



Yosemite Guide



Pohono Trail near Glacier Point

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Yosemite National Park **May 6 – June 9, 2026**

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

You are driving in wildlife habitat. Follow posted speed limits, drive carefully, and watch for animals crossing the road.



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Find 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 the nearest information center or hotel front desk. Visit go.nps.gov/lost to report a lost item.

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

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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Enjoy Your National Park!

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
- Possession 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.

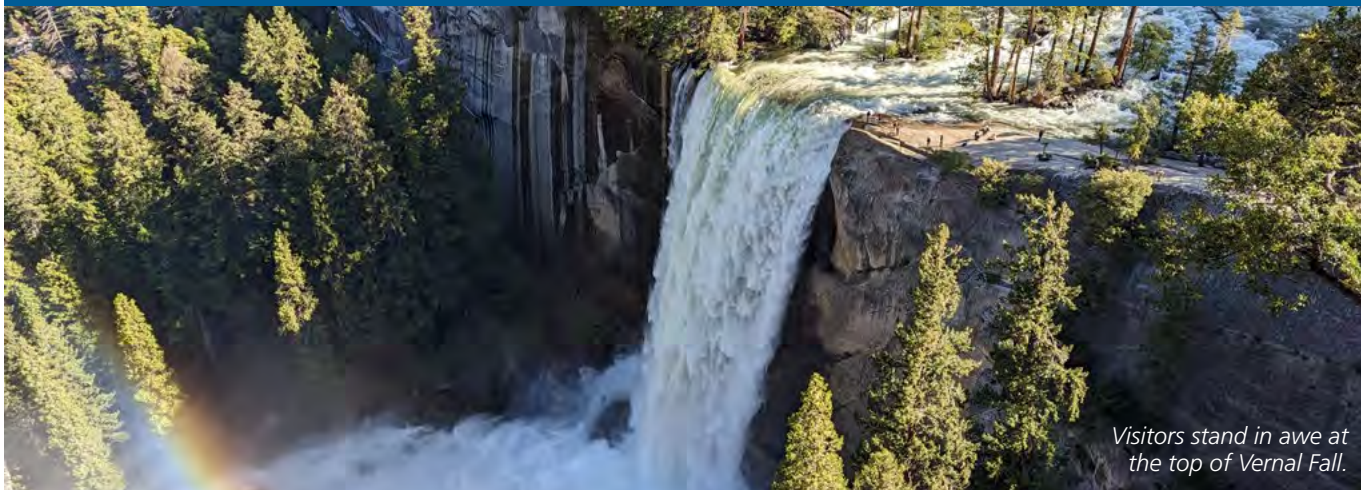
Service dogs are allowed anywhere that visitors can go. A service dog is trained to perform a specific task to assist a person with a disability. Emotional support, therapy, and companion animals are all subject to pet regulations.



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Yosemite Essentials



In spring, snowmelt feeds roaring waterfalls and a burst of new life. The remnants of winter are lifting from Yosemite's high country. The mountains gradually awaken, ready to welcome returning wildlife, blooming wildflowers, and eager visitors.

Explore **Yosemite Valley**, where the season is in full swing. Waterfalls and iconic granite formations like Half Dome and El Capitan tower above lush meadows and forests. Enjoy strolling or biking many miles of paths on the Valley floor, or climb a steep and challenging trail to the top of a waterfall or scenic viewpoint. *Turn to page 10.*

Visit a tranquil grove of **giant sequoias** and wander among these enormous, ancient trees. *Turn to page 3.*

Drive or take a guided tour to **Glacier Point**, a scenic overlook perched on the rim of Yosemite Valley, over 3,000 feet above the Valley floor.

Explore a remote and uncrowded corner of the park at **Hetch Hetchy**, a reservoir with its own waterfalls, wildflowers, and enjoyable trails.

When Tioga Road opens for the season, spend a day immersed in **Tuolumne Meadows** and the peaceful high country, a mosaic of meadows, lakes, domes, and glacier-carved peaks.

Yosemite Valley can be extremely busy, especially on weekends and holidays.

Arrive early in the morning or late in the afternoon to avoid long lines at park entrances.

Yosemite Valley parking can completely fill by late morning. Once you find a parking space, keep it. Walk, bike, or use free Valley shuttles to get around. *Turn to page 6.*

Water can be beautiful but deadly.

Avoid severe injury or drowning: use extra caution around flowing water. Water in rivers and streams can be icy cold, and currents are much stronger than they appear. Swimming can be very unsafe in early spring. Choose swimming areas carefully and swim **ONLY** during low water conditions. Never swim above waterfalls.

Seasonal Closures

Some roads, trails, and services open later in spring; seasonal opening dates vary. Stop by an information center or visit [go.nps.gov/conditions](https://www.nps.gov/conditions) to check for updates.

Information Centers

The Yosemite Valley Welcome Center, the Big Oak Flat Information Station, and the Wawona Visitor Center are open: *turn to pages 4 & 5 for hours.*

Roads Glacier Point Road usually opens in early May. Tioga Road usually opens in late May or June. Call 209/372-0200 (press 1, then 1) for current road status. *Opening dates depend on snowpack and vary each year. NO pedestrian or bicycle access in spring during snow plowing.*

Campgrounds Most campgrounds are seasonal and open in spring or summer. **A reservation is required for ALL campgrounds: check Recreation.gov for availability.**

Trails

- **Half Dome:** cables go up May 22, if conditions allow. A permit is required: *turn to page 10.*
- **John Muir Trail:** a section of the JMT (between Clark Point & the Panorama Trail junction) is closed for crucial trail repairs until late June. Closures on the Panorama Trail are also possible. *Map on page 10.*

Mariposa Grove Shuttles Shuttle service tentatively begins by early May. When shuttles aren't running, walk 2 mi or 3.2 km on the road or Washburn Trail to reach the grove. *Turn to page 3.*

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

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](https://www.KeepBearsWild.org).



