



# What You Need to Know



## Parking & Congestion

**Be prepared for two- to three-hour delays, especially in afternoons and on weekends.**

Expect long lines at entrance stations. On the busiest days, parking areas can fill by mid-morning.

Plan to arrive before 9 am and leave after 5 pm.

Once you find a place to park, stay parked. Use the valley's free shuttles to get around. *See page 6 for shuttle routes.*

Plan for delays and use restrooms when available.

## Flooding & Park Closures

Due to historic winter snowpack, **it is very likely that the Merced River will reach flood stage off and on from late April through early July.**

At this stage, roads and other critical infrastructure begin flooding, making it unsafe for visitors to be in Yosemite Valley.

The Merced River in Yosemite Valley is likely to remain high into mid-July. This means that *the river will be unsafe for swimming, rafting, and boating.* Picnic areas along the river may close or have limited space.

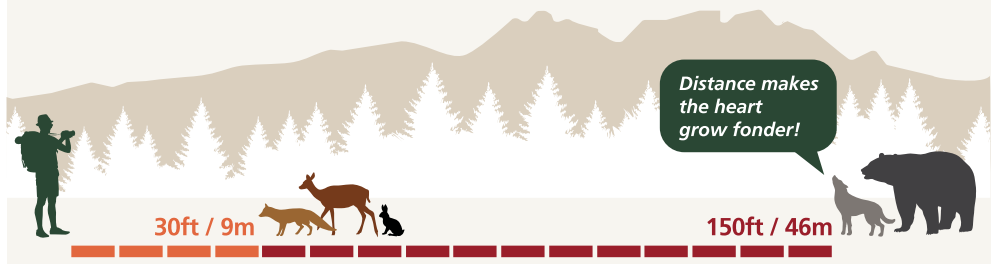
## Protect Wildlife—and Yourself

### Speeding Kills Bears

Being hit by a car is the most common human-related cause of death for black bears in Yosemite. Slow down! Driving too fast is almost always the reason for these accidental deaths.

### View Wildlife from a Safe Distance

Never approach or feed any animal. Not only is it illegal, it is dangerous for both to you and the animal. Wild animals in Yosemite can transmit diseases, including plague, rabies, and hantavirus. For more information on staying safe in Yosemite, visit [go.nps.gov/yosafety](http://go.nps.gov/yosafety).



**DISTANCE FROM WILDLIFE: 30 feet = about one bus-length.**

## Entering a National Park



Yosemite is a place where wilderness prevails. The National Park Service is bound by its mission to protect Yosemite's

natural and cultural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations.

Regulations are in place to protect park resources and for your safety.

If you see activities that could harm people or park resources, write down any descriptions or a vehicle license plate number and call the park dispatch office at 209/379-1992.

### Prohibited activities include:

- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants, reptiles, or butterflies
- Hunting animals
- Picking up archeological items, such as arrowheads
- Using metal detectors
- Driving vehicles into meadows
- Biking off of paved roads
- Camping outside of designated campgrounds
- Possession of weapons inside federal facilities
- Possessing or using marijuana, including medical marijuana
- Using drones

## Visitor & Emergency Services

### Fire – Police – Medical Emergency

Call or text 911 for emergencies.

Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley): Open Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm. Walk-ins from 1 pm to 3:30 pm. Phone: 209/372-4637

### Road, Weather, & Park Information

Check road updates: 209/372-0200

### Yosemite Village Garage

Offers 24-hour emergency roadside assistance and propane service until 4:30 pm. NO gas is available here. Phone: 209/372-1060

### Access for People with Disabilities

For a complete list of accessible services, exhibits, and recreational opportunities, pick up a Yosemite Accessibility Guide at any park

entrance station or visitor center, view online at [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm), or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at 209/379-1035.



Sign Language interpreting is available upon request.

Contact Deaf Services at 209/379-5250 (v/txt). Two weeks advance notice is requested.



Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advance request at any visitor center.



Accessible parking spaces are available throughout the park.

### Lost & Found

For items lost or found at one of Yosemite's restaurants, hotels, or lounges, call 209/372-4357. For items lost or found in other areas of the park, call 209/379-1001.

## Food Storage

Help keep wildlife wild. Never intentionally feed any wild animal in Yosemite. Avoid accidentally sharing your food by properly storing it. Improper food storage harms wildlife and can result in significant property damage and a hefty fine.

### During the Day

While hiking or picnicking, always keep your food within arm's reach. When you are away from your vehicle, keep all windows closed and any food or coolers hidden from sight. Never leave food in a pickup truck bed or strapped to the outside of a vehicle.

### At Night

Bears can easily break into vehicles in search of food. Food, trash, and other scented items may **NOT** be stored inside vehicles overnight. These items must be kept inside a food locker, in an approved bear resistant container, or in a hotel room or cabin. Food may also be stored inside a completely hard-sided RV with all windows and vents closed.

For more information about food storage and bears visit [www.KeepBearsWild.org](http://www.KeepBearsWild.org)

**If you see a bear in the park,** email [yose\\_bear\\_mgmt@nps.gov](mailto:yose_bear_mgmt@nps.gov) or call the Save-a-Bear hotline at 209/372-0322.

## Where is My Pet Allowed in Yosemite?



Pets are allowed in developed areas, on fully paved roads, sidewalks, and bicycle paths (except where signs prohibit pets), and in all campgrounds except walk-in campgrounds and group campgrounds. Pets must be restrained on a leash not more than six feet long and may not be left unattended. Other regulations also apply.






Pets are **NOT** allowed on shuttle buses or indoor lodging areas, including lobbies and rooms.

## Park Partners




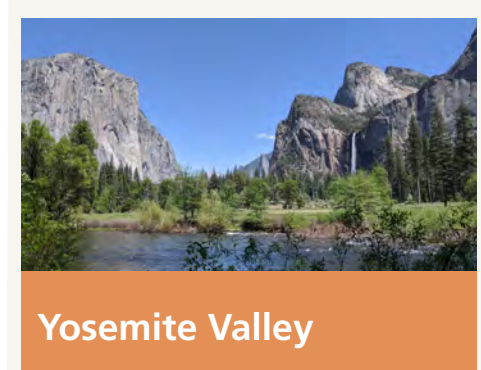


**NOTE:** There are only 2 gas stations in the park and **NO GAS** in Yosemite Valley.

 Gas Station  Entrance Station  Campground  Visitor Center  Information Center

## Visitor Centers

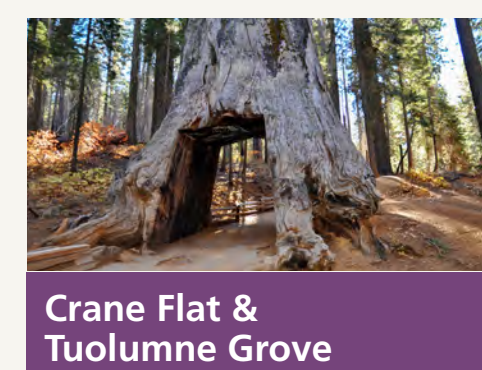
-  **Yosemite Valley Visitor Center** // 9am to 5pm, open year-round
- Big Oak Flat Information Station** // 8 am to 5 pm, opens May 26
- Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio** // 9 am to 5 pm, opens May 26
- Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center** // Closed for the season



**Yosemite Valley**

Known for its towering granite walls and features like El Capitan and Half Dome, the valley is alive in spring with numerous roaring waterfalls. The valley is one of the park's most accessible areas for hikers in spring, though snow and ice may still be present on trails. Enjoy a variety of other activities as well, including bicycling, guided walks, and art and photography classes. (See pages 4 & 8.)

