



Yosemite Guide



a scenic stroll through Tuolumne Meadows

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Yosemite National Park **July 16 – August 19, 2025**

21 bears were hit by vehicles in Yosemite last year.



You are driving in wildlife habitat.

Follow posted speed limits, drive carefully, and watch for animals crossing the road.

"Red Bear, Dead Bear" signs on park roads mark places where bears have been hit.



Pets are NOT allowed on hiking trails.

Pets are **ONLY** permitted on paved walking and biking paths, in most campgrounds, and in parking areas. Pets must be leashed at all times. Properly dispose of pet waste. Turn to pages 10 & 11 for pet-friendly walks in Yosemite Valley.

Service dogs are allowed anywhere that visitors can go. A service dog is trained to perform a specific task to assist a person with a disability. Emotional support, therapy, and companion animals are all subject to pet regulations.

Digital Resources

Take maps and park information with you while you explore the park. Available for iOS and Android.



National Park Service app

Yosemite National Park website www.nps.gov/yose

Social Media Let's be friends! [@YosemiteNPS](#) [@YosemiteNPS](#)

Enjoy Your National Park!

② Finding Help

In an Emergency: Call or Text 911

General Park Information

209/372-0200

Road Conditions (Recorded)

209/372-0200 (press 1, then 1)

24-hour Roadside Assistance

209/372-1060

Yosemite Medical Clinic

209/372-4637

Lost & Found

 Check at the nearest open information center or hotel front desk, or visit go.nps.gov/lost to report a lost item.

Accessibility

 Download an Accessibility Guide: go.nps.gov/AccessYosemite

🏠 Park Regulations

The National Park Service is dedicated to protecting Yosemite for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. Regulations are in place to protect both visitors and park resources.

Prohibited activities include:

- Using drones
- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants and animals
- Hunting animals
- Picking up archaeological 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
- Possession or using marijuana, including medical marijuana



Yosemite Essentials



Curry Village Parking

Things to Know

Expect Yosemite Valley to be busy.

Arrive early to avoid long lines at entrances and to find parking more easily. Park in one of three main Valley parking areas (Curry Village, Yosemite Village, or Yosemite Falls) and walk, bike, or use free shuttles to reach trailheads and other Valley destinations. *Turn to page 6 for a shuttle map.* **Sign up for Yosemite traffic alerts by texting ynptraffic to 333111.**

Waterfalls may be dry by late summer.

Peak runoff typically happens in May or June, during spring snowmelt. Some waterfalls (including Yosemite Falls) may be only a trickle or completely dry by August.

Be aware of summer thunderstorms.

Check the weather forecast before you go, and pay attention to conditions while hiking. Stay off granite domes and other high-elevation, exposed places during storms, when there is a high risk of lightning strikes. Take shelter in a building or hard-topped vehicle when possible.

It's wildfire season in Yosemite.

Smoke from wildfires inside or outside the park may affect visibility and can pose a health concern, especially for sensitive individuals.

Fires are only allowed in portable stoves, barbecue grills, and **established** fire rings. Never leave a fire unattended; extinguish the fire *completely* before you leave it. *Additional fire restrictions may be in effect, depending on conditions.*



Peak-Hours Reservations

A reservation is required to drive into or pass through Yosemite between 6 am and 2 pm on some dates in 2025:

DAILY JUNE 15 – AUGUST 15 + LABOR DAY WEEKEND (AUGUST 30 – SEPTEMBER 1)



To make a reservation, visit Recreation.gov

scan the QR code

To learn more, visit go.nps.gov/reserve
Para obtener más información, visite go.nps.gov/reservar

Visitors can enter Yosemite with a **peak-hours reservation** OR a **wilderness or Half Dome permit** OR **in-park camping, lodging, or vacation rental** OR **regional transit or tour group.**

It is illegal to approach or feed any wild animal in Yosemite,
including birds and squirrels.



DISTANCE FROM WILDLIFE: 150 feet = about four bus-lengths.

Wildlife can cause injuries and transmit diseases.
Human food is unhealthy for wild animals.
Animals used to being fed can become dangerous and be killed as a result.

Stay at least 150 ft (46 m)
from bears and coyotes.

Stay at least 25 ft (8 m)
from all other wildlife.



Keep Bears Wild: Proper Food Storage is Required by Federal Law

To a bear, "food" also includes trash, toiletries, and anything else with a scent. All must be properly stored.



During the Day

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



At Night

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

If you see a bear in the park, email yose_bear_mgmt@nps.gov or call the Save-a-Bear hotline at 209/372-0322. To learn more about food storage and bears, visit KeepBearsWild.org.

Park Map



Your GPS Might be Wrong
GPS navigation can give incorrect directions inside the park. Follow directional signs on park roads, and do not enter closed areas.

YOSEMITE VALLEY



Yosemite Valley is famous for its waterfalls, towering granite walls, and iconic features like El Capitan and Half Dome.

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

Park at **Curry Village**, **Yosemite Village**, or **Yosemite Falls** and walk, bike, or ride a free shuttle to your destination (turn to page 6.)

VISITOR SERVICES

-  **Welcome Center (Yosemite Village)**
9 am – 5 pm. *Information, junior ranger booklets, lost & found, gifts.*
-  **Exploration Center (Yosemite Village)**
9 am – 5 pm *Exhibits, park film, gifts.*
-  **Yosemite Museum (Yosemite Village)**
10 am – 5 pm daily (closed for lunch.) *Exhibits, cultural demonstrations, gifts.*
-  **Happy Isles Art & Nature Center**
9 am – 4 pm daily. *Art classes, activities, exhibits. Visit [Yosemite.org/art](https://www.yosemite.org/art) for class schedule.*
Variety of dining, shopping, recreation, & other services: turn to page 4.

THINGS TO DO

Turn to pages 10 & 11 for a map of the Valley and information about trails.

Tunnel View Take in an iconic view from the mouth of Yosemite Valley.

Yosemite Village Check out exhibits, art, the park film, and the museum. (pg 4)

Cook's Meadow & Lower Yosemite Fall (Shuttle stop 6) Short, scenic strolls through the heart of the Valley on paved, wheelchair-accessible trails; see Yosemite Falls, Half Dome, the Merced River, and more.

El Capitan Meadow (Shuttle stop 9) Enjoy views of El Capitan and watch rock climbers in action.

