



Self Evaluation and Transition Plan

Yosemite National Park

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Message from the Superintendent:

Yosemite National Park is a wonderful and beautiful place with towering trees, thundering waterfalls and massive granite formations. Set aside as a National Park in 1890, Yosemite is a place visited by almost three and half million visitors a year. Yosemite's goal is to provide the highest level of accessibility to our visitors as possible. Each year has shown marked improvements in both physical and programmatic accessibility at Yosemite.

The staff at Yosemite is working hard to correct and resolve accessibility deficiencies throughout the park. By using principles of universal design, Yosemite is committed to providing physical access to the greatest number of individuals. From designing and building new facilities to the rehabilitation of historic buildings, accessibility has become a key component of all projects. The park also offers a free fully accessible shuttle bus service in Yosemite Valley to all park visitors.

Yosemite won the 2009 National Park Service National Accessibility Achievement Award for Programmatic Achievement – Improving Access to the National Park Service Programs and the 2008 Programmatic Accessibility Achievement Award for the Deaf Services Program. Yosemite provides American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters for visitors and has added captioning or provides ASL interpreters at all public films shown in the park. Additionally, we have available audio descriptions, assisted listening devices, pod casts and multiple publications in large print and Braille for visitors with visual impairments.

During the last three years the park has added twenty-two accessible campsites in Yosemite Valley, Wawona and the Hodgdon Meadow area. The campgrounds where these sites have been added now include accessible restroom facilities, paths of travel and some campsites with raised tent platforms. Futures plans include the addition of 10 to 15 more accessible campsites each year until we meet or exceed the required number of accessible campsites. Additionally, five picnic areas parkwide have been rehabilitated to include accessible paths of travel, picnic tables and grills.

As Yosemite continues to address current accessibility issues it is important to remember that accessibility is an integral part of our mission. Providing accessible programs and facilities to the broadest population of our visitors is everyone's task and responsibility.

Don L. Neubacher
Superintendent

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Origin of the Plan

Yosemite's Self Evaluation and Transition Plan (the Plan) is the product of a lengthy review of the sites, facilities, features, programs, services and activities that: (i) are provided by the National Park Service (NPS) and (ii) available to visitors to Yosemite National Park.

The creation of a transition plan is mandated by regulations under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as they apply to the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The purpose of a transition plan is to address the physical, structural and programmatic changes that are required in order to make programs, services and activities accessible to and useable by people with disabilities. The Plan will be used by the park as the principle document to guide the process of barrier removal in the park's sites and facilities.

1.2 How the Plan is Organized

The Plan was designed to address access issues at the park on a district by district basis. The work to be completed within each district is generally described in an alphabetical site by site narrative that proceeds the excel spreadsheets that list the precise work scopes for planned projects.

The work scope spreadsheets identify the nature of accessibility deficiencies and set forth a description of work that will be required to achieve or exceed compliance with program access standards of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as it applies to the park.

1.3 Standards that Apply to the Park

There are a number of access laws and regulations that govern the design and construction of buildings, facilities, and sites; as well as laws and regulations that require that the programs, services, and activities operated or offered by the park are accessible to and useable by people with disabilities.

The applicable laws and regulations are: **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968.**

Application of Section 504

To the extent that Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 applies to departments and agencies of the Federal government, the parks operated by NPS are subject to the provisions of that statute. As will be discussed below, both Section 504 and the

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Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) require the application of stringent access standards to new construction and the alteration of existing facilities.

The Rehabilitation, Comprehensive Services, and Developmental Disabilities Amendments of 1978 (P.L. 95-602 extends the scope of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-112) to include the Executive Branch Agencies of the Federal Government. As amended, Section 504 states:

Section 504: No otherwise qualified handicapped individual in the United States, as defined in Section 7 (6), shall, solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance or under any program or activity conducted by any Executive agency or by the United States Postal Service. The head of each such agency shall promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the amendments to this section made by the Rehabilitation, Comprehensive Services, and Developmental Disabilities Act of 1978. Copies of any proposed regulation shall be submitted to appropriate authorizing committees of Congress, and such regulation may take effect no earlier than the thirtieth day after the date on which such regulation is so submitted to such committees.

In order to comply with Section 504, the Department of the Interior enacted regulations found at 43 CFR part 17.501-17.570. As to new construction and altered facilities, section 17.551 of 43 CFR part 17 states:

Section 17.551 – Program Accessibility: New construction and alterations. Each building or part of a building that is constructed or altered by, on behalf of, or for the use of the agency shall be designed, constructed, or altered so as to be readily accessible to and usable by handicapped persons. The definitions, requirements, and standards of the Architectural Barriers Act (42 U.S.C. 4151 – 4157) as established in 41 CFR 101 – 19.600 to 101 – 19.607 apply to buildings covered by this section.

Application of the ABA

The Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (the ABA), as amended, states that buildings and facilities covered by that ABA must be designed, constructed, and altered to insure, whenever possible, that people with disabilities will have ready access to, and use of, such buildings.

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The original text of the ABA empowered and mandated three departments to issue access standards: The Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Defense, and the General Services Administration. Regulations affecting the NPS were those promulgated by the General Services Administration. The ABA allowed for the head of each relevant agency to waive or modify its standards on a case-by-case basis when it was clearly necessary. Each issuing agency's regulations were based on the 1961 ANSI standards (the 61 ANSI). The 61 ANSI regulations provided for a basic level of accessibility that was far less comprehensive than modern state and federal access standards.

In 1984, the relevant agencies issuing standards under the Architectural Barriers Act promulgated the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standard (UFAS), which was developed from the Minimum Guidelines and Requirements for Accessible Design that had been developed by the United States Architectural Barriers Compliance Board.

The UFAS standards were recently replaced with the new ABA standards, it is believed that these standards will become the enforceable standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. These are the standards, as they may be modified; under which future work pursuant to the Plan will be conducted. It should be noted that these standards (which will also likely soon replace the construction standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990) do not include specific regulations governing outdoor developed sites such as camping facilities and trails.

Program Access Requirements of Section 504

As noted above, Section 504 and the ABA govern new construction and alterations. However, as a civil rights law, Section 504 goes farther.

Unlike the construction driven mandates of the ABA, Section 504 also requires covered entities to consider the accessibility of programs, services, and activities. In this regard, Section 17.549 reads as follows:

§17.549 Program accessibility: Discrimination Prohibited

Except as otherwise provided in §17.550, no qualified handicapped person shall, because the agency's facilities are inaccessible to or unusable by handicapped persons, be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity conducted by the agency.

The reference to § 17.550 in the above quote is intended to address exclusions available to covered entities in connection with existing facilities. Please note that § 17.550 states:

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§17.550 Program accessibility: Existing Facilities

(a) General. The agency shall operate each program or activity so that the program or activity, when viewed in its entirety, is readily accessible to and usable by people with disabilities. This paragraph does not:

(1) Necessarily require the agency to make each of its existing facilities or every part of a facility accessible to and usable by people with disabilities;

(2) In the case of historic preservation programs, require the agency to take any action that would result in a substantial impairment of significant historic features of an historic property; or

(3) Require the agency to take any action that it can demonstrate would result in a fundamental alteration in the nature of a program or activity or in undue financial and administrative burdens. In those circumstances where agency personnel believe that the proposed action would fundamentally alter the program or activity or would result in undue financial and administrative burdens, the agency has the burden of proving that compliance with §17.550(a) would result in such an alteration or burdens. The decision that compliance would result in such alteration or burdens must be made by the agency head or his or her designee after considering all agency resources available for use in the funding and operation of the conducted program or activity, and must be accompanied by a written statement of the reasons for reaching that conclusion. If an action would result in such an alteration or such burdens, the agency shall take any other action that would not result in such an alteration or such burdens but would nevertheless ensure that handicapped persons receive the benefits and services of the program or activity.

(b) Methods. (1) General. The agency may comply with the requirements of this section through such means as redesign of equipment, reassignment of services to accessible locations, assignment of aides to beneficiaries, home visits, delivery of services at alternate accessible sites, alteration of existing facilities and construction of new facilities, use of accessible rolling stock, or any other methods that result in making its programs or activities readily accessible to and usable by people with disabilities. The agency is not required to make structural changes in existing facilities where other methods are effective in achieving compliance with this section. The agency, in making alterations to existing buildings, shall meet accessibility requirements to the extent compelled by the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4151 – 4157) and any regulations implementing it. In choosing among available methods for meeting the requirements of this section,

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the agency shall give priority to those methods that offer programs and activities to qualified handicapped persons in the most integrated setting appropriate.

(2) Historic preservation programs. In meeting the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section in historic preservation programs, the agency shall give priority to methods that provide physical access to handicapped persons. In cases where a physical alteration to an historic property is not required because of paragraph (a)(2) or (a)(3) of this section, alternative, methods of achieving program accessibility include:

(i) Using audio-visual materials and devices to depict those portions of an historic property that cannot otherwise be made accessible.

(ii) Assigning persons to guide people with disabilities into or through portions of historic properties that cannot otherwise be made accessible; or

(iii) Adopting other innovative methods.

(3) Recreation programs. In meeting the requirements of paragraph (a) in recreation programs, the agency shall provide that the program or activity, when viewed in its entirety, is readily accessible to and usable by people with disabilities. When it is not reasonable to alter natural and physical features, accessibility may be achieved by alternative methods as noted in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

In assessing the various areas addressed by this Plan, the nature of the specific buildings, facilities, features and sites must be considered with respect to the broad non-discrimination and program access requirements of Section 504 and The Department of the Interior's implementing regulations found in 43 CFR part 17.501 – 17.570. Certain types of facilities and buildings can be compared to the construction regulations of the ABA that specifically address and govern the construction of such features.

However, the fact that specific types of features, sites, and facilities are not considered in the ABA does not obviate the requirement to consider accessibility in connection with such features, sites and facilities. To the extent that this Plan considers outdoor recreational sites and features, the most current Proposed Guidelines (as published by the U. S. Access Board in June of 2007) for such features were consulted in order to create a regulatory backdrop against which to consider the definition of an "accessible" outdoor recreational site or feature. The manner in which the Proposed Guidelines were utilized is set forth below in substantial detail.

The reach of the program access requirement is limited within wilderness areas. In this regard, please note the language of Section 507(c) of the ADA that states:

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(c) Specific Wilderness Access

(1) In general. - Congress reaffirms that nothing in the Wilderness Act [16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.] is to be construed as prohibiting the use of a wheelchair in a wilderness area by an individual whose disability requires use of a wheelchair, and consistent with the Wilderness Act no agency is required to provide any form of special treatment or accommodation, or to construct any facilities or modify any conditions of lands within a wilderness area in order to facilitate such use.

(2) Definition. - For purposes of paragraph (1), the term "wheelchair" means a device designed solely for use by a mobility impaired person for locomotion, that is suitable for use in an indoor pedestrian area.

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Section 1.9.3 Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities

All practicable efforts will be made to make NPS facilities, programs, services, employment, and meaningful work opportunities accessible and usable by all people, including those with disabilities. This policy reflects the commitment to provide access to the widest cross section of the public and ensure compliance with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972, and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Specific guidance for implementing these laws is found in the Secretary of the Interior's regulations regarding enforcement of nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in Department of the Interior programs (43 CFR part 17, Subpart E), and the General Services Administration's regulations adopting accessibility standards for the Architectural Barriers Act (41 CFR part 102 - 76, Subpart C).

A primary principle of accessibility is that, to the highest degree practicable, people with disabilities should be able to participate in the same programs, activities, and employment opportunities available to everyone else. In choosing among methods of providing accessibility, higher priority will be given to methods that offer programs and activities in the most integrated setting appropriate. Special, separate, or alternative facilities, programs, or services will be provided only when existing ones cannot reasonably be made accessible. The determination of what is practicable will be made only after careful consultation with persons with disabilities or their representatives. Any decision that would result in less than equal opportunity is subject to the filing of an official disability rights complaint under the departmental regulations cited above.

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Application of Director's Order No. 42

The Directors Order ("DO") contains a substantial amount of information regarding accessibility within NPS projects.

The intent of the DO is to provide high standards of accessibility for NPS facilities and programs. In many ways, the DO goes beyond simply explaining applicable regulations and mandates levels of compliance above and beyond those required by laws and regulations.

Note that the DO addresses the issue of "universal design." Universal design is neither a code nor a regulation, but a concept. The DO makes reference to the universal design standards originally developed by the Center for Universal Design at the University of North Carolina. The principles of Universal Design call for an entity to design and build sites and facilities in order to be useable and accessible by all persons rather than seeing the built environment as being divided between features for the disabled and non-disabled.

Specific Proposed Guidelines Relating to Outdoor Developed Areas

On June 20, 2007, the U.S. Access Board published the newest version of its Proposed Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas (Proposed Guidelines). It is expected that these standards will become part of the ABA. Though not yet in final form, the process of developing the Proposed Guidelines is now far enough along that these guidelines should be considered in this Plan with respect to the developed outdoor recreational facilities within the park.

When new construction or alterations are performed with respect to specified outdoor developed areas, these standards (as they may be modified and eventually adopted as part of the ABA) will govern and guide the work completed in the park.

When referenced in the matrix portions of this Plan, the Proposed Guideline scoping and technical requirements are notated as "PG". In cases where a specific standard from the Proposed Guidelines is utilized, it will be designated as a numeric sequence following the letter T and will correspond to the proposed code sections set forth in Appendix A to the Proposed Guidelines.

The Proposed Guidelines encompass a large array of outdoor recreational developed areas not addressed by the current enforceable provisions of the ABA or ADA. They represent an investment of significant thought and deliberation with respect to outdoor developed area use by people with disabilities, and take into account competing interests related to practicality, the environment, and other resource use principles.

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By definition, the Proposed Guidelines (and any prior or future versions thereof) reflect standards applicable to **new construction and alterations**. The fact that existing facilities and features do not meet these standards should not, in any way, create an inference that Yosemite is out of compliance with its program access obligations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or that the park is in violation of the ABA or any of the other laws or internal directives that may govern. In addition, the eventual enactment of final regulations for features in the outdoor developed environment should not be taken as an alarm bell for the NPS to attempt to immediately make all existing features comply with the new guidelines. This being said, the Proposed Guidelines were considered with this Plan because: (i) they represent a state-of-the-art template against which retrofit work under this Plan can be compared and (ii) they will be used (along with the ABA and the DOI's Best Practices Bulletins) to govern future new construction and alterations beyond the scope of this Plan.

General Principles in the Proposed Guidelines Applicable in the Outdoor Developed Environment

The Proposed Guidelines were developed to provide the disability community with a greater range of experiences in outdoor developed areas. In addition, the guidelines seek to standardize the definition of accessibility and provide a degree of certainty to covered entities and design and building professionals who are already bound to consider relatively vague civil rights notions of accessibility in the outdoor environment without a set of clearly defined practices and regulations.

The Proposed Guidelines were also written with an understanding of competing interests within developed outdoor environments. Accordingly, the general requirements associated with the scoping and applications of standards are subject to certain very important limitations. This is the case even when the standards in the Proposed Guidelines would, as intended, be considered in association with new construction or alterations. Consciousness of these limitations is even more important when applying standards as a comparative template against existing developed and undeveloped environments.

With respect to the application of the specific technical requirements associated with Chapter T 3 of the Proposed Guidelines, a number of exceptions and considerations are allowed. These exceptions and considerations include matters related to biological, environmental and cultural issues, as well as topography and the administrative and financial burdens of buildings and grading in the outdoor environment. As noted above, when applying the standards of the Proposed Guidelines to existing features, the NPS, as well as persons reviewing its efforts, will need to consider that the Proposed Guidelines do not seek to create environments that mimic the built and developed environment.

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Yosemite National Park 2005 Summer Visitor Study

During a visitor study conducted at the park from July 8-17, 2005, by the National Park Service Visitor Services Project, the subject of accessibility was addressed in a survey and provided important visitor feedback. The results from this study have greatly helped the park understand what visitors feel the park is doing well and where improvements are needed. On the topic of accessibility, it was found that 10% of visitor groups had members of their group with disabilities. Out of those visitor groups, 32% encountered access problems during their visit to the park. Problems encountered by visitors included:

- Lack of power in campgrounds for medical equipment
- Not enough accessible parking
- Difficulty obtaining drinking water
- Not enough shuttle buses
- Too many steps
- Shuttle step too high

The accessibility barriers brought to light from this visitor study provide a strong and important argument for the completion of an accessibility plan. With these deficiencies in mind, data collection from field work and the compilation of this plan includes correction for many of these deficiencies in hope of creating an atmosphere conducive for all visitors.

1.4 Specific Scoped Features and Principles of Application

Below are some of the specific areas and types of improvements addressed by the Proposed Guidelines.

Outdoor Recreation Access Routes

The Proposed Guidelines require the provision of an Outdoor Recreation Access Route (referenced in this Plan as an "ORAR") in certain environments. The requirements associated with an ORAR are less stringent than the walkway requirements under the ABA or ADA, but more stringent than the trail requirements under the Proposed Guidelines.

The ORAR standards provide for a continuous, unobstructed path that connects accessible elements within picnic areas, campsites and at designated trailheads. There are a few noteworthy caveats in applying the ORAR concept. First, an ORAR is not required in order to connect all accessible elements along a trail. To do so would defeat the intent of the proposed trail regulations. In addition, not all accessible features in a specific area are required to be along an ORAR. The Proposed Guidelines require only 40% of accessible features and fixtures to be along an ORAR. For instance, if a newly created picnic area

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contained 10 picnic tables, 5 of the tables would have to meet accessibility requirements. Yet, only 40% of the tables (2 tables in this example) would need to be along an ORAR. This being said, from a practical perspective, “high price tag” items like accessible restrooms serving camping areas should always be located on an ORAR or accessible route.

The specific standards for an ORAR are set forth in section T 304 of the Proposed Guidelines and require that an ORAR have a firm and stable surface (the firmness and stability being determined by the intended use and length of the ORAR) and also meet certain slope, cross slope and width criteria. In addition, the Proposed Guidelines regulate tread obstacle height (1” as compared to the ABA’s ¼” for buildings and facilities), clear tread width and other characteristics.

Trails

The Proposed Guidelines contain a series of complex regulations regarding the slope, width, and other features that define “accessible trails.” The vast majority of trails in Yosemite were not individually measured and surveyed in a manner that would allow them to be susceptible to analysis under this standard. In addition, the very concept of “accessible trails” post dates the vast majority of trail construction in the park.

A meter by meter survey of all of the trails in the park would be a daunting proposition and would yield data that would do little than show that the majority of trail miles, even if constructed under the Proposed Guidelines, would not have to be substantially improved due to topographic, resource, and administrative reasons. This being said, the park has already adopted the position that new trails and substantially altered trails will meet the then current version of the Access Board’s Proposed Guidelines. The park does not view the Proposed Guidelines as a floor for the definition of accessibility. Hence, trails like the Lower Fall Trail provide access above and beyond the accessibility requirements that would have been applicable if the Proposed Guidelines had been the access standard used to govern its recent rehabilitation.

The concept of trail access does not just encompass the length, width, and slope of trails themselves. The Proposed Guidelines call for accessible trailheads and the use of trailhead information signs to alert users about the difficulty and features of individual trails.

Trailhead Signs

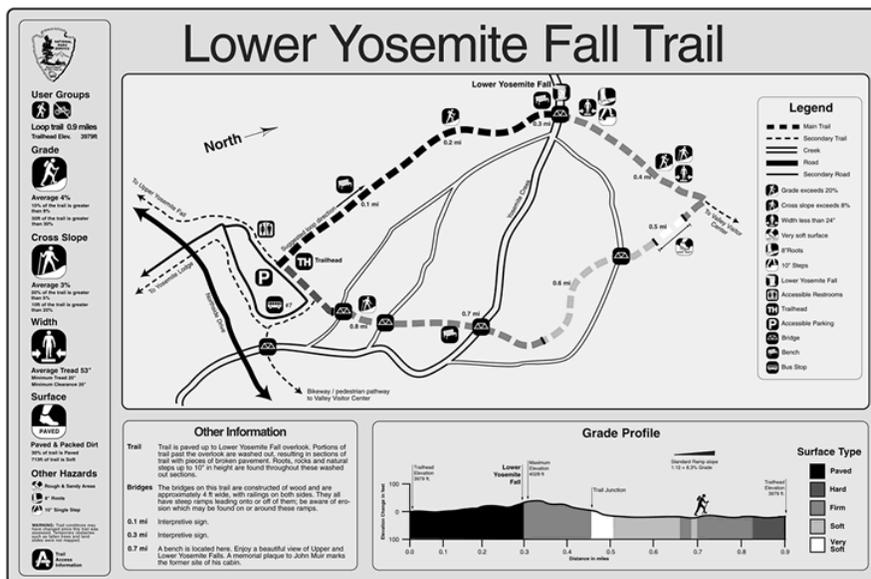
The Plan calls for trailhead accessibility and trailhead information signs to be placed at trailheads to inform users about the conditions they may encounter on the trail. The following advisory is from the Proposed Guidelines and states accordingly:

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Advisory T321.2 Given the wide variability in the actual characteristics that may be encountered on a trail, it is strongly recommended that objective information about the actual trail conditions be provided for all trails, whether or not they are accessible. **Objective information about actual trail conditions for all trails will assist users in determining whether the trail meets their own abilities.** The variability of conditions on these trails can be very dramatic, and may range from relatively minor variations from the technical provisions to extreme conditions. **Objective information about the trail conditions will enhance the accessibility, safety, and satisfaction of all trail users, both with and without disabilities.**

It is worth noting that in drafting the Proposed Guidelines for trailhead signs, the access board selected Yosemite’s Lower Fall information sign as an example of a compliant manner in which to provide trailhead information.



This is sample of full trailhead signage that would be printed in full color and could be placed at the beginning of the trail. It could also be formatted to fit into a fold up pocket guide.

Further, as a program solution to the variable trail accessibility demonstrated in the Park, information regarding trail conditions and usability should be made readily available in electronic and paper formats.

Over time, as trails are rebuilt, the currently applicable accessibility guidelines for such features will be applied and will result in continually improved access. In addition, the Park will conduct access reviews of trails to see if certain trail portions connected to accessible parking and camping features can be further enhanced to provide access.

