



2021 Commercial Use Authorization Form For Commercial Passenger Transportation

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic response motorcoaches will continue to be restricted from operating in Yosemite National Park. **Bus companies planning to operate 40 to 45 foot motorcoaches in Yosemite National Park should contact the Yosemite Commercial Use office before filling out the attached Commercial Use Authorization application or paying the required fee. Fees paid for the 2021 application are non-refundable and will not be rolled over into 2022 if a company is unable operate in Yosemite during the 2021 permit year.** Passenger transportation companies are required to abide by all current Federal, State, County and local COVID-19 guidelines in effect on the date of entry of each trip into the Park. These restrictions will remain in place until further notice. Companies should reference the [California Department of Public Health Travel Advisory](#).

- This Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) authorizes the holder to operate commercial passenger vehicles in Yosemite National Park to transport passengers into and out of the park during the 2021 permit period.
- All transportation of passengers must begin and end outside of the park.
- Vehicles authorized under this CUA include sedans, limousines, vans, SUVs and mini-buses and motorcoaches used to transport passengers under contract or for hire.
- An annual CUA fee of \$450 is required to be paid as a cost of recovery to administer the CUA.
- All groups entering the park in a commercial passenger vehicle are required to pay an entrance fee for each vehicle entering the park based upon the seating capacity of the vehicle, reference condition #31.
- You may contact the Commercial Use Office at 209-379-1854, or email Yose_Bus@nps.gov if you have any questions regarding the Commercial Use Authorization requirements.

Commercial Operators must have a valid 2021 Yosemite Commercial Passenger Transportation CUA in possession in order to enter the park. Operators must allow up to 30 days for processing the CUA. Applications received with less than 30 days' notice may not be authorized in time for a scheduled trip to the park and the company's vehicle(s) will not be authorized to enter the park. This authorization is not valid until signed by the authorizing NPS official. Operating in Yosemite National Park without a valid authorization is a violation that may result in a citation and revocation of the application. *Requests for the 2021 CUA received after October 31, 2021 will be denied.*

Instructions:

1. **After reviewing the CUA conditions and attachments fill in the "Authorization Holder Information" in section 2, located at the top of page 1 of the CUA.** (This is a fillable form. Please type your information or print clearly. Failure to complete this information will delay the CUA process.)
2. **Sign page one of the CUA as the "Authorization Holder".** This document must be signed by a representative or agent of the company who has legal authority to act for the company and to sign legal documents. A certificated digital signature may be used to sign the document. (Keep a copy for your files.)
3. **Payment of CUA Fee:** An annual fee of \$450 is required to process and manage the CUA. Once all documents and certificate are received you will be sent instructions on how to pay for your CUA. (If your company paid for a 2020 CUA but did not enter Yosemite National Park in 2020 will not be required to pay the \$450, 2021 CUA fee. You will need to submit an annual report showing zero trips into the park during 2020.)
4. ***RETURNING COMPANIES:** MUST have a valid 2021 CUA in possession prior to entering the park after January 31, 2021. No grace period will be given. Returning companies entering the park without a valid CUA will be considered to be in violation of CUA regulations and will be listed as invalid and subject to a citation. To obtain a new CUA complete steps 1-3 listed above and send the completed Annual Report form that was emailed with this packet. Failure to complete the annual report will result in the delay or denial of the authorization.

Yosemite National Park

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Yosemite National Park
P.O. Box 700
El Portal, CA 95318



5. ****For companies that did not hold a CUA with Yosemite National Park in 2020:** in addition to steps 1-3 listed above, you must also complete the Commercial Use Application form for Commercial Transportation. The following documents must be included:
- Proof of current commercial general liability and commercial vehicle liability insurance listing the “*United States of America*” as additional insured. (See condition #5 and #31.) Authorizations will be denied for any insurance certificate that does not meet these requirements.
 - California companies must send a copy of their California State Public Utility Commission (CPUC) operating authority letter listing the date of expiration.

Regarding the attached CUA form, all information fields must be filled in on the CUA form.

KEEP A COPY OF ALL DOCUMENTS!

Contact information for Yosemite National Park Commercial Use Authorization Office:

Email or mail all required documents to:

Email to: Yose_Bus@nps.gov

or

Mail to: Yosemite NP
Commercial Use Office
P.O. Box 700
El Portal, CA 95318

Phone: 209- 379-1854 or 1851

FAX: 209-379-1853

NOTE:

1. The planned 2021 closure of the Glacier Point Road has been delayed until 2022. The road is expected to be open for normal operations in 2021.
2. The Mariposa Grove bus parking reservations will not be available until further notice due to COVID-19.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service
YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Park Contact: Ruth Middlecamp or Adelia Bless
Phone Number: 209-379-1854 or 209-379-1851

COMMERCIAL USE AUTHORIZATION

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF P.L. 105-391 Section 418, (54 U.S.C. 101925)

1. Authorized Activity:
Commercial Passenger Transportation

Permit Number: YOSE-21-
Park Alpha-Number

2. Authorization Holder Information:
Business Name:

Auth. Date: January 01, 2021

Expiration Date: January 31, 2022

Contact Name: _____

Name of Area: Yosemite National Park

Address: _____

Transportation Authority:

TCP _____ DOT _____ MC _____

Phone and Fax: _____

Calif. PUC Authority # US Dept. of Transportation Authority #s

3. The holder is hereby authorized to use the following described land or facilities in the above named area (area must be restored to its original condition at the end of the authorization): **Areas within Yosemite National Park open to the general public and designated by the attached permit conditions and attachments.**

4. **Summary of authorized activity:** The holder is authorized to conduct **Commercial passenger transportation** of passengers into and out of Yosemite National Park. Stops at roadside vistas and developed visitor areas designated for buses are allowed. (See attached sheets for additional information and conditions.)

Out-of-Park: The commercial services described above must originate and terminate outside of the boundaries of the park area. This permit does not authorize the holder to advertise, solicit business, collect fees, or sell any goods or services within the boundaries of the park area.

In-Park: The commercial service described above must originate and be provided solely within the boundaries of the park area

5. NEPA/NHPA Compliance:

Categorical Exclusion EA/FONSI EIS Other Approved Plans PEPC NUMBER: 74647

6. Reasonable fee: (Cost recovery required at a minimum)

Application Fee: Required Amount \$450.00 Received: _____

Administrative Fee: Required Not Required Amount \$ _____

Management Fee: Required Not Required Amount \$ _____

Market Price: Required Not Required Amount \$ _____

Other Fee (Facility Use Fee, Gate Access or Other): Required Not Required Amount _____

Insurance:

Liability: Required Not Required Coverage Amount \$1 Million per occurrence

Auto: Required Not Required Coverage Amount As required by USDOT or CA PUC

ISSUANCE of this authorization is subject to the conditions below. The undersigned hereby accepts this authorization subject to the terms, covenants, obligations, and reservations, expressed or implied herein.

7. SIGNATURES

Authorization Holder: _____
Signature

Title Date

Chief of Business & Revenue Mgmt.
for Superintendent

Authorizing NPS Official: _____
Signature

Title Date

CONDITIONS OF THIS AUTHORIZATION

1. **False Information:** The holder is prohibited from knowingly giving false information. To do so will be considered a breach of conditions and be grounds for revocation: [RE: 36 CFR 2.32(a) (3)].
2. **Legal Compliance:** The holder shall exercise this privilege subject to the supervision of the area Superintendent. The holder shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the area and terms and conditions of the authorization. The holder must acquire all permits or licenses of State or local government, as applicable, necessary to provide the services described above, and, must operate in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, including, without limitation, all applicable park area policies, procedures and regulations. All vehicles/vessels/aircraft are required to be registered and the operators are required to have the proper licenses to operate them commercially, as required by law or regulation.
3. **Rates:** The holder shall provide commercial services under this authorization to visitors at reasonable rates satisfactory to the area Superintendent.
4. **Operating Conditions:** The holder shall provide the authorized commercial services to visitors under operating conditions satisfactory to the area Superintendent.
5. **Liabilities and Claims:** This authorization is issued upon the express condition that the United States, its agents and employees shall be free from all liabilities and claims for damages and/or suits for or by reason of any injury, injuries, or death to any person or persons or property of any kind whatsoever, whether to the person or property of the holder, its agents or employees, or third parties, from any cause or causes whatsoever while in or upon said premises or any part thereof during the term of this authorization or occasioned by any occupancy or use of said premises or any activity carried on by the holder in connection herewith, and the holder hereby covenants and agrees to indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the United States, its agents, and employees from all liabilities, charges, expenses and costs on account of or by reason of any such injuries, deaths, liabilities, claims, suits or losses however occurring or damages growing out of the same.
6. **Insurance:** Holder agrees to carry general liability insurance against claims occasioned by the action or omissions of the holder, its agents and employees in carrying out activities and operations under this authorization. The policy shall name the United States of America as additional insured. Holder agrees to have on file with the park copies of the above insurance with the proper endorsements.
7. **CUA Fees:** At a minimum, the holder shall reimburse the park for all costs incurred by the park as a result of accepting and processing the application and managing and monitoring the authorized activity. Administrative costs for the application process must be paid when the application is submitted. Monitoring fees and any additional costs incurred by the park to support the commercial activity will be paid annually or on a more frequent basis as determined by mutual agreement between the Holder and the area Superintendent.
8. **Benefit:** No member of, or delegate to, Congress, or Resident Commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this authorization or to any benefit that may arise from this authorization. This restriction shall not be construed to extend to this Contract if made with a corporation or company for its general benefit.
9. **Transfer:** This authorization may not be transferred or assigned without the written consent of the area Superintendent.
10. **Termination:** This authorization may be terminated upon breach of any of the conditions herein or at the discretion of the area Superintendent.
11. **Preference or Exclusivity:** The holder is not entitled to any preference to renewal of this authorization except to the extent otherwise expressly provided by law. This authorization is not exclusive and is not a concession contract.
12. **Construction:** The holder shall not construct any structures, fixtures or improvements in the park area. The holder shall not engage in any groundbreaking activities without the express, written approval of the area Superintendent.
13. **Reporting:** The holder is to provide the area Superintendent upon request a statement of its gross receipts from its activities under this authorization and any other specific information related to the holder's operations that the area Superintendent may request, including but not limited to, visitor use statistics, and resource impact assessments. The holder must submit annually the CUA Annual Report (NPS Form 10-660) and upon request the CUA Monthly Report (NPS Form 10-660A).
14. **Accounting:** The holder is to maintain an accounting system under which its accounts can be readily identified within its system of accounts classification. This accounting system must be capable of providing the information

required by this authorization. The holder grants the United States of America access to its books and records at any time for the purpose of determining compliance with the terms and conditions of this authorization.

