

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
National Park Service  
YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK  
Park Contact: yose\_bus@nps.gov  
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-24-  
Park Alpha-Number

2. Authorization Holder Information:  
Business Name:

Auth. Date: January 01, 2024

Expiration Date: January 31, 2025

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Area: Yosemite National Park

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation Authority:

TCP \_\_\_\_\_ DOT \_\_\_\_\_ MC \_\_\_\_\_  
Calif. PUC Authority # US Dept. of Transportation Authority #s

Phone and Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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: 112066

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

Authorizing NPS Official: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Title Date  
Chief of Business & Revenue Mgmt.  
for Superintendent

## 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 must comply with all provisions of Executive Order 14026 of April 27, 2021, (Increasing the Minimum Wage for Federal Contractors) and its implementing regulations, including the applicable contract clause, codified at 29 C.F.R. part 23, all of which are incorporated by reference into this authorization as if fully set forth in this authorization.

- 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) 347-6412 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.
- 19. Notification of Employee Rights:** The holder must comply with all provisions of Executive Order 13496 of January 30, 2009, (Notification of Employee Rights Under Federal Labor Laws) and its implementing regulations, including the applicable contract clause, codified at 29 CFR part 471, appendix A to subpart A, all of which are incorporated by reference into this authorization as if fully set forth in this authorization.

### SPECIAL PARK CONDITIONS

*Reference copies of the Yosemite National Park 36 C.F.R. 1.7(b) Superintendent's Compendium are available at <http://www.nps.gov/yose/parkmgmt/lawsandpolicies.htm>. The Wilderness Management Plan (approved 1989) is available upon request from the Research Library (209) 372-0280). A copy of 36 CFR Part 1 to 199 may be found at: <http://home.nps.gov/applications/npspolicy/getregs.cfm>.*

#### 20. 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 condition 27).

**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 condition 27.)

**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 front country trails which include but are not limited to the Lower Yosemite Falls Trail, Yosemite Village, Wawona Pioneer History Center, paved public walkways and wayside vista areas). Conducting guided hikes on wilderness area trails requires a separate CUA. (See condition 27.)

21. **Carry Permit:** The holder (driver) must carry a paper copy of the entire Commercial Use Authorization, including attachments, onboard all vehicles while operating inside Yosemite National Park. The driver must be able to show the CUA to any National Park Service staff upon request.
22. **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 must be clearly displayed on commercial passenger vehicles entering the park and must match the number(s) listed on the Commercial Use Authorization issued to the holder.
23. **Identify Commercial Vehicles:** The CUA holder’s name or DBA must be clearly printed on the vehicle so as to be visible from a distance of 50 feet in daylight.
24. **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>).
25. **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 road-based sightseeing tours within Yosemite National Park).
26. **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, assure quality visitor experiences, protect the safety of park staff or visitors or due to the implementation of special park projects.
27. **Additional Permits:** The commercial tour operator is required to obtain a separate Commercial Use Authorization to conduct any of the following activities: guided hiking, guided fishing, guided backpacking, guided snow shoeing, guided cross-country skiing, photography workshops, art workshops or step on guiding. **Note: Commercial bicycle tours, guided climbing, or vehicle caravanning tours are not authorized within Yosemite National Park.** For information regarding additional authorized tour activities in Yosemite National Park email the Commercial Use Office at [Yose\\_CUA@nps.gov](mailto:Yose_CUA@nps.gov).
28. **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 office of Special Park uses at [yose\\_special\\_use\\_permits@nps.gov](mailto:yose_special_use_permits@nps.gov)).
29. **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 conditions of this authorization. The holder may be cited for any violations of the authorization committed by their employee, agent and/or client while acting under this authorization.
30. **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, county, and NPS guidelines regarding public health and safety must be followed.
31. **Harassment:** Harassment of and/or threats to park visitors or any National Park Service employee by the holder, or their employees, will result in the suspension and/or revocation of this authorization.
32. **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 that use.

**33. Commercial Vehicle Liability:** (See condition 6 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. 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)**

<b><u>Amount of Coverage</u></b>	<b><u>Vehicle Seating Capacity</u></b>
(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)**

<b><u>Amount of Coverage</u></b>	<b><u>Vehicle Seating Capacity</u></b>
(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).

**34. 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 with a valid debit or credit card. Interagency passes may not be used for commercial road-based tours. The entrance fee must be paid in full at the time of entry, or upon exit if the entrance station is closed at the time of entry. (If the entrance station is closed or states "pass through" upon both entrance and exit contact [yose\\_bus@nps.gov](mailto:yose_bus@nps.gov) to arrange payment.)

**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, not on the number of passengers or the passenger capacity 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).

**35. 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, including failure to identify a commercial vehicle (see condition 23), will result in the termination of this authorization and the holder may be issued a citation which may result in a mandatory court appearance before the U.S. Magistrate in Yosemite National Park.

**36. 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.

**37. 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.

- 38. 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.
- 39. 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.
- 40. 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.
- 41. Vehicle Exhaust:** All vehicles operating within the park must be properly maintained to ensure they are in compliance with California State and Federal laws regarding emissions. Excessive exhaust from vehicles must be immediately corrected.
- 42. Winter Driving Tire Chains (tire traction device):** When entering active chain control areas within Yosemite National Park the following conditions must be met: the holder's vehicle(s) must be equipped with Caltrans approved traction control devices; drivers must be trained in how to install tire traction devices and how to drive in winter conditions; chains must be installed at the first safe turnout nearest to the active chain control sign. When chain control signs are "Active" 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 require the use of metal link chain traction control devices, cable chains will not be allowed.** (For road conditions in Yosemite National Park call (209)372-0200 press 1, and 1.)
- 43. 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 (see condition 26.) Road specific restrictions are as follows:
- 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 are prohibited.
  - B. **Hetch Hetchy Road:** Vehicles, over 25 feet in length, and 8 feet wide are prohibited.
  - C. **Mariposa Grove Road: Commercial vehicles may not drive beyond the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza without express written permission from the Superintendent.** During the shuttle season (approx. April-November) guides and clients may use the ABA buses that depart from the Welcome Center. During the shoulder seasons (approx. December-March) the Mariposa Grove is accessed via a 1.5-mile trail. (For vehicles over 21 feet in length see Condition 47. paragraph O.)
  - D. **Glacier Point Road:** Due to the narrow road conditions, vehicles over 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 (see paragraph 2 below).
    - (1) Vehicles towing trailers are prohibited beyond the Sentinel Dome parking lot. Trailers may not be left at Sentinel Dome. Trailers may be parked in the Glacier Point/Wawona Road Junction in the north side of the parking lot.
    - (2) **Winter exception:** Buses may drive to the Badger Pass Ski Area when the facility is open to the public for winter operations. Drivers must adhere to winter driving regulations including any active chain control restrictions (see condition 42.)
  - E. **Glacier Point Parking Area:** Due to the limited parking the following exceptions apply:
    - (1) Commercial passenger vehicles are prohibited from using the designated passenger unloading area except for loading or off-loading persons with mobility impairments,. This area is reserved for concessioner buses and emergency vehicles. Commercial vehicles may be cited for stopping in this area for longer than 5 minutes or obstructing concessioner or emergency vehicles. .
    - (2) Mini-Buses (vehicles with a capacity of 16-25) 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 (vehicles with a capacity of less than 16) are prohibited from parking in the Bus/RV parking area at any time.
- (4) **Overflow Parking:** In the event that there is no available parking at the Glacier Point parking lot, commercial passenger vehicles must park 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.