**Road Conditions**  
Traffic congestion is common in Yosemite Valley, especially during spring and summer and on weekends. Arrive early in the morning to find parking, then take advantage of the valley's free shuttles to spend more time enjoying the park.



**Crane Flat & Tuolumne Grove**

The Big Oak Flat Information Station opens on May 26. Visit two sequoia groves north of Yosemite Valley that are smaller than the more famous Mariposa Grove, but typically quieter. Hike one mile down to the Tuolumne Grove, or 1.5 miles down to the Merced Grove. Parking at each trailhead is extremely limited. *Trails may be snowy or icy even in spring.*

**Distance from Yosemite Valley**  
16 mi/26 km (30 minutes)

**Directions**  
From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy 120) to Tioga Road Junction at Crane Flat.

**Road Conditions**  
Big Oak Flat Road remains open year-round.



**Mariposa Grove & Wawona**

The Mariposa Grove is home to over 500 mature giant sequoias. Park at the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza, near Yosemite's South Entrance, and walk two miles up the road to the grove. *Trails through the grove may be snowy or icy, even in spring.*

Shuttle service to the grove typically begins in spring. Due to road damage from historic winter storms, shuttle service will likely be delayed until the end of May, or even later. The Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio opens on May 26. Open year-round, the Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite.

**Distance from Yosemite Valley**  
30 mi/48 km (1 hour)

**Directions**  
From Yosemite Valley, take Wawona Road (Hwy 41). Watch for signs for the Mariposa Grove just before the park's South Entrance.

**Road Conditions**  
Wawona Road (Hwy 41) remains open year-round.



Photo by Christine W Loberg  
**What Should I Do in Yosemite? A Ranger Recommends:**

**If you're visiting Yosemite for half a day:**  
Take a scenic stroll around one of Yosemite Valley's meadows and visit Lower Yosemite Fall. Stop at Tunnel View, El Capitan Meadow, and Valley View for scenic viewpoints.

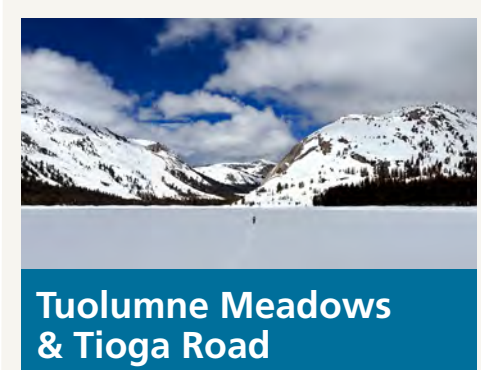
**If you're visiting Yosemite for a full day:**  
Spend a couple of hours hiking to Mirror Lake or the Vernal Fall footbridge. Take a Yosemite Valley Floor Tour. (See page 9.) Rent a bicycle and enjoy a scenic ride around the valley's bike paths.

**If you're visiting Yosemite for two or more days:**  
Hike a section of the Valley Loop Trail, or choose a more strenuous hike, like the Yosemite Falls Trail or Mist Trail to Nevada Fall. Visit giant sequoias at the Mariposa Grove, Tuolumne Grove, or Merced Grove.

Sign up for a guided walk or an art or photography class. (See page 8 for a program schedule.) Visit Hetch Hetchy. Hike along the reservoir to Wapama Falls.



**Visiting Yosemite with kids?**  
Pick up a Junior Ranger booklet at any open visitor center. Complete the activities to earn a junior ranger badge!



**Tuolumne Meadows & Tioga Road**

**Road Conditions**  
*Closed for the season.*

Due to its high elevation, Tioga Road is closed each year from approximately November through May or June.

Tioga Road opening work begins on or around April 15 each year. Snowpack in the Tuolumne River basin was 244% of average on April 1, 2023. The latest opening in modern history was July 1, which was in 2019 (at 176% of average snowpack) and 1998 (156% of average snowpack). In 1983, the previous record snow year, the road opened on June 29 (224% of average snowpack). Check the park website and social media channels for updates.



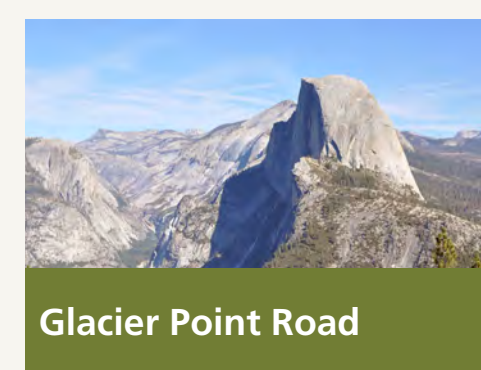
**Hetch Hetchy**

Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the City of San Francisco, is home to spectacular scenery and offers many wilderness trails. The area's low elevation makes it a good place to hike in autumn, winter, and spring, though it is typically very hot during summer.

**Distance from Yosemite Valley**  
40 mi/64 km (1 1/2 hours)

**Directions**  
From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy 120) to Evergreen Road, then turn right.

**Road Conditions**  
The road is open daily from 8 am to 9 pm. Vehicles and/or trailers over 25 feet long and 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.

