



Yosemite Essentials

Parking & Congestion



Yosemite Valley is very busy, especially on weekends and holidays.

Be prepared for delays of 2 to 3 hours from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. Expect long lines at entrance stations. On the busiest days, parking can fill by 9 am.

Plan to arrive before 8 am and leave after 5 pm.

Plan for delays and use restrooms when available.

Text YNPTRAFFIC to 333111 to sign up for traffic alerts.

Bicycling in Yosemite

Yosemite Valley has over 12 miles of paved bike paths. Biking can be a great way to get around on a busy day—and to enjoy the sights!

If you didn't bring your own bike, stop by a bike rental stand or use Yosemite Conservancy's free bike share program. *Turn to pages 4 and 5 for more information.*



Bikes are allowed on paved roads and bike paths, never on hiking trails. Ride carefully and remember to share paths with pedestrians and other cyclists. Helmets are required for children under 18. Cyclists must obey traffic laws on park roads. E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and motors less than 750w (1hp) are permitted.

Protect Wildlife—and Yourself

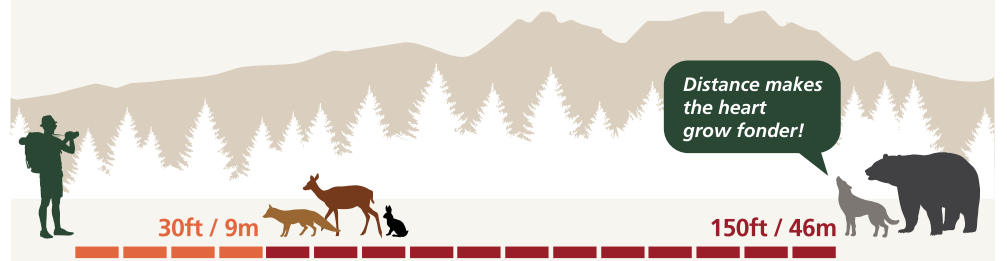
Speeding kills bears.

More Yosemite bears are killed by cars than any other human-related cause of death. In almost every case, the driver was speeding. Follow speed limits, drive carefully, and watch for wildlife on the road.



It is illegal to approach or feed any wild animal in Yosemite.

Wildlife can cause injuries and transmit diseases. Getting used to human food causes animals to lose their natural behaviors, and they can become more aggressive toward people. Enjoy watching wildlife from a safe distance.



 **DISTANCE FROM WILDLIFE: 30 feet = about one bus-length.**

Entering a National Park



Yosemite is a place where wilderness prevails. The National Park Service is bound by its mission to protect Yosemite's natural and cultural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations.

Regulations are in place to protect park resources and for your safety.

If you see activities that could harm people or park resources, write down any descriptions or a vehicle license plate number and call the park dispatch office at 209/379-1992.

Prohibited activities include:

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

Food Storage

Help keep wildlife wild. Never intentionally feed any wild animal in Yosemite. Avoid accidentally sharing your food by properly storing it. Allowing a wild animal to eat your food is harmful to the animal, can cause damage to your property, and can result in a hefty fine.

During the Day

While hiking or picnicking, always keep your food within arm's reach. When you are away from your vehicle, keep all windows closed and any food or coolers hidden from sight. Never leave food in a pickup truck bed or strapped to the outside of a vehicle.

At Night

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

For more information about food storage and bears, visit www.KeepBearsWild.org

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.

Visitor & Emergency Services

Fire – Police – Medical Emergency

Call or text 911 for emergencies. Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley): Open Mon through Fri from 9 am to 5 pm. Urgent care walk-ins from 1 pm to 3:30 pm with out-of-pocket fees. Phone: 209/372-4637

Road, Weather, & Park Information


Check road updates: 209/372-0200
Yosemite Village Garage
Offers 24-hour emergency roadside assistance and propane service until 4:30 pm. NO gas is available here. Phone: 209/372-1060

Lost & Found


For items lost or found at one of Yosemite's restaurants, hotels, or lounges, call 209/372-4357. For items lost or found in other areas of the park, call 209/379-1001.


Access for People with Disabilities

For a complete list of accessible services, exhibits, and recreational opportunities, pick up a Yosemite Accessibility Guide at any park entrance station or visitor center, view online at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm, or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at 209/379-1035.

 Sign Language interpreting is available upon request.

Contact Deaf Services at 209/379-5250 (v/txt). Two weeks advance notice is requested.

 Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advance request at any visitor center.

 Accessible parking spaces are available throughout the park.

Where is My Pet Allowed in Yosemite?



Pets are allowed in developed areas, on fully paved roads, sidewalks, and bicycle paths (except where signs prohibit pets), and in all campgrounds except walk-in campgrounds and group campgrounds. Pets must be restrained on a leash not more than six feet long and may not be left unattended. Other regulations also apply.

Pets are **NOT** allowed on shuttle buses or indoor lodging areas, including lobbies and rooms.

Park Partners

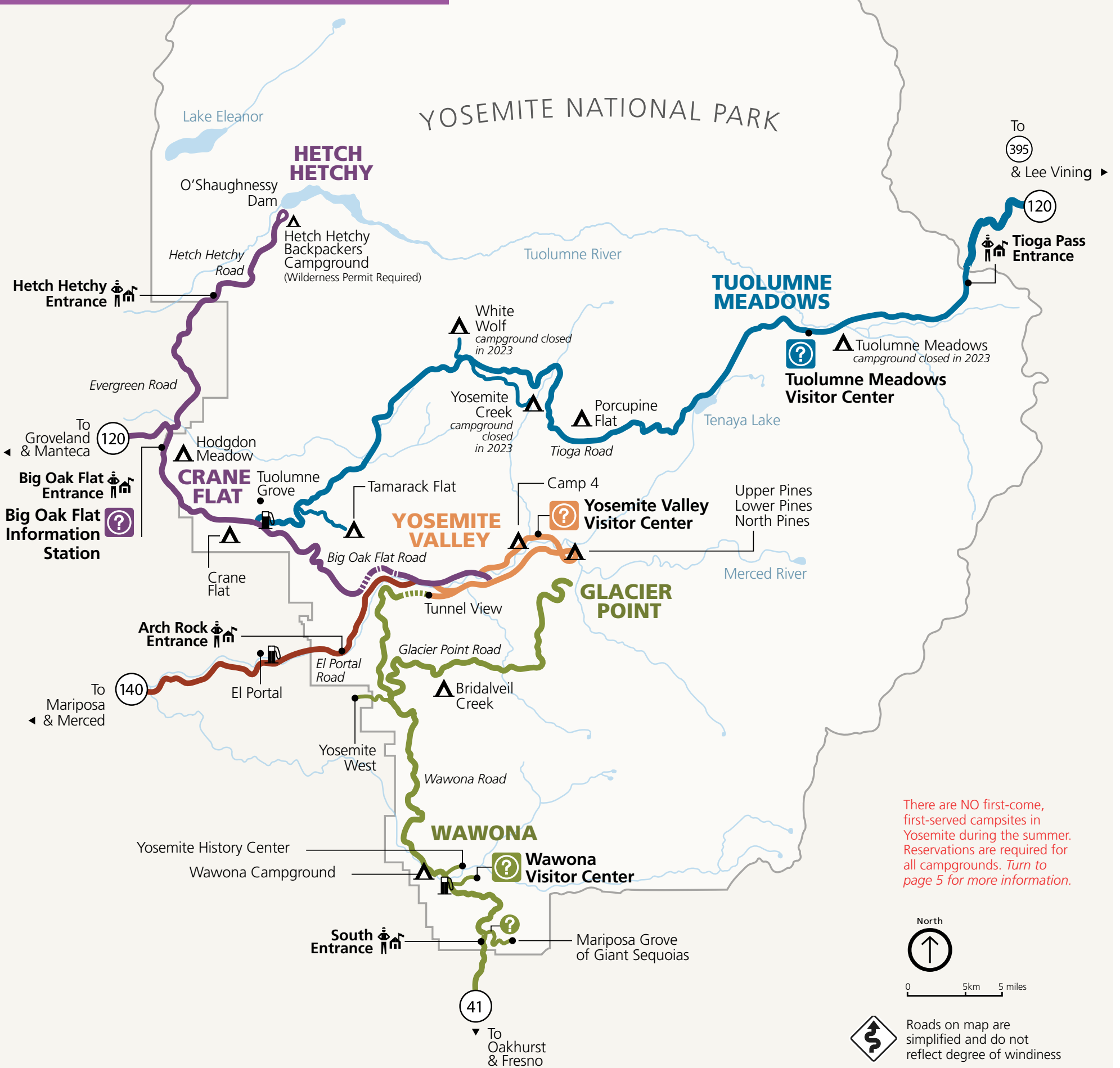




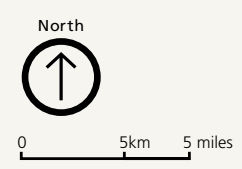
Park Map



For the most up-to-date information on park roads, trails, and facilities, scan the QR code or visit go.nps.gov/conditions.



