



Yosemite Guide



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Yosemite National Park **November 26, 2025 – January 27, 2026**

At least 27 bears have been hit by vehicles in Yosemite in the last year.



"Red Bear, Dead Bear" signs on park roads mark places where bears have been hit.

Follow posted speed limits, drive carefully, and watch for animals crossing the road.



Yosemite Online

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

Social Media Let's be friends!
@YosemiteNPS

Enjoy Your National Park!

Find a Bear

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 the nearest information center or hotel front desk. Visit go.nps.gov/lost to report a lost item.

Accessibility
Download an Accessibility Guide: go.nps.gov/AccessYosemite

🔍 Finding Help

In an Emergency: Call or Text 911

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🐾 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 the park and visitors.

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

Pets are NOT allowed on hiking trails, on shuttles, or inside park buildings.

Pets must be leashed at all times. Properly dispose of pet waste. Turn to page 10 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

Yosemite in Winter: What to Expect

Winter is a wonderful time to slow down and enjoy Yosemite's most peaceful season.

Yosemite Valley remains open and accessible year-round, its iconic granite features often dusted in snow. Enjoy many miles of scenic trails and paved paths on the Valley floor, where winter is often milder than in other parts of the park.

Many popular hiking trails at higher elevations are closed, inaccessible, or covered in ice or deep snow. Those looking for a more strenuous adventure might consider exploring Yosemite by ski or snowshoe!
Turn to page 9 for information about winter recreation in Yosemite.



Expect most trails to be icy or snowy.

Trails may be hazardously icy, covered in snow, or inaccessible due to seasonal road closures.

Skis, snowshoes, hiking poles, or shoe traction devices might be necessary for some trips. Winter conditions make navigation skills, proper gear, and preparedness more essential than ever. Ask a ranger about current trail conditions and closures before you go. *Turn to pages 10 & 11 for more.*

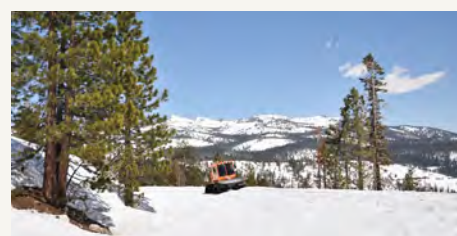
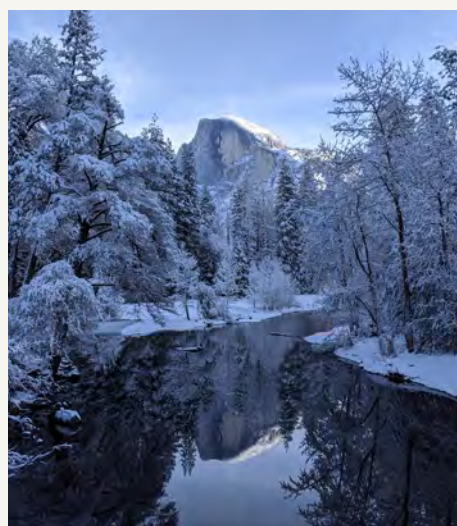


Visitor services are more limited this time of year.

Information, dining, shopping, shuttles, and many other services are available in Yosemite Valley year-round.

Services are very limited in other areas of the park—plan to grab snacks and supplies before you go.

Turn to pages 4 & 5 for hours and locations.



Tioga Road and Glacier Point Road are closed to vehicles in winter.

These high-elevation roads are closed from approximately November to May. During the closure, some areas of the park can only be reached by a strenuous ski or snowshoe trip.

When Tioga Road is closed, there is NO vehicle access to or from the east side of Yosemite.
Turn to page 2 to learn more.



Tire chains may be required on any park road at any time.

Tire chains and cables provide additional traction for vehicles on snowy and icy roads.

Check for temporary road closures and chain restrictions in Yosemite before driving: **call 209/372-0200 (press 1, then 1 to hear the recording.)** For road conditions outside of Yosemite, visit the CalTrans website at roads.dot.ca.gov or call 800/427-7623.

Levels of Chain Restriction

Different levels of restrictions are possible, depending on conditions. *ALL vehicles must carry chains when any level of restriction is in effect. Restrictions can change at any time. The speed limit in a chain control area is 25 mph.*

R0: no chain restrictions

R1: Chains OR snow tires required

R2: Chains OR snow tires and AWD/4WD required

R3: Chains required for all vehicles

For more details, visit go.nps.gov/chains

Keep Bears Wild.

Proper Food Storage is Required by Federal Law—Even in Winter!

