



# What You Need to Know



## Tire Chains May be Required, Even in Spring

Snowy weather and icy road conditions can persist into early Spring. Tire chain requirements are strictly enforced. For updated road conditions for Yosemite National Park, call 209/372-0200 (1,1). Signs will indicate when chains are required.



**R1** All vehicles without mud and snow tires are required to install chains/cables. All vehicles must still carry chains.

**R2** Chains/cables must be installed on ALL vehicles except 4-wheel/all-wheel drive vehicles with mud and snow tires.

**R3** ALL vehicles are required to install chains/cables. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Emergency chains are not acceptable. Learn more at [go.nps.gov/chains](http://go.nps.gov/chains)

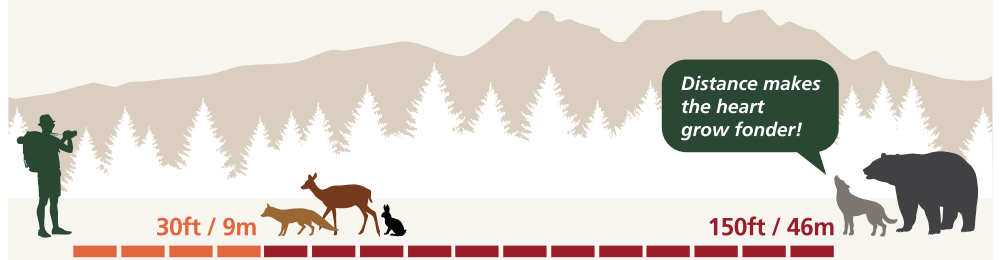
## Protect Wildlife—and Yourself

### Speeding Kills Bears

Being hit by a car is the most common human-related cause of death for black bears in Yosemite. Slow down! Driving too fast is almost always the reason for these accidental deaths.

### View Wildlife from a Safe Distance

Never approach or feed any animal. Not only is it illegal, it is dangerous for both to you and the animal. Wild animals in Yosemite can transmit diseases, including plague, rabies, and hantavirus. For more information staying safe in Yosemite, visit [go.nps.gov/yosafety](http://go.nps.gov/yosafety).



## Entering a National Park



Yosemite is a place where wilderness prevails. Prepare yourself for a wild experience. 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. Please be attentive to the regulations in place to protect park resources and those designed for your safety.

### Fire – Police – Medical Emergency

Call or text 911 for emergencies.

Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley): Open Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm. Walk-ins from 1pm to 3:30 pm. Phone: 209/372-4637

### Road, Weather, and Park Information

Check road updates: 209/372-0200

### Yosemite Village Garage

Offers 24-hour emergency roadside assistance and propane service until 4:30pm. NO gas is available here. Phone: 209/372-1060

### 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, or view online at [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm](http://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.

### Lose Something in Yosemite?

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.

Visitors to Yosemite are the park's most important guardians. During your visit, please contact a park official if you see any of the following:

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



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

### Food Storage

Help keep wildlife wild. Never intentionally feed any wild animal in Yosemite. Avoid unintentionally sharing your food by properly storing it. Improper food storage harms wildlife and can result in significant property damage and 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 approved 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](http://www.KeepBearsWild.org)

**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.

## Where is My Pet Allowed in Yosemite?



Pets are allowed in developed areas, on fully paved roads, sidewalks, and bicycle paths (except when signed as not allowing 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



Keep in Touch

[www.nps.gov/yose](http://www.nps.gov/yose)

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Enjoy your visit!





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

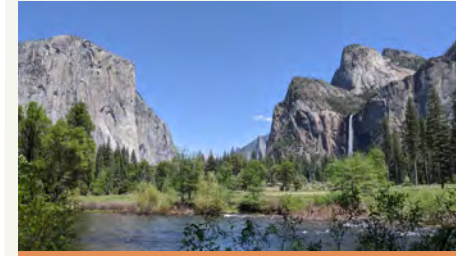
## Visitor Centers



Yosemite Valley Visitor Center

Maximize your time in Yosemite by reading this Guide and bringing any questions to the nearest visitor center. Talk to park rangers, view exhibits, and learn more about the park. The visitor centers also feature Yosemite Conservancy bookstores, where you can find books, maps, and other souvenir items.

- Yosemite Valley Visitor Center** // 9am to 5pm, open year-round
- Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center** // closed for the season
- Big Oak Flat Information Station** // closed for the season
- Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio** // closed for the season



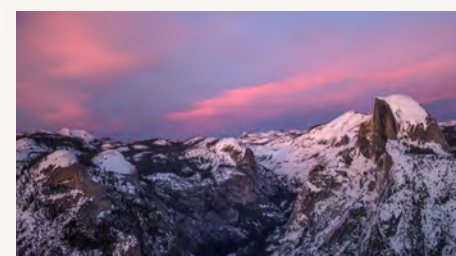
### Yosemite Valley



Yosemite Valley is open year-round. Known for its towering granite walls and features like El Capitan and Half Dome, the valley is alive in spring with numerous roaring waterfalls. The valley is one of the park's most accessible areas for hikers this time of year, though snow and ice may still be present on trails. Enjoy a variety of other activities as well, including bicycling, exhibits, guided walks, and art and photography classes. Valley services are listed on page 4, and programs are listed on page 8.

#### Road Conditions

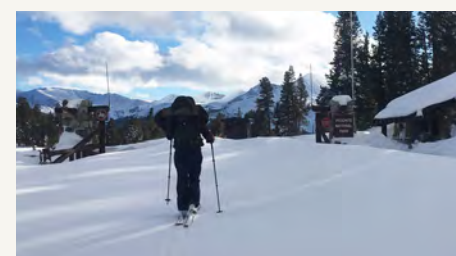
Traffic congestion is common in Yosemite Valley, especially during spring and summer and on weekends. Arrive early in the morning to find parking, then take advantage of the valley's free shuttles to spend more time enjoying the park. A map of the shuttle system can be found on pages 6 and 7.



### Glacier Point Road

#### Road Conditions

The Glacier Point Road is closed in winter and early spring. The road is open only to Badger Pass when the ski area is operating.



### Tuolumne Meadows & Tioga Road

#### Road Conditions

Closed for the season. Due to its high elevation, Tioga Road is closed each year from approximately November through May. In years with very heavy snowfall, the road has re-opened as late as June. Check the park website and social media channels for updates.



