6 km; flat pavement & boardwalk	Shuttle Stop <b>6</b>
<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 road. Vehicles with a valid disability placard may drive the paved road to the front of Mirror Lake.	2 mi/3.2 km; 100 ft/30 m elev. gain	Shuttle Stop <b>17</b>
<b>Choose Your Own Adventure</b>	<i>distances are round-trip</i>	
<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. Use the map above to plan your hike. Pets and bicycles are NOT allowed.	Up to 11.5 mi/18.5 km; Mostly flat, some gentle incline	Most shuttle stops; refer to map

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<b>Hiking to Vernal &amp; Nevada Falls</b> <i>Use the map to plan your hike. A few possible routes include:</i>	<i>distances are round-trip</i>	
<b>Repairs in progress on the Mist Trail; follow detour signs to the John Muir Trail (June 30 – October 30; 7 am – 3:30 pm; Monday – Thursday.)</b> The Mist Trail is open Fridays, weekends, and holidays. <i>Repair area and detour shown on map above.</i>		
HAPPY ISLES TO <b>VERNAL FALL FOOTBRIDGE (OUT &amp; 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. Return the same way. <i>This section of trail is paved, but pets are NOT allowed.</i>	1.6 mi/2.6 km; 400 ft/120 m elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop <b>16</b>
HAPPY ISLES TO <b>TOP OF VERNAL FALL (OUT &amp; BACK)</b> 2–3 hours. Hike the John Muir Trail to the footbridge, then continue onto the Mist Trail. Climb a series of very steep steps to the top of Vernal Fall. This section has heavy spray in spring; wear shoes with good traction and expect to get wet. Return the same way.	2.4 mi/3.8 km; 1000 ft/300 m elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop <b>16</b>
HAPPY ISLES TO <b>TOP OF VERNAL FALL (LOOP VIA CLARK PT)</b> 2–4 hours. Hike the John Muir Trail to the footbridge, then continue onto the Mist Trail. Climb a series of very steep steps to the top of Vernal Fall. This section has heavy spray in spring; wear shoes with good traction and expect to get wet. Continue up to Clark Point for more great views of Vernal and Nevada Falls, then enjoy a dry descent to the footbridge.	3.7 mi/6 km; 1500 ft (450 m) elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop <b>16</b>
HAPPY ISLES TO <b>TOP OF NEVADA FALL (OUT &amp; BACK)</b> 4–5 hours. Hike the John Muir Trail to the footbridge, then continue onto the Mist Trail. Climb a series of very steep steps to the top of Vernal Fall. Follow the Mist Trail another steep mile to the top of Nevada Fall. Return the same way.	5 mi/8 km; 2000 ft/600 m elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop <b>16</b>
HAPPY ISLES TO <b>TOP OF NEVADA FALL (LOOP VIA CLARK PT)</b> 4–6 hours. Hike the John Muir Trail to the footbridge, then continue onto the Mist Trail. Climb a series of very steep steps to the top of Vernal Fall. Follow the Mist Trail another steep mile to the top of Nevada Fall. Return via the John Muir Trail and Clark Point.	5.8 mi/9.3 km; 2000 ft/600 m elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop <b>16</b>
<b>Even More Challenging Hikes</b>	<i>distances are round-trip</i>	
<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 <b>7</b>
<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.	9.6 mi/15.4 km; 3,200 ft/975 m elev. gain	Shuttle Stop <b>11</b>