



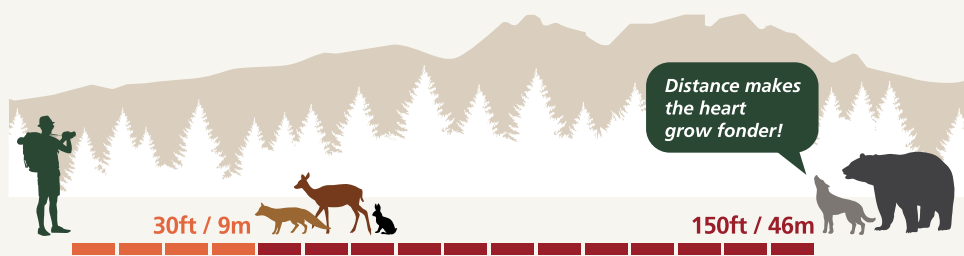
# What You Need to Know



## Protect Yourself and Your Park

### Protect Yourself and Wildlife

Never approach or feed any animal. It is dangerous—both to you and the animal—and illegal to do so. Wild animals in Yosemite can transmit diseases, including plague, rabies, and hantavirus. For more information on how to stay safe in Yosemite, visit [go.nps.gov/yosafety](http://go.nps.gov/yosafety).



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

The most common human-related cause of death for a black bear in Yosemite is being hit by a car. Slow down! Driving too fast is almost always the cause of these accidental deaths. Report bear sightings: 209/372-0322.

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

- 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.

## Driving in Yosemite in Winter

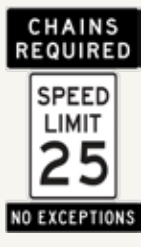
Winter road conditions can vary and may require tire chains. Chain requirements are strictly enforced. For updated road and weather conditions for Yosemite National Park, call 209/372-0200. Signs will indicate when chains are required. Here is a summary of chain control signs on Yosemite roads:



R1 - All vehicles without mud and snow tires are required to install chains/cables. Vehicles with \*mud and snow tires do not, but 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. 4-wheel drive vehicles must have 4-wheel drive engaged.



R3 - ALL vehicles are required to install chains/cables, regardless of having \*mud and snow tires or 4-wheel/all-wheel drive capability. NO EXCEPTIONS.

\*"M+S" will be on the side of your tires if they are mud and snow tires.

## Yosemite Falls Seasonal Cycle



Yosemite is home to numerous waterfalls. The best time to see waterfalls is during spring, when most of the snowmelt occurs. Peak runoff typically occurs in May or June, with some waterfalls (including Yosemite Falls) often only a trickle or completely dry by August. Storms in late fall rejuvenate some of the waterfalls and all of them accumulate frost along their edges many nights during the winter.

## 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. 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.

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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.



### Where can I see wildlife?

Wildlife like deer, coyote, and maybe even a bear, can be seen in meadows foraging at twilight and dusk. Please stay on marked paths to protect meadow ecosystems.



### 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 the shuttle buses or indoor lodging areas, including lobbies and rooms.*

## Winter Conditions

During the fall and winter, be prepared for changing road conditions. Tioga Road, Glacier Point Road, and the Mariposa Grove Road close after the first major snowstorm. The roads that remain open throughout the park may require tire chains. Check on current road conditions and chain restrictions by calling 209/372-0200 (press 1 then 1).

## Park Partners



## Keep in Touch

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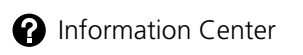
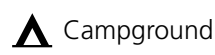
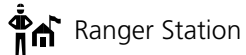
## Enjoy your visit!



# Park Map



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



## 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 4:30pm, 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 and is known for massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome and its plunging waterfalls, including the tallest in North America, Yosemite Falls. Yosemite Valley's meadows are great places to see wildlife and to photograph seasonal scenery. Whether you explore the Valley by foot, car, bicycle or with a tour, you will be in awe and eager to see what's around the next corner.

### Road Conditions

Yosemite Valley roads remain open year round, chain restrictions may be in effect.



## Glacier Point Road

The Glacier Point Road is closed in winter. During that time, access is only via cross-country skis after Badger Pass Ski Area opens (December 16, conditions permitting). All overnight stays in the area require a wilderness permit.

### Road Conditions

Road is open only to Badger Pass Ski Area when ski area is operating.



## Tuolumne Meadows and Tioga Road

### Road Conditions

Closed.



## Wawona and Mariposa Grove



The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is the largest sequoia grove in Yosemite and is home to over 500 mature giant sequoias. Park at the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza and walk, or snowshoe, to the Grove via a 2-mile hike, one-way, with 500 feet elevation gain. The nearby 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).

### Road Conditions

Wawona Road (Hwy 41) remains open year round, with winter tire chain restrictions.



## Badger Pass Ski Area



Opens Dec 16, conditions permitting

Enjoy a day on the slopes at Badger Pass Ski Area. Live information on winter sports is available by calling 209/372-8430; recorded information is available at 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

Badger Pass Road opens typically opens with the ski area (December 16, conditions permitting), with winter tire chain restrictions.