### Wawona & Mariposa Grove



Located near the park's South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove is the largest sequoia grove in Yosemite and is home to over 500 mature giant sequoias.

Park at the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza and hike up the road to the grove (two miles each way, with 500 feet of elevation gain.) The road and trails may be snowy and icy, even in spring. When conditions allow, a free shuttle runs from the Welcome Plaza to the grove. Check the park website for updates on shuttle service.

The Wawona Visitor Center remains closed for the season. Open year-round, the Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite.

**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 you reach the park's South Entrance.

#### Road Conditions

Wawona Road (Hwy 41) remains open year-round.



### Badger Pass Ski Area



April 2 is the final scheduled day of operation for Badger Pass Ski Area in 2023.

Enjoy a day on the slopes at Badger Pass Ski Area. Recorded information about winter sports and conditions is available by calling 209/372-1000.

**Distance from Yosemite Valley**  
20 mi/32 km (45 minutes)

#### Directions

From Yosemite Valley, take Wawona Road (Hwy 41) to Badger Pass Road Junction.

#### Road Conditions

The road is open only to the ski area while Badger Pass is operating.



### Hetch Hetchy



Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the City of San Francisco, is home to spectacular scenery and offers many wilderness trails. The area's low elevation makes it a good place to hike in autumn, winter, and spring, and very hot for hiking in the summer.

**Distance from Yosemite Valley**  
40 mi/64 km (1 1/2 hours)

#### Directions

From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy 120) to Evergreen Road, then turn right.

#### Road Conditions

Vehicles and/or trailers over 25 feet long and 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road. The road is open from 8am to 5pm.



### Crane Flat & Tuolumne Grove



Visit sequoia groves north of Yosemite Valley that are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but typically quieter. Park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area located on Tioga Road, and hike one steep mile down to the grove.

Or, park at Merced Grove trailhead and hike two steep miles down to the grove. Remember, the walk down is easier than the walk up. Bring water. Trails may be snowy or icy even in spring.

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

#### Directions

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

#### Road Conditions

Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy 120 W) remains open year-round.

- Lodging
- Dining
- Information
- Picnicking
- Camping
- Hiking
- Scenic Views
- Gas Station



Photo by Christine W Loberg

## What Should I Do in Yosemite? A Ranger Recommends:

### If you're visiting Yosemite for half a day:

Take a scenic stroll around one of Yosemite Valley's meadows. Stop at Tunnel View, El Capitan Meadow, and Valley View for scenic viewpoints.

### If you're visiting Yosemite for a full day:

- Take a scenic hike to Mirror Lake or Vernal Fall.
- Take a Yosemite Valley Floor Tour (see page 9.)
- Rent a bicycle and enjoy a scenic ride around the valley's bike paths.
- Attend a guided walk or photography class. (see page 8 for a program schedule.)

### If you're visiting Yosemite for two or more days:

- Visit a sequoia grove at Mariposa Grove, Tuolumne Grove, or Merced Grove. Snowshoes recommended (depending on conditions.)
- Visit the Yosemite History Center in Wawona.
- Visit the dam at Hetch Hetchy. Hike along the reservoir to Wapama Falls.

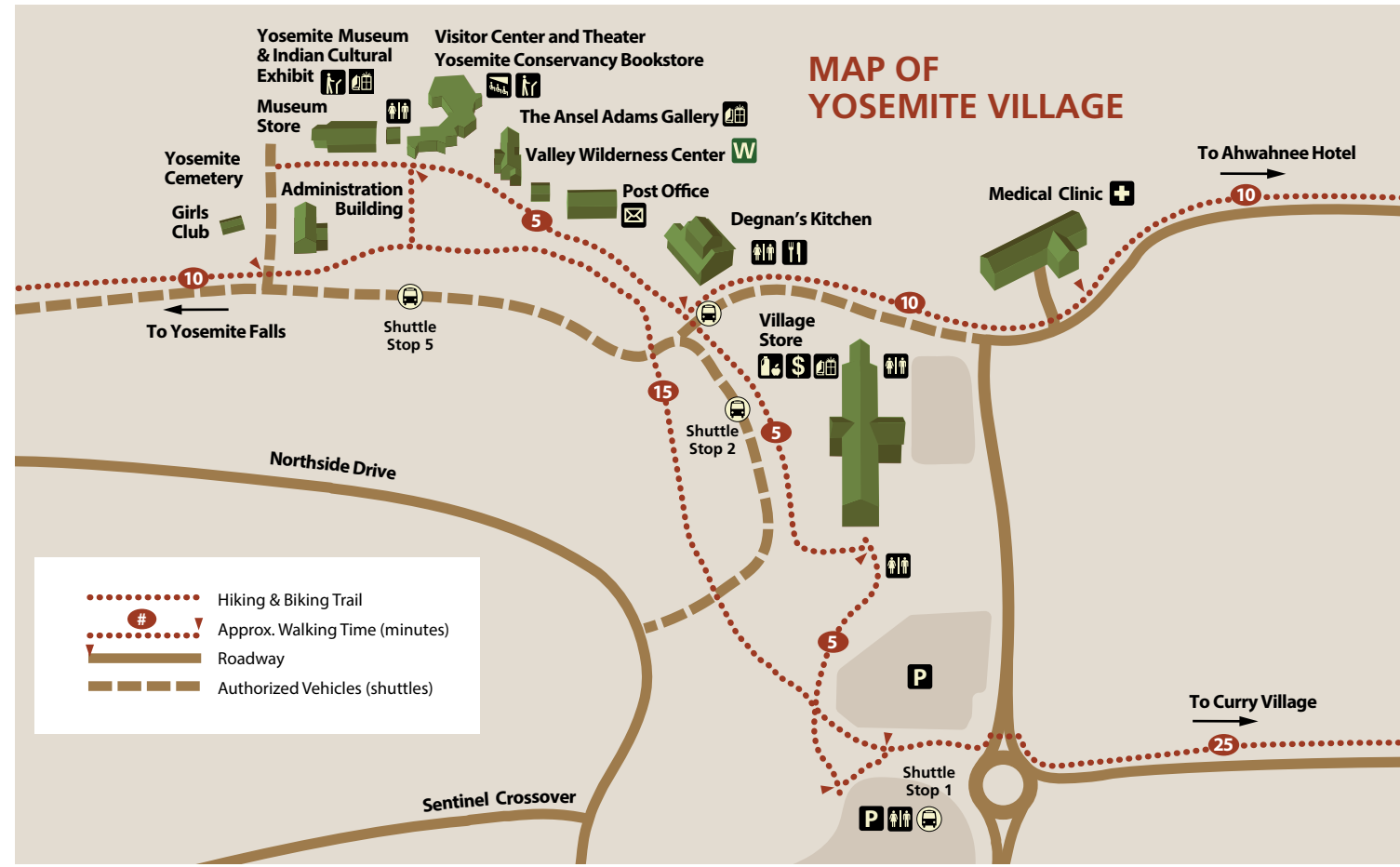


## Visiting Yosemite with kids?

Pick up a Junior Ranger booklet at any open visitor center. Complete the activities to earn a junior ranger badge!