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

It's 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 Falls & Cook's Meadow

YOSEMITE VALLEY

Turn to pg 10 for a map of the Valley.

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

GETTING HERE

Drive 40 minutes from the Big Oak Flat Entrance (120W), 20 minutes from the Arch Rock Entrance (140), 1 hour from the South Entrance (41), or 1.5 hrs from Tioga Pass Entrance (120E).

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

Parking is available in three main hubs: Curry Village, Yosemite Village, & Yosemite Falls. Many Valley destinations do not have parking: walk, bike, or ride a free shuttle (pg 7.)

VISITOR SERVICES

-  **Welcome Center** | 9 am – 5 pm
Information, junior ranger booklets, lost & found, gifts, passport stamp. Use shuttle stop 2 or Yosemite Village Parking.
-  **Exploration Center, Theater, & Bookstore** | 9 am – 5 pm. Exhibits, park film, & gifts. Film shown on hour & half-hour, 9:30 am – 4 pm. Use shuttle stop 5 or Yosemite Village Parking.
-  **Yosemite Museum** | 10 am – 5 pm
Exhibits, cultural demonstrations, & gifts. Use shuttle stop 5 or Yosemite Village Parking.
-  **Happy Isles Art & Nature Center** | 9 am – 4 pm. Exhibits and drop-in art activities for kids (10 am – 3 pm.) Use shuttle stop 16 or Curry Village Parking.
Turn to pg 5 for dining, shopping, recreation, and other services.

THINGS TO DO

- Explore by car** | Enjoy the views as you loop through Yosemite Valley, with scenic stops at Tunnel View, Bridalveil Fall, and El Capitan.
- Take a scenic walk** | Take a short stroll to Lower Yosemite Fall and Cook's Meadow for excellent views of Yosemite Falls and Half Dome. Map on pg 10.
- Hit the Trail** | For a more challenging adventure, hike to Vernal and Nevada Falls on the Mist Trail, or spend an entire day hiking the Four Mile Trail or Yosemite Falls Trail. Map on pg 10.
- Pedal Yosemite Valley** | Rent a bike or bring your own. Yosemite Valley has over 11 miles of paved, scenic bike paths to explore! Pg 6.
- Check out exhibits** | Feed your curiosity at the Exploration Center, Yosemite Museum, and Happy Isles Art & Nature Center (hours at left.)
- Make time for a walk, talk, or art class!** Learn more about Yosemite or connect with your creative side through art and photography. Turn to pg 8.



Trail toward Wapama Falls

HETCH HETCHY

Walk across the O'Shaughnessy Dam, hike along the reservoir, or access Yosemite's Wilderness. In spring, this quiet corner of Yosemite comes alive, with roaring waterfalls and blooming wildflowers!

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.



Walk-through tunnel tree (Tuolumne Grove)

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

-  **Big Oak Flat Information Station** | 8 am – 5 pm. Bookstore opens at 9 am. Bookstore closed Wed/Thu. Other services available daily: information, junior ranger booklets, lost & found, passport stamp, wilderness permit pickup.

Turn to page 5 for gas & store hours.

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.



Tioga Road & Tenaya Lake

TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Tioga Road typically opens in May/June. Call 209/372-0200 (1, 1) to hear road status.

The scenic Tioga Road traverses Yosemite's high country, crossing over the Sierra Nevada at Tioga Pass—almost 10,000 feet in elevation!

Tuolumne Meadows embodies the high country. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows, granite domes and peaks. It's the jumping off place for many hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. Visitors to the high country should be aware of wet, muddy, or snow-covered trails during the early season. Hikers need to be prepared to stay safe, not get lost, and to avoid damaging sensitive meadows and riverbanks.

VISITOR SERVICES

This is a very remote area of the park with few services and little to no cell coverage. The Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center will likely open sometime in June. For other services, turn to pg 5.



Half Dome & the Yosemite high country

GLACIER POINT

Glacier Point Road typically opens by May. Call 209/372-0200 (1, 1) to hear road status.

Visit an iconic overlook on the rim of Yosemite Valley, 3,200 feet above the Valley floor.

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

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.



The Grizzly Giant (Mariposa Grove)

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** | 8 am – 5 pm
Information, junior ranger booklets, lost & found, gifts, passport stamp, wilderness permit pickup (starting May 22.)
-  **Mariposa Grove Depot** | 9 am – 5 pm
Gifts, information, passport stamp, Jr Ranger booklets.

For gas station, grocery & gifts, turn to pg 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 many miles of scenic trails. **Shuttle service tentatively begins by early May.** Free shuttles from the parking area to the grove operate from 8 am to 7 pm (last bus leaves Mariposa Grove at 8 pm.) Shuttles depart about every 15 minutes—no ticket needed! When shuttles aren't running, walk 2 mi/3.2 km on the road or Washburn Trail to reach the grove.

Become a Yosemite Jr. Ranger!