- 15. Minimum Wage:** The holder is required to adhere to Executive Order 13658 – Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors, as applicable. The implementing regulations, including the applicable authorization clause, are incorporated by reference into this contract as if fully set forth in this contract and available at <https://federalregister.gov/a/2014-23533>.

Exemption: Under Executive Order 13838, Executive Order 13658 shall not apply to contracts or contract-like instruments entered into with the Federal Government in connection with seasonal recreational services or seasonal recreational equipment rental for the general public on Federal lands, but this exemption shall not apply to lodging and food services associated with seasonal recreational services. Seasonal recreational services include river running, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, camping, mountaineering activities, recreational ski services, and youth camps.

- 16. Visitor Acknowledgment of Risks (VAR):** The holder is not permitted to require clients sign a waiver of liability statement or form, insurance disclaimer, and/or indemnification agreement waiving the client's right to hold the CUA holder responsible for accidents or injury occurring on NPS property. The holder is permitted to request or require a client to sign a form or statement acknowledging risk and/or indicating that certain prerequisite skills may be needed to participate in the commercial activity. The holder must provide the park with the current copy of all forms and/or statements used for this purpose and obtain written approval by the park to use the form and/or statement. A sample Acknowledgment of Risk form may be obtained by contacting the CUA office at (209) 379-1854 or by going to the park CUA webpage at <https://www.nps.gov/yose/getinvolved/dobusinesswithus.htm>
- 17. Intellectual Property of the National Park Service:** Except with the written authorization of the Director of the National Park Service, the Holder shall not assert any legal claim that the Holder or any related entity holds a trademark, tradename, servicemark or other ownership interest in the words "National Park Service", the initials "NPS", or official name of any unit or part thereof, including but not limited to any facility, logo, distinctive natural, archaeological, cultural, or historic site, within the National Park System, or any colorable likeness thereof, or the likeness of a National Park Service official uniform, badge, logo, or insignia.
- 18. Nondiscrimination:** The holder must comply with Applicable Laws relating to nondiscrimination in providing visitor services to the public and with all equal employment opportunity provisions of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended.

SPECIAL PARK CONDITIONS

19. Definitions:

Holder: For the purpose of this authorization the word "holder" shall mean a person, company and/or corporation to whom this Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) has been issued. This definition shall include employees and/or agents of the person, company and/or corporation to whom this authorization is issued.

Bus: For the purpose of this authorization the California Vehicle Code (CVC 223(b)) definition of a "Bus" is used: A bus is defined as a vehicle designed to carry more than 10 persons, including the driver, when used to transport persons for compensation or profit, or used by a nonprofit organization.

Commercial Passenger Vehicle: For the purpose of this authorization the term "Commercial Passenger Vehicle" shall mean any type of commercial, for profit, passenger transportation service provided to park area visitors where passengers are conveyed into, within and out of the park area by motor vehicle for a direct or indirect fee, and except for on-board sightseeing tour interpretative services, no other services are provided. This definition includes, but is not limited to sedans, limousines, SUVs, mini-vans, vans, mini-buses and motor coaches used for commercial passenger transportation services, and private passenger transportation under a paid contract to transport passengers into the park. Under this authorization transportation companies are not authorized to pick up new clients inside of the park. All trips must begin and end outside of Yosemite National Park.

Tour Group: Unless otherwise specified, for the purpose of this authorization the term "Tour Group" shall mean any organized group of passengers, private or commercial, using any mode of commercial transportation to travel in Yosemite National Park.

Commercial Tour: For the purpose of this authorization the term "Commercial Tour" is defined as one or more persons traveling on an itinerary that has been packaged, priced or sold for leisure or recreational purposes by an organization/company that realizes financial gain through the provision of the service. (Tours involving guided hiking, backpacking, photography workshops or other types of guided activities are required to obtain a separate CUA for those activities. See Special Park Condition #25.)

Non-commercial (Private Charter) Tour: For the purpose of this authorization the term “Non-commercial Tour, Private Charter and/or Private Charter Tour” shall mean a group that is traveling together, such as scouts, a club, a church or a family reunion that has created its own itinerary. This may also include not for-profit groups that derive no taxable income from providing leisure or recreational services (The tour must be initiated and planned at no cost by a private individual and/or group and must be operated on a not-for-profit basis. The use of a commercial vehicle for transportation of this group does not constitute a “commercial tour”. (Nonprofit tours involving guided hiking, backpacking, photography workshops or other guided activities may be required to obtain a separate Commercial Use Authorization for those activities. See Special Park Condition #25.)

Road-based Sightseeing Tour: For the purpose of this authorization the term “road-based sightseeing tour” shall mean any tour where the primary itinerary is based on travelling along park roads, and which may include making stops at wayside vistas and developed public visitor areas, or dropping off clients at park hotels, restaurants and campgrounds as part of the tour service (Guided walks are authorized in developed public areas and frontcountry trails which include but are not limited to the Lower Yosemite Falls Trail, Yosemite Village Center, Wawona Pioneer History Center, paved public walkways and wayside vista areas.) Conducting guided hikes on wilderness area trails requires a separate CUA. (See condition #25.)

National Park Service Regulations: Information on National Park Regulations (Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, sections 1-7) and the Superintendent’s Compendium for Yosemite National Park may be accessed at <http://www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/lawsandpolicies.htm>.

20. **Carry Permit:** The holder (driver) must carry a paper copy of the entire 2021 Commercial Use Authorization, including attachments, onboard all vehicles while operating inside Yosemite National Park. The driver must be able to show the CUA at the entrance station when entering the park, if requested.
21. **Non Transferable:** This authorization is issued to the company whose commercial passenger transportation number (California PUC and/or Federal DOT) appears on the CUA and may not be transferred to any other company. Transportation authority numbers displayed on commercial passenger vehicles entering the park must match the number(s) listed on the Commercial Use Authorization issued to the holder.
22. **Acknowledgement:** In accepting this authorization, the holder acknowledges that the proposed activity, in order to qualify for a Commercial Use Authorization (CUA), must bear a direct relationship to the purpose for which the park was established, *i.e.* visitor understanding and enjoyment of the park. (Information about Yosemite National Park may be found on the park’s website at <http://www.nps.gov/yose/index.htm>.)
23. **Out-of-Park Business:** The holder may not advertise, solicit business, collect fees, or sell any goods or services within the boundaries of the park. All tours and passenger transportation service must begin and end outside of Yosemite National Park. A transportation service may enter the park to conduct road based sightseeing tours and drop off their passengers at park lodging, then exit and return to pick up the same group within the 7 days allowed by the entrance fee receipt. **This CUA does not authorize the holder to pick up new clients inside of the park.** (*The park concessioner, Yosemite Hospitality, is the only company authorized to sell and/or begin new sightseeing tours inside of the Yosemite National Park.*)
24. **Use Limits:** It is expressly understood that the Superintendent may impose public use limits based upon his/her authority stated in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.5. Furthermore, it is understood that possession of this CUA does not guarantee entry into Yosemite National Park or access to all areas of the park. It is also understood that access to Yosemite National Park and designated areas within the park may be restricted to protect park resources and assure quality visitor experiences, or due to the implementation of special park projects.
25. **Additional Permits:** The commercial tour operator is required to obtain a separate Commercial Use Authorization to conduct any of the following activities: guided hiking on park hiking trails, guided backpacking, guided snow shoeing, guided cross-country skiing, photography workshops and art workshops. (**Note: Commercial bicycle tours are not authorized within Yosemite National Park**). For information regarding additional authorized tour activities in Yosemite National Park contact the Commercial Use Office at (209) 379-1851 or email Yose_CUA@nps.gov.
26. **Advertising:** Advertising for the authorized activity shall not state or imply endorsement by Yosemite National Park or the National Park Service. Commercial photography or commercial filming of advertisements within Yosemite National Park requires a separate filming/photography permit which must be approved by the Superintendent. (Contact the Yosemite Commercial Filming Permit Manager at (209) 379-1858 or email [Yosemite Commercial Filming Manager](#) for information.)