There are NO first-come, first-served campsites in Yosemite during the summer. Reservations are required for all campgrounds. Turn to page 5 for more information.



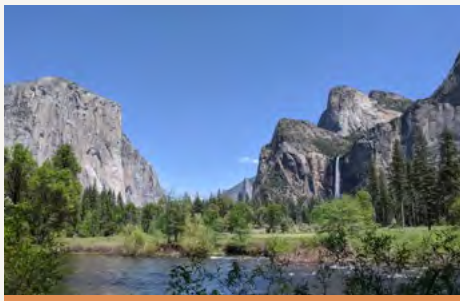
Roads on map are simplified and do not reflect degree of windiness

NOTE: There are only 2 gas stations in the park and **NO GAS** in Yosemite Valley.

Gas Station
 Entrance Station
 Campground
 Visitor Center
 Information Center



- Yosemite Valley Visitor Center | 9 am to 5 pm
- Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio | 8 am to 5 pm
- Big Oak Flat Information Station | 8 am to 5 pm
- Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Information Station | 9:30 am to 4:30 pm



Yosemite Valley

The first stop for many park visitors, Yosemite Valley is known for its towering granite walls and iconic features like El Capitan and Half Dome. Although the valley's waterfalls roar in spring, they usually slow to a trickle by late summer. Visitors can choose from a number of scenic trails to walk, hike, or bicycle. Other popular activities include rock climbing and rafting (when conditions allow.) Enjoy a variety of talks, tours, and art and photography classes. *Turn to page 8 for a schedule of programs.*

Start your day at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center for trail maps and other information. Then stop by the Yosemite Museum next door to explore the park's cultural connections through live demonstrations and objects on display. *Turn to page 4 for hours.*



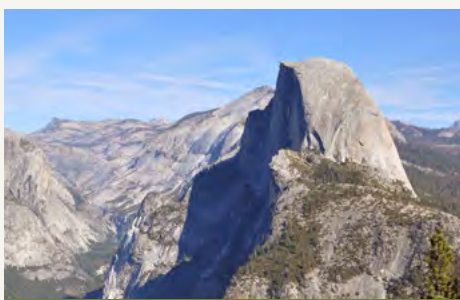
Mariposa Grove & Wawona

The Mariposa Grove is home to over 500 mature giant sequoias. Park at the Welcome Plaza, near Yosemite's South Entrance. Take a free shuttle up to the grove, or follow the 2-mile Washburn Trail. There are several miles of walking and hiking trails within the grove. Stop in Wawona for more hiking, visitor services, and to visit the Yosemite History Center and Chinese Laundry exhibit. *Turn to page 8 for a schedule of programs in this area of the park.*

Distance from Yosemite Valley 30 mi/48 km (1 hour)

Directions From Yosemite Valley, take Wawona Road (Hwy 41). Watch for signs for the Mariposa Grove just before the park's South Entrance.

Road Conditions Wawona Road remains open year-round.



Glacier Point

Take in stunning views of Yosemite Valley from 3,000 feet above the valley floor. Numerous trailheads and other scenic vistas are also accessible from Glacier Point Road. *Services are limited at Glacier Point in 2023.*

Distance from Yosemite Valley 30 mi/48 km (1 hour)

Directions From Yosemite Valley, take Wawona Road (Hwy 41). After 9 miles, turn left onto Glacier Point Road.

Road Conditions Due to its high elevation, Glacier Point Road is closed each year from approximately November through May or June. Parking at Glacier Point is very limited, especially between 9 am and 5 pm. In Summer 2023, expect delays of up to 30 minutes as road construction is completed.



Crane Flat

The Merced Grove is closed for restoration work. For more information on this project, please visit [go.nps.gov/biomass](https://www.nps.gov/biomass).

Visit two giant sequoia groves north of Yosemite Valley that are smaller than the more famous Mariposa Grove, but far less busy. Hike one mile down to the Tuolumne Grove, or 1.5 miles down to the Merced Grove. Parking at each trailhead is extremely limited.

Distance from Yosemite Valley 16 mi/26 km (30 minutes)

Directions From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road (continuation of Hwy 120) to Tioga Road Junction at Crane Flat.

Road Conditions Big Oak Flat Road remains open year-round.



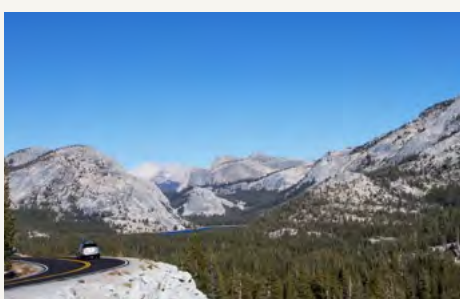
Hetch Hetchy

A source of water and hydroelectric power for San Francisco, Hetch Hetchy is also home to spectacular scenery. From here, visitors can walk across the dam, hike along the reservoir, or access Yosemite's Wilderness. Hetch Hetchy is a great place to hike in cooler months, but it is typically very hot in the summer.

Distance from Yosemite Valley 40 mi/64 km (1½ hours)

Directions From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy 120 W.) Just outside the Big Oak Flat Entrance, turn right on Evergreen Road.

Road Conditions The road is open daily from 7 am to 9 pm. Vehicles and trailers over 25 feet long and 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.



Tioga Road & Tuolumne Meadows

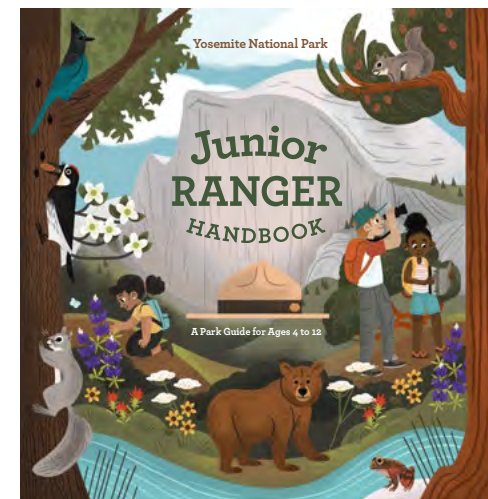
Enjoy a 40-mile scenic drive through Yosemite's spectacular high country. Tioga Road (continuation of Hwy 120 through the park) climbs from 6,000 ft in elevation to nearly 10,000 ft at Tioga Pass, the park's only entrance from the east. Along the way, visitors will find numerous trailheads, scenic vistas, lush subalpine meadows, and glacier-carved lakes. *Services are extremely limited in this remote area of the park.*

Distance from Yosemite Valley 54 mi/87 km (1½ hours)

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

Road Conditions Tioga Road is typically open from May through November, depending on conditions.

Visting Yosemite with kids or kids-at-heart?



Pick up a *Junior Ranger Handbook* at any open visitor center. Complete the activities while you explore the park, and earn your junior ranger badge!

Turn to page 8 for a schedule of free art activities and other programs just for kids!

Planning Your Yosemite Adventure

Turn to page 4 for visitor services, including bike and raft rentals and tour desks. Turn to page 8 for a schedule of programs and classes.

If you're visiting for a day or less:

As you travel through the valley, stop at Tunnel View, El Capitan Meadow, or Valley View for scenic viewpoints.