**44. Off-loading Passengers- Wayside Stops:** Drivers must not stop anywhere the vehicle cannot 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; this includes preventing passengers from walking into the roadway or obstructing traffic in any way. Loading or unloading of passengers onto roadways, in driveways or handicapped parking stalls is prohibited.

**45. 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. Commercial passenger vehicles traveling 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. Vehicles over 21 feet may only park in the designated bus parking spaces. Vehicles are prohibited from stopping, parking, or unloading passengers when parking spaces are unavailable.
- B. **Bridalveil Straight:** (Bridalveil Fall and El Capitan viewing area). When space is available, passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length must park on the right side of the one-way road (Southside Drive, eastbound). Parking over the white hash marks is prohibited. The holder shall not off-loaded or allow passengers to walk into traffic lanes. Passengers must use crosswalks when crossing the road. Parking along Bridalveil Straight may be limited or closed at times due to construction activity in the area. Do not allow passengers to enter closed areas.
- C. **Sentinel Bridge:** Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length are prohibited from entering the Sentinel Bridge parking lot. (Vehicles over 30 feet are prohibited from driving on Sentinel Bridge.)
- D. **Devil's Elbow:** (Westbound, Northside Drive) The holder is authorized to park **only one bus at a time** at this location. Park in dirt parking area on the right side of the road leaving Yosemite Valley and ¼ mile before El Capitan Meadow. 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 off-loaded into or walk into traffic lanes. Passengers must not be allowed to walk in fenced off areas.
- F. **Bridalveil View:** (Westbound, Northside Drive) The holder is authorized to park **only one bus at a time** at this location. When space is available, mini-buses and motorcoaches should try to use the parking lane on the left side of the one-way road. Do not park on or over the white hash marks. Do not allow passengers to be off-loaded into or walk in traffic lanes.
- G. **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). The holder is authorized to park **only one bus at a time** at this location. Commercial passenger vehicles may not block automobile parking spaces.
- H. **Fern Spring:** Commercial passenger vans, mini-buses and motorcoaches (vehicles with a passenger capacity of 7 or more and/or over 21 feet in length) are prohibited from stopping at the Fern Spring turnout located on Southside drive.

**46. Parking - Commercial Passenger Vehicles:** Possession of this authorization *does not* guarantee the availability of parking within Yosemite National Park (see condition 26.) The holder will abide by all special parking requirements as designated by the Superintendent..

- A. **Residential areas:** The holder may not park in residential areas.
- B. **Parking Lots:** Bus parking areas are designated for commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length. Commercial passenger vehicles towing trailers may 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 designated auto parking spaces.
- C. **Double parking:** Double parking is prohibited.
- D. **Bus stops:** parking in any shuttle stop or YARTS bus stop is prohibited.

**47. Passenger Unloading & Bus Parking Locations:** The National Park Service reserves the right to specify in-park passenger unloading/ loading 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. The driver is responsible for controlling

passengers; this includes preventing passengers from walking into the roadway or obstructing traffic in any way. Loading or unloading of passengers onto roadways, in driveways or handicapped parking stalls is prohibited.

**A. Big Oak Flat Information Station:** (Hwy 120, west entrance).

**Passenger Unloading/ Loading:** Buses are prohibited in the Big Oak Flat Information Station parking area.

**Parking:** Buses transporting passengers with reservations at the Hodgdon Meadow Campground group campsites must contact [yose\\_bus@nps.gov](mailto:yose_bus@nps.gov) for written permission to 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. Commercial vehicles parked in the large vehicle parking space without written permission may be cited. 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 page 16.)

**Passenger Unloading/ Loading:** 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 must walk to the bus parking area to board the bus for departure. It is the responsibility of the holder to collect all passengers before leaving the area. Overdue passengers must not be left behind.

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

**C. Tuolumne Meadows Area:** 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.

Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet may park and off-load passenger at the following locations when parking is available.

- (1) Tuolumne Visitor Center parking lot
- (2) Tenaya Lake eastside parking lot
- (3) Olmsted Point scenic vista

**D. Cascade Picnic Area:** (Located on the south side of Hwy 140, 3 miles east of the Arch Rock Entrance Station). Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length may only be parked in the oversized parking space and may not block auto spaces. The holder must ensure clients store food and dispose of trash according to park regulations (see condition **51** paragraphs **D-F**.)

**E. Cascade Fall Parking Lot:** (Located on the north side of Hwy 140, 3 miles east of the Arch Rock Entrance Station) There is no designated bus parking at this location. Parking for vehicles over 21 feet is limited to 20 minutes. Buses must not block auto parking spaces. Clients using the Cascade Picnic Area (see above paragraph) must not be unloaded at the Cascade Fall Parking lot.

**F. Yosemite Valley:** (Refer to the attached map page 17.)

**Passenger Unloading/ Loading:** Unless prior written authorization is given by the Superintendent or the exceptions listed below in paragraphs **J, K or L** 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 (This zone is shared with Shuttle Stop 7).

**Parking:** Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length must be parked in the Yosemite Falls bus parking lot. After unloading 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.