Pick up a free Junior Ranger Handbook at any open information center.

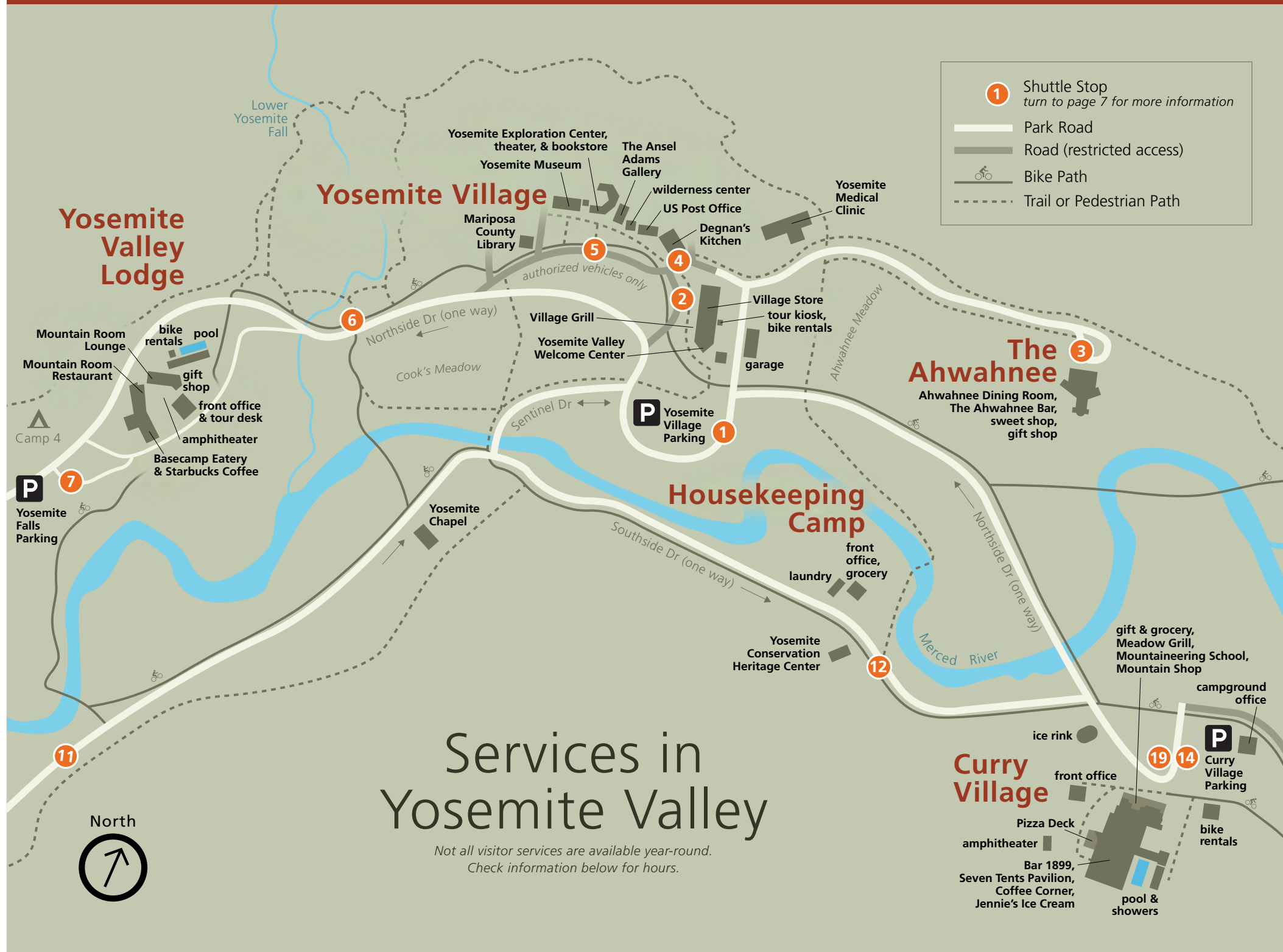
Complete the activities while you explore the park, then turn in your book to receive a badge!





Services

Hours and seasonal operating dates are subject to change.



Services in Yosemite Valley

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

visitor information

food & beverage

groceries & supplies

gas station

exhibits

coffee bar

gifts

medical services
in an emergency, call or text 911

FREE WIFI

Yosemite Valley: Degnan's Kitchen, Mariposa County Library.
Wifi available for registered hotel guests at Yosemite Valley Lodge/Curry Village/The Ahwahnee.

El Portal: El Portal Market

Wawona: Mariposa County Library

CAMPING

A reservation is required for ALL campgrounds. Make a camping reservation at Recreation.gov or by calling 877/444-6777.

Sleeping in a vehicle is ONLY allowed at a registered campsite; sleeping on the side of the road or in parking areas is prohibited. 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.

SPIRITUAL SERVICES

Yosemite Community Church (Yosemite Chapel) Sunday Service: 9:15 am (year-round) & 11 am (starting Memorial Day weekend.) Pastor Brent Moore. Call 209/372-4831 or visit YosemiteValleyChapel.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous (Yosemite Chapel) Tues & Thurs: 6:30 pm

SERVICES IN OTHER AREAS

WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

Wawona Visitor Center & Bookstore 8 am – 5 pm
Information, junior ranger booklets, lost & found, gifts, passport stamp, wilderness permit pickup.