Stop by the Valley Visitor Center to pick up a trail map, get a passport stamp, and view the park film.

Explore the park's cultural connections at the Yosemite Museum.

Take a scenic stroll around Cook's Meadow and Lower Yosemite Fall.

Spend 2–3 hours hiking the Mist Trail to Vernal Fall, the Mirror Lake Trail, or a section of the Valley Loop Trail.

Take a Valley Floor Tour or attend a ranger talk to learn about the park.

If you're visiting for multiple days:

Take on a more challenging, all-day hike in Yosemite Valley.

Enjoy a scenic bicycle ride on the valley's 12 miles of paved bike paths.

Visit Glacier Point and hike to Sentinel Dome and Taft Point.

Explore the many miles of trails within the Mariposa Grove and visit the Yosemite History Center in Wawona.

Enjoy an all-day scenic drive on Tioga Road to Olmsted Point, Tenaya Lake, and Tuolumne Meadows.

Sign up for an art class at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, or a photography course with The Ansel Adams Gallery.

Learn to rock climb with an instructor, or rent a raft to float the Merced River through Yosemite Valley.

Stay up late to stargaze, or sign up for an evening program in the park.

Turn to pages 4 & 5 for information about visitor services in Yosemite.



Services

YOSEMITE VALLEY

INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

Yosemite Valley Visitor Center
9 am to 5 pm

Yosemite Museum
10 am to 5 pm

Wilderness Center
8 am to 5 pm

Happy Isles Art & Nature Center
9 am to 4 pm, *may close for lunch*

Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center
10 am to 4 pm
Closed Mon & Tues

TOURS & ACTIVITIES

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Tour and Activity Desk
7:30 am to 7 pm

Swimming Pool
11 am to 6 pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Mountaineering School
8:30 am to 12 pm, 1 to 4:30 pm

Raft Rentals
Conditions permitting, last rafts out of the river by 6 pm.
10 am to 4 pm

BIKE RENTALS

Yosemite Village (Village Store)
8 am to 7 pm

Yosemite Valley Lodge
8 am to 7 pm

Curry Village
7:30 am to 3:30 pm

SHOWERS & LAUNDRY

HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

Laundry
8 am to 10 pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Showers
24 hours

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES

Yosemite Village Garage
24-hour roadside assistance.
Call 209/372-1060
No gas available in Yosemite Valley.

POST OFFICE

Yosemite Village Post Office
Mon – Fri: 8:30 am to 5 pm
Sat: 10 am to noon

GIFTS, GEAR, & GROCERIES

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

The Ansel Adams Gallery
9 am to 5 pm

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center
9 am to 5 pm

Yosemite Museum Store
10 am to 5 pm, *closed for lunch*

Village Store
8 am to 10 pm

THE AHWAHNEE

Gift Shop
8 am to 8 pm

Sweet Shop
7 am to 9 pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Gift Shop
8 am to 10 pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Yosemite Mountain Shop
8 am to 8 pm

Gift & Grocery
8 am to 10 pm

HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

Grocery
8 am to 8 pm

FOOD & BEVERAGE

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Degnan's Kitchen
Breakfast: 7 am to 11 am
Lunch: 11:30 am to 6 pm
Peet's coffee, pastries, light breakfast, deli sandwiches, & grab-and-go items.
Indoor & outdoor seating.

Village Grill
11:00 am to 6 pm
Fast casual, burgers & sandwiches.
Outdoor seating.

THE AHWAHNEE

Coffee Bar
7 am to 10 am

The Ahwahnee Bar
11:30 am to 9 pm
Casual dining & signature cocktails.
Indoor & outdoor seating.

Ahwahnee Dining Room
Breakfast: 7 am to 10 am
Dinner: 5:30 pm to 9 pm
Fine dining. Appropriate attire respectfully required for dinner.
Dinner reservations strongly recommended. Call 209/372-1489 or visit www.opentable.com.

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Base Camp Eatery
Breakfast: 6:30 am to 10:45 am
Lunch/Dinner: 11 am to 9 pm
Starbucks: Hours TBD
Fast casual dining. Indoor seating.

Mountain Room Lounge
Mon – Fri: 4:30 pm to 10 pm
Sat & Sun: 12 pm to 10 pm
Beer on tap, cocktails, & appetizers.
Indoor & outdoor seating.

Mountain Room Restaurant
Dinner: 5 pm to 10 pm
Upscale casual dining.
Reservations recommended.
Visit www.opentable.com.

CURRY VILLAGE

Peet's Coffee Corner
6 am to 2 pm
Espresso beverages, pastries, & light breakfast. Indoor seating.

Seven Tents Pavilion
Breakfast: 7 am to 10 am
Dinner: 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Fast casual dining. Indoor seating.

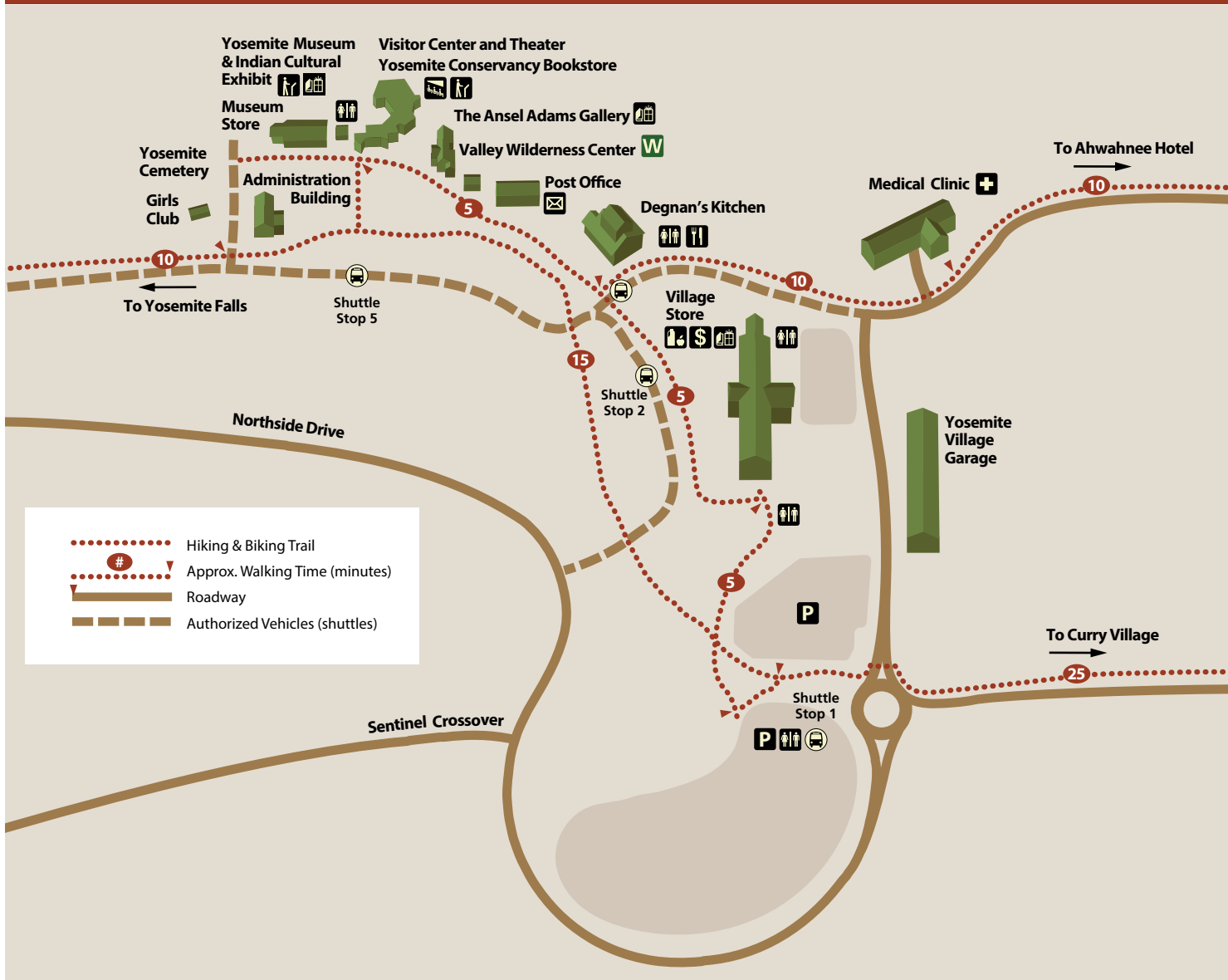
Jennie's Ice Cream
11 am to 8:30 pm

Meadow Grill
11 am to 8 pm
Fast casual taqueria.
Outdoor seating.