Due to severe impacts from historic winter storms, seasonal opening dates and operating hours are subject to change.



### 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.

The Ahwahnee dining room will remain closed through April, and dinner will be served in the Great Lounge. Scaffolding and construction noise may be present during parts of the rehabilitation project.



## YOSEMITE VALLEY

### FOOD & BEVERAGE

#### YOSEMITE VILLAGE

**Degnan's Kitchen**  
Breakfast: 7am to 11am  
Lunch: 11:30am to 6pm

#### Village Grill

Opens March 30  
11:00am to 6pm

#### THE AHWAHNEE

Hours subject to change

#### Coffee Bar

7am to 10am  
6:30 to 10:30 am starting April 3

#### Breakfast

7am to 10am

#### Dinner

5:30pm to 9pm  
Appropriate attire respectfully required for dinner. Dinner reservations strongly recommended. 209/372-1489 or visit [www.opentable.com](http://www.opentable.com)

#### The Ahwahnee Bar

11:00am to 9pm  
11:30am to 10pm starting April 3

#### YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

##### Base Camp Eatery

Breakfast: 6:30am to 10:45am  
Lunch/Dinner: 11am to 9pm

##### Mountain Room Lounge

Mon - Fri: 4:30pm to 10pm  
Sat - Sun: 12pm to 10pm

##### Mountain Room Restaurant

Dinner: 5pm to 10pm  
Last seating at 9:30pm.  
Reservations recommended.  
Visit [www.opentable.com](http://www.opentable.com)

#### CURRY VILLAGE

##### Peet's Coffee Corner

Opens April 5  
6am to 2pm

##### Seven Tents Pavilion

Opens April 5  
Breakfast: 7am to 10am  
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm

##### Curry Village Bar 1899

Opens April 5  
11:30am to 10pm

##### Meadow Grill

Opens April 14  
11 am to 5pm

##### Pizza Deck

Opens April 5  
11am to 10pm

### INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

#### Yosemite Valley Visitor Center

9am to 5pm  
Hours may change due to limited staffing.

#### Yosemite Museum

10am to 4pm  
May be closed due to limited staffing.

#### Wilderness Center

Opens April 28  
8am to 5pm

#### Happy Isles Art & Nature Center

Opens April 3  
9am to 4pm, may close for lunch

#### Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

Opens May 3  
Wed - Sun: 10am to 4pm

### AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES

#### Yosemite Village Garage

24-hour roadside assistance  
No gas available in Yosemite Valley.

### BOOKS, GIFTS, GEAR, & GROCERIES

#### YOSEMITE VILLAGE

**The Ansel Adams Gallery**  
10am to 3pm, may close for lunch  
9am to 5pm starting April 1

#### Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore

at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center  
9am to 5pm

#### Yosemite Museum Store

10am to 4pm, closed for lunch

#### Village Store

8am to 9pm  
8am to 10pm starting April 21

#### THE AHWAHNEE

Hours subject to change

#### Gift Shop

8am to 8pm  
8 am to 9pm starting April 2

#### Sweet Shop

7am to 9pm  
7 am to 10pm starting April 2

#### YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

##### Gift & Grocery

8am to 10pm

#### CURRY VILLAGE

##### Mountain Shop

8am to 8pm

##### Gift & Grocery

8am to 8pm  
8am to 10 pm starting April 6

#### HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

##### Store

Opens April 28  
8am to 8pm

### POST OFFICE

#### Yosemite Village Post Office

Mon - Fri: 8:30am to 5pm  
Sat: 10am to noon

### TOURS & ACTIVITIES

#### YOSEMITE VILLAGE

**Tour and Activity Kiosk**  
Closed for the season.

#### Bike Rentals

Opens May 24

#### YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

##### Tour and Activity Desk

7:30am to 3pm  
7:30am to 7pm starting April 7

##### Bike Rentals

Opens April 7, conditions permitting  
8am to 7pm

#### CURRY VILLAGE

##### Tour and Activity Kiosk

Opens April 7  
7:30 am to 3:30pm

##### Mountaineering School

Opens April 10  
8:30am to 12pm, 1pm to 4:30pm

##### Bike Rentals

Opens April 7, conditions permitting  
8am to 7pm

### SHOWERS & LAUNDRY

#### HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

Opens April 28

##### Laundry

8am to 10pm

##### Showers

7am to 10pm

#### CURRY VILLAGE

Opens April 5

##### Showers

24 hours

### WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

### FOOD & BEVERAGE

#### Wawona Hotel Dining Room

Opens April 4  
Breakfast: 7am to 10am  
Lunch: 11am to 3pm  
Dinner: 5pm to 9pm  
Lounge Service: 5pm to 9:30pm

#### Golf Shop & Snack Stand

Opens May 19, conditions permitting

### INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

#### Wawona Visitor Center

Closed for the season.

#### Yosemite History Center

Open daily

### BOOKS, GIFTS, GEAR, & GROCERIES

#### Wawona Store & Pioneer

Gift Shop  
8am to 8pm

#### Pine Tree Market

8am to 8pm

#### Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore

at Wawona Visitor Center

Closed for the season.