Bears that frequently access human food lose their fear of people and can become dangerous. Bears may have to be killed in order to protect people.

☀ During the Day

✓ **DO:** Keep your food within arm's reach while hiking or picnicking.

✓ **DO:** Lock your vehicle and keep all windows closed when you are away. Keep food, drinks, and coolers hidden from sight.

✗ **DON'T:** Leave food unattended outside, in a truck bed, or strapped to the outside of a vehicle.

🌙 At Night

✓ **DO:** Remove food from your vehicle at night. *Bears can easily break into vehicles in search of food.* Store food inside a bear-proof locker, in a hotel room or hard-sided cabin, or in a hard-sided RV with all windows and doors closed.

✗ **Food, trash, and other scented items may NOT be stored inside vehicles overnight.**

To a bear, "food" includes trash, recycling, toiletries, soap, unwashed dishes, and anything else with a scent. All must be properly stored.

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.



It's illegal to approach or feed any wild animal in Yosemite, including birds, squirrels, and deer.

Wildlife can cause injuries and transmit diseases. Human food is unhealthy for wild animals.

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

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



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

↗* Park Map



GLACIER POINT & BADGER PASS SKI AREA

Glacier Point Road is closed to vehicles for the winter.

Glacier Point is an iconic overlook on the rim of Yosemite Valley, 3,200 feet above the Valley floor. From approximately May through November, this viewpoint can be reached by car or by a very strenuous hike from Yosemite Valley.

In winter, Glacier Point can only be reached by a long ski or snowshoe trip from Badger Pass Ski Area.

BADGER PASS SKI AREA opens for the season when natural snow conditions allow. Enjoy downhill skiing and snowboarding, tubing, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. A groomed ski trail follows the closed road from Badger Pass to Glacier Point. *Sledging and snowplay are NOT allowed at Badger Pass; check out the snowplay area at Crane Flat instead!*

Turn to page 9 for more information about winter recreation.

TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Tioga Road is closed to vehicles for the winter.

The scenic Tioga Road traverses Yosemite's high country, crossing over the Sierra Nevada at Tioga Pass—almost 10,000 feet in elevation! From approximately May to November, visitors can access numerous trails, peaks, meadows, and lakes along this scenic drive. In winter, Yosemite's high country can only be reached by a strenuous ski or snowshoe trip.

When Tioga Road is closed, there is no direct route from Yosemite to the eastern Sierra and Highway 395. Visitors headed east must exit the park to the west or south and use an alternate route.

Like Tioga Road, many of the highways that cross over the Sierra Nevada are closed in winter, increasing travel time to the opposite side of the mountain range. Yosemite is located on the range's western slope. To reach Highway 395 and destinations to the east, use I-50 or I-80 to the north (to Lake Tahoe, Reno, Mammoth Lakes), or Route 58 to the south (to Death Valley, Las Vegas.)



YOSEMITE VALLEY

Yosemite Valley is famous for its waterfalls, towering granite walls, and iconic features like El Capitan and Half Dome. In winter, the Valley is the most accessible area of the park, but opportunities for big hikes are still limited. Enjoy peaceful, snowy walks on the Valley floor and a variety of activities, programs, and other things to do.

GETTING HERE

All roads lead to Yosemite Valley! Drive 40 minutes from the Big Oak Flat Entrance, 20 minutes from the Arch Rock Entrance, or 1 hour from the South Entrance. Year-round bus service is also available from Merced/Mariposa/El Portal to Yosemite Valley (YARTS.com)

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 7.)

VISITOR SERVICES

Welcome Center 9 am – 5 pm daily. Shuttle stop 2. Information, junior ranger booklets, lost & found, gifts.

Exploration Center, Theater, & Bookstore 9 am – 5 pm daily. Shuttle stop 5. Rotating exhibits, park film, books & gifts.

Yosemite Museum 10 am – 4 pm daily. Shuttle stop 5. Indoor & outdoor exhibits, cultural demonstrations, gifts.

Yosemite Valley has a variety of dining, shopping, recreation, & other services: turn to page 4.

THINGS TO DO

Turn to pages 10 & 11 for a map of Yosemite Valley.

Explore by car Enjoy the scenery from Tunnel View, Valley View, El Capitan, and other turnouts along Valley roads.

Take a scenic walk Enjoy a peaceful stroll and take in Yosemite Valley at its quietest. Turn to pages 10 & 11 for a map and suggested trails.

Check out talks, tours, and classes Learn more about the park or connect with your creative side! Turn to page 8.

