

Yosemite Guide



Tuolumne Meadows

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Yosemite National Park **June 10 – July 14, 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
- 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.

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

[Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/YosemiteNPS) [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/YosemiteNPS) [Twitter](https://www.twitter.com/YosemiteNPS) @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 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 Essentials



Curry Village Parking

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 (page 6.) If Yosemite Valley parking is full, explore other areas of the park and return later in the day.

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.

Sign up for Yosemite traffic alerts by texting [ynptraffic](text:ynptraffic) to 333111.

Stay safe from lightning.

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

Wildfires inside or outside Yosemite can impact air quality.

Smoke may affect visibility and can pose a health concern, especially for sensitive individuals. Check air quality and smoke forecasts at fire.airnow.gov.

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 go into effect, depending on conditions.*

Waterfalls peak during spring snowmelt.

Waterfalls are typically fullest in May and early June. Some waterfalls, including Yosemite Falls, can dry completely by mid- or late summer.

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.

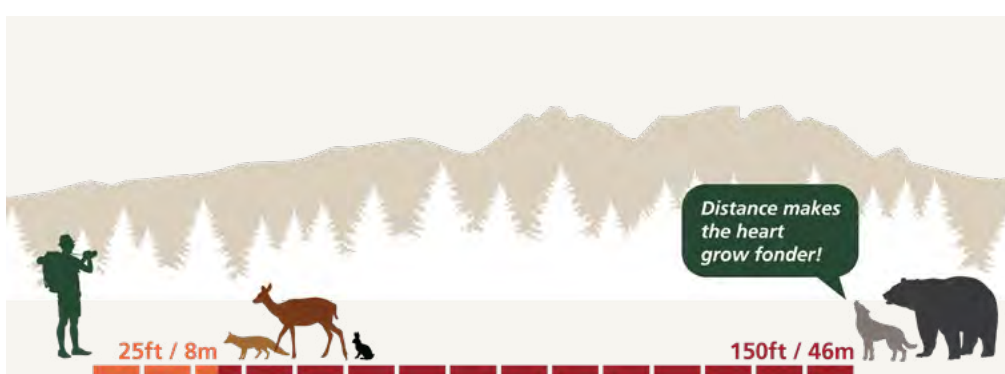
At Night

✓ **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.



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



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



Yosemite 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. Hetch Hetchy can be very hot in summer, with very little shade along the reservoir.

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. 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

The trip across the Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. The road's elevation ranges from 6,200 feet to almost 10,000 feet. Tuolumne Meadows embodies the high-country of the Sierra Nevada. It is the jumping off place for many hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. Stop by the visitor center for local information, including trail conditions, hikes, and daily ranger programs. There is little or no cell service along the road, so be prepared before you go.

GETTING HERE

Located 55 mi/89 km/1.5 hours from Yosemite Valley. Take Big Oak Flat Rd to Crane Flat, then turn onto Tioga Road. Drive 39 miles to Tuolumne Meadows.

VISITOR SERVICES

- Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center** | 9 am – 5 pm. Information, junior ranger booklets, lost & found, gifts, passport stamp.
- This is a very remote area of the park with limited services and little to no cell coverage. Turn to page 5 for services.



Half Dome & the Yosemite high country

GLACIER POINT

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. Trailers and vehicles over 30 ft not permitted past Sentinel Dome trailhead.

VISITOR SERVICES Gift shop—turn to page 5 for hours.

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.
- 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. 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!

