



Yosemite Guide



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Yosemite National Park **September 24 – November 25, 2025**

At least 21 bears have been hit by vehicles in Yosemite this 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.



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 the park and visitors.

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
- Possessing or using marijuana, including medical marijuana

Pets are NOT allowed on hiking trails, on shuttles, or inside park buildings.

Pets must be leashed at all times. Properly dispose of pet waste. Turn to page 10 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.

Yosemite Online

National Park Service app Take maps and park information with you while you explore the park. Available for iOS and Android.

Yosemite National Park website www.nps.gov/yose

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

Enjoy Your National Park!

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



Yosemite Essentials



What to Expect This Fall

 **Tioga Road and Glacier Point Road typically close for the winter in November.**

Closing dates depend on the arrival of winter conditions. Temporary closures and tire chain restrictions are possible on any park road at any time: **call 209/372-0200 (press 1, then 1) to hear current road conditions.** When Tioga Road is closed, there is NO access to Yosemite from the east.

 **Visitor services are more limited this time of year.**

Hours may be changing, and some dining, shopping, information centers, and other services are closing for the season. Check pages 4 & 5 for current availability and hours.

 **Waterfalls may be dry.**

Waterfalls peak during spring snowmelt and may be only a trickle or completely dry this fall.

 **It's fire 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.

 **Expect winter trail conditions by November.**

Winter road closures, seasonal trail closures, and winter trail conditions can all impact your hiking plans. Ask a ranger about trail conditions and get recommendations for hiking and other things to do in late fall and winter.

Keep Bears Wild.

Proper Food Storage is Required by Federal Law.

Bears that frequently get human food lose their fear of humans and can become dangerous. Bears may have to be killed to protect people.

During the Day

✓ **DO:** Keep your food within arm's reach while hiking or picnicking.

✓ **DO:** Lock your vehicle and keep all windows closed when you are away. Keep food, drinks, and coolers hidden from sight.

✗ **DON'T:** Leave food unattended outside, in a truck bed, or strapped to the outside of a vehicle.

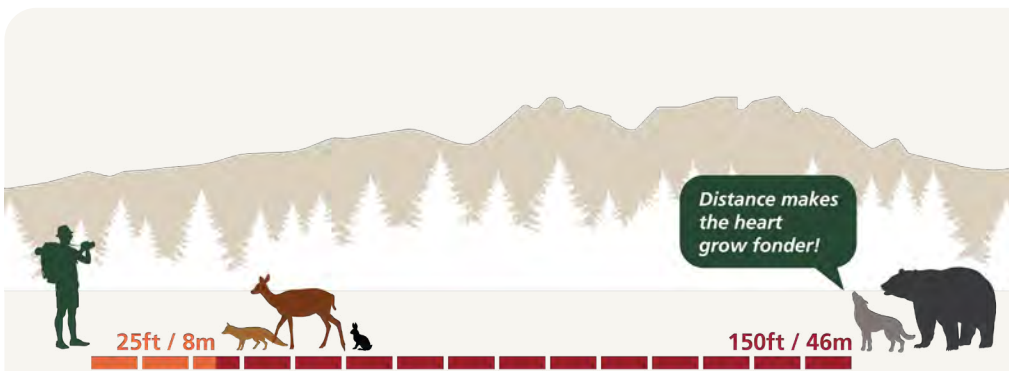
At Night

✓ **DO:** Remove food from your vehicle at night. Bears can easily break into vehicles in search of food. Store food inside a bear-proof locker, in a hotel room or hard-sided cabin, or in a hard-sided RV with all windows and doors closed.

✗ **Food, trash, and other scented items may NOT be stored inside vehicles overnight.**

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

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.



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

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


Wildlife can cause injuries and transmit diseases. Human food is unhealthy for wild animals.

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

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

Park Map









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 (page 4)

-  **Welcome Center** 9 am – 5 pm daily. Shuttle stop 2. Information, junior ranger booklets, lost & found, gifts.
-  **Exploration Center, Theater, & Bookstore** 9 am – 5 pm daily. Shuttle stop 5. Rotating exhibits, park film, books & gifts.
-  **Yosemite Museum** 10 am – 5 pm daily (closes 4 pm starting Oct 19; closed for lunch.) Shuttle stop 5. Indoor & outdoor exhibits, cultural demonstrations, gifts.
-  **Happy Isles Art & Nature Center** 9 am – 4 pm, Mon – Fri. Shuttle stop 16. Art classes, activities, exhibits. Visit [Yosemite.org/art](https://www.yosemite.org/art).

Yosemite Valley has a variety of dining, shopping, recreation, & other services: turn to page 4.