Attend a class or program Explore talks, tours, guided hikes, and art classes. (pg 8)

Explore by bicycle Bring your own or rent one. Bikes are not allowed on hiking trails, but you can enjoy over 12 miles of paved, scenic bike paths in Yosemite Valley! (pg 7)


TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS



The trip across Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. Tuolumne Meadows embodies the Sierra Nevada high country, the Tuolumne River winding through domes, peaks, and peaceful meadows. It's also the jumping-off point for many hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week.

DIRECTIONS 1.5 hours from Yosemite Valley. Drive 16 mi/26 km north on Big Oak Flat Rd to Crane Flat. Turn right onto Tioga Rd. Continue 39 mi/63 km to Tuolumne Meadows.

VISITOR SERVICES

 **Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center**
9 am – 5 pm

This area of the park is very remote, so plan ahead. Little or no cell service. No gas. Limited services: turn to page 5.

THINGS TO DO

Olmsted Point Stop at this popular roadside overlook with excellent views of Half Dome, Clouds Rest, and Tenaya Lake.

Tenaya Lake Enjoy a picnic, a walk, or a chilly dip in the lake!

Soda Springs Take a scenic stroll through the heart of Tuolumne Meadows, with views of the river and surrounding domes and peaks.

Enjoy a longer hike in Yosemite Wilderness If you have time, explore one of the many scenic trails in this area! Stop by the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center for maps, recommendations, and current trail information.

HETCH HETCHY



Walk across the O'Shaughnessy Dam, hike along the reservoir, or access Yosemite's Wilderness. Pick up a free map brochure at the entrance station for information about trails. **Open sunrise to sunset only.**

Swimming and boating are not permitted in the reservoir. Pets are not allowed on the dam or on trails.

DIRECTIONS Located 38 mi (61 km) or 1.5 hours from Yosemite Valley. Take Big Oak Flat Road to the Big Oak Flat Entrance. Just after exiting the park, turn right on Evergreen Road. Follow signs to Hetch Hetchy entrance. *Vehicles and trailers over 25 ft long and 8 ft wide are not permitted on Hetch Hetchy Rd.*


CRANE FLAT



Hike to two quiet sequoia groves near the Big Oak Flat Entrance.

DIRECTIONS 16 mi/26 km (30 min) from Yosemite Valley, on Big Oak Flat Road.

VISITOR SERVICES

 **Big Oak Flat Information Station**
8 am – 5 pm daily

Gas station, limited grocery & gifts.
Turn to page 5.

THINGS TO DO

Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias Trailhead located on Tioga Rd, just north of Crane Flat. Hike 2 mi/3.2 km (roundtrip) to the grove. Add an optional 0.5-mi/0.8-km loop around the nature trail. Expect a steep climb of 500 ft/150 m on the return to the trailhead.

Merced Grove of Giant Sequoias

A very small and quiet sequoia grove. From the trailhead on Big Oak Flat Rd, hike 3 mi/4.8 km (roundtrip) to the grove. Expect a steep climb of 520 ft/160 m on the return to the trailhead.

GLACIER POINT



Take in stunning views of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and the high Sierra.

DIRECTIONS 1 hour from Yosemite Valley. Drive south on Wawona Road for 9 mi/14 km. Turn left onto Glacier Point Road and continue for 16 mi/26 km.

VISITOR SERVICES Limited gifts & snacks.
Turn to page 5.

THINGS TO DO

Glacier Point Overlook Enjoy spectacular views of the Valley floor, 3,200 ft below, as well as Half Dome and the high Sierra. Paved, wheelchair-accessible path.

Sentinel Dome & Taft Point Starting from the trailhead on Glacier Point Rd, hike 2.4 mi/3.9 km (roundtrip) west to Taft Point, a scenic overlook along the Valley rim. From the same trailhead, hike 1.8 mi/ 3 km (roundtrip) northeast to Sentinel Dome. *Map on page 11.*


WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE



Explore giant sequoias, meadows, and the South Fork Merced River near Yosemite's South Entrance.


DIRECTIONS From Yosemite Valley, drive south on the Wawona Rd for 30 mi (48 km), or about one hour.

VISITOR SERVICES

 **Wawona Visitor Center**
8 am – 5 pm daily

Gas station, limited grocery & gifts (page 5.)

THINGS TO DO

 **Yosemite History Center** Explore the early days of tourism in Yosemite. Outdoor exhibits open daily.

Wawona Meadow Loop Starting across from the Wawona Hotel, enjoy a mostly-flat, pet-friendly 3.5-mile loop around the scenic meadow.

Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias

Visit Yosemite's largest sequoia grove and explore miles of scenic trails. Shuttles run from the parking area to the grove daily from 8 am to 7 pm. *Turn to page 7 for more shuttle information.*



Transportation

Yosemite Valley Shuttle System



Yosemite Valley shuttles are FREE and operate **from 7 am to 10 pm** daily. No ticket required.



Valleywide Shuttle (green)

Serves **ALL** stops. Runs approx. every 22 – 32 min.
Round-trip time of 1.5 hours.



East Valley Shuttle (purple)

Serves east Valley destinations **ONLY**. Runs approx. every 18 – 22 min. Round-trip time of 50 min.

Yosemite Valley Shuttle Stops

STOP	SHUTTLES	DESTINATION	AT THIS STOP
1		Yosemite Village Parking ALL Shuttles.	Parking, welcome center, Village Store.
2		Welcome Center ALL Shuttles.	Welcome center, Village Store, Exploration Center, museum, post office, shopping, dining.
3		The Ahwahnee Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.	Lodging, fine dining.
4		Degnan's Kitchen Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.	Welcome center, Village Store, Exploration Center, museum, post office, shopping, dining.
5		Exploration Center Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.	Exploration Center, museum, post office, gallery, wilderness center
6		Lower Yosemite Fall Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.	Trailheads, picnic area.
7		Camp 4, Yosemite Valley Lodge, Yosemite Falls Parking Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.	Parking, lodging, camping, trailheads, casual dining.
8		El Capitan Picnic Area Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.	Picnic area.

STOP	SHUTTLES	DESTINATION	AT THIS STOP
9		El Capitan Meadow Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.	Scenic area.
10		Cathedral Beach Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.	Picnic area.
11		Four Mile Trailhead Valleywide Shuttle ONLY.	Trailhead.
12		Housekeeping Camp & Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center ALL Shuttles.	Lodging (seasonal), laundry (seasonal), exhibits & programs (seasonal).
14		Curry Village—eastbound ALL Shuttles.	Parking, lodging, dining, gift & grocery.
15		Upper Pines Campground ALL Shuttles.	Pines campgrounds.
16		Happy Isles ALL Shuttles.	Trailhead, Art & Nature Center (seasonal.)
17		Mirror Lake ALL Shuttles.	Trailhead.
18		Lower Pines Campground ALL Shuttles.	Pines campgrounds.
19		Curry Village—westbound ALL Shuttles.	Parking, lodging, dining, gift & grocery.