Yosemite History Center open daily

Mariposa Grove Depot 9 am – 5 pm
Gifts, information, passport stamp, Jr Ranger booklets.

Wawona Hotel Dining Room
hotel closed for renovation

Wawona Store 8 am – 8 pm

Golf/Disc Golf Course (opens May 8) 8 am – 6 pm
Visit the Wawona Store for information & booking.

Stable (opens May 23)
2-hour rides at 8 am, 11 am, 3 pm (Fri – Wed)
All-day ride at 8 am (Thurs only)
Pony Rides 10:30 am – 3 pm

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.

SERVICES IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

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

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

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Welcome Center 9 am – 5 pm
Information, junior ranger booklets, lost & found, gifts, passport stamp.

Exploration Center, Theater, & Bookstore 9 am – 5 pm
Rotating exhibits, park film, books & gifts. The Spirit of Yosemite (23 min) runs on the hour & half-hour from 9:30 am – 4 pm.

Yosemite Museum 10 am – 5 pm
Indoor & outdoor exhibits, cultural demonstrations, gifts. May close for lunch.

Wilderness Center 8 am – 5 pm
Wilderness permit pickup.

Degnan's Kitchen 7 am – 6 pm
Limited service 11 – 11:30 am. Specialty coffee (Peet's), breakfast & deli sandwiches, & grab-and-go items. Indoor seating & WiFi.

Village Grill 11 am – 6 pm
Burgers, sandwiches, hot dogs, & soft serve ice cream. Outdoor seating.

The Ansel Adams Gallery 9 am – 5 pm
Art, books, & gifts. Exhibitions & classes on pg 8 & 9.

Village Store 8 am – 10 pm
General store with park's largest selection of gifts & groceries.

Bike Rentals & Tour Kiosk 8 am – 7 pm

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: 209/372-1060
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.

THE AHWAHNEE 3

The Ahwahnee Bar 11:30 am – 11 pm
Upscale casual bar with craft cocktails, wine, appetizers, and lighter entrees.

Dining Room breakfast 7 am – 10 am
lunch 11:30 am – 3 pm
dinner 5:30 pm – 9 pm
Sunday brunch 7 am – 3 pm

Fine dining. Appropriate attire required for dinner. Dinner reservations strongly recommended: 209/372-1489 or OpenTable.com.

Gift Shop 8 am – 9 pm

Sweet Shop 7 am – 10 pm

CURRY VILLAGE 14 19

Coffee Corner 6 am – 2 pm
Specialty coffee (Peet's) & light breakfast.

Bar 1899 11:30 am – 10 pm
Craft beer, cocktails, & light entrees. Indoor/outdoor seating.

Seven Tents Pavilion
breakfast 7 am – 10 am
dinner 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Hearty homestyle meals. Indoor seating.

Pizza Deck 11 am – 10 pm
Pizza (whole or by-the-slice), salads, & garlic bread. Outdoor seating.

Taqueria @ Meadow Grill 11:30 am – 5:30 pm (11 am – 8 pm starting May 16.)
Fast-casual tacos & burritos. Outdoor seating.

Jennie's Ice Cream closed for the season

Gift & Grocery 8 am – 10 pm
Gifts & grocery essentials.

Yosemite Mountain Shop 8 am – 8 pm
Hiking/climbing gear & apparel.

Mountaineering School 8:30 am – 12 pm, 1 pm – 4:30 pm. Guided hikes & rock climbing classes. Call 209/372-8344.

Bike Rentals & Tour Kiosk 8 am – 7 pm

Raft Rentals (open if conditions allow) 10 am – 4 pm Last rafts out of river at 6 pm.

Pool (opens May 23) 11 am – 6 pm

Showers 24 hours

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE 7

Base Camp Eatery
breakfast 6:30 am – 10:30 am
lunch & dinner 11 am – 9 pm
Fast casual breakfast, burgers, chicken, pasta, & more. Large indoor seating area.

Starbucks Coffee 6:30 am – 6:30 pm
Specialty coffee, snacks, & light breakfast.

Mountain Room Lounge
Mon to Fri: 4:30 pm – 10 pm
Sat & Sun: 12 pm – 10 pm
Beer, cocktails, & light entrees.

Mountain Room Restaurant 5 pm – 10 pm
Final seating 30 min before closing. Upscale casual steakhouse. Reservations recommended: OpenTable.com.

Gift Shop 8 am – 10 pm
Gifts, snacks, & drinks.

Bike Rentals 8 am – 7 pm

Front Desk & Tour Tickets 24 hrs

Pool closed for the season

HOUSEKEEPING CAMP 12

Store 8 am – 8 pm

Laundry 8 am – 10 pm

Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (opens early May) 10 am – 4 pm, closed Mon & Tues. Exhibits & information.

HAPPY ISLES 16

Happy Isles Art & Nature Center 9 am – 4 pm. Classes & free activities on pg 8.



Transportation



Public Transportation in Yosemite National Park

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 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

Gas is NOT available 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 pg 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 must remain on pavement and are NOT allowed on hiking trails.** Speed limit on bike paths is 15 mph. Helmets 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 Bicycles are available for full-day and half-day rentals (turn to pg 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. ADA bicycles are available by reservation: call 209/372-1208.

Yosemite Bike Share Bikes available starting in early May 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)

Service tentatively begins by early May. Free shuttles from the parking area to the grove operate from 8 am to 7 pm (last bus leaves Mariposa Grove at 8 pm.) Shuttles depart about every 15 minutes—no ticket needed! When shuttles aren't running, walk 2 mi/3.2 km on the road or Washburn Trail to reach the grove.