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Camping Facilities

The Proposed Guidelines set forth a number of specific regulations related to camping areas. Detailed regulations regarding fire rings, grills, trash containers, picnic tables, and other features will impact campsite accessibility. Further, it is important to ensure that the accessible elements at camping sites are set along an Outdoor Recreation Access Route, as detailed above.

The Proposed Guidelines' scoping requirements for camping areas call for a variable number of accessible camping sites based on both the total number of campsites and the type of campsites available. For instance, specific regulations exist within section T 318 of the Proposed Guidelines for: (i) RV and trailer camping areas (T318.2.1); (ii) parking at tent camping spaces and camp shelter spaces (T 318.2.2); (iii) general use parking areas associated with camping facilities; and (iv) tent pads and tent platforms. Yosemite has already adopted its own standards for accessible campsites and is in the process of employing these standards.

In considering the accessibility of a designated accessible camping facility, the park is required to consider the accessibility of all features related to the accessible site, including toilet facilities, picnic tables, outdoor sinks, and other amenities. Additionally, an accessible route is required that connects the accessible camping areas with the other accessible features.

The Plan prioritizes the creation or modification of accessible camping facilities based on actual use and reasonable expectations of the needs and interests of all park visitors, disabled or not. An emphasis was put on creating accessible camping facilities that allow access within each of the park's districts and across the various types of campsite types and experiences. In addition, a higher priority was placed on campsites with unique programs and features. These priority campsites include the Bridalveil Creek Campground in the Wawona District as it provides easy access to a particularly beautiful meadow and has ranger-led programs in an amphitheater, and the more popular (and populous) camping areas on the Yosemite Valley floor.

Viewing Areas – Overlooks

Section T211 of the Proposed Guidelines contains the scoping requirements for newly constructed and altered viewing areas and view points at overlooks. The section states that all viewing areas at overlooks should be accessible pursuant to the requirements of Section T311. When more than one viewing area is provided at an overlook then one of each viewing opportunity will be made accessible pursuant to Section T311.

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Section T311.1 generally requires that overlooks and viewing areas comply with Section T311 provisions.

Section T311.2 requires that viewing areas have an accessible turning space.

Section T311.3 requires that each viewing opportunity for distinct points of interest having viewing opportunities that accommodate eye levels between 32" minimum and 51" maximum.

The concept behind the Proposed Guidelines for viewing areas is already part of the Yosemite access calculus with respect to viewing opportunities within the Park. Because the Park's views and vistas are as legendary as they are awe inspiring, a great deal of work has already been put into enhancing accessibility at some of the more famous viewing areas. The amazing view of the Lower Yosemite Falls (and even the experience of passing through the Lower Fall's mist) has already been made accessible. Glacier Point has accessible features and fairly good overall access and will eventually demonstrate nearly complete accessibility. Other famous viewing opportunities, such as those afforded at Washburn Point, are being made accessible by the implementation of this Plan. Lesser known viewing locations and overlook spots, such as Cascades Viewing Area, will also demonstrate enhanced accessibility.

Other Issues

The Proposed Guidelines cover a number of other recreational features – from fire rings and grills to telescopes – that were considered in drafting the Plan. Though too numerous to mention in this Plan, these features are usually connected with other accessible areas such as viewpoints and campsites.

A Note on Accessible Trash Containers and Bear Issues

The Proposed Guidelines note that the provision of accessible trash and recycling containers is a serious sanitation consideration. The specific regulations for trash and recycling containers are set forth in section T 309 of the Proposed Guidelines. Trash containers that are designed for large animal exclusion (i.e. bears) are exempt from the Proposed Guidelines with respect to hinged lid and control operability. However, exemptions do not exist as to clear space around trash containers and the requirement that accessible containers must be located on an accessible route.

As bears pose a challenge everywhere in the park, the literal application of the Proposed Guidelines would create inaccessible trash containers throughout Yosemite. This would frustrate program access. Accordingly, the park will undertake a study to determine the best possible resolution to provide trash containers that are safe from the perspective of

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bear exclusion, while at the same time provide maximum accessibility. When the appropriate and best design is selected, the containers will be distributed in accessible picnic, camping areas and other locations where trash receptacles are provided.

Interpretive Wayside Exhibits

The wayside exhibits mentioned throughout this transitional plan are not exhaustive and only represent the most popular and/or more obviously inaccessible waysides. Although not all wayside exhibits in the park are specifically discussed, it is important to note that many unmentioned exhibits may be inaccessible as well. The corrective actions suggested in this plan should be a standard for all wayside exhibits where complete accessibility is the primary focus in future developments. Attention must be paid to the physical access to the sign or exhibit, turn around space, text and font size, back ground clarity, and height and tilt from the ground.

Shuttle Stops

As the park strives to create a more accessible transportation system, it is important that not only the shuttles are accessible, but the shuttle stops as well. This transition plan documents several inaccessible shuttle stops, but the reality is that most shuttle stops within the park will need to be evaluated and made more accessible for visitors with disabilities. The recognition and correction of these deficiencies will allow greater accessibility for park visitors, which will in turn greatly enhance their visiting experience.

1.5 Interim Measures

As most of the work under the Plan will take more than a year to complete, the park has adopted a number of interim measures to increase program accessibility. Many of these procedures are currently being utilized to provide enhanced access to visitors with disabilities under the park's general program access obligations.

Information Distribution Regarding Alternate Accessible Features

The park already has a substantial number of facilities, features and programs that demonstrate full or partial accessibility. In addition to noteworthy access projects, like the work performed to enhance access along the Lower Falls Trail, the park has seen a steady increase in the accessibility of less awe-inspiring features such as public restrooms and parking areas. In addition, numerous rest stops, viewing areas and campsites demonstrate varying degrees of access and usability.

Information regarding the park's existing accessible facilities is already available and the park will regularly prepare updated access data in both written and electronic formats. Written information about access in the park will be available at all visitor centers and

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entrance points. Further, rangers are trained in: (i) helping people with disabilities gauge the accessibility of existing facilities and features and (ii) connecting people with disabilities to park staff who are particularly skilled in access issues and the provision of information as well as auxiliary aids and services.

Even when the work under the Plan is completed, the provision of information services to people with disabilities will be a critical component of access in Yosemite.

Use of Accessible Transportation

Vehicular transport is already used by the park both to deal with the vast distances between many of Yosemite's features and as a way to overcome numerous potential barriers and obstacles to people with disabilities. For instance, the pathways throughout the Yosemite Valley floor that connect various areas and facilities demonstrate differing levels of accessibility. In some places, these paths would already meet the accessibility standards for a compliant walkway under the ABA and ADA. In other areas, the paths are inaccessible. And in yet other areas they meet the standards for an Outdoor Recreation Access Route (as described above). Over time, many portions of these paths will be made more accessible either because of work under this Plan or because of new construction and alteration projects to existing facilities.

Simply grading and paving over the existing paths would be an insurmountable obstacle and would conflict with other interests and mandates including resource management and preservation. If the paths were eventually improved to Outdoor Recreation Access Route standards, they would still present obstacles that would create inaccessible conditions for certain people with mobility disabilities.

For intra-park access, Yosemite has acquired a fleet of accessible transport vehicles. With respect to the above-noted issues concerning the pathways on the Valley floor, these vehicles constitute one of the park's program access solutions to pathway inaccessibility. These vehicles can also be used within large sites or groups of sites such as those found around the Yosemite Village area where currently flawed paths of travel will eventually be reconstructed to walkway standards. In addition, as noted above, Yosemite's public transport is an integral part of park access for all visitors; regardless of their level of physical ability.

Use of Audio-Visual Media to Present the Park to Visitors

Even a cursory review of the Plan indicates Yosemite's commitment to making the experiences and facilities of the Park physically accessible to a wide range of visitors with disabilities. This being said, the park already has numerous audiovisual and other

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interpretive programs that show the beauty of Yosemite and help guests understand the park.

Obviously, a video presentation of a walk along a trail is no substitute for the actual experience. Nonetheless, ranger-led programs, audiovisual presentations, visual presentations (including signs and sculpted relief maps), and other related experiences provide a degree of enjoyment of the natural and wilderness experience that some people are not going to be able to directly experience even after the completion of the work under the Plan. The combination of the physical accessibility that the Plan calls for in some parts of the natural environment – such as that demonstrated in various meadows, waterfronts and streams – combined with the ability to present audiovisual experiences to visitors with disabilities means that the total Yosemite experience will be as accessible as possible.

Use of Portable Facilities and Equipment

The use of portable facilities and equipment will be used to overcome some access barriers while the Plan is being implemented.

Portable accessible toilet facilities are already used in some locations in the Park in order to provide accessible restrooms to visitors when winter weather or other circumstances make restroom facilities inaccessible. To the extent that accessible campgrounds, picnic areas, and other visitor areas are being created or modified prior to the rehabilitation or construction of accessible sanitary facilities, accessible portable toilets will be utilized to assure that the entire program experience at such locations is accessible.

The park has acquired and utilizes portable assistive listening systems in places where amplified sound is used as part of a program presentation and a permanently installed assistive listening system is either not called for or is impractical.

Publications

The Yosemite Accessibility Guide and other written materials on accessibility in Yosemite are available at park entrance stations and visitor centers. Staff at all entrances stations and visitor centers are trained in directing guests with disabilities to accessible programs and features, as well as communicating special requests or questions to the park's accessibility coordinator or other appropriate personnel.

Copies of the Yosemite Accessibility Guide can be downloaded from the park's website at <http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/upload/access.pdf> or by contacting the park's Accessibility Coordinator at 209-379-1035 or 209-379-1138. The Yosemite Accessibility Guide is available in large print and Braille.

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A Note about Alternative Transportation Technology

Yosemite seeks to provide innovation and leadership with respect to the use of alternate accessible technologies. Policies are constantly being reviewed and upgraded with respect to alternative ways in which people of differing levels of physical ability access and enjoy the Park's offerings. Mobility devices ranging from motorized wheelchairs to Segway transporters are evaluated to keep standards for accessibility of trails and other natural terrain current. However, the impact of motorized devices on the natural environment is also be taken into account and accordingly, the park may need to limit the introduction of devices that might destroy natural resources or unduly burden the environment.

1.6 Program Access Goals

The program access goals attained by the physical and programmatic alterations to park facilities and sites include:

- Environments for visitors to stop and orient themselves within the park and obtain information regarding accessible features;
- Access to wayside exhibits, trailheads, and rest stops;
- Camping experiences, and access to the natural environment;
- Picnicking opportunities;
- Transportation accessibility; and
- Access to ranger-led programs and other services.

1.7 Time Line for Corrective Action

To better assist the decision-making process and more clearly identify the time line for deficiencies to be corrected, the transition plan has assigned a rating to each deficiency listed in the corrective action tables.

The assignment of a specific rating may be due to the type of project involved, funding, compliance requirements, historic value, and proximity in time or location to other rehabilitation projects. Other factors taken into consideration include efficient use of funds and ongoing litigation results. The rating system means barrier removal as follows:

Critical: means corrective action is estimated to occur within 1 – 3 years

Important: means corrective action is estimated to occur within 3 – 5 years

Long-Term: means corrective action is estimated to occur within 5 or more years

Although the rating system provides some kind of standard, the completion time for the removal of any accessibility barrier is at the discretion of park managers. The associated

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time spans are not meant to convey which deficiencies create the greatest accessibility barriers, but, the importance of a timely and economical corrective action plan. The recognition and correction of barriers in this transition plan will allow for efficient and sensible progress toward the park's program access goals.

1.8 Responsible Official

The Superintendent is the official responsible for the preparation and implementation of Yosemite's Self Evaluation / Transition Plan.

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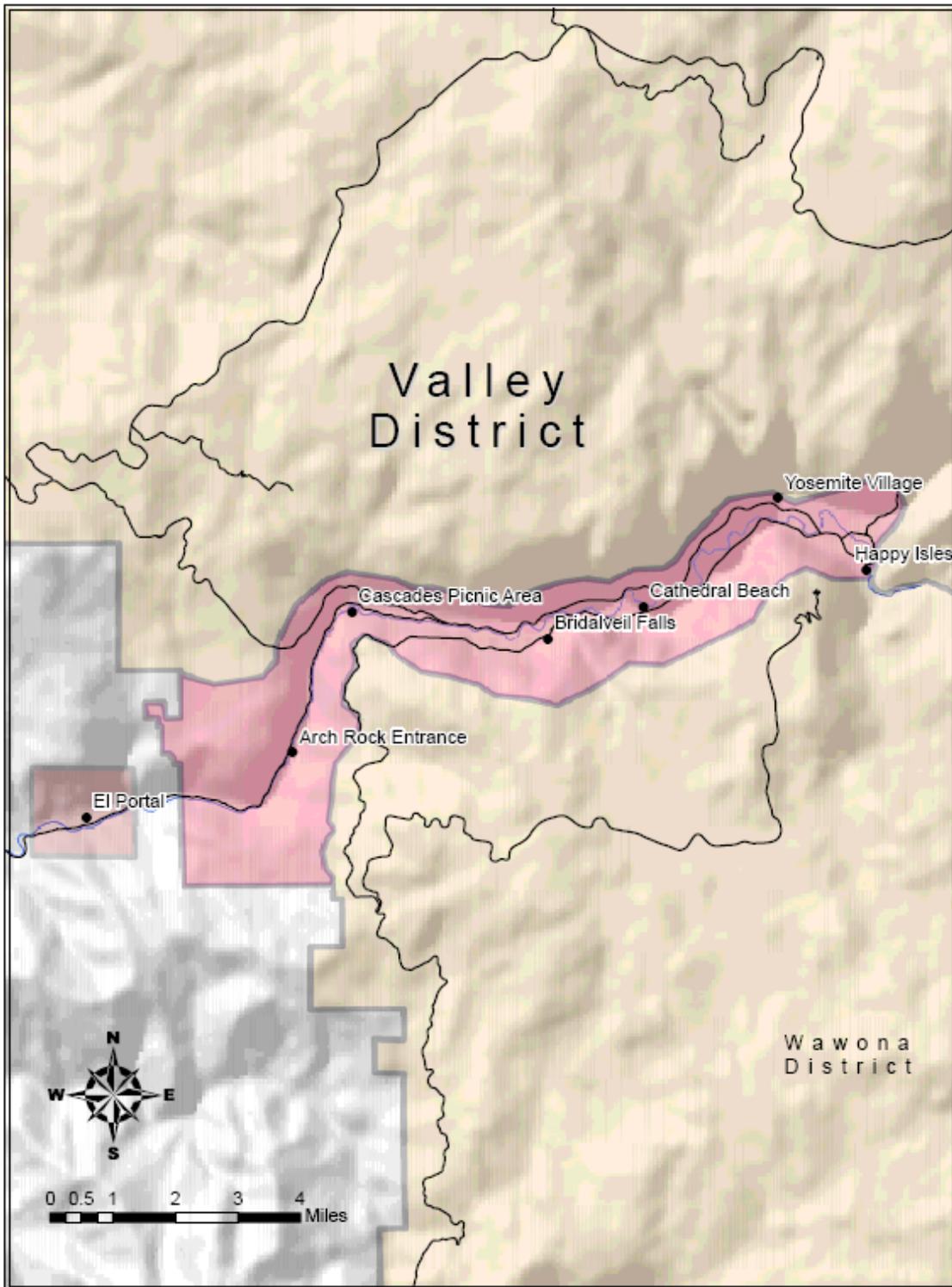
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2.0 Yosemite Valley District Map

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2.1 Yosemite Valley District Summary

The Yosemite Valley District is an area explored by nearly every visitor to the Park. It is also the hub of many of the park's programs, the place where the public has the most interaction with staff; the location of the majority of lodging and food services provided by concessionaires; and where most of the classic Yosemite viewing experiences take place. In addition, the district's camping areas are relatively close to many services available on the Valley floor.

All of the above noted factors make the facility features and amenities available in the Yosemite Valley District ideal and important access enhancement targets.

Significant changes have been made to create access to the more developed areas in the district. For instance, access has been enhanced at the Valley Visitor Center. This facility is the primary park information area, centrally located in a pedestrian area adjacent to three important visitor areas: the Yosemite Village Museum and Gallery, the Indian Village of the Ahwahnee, and the Yosemite Cemetery. The Valley Visitor Center has a large bookstore, two auditoriums, and exhibit areas for both static and revolving displays. A 23-minute orientation film is shown in one of the auditoriums at which both audio description and closed captioning are available. The Valley Visitor Center is the staging area for most interpretive programs hosted by the NPS, including daytime guided walks and evening programs. Assisted listening devices (ASLD) are available year round and American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters are available in the summer. The Visitor Center Exhibit Hall has tactile exhibits and an audio tour available.

The Arch Rock Entrance Station on Highway 140 provides all-year vehicular access into the park that traverses through a narrow, steep-walled canyon along the Merced River. Located at 2,850 feet, this route has the lowest elevation of any road into Yosemite. Following the flood of 1997, significant changes were made to approximately eight miles of Highway 140 from El Portal to the junction of Highway 140/120. As a result of the construction project, this route is the widest and easiest road in the park, particularly advantageous for buses and oversized vehicles. This area gets its name from the two huge boulders leaning against one another through which the incoming traffic passes.

2.2 Specific Areas Addressed by the Plan

2.2.1 Arch Rock Entrance Complex

The Arch Rock Entrance Station is the first Park facility encountered by visitors arriving to the park from Highway 140 to the west. This location was being improved as this document went to press. Changes set forth in the Plan include the creation of fully accessible parking to replace the current designated accessible space, substantial work in

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both the men's and women's restrooms and the addition of accessible picnic tables and water facilities. In addition, accessible telephones and vending machines are needed at this site.

Improvements to the Arch Rock ranger's office and entrance station kiosk were underway at the time of publication. Though these are "employee-only" areas, the fact that the kiosk and ranger station are utilized to distribute information about the accessible features of the park to disabled visitors supports enhancing the accessibility of these features.



Arch Rock Entrance Station – Restrooms



Arch Rock Entrance Station – Parking Space



Arch Rock Entrance Station – Picnic Area

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Arch Rock Entrance Complex			
Parking	The designated accessible parking is not located on the shortest accessible route and does not have a van-accessible space or compliant signs.	Relocate the parking and provide a van accessible parking spot (ABA 502; F208.3.1). Create an accessible walkway from the newly designated parking space to the restrooms and other accessible features (ABA 403).	Critical
Information	Information board does not comply with the text size standard or mounting height for accessible dissemination of information.	Lower the information board and provide compliant text that is a minimum of 16 point and high contrast. Provide important information on an audio tour of the park (ABA F 216.3).	Long Term
Pay Telephone	The pay telephone is not accessible. The phone can't be approached with a "side reach" and the coin slot is above 48 inches.	Add an ABA-compliant pay telephone at the station (ABA F 217). Where pay telephones are not accessible and do not include a TTY, post directional signage to the nearest accessible phone (ABA F 216.3).	Important
Picnic Tables	Picnic tables are not of an accessible design with clear knee space for wheelchair users. Additionally, the water spigot is inaccessible.	Add two accessible picnic tables on the accessible route with clear knee space of at least 30 inches wide, 19 inches deep, and 27 inches from the ground (PG T 206; PG T 306). Provide an accessible level approach to the water spigot (PG T 204).	Critical
Restrooms	The restrooms do not meet all scoping requirements for toilet facilities.	Retrofit the restroom to comply with ABA standards (ABA F 213).	Critical
Vending Machine	Vending machine does not meet all requirements for accessible operating height and mechanisms.	Replace the vending machine with a new accessible model on the accessible route (ABA F 228).	Long Term
Kiosk Building	Accessibility to the entrance kiosk is prevented by the structure's design.	Adjust the program to be accessible by offering car side services to persons with disabilities on an as needed basis.	Critical
Accessible Route	Ranger office is used as a break area for employees and is not accessible due to structure and obstructions in route.	Provide an accessible route to the ranger office with a maximum slope of 5% and a maximum cross-slope of 2% (ABA F 206.2.2).	Long Term

2.2.2 Bridalveil Fall Parking and Trailhead

Bridalveil Fall Parking/Trailhead is a link to one of the more important scenic stops enjoyed by a large number of visitors to the park. In addition to the work set forth in the Plan, an evaluation of the associated trail will be conducted to ascertain how trail access may be improved.

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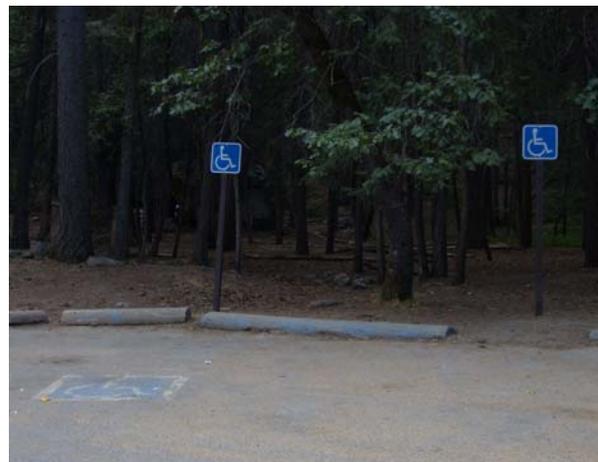


The site needs to be updated by the addition of van-accessible parking spaces and curb cut ramps. Barriers along the accessible route should also be removed in order to allow access to the waterless restroom and pay phone. A compliant trailhead sign will need to be provided at an accessible location along an ORAR.

An accessible wayside exhibit is being fabricated and installed during the summer of 2010. Signage along the road that directs visitors to the area will need to be replaced with a compliant sign meeting NPS best practices and other regulations. The existing waterless restroom will be improved by posting the ISA (International Symbol of Accessibility or “wheelchair symbol”) and moving the toilet paper dispensers.