Pets are NOT allowed on shuttles.

Service dogs are legally permitted anywhere that visitors can go. Emotional support, therapy, and companion animals are subject to all pet regulations.



Parking

In Yosemite Valley, use one of three main parking areas: **Curry Village** ^{14 19}, **Yosemite Village** ¹, or **Yosemite Falls** ⁷. Parking can completely fill by late morning on weekends and holidays. Once you find a parking space, keep it. Walk, bike, or ride a shuttle to trailheads and other destinations.

Park only in designated parking spaces or in a paved turnout, pulled completely off the road. Vehicles parked on vegetation or blocking traffic are subject to citation and may be towed.



Roadside Assistance

24-hour roadside assistance:
call 209/372-1060



Electric Vehicle Charging

EV charging is available at no cost, courtesy of Yosemite Hospitality.

Yosemite Valley Locations

- The Ahwahnee (6) *valet-only during construction*
- Curry Village (20)
- Welcome Center (4)
- Yosemite Falls Parking (10)
- Yosemite Valley Lodge (8)

El Portal Locations

- Market & Gas Station (2)

Wawona Locations

- Wawona Store (24)

Tuolumne Meadows Locations

when Tioga Rd is open

- near Tuolumne Meadows Store (4)



Gas Stations

There are NO gas stations in Yosemite Valley.

- **El Portal Gas Station** *outside the park gate*
15 mi from Yosemite Valley (downhill)
- **Crane Flat Gas Station**
16.5 mi from Yosemite Valley (uphill)
- **Wawona Gas Station**
28 mi from Yosemite Valley (uphill)

Gas & diesel are available 24 hours with pay-at-the-pump (card only.) *Staffed hours on page 5.*



Bicycling in Yosemite

Where to Ride Enjoy several miles of scenic, paved bike paths through Yosemite Valley. Bicycles are also allowed on park roads (cyclists must obey traffic laws.) **Bicycles are NOT allowed on hiking trails.** The speed limit on bike paths is 15 mph. Helmets are required by law for children under 18.

Rentals Bicycles are available for full-day and half-day rentals (turn to pages 4 & 5 for hours and locations.) Standard adult & children's bikes are first-come, first-served. Bikes with trailers are available at Yosemite Valley Lodge and Curry Village only. ADA bicycles are available by reservation: call 209/372-1208.

Yosemite Bike Share Bikes may be available for 1-2 hour rides. Check goyose.org/bikeshare for information.

E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors less than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed.



Bus & Shuttle Service

• Travel to Yosemite via YARTS (\$)

The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) is a public transit system that provides service into Yosemite. Enjoy year-round service from Merced and seasonal service from Sonora, Mammoth Lakes, and Fresno. Buses are air-conditioned, bike-friendly, wheelchair-accessible, and equipped for rider comfort. Save gas, save time, save money, by taking YARTS! For bus schedules and tickets, visit www.YARTS.com or call 877/989-2787.

• Yosemite Valley Shuttles (free)

Daily, year-round service. Refer to map at left.

• Mariposa Grove Shuttles (free)

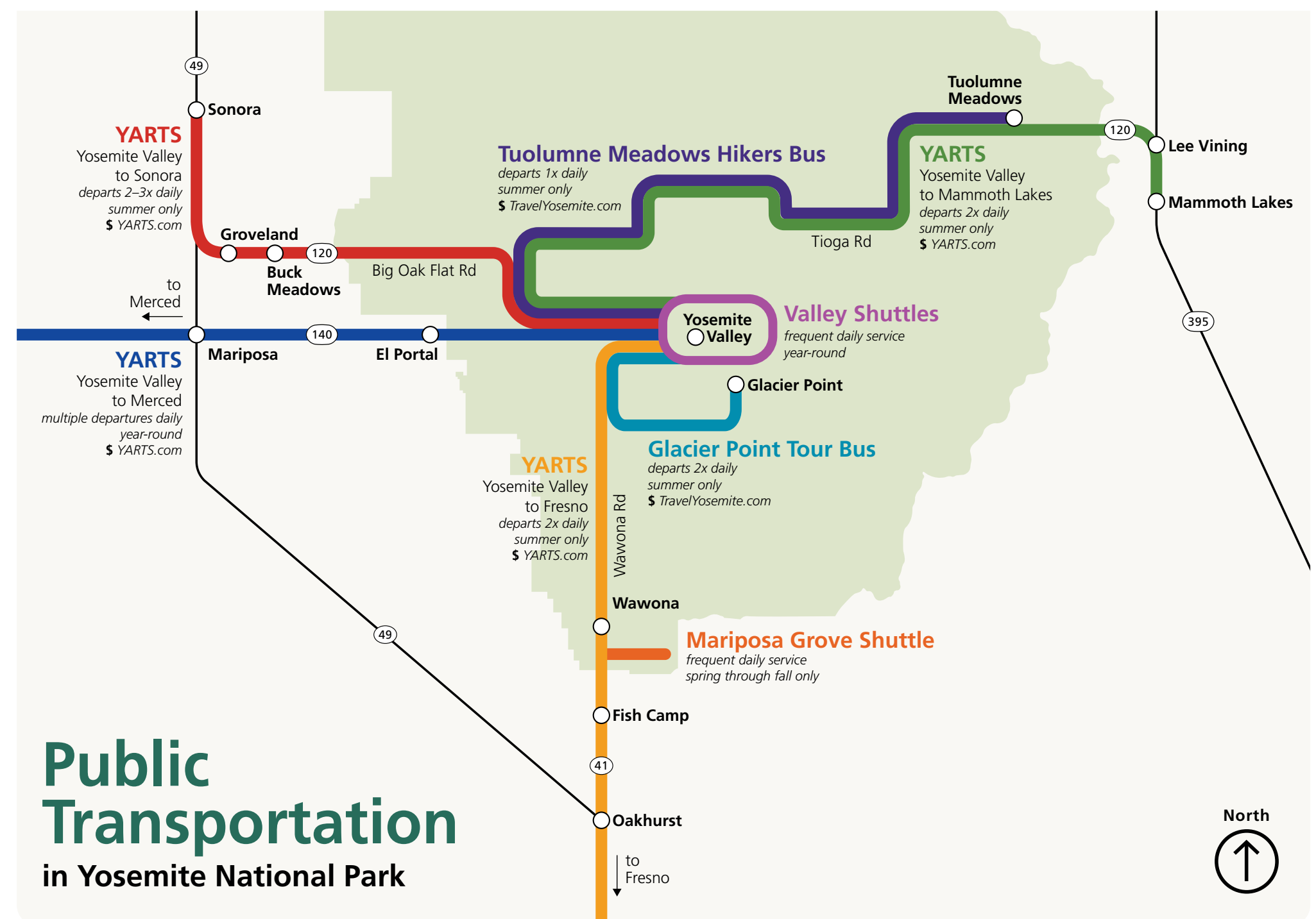
Daily service: **8 am to 7 pm**; *last bus leaves the grove at 8:30 pm*. Shuttle service from the parking area (near South Entrance) to the grove and trailheads. *Vehicles with a valid disability placard may drive the Mariposa Grove Road as far as the Grizzly Giant during shuttle operating hours.*