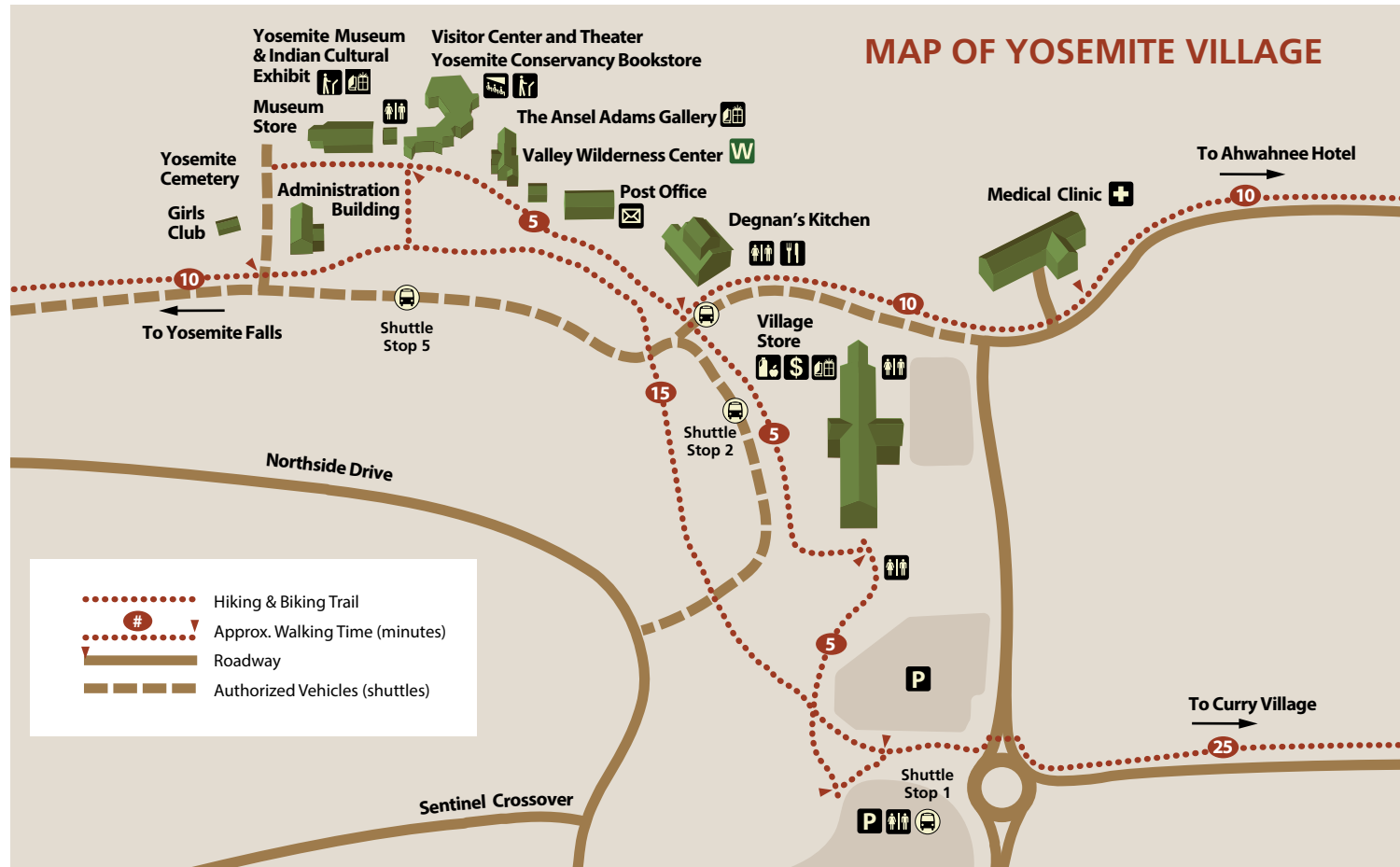


**Glacier Point Road**

**Road Conditions**  
*Closed for the season.*

Glacier Point Road is closed each year from approximately November through May or June. Plowing begins around April 15. Additional road work must occur this year before the road can open. Once open, expect 30-minute delays as the road project concludes. The earliest possible opening for Glacier Point Road is July; it is very likely the road will open later than that. Check the park website and social media channels for updates.

Due to severe impacts from historic winter storms, seasonal opening dates and operating hours are subject to change.



**Rehabilitation of The Ahwahnee**



After more than 95 years in service, The Ahwahnee is continuing a multi-phase comprehensive rehabilitation plan to preserve the hotel's historic integrity, while bringing the building to code with modern fire and seismic safety standards.

Scaffolding and construction noise may be present during parts of the rehabilitation project.



**YOSEMITE VALLEY**

**INFORMATION & EXHIBITS**

- Yosemite Valley Visitor Center**  
9 am to 5 pm
- Yosemite Museum**  
10 am to 4 pm
- Wilderness Center**  
8 am to 5 pm
- Happy Isles Art & Nature Center**  
9 am to 4 pm, *may close for lunch*
- Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center**  
10 am to 4 pm  
*Closed Mondays & Tuesdays*

**TOURS & ACTIVITIES**

- YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE**  
**Tour and Activity Desk**  
7:30 am to 7 pm

**CURRY VILLAGE**

- Mountaineering School**  
8:30 am to 12 pm, 1 to 4:30 pm
- Raft Rentals**  
*Opens May 19, conditions permitting*  
10 am to 4 pm

**BIKE RENTALS**

- Yosemite Village—Village Store**  
*Opens May 24*  
8 am to 7 pm
- Yosemite Valley Lodge**  
8 am to 7 pm
- Curry Village**  
8 am to 7 pm
- The Ahwahnee**  
8 am to 7 pm

**BOOKS, GIFTS, GEAR, & GROCERIES**

- YOSEMITE VILLAGE**  
**The Ansel Adams Gallery**  
9 am to 5 pm
- Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center**  
9 am to 5 pm
- Yosemite Museum Store**  
10 am to 4 pm, *closed for lunch*
- Village Store**  
8 am to 10 pm
- THE AHWAHNEE**  
**Gift Shop**  
8 am to 8 pm
- Sweet Shop**  
7 am to 9 pm
- YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE**  
**Gift & Grocery**  
8 am to 10 pm
- CURRY VILLAGE**  
**Mountain Shop**  
8 am to 8 pm
- Gift & Grocery**  
8 am to 10 pm

**HOUSEKEEPING CAMP**

- Store**  
8 am to 8 pm

**FOOD & BEVERAGE**

**YOSEMITE VILLAGE**

- Degnan's Kitchen**  
Breakfast: 7 am to 11 am  
Lunch: 11:30 am to 6 pm
- Village Grill**  
11:00 am to 6 pm

**THE AHWAHNEE**

- Coffee Bar**  
7 am to 10 am
- Breakfast**  
7 am to 10 am
- Lunch**  
11:30 am to 3 pm
- Dinner**  
5:30 pm to 9 pm
- Appropriate attire respectfully required for dinner. Dinner reservations strongly recommended. 209/372-1489 or visit [www.opentable.com](http://www.opentable.com)*
- Sunday Brunch**  
7 am to 3 pm
- The Ahwahnee Bar**  
11 am to 9 pm

**YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE**

- Base Camp Eatery**  
Breakfast: 6:30 am to 10:45 am  
Lunch/Dinner: 11 am to 9 pm
- Mountain Room Lounge**  
Mon – Fri: 4:30 pm to 10 pm  
Sat & Sun: 12 pm to 10 pm
- Mountain Room Restaurant**  
Dinner: 5 pm to 10 pm  
*Last seating at 9:30 pm. Reservations recommended. Visit [www.opentable.com](http://www.opentable.com)*

**CURRY VILLAGE**

- Peet's Coffee Corner**  
6 am to 2 pm
- Seven Tents Pavilion**  
Breakfast: 7 am to 10 am  
Dinner: 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- Jennie's Ice Cream**  
11 am to 8:30 pm
- Meadow Grill**  
11 am to 5 pm  
*11 am to 8 pm starting May 12*
- Pizza Deck**  
11 am to 10 pm
- Bar 1899**  
11:30 am to 10 pm

**SHOWERS & LAUNDRY**

- HOUSEKEEPING CAMP**  
**Laundry**  
8 am to 10 pm

**CURRY VILLAGE**

- Showers**  
24 hours

**AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES**

- Yosemite Village Garage**  
24-hour roadside assistance  
*No gas available in Yosemite Valley.*

**POST OFFICE**

- Yosemite Village Post Office**  
Mon – Fri: 8:30am to 5pm  
Sat: 10am to noon

**WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE**

**INFORMATION & EXHIBITS**

- Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio**  
*Opens May 26*  
9 am to 5 pm
- Yosemite History Center**  
Open daily

**ACTIVITIES**

- Conditions permitting*
- Golf Course & Disc Golf**  
*Opens May 19*  
Regular Golf: Thurs – Mon  
8 am to 6 pm  
Disc Golf: Tues & Wed  
12 pm to 6 pm
- Tennis Courts**  
8 am to Dusk
- Stable**  
*Opens June 2*  
2-hour rides daily at 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm, & 2 pm. All-day rides Thursdays at 8 am.