### Badger Pass Shuttle (Free)

Begins Dec 16, conditions permitting

### Yosemite Valley to Badger Pass:

Curry Village: 8:05am  
Yosemite Village: 8:10am  
The Ahwahnee: 8:15am  
Yosemite Valley Lodge: 8:30am

### Badger Pass to Yosemite Valley:

Badger Pass: 4:30 pm



## 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. Wilderness permits are available (self-register) while the road is open (8am to 5pm).

### 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, with winter tire chain restrictions.



## Crane Flat and Tuolumne Grove



See sequoia groves north of Yosemite Valley that are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but typically quieter and require a hike to access them. Park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area located on Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the grove. Or, park at Merced Grove trailhead and walk two steep miles down to the grove. Remember, the walk down is easier than the walk up. Bring water. Snowshoes recommended in winter (depending on conditions).

### 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, with winter tire chain restrictions.

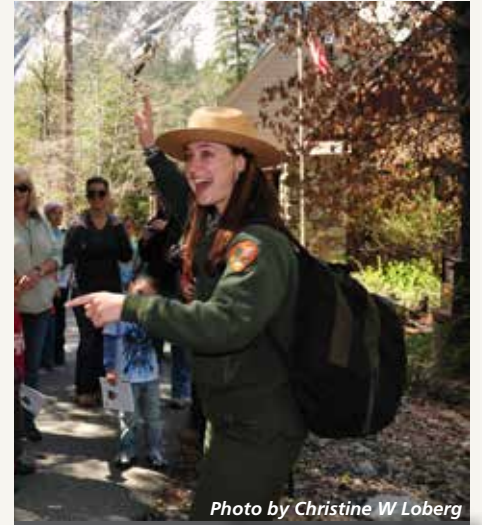


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## A Park Ranger Suggests...

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

- Walk around one of Yosemite Valley's meadows.
- View the park's award-winning film, Spirit of Yosemite, at Yosemite Theater in Yosemite Village.
- Stop at Tunnel View, El Capitan Meadow, and Valley View for iconic scenic viewpoints.

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

- Attend a photo walk, or join a ranger program (see page 8).
- Consider a scenic hike to Cook's Meadow, Mirror Lake, or Vernal Fall.
- Visit a sequoia grove at Mariposa Grove, Tuolumne Grove, or Merced Grove. Snowshoes recommended (depending on conditions).

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

- Go downhill or cross-country skiing or snowshoeing at Badger Pass (opens December 16, conditions permitting).
- Visit the Yosemite History Center in Wawona.
- Take a Yosemite Valley Floor Tour (see page 9).
- See Hetch Hetchy, an area once described as Yosemite Valley's twin.

### Do you have kids?

- Pick up a Junior Ranger booklet and complete the activities to earn a junior ranger badge!

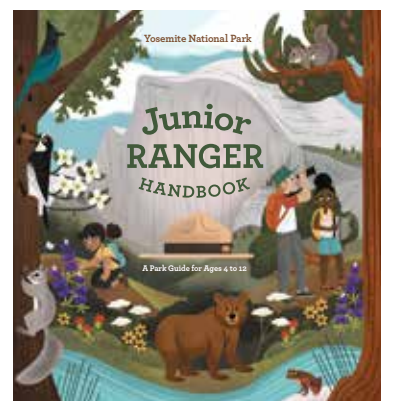


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# Services



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## Hospitality Service Hours

### YOSEMITE VALLEY

#### FOOD & BEVERAGE

##### YOSEMITE VILLAGE

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

##### THE AHWAHNEE

*Closes Jan 3*

##### Dining Room

Coffee Bar: 6:30am to 10:30am  
Breakfast: 7am to 10am  
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm  
Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm  
Sunday Brunch: 8am to 2pm

Appropriate attire respectfully required for dinner. Reservations strongly recommended for dinner and Sunday Brunch.  
209/372-1489 or visit [www.opentable.com](http://www.opentable.com)



**The Ahwahnee Bar**  
12pm to 9pm

**Sweet Shop**  
8am to 8pm

##### YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

##### Base Camp Eatery

Breakfast: 6:30am to 10am  
Lunch: 11am to 3pm  
Dinner: 4pm to 8pm

##### Mountain Room Lounge

Monday - Friday: 4pm to 9pm  
Saturday - Sunday: 9:30am to 9pm  
*After December 3:*  
Monday - Friday: 4pm to 9pm  
Saturday: 12pm - 9pm  
Sunday: 9:30am to 9pm

##### Mountain Room Restaurant

Dinner: 5pm to 9pm, last seating at 8:30pm

Reservations recommended:  
[www.opentable.com](http://www.opentable.com)