Pizza Deck
11 am to 10 pm
Pizza whole & by the slice.
Outdoor seating.

Bar 1899
11:30 am to 10 pm
Beer on tap, signature cocktails, & appetizers. Indoor seating.

Map of Yosemite Village



WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio
8 am to 5 pm
Yosemite History Center
Open daily

ACTIVITIES

Conditions permitting
Golf Course & Disc Golf
Regular Golf: Thurs – Mon
8 am to 6 pm
Disc Golf: Tues & Wed
12 pm to 6 pm
Tennis Courts
8 am to Dusk

Stable
2-hour rides daily at 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm, & 2 pm. All-day rides Thursdays at 8 am. *Through Labor Day ONLY. Reservations can be made online at TravelYosemite.com.*

GIFTS, GEAR, & GROCERIES

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop
8 am to 8 pm
Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Wawona Visitor Center
8 am to 5 pm
Yosemite Conservancy Depot at Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza
9 am to 5 pm

GAS STATION

Wawona Service Station
8 am to 6 pm
Diesel & propane available. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

POST OFFICE

Wawona Post Office
Mon – Fri: 9 am to 1 pm
Sat: 9 am to noon

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Wawona Hotel Dining Room
Breakfast: 7 am to 10 am
Lunch: 11 am to 3 pm
Dinner: 5 pm to 9 pm
Lounge Service: 5 pm to 9:30 pm
Summer BBQ
Saturdays: 5 pm to 7 pm
Golf Shop & Snack Stand
7 am to 6 pm

BIG OAK FLAT ROAD

INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

Big Oak Flat Information Center
8 am to 5 pm

GIFTS

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Big Oak Flat Information Station
9 am to 5 pm

GAS & GROCERY

Crane Flat Gas & Grocery
8 am to 5 pm
24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

EL PORTAL

GROCERY

El Portal Market
8 am to 5 pm

GAS STATION

El Portal Service Station
8 am to 5 pm
24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

GLACIER POINT

Glacier Point Gift Shop
9 am to 7 pm
Conditions permitting.
Glacier Point Snack Stand
11 am to 5 pm
Conditions permitting.

TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Last winter's historic snowfall caused severe damage to many park facilities. Visitor services are extremely limited in this area of the park. Plan ahead and bring enough water and snacks for your visit.

White Wolf Lodge
Closed in 2023
High Sierra Camps
Closed in 2023
Tuolumne Meadows Lodge
Closed in 2023
Tuolumne Meadows Grill
Closed in 2023
Tuolumne Meadows Store
Closed in 2023
Tuolumne Meadows Post Office
Closed in 2023
Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Information Station
9:30 am to 4:30 pm

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Brent Moore,
Resident Minister
209/372-4831
www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org
CHAPEL SERVICES
Sundays at 9:15 am & 11 am

Zero Landfill Initiative: Propane Canisters

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

1. Purchase a canister.
2. Use up the fuel.
3. Bring the canister back to any store that participates in the Little Kamper propane exchange program.
4. Trade in your empty canister for a full one at a lower price.

In alliance with the Zero Landfill Initiative, Yosemite Conservancy, the National Park Service and Yosemite Hospitality are working together to reduce improper disposal of single-use propane canisters and send less waste to our local landfill. Help us by doing your part!

**This project was made possible in part by a grant from the National Park Foundation through the generous support of Subaru of America.*

YOSEMITE BIKE SHARE

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

1. **Get connected:** Download the Yosemite Bike Share mobile app for Apple/iOS or Android in advance.
 2. **Get a bike:** Use the app to unlock a bike at one of the Yosemite Bike Share stations, located at the Yosemite Village Parking Area and on the Village mall (between the Valley Wilderness Center and the Valley Visitor Center).
 3. **Get pedaling:** Ride safely! Use the helmet provided with the bike (or wear your own) and stay on roads and paved bike paths.
- Visit yosemite.org/yosemite-bike-share to learn more about this program, see a map of bike paths, and plan your routes.

CAMPING & LODGING

CAMPING

There is NO first-come, first-served camping in Yosemite during the summer. Reservations are available several months in advance. Campgrounds are usually full from April to September.

Visit go.nps.gov/campground for more information and a schedule of reservation release dates.

Campground Reservations
www.recreation.gov (recommended) or 877/444-6777 (7 am to 9 pm PT)

Sleeping inside a vehicle is only allowed in campsites. You may not sleep overnight in a parking lot or along the side of the road.

LODGING

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

Rehabilitation of The Ahwahnee



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

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



Shuttles in Yosemite Valley



The FREE Yosemite Valley shuttles operate **from 7 am to 10 pm** daily and service stops in numerical order.

Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route)

Services **ALL** stops.

Runs approximately every 22 to 32 minutes with a total round-trip time of 1 hour and 30 minutes.

East Valley Shuttle (Purple Route)

Services **SELECT** stops.

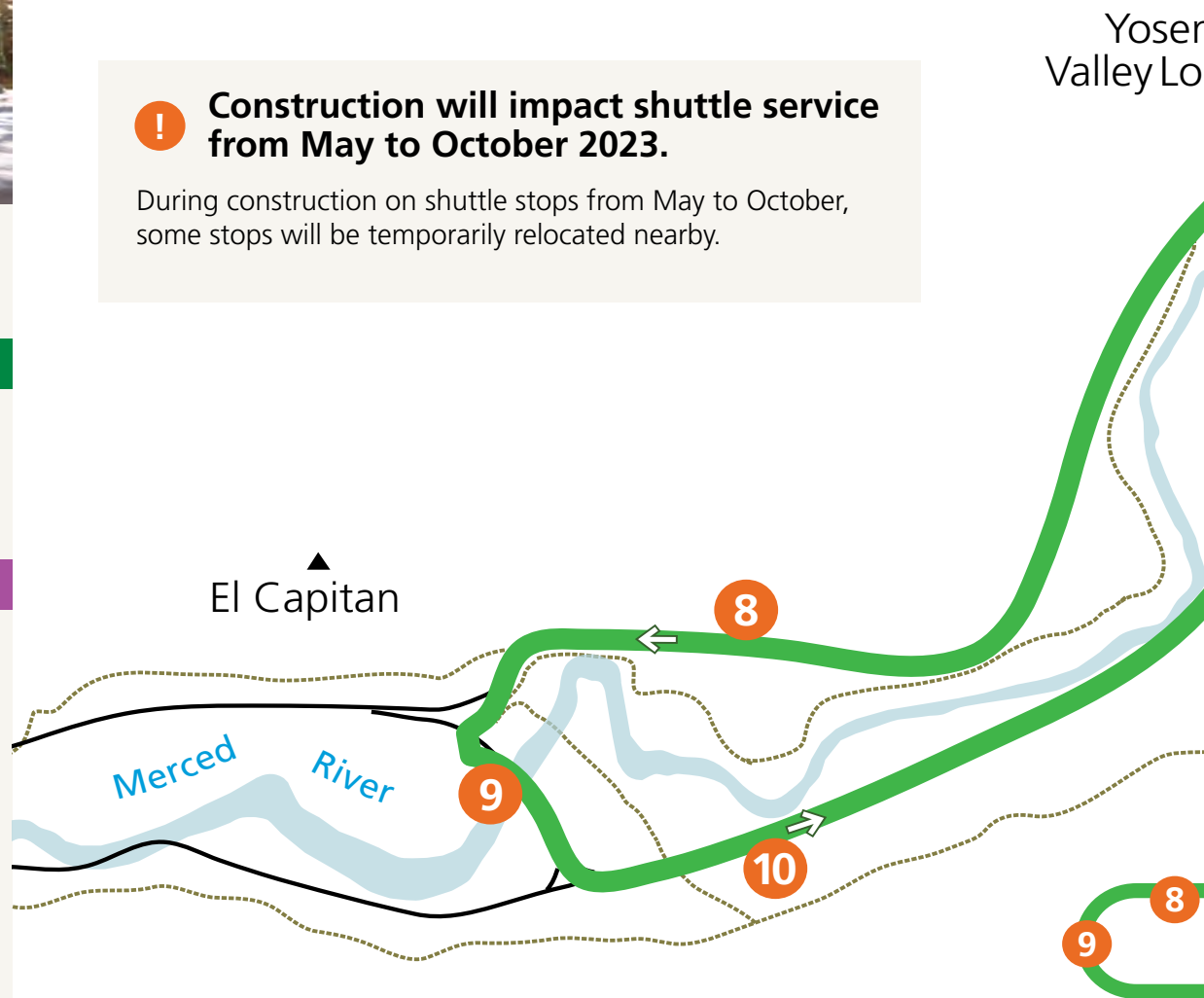
Runs approximately every 18 to 22 minutes with a total round-trip time of 50 minutes.

