

Yosemite Guide



Cook's Meadow, Yosemite Valley

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Yosemite National Park **January 28 – March 17, 2026**

27 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.



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

Yosemite National Park website www.nps.gov/yose

Social Media

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Yosemite Essentials

Yosemite in Winter: What to Expect

Winter is a wonderful time to slow down and enjoy Yosemite's most peaceful season.

Yosemite Valley remains open year-round, its iconic granite features often dusted with snow. Enjoy many miles of scenic paths on the Valley floor, where winter is usually milder than in other parts of the park.

Many popular hiking trails at higher elevations are closed, inaccessible, or covered in ice or deep snow. Those looking for a more strenuous adventure might consider exploring Yosemite by ski or snowshoe!
Turn to page 9 for information about winter recreation in Yosemite.



Expect most trails to be icy or snowy.

Trails may be hazardously icy, covered in snow, or inaccessible due to seasonal road closures.

Skis, snowshoes, hiking poles, or microspikes might be necessary for some trips. Winter conditions make navigation skills, proper gear, and preparedness more essential than ever. Ask a ranger about current trail conditions and closures before you go. *Turn to pages 10 & 11 for more information about hiking.*

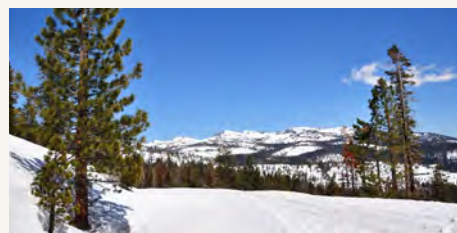
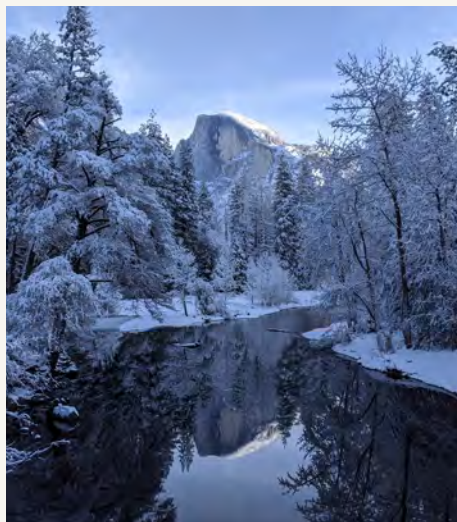


Visitor services are more limited this time of year.

Information, dining, shopping, shuttles, and many other services are available in Yosemite Valley year-round.

Services are very limited in other areas of the park—plan to grab snacks and supplies before you go.

Turn to pages 4 & 5 for a list of available services.



Tioga Road and Glacier Point Road are closed to vehicles in winter.

These high-elevation roads are closed from approximately November to May. During the closure, some areas of the park can only be reached by a strenuous ski or snowshoe trip.

When Tioga Road is closed, there is NO vehicle access to Hwy 395 and the eastern Sierra directly from Yosemite. *Turn to page 2 for more information.*



Tire chains may become mandatory on any park road at any time.

Tire chains and cables provide additional traction for vehicles on snowy and icy roads.

Check for temporary road closures and chain restrictions in Yosemite before driving: **call 209/372-0200 (press 1, then 1 to hear the recording.)** For road conditions outside of Yosemite, visit the CalTrans website at roads.dot.ca.gov or call 800/427-7623.

Levels of Chain Restrictions

ALL vehicles must carry chains when any level of restriction is in effect. Restrictions can change at any time. The speed limit in a chain control area is 25 mph.

R0: no chain restrictions

R1: Chains OR snow tires required

R2: Chains OR snow tires and AWD/4WD required

R3: Chains required for all vehicles

For more details, visit go.nps.gov/chains

Viewing Horsetail Fall in Late February

On rare occasions during mid- to late February, Horsetail Fall can glow orange when it's backlit by sunset. Due to the popularity of this event, restrictions are in effect. *Check the map to the right for details.*

Where to park: Yosemite Falls Parking (closest), Yosemite Village, or Curry Village. *Limited parking for vehicles with a valid disability placard at El Capitan Picnic Area.*

Viewing Area: Walk 1.5 mi from Yosemite Falls Parking to the viewing area near El Capitan. *One lane of Northside Dr. is closed to vehicles and open to pedestrians.*

Bring: Warm clothing and a headlamp or flashlight.