Bridalveil Fall Parking/Trailhead – Telephone



Bridalveil Fall Parking/Trailhead – Accessible Parking Spaces



Bridalveil Fall Parking/Trailhead – Waterless Restroom



Bridalveil Fall Parking/Trailhead – Start of Trail

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Bridalveil Fall Parking and Trailhead			
Accessible Route	Site features such as the pay telephone, waterless restrooms and waste receptacles are not on the accessible route.	Stabilize an accessible route and remove barriers to the waterless restroom and pay phone (ABA F 206.2.2).	Critical
Parking	The accessible parking spaces near the north side of the waterless restroom are incorrectly striped and do not meet parking space width and slope requirements.	Provide a van-accessible parking space (96" wide minimum with a 96" wide minimum access aisle) and sign. Locate new spaces to the northwest of the waterless restrooms (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
Accessible Route	Route to waterless restrooms has slope of 6.4%	Correct the slope to under 5% (ABA 402.2).	Critical
Sign	Waterless restrooms lack sign and toilet paper is out of reach.	Post the ISA on the waterless restrooms and relocate the toilet paper dispenser (ABA F 216.8).	Long Term
Parking	An accessible parking space is needed at the pay telephone.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign (ABA F 208.2.4).	Important
Curb Cut	A curb cut is needed from parking to the route to the pay phone.	Provide a curb cut from the accessible parking space to the accessible route (ABA 406).	Important
Trailhead Sign	Lack of compliant trailhead sign.	Install a compliant trailhead sign at an accessible location along the ORAR (PG T 221; PG T 321).	Long Term

2.2.3 Camp 4 Walk-In Campground

Camp 4 is well known as a walk-in campground and base for climbers as they prepare for the assault on El Capitan. Camp 4 is a place of legend among the park’s past and present “big wall” climbers.

Because the nature of the campground is geared toward rock climbers and rock climbing, accessible facilities were not included in more recent development at this site. Future modifications at Camp 4 will include the qualities needed to ensure that the campground has accessible features. Such modifications include the implementation of accessible routes, campsites, parking, and restroom amenities.

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Camp 4 – Registration Booth



Camp 4 – Restrooms

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Camp 4 Walk-In Campground			
Parking	Van-accessible parking not provided.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign (ABA F 208.2.4).	Long Term
ORAR	An ORAR is needed to connect site features.	Provide an ORAR to connect site features (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Important
Campsites	Accessible campsites not provided.	Provide compliant campsites (PG T 218; PG T 318). Provide an accessible bear box, accessible grill (PG T 208; PG T 308), fire ring (PG T 207; PG T 307) and picnic table (PG T 206; PG T 306). Connect site features with an ORAR (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Critical
Restrooms	The restrooms are inaccessible.	Update the restrooms and paths around them to accessibility standards (ABA F213).	Critical

2.2.4 Camp 6 Parking Area

Until the flood of 1997, this area was used for employee housing. Since then, the area has been used as an overflow parking area, and more recently has been upgraded to handle oversized (RV) vehicles and day use parking.

Camp 6 has restroom facilities, an information center and bus stop. The parking area is open year round, however, the buildings and facilities are only open from late spring to early fall.

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Camp 6 Parking Area – Access to Cans Barred by Support Poles for Shade Structure



Camp 6 Parking Area – Ramp to Information Center



Camp 6 Parking Area – Ramp to Restrooms



Camp 6 Parking Area – Restrooms

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Camp 6 Parking Area			
Sign	Restroom sign is needed at Camp 6 restrooms.	Post ISA sign at restrooms (ABA F 216.8).	Long Term
Information Center Ramp	Ramp has slope > 5% and has no accessible handrails.	Install accessible handrails at the appropriate height (ABA 505.4)	Critical
Information Center Ramp Entrance	Threshold has 3/4" vertical change in level and a 2" beveled change in level.	Replace the threshold to meet accessibility standards (ABA 303.2).	Important

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Camp 6 Parking Area			
Restroom Ramp Handrail	Ramp handrail is not an accessible style.	Replace with an acceptable style (ABA 505.2; 505.7).	Important
Restroom Mirrors	Mirrors are too high.	Lower one of the mirrors to accessibility standards (ABA 603.3).	Important

2.2.5 Cascades Viewing Area

This site provides visitors the opportunity to park and enjoy the surroundings of the waterfall known as the Cascades. The site has an accessible viewing area and wayside exhibits, but modifications to the parking and curb cut are needed to correct excessive slope.



Cascades Viewing Area – Parking



Cascades Viewing Area – Exhibits

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Cascades Viewing Area			
Parking	The parking area has a slope of over 4 %.	Provide a major asphalt overlay to correct the slope deficiencies (ABA 502).	Important
Curb Ramp	Current curb cut slope is 9.1% and could pose a problem for persons with disabilities.	Consideration should be taken into changing the slope to be no greater than 1:12 or 8.33% (ABA 405.2).	Important

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2.2.6 Cascades Creek Picnic Area

The Cascade Creek Picnic Area provides visitors with the opportunity to picnic at and access the Merced River. There is an accessible waterless restroom located at the west end of the parking area.

The location needs to be improved by the addition of a van accessible parking sign and a standard accessible parking sign for the appropriate spaces. The path of travel from the parking lot to the picnic area will need to be improved to meet ORAR standards.



Cascade Creek Picnic Area – Parking Area



Cascade Creek Picnic Area – Picnic Area



Cascade Creek Picnic Area – Merced River Access



Cascade Creek Picnic Area – Route to Picnic Area

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Cascades Creek Picnic Area			
Accessible Routes	There is no accessible route to the picnic area or the beach of the Merced River.	Create an accessible route from parking to picnic area and beach (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Critical

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Cascades Creek Picnic Area			
Accessible Parking Spaces	Accessible spaces are farthest from the waterless restrooms.	Relocate the parking next to the waterless restrooms. Include one van accessible space (ABA F208.3.1) with an accessible walkway leading from spaces to the waterless restrooms and other accessible features (ABA F206).	Important
Trash Receptacles	No accessible trash receptacles.	Place trash receptacles on an accessible route (PG T209.1)	Long Term

2.2.7 Cathedral Beach Picnic Area

This beautiful picnic area includes picnic tables, a waterless restroom, fire grills, and receptacles for trash and recycling. There are four picnic tables on each side of the entry road close to the riverbank, with a waterless restroom adjoining the road near the entrance. At the end of the road, there is an undefined parking area accommodating four to six vehicles and no defined access route to the beach.

Improvements to this picnic area include providing van accessible parking near site features, placement of the ISA outside the waterless restroom, relocation of the toilet paper dispensers, beveled access to the waterless restroom, and directional signage throughout the area. An access route will also be needed to provide an equal opportunity for beach recreation. The designated picnic areas will be made accessible by adding accessible tables and grills, and an ORAR connecting these site features.



Cathedral Beach Picnic Area – Entrance Road, Route to Toilet



Cathedral Beach Picnic Area – 4” Step from Ground to Pad

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Cathedral Beach Picnic Area			
ORAR	An ORAR to the picnic area and waterless restroom is needed. Current route has excessive slope and changes in level.	Add an ORAR to connect site features (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Critical
Parking	A van-accessible parking space is needed at the picnic area.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4)	Important
Parking	A van-accessible parking space is needed to access the waterless toilet.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign (ABA F 208.2.4).	Important
Picnic Site	A designated accessible picnic area (with route, picnic table, and grill) is needed at the site.	Establish an accessible picnic area with accessible table (PG T 206; PG T 306), grill (PG T 208; PG T 308) and an ORAR within the site connecting the accessible features (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Critical
Beach Route	A beach access route is not provided at the site.	Provide a beach access route (PG T 205; PG T 305).	Long Term
Waterless Restroom	Waterless restroom is on a 4" high concrete pad, lacks restroom sign, and the toilet paper dispenser is incorrectly placed.	Post the ISA sign outside the vault toilet, move the toilet paper dispenser and provide beveled access to the entrance (ABA F 213).	Critical
Directional Sign	A sign is needed to direct visitors to the accessible parking space at the waterless restroom.	Post a directional sign to waterless restroom parking (NPS Best Practices).	Long Term

2.2.8 Church Bowl Picnic Area

This unique area was used for various group activities such as religious services and seminars but is now primarily a picnic and gathering place. Improvements required for accessibility include the addition of a van-accessible parking space, the stabilization of an ORAR to connect site features, and the reduction in change of level at the entrance to the waterless restroom facility. The picnic tables are not of the accessible type and will also need to be replaced.

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Church Bowl Picnic Area – Parking Area Access to Picnic Area



Church Bowl Picnic Area – Slope at Accessible Table

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Church Bowl Picnic Area			
Portable Toilet	Accessible waterless restroom has a drop-off at the entrance.	Fill the entrance to the waterless restroom or create a transition plate (ABA 206.2.2).	Important
ORAR	An ORAR is needed to connect parking space to picnic area and waterless restroom.	Add an ORAR to connect site features (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Important
Parking	A van-accessible parking space is needed at the picnic area.	Provide a van-accessible parking space on an accessible pad, and sign (ABA 208.2.4).	Critical
Picnic Tables	No accessible picnic tables present.	Replace 50% of the tables with the accessible model (PG T206.2.2).	Critical

2.2.9 El Capitan Picnic Area

This picnic area at the foot of El Capitan is used by climbers and those who enjoy picnicking and watching climbers ascend this massive monolith.

There are several accessible characteristics at this picnic area, but they are in need of a makeover. There is an accessible route at the site, but the pavement around the picnic area is in need of repair, and tree branches hang to low over the pathway to the waterless restrooms. The waterless restrooms lack accessible characteristics and will need to be replaced with a newer accessible waterless restroom model. Two accessible parking spaces are available, but they too will need to be updated with appropriate striping and compliant signs. One of these should be designated as van accessible.

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El Capitan Picnic Area – Accessible Parking with Access Route to and from Waterless Restrooms



El Capitan Picnic Area – Accessible Picnic Area

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
El Capitan Picnic Area			
Accessible Route	Route through the picnic area has areas with over 5% slope and does not connect all features, such as waterless restroom, table, and grill.	Update the accessible route that connects the picnic areas with parking and waterless restroom (ABA F206).	Important
Parking	Accessible spaces provided are not compliant.	Re-stripe and post signs for car and van-accessible spaces (ABA F 208.2.4).	Important
Picnic Area	The accessible picnic area needs designation and clear maneuvering space.	Designate the accessible picnic area with an ISA placard and clear asphalt pad of rocks, debris, etc.	Important
Waterless Restroom	Waterless restroom lacks appropriate sign and toilet paper is out of reach.	Move toilet paper dispenser and post ISA sign (ABA F 216.8; ABA 604.7).	Long Term
Protruding Object	The trees along the path to the waterless restroom hang over the required clear space.	Prune tree limbs to create required clear space over the route (PG T322.1).	Important

2.2.10 El Portal Clark Community Center

The Carroll N. Clark Community Center is the town’s primary gathering place where festivals, parties, and other large events take place for both the public and the park service. Improvements needed at this location include accessible parking and restroom modifications.

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Clark Community Center – Entrance



Clark Community Center – Stage



Clark Community Center – Women's Restroom



Clark Community Center – Picnic Area and Outdoor Stage

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
El Portal Clark Community Center			
Parking	No accessible parking.	Provide a van accessible parking space (ABA F208).	Critical
Front Entrance	2 ½-inch change in level at door.	Reduce the change in level (ABA 303.2).	Critical
Front Doors	Door hardware is not compliant.	Replace hardware with U-shape or lever action hardware (ABA 404.2.7).	Important
Stage	No accessible route to the stage.	Provide an accessible route up to the stage (ABA F202.2.1).	Important

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
El Portal Clark Community Center			
Back Door	Steps are inaccessible and have no handrails.	Provide handrails at the stairs and install an accessible ramp or other route to picnic area (ABA 504.6; ABA F202.2.1).	Important
Picnic Area	There are 17 picnic tables available and none are accessible.	Replace at least half of the tables with accessible models (T 206.2.2).	Long Term
Outdoor Stage	The outdoor stage has no accessible route.	Create a route to and onto the stage (ABA F202.2.1).	Long Term
Restrooms	Both men's and women's restrooms are inaccessible.	Update restrooms to accessibility standards (ABA 603).	Critical
Kitchen	Kitchen is inaccessible.	Update kitchen to accessibility standards (ABA 804.2.2).	Long Term
Kitchen Outside Entrance	Route to entrance has a slope of 6.8% and a 2-inch change of level at door threshold.	Reduce slope and change in level at entrance (ABA 303.2; ABA 403.3).	Important

2.2.11 El Portal Fiscal Office

Located just west of the El Portal post office, this site is specifically an office building, but because of the nature of services provided, public traffic does occur. Future improvements include an accessible parking space, stairs, and a restroom.



El Portal Fiscal Office – Front Entrance



El Portal Fiscal Office – Transition from Parking to Ramp

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El Portal Fiscal Office – Open Risers at Stairs



El Portal Fiscal Office – Men's Restroom

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
El Portal Fiscal Office			
Restrooms	Men's and women's restrooms do not meet accessibility standards including door and sink hardware, dispenser and mirror heights, and clear floor space.	Update restrooms to ABA standards (ABA 603).	Important
Parking	No accessible parking available.	Install a van accessible parking space (ABA F208).	Important
Stairs	Stairs have open risers.	Replace stairs without open risers (ABA 504.3).	Important

2.2.12 Fern Spring Wayside

This site just east of the Pohono Bridge is the location of a natural spring which bubbles up out of the ground year round. This location has seen extensive restoration efforts since the last transition plan and is a beautiful place to stop along Southside Drive. Because of its modifications, the site should be made accessible in accordance with ABA F201 standards. Modifications for accessibility include an accessible route to the wayside exhibit or the relocation of the exhibit to an accessible route. An accessible parking space should be considered for this location as well.

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Fern Spring Wayside



Fern Spring Wayside

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Fern Spring Wayside			
Parking	An accessible space is needed.	Designate an accessible parking space (ABA F 208.2.4).	Long Term
Parking	Parking area has slope > 2 percent.	Reduce parking area slope to 2% or less (ABA 502.4).	Important
Accessible Route	Site exhibit not accessible from parking.	Provide an accessible route or relocate the exhibit sign to an accessible location (ABA F206.2.2).	Critical

2.2.13 Four Mile Trail Wayside and Trailhead

This is the site of the first hotel in Yosemite Valley, and the original location of Yosemite Village. It is also the start of one of the park’s more popular trails, which retraces the original mule trail up to Glacier Point. This area has been improved by a newly paved pullout and curb cut for better accessibility to the trailhead. Future improvements include the addition of a van-accessible parking space.

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Four Mile Trail Wayside – Prior to Modifications



Four Mile Trail Wayside – After Modifications

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Four Mile Trail Wayside and Trailhead			
Parking	Parallel parking is available on both sides of the roads, and there are no designated accessible spaces.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign (ABA F 208.2.4).	Important

2.2.14 Hanging Valley Wayside

This wayside area provides visitors with an extended view of Bridalveil Fall and information on its geologic history. The site will be altered by providing a van-accessible parking space, adjusting the slope at the ends of the route, and providing a curb-cut ramp from the parking area. The current exhibit is being replaced during summer 2010 with an accessible wayside exhibit and should be located on an accessible route.



Hanging Valley Wayside – Visual Contrast on the Wayside



Hanging Valley Wayside – Cross Slope at Sign Exceeds 2%

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Hanging Valley Wayside			
Parking	Van-accessible parking not provided.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign (ABA F 208.2.4).	Important
Accessible Route	Route to the wayside has excessive slope at ends and at the drain.	Adjust the slope at the ends of the route and provide curb cut from parking (ABA F 206.2.2).	Important
Exhibit	Text size and contrast are inaccessible. Wayside exhibits are not on the accessible route.	Replace sign with an accessible exhibit on the accessible route (ABA F 216.3).	Important

2.2.15 Happy Isles Nature Center and Parking Area

This family oriented visitor center helps to educate visitors about the variety of wildlife in the park through various audio, visual, tactile and interactive accessible exhibits. The center provides parking, seating, a bookstore/gift shop, and children’s project area.

The slope and cross slope along the path of travel to the facility will become accessible by re-paving the route. The clear ground space near the bench (for wheelchair users to sit beside a companion) will be stabilized and an accessible bench will be added. Directional and other signs will be replaced with accessible signs that meet ABA standards. Route to exhibits will be connected to the main accessible route.



Happy Isles Nature Center and Parking Area – Route to Entrance



Happy Isles Nature Center and Parking Area

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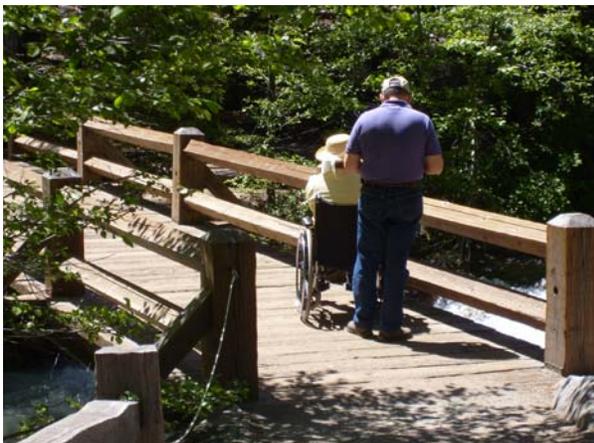


Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Happy Isles Nature Center and Parking Area			
Accessible Route	Slope on the accessible route is not compliant (5% maximum).	Re-pave the route to make the slope and cross slope accessible (ABA F 206.2.2).	Important
Bench	Companion seating is not provided alongside the bench in the parking area.	Stabilize the ground alongside the bench for wheelchair users to sit beside a companion (PG T 213; PG T 313).	Long Term
Directional Sign	Sign at the nature center does not include distances to features.	Provide distance information on sign (ABA F 216.3).	Long Term
Exhibit	Exhibit is not on the accessible path.	Connect wayside exhibit route to main accessible route (ABA F 206.2.2).	Long Term
Exhibit	Interpretive panel is mounted too high.	Lower interpretive panel to be visible at seated height (ABA F F221.2.3).	Long Term

2.2.16 Happy Isles Trail

The subject trails provide visitors with the opportunity to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Merced River as it flows by on either side of them; especially enjoyable in the spring during the run-off of the winter snows from the high country regions above the Valley.

This area will be improved by the installation of a compliant trailhead sign at an accessible location along the ORAR. A compliant bench with companion seating will be added to the accessible route. In addition, clear space at the exhibit will be provided.



Happy Isles Trails – Bridge



Happy Isles Trails – Wayside “Down by the Riverside”

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Happy Isles Trail			
Trailhead Sign	Lack of compliant trailhead signs.	Install a compliant trailhead sign at an accessible location along the ORAR (PG T 221; PG T 321).	Important
Bench	A bench is needed at the end of the trail.	Provide a compliant bench with companion seating on the accessible route (PG T 213; PG T 313).	Important
Wayside Exhibit	Access to wayside exhibit is prevented by obstructions.	Provide clear space at the wayside exhibit (ABA 305).	Important
Sign	Mather bronze plaque mounted in a boulder is too high.	Lower Mather bronze plaques to correct height (ABA F 216).	Long Term

2.2.17 Happy Isles Shuttle Bus Stop and Restrooms

This shuttle stop allows visitors to access the Fen and Happy Isles area. The site contains a transit stop with restrooms and a concession stand. The trailhead for Vernal Fall and Nevada Fall is located near the same transit stop.

Needed improvements here include the lowering of the service window at the concession stand, the retrofitting of the restrooms to comply with ABA standards, and the installation of a van-accessible parking space.



Happy Isles Shuttle Bus Stop and Restrooms – Toilet Paper Dispensers



Happy Isles Shuttle Bus Stop and Restrooms – View of Route from Accessible Parking Space

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Happy Isles Shuttle Bus Stop and Restrooms			
Food Service	Window at concession stand is too high for persons of short stature or wheelchair users.	Lower the window or provide a lowered service area (ABA F 227.3).	Important
Restrooms	Restroom lavatory controls are not accessible, mirror is too high, and toilet paper dispensers non-compliant.	Retrofit the restrooms to comply with standards (ABA F 213; 604.7).	Important
Parking	Accessible parking space behind restroom should be made van accessible.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign (ABA F 208.2.4).	Important
Route	Pavement from parking to the restrooms is old and has several changes in level.	Pave a new accessible route from the parking area to the restrooms (ABA 403).	Important

2.2.18 Highway 140/120 Junction

The route along Highway 140 from the western park entrance to the junction with Big Oak Flat Road has several pullouts including one with interpretive exhibits, and another with a pay telephone. The Plan provides for minor modifications to the Highway 140/120 junction so that people with disabilities will be able to park and use the pay phone if required.

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Highway 140/120 Junction			
Accessible Route	No accessible parking is provided.	Provide an accessible parking space near the telephone making sure slopes, measurement, etc., meet ABA guidelines (ABA F 206; ABA 502).	Long Term
Telephone	Inaccessible telephone.	Add an ABA-compliant pay telephone at the station or remove current phone (ABA 704). Where pay telephones are not accessible and do not include a TTY, post directional signage to the nearest accessible phone (ABA F 216.9).	Long Term

Additional pull-outs along Highway 140 may be modified through the creation of accessible parking and the grading and/or paving of existing surfaces. This work will be considered at a later date after the primary work set forth in this Plan has been completed to provide program access.

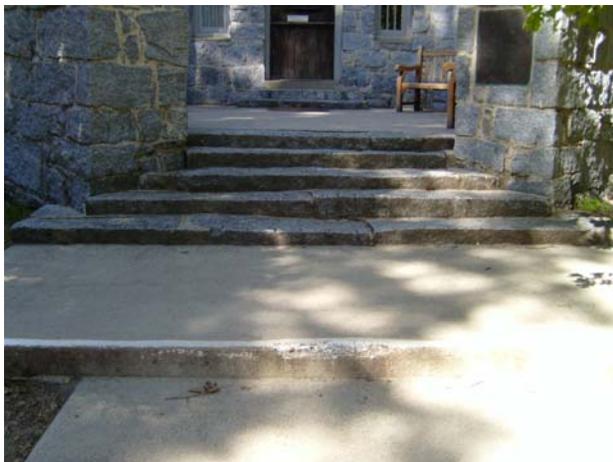
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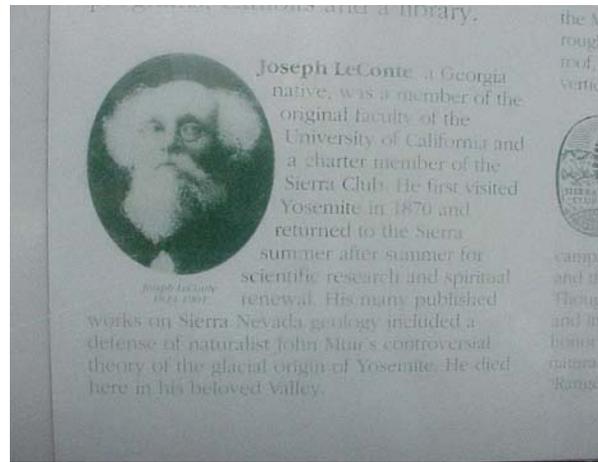
2.2.19 LeConte Memorial Lodge

LeConte Memorial, operated by the Sierra Club in partnership with Yosemite National Park, is used as a location for evening programs with speakers on various subjects concerning the park. Because of its historical qualities, physical alterations may not be appropriate or may be deemed an undue financial and administrative burden to accomplish. In such cases the park will need to seek out programmatic alterations in order to provide an equal opportunity of services provided to visitors.