• Tuolumne Meadows Hikers Bus (\$)

Departs Yosemite Valley once daily, with hiker dropoffs and pickups along Tioga Road. Visit the Yosemite Valley Lodge tour desk for details and tickets.

• Glacier Point Tour Bus (\$)











Departs 8:30 am & 1:30 pm. Book a round-trip tour or a one-way ticket to hike back to Yosemite Valley. (NO hiker pickup at Glacier Point.) Visit TravelYosemite.com or an in-park tour desk for details and tickets.



Programs

Visit [go.nps.gov/YosemiteCalendar](https://www.nps.gov/yosemitecalendar) or the **NPS app** to view the online calendar. Program offerings are subject to change, depending on conditions and staff availability. Check listings at information centers daily for additional program offerings.






YOSEMITE VALLEY: WALKS, TALKS, & TOURS

DAY & TIME		PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
Multiple Tours Daily		Valley Floor Tour Experience the highlights of Yosemite Valley on an open-air tram (when weather allows.) Learn all about Yosemite's history and natural features with a park ranger or naturalist guide. Tours last approximately 2 hours. Book tickets at TravelYosemite.com or at an in-park tour desk (hours & locations on pages 4 & 5.)	YH & NPS	\$	yes; tickets at TravelYosemite.com
8:30 am & 1:30 pm (4 hrs) Daily		Glacier Point Bus Tour Travel from Yosemite Valley to scenic Glacier Point, 3,000 ft above the Valley floor. Book tickets at TravelYosemite.com or at an in-park tour desk (hours & locations on pages 4 & 5.)	YH	\$	yes; tickets at TravelYosemite.com
9 am (1 hr) Su, M, Th, F, Sa		Ranger Walk Join a ranger for a naturalist walk and take a closer look at Yosemite. Meet in front of the Welcome Center. (Use shuttle stop 2.)	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
10 am (1 hr) Daily		Junior Ranger Walk Meet in front of the Welcome Center (use shuttle stop 2) for an easy walk with kid-focused activities related to Yosemite. <i>All children must be accompanied by an adult.</i>	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
10:30 am (1 hr) Tu & W		Discovery Walk Join a ranger for an easy walk and learn more about what makes Yosemite special. Topics vary daily. Meet in front of the museum in Yosemite Village (use shuttle stop 5.)	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
11 am (1 hr) M		Storytime with a Naturalist Enjoy Yosemite children's stories read by a Yosemite Conservancy Naturalist. Meet in front of the Exploration Center (use shuttle stop 5.)	YC	free	no; drop-in only
1 pm – 3 pm M		Ask-a-Yosemite-Naturalist Come curious to the Exploration Center (use shuttle stop 5.) A Yosemite Conservancy Naturalist is available for questions, trip planning, plant identification, and more.	YC	free	no; drop-in only
1 pm (1 hr) Daily		Ranger Walk: Wild About Bears Learn about bears in Yosemite with a ranger (no bear sightings expected.) Meet in front of the Welcome Center (use shuttle stop 2.)	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
2 pm (15 min) Daily		Family Ranger Talk Topics vary. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center (use shuttle stop 2.)	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
2 pm (1 hr) Daily		Historic Ahwahnee Hotel Tour Learn about the history behind Yosemite's famous luxury hotel on this complimentary one-hour tour. Meet on the hotel's back lawn. (Parking at The Ahwahnee is valet-only during construction. Use shuttle stop 3.)	YH	free	no; drop-in only
3:30 pm (45 min) Su		Climbing Exhibit Tour Join Yosemite Climbing Rangers for a tour of the rock climbing exhibit in the Exploration Center. (Yosemite Village, use shuttle stop 5.) Interested in more? Check out the program below, which follows the tour!	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
4:30 pm (1 hr) Daily		Yosemite Live Enjoy short films, presentations, and performances presented by Yosemite Conservancy naturalists or National Park Service guest speakers. Meet in the Yosemite Theater behind the Exploration Center (use shuttle stop 5.) Special Sunday presentation: <i>Climbing in Vertical Wild.</i> Yosemite Climbing Rangers will present a 15-minute film on rock climbing in vertical wilderness. Following the film, there will be a live presentation about rock climbing in Yosemite and a Q & A.	YC & NPS	free	no; drop-in only
8 pm (30 min) F, Sa		Evening Programs Yosemite naturalists present a variety of topics. Meet at the Curry Village Amphitheater (use shuttle stops 14 & 19.)	YH	free	no; drop-in only
8:30 pm (1.5 hrs) Nightly		Yosemite After Dark Grab a flashlight and join a Yosemite Naturalist for an interactive nature walk at night!	YH	\$	yes; tickets at TravelYosemite.com
9 pm (1.5 hrs) Nightly*		Explore Yosemite's Night Sky Join a naturalist for stargazing as they highlight stars and constellations with a laser pointer and share insights on astronomy and night sky lore. Register in advance at yosemite.org/experience/naturalist-walks . <i>*Schedule may vary; check the online registration calendar for updates.</i>	YC	\$	yes; register at Yosemite.org


TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

DAY & TIME		PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
7:30 am (2.5 hrs) W & Sa		Bird Walk with a Tuolumne Meadows expert. Easy stroll. Binoculars available. Meet at Lambert Dome Parking. <i>*No program July 16</i>	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
9 am - 11 am Su		Climber Coffee Meet with NPS climbing rangers to discuss climbing management issues, preventative search and rescue activities, and other current events surrounding the climbing community. Meet outside the Tuolumne Meadows Store.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
8 am –10 am F		Coffee with a Ranger Dana Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Bring questions, stories to share, and your cup. <i>*Programs begin once the campground is open</i>	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
10 am (1.5 hrs) Aug 16 & 17 ONLY		Poetry Workshop Meet at Parsons Memorial Lodge. Bring pen and paper. Led by poet Ada Limon on Aug 16 & poet Drew Lanham on Aug 17.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
10 am (2 hrs) M & Th		Domes and Meadows Take a closer look at Tuolumne Meadows' natural and cultural history with a ranger naturalist. Topics vary. Meet at Parsons Lodge parking area. Easy stroll.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
10 am (1 hr) W & Sa*		Junior Ranger Program Topics vary. Meet at Lambert Dome picnic area. Easy stroll. <i>*No program July 16 or August 16.</i>	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
10 am (2 hrs) Su & F		Wildflower Walk with a ranger naturalist. Take a walk in the high country and find what's blooming. Learn more than names. Moderately easy stroll. Meet at Lambert Dome parking.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
10 am (4 hrs) Tu		Tioga Wildflower Walk with a ranger naturalist. Find out what's blooming at Tioga Pass! Meet the intrepid flowers up high. Strenuous. Meet at Gaylor Lakes Trailhead, just inside the Tioga Pass entrance.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
12 pm & 3 pm (15 min) M-F*		Ranger Talk – Welcome to Tuolumne! Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking area. <i>*Additional talks on Sa & Su (12 pm ONLY)</i>	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
1 pm (2 hrs) W*		Geology of Tuolumne Meadows Moderately strenuous walk through time. Meet at Pothole Dome parking/trailhead. <i>*no program July 16</i>	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
2 pm (1.5 hrs) Sa & Su*		Parsons Memorial Lodge Summer Series Talks, readings, and music by artists, poets, writers and musicians. 30 minute easy walk from parking. Check the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center for a schedule of events! <i>*July 19 to Aug 17 ONLY.</i>	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
2:30 pm (2 hrs) Th		Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River Walk Meet at Dog Lake parking area. Easy stroll.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
2:30 pm (2 hrs) M & F		History of the High Country Meet at the Parsons Lodge parking area. Easy stroll.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
2:30 pm (2 hrs) Tu		Trees of Tuolumne Meet at Dog Lake parking area. Easy stroll.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
6 pm (1.5 hrs) July 19 ONLY		Music at Parsons Lodge 30 minute easy walk from Parsons Lodge parking. Bring flashlight.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
8 pm (1 hr) Nightly*		Campfire Program Different topics each night. Meet at the Dana Campfire Circle at the Tuolumne Meadows Campground. <i>*Programs begin once the campground is open</i>	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
8 pm (40 min) M, W, & Sa		Campfireside Chat with a Ranger Share stories of your days in Tuolumne Meadows with a ranger around the campfire. Meet at Tuolumne Lodge.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
9:30 pm (1 hr) M, W, & Sa		Stars Over Tuolumne Bring a pad to sit on and dress very warmly. Meet at Lambert Dome parking.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only

WAWONA, MARIPOSA GROVE, & GLACIER POINT

DAY & TIME		PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
9 am –10 am W & Su		Coffee with a Ranger (Wawona) Meet at Pine Tree Market for coffee, a Q&A session, and general park updates with one of our rangers. Drop-ins welcome!	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
9:30 am (1.5 hrs) daily		Nature Walk (Mariposa Grove) Meet at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area & Trailhead. Allow time to ride the free shuttle from the grove parking area.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
3:15 pm (45 min) daily		Junior Ranger Walk (Mariposa Grove) Meet at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area & Trailhead. Allow time to ride the free shuttle from the grove parking area. <i>Recommended for ages 4 and up. All children must be accompanied by an adult.</i>	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
7 pm (1 hr) W, Sa		Campfire Program (Wawona) Meet at Wawona campground amphitheater.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
8:30 pm (2 hrs) F & Sa*		Stars over Yosemite (Glacier Point) Meet at Glacier Point amphitheater. <i>Canceled if overcast. Pets not allowed. *Fridays and Saturdays from July 18 to August 16 only.</i>	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
9 pm (1 hr) Su, M, Tu, W, Th		Glacier Point Starry Skies Join a Yosemite Naturalist for an unforgettable night of stargazing from iconic Glacier Point! <i>Transportation to Glacier Point is not included.</i>	YH	\$	yes; tickets at TravelYosemite.com

YOSEMITE VALLEY: ART & PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

DAY & TIME		PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
9 am (4 hrs) M – F*		Art Class Slow down and connect with nature in a new way! Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for classes in a variety of mediums. Browse the schedule and register in advance at yosemite.org/art . <i>*No class Aug 8 or Aug 11–15.</i>	YC	\$	yes; register at Yosemite.org/art
9 am (1.5 hrs) Tu & Th		The Ansel Adams Gallery Photography Walk Join a staff photographer for a brief field lecture in Yosemite Valley. Limited space; registration required.	TAAG	free	yes; register at AnselAdams.com
9 am (3 hrs) W		In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography Join a staff photographer to learn how to make better photographs with the camera you always carry.	TAAG	\$	yes; register at AnselAdams.com
10 am – 3 pm daily		Kids' Open Art Studio Free self-guided kid's art activities at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (shuttle stop 16.) Drop in anytime during studio hours.	YC	free	no; drop-in only.
1 pm (3 hrs) Sa		In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography Join a staff photographer to learn how to make better photographs with the camera you always carry.	TAAG	\$	yes; register at AnselAdams.com
1 pm (4 hrs) M & Th		In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Join a staff photographer for a field class around Yosemite Valley.	TAAG	\$	yes; register at AnselAdams.com
1 pm (4 hrs) Tu		Ansel Adams's Legacy and Your Digital Camera Join a staff photographer for a field class to learn how to make better photographs with your DSLR camera.	TAAG	\$	yes; register at AnselAdams.com
2 pm (2 hrs) F		Paint and Sip Learn the basics of watercolor and create an iconic Yosemite landscape step-by-step. Painting supplies (plus wine and cheese) are included. Hosted in partnership with Yosemite Hospitality at the Mountain Room Lounge. Register at Yosemite.org/art	YC & YH	\$	yes; register at Yosemite.org/art

YOSEMITE VALLEY: GUIDED HIKES WITH YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL

Enjoy a group hike led by an expert Yosemite guide. All hikers must be 12 or older. Registration required; find more information and register at [TravelYosemite.com/things-to-do/hiking](https://www.TravelYosemite.com/things-to-do/hiking)



DAY & TIME	PROGRAM
8:30 am (4 hrs): M, W, Sa	Guided Discovery Hike: Vernal Fall Footbridge Difficulty: strenuous.
8:30 am (8 hrs): Tu, F	Guided Adventure Hike: Nevada Fall Difficulty: strenuous.
8:30 am (8 hrs): Su, Th	Guided Adventure Hike: El Capitan Loop Difficulty: moderate.
1:30 pm (4 hrs): M, W, Sa	Guided Discovery Hike: Mirror Lake Difficulty: moderate.