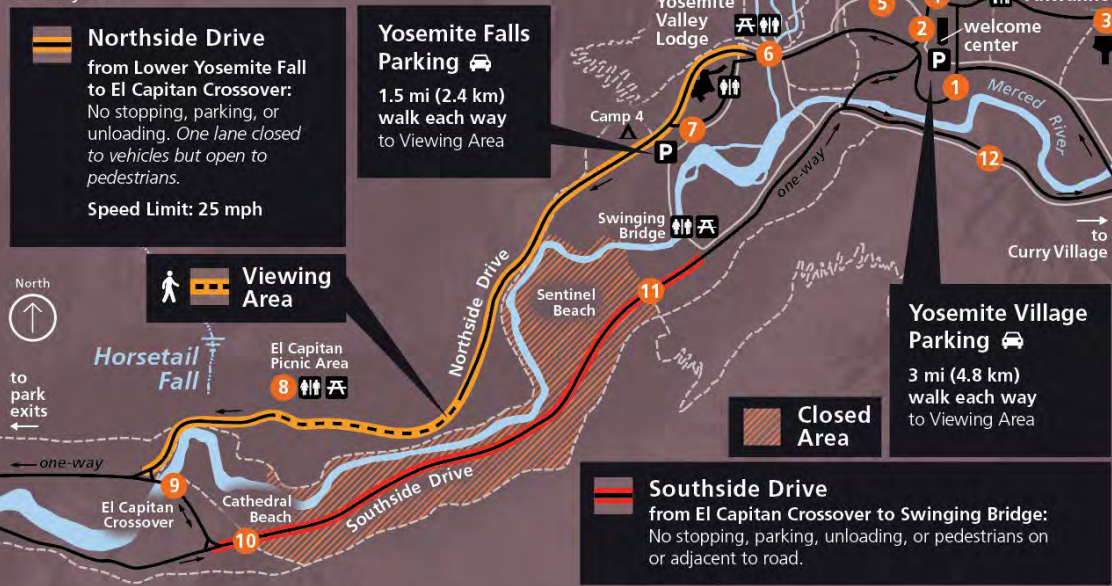
Help Protect Yosemite: Stay on trails and out of meadows and closed areas. Use dumpsters and vault toilets at El Capitan Picnic Area.

Visit go.nps.gov/Horsetail for more details.

Horsetail Fall

Viewing Area & Restrictions

February 2026



Keep Bears Wild. Proper Food Storage is Required by Federal Law—Even in Winter!

Bears that frequently access human food* lose their fear of people and can become dangerous. Bears may have to be killed in order 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.



↗* Park Map



GLACIER POINT & BADGER PASS SKI AREA

Glacier Point Road is closed to vehicles for the winter.

Glacier Point is an iconic overlook on the rim of Yosemite Valley, 3,200 feet above the Valley floor. From approximately May through November, this viewpoint can be reached by car or by a very strenuous hike from Yosemite Valley.

In winter, Glacier Point can only be reached by a long ski or snowshoe trip from Badger Pass Ski Area.

BADGER PASS SKI AREA is open in winter, when conditions allow. Enjoy downhill skiing and snowboarding, tubing, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. A groomed ski trail follows the closed road from Badger Pass to Glacier Point. *Sledding and snowplay are NOT allowed at Badger Pass; check out the snowplay area at Crane Flat instead!*

Turn to page 9 for more information about winter recreation.

TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Tioga Road is closed to vehicles for the winter.

The scenic Tioga Road traverses Yosemite's high country, crossing over the Sierra Nevada at Tioga Pass—almost 10,000 feet in elevation! From approximately May to November, visitors can access numerous trails, peaks, meadows, and lakes along this scenic drive. In winter, Yosemite's high country can only be reached by a strenuous ski or snowshoe trip.

When Tioga Road is closed, there is no direct route from Yosemite to the eastern Sierra and Highway 395. Drivers headed east must exit the park to the west or south and use an alternate route.

Like Tioga Road, many of the routes that cross over the crest of the Sierra Nevada are closed in winter, increasing travel time to the opposite side of the mountain range. To reach Hwy 395 and destinations to the east, use Hwy 50 or I-80 to the north, via Sacramento (to Lake Tahoe, Reno, Mammoth Lakes), or Route 58 to the south, via Bakersfield (to Death Valley, Las Vegas.)



YOSEMITE VALLEY

Yosemite Valley is famous for its waterfalls, towering granite walls, and iconic features like El Capitan and Half Dome. In winter, the Valley is the most accessible area of the park, but opportunities for big hikes are still limited. Enjoy peaceful, snowy walks on the Valley floor and a variety of activities, programs, and other things to do.

GETTING HERE

All roads lead to Yosemite Valley! Drive 40 minutes from the Big Oak Flat Entrance, 20 minutes from the Arch Rock Entrance, or 1 hour from the South Entrance. Year-round bus service is also available from Merced/Mariposa/El Portal to Yosemite Valley (YARTS.com)

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 7.)

VISITOR SERVICES

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 – 4 pm daily. Shuttle stop 5. Indoor & outdoor exhibits, cultural demonstrations, gifts.

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

THINGS TO DO

Turn to pages 10 & 11 for a map of Yosemite Valley.

Explore by car Enjoy the scenery from Tunnel View, Valley View, El Capitan Meadow, and other turnouts along Valley roads.

Take a scenic walk Enjoy a peaceful stroll and take in Yosemite Valley at its quietest. Turn to pages 10 & 11 for a map and suggested trails.

Check out talks, tours, and classes Learn more about the park or connect with your creative side! Turn to page 8.

Try ice skating at Curry Village Turn to page 9.