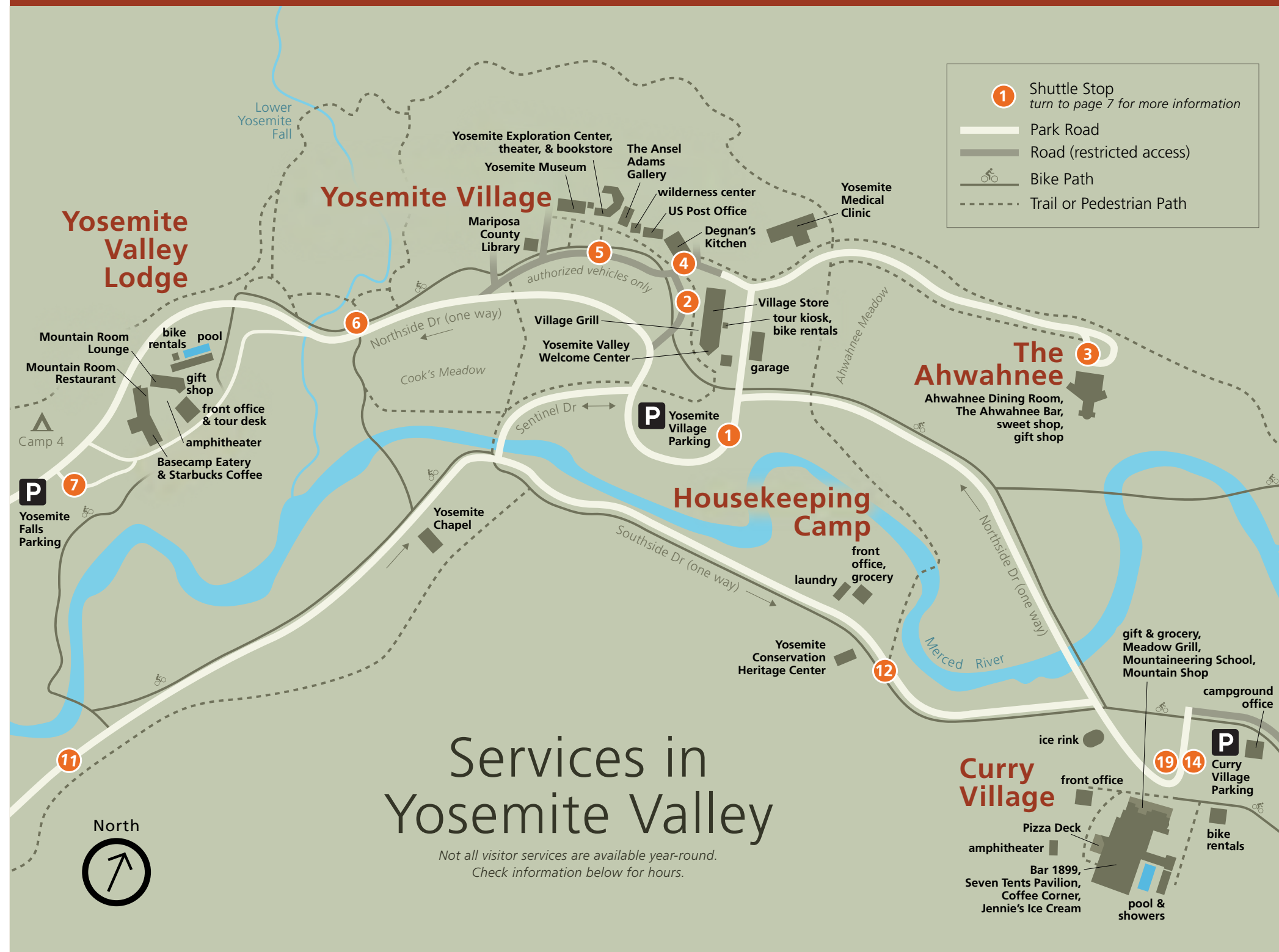
Become a Yosemite Jr. Ranger!



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 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

SERVICES IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

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

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

1 2 4 5

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

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- 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.
- Meadow Grill Taqueria** 11 am – 8 pm
Fast-casual tacos & burritos. Outdoor seating.
- Jennie's Ice Cream (opens June 19)** 11 am – 8:30 pm
- 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** 11 am – 6 pm, conditions permitting
- Showers** 24 hours

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- 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
ADA bicycles, scooters, & wheelchairs: call 209/372-1208
- Front Desk & Tour Tickets** 24 hrs
- Pool** 11 am – 6 pm

HOUSEKEEPING CAMP 12

- Store** 8 am – 8 pm
- Laundry** 8 am – 10 pm
- Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center** 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.