CONNECTING TO TRADITIONS: CULTURAL DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

Meet Indigenous artists while they practice traditional and modern crafts. Demonstrations are free and open to the public and take place at or outside the Yosemite Museum (use Yosemite Village Parking or shuttle stop 5.) Check at the museum for demonstration times.

DATE	PROGRAM
Aug 4 – 8	Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria Salmon Dance
Aug 8 – 10	Charlene Redner & Rena Brown (Bishop Paiute) Basketry & Beading
Aug 15 – 17	Sandy Clark (North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians) Basketry

NEAR CRANE FLAT

DAY & TIME		PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
11 am (1 hr) M		Giant Sequoia Hike with a ranger. Meet in Tuolumne Grove. Allow time to hike 1 mile from the trailhead to reach the grove before the program. Total hike is 2.5 miles roundtrip with 500 feet of elevation change.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only.
2 – 3:30 pm Su, M, W, Th, F, Sa		Jr. Ranger Discovery Table Drop in anytime to talk with a ranger and start or finish earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Located at the Tuolumne Grove Trailhead.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only.
7 pm (1 hr) Select dates*		Evening Program Topics vary. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground Ampitheater. <i>*July 20 & 27, August 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 ONLY</i>	NPS	free	no; drop-in only.
8:30 pm (1.5 hrs) Select dates*		Stars Over Crane Flat Join a ranger for a night of stargazing. No pets, RVs, or trailers. Visit the Big Oak Flat Information Station to register. <i>*July 18, 19, 25, & 26 ONLY</i>	NPS	free	yes; register at the Big Oak Flat Info Station

SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE	PROGRAM
Jul 27 – Aug 1 9 am (2 hrs)	Morning Writing Workshop (Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center) Join us for an inspiring morning of writing, reflecting, maybe even sharing! Open to adults and teens of any writing experience. Free journals for participants. Limit 10. Please call 209-230-9943 to reserve your spot.
Jul 27 – Aug 1 1 pm – 4 pm	Beaded Lizards Kids Project (Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center) Drop in for a special kids project making beaded lizards! All materials are provided at no cost. Located near shuttle stop 12.
Aug 1 – 31	Obata Special Exhibit Stop by the Yosemite Museum (Yosemite Village, shuttle stop 5) for <i>Obata's Yosemite: His Legacy. Our Future.</i> This special exhibit showcases original Obata pieces in Yosemite's collection alongside the works of local students and Obata Art Weekend workshop artists.
Aug 15 – 21	Yosemite Art Trail Celebrate art in Yosemite with a glimpse into how this amazing place has inspired artists in the past. Look for art themed drop-in programs throughout the park and create your own Yosemite-inspired masterpiece with hands-on activities. Stop by an information center to learn more.
Aug 22 – 24	Obata Art Weekend Celebrate the work and legacy of Chiura Obata, a Japanese American artist celebrated for his stunning portrayals of Yosemite's high country. Attend art workshops, demos, ranger talks, and more! For more information and to register for workshops, visit go.nps.gov/SPEV



Programs recommended for children and their families.



Programs accessible to wheelchair users.

NPS (National Park Service)
YC (Yosemite Conservancy)

YH (Yosemite Hospitality)
TAAG (The Ansel Adams Gallery)

Park Partners



Yosemite Conservancy is a nonprofit dedicated to preserving Yosemite National Park's resources and providing enriching visitor experiences in the park.

Providing For Yosemite's Future

Contact [Yosemite.org](https://www.Yosemite.org)

Locations *Turn to page 4 for hours*

- Yosemite Exploration Center & Theater (Yosemite Village)
- Happy Isles Art & Nature Center (shuttle stop 16)
- Retail locations in Yosemite Valley, Wawona, Mariposa Grove, Big Oak Flat, & Tuolumne Meadows

Outdoor Adventures

Check the calendar for guided hikes and backpacking trips in Yosemite: [Yosemite.org/experience/outdoor-adventures](https://www.Yosemite.org/experience/outdoor-adventures). Advance registration is required for all Outdoor Adventures. Programs come with camping in Yosemite and entry into the park!

Upcoming Outdoor Adventures:

- July 25 – 26 | Overnight Under the Milky Way: May Lake
- August 2 | Day Hike: Exploring Gaylor Lakes and High Sierra Mines
- August 7 – 10 | Yosemite Backpack: Valley Vistas Unveiled
- Aug 9 | (Yosemite Field School) Day Hike: Alpine Immersion

Custom Adventures

Private guided excursions, available year-round: [Yosemite.org/custom-adventures](https://www.Yosemite.org/custom-adventures)

Art Classes

Join us for weekday workshops, kids' classes, overnight art retreats, and more. Visit [Yosemite.org/art](https://www.Yosemite.org/art) for class information and to register.

Upcoming Art Classes:

- July 14 – July 25 | Pen & Ink Drawing with Kyle Monhollen
- July 28 – August 7 | Watercolor Nature Journaling with Casandra Cunningham
- August 18 – 22 | Pastels with Miranda Craft



YOSEMITE HOSPITALITY
A Division of Ansel Adams

Yosemite Hospitality operates lodging, dining, shopping, and other services throughout the park. A variety of tours, naturalist programs, guided hikes, and

recreation rentals may be available. Book online, over the phone, or in person at the Yosemite Valley Lodge front desk.