Try ice skating at Curry Village Turn to page 9.

Explore Yosemite Village: art, exhibits, park film, & shopping Take a break from the cold with some enriching indoor activities! Stop by the Exploration Center to learn more about Yosemite, watch the park film, and browse the bookstore. Head next door to the Yosemite Museum and Indian Village to learn about Yosemite's deep human connections. Check out the Ansel Adams Gallery for gifts, books, and rotating art exhibitions. Turn to page 4 for hours.

Enjoy a warm drink by a cozy fire at Degnan's Deli, The Ahwahnee, and the Mountain Room Lounge. Turn to page 4 for hours.

HETCH HETCHY

Walk across the O'Shaughnessy Dam, hike along the reservoir, or access Yosemite's Wilderness. **Open sunrise to sunset only. There are no services in this remote area of the park.**

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

GETTING HERE

Located 38 mi/61 km/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.*



WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

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

GETTING HERE

From Yosemite Valley, drive about 30 mi/48 km/1 hour south on Wawona Road.

VISITOR SERVICES

Wawona Visitor Center* 9 am – 12 pm & 1 pm – 4 pm daily

*The information center has temporarily moved to its winter location at 7771 Chilnualna Falls Rd (from Wawona Road, turn onto Chilnualna Falls Rd. The information center is located 500 ft ahead on the left.)

Yosemite Conservancy Depot at Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza (open until Dec 14) 9 am – 5 pm daily, as weather allows.

Other services: gas station, grocery & gifts: turn to page 5.

THINGS TO DO

Yosemite History Center Learn about the early days of tourism in Yosemite. Outdoor exhibits open daily.

Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias

Visit Yosemite's largest sequoia grove and explore miles of scenic trails.

No shuttle service or vehicle access in winter. When shuttles aren't running, the grove can only be reached by hiking 2 mi/3.2 km up the Mariposa Grove Road or the Washburn Trail (500 ft/150 m of elevation gain) from the parking area near South Entrance. **The road and trails may be snowy or icy. Skis or snowshoes may be needed to reach the grove or to explore the many trails within it.**

CRANE FLAT

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

GETTING HERE

From Yosemite Valley, drive 16 mi/26 km/30 min on Big Oak Flat Rd.

VISITOR SERVICES

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Big Oak Flat Information Station (open until Dec 23) 9 am – 5 pm, as weather allows. Closed Wed & Thurs, may close for lunch.

Gas is available year-round at Crane Flat. Turn to page 5.

THINGS TO DO

Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias

Trail is icy or snowy in winter. Snowshoes or skis may be needed to reach the grove. 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

Trail is icy or snowy in winter. Snowshoes or skis may be needed to reach the grove. 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.

Crane Flat Snow Play Area Turn to page 9 for information.



Services

Hours and seasonal operating dates are subject to change.



Services in Yosemite Valley

Not all visitor services are available year-round.
Check information below for hours.

YOSEMITE VALLEY

For restaurant menus, hotel availability, and more, visit [TravelYosemite.com](https://www.travelyosemite.com).

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- Base Camp Eatery** 7 am – 10:30 am, 11 am – 8 pm. Fast casual breakfast, burgers, chicken, pasta, & more. Large indoor seating area.
- Starbucks Coffee** 7 am – 3 pm. Located inside Basecamp Eatery. Specialty coffee, snacks, & light breakfast.
- Mountain Room Lounge** Mon to Fri: 5 pm – 10 pm, Sat & Sun: 12 pm – 10 pm, New Year's Eve: 5 pm – 1 pm. Cozy bar with TVs and fireplace. Beer, cocktails, & light entrees. Extended hours for some sports events: check locally.
- Mountain Room Restaurant** 5 pm – 9 pm (final seating 30 min before closing.) Upscale casual steakhouse. Reservations recommended: [OpenTable.com](https://www.opentable.com).
- Gift Shop** 8 am – 8 pm

- Tour & Activity Desk** tickets & information at Lodge front desk
- Bike Rentals** closed for the season

YOSEMITE CHAPEL

Yosemite Community Church Sunday service: 9:15 am. Pastor Brent Moore. Call 209/372-4831 or visit [YosemiteValleyChapel.org](https://www.yosemitevalleychapel.org).
Thanksgiving Service (Nov. 27) 10 am
Christmas Eve Service (Dec. 24) 4 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous Tues & Thurs: 6:30 pm

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Happy Isles Art & Nature Center closed for the season