#### Yosemite Conservancy Depot at

Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza

Opens April 1, conditions permitting  
9am to 5pm

### POST OFFICE

#### Wawona Post Office

Monday - Friday: 9am to 1pm  
Saturday: 9am to noon

### ACTIVITIES

#### Golf Course & Disc Golf

Opens May 19, conditions permitting

#### Tennis Courts

8am to Dusk

### GAS STATION

#### Wawona Service Station

9am to 6pm  
Diesel & propane available. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

### BADGER PASS SKI AREA

### LAST SCHEDULED DAY OF OPERATION APRIL 2

### FOOD & BEVERAGE

Conditions permitting

#### Skiers Grill (downstairs)

8am to 4 pm

#### Snowflake Room (upstairs)

Fri: 12pm to 4 pm  
Sat & Sun: 10am to 4 pm

### GEAR AND APPAREL

Conditions permitting

#### Sport Shop

9am to 4pm

### ACTIVITIES

Conditions permitting

#### Lift Operation

9am to 4pm

#### Lift Tickets

8:30am to 4pm

#### Ski School Desk

8:30am to 4pm

#### Tubing

11am to 1pm & 2pm to 4pm

#### Rental Shop

8:30am to 4:30pm

#### Cross Country Ski Center

8:30am to 4:30pm

### GLACIER POINT

Closed for the season.

### TUOLUMNE MEADOWS & TIOGA ROAD

Closed for the season.

### CRANE FLAT & BIG OAK FLAT

### GAS STATION

#### Crane Flat Service Station

Store is closed. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

### INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

#### Big Oak Flat Information Center

Closed for the season.

### BOOKS & GIFTS

#### Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore

at Big Oak Flat Information Station  
Closed for the season.

### EL PORTAL

### FOOD & BEVERAGE

#### El Portal Market

9am to 7pm

### GAS STATION

#### El Portal Service Station

8am to 5pm  
24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Brent Moore,  
Resident Minister  
209/372-4831  
[www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org](http://www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org)

**CHAPEL SERVICES**  
Sundays at 9:15am

### EASTER WEEK SERVICES

#### Maudy Thursday Service

April 6, 7pm

#### Good Friday Service

April 7, 7pm

#### Easter Sunday Service

April 9  
Lower Pines Amphitheater, 7am  
Chapel, 9:15am & 11am

### MARRIAGE RENEWAL SUNDAY

May 7, 9:15am & 11am

### CAMPING & LODGING: HOW TO SPEND THE NIGHT IN YOSEMITE

### CAMPING

Camping in spring is very limited. Reservations are available several months in advance and are strongly recommended.

Visit [go.nps.gov/campground](http://go.nps.gov/campground) for more information and a schedule of reservation release dates.

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

### OPEN CAMPGROUNDS

Conditions permitting

#### Camp 4

First-come, first-served, tent camping only, no pets

#### Upper Pines

By reservation only

### CAMPGROUNDS TENTATIVELY OPENING IN APRIL

Conditions permitting

#### Hodgdon Meadow

April 10, by reservation only

#### Wawona

April 10, by reservation only

#### North Pines

April 17, by reservation only

#### Lower Pines

April 24, by reservation only

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](http://www.travelyosemite.com) or by calling 888/413-8869.

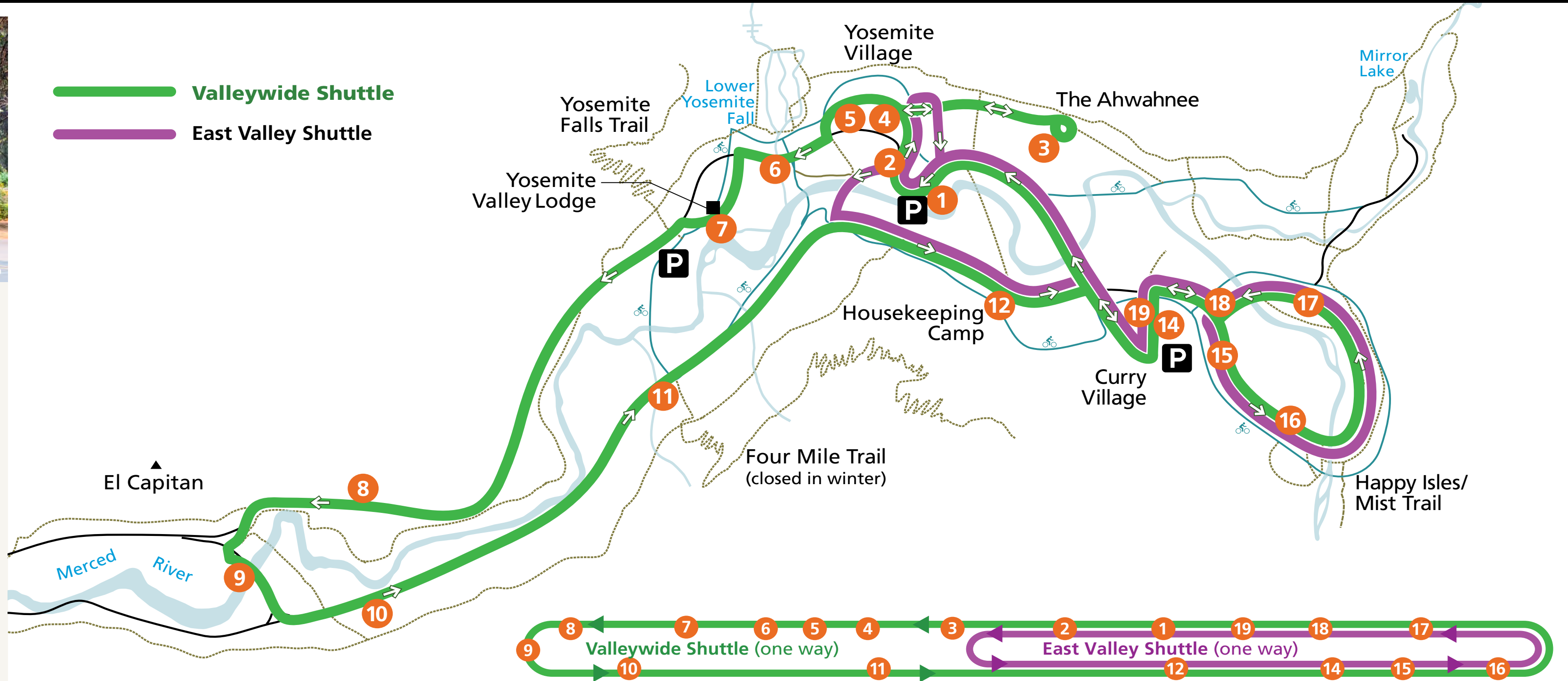


# Yosemite Valley Shuttle System



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- Valleywide Shuttle
- East Valley Shuttle



