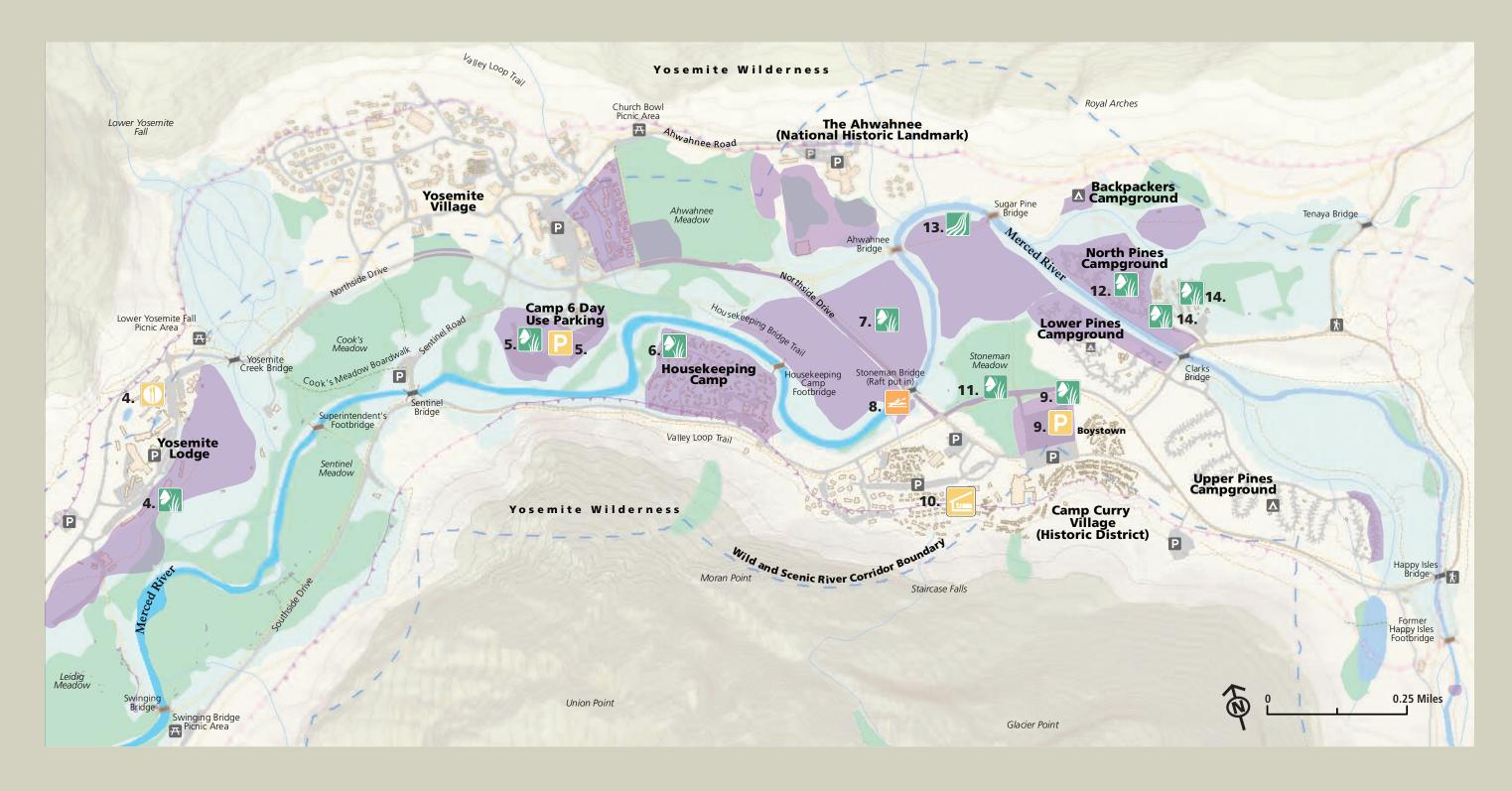
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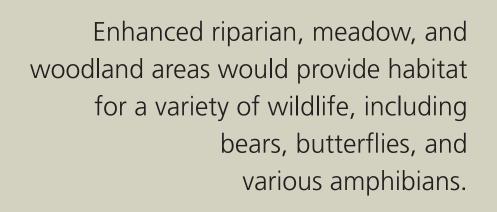
CONCEPT 1: SELF-RELIANT EXPERIENCE AND EXTENSIVE FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION

River Values and Enhancement

Major restoration within the 100-year floodplain

- Preserve exceptional water quality throughout the river corridor
- Strategically remove roads and three bridges to improve free-flowing conditions
- Restore 336 acres to natural conditions within the river corridor
- Remove campsites, informal trails, and non-essential roads from culturally sensitive areas







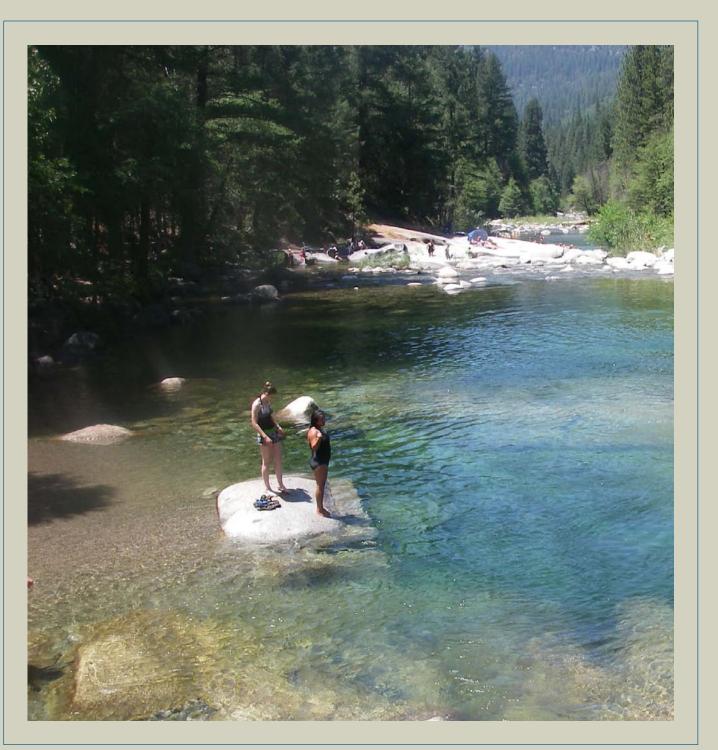


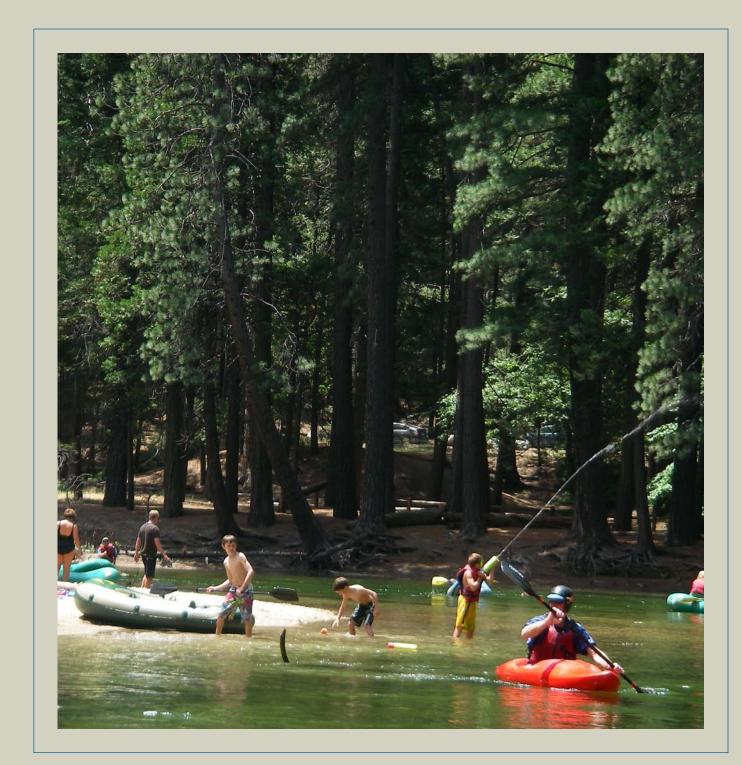
Public Access and User Capacity

Accommodates lowest visitor use levels

- Yosemite Valley Peak Daily Visitation: 14,100 people (31% decrease)
 - Day-use Peak Visitation: 10,200 people (30% decrease)
 - Overnight Peak Visitation: 3,900 people (33% decrease)
- Management tools
 - Re-design parking, trails, and viewing areas
 - Require day-use permits and reservation system during peak summer season **
 - Check entry permits at park entrance stations
 - Use Intelligent Transportation Systems to inform visitors of real-time traffic conditions •