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- Welcome Center** 9 am – 5 pm daily. Information, junior ranger booklets, lost & found, gifts.
- Exploration Center, Theater, & Bookstore** 9 am – 5 pm daily. Rotating exhibits, park film, books & gifts. Open during construction.
- Yosemite Museum** 10 am – 4 pm daily. Indoor & outdoor exhibits, cultural demonstrations, gifts.
- Wilderness Center** closed for the season. Wilderness permit information on page 10.
- Degnan's Kitchen** 7 am – 6 pm. Limited service between 11 am & 11:30 am. Specialty coffee (Peet's), breakfast & deli sandwiches, & grab-and-go items. Indoor seating with fireplace & Wi-Fi.
- Village Grill** closed for the season
- The Ansel Adams Gallery** 10 am – 4 pm (closed Nov 27 & Dec 25.) Art, books, & gifts. Rotating art exhibitions & photography classes on pages 8 & 9.
- Village Store** 8 am – 8 pm
- Bike Rentals & Tour Kiosk** closed for the season
- US Post Office** Mon – Fri: 8:30 am – 5 pm, Sat: 10 am – 12 pm
- Garage** 8 am – 12 pm, 1 pm – 5 pm. Propane. Roadside assistance. No gas in Yosemite Valley.
- Yosemite Medical Clinic**
The clinic is NOT an emergency room. In an emergency, call 911.
Urgent care walk-ins: Mon – Fri, 1 pm – 3:30 pm. 209/372-4637.

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- Housekeeping Camp Store** closed for the season
- Housekeeping Camp Laundry** 8 am – 8 pm
- Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center** closed for the season

THE AHWAHNEE 3

- The Ahwahnee Bar** 11:30 am – 10 pm. Upscale casual bar with craft cocktails, wine, appetizers, and lighter entrees.
- Dining Room** 7 am – 10 am, 11:30 am – 2 pm, 5:30 pm – 9 pm. Sunday Brunch: 7 am – 2 pm. Fine dining. Appropriate attire required for dinner. Dinner reservations strongly recommended: 209/372-1489 or [OpenTable.com](https://www.opentable.com).
- Gift Shop** 9 am – 7 pm
- Sweet Shop** 7 am – 10 pm

CURRY VILLAGE 14 19

- Coffee Corner** 6:30 am – 11 am. Open daily through Jan 4, then Sat & Sun only. Also open Jan 19 for the holiday. Specialty coffee (Peet's) & light breakfast.
- Bar 1899** 12 pm – 9 pm. Open daily through Jan 3, then Fri & Sat only. Also open Jan 18 for the holiday. Craft beer, cocktails, & light entrees.
- Seven Tents Pavilion** 7 am – 10 am, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Open daily through Jan. 4, then Fri & Sat only. Also open Jan 18 for the holiday. Casual dining with hearty, homestyle meals.
- Pizza Deck** Order pizza inside at the Seven Tents Pavilion during hours listed above.
- Taqueria @ Meadow Grill, Jennie's Ice Cream** closed for the season
- Gift & Grocery** 8 am – 8 pm
- Yosemite Mountain Shop** 9 am – 6 pm. Hiking/climbing gear & apparel.
- Mountaineering School** closed for the season
- Bike Rentals & Tour Kiosk** closed for the season
- Ice Rink** information on page 9
- Showers** 24 hours

WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

- Wawona Visitor Center** 9 am – 12 pm & 1 pm – 4 pm. Winter information desk located at 7771 Chilnualna Falls Rd.
- Bookstore at Wawona Visitor Center** closed for the season
- Yosemite History Center** open daily
- Wawona Hotel Dining Room** hotel closed for renovation
- Wawona Store** 8 am – 7 pm
- Mariposa Grove Depot (until Dec 14)** 9 am – 5 pm, as weather allows. Closed for the season after Dec 14.
- Golf Course & Golf Shop** closed for the season
- Stable** closed for the season
- US Post Office** Mon – Fri: 9 am – 1 pm, Sat: 9 am – 12 pm
- Wawona Gas Station** staffed 8 am – 6 pm. Gas & diesel. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

GLACIER POINT

Glacier Point Gift Shop closed for the season

BADGER PASS SKI AREA

Turn to page 9 for Badger Pass information.