**BOOKS, GIFTS, GEAR, & GROCERIES**

- Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop**  
8 am to 8 pm
- Pine Tree Market**  
8 am to 8 pm
- Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Wawona Visitor Center**  
*Opens May 26*  
9 am to 5 pm
- Yosemite Conservancy Depot at Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza**  
9 am to 5 pm

**GAS STATION**

- Wawona Service Station**  
9 am to 6 pm  
*Diesel & propane available. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.*

**FOOD & BEVERAGE**

- Wawona Hotel Dining Room**  
Breakfast: 7 am to 10 am  
Lunch: 11 am to 3 pm  
Dinner: 5 pm to 9 pm  
Lounge Service: 5 pm to 9:30 pm
- Summer BBQ**  
*Begins May 27*  
Saturdays from 5 pm to 7 pm  
& on Memorial Day (May 29)
- Golf Shop & Snack Stand**  
*Opens May 19*  
7 am to 6 pm

**POST OFFICE**

- Wawona Post Office**  
Monday - Friday: 9 am to 1 pm  
Saturday: 9 am to noon

**CRANE FLAT & BIG OAK FLAT**

**INFORMATION & EXHIBITS**

- Big Oak Flat Information Center**  
*Opens May 26*  
8 am to 5 pm

**BOOKS & GIFTS**

- Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Big Oak Flat Information Station**  
9 am to 5 pm  
*Closed Wednesdays & Thursdays*

**GAS STATION**

- Crane Flat Service Station**  
*Store opens May 26*  
8 am to 5 pm  
*24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.*

**EL PORTAL**

**FOOD & BEVERAGE**

- El Portal Market**  
9 am to 7 pm

**GAS STATION**

- El Portal Service Station**  
8 am to 5 pm  
*24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.*

**GLACIER POINT**

*Closed for the season.*

**TUOLUMNE MEADOWS & TIOGA ROAD**

*Closed for the season.*

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Pastor Brent Moore,  
*Resident Minister*  
209/372-4831  
[www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org](http://www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org)

**CHAPEL SERVICES**  
Sundays at 9:15 am, year-round  
*Additional service at 11 am, starting May 28*

**PROPANE FUEL**

**Zero Landfill Initiative: Propane Canisters**

You can now buy and exchange Little Kamper 1 lb. propane canisters in Yosemite stores, including at The Village Store, Curry Village Gift Shop, Mountain Shop, Wawona Store and El Portal Market.

1. Purchase a canister.
2. After use, bring the empty canister back to any store that participates in the Little Kamper propane exchange program.
3. Trade in your empty canister for a full one at a lower price.

In alliance with the Zero Landfill Initiative, Yosemite Conservancy, the National Park Service and Yosemite Hospitality are working together to reduce improper disposal of single-use propane canisters and send less waste to our local landfill. Help us by doing your part! *\*This project was made possible in part by a grant from the National Park Foundation through the generous support of Subaru of America.*

**CAMPING & LODGING**

**CAMPING**

Camping in spring is limited. Reservations are available several months in advance and are strongly recommended. Campgrounds are usually full from April to September. Visit [go.nps.gov/campground](http://go.nps.gov/campground) for more information and a schedule of reservation release dates.

**Campground Reservations**  
[www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) (recommended) or 877/444-6777 (7 am to 9 pm PT)

**OPEN CAMPGROUNDS**

- Conditions permitting*
- Camp 4**  
*First-come, first-served until May 21. Reservations available two weeks in advance for May 21 to October 30. Tent camping only, no pets allowed.*
- Upper Pines**  
*By reservation only*
- Lower Pines**  
*By reservation only*
- North Pines**  
*By reservation only*
- Hodgdon Meadow**  
*By reservation only*
- Wawona**  
*By reservation only*

*Sleeping inside a vehicle is only allowed in campsites. You may not sleep overnight in a parking lot or along the side of the road.*

**LODGING**

Lodging inside the park is operated by Yosemite Hospitality. Reservations may be made up to one year in advance and are strongly recommended. Book a stay online at [www.travelyosemite.com](http://www.travelyosemite.com) or by calling 888/413-8869.

# Yosemite Valley Shuttle System



The FREE Yosemite Valley shuttles operate **from 7 am to 10 pm** daily and service stops in numerical order.

## Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route)

Services **ALL** stops.  
Runs approximately every 22 to 32 minutes with a total round-trip time of 1 hour and 30 minutes.

## East Valley Shuttle (Purple Route)

**Temporarily Out of Service During Construction**

Due to construction on Sentinel Drive, East Valley Shuttles will be out of service from spring through fall of 2023. The Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route) will continue to service all stops during construction.

Expect delays during busy periods.

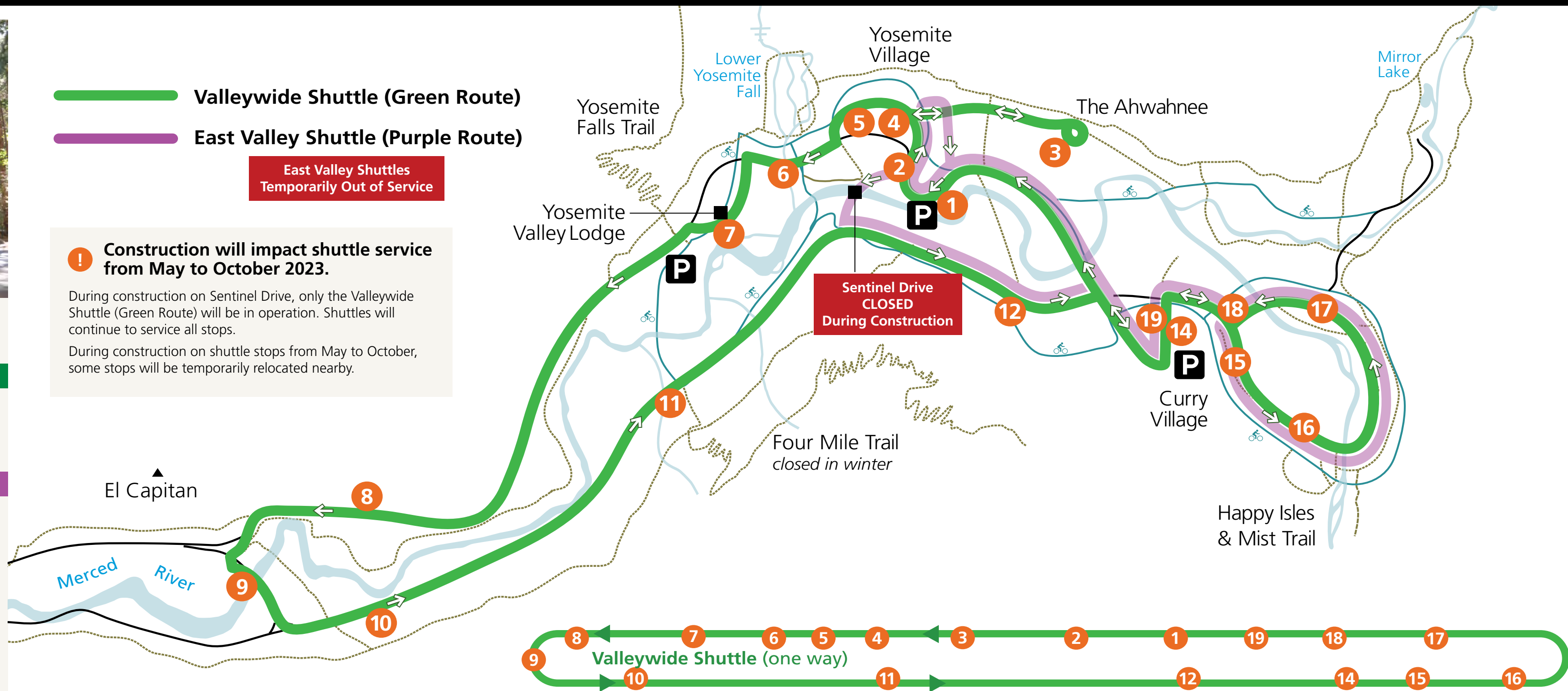
- Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route)
- East Valley Shuttle (Purple Route)

**East Valley Shuttles Temporarily Out of Service**

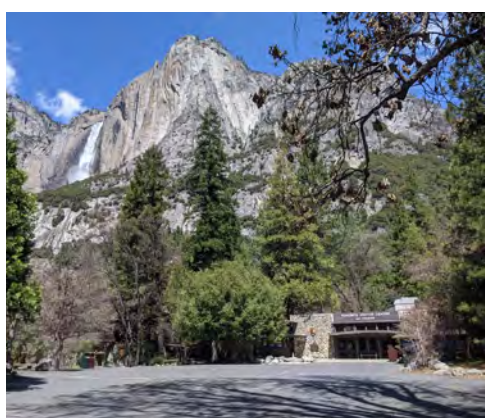
**Construction will impact shuttle service from May to October 2023.**

During construction on Sentinel Drive, only the Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route) will be in operation. Shuttles will continue to service all stops.