**G. Bridalveil Fall Parking Lot:** Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length are prohibited from entering the Bridalveil Fall parking lot. Bus passengers may access Bridalveil Fall from Bridalveil Straight (see condition **45** paragraph **B**.) When transporting clients with a valid Special Use Permit, commercial passenger vehicles up to 30 feet in length may, prior to the trip, request written authorization from the Park Superintendent to unload or load clients in this lot. Contact [yose\\_special\\_use\\_permits@nps.gov](mailto:yose_special_use_permits@nps.gov) for information.

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

**I. Village Store:** Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length are prohibited from entering the Village Store parking lots. Commercial passenger vans (vehicles with seating capacity of 7-15 seats) are prohibited from entering the Village Store parking lots from May 1 through October 31.

**J. Yosemite Valley Campgrounds:** *Exception to paragraph F under the following conditions:* The holder's clients must have a confirmed reservation at any Valley Campground.



**Passenger Unloading/ Loading:** For commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length, prior to arrival in the park, the bus operator must contact the Park Campground Manager at 209-347-6813 for permission and instructions on where to off-load and/or load groups staying in Valley campgrounds. The following campground specific conditions apply:

- (1) **Upper Pines Campground:** The bus may drive the one-way Happy Isles Shuttle Bus Road. The driver must yield to park shuttle buses, and share the road with bicyclists, pedestrians and horses. The bus must not block shuttle bus access. When loading or unloading only; the bus must be parked on the left side of the road, at a location close to the group's campsites. The bus may not drive off the road or to the campsite. (The group must transport any gear on foot from the road to their sites.) After passengers have unloaded the driver must continue slowly (25 mph max) in the one-way direction around the shuttle bus loop exiting near the Valley Stables. The driver may not pass any shuttle bus, exiting the shuttle bus road. The driver must then either travel to the bus parking lot located in the Yosemite Falls Day Use Parking area or exit the park.
- (2) **North Pines & Lower Pines Campgrounds:** The bus driver is authorized to stop at the Pines Campground Shuttle Stop (#18), located near the entrance to the campground, to off-load passengers and equipment. The bus may not drive off the road or to the campsite. (The group must transport any gear on foot from the shuttle stop to their sites.) 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 then either travel to the bus parking lot located in the Yosemite Falls Day Use Parking area or exit the park.

**Parking:** Vehicles over 21 feet in length must park at the bus parking lot located in the Yosemite Falls Day Use Parking area.

**K. The Ahwahnee Hotel Exception to paragraph F under the following conditions: Reservations Required.**

**Passenger Unloading/ Loading:** Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length transporting 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 driver must then either travel to the bus parking lot located in the Yosemite Falls Day Use Parking area or exit the park. Drivers may be cited if they block the hotel shuttle bus stop for longer than five (5) minutes. Pick up time and location for overnight hotel guests and their luggage should be arranged with the hotel bellman. Passengers should be instructed to be at the boarding area at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the bus's scheduled arrival.

**Parking:** Buses over 21 feet in length must either park at the bus parking lot located in the Yosemite Falls Day Use Parking area or exit the park.

**L. Curry Village Exception to paragraph F under the following conditions: Reservations Required.**

**Passenger Unloading/ Loading:** Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length transporting groups that have lodging or meal reservations at Curry Village may drive to the Curry Village Tour Deck bus stop to off-load passengers and their baggage. Because this location is shared by the concessioner tour vehicles and YARTS, the holder may be cited if their vehicle blocks the bus stop for longer than fifteen (15) minutes. Passengers with meal reservations only must be directed to take the park shuttle bus to shuttle stop #7 at the Yosemite Falls Day Use Parking area to board their bus. The holder is authorized to drive to Curry Village to pick up overnight lodging guests and their luggage. Passengers must be instructed to be at the Curry Village Tour Desk area at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the bus's scheduled arrival.

**Parking:** Buses over 21 feet in length must either park at the bus parking lot located in the Yosemite Falls Day Use Parking area or exit the park.

**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 (209-372-0600) for information regarding passenger drop-off and bus parking.

**M. Wawona Hotel: (Hwy 41, Refer to the attached Wawona area map page 15.)**

**Passenger Unloading/ Loading:** 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; the driver will direct passengers to walk to the hotel.

**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.

*Exception to Condition 47 paragraph B:* Commercial passenger vehicles 21 feet in length or shorter are permitted to park and unload 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).

**N. Wawona Store and Pioneer History Center: (Hwy 41 Refer to the attached Wawona area map page 15)**

**Passenger Unloading/ Loading:** When visiting the Pioneer History Center or Wawona Store, drivers of commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length may use the Wawona YARTS stop outside of the hours of 7:00 am to 11:00 am for loading and offloading passengers only. Passengers should be instructed to be at the boarding area at least fifteen prior to the buses arrival to pick up the group. Drivers may be cited if they block the Wawona YARTS bus stop for longer than five (5) minutes. Vehicles 21 feet in length or shorter may not enter the Wawona YARTS stop at any time. Between the hours of 7:00 am and 11:00 am 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. **When snow and ice hinder the use of** the Bus/RV parking lot or Wawona YARTS bus stop, 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, the Wawona Store parking lot or Wawona YARTS stop. 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). Parking along Forrest Drive is prohibited at all times.

*Exception to Condition 47 paragraph B:* Commercial passenger vehicles 21 feet in length or shorter are permitted to park and unload 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.

**O. Mariposa Grove Bus Parking Area:** (Hwy 41, Refer to the attached Mariposa Grove Welcome Center map page 14.)

**Commercial vehicles may not drive beyond the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza without express written permission from the Superintendent.** Access to the Mariposa Grove from the welcome center is by shuttle bus or on foot only (see condition 44 paragraph C.) The holder will ensure drivers and guides follow directions given by NPS traffic management and shuttle bus staff.

Vehicles over 21 feet in length must have a reservation to enter the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza, drop off passengers and park. Reservations must be obtained at least 1 day prior to arrival through [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov). Vehicles over 21 feet in length without a valid reservation will not be permitted to enter the plaza, unload passengers, or park. Reservations are not required for vehicles up to 21 feet in length.

**Passenger Unloading/ Loading**

- (1) Commercial passenger vehicles up to 21 feet in length must unload passengers in the Welcome Plaza parking lot. Passengers must not be unloaded or loaded in the designated utility parking or striped zone near the restrooms.
- (2) Passengers must not be loaded or unloaded along the Wawona Road.
- (3) 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 unload passengers. After unloading passengers, the vehicle must proceed to the designated bus parking lot. The vehicle must return to the designated commercial bus loading and unloading zone at the shuttle bus transit hub to load passengers. Passengers may not be unloaded or loaded in the bus parking lot.