EL PORTAL

- El Portal Market** 9 am – 7 pm. Limited groceries & gifts. Wi-Fi.
- El Portal Gas Station** staffed 8 am – 5 pm. Propane available when staffed. Gas & diesel. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

CRANE FLAT

Big Oak Flat Information Station closed for the season

- Bookstore at Big Oak Flat Information Station (until Dec 23)** Fri – Tues: 9 am – 5 pm, as weather allows. May close for lunch. Closed for the season after Dec 23.
- Crane Flat Gas & Grocery (store closed)** Station unstaffed in winter. Gas & diesel available year-round. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

all services closed for the season

FREE WIFI

Yosemite Valley: Degnan's Kitchen, Mariposa County Library, Yosemite Valley Lodge/Curry Village/The Ahwahnee (registered hotel guests only)

El Portal: El Portal Market

Wawona: Mariposa County Library

CAMPING

First-come, first-served camping in Yosemite is very limited and only available during the winter. **Reservations:** [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) or 877/444-6777.

Campgrounds Open Year-Round (visit [go.nps.gov/campground](https://www.go.nps.gov/campground) for details):

- **Hodgdon Meadow:** first-come, first-served in winter
- **Wawona Campground:** first-come, first-served in winter
- **Camp 4:** first-come, first-served in winter. Walk-in sites, no RVs, no pets.
- **Upper Pines:** reservation required year-round

Sleeping in a vehicle is ONLY allowed at a registered campsite. For backpacking and wilderness permits, turn to page 10.

LODGING

Visit [TravelYosemite.com](https://www.travelyosemite.com) or call 888/413-8869 to book a stay at The Ahwahnee, Yosemite Valley Lodge, Curry Village, Housekeeping Camp (seasonal), and other park lodging. Reservations available one year in advance.

- visitor information
- exhibits
- food & beverage
- coffee bar
- groceries & supplies
- gifts
- gas station
- medical services
in an emergency, call or text 911



Transportation



Public Transportation in Yosemite National Park

Parking

In Yosemite Valley, use one of three main parking areas: **Curry Village** , **Yosemite Village** , or **Yosemite Falls** . Parking can completely fill by late morning 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

Level 2 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) on Highway 140.
- **Crane Flat Gas Station** 16.5 mi from Yosemite Valley (uphill) on Big Oak Flat Road.
- **Wawona Gas Station** 28 mi from Yosemite Valley (uphill) on Wawona Road

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

Biking in Yosemite

Bike paths and park roads may be snowy or icy. Use extra caution if biking in winter.

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

Rentals *Bike stands are closed for the season.* Available spring through fall, when conditions allow. Visit TravelYosemite.com.

Yosemite Bike Share *Bike Share has ended for the season.* Bikes available spring through fall for 1-2 hour rides from Yosemite Village and Camp 4 parking areas: goyose.org/bikeshare.

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 from 7 am to 10 pm. *Map and information on page 7.*

Mariposa Grove Shuttles (free)

Runs only until Nov 30, if conditions allow.

Shuttle service from the parking area to the grove and trailheads, available spring through fall only. **Shuttle hours until Nov 30: 8 am to 3:30 pm***, if conditions allow. *(final return from the grove at 5 pm.)*

When shuttles are not running, the Mariposa Grove can only be reached by hiking up the road or the Washburn Trail from the parking area. The trip is 2 mi/3.2 km with 500 ft/150 m of elevation gain. *The road and trails may be snowy or icy.*

Tuolumne Meadows Hikers Bus (\$)

Service has concluded for the season. More information at TravelYosemite.com.

Glacier Point Tour Bus (\$)

Service has concluded for the season. More information at TravelYosemite.com.

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.

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.

Yosemite Valley Shuttle Stops

STOP	SHUTTLES	DESTINATION	AT THIS STOP
	ALL Shuttles	Yosemite Village Parking	parking, Welcome Center
	ALL Shuttles	Welcome Center	Welcome Center, food & beverage, groceries
	Green Shuttle ONLY	The Ahwahnee	food & beverage
	Green Shuttle ONLY	Degnan's Kitchen	Welcome Center, food & beverage, groceries
	Green Shuttle ONLY	Exploration Center	Exploration Center, Museum, Wilderness Center
	Green Shuttle ONLY	Lower Yosemite Fall	trailhead
	Green Shuttle ONLY	Camp 4, Yosemite Valley Lodge, Yosemite Falls Parking	parking, food & beverage, Camp 4
	Green Shuttle ONLY	El Capitan Picnic Area	picnic area
	Green Shuttle ONLY	El Capitan Meadow	<i>stop temporarily closed during construction, use stop 8</i>
	Green Shuttle ONLY	Cathedral Beach	picnic area & river access
	Green Shuttle ONLY	Four Mile Trailhead	trailhead
	ALL Shuttles	Housekeeping Camp & Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center	exhibits (seasonal), laundry, river access
	ALL Shuttles	Curry Village—eastbound	parking, food & beverage, groceries
	ALL Shuttles	Upper Pines Campground	Pines campgrounds
	ALL Shuttles	Happy Isles	trailhead, art & nature center (seasonal)
	ALL Shuttles	Mirror Lake	trailhead
	ALL Shuttles	Lower Pines Campground	Pines campgrounds
	ALL Shuttles	Curry Village—westbound	parking, food & beverage, groceries