Expect long delays and full shuttles on busy days throughout the summer. Some destinations may be reached more quickly by walking. Check signs posted at shuttle stops for estimated walking times.

- Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route)
- East Valley Shuttle (Purple Route)

! Construction will impact shuttle service from May to October 2023.

During construction on shuttle stops from May to October, some stops will be temporarily relocated nearby.



ALL SHUTTLES



1 Yosemite Village Parking



Parking area fills early. Once you find a spot, keep it, and use the free shuttle.

Dining, shopping, and information are only a 5–10 minute walk from here.

2 Village Store



Dining, Gift and Grocery
Less than a 5-minute walk: Post Office, Visitor Center, Theater, Museum

3 The Ahwahnee



Lodging, Dining, Gift Shop

4 Degnan's Kitchen



Dining, Gift and Grocery
Less than a 5-minute walk: Post Office, Visitor Center, Theater, Museum



5 Visitor Center & Museum



Visitor Center, Theater, Museum
Less than a 5-minute walk: Post Office, Dining, Gift and Grocery

VALLEYWIDE SHUTTLE ONLY

6 Lower Yosemite Fall



Trailhead, Picnic Area, Scenic View



7 Yosemite Valley Lodge/Yosemite Falls Parking



Dining, Gift and Grocery, Trailhead

8 El Capitan Picnic Area



Scenic View, Picnicking

9 El Capitan Meadow

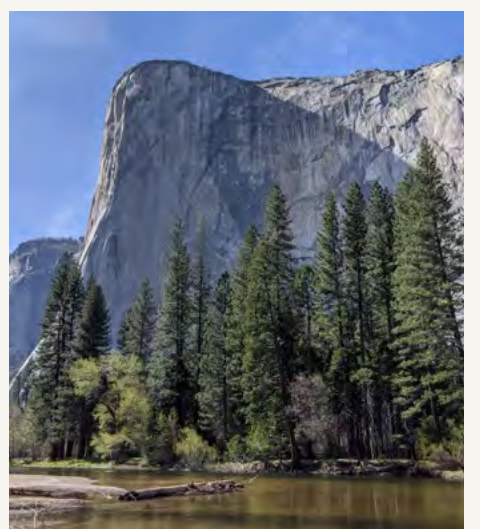


Scenic View

10 Cathedral Beach



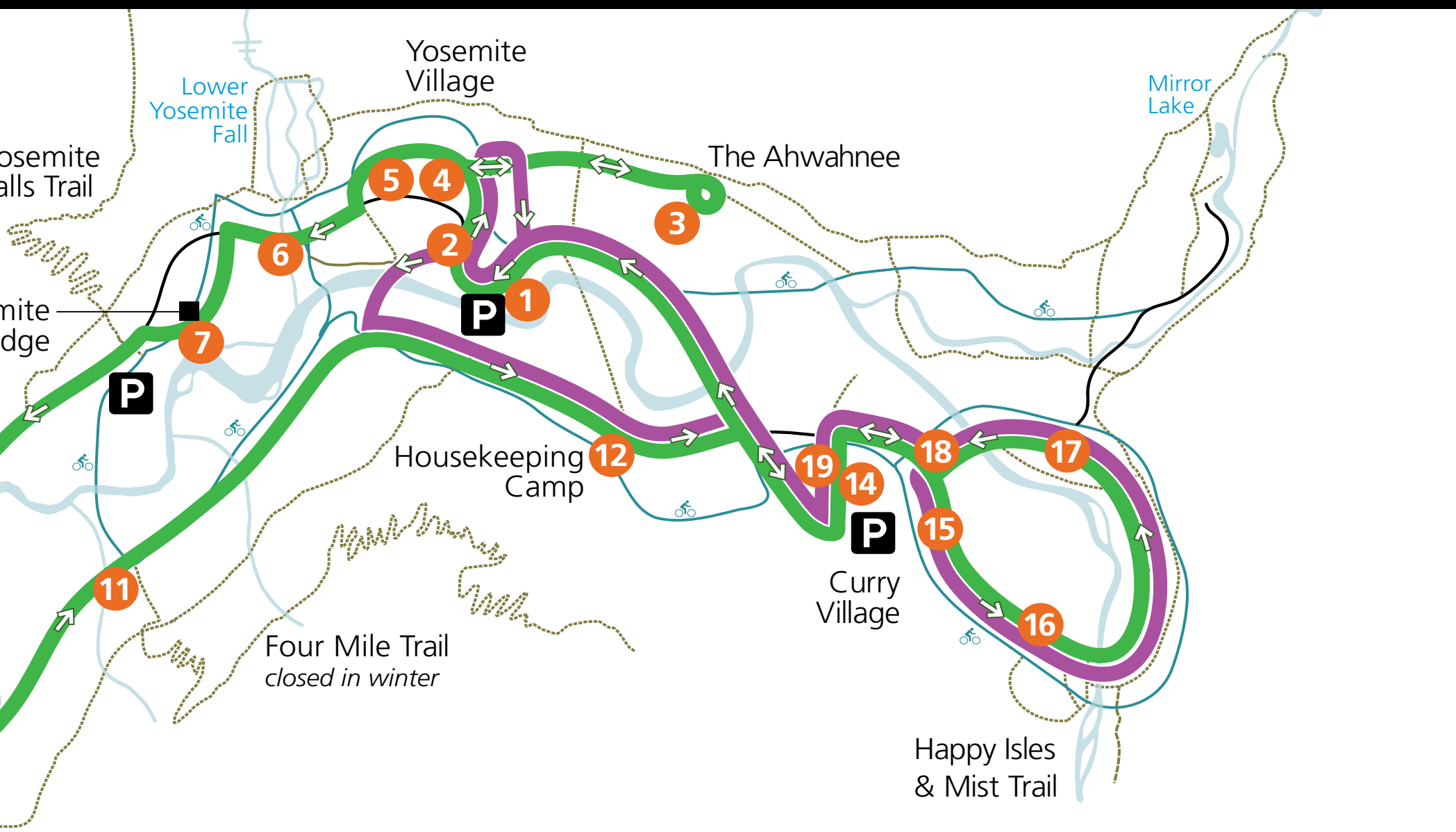
Scenic View, Picnicking



11 Four Mile Trail



Trailhead



ALL SHUTTLES

12 Housekeeping Camp/ Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center



Information, Lodging, Gift and Grocery, Showers, Laundry

14 Curry Village (eastbound)



Lodging, Dining, Gift and Grocery, Amphitheater, Showers



15 Upper Pines Campground



Campground
Less than a 5-minute walk:
Trailhead Parking, Trailhead

16 Happy Isles/Mist Trail



Trailhead, Art & Nature Center



17 Mirror Lake



Trailhead

18 Lower Pines Campground



Campground, Amphitheater

19 Curry Village (Westbound)



Lodging, Dining, Gift and Grocery, Amphitheater, Showers

YARTS

The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) is a public transit system that provides service into Yosemite National Park.

Buses are air-conditioned, bike friendly, wheelchair accessible, and equipped for rider comfort. Save gas, save time, save money, by taking YARTS!