##### CURRY VILLAGE

*(Open Dec 16 through Jan 1)*

**Peet's Coffee Corner**  
6:30am to 11am

**Seven Tents Pavilion**  
Breakfast: 7am to 10am  
Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm

**Curry Village Bar 1899**  
12pm to 9pm

**Pizza Deck**  
12pm to 9pm

#### BOOKS, GIFTS, APPAREL, & GROCERIES

##### YOSEMITE VILLAGE

**The Ansel Adams Gallery**  
10am to 3pm, may close for lunch

**Yosemite Valley Visitor Center**  
9am to 4:30pm

**Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore**  
at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center  
9am to 4:30pm

**Yosemite Museum**  
10am to 12am and 1pm to 4pm

(may be closed due to limited staffing)

**Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore**  
at Yosemite Museum  
10am to 4pm, closed for lunch

##### Wilderness Center

Closed

##### Village Store

8am to 8pm  
*Closed Jan 2 through Feb 2*

##### THE AHWAHNEE

**Gift Shop**  
9am to 7pm

##### YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

**Gift/Grocery**  
8am to 8pm

##### CURRY VILLAGE

**Mountain Shop**  
8am to 8pm

**Gift/Grocery**  
8am to 8pm

#### POST OFFICES

**Yosemite Village Main Office**  
Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 5pm  
Saturday: 10am to noon

##### Yosemite Valley Lodge Post Office

Monday - Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

#### TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

##### YOSEMITE VILLAGE

**Tour and Activity Desk - Village Store**  
Closed

##### YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

**Tour and Activity Desk**  
9am to 3pm  
*(Front Desk offers tour booking services after 3 pm)*

##### Yosemite Valley Lodge Pool

Closed  
**Bike Rentals**  
Closed

##### CURRY VILLAGE

**Tour and Activity Desk**  
Closed

**Mountaineering School**  
Closed (will move to Badger Pass Ski Area when it opens)

**Bike Rentals**  
Closed

#### SHOWERS AND LAUNDRY

##### HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

**Laundry**  
Closed

##### CURRY VILLAGE

**Showers**  
Open 24 hours *(Dec 16 - Jan 1)*  
Fri, Sat, Sun, & Holidays Only  
*starting Jan 6*

### WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

#### FOOD & BEVERAGE

##### WAWONA

**Wawona Hotel Dining Room**  
*(Open Dec 16 through Jan 1)*  
Breakfast: 7am to 10am  
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm  
Dinner: 5pm to 8:30pm  
Lounge Service: 4pm to 9pm

**Golf Shop & Snack Stand**  
Closed

#### BOOKS, GIFTS, APPAREL, & GROCERIES

##### WAWONA

**Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop**  
8am to 6pm  
8am to 8pm *(Dec 16 - Jan 1)*

**Wawona Visitor Center**  
Closed

**Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore**  
at Wawona Visitor Center  
Closed

**Pine Tree Market**  
8am to 8pm

##### MARIPOSA GROVE

**Yosemite Conservancy Depot**  
at Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza  
9am to 5pm *(closes Dec 11)*

#### POST OFFICE

**Wawona Post Office**  
Monday - Friday: 9am to 1pm  
Saturday: 9am to noon

#### GAS STATION

**Wawona Service Station**  
9am to 6pm, Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

#### TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

**Golf Course & Disc Golf**  
Closed

**Tennis Courts**  
Closed

### CRANE FLAT & BIG OAK FLAT

#### GAS STATION

**Crane Flat Service Station**  
Store is closed. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

#### BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL

**Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore**  
at Big Oak Flat Information Station  
Friday - Tuesday: 9am to 5pm  
*Closes for season Jan 3*





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## EL PORTAL

### FOOD & BEVERAGE

**El Portal Market**  
9am to 7pm

### GAS STATION

**El Portal Service Station**  
8am to 5pm. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

## BADGER PASS SKI AREA

Opens Dec 16, 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

**Nordic Shop Rentals:** 8:30am to 4:30pm

**Alpine Rentals:** 8:30am to 4:30pm

## FOOD & BEVERAGE

### BADGER PASS

Opens Dec 16, conditions permitting.

**Skiers Grill (downstairs)**  
8:30am to 4 pm

**Snowflake Room (upstairs)**  
12pm to 4 pm

### BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL BADGER PASS

Opens Dec 16, conditions permitting.

**Sport Shop**  
9am to 4pm

## Ice Skating

### CURRY VILLAGE

Opens Nov 18, conditions permitting

12pm to 2:30pm, 3:30pm to 6pm, and 7pm to 9:30pm

Weekends and Holidays additional session 8:30am to 11am

## Religious Services

### YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Brent Moore,  
Resident Minister  
209/372-4831  
www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org

### Sunday Services in the Yosemite Chapel

9:15am (year-round)

### Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24 at 4pm

Above services are subject to change based on COVID-19 policies. Please call the chapel office for current information about services before you travel.

## Service Organizations

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Yosemite Valley Chapel  
Tuesday: 6:30pm  
Oakhurst Hotline: 559/683-1662

## Camping & Lodging: How to Spend the Night in Yosemite

Camping in winter is limited. Some campgrounds are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are required for Upper Pines. To check a campground's status, call 209/372-0266.