Explore Yosemite Village: art, exhibits, park film, & shopping Take a break from the cold with some enriching indoor activities! Stop by the Exploration Center to learn more about Yosemite, watch the park film, and browse the bookstore. Head next door to the Yosemite Museum and Indian Village to learn about Yosemite's deep human connections. Check out the Ansel Adams Gallery for gifts, books, and rotating art exhibitions. Turn to page 4 for hours.

Warm up by the fireplace at Degnan's Kitchen, The Ahwahnee, and the Mountain Room Lounge. Turn to page 4 for hours.

HETCH HETCHY

Walk across the O'Shaughnessy Dam, hike along the reservoir, or access Yosemite's Wilderness. **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 any trails.

GETTING HERE

Located 38 mi/61 km/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.

GETTING HERE

From Yosemite Valley, drive about 30 mi/48 km/1 hour south on Wawona Road.

VISITOR SERVICES

Wawona Visitor Center* 9 am – 12 pm & 1 pm – 4 pm, Saturdays & Sundays only

*The information center has temporarily moved to its winter location at 7771 Chilnualna Falls Rd (from Wawona Road, turn onto Chilnualna Falls Rd. The information center is located 500 ft ahead on the left.)

Other services: gas station, grocery & gifts. Turn to page 5.

THINGS TO DO

Yosemite History Center Learn about the early days of tourism in Yosemite. Outdoor exhibits open daily.

Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias

Visit Yosemite's largest sequoia grove and explore miles of scenic trails. **No shuttle service or vehicle access in winter.** When shuttles aren't running, the grove can only be reached by hiking 2 mi/3.2 km up the Mariposa Grove Road or the Washburn Trail (500 ft/150 m of elevation gain) from the parking area near South Entrance. **The road and trails may be snowy or icy. Skis or snowshoes may be needed to reach the grove or to explore the many trails within it.**



CRANE FLAT

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

GETTING HERE

From Yosemite Valley, drive 16 mi/26 km/30 min on Big Oak Flat Rd.

VISITOR SERVICES

Gas is available year-round at Crane Flat. Turn to page 5.

THINGS TO DO

Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias

Trail is icy or snowy in winter. Snowshoes or skis may be needed to reach the grove. 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

Trail is icy or snowy in winter. Snowshoes or skis may be needed to reach the grove. 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.

Crane Flat Snow Play Area Turn to page 9 for information.



Services in Yosemite Valley

Not all visitor services are available year-round. Check information below for hours.

YOSEMITE VALLEY

For restaurant menus, hotel availability, and more, visit TravelYosemite.com.

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE 7

- Base Camp Eatery** 7 am – 10:30 am (opens 6:30 am starting Mar 13), 11 am – 8 pm (closes at 9 pm starting Mar 13.) Fast casual breakfast, burgers, chicken, pasta, & more. Large indoor seating area.
- Starbucks Coffee** 7 am – 3 pm (6:30 am – 6:30 pm starting Mar 13.) Specialty coffee, snacks, & light breakfast.
- Mountain Room Lounge** Mon to Fri: 5 pm – 10 pm (opens at 4:30 pm starting Mar 13), Sat & Sun: 12 pm – 10 pm. Cozy bar with TVs and a fireplace. Beer, cocktails, & light entrees.
- Mountain Room Restaurant** 5 pm – 9 pm (closes at 10 pm starting Mar 13.) Final seating 30 min before closing. Upscale casual steakhouse. Reservations recommended: OpenTable.com.
- Gift Shop** 8 am – 8 pm (closes at 9 pm starting Mar 13.)
- Tour & Activity Desk** tickets & information at Lodge front desk
- Bike Rentals** closed for the season

YOSEMITE CHAPEL

Yosemite Community Church Sunday service: 9:15 am. Pastor Brent Moore. Call 209/372-4831 or visit YosemiteValleyChapel.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous Tues & Thurs: 6:30 pm

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Happy Isles Art & Nature Center closed for the season

YOSEMITE VILLAGE 1 2 4 5

- Welcome Center** 9 am – 5 pm. Information, junior ranger booklets, lost & found, gifts.
- Exploration Center, Theater, & Bookstore** 9 am – 5 pm. Rotating exhibits, park film, books & gifts. Open during construction.
- Yosemite Museum** 10 am – 4 pm. Indoor & outdoor exhibits, cultural demonstrations, gifts. May close for lunch.
- Wilderness Center** closed for the season. Wilderness permit information on page 10.
- Degnan's Kitchen** 7 am – 6 pm. Limited service between 11 am & 11:30 am. Specialty coffee (Peet's), breakfast & deli sandwiches, & grab-and-go items. Indoor seating with fireplace & Wi-Fi.
- Village Grill** closed for the season
- The Ansel Adams Gallery** 10 am – 4 pm. Art, books, & gifts. Rotating art exhibitions & photography classes on pages 8 & 9.
- Village Store** 8 am – 8 pm (closes at 9 pm starting Mar 13.)
- Bike Rentals & Tour Kiosk** closed for the season
- US Post Office** Mon – Fri : 8:30 am – 5 pm, Sat: 10 am – 12 pm
- Garage** 8 am – 12 pm, 1 pm – 5 pm
Propane. Roadside assistance. No gas in Yosemite Valley.
- Yosemite Medical Clinic**
The clinic is NOT an emergency room. In an emergency, call 911.
Urgent care walk-ins: Mon – Fri, 1 pm – 3:30 pm. 209/372-4637.