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 (page 5)

 **Big Oak Flat Information Station (closes Oct 26)**
8 am – 5 pm daily

Other services: gas station, store (until Oct 26)

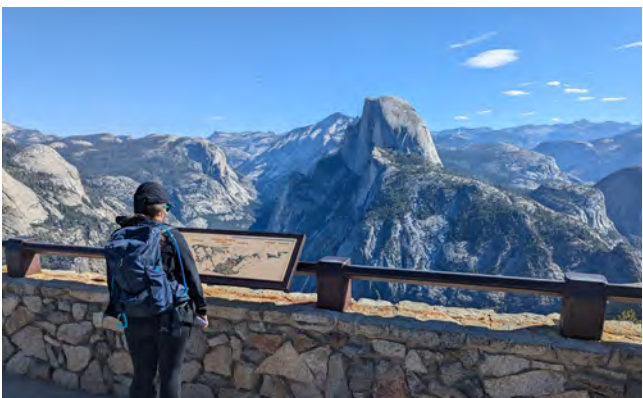
THINGS TO DO

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

Glacier Point Road typically closes for the winter sometime in November. Take in stunning views of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and the high Sierra from this scenic overlook. Explore trails nearby.

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

VISITOR SERVICES (page 5)

Limited gifts & snacks (until Oct 26)

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.*



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. There are no services in this remote area of the park.**

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.*




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 (page 5)

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

*The information center will relocate from Hill's Studio to an alternate location after Nov 1. Check locally for directions to the winter information desk.

Other services: gas station, grocery & gifts.

THINGS TO DO

 **Yosemite History Center** Learn about 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. Free shuttles run from the parking area to the grove daily from spring through fall: *turn to page 7 for seasonal shuttle hours.*



TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS


Tioga Road typically closes for the winter sometime in November. *When the road is closed, there is no access to Tuolumne Meadows or the Tioga Pass entrance by car.*

In the fall, there are little to no visitor services in this remote area of the park, and cell service is unavailable in most places. Fill up on gas and pack water and snacks before making the long drive.

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.

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 (page 5)

 **Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center (closes Sep 28)** 9 am – 5 pm daily

Store, grill, and lodge closed for the season. No gas.

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.

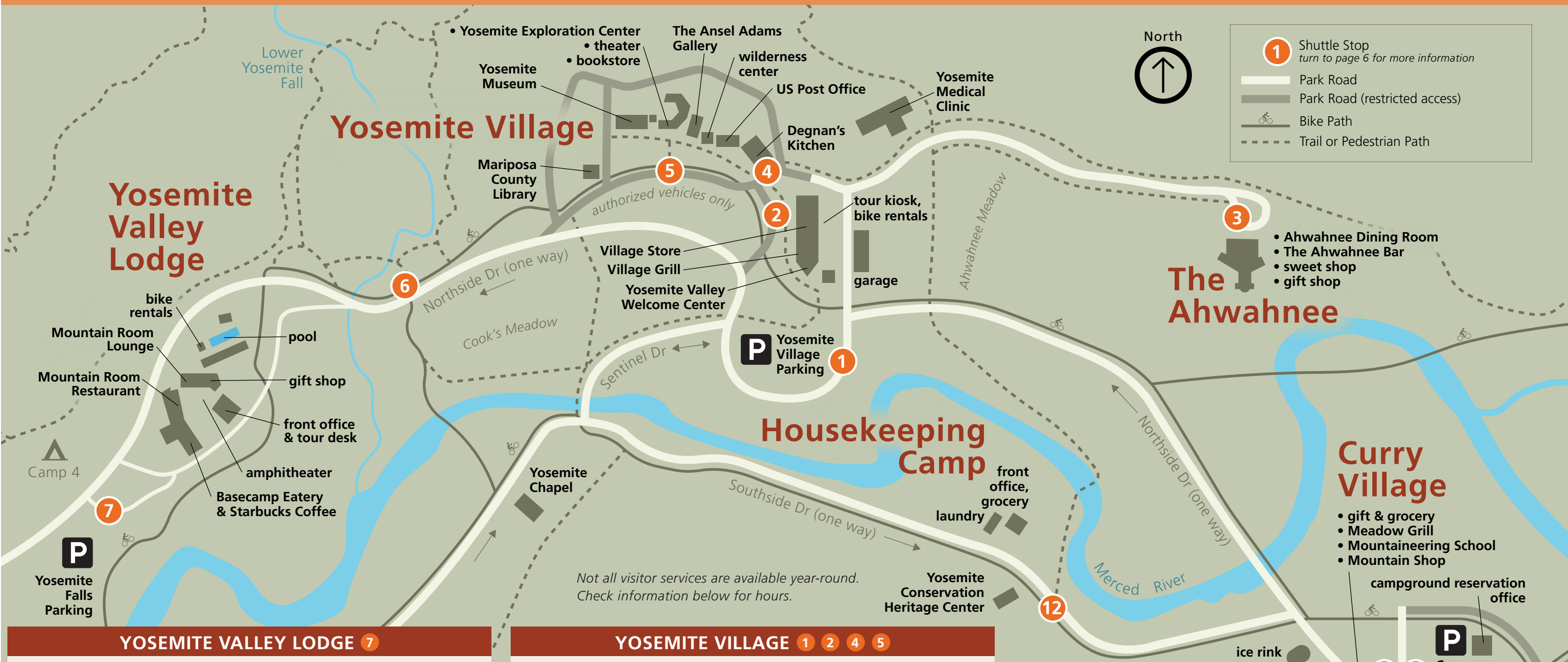
Enjoy a longer hike in Yosemite Wilderness If you have time, explore one of the many scenic trails in this area! Stop by an open information center for maps, recommendations, and current trail information.