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 Course** 8 am – 6 pm
Visit the Wawona Store for information & booking.
- Stable**
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 8 am – 5 pm
Propane available when staffed. Gas & diesel. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

GLACIER POINT

- Glacier Point Gift Shop** 9 am – 7 pm. Gifts & snacks.

TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

- Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center** 9 am – 5 pm
- Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center** 8 am – 5 pm
- Tuolumne Meadows Store** 8 am – 8 pm
- Tuolumne Meadows Grill** 8 am – 6 pm
- High Sierra Camps** Glen Aulin, Sunrise, & May Lake opening early July. Visit TravelYosemite.com.
- White Wolf Lodge/Store/Dining Room** closed

CRANE FLAT

- Big Oak Flat Information Station & Bookstore** 8 am – 5 pm. Store opens at 9 am. Information, junior ranger booklets, lost & found, passport stamp, wilderness permit pickup.
- Crane Flat Gas & Grocery** store open 8 am – 5 pm
Gas & diesel. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

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.

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. Check availability at Recreation.gov or call 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 & 11 am.
Pastor Brent Moore. Call 209/372-4831 or visit YosemiteValleyChapel.org.

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

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)

Charging stations in Tuolumne Meadows are temporarily unavailable.

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 are available 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)

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!

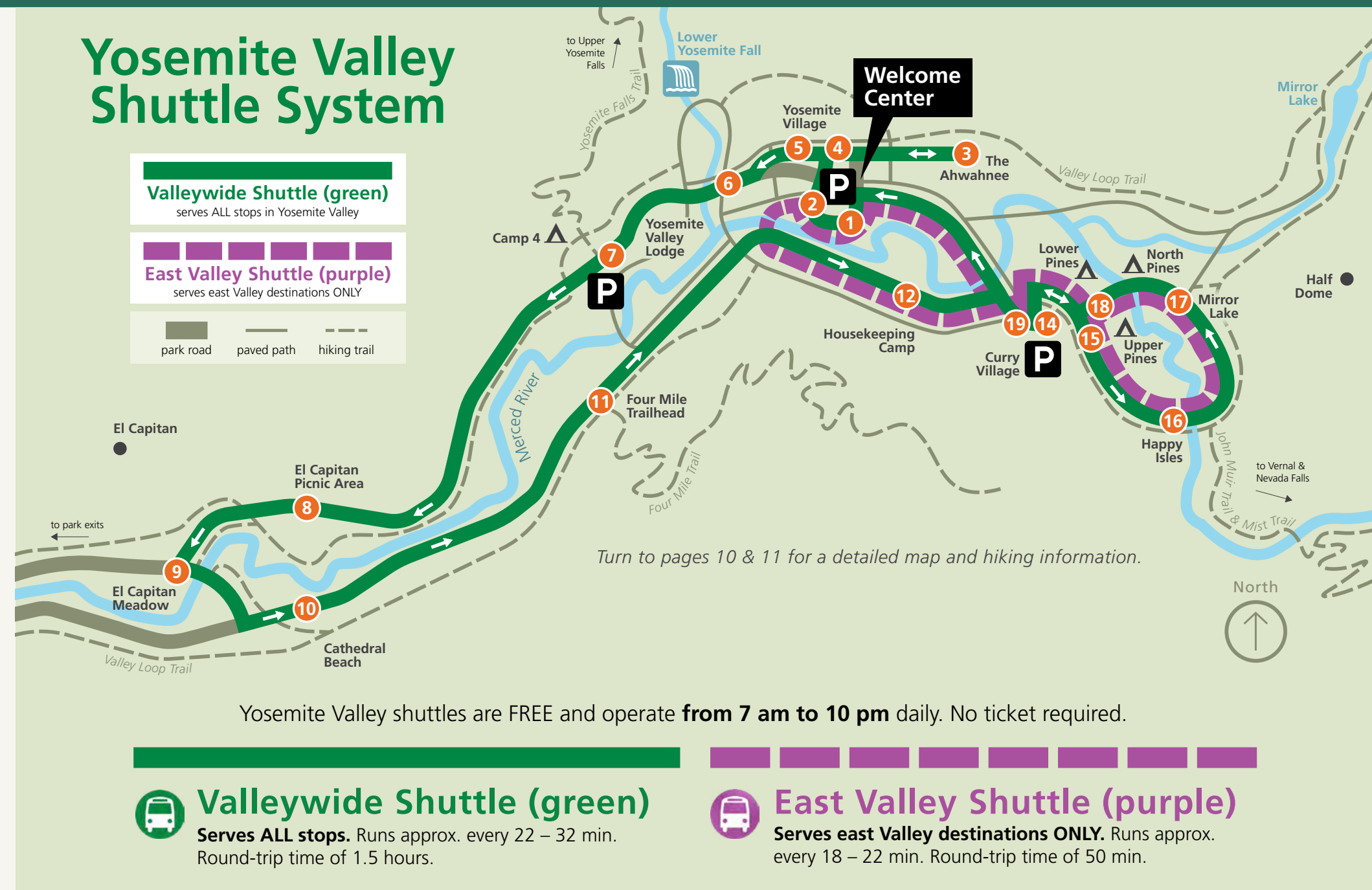
Tuolumne Meadows Hikers Bus (\$)