- 27. Employee /Agent Responsibility:** The holder and all participants authorized herein must comply with the conditions of this authorization including all exhibits, amendments and/or written directions of the Park Superintendent. The holder shall insure that all employees and customers (tour group company/tour guides) entering the park are informed of all "Special Park Conditions" of this authorization. (The holder may be cited for any violations of the authorization committed by their employee and/or agent while acting under this authorization.)
- 28. Safety:** The holder shall take every reasonable precaution to ensure the safety of its clients, its employees, other park visitors, and park employees in as far as they may be affected by the activities of the holder. Federal, State and local county, and NPS guidelines regarding public health and safety must be followed.
- 29. Harassment:** Any harassment of or threats to any park visitor or NPS employee by the holder will result in the suspension and/or termination of this authorization.
- 30. Damages:** The holder shall be liable for any damages to property of the United States resulting from the designated use, which would not reasonably be inherent in the use.
- 31. Commercial Vehicle Liability: (Refer to condition #5 for General liability coverage requirements.)**
- A. The holder shall provide comprehensive vehicle liability insurance against claims occasioned by actions or omissions of the holder in carrying out the activities and operations authorized hereunder. The holder shall provide insurance coverage based upon the largest capacity vehicle it will operate in the park. Such insurance shall be in the amount commensurate with the degree of risk and the scope and size of such activities authorized herein, but in any event, the limits of liability shall not be less than limits set by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMSCA) for interstate motor carriers and by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for California based motor carriers.

California Public Utilities Commission (for California intrastate transportation)

Amount of Coverage Vehicle Seating Capacity

- | | | |
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| (1) | \$750,000 | for any vehicle with a seating capacity of 7 passengers or less. |
| (2) | \$1,500,000 | for any vehicle with a seating capacity 8 passengers through 15 passengers, inclusive |
| (3) | \$5,000,000 | for any vehicle with a seating capacity of 16 passengers or more. |

USDOT, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (for interstate transportation)

Amount of Coverage Vehicle Seating Capacity

- | | | |
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| (1) | \$1,500,000 | for vehicles designed to transport 15 or less passengers (including the driver) |
| (2) | \$5,000,000 | for vehicles designed to transport 16 or more passengers (including the driver) |

- B. The holder shall purchase at a minimum the types and amounts of insurance coverage as stated herein and agree to comply with any revised insurance limits the Director may require during the term of this authorization.
- C. The holder shall provide the Superintendent with a Statement of Insurance and Certificate of Insurance at the inception of this authorization and upon renewal of insurance thereafter and shall provide the Superintendent thirty (30) days advance written notice of any material change in the holder's insurance program hereunder.
- D. The Superintendent will not be responsible for any omissions or inadequacies of insurance coverage and amounts if such prove to be inadequate or otherwise insufficient for any reason whatsoever.
- E. Insurance companies must be rated at least "A-" by the most recent edition of A.M. Best's Key Insurance Reports (Property-Casualty edition) or similar insurance rating companies (Moody's, Standard and Poor's, or Fitch)
- 32. Entrance Fees:** The holder agrees to pay all applicable entrance fees in effect at the time of arrival at the park entrance station or designated fee collection site. The entrance fee must be paid in full at the time of entry, or upon exit if the entrance station is closed during entry. It is mandatory that drivers or group leaders have in their possession an authorized credit card, company check, money order or the correct amount of cash to pay the entrance fee in full at the time of entry. Companies paying by check must write their tax identification number (TIN or EIN) on the front of the check.

Commercial Fee:

- Commercial sedan (up to six (6) seats) \$25 commercial vehicle fee, plus \$20 per individual 16 years or older.
- Commercial van (seven (7) to fifteen (15) seats) \$125.
- Commercial mini-bus (sixteen (16) to twenty five (25) seats) \$200.
- Commercial motorcoach (twenty six (26) or more seats) \$300.

Note: fees are based on seating capacity, not occupancy. The seating capacity is determined by the original vehicle capacity as designed by the manufacturer of the vehicle, not on the number of passengers in the vehicle or the passenger capacity of the vehicle after any subsequent retrofitting, such as the removal of seats. Passenger capacity excludes the driver. (For a group making a multiple day visit to Yosemite the entrance fee entitles the **same** group in the **same** commercial passenger vehicle to enter for up to seven consecutive days for the one entrance fee. Contact the Commercial Use Office at 209-379-1854 for further information, and information on entrance fee rates for private charters for nonprofit groups.) **Optional payment locations:** When opened and staffed, the commercial entrance fee may also be paid at the following locations prior to entering the park.

- Mono Lake Visitor Center (Hwy 395, Lee Vining)
- Mariposa Visitor Center (Hwy 140)
- Oakhurst Visitor Center (Hwy 41)
- Groveland Visitor Center (Hwy 120W)

33. **Failure to Pay Fee/Insufficient Funds:** Failure to pay or attempting to avoid payment of established fees is a violation of federal law. Any attempt to avoid paying the required entrance fee will result in the termination of this authorization and the holder will be issued a citation which may result in a mandatory court appearance before the U.S. Magistrate in Yosemite National Park. In the case of a check returned for insufficient funds, the CUA will be suspended until all fees are paid.
34. **Proof of Operating Authority-** The holder shall provide the Superintendent with proof of current passenger transportation operating authority from the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC), for companies providing **intrastate** trips within California, and/or from the Department of Transportation (DOT) for all companies providing **interstate** trips. It is the responsibility of the holder to update this office regarding any changes, updates or additions to their carrier authority. Failure to do so may result in the suspension of this authorization until the updated information is received.
35. **Suspension or Revocation of CA-PUC and/or U.S. DOT Authority:** If, for any reason, the holder's California PUC and/or U.S. Department of Transportation authority (for interstate transportation) is placed in any status other than "Active", this Commercial Authorization will be immediately suspended and the holder will not be authorized to enter Yosemite National Park. No prior notice of this suspension by Yosemite National Park is necessary. After such a suspension has occurred, the holder must apply for reinstatement of their CUA by sending proof of their 'active' PUC and/or DOT status and receive written authorization from Yosemite National Park of the reinstatement of their CUA, **prior** to entering the park.
36. **Rules of the Road:** Drivers must abide by all traffic regulations and will comply with posted traffic and parking regulations. Drivers shall take every safe opportunity to use roadside turnouts to allow traffic to pass when travelling slower than the posted speed limit.
37. **Bus Lanes in Yosemite Valley** – Temporary bus lanes in Yosemite Valley may be activated at any time and are indicated when signs are turned facing oncoming traffic and/or by electronic message boards that identify a lane as a "Bus Lane". Permanent bus lanes will be signed, and lanes painted with "Bus Only" designation. Commercial passenger vehicles designed to transport 10 or more passengers may use the bus lanes. The vehicle must display the company name on the right and left sides of the vehicle, legible from 50 feet to make them identifiable as commercial passenger vehicles. Drivers must yield to bicyclists and pedestrians when using the bus lane.
38. **Idling:** Drivers are prohibited from allowing their vehicle engine to idle more than five (5) minutes per stop. Vehicle engines must be shut off if the stop will last longer than five (5) minutes. This includes idling while waiting in parking areas or wayside turnouts.
39. **Vehicle Exhaust:** All vehicles operating within the park must be properly maintained to ensure that they are in compliance with California State and Federal laws regarding emissions. Excessive exhaust from vehicles must be immediately corrected.
40. **Winter Driving Tire Chains (tire traction device):** The holder's vehicle(s) must be equipped with Caltrans approved traction control devices when entering active chain control areas within Yosemite National Park. Bus drivers must be trained in how to install tire traction devices correctly and how to drive in winter conditions. Vehicles with an unladen weight over 6,000 pounds (6,500 lbs. for four wheel drive) must use approved tire traction devices when restriction level 1 (R-1, Chains or snow tires required) or greater exist. **Note: In the event that conditions exist that necessitate the use of metal link chain traction control devices only, cable chains will not be allowed.**

Chain controls are Active when the chain control signs are displayed facing oncoming traffic. Yosemite National Park does not use an electronic flashing light system to notify drivers of "Active" chain control areas. Vehicles must chain up at the first safe turnout available nearest to the active chain control sign.

41. **Length, Size & Weight Limits:** Commercial passenger carrying vehicles exceeding forty-five (45) feet in length or 102 inches in width are prohibited within Yosemite National Park. During periods when the road base of specific park roads is saturated, a weight restriction for vehicles will be signed and enforced. Additional size or weight restrictions may be added for any park roadway when deemed necessary by the Superintendent.