Programs



photo by Evan Russel

Additional programs may be offered: visit go.nps.gov/YosemiteCalendar to view the online calendar, or check information centers for an updated schedule.

Program schedule is subject to change due to weather or staffing.



Junior Ranger Program
Program designed especially for kids! Kids must be accompanied by an adult.



Program for all audiences—families welcome!
Program designed for everyone; it's a good fit for most kids.



Wheelchair-Accessible Program
Program is held in a wheelchair-accessible facility or uses wheelchair-accessible paths. Ask the program host about other disability accommodations.

No Symbol Program recommended for teens and adults. Program may use a trail that is not accessible to wheelchair users.

NPS
National Park Service

YC
Yosemite Conservancy

YH
Yosemite Hospitality

TAAG
The Ansel Adams Gallery

YCHC
Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (Sierra Club)

Yosemite Valley: Walks, Talks, & Tours

DAY & TIME		PROGRAM	HOST	FEE & REGISTRATION
10 am & 2 pm (2 hrs)		Valley Floor Tour Experience the highlights of Yosemite Valley on a guided bus tour. Book tickets at TravelYosemite.com or at the Yosemite Valley Lodge front desk.	YH	\$ tickets at TravelYosemite.com
2 pm (15 min) Daily		Family Ranger Talk Topics vary. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center (use shuttle stop 2.)	NPS	free, drop-in only
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.	YH	free, drop-in only
3 pm (1 hr) Daily		Guided Nature Walk 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, drop-in only
7 pm (30 min) 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. Use shuttle stop 7.)	YH	free, drop-in only
7:30 pm (1.5 hrs) Nightly		Yosemite After Dark Grab a flashlight and join a Yosemite Naturalist for an interactive nature walk at night! Book tickets at TravelYosemite.com or at the Yosemite Valley Lodge front desk.	YH	\$ tickets at TravelYosemite.com

Yosemite Valley: Creative Classes

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE & REGISTRATION
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 register at 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	\$ register at AnselAdams.com
12:30 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	\$ register at AnselAdams.com
12:30 pm (4 hrs) M & Th	In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Join a staff photographer for a field class around Yosemite Valley.	TAAG	\$ register at AnselAdams.com



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!



Winter Activities at Badger Pass

Badger Pass Ski Area opens as early as December 12, if snow conditions allow. The ski area relies entirely on natural snow, and operating dates may vary.

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

Badger Pass Shuttle

Free shuttle—no ticket required. Seats are first-come, first-served.

• **Yosemite Valley to Badger Pass:** Departs Curry Village 8:05 am & 10:35 am, Yosemite Village (next to the garage) 8:10 am & 10:40 am, The Ahwahnee 8:15 am & 10:45 am, Yosemite Valley Lodge 8:30 am & 11 am
• **Badger Pass to Yosemite Valley:** Departs 2 pm & 4:30 pm

Downhill Skiing & Snowboarding

Tickets: 8:30 am – 4 pm

Lift Operation: 9 am – 4 pm

Equipment Rental: 8:30 am – 4:30 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.

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 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.

Shopping & Dining

Sport Shop: 9 am – 4 pm

Skiers Grill: 8 am – 4 pm

Snowflake Room: 12 pm – 4 pm (open Fri to Sun + holidays)

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 Yosemite Valley Welcome Center for dates and times.

Park Partners

YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY

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

Contact Yosemite.org

Locations *Turn to pages 4 & 5 for seasonal hours*

- Yosemite Exploration Center & Theater
- Happy Isles Art & Nature Center (spring through fall)
- Retail locations throughout the park (some open seasonally)

Outdoor Adventures

Check the calendar for guided hikes and backpacking trips:

Yosemite.org/experience/outdoor-adventures

Advance registration is required for all Outdoor Adventures.

Custom Adventures

Private guided excursions, available year-round:

Yosemite.org/custom-adventures

Art Classes (spring through fall only)

Visit Yosemite.org/art

YOSEMITE HOSPITALITY

Yosemite Hospitality operates lodging, dining, shopping, and other services throughout the park.