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

### Valleywide Shuttle

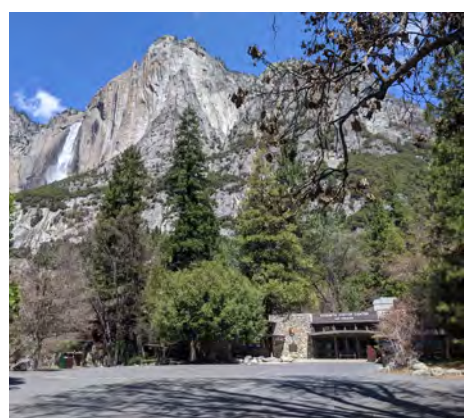
Serves ALL stops.  
Runs approximately every 22 to 32 minutes with a total round-trip time of 1 hour and 30 minutes.

### East Valley Shuttle

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

Expect delays during busy periods. See schedules posted at shuttle stops for more information.

## ALL SHUTTLES



### 1 Yosemite Village Parking

**P** 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

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

### 3 The Ahwahnee

**I** Lodging, Dining, Gift Shop

### 4 Degnan's Kitchen

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



### 5 Visitor Center & Museum

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

## VALLEYWIDE SHUTTLE ONLY

### 6 Lower Yosemite Fall

**I** Trailhead, Picnic Area, Scenic View



### 7 Yosemite Valley Lodge/Yosemite Falls Parking

**P** Dining, Gift and Grocery, Trailhead

### 8 El Capitan Picnic Area

**I** Scenic View, Picnicking

### 9 El Capitan Meadow

**I** Scenic View

### 10 Cathedral Beach

**I** Scenic View



### 11 Four Mile Trail

**I** Trailhead

## ALL SHUTTLES

### 12 Housekeeping Camp/Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

**I** Information, Lodging, Gift and Grocery, Showers, Laundry

### 14 Curry Village (eastbound)

**I** Lodging, Dining, Gift and Grocery, Amphitheater, Showers



### 15 Upper Pines Campground

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

### 16 Happy Isles/Mist Trail

**I** Trailhead, Art & Nature Center



### 17 Mirror Lake

**I** Trailhead

### 18 Lower Pines Campground

**I** Campground, Amphitheater

### 19 Curry Village (Westbound)

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

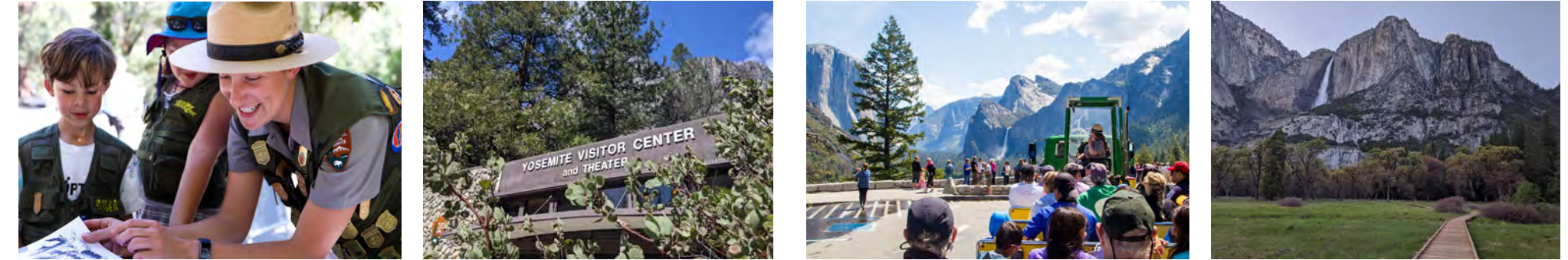
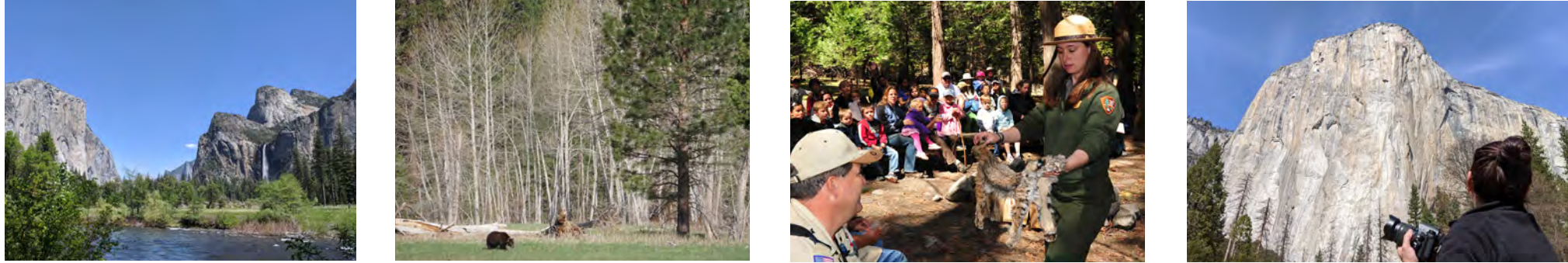
## Travel Recommendations

- I** Bring plenty of food and water for potential delays and stop and use restrooms when available.
- P** 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.
- I** Ride the free shuttle buses to enjoy Yosemite Valley most easily once parked.
- I** Arrive early and stay late, and visit Yosemite during the week.
- I** Enjoy the entire Yosemite region—consider visiting gateway communities such as Mariposa, Groveland, Lee Vining, and Oakhurst.
- I** Ride a YARTS bus to enter the park.



# Events and Programs

Go to [www.nps.gov/yose](http://www.nps.gov/yose) or the park app to see the web events calendar for more program information. Program offerings and hours are subject to change.