Services

Seasonal operating dates and hours are subject to change.
Visit TravelYosemite.com for restaurant menus and more.

YOSEMITE VALLEY



YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE 7

FOOD & BEVERAGE
Base Camp Eatery Breakfast: 6:30 am – 10:30 am (opens 7 am starting Oct 26); Lunch/Dinner: 11 am – 9 pm (closes 8 pm starting Oct 13). <i>Fast casual burgers, chicken, & more. Indoor & outdoor seating.</i>
Starbucks Coffee 6:30 am – 6:30 pm (7 am – 3 pm starting Oct 26)
Mountain Room Lounge Mon to Fri: 5 pm – 10 pm; Sat & Sun: 12 pm – 10 pm. <i>Beer on tap, cocktails, & light bites.</i>
Mountain Room Restaurant 5 pm – 10 pm (closes 9 pm starting Oct 26.) Final seating 30 min before closing. <i>Upscale casual steakhouse. Indoor seating. Reservations recommended: OpenTable.com.</i>
GIFTS & GROCERIES
Gift Shop 8 am – 8 pm. <i>Gifts & snacks.</i>
OTHER SERVICES
Tour & Activity Desk <i>Tickets available at Lodge Front Desk.</i>
Bike Rentals (closes Oct 26) 9 am – 6 pm (closes 5 pm starting Sep 29) <i>ADA scooters and adaptive bicycles available by reservation: call 209/372-1208.</i>

THE AHWAHNEE 3

<i>Parking at The Ahwahnee is valet-only during construction. Use Shuttle Stop 3.</i>
FOOD & BEVERAGE
The Ahwahnee Bar 11:30 am – 11 pm (closes 10 pm starting Oct 26). <i>Beer on tap, cocktails, & light bites.</i>
Dining Room Breakfast: 7 am – 10 am; Lunch: 11:30 – 3 pm; Dinner: 5:30 pm – 9 pm. <i>Fine dining. Appropriate attire required for dinner. Dinner reservations strongly recommended: 209/372-1489 or OpenTable.com.</i>
GIFTS
Gift Shop 8 am – 9 pm (9 am – 7 pm starting Oct 26.)
Sweet Shop 7 am – 10 pm

SPIRITUAL SERVICES

Yosemite Community Church (Yosemite Chapel) Pastor Brent Moore <i>Call 209/372-4831 or visit YosemiteValleyChapel.org for information.</i> Sunday service: 9:15 am
Alcoholics Anonymous (Yosemite Chapel) Tues & Thurs: 6:30 pm

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EXHIBITS & INFORMATION
Yosemite Valley Welcome Center 9 am – 5 pm
Yosemite Exploration Center & Theater 9 am – 5 pm
Yosemite Museum 10 am – 5 pm (closes 4 pm starting Oct 19; closed for lunch)
Wilderness Center (closes Oct 19) 8 am – 5 pm
FOOD & BEVERAGE
Degnan's Kitchen Breakfast: 7 am – 11 am; Lunch: 11:30 am – 6 pm. <i>Peet's Coffee, deli sandwiches, & grab-and-go items. Indoor & outdoor seating. Wi-Fi.</i>
Village Grill (closes Oct 26) 11 am – 6 pm. <i>Burgers, sandwiches, hot dogs, & soft serve ice cream. Outdoor seating only.</i>
GIFTS & GROCERIES
The Ansel Adams Gallery 10 am – 5 pm. <i>Art, books, & gifts. Rotating exhibitions & photography classes listed on page 9.</i>
Yosemite Conservancy Store (Welcome Center) 9 am – 5 pm
Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore (Exploration Center) 9 am – 5 pm
Yosemite Museum Store 10 am – 4 pm, <i>may close for lunch</i>
Village Store 8 am – 9 pm (closes 8 pm starting Sep 30.) <i>Groceries & gifts.</i>
OTHER SERVICES
Medical Clinic 209/372-4637. (The clinic is NOT an emergency room; in an emergency, call 911.) Urgent care walk-ins: Mon – Fri, 1 pm – 3:30 pm.
Bike Rentals (closes Oct 26) 8 am – 7 pm
Tour Kiosk (closes Oct 26) 8 am – 7 pm
Garage 8 am – 12 pm, 1 pm – 5 pm. <i>Propane available during regular operating hours. 24-hour roadside assistance: call 209/372-1060.</i>
US Post Office Mon – Fri : 8:30 am – 5 pm; Sat: 10 am – 12 pm; Sun: closed