The following campgrounds are open: Wawona, Upper Pines (reservation required), Camp 4 (tents only, no RVs or trailers), and Hodgdon Meadow. All other campgrounds are currently closed.

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

**Campground Reservations**  
www.recreation.gov (recommended)  
877/444-6777

**Call Center Hours**  
7am to 9pm Pacific Time

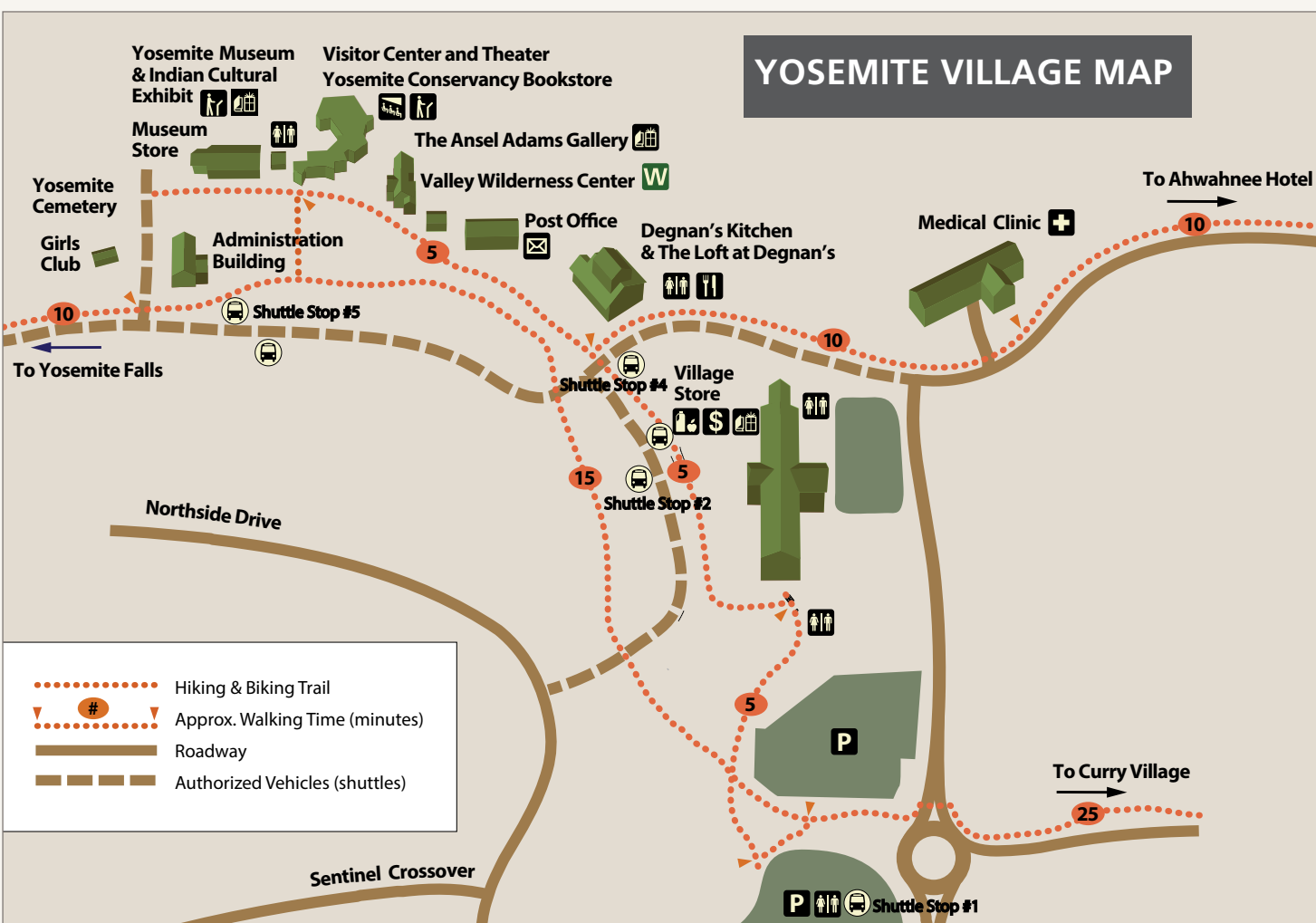


## Lodging Reservations

www.travelyosemite.com  
888/413-8869

Check the website or phone number above for reservations at each of the following:

- The Ahwahnee (closes Jan 3)
- Yosemite Valley Lodge
- Wawona Hotel (open Dec 16 through Jan 1)
- Curry Village (open Dec 16 through Jan 1)





