

**“2009 - YOSEMITE VALLEY”
COMMERCIAL TOUR BUS
Parking, Loading and Unloading Information Sheet**

****ALL PERMIT CONDITIONS, RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED WITHOUT EXCEPTION.** The driver and/or the tour guide may be cited for violations of these rules. Multiple violations will result in the suspension of the bus company’s Commercial Use Authorization.

There are now **“6”** photo locations in “Yosemite Valley” where you may stop:

- **Highway #41 and Tunnel View** (also known as Inspiration Point or Discovery View.)
- **Bridalveil Straight** (Southside Drive parking area – either side of one way road. Do not allow passengers to step out into traffic lanes when off-loading. The driver or guide must direct passengers away from traffic lanes and to crosswalks when crossing roadways.)
- **Half Dome View from Sentinel Bridge** in marked bus parking space north of the bridge.
- **Devils Elbow** on the right side leaving the Valley.
- **El Capitan Meadow Straight-away** on the left side of the roadway to observe climbers.
- **Valley View #11** on the left side just prior to the highways #41 & #120, #140 split.

Bus Loading and Unloading in Yosemite Valley:

- *Commercial Vans and Sedans are to use parking areas designated for the general public.*
- **Buses and Mini-buses must drive to Yosemite Lodge and unload in the posted area. (There are no other unloading or loading locations in Yosemite Valley except at the Ahwahnee Hotel and Curry Village, and then, only if the tour passengers have reservations for meals or lodging there.)**
- **After unloading your passengers move to the designated bus parking areas and park as directed.**
- **Have your passengers assembled and waiting behind the Lodge office in the amphitheater area 15 minutes prior to scheduled pick up time.**
- **If, at loading time, the tour is missing members, the tour guide should leave a message with the Yosemite Lodge Hotel Receptionist while the bus returns to the bus parking area to park and wait for the missing member.**
- **Buses are restricted from waiting in the loading/offloading area.**
- **Buses may not allow passengers to load or unload in the bus parking area.**

(At Curry Village)

- **Stop in front of the registration office area to unload and load passengers and luggage.**
- **After unloading, return to the parking area at Yosemite Lodge and park your bus.**

(At the Ahwahnee Hotel)

- **Unload in front of the hotel in the designated bus lane. After unloading return to the parking area at Yosemite Lodge and park your bus.**
- **Due to parking limitations at both locations buses may not arrive any earlier than 5 minutes prior to their scheduled pick up times and must leave the area once passengers are loaded. Early arrivals will be sent out of the area until passengers are assembled and ready to load. Idle limitations apply here as well. If the driver is missing a visitor they should leave the area and return to the Yosemite Lodge bus parking lot. Drivers/guides must leave word with the concierge or front desk that they will wait at the Yosemite Lodge bus parking lot for the missing passenger, or a message regarding the Tour plan to meet up with the individual.**

Bus Parking: All bus parking will be located at Yosemite Lodge Bus lots A, B or C – No other commercial bus parking is available in Yosemite Valley.

IDLING BUSES: Maximum idle time at any location in Yosemite National Park is five (5) minutes. The only exception to this idle time rule is for initial start up with a cold engine or while actively loading and unloading passengers. It is not for air conditioners, heaters or other passenger comforts. This rule is strictly enforced.

SHUTTLE BUS LANES: Commercial buses are not permitted to use or stop in the Shuttle Bus lanes or parking areas.

PICNIC AREAS: Bus visitors may picnic at Swinging Bridge, after being unloaded in the authorized area, by walking across the meadow behind bus lot C and over swinging bridge to the picnic area. No food preparation is permitted in the bus loading/off loading area. Please distribute lunches in your bus before off-loading. Shuttle Bus benches are for the use of shuttle bus passengers and may not be used for picnic seating.

POSTED REGULATIONS: Commercial buses must obey all posted regulations. A more complete listing of restrictions and regulations for Yosemite National Park may be found by referring to your Commercial Use Authorization which must be carried in the bus during your visit to the park.

For questions regarding bus parking information contact:
Ranger Dave Henderson, Traffic Management Supervisor
Traffic Management Office
(209) 372-0600

Bus Parking:

Wawona (Big Trees) Shuttle

Buses are not allowed to park in the auto parking spaces at the Wawona Store. After off loading their passengers at the Wawona Store (shuttle bus area) drivers must park across the Wawona Road on the west side. To allow for maximum parking capacity, please park perpendicular to the road if possible. Drivers should return to the off loading point to pick up their passengers once they are ready to load. Due to the limited space buses will only have 15 minutes to load passengers and move on.

Except while actively loading or unloading passengers, drivers may not idle buses longer than 5 minutes.