**Parking:**

- (1) Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length with a valid reservation, after unloading passengers, must park in the designated bus parking lot west of the shuttle bus transit hub. Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length are restricted from parking in the Welcome Plaza parking lot.
- (2) Commercial passenger vehicles up to 21 feet in length, may park in the Welcome Plaza parking lot as directed by traffic management staff. Commercial vehicles must not park in RV/Oversized vehicle parking spaces. When parking is full the parking lot will be temporarily closed to all vehicles. (See conditions **26** and **46**.)
- (3) 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. Trailers may be dropped off at the following locations:
  - 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.
- (4) Drivers of larger vehicles up to 21 feet in length must back into the parking space when possible and must fold in side view mirrors.

**48. Unloading Passengers at Park Entrance Stations** – Drivers are **prohibited** from allowing passengers to exit 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 allowing passengers to use the entrance station restrooms (see condition **49**.)

**49. Restroom Facilities:** Under no circumstances will the holder allow clients to dispose of human bodily waste anywhere except in approved restroom facilities. Due to limited facilities, parking and health and safety regulations the following restrictions apply:

- 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 using the entrance station restrooms.
- B. Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza restrooms** are available only for commercial passenger vehicles that are authorized to park here (see condition 48 paragraph O.)
- C. Swinging Bridge picnic area restrooms** Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length are prohibited from using the Swinging Bridge picnic area restrooms.
- D. The El Portal Market** (no public restrooms available)
- E. The El Portal Chevron Station** (restrooms are too small to accommodate large groups)

Violators will be held responsible for all cost associated with pumping septic tanks, cleaning restroom facilities, and resource damage mitigation.

**Larger groups may use the following restroom facilities:**

**Wawona Rd-Hwy 41**

- Chinquapin/Glacier Point Rd. Junction
- Mariposa Grove parking lot

**Tioga Road-Hwy 120 East**

- Tenaya Lake, East Beach parking area
- Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

**Yosemite Valley**

- Yosemite Falls Day Use Parking area
- Yosemite Falls Picnic area
- Yosemite Exploration Center
- Yosemite Village/Degnan's Kitchen
- Yosemite Valley Welcome Center

**50. Picnic Area Restrictions:**

- A. The holder must not allow passengers to use the shuttle bus bench areas for picnicking. These areas are for shuttle bus passenger loading and unloading only.
- B. The holder must ensure clients store food and dispose of trash according to park regulations (see condition 51 paragraphs D-F.)
- C. Unless authorized by the Superintendent in writing, commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length are prohibited from using the following picnic areas:
  - (1) Swinging Bridge (Yosemite Valley, along Southside Drive near the Yosemite Chapel)
  - (2) Cathedral Beach (Yosemite Valley, along Southside Drive, near El Capitan Crossover)
  - (3) Sentinel Beach (Yosemite Valley, along Southside Drive, near the 4 Mile Trailhead)
  - (4) Yosemite Creek (Tioga Road)
  - (5) Murphy Creek (Tenaya Lake)

**51. Resource Protection:** 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 assuring employees and clients comply with all regulations including but 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.
- 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** may **not** be removed. The holder will ensure drivers and clients do not enter sensitive resource areas that are closed rehabilitation.

- C. Designated Trails:** Holder will ensure passengers remain on paved, designated trails considered front country. (See definition for road-based sightseeing tour condition **20**). Holder will ensure passengers do not use social trails. This includes, but is not limited to, El Capitan Meadow, Sentinel Meadow, Cook's Meadow, Leidig Meadow and Ahwahnee Meadow.
- D. Wildlife:** Park regulations prohibit the feeding of any wildlife in Yosemite National Park. The CUA holder will be held responsible for violations by employees or clients.
- E. Proper Food Storage:** Food may not be left unattended. Food placed outside of the vehicle and not within arm's reach of the agent or client will be considered unattended, unless secured in a food storage locker. Unattended food or food containers such as coolers may be confiscated. The holder may be cited for improper food storage.
- F. Trash Items:** All garbage and refuse **must** be placed into a bear resistant garbage can or transported out of the park by the holder. The CUA holder will be held responsible for violations by employees or clients.
- When the holder or guide supplies **group lunches**; the holder is responsible for collecting all refuse **and transporting it out of the park or to a large bear proof dumpster**. Do not use the small trash cans for group trash disposal. The holder may be cited if employees or clients leave waste on or near full trash cans.
- Cigarette** butts/filters must be fully extinguished and disposed of properly. The holder will not allow employees or clients to discard their cigarette butts or filters on the ground, in grills or fire pits. During periods of extreme fire hazard, the Superintendent may prohibit smoking in the park.
- 52. 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 (information may be found on the park website at <http://www.nps.gov/yose/index.htm>). For Yosemite Road and weather information call (209) 372-0200.
- 53. 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) 379-1992** 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.
- 54. 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.
- 55. Contact Information:** The holder will notify [yose\\_bus@nps.gov](mailto:yose_bus@nps.gov) of any changes to contact information including: contact name, email, mail, phone during the term of the CUA (through January 31, 2025).
- 56. Annual Report:** Trips occurring from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 must be reported in the 2024 annual report. The holder shall complete and submit the annual report to the Commercial Use Office by February 1, 2025. The report includes a summary of total in-park visitor use and gross revenues for the permit year (see Conditions **1, 13** and **14.**)

## 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.

### Hetch Hetchy Road:

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

### 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.

### Highway 140:

**Caltrans Detour** outside of Yosemite National Park, 5 miles west of El Portal. Restriction: 45 feet maximum length. Expect delays.