OTHER LOCATIONS

Happy Isles Art & Nature Center 16 (closes Oct 24) 9 am – 4 pm, Mon – Fri. <i>Register for classes at Yosemite.org/art.</i>
Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (closes Sep 28) 12 10 am – 4 pm (closed Mon & Tues.) <i>Hours subject to change.</i>
Housekeeping Camp Store 12 (closes Oct 6) 8 am – 8 pm. <i>Gifts & limited grocery.</i>
Housekeeping Camp Laundry 12 8 am – 10 pm

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FOOD & BEVERAGE
Seven Tents Pavilion Breakfast: 7 am – 10 am; Dinner: 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. <i>Casual dining with hearty, homestyle meals. Indoor seating.</i>
Coffee Corner 6 am – 2 pm (6:30 am – 11:30 am starting Oct 27) <i>Peet's coffee & light breakfast. Indoor seating.</i>
Bar 1899 11:30 am – 10 pm (4 pm – 9 pm starting Oct 26.) <i>Beer on tap, cocktails, & light bites. Indoor seating.</i>
Pizza Deck 11 am – 10 pm (12 pm – 9 pm starting Oct 26.) <i>Pizza whole & by the slice. Outdoor seating.</i>
Taqueria @ Meadow Grill <i>closed for the season.</i>
Jennie's Ice Cream <i>closed for the season.</i>
GIFTS, GEAR, & GROCERIES
Gift & Grocery 8 am – 9 pm (closes 8 pm starting Sep 30.)
Yosemite Mountain Shop 8 am – 8 pm (8:30 am – 6:30 pm starting Oct 19.) <i>Hiking/climbing gear & apparel.</i>
OTHER SERVICES
Mountaineering School (office closes Oct 26) 8:30 am – 12 pm, 1 pm – 4:30 pm. <i>Guided hikes & rock climbing lessons: email yms@aramark.com to book.</i>
Bike Rentals (closes Oct 26) 8 am – 7 pm
Tour Kiosk (closes Oct 26) 8 am – 7 pm
Ice Rink (tentatively opens Nov 14) visit TravelYosemite.com for hours & pricing
Pool <i>closed for renovation.</i>
Showers 24 hrs

WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

EXHIBITS & INFORMATION

Wawona Visitor Center & Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore (bookstore closes Nov 1) 8 am – 5 pm. *The information desk will relocate from Hill's Studio to an alternate location after Nov 1. Check locally for directions.*

Yosemite History Center Outdoor exhibits open daily

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Wawona Hotel Dining Room *closed during hotel renovation*

GIFTS & GROCERIES

Wawona Store 8 am – 8 pm. *Gifts & limited grocery.*

Yosemite Conservancy Depot (Mariposa Grove) 9 am – 5 pm

OTHER SERVICES

Golf Course (closes Oct 26) 8 am – 4:30 pm

Golf Shop & Snack Stand (closes Oct 26) Temporarily relocated to Wawona Store. 8 am – 4:30 pm

Stable *closed for the season.*

US Post Office Mon – Fri: 9 am – 1 pm, Sat: 9 am – 12 pm, Sun: closed

Wawona Service Station staffed 8 am – 5 pm.
Gas & diesel available with 24-hour pay-at-the-pump.

GLACIER POINT

Glacier Point Gift Shop (closes Oct 26) 9:30 am – 5 pm. *Limited gifts & snacks.*

EL PORTAL

El Portal Market 9 am – 7 pm. *Limited groceries & gifts.*

El Portal Service Station staffed 8 am – 5 pm. *Propane available during staffed hours. Gas & diesel available with 24-hour pay-at-the-pump.*

CRANE FLAT

Big Oak Flat Information Station (closes Oct 26) 8 am – 5 pm daily

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Big Oak Flat Information Station (closes Oct 26) 9 am – 5 pm (closed Wed & Thurs, may close for lunch)

Crane Flat Gas & Grocery (store closes Oct 26) 8 am – 5 pm.
Gas & diesel available year-round with 24-hour pay-at-the-pump.

TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center & Bookstore (closes Sep 28) 9 am – 5 pm

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center (closes Oct 14) 8 am – 5 pm

Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, Store, & Grill *closed for the season.*

White Wolf Lodge, Store, Dining Room *unavailable in 2025*

INTERNET ACCESS

WI-FI In Yosemite Valley: free public Wi-Fi is available in Yosemite Village at Degnan's Kitchen and the local branch of the Mariposa County Library. Registered hotel guests can also use Wi-Fi at The Ahwahnee, Yosemite Valley Lodge, and Curry Village.

In El Portal: free public Wi-Fi is available at the El Portal Market.

In Wawona: free public Wi-Fi is available at the local branch of the Mariposa County Library.

CAMPING & LODGING

CAMPING First-come, first-served camping in Yosemite is very limited and does not begin until late October. To reserve a campsite, visit Recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777.