Eliminate commercial raft rentals and allow privately-owned boats on stretches of the river within all segments except in Gorge and Wilderness segments. Designate formal river access sites and redirect use to more stable river access points.

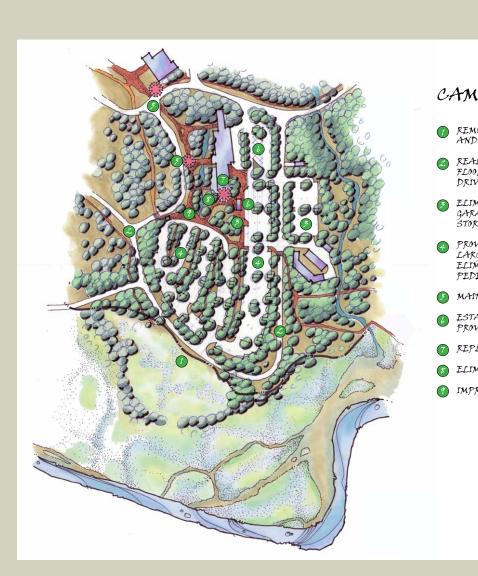




Land Use

Significant reduction in facilities and services

- Reduce or eliminate commercial services, such as:
 - Unnecessary or duplicative retail
 - Wawona and Curry Village stables
 - All Yosemite Lodge units
 - Curry Village ice rink
 - Raft and bike rental
 - Housekeeping Camp
 - Wawona Golf Course and Shop
- Parking capacities for day and overnight visitors, residents, and administrative personnel
- Yosemite Valley Parking: ~4,000 spaces (27% decrease) •
- Wawona Parking: ~630 spaces (11% decrease)
- El Portal Parking: ~1,600 spaces (17% increase)
- Campsites relocated from sensitive areas to more resilient locations
 - Yosemite Valley Camping: ~460 sites (2% decrease)
 - Wawona Camping: ~60 sites (41% decrease)



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CAMP SIX - ALTERNATIVE CONCEPT #1

- REMOVE EXISTING PARKING FROM 10-YEAR FLOOD PLAIN. RESTORE WETLAND: AND MEADOW.
- REALIGN NORTHSIDE DRIVE-VILLAGE DRIVE CONNECTION TO CONFORM TO THE FLOOD PLAIN AND PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE AHWAHNEEE HOTEL. NORTHSIDE DRIVE HAS BEEN ELIMINATED EAST OF THIS LOCATION.
- ELIMINATE CONCESSIONAIRE'S GENERAL OFFICE, AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCI GARAGE, EMPLOYEE DORMITORIES AND HOUSING LOCATED BETWEEN VILLAGI STORE AND AHWAHNEE MEADOW.
- PROVIDE 500 PARKING SPACES FOR DAYTIME USE. DESIGN PLANTERS TO RETA LARGE NUMBERS OF TREES WITHIN LANDSCAPE, INCLUDE BIOSWALES ANI NINATE POLLUTANTS FROM SURFACE PARKING AREA. CREATE A SYSTEM EDESTRIAN PATHWAYS TO DRAW VISITORS INTO YOSEMITE VILLAGE MAINTAIN EXISTING SHUTTLE STOPS ON VISITOR CENTER LOOP DRIVE.
- ESTABLISH BUS PASSENGER UNLOADING AREA EAST OF VILLAGE MARKE PROVIDE FIVE SPACES FOR DAYTIME BUS PARKING.
- REPLACE VILLAGE SPORT SHOP WITH VISITOR CONTACT STATION. B ELIMINATE EXISTING ART ACTIVITY CENTER.
- IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS AND BIKE PATHS.



Preliminary design for day-use parking area at Camp 6