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- Housekeeping Camp Store** closed for the season
- Housekeeping Camp Laundry** 8 am – 8 pm
- Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center** closed for the season

THE AHWAHNEE 3

- The Ahwahnee Bar** 11:30 am – 10 pm (closes at 11 pm starting Mar 13.) Upscale casual bar with craft cocktails, wine, appetizers, and lighter entrees.
- Dining Room** 7 am – 10 am, 11:30 am – 2 pm, 5:30 pm – 9 pm. Sunday Brunch: 7 am – 2 pm (closes at 3 pm starting Mar 13.) Fine dining. Appropriate attire required for dinner. Dinner reservations strongly recommended: 209/372-1489 or OpenTable.com.
- Gift Shop** 9 am – 7 pm (8 am – 9 pm starting Mar 13.)
- Sweet Shop** 7 am – 10 pm

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- Dining open weekends-only until March 14, then open daily. Additional weekday hours February 13 – 22.
- Coffee Corner** 6:30 am – 11 am (open only Sat & Sun until Mar 14.) Special hours Feb 14 – 22: 6:30 am – 2 pm (daily.) Specialty coffee (Peet's) & light breakfast.
- Bar 1899** 4 pm – 9 pm (open only Fri & Sat until Mar 14.) Open daily Feb 13 – 22. Craft beer, cocktails, & light entrees.
- Seven Tents Pavilion** 7 am – 10 am, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm (weekends only until Mar 14.) Open daily Feb 13 – 22.
- Pizza Deck** Check locally for hours (weekends only until Mar 14.) Open daily Feb 13 – 22.
- Taqueria @ Meadow Grill, Jennie's Ice Cream** closed for the season
- Gift & Grocery** 8 am – 8 pm (open until 9 pm starting Mar 13.)
- Yosemite Mountain Shop** 9 am – 6 pm (8 am – 8 pm starting Mar 13.) Hiking/climbing gear & apparel.
- Mountaineering School** closed for the season
- Bike Rentals & Tour Kiosk** closed for the season
- Ice Rink** information on page 9
- Showers** 24 hours

WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

- Wawona Visitor Center** Sat & Sun: 9 am – 12 pm & 1 pm – 4 pm
Winter information desk located at 7771 Chilnualna Falls Rd.
Bookstore at Wawona Visitor Center closed for the season
- Yosemite History Center** open daily
- Wawona Hotel Dining Room** hotel closed for renovation
- Wawona Store** 8 am – 7 pm
- Mariposa Grove Depot** closed for the season
- Golf Course & Golf Shop** closed for the season
- Stable** closed for the season
- US Post Office** Mon – Fri: 9 am – 1 pm, Sat: 9 am – 12 pm
- Wawona Gas Station** staffed 9 am – 6 pm
Gas & diesel. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

GLACIER POINT

Glacier Point Gift Shop closed for the season

BADGER PASS SKI AREA

Turn to page 9 for Badger Pass information.

EL PORTAL

- El Portal Market** 9 am – 7 pm. Limited groceries & gifts. Wi-Fi.
- El Portal Gas Station** staffed 8 am – 5 pm. Propane available when staffed. Gas & diesel. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

CRANE FLAT

- Big Oak Flat Information Station** closed for the season
- Bookstore at Big Oak Flat Information Station** closed for the season
- Crane Flat Gas & Grocery (store closed)** Station unstaffed in winter. Gas & diesel available year-round. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

all services closed for the season

FREE WIFI

- Yosemite Valley:** Degnan's Kitchen, Mariposa County Library, Yosemite Valley Lodge/Curry Village/The Ahwahnee (registered hotel guests only)
- El Portal:** El Portal Market
- Wawona:** Mariposa County Library

CAMPING

- First-come, first-served camping in Yosemite is very limited and only available during the winter. Reservations: Recreation.gov or 877/444-6777.
- Campgrounds Open Year-Round** (visit go.nps.gov/campground for details):
 - **Hodgdon Meadow:** first-come, first-served in winter
 - **Wawona Campground:** first-come, first-served in winter
 - **Camp 4:** first-come, first-served in winter. Walk-in sites, no RVs, no pets.
 - **Upper Pines:** reservation required year-round
- Sleeping in a vehicle is ONLY allowed at a registered campsite. For backpacking and wilderness permits, turn to page 10.