Contact [TravelYosemite.com](https://www.TravelYosemite.com) or 888/413-8869

Locations *Turn to page 4 for hours*

- Tour desks and bike rentals at Yosemite Village, Curry Village, & Yosemite Valley Lodge (spring through fall, as conditions allow)
- Yosemite Mountaineering School at Curry Village: guided hikes & rock climbing (closed in winter)
- Badger Pass Ski Area (winter only)



THE ANSEL ADAMS GALLERY

Contact [AnselAdams.com/photography-education](https://www.AnselAdams.com/photography-education) or 209/372-4413

Location The Ansel Adams Gallery is

located in Yosemite Village, open from 9 am to 5 pm daily. 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.

Current & Upcoming Exhibitions:

- Jul 13 – Sep 20 | *Photographs from the Edge: Images by Jimmy Chin*



SIERRA CLUB

Contact [SierraClub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center](https://www.SierraClub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center) or 209/372-4542

Location Sierra Club volunteers welcome visitors to explore the exhibits, the natural history library, and the children's corner. The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center is open Wed to Sun, 10 am to 4 pm.



NatureBridge.

Bring your school to NatureBridge for multi-day, immersive environmental science programs that ignite curiosity and foster deep connections with nature. As the largest education partner of the National Park Service since 1971, NatureBridge provides transformative, hands-on learning experiences in the country's most iconic national parks. Our nonprofit organization is dedicated to inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards. Discover more and plan your school's adventure at [naturebridge.org](https://www.naturebridge.org).



Valley Trails

Know Before You Go



Pets are NOT allowed on hiking trails. Pets are only permitted on paved biking and walking paths, in most campgrounds, and in parking areas. Keep pets on a leash at all times, and properly dispose of pet waste. *Service dogs are permitted anywhere that visitors can go.*



Proper food storage is required by law. Bears can easily break into vehicles to obtain food. During the day, food must be hidden from sight inside a locked vehicle with all windows and vents completely shut. At night, food, trash, and other scented items must be removed from vehicles and stored in a bear-resistant locker.



View wildlife from a distance. It is dangerous and illegal to approach or feed any wild animal, including birds and squirrels. Don't let wildlife steal your snacks: keep your backpack and food within arm's reach at all times.



Stay on the trail. Protect fragile vegetation and avoid getting lost or injured by staying on designated trails. Stay behind barriers, don't shortcut switchbacks, and never enter water above waterfalls.



Pack it out. Most trails do not have trash cans or restrooms, so plan ahead when possible. Human waste must be deposited at least 200 feet from trails and water. Solid waste must be buried six inches deep. Pack out ALL trash, *including fruit peels and toilet paper.*



Leave behind what you find. It is illegal to remove natural objects or artifacts from the park. Instead, take a photo to remember your find!

IN AN EMERGENCY, CALL OR TEXT 911.

Trails Outside of Yosemite Valley

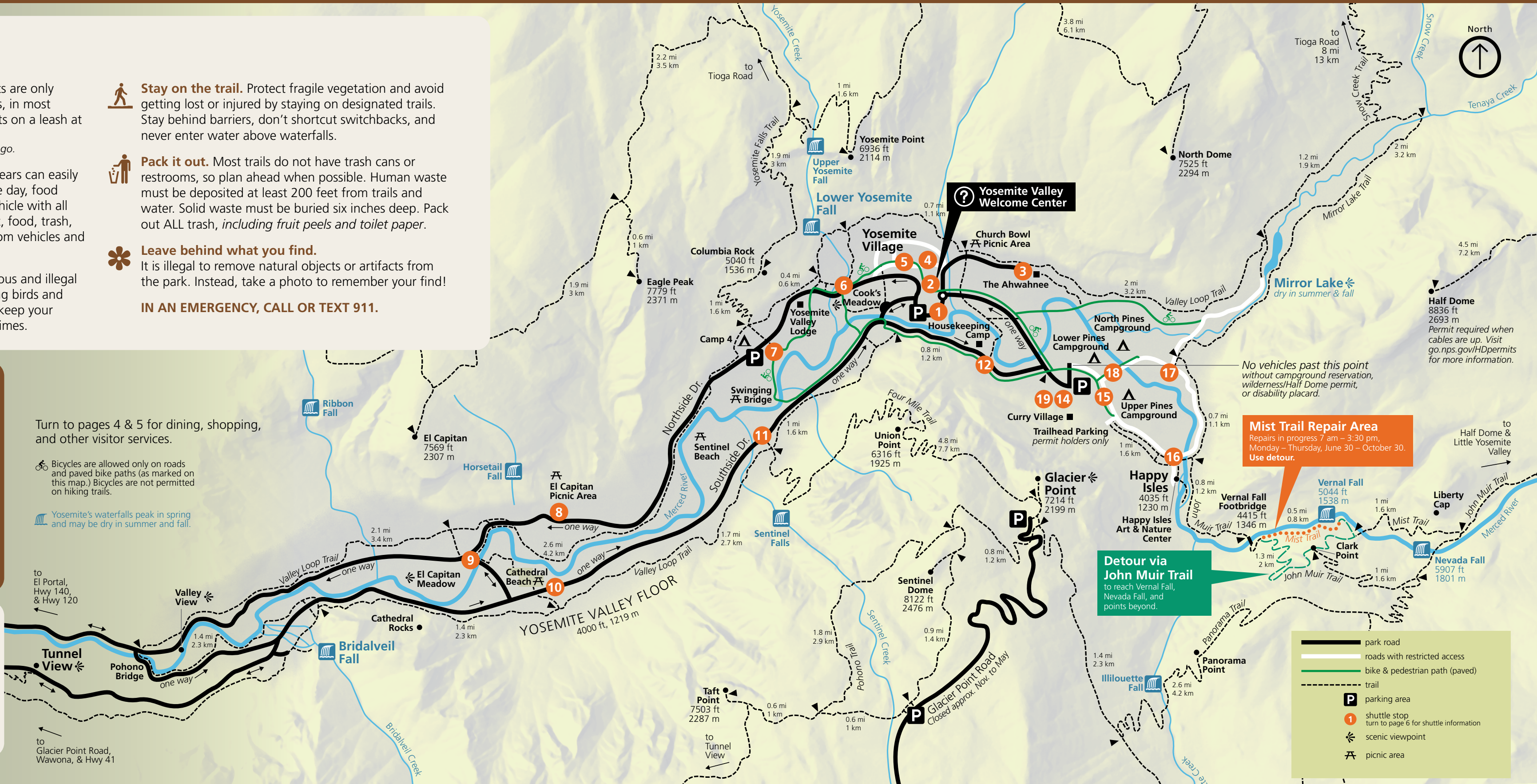
Stop by an open information center to pick up free trail maps and ask a ranger for recommendations. Turn to page 3 for hours and locations.