This area will be improved by providing an accessible route from the transit stop to the LeConte Lodge, a bench with companion seating and accessible information. An accessible entrance is needed as well as an accessible route from the parking to that entrance. In addition, an accessible interpretive sign should be installed on an accessible route.



LeConte Memorial Lodge – Steps Leading up to Entrance



LeConte Memorial Lodge – Non-Compliant Visual Contrast

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
LeConte Memorial Lodge			
Transit Stop	Accessible transit stop route is needed.	Provide an accessible route to the transit stop; add a bench with companion seating and accessible information (ABA 810.1).	Long Term
Accessible Route	Accessible route is needed from parking and transit stop to an accessible entrance.	Provide an accessible route from parking to the accessible entrance (ABA F 206.2.2).	Long Term
Entrance	An accessible entrance is needed to the building.	Provide an accessible entrance on the accessible route (ABA 404).	Long Term

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
LeConte Memorial Lodge			
Interpretive Sign	Text and mounting height of the LeConte sign are non-compliant.	Provide an accessible interpretive sign on the accessible route (ABA F 216.3).	Long Term

2.2.20 Lower Pines Amphitheater

This facility is used for evening interpretive programs, Yosemite Institute programs, and religious services on Sunday mornings. The amphitheater requires various alterations for access enhancement. An ORAR will be needed to connect accessible features. Wheelchair seating will also need to be dispersed as well as companion seating. An accessible route is needed to connect parking with site features, and a ramp from the access route to the stage will be provided.



Lower Pines Amphitheater – Steps at Amphitheater Stage



Lower Pines Amphitheater – View from Stage

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Lower Pines Amphitheater			
Amphitheater Seating	Wheelchair seating spaces and companion seating spaces are needed in the amphitheater.	Disperse wheelchair seating spaces and companion seating throughout the amphitheater (ABA 802).	Important
Accessible Route	An accessible route is needed within the amphitheater to connect accessible spaces.	Provide an accessible route to connect the site features (ABA F 206.2.2).	Important
Path	Path from parking to amphitheater has a slope of 11.5 percent.	Provide an accessible route from the parking area to the amphitheater with the correct grade (ABA F 206.2.2)	Critical

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Lower Pines Amphitheater			
Parking	No accessible parking near the amphitheater.	Provide a van-accessible parking space (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
Ramp	Access to the stage is prevented by steps.	Provide a ramp from the accessible route onto the stage (ABA 405).	Long Term
Picnic Table	Picnic table is not an accessible model.	Replace picnic table with an accessible model (PG T 206; PG T 306).	Long Term

2.2.21 Lower Pines Campground

Lower Pines Campground, as well as Upper Pines and North Pines Campgrounds, provide the main Valley camping opportunities at accessible RV and tent campsites. Plans call for adding more accessible sites throughout the Pines campgrounds and Lower Pines is expected to receive some of those sites by the end of 2010. The restrooms in the first loop are accessible and a route has been provided between facilities. Campsites numbered 3 and 5 are listed as accessible in camp maps provided to visitors, but do not meet accessible standards. Plans should be made to update these sites or correct the visitor campsite map.



Lower Pines Campground – Accessible Campsite #7



Lower Pines Campground – Restrooms

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Lower Pines Campground			
Campsites	Designated accessible campsites #3 and #5 on campground map are not accessible.	Provide accessible campsites (PG T 218; PG T 318). Provide an accessible bear box, accessible grill (PG T 208; PG T 308), fire ring (PG T 207; PG T 307) and picnic table (PG T 206; PG T 306). Connect site features with an ORAR (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Critical

2.2.22 Mirror Lake

This area provides a self-guided interpretative trail experience for visitors to learn about the cultural and natural history of Mirror Lake. A paved two-lane road serves as the primary access route to Mirror Lake. Visitors with a valid disabled parking placard may drive to Mirror Lake in their private vehicle. Most visitors walk the road from the Mirror Lake shuttle stop.

The waterless restrooms at Mirror Lake will be retrofitted to comply with ABA standards. An accessible interpretive trail has been designated and publicized, but the trail needs to be re-graded to make it truly accessible. The telephone at the Lower Pool restrooms has been removed and will not be replaced; the housing unit is still there and should be removed as well. A compliant trailhead sign will also be added along the ORAR at an accessible location.



Mirror Lake – Vault Toilets at Lower Pool



Mirror Lake – Exhibit Showing Accessible Path

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Mirror Lake			
Waterless Restroom	The toilet paper dispensers are mounted out of reach range and are not compliant.	Retrofit the waterless restrooms to comply with standards (ABA F 213; 604.7).	Important
Accessible Route	Transition between the pavement and asphalt at the restrooms has a 1 ¼-inch change in level.	Correct the change in level to less than ¼" (ABA 303.2).	Important
Parking	A van-accessible parking space is needed.	Provide a van-accessible space near the restrooms and accessible interpretive trailhead (ABA 208.2.4).	Important
Trailhead Sign	Lack of compliant trailhead sign.	Install a compliant trailhead sign at an accessible location along the ORAR (PG T 221; PG T 321).	Important
Trail	The trail loop has excessive slope and changes in level.	Reroute or re-grade the trail to follow areas with the lowest slope (PG T 203; PG T 303).	Long Term
Wayside Exhibits	Some of exhibits are not on flat and stable surfaces.	Relocate exhibits to accessible area on trail (PG T 221; PG T 321).	Critical

2.2.23 North Pines Campground

This general use camping area offers campsites, restrooms, and potable water. Three accessible campsites are provided at this campground and more sites throughout the North Pines, Upper Pines and Lower Pines Campgrounds are planned for completion in the near future. Improvements have already been made to restrooms, potable water access and paths of travel.

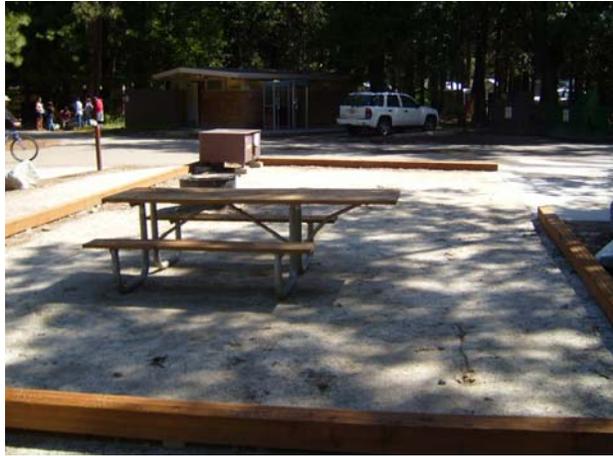


North Pines Campground – Restroom path of travel (Before)



North Pines Campground – Restroom path of travel (After)

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North Pines Campground – Accessible Campsite #111



North Pines Campground – RV Accessible Campsite

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
North Pines Campground			
Pay Telephone	The pay telephones for the camping area are not on an accessible route and are not accessible design.	Provide accessible pay telephone on the accessible route. (ABA 704.2.1)	Long Term
Protruding Object	Branches hang over sidewalk and have a clearance of <80 inches.	Trim the tree branches at path near restrooms to maintain a clearance of 80 inches (PG T322.1)	Long Term

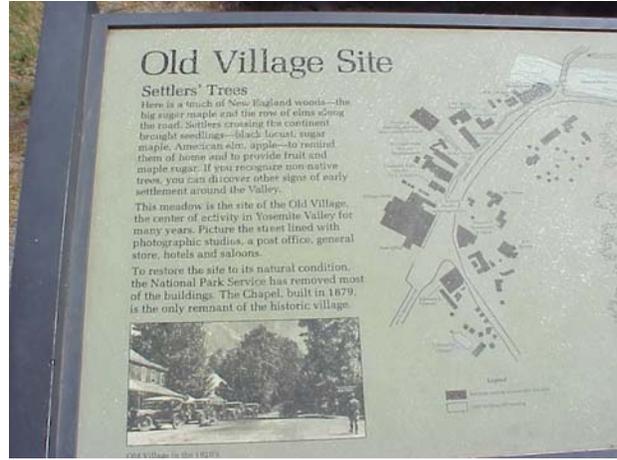
2.2.24 Old Village Site Wayside

This wayside exhibit relates some history of this location as the Old Village Site. This area will be improved through the stabilization of the route from the picnic site to the portable toilet. The exhibit area is currently located off the bicycle path that demonstrates significant changes in level. A concrete pad should be poured in order to create an accessible approach to the exhibit area or the exhibit relocated to an accessible location.

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Old Village Site Wayside – Area Around Wayside Not Compliant



Old Village Site Wayside – Visual Contrast Not Compliant

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Old Village Site Wayside			
Accessible Route	No stabilized route exists from the picnic site to the portable toilet.	Stabilize route or pour concrete route to connect accessible areas (ABA F 206.2.2).	Long Term
Wayside Exhibit	Wayside exhibit is not on an accessible surface.	Pour a concrete pad for accessible approach to the wayside exhibit (ABA F 206.2.2) or relocate to an accessible location.	Long Term
Wayside Exhibit	Sign lacks visual contrast.	Replace exhibit with accessible sign with appropriate contrast (ABA F 216.3).	Long Term

2.2.25 Peeling Domes Wayside

This bicycle path exhibit provides information on how Half Dome, North Dome, and Royal Arches were formed. Exhibit signs will be relocated to an accessible route or a concrete pad will be created around the sign with sufficient clear space to access the exhibit. Replacement of the wayside exhibit with a compliant sign with appropriate contrast is in process and the new sign will be installed in summer 2010.

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"Peeling Domes" – Sign Lacks Visual Contrast



"Peeling Domes" – Stoneman Bridge Drive Wayside

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Peeling Domes Wayside			
Exhibit	A drop-off over 2" prohibits access to the exhibit.	Move sign to accessible route or create a pad around the sign with 60" x 60" clear space (ABA F 206.2.2).	Long Term
Exhibit	Exhibit does not comply with standards for contrast.	Replace exhibit with accessible sign with appropriate contrast (ABA F 216.3).	Long Term

2.2.26 Pioneer Cemetery

This area contains the Valley's historic pioneer cemetery and will be improved through the addition of an accessible route from the parking area to the historic site.



Pioneer Cemetery – Slope from Road to Cemetery

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Pioneer Cemetery			
Accessible Route	Route into cemetery does not smoothly transition to ORAR.	Provide an accessible route from parking to the ORAR (ABA F 206).	Important

2.2.27 Scarred Cliffs Wayside

The exhibit is currently located off the bicycle path and not accessible. This exhibit is scheduled for removal. If not removed, needed improvements here include moving the sign to the accessible route or to a concrete pad with sufficient space, and the replacement of the exhibit with a compliant wayside.



Scarred Cliffs Wayside – Slope, Drop-Off, and Location

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Scarred Cliffs Wayside			
Wayside Exhibit	A drop-off from bike path prohibits access to the exhibit.	Move sign to accessible route or create a pad around the sign with 60" x 60" clear space (ABA F 206.2.2).	Long Term
Wayside Exhibit	Exhibit lacks accessible contrast and text.	Replace exhibit with accessible sign with appropriate contrast (ABA F 216.3).	Long Term

2.2.28 Sentinel Beach Picnic Area

This picnic area provides two sites with tables, grills, parking, and waterless restrooms. Picnic Area 2 has recently been made fully accessible and provides an enjoyable picnicking

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environment for visitors with disabilities. There is also a DNC-operated river rafting “take-out” with a bus loading area for rafters. Picnic Area 2 will be improved by the construction of a beach access route.



Sentinel Beach Picnic Area



Sentinel Beach Picnic Area – Parking

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Sentinel Beach Picnic Area			
Picnic Area 2 Route	No accessible route exists from parking to the beach area.	Designate an accessible route to site facilities (ABA F 206.2.2).	Important

2.2.29 Sentinel Bridge Waysides and Parking Lot

This historic bridge crosses the Merced River. The first bridge at this site was built (from logs) in 1859. It has been replaced several times since then, most recently in 1993. The bridge is built with a relatively long span in order to preserve the riverbank and fish habitats. The area is served by several waysides, parking, and a shuttle bus stop.

Accessible parking is available at the site, but lacks a designated van-accessible parking space. The exhibits along the sidewalk will also need to be filled in at their base in order to make the cement contiguous with the pathway. Additionally, an advisory sign warning visitors of the slope will be added to the route over the bridge.

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Sentinel Bridge, Waysides and Parking Lot



Sentinel Bridge, Waysides and Parking Lot – Slope on Western Side of Southside Drive

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Sentinel Bridge Waysides and Parking Lot			
Sign	Sidewalks on the bridge have areas of excessive slope.	Post an advisory sign to advise visitors of areas of excessive slope (NPS Best Practices).	Long Term
Parking	No van accessible designated parking available at the waysides.	Add one van-accessible space and one standard accessible parking with signage (ABA F 208.2.4).	Long Term
Wayside Exhibit	Wayside exhibits are not on the accessible route.	Stabilize area around wayside exhibits (ABA F 206.2.2).	Long Term

2.2.30 Sentinel Meadow Interpretive Boardwalk

This interpretive walk includes parking and a boardwalk with two wayside exhibits regarding meadows. Planned enhancements to the area include the addition of a van-accessible parking space at the interpretive walk, installation of an accessible route from the parking to the boardwalk, the addition of an ORAR to the riverbank, and the relocation of the “Meadow Damage” sign to the accessible route.

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Sentinel Meadow Interpretive Boardwalk – Drop-Off to Wayside



Sentinel Meadow Interpretive Boardwalk – Gap at Bicycle Path

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Sentinel Meadow Interpretive Boardwalk			
Wayside Exhibit	Wayside exhibits are not on accessible route.	Stabilize area around wayside exhibits (ABA F 206.2.2).	Important
ORAR	An ORAR is needed from parking to the boardwalk.	Connect all features with an ORAR (PG T204).	Important
Parking	A van-accessible parking space is needed at the interpretive walk.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign (ABA F 208.2.4).	Important
River Access	Route to the river is interrupted by steps.	Provide an access route to the river bank (PG T 205; PG T 305).	Long Term
Sign	Meadow Damage sign is not located on the accessible route.	Relocate the Meadow Damage sign to the accessible route (ABA F 216.1).	Long Term

2.2.31 Stoneman Bridge Wayside

This wayside exhibit provides information about the Merced River, raft launching, and fishing. This area will be improved by the addition of an ORAR to the riverbank, as well as an accessible surface from the road to the wayside exhibit.

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Stoneman Bridge Wayside – Route from Wayside to River



Stoneman Bridge Wayside – Steps Down to Wayside & River

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Stoneman Bridge Wayside			
Wayside Exhibit	Wayside exhibit is not on an accessible surface.	Provide an ORAR from road to wayside exhibit (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Long Term
River Access	Route to the river is interrupted by steps.	Provide an access route to the river bank (PG T 205; PG T 305).	Long Term

2.2.32 Swinging Bridge Picnic Area

This picnic area is a quiet place to enjoy the scenic Merced River as it passes through Yosemite Valley. Van-accessible parking spaces and newly designated accessible picnic spaces have greatly enhanced this picnic area. An accessible route has been created in order to connect accessible parking spaces to the waterless restroom, and an ORAR now connects all accessible site features.

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Swinging Bridge Picnic Area – Van Accessible Parking Spaces



Swinging Bridge Picnic Area – Accessible Tables and Grills

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Swinging Bridge Picnic Area			
Waterless Restroom	Waterless restroom lacks restroom sign, toilet paper dispenser and soap dispenser is out of reach.	Post ISA on the vault toilet, relocate toilet paper and soap dispensers (ABA 216.3; ABA 604.7).	Important

2.2.33 The Fen Marsh Area and Amphitheater

A fen is a type of wetlands which nature uses to control flooding, purify water, and provide habitat for many plants and animals. Before this was understood, the fen was drained and used as a parking lot from 1928 until the recent past. The Fen is now being restored to its natural state.

This area provides the visitor with the history of The Fen, and allows the opportunity to walk through it via boardwalk. Fireside programs are seasonally provided at the amphitheater. Modifications to this area to improve accessibility include stabilization of an ORAR from parking to The Fen, installation of a compliant trailhead sign, adding an accessible boardwalk to the amphitheater from the parking, adding an ORAR in the amphitheater area connecting the boardwalk, and the dispersment of wheelchair seating and companion seating throughout the amphitheater.

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The Fen – Trail



The Fen – Benches and Campfire Circle

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
The Fen Marsh Area and Amphitheater			
ORAR	An ORAR is needed to the Fen from parking.	Provide an ORAR from parking to the Fen (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Important
Trailhead Sign	Lack of compliant trailhead sign.	Install a compliant trailhead sign at an accessible location along the ORAR (PG T 221; PG T 321).	Important
Accessible Route	A boardwalk is needed to the amphitheater from parking.	Provide an accessible boardwalk to the amphitheater from parking (ABA 206.2.2).	Important
ORAR	An ORAR is needed in the fire circle / amphitheater.	Provide an ORAR in amphitheater area connected to boardwalk (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Important
Amphitheater Seating	Wheelchair seating spaces and companion seating spaces are needed in the amphitheater.	Disperse wheelchair seating spaces and companion seating throughout the amphitheater (ABA 802).	Important

2.2.34 United States District Court

The United States District Court in Yosemite Valley is very accessible with compliant parking, metal detector, seating, and restroom. The only issue that needs to be corrected is the height of the paper towels in the restroom to a lower location.

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United States District Court – Courtroom



United States District Court – Restroom

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
United States District Court			
Restroom	Paper Towels positioned too high from floor surface.	Lower the paper towels (ABA 606.1).	Long Term

2.2.35 United States Post Office – Yosemite Village

The historic post office provides central postal services for Yosemite Valley. Alterations will include the addition of directional signage to post office parking, the relocation of the call button to gain assistance, the provision of door kick plates and ISA signage installed on doors.

The accessible parking space located behind the Post Office will be converted to a van-accessible parking space. The accessible parking sign will need to be raised to the correct level.

Inside the post office the Plan calls for lowering a section of the counter to accessible height or an alternate accessible area for the provision of postal services.

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U.S. Post Office – Backdoor & Mailbox with Help Button



U.S. Post Office – Accessible Parking Space

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
United States Post Office – Yosemite Village			
Directional Sign	Accessible parking is located in the rear of the post office.	Post directional sign to accessible parking and call button (ABA F 216.3).	Critical
Call Button for Service	The call button for car side services is in an inaccessible box.	Provide an accessible call button on the accessible route (ABA F 205).	Critical
Entrance/Door	The door at the post office lacks a kick-plate and a door sign. The rock wall prevents easy conversion for clear floor space and maneuvering space.	Install a kick-plate at the entrance to the post office and post the ISA sign at the entry. Install an automatic door opening device (ABA 404).	Critical
Parking	A van-accessible parking space is needed at the post office.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
Transaction Counter	A lowered section of the transaction counter is needed for access.	Lower a section of the counter or provide an alternate area to provide services that is accessible (ABA 904.3.2).	Critical

2.2.36 Upper Pines Campground

Upper Pines, along with Lower and North Pines Campgrounds, was designed and constructed in 1965-66, during the Mission 66 Initiative. Camping will be improved by the adding additional accessible campsites. The additions need to include access routes to and from campground facilities (restrooms, telephones, etc.). Loop A and Loop B restrooms have been remodeled to include accessible features.

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Upper Pines Campgrounds – Phone Booths



Upper Pines Campgrounds – Route From Accessible Campsite

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Upper Pines Campground			
Pay Telephone	Pay telephones are not accessible.	Provide an accessible pay telephone on the accessible route (ABA F 217).	Long Term

2.2.37 Valley View Wayside and Parking Area

This wayside provides parking, a waterless restroom, and a wayside exhibit. Improvements to the parking and exhibit area are making this one of the most pleasant and scenic pullouts on the Valley floor. The waterless restroom across the street is along a path with excessive slope and lacks accessible qualities. Future modifications should include an accessible route to the waterless restroom.



Valley View Wayside – Signage Without Sufficient Contrast



Valley View Wayside – Route From Toilet to Wayside

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Valley View Wayside and Parking Area			
Accessible Route	Route from parking to waterless restroom is not accessible.	Provide an accessible route from the parking area to the waterless restroom (ABA F 206.2.2).	Important
Sign	No sign exists to direct visitors from parking to waterless restroom.	Post directional sign to show route across highway to waterless restroom (ABA 216.3).	Important
Waterless Restroom	Waterless Restroom lacks sign, has a threshold of 2" and lacks accessibility features inside.	Retrofit the waterless restroom to comply with accessibility standards (ABA F 213).	Critical

2.2.38 Yellow Pines Campground

This campground provides campsites for volunteer groups that come into the Park to work as volunteers (i.e. scouting troops, business groups, etc.). Loop A parking will be improved through the addition of a van-accessible parking space. Waterless restrooms will be upgraded and connected to other site features on the accessible route. Accessible picnic tables will be added as well as an ORAR to connect all site features.



Yellow Pines Campground – Waterless Restroom Loops C & D



Yellow Pines Campground – Waterless Restroom Loops C & D

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Yellow Pines Campground			
Parking	Van-accessible parking not provided in Loop A.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Yellow Pines Campground			
Waterless Restroom	Waterless restrooms are not accessible.	Provide accessible waterless restrooms on an accessible route (ABA F 213).	Critical
Picnic Area	Two accessible picnic tables are needed in each Loop.	Provide accessible picnic tables on the accessible route (PG T 206; PG T 306).	Important
ORAR	An ORAR is needed to connect site features.	Provide an ORAR to connect site features (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Important

2.2.39 Yosemite Chapel

Yosemite Chapel is a non-denominational church that offers Sunday worship and wedding services. The accessible route from the parking lot to the wheelchair lift was recently repaved to correct any changes in level that previously were present. An ISA is currently located on the lift door, but is in the wrong location according to ADA and ABA standards.