# Yosemite Valley Shuttle System

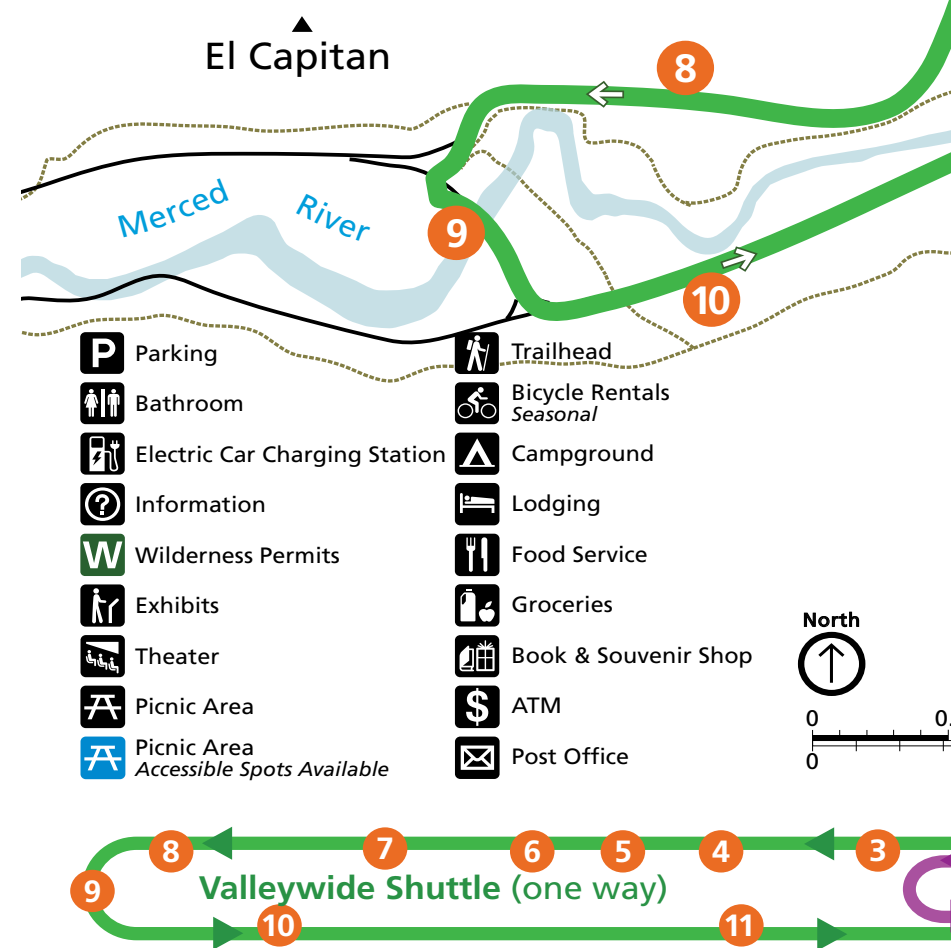


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- Valleywide Shuttle
- East Valley Shuttle

Valley

The FREE Yosemite Valley shuttles operate from 7am to 10pm daily and serve stops in numerical order. The Valleywide Shuttle services ALL stops; the East Valley Shuttle services only selected stops. The Valleywide Shuttle runs approximately every 22 to 32 minutes with a total round trip time of approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. The East Valley Shuttle runs approximately every 18 to 22 minutes with a total round trip time of approximately 50 minutes. Expect delays during busy periods. See schedules posted at shuttle stops for more information.



## Shuttle Stops

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



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### Degnan's Kitchen

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

5

### Valley Visitor Center & Museum

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

6

### Lower Yosemite Fall

- Trailhead, Picnic Area, Scenic View



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### Yosemite Valley Lodge/Yosemite Falls Parking

- Dining, Gift and Grocery, Trailhead

8

### El Capitan Picnic Area

- Scenic View

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### El Capitan Meadow

- Scenic View

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### Cathedral Beach

- Scenic View



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### Four Mile Trail

- Trailhead  
- Less than a 5-minute walk:  
Restrooms, Parking, Scenic View

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### Housekeeping Camp/Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

- Facilities closed

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### Curry Village (eastbound)

- Lodging, Dining, Gift and Grocery,  
Amphitheater, Showers



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# Events and Programs



TIME	PROGRAMS	DURATION	EXCEPTIONS	LOCATION	SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
9:00am	<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				X			
9:30am	<b>Snowshoe Walk: Explore the Forest in winter</b> (conditions permitting) Space is limited, based on snowshoe availability. Meet at Badger Pass Ranger Station for a naturalist led tour of winter landscape. Snowshoes provided. Bring warm clothing. Expect a moderately-strenuous experience. <b>Not recommended for children under 10 years old.</b>	2 hrs	Begins January 11, 2023	Badger Pass	X			X			X
1:00pm	<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							X
1:00pm	<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		X					
1:00pm	<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					X		
2:00pm	<b>Family Ranger Talk</b> Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center (NPS)	15 mins		Yosemite Valley	X			X		X	X



Programs especially for children and their families.  
X 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

## PROGRAMS 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.



Indian Village of Ahwahnee. NPS Photo

### INDIAN CULTURAL VILLAGE

Walk through the reconstructed Indian Village of Ahwahnee and learn about the structures the Ahwahneechee lived in and the plants they used for survival. View the interactive displays and see the ceremonial roundhouse, bark houses, and sweathouse members of the local tribes still use. *Located behind the Yosemite Museum in Yosemite Village.*



Catch me if You Can - oil painting by Theresa Grams

### Yosemite Renaissance 37 Exhibit

The exhibit showcases works related to Yosemite National Park and the California Sierra Nevada region. For over 150 years, artists have played an important role in the establishment of our state and national parks, inspiring people to visit iconic natural sites, and to protect our parks, wild lands and natural resources.