Contact TravelYosemite.com or 888/413-8869

Locations *Turn to pages 4 & 5 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 (spring through fall only)
- Badger Pass Ski Area (winter only)

THE ANSEL ADAMS GALLERY

Contact

AnselAdams.com/photography-education or 209/372-4413

Location The Ansel Adams Gallery is located in Yosemite Village, open from 10 am to 4 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

Providence and Pathos: Celebrating 100 Years of The Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village
now through January 10

Winter Wisdom: Art from a Reflective Season

January 11 – March 7

SIERRA CLUB

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

Location The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center is closed for the season. We look forward to welcoming you back in May 2026!

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.

❄️ Hiking in Winter

Trails may be hazardedously icy, covered in deep snow, or inaccessible due to seasonal road closures. Skis, snowshoes, hiking poles, or shoe traction devices might be necessary for some trips. **Winter conditions make navigation skills, proper gear, and preparedness more essential than ever.** Ask a ranger about current trail conditions and closures before you go.

▲ Backpacking Yosemite

A wilderness permit is required year-round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness.
Visit go.nps.gov/WildPermits for information.

Wilderness centers are closed for the season. Wilderness permits are available by self-registration only. Come prepared with your own allowed bear canister—or rent one at the Welcome Center in Yosemite Valley (9 am – 5 pm.)

Wilderness Permit Self-Registration Locations

- **Yosemite Valley Welcome Center (out front)**
Valley Trailheads ONLY
- **Wawona Visitor Center (front porch)**
Wawona trailheads ONLY
- **Big Oak Flat Information Station (front porch)**
Crane Flat & Tioga Road trailheads ONLY
- **Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station (entrance station)**
Hetch Hetchy trailheads ONLY
- **Big Wall Climbing Permits (for overnight climbs)**
Near shuttle stop 9.
- **Badger Pass Ranger Station (A-Frame)**
Glacier Point Road trailheads only, when conditions allow

Half Dome Permits

Half Dome cables are down for the season. Half Dome cables are up from approximately late May through early October (conditions permitting.) Permits are available by pre-season (March 1–31) and daily lotteries. Find more information at go.nps.gov/HDpermits

Trails Outside of Yosemite Valley

Stop by an open information center to pick up free trail maps and ask a ranger for recommendations. *Hours & locations on pages 2 & 3.*



Before You Go



 **Pets and bikes are NOT allowed on hiking trails.**



 **Choose the right trail** for your group's ability and experience level. Make sure you have enough time to finish the hike before dark.



 **Ask a ranger about trail conditions.** Snow, ice, flooding, rockfall, hazardous stream crossings, and closures are possible.



 **Check the weather forecast** for rain, snow, and thunderstorms. Stay off domes and other exposed places when there is a chance of lightning.



Remember to pack water (minimum 1 quart/liter—per person—for every 2 hours on the trail), salty snacks (for hydration), a headlamp, a map, sturdy footwear, and warm and waterproof clothing layers.

On the Trail



 **Stay on the trail** to protect fragile vegetation and avoid getting lost.



 **Pack out all trash**, including nut shells, fruit peels, and toilet paper. Human waste must be deposited at least 200 feet from trails and water. Solid waste must be buried six inches deep.



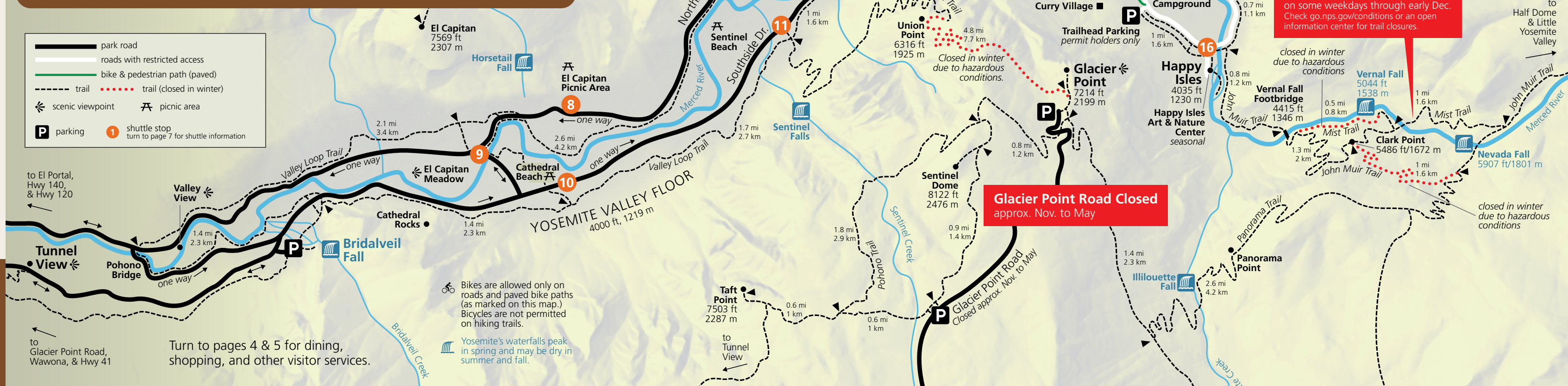
Leave behind what you find. It's illegal to remove natural objects or artifacts from the park. Take a photo instead!