In order to improve access to the chapel and surrounding areas, the sign on the elevator door will be relocated and the outdoor bench will be replaced with an accessible model. The restrooms will also be altered in order to comply with ABA standards.



Yosemite Chapel – Route from Parking Lot to Chapel



Yosemite Chapel – Less Than Full-Access Restroom

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Yosemite Chapel			
Sign	Sign at accessible entrance is mounted on door.	Post the ISA at latch side of the accessible entrance (ABA F 216.1).	Long Term
Bench	Accessible bench not provided.	Provide an accessible bench with companion seating space on the accessible route (PG T 213; PG T 313).	Long Term
Restrooms	Toilet, soap and paper towel dispenser are not accessible.	Retrofit the restrooms to comply with standards (ABA F 213).	Critical

2.2.40 Yosemite Museum, Indian Village of Ahwahnee, and Research Library

The building was originally a museum for general Yosemite artifacts, but sometime during the 1950s it became the Indian Museum. During the 1970s, the second floor was used as the National Park Service Training Academy. The building was reopened, at a later date, as the present day Indian Museum and has a museum storage facility on the first floor with offices on the second floor.

The Indian Village provides information to park visitors about the lifestyle of the Miwok Indians, particularly those who lived in Yosemite Valley before and after arrival of the Euro-Americans. The village has examples of Miwok homes with a round house (meeting place) and sweat lodge as well as informative accessible waysides exhibits describing the various structures and their uses.

In order to enhance access to the museum and library, both entrances will be converted to routes with more gradual slopes, or will be made accessible through the construction of ramps with handrails. A compliant accessible threshold / landing will be provided at the door.

The front and back doors to the museum will be improved through the addition of accessible door hardware, reduced operating pressure and the installation of the ISA. The research library is currently on the second floor and will require either: (i) the installation of an elevator or (ii) the program being made accessible through relocation to an accessible facility or through program means such as assigning a research assistant to people with disabilities or digitization of the collection.

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Valley Museum/Research Library – Slope at Rear of Museum Building from Indian Village



Valley Museum/Research Library – Front Entrance

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Yosemite Museum, Indian Village of Ahwahnee, and Research Library			
Ramp	The route to the museum has excessive slope and changes in level.	Ramp areas of route with excessive slope and add handrails and a smooth transition through the door (ABA 405).	Critical
Accessible Route	The route from the back door of the museum has a slope over 5 %.	Convert route to a more gradual slope or create a ramp with handrails (ABA F 206.2.2).	Critical
Door Hardware	The door hardware on both doors is inoperable with a closed fist.	Replace inaccessible door hardware (ABA F 216.3).	Critical
Audio Tour	Audio information not is provided to interpret the information at the museum.	Provide audio description of exhibits and a Braille guide.	Important
Exhibit Labels	Exhibit lacks Braille labels.	Label exhibits with Braille tags.	Important
Entrance/ Door	Doors require more than 5 lbs. of force to operate.	Adjust the door closer at front and back of building to under 5 lbs. of pressure or install door openers (ABA 404).	Critical
Sign	A sign is needed to direct visitors to the accessible entrance.	Post the ISA sign at the accessible entrance to the museum (ABA F 216.3).	Long Term
Research Library	The research library is on the second floor of the building and is inaccessible.	Provide access to the research library via elevator or provide a research assistant for persons with limited mobility (ABA 407).	Critical

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Yosemite Museum, Indian Village of Ahwahnee, and Research Library			
Accessible Route	Accessible route needed to roundhouse.	Provide an accessible route to the roundhouse (ABA F 206.2.2).	Critical
Accessible Route	Tree roots and exposed rocks inhibit accessible route.	Import dirt and fill uneven areas to create a firm, stable route (ABA F 206.2.2).	Critical
Wayside Exhibit	Exhibits at the Indian Village are not on a circular accessible route.	Harden or pave entire route (ABA F 206.2.2).	Critical

2.2.41 Yosemite Valley Administration Building

The superintendent, deputy superintendent, and other park officials work out of offices in this building and the public accesses the building for limited purposes, primarily relating to information. The Yosemite Valley mailroom is located on the ground floor.

Currently, the only restrooms available are on the second floor and are not accessible. Plans are underway to construct a new and fully accessible restroom on the first floor. This will greatly enhance the facilities for employees and park visitors alike. Along with the new restroom, other minor improvements such as the removal of doorstops and the placement of ISA placards at the accessible entrance will be made.

Newly designated accessible parking is now available with a new sidewalk and curb cut in place, which acts as an accessible route to the building. The superintendent’s office will undergo minor modifications to demonstrate accessibility. The visitor check-in area will also have the door hardware replaced with compliant hardware and maneuvering space will be provided.

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Valley Administration Building – Accessible Entrance



Valley Administration Building – Hall to Superintendent’s Office

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Yosemite Valley Administration Building			
Restrooms	Restrooms located upstairs and are inaccessible.	Construct an accessible restrooms on main floor (201.1)	Critical
Sign	The accessible entrance to the building lacks an ISA sign.	Post the ISA on the latch side of the accessible entrance to the building (ABA F 216.3).	Long Term
Visitor Check-in	Door hardware is not operable with one closed fist. Door swing does not allow clear maneuvering space.	Replace door hardware with accessible lever or paddle-style handles. Hang door oppositely to allow clear floor space on the pull-side of the door (ABA 404).	Critical

3.2.42 Yosemite Valley Visitor Center

This visitor center provides visitors with information about the park and other programs, services, and activities through audio and visual presentations, movies, and tactile displays. A few areas inside the visitor center have an excessive slope.

The exhibit hall located in the Visitor Center was renovated in 2007. New interactive and tactile displays were added. An audio descriptive tour of the exhibit hall is available.

Visitors can obtain copies of the Accessibility Guide and information on accessible guided tours at the Visitor Center. Braille copies of many park publications are also available as well as a TTY phone for visitor use.

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Yosemite Valley Visitor Center – Front Entrance



Yosemite Valley Visitor Center – Drinking Fountain and Phone



Valley Visitor Center – Entrance to Bookstore



Valley Visitor Center – Exhibit Hall

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Yosemite Valley Visitor Center			
Accessible Route	Ground slope inside Valley Visitor Center has areas with slopes between 5 and 6 percent.	Adjust slope to < 5% inside the visitor center (ABA 403).	Critical
Sign	The ISA is not posted at the north and south entrances to the Visitor Center.	Post the ISA sign at the north and south entrances to the Visitor Center (ABA F 216.3).	Long Term

3.2.43 Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Restrooms

These accessible public restrooms are provided for visitors and employees at the visitor center, theater, auditorium, museum, and the central area of the Yosemite Village mall.

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The main deficiency at the site is the route from the restroom to the back of the visitor center, auditorium, and theater. This route is designated as an accessible route and requires alteration to create a barrier-free path of travel. The bench located outside of the restrooms also needs to have clear ground space for wheelchair users.



Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Restrooms – Slope of 6.4% from Visitor Center to Comfort Station



Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Restrooms – Entrance

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Restrooms			
Accessible Route	The route from restrooms to the back of the visitor center has excessive slope.	Reduce slope to make route accessible (ABA F 206.1).	Critical
Bench	No clear ground space around bench.	Provide clear ground space next to the bench (ABA 903.2).	Important

3.2.44 Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Theater and Auditorium

Behind the Visitor Center is a theater where The Spirit of Yosemite is shown. The movie is closed captioned and available in audio description. While the programs available at the theater are accessible, the route to the theater can be difficult for people with disabilities. Located next to the theater is the auditorium where public open houses, programs, meetings and other non-public events are held. The door hardware at the auditorium entrance will also be replaced with compliant hardware as well as the door pressure being adjusted.

This area will need an accessible picnic table placed at the west side of the theater. An ISA will be placed at the entrances to the buildings as well. The ramp to the theater and

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auditorium will need compliant handrails on both sides to compensate for the excessive slope. Plans are in the works to improve the ramp. Both the theater and the auditorium are presently accessible via the accessible route through the visitor center exhibit hall.



Valley Visitor Center Auditorium and Theater – Ramp to Theater



Valley Visitor Center Auditorium and Theater – Benches in Dirt

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Yosemite Valley Visitor Center Theater and Auditorium			
Entrance/ Door	The door hardware at the auditorium is inoperable with a closed fist and requires more than 5 lbs. of force to operate.	Replace door hardware and adjust the door closer (ABA 405).	Critical
Picnic Table	Picnic tables are not the accessible design with clear knee space for wheelchair users.	Provide one accessible picnic table at the west side of the theater (PG T 206; PG T 306).	Critical
Sign	No ISA sign is posted on the entrance to the theater and auditorium.	Post the ISA sign on the entrance to the building (ABA F 216.3).	Long Term
Ramp	Handrails are not compliant for ramp slope requirements.	Install compliant handrails (ABA 505.2; 505.3).	Critical
Benches	Located off the pavement and are not accessible.	Replace with accessible benches at accessible locations (ABA 903).	Long Term

2.2.45 Yosemite Village Pedestrian Mall

This pedestrian space, which formerly served as Yosemite Village parking, extends east from park headquarters, past the museum, fire circle, visitor center, Ansel Adams Gallery, Wilderness Center, post office and south to the Village Store and art center. A bikeway is

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adjacent to this space. Visitor orientation and ranger-led walks originate within this site and the area links to six shuttle stops. The space in front of the visitor center is used occasionally for press conferences, speeches, concerts, and outdoor exhibitions. Currently, the routes in the mall have excessive slope and the Plan calls for a new accessible route that will connect all public use areas in the plaza. New benches will be added throughout the plaza to add companion seating space and old information boards will be replaced with signs that have appropriate text and contrast.



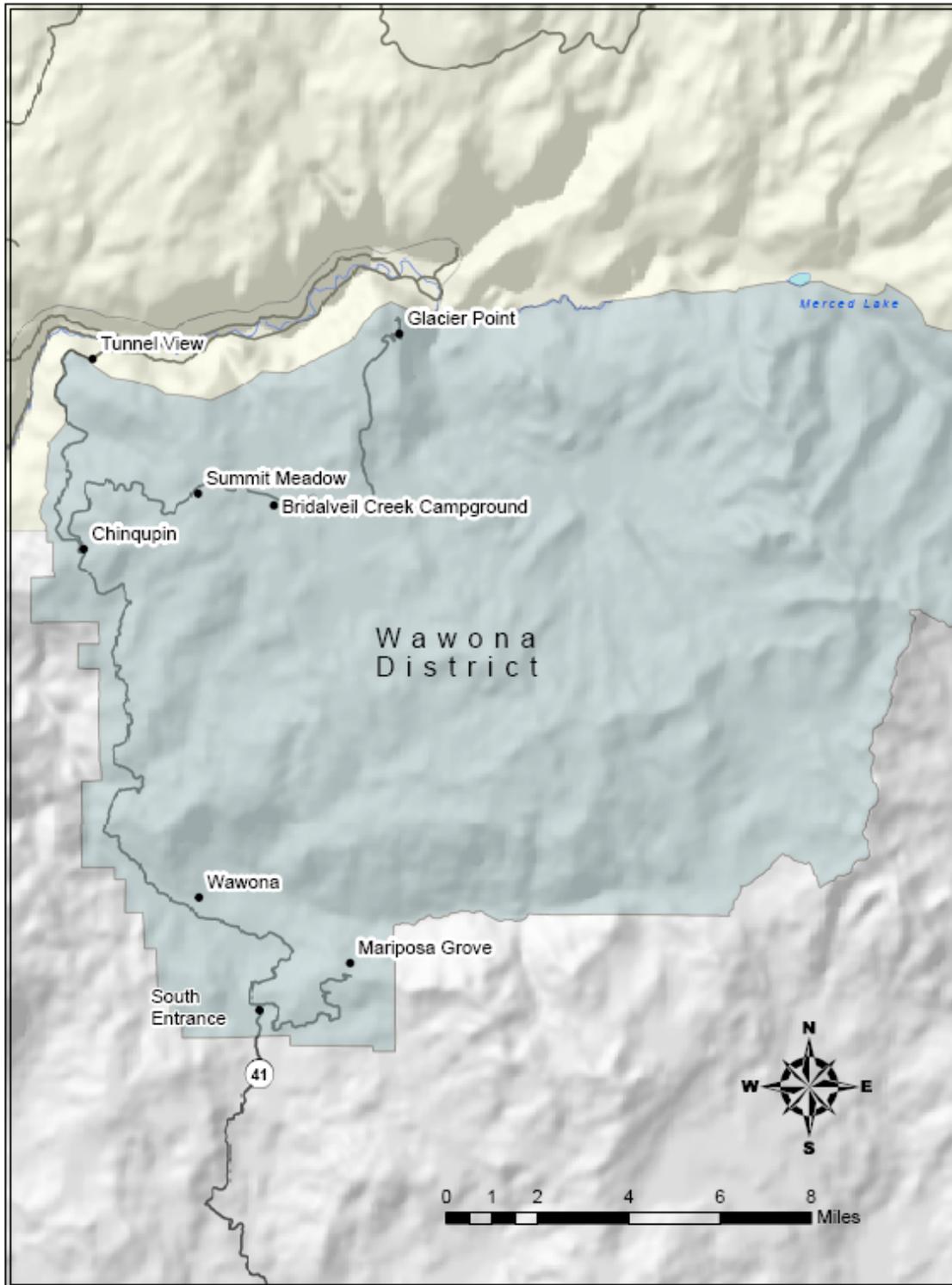
Village Mall – Slope from Transit Stop to Plaza



Village Mall – Bicycle Racks

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Yosemite Village Pedestrian Mall			
Bench	Benches do not have arm and back rests or companion seating space.	Add new benches with companion seating space throughout the mall (ABA 903.1).	Important
Sign	Areas of the plaza have excessive slope.	Post sign at parking warning of excessive slope as an interim procedure (ABA F 216.3).	Important
Accessible Route	Paths throughout the Plaza have excessive slope.	Provide an accessible route connecting all areas of use at the mall (ABA F 206).	Important
Information Boards	Information signs at visitor center and parking area are not accessible.	Provide compliant information signs with appropriate text and contrast (ABA F 216.3).	Important

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3.0 Wawona District Map

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3.1 Wawona District Summary

The Wawona District can be accessed by visitors coming from all parts of the park but is the first Yosemite experience for visitors arriving through the South Entrance. The district provides a number of visitor experiences including outstanding views (particularly from the world famous Glacier Point viewing area), access to Wawona and Mariposa Grove, and camping at Bridalveil Creek and Wawona campgrounds.

Significant changes will enhance the accessibility of camping experiences as well as the myriad of programs and activities ranging from ranger led programs at campgrounds to the opportunity to explore local natural environments.

3.2 Specific Areas Addressed by the Plan

3.2.1 Bridalveil Creek Campground

The Bridalveil Creek Campground is a mid-elevation campground located along the Glacier Point Road. The campground is seasonal and provides a variety of unique features including an amphitheater at which ranger led activities are presented. In addition, the campground is pleasantly situated next to a meadow, which allows park visitors to view native flora and fauna.

The campground will be improved by the addition of eight accessible campsites, seven in the family campground and one in the stock users' campground.

In addition, restrooms will need to be replaced or updated with accessible facilities. An ORAR to the amphitheater will be created as well as an accessible parking space near that facility. The condition of the amphitheater will be improved through: (i) the addition of accessible benches and (ii) enhanced stability to the routes within the facility. An accessible trail should also be created to the meadow, subject to the limitations set forth in the Proposed Guidelines.

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Bridalveil Creek Campground – Info Boards and Pay Station



Bridalveil Creek Campground – Restrooms

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Bridalveil Creek Campground			
Campsites	Accessible campsites not provided in the stock users' campground or family campground.	Provide 7 accessible campsites including RV accessible sites (PG T 218; PG T 318). Provide an accessible bear box, accessible grill (PG T 208; PG T 308), fire ring (PG T 207; PG T 307) and picnic table (PG T 206; PG T 306). Connect site features with an ORAR (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Critical
Restrooms	Restrooms are inaccessible.	Retrofit or replace restrooms with accessible restroom facilities (ABA F 213).	Critical
ORAR/ Amphitheater Route	ORAR to the amphitheater is not provided.	Provide an ORAR linking accessible campsites to amphitheater. (PG T 204; PG T 304). As an interim procedure provide an accessible parking space at the amphitheater (ABA F 208; ABA F 206).	Important
Benches/ ORAR in Amphitheater	Amphitheater lacks accessible benches.	Install accessible benches at amphitheater (PG T 213; PG T 313). Stabilize ORAR within amphitheater area (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Important
ORAR	Access to message boards is blocked by boulders.	Provide accessible message boards on an ORAR (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Long Term
Pay Telephone	Accessible pay telephone not provided on ORAR.	Provide an accessible telephone on an ORAR (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Long Term

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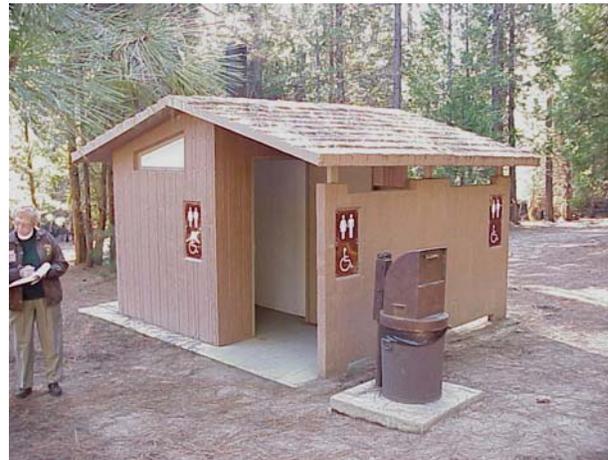
Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Bridalveil Creek Campground			
Trail to Meadow	Trail to meadow has loose gravel and various slopes.	Create an accessible trail to the meadow (PG T 203; PG T 303).	Long Term

3.2.2 Chilnualna Falls Trailhead

This trailhead will be improved by the addition of a van accessible parking space near the waterless restrooms and an accessible route from the parking to the restrooms. In addition, an accessible trailhead sign will be placed along the accessible route near the parking.



Chilnualna Fall Trailhead – Route to Waterless Restrooms



Chilnualna Fall Trailhead – Route to Waterless Restrooms

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Chilnualna Falls Trailhead			
Trailhead Sign	Lack of compliant trailhead sign.	Install a compliant trailhead sign at an accessible location along the ORAR (PG T 221; PG T 321).	Long Term
ORAR	Site lacks an ORAR from the parking area (undeveloped) to the accessible waterless restroom.	Provide a stabilized ORAR from parking area to waterless restroom (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Long Term
Parking	Van-accessible parking space not provided.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign (ABA F 208.2.4).	Long Term

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3.2.3 Chinquapin Restrooms and Parking

The historic restrooms located at the Glacier Point Road / Wawona Road junction and see extensive use by visitors. The facilities at the site need to be updated to provide accessible features.



Chinquapin Restrooms – Entrance to Women’s Restroom



Chinquapin Restrooms – Stall Interior in Men’s Restroom

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Chinquapin Restrooms and Parking			
Accessible Route	Route from parking area to comfort station and pay telephone exceeds slope requirements and is obstructed by a curb.	Provide an accessible route to comfort station and pay telephone (ABA F 206.2.2).	Critical
Parking	Van-accessible parking space not provided.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
Restrooms	Restrooms lack accessible entry, restroom sign, door hardware, accessible toilet stall configuration and grab bars.	Retrofit the restroom to comply with ABA standards (ABA F 213).	Critical

3.2.4 Fire Wayside

The site will be improved by reducing the change in level between the asphalt and dirt, or relocating the wayside exhibit to an accessible location.

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Fire Wayside – Change in Level at Wayside

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Fire Wayside			
Accessible Route	Change in level greater than 1 inch.	Reduce the change in level (PG T304.5).	Long Term

3.2.5 Glacier Point

Located 2,354 feet above Yosemite Valley, Glacier Point provides various services and programs along with one of the world’s most famous panoramas. There are two distinct viewing areas, both of which have been made accessible by paved pathways.

Due to the constraints of the terrain, the geological exhibit is not on an accessible trail and a plan is needed to make this feature accessible. A bronze tactile map has been installed at the lower viewing area, but is scheduled for relocation during the summer of 2010. Several small improvements need to be made to facilities such as restrooms, phone, benches, and parking lot, but overall this site is mostly accessible in its physical layout.

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Glacier Point – Amphitheater



Glacier Point – Lower Viewing Area

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Glacier Point			
Trailhead Sign	The Four Mile Trail/Glacier Point trailhead sign is not accessible.	Install a compliant trailhead sign at an accessible location along the ORAR to the trail (PG T 221; PG T 321).	Long Term
Restrooms	Restroom signs are not displayed correctly. Lavatories have non-compliant faucets and lack sufficient knee space.	Post the ISA properly and replace lavatory or remount with clear knee space (ABA F216.2; ABA F213.3.4).	Critical
Accessible Route	Route to the geology exhibit has excessive slope.	Reroute path to follow areas with the lowest slope and connect to exhibit (ABA F 206.2.2).	Important
Amphitheater	The amphitheater does not have designated seating for wheelchair users.	Provide dispersed seating for wheelchairs and companion seating (ABA 802.3).	Important
Benches	Benches do not have arm and back rests or companion seating space.	Retrofit 50% of the benches to be accessible (ABA F 213; PG T 313).	Important
Curb Cut	A curb cut or curb ramp is needed from parking nearest to entrance.	Allow access to the sidewalk from parking via curb ramp or cut (ABA 406.1).	Critical
Directional Sign	Direction of accessible travel is not indicated.	Post directional sign at the upper end of the walk (ABA F216.3).	Critical
Parking	Parking spaces do not meet the required amount of accessible parking spaces.	Add five diagonal self-parking spaces, two van-accessible parking spaces, and post signs for each. Spaces should be located together near the restrooms (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Glacier Point			
Pay Telephone	Telephone is in an inaccessible area.	Relocate the pay telephone to the accessible route (ABA 704.2.1).	Important
Relief Map	Relief map does not allow movement around all sides.	Relocate the map to allow movement around all sides and meet clear ground space requirements (ABA 305).	Critical
Telescope	Telescope is in an inaccessible area and is too high for reach range.	Add an accessible, adjustable height telescope at the Geology exhibit (PG T212; PG T312).	Important
Upper Viewing Area	Seated viewing is obstructed by a wall.	Lower a section of the wall to allow seated viewing of the unique park sights (PG T211; PG T311).	Important
Accessible Trail	Wayside exhibits are not on the accessible trail. Path of travel has no edge protection.	Move exhibits to be located along the accessible trail. Provide edge protection where drop-offs over 2" occur on route to wayside (ABA F 206).	Important

3.2.6 Hill's Studio and Visitor Center

This summer visitor contact center, which already demonstrates many accessible features and a high degree of usability, will be enhanced to provide more accessible parking, and a fully accessible restroom.