The following restrictions apply to park roadways:

- A. **Hwy 140, El Portal Road: On Highway 140, within Yosemite NP,** commercial passenger carrying vehicles exceeding twelve (12) feet six (6) inches in height, and/or 102 inches in width are prohibited.
- B. **Hetch Hetchy Road:** Vehicles, over 25 feet in length, and 8 feet wide are prohibited on the Hetch Hetchy Road.
- C. **Mariposa Grove Road:** The Mariposa Grove Road beyond the Welcome Plaza shuttle bus transit hub is closed to the public when the shuttle buses are in operation. Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length and vehicles pulling trailers are not authorized to drive to the Lower Grove parking area during off hours, when the Lower Grove gate is open for public access to the Grove.
- D. **Glacier Point Road:** Due to the narrow road conditions, vehicles exceeding 30 feet in length are prohibited from driving on the Glacier Point Road unless authorized by the Superintendent in writing or during the Winter Exception period listed below.
- (1) Vehicles towing trailers are prohibited beyond the Sentinel Dome park lot. (Do not leave trailers at Sentinel Dome. Trailers may be parked in the Badger Pass parking lot or in the Glacier Point/Wawona Road Junction parking lot in the north side parking lot.
 - (2) **Winter exception:** Buses may drive to the Badger Pass Ski when the facility is open to the public for winter operations. Winter driving regulations must be adhered to, including the use of tire chains when entering a designated chain control area.
- E. **Glacier Point Parking Area:** *(No vehicles over 30 feet in length are authorized to drive on the Glacier Point Road, and vehicles towing trailers are not allowed beyond the Sentinel Dome parking lot.)* Due to the limited parking the following conditions exist:
- (1) Drivers are prohibited from parking in the designated passenger unloading area, located in front of the Glacier Point restrooms. This area is only to be used for concessioner bus parking and emergency vehicle parking. With the exception of loading or off-loading persons with mobility impairments, commercial passenger vehicles are prohibited from using the designated area to drop off or pick up passengers. After dropping off the special needs passenger(s), the vehicle must be moved and parked in an approved parking space in the upper lot or the Washburn parking lot.
 - (2) Mini-Buses must park within the designated bus parking lanes located at the upper parking lot and may not park in a manner that impedes traffic flow or block individual vehicle parking spaces.
 - (3) Vans are prohibited from parking in the Bus/RV parking area at any time. (Refer to paragraph E4, "Overflow Parking")
 - (4) **Overflow Parking:** There is limited parking at Glacier Point. In the event that there is no available parking at the Glacier Point parking lot, commercial passenger vehicles must be parked at Washburn Point while drivers wait for their group. Passengers must be picked up in the upper Glacier Point parking lot in the bus parking area. Traffic may be diverted to a satellite parking area at Badger Pass Ski and Snowboard Area during periods of heavy traffic at Glacier Point.
42. **Off-loading Passengers- Wayside Stops:** Drivers must not stop at locations that do not allow the vehicle to be parked safely off the road and/or where passengers cannot safely exit the vehicle away from traffic. The driver is responsible for controlling passengers when passengers are off-loaded; this includes keeping passengers from walking into the roadway and obstructing traffic. Loading or unloading of passengers onto roadways, in driveways, handicapped parking stalls, etc. is prohibited.
43. **Scenic View Stops-Limited:** The availability of parking in these areas is limited. Commercial passenger vehicles must not block traffic lanes or interfere with the free flow of traffic along roadways or in parking lots. Tour operators must abide by any social distancing guidelines in effect at the time. Commercial passenger vehicles travelling through Yosemite Valley are limited to the use of the following locations:
- A. **Tunnel View:** (Wawona Road/Hwy 41) Commercial passenger vehicles may only enter the Tunnel View parking lot if parking is available. Drivers blocking traffic or parking illegally will be cited.

- B. **Bridalveil Straight:** (Bridalveil Fall and El Capitan viewing area). When space is available, passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length (mini-buses and motorcoaches) should try to park on the right side of the one-way road (Southside Drive, eastbound). Do not park on or over the white hash marks. Do not allow passengers to be off-loaded into traffic lanes. Passengers must not be allowed to walk in traffic lanes. Passengers must use crosswalks when crossing the road. (Parking along Bridalveil Straight may be limited or closed at times during 2021 due to construction activity in the area. Tour guides must not allow clients to enter closed areas.)
 - C. **Sentinel Bridge:** (To view Half Dome) Passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length may only park in the designated bus parking space located on the northeast side of Sentinel Bridge. Parking at this location is limited to 30 minutes. Parking in any designated shuttle bus stop is prohibited unless listed under an exemption of this CUA or by written permission of the Superintendent.
 - D. **Devil's Elbow:** (Westbound, Northside Drive) Park in dirt parking area on the right side of the road leaving Yosemite Valley and ¼ mile before El Capitan Meadow. Parking is very limited. Commercial passenger vehicles must not park in, or block, the designated shuttle bus stop area.
 - E. **El Capitan (Meadow) Straight:** (Westbound, Northside Drive) Park on left side of roadway in the designated parking area. Do not park on or over white hash marks. Do not allow passengers to be unloaded into or walk in traffic lanes. Passengers must not be allowed to walk in fenced off areas.
 - F. **Valley View:** (Westbound, Northside Drive in the paved parking area on the left side of the road, exiting Yosemite Valley, and prior to the Hwy 41/140 split.) Commercial passenger vehicles may not block auto parking spaces.
 - G. **Fern Spring:** Commercial passenger vans, mini-buses and motorcoaches are prohibited from stopping at the Fern Spring turnout located on Southside drive.
44. **Parking - Commercial Passenger Vehicles:** Possession of this authorization does not guarantee the availability of parking within Yosemite National Park. The holder will abide by all special parking requirements as designated by the Superintendent. Bus parking areas are designated for commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length. Commercial passenger vehicles towing trailers should try to park in the Yosemite Falls Day Use parking lot in the RV parking area. If parking is not available, the vehicle with trailer may be parked in a bus parking space by backing into the space (Do not park across bus parking spaces.) Smaller sized vehicles must use available auto parking spaces.
- A. **Residential areas:** The holder may not park in residential areas.
 - B. **Parking Lots:** Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length may only park in bus designated parking spaces and may not park in, or across designated car parking spaces.
 - C. **Double parking:** Double parking is prohibited.
45. **Passenger Drop Off & Bus Parking Locations:** The National Park Service reserves the right to specify in-park drop-off, pick-up and parking locations for use by the holder. CUA holders operating vehicles over 21 feet in length must use designated passenger loading/unloading zones and bus parking areas. The holder must follow instructions from Park Rangers and/or NPS Traffic Managers regarding loading/unloading passengers and bus parking.
- A. **Big Oak Flat Information Station:** (Hwy 120, west entrance.)
 - Drop-off/Pick Up:** Buses are prohibited in the Big Oak Flat Information Station parking area.
 - Parking:** Buses associated with passengers staying at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground group campsites may park overnight in the large vehicle parking space, located along the island on the right side of the Big Oak Flat Road, near the Visitor Information parking lot, with written permission from the Superintendent. Buses may not enter or park in the auto parking section.
 - B. **Tuolumne Grove Parking Area:** (Tioga Road at Crane Flat. Refer to the attached "Tuolumne Grove Parking" map.) The Tuolumne Grove parking area has limited parking space.)
 - Drop-off/Pick Up:** Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length may not park or unload passengers in the auto designated parking lots. Passengers must be unloaded in the designated passenger unloading area. Passengers will need to walk to the bus parking area to board the bus for departure. Overdue

passenger must not be left behind, it is the responsibility of the holder to collect all passengers before leaving the area.

Parking: Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length may only park in the designated bus parking area.

C. Cascade Picnic Area: (Located on the south side of Hwy 140, 3 miles east of the Arch Rock Entrance Station.)

Drop-off/Pick Up: Passengers may be dropped off at the Highway 140 Cascade Picnic Area parking lot to use the picnic area. All trash must be placed in the garbage bins located in the parking lot. Drivers/guides must offer a receptacle for passengers to dispose of their used cigarette butts. Passengers must not leave cigarette butts on the ground or in cooking grills.

Parking: Buses may only be parked in the oversized parking space and may not block auto spaces.

D. Cascade Fall Parking Lot (Located on the north side of Hwy 140, 3 miles east of the Arch Rock Entrance Station.)

Drop-off/Pick Up: Passengers may be allowed to step off the bus for a photo opportunity. For use of the Cascade Picnic area the bus must drop off passengers at that location and not allow passengers to walk across the road to the picnic area.

Parking: There is no designated bus parking at this location. Parking for bus over 21 feet is limited to 20 minutes. Buses may not block auto parking spaces.

E. Tuolumne Meadows Area:

Drop-off/Pick Up: Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length may not drive on the Soda Springs Road or enter the Lembert Dome parking lot without prior written authorization from the Superintendent. These vehicles may off-load passenger at the following locations when parking is available.

- Tuolumne Visitor Center parking lot
- Tenaya Lake eastside parking lot
- Olmsted Point scenic vista

Parking: Parking is authorized in the locations listed in the previous paragraph.

F. Yosemite Valley: (Refer to the attached “2021 Yosemite Valley Bus Parking Rules”.)

Drop-off/Pick Up: Unless prior written authorization is given by the Superintendent or the exceptions listed below in paragraphs **L, M and N** are met, all commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length must drop off their passengers at the Yosemite Falls Day Use (Bus) Parking area located at the west side of the Yosemite Valley Lodge.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic precautions the Valley shuttle bus service is not currently available. The holder is authorized to drop off and load passengers at Curry Village shuttle stops #13 and #14 in addition to the regular location at the Yosemite Valley Lodge until further notice. (Once the Valley shuttle bus service is in operation buses will not be authorized to use these drop-off locations.) Holders operating vehicles over 21 feet in length must park in the designated bus parking area located at the Yosemite Falls Day-Use Bus parking lot.

Parking: Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length must be parked in the Yosemite Falls bus parking lot after unloading their passengers. (**Refer to the attached 2021 Yosemite Valley Bus Parking Rules.**) After unloading their passengers, commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length may not be used by drivers for personal transportation within the areas serviced by the Yosemite Valley Shuttlebus System. When the shuttle bus system is operating, bus drivers must use the free shuttle bus or arrange a different, authorized mode of transportation.

G. Yosemite Valley Roadside Turnouts: The holder may allow only one company bus at a time to park at the following scenic turnouts:

- (1) **Devil's Elbow** located along Northside Drive approximately ¼ mile west of the El Capitan Picnic Area.
- (2) **Bridalveil View** located approximately ½ mile west of El Capitan Meadow along Northside Drive. When space is available, mini-buses and motorcoaches should try to use the parking lane on the right side of the one-way road (Southside Drive, eastbound). Do not park on or over the white hash marks. Do not allow passengers to be off-loaded into or walk in traffic lanes.
- (3) **Valley View** located along Northside Drive approximately ¼ mile east of the Pohono Bridge/Hwy 140 cross over.