Campgrounds Open Year-Round (visit go.nps.gov/campground for details):

- **Hodgdon Meadow:** first-come, first-served starting Oct 27
- **Wawona Campground:** first-come, first-served starting Oct 27
- **Camp 4** (walk-in sites, no RVs): first-come, first-served starting Nov 16
- **Upper Pines:** reservation required year-round

Sleeping overnight in a parking lot or on the side of the road is **NOT** permitted. Sleeping inside a vehicle is only allowed at a registered campsite.

For information about backpacking and wilderness permits, turn to page 10.

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 TravelYosemite.com or by calling 888/413-8869.



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

Level 2 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.*



Biking in Yosemite

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

Rentals (until Oct 26) Bikes 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 available through the end of October (weather permitting) for 1-2 hour rides from Yosemite Village and Camp 4 parking areas: goyose.org/bikeshare.



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 from 7 am to 10 pm. Refer to map at left.

• Mariposa Grove Shuttles (free)

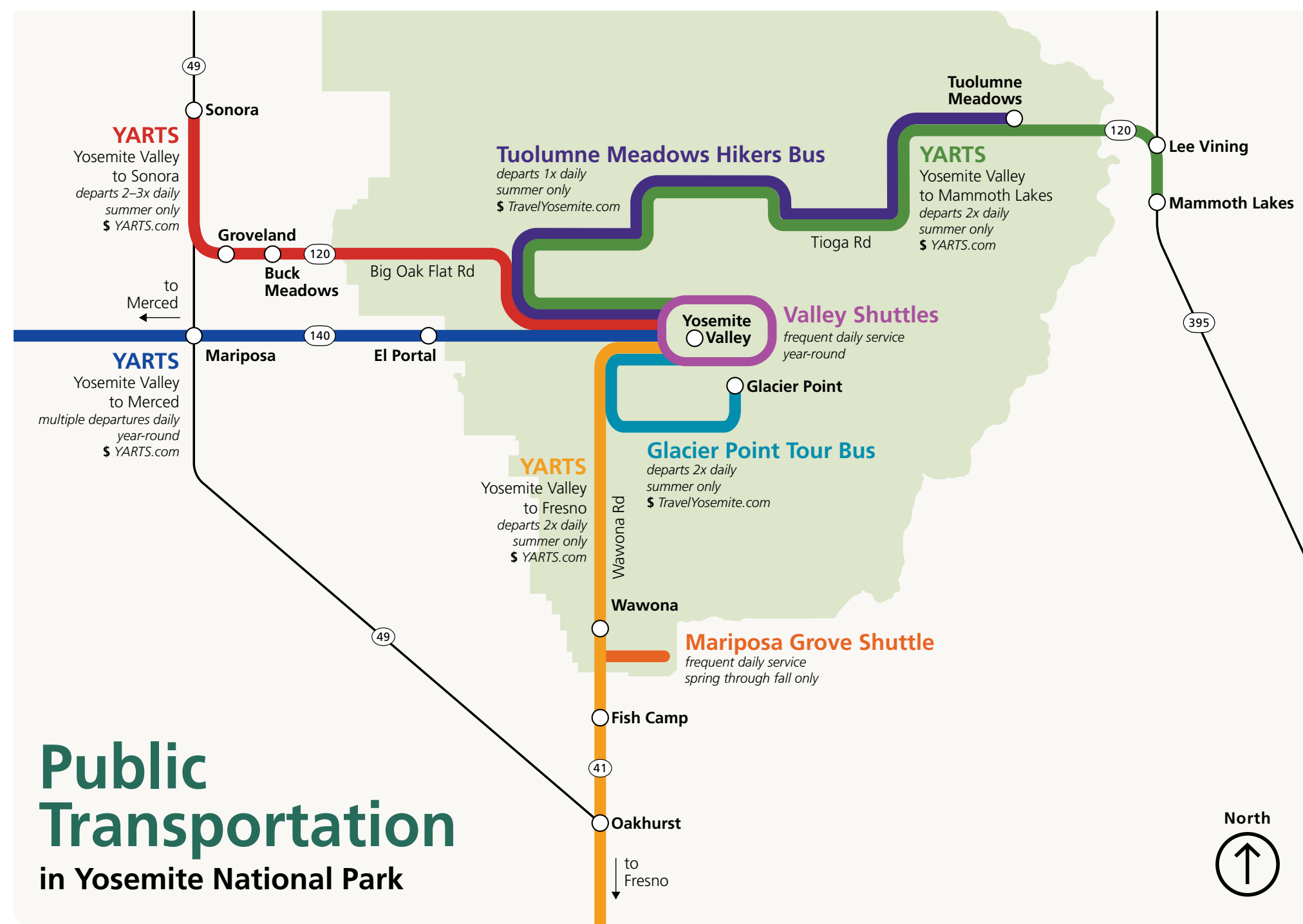
Shuttle service from the parking area to the grove and trailheads, available spring through fall. **Until Sep 24: 8 am to 7 pm (final return from the grove at 8 pm); Sep 25 – Nov 1: 8 am to 5 pm* (final return from the grove at 5:30 pm); Nov 1 – Nov 30: 8 am to 3:30 pm* (final return from the grove at 5 pm.)** *Shuttle schedule is weather-permitting.