 **It's dangerous and illegal to approach or feed wildlife.** Keep food within arm's reach at all times. Stay 50 yards/ meters away from bears and 25 feet/8 meters from other wildlife.



 **Adjust plans as needed.** Make sure everyone in the group is staying hydrated and taking breaks. When half your water is gone or when conditions change, it's time to turn around.



 wheelchair-accessible path or boardwalk *Snow and ice may affect accessibility.*



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

TRAIL	LENGTH & ELEVATION GAIN	STARTING POINT
Shorter Walks <i>Scenic walks that usually take an hour or less</i>		
   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 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 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 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 road. <i>& Vehicles with a valid disability placard may drive the paved road to the front of Mirror Lake.</i>	2 mi/3.2 km; 100 ft/30 m elev. gain	Shuttle Stop 17
Choose Your Own Adventure		
 YOSEMITE VALLEY LOOP TRAIL Enjoy a scenic loop around the 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
Even More Challenging Hikes		
YOSEMITE FALLS TRAIL 6–8 hrs. Trail likely snowy or icy in winter. Use extreme caution. 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. Upper section closed in winter due to hazardous conditions. 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.	9.6 mi/15.4 km; 3,200 ft/975 m elev. gain	Shuttle Stop 11



 trails recommended for winter *Trails may be snowy or icy. Use caution.*

TRAIL		LENGTH & ELEVATION GAIN	STARTING POINT
Hiking to Vernal & Nevada Falls Sections of trail are closed in winter due to hazardous conditions. Use marked winter route (information below.) Additional trail repair closures possible on weekdays through early December. Check go.nps.gov/conditions or an open information center for trail closures.		<i>distances are round-trip to and from Happy Isles</i>	
	SHORTEST: VERNAL FALL FOOTBRIDGE (1–1.5 hrs) Hike the short but very steep first section of the John Muir Trail (JMT) 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 16
	FURTHER: TOP OF VERNAL FALL (2–4 HRS) Past the footbridge, climb the steep steps of the Mist Trail to the top of Vernal Fall. Expect heavy spray and slippery stairs in spring. Return the same way OR continue to Clark Point for views of Nevada Fall and a dry descent along the JMT.	—	—
	Out-and-back on the Mist Trail Sections closed in winter; use marked winter route.	2.4 mi/3.8 km TOTAL; 1000 ft/300 m elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
	Scenic Loop via Clark Point Sections closed in winter; use marked winter route.	3.7 mi/6 km TOTAL; 1500 ft (450 m) elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
	LONGEST: TOP OF NEVADA FALL (4–6 HRS) From the top of Vernal Fall, continue up the steep Mist Trail to the top of the waterfall. Return the same way, OR cross the footbridge and loop back on the John Muir Trail, passing scenic Clark Point on the return to Happy Isles.	—	—
	Out-and-back on the Mist Trail Sections closed in winter; use marked winter route.	5 mi/8 km TOTAL; 2000 ft/600 m elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
	Scenic Loop via Clark Point Sections closed in winter; use marked winter route.	5.8 mi/9.3 km TOTAL; 2000 ft/600 m elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
	WINTER ROUTE (4–6 HRS) See map above for closed sections. This out-and-back route is very challenging in winter. Hike the John Muir Trail (JMT) to the footbridge. Continue up the JMT to Clark Point. Descend to the top of Vernal Fall. Return to the trailhead, or continue up the Mist Trail to the top of Nevada Fall. Open sections of trail are likely snowy or icy; bring trekking poles and traction devices for shoes.	Up to 6.6 mi/10.6 km roundtrip; elevation gain up to 2500 ft/760 m	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16