During construction on shuttle stops from May to October, some stops will be temporarily relocated nearby.



## VALLEYWIDE SHUTTLE ONLY



### 1 Yosemite Village Parking

**P** Parking area fills early. Once you find a spot, keep it, and use the free shuttle.  
Dining, shopping, and information are only a 5–10 minute walk from here.

### 2 Village Store

Dining, Gift and Grocery  
Less than a 5-minute walk: Post Office, Visitor Center, Theater, Museum

### 3 The Ahwahnee

Lodging, Dining, Gift Shop

### 4 Degnan's Kitchen

Dining, Gift and Grocery  
Less than a 5-minute walk: Post Office, Visitor Center, Theater, Museum



### 5 Visitor Center & Museum

Visitor Center, Theater, Museum  
Less than a 5-minute walk: Post Office, Dining, Gift and Grocery

### 6 Lower Yosemite Fall

Trailhead, Picnic Area, Scenic View



### 7 Yosemite Valley Lodge/Yosemite Falls Parking

Dining, Gift and Grocery, Trailhead

### 8 El Capitan Picnic Area

Scenic View, Picnicking

### 9 El Capitan Meadow

Scenic View

### 10 Cathedral Beach

Scenic View, Picnicking



### 11 Four Mile Trail

Trailhead

### 12 Housekeeping Camp/ Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

Information, Lodging, Gift and Grocery, Showers, Laundry

### 14 Curry Village (eastbound)

Lodging, Dining, Gift and Grocery, Amphitheater, Showers



### 15 Upper Pines Campground

Campground  
Less than a 5-minute walk: Trailhead Parking, Trailhead

### 16 Happy Isles/Mist Trail

Trailhead, Art & Nature Center



### 17 Mirror Lake

Trailhead

### 18 Lower Pines Campground

Campground, Amphitheater

### 19 Curry Village (Westbound)

Lodging, Dining, Gift and Grocery, Amphitheater, Showers

## YARTS

## Travel Recommendations

The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) is a public transit system that provides service into Yosemite National Park.

Buses are air-conditioned, bike friendly, wheelchair accessible, and equipped for rider comfort. Save gas, save time, save money, by taking YARTS!



For more information, bus schedules, and tickets, visit [www.YARTS.com](http://www.YARTS.com) or call 877/989-2787.

Bring plenty of food and water for potential delays and stop and use restrooms when available.

Park your vehicle for the duration of your stay. Driving from site to site increases traffic congestion and can cause frustration for you and your passengers.

Ride the free shuttle buses to enjoy Yosemite Valley most easily once parked.

Arrive early and stay late, and visit Yosemite during the week.

Enjoy the entire Yosemite region—consider visiting gateway communities such as Mariposa, Groveland, Lee Vining, and Oakhurst.

Ride a YARTS bus to enter the park.

# Events and Programs

Go to [www.nps.gov/yose](http://www.nps.gov/yose) or the NPS app to see the web events calendar for more program information. Program offerings and hours are subject to change.

## Weekly Schedule of Programs

TIME	PROGRAM	DURATION	EXCEPTIONS	LOCATION	SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
8:30 am	<b>Birding in Yosemite Valley</b> Reservations required. Register at <a href="http://yosemite.org/adventures">yosemite.org/adventures</a> . \$ (YC)	2 hrs		Yosemite Valley				●			
9 am	<b>Art Class</b> Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for art classes, such as mosaics, colored pencils, and watercolors. Register at <a href="http://Yosemite.org/art">Yosemite.org/art</a> . \$ (YC)	4 hrs		Yosemite Valley		●	●	●	●	●	
9 am	<b>The Ansel Adams Gallery Photography Walk</b> Space is extremely limited, reserve in advance at <a href="http://anseladams.com">anseladams.com</a> or by calling 209/372-4413. (TAAG)	1.5 hrs		Yosemite Valley			●		●		
9 am	<b>In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography</b> Space is limited, reserve in advance at <a href="http://anseladams.com">anseladams.com</a> or by calling 209/372-4413. \$ (TAAG)	3 hrs		Yosemite Valley				●			
11 am	<b>Kids' Art Class</b> Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for art classes geared toward ages 4–11. Walk-ups only, limited space. (YC)	1 hr	Begins May 30	Yosemite Valley		●	●	●	●		
11 am	<b>Nature Journaling</b> Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for an introduction to quick and easy nature journaling for all ages. Supplies provided! (YC)	20 min	Begins June 2	Yosemite Valley						●	
1 pm	<b>Kids' Art Class</b> Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for art classes geared toward ages 4–11. Walk-ups only, limited space. (YC)	1 hr	Begins May 30	Yosemite Valley		●	●	●	●		
1 pm	<b>Birding and Wildlife Walk in Yosemite Valley</b> Reservations required. Register at <a href="http://Yosemite.org/adventures">Yosemite.org/adventures</a> . \$ (YC)	2 hrs		Yosemite Valley				●			
1 pm	<b>In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams</b> Space is limited, reserve in advance at <a href="http://anseladams.com">anseladams.com</a> or by calling 209/372-4413. \$ (TAAG)	4 hrs		Yosemite Valley		●					
1 pm	<b>Ansel Adams's Legacy and Your Digital Camera</b> Space is limited, reserve in advance at <a href="http://anseladams.com">anseladams.com</a> or by calling 209/372-4413. \$ (TAAG)	4 hrs		Yosemite Valley					●		
1 pm	<b>In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography</b> Space is limited, reserve in advance at <a href="http://anseladams.com">anseladams.com</a> or by calling 209/372-4413. \$ (TAAG)	3 hrs		Yosemite Valley							●
2 pm	<b>Paint &amp; Sip</b> Learn the basics of watercolor and create an iconic Yosemite landscape step-by-step. Meet at the Mountain Room Lounge, register in advance at <a href="http://Yosemite.org/art">Yosemite.org/art</a> . \$ (YC)	2 hrs	Begins May 26	Yosemite Valley						●	
2 pm	<b>Family Ranger Talk</b> Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center (NPS)	15 min		Yosemite Valley	●			●		●	●
2:30 pm	<b>Kids' Art Class</b> Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for art classes geared toward ages 4–11. Walk-ups only, limited space. (YC)	1 hr	Begins June 12	Yosemite Valley		●	●				
5 pm	<b>Plant Stories and the Wonders of Botany</b> Reservations required. Register at <a href="http://Yosemite.org/adventures">Yosemite.org/adventures</a> . \$ (YC)	2 hrs		Yosemite Valley						●	
9 pm	<b>Explore Yosemite's Night Sky</b> Reservations required. Register at <a href="http://Yosemite.org/adventures">Yosemite.org/adventures</a> . \$ (YC)	2 hrs		Yosemite Valley	●	●		●	●	●	●