### Glacier Point Road:

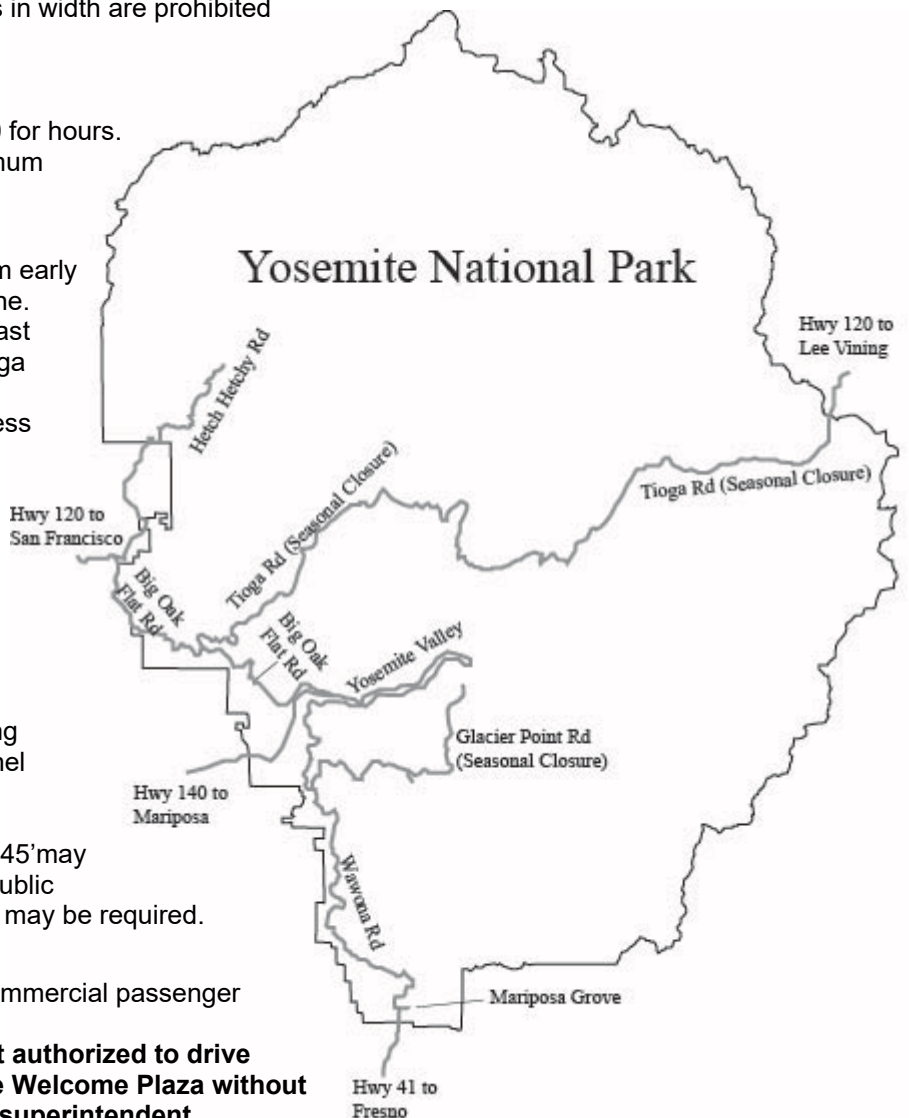
30-foot maximum length. Vehicles pulling trailers are prohibited beyond the Sentinel Dome parking lot.

**Note:** This road closes in winter 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.

### Mariposa Grove Road:

Parking reservations are required for commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length.

Commercial passenger vehicles are **not authorized to drive the Mariposa Grove Road beyond the Welcome Plaza without express written permission from the superintendent.**



## Changing Road & Weather Conditions

Road and weather conditions can change quickly in Yosemite National Park. 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. 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.

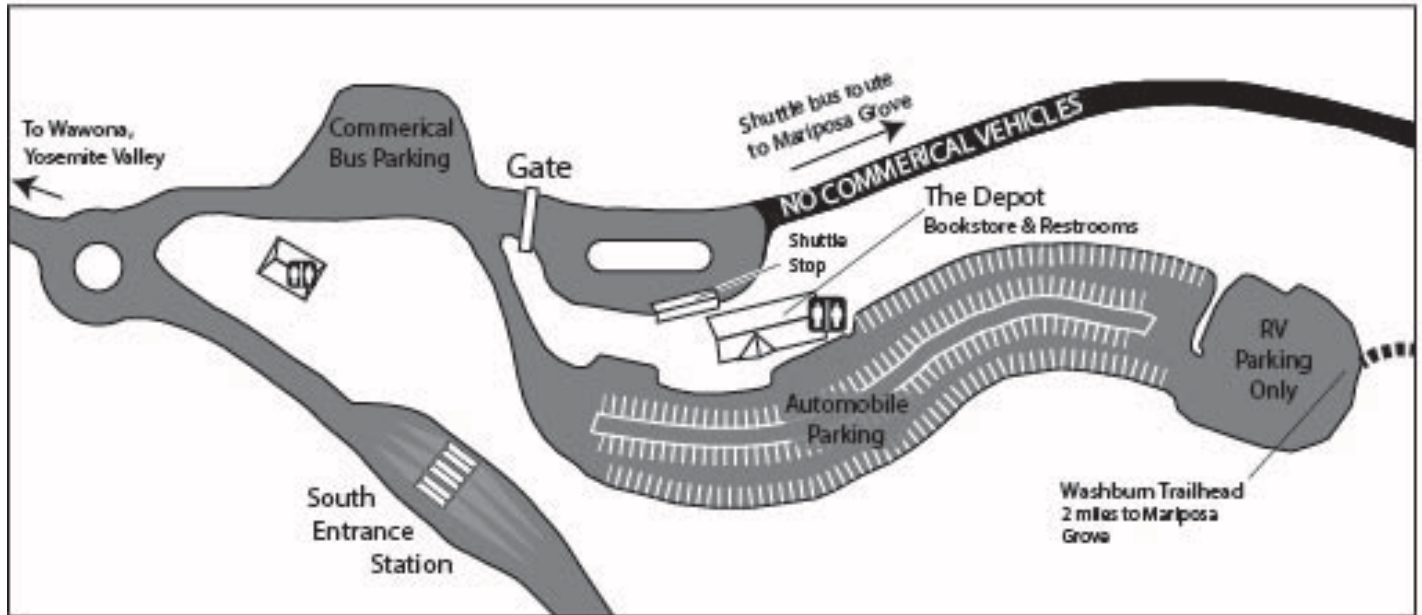
**For road conditions inside of Yosemite National Park call 1-209-372-0200 press 1 and press 1 again.**