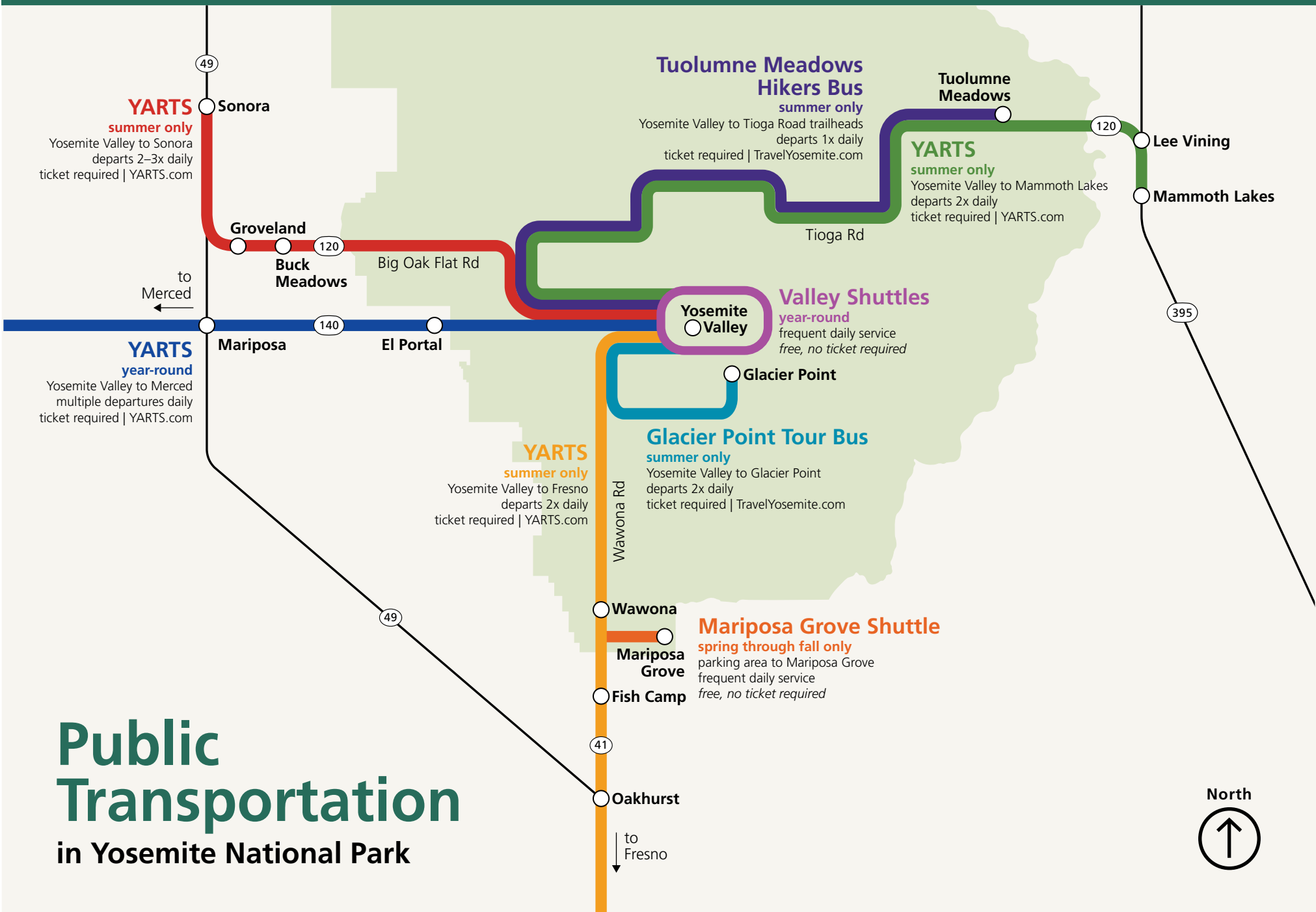
LODGING

Visit TravelYosemite.com or call 888/413-8869 to book a stay at The Ahwahnee, Yosemite Valley Lodge, Curry Village, Housekeeping Camp (seasonal), and other park lodging. Reservations available one year in advance.

- visitor information**
- exhibits**
- food & beverage**
- coffee bar**
- groceries & supplies**
- gifts**
- gas station**
- medical services**
in an emergency, call or text 911






Transportation



Public Transportation in Yosemite National Park

Parking

In Yosemite Valley, use one of three main parking areas: **Curry Village** , **Yosemite Village** , or **Yosemite Falls** . 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 in several locations throughout Yosemite.

Yosemite Valley Locations

- The Ahwahnee (6 chargers)
- Curry Village (20 chargers)
- Welcome Center (4 chargers)
- Yosemite Falls Parking (10 chargers)
- Yosemite Valley Lodge (8 chargers)

El Portal Locations

- Market & Gas Station (2 chargers)

Wawona Locations

- Wawona Store (24 chargers)

Tuolumne Meadows Locations

- when Tioga Rd is open
- near Tuolumne Meadows Store (4 chargers)

Gas Stations

There are **NO** gas stations in Yosemite Valley.

- **El Portal Gas Station** *outside the park* 15 mi from Yosemite Valley (downhill) on Highway 140.
- **Crane Flat Gas Station** 16.5 mi from Yosemite Valley (uphill) on Big Oak Flat Road.
- **Wawona Gas Station** 28 mi from Yosemite Valley (uphill) on Wawona Road.

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

Biking in Yosemite

Bike paths and park roads may be snowy or icy. Use extra caution if biking in winter.

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 *Bike stands are closed for the season.* Available spring through fall, when conditions allow. Visit [TravelYosemite.com](https://www.travelyosemite.com).