## Weekly Schedule of Programs

TIME	PROGRAM	DURATION	EXCEPTIONS	LOCATION	SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
8:30am	<b>Birding in Yosemite Valley</b> Reservations required. Register at <a href="http://yosemite.org/adventures">yosemite.org/adventures</a> . \$ (YC)	2 hrs		Yosemite Valley		●		●			
9am	<b>Art Class</b> Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for art classes, such as mosaics, colored pencils, and watercolors. Register at <a href="http://Yosemite.org/art">Yosemite.org/art</a> . \$ (YC)	4 hrs	Begins April 10	Yosemite Valley		●	●	●	●	●	
9am	<b>The Ansel Adams Gallery Camera Walk</b> Space is extremely limited, reserve in advance at <a href="http://anseladams.com">anseladams.com</a> or by calling 209/372-4413. (TAAG)	1.5 hrs	Excludes March 30	Yosemite Valley			●		●		
9am	<b>In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography</b> Space is limited, reserve in advance at <a href="http://anseladams.com">anseladams.com</a> or by calling 209/372-4413. \$ (TAAG)	3 hrs		Yosemite Valley				●			
1pm	<b>Birding and Wildlife Walk in Yosemite Valley</b> Reservations required. Register at <a href="http://Yosemite.org/adventures">Yosemite.org/adventures</a> . \$ (YC)	2 hrs		Yosemite Valley		●		●			
1pm	<b>In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams</b> Space is limited, reserve in advance at <a href="http://anseladams.com">anseladams.com</a> or by calling 209/372-4413. \$ (TAAG)	4 hrs		Yosemite Valley		●					
1pm	<b>Ansel Adams's Legacy and Your Digital Camera</b> Space is limited, reserve in advance at <a href="http://anseladams.com">anseladams.com</a> or by calling 209/372-4413. \$ (TAAG)	4 hrs		Yosemite Valley					●		
1pm	<b>In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography</b> Space is limited, reserve in advance at <a href="http://anseladams.com">anseladams.com</a> or by calling 209/372-4413. \$ (TAAG)	3 hrs		Yosemite Valley							●
2pm	<b>Family Ranger Talk</b> Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center (NPS)	15min		Yosemite Valley	●			●		●	●
5pm	<b>Yosemite Valley Sunset Walk</b> Reservations required. Register at <a href="http://Yosemite.org/adventures">Yosemite.org/adventures</a> . \$ (YC)	2 hrs		Yosemite Valley					●	●	●
8pm	<b>Explore Yosemite's Night Sky</b> Reservations required. Register at <a href="http://Yosemite.org/adventures">Yosemite.org/adventures</a> . \$ (YC)	2 hrs		Yosemite Valley					●	●	●

- Programs especially for children and their families
- Programs are offered on marked days
- NPS National Park Service
- YC Yosemite Conservancy
- YH Yosemite Hospitality
- SC Sierra Club
- TAAG The Ansel Adams Gallery
- \$ Programs with a fee

## Program Accessibility

- 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.

### Yosemite Valley

Stop by the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center to ask a ranger your questions, become a Junior Ranger, explore exhibits, and find park resources. The visitor center is open daily from 9am to 5pm.

Visit the Yosemite Valley Theater to watch *The Spirit of Yosemite*. Showings are on the hour and half-hour between 9:30am and 4pm (first showing at 12pm on Sundays.) Showings may be impacted from April 21 to 23 due to special events.

Nearby, the Yosemite Museum, open from 10 am to 4 pm (closed for lunch), shares stories from the park's tribal partners.

All hours subject to change due to limited staffing.

### Wawona & Mariposa Grove

Visit the Yosemite History Center and experience life in the early days of Yosemite National Park. Take a self-guided tour of the area.

Park at the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza and hike to the grove (2 miles each way, with 500 feet of elevation gain.) Snow and ice may be present on the road and trails. Starting in spring, when conditions allow, a free shuttle runs from the Welcome Plaza to the grove. Check the park website for updates on shuttle service to the grove.

### Hodgdon Meadow & Crane Flat

The Big Oak Flat Information Station, including the bookstore, is closed for the season.

### Glacier Point

The Glacier Point Road is closed for the season.

The final scheduled day of operation for the Badger Pass Ski Area is April 2.

### Tuolumne Meadows & Tioga Road

Tioga Road is closed for the season.

Due to its high elevation, Tioga Road is closed each year from approximately November through May. In years with very heavy snowfall, the road has re-opened as late as June. Check the park website and social media channels for updates.

### Hetch Hetchy

Open daily from 8 am to 5 pm.

## Special Programs & Events

EVENT	DATE & TIME	LOCATION
<b>Yosemite Earth Day Festival</b> Come celebrate our natural resources at this fun annual event! A variety of booths offer art, education, and activities for all ages. Learn about ways we're protecting Yosemite for future generations—and what you can do to help!	Saturday, April 22 from 10am to 2pm	Outside the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (Shuttle stop 2, 4, or 5)
<b>Shakespeare in Yosemite: <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> in Yosemite</b> This Earth Day weekend, Shakespeare in Yosemite returns to the Curry Village Amphitheater for free, live performances of a new 90-minute adaptation of <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> , especially created for Yosemite National Park and starring park rangers and community actors. The play's action is transported to Yosemite and features loads of live music and family-friendly environmental messages. And this time, the lovers do not die! The show is a partnership between University of California Merced, Yosemite National Park, and Yosemite Hospitality. More information at <a href="http://yosemiteshakes.ucmerced.edu">yosemiteshakes.ucmerced.edu</a> .	Friday, April 21 at 5pm Saturday, April 22 at 12pm & 5pm Sunday, April 23 at 12pm	Curry Village Amphitheater in Yosemite Valley (Shuttle stop 14 or 19) <i>In case of inclement weather, performances will take place in the Yosemite Theater, behind the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.</i>
<b>Opening Reception for <i>Visual Rhapsody: Photographs by Charles Cramer</i></b> Artist Charles Cramer will be at a reception for his show at The Ansel Adams Gallery. The show runs from April 23rd through June 17th.	Sunday, April 30 11am to 1pm	The Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Valley (Shuttle stop 2, 4, or 5)
<b>Yosemite Landmarks: Origins and History of Yosemite's Places and Names</b> Presented by Jeremy Evans, Nature Photographer, Filmmaker, Sierra Club Outings Leader Seating limited to 50 people.	Friday, May 5 8pm	Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (Shuttle stop 12)
<b>Amateur Astronomy and Astrophotography in Our National Parks and Public Lands</b> Presented by Jeremy Evans, Nature Photographer, Filmmaker, Sierra Club Outings Leader Seating limited to 50 people.	Saturday, May 6 8pm	Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (Shuttle stop 12)



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## 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](http://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](http://yosemite.org/custom-adventures).