• Tuolumne Meadows Hikers Bus (\$)

Service has concluded for the season. More information at TravelYosemite.com.

• Glacier Point Tour Bus (\$)

Available until Oct 12, conditions permitting. 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 or the NPS app to view the online calendar, or check information centers for updated program offerings. Program schedule is subject to change, depending on conditions and staff availability.

**Junior Ranger Program**
Program designed especially for kids! Kids must be accompanied by an adult.

**Program for all audiences—families welcome!**
Program designed for everyone; it's a good fit for most kids.

**Wheelchair-Accessible Program**
Program is held in a wheelchair-accessible facility or uses wheelchair-accessible paths. Ask the program host about other disability accommodations.

No Symbol Program recommended for teens and adults. Program may use a trail that is not accessible to wheelchair users.

**NPS**
National Park Service

















**YC**
Yosemite Conservancy

**YH**
Yosemite Hospitality


**TAAG**
The Ansel Adams Gallery

**YCHC**
Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (Sierra Club)

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 (*until Oct 12) 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 – 11 am Su*		Climber Coffee (until Nov 2) Meet with NPS climbing rangers to discuss climbing management issues, preventative search and rescue activities, and other current events surrounding the climbing community. Meet near the Camp 4 registration kiosk.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
10 am (1 hr) W, F, Su		Junior Ranger Walk (*until Oct 22) 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 am (1 hr) M, Th, Sa*		Ranger Walk (*until Oct 23) 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
10:30 am (1 hr) Tu & W		Discovery Walk Join a ranger for an easy walk and learn more about what makes Yosemite special. Topics vary. Meet in front of the museum in Yosemite Village (use shuttle stop 5.)	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
12:30 – 4:30 pm Daily*		Ask-a-Climber (*until Oct 30) View climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. West side of El Capitan bridge, near shuttle stop 9. Stop by anytime between 12:30 and 4:30 pm.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
1 pm (1 hr) Tu, Th, Sa*		Ranger Walk: Wild About Bears (*until Oct 25) 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
1 pm (1 hr) M, W, F, Su*		Wildlife Walk (*until Oct 25) Learn about the wildlife that call Yosemite home. 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.) *No tour on Oct 3.	YH	free	no; drop-in only
3 pm (1 hr) Daily*		Guided Nature Walk Join a naturalist for an easy guided walk of Yosemite's natural areas. Meet at the Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater. (use shuttle stop 7.) *No walk on Oct 3.	YH	free	no; drop-in only
Time varies* (1.5 hrs) F & Sa		Sunset Walk Experience the magic of Yosemite while the setting sun lights up favorite granite features. On this casual walk, join a naturalist to learn about the natural and cultural history of the park. *Start time varies as days shorten: check Yosemite.org .	YC	\$	yes; register at Yosemite.org/walks
7 pm (30 min) Th, F, Sa		Evening Programs (*until Sep 27) Yosemite naturalists present a variety of topics. Meet at the Curry Village Amphitheater (use shuttle stops 14 & 19.)	YH	free	no; drop-in only
7 pm (30 min) W, F, Sa		Evening Programs (*starting Nov 1) Yosemite naturalists present a variety of topics. Meet at the Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room (between the lounge and gift shop. Use shuttle stop 7.)	YH	free	no; drop-in only
7:30 pm (1.5 hrs) Nightly*		Yosemite After Dark Grab a flashlight and join a Yosemite Naturalist for an interactive nature walk at night! *No program on Oct 3.	YH	\$	yes; tickets at TravelYosemite.com
Time varies* (1.5 hrs) W, Fr, Sa		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. *Start time varies as days shorten; unavailable on some dates: check Yosemite.org .	YC	\$	yes; register at Yosemite.org/walks

YOSEMITE VALLEY: ART & PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES

DAY & TIME		PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
9 am (4 hrs) Weekdays*		Art Class (*until Oct 24) Slow down and connect with nature in a new way! Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (stop 16) for art classes. Register in advance at Yosemite.org/art .	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 Weekdays*		Kids' Open Art Studio (*until Oct 24) 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

GUIDED HIKES & CLASSES WITH YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL

Group hikes and classes 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

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM
8:30 am (4 hrs): M, W, Sa*	Guided Discovery Hike: Vernal Fall Footbridge (*until Nov 1) Difficulty: strenuous.
8:30 am (8 hrs): Tu, F*	Guided Adventure Hike: Nevada Fall (*until Oct 31) Difficulty: strenuous.
8:30 am (8 hrs): Su, Th*	Guided Adventure Hike: El Capitan Loop (*until Nov 2) Difficulty: moderate.
1:30 pm (4 hrs): M, W, Sa*	Guided Discovery Hike: Mirror Lake (*until Nov 1) Difficulty: moderate.
9 am & 1 pm (3 hrs): Su, Tu, Th, Sa*	Backpacking Basics Clinic (*until Oct 5) Gain essential backcountry skills







Become a Junior Ranger!