Hill's Studio – Non Compliant Parking Signs and Spaces



Hill's Studio – ISA in Incorrect Location

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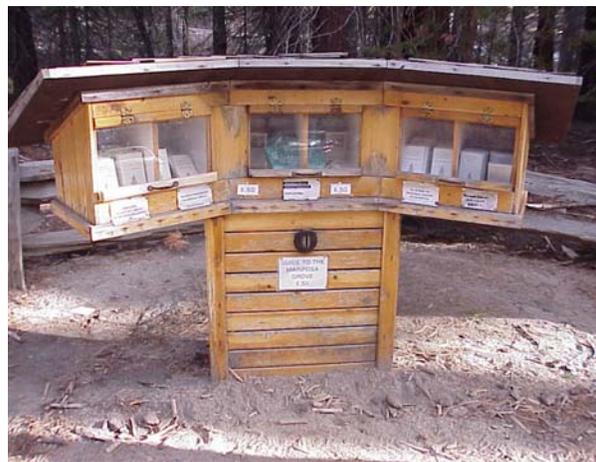
Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Hill's Studio and Visitor Center			
Sign	Directional sign is needed from the access road to the accessible parking and lift behind the Hill's Studio.	Post a sign on the road with icons to depict site facilities (NPS Best Practices).	Critical
Parking	Van accessible parking with signs needed.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign (ABA F208.2.4).	Long Term
Parking	Left Accessible Parking Sign is too low and behind tree.	Raise the sign to a minimum height of 60" (ABA 502.6).	Long Term
Restrooms	Compliant door hardware and signs needed at the restrooms.	Post signs at the restrooms and add compliant door hardware (ABA F216.8; 309.4).	Critical
Accessible Route	1 inch change of level on route between the lift and bathroom.	Reduce the change of level to a maximum of ¼ inch (ABA 303.2).	Important

3.2.7 Mariposa Grove Trailhead and Visitor Area

This site allows visitors to see and experience one of three groves of giant sequoias in the park. Accessible route improvements will be made to ensure barrier-free access between site facilities including the information booth, and shuttle stops. The map dispenser is being replaced and will be made accessible during the summer of 2010. The parking lot will need three more accessible parking spaces to meet ABA parking requirements. All new accessible trams have been purchased and will begin operation in spring 2010 to allow access to the upper grove.



Mariposa Grove Trailhead – Waterless Restrooms and Parking



Mariposa Grove Trailhead – Map Dispenser

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Mariposa Grove Trailhead and Visitor Area			
Information	Map dispenser is not on the accessible route.	Provide access to the map dispenser or move to an accessible location (ABA F 206.2.2).	Critical
Parking	Three additional parking spaces needed throughout the facilities.	Provide three more spaces including a van accessible space (ABA F 208).	Critical
Accessible Route	Thresholds and entrance area grate at museum require repair or replacement.	Bevel thresholds on route to and through the museum, replace grate (ABA F 206.2.2).	Important
ORAR	Obstructions in path of travel prevent access to Sequoia Forest Trail.	Provide an ORAR to the trailhead (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Important
Trailhead Sign	Sequoia Forest Trail. Inaccessible trail access point.	Install a compliant trailhead sign at an accessible location along the ORAR (PG T 221; PG T 321).	Important
ORAR	ORAR is not provided at the Grove Trailhead.	Provide an ORAR at the Grove Trailhead (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Important
Waterless Restroom	Accessible waterless restroom is needed at trail in the upper end of the parking lot.	Add an accessible waterless restroom near the trail (ABA F 213).	Critical
Accessible Route	Trash, recycling bins and drinking fountain are located in an inaccessible area.	Provide an accessible route to trash, recycling, and drinking fountain (ABA F 206).	Critical
Directional Sign	Signs are needed to indicate accessible waterless restrooms at museum.	Post directional sign with ISA to accessible waterless restrooms (ABA F 216.3).	Critical

3.2.8 Mariposa Grove Picnic Area

This area is located just north of the South Entrance along the Wawona Road. This will be improved by the addition of accessible parking, an accessible route to the waterless restroom and picnic area. The picnic area needs to be updated with an accessible table and grill.

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Mariposa Grove Picnic Area – Waterless Restroom and Picnic Area

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Mariposa Grove Picnic Area			
Accessible Route	Parking area surface and route is uneven blacktop.	Repair slope, surface in parking area and route (ABA F206).	Important
Accessible Route	Route to waterless restroom is not accessible.	Provide an accessible route to the waterless restroom (ABA F206.2.2).	Critical
Parking	Designated parking not available.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign (ABA F208.2.4).	Important
Picnic Area	Accessible picnic area not provided.	Move grill to accessible picnic site; add an accessible picnic table (PG T 206; PG T 306).	Critical

3.2.9 Mariposa Grove Shuttle Bus Stop at the Wawona Store

This shuttle stop will be improved by the addition of accessible parking, an accessible route from the parking lot to the bus stop, an accessible pedestrian waiting area, benches, and enhancement of informational signs.

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Mariposa Grove Shuttle Bus Stop – Benches and Waiting Area



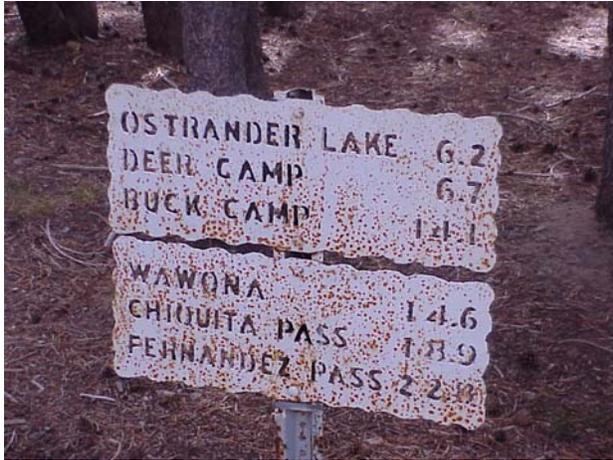
Mariposa Grove Shuttle Bus Stop – Access from Parking Lot

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Mariposa Grove Shuttle Bus Stop at the Wawona Store			
Accessible Route	Accessible route is needed from parking to the transit stop.	Establish an accessible route to connect site features (ABA 206.2.2).	Critical
Transit Stop	Accessible benches needed with clear ground space.	Provide an accessible transit stop with an accessible route; add two benches with companion seating space, one with an armrest, and accessible information (ABA 810.1; PG T313; PG T213.2.2).	Critical
Sign	Signs at the transit stop do not comply with text and finish standards.	Provide compliant signs at the transit stop (ABA F 216.3).	Critical

3.2.10 Ostrander Lake Trailhead

The trailhead to Ostrander Lake is not up to accessible standards, but plans call for the trailhead to be improved to accommodate visitors with disabilities. A van-accessible parking space near the waterless restroom is needed as well as an accessible route between the two. An informative exhibit about the lake and trail in addition to an updated trailhead sign needs to be installed at an accessible location to provide visitors with background information about the lake and trail.

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Ostrander Trailhead – Trailhead Sign



Ostrander Trailhead – Parking and Route to Waterless Restroom

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Ostrander Lake Trailhead			
Parking	Designated parking is not provided at Trailhead.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign (ABA F 208.2.4).	Long Term
Trailhead Sign	Lack of compliant trailhead sign.	Install a compliant trailhead sign at an accessible location along the ORAR (PG T 221; PG T 321).	Long Term
Accessible Route	No accessible route exists to connect the facilities and parking.	Provide an ORAR that connects the trash receptacles to the current facilities (PG T309).	Long Term

3.2.11 Pioneer Yosemite History Center

The Pioneer Yosemite History Center welcomes students for school programs as well as general visitors. The buildings themselves are historic and current program use allows for interior viewing of only two or three of the buildings. The other buildings are viewed from outside the structures. Accessible routes around the buildings will be improved, but changes to the structures themselves will not be made. Alternative viewing options are being researched.

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Pioneer Yosemite History Center – Historic Features



Pioneer Yosemite History Center – Wells Fargo Front Entrance

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Pioneer Yosemite History Center			
ORAR	No accessible route connecting the program areas at the historic center.	Stabilize an ORAR to connect the areas of use (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Critical

3.2.12 Pioneer Yosemite History Center – Covered Bridge Access Route

The bridge has a pedestrian route, but there are tread obstacles throughout due to the uneven floorboards. Some work is needed in order to remove the tread obstacles and to provide smooth access on both sides of the bridge.



Pioneer Yosemite History Center – Covered Bridge Access Route

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Pioneer Yosemite History Center – Covered Bridge Access Route			
ORAR	Crosswalks and access routes from and to the covered bridge have changes in level. Where drop-offs exist, edge protection is required.	Stabilize an ORAR to connect the entry and exit routes at the Bridge. Provide edge protection (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Important
Accessible Route	The route through the bridge is interrupted by changes in level.	Fill areas that have changes in level (ABA F 206.2.2).	Important

3.2.13 Pioneer Yosemite History Center – Parking/Waterless Restroom/Picnic Area

This site will be improved by the addition of four accessible parking spaces (two of which will be located near the waterless restrooms). In addition, alterations will be made to the path of travel to the waterless restroom to reduce any excessive changes in level. One picnic area has been made fully accessible and the waterless restroom will be modified to ABA standards to complement this picnic area. The picnic area located nearest to the waterless restroom can easily be made accessible with the paving of a new route, or remove the ISA placard currently posted at the site and undesignated it as accessible.



Pioneer Yosemite History – Waterless Restroom with Change in Level



Pioneer Yosemite History Center – Inside Waterless Restroom

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Pioneer Yosemite History Center – Accessible Picnic Area



Pioneer Yosemite History Center – Accessible Route

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Pioneer Yosemite History Center – Parking/Waterless Restroom/Picnic Area			
Parking	Two parking spaces are needed in the parking lot.	Add one standard accessible parking space and one van-accessible parking space (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
Waterless Restroom	Restroom not accessible. Lacks required clear space and mirror is too high.	Retrofit the waterless restroom to comply with ABA standards (ABA F 213).	Critical
Accessible Route	The route to and from the waterless restroom has excessive slopes, changes in level, and tread obstacles.	Repave a compliant accessible route from the picnic areas to the designated accessible waterless restroom (ABA F206.1).	Critical
Picnic Area	Accessible picnic table located too close to grill.	Move the accessible picnic table further away from the grill or replace with a standard picnic table (PG T308.2).	Long Term

3.2.14 South Entrance Complex

The southern entrance to the park is located on the Wawona Road. The site includes two fee collection kiosks, an historic stone office, an old restroom (in the lower parking lot), and general parking. There is also an upper parking lot that is used for overflow parking purposes.

The site will be improved by enhancing accessibility at the kiosks, creating accessible routes to the restrooms and undertaking the work required to bring the restrooms into compliance with ABA standards.

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South Entrance – Restrooms



South Entrance – Entrance Kiosks

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
South Entrance Complex			
Accessible Route	Parking bumpers inhibit access to information and site features.	Reduce length of parking bumpers to allow access to the site features. (ABA F206.2.2).	Critical
Accessible Route	Route to restrooms is old and uneven.	Provide an accessible route to the restrooms (ABA F 206).	Critical
Parking	Lower parking lot lacks van-accessible space.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
Restrooms	Restrooms are not up to accessible standards.	Retrofit the restroom to comply with ABA standards. (ABA F 213).	Critical
Kiosk Buildings	Accessibility to the entrance kiosk is prevented by the structure's design.	Allow accessible communication by offering car side services to persons with disabilities on an as needed basis.	Important
Wayside Exhibit	Wayside exhibit and information boards are not on an accessible surface.	Move exhibits to be located along the accessible route (ABA F 206.2.2).	Critical

3.2.15 Summit Meadow Parking and Waterless Restroom

This site provides motorists a pleasant area to pull over and rest between Chinquapin and Glacier Point. A van-accessible parking space will be provided at this location along with an accessible route from the parking area to the waterless restroom. The waterless restroom will also need to be updated to meet current accessible standards.

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Summit Meadow – Waterless Restroom



Summit Meadow – Route to Waterless Restroom

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Summit Meadow Parking and Waterless Restroom			
ORAR	An accessible route is needed from parking to waterless restroom.	Provide an accessible route to the waterless restroom. (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Critical
Parking	Site lacks accessible parking.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Long Term
Trash Receptacle	Trash receptacles need to be relocated on an accessible route.	Relocate trash receptacles on an accessible route. (PG T209).	Long Term
Waterless Restroom	Toilet paper incorrectly positioned.	Relocate the toilet paper dispensers. (ABA F213).	Important

3.2.16 Taft Point and Sentinel Dome Trailheads

Located along Glacier Point Road, this parking area provides access to two popular day-hike trails. Recent modifications to this site included an accessible parking space and an accessible route from the parking lot to the waterless restrooms and trash containers. A wayside exhibit or new trailhead sign should be posted at an accessible location to provide information about the trails.

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Taft Point and Sentinel Dome – Parking Lot and Waterless Restroom



Taft Point and Sentinel Dome – Parking Lot and Waterless Restroom

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Taft Point and Sentinel Dome Trailheads			
Waterless Restroom	Toilet paper dispenser is mounted on the incorrect wall.	Move toilet paper dispenser to the correct location. (ABA F 213).	Long Term
Trailhead	Provide an informative exhibit about the trail at an accessible location or install a new trailhead sign.	Provide an updated trailhead. (PG Advisory T321.2).	Long Term

3.2.17 Tunnel View

The Tunnel View overlook presents one of the most familiar views of Yosemite Valley. With this in mind, a great amount of effort has been invested in barrier free modifications for the benefit of all park visitors. The renovated site includes newly paved upper and lower parking lots with accessible spaces, a tactile map, and accessible routes between site locations.

Measures to ensure that this location meets accessible standards include the addition of a new trailhead sign in an accessible location, or the addition of an exhibit explaining the trail on an accessible route. Extending accessible parking signage to meet the minimum 60-inch height requirement should also be considered in both the upper and lower lot.

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Tunnel View – Viewing Area



Tunnel View – Three-dimensional Map



Tunnel View – Example of Non-Compliant Signage



Tunnel View – Trailhead to Inspiration Point

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Tunnel View			
Trailhead Signs	Lack of compliant trailhead signs.	Install a compliant trailhead sign at an accessible location (PG T 221; PG T 321).	Long Term
Accessible Parking Signs	Accessible parking signs do not meet the minimum height requirement.	Raise the signs to meet the 60" minimum height from ground surface to bottom of sign (ABA 502.6).	Long Term

3.2.18 Washburn Point

This site is scheduled to be renovated in 2010 and will be improved by the creation of van-accessible parking, the addition of a curb cut, and accessible wayside exhibits.

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Washburn Point – Route to Lookout Point



Washburn Point – Wayside, Loose-Sand Approach

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Washburn Point			
Curb Cut	Curb exists between parking and route.	Add a curb cut from parking to route. (ABA F 406.1).	Critical
Exhibit	Wayside exhibits are not on accessible route.	Relocate the exhibits to be on accessible route. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Critical
Parking	No accessible parking / Van-accessible parking space not provided.	Provide two accessible parking spaces with one being a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2).	Critical

3.2 .19 Wawona Campground

This campground is comprised of three loops designated A, B, and C. Currently loop C provides the only two accessible campsites within this campground. Three more sites are needed to meet accessibility standards. Future accessible campsite locations will not be specified in the Plan for this or any campground, but proximity to campground facilities is a must (i.e. accessible restrooms, water spigots, etc). Accessible campsites and campground facilities must be connected by either accessible routes or ORARs at all times.

The amphitheater in Loop B will be improved through the addition of dispersed accessible seating, a van-accessible parking space, and an accessible route to and through the amphitheater.

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Wawona Campground – Loop C – Accessible Campsite #70



Wawona Campground – Information Booth



Wawona Campground – Loop C – Route to Restrooms



Wawona Campground – Loop C – Accessible Campsite #69

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Wawona Campground			
Campsites	An additional three campsites are needed.	Provide three accessible campsites. (PG T218.2).	Critical
ORAR	Restroom building #4066 is not on an ORAR.	Provide an accessible ORAR to the restroom. (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Critical
Restrooms	Restroom building #4066 is not accessible.	Provide an accessible restroom facility with utility sink. (ABA F 213).	Critical

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Wawona Campground			
ORAR	Information board, bulletin board, self registration, and telephone are not located on the ORAR.	Relocate the information board to be located on the accessible route. Provide an accessible pay telephone on the ORAR. (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Important
ORAR	Information booth not located on the ORAR.	Relocate the information booth along the ORAR. (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Important
Restrooms	Restroom building #4063 is not up to accessibility standards.	Retrofit restrooms to comply with ABA standards. (ABA F 213).	Critical
Amphitheater	Amphitheater lacks accessible route and accessible seating.	Add an accessible route, accessible seating (ABA F 288.2.4), and van-accessible parking space at the amphitheater. (ABA F 208.2.4)	Important
Restrooms	Restroom building #4067 is not up to accessibility standards.	Retrofit restrooms to comply with ABA standards. (ABA F 213).	Critical

3.2.20 Wawona Community Center

This facility is used by the community and the Park Service for meetings and other public functions. Needed improvements to this location include the replacement and striping of a van-accessible parking space, updates to the restroom, and the installation of accessible picnic tables.

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Wawona Community Center			
Parking	Current accessible parking space is not compliant.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
Restroom	Wash basin and paper towels are too high. Door hardware inaccessible.	Retrofit restrooms to comply with ABA standards. (ABA F 213).	Critical
Picnic Tables	No accessible picnic tables provided.	Provide accessible picnic tables.(PT G 206; PT G 306)	Critical

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3.2.21 Wawona Day Use Picnic Area

This facility is located near the Wawona campground and serves as a day use picnic area along the scenic South Fork of the Merced River.

A fully accessible picnic area has been installed as well as an ORAR from the waterless restroom to those facilities. Additional modifications will include a more defined van accessible parking space as well as an accessible route from that space to the facilities.



Wawona Day Use Picnic Area – Picnic Area



Wawona Day Use Picnic Area – Van Accessible Parking

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Wawona Day Use Picnic Area			
Directional Sign	A sign is needed to direct visitors to the picnic area.	Post sign on the highway to indicate the picnic area (NPS Best Practices).	Long Term
Sign	The waterless restroom lacks an accessible restroom sign.	Post ISA on the waterless restroom (ABA F 216.8).	Long Term

3.2.22 Wawona Horse Camp

This equestrian campground, located next to the Pioneer Yosemite History Center, may be reached by trail or vehicle. This area will be improved by creating a RV accessible campsite with picnic table, fire ring and grill which is served by an ORAR and connects campground facilities

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Wawona Horse Camp – Restroom and Utility Sink



Wawona Horse Camp – Fire Ring, Table and Bear Box

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Wawona Horse Camp			
ORAR	ORAR does not connect to utility sink and water spigot.	Provide an ORAR to connect all accessible site features (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Important
Campsite	Accessible campsites not provided.	Provide accessible campsites (PG T 218; PG T 318).	Critical
Vehicle and Trailer Site or RV Site	Vehicle and trailer site not designated.	Designate an accessible horse trailer and vehicle site using RV camping standards (PG T 218; PG T 318).	Long Term

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4.0 Mather District Map

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4.1 Mather District Summary

Named after Stephen Mather, the first director of the National Park Service, the Mather District is by far the largest in the park. Within its boundaries are three entrances, seven campgrounds, two visitor centers, and many trailheads. Some of the more popular areas of the district include Tuolumne Meadows, Olmstead Point, Crane Flat, and Hetch Hetchy Reservoir.

4.2 Specific Areas Addressed by the Plan

4.2.1 Big Oak Flat Entrance Station

The Big Oak Flat Entrance Station is being renovated and funds are obligated for the update of the site facilities. The Big Oak Flat Entrance Station renovation will enhance visitor accessibility and become the first barrier-free entrance kiosk for employees in the park. These improvements will allow employees and visitors with disabilities the chance to interact with a minimum of barriers.



Big Oak Flat Entrance Station – Inaccessible Employee Area



Big Oak Flat Entrance Station – Kiosks

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Big Oak Flat Entrance Station			
Kiosk Building	Accessibility to the entrance kiosk is prevented by the structure's design.	Replace inaccessible structure with new accessible kiosk.	Critical

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4.2.2 Big Oak Flat Entrance Complex

The Big Oak Flat Entrance complex is comprised of a number of important features that are a first point of contact for many visitors to the park. This area has a visitor center, restrooms, campground registration office, a wilderness office, information boards and other visitor services.

The Plan calls for new van accessible parking and the creation of an accessible curb ramp to connect the parking to an accessible route. The door to the campground registration office, wilderness office and the visitor center will be made accessible through the addition of a compliant threshold. Accessible counter spaces will also be added for use by visitors with disabilities.

Alterations will be made to both the men's and women's restrooms to bring them into full compliance with ABA standards. Accessible picnic tables will be provided on an ORAR and an accessible route will connect exhibits, phones, vending machines, and information boards or they will be relocated to accessible locations.