For more information, bus schedules, and tickets, visit www.YARTS.com or call 877/989-2787.

Travel Recommendations

- Bring plenty of food and water for potential delays and stop and use restrooms when available.
- Park your vehicle for the duration of your stay. Driving from site to site increases traffic congestion and can cause frustration for you and your passengers.
- Ride the free shuttle buses to enjoy Yosemite Valley most easily once parked.
- Arrive early and stay late, and visit Yosemite during the week.
- Enjoy the entire Yosemite region—consider visiting gateway communities such as Mariposa, Groveland, Lee Vining, and Oakhurst.
- Ride a YARTS bus to enter the park.



Events & Programs

Programs in Yosemite Valley

TIME	PROGRAM	FEE?	HOSTED BY	DURATION	DAYS OFFERED
8:30 am	Adventure Hike: El Capitan Loop Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com. Meet at Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater. Ages 12 & up.	\$	YH	8 hrs	Sun
8:30 am	Adventure Hike: Nevada Fall Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com. Meet at Yosemite Mountaineering School in Curry Village. Ages 12 & up.	\$	YH	8 hrs	Tues & Fri
9 am	Discovery Hike: Vernal Fall Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com. Meet at Yosemite Mountaineering School in Curry Village. Ages 12 & up.	\$	YH	4 hrs	Thurs
9 am	Bike to Hike Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com. Meet at Curry Village Bike Stand.	\$	YH	3 hrs	Mon, Wed, Sat
9 am	Art Class Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for art classes, such as mosaics, colored pencils, and watercolors. Register at Yosemite.org/art.	\$	YC	4 hrs	Mon – Fri
9 am	The Ansel Adams Gallery Photography Walk Space is extremely limited, reserve in advance at AnselAdams.com or by calling 209/372-4413. Reservations open three days in advance.		TAAG	1.5 hrs	Tues & Thurs
9 am	In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography Space is limited, reserve in advance at anseladams.com or by calling 209/372-4413.	\$	TAAG	3 hrs	Wed
10 am	Jr. Ranger Walk Meet at Shuttle Stop 6 for an easy walk with kid-focused activities related to Yosemite. All children must be accompanied by an adult.		NPS	1 hr	Daily except 9/25 & 9/26
12:30 pm	Ask-a-Climber Come join Climbing Rangers in El Cap Meadow to view rock climbers in action on the Big Stone (telescopes provided) and ask all of your climbing-related questions.		NPS	4 hrs	Daily starting 9/4
1 pm	Discovery Hike: Mirror Lake Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com. Meet at Ahwahnee Front Desk. Ages 12 & up.	\$	YH	4 hrs	Wed & Sat
1 pm	Discovery Hike: Vernal Fall Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com. Meet at Yosemite Mountaineering School in Curry Village. Ages 12 & up.	\$	YH	4 hrs	Mon
1 pm	In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Space is limited, reserve in advance at AnselAdams.com or by calling 209/372-4413.	\$	TAAG	4 hrs	Mon
1 pm	Ansel Adams's Legacy and Your Digital Camera Space is limited, reserve in advance at AnselAdams.com or by calling 209/372-4413.	\$	TAAG	4 hrs	Thurs
1 pm	In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography Space is limited, reserve in advance at AnselAdams.com or by calling 209/372-4413.	\$	TAAG	3 hrs	Sat
2 pm	Climbing Interpretive Walk Join a Climbing Ranger for a short walk from El Cap Meadow to the base of El Capitan, learning about climbing history and techniques along the way. Meet at El Capitan Meadow near Shuttle Stop 9.		NPS	2 hrs	Sun until 9/3
2 pm	Bike to Hike Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com. Meet at Curry Village Bike Stand.	\$	YH	3 hrs	Thurs
2 pm	Curry Village Historic Tour Join us for a free walking tour of Curry Village and learn about its rich history. Meets at the Curry Village Amphitheatre.		YH	1 hr	Daily
2 pm	Ranger Walk: Wild About Bears Learn about bears in Yosemite with a ranger (no bear sightings expected.) Meet at Shuttle Stop 6.		NPS	1.5 hrs	Wed, Fri, Sat
2 pm	Jr. Ranger Discovery Table Drop in between 2 and 4 pm to get started or finish earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Located in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (Shuttle Stop 5).		NPS	2 hrs	Daily except 9/25 & 9/26
2 pm	Paint & Sip Learn the basics of watercolor and create an iconic Yosemite landscape step-by-step. Meet at the Mountain Room Lounge, register in advance at Yosemite.org/art.	\$	YC, YH	2 hrs	Fri
3 pm	Children's Hour Join us for a book reading and activity at the Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (Shuttle Stop 12.) No reservation needed!		YCHC	1 hr	Wednesdays
4 pm	Family Ranger Talk Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center (Shuttle Stop 5).		NPS	15 min	Daily
4:30 pm	Yosemite Nature Notes Short Films: Live with a Yosemite Conservancy Naturalist Enjoy short films from the series <i>Yosemite Nature Notes</i> and a thought-provoking talk by a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist at the Yosemite Valley East Auditorium next to the Theater.		YC	1 hr	Wed – Mon except 9/13 & 9/22
6 pm	Yosemite Valley Sunset Walk Reservations required. Register at Yosemite.org/adventures.	\$	YC	1.5 hrs	Wed – Mon except 9/22
8:30 pm	Yosemite After Dark Explore the enchantment of Yosemite at night! Advanced registration is required. Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com.	\$	YH	1.5 hrs	Nightly
9 pm	Explore Yosemite's Night Sky Reservations required. Register at Yosemite.org/adventures.	\$	YC	2 hrs	Wed – Mon

Programs Near Crane Flat

TIME	PROGRAM	FEE?	HOSTED BY	DURATION	DAYS OFFERED
11 am	Ranger Walk: Tuolumne Grove Meet at the Tuolumne Grove. Allow time to hike one mile from the trailhead to reach the Grove. Total hike is 2.5 mi roundtrip with 500 ft of elevation change.		NPS	45 min	Sun, Mon, Tues starting 9/3
2 pm	Family Ranger Talk Meet at the Tuolumne Grove trailhead.		NPS	15 min	Daily starting 9/1



Programs especially for children and their families

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Programs with a fee

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Yosemite Hospitality

YC

Yosemite Conservancy

TAAG

The Ansel Adams Gallery

YCHC

Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center



Indicates facilities accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. Short, steep inclines may be encountered.





Contact 209/379-5250 (v/txt) to request a sign language interpreter. Advanced notice of two weeks is requested, but not required.














Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advanced request for any public program. Inquire at any visitor center or tour desk.

Visit go.nps.gov/YosemiteCalendar or the NPS app to view the web events calendar. Program offerings are subject to change.





Programs in Wawona & Mariposa Grove

TIME	PROGRAM	FEE?	HOSTED BY	DURATION	DAYS OFFERED
9 am	 Coffee with a Ranger Meet at Pine Tree Market for coffee, a Q&A session, and general park updates with one of our rangers. Drop-ins welcome!		NPS	1 hr	Wed & Sun except 8/30
10 am	Nature Walk: Mariposa Grove Meet at the Mariposa Grove Arrival Area. Allow time to ride the shuttle from the parking area to the grove.		NPS	1.5 hrs	Daily except 8/30
2:30 pm	 Jr. Ranger Walk Meet at the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio. Recommended for ages 4 & up.		NPS	45 min	Daily except 8/30