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

## Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias

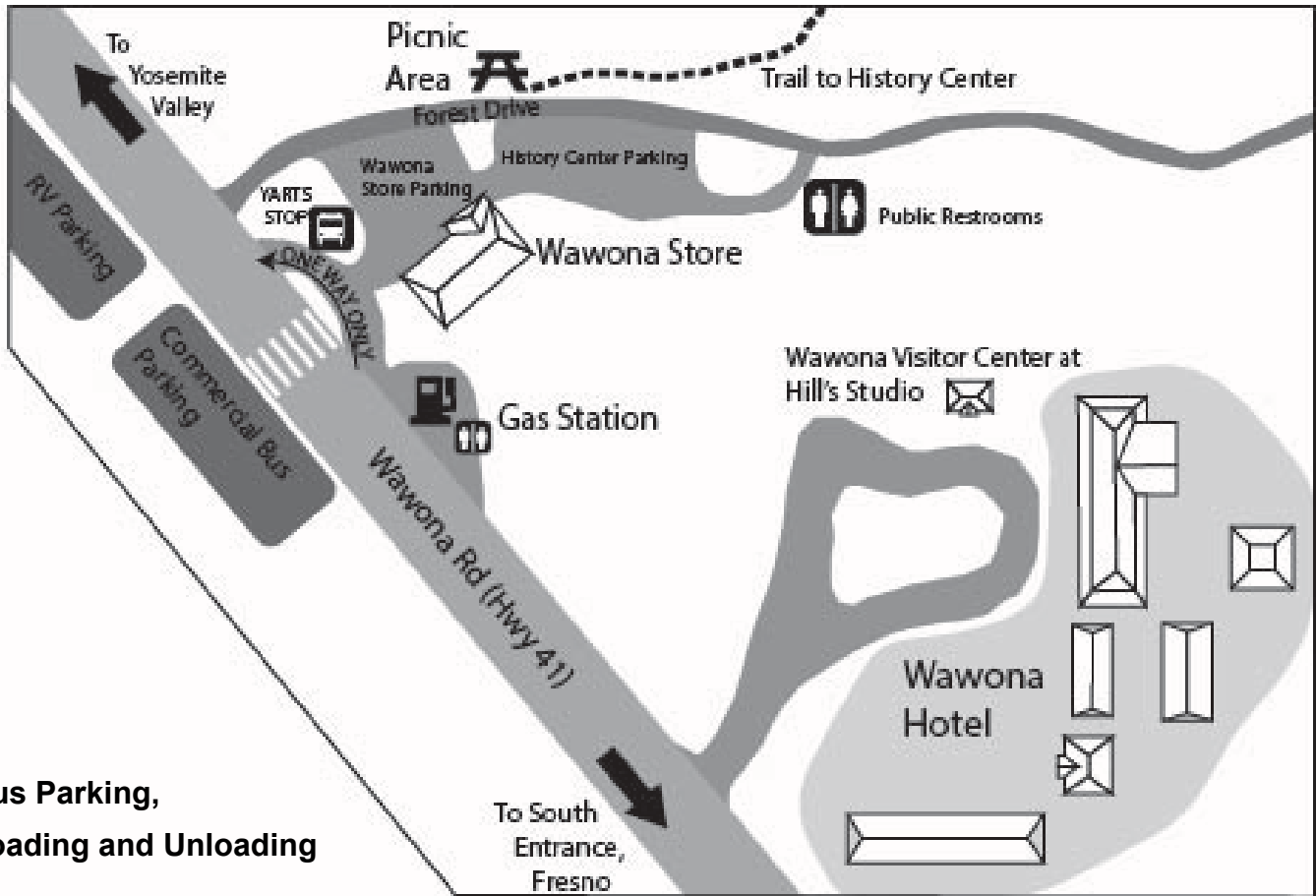
The iconic Giant Sequoias are under threat of extinction from the high severity fires that are becoming more common in their native range. Completed in 2018 the Mariposa Grove Restoration was the biggest restoration project in the history of the Yosemite National Park. By relocating parking 2 miles from the Grove at the Welcome Plaza and limiting vehicle traffic in the Grove to Shuttle buses, it is now possible for over 1 million people including your clients to visit this site annually while better protecting the ecological health of one of the most iconic Giant Sequoia Groves left.

### The Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza



- Guides and clients may visit the Mariposa Grove by boarding the free shuttle from the Welcome Plaza or by hiking the 2-mile Washburn Trail. Shuttle busses typically run April – November. (If you have clients who would like to visit the grove outside of shuttle bus season make sure they are prepared for hiking in snowy and icy conditions.)
- Always follow directions from NPS traffic management and shuttle bus staff.
- Reservations are required for vehicles over 21 feet in length. Reservations must be made at least 1 day in advance through [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov).
- Vehicles with reservations will proceed through the gate to the shuttle stop to unload passengers. **Do not** continue on Mariposa Grove Road beyond the shuttle stop. After unloading return through the gate to the commercial bus parking lot.
- Vehicles up to 21 feet in length must park and unload passengers in the automobile parking lot. Commercial vehicles may not park in the RV lot. Vehicles up to 21 feet in length may **not** drive through the gate.
- The holder must ensure clients do not collect any natural or cultural resources **including pinecones**.