Pick up a free *Junior Ranger Handbook* at any open information center. Complete the activities while you explore the park, then return your book to receive a badge!

WAWONA, MARIPOSA GROVE, & GLACIER POINT

DAY & TIME		PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
9 am – 10 am W & Su*		Coffee with a Ranger—Wawona (*until Oct 18) 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 (*until Oct 18) 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
2:30 pm (30 min) W & Sa*		Bilingual Talk—History of Wildlife Management (*until Oct 18) Meet in Wawona at the Yosemite History Center's covered bridge.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
3:15 pm (45 min) daily*		Junior Ranger Talk—Mariposa Grove (*until Oct 18) 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 (*until Oct 18) Meet at Wawona campground amphitheater.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only
9 pm (1 hr) Su, M, Tu, W, Th*		Glacier Point Starry Skies (*until Oct 23) 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

NEAR CRANE FLAT

DAY & TIME		PROGRAM	HOST	FEE?	REGISTER?
11 am (1 hr) M, Th*		Giant Sequoia Hike (*until Oct 13) 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. *No hike on Sep 25 or 29.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only.
2 – 3:30 pm Daily*		Jr. Ranger Discovery Table (*until Oct 13) 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.
6 pm (1 hr) Su, Tu, F, Sa*		Evening Program (*until Oct 13) Topics vary. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater. *No program on Sep 26 or 27.	NPS	free	no; drop-in only.
8 pm (1.5 hrs) select dates*		Stars over Crane Flat Join a ranger for a night of stargazing. No pets, RVs, or trailers. *ONLY Sep 26 and 27.	NPS	free	yes; register at Big Oak Flat Information Station


PROGRAMS IN TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Check local postings for ranger programs through September 28.

YOSEMITE VALLEY: SPECIAL EVENTS

DATE	PROGRAM
Oct 8 – 10	Connecting to Traditions: Cultural Demonstration Program Meet Indigenous artist Mary Chepo (North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians), working on baskets, beads, soaproot brushes, & acorns. Located at the Yosemite Museum (use shuttle stop 5). Check at the museum for demonstration times.
Oct 11 1 pm – 3 pm	Artist Reception Stop by the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village to celebrate <i>The Gentle Season: The Paintings of Penny Otwell</i> . Free event open to all! Exhibition runs from Sep 21 to Nov 15.

Park Partners



Providing For Yosemite's Future

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

Contact 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. Advance registration is required for all Outdoor Adventures. Programs come with camping in Yosemite and entry into the park!

Upcoming Outdoor Adventures:

- Oct 23 | Day of the Woodpecker #1
- Oct 25 | Day of the Woodpecker #2

Custom Adventures


Private guided excursions, available year-round: Yosemite.org/custom-adventures

Art Classes

Join us for weekday workshops, kids' classes, overnight art retreats, and more. Visit Yosemite.org/art for class information and to register.

Upcoming Art Classes:

- Sep 22 – 26 | Watercolor with Dan Tilstra
- Sep 29 – Oct 3 | Nature Journaling with Elizabeth Butterfield
- Oct 13 – 17 | Mosaics with Denise Davidson
- Oct 20 – 24 | Watercolor with Zach Polic




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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 at a tour desk or kiosk.

Contact 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 or 209/372-4413

Location The Ansel Adams Gallery is located in Yosemite Village, open from 10 am to 5 pm daily. Experience a variety of fine arts, handicrafts, 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.

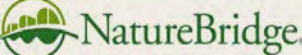
Current & Upcoming Exhibitions:

- Sep 21 – Nov 15 | *The Gentle Season: The Paintings of Penny Otwell*
- Nov 16 – Jan 10 | *Providence and Pathos: Ansel Adams, Best's Studio, and 100 Years Celebrating the Arts and the Environment in Yosemite Village*



Contact SierraClub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center or 209/372-4542

Location The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center closes for the season after September 28. We look forward to welcoming you back in May 2026!



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Valley Trails

▲ Backpacking Yosemite

A wilderness permit is required year-round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness.
Visit [go.nps.gov/WildPermits](https://www.nps.gov/WildPermits) for information.

After wilderness centers close for the season, come prepared with your own bear canister or rent one at the Welcome Center in Yosemite Valley.

Starting October 15, overnight parking is prohibited anywhere along Tioga Road or Glacier Point Road—including parking lots and side roads.