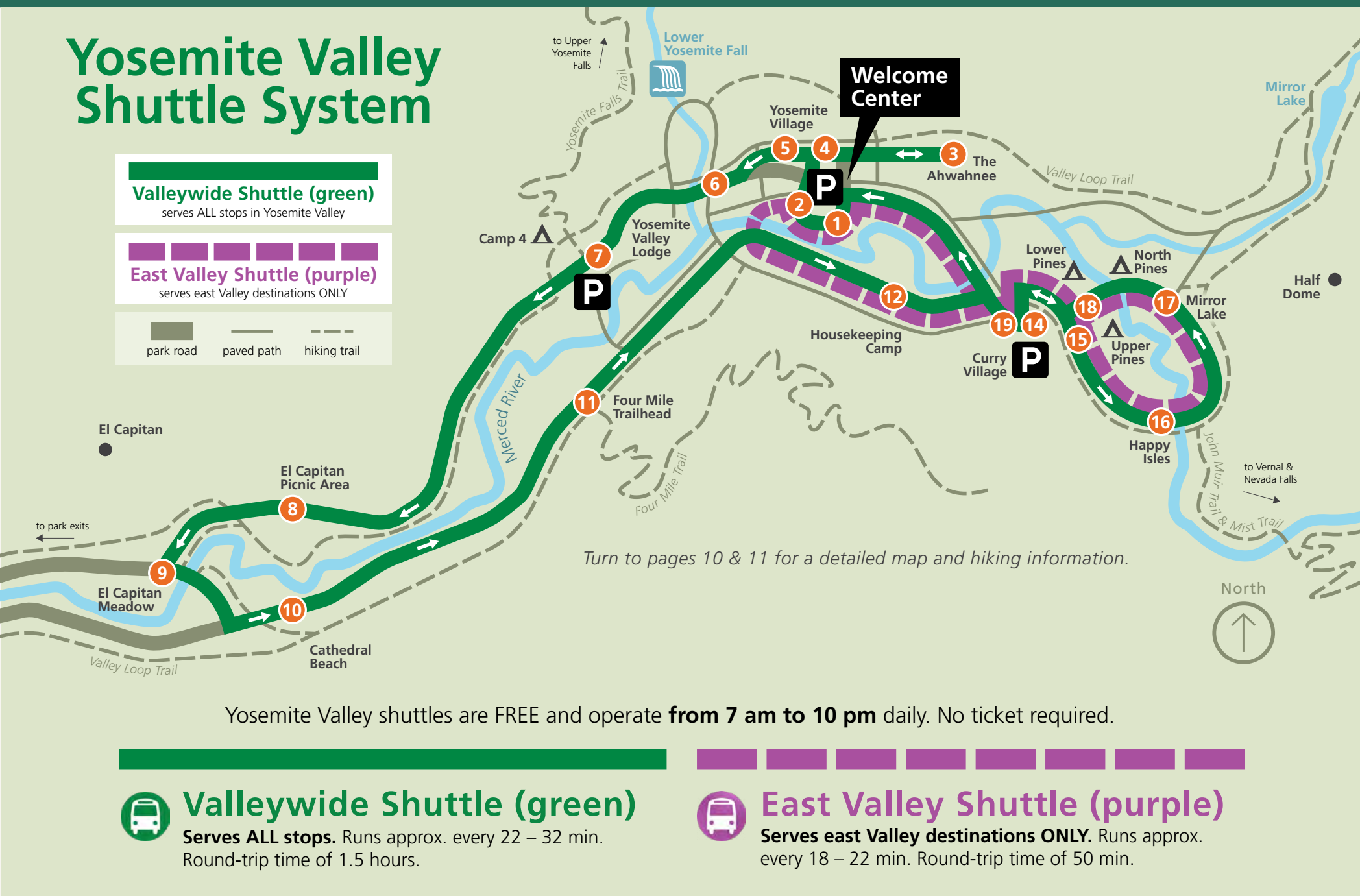
Tuolumne Meadows Hikers Bus (\$)

Service begins May 30, if conditions allow. Hiker dropoff and pickup between Yosemite Valley & Tuolumne Meadows. More information at TravelYosemite.com.

Glacier Point Tour Bus & Hiker Dropoff (\$)

Tours begin May 9, if conditions allow. 4-hour tour departing from Yosemite Valley Lodge. One-way tickets available for hikers (drop-off ONLY—no hiker pickup at Glacier Point.) More information at 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.



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



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Programs



Evani Russel

Additional programs may be offered: visit [go.nps.gov/YosemiteCalendar](https://www.nps.gov/YosemiteCalendar) to view the online calendar, or check listings at information centers. *Program schedule is subject to change.*