Programs in Tuolumne Meadows

TIME	PROGRAM	FEE?	HOSTED BY	DURATION	DAYS OFFERED
8:30 am	Bird Walk with a Ranger Easy stroll with a local bird expert. Meet at Lembert Dome parking area. Limited binoculars available.		NPS	2.5 hrs	Wed & Sat until 9/23, except 9/13
9 am	 Climbers Coffee An informal gathering in the Lembert Dome parking lot with the Climbing Management Team, community building through coffee.		NPS	2 hrs	Sun until 9/3
10 am	 Ranger Naturalist Walk to Soda Springs Easy stroll with a park ranger naturalist. Meet at Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Information Station.		NPS	1.5 hrs	Tues, Thurs, Sun until 9/24
10 am	  Storytime with a Ranger Meet at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Information Station.		NPS	30 min	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat until 9/23, except 9/13
12 pm	  15-minute Ranger Talk Meet at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Information Station.		NPS	15 min	Daily until 9/23, except 9/13
3 pm	  15-minute Ranger Talk Meet at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Information Station.		NPS	15 min	Daily until 9/23, except 9/13
6:30 pm	 Sunset-Full Moonrise Meet at Lembert Dome parking area.		NPS	1 hr	8/30 & 9/29 ONLY
8 pm	  Stars Over Mono Lake Explore the night sky at Mono Lake! Dress warm, bring a flashlight and something to sit on. Meet at South Tufa in the Mono Basin.		NPS	1.5 hrs	Mon until 9/4

Special Programs & Events

DATE/TIME	EVENT
Sat, 8/19 to Fri, 8/25	  Yosemite Visions 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. For a schedule of event times and locations, stop by a visitor center, visit go.nps.gov/YosemiteCalendar , or view the events calendar on the NPS App.
Fri, 8/25 to Sun, 8/27	 Obata Art Weekend Celebrate the work and legacy of Chiura Obata, a Japanese American artist most celebrated for his stunning portrayals of Yosemite's high country. Attend free art workshops, demos, programs, and more! Programs offered in Yosemite Valley, presented by YC & NPS. For a schedule of event times and locations, stop by a visitor center, visit go.nps.gov/YosemiteCalendar , or view the events calendar on the NPS App.
Fri, 9/8 8 pm	The Scootcher of a Lifetime Presented Frank Helling, John Muir Interpreter. In one hour, Frank will tell John Muir's life story in character. Hosted by the Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (Shuttle Stop 12).
Fri, 9/15 8 pm	Leave No Trace and How to Utilize the Techniques Presented by Michael Elliott, Leave No Trace Master Educator/Sierra Club member & volunteer. Michael introduces the methods & spirit behind keeping wilderness wild. Hosted by the Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (Shuttle Stop 12).
Fri, 9/22 8 pm	Sierra Nevada Geological Sites Presented by Michael Fuller, PG, CEG, California Geological Survey, Department of Conservation. Come learn about the incredible geology of the Sierra. Hosted by the Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (Shuttle Stop 12).
Sat, 9/23 8 pm	 Ukulele Campfire Sing-along Presented by Elaine Gorman, Linda McFelter, and Julie Ten Brink. Join Linda, Julie, and Elaine for an old-fashioned camp style sing-along. Hosted by the Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (Shuttle Stop 12).

More Activities with Park Partners

Yosemite Conservancy

Join Yosemite Conservancy for a memorable experience in the park! Advanced registration is required for all Outdoor Adventures. Explore our website (Yosemite.org) and follow us on social media to find the latest updates from our team, learn more about our organization, and browse our full program calendar.

Custom Adventures

Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist guide for a customized experience that fits your interests and schedule. Experience the park on personalized day hikes, birding walks, stargazing programs and backpacking trips. Learn more and sign up: Yosemite.org/custom-adventures.

Art Classes

Head to Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for an outdoor workshop with a professional artist, nature journaling strolls, children's art activities, and nature exhibits. Pre-registration is recommended for classes. Open from 9 am to 4 pm.

Yosemite Hospitality

Join a park ranger on an open-air tram for the scenic Valley Floor Tour. Tours offered daily at 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, and twilight. Visit TravelYosemite.com, stop by the tour desk at the Yosemite Valley Lodge, or call **888/413-8869** to book tours and activities.

The Hiker's Bus to Tuolumne Meadows is operating. For more information and to book a ticket, visit TravelYosemite.com.

The Yosemite Mountaineering School offers guided hikes and rock climbing in Yosemite Valley, as conditions allow. Call **209/372-8344** for more information.

In Wawona, join pianist and singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs songs and tells stories from Yosemite's past.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery, located in Yosemite Village, is open daily from 10 am to 5 pm. 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.

Classes require reservations; call **209/372-4413** or visit AnselAdams.com/photography-education.

Exhibitions at the Gallery

On Common Ground: Work by MaryEllen Hackett and Martino Hoss | August 10 to September 16

Sierra Club

The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center is open Wed to Sun, 10 am to 4 pm.

Sierra Club volunteers welcome visitors to explore the exhibits, the natural history library, and the children's corner. For more information, call **209/372-4542** or visit the Sierra Club website: www.sierraclub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center.



Cook's Meadow, Yosemite Valley



Glacier Point

Yosemite Valley

FEATURES	TRAIL/DESTINATION	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE/TIME	STARTING POINT	ELEVATION
	Lower Yosemite Fall	A short trail rewards visitors with views of Upper and Lower Yosemite Falls. This waterfall may be dry in late summer and early fall. Expect lots of spray in spring and early summer.	1.0 mi/1.6 km round-trip, 20 minutes	Shuttle Stop 6	Paved, mostly flat. Take longer loop to the right for a more gentle incline.
	Cook's Meadow Loop	This short loop offers stunning views of Half Dome, Yosemite Falls, and other valley features. Visit in early morning or evening for a chance to see birds and other wildlife.	1.0 mi/1.6 km round-trip, 20 minutes	Shuttle Stop 6	Paved, flat.
	Mirror Lake/Meadow <i>Dry in summer and fall</i>	Take a short walk on the paved bike trail to the front of the lake, at the base of Half Dome. Continue on the hiking trail for a longer loop.	2 mi/3.2 km round-trip, 1 hour -OR- 5 miles/8 km, 2 hours	Shuttle Stop 17	First section is paved, with some moderate incline.
	Columbia Rock via Yosemite Falls Trail	Hike the first mile of the Yosemite Falls Trail for views of Yosemite Valley from Columbia Rock. Be prepared for dozens of switchbacks.	2 mi/3.2 km round-trip, 2 to 3 hours	Camp 4, Shuttle Stop 7	Steep and rugged; 1,000-foot elevation gain
	Yosemite Falls Trail	This trail leads to the top of North America's tallest waterfall. The upper half of the trail is steep and rocky, but the arduous climb is worth it for the amazing views.	7.2 mi/11.6 km round-trip, 6 to 8 hours	Camp 4, Shuttle Stop 7	Steep and rugged; 2,700-foot elevation gain
	Vernal Fall Footbridge	Hike the first section of the Mist Trail. Enjoy an excellent view of Vernal Fall from the footbridge.	1.6 mi/2.6 km round-trip, 1 to 2 hours	Happy Isles, Shuttle Stop 16	Paved but steep; 400-foot elevation gain
	Top of Vernal Fall	Continue past the footbridge and follow the Mist Trail up a steep granite stairway. <i>This section is closed for trail work M-Th, 7 am to 3:30 pm. A detour is available via the John Muir Trail.</i>	3 mi/4.8 km round-trip, 2 to 4 hours	Happy Isles, Shuttle Stop 16	Strenuous; 1,000-foot elevation gain
	Top of Nevada Fall	Continue past the top of Vernal Fall to the top of Nevada Fall. Return the same way or via the John Muir Trail.	5 mi/8 km round-trip, 5 to 6 hours	Happy Isles, Shuttle Stop 16	Strenuous; 1,900-foot elevation gain
	Valley Floor Loop Trail	A grand tour of the valley, this trail takes you through picturesque meadows, talus slopes at the base of granite cliffs, and near the Merced River.	13 mi/21 km full loop, 5 to 7 hours full loop	Lower Yosemite Fall, Shuttle Stop 6	Mostly flat, with some gentle incline.
	Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point	Hike this strenuous but rewarding trail for outstanding views of Yosemite Valley below. Allow time to hike back down—there is no shuttle to return you to Yosemite Valley.	4.8 mi/7.7 km one-way, 3 to 4 hours one-way	Shuttle Stop 11	Very Strenuous; 3,200-foot elevation gain

Waterfall Scenic Views Lake One Hour or Less Wheelchair Accessible

Wilderness Permits

Wilderness permits are required year-round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness. All trailhead quotas will be available online in advance for the 2023 hiking season.