Wilderness Permit Pickup Locations

- **Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center (closes Oct 19)**
8 am – 5 pm. After Oct 19, self-registration permits for Valley trailheads available outside the Welcome Center.
- **Wawona Visitor Center (closes Oct 14)**
8 am – 5 pm. After Oct 14, self-registration permits for Wawona trailheads available on the front porch.
- **Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center (closes Oct 14)**
8 am – 5 pm. After Oct 14, self-registration permits for Tioga Road trailheads available on the front porch.
- **Big Oak Flat Information Station (closes Oct 19)**
8 am – 5 pm. After Oct 19, self-registration permits for Tioga Road trailheads available on the front porch.
- **Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station**
Starting Oct 20, self-registration permits for Hetch Hetchy trailheads available at the Entrance Station kiosk.
- **Big Wall Climbing Permits**
Self-registration permits for overnight climbs are available at El Capitan Crossover (shuttle stop 9).

▲ Half Dome Permits

Half Dome cables are up from approximately late May through early October (conditions permitting.) **A permit is required 7 days a week when the cables are up.** Permits are available by pre-season (March 1–31) and daily lotteries. Find more information at [go.nps.gov/HDpermits](https://www.nps.gov/HDpermits)

Trails Outside of Yosemite Valley

Stop by an open information center to pick up free trail maps and ask a ranger for recommendations. *Hours & locations on pages 2 & 3.*



Before You Go

Pets and bikes are NOT allowed on hiking trails.

Choose the right trail for your group's ability and experience level. Make sure you have enough time to finish the hike before dark.

Ask a ranger about trail conditions. Snow, ice, flooding, rockfall, hazardous stream crossings, and closures are possible.

Check the weather forecast for rain, snow, and thunderstorms. Stay off domes and other exposed places when there is a chance of lightning.

Remember to pack water (minimum 1 quart/liter—per person—for every 2 hours on the trail), salty snacks (for hydration), a headlamp, a map, sturdy footwear, and warm and waterproof clothing layers.

On the Trail

Stay on the trail to protect fragile vegetation and avoid getting lost.

Pack out all trash, including nut shells, fruit peels, and toilet paper. Human waste must be deposited at least 200 feet from trails and water. Solid waste must be buried six inches deep.

Leave behind what you find. It's illegal to remove natural objects or artifacts from the park. Take a photo instead!

It's dangerous and illegal to approach or feed wildlife. Keep food within arm's reach at all times. Stay 50 yards/ meters away from bears and 25 feet/8 meters from other wildlife.

Adjust plans as needed. Make sure everyone in the group is staying hydrated and taking breaks. When half your water is gone or when conditions change, it's time to turn around.

park road

roads with restricted access

bike & pedestrian path (paved)

trail

trail (closed in winter)

scenic viewpoint

picnic area

parking

shuttle stop
turn to page 6 for shuttle information

wheelchair-accessible path or boardwalk

leashed pets welcome *pets are also allowed 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
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. Upper section closed in winter.	9.6 mi/15.4 km; 3,200 ft/975 m elev. gain	Shuttle Stop 11

TRAIL	LENGTH & ELEVATION GAIN	STARTING POINT
Repairs in progress on the Mist Trail & John Muir Trail: follow detour signs. <i>Repair areas, dates, and detour shown on map above.</i>		
Hiking to Vernal & Nevada Falls Use the map to plan your hike. Some sections closed in winter.	<i>distances are round-trip to and from Happy Isles</i>	
SHORTEST: VERNAL FALL FOOTBRIDGE (1–1.5 hrs) Hike the short but very steep first section of the John Muir Trail (JMT) 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
FURTHER: TOP OF VERNAL FALL (2–4 HRS) Past the footbridge, climb the steep steps of the Mist Trail to the top of Vernal Fall. Expect heavy spray and slippery stairs in spring. Return the same way OR continue to Clark Point for views of Nevada Fall and a dry descent along the JMT.	—	—
Out-and-back on the Mist Trail	2.4 mi/3.8 km TOTAL; 1000 ft/300 m elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop
Scenic Loop via Clark Point	3.7 mi/6 km TOTAL; 1500 ft (450 m) elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop
LONGEST: TOP OF NEVADA FALL (4–6 HRS) From the top of Vernal Fall, continue up the steep Mist Trail to the top of the waterfall. Return the same way, OR cross the footbridge and loop back on the John Muir Trail, passing scenic Clark Point on the return to Happy Isles.	—	—
Out-and-back on the Mist Trail	5 mi/8 km TOTAL; 2000 ft/600 m elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop
Scenic Loop via Clark Point	5.8 mi/9.3 km TOTAL; 2000 ft/600 m elev. gain	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop
WINTER ROUTE (4–6 HRS) The Mist Trail (between lower JMT junction & Vernal Fall) and the JMT (between Clark Point & Panorama Trail junction) are closed in winter: see map above. Open sections of trail are likely snowy or hazardously icy; bring trekking poles and traction devices for shoes. Hikers should be very well-prepared and experienced with hiking and navigating in winter conditions.	Up to 6.6 mi/10.6 km roundtrip; elevation gain up to 2500 ft/760 m	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop

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