Yosemite Valley: Walks & Talks

DAY & TIME		PROGRAM	HOST	FEE & REGISTRATION
7:30 am (2 hrs) M, W		Birding in Yosemite Valley Listen, watch, and learn about Yosemite's birdlife while enjoying an easy paced walk with a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist. Register in advance at yosemite.org .	YC	\$ register at Yosemite.org
9 am – 10 am Su		Climber Coffee Meet with NPS climbers rangers to discuss climbing management issues, preventative search and rescue activities and other current events surrounding the climbing community. Drop in at Camp 4, near the Midnight Lightning Boulder.	NPS	free, drop-in only
10:30 am (2 hrs) M & W		Birding & Wildlife Walk Look for birds and other wildlife as well as the signs they leave behind with a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist. Register in advance at yosemite.org .	YC	\$ register at Yosemite.org
10:30 am (1 hr) Tu, W, 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
12:30 pm – 4:30 pm , daily		Ask a Climber! Stop by to view climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. Located on the west side of El Capitan Bridge (use shuttle stop 9.)	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
3:30 pm (1 hr) daily		Guided Nature Walk Join a naturalist for an easy guided walk of Yosemite's natural areas. Meet at The Ahwahnee Hotel on the back lawn (use shuttle stop 3.)	YH	free, drop-in only
6 pm (1.5 hrs) daily		Yosemite Valley Sunset Walk Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist on a sunset walk through Yosemite Valley and learn about the flora, fauna, and history of Yosemite National Park. Register in advance at yosemite.org .	YC	\$ register at Yosemite.org
8 pm (30 min) Su, M, Tu*		Evening Programs Yosemite Naturalists present a variety of topics. Meet at the Curry Village Amphitheater (use shuttle stop 14 or 19.) *no program May 10	YH	free, drop-in only
8:30 pm (1.5 hrs) nightly*		Yosemite After Dark Grab a flashlight and join a Yosemite Naturalist for an interactive nature walk at night! Book tickets at TravelYosemite.com or at the Yosemite Valley Lodge front desk. <i>Recommended for kids 11 & up.</i> *no program May 9	YH	\$ tickets at TravelYosemite.com
9 pm (1.5 hrs) nightly		Explore Yosemite's Night Sky Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist for a guided stargazing experience under Yosemite's night sky. Learn about star science, constellations, cultural stories, and mythology. Your naturalist will use a laser pointer to highlight celestial objects—no telescopes are used. Register in advance at yosemite.org .	YC	\$ register at Yosemite.org

Programs in Wawona & The Mariposa Grove

DAY & TIME		PROGRAM	HOST	FEE & REGISTRATION
9 am (1 hr) W & Su		Coffee with a Ranger 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, drop-in only
9:30 am (2 hrs) daily*		Nature Walk—Mariposa Grove (*starting May 18) Meet at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area. Allow time to park and walk or shuttle to the Mariposa Grove before the program starts.	NPS	free, drop-in only
3:15 pm (45 min) daily*		Jr. Ranger Walk—Mariposa Grove (*starting May 18) Allow time to park and walk or shuttle to the Mariposa Grove before the program starts. <i>Recommended for kids 4 & up.</i>	NPS	free, drop-in only

Programs Near Crane Flat

DAY & TIME		PROGRAM	HOST	FEE & REGISTRATION
2 pm – 3:30 pm daily*		Junior Ranger Discovery Table (*starting May 18) 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, drop-in only

Programs in Tuolumne Meadows

Opening date for the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center and a schedule of ranger programs are to-be-determined. Check local listings and the online calendar for programs.



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



Families Welcome!
Programs for all ages (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.

NPS
National Park Service

YC
Yosemite Conservancy

YH
Yosemite Hospitality

TAAG
The Ansel Adams Gallery

YCHC
Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (Sierra Club)

Bus & Tram Tours

Find more information and purchase tickets: visit TravelYosemite.com, call 888/413-8869, or stop by an in-park tour desk (locations on pg 5.) Tours operated by Yosemite Hospitality. All tours depart from the Yosemite Valley Lodge.

DAY & TIME	TOUR
10 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, sunset (2 hrs) daily	Valley Floor Tour Experience the highlights of Yosemite Valley with a naturalist or park ranger on a bus or open-air tram.
8:30 am & 1:30 pm (4 hrs) daily	Glacier Point Tour (starting May 9, if conditions allow) On this four-hour bus tour, you'll go from Yosemite Valley to Glacier Point—a 3,200-foot elevation gain. One-way tickets for hikers available (dropoff only, NO pickup at Glacier Point.)
8 am (8 hrs) daily	Yosemite Grand Tour (starting May 9, if conditions allow) The full-day Yosemite Grand Tour combines Yosemite Valley, Glacier Point and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias for a memorable day in Yosemite National Park. Lunch is included.

Yosemite Valley: Photography Walks

Classes are hosted by The Ansel Adams Gallery. Registration required: AnselAdams.com/photography-education

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM
9 am (1.5 hrs) Tu & Th	The Ansel Adams Gallery Photography Walk (free) Join a staff photographer for a brief field lecture in Yosemite Valley. Limited space; registration required.
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.
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.
1 pm (4 hrs) M & Th	In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams (\$) Join a staff photographer for a field class around Yosemite Valley.
1 pm (4 hrs) Tu	Ansel Adams's Legacy and Your Digital Camera (\$) Join a staff photographer at The Ansel Adams Gallery for a field class to learn how to make better photographs with your DSLR camera.

Yosemite Valley: Art Classes

Classes are hosted by Yosemite Conservancy. Registration required: Yosemite.org/art

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM
9 am (4 hrs) weekdays	Art Class (\$) Slow down and connect with nature in a new way. Each week a new guest artist leads hands-on, four-hour outdoor art workshops at Happy Isles Art & Nature Center. Beginners welcome! Find a schedule of classes and register at Yosemite.org/art .
10 am – 3 pm daily	Kids' Open Art Studio (free) Art activities for kids at the Happy Isles Art & Nature Center (shuttle stop 16.) Drop in anytime during studio hours!
2 pm (2 hrs) F	Paint & Sip (\$) Learn the basics of watercolor and create an iconic Yosemite landscape step-by-step. Beginners welcome! Meets at the Mountain Room Lounge. Painting supplies, instruction, a charcuterie plate, and a beverage are included. Register at Yosemite.org/art .