The 37th annual exhibit is in the Yosemite Museum Gallery through December 18.

The Call to Artists for Yosemite Renaissance 38 is live on SmarterEntry.com. Please help us to preserve and protect our parks and wild lands through art! We encourage artists and photographers to apply

Learn more: [www.yosemiterenaissance.org](http://www.yosemiterenaissance.org)



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.



### Yosemite Valley (NPS)

Ask a ranger your questions, become a Junior Ranger, explore exhibits, and find park resources at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, open from 9am to 4:30pm. Visit the Yosemite Valley Theater to watch *The Spirit of Yosemite*. The first showing is at 9:30am, and the last showing is at 4pm. Yosemite Museum features stories from Native tribes and is open from 10am to 4pm, closed for lunch. The museum may be closed on some days due to staffing levels.

### Yosemite Hospitality

The Yosemite Mountaineering School offers winter activities from the Badger Pass Ski Area. Call 209/372-8344.

In Yosemite Valley, reserve your spot on a Valley Floor Tour, offered daily at 10am and 2pm.

Visit [travelyosemite.com](http://travelyosemite.com) or call 888/413-8869 to book your adventure.

### Yosemite Conservancy

Join Yosemite Conservancy for a memorable experience in the park! Take an Outdoor Adventure or plan your own Custom Adventure with one of their naturalists. Advanced registration is required. Learn more and sign up at [yosemite.org/custom-adventures](http://yosemite.org/custom-adventures).

Visit [yosemite.org](http://yosemite.org) to find the latest updates from their team, learn more about the organization, and browse their full program calendar.

### The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery is open daily, 10am to 3pm and is located in Yosemite Village. The Gallery may close for lunch. Step inside the Gallery to experience a variety of fine arts, handcrafts, and a collection of Ansel Adams' original photographs. They offer 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 ahead for reservations at 209/372-4413 or visit [anseladams.com/photography-education](http://anseladams.com/photography-education).

- Exhibition: Nov 6 - Jan 7 "Ansel Adams and The Eternal West: 60 Years of Photographs"

### Sierra Club

The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge) is closed for the winter season until May 2023.

### 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. While the Mariposa Grove Road closes to cars in the winter, approximately from the end of November until mid-March, the road is open to hikers, snowshoers, and skiers, and all trails in the grove remain open for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

### Hetch Hetchy, Hodgdon Meadow, & Crane Flat


The Big Oak Flat Information Station Bookstore is open Fri-Tues from 9am to 5pm (closes Jan 3). Self-registration wilderness permits for the Crane Flat area and Tioga Road trailheads are only available on the front porch of the information station. Self-registration wilderness permits for the Hetch Hetchy trailheads are only available at the Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station kiosk daily from 8 am to 5 pm. Please come prepared with your own bear canister.

### Glacier Point


The Glacier Point Road is closed. When the road is snow-covered and conditions permit, a system of cross-country ski tracks are maintained on it. Downhill and Nordic activities take place only after the Badger Pass Ski Area opens for the season. Self-registration wilderness permits for the Glacier Point Road trailheads only are available at the Badger Pass A-Frame, conditions permitting.

### Tuolumne Meadows

The Tioga Road closes for winter after the first big snowfall. In winter, Tuolumne Meadows is only accessible by overnight cross-country ski trips. Self-registration wilderness permits available at the Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center and/or the Big Oak Flat Information Station and Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.