Hiking Half Dome

A permit is required 7 days a week when the cables are up (approx. May through October.) Permits are available by pre-season (March 1–31) and daily lotteries.

Find more information at go.nps.gov/HDpermits



Backpacking Yosemite

A wilderness permit is required for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness. All permits are available by reservation online. Visit go.nps.gov/WildPermits for information.

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

Wilderness Permit Pickup Locations

- Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center:** 8 am – 5 pm
- Wawona Visitor Center:** 8 am – 5 pm
- Big Oak Flat Information Station:** 8 am – 5 pm
- Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center:** 8 am – 5 pm.
- Big Wall Climbing Permits:** Self-registration permits for overnight climbs are available at El Capitan Crossover (shuttle stop 9.)

wheelchair-accessible paved path or boardwalk

leashed pets welcome
pets are also welcome on paved bike paths, shown on the map in solid green.

TRAIL	LENGTH & ELEVATION GAIN	STARTING POINT
Shorter Walks <i>scenic walks that usually take an hour or less</i>	<i>distances are round-trip</i>	
BRIDALVEIL FALL Take a short stroll to the base of Bridalveil Fall. A gentle incline leads to a wheelchair-accessible viewing area, while a steeper path climbs closer to the base of the fall. <i>Stay behind barriers. Rocks at the base of the waterfall are very slick and dangerous.</i>	0.5 mi/0.8 km; paved with gentle incline	Bridalveil Fall parking area or Southside Drive
LOWER YOSEMITE FALL A short but rewarding trail to the base of Yosemite Falls. The east side of the loop is wheelchair-accessible. Expect heavy spray in spring. <i>Stay behind barriers. Rocks at the base of the waterfall are very slick and dangerous.</i>	1 mi/1.6 km; paved with gentle incline	Shuttle Stop 6
COOK'S MEADOW LOOP Take a relaxed stroll and enjoy views of Yosemite Falls, Half Dome, and the Merced River. Look and listen for birds and other wildlife in early morning and around dusk.	1 mi/1.6 km; flat pavement & boardwalk	Shuttle Stop 6
MIRROR LAKE (dry in summer & fall) Take a short walk on a paved road to the front of the lake, at the base of Half Dome. Continue on the unpaved hiking trail for a 4.5-mile loop. Pets are allowed only on the paved road. Vehicles with a valid disability placard may drive the paved road to the front of Mirror Lake.	2 mi/3.2 km; 100 ft/30 m elev. gain	Shuttle Stop 17
Choose Your Own Adventure <i>distances are round-trip</i>		
YOSEMITE VALLEY LOOP TRAIL Enjoy a scenic loop around the Yosemite Valley floor on this quiet, less-traveled trail. Hike a short section, or spend a day exploring the entire trail. Use the map above to plan your hike. Pets and bicycles are NOT allowed.	Up to 11.5 mi/18.5 km; Mostly flat, some gentle incline	Most shuttle stops; refer to map

TRAIL	LENGTH & ELEVATION GAIN	STARTING POINT
Hiking to Vernal & Nevada Falls <i>Use the map to plan your hike. A few possible routes include:</i> Repairs in progress on the Mist Trail; follow detour signs to the John Muir Trail (June 30 – October 30; 7 am – 3:30 pm; Monday – Thursday.) The Mist Trail is open Fridays, weekends, and holidays. <i>Repair area and detour shown on map above.</i>	<i>distances are round-trip</i>	
HAPPY ISLES TO VERNAL FALL FOOTBRIDGE (OUT & BACK) 1–1.5 hrs. Hike the short but very steep first section of the John Muir Trail for a view of Vernal Fall from the footbridge. Return the same way. <i>This section of trail is paved, but pets are NOT allowed.</i>	1.6 mi/2.6 km; 400 ft/120 m elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
HAPPY ISLES TO TOP OF VERNAL FALL (OUT & BACK) 2–3 hours. Hike the John Muir Trail to the footbridge, then continue onto the Mist Trail. Climb a series of very steep steps to the top of Vernal Fall. This section has heavy spray and slippery steps; wear shoes with good traction and expect to get wet. Return the same way.	2.4 mi/3.8 km; 1000 ft/300 m elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
HAPPY ISLES TO TOP OF VERNAL FALL (LOOP VIA CLARK PT) 2–4 hours. Hike the John Muir Trail to the footbridge, then continue onto the Mist Trail. Climb a series of very steep steps to the top of Vernal Fall. This section has heavy spray and slippery steps; wear shoes with good traction and expect to get wet. Continue up to Clark Point for more great views of Vernal and Nevada Falls, then enjoy a dry descent to the footbridge.	3.7 mi/6 km; 1500 ft (450 m) elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
HAPPY ISLES TO TOP OF NEVADA FALL (OUT & BACK) 4–5 hours. Hike the John Muir Trail to the footbridge, then continue onto the Mist Trail. Climb a series of very steep steps to the top of Vernal Fall. Follow the Mist Trail another steep mile to the top of Nevada Fall. Return the same way.	5 mi/8 km; 2000 ft/600 m elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
HAPPY ISLES TO TOP OF NEVADA FALL (LOOP VIA CLARK PT) 4–6 hours. Hike the John Muir Trail to the footbridge, then continue onto the Mist Trail. Climb a series of very steep steps to the top of Vernal Fall. Follow the Mist Trail another steep mile to the top of Nevada Fall. Return via the John Muir Trail and Clark Point.	5.8 mi/9.3 km; 2000 ft/600 m elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
Even More Challenging Hikes <i>distances are round-trip</i>		
YOSEMITE FALLS TRAIL 6–8 hrs. A steep, rugged trail with dozens of switchbacks. Hike the first steep mile to Columbia Rock for stunning valley views. Continue to the top of Yosemite Falls; return the same way.	7.2 mi/11.6 km; 2,700 ft/820 m elev. gain	Camp 4 & Shuttle Stop 7
FOUR MILE TRAIL TO GLACIER POINT 6–8 hrs. This challenging trail offers spectacular views of Yosemite Valley. Plan to hike back down from Glacier Point—there is no shuttle to return you to the Valley. Combine with the Panorama Trail for an even longer 12-mile semi-loop.	9.6 mi/15.4 km; 3,200 ft/975 m elev. gain	Shuttle Stop 11