Hiker dropoff and pickup at trailheads between Yosemite Valley & Tuolumne Meadows. One run per day. Book at TravelYosemite.com or at the Yosemite Valley Lodge front desk.

Glacier Point Tour Bus & Hiker Dropoff (\$)

4-hour tour departing from Yosemite Valley Lodge. One-way tickets available for hikers (drop-off ONLY—no hiker pickup at Glacier Point.) Book at TravelYosemite.com or at the Yosemite Valley Lodge front desk.

Yosemite Valley Shuttle System



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



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.

Programs

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



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.



Evening Program
Stargazing, campfires, & more.



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

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE & REGISTRATION
9 am (1 hr) daily	Ranger Walk Join a ranger for a naturalist walk and take a closer look at Yosemite. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center. (shuttle stop 2.)	NPS	free, drop-in only
9 am – 10 am Su*	Climber Coffee (*until June 28) 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. <i>In July, Climber Coffee moves to the Tuolumne Meadows Store, about 1.5 hrs from Yosemite Valley.</i>	NPS	free, drop-in only
10 am (1 hr) daily	Jr. Ranger Walk Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center (shuttle stop 2) for an easy walk with kid-focused activities related to Yosemite. All children must be accompanied by an adult.	NPS	free, drop-in only
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! (*until July 1) 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
1 pm (1 hr) daily	Ranger Walk: Wild About Bears Learn about bears in Yosemite with a ranger (no bear sightings expected.) Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center (Shuttle stop 2).	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
4:30 pm (1 hr) daily	Yosemite Live! Enjoy short films, presentations, and performances presented by Yosemite Conservancy naturalists. Meet in the Yosemite Theater behind the Exploration Center (use shuttle stop 5 or Yosemite Village Parking.)	YC	free, drop-in only
8 pm (30 min) nightly	Evening Programs Yosemite Naturalists present a variety of topics. Meet at the Curry Village Amphitheater (use shuttle stop 14 or 19.)	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>	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 (1.5 hrs) daily	Nature Walk—Mariposa Grove 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
1:30 pm (45 min) daily	Jr. Ranger Talk—Mariposa Grove 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
7 pm (1 hr) nightly	Campfire Program Meet at Wawona campground amphitheater. Topics vary.	NPS	free, drop-in only