## Special Programs & Events

EVENT	DATE & TIME	LOCATION
<b>Big Trees, Big Impact: Our Connection to Giant Sequoia</b> Presented by Lee Terkelsen, Nature and Historical Filmmaker. Seating limited to 50 guests.	Friday, May 12 8 pm to 9:30 pm	Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (Shuttle stop 12)
<b>Who's A Park Ranger?</b> This interactive program is great for families and will have everyone out of their seats performing various tasks to help protect Yosemite! Presented by Connor McIntosh, the Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center Curator.	Friday, May 19 8 pm to 9:30 pm	Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (Shuttle stop 12)
<b>Evening Program: To Be Announced</b> Visit <a href="http://www.sierraclub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center">www.sierraclub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center</a> for updated program information.	Saturday, June 3 8 pm to 9:30 pm	Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (Shuttle stop 12)

Programs especially for children and their families  
 Programs are offered on marked days  
 NPS National Park Service  
 YC Yosemite Conservancy  
 YH Yosemite Hospitality  
 SC Sierra Club  
 TAAG The Ansel Adams Gallery  
 \$ Programs with a fee

Indicates facilities accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. Short, steep inclines may be encountered.  
 Contact 209/379-5250 (v/txt) to request a sign language interpreter. Advanced notice of two weeks is requested, but not required.  
 Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advanced request for any public program. Inquire at any visitor center or tour desk.



### Yosemite Valley

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center is open daily from 9 am to 5 pm. Find visitor information, become a Junior Ranger, and browse the Yosemite Conservancy bookstore.

Visit the Yosemite Valley Theater to watch *The Spirit of Yosemite*. Showings are on the hour and half-hour between 9:30 am and 4 pm (first showing at 12 pm on Sundays.)

The Yosemite Museum is open from 10 am to 5 pm daily (closed for lunch.) Explore the park's cultural connections through live demonstrations, baskets and other objects on display, and the outdoor Indian Village.

*All hours subject to change due to limited staffing.*

### Mariposa Grove & Wawona

Starting May 26, the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio is open from 9 am to 5 pm.

Visit the Yosemite History Center to experience life in the early days of Yosemite National Park. Take a self-guided tour of the area.

Park at the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza and hike to the grove (2 miles each way, with 500 feet of elevation gain.) Snow and ice may be present on trails through the grove, even in spring. When conditions allow, shuttle service begins from the Welcome Plaza to the grove.

### Hodgdon Meadow & Crane Flat

Starting May 26, the Big Oak Flat Information Station is open daily from 8 am to 5 pm. Find visitor information, wilderness permits, and the Yosemite Conservancy bookstore.

### Glacier Point

Glacier Point Road is closed for the season.

### Hetch Hetchy

Open daily from 8 am to 9 pm.

## More Activities with Park Partners

### Yosemite Conservancy

Join Yosemite Conservancy for a memorable experience in the park! Advanced registration is required for all Outdoor Adventures. Explore our website ([yosemite.org](http://yosemite.org)) and follow us on social media to find the latest updates from our team, learn more about our organization, and browse our full program calendar.

#### Custom Adventures

Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist guide for a customized experience that fits your interests and schedule. Experience the park on personalized day hikes, birding walks, stargazing programs and backpacking trips. Learn more and sign up: [yosemite.org/custom-adventures](http://yosemite.org/custom-adventures).

#### Art Classes

Head to Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for an outdoor workshop with a professional artist, nature journaling strolls, children's art activities, and nature exhibits. Pre-registration is recommended for art classes. Drop-ins are welcome as space is available. Open daily from 9 am to 4 pm.

### The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery, located in Yosemite Village, is open daily from 10 am to 5 pm. The Gallery may close for lunch. Experience a variety of fine arts, handcrafts, and a collection of Ansel Adams' original photographs. The gallery also offers half-day or full-day photography classes and private guided tours led by a resident staff photographer. Classes leave from the Gallery and require reservations; call 209/372-4413 or visit [anseladams.com/photography-education](http://anseladams.com/photography-education).

### Sierra Club

The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge) is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm.

Sierra Club volunteers welcome visitors to explore the exhibits, the natural history library, and the children's corner. For more information, call 209/372-4542 or visit the Sierra Club website: [www.sierraclub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center](http://www.sierraclub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center).

### Yosemite Hospitality

In Yosemite Valley, reserve your spot on a Valley Floor Tour, offered daily at 10 am and 2 pm. Visit [travelyosemite.com](http://travelyosemite.com), stop by the tour desk at the Yosemite Valley Lodge, or call 888/413-8869 to book tours and activities.

The Yosemite Mountaineering School offers guided hikes and rock climbing in Yosemite Valley, as conditions allow. Call 209/372-8344 for more information.

In Wawona, join pianist and singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs songs and tells stories from Yosemite's past.

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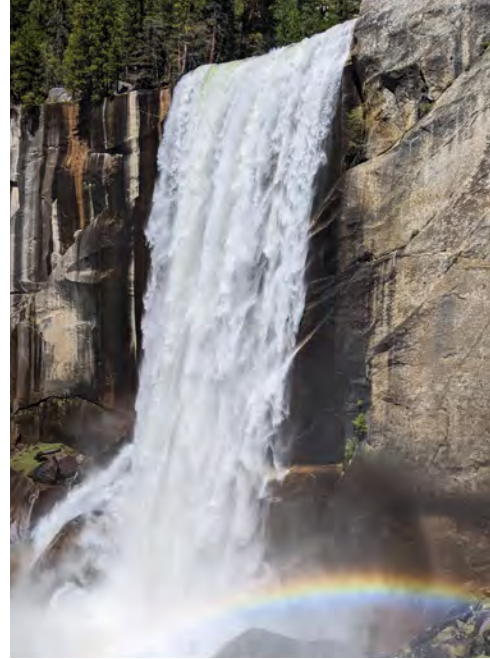
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# Hiking



Mirror Lake



Vernal Fall



Columbia Rock via Yosemite Falls Trail



Hetch Hetchy Valley



Mariposa Grove Arrival Area

Yosemite Valley					
Trails may be icy or snowy, even in spring.					
FEATURES	TRAIL/DESTINATION	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE/TIME	STARTING POINT	ELEVATION
	Mirror Lake/Meadow <i>Dry in summer and fall</i>	When filled in winter and spring, the lake offers beautiful reflections of surrounding cliffs, otherwise a scenic meadow.	2 mi/3.2 km round-trip, 1 hour -OR- 5 miles/8 km, 2 hours	Shuttle Stop 17	Mostly flat or gentle slopes. First section is paved.
	Lower Yosemite Fall	A short trail rewards visitors with views of Upper and Lower Yosemite Falls. This waterfall may be dry in late summer and early fall. Expect lots of spray in spring and early summer.	1.0 mi/1.6 km round-trip, 20 minutes	Shuttle Stop 6	Paved, mostly flat. Take longer loop to the right for a more gentle incline.
	Columbia Rock via Yosemite Falls Trail	Enjoy views of Yosemite Valley from Columbia Rock, located one mile (and dozens of switchbacks) from the trailhead.	2 mi/3.2 km round-trip, 2 to 3 hours	Camp 4, Shuttle Stop 7	Steep and rugged; 1,000-foot elevation gain
	Yosemite Falls Trail	This trail leads to the top of North America's tallest waterfall. The upper half of the trail is steep and rocky, but the arduous climb is worth it for the amazing views.	7.2 mi/11.6 km round-trip, 6 to 8 hours	Camp 4, Shuttle Stop 7	Steep and rugged; 2,700-foot elevation gain
	Vernal Fall Footbridge	Hike the first section of the Mist Trail. An excellent view of Vernal Fall is visible from the footbridge.	1.4 mi/2.3 km round-trip, 1 to 2 hours	Happy Isles, Shuttle Stop 16	Paved but steep; 400-foot elevation gain
	Top of Vernal Fall	Follow the Mist Trail up a steep granite stairway of over 600 steps. A section of this trail are closed during the winter and early spring, but the top of the fall can still be reached from Clark Point via the John Muir Trail.	3 mi/4.8 km round-trip, 2 to 4 hours	Happy Isles, Shuttle Stop 16	Strenuous; 1,000-foot elevation gain
	Top of Nevada Fall	Reach the top of Nevada Fall by Mist Trail or via the John Muir Trail (bypassing Vernal Fall). Portions of the John Muir and Mist Trails are closed in winter and early spring due to ice.	5 mi/8 km round-trip, 5 to 6 hours	Happy Isles, Shuttle Stop 16	Strenuous; 1,900-foot elevation gain
	Valley Floor Loop Trail	A grand tour of the valley, this trail takes you through picturesque meadows, talus slopes at the base of granite cliffs, and near the Merced River.	13 mi/21 km full loop, 5 to 7 hours full loop	Lower Yosemite Fall, Shuttle Stop 6	Mostly flat, with some gentle incline.
	Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point <i>Closed in winter and early spring</i>	Hike this strenuous but rewarding trail for outstanding views of Yosemite Valley below. Four Mile Trail is closed in winter and early spring due to hazardous icy conditions.	4.8 mi/7.7 km one-way, 3 to 4 hours one-way	Shuttle Stop 11	Very Strenuous; 3,200-foot elevation gain