## Wawona Area Parking Yosemite Pioneer History Center, Wawona Store & Wawona Hotel

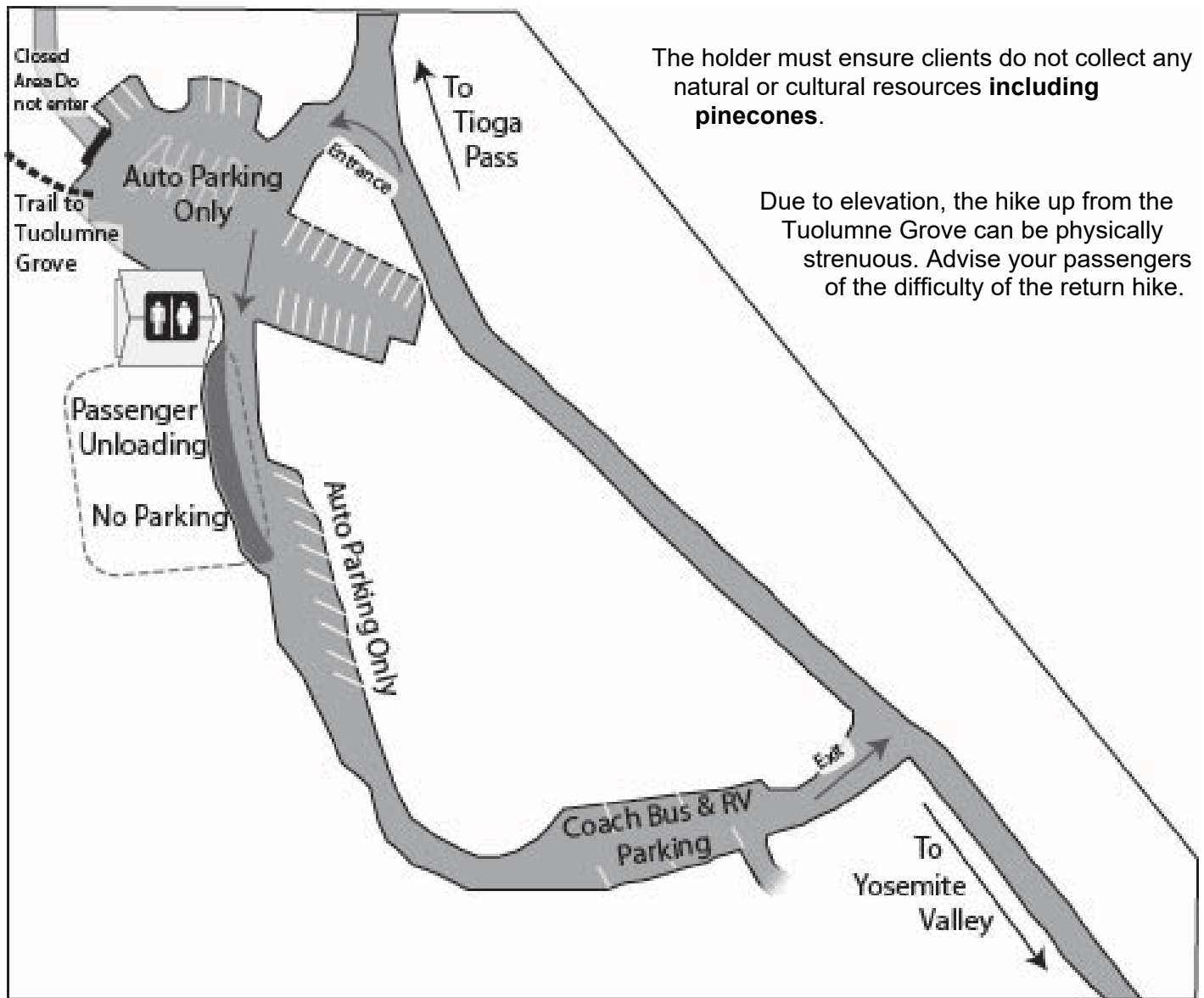


### Bus Parking, Loading and Unloading

- Commercial passenger vehicles **over the length of 21 feet** may drop off passengers at the Wawona YARTS stop outside of the hours of 7am to 11 am. The YARTS stop is one way only. Vehicles must enter the stop from the south end and exit through the north end. Vehicles may not occupy the YARTS stop for longer than 5 minutes. Commercial passenger vehicles up to 21 feet in length may not enter the YARTS stop at any time.
- 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. (Commercial passenger vehicles need not be over 21 feet in length to use this lot.)
- Back vehicle into the parking space, parking perpendicular to the road.
- Between the hours of 7 am and 11 am or anytime passengers disembark from the commercial bus parking area, 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.
- Any parking along Forest Drive is prohibited.
- Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length 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 spaces.