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Big Oak Flat Entrance Complex			
Parking	Designated parking space not van-accessible.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Important
Curb Ramp	Curb ramp has excessive slope and standing water.	Provide an accessible curb ramp from parking to accessible route. (ABA 406).	Important
Picnic Table	Picnic area lacks accessible site with stable ground surface.	Add an accessible picnic table on an ORAR. (PG T 206; PG T 306).	Important
Wayside Exhibit	Recycling wayside is not on an accessible route.	Relocate the wayside exhibit to the accessible route. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Important
Restrooms	Restrooms are not up to accessibility standards.	Retrofit restrooms to comply with ABA standards. (ABA F 213).	Important
Vending Machines	Vending machine lacks clear floor space.	Relocate vending machine to an accessible area. (ABA F 228).	Important
Information Boards	Information boards are not located on an ORAR.	Relocate information boards to an accessible location along the ORAR. (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Important

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Big Oak Flat Entrance Complex			
Campground Reservation Office	Entrance has a non-compliant threshold and the door requires more than 5 lbs. of force to open.	Bevel the threshold to the office and adjust the closer on the door to reduce operating force. (ABA 404).	Critical
Transaction Counter	Clear ground space is not provided at the Campground Reservation Office transaction counter.	Provide clear maneuvering space at the transaction counter. (ABA 302).	Critical
Accessible Route	Picnic table reduces the clear route to the permit window.	Remove picnic table to allow clear space for accessible route. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Critical
Transaction Counter	Transaction counter is too high at the campground registration.	Lower a section of the transaction counter or provide alternate service for persons with disabilities. (ABA 904).	Critical
Visitor Center Door	Door hardware and door threshold at the visitor center are not accessible.	Provide accessible door hardware and bevel the threshold. (ABA 404).	Critical
Transaction Counter	Transaction counter at the visitor center is too high.	Lower a section of the transaction counter. (ABA 904).	Critical
Ramp	Ramp to visitor center not compliant.	Replace with compliant ramp. (ABA 405).	Critical
Pay Telephone	Pay telephone is not accessible and the courtesy shelf is too high.	Provide an accessible pay telephone with courtesy shelf. (ABA F 217).	Critical

4.2.3 Cone Bearing Trees Wayside

This site allows visitors to read and learn about various types of native pines. The site will be improved by placing the wayside exhibits along an accessible route. A new wayside exhibit is being completed with installation in an accessible location scheduled for summer 2010.

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Cone-Bearing Trees Wayside – Route from Parking Lot



Cone-Bearing Trees Wayside – Exhibit

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Cone Bearing Trees Wayside			
Wayside Exhibit	The six wayside exhibits are inaccessible.	Replace wayside with a compliant exhibit on the accessible route. (ABA F 216).	Long Term
Accessible Route	Accessible route not provided from parking to wayside exhibits.	Provide an accessible route connecting parking to the wayside exhibits. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Long Term

4.2.4 Crane Flat Campground

The Crane Flat Campground is a seasonal camping area located just west of the Big Oak Flat Road and Tioga Road junction. There are currently 164 campsites including two newly installed accessible campsites of which one is RV accessible. A restroom has been updated to serve the accessible sites, but still lacks complete accessibility.

An Outdoor Recreation Access Route (ORAR) will need to be created to allow access between the accessible campsites and restrooms. In addition, at least six more campsites need to be made accessible in order to meet requirements. An ORAR will also be needed in order to make the amphitheater accessible for the use of all visitors.

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Crane Flat Campground – Men's Restroom



Crane Flat Campground – Accessible RV site # 427

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Crane Flat Campground			
ORAR	Accessible path of travel from campsites to comfort stations have not been established.	Provide an ORAR to comfort station #6040 serving accessible campsites (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Critical
Restrooms	Mirrors are too high.	Retrofit restrooms to comply with ABA standards (ABA F 213).	Critical
Water Source	The operating mechanisms for the water sources are not operable with one closed fist.	Provide accessible outside water spigots, handles and faucets (PG T 217; PG T 317).	Critical

4.2.5 Dana Meadows Overlook and Wayside

This site provides viewing opportunities at the Dana Meadows area. The parking area already provides a standard accessible parking space with access aisles on both sides. The present wayside exhibit will be replaced with a compliant sign meeting access standards. The new wayside exhibit is being completed with installation scheduled for summer 2010.

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Dana Meadows Overlook – Parking Spaces and Wayside



Dana Meadows Overlook – Close-up of Wayside Exhibit

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Dana Meadows Overlook and Wayside			
Accessible Route	Wayside exhibit is not located on an accessible route.	Pave or fill the ground surface to create accessible route from parking to exhibit. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Long Term
Parking	Van-accessible parking space not provided.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Important
Wayside Exhibit	Wayside exhibit does not comply with standards for text size, contrast, and mounting height.	Provide an accessible exhibit at the wayside. (ABA F 216).	Long Term

4.2.6 Endless Winter Wayside

This exhibit overlooks Tuolumne Meadows and Pothole Dome, and describes the life patterns of flora and fauna in the area. As with many waysides, this site needs an updated parking facility with an accessible space and a level surface. The exhibit will also need to be relocated on an accessible route. The wayside exhibit is scheduled for relocation during the summer 2010.

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Endless Winter Wayside – Parking Slopes Toward Exhibit



Endless Winter Wayside – Exhibit Inaccessible

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Endless Winter Wayside			
Parking	No designated accessible parking space.	Provide a van-accessible parking space. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Important
Parking	Asphalt slopes excessively near exhibit.	Create a level parking and access surface. (PG T318.2.4).	Important
Exhibit	Exhibit is located off of asphalt in rocky area.	Relocate the exhibit to an accessible location. (ABA F206.2.2).	Important

4.2.7 Ghost Forest Wayside

This site will be improved by creating a van-accessible parking space and making the exhibit accessible. This can be done by removing the curb barrier and creating an accessible pad at the exhibit, or by moving the exhibit to a level surface. A new wayside exhibit is being completed with installation scheduled for summer 2010.

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Ghost Forest Wayside – Inaccessible Due to Curb

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Ghost Forest Wayside			
Accessible Route	Access to the wayside is prevented by a large curb between road and exhibit.	Move the exhibit to be accessible from the road or remove the barrier and add a pad around the exhibit. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Long Term
Parking	No accessible parking is provided at wayside.	Provide a van-accessible parking space (96" wide minimum with a 96" wide minimum access aisle) and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Long Term

4.2.8 Gin Flat Interpretive Pullout

This site will be improved by adding a van-accessible parking space, improving the path of travel to the wayside exhibit, and adding an exhibit sign that complies with ABA standards.



Gin Flat Interpretive Pullout – Wayside



Gin Flat Interpretive Pullout – Full View of Wayside

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Gin Flat Interpretive Pullout			
Accessible Route	Changes in level exist between the route and parking. Route does not continue to the exhibit.	Stabilize the ground around the wayside exhibit and connect to the accessible path of travel. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Long Term
Parking	No accessible parking is provided at wayside.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Long Term
Wayside Exhibit	Wayside sign is behind boulders and is not on an accessible route.	Move the exhibit to the accessible route. (paved parking area) (ABA F 206.2.2).	Long Term
Wayside Exhibit	Exhibit does not comply with standards for contrast.	Replace sign with an accessible exhibit. (ABA F 216.3).	Long Term

4.2.9 Hetch Hetchy Entrance Complex

This site is comprised of the entrance kiosk, picnic area, information boards, parking area and pay phone. This site will be improved by the addition of a van-accessible parking space that connects to an accessible route serving all site features. The picnic table will be replaced with an accessible model, and the telephone and bulletin boards will be approachable on a level surface.



Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station – Close Up of Kiosk



Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station – Slope at Telephone

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station			
Parking	No van-accessible parking spaces are provided at the entrance station.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
Accessible Route	Accessible route needed to connect all site features.	Provide an accessible route from parking to information board, picnic table and pay telephone. (ABA F 206).	Important
Pay Telephone	Accessible phone is not on level surface and no sign exists to indicate location of accessible pay phone.	Correct ground slope at pay telephone and add a sign. (ABA F 704.2.1).	Important
Picnic Table	Accessible picnic table not provided at picnic area.	Add an accessible picnic table on the accessible route. (PG T 206; PG T 306).	Critical

4.2.10 Hetch Hetchy Day Use Parking and Restroom

This area is part of a day use area that also serves backpackers.

There is an accessible parking sign located in the gravel parking lot, but the sign should be moved closer to the restrooms for more direct access. The restrooms have been made accessible, but the door hardware and force required in opening the doors needs to be corrected. A change of level also exists between the parking area and the asphalt pad on which the restrooms are situated. Action to correct the change in level is required in order to create a barrier-free facility for all visitors.



Hetch Hetchy Day Use Parking and Restroom – Restroom Building and Asphalt Pad



Hetch Hetchy Day Use Parking and Restroom – View Inside Men's Restroom

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Hetch Hetchy Day Use Parking Lot and Restroom			
Accessible Route	Changes in level are present at the restroom entrance.	Provide an accessible route to the restroom building entrance. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Important
Parking	No van-accessible parking spaces provided.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Important
Restroom	Door hardware difficult to operate with a closed fist.	Retrofit restroom to comply with ABA standards. (ABA F 213).	Critical

4.2.11 Hetch Hetchy Day Use Picnic Area and Restroom

This site is currently in contracting for site rehabilitation and construction is anticipated to occur in the summer of 2010. The site will be improved through the addition of a van-accessible parking space that connects to an accessible route that will serve the restrooms, picnic areas and other features. The restrooms will be improved to meet ABA standards, as well as one of the two picnic areas.



Hetch Hetchy Day Use Picnic Area and Restroom – Change in Level at Drinking Fountain



Hetch Hetchy Day Use Picnic Area and Restroom – Picnic Area

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Hetch Hetchy Day Use Picnic Area and Restroom			
Parking	No van-accessible parking spaces provided.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Hetch Hetchy Day Use Picnic Area and Restroom			
Accessible Route	An accessible route is needed from parking to pay telephone, drinking fountain, picnic area and restrooms.	Connect parking, restrooms, and picnic components with an accessible route. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Critical
Restrooms	Restrooms are not up to accessibility standards.	Retrofit restroom to comply with ABA standards. (ABA F 213).	Critical
Picnic Table	Accessible picnic table not provided at picnic area.	Add an accessible picnic table on the accessible route. (PG T 206; PG T 306).	Critical

4.2.12 Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and Picnic Area at O’Shaughnessy Dam

The dam impounds the Tuolumne River in the Hetch Hetchy Valley. The dam and the nearby picnic area are popular visitor sites and provide impressive scenery as well as an interpretive walk across the dam. The dam is owned and operated by the City of San Francisco which has control over accessible features on the dam.

Because of the steep terrain, extra care should be taken to provide a level van-accessible parking space near the dam and picnic area if possible.



O’Shaughnessy Dam / Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and Picnic Area – Slope Past Dam Entrance Up to Parking Lot



O’Shaughnessy Dam / Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and Picnic Area – View from Dam Access Road

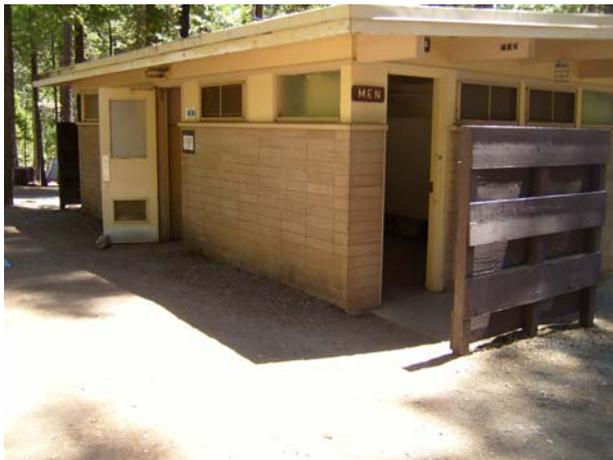
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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Hetch Hetchy Reservoir and Picnic Area at O'Shaughnessy Dam			
Accessible Route	Accessible route at picnic area has excessive slope.	Provide an accessible route at the picnic area (ABA 206.2.2).	Important
Parking	Van-accessible parking is needed at the picnic area.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign (ABA F 208.2.4).	Important
Trailhead Sign	Lack of compliant trailhead sign.	Install a compliant trailhead sign at an accessible location along the ORAR (PG T 221; PG T 321).	Long Term
Parking	Slope at the dam parking area is inaccessible and has excessive slope.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign (ABA F 208.2.4).	Important

4.2.13 Hodgdon Meadow Campground

The plan calls for the campground to be improved by the addition of seven new accessible campsites located close to the restrooms to ensure easy access, and the creation of an ORAR. To meet accessibility standards, the restrooms will have to be updated to meet ABA standards. Accessibility updates are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2010.



Hodgdon Meadow Campground – Restroom Building



Hodgdon Meadow Campground – Inaccessible Restroom

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Hodgdon Meadow Campground			
Restrooms	Restroom has many inaccessible features.	Retrofit or replace existing comfort station to meet accessible standards (ABA F 213).	Critical
Accessible Route	Accessible route and clear maneuvering space not provided at utility sink.	Provide an accessible route to the utility sink (ABA F 206.2.2).	Critical
Campsite	No accessible campsites are provided.	Provide accessible campsites. (PG T 218; PG T 318). Provide an accessible bear box, accessible grill (PG T 208; PG T 308), fire ring (PG T 207; PG T 307) and picnic table. (PG T 206; PG T 306). Provide an ORAR to connect accessible site features. (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Critical

4.2.14 Islands Above the Ice Wayside

This site will be improved by adding a van-accessible parking space and adding an exhibit sign that complies with ADA standards at an accessible location. A new wayside exhibit is being completed with installation scheduled for summer 2010.



Islands Above the Ice Wayside – Non-Compliant Location



Islands Above the Ice Wayside – Image Contrast Too Low

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Islands Above the Ice Wayside			
Parking	No accessible parking spaces are provided at the wayside.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Long Term

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Islands Above the Ice Wayside			
Wayside Exhibit	Exhibit does not comply with standards for contrast.	Replace sign with an accessible exhibit. (ABA F 216.3).	Long Term

4.2.15 Lembert Dome and Dog Lake Picnic Area and Trailhead

This facility serves as a picnic area and trailhead for people wishing to hike to Dog Lake or Lembert Dome. This site needs to be improved by paving and striping a van-accessible parking space in the parking lot. The space will be served by an accessible route that connects to the existing waterless restroom, picnic area and trailhead. A directional sign will be added indicating the location of the waterless restroom and only minor changes will need to be made to the waterless restroom itself.



Lembert Dome/Dog Lake Picnic Area and Trailhead – Parking and Access Route to Picnic Area

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Lembert Dome and Dog Lake Picnic Area and Trailhead			
Accessible Route	Route to picnic area from parking area is uncompacted sand, which is not an accessible surface material.	Provide an accessible route to the waterless restroom; picnic area and trailhead sign. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Critical
Transit Stop	The existing transit stop is inaccessible.	Provide an accessible transit stop on the accessible route; add a bench with companion seating space and accessible information. (ABA 810.1).	Critical

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Lembert Dome and Dog Lake Picnic Area and Trailhead			
Trailhead Sign	Lack of compliant trailhead sign.	Install a compliant trailhead sign at an accessible location along the ORAR. (PG T 221; PG T 321).	Long Term
Directional Sign	Direction of accessible travel is not indicated.	Post a directional sign with the ISA to show the route to the waterless restroom. (ABA F 216.3).	Critical
Parking	Parking area is gravel, not accessible surface.	Provide compacted surface for accessible parking spaces and connect to accessible route. Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
Ramp	Ramp does not smoothly transition to a landing.	Provide a smooth transition from ramp to accessible route. (ABA 405).	Long Term
Sign	Accessible waterless restroom has no restroom sign.	Post the ISA on the waterless restroom. (ABA F 216.8).	Long Term

4.2.16 May Lake Trailhead, Old Tioga Road

This site will be improved by the addition of a van-accessible parking space and a compliant trailhead sign.



May Lake Trailhead, Old Tioga Road – Trailhead sign



May Lake Trailhead, Old Tioga Road – Beginning of Trail

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
May Lake Trailhead, Old Tioga Road			
Parking	No designated parking is available.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
Trailhead Sign	Lack of compliant trailhead sign.	Install a compliant trailhead sign at an accessible location along the ORAR. (PG T 221; PG T 321).	Long Term

4.2.17 Merced Grove Trailhead

This site is the trailhead to one of the three groves of big trees within the park. Future modifications to the site include the restriping of van-accessible parking space and cutting overgrown vegetation on path to the waterless restrooms. The curb cut needs replacement or repair.



Merced Grove Trailhead – Parking and Trail information



Merced Grove Trailhead – Path to Toilets

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Merced Grove Trailhead			
Merced Grove Trailhead	The accessible space is completely faded away and old.	Repaint the parking and include a van accessible space. (ABA F208.2.4).	Important
Merced Grove Trailhead	The sidewalk from parking to the waterless restroom is overgrown and does not meet clearance standards.	Trim back the vegetation to allow an 80-inch minimum height clearance. (PG T 322.1).	Long Term

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4.2.18 Mono Pass and Parker Pass Trailhead

This site will be improved by the addition of a van-accessible parking space near the waterless restroom and a standard accessible space near the trailhead. A compliant trailhead sign will be installed.



Mono/Parker Passes Trailhead – Designated Parking



Mono/Parker Passes Trailhead – Waterless Restroom

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Mono Pass and Parker Pass Trailhead			
Parking	A van-accessible parking space is needed at the waterless restroom	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
Parking	Parking lot has excessive slope in front of trailhead and waterless restroom that exceeds accessibility standards.	Repave the parking area to create a level surface with accessible spaces in the appropriate locations. (ABA F208.3.1; PG T318.2.4).	Critical
Parking	A van-accessible parking space is needed near the trailhead.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
Sign	A sign is needed on the road to direct visitors to the area.	Install a compliant highway sign. (NPS Best Practice).	Long Term
Trailhead Sign	Lack of compliant trailhead sign.	Install a compliant trailhead sign at an accessible location along the ORAR. (PG T 221; PG T 321).	Long Term
Sign	Restroom sign not posted on the waterless restroom.	Post the ISA on the waterless restroom (ABA F 216.8).	Long Term

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4.2.19 Murphy Creek Picnic Area

This site is one of several that provide access to Tenaya Lake’s beach and picnic areas along Tioga Road. It should be noted that this site provides the most barrier-free facilities at this time and will be the accessible picnic ground for the Tenaya Lake area.

The site will be improved by the addition of a van-accessible parking space and an accessible route to the waterless restroom and phone. The parking area is covered in gravel and creates a change in level with the path leading to the waterless restroom. Paving and striping of the parking area is suggested. The highway sign should be upgraded with an ISA placard to indicate to drivers that the site offers accessibility.

The current beach access route is lined with stones and is not wide enough according to ABA standards.



Murphy Creek Picnic Area – Sign on Highway



Murphy Creek Picnic Area – Paved Access



Murphy Creek Picnic Area – Accessible Picnic Area



Murphy Creek Picnic Area – Sites Connected by an ORAR

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Murphy Creek Picnic Area			
Accessible Route	Partial route to the waterless restroom is not accessible.	Connect the accessible route to the accessible parking space. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Critical
Parking	No designated accessible parking is available.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
Parking	Gravel parking does not provide a firm ground surface and creates a change in level with the sidewalk leading to the waterless restroom.	Pave a stable parking surface that is flush with the existing sidewalks. (ABA 302).	Critical
Pay Telephone	Pay telephone is not located on the accessible route.	Relocate telephone to the accessible route. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Long Term
Sign	A sign is needed on the road to direct visitors to the area.	Install a compliant highway sign (NPS Best Practice).	Long Term
Sign	Waterless restroom lacks appropriate sign.	Post the ISA on the waterless restroom. (ABA F 216.8).	Long Term
Beach Access	Accessible route to beach not provided.	Provide an accessible beach route. (PG T 205; PG T 305).	Critical

4.2.20 Olmsted Point Scenic Overlook

Olmsted Point is one of the park’s premier scenic lookouts and has seen extensive modifications and barrier removal. The viewing area has been updated to include fully accessible exhibits, clear viewsheds, access ways, and a tactile map. Accessible parking has been provided as well as an area for tour bus parking. The only recommendation the Plan suggests for enhanced accessibility is the designation of a van-accessible parking space. Olmsted Point, as well as Tunnel View, is an excellent example of how barrier-free design provides practical and aesthetic viewing opportunities for all park visitors. These locations should be the standard for all future park projects.

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Olmsted Point Scenic Overlook – Before Renovation



Olmsted Point Scenic Overlook – Renovated Accessible Area



Olmsted Point Scenic Overlook – Accessible Parking Space



Olmsted Point Scenic Overlook – Tactile Map and Exhibit

4.2.21 Parsons Lodge and Soda Springs

Parsons Lodge and Soda Springs are located on the north side of Tuolumne Meadows. The Lodge was built as a memorial to Edward Taylor Parsons, one of the Sierra Club's first directors. Because of its historical qualities, physical alterations to the building and area may not be appropriate or may be deemed an undue financial and administrative burden to accomplish. In such cases the park will need to seek out programmatic alternatives in order to provide an equal opportunity of services provided to visitors.

The lodge is reached by a gated road that offers restricted vehicular access. The Plan calls for upgrades at the gate to allow disabled users to open and close it. In addition, accessible parking will be sited at the lodge and an accessible route will be created between the parking area and the lodge itself. Entry into this historic lodge, now blocked by steps and a

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steep slope, will be made accessible, if possible, by the addition of a ramp and improved path of travel.

A trail leads to Soda Springs and the Plan calls for the trail to be improved to the status of an accessible trail or an ORAR depending on prevailing conditions.



Parsons Lodge and Soda Springs – Gate from Lembert Dome to Parsons Lodge



Parsons Lodge and Soda Springs – Historical Structure

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Parsons Lodge and Soda Springs			
Parking	Parking lot is not paved and has no designated spaces.	Pave accessible parking spaces and connect to accessible route. Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Long Term
Accessible route	Route from parking to lodge is inaccessible.	Provide an accessible route from parking to lodge. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Long Term
Accessible Route	Route to the gate is inaccessible. Provide an accessible pullout and an accessible route to the gate.	Provide an accessible pullout and an accessible route to the gate. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Long Term
Gate	Gate lacks clear maneuvering space.	Provide clear maneuvering space to open and close gate. (ABA 404).	Long Term
Accessible Route	The entrance to the lodge is inaccessible and demonstrates stairs and a steep path.	Build a ramp (ABA 405) and modify the path of travel to provide an accessible route. (ABA F 208.2.2).	Long Term
Trail	Trail to Soda Springs is too narrow and has excessive cross-slope.	Improve the trail to meet ORAR (PG T 204; PG T 304) or trail (PG T 203; PG T 303) standards.	Long Term
Accessible	The route to the vault toilet is not	Provide an accessible route to the vault	Long Term

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Parsons Lodge and Soda Springs			
Route	accessible.	toilet. (ABA F 206.2.2).	
Picnic Table	Accessible picnic table not provided at picnic area.	Provide an accessible picnic table on an accessible route. (PG T 206; PG T 306).	Long Term
Water Source	The water spigot is not on the accessible route.	Provide an accessible route to the water spigot. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Long Term

4.2.22 Porcupine Flat Campground

This small rustic campground currently offers visitors minimal accessible features.