Waterfall Scenic Views Lake One Hour or Less Wheelchair Accessible

## Wilderness Permits

Wilderness permits are required year-round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness. All trailhead quotas will be available online in advance for the 2023 hiking season. Visit [go.nps.gov/wildpermits](https://www.nps.gov/wildpermits) to learn how to get a permit this spring—or to plan for the summer ahead.

Please come prepared with your own bear canister or rent one at any open wilderness center.

**Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center**  
Open 8 am to 5 pm daily.

**Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio**  
Opens May 26, 8 am to 5 pm daily.

**Big Oak Flat Information Station**  
Opens May 26, 8 am to 5 pm daily.

**Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station**  
Open 8 am to 5 pm daily.

**Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center**  
Closed for the season.

## Half Dome Permits

Permits are required 7 days a week when the cables are up, typically from late May to mid-October, conditions permitting. Due to heavy winter snowpack, installation of cables may be delayed in 2023.

Permits are available by pre-season and daily lotteries. More information is available at [go.nps.gov/hdpermits](https://www.nps.gov/hdpermits).

For backpackers wanting to climb Half Dome as part of a wilderness trip, information can be found at [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits](https://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits).

## Hetch Hetchy

FEATURES	TRAIL/DESTINATION	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE/TIME	STARTING POINT	ELEVATION
	Wapama Falls	This hike follows the shoreline of the reservoir to the base of Wapama Falls. The Wapama Falls footbridge can sometimes close when water levels are too high.	5 mi/8 km round trip, 2 to 4 hours	Begin at O'Shaughnessy Dam	1,000-foot elevation gain

## Wawona

	Wawona Meadow Loop	A relaxing and scenic stroll, this trail offers views across Wawona Basin and opportunities to see wildlife. Bikes and leashed pets are allowed.	3.5 mi/5.6 km round-trip, 1.5 to 2 hours	Begin across the street from Wawona Hotel	Mostly flat, unpaved
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## Giant Sequoia Groves

*In winter and spring, the Mariposa Grove can only be reached on foot. It's a 2-mile walk each way (with 500 ft of elevation gain) to the entrance of the grove from the parking area, via the Mariposa Grove Road or the Washburn Trail. This route may be snowy or icy. Shuttle service to the grove begins in spring, when conditions allow.*

	Tuolumne Grove Trail	Follow the Old Big Oak Flat Road—one of the first roads into Yosemite Valley—down through sugar pines and white firs to the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias. The trail may be icy or snowy in winter and early spring.	2.5 mi/4 km round-trip, 1 to 2 hours	Begin at Tuolumne Grove parking lot at Crane Flat on Tioga Road	500-foot elevation gain
	Merced Grove Trail	This trail follows an old road that curves down into the Merced Grove, the smallest and most secluded of Yosemite's three sequoia groves. The trail may be icy or snowy in winter and early spring.	3 mi/4.8 km round-trip, 1 to 3 hours	Begin at Merced Grove parking lot on Big Oak Flat Road	300-foot elevation gain
	Mariposa Grove—Big Trees Loop Trail	Winding through a forest with many giant sequoias, this trail features the Fallen Monarch and interpretive panels on the life and ecology of giant sequoias.	0.3 mi/0.5 km loop, 30 to 45 minutes	Begin at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area	Mostly flat, wheelchair accessible
	Mariposa Grove—Grizzly Giant Loop Trail	Hike past notable trees such as the Bachelor and Three Graces, the Grizzly Giant, and California Tunnel Tree.	2.1 mi/3.4 km round-trip, 1.5 to 2 hours	Begin at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area	300-foot elevation gain

## Hiking Preparedness

**Ask a ranger about trail conditions before you go.** Due to historic winter storms, many trails will remain snowy, flooded, and/or muddy well into the summer. Even when snow has disappeared from the valley floor, hikers climbing to higher elevations may encounter reminders of winter. Snow-covered trails may be very difficult to navigate. **Use extra caution around flowing water.** Some creek crossings may be impassable. Never enter rivers or streams above waterfalls. **Adjust your expectations of what hikes will be possible this spring and summer and don't rely on past conditions and trip reports.**

## Safety Information



### Preventing Dehydration

Always carry more water than you need. Prevent dehydration by sipping lots of water throughout your hike and frequently eating salty snacks.



### Rivers and Streams

Yosemite's water is deceptively dangerous. Visitors are strongly urged to keep a safe distance from all falling or moving water.



### Pets

Pets are permitted on fully paved roads, sidewalks, and bicycle paths only (except when signed as not allowing pets.)



### Drones

The use of drones within the park boundaries is illegal under all circumstances.



### Bicycling

Bicycles are only allowed on paved roads and bike paths.

### Safety for All Seasons

Bring plenty of water for your entire hike. Drinking water is not available outside of developed areas.

Pack essentials—including a flashlight, sunscreen, weather-appropriate clothing, sturdy footwear, plenty of snacks, and reliable navigation tools.

Stay on established trails.