(The popularity of these locations requires that large vehicles be kept to a minimum to allow for use by the general public. Operators should plan to stagger their stops at these locations when traveling in groups.)

H. Tunnel View Parking Area (Hwy 41): Due to limited parking, the following conditions exist.

Drop-off/Pick Up:

Vehicles are prohibited from stopping, parking or unloading passengers when bus parking spaces are unavailable. (Buses must move on if there is no available bus parking.)

Parking: Vehicles are prohibited from blocking traffic lanes or interfering with the free flow of traffic. Buses over 21 feet may only park in the designated bus parking spaces.

I. Bridalveil Fall Parking Lot:

Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length are prohibited from entering the Bridalveil Fall parking lot. When parking space is available commercial passenger vehicles may park along Southside Drive (the Bridalveil Straight area) to allow their passengers to access Bridalveil Fall and view El Capitan. Buses should try to park on the south (right) side of the one-way road. (For permitted special events commercial passenger vehicles up to 30 feet in length may enter the parking lot to drop off special event clients only if they have prior written authorization from the Park Superintendent. The bus may not park in the lot.)

J. Swinging Bridge Parking Lot: Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length are prohibited from entering the Swinging Bridge parking lot.

K. Village Store:

Drop-off/Pick Up: Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length are prohibited from using the Village Store parking lots to drop-off or pick up passengers at any time. Commercial passenger vans are prohibited from loading/unloading passengers or parking, in the Village Store parking lots from May 1 through October 31.

Parking: Bus parking is not authorized in the Village Store parking lot. Commercial passenger vans are authorized to park in the Village Store parking lots only from May 1 through October 31.

L. Yosemite Valley Campgrounds:

Drop-off/Pick Up: Any group that hires a commercial passenger vehicle over 21 feet in length to drop them off at any Valley Campground must have confirmed campground reservation. *Prior to arrival in the park, the bus operators must contact the Park Campground Manager at 209-372-0331 for permission and instructions on where to off-load and/or load groups staying in Valley campgrounds.* Permission is required to load or unload passengers at the following locations:

- (1) **Upper Pines Campground:** The bus may be driven up the one-way shuttlebus road toward Happy Isles. The Happy Isles shuttle bus road is used by park shuttle buses, bicyclists, pedestrians and horse riders. The bus must not block shuttle bus access. The bus must be parked on the left side of the road, at a location close to the group's campsites. The driver may not drive off the road. The group must unload all gear off to the side of the road at this location and carry the gear to their sites. After dropping off passengers and equipment the driver must drive slowly (25 mph max.) in the one-way direction around the shuttle bus loop and exit near the Valley Stables. (Watch for pedestrians, bicyclist and horse riders.) If the driver encounters a shuttle bus along the shuttle bus loop the driver may not pass but must remain behind the shuttle until they have exited the shuttle loop road. The driver must drive to the bus parking lot located in the Yosemite Falls Day Use Parking area to park or exit the park.

(2) **North Pines & Lower Pines Campgrounds:** The bus driver is authorized to stop at the Pines Campground Shuttle Stop (#18 or #19), located near the entrance to the campground, to off-load passengers and equipment. The bus may not stop for longer than 15 minutes and must not interfere with park shuttlebus operations. The bus may not block the entrance to the campground. After dropping off passengers and equipment the driver must drive to the bus parking lot located in the Yosemite Falls Day Use Parking area to park or exit the park.

Parking: Buses must drive to the Yosemite Falls bus parking lot to park.

(Parking Exception: Regarding Designated Drop-Off Locations the following exceptions apply.)

M. Ahwahnee Hotel - Reservations Required: Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length with groups that have room or meal reservations at The Ahwahnee Hotel may drive to the hotel shuttle bus stop to off-load or load their passengers. The bus must then be driven to the bus parking lot located in the Yosemite Falls Day Use Parking area or exit the park. Passengers should be instructed to be at the boarding area at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the buses arrival to pick up the group. Drivers may be cited if they block the hotel shuttle bus stop for longer than five (5) minutes. The bus may return to the Ahwahnee Hotel to pick up overnight hotel guests and their luggage. The pickup time and location should be arranged with the hotel bellman.

(Parking Exception: Regarding Designated Drop-Off Locations the following exceptions apply.)

N. Curry Village (Reservations Required):

Drop-off/Pick Up: Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length with groups that have lodging or meal reservations at Curry Village may drive to the Curry Village Tour Deck bus stop to off-load or load their passengers and their baggage. Because this location is shared by the concessioner tour vehicles, non-concessioner bus drivers may be cited if they block the bus stop for longer than fifteen (15) minutes. Before disembarking from the bus, passengers with meal reservations only should be directed to take the park shuttle bus to shuttle stop #7 at the Yosemite Falls Day Use Parking area, where they may meet their bus for pick up at a prearranged time. The bus is authorized to be driven to Curry Village to pick up overnight lodging guests and their luggage. Overnight Curry Village guests should be instructed to be at the Curry Village Tour Deck at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the bus arrival to pick up the group.

Parking: Buses over 21 feet in length must be parked in the Yosemite Fall (bus) parking lot after dropping off their passengers or exit the park.

(1) **(School Buses and Yosemite Nature Bridge School Groups)** Buses transporting school groups and Yosemite Nature Bridge groups to their lodgings at Curry Village should contact the Traffic Management Office (209-379-0600) for information regarding passenger drop-off and bus parking.

O. Wawona Hotel: (Hwy 41)

Drop-off/Pick Up: Buses must not enter the Wawona Hotel driveway loop unless the group has meal or lodging reservations. Buses without reservations must unload passengers at the designated Bus/RV parking area across from the Wawona Store and allow them to walk to the hotel. (See attached Wawona Hotel parking map.)

Parking: The driveway to the Wawona Hotel is designated for private auto parking only. Drivers must park in the Bus/RV parking lot across from the Wawona Store, while waiting for their passengers.

P. Wawona Store and Pioneer History Center: (Hwy 41)

Drop-off/Pick Up: (Refer to the attached "Wawona Store Parking" map.) When visiting the Pioneer History Center or Wawona Store, drivers of commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length must park and off load passengers in the designated Bus/RV parking lot located across the road from the Wawona store, on the west side of the Wawona Road (Hwy 41). Passengers must be directed to use the pedestrian crosswalk to cross the road. **When snow and ice hinder the use of** the Bus/RV parking lot, buses may off load/load passenger and park in the Wawona Store parking lot but must not be parked in travel lanes or along Forest Drive.

Parking: Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length are prohibited from parking in the Pioneer History Center parking lot or the Wawona Store parking lot. When visiting the Pioneer History Center, Wawona Store or staying at the Wawona Hotel, commercial passenger buses over 21 feet in length must be parked in the designated Bus/RV parking lot located across the road from the Wawona store, on the west

side of the Wawona Road (Hwy 41). Day use passengers must be off loaded and loaded at this location. Passenger must be directed to use the pedestrian crosswalk to cross the road.

When snow and ice hinder parking in the Bus/RV lot, buses may park in the Wawona Store parking lot, but must not be parked in travel lanes or along Forest Drive.

Q. **Mariposa Grove Bus Parking Area: (Hwy 41)

When visiting the Mariposa Grove buses with reservations will be directed to the transportation hub to off load passengers and then move to the reserved bus parking lot to park and wait for their passengers. Visitors will board the free shuttle bus to the Lower Grove where they may hike along the trails in the Grove. Tram tours of the Grove are no longer available. Parking is limited for commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length. Only 4 reserved parking spaces are available at any time. Reservation times are staggered. Only one bus is allowed to arrive during a specific time slot. Reservations must be obtained at least 1 day prior to arrival through Recreation.gov. (2021 Reservations should be available beginning March 2021 pending any continued restrictions.)

Drop-off/Pick Up:

- (1) Bus drivers and guides must follow directions given by NPS traffic management and shuttle bus staff.
- (2) Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length must have a confirmed parking reservation to enter and drop off passengers, and park in the Mariposa Grove reserved bus parking lot. Passengers may not be dropped off unless the bus/group has a parking reservation.
- (3) Passengers may not be dropped off along the Wawona Road.
- (4) Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length are prohibited from entering the Welcome Plaza automobile parking lot. This lot is designated for auto and RV parking only.
- (5) Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length must use the designated commercial bus loading and unloading zone at the shuttle bus transit hub to load and unload passengers. Passengers are not allowed to enter the bus parking lot to board the bus.

Parking: Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length are restricted from parking in the Welcome Plaza parking lot or in the Lower Grove parking lot unless authorized in writing by the Park Superintendent.

- (1) Commercial passenger vehicles towing trailers are prohibited from entering the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza unless they have a current bus parking reservation. To park in the Welcome Plaza auto parking lot commercial passenger vehicle up to 21 feet in length must drop off the trailer prior to entering the Welcome Plaza area.

Trailers may be dropped off:

- in Wawona at the Bus/RV parking area located across the road from the Wawona Store.
- at the Wawona Road/Glacier Point Road junction, in the north side parking lot across from the restrooms.