Yosemite Bike Share *Bike Share has ended for the season.* Bikes available spring through fall 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. *Map and information on page 7.*

Mariposa Grove Shuttles (free)

No shuttle service in winter. When shuttles are not running, the Mariposa Grove can only be reached by hiking up the road or the Washburn Trail from the parking area. The trip is 2 mi/3.2 km with 500 ft/150 m of elevation gain. *The road and trails may be snowy or icy.*

Tuolumne Meadows Hikers Bus (\$)

Service has concluded for the season. More information at [TravelYosemite.com](https://www.TravelYosemite.com).

Glacier Point Tour Bus (\$)

Service has concluded for the season. More information at [TravelYosemite.com](https://www.TravelYosemite.com).

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.



Pets are NOT allowed on shuttles.














































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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
	  ALL Shuttles	Yosemite Village Parking	parking, Welcome Center
	  ALL Shuttles	Welcome Center	Welcome Center, food & beverage, groceries
	 Green Shuttle ONLY	The Ahwahnee	food & beverage
	 Green Shuttle ONLY	Degnan's Kitchen	Welcome Center, food & beverage, groceries
	 Green Shuttle ONLY	Exploration Center	Exploration Center, Museum, Wilderness Center
	 Green Shuttle ONLY	Lower Yosemite Fall	trailhead
	 Green Shuttle ONLY	Camp 4, Yosemite Valley Lodge, Yosemite Falls Parking	parking, food & beverage, Camp 4
	 Green Shuttle ONLY	El Capitan Picnic Area	picnic area
	 Green Shuttle ONLY	El Capitan Meadow	scenic area
	 Green Shuttle ONLY	Cathedral Beach	picnic area & river access
	 Green Shuttle ONLY	Four Mile Trailhead	trailhead
	  ALL Shuttles	Housekeeping Camp & Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center	exhibits (seasonal), laundry, river access
	  ALL Shuttles	Curry Village—eastbound	parking, food & beverage, groceries
	  ALL Shuttles	Upper Pines Campground	Pines campgrounds
	  ALL Shuttles	Happy Isles	trailhead, art & nature center (seasonal)
	  ALL Shuttles	Mirror Lake	trailhead
	  ALL Shuttles	Lower Pines Campground	Pines campgrounds
	  ALL Shuttles	Curry Village—westbound	parking, food & beverage, groceries

Programs



Additional programs may be offered: visit go.nps.gov/YosemiteCalendar to view the online calendar, or check information centers for an updated schedule.
Program schedule is subject to change due to weather or staffing.



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 & REGISTRATION
10 am & 2 pm (2 hrs)		Valley Floor Tour Experience the highlights of Yosemite Valley on a guided bus tour. Book tickets at TravelYosemite.com or at the Yosemite Valley Lodge front desk.	YH	\$ tickets at TravelYosemite.com
10:30 am (1 hr) Tu & W		Ranger Walk: 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, drop-in only
1 pm (1 hr) Th		Ranger Walk: 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, 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, 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.	YH	free, 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.)	YH	free, drop-in only
7 pm (30 min) W, F, Sa		Evening Programs 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, 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! Book tickets at TravelYosemite.com or at the Yosemite Valley Lodge front desk. <i>Recommended for kids 11 & up.</i>	YH	\$ tickets at TravelYosemite.com
8 pm (1 hr) Su, M, Tu, Th		Walking Starry Skies Join a Yosemite Hospitality Guide for an unforgettable night of stargazing! Book tickets at TravelYosemite.com or at the Yosemite Valley Lodge front desk.	YH	\$ tickets at TravelYosemite.com

Yosemite Valley: Creative Classes

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE & REGISTRATION
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 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	\$ register at AnselAdams.com
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	\$ 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	\$ register at AnselAdams.com



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!



Winter Activities at Badger Pass

Badger Pass Ski Area is open when conditions allow. The ski area relies entirely on natural snow, and operating dates may vary. *Sledding/ snowplay are NOT allowed at Badger Pass.*

Call the Snow Phone at 209/372-1000 to hear current conditions, weather, and ski area information.

Badger Pass Shuttle

Free shuttle—no ticket required. Seats are first-come, first-served.

• **Yosemite Valley to Badger Pass:** Departs Curry Village 8:05 am & 10:35 am, Yosemite Village (next to the garage) 8:10 am & 10:40 am, The Ahwahnee 8:15 am & 10:45 am, Yosemite Valley Lodge 8:30 am & 11 am
• **Badger Pass to Yosemite Valley:** Departs 2 pm & 4:30 pm

Downhill Skiing & Snowboarding

Tickets: 8:30 am – 4 pm

Lift Operation: 9 am – 4 pm

Equipment Rental: 8:30 am – 4 pm

All-day, half-day, and season passes available. Ten ski runs, with slopes for all ages and experience levels. For more information, visit TravelYosemite.com or call 209/372-8430.

Ski School

Desk Hours: 8:30 am – 4 pm

Group and private lessons for adults and kids. Visit TravelYosemite.com or stop by the Ski School.