Yosemite Valley: Special Events

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM
May 15 8:30 pm (1 hr)	Art and Conservation in the National Park with James McGrew (free) A special one hour presentation by artist James McGrew discussing art and conservation at the Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheatre. Hosted by The Ansel Adams Gallery.
May 16 1 pm – 3 pm	Artist's Reception for James McGrew (free) Join James McGrew at The Ansel Adams Gallery for a reception for his current exhibition, "Yosemite Awakenings: New Paintings by James McGrew." The exhibition runs until June 20.
May 22 2 pm	Stewardship Series: Red-legged Frog Conservation (\$) In this two-hour program, join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist to explore one of Yosemite's most remarkable comeback stories, the California red legged frog, a federally threatened species and one of three endangered amphibians in the park. Find out how science, creativity, and conservation are working together to give Yosemite's amphibians a leap toward a brighter future. Free for Yosemite Conservancy donors. Registration required at yosemite.org .

Yosemite Valley: Evening Programs at the Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

Free presentations hosted by the Sierra Club. No registration required. The Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center is located at shuttle stop 12, near Housekeeping Camp.

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM
Fri, May 8 7:30 pm (1.5 hrs)	Yosemite Landmarks: Origins and History of Yosemite's Places and Names Presented by Jeremy Evans, Nature Photographer/Filmmaker/Sierra Club Outings Leader. Did you wonder who explored and named Yosemite's iconic landmarks? Join Jeremy on this evening of historic discovery.
Sat, May 9 7:30 pm (1.5 hrs)	The Wonders of Dark Skies - Astrophotography, Astronomy, Light Pollution and Prevention Presented by Jeremy Evans, Nature Photographer/Filmmaker/Sierra Club Outings Leader. Showcasing images and videos from Yosemite, Death Valley, Yellowstone, Sequoia, and more, see the Milky Way, lunar rainbows, meteor showers, distant galaxies, comets, nebulas, and eclipses.
Sat, Jun 6 7:30 pm (1.5 hrs)	Smokejumping in the West Presented by Deanne Shulman, First Female Smokejumper. Hear about the life of a smokejumper responding to wildfires throughout the Western US.
Fri, Jun 12 7:30 pm (1.5 hrs)	Smokejumping in the West Presented by Deanne Shulman, First Female Smokejumper. Hear about the life of a smokejumper responding to wildfires throughout the Western US.

More Activities with Park Partners

YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY

Yosemite.org

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

Locations Yosemite Exploration Center & Theater, Happy Isles Art & Nature Center, & multiple retail locations. *Hours on pg 5.*

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

Plan a Custom Adventure with a naturalist: Yosemite.org/custom-adventures

Art Classes

- Watercolor Painting with Jim Kingwell: May 4 – 8
 - Mosaics with Denise Davidson: May 11 - 15
 - Watercolor Painting with Grace Fong: May 18 - 22
 - Watercolor Painting with Casey Cheuvront: May 25 - 29
 - Painting & Poetry with Joa & Kelly: June 1 - 5
 - Painting & Printmaking with Sue Fierston: June 8 - 12
- Learn more and sign up for art classes: Yosemite.org/art

YOSEMITE HOSPITALITY

TravelYosemite.com

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

Yosemite Mountaineering School

Expertly-guided dayhikes, backpacking, and rock climbing: join a scheduled hike or class, or book your own custom guided experience. Stop by the Yosemite Mountaineering School in Curry Village (open 8:30 am – noon, 1 pm – 4:30 pm), visit TravelYosemite.com, or call 209/372-8344 for information.

THE ANSEL ADAMS GALLERY

AnselAdams.com/photography-education
209/372-4433

Location The Ansel Adams Gallery is located in Yosemite Village, open from 9 am – 5 pm daily. Experience a variety of fine arts, handcrafts, and a collection of Ansel Adams' original photographs. The gallery also offers half-day or full-day photography classes and private guided tours led by a resident staff photographer.

Current & Upcoming Exhibitions

Yosemite Awakenings: New Paintings by James McGrew
May 4 – June 20

SIERRA CLUB

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

The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center opens in early May: 10 am – 4 pm (closed Mon & Tues.)

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

Backpacking Yosemite

A wilderness permit is required year-round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness.
Visit go.nps.gov/WildPermits for information.

Wilderness centers open in spring. If a permit reservation is required but the appropriate wilderness center is not open, find instructions for permit pickup at go.nps.gov/wildconditions

Come prepared with your own allowed bear canister—or rent one when you pick up your permit.

Wilderness Centers & Permit Pickup

- Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center | 8 am – 5 pm**
- Wawona Visitor Center (opens May 22) | 8 am – 5 pm**
Before May 22: self-register for permits on the front porch (for Wawona trailheads ONLY.) Nearest bear canister rental at Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center.
- Big Oak Flat Information Station | 8 am – 5 pm**
- Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center (opening TBD)**
Opens after Tioga Road is open for the season. Check go.nps.gov/wildconditions for updates.
- Big Wall Climbing Permits (for overnight climbs)**
Self-register at kiosk near shuttle stop 9.