- (2) Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length may not be driven beyond the main parking lot to the Lower Grove unless prior written authorization is issued by the Superintendent.
- (3) Commercial passenger vehicles up to 21 feet in length, without reservations, may park in the Welcome Plaza parking lot as directed by traffic management staff. (When parking is full the parking lot will be closed to all vehicles temporarily until space becomes available.)
 - Passengers must be unloaded in the parking lot and not at the transit hub.
 - Drivers may not use the designated utility parking or striped loading zone near the restrooms to load or unload passengers.
 - Drivers may not park in RV/Oversized vehicle parking spaces.
 - Driver must park within the painted lanes.
 - Drivers with larger vans must back into the parking space when possible and must fold side view mirrors in.
- (4) The Mariposa Grove Road beyond the Welcome Plaza is closed to all non-ADA placarded vehicles when shuttle buses are in operation. Commercial passenger vehicles are not authorized to drive beyond the gate at the Welcome Plaza unless authorized in writing by the Superintendent.

- (5) When the shuttle buses are not operating, and the gate to the Mariposa Grove is open commercial passenger vehicles up to 21 feet in length will be allowed to drive to the Lower Grove parking area. Drivers must drive with caution. The speed limit will be strictly enforced. Drivers must watch for pedestrians.

46. **Unloading Passengers at Park Entrance Stations** – Drivers are **prohibited** from allowing passengers to get out of the vehicle while approaching or stopped at the entrance station. Drivers/guides of commercial passenger vehicles with a seating capacity of more than 15 passengers are prohibited from stopping to allow passengers to use the entrance station restrooms. (See condition #47)
47. **Restroom Facilities Restricted Use: Due to limited facilities, parking and health and safety issues the following areas are specifically closed to commercial passenger vehicles:**
- A. **All Park Entrance Station restrooms** (Hwy 140-Arch Rock; Hwy 41-South Entrance; Hwy 120W-Big Oak Flat; Hwy 120E-Tioga Pass.) Vehicles with a seating capacity of more than 15 passengers are prohibited from stopping to use the restrooms.
 - B. **Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza restrooms** are available only for commercial passenger vehicles that are authorized to park in the lot.
 - C. **Swinging Bridge picnic area restrooms** located in Yosemite Valley. Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length are prohibited from entering or parking in the Swinging Bridge parking lot.)
 - D. **The El Portal Market** (no public restrooms available)
 - E. **The El Portal Chevron Station** (restrooms are too small to accommodate large groups)

[Violators may be held responsible for all cost associated with pumping septic tanks and cleaning these restroom facilities, as well as any resource damage that might occur, or cost of mitigation. Suggested locations are listed below. Small, park roadside restroom facilities, such as those at the park entrance stations and other roadside turnouts, cannot handle a sudden large influx of users. Groups should try to plan rest stops at larger facilities prior to entering the park or use those facilities listed here.

(Under no circumstances will the holder allow clients to dispose of human bodily waste anywhere except in approved restroom facilities, provided for that purpose.)

Bus groups may use the following restroom facilities:

(Wawona Rd-Hwy 41)

- Chinquapin/Glacier Point Rd. Junction
- Mariposa Grove parking lot (See condition 49B.)

(Tioga Road-Hwy 120 East)

- Tenaya Lake, East Beach parking area
- Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center (parking is limited)

(Yosemite Valley)

- Yosemite Falls Day Use Parking area (portable toilets)
- Yosemite Falls Picnic Area
- Yosemite Visitor Center
- Valley Village Store/Grill Area
- Yosemite Village/Degnan's Kitchen

48. **Picnic Areas Restricted:**

- A. Unless authorized by the Superintendent in writing, commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length are **prohibited from entering the following picnic areas:**
 - (1) **Swinging Bridge parking lot** (Yosemite Valley, along Southside Drive near the Yosemite Chapel)
 - (2) **Cathedral Beach Picnic Area** (Yosemite Valley, along Southside Drive, near El Capitan Crossover)
 - (3) **Sentinel Beach Picnic area** (Yosemite Valley, along Southside Drive, near the 4 Mile Trailhead)
 - (4) **Yosemite Creek Picnic area** (Tioga Road)
 - (5) **Murphy Creek Picnic Area** (Tenaya Lake)
- B. The holder may not allow passengers to use the shuttle bus bench areas for picnicking. These areas are for shuttle bus passenger loading and unloading only.

49. **Supervision/Compliance:** The holder shall provide adequate supervision and education of its employees and clients to ensure that the park's geological, biological, historical and archeological resources are not disturbed. The holder is responsible for informing its employees and clients of park regulations and assuring compliance. **Supervision includes, but is not limited to:**
- A. **Area Use:** The area(s) authorized for use under this authorization must be left in substantially the same condition as it was prior to the activities authorized herein, with all refuse properly disposed of as required by the Superintendent.
 - B. **Protection of Natural Resources and Cultural Artifacts (Historic and Prehistoric):** Holder will not allow passengers to disturb or remove any natural, cultural and/or historic items from the park, including arrowheads or similar artifacts. Rocks, flowers, plants, and parts of plants (alive or dead), trees and parts of trees including bark and **cones** as well as other natural resources may **not** be removed. The holder will not allow passengers to walk in sensitive resource areas posted as closed or fenced off for rehabilitation.
 - C. **Feeding Wildlife:** Park regulations prohibit the feeding of any wildlife in Yosemite National Park. The CUA holder must ensure passengers comply with this and all regulations.
 - D. **Unattended Food:** Food may not be left unattended if not stored in approved storage containers. Food will be considered to be unattended when it is placed outside of the bus and not within arm's reach of the agent or client. Food, such as lunch boxes, left unattended may be confiscated and the agent and/or company cited for improper food storage.
 - E. **Trash Items:**
 - (1) **Garbage Removal – Park picnic areas:** All garbage and refuse **must** be placed into a bear resistant garbage can or transported out of the park by the holder.
 - (2) **Garbage Removal – Yosemite Valley Lodge:** When transporting lunches into the park and using the Yosemite Valley Lodge amphitheater benches, all garbage and refuse **must** be collected and transported out of the park by the holder. Trash receptacles at the Lodge must not be used to dispose of group trash and refuse.
 - (3) **Group Lunch Trash Disposal** - The holder/guide must supply large garbage bags for their clients to collect the group's garbage when supplying box or bag lunches and dispose of the trash properly. Do not use the small trash cans for group trash disposal. The trash bag should be disposed of in a large bear proof trash bin with metal door clip or placed on the bus to be carried out of the park.
 - (4) **Bear Resistant Garbage Cans** - The holder must notify their passengers that garbage items must be placed in a bear resistant garbage can. Trash may not be left outside of garbage cans; this is considered improper disposal.
 - (5) **Open Top Dumpsters - Food refuse including wrappings and containers may not be placed into open-topped dumpsters.**
 - F. **Cigarettes:** Cigarette butts/filters must be disposed of safely and properly. The holder will **not allow drivers or passengers who smoke to discard their cigarette butts or filters on the ground.** The driver must be provided a container to collect cigarette butts and filters. During periods of extreme fire hazard, the Superintendent may prohibit smoking in outdoors areas in the park.
50. **Park Information:** The holder will ensure that information provided through tour leaders, brochures, literature, or advertising to park visitors is accurate and reflects the most current information available to depict park flora, fauna, geology, culture, and history. *(Some information may be found on the park web-site at <http://www.nps.gov/yose/index.htm>).* For Road and weather information inside of Yosemite call (209) 372-0200.
51. **Report of Incidents:** The holder is required to report any personal injury and/or property damage incident occurring within the park involving holder vehicles, clientele, and/or employees. The report must be made to a Law Enforcement Ranger at the first available opportunity before leaving the park. A report will consist of a written or verbal description of the incident. *(If a Park Ranger is unavailable, a report may be made by calling the **Park Dispatch Officer at (209) 372-0608** or at - the nearest Entrance/Exit Station.)* The holder must cooperate with any investigation of the incident by National Park Service personnel. A report must also be sent to the Commercial Use Office within 3 business days of the incident.
52. **Commercial Passenger Vehicle Safety Inspections:** The holder shall cooperate fully regarding the inspections of commercial passenger vehicles in Yosemite National Park. *(For visitor safety the Superintendent has authorized a program for commercial passenger vehicle safety inspections to be conducted, unannounced, each year in the park. Vehicles are checked for safety, mechanical deficiencies, and compliance with current state and federal regulations. Driver's licenses, medical certificates and logbooks are also checked.)*

Yosemite National Park Access Routes and Vehicle Size Restrictions

Yosemite Valley may be accessed by the following routes, via **Highway 41**, through Oakhurst, entering through the park's *South Entrance*; via **Highway 120**, through Groveland, entering through the park's *Big Oak Flat Entrance*; via **Highway 140** through Mariposa, entering through the park's *Arch Rock Entrance*; via **Highway 120 (from Highway 395)** through Lee Vining, entering through the park's *Tioga Pass Entrance*.

Vehicle Size Restrictions/Access

Buses over 45 feet in length and 102 inches in width are prohibited on park roads.

(1) The Hetch Hetchy Road:

(No entry after hours. Call 209-372-0200 for open times.)
25-foot maximum length, 96 inch maximum width.

(2) The Tioga Road:

Winter closure due to snow, usually from early November through late May or early June. The road closure extends from 1 mile east of the Crane Flat Gas Station to the Tioga Pass Entrance Station. When the Tioga Road is closed, it is not possible to access Tuolumne Meadows by vehicle or enter Yosemite National Park from Hwy 395.

(3) Highway 140:

Caltrans Detour outside of Yosemite National Park, 5 miles west of El Portal. Restriction: 45 feet maximum length Through the detour. (Expect delays.)