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## Yosemite Valley

*Be prepared for snow and icy conditions on all trails.*

FEATURE	TRAIL/DESTINATION	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE/TIME	STARTING POINT	DIFFICULTY/ELEVATION
	<b>Mirror Lake/Meadow</b> (Dry in summer and fall)	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	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Mirror Lake, Shuttle Stop #17	Easy; flat
	<b>Lower Yosemite Fall</b>	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	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Lower Yosemite Fall Trailhead, Shuttle Stop #6	Easy; flat
	<b>Columbia Rock via Yosemite Falls Trail</b>	Enjoy overlooking 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	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Camp 4, Shuttle Stop #7	Strenuous; 1,000-foot elevation gain
	<b>Yosemite Falls Trail</b>	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	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Camp 4, Shuttle Stop #7	Strenuous; 2,700-foot elevation gain
	<b>Vernal Fall Footbridge</b>	An excellent view of Vernal Fall is visible from the footbridge.	1.4 mi/2.3 km round- trip, 1 to 2 hours	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	Moderate; 400-foot elevation gain
	<b>Top of Vernal Fall</b>	Follow the Mist Trail up a steep granite stairway of over 600 steps. A section of this trail are closed during the winter, 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	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	Strenuous; 1,000-foot elevation gain
	<b>Top of Nevada Fall</b>	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 due to ice.	5 mi/8 km round-trip, 5 to 6 hours	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	Strenuous; 1,900-foot elevation gain
	<b>Valley Floor Loop Trail</b>	Much of this trail takes you through some of Yosemite Valley's 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	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Lower Yosemite Fall, Shuttle Stop #6	Moderate; mostly level
	<b>Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point</b> (closed in the winter)	Hike this trail to see outstanding views of Yosemite Valley below. There is currently no road access to Glacier Point, making this strenuous trail even more rewarding as you enjoy the views with fewer crowds.	4.8 mi/7.7 km one-way, 3 to 4 hours one-way	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Four Mile Trailhead, Shuttle Stop #11	Very Strenuous; 3,200-foot elevation gain

## WILDERNESS PERMITS

Wilderness permits are required year round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness. In winter, after Wilderness Centers close for the season, please come prepared with your own bear canister or rent one at the bookstore in the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

**Yosemite Valley Visitor Center** (Wilderness Center closed in winter)  
9am to 4:30pm. 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)**  
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

Self-registration wilderness permits for the Hetch Hetchy trailheads only are available at the Entrance Station kiosk daily from 8am to 5pm.

## HALF DOME PERMIT INFORMATION

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

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](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm).

Waterfall Scenic Views Lake One Hour or Less Wheelchair Accessible



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## Outside Yosemite Valley

FEATURE	TRAIL/DESTINATION	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE/TIME	STARTING POINT	DIFFICULTY/ELEVATION
<b>HETCH HETCHY</b>					
	<b>Wapama Falls</b>	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	Moderate; 1,000-foot elevation gain
<b>WAWONA</b>					
	<b>Wawona Meadow Loop</b>	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 past the Golf Course	Easy; flat
<b>GIANT SEQUOIA GROVES</b>					
VISITING YOSEMITE'S GIANT SEQUOIAS IN WINTER CAN BE A CHALLENGE. BE PREPARED.					
	<b>Tuolumne Grove Trail</b>	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. Snowshoes recommended in winter (depending on conditions).	2.5 mi/4 km round-trip, 1 to 2 hours	Begin at Tuolumne Grove parking lot at Crane Flat on Tioga Rd	Moderate; 500-foot elevation gain
	<b>Merced Grove Trail</b>	This trail follows an old road that curves down into the Merced Grove, the smallest and most secluded of Yosemite's three sequoia groves. Snowshoes recommended in winter (depending on conditions).	3 mi/4.8 km round-trip, 1 to 3 hours	Begin at Merced Grove parking lot on Big Oak Flat Road	Moderate; 300-foot elevation gain
<b>MARIPOSA GROVE: IN WINTER 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. SNOWSHOES ARE RECOMMENDED (DEPENDING ON CONDITIONS). MILEAGES BELOW ARE FROM THE MARIPOSA GROVE TRAILHEAD.</b>					
	<b>Mariposa Grove – Big Trees Loop Trail</b>	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	Easy; flat
	<b>Mariposa Grove - Grizzly Giant Loop Trail</b>	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	In Mariposa Grove, begin at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area	Moderate; 300-foot elevation gain

## WINTER HIKING PREPAREDNESS

Be prepared for wide ranging temperatures, rain, snow, and sunshine at any elevation. Trails can be icy or wet—use trekking poles, crampons, or other footwear traction devices to help with preventing a serious fall. Ski or snowshoe touring in Yosemite can be a magnificent experience with proper preparation. Snow blanketed terrain can quickly cause disorientation. Winter specific trails are marked with a blaze. Always keep at least one marker or reference point in sight. Carry a good map and compass (or GPS) and always know your location.