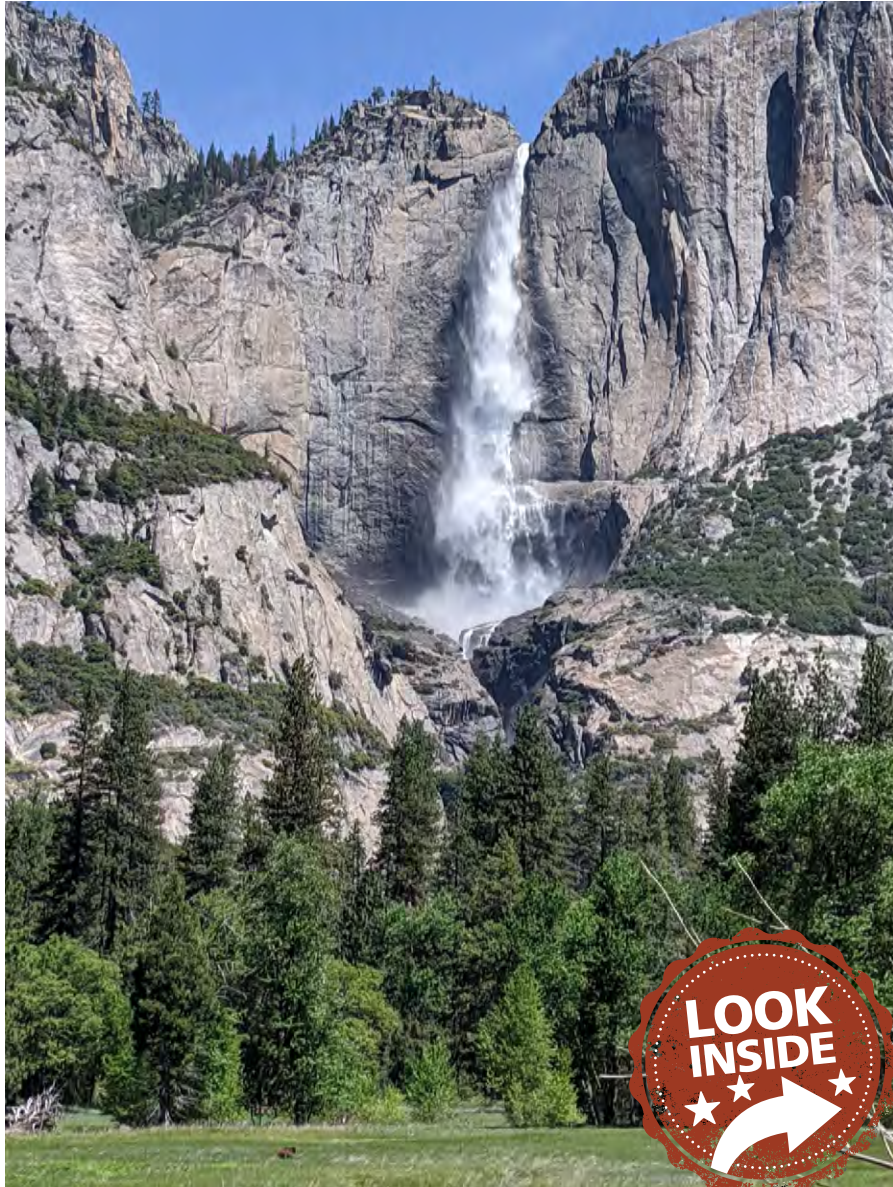
Know your limits. Choose a trail that is the right fit for everyone in your group, and ensure you have plenty of time to make it back before sunset.

Always leave your travel and hiking plans, including time of return, with a trusted person.

YOU are responsible for your safety.

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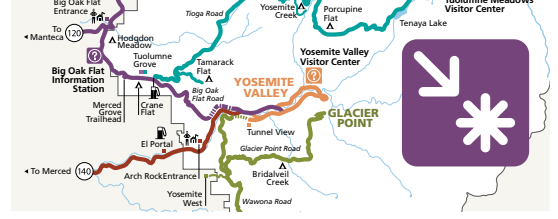
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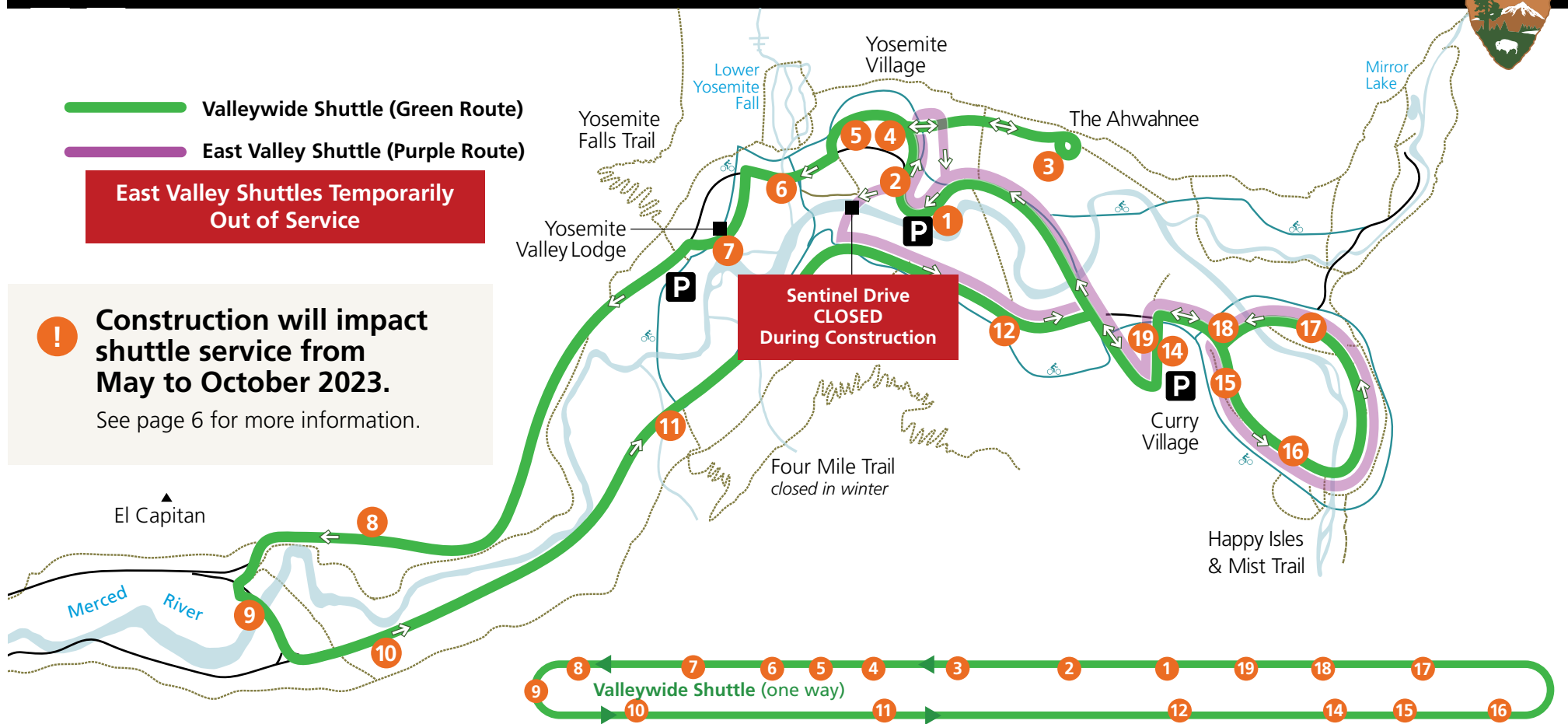


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### Yosemite Valley Shuttle Map See page 6 for more information on this free service.



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| <b>1</b> Yosemite Village Parking                      | <b>3</b> The Ahwahnee        | <b>8</b> El Capitan Picnic Area     | <b>12</b> Housekeeping Camp/ Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center | <b>16</b> Happy Isles/ Mist Trail |
| <b>2</b> Village Store                                 | <b>4</b> Degnan's Kitchen    | <b>9</b> El Capitan Meadow          | <b>14</b> Curry Village (eastbound)                                | <b>17</b> Mirror Lake             |
| <b>5</b> Visitor Center & Museum                       | <b>6</b> Lower Yosemite Fall | <b>10</b> Cathedral Beach           | <b>15</b> Upper Pines Campground                                   | <b>18</b> Lower Pines Campground  |
| <b>7</b> Yosemite Valley Lodge/ Yosemite Falls Parking | <b>11</b> Four Mile Trail    | <b>19</b> Curry Village (Westbound) |  |                                   |