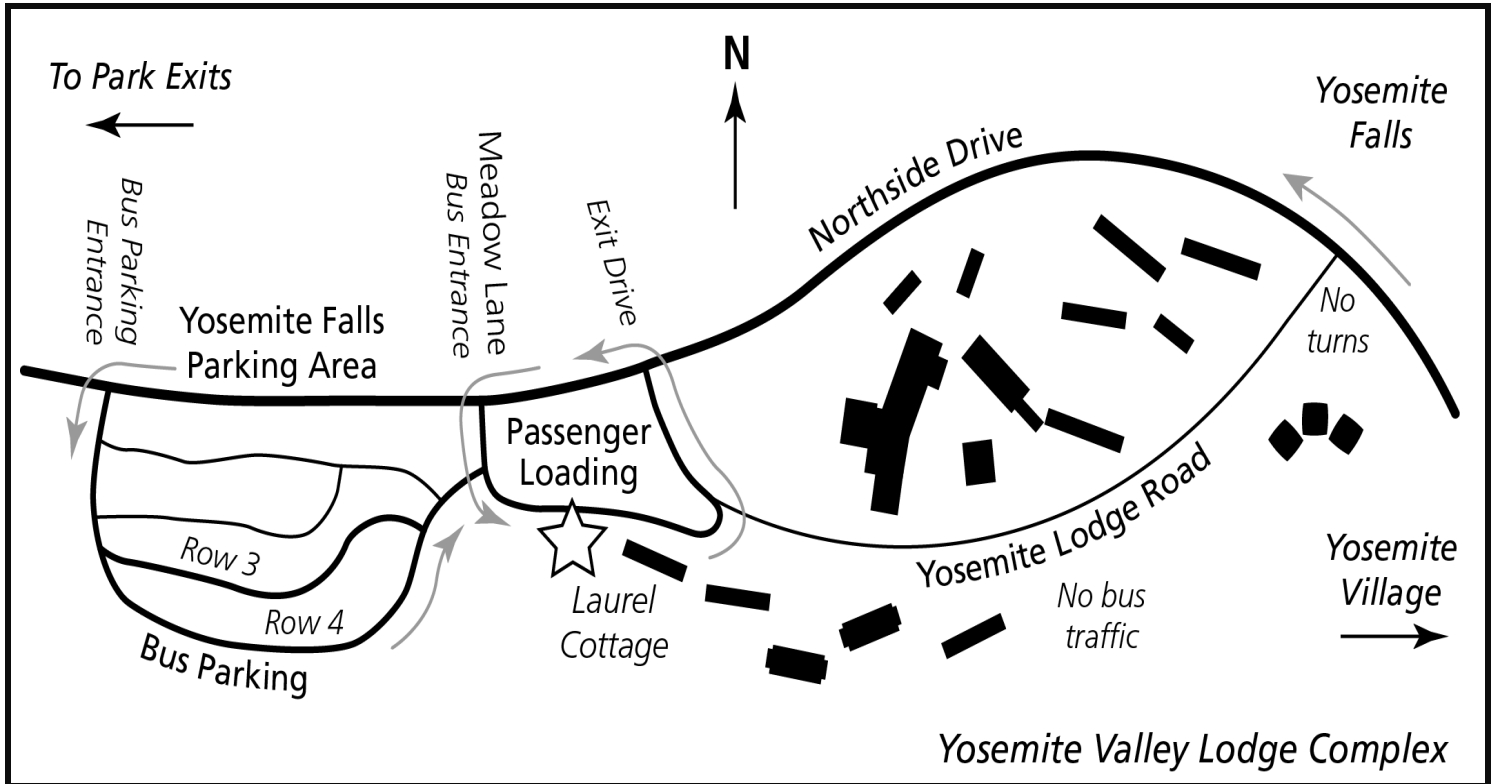
## Tuolumne Grove Parking Area

- Commercial passenger vehicles over the length of 21 feet may **not** unload passengers in the auto parking areas. These vehicles must use the designated passenger unloading area.
- 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.
- **Bus parking is limited** and 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.





## Yosemite Valley Bus Parking or Unloading



### Bus Parking 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, west of the Yosemite Valley Lodge. No other bus parking is authorized in the Yosemite Village areas. Vehicles up to 21 feet in length are prohibited from parking in designated bus parking spaces.

### Passenger Loading and Unloading in Yosemite Village

- Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length may only load or unload passengers at the Yosemite Falls Day Use Parking lot in the posted area (shuttle stop #7). (For groups with reservations at Curry Village or The Ahwahnee see next page.)
- After unloading passengers move to the designated Bus Parking area located at the back of the Yosemite Falls Day Use Parking lot and park as directed (buses may park in this lot overnight.)
- Commercial passenger vehicles up to 21 feet in length are to use parking areas designated for the general public. You may be cited for parking a vehicle under 21 feet in length in designated bus parking.
- Have your passengers assembled and waiting at the designated loading area 15 minutes prior to scheduled pick up time.
- Commercial passenger vehicles over 21 feet in length are prohibited from entering the Village Store parking lot.
- Commercial passenger vehicles up to 21 feet in length (sedans and vans) are restricted from the Village Store parking lot from **May through October**.

## Bus Passenger Loading and Unloading at Curry Village

The following areas may **only** to be used by groups with lodging or meal reservations at **Curry Village**.

- **To unload passengers at Curry Village:** Stop in front of the Curry Village registration office area to unload and load passengers and luggage. 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.
  - **After unloading passenger at Curry Village:** Return to the Yosemite Falls parking area near Yosemite Valley Lodge and park in the designated Bus Parking lot. Buses may be parked overnight in the bus lot.
  - Commercial passenger vehicles up to 21 feet in length are to use parking areas designated for the general public.
  - Due to limited space buses may not arrive any earlier than 5 minutes prior to their scheduled pick-up times and must leave once passengers are loaded.
  - In the case of missing passengers, drivers/guides must leave word with the concierge or front desk where they will wait (recommended Yosemite Falls Bus Parking Area) for passengers to meet them.
  - Commercial vehicles must not obstruct YARTS bus or shuttle bus access.
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## Bus Passenger Loading and Unloading at The Ahwahnee Hotel

The following areas may **only** to be used by groups with lodging or meal reservations at **The Ahwahnee Hotel**.

- **Unload passengers and luggage** near the front of the hotel as directed by the hotel bellman.
  - **After unloading,** Return to the Yosemite Falls parking area near Yosemite Valley Lodge and park in the designated Bus Parking lot. Buses may be parked overnight in the bus lot.
  - Commercial passenger vehicles up to 21 feet in length are to use parking areas designated for the general public.
  - Due to limited space buses may not arrive any earlier than 5 minutes prior to their scheduled pick-up times and must leave once passengers are loaded.
  - In the case of missing passengers, drivers/guides must leave word with the concierge or front desk where they will wait (recommended Yosemite Falls Bus Parking Area) for passengers to meet them.
  - Buses must not block the park shuttle bus access.
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## 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.

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## Shuttle Bus Stops

Commercial buses are not strictly prohibited from entering the park Shuttle Bus stops with the exception of stop # 7 at the Yosemite Valley Lodge and at The Ahwahnee Hotel for loading and unloading guests with lodging or meal reservations.

# Yosemite National Park



## Resource Protection Guidelines

Do not exceed posted speed limits. Be aware that wildlife often use roadways, too, especially at dusk and dawn. You must use established pull-outs to stop your vehicle.

Do not stop roadways to view wildlife.

Keep all food, drinks, toiletries, and trash within arm's reach. These items may be left in vehicle during the day (but not after dark) if they are out of sight and windows and doors are closed.

Collecting natural or cultural resources in Yosemite is prohibited. This includes plants, including pinecones and sticks, rocks, animals, antlers, insects, or archaeological artifacts.

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## Vegetation

Preserve the meadows: Stay on designated trails to enjoy the meadows, especially in high-use areas like Yosemite Valley. Do not follow informal trails, which contribute to meadow trampling. This includes, but is not limited to, El Capitan Meadow, Sentinel Meadow, Cook's Meadow, Leidig Meadow and Ahwahnee Meadow.

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## Wildlife

Never feed wildlife, including bears, birds, chipmunks, squirrels, and deer.

Stay at least 50 yards (four shuttle busses or half a football field) from bears and at least 25 yards from other wildlife (including deer, coyotes, and bobcats). If an animal changes its behavior due to your presence, you are too close.

If you see a bear in a developed area or if a bear approaches you, scare it away by yelling very loudly and aggressively.

If a bear approaches you **or** if you are in a campground, picnic area, parking lot, lodging area, or other developed area, act immediately to scare it away. Scare the bear away by yelling aggressively and as loudly as possible until the bear leaves. If you are with other people, stand together to present a more intimidating figure, but do not surround the bear.

If you have food out and are having trouble scaring the bear away, pack up all your food and leave the area. Throwing food at the bear or leaving food behind will only encourage its behavior.

Report bear sightings to the Save-A-Bear Hotline (209-372-0322).

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## Archeological Resources

Illegal collecting is the biggest threat to our archeological resources. If you encounter any cultural resources, please leave them undisturbed and in place. Anything older than 50 years is considered historic and is protected by law.