## 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 paved 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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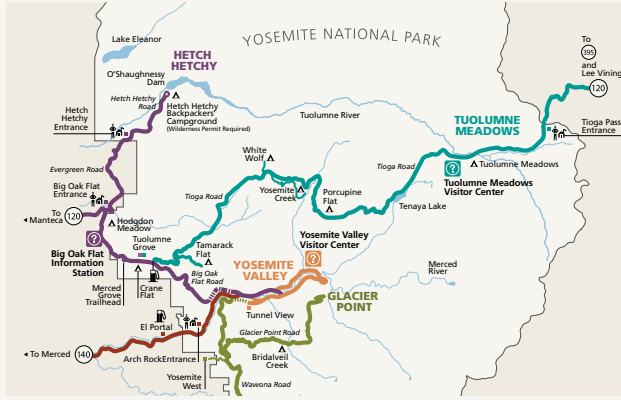
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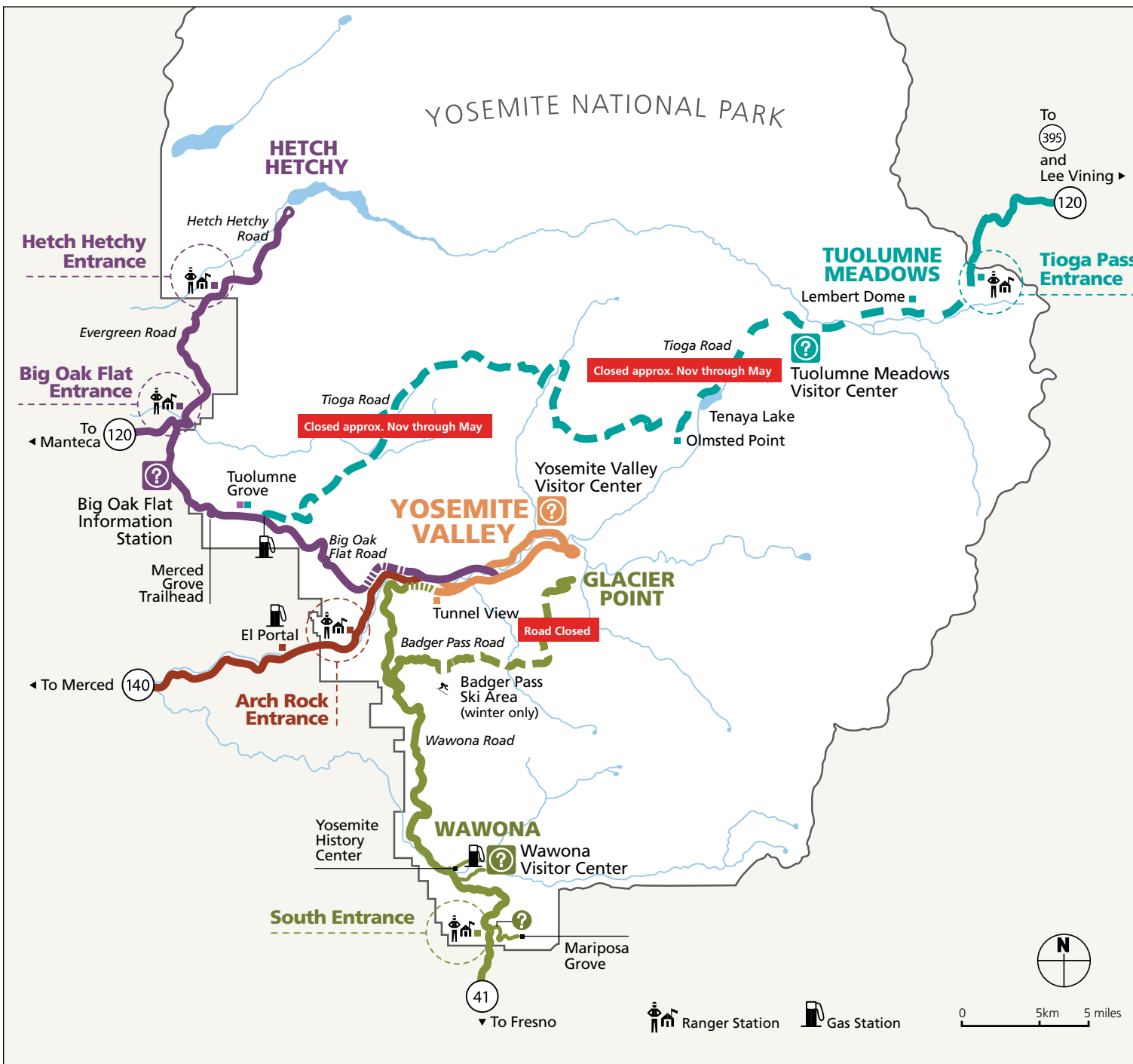


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## How to Get to Yosemite Valley



### DIRECTIONS

**Reach Yosemite Valley via:**

**Highway 41**  
(Wawona Road) from Fresno  
100 mi/160 km (2 ½ 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 ¾ hours)

**Highway 120 East**  
(Tioga Road) from Lee Vining,  
*closed in winter*  
75 mi/121 km (2 hours)

### Road Conditions:

Yosemite Valley roads remain open year round, with winter chain restrictions.

### WHAT TO SEE

(See Page 3 for more information)

#### South Entrance to Yosemite Valley:

- Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias
- Yosemite History Center - Wawona
- Badger Pass Ski Area (winter only)

#### Arch Rock Entrance to Yosemite Valley:

- Only 20 minutes to Yosemite Valley

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

- Hetch Hetchy (via Evergreen Road)
- Big Oak Flat Information Station
- Merced Grove
- Tuolumne Grove

#### Yosemite Valley

- Valley Visitor Center
- Yosemite Museum
- Yosemite Falls
- Tunnel View

#### Tioga Pass Entrance to Yosemite Valley:

- Closed in winter