### Art Classes

Professional artists offer beginner-level instruction at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, helping visitors explore Yosemite through art. Most classes are held outdoors, painting or drawing Yosemite's views. Classes begin April 10. See page 8 for scheduled programs.

### The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery is open daily from 10am to 3pm and is located in Yosemite Village. The Gallery may close for lunch. 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 leave from the Gallery and require reservations; call 209/372-4413 or visit [anseladams.com/photography-education](http://anseladams.com/photography-education).

**Exhibition: Feb 26 to April 22**  
*Earth is Home: Photographs by Kerik Kouklis*

**Exhibition: April 23 to June 17**  
*Visual Rhapsody: Photographs by Charles Cramer*

### Yosemite Hospitality

Until April 2, the Yosemite Mountaineering School offers winter activities from the Badger Pass Ski Area. Guided hikes and rock climbing in Yosemite Valley are offered year-round, as conditions allow. Call 209/372-8344 for more information.

In Yosemite Valley, reserve your spot on a Valley Floor Tour, offered daily at 10am and 2pm. Visit [travelyosemite.com](http://travelyosemite.com), stop by a tour desk (see page 4), or call 888/413-8869 to book tours and activities.

### Sierra Club

The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge) is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm, starting May 3.

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](http://www.sierraclub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center).



# Hiking



Mirror Lake



Vernal Fall



Columbia Rock via Yosemite Falls Trail



Hetch Hetchy Valley



Mariposa Grove Arrival Area

Yosemite Valley					
Be prepared for snow and icy conditions on all trails.					
FEATURES	TRAIL/DESTINATION	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE/TIME	STARTING POINT	ELEVATION
	Mirror Lake/Meadow <i>Dry in summer and fall</i>	When filled in winter and spring, the lake offers beautiful reflections of surrounding cliffs, otherwise a scenic meadow.	2 mi/3.2 km round-trip, 1 hour -OR- 5 miles/8 km, 2 hours	Shuttle Stop 17	Mostly flat or gentle slopes. First section is paved.
	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.
	Columbia Rock via Yosemite Falls Trail	Enjoy views of Yosemite Valley from Columbia Rock, located one mile (and dozens of switchbacks) from the trailhead.	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. An excellent view of Vernal Fall is visible from the footbridge.	1.4 mi/2.3 km round-trip, 1 to 2 hours	Happy Isles, Shuttle Stop 16	Paved but steep; 400-foot elevation gain
	Top of Vernal Fall	Follow the Mist Trail up a steep granite stairway of over 600 steps. A section of this trail are closed during the winter and early spring, but the top of the fall can still be reached from Clark Point via the John Muir Trail.	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	Reach the top of Nevada Fall by Mist Trail or via the John Muir Trail (bypassing Vernal Fall). Portions of the John Muir and Mist Trails are closed in winter and early spring due to ice.	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 <i>Closed in winter and early spring</i>	Hike this strenuous but rewarding trail for outstanding views of Yosemite Valley below. Four Mile Trail is closed in winter and early spring due to hazardous icy conditions.	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. 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 the bookstore in the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

### Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center

Starting April 28, the wilderness center is open 8am to 5pm daily. Until the 28th, self-registration permits for valley trailheads are available in front of the visitor center. Bear canisters are available for rent at the bookstore.

### Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio

Visitor Center is closed. Self-registration permits for the Wawona trailheads only are available on the front porch.

### Badger Pass Ranger Station (A-Frame)

Until April 2nd, self-registration wilderness permits for the Glacier Point Road trailheads only are available at the Badger Pass A-Frame, conditions permitting.

### Big Oak Flat Information Station

Self-registration wilderness permits for the Crane Flat area and Tioga Road trailheads only are available on the front porch.

### Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station

Wilderness permits for the Hetch Hetchy trailheads are available at the Entrance Station kiosk daily from 8 am to 5 pm. Permits are self-registration until April 7.

## Half Dome Permits

The Half Dome cables are down for the season.

Permits are required 7 days a week when the cables are up, from late May to mid-October, conditions permitting. The pre-season lottery application period for day-use permits begins March 1, 2023 and ends March 31, 2023.

More information is available at [go.nps.gov/hdpermits](https://www.nps.gov/hdpermits).

## 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

In winter and early spring, the Mariposa Grove can only be reached on foot. It's a 2-mile walk each way (with 500 ft of elevation gain) to the entrance of the grove from the parking area, via the Mariposa Grove Road or the Washburn Trail. This route may be snowy or icy. Shuttle service to the grove begins in spring, when conditions allow.

	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. The trail may be icy or snowy in winter and early spring.	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	This trail follows an old road that curves down into the Merced Grove, the smallest and most secluded of Yosemite's three sequoia groves. The trail may be icy or snowy in winter and early spring.	3 mi/4.8 km round-trip, 1 to 3 hours	Begin at Merced Grove parking lot on Big Oak Flat Road	300-foot elevation gain
	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/0.5 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

## Hiking Preparedness

Early spring in Yosemite is a time of transition, with weather and trail conditions that can change quickly. Even when snow has disappeared from the valley floor, hikers climbing in elevation out of the valley are likely to encounter reminders of winter. Ask a ranger about trail conditions before you go. Trails can be icy or wet—use trekking poles, crampons, or other footwear traction devices to help prevent a serious fall. Some icy sections of trail remain closed until conditions are less hazardous. To avoid putting both yourself and rescue teams at risk, always respect trail closures. Carry a good map and compass (or GPS) and always know your location. Check the weather forecast and carry warm and waterproof layers.

## Safety Information



### Preventing Dehydration

Always carry more water than you need. Prevent dehydration by sipping lots of water throughout your hike and frequently eating salty snacks.



### Rivers and Streams

Yosemite's water is deceptively dangerous. Visitors are strongly urged to keep a safe distance from all falling or moving water.



### Pets

Pets are permitted on fully paved roads, sidewalks, and bicycle paths only (except when signed as not allowing pets.)



### Drones

The use of drones within the park boundaries is illegal under all circumstances.



### Bicycling

Bicycles are only allowed on paved roads and bike paths.