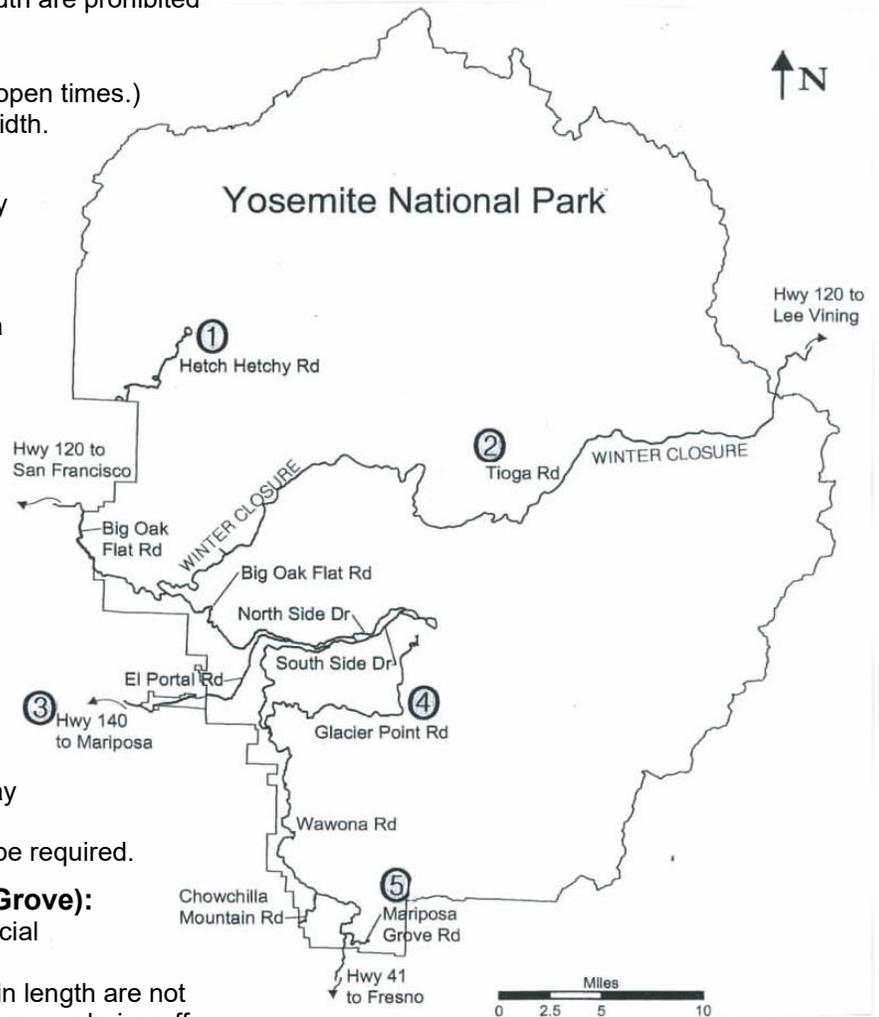
(4) The Glacier Point Road

30-foot maximum length. Vehicles pulling trailers are prohibited beyond the Sentinel Dome parking lot.

Note: There is a winter road closure beyond the Badger Pass Ski Area. Buses up to 45' may drive to the ski area when open to the public for winter activities. Use of snow chains may be required.

(5) Mariposa Grove Road (Giant Sequoia Grove):

Parking reservations are required for commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length. Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length are not authorized to drive to the Lower Grove parking area during off hours when shuttle buses are not running.



Changing Road & Weather Conditions

Road and weather conditions can change quickly in Yosemite National Park. The timing of your visit will determine what park roads are open and the need for vehicle tire chains/cables. All park roads are subject to snow and icy conditions. It is recommended that buses carry Caltrans approved tire chains or cables when visiting Yosemite from November through April, as a sudden snowstorm could make them mandatory. Vehicles with a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of greater than 6000 pounds must use tire chains/cables when chain controls are activated at any level.

Note: For road conditions inside of Yosemite National Park call 1-209-372-0200.

For road conditions outside of Yosemite National Park call Caltrans at 1-800-427-7623 (ROAD).

2021 Yosemite Valley Bus Parking Rules (Parking, Loading and Unloading Information)

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 this Commercial Use Authorization.

There are six authorized photo locations in Yosemite Valley where you may stop:

- **Tunnel View (Hwy 41)** – (also known as Discovery View.) Stop only if parking is available. Buses must park within designated bus parking lanes.
- **Bridalveil Straight (Southside Drive parking area)** – (either side of one way road. (Drivers should try to park on the right side of the road if space is available.) 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.) Do not park on hash marks. Stopping and waiting in the road is prohibited.
- **Half Dome View from Sentinel Bridge** in the marked bus parking space north of the bridge. Parking limited to 30 minutes.
- **Devil's Elbow**, dirt parking area, ¼ mile west of El Capitan picnic area. On right side of road. Do not block the shuttlebus stop.
- **El Capitan Meadow Straight-away** on the left side of the roadway. Park on left side of hash marks. Do not park off the pavement. Do not allow passengers to step out into traffic lanes when off- loading.
- **Valley View** on the left side of the roadway just prior to the highways #41 & #120, #140 split.
- **Fern Spring**: Located on Southside Drive near Pohono Bridge, vans, mini-buses and motorcoaches are not allowed to stop at Fern Spring.

Bus Parking in and Around Yosemite Village & Yosemite Valley Lodge

All parking for commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length is located at the Yosemite Falls Day Use Parking lot, located west of the Yosemite Valley Lodge. No other bus parking is authorized in the Yosemite Village areas.

Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length are prohibited from entering or parking in the Village Store parking lots or the Village Day Use parking lot. Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length are also prohibited from parking in any of the Curry Village parking lots, unless directed there by a Park Ranger, or with written permission from the Superintendent.

Commercial passenger vans up to 21 feet in length are restricted from parking in the Village Store parking lot from *May through October*

Passenger Loading and Unloading in Yosemite Village

- 1) Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length must drive to the Yosemite Falls Day Use parking lot and unload passengers in the posted area. (There are no other unloading or loading locations in Yosemite Village areas with the exception of the Ahwahnee Hotel and Curry Village, and then, only if the tour group has reservations for meals or lodging at those locations.)
- 2) After unloading your passengers move to the designated Bus Parking area located at the back of the Yosemite Falls Day Use Parking lot and park as directed.
- 3) Commercial passenger vehicles up to 21 feet in length are to use parking areas designated for the general public. Restrictions listed in the previous section apply.
- 4) Have your passengers assembled and waiting at the designated loading area 15 minutes prior to scheduled pick up time.
- 5) Commercial passenger vehicles up to 21 feet in length are not allowed to park in the designated bus parking spaces.
- 6) Buses are restricted from parking long term in the loading/offloading area.
- 7) Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length are prohibited from entering the Village Store parking lots to drop off or pick up passengers.
- 8) Commercial passenger vehicles up to 21 feet in length (sedans and vans) are restricted from loading or unloading passengers in the Village Store parking lot from *May through October*.

Passenger Loading and Unloading at Curry Village

(The following areas may *only to be used by groups with lodging or meal reservations at these locations.*)

- **To unload passengers at Curry Village:** Stop in front of the Curry Village registration office area to unload and load passengers and luggage.
 - **After unloading passenger at Curry Village:** Return to the Yosemite Falls parking area near Yosemite Valley Lodge and park your bus in the designated Bus Parking lot.
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Passenger Loading and Unloading at the Ahwahnee Hotel

(The following areas may *only to be used by groups with lodging or meal reservations at these locations.*)

- **Unload passengers and luggage** near the front of the hotel as directed by the hotel bellman.
- **After unloading**, drive to the Yosemite Falls Day Use Parking area, located at the west end of Yosemite Valley Lodge, to park your bus. Buses may be parked overnight in the bus lot.

Note: Due to parking limitations at both the Ahwahnee Hotel and Curry Village, 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. Five minute idle limitations apply here as well. If the driver is missing a passenger, they should leave the area and return to the Yosemite Falls Day Use parking lot. Drivers/guides must leave word with the concierge or front desk that they will wait at the Yosemite Falls Day Use Parking lot (Shuttle stop #7) for the missing passenger or leave a message regarding the tour plan to meet up with the individual. Buses must not block the park shuttle bus access.

Posted Regulations

Commercial buses must obey all posted regulations and/or directions given by authorized Park Service employees. 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. It is the responsibility of the driver to be aware of the conditions of the CUA.

Idling Buses

Maximum idle time at any location in Yosemite National Park is five (5) minutes. The only exception is for initial startup with a cold engine while driver is performing a pre-trip inspection as required by law. It is not for the use of air conditioners, heaters or other passenger/driver comforts. This rule is strictly enforced.