The campground will be improved by the addition of two accessible tent campsites and one accessible RV campsite. RVs are limited to 24 feet in length and trailers to 20 feet. Access to the waterless restrooms will be improved to and from the accessible sites.



Porcupine Flat Campground – Inaccessible Entry to Vault Toilet

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Porcupine Flat Campground			
ORAR	An accessible route is needed from parking to campsites.	Provide an accessible route to accessible sites from parking (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Critical

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Porcupine Flat Campground			
Campsite	Accessible RV campsite not provided.	Improve area to provide RV compliant camping. (PG T 218; PG T 318). Provide an accessible grill (PG T 208; PG T 308), fire ring (PG T 207; PG T 307) and picnic table (PG T 206; PG T 306). Provide an ORAR within the site. (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Critical
Campsite	Four accessible campsites are needed.	Provide four accessible campsites (PG T 218; PG T 318). Provide an accessible grill (PG T 208; PG T 308), fire ring (PG T 207; PG T 307) and picnic table (PG T 206; PG T 306). Provide an ORAR within the site (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Critical
ORAR	No accessible path of travel connecting accessible use areas.	Provide an ORAR to the vault toilets associated with the accessible sites (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Critical
Waterless Restroom Access	Waterless restrooms are on elevated pads that are not accessible.	Provide an accessible beveled entry to the waterless restrooms (ABA F 206.2.2).	Critical

4.2.23 Red Fir Forest Wayside

This small pullout will be made accessible by relocating the wayside exhibit so that it faces the highway and is along an accessible route rather than up a hill. The area is too small to provide a van-accessible space. The program access goals attained by the physical alterations to this site will include enhanced access to the wayside exhibit.



Red Fir Forest Wayside – Wayside Exhibit

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Red Fir Forest Wayside			
Wayside Exhibit	Sign faces away from road and is not accessible.	Relocate sign on an accessible route (ABA F 216.3).	Long Term

4.2.24 Siesta Lake Wayside

The wayside exhibit rehabilitation project calls for the removal of this wayside exhibit in the summer of 2010. If this exhibit is not removed, the site will be made more accessible by relocating the wayside exhibit so that it is located on an accessible route.



Siesta Lake Wayside – Exhibit Location

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Siesta Lake Wayside			
Accessible Route	Accessible route does not connect all of the site features.	Construct an asphalt access route between vehicle parking and the bikeway. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Long Term
Wayside Exhibit	Wayside exhibit is not located on an accessible surface.	Move exhibits to be located along the accessible route. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Long Term

4.2.25 Sunrise Trailhead and Parking

The trail served by this trailhead provides access to wilderness and High Sierra Campgrounds with camping at Sunrise Lakes, Merced Lake, Tuolumne Meadows, Clouds Rest, Half Dome, Little Yosemite Valley, Yosemite Valley, and May Lake.

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Improvements to be made to this area include the installation of a compliant highway sign to direct visitors to the area, the addition of van-accessible parking spaces, the installation of a compliant trailhead sign at an accessible location along an ORAR, creation of an ORAR from the parking to the trailhead, smoothing of the surface from the ORAR to the waterless restroom entrance, and installation of the ISA on the restroom building.



Sunrise Parking and Trailheads – Trailhead Sign



Sunrise Parking and Trailheads – Close Up of Waterless Restroom

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Sunrise Trailhead and Parking			
Sign	A sign is needed on the road to direct visitors to the area.	Install a compliant highway sign (NPS Best Practices).	Long Term
Parking	The parking area lacks van-accessible spaces.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
Trailhead Sign	Lack of compliant trailhead sign.	Install a compliant trailhead sign at an accessible location along the ORAR (PG T 221; PG T 321).	Long Term
ORAR	ORAR is not provided to the trailhead.	Provide an ORAR from parking to trailhead (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Long Term
Waterless Restroom	Vault toilet lacks restroom sign and is on an elevated concrete pad.	Provide a smooth transition from ORAR to waterless restroom entrance. Post the ISA on restroom building. (ABA 206.2.2).	Critical



4.2.26 Tamarack Flat Campground

The campground is inaccessible although improvements have been made to the waterless restrooms next to the information board. The site will be improved by the addition of four accessible tent campsites.



Tamarack Flat Campground – Vault Toilet

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Tamarack Flat Campground			
Campsites	Four accessible campsites are needed.	Provide four accessible campsites (PG T 218; PG T 318). Provide an accessible grill (PG T 208; PG T 308), fire ring (PG T 207; PG T 307) and picnic table (PG T 206; PG T 306). Provide an ORAR within the site (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Critical
Accessible Route	Accessible routes are needed to connect all accessible campsites to campground facilities.	Create an accessible route (ABA F206).	Critical

4.2.27 Tenaya Lake East End Beach

This site provides access to a high-altitude lake fed by snowmelt.

Access to the site will be improved by the addition of van-accessible parking, an accessible beach route and an ORAR to the picnic area. The vault toilet facilities will be modified to provide full accessibility. There are currently 10 tables in three picnic areas, in which none provides accessibility.

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Tenaya Lake East End Beach – Waterless Restrooms



Tenaya Lake East End Beach – Improved Access to Picnic Area



Tenaya Lake East End Beach – Access Route to Picnic Area

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Tenaya Lake East End Beach			
Parking	Site lacks accessible van parking.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
Beach Access	An access route is not provided to the beach.	Provide a stable, firm, and slip-resistant route to the beach. (PG T 205; PG T 305).	Important
Waterless Restrooms	Waterless restrooms lack restroom sign, entrance is inaccessible, and toilet paper is out of reach.	Post ISA on the left side of the outside door, provide an accessible entrance and move toilet paper dispenser in the accessible stall. (ABA F 213).	Critical
Picnic Tables	Accessible picnic tables not provided at picnic area.	Provide an accessible picnic table on an accessible route. (PG T 206; PG T 306).	Critical

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Tenaya Lake East End Beach			
ORAR	ORAR is needed to connect accessible use areas.	Provide an ORAR to connect accessible areas. (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Important

4.2.28 Tioga Pass Entrance Complex

The Tioga Pass Entrance Complex is comprised of a seasonal entrance station, restroom facilities, parking and trail heads is situated at an elevation of 9,945 feet above sea level.

The entrance station kiosk does not meet accessible standards and should be replaced to provide access since some visitors with disabilities may need to leave their vehicles to approach the kiosk.

The complex has been improved by the addition of an accessible route between the parking lot and the accessible restroom. These additions have greatly improved accessibility when compared to its previous situation. The parking lot has a slope greater than 2% and will need to be made level, and a van-accessible parking space added.

This site is also the trailhead for Gaylor Lake and Mt. Dana. The trailhead should be improved by the addition of an interpretive sign located on the accessible route, which informs visitors about the trails.



Tioga Pass Entrance Complex – Parking



Tioga Pass Entrance Complex – Waterless Restroom

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Tioga Pass Entrance Complex			
Waterless Restroom	ISA placard needed on accessible toilet door.	Place an ISA placard at appropriate location on waterless restroom. (ABA F216.8).	Long Term
Parking	Inaccessible slope in parking area.	Reduce slope in the parking lot by re-grading the surface, and connecting it to the accessible route. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
Trailhead Sign	Lack of compliant trailhead sign.	Install a compliant trailhead sign. (PG T 221; PG T 321).	Long Term
Kiosk Building	Accessibility to the entrance kiosk is prevented by the structure's design.	Replace inaccessible structure with new kiosk. Adjust the program to be accessible by offering car side services to persons with disabilities on an as needed basis.	Critical

4.2.29 Tuolumne Grove Trailhead

This site will be improved with the addition of a van-accessible parking space connected by an accessible route to the waterless restroom. Minor changes will be made at the waterless restroom. In addition, a compliant trailhead sign will be added.

An ORAR will be provided to one of the two picnic areas and the accessible picnic area will be improved by the addition of an accessible picnic table.



Tuolumne Grove Trailhead – Wayside Exhibits



Tuolumne Grove Trailhead – Access to Waterless Restroom

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Tuolumne Grove Trailhead			
Accessible Route	No designated accessible route connecting parking to site features.	Provide a stable, firm and slip-resistant surface to connect the use areas of the site. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Important
Trailhead Sign	Lack of compliant trailhead sign.	Install a compliant trailhead sign at an accessible location along the ORAR .(PG T 221; PG T 321).	Long Term
ORAR	ORAR is needed to connect accessible use areas.	Provide an ORAR to connect accessible areas. (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Important
Picnic Table	Accessible picnic table not provided at picnic area.	Provide accessible picnic table. (PG T 206; PG T 306).	Critical
Parking	No van-accessible spaces provided.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
Sign	Waterless restroom lacks restroom sign.	Post the ISA on the waterless restroom. (ABA 216.8).	Long Term
Waterless Restroom	Toilet paper is out of reach.	Make the waterless restroom fully accessible. (ABA F213).	Important

4.2.30 Tuolumne Visitor Center

This facility was constructed in the 1930s and originally served as a CCC mess hall. The facility’s visitor restrooms are located away and down the slope from the visitor center. The visitor center itself is only accessible from the south (back) entrance and even then, lacks the required degree of accessibility. Physical alterations to the building and exhibits are awaiting the completion of the Tuolumne Wild and Scenic River Plan.

The facility will need to be improved by the addition of van-accessible parking spaces at both the restroom area and at the rear of the building. A compliant directional sign is needed to direct visitors to the accessible restrooms and the back entrance. The path of travel to the rear entrance will also need to be improved to reduce slope and assure an accessible route. The back entrance door requires too much force to operate properly. The restrooms should be retrofitted to assure full accessibility. Minor changes to shelf and counter heights will be made within the visitor center building. In addition, modifications will be made to the transit stop to assure full accessibility.

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Tuolumne Visitor Center – Front of Visitor Center Showing Steep Wheelchair Access Route to Back



Tuolumne Visitor Center – Non-Compliant Slope at Parking

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Tuolumne Visitor Center			
Accessible Route	Route is needed from parking to restrooms.	Create an accessible route from parking to restrooms. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Critical
Parking	A van-accessible parking space is needed at the restrooms.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
Restrooms	Restrooms not up to accessibility standards.	Retrofit restrooms to comply with ABA standards. (ABA F 213).	Critical
Sign	A sign is needed at the front of the visitor center to direct visitors to the accessible path of travel to rear of building.	Post a compliant directional sign with an ISA placard to show the route to the accessible entrance. (ABA F 216.3).	Critical
Transit Stop	The existing transit stop bench needs to be relocated onto the cement.	Provide an accessible transit stop on the accessible route. (ABA 810.1).	Critical
Pay Telephone	Telephone courtesy shelf is too high.	Lower the courtesy shelf. (ABA F 217).	Critical
Transaction Counter	Transaction counter is too high.	Lower a section of the transaction counter. (ABA 904).	Critical
Parking	Accessible parking space next to the visitor center is excessively sloped.	Create a level parking area and provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (PG T318.2.4; ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Tuolumne Visitor Center			
Accessible Route	Route from rear parking to visitor center rear entrance is excessively sloped.	Create an accessible route from parking to visitor center (ABA F 206.2.2).	Critical
Back Door	The back door on the accessible route requires excessive force to open.	Readjust or replace the door to achieve proper operation force. (ABA 404.2.9).	Critical

4.2.31 Tuolumne Wilderness Center

This facility provides visitors with permits, information, and guidance for wilderness hiking.

The facility will be improved by the addition of two accessible parking spaces with one being a van accessible parking space, the creation of an accessible route to the building by modifying the ramp to meet ABA standards, minor alterations to the restroom, and the creation of an accessible transit stop.



Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center – Ramp with No Railings



Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center – Slope of Parking Lot

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Tuolumne Wilderness Center			
Parking	Accessible parking is not provided.	Add at least two accessible spaces and a van-accessible space (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
Ramp	Ramp has slope >5% and rises 16 inches. Requires handrails.	Provide compliant ramp with continuous handrails on both sides (ABA F 405).	Critical

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Tuolumne Wilderness Center			
Door	Door to facility lacks clear maneuvering space.	Provide clear maneuvering space at door (ABA 404).	Critical
Restrooms	Lavatory is too high, lacks restroom sign.	Provide accessible lavatory and post ISA at the comfort station (ABA F 213).	Critical
Transit Stop	The existing transit stop is inaccessible.	Provide an accessible transit stop on the accessible route; add a bench with companion seating space and accessible information (ABA 810.1).	Critical

4.2.32 Tuolumne Meadows Campground, Registration, and Parking

The Tuolumne Meadows Campground is a rustic campground with a total of 304 campsites. Of the above, 285 campsites are vehicle sites, seven are group sites, four are stock users’ sites, and eight are backpackers’ sites. There are currently no accessible campsites available in this campground, but the plan calls for at least 12 sites to be made barrier-free throughout the campground.

The reservation office will be improved by installing a nearby van-accessible parking space and providing an accessible route to the office. The office itself will be made accessible. The transit stop located near the reservation office will be made fully accessible. Information and bulletin boards will be relocated to an accessible route.

Access to the Dana Campfire Circle Amphitheater will be improved by providing an accessible parking space at the amphitheater. Wheelchair seating areas and companion seating will be provided. The Elizabeth Lake trailhead will be provided with an ORAR and a trailhead sign.

Restrooms #3023 and #3077 have undergone accessible route improvements and renovation should be continued to provide accessibility throughout the facilities.

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Tuolumne Meadows Campground – Accessible Route to Restroom # 3023



Tuolumne Meadows Campground – Accessible Route to Restroom # 3077

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Tuolumne Meadows Campground, Registration, and Parking			
Parking	Van-accessible parking space not provided at the Reservation Office.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
Accessible Route	Accessible route not provided to Reservation Office.	Provide an accessible route to the Reservation Office. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Important
Door	Door hardware is not accessible.	Provide lever-style door hardware on Reservation Office door.(ABA 404).	Critical
Transaction Counter	Transaction counter is too high.	Lower a section of the transaction counter. (ABA 904).	Critical
Transit Stop	The existing transit stop is inaccessible.	Provide an accessible transit stop on the accessible route; add a bench with companion seating space and accessible information. (ABA 810.1).	Critical
Accessible route	An accessible route is needed from the transit stop to the Reservation Office.	Provide an accessible route from the transit stop to the Reservation Office. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Important
Accessible Route	Information board and bulletin boards not on the accessible route.	Provide an accessible route to the accessible information board. (ABA 206.2.2).	Important
Parking	Amphitheater/ Dana Campfire Circle: two accessible parking spaces are needed at the amphitheater.	Provide one standard accessible space and one van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Important

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Tuolumne Meadows Campground, Registration, and Parking			
ORAR	An ORAR with a directional sign is needed to connect accessible areas at the amphitheater.	Provide an ORAR to connect accessible areas. Post a directional sign to the amphitheater. (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Important
Wheelchair Seating	Amphitheater/Dana Campfire Circle: wheelchair seating spaces are needed at the amphitheater.	Disperse wheelchair seating spaces on accessible route throughout the amphitheater. (ABA F 221).	Important
ORAR	ORAR is needed to Upper Loop A Restrooms.	Provide an ORAR to connect accessible areas. (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Important
Upper Loop A Restroom	Restroom building #3021 does not meet accessibility standards.	Retrofit restrooms to comply with ABA standards. (ABA F 213).	Critical
Water Source	Water spigot is not in an accessible location.	Provide access to the water spigot. (PG T 217; PG T 317).	Critical
Campsites	Accessible campsites are not provided.	Provide 12 accessible campsites. (PG T 218; PG T 318). Provide an accessible bear box, accessible grill (PG T 208; PG T 308), fire ring (PG T 207; PG T 307) and picnic table. (PG T 206; PG T 306). Provide an ORAR to connect accessible site features. (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Critical
ORAR	An ORAR is needed to the Lower Loop A Comfort Stations.	Provide an ORAR to connect accessible areas. (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Critical
Restroom	Restroom building #3022 is completely inaccessible.	Retrofit existing restroom or construct an adjacent accessible restroom. (ABA F 213).	Critical
Water Source	Water spigot is not in an accessible location.	Provide access to the water spigot. (PG T 217; PG T 317).	Critical
Restroom	Restroom building #3077 is not accessible.	Improve restroom #3077 to comply with ABA standards. (ABA F 213).	Critical
Water Source	Water spigot is not in an accessible location.	Provide access to the water spigot. (PG T 217; PG T 317).	Critical

4.2.33 Tuolumne Lodge Parking Lot: Link to Pacific Crest Trail

This is a very popular trail for hikers and casual walkers.

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This trailhead will be improved by the addition of a van-accessible parking space and an ORAR from the parking lot to the start of the trail. A compliant trailhead sign will also be installed.

The parking lot lacks the required accessible spaces needed and so three additional spaces need to be provided near the trailhead and bus stop with at least one being van-accessible.



Tuolumne Lodge Parking Lot: Link to Pacific Crest Trail – From Parking Lot to Beginning of Trail



Tuolumne Lodge Parking Lot: Link to Pacific Crest Trail – Accessible Spaces

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Tuolumne Lodge Parking Lot: Link to Pacific Crest Trail			
Parking	Additional accessible parking spaces required for ABA compliance.	Provide 4-5 accessible spaces and a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
ORAR	An ORAR is needed from parking to trailhead.	Provide an ORAR from parking to trailhead. (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Long Term
Trailhead Sign	Lack of compliant trailhead sign.	Install a compliant trailhead sign at an accessible location along the ORAR. (PG T 221; PG T 321).	Long Term

4.2.34 White Wolf Campground

This campground has 74 campsites suitable for tent camping or small RV use. RVs are limited to 27 feet in length and trailers to 24 feet.

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An ORAR will be provided between accessible campsites, the pay telephone, information board, and amphitheater. Accessible benches with wheelchair seating will be dispersed throughout the amphitheater. Four accessible campsites are needed within the grounds and the plan suggests their development near the updated restrooms. An ORAR will be provided to connect the campground to the trailhead and a van accessible parking space will be created adjacent to the trailhead. A compliant trailhead sign will be installed.



White Wolf Campground – Access to the Restroom



White Wolf Campground Amphitheater – No Accessible Seating

Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
White Wolf Campground			
ORAR	ORAR not provided to pay telephone and information board.	Provide an ORAR to connect accessible areas. (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Long Term
Pay Telephone	Accessible pay telephone not provided.	Provide an accessible pay telephone on the ORAR. (ABA F 217).	Long Term
Accessible Route	Access is not provided to utility sink at restroom #6253.	Provide an accessible route with clear maneuvering space at the utility sink. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Important
ORAR	An ORAR is needed from the accessible sites to and in the amphitheater.	Provide an ORAR to connect accessible areas. (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Important
Amphitheater	There are no wheelchair seating spaces in the amphitheater.	Disperse wheelchair seating spaces and companion seating on the ORAR throughout the amphitheater. (ABA F 221).	Important
Benches	Accessible benches not provided in amphitheater.	Provide accessible benches. (PG T 213; PG T 313).	Important

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
White Wolf Campground			
Campsites	Accessible campsites not provided.	Provide four accessible campsites. (PG T 218; PG T 318). Provide an accessible bear box, accessible grill (PG T 208; PG T 308), fire ring (PG T 207; PG T 307) and picnic table. (PG T 206; PG T 306). Provide an ORAR to connect accessible site features. (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Critical
Parking	A van-accessible parking space is needed at the trailhead.	Provide one standard accessible space and one van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
Trailhead Sign	Lack of compliant trailhead sign.	Install a compliant trailhead sign at an accessible location along the ORAR. (PG T 221; PG T 321).	Long Term
ORAR	ORAR is needed to connect campground to trailhead.	Provide an ORAR to the trailhead from the campground. (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Important

4.2.35 Yosemite Creek Campground

This campground contains campsites suitable for tent camping and is not suitable for RV use. Access will be improved by providing clear space at the fee collection pole, relocating information boards to an ORAR and providing an ORAR to the waterless restrooms and pay telephone. Outdoor Developed Areas Guidelines require that at least four campsites be made accessible and be connected by an ORAR to the above mentioned facilities.



Yosemite Creek Campground – Waterless Restroom

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Yosemite Creek Campground			
Fee Collection	Clear ground space is not provided at the fee collection pole.	Provide clear maneuvering space to at the fee collection pole. (ABA 404).	Important
Information Boards	Information boards are not located on an ORAR.	Relocate information boards to an accessible location along the ORAR. (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Important
ORAR	An ORAR is needed to connect all use areas.	Provide an ORAR to connect all accessible areas of use within the campground. (PG T 204; PG T 304)	Important
Waterless Restrooms	A change in level exists at the concrete apron to the waterless restrooms.	Correct the change in level at the waterless restrooms and connect to the ORAR. (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Important
Campsites	Accessible campsites are not provided.	Provide three accessible campsites. (PG T 218; PG T 318). Provide an accessible bear box, accessible grill (PG T 208; PG T 308), fire ring (PG T 207; PG T 307) and picnic table. (PG T 206; PG T 306). Provide an ORAR to connect accessible site features. (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Critical

4.2.36 Yosemite Creek Picnic Area

This picnic area will be improved by providing accessible tables and grills, a van-accessible space close to the waterless restroom, and providing an accessible route between the parking space, waterless restrooms, and accessible picnic area. Completion of these accessibility updates is expected by the end of 2010.



Yosemite Creek Picnic Area – Access Route to Waterless Restroom



Yosemite Creek Picnic Area – Non-Accessible Table

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Item	Barrier	Action	Corrective Action
Yosemite Creek Picnic Area			
Parking	Van-accessible parking space is needed near the new accessible picnic area.	Provide a van-accessible parking space and sign. (ABA F 208.2.4).	Critical
Picnic Table	Accessible picnic table not provided at picnic area.	Add an accessible picnic table on the ORAR. (PG T 206; PG T 306).	Critical
Picnic Area	Picnic area is in an area of excessive slope.	Create a new picnic area along the ORAR. (PG T 204; PG T 304).	Critical
Accessible Route	An accessible route is needed to connect all use areas.	Provide an accessible route from parking to picnic area and waterless restroom. (ABA F 206.2.2).	Critical

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