Snow Tubing

Small tubing slopes perfect for families! Kids must be at least 42 inches tall. Tubing offered in two sessions: 11 am – 1 pm & 2 – 4 pm. Tickets available at TravelYosemite.com or in person. *Personal sleds and tubes are NOT allowed at Badger Pass.*

Cross-Country Skiing & Snowshoeing

Bring your own gear or rent equipment at Badger Pass. Enjoy several scenic skiing and snowshoeing routes starting at Badger Pass. Stop by the Badger Pass Ranger Station (A-frame cabin) for information. *A wilderness permit is required for all overnight trips.*

Guided Hikes & Lessons (Yosemite Hospitality) Register for snowshoe walks online at TravelYosemite.com. Register for ski lessons in-person at Badger Pass. Call 209/372-4996 for more information.

3-Hour Guided Snowshoe Hikes:

M, Tu, Th, & Sa at 10 am, 1 pm

8-Hour Guided Snowshoe Hikes:

Su, W, F at 9 am

2-Hour Cross-Country Ski Lessons:

Daily at 10:15 am & 1 pm

Dining & Shopping

Sport Shop: 9 am – 4 pm

Skiers Grill: 8 am – 4 pm

Snowflake Room: 12 pm – 4 pm (open Fri to Sun + holidays)

Park Partners

YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY

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 pages 4 & 5 for seasonal hours

- Yosemite Exploration Center & Theater
- Happy Isles Art & Nature Center (spring through fall)
- Retail locations throughout the park (some open seasonally)

Outdoor Adventures

Check the calendar for guided hikes and backpacking trips:

Yosemite.org/experience/outdoor-adventures

Advance registration is required for all Outdoor Adventures.

Custom Adventures

Private guided excursions, available year-round:

Yosemite.org/custom-adventures

Art Classes (spring through fall only)

Visit Yosemite.org/art

YOSEMITE HOSPITALITY

Yosemite Hospitality operates lodging, dining, shopping, and other services throughout the park.

Contact TravelYosemite.com or 888/413-8869

Locations Turn to pages 4 & 5 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 (spring through fall only)
- 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 4 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

Winter Wisdom: Art from a Reflective Season

January 11 – March 7

Silver Mirror: Daguerreotypes by Mike Robinson

March 8 – May 3

Artist Reception: Sunday, May 3 from 1 pm – 3 pm

SIERRA CLUB

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

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

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.



Valley Trails

❄️ Hiking in Winter

Trails may be hazardedously icy, covered in deep snow, or inaccessible due to seasonal road closures. Skis, snowshoes, hiking poles, or microspikes might be necessary for some trips. **Winter conditions make navigation skills, proper gear, and preparedness more essential than ever.** Ask a ranger about trail conditions and closures before you go.

⚠️ 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.

Wilderness centers are closed for the season. Wilderness permits are available by self-registration only. Come prepared with your own allowed bear canister—or rent one at the Welcome Center in Yosemite Valley (9 am – 5 pm.)

Wilderness Permit Self-Registration Locations

- **Yosemite Valley Welcome Center (out front)**
Valley Trailheads ONLY
- **Wawona Visitor Center (front porch)**
Wawona trailheads ONLY
- **Big Oak Flat Information Station (front porch)**
Crane Flat & Tioga Road trailheads ONLY
- **Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station**
Hetch Hetchy trailheads ONLY
- **Big Wall Climbing Permits (for overnight climbs)**
Near shuttle stop 9.
- **Badger Pass Ranger Station (A-Frame)**
Badger Pass trailheads only, when conditions allow.

🧗 Half Dome Permits

Half Dome cables are down for the season. Half Dome cables are up from approximately late May through early October (conditions permitting.) 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 trail 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 qt/L—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

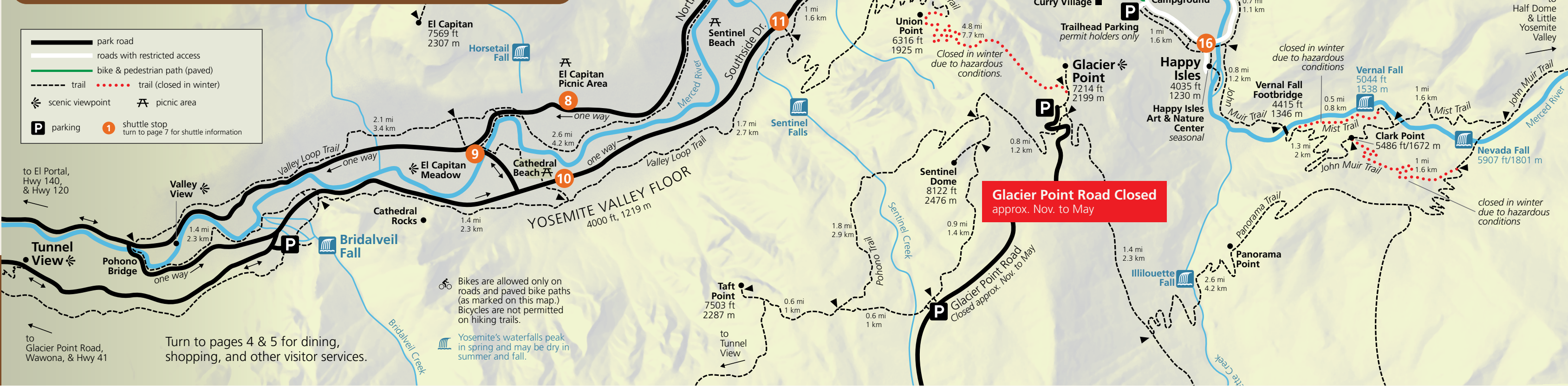
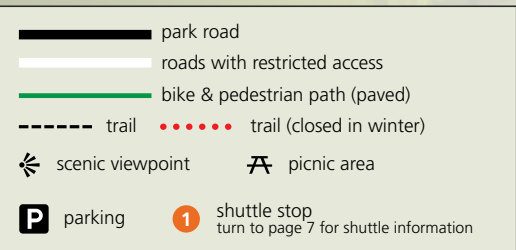
🚶 **Stay on the trail** to protect fragile vegetation and avoid getting lost.