Visit [go.nps.gov/wildpermits](https://www.nps.gov/wildpermits) to learn how to get a permit this spring—or to plan for the summer ahead.

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

Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center
8 am to 5 pm daily.

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio
8 am to 5 pm daily.

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

Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station
8 am to 5 pm daily.

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center
8 am to 5 pm

Half Dome Permits

Permits are required 7 days a week when the cables are up, typically from late May to mid-October, conditions permitting.

Permits are available by pre-season and daily lotteries (*online only*) through Recreation.gov. More information is available at [go.nps.gov/hdpermits](https://www.nps.gov/hdpermits).

For backpackers wanting to climb Half Dome as part of a wilderness trip, information can be found at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm



Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias



Tuolumne Meadows

Hetch Hetchy

FEATURES	TRAIL/DESTINATION	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE/TIME	STARTING POINT	ELEVATION
	Wapama Falls	This hike follows the shoreline of the reservoir to the base of Wapama Falls. The Wapama Falls footbridge can sometimes close when water levels are too high.	5 mi/8 km round trip, 2 to 4 hours	Begin at O'Shaughnessy Dam	1,000-foot elevation gain

Wawona

	Wawona Meadow Loop	A relaxing and scenic stroll, this trail offers views across Wawona Basin and opportunities to see wildlife. Bikes and leashed pets are allowed.	3.5 mi/5.6 km round-trip 1.5 to 2 hours	Begin across the street from Wawona Hotel	Mostly flat, unpaved
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Giant Sequoia Groves

	Tuolumne Grove Trail	Follow the Old Big Oak Flat Road—one of the first roads into Yosemite Valley—down through sugar pines and white firs to the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias.	2.5 mi/4 km round-trip, 1 to 2 hours	Begin at Tuolumne Grove parking lot at Crane Flat on Tioga Road	500-foot elevation gain
	Merced Grove Trail	<i>The Merced Grove is closed starting July 10 for restoration. For more information on this project, please visit go.nps.gov/biomass.</i>			
	Mariposa Grove—Big Trees Loop Trail	Winding through a forest with many giant sequoias, this trail features the Fallen Monarch and interpretive panels on the life and ecology of giant sequoias.	0.3 mi/.5 km loop, 30 to 45 minutes	Begin at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area	Mostly flat, wheelchair accessible
	Mariposa Grove—Grizzly Giant Loop Trail	Hike past notable trees such as the Bachelor and Three Graces, the Grizzly Giant, and California Tunnel Tree.	2.1 mi/3.4 km round-trip, 1.5 to 2 hours	Begin at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area	300-foot elevation gain

Stop by a visitor center to pick up trail maps and information, including trails along Tioga Road and Glacier Point Road not listed here. Turn to page 2 for visitor center locations and hours.

Safety Information



Preventing Dehydration

Carry plenty of water for your hike. Prevent dehydration by sipping lots of water throughout your hike and eating salty snacks.



Rivers and Streams

Rivers are surprisingly swift, cold, and dangerous. Stay back from flowing water!



Pets

Pets are not allowed on hiking trails.



Drones

The use of drones within the park boundaries is illegal.



Bicycling

Bicycles are only allowed on paved roads and bike paths.

Bring plenty of water for your entire hike. Drinking water is not available outside of developed areas.

Pack essentials—including a flashlight, sunscreen, weather-appropriate clothing, sturdy footwear, plenty of snacks, and reliable navigation tools.

Stay on established trails.

Know your limits. Choose a trail that is the right fit for everyone in your group, and ensure you have plenty of time to make it back before sunset.

Always leave your travel and hiking plans, including time of return, with a trusted person.

YOU are responsible for your safety.



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1 Yosemite Essentials

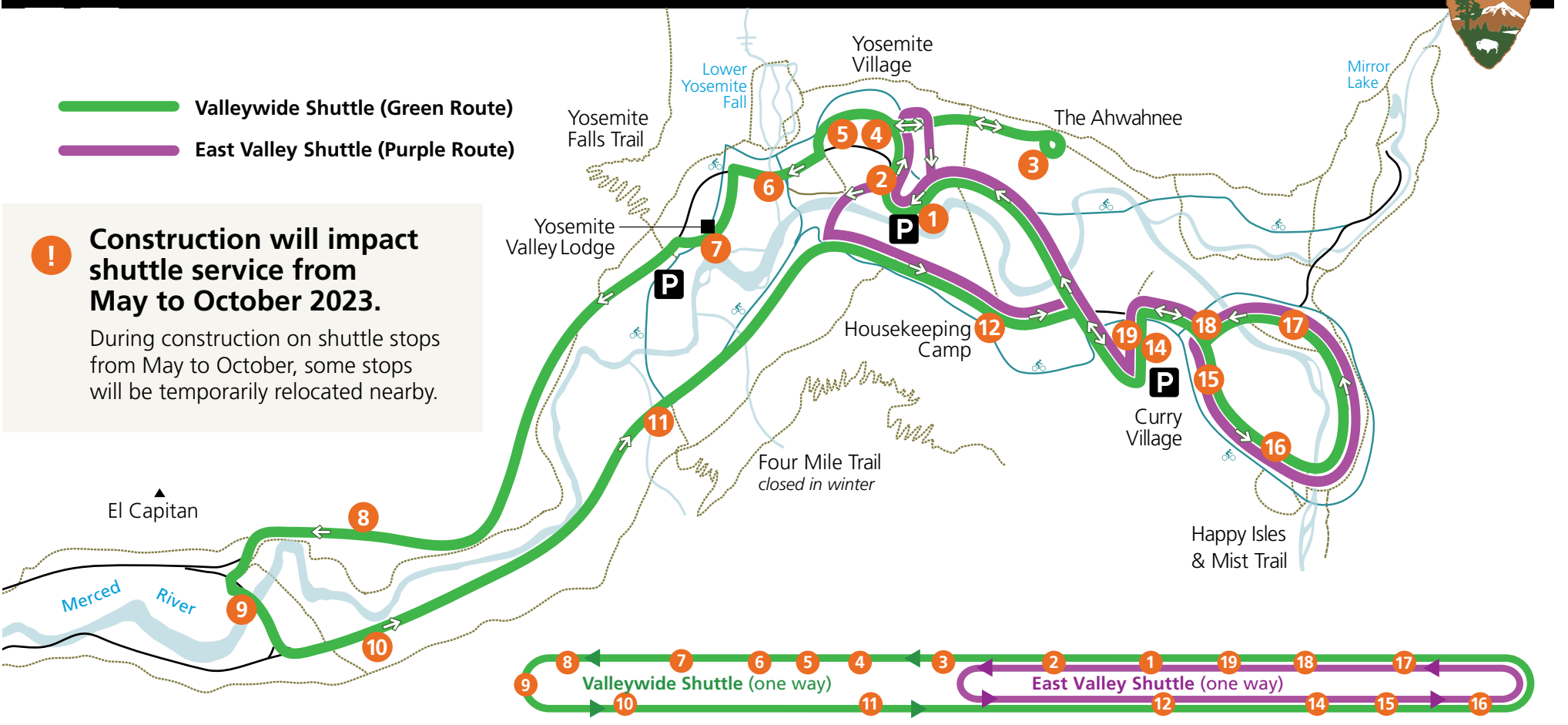


Yosemite Guide

Keep this Guide with you to get the most out of your visit to Yosemite National Park!



Yosemite Valley Shuttle Map Turn to page 6 for more information on this free service.



ALL SHUTTLES	VALLEYWIDE SHUTTLE ONLY	ALL SHUTTLES
1 Yosemite Village Parking	3 The Ahwahnee	12 Housekeeping Camp/ Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center
2 Village Store	4 Degnan's Kitchen	14 Curry Village (eastbound)
	5 Visitor Center & Museum	15 Upper Pines Campground
	6 Lower Yosemite Fall	16 Happy Isles/ Mist Trail
	7 Yosemite Valley Lodge/ Yosemite Falls Parking	17 Mirror Lake
	8 El Capitan Picnic Area	18 Lower Pines Campground
	9 El Capitan Meadow	19 Curry Village (Westbound)
	10 Cathedral Beach	
	11 Four Mile Trail	