Half Dome Permits

A permit is required 7 days a week when the cables are up. Cables are scheduled to be in place May 22, conditions permitting. Permits are available by pre-season (March 1–31) and daily lotteries. Find more information at go.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

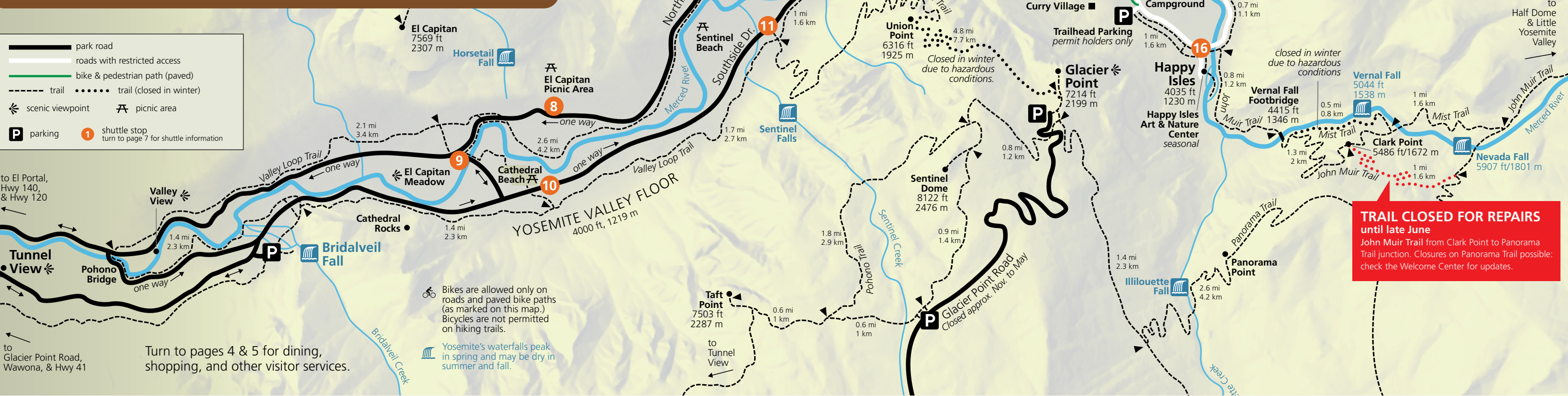
Stay on the trail to protect fragile vegetation and avoid getting lost.

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.



TRAIL	DISTANCE & ELEVATION GAIN	STARTING POINT
Shorter Walks <i>Scenic walks that usually take an hour or less</i>	round-trip	
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 relaxing 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) Walk the paved road from shuttle stop 17 to the small lake. Views of Half Dome and reflections on the water's surface in spring. Continue on the unpaved hiking trail for a 4.5 mi (7 km) loop around the lake. <i>*Pets are allowed only on the paved road.</i> <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	round-trip	
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. <i>Sections of trail may be flooded or muddy in spring.</i>	distance: up to 11.5 mi, 18.5 km. Mostly flat, some gentle incline. Uneven terrain.	Most shuttle stops; refer to map

- wheelchair-accessible path or boardwalk.
- leashed pets welcome *pets are also allowed on paved bike paths, shown on the map in solid green.*
- pets NOT allowed

TRAIL	DISTANCE & ELEVATION GAIN	STARTING POINT
Hiking to Vernal Fall & Nevada Fall <i>Several routes are possible through this corridor. All routes start and end at Happy Isles (shuttle stop 16.)</i>	round-trip (to & from Happy Isles)	
SHORTEST: Vernal Fall Footbridge (1–1.5 hrs) Hike the short but very steep first section of the John Muir Trail (JMT) for views of Vernal Fall from the footbridge. Return the same way.	distance: 1.6 mi, 2.6 km elev. gain: 380 ft, 115 m	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
LONGER: 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 Mist Trail	distance: 2.4 mi, 3.8 km elev. gain: 1000 ft, 300 m	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
Loop via Clark Point & John Muir Trail	distance: 3.7 mi, 6 km elev. gain: 1500 ft, 450 m	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
LONGEST: Top of Nevada Fall (4–6 hrs) From the top of Vernal Fall, continue up the Mist Trail to the top of Nevada Fall. Return the same way. <i>The John Muir Trail (JMT) is closed between Clark Pt & Panorama Trail junction until late June for crucial trail repair work.</i>		
Out-and-back on Mist Trail	distance: 5 mi, 8 km elev. gain: 2000 ft, 600 m	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
Loop via Clark Point & John Muir Trail <i>JMT closed between Clark Pt & Panorama Trail junction.</i>	—	—
Most Challenging Hikes <i>These all-day hikes include very steep trails and stunning views of Yosemite Valley. Pack sun protection, salty snacks, and at least 3 quarts or liters of water per person.</i>	round-trip	
YOSEMITE FALLS TRAIL (6–8 hrs) Very steep, rugged trail with dozens of switchbacks. Hike the first mile to Columbia Rock for stunning valley views. 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) Very steep trail with spectacular Valley views. Hiker transportation from Yosemite Valley to Glacier Point may be available via the Glacier Point Tour Bus (drop-offs ONLY, no pickup at Glacier Point): visit TravelYosemite.com for tickets.	distance: 9.6 mi, 15.4 km elev. gain: 3,200 ft, 975 m	Shuttle Stop 11