🗑️ **Pack out all trash**, including nut shells, fruit peels, and toilet paper. Human waste must be deposited at least 100 ft (30 m) 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 yds/m away from bears and 25 ft (8 m) 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.



♿ wheelchair-accessible path or boardwalk *Snow and ice may affect accessibility.* 🐕 leashed pets welcome *pets are also allowed on paved bike paths, shown on the map in solid green.*

TRAIL	DISTANCE & ELEVATION GAIN	STARTING POINT
Shorter Walks <i>Scenic walks that usually take an hour or less</i>	<i>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>	distance: 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>	distance: 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.	distance: 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. 🚗 <i>Vehicles with a valid disability placard may drive the paved road to the front of Mirror Lake.</i>	distance: 2 mi/3.2 km elev. gain: 100 ft/30 m	Shuttle Stop 17

Choose Your Own Adventure	<i>round-trip</i>	
❄️ YOSEMITE VALLEY LOOP TRAIL <i>Pets and bicycles NOT allowed.</i> Enjoy a scenic loop around the 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.	distance: up to 11.5 mi/ 18.5 km. Mostly flat, some gentle incline. Uneven terrain.	Most shuttle stops; refer to map

❄️ trails recommended for winter *Expect snow and ice on trails. Use extreme caution.*

TRAIL	DISTANCE & ELEVATION GAIN	STARTING POINT
Hiking to Vernal Fall & Nevada Fall Some sections of trail are closed in winter due to very hazardous conditions (see map above.) Expect open trails to be snowy or icy; bring hiking poles and microspikes.	<i>round-trip (to and from Happy Isles)</i>	
❄️ SHORTEST: VERNAL FALL FOOTBRIDGE 1–1.5 hrs. <i>Expect snow and ice on the trail.</i> Hike the short but very steep first section of the John Muir Trail to the footbridge for a view of Vernal Fall. Retrace your steps to return to Happy Isles. <i>This section of trail is paved, but pets are NOT allowed.</i>	distance: 1.6 mi/2.6 km elev. gain: 380 ft/115 m	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
LONGER: TOP OF VERNAL FALL (WINTER ROUTE) 3–5 hours. <i>This route is strenuous in winter. Expect snow and ice on trails.</i> Hike to the Vernal Fall Footbridge (listed above.) Past the footbridge, continue up the John Muir Trail to Clark Point, climbing over 1000 ft (325 m). Descend to the top of Vernal Fall. Retrace your steps to return to Happy Isles.	distance: 5 mi/8 km elev. gain: 1900 ft/580 m	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
LONGEST: TOP OF NEVADA FALL (WINTER ROUTE) 5–7 hours. <i>This route is VERY strenuous in winter. Expect snow and ice on trails.</i> Hike to the top of Vernal Fall (listed above.) From Vernal Fall, continue up the steep Mist Trail another 860 ft (260 m) to the top of Nevada Fall. Retrace your steps to return to Happy Isles.	distance: 7.4 mi/12 km elev. gain: 2750 ft/840 m	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16

Even More Challenging Hikes Some sections of trail are closed in winter due to very hazardous conditions (see map above.) Expect open trails to be snowy or icy; bring hiking poles and microspikes.	<i>round-trip</i>	
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YOSEMITE FALLS TRAIL 6–8 hrs. <i>Expect snow and ice on the trail.</i> A steep, rugged trail with dozens of switchbacks. Hike the first steep mile to Columbia Rock (about 1000 ft/325 m up) for stunning valley views—a great destination in winter. If conditions allow, continue to the top of Yosemite Falls; return the same way.	distance: 7.2 mi/11.6 km elev. gain: 2,700 ft/820 m	Camp 4 & Shuttle Stop 7
FOUR MILE TRAIL TO GLACIER POINT 6–8 hrs. Upper section closed in winter (with no access to Glacier Point.) Entire trail can close when conditions are very poor. <i>Expect snow and ice on the trail.</i> This challenging trail offers spectacular views of Yosemite Valley.	distance: 9.6 mi/15.4 km elev. gain: 3,200 ft/975 m	Shuttle Stop 11