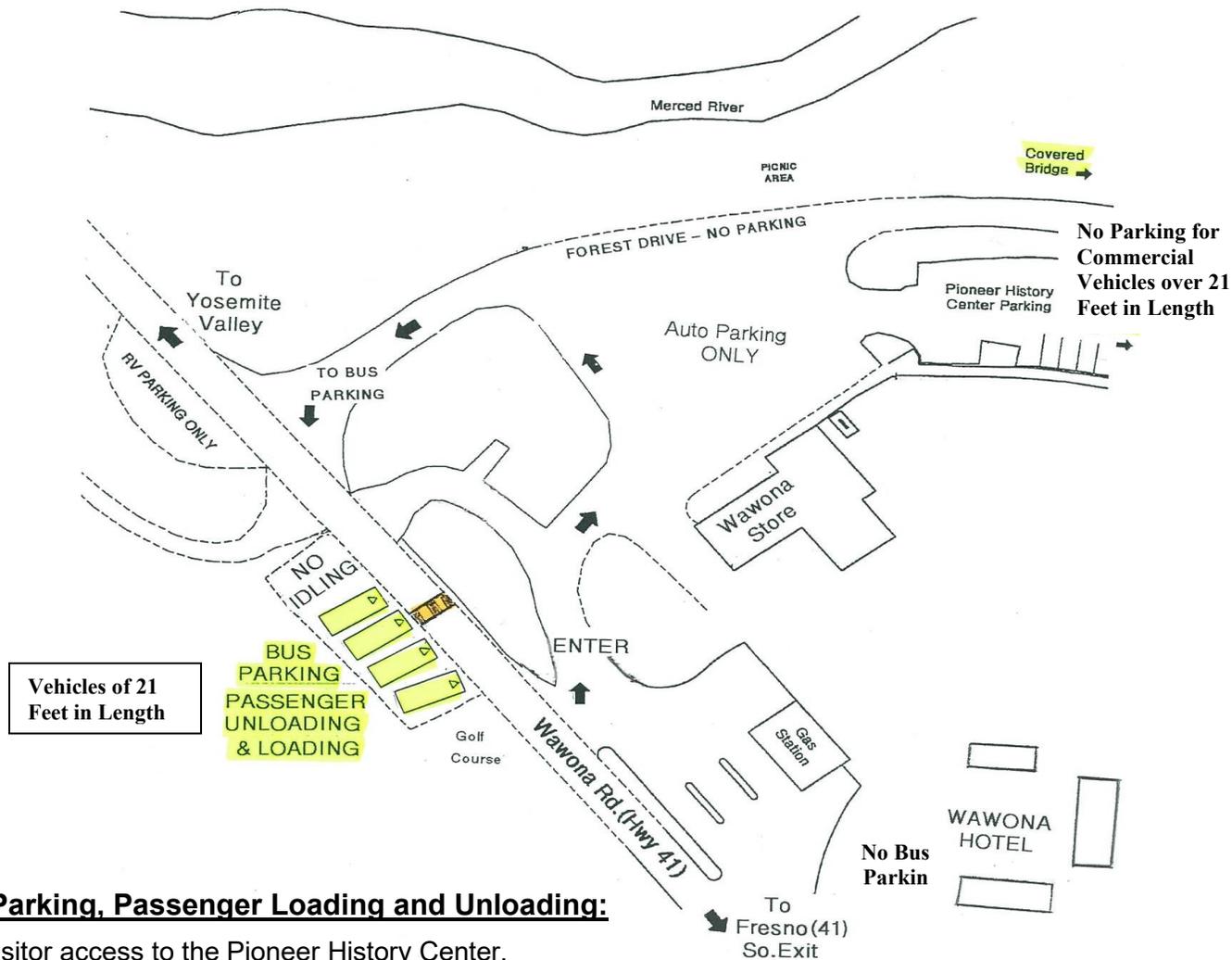
Shuttle Bus Stops

Commercial buses are not permitted to use the park Shuttle Bus stop areas to load or unload passengers, with the exception of the Ahwahnee Hotel for loading and unloading guest with hotel or meal reservations. *Due to COVID-19 pandemic precautions the Valley shuttle bus service may not be available. The holder is authorized to drop off and load passengers at Curry Village shuttle stops #13 and #14 in addition to the Yosemite Lodge location until further notice. (Once the shuttle bus service is in service these stops will not be authorized to use).*

Picnic Areas

- The Yosemite Falls Picnic area is the only designated picnic site in the Village area.
- No food preparation is permitted in the bus loading/unloading area or bus parking lot.
- Please distribute lunches in your bus before off-loading passengers.
- Shuttle Bus benches are for the use of shuttle bus passengers and may not be used for picnic seating.
- For individuals, all garbage must be placed inside of an authorized closed-top garbage receptacle or bagged and taken out of the park by the tour group.
- For groups, a large trash bag must be made available to collect group trash. Do not use the small trash bins to dispose of group trash. The trash bag must be placed in a large bear-resistant trash bin or placed on the bus to be disposed of outside of the park.

Wawona Store Parking
 (Yosemite Pioneer History Center)
 (Wawona Hotel overnight bus parking)



Bus Parking, Passenger Loading and Unloading:

(For visitor access to the Pioneer History Center, the Wawona Store and the Wawona Hotel.)

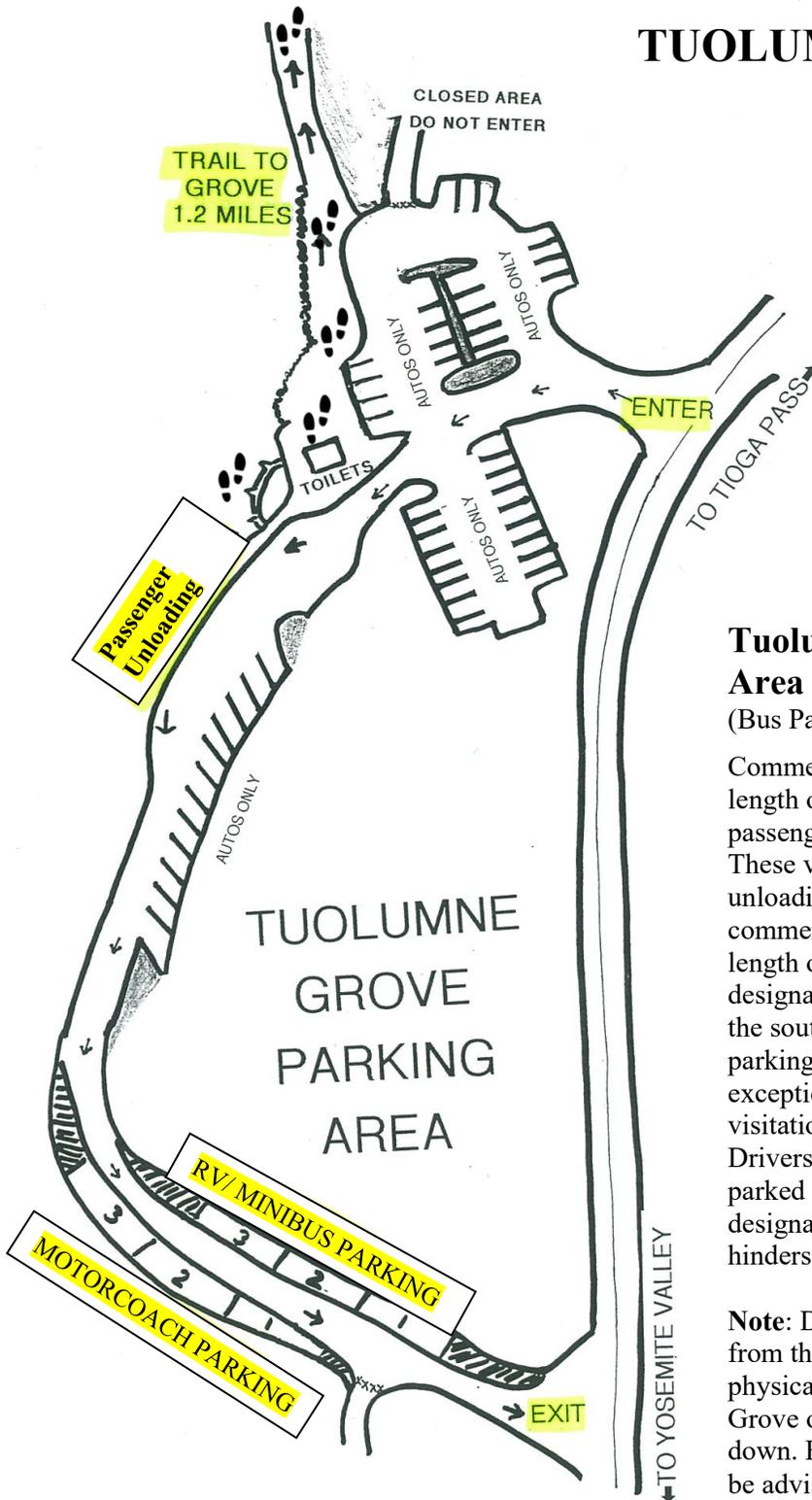
- Commercial passenger vehicles over the length of 21 feet must park in the dirt parking lot across from the Wawona Store parking lot, near the golf course.
- Please back into the parking space, parking perpendicular to the road.
- Passengers must be directed to use the crosswalk when crossing the Wawona Rd. to and from the bus parking area.
- Drivers may not allow their bus to idle for more than 5 minutes.
- Vehicles of any size are not allowed to park along Forest Drive.

Commercial passenger vehicles over the length of 21 feet are NOT allowed to park or in the Wawona Store parking lot or the Pioneer History Center parking lot. The only exception is when snow conditions on the ground block the designated bus parking area. In this situation bus drivers may park in the Wawona Store parking lot but may not park across multiple parking space.

Mariposa Grove Shuttle from Wawona

There is no shuttle bus service available from Wawona to the Mariposa Grove.

TUOLUMNE GROVE



Tuolumne Grove Parking Area

(Bus Parking is Limited)

Commercial passenger vehicles over the length of 21 feet may not unload passengers in the auto parking areas. These vehicles must use the passenger unloading area to off-load passengers. All commercial passenger vehicles over the length of 21 feet must park in the designated bus parking spaces located on the south end of the Tuolumne Grove parking area near the exit. There are no exceptions. During times of heavy visitation, parking may not be available. Drivers may be cited if their vehicle is parked in any area other than the designated bus parking spaces or if it hinders or interferes with traffic flow.

Note: Due to the elevation, the hike up from the Tuolumne Grove can be physically strenuous. Hiking up from the Grove often takes longer than hiking down. Hikers with health concerns should be advised of the difficulty of the hike.