### For All Seasons

- Stay on established trails – Do NOT leave the safety of the trail.
- Pack essentials – including a flashlight, sunglasses, sunscreen, weather-appropriate clothing, navigation, and a signaling method (mirror and whistle).
- Always leave your travel and hiking plans, including intended route, destination, and time of return, with a trusted person.
- YOU are responsible for your safety.



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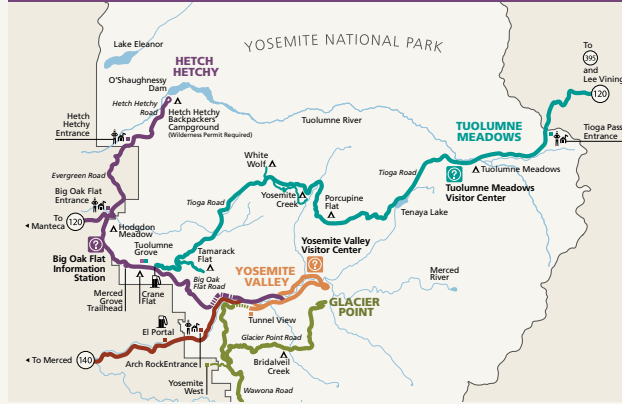
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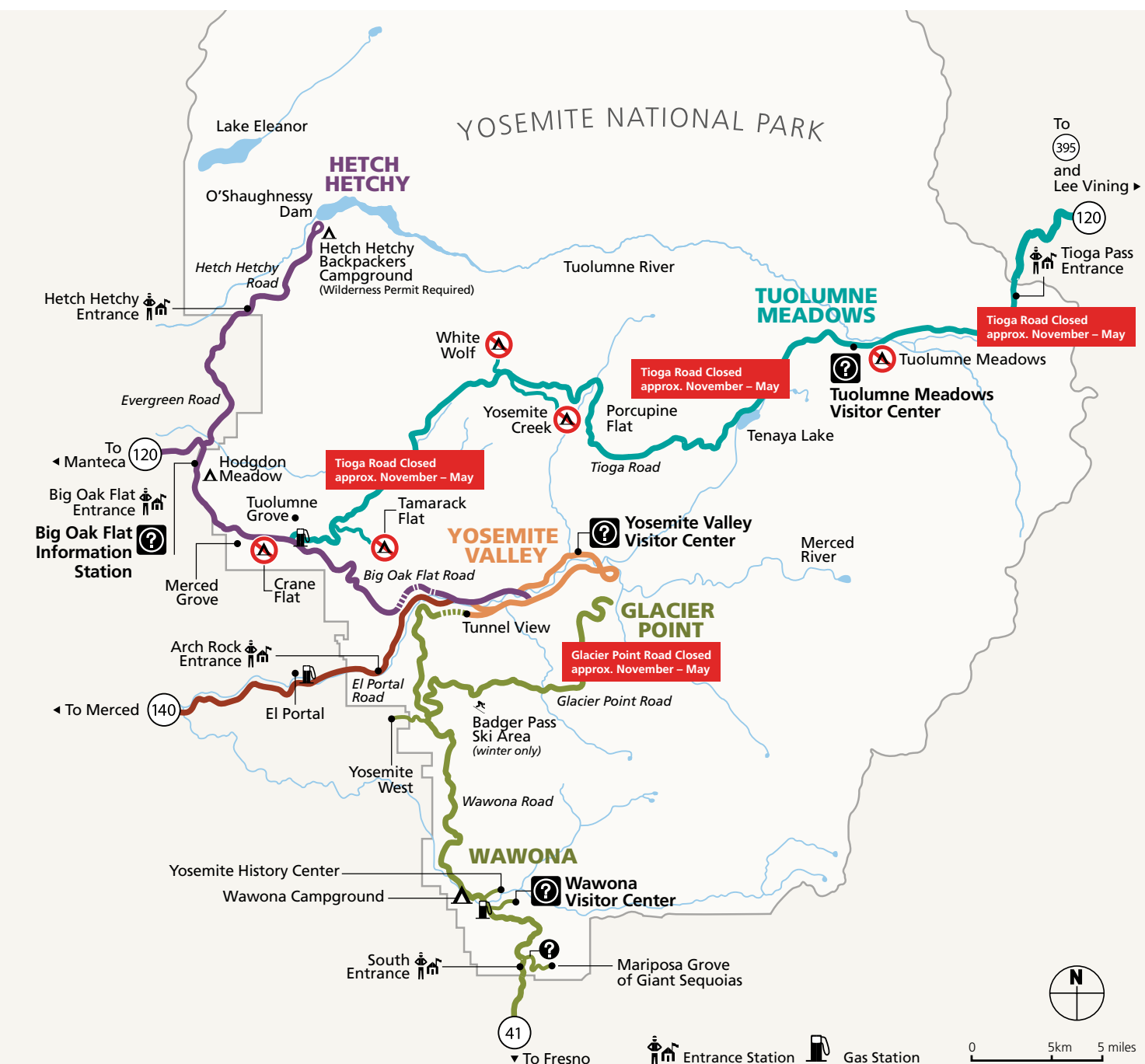


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## How to Get to Yosemite Valley



### Directions

**Reach Yosemite Valley via:**

**Highway 41**  
(Wawona Road) from Fresno  
100 mi/160 km (2.5 hours)

**Highway 140**  
(El Portal Road) from Merced  
80 mi/129 km (2 hours)

**Highway 120 West**  
(Big Oak Flat Road) from Manteca  
114 mi/183 km (2.75 hours)

**Highway 120 East**  
(Tioga Road) from Lee Vining,  
closed approx. November through May  
75 mi/121 km (2 hours)

### Road Conditions:

Yosemite Valley roads remain open year round. Expect traffic congestion and delays during spring, especially on weekends.

### What To See

See Page 3 for more information

#### South Entrance to Yosemite Valley:

Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias  
Yosemite History Center in Wawona

#### Arch Rock Entrance to Yosemite Valley:

Only 20 minutes to Yosemite Valley

#### Big Oak Flat Entrance to Yosemite Valley:

Hetch Hetchy (via Evergreen Road)  
Merced Grove  
Tuolumne Grove

#### Tioga Pass Entrance to Yosemite Valley:

Closed in winter

#### Yosemite Valley

Valley Visitor Center  
Yosemite Museum  
Yosemite Falls  
Tunnel View