Programs Near Crane Flat

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE & REGISTRATION
11 am (1 hr) M, W, Th	Giant Sequoia Hike with a ranger. Meet in Tuolumne Grove. Allow time to hike 1 mile from the trailhead to reach the grove before the program. Total hike is 2.5 miles roundtrip with 500 feet of elevation change.	NPS	free, drop-in only
2 pm – 3:30 pm daily	Jr. Ranger Discovery Table Drop in anytime to talk with a ranger and start or finish earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Located at the Tuolumne Grove Trailhead.	NPS	free, drop-in only
7:30 pm (1 hr) Su, W, F, Sa*	Evening Program Topics vary. Meet at the Crane Flat Campground Amphitheater. *No program June 10, June 12, June 20, July 1, July 10.	NPS	free, drop-in only
8:30 pm (1.5 hrs) some dates*	Stars Over Crane Flat Join a ranger for a night of stargazing. No pets, RVs, or trailers. Visit the Big Oak Flat Information Station to register. *June 10, June 15, June 20, June 29, July 1, July 10 ONLY	NPS	free, registration required

Stargazing at Glacier Point

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE & REGISTRATION
9 pm (1 hr) some dates*	Glacier Point Starry Skies Join a Yosemite Naturalist for an unforgettable night of stargazing from iconic Glacier Point! Transportation to Glacier Point is NOT included. Register at TravelYosemite.com . *Offered July 5-9, July 12-14 ONLY	YH	\$ tickets at TravelYosemite.com
8:30 pm some dates*	Glacier Point Star Parties During summer, amateur astronomy clubs host star parties at Glacier Point Amphitheater in cooperation with the National Park Service. Drop in anytime after 8:30—programs typically last 2 to 4 hours, depending on the host and night sky conditions. The program is canceled if the sky is overcast. *July 3 & 4, July 11 & 12 ONLY	NPS	free, drop-in only

Bus & Tram Tours

Find more information and purchase tickets: visit TravelYosemite.com, call 888/413-8869, or stop by the Yosemite Valley Lodge front desk. 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 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 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. Beginners welcome! Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (shuttle stop 16). Register in advance 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! Meet at the Mountain Room Lounge (shuttle stops 6 & 7), register in advance at yosemite.org/art .

Yosemite Valley: Special Events

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM
June 12, 13, & 27 7:30 pm (1.5 hrs)	Evening Programs at the Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (Sierra Club) Free, no registration required. Located at shuttle stop 12, near Housekeeping Camp. Check the online calendar or local listings for program topics.
June 15 & July 2 10 am (3 hrs)	Drop-in Volunteer Event Yosemite Zero Heroes Volunteers will use litter sticks and buckets to clean up litter along roadsides and trails, parking lots, campgrounds and in other public areas. Families with kids 5 & up are welcome! Meet in front of the Exploration Center in Yosemite Village at 10 am. No need to sign up in advance—register when you arrive. <i>Hosted by NPS.</i>
June 26 2 pm (2 hrs)	Stewardship Series: Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias Step into a forest of giants and discover the science behind Yosemite's most iconic trees. Free for Yosemite Conservancy donors. Registration required at Yosemite.org . <i>Hosted by YC.</i>
July 17 – 19	Obata Art Weekend Celebrate the work and legacy of Chiura Obata, a Japanese American artist celebrated for his stunning portrayals of Yosemite's high country. Attend art workshops, demos, ranger talks, and more! For more information and to register for workshops, visit go.nps.gov/SPEV

Programs in Tuolumne Meadows

All programs are hosted by the National Park Service. Programs are free; no registration required.

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM
7:30 am (2.5 hrs) W, Sa*	Bird Walk (*starting June 13, no program June 20) with a Tuolumne Meadows expert. Easy stroll. Binoculars available. Meet at Lembert Dome Parking.
9 – 10 am Su*	Climber Coffee (*starting July 5) 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 the Tuolumne Meadows Store. <i>In June, Climber Coffee is held at Camp 4 in Yosemite Valley.</i>
10 am – 4 pm daily*	Parsons Memorial Lodge at the Soda Springs (*opens June 22) Meet a ranger, learn the history of Yosemite's high country. Daily activities and open reading room.
10 am (2 hrs) Su & Tu*	Wildflower Walk (*starting June 16) with a park ranger naturalist. Take a walk in the high country and find what's blooming. Learn more than names. Moderately strenuous. Meet at Lembert Dome parking
10 am (4 hrs) F*	Tioga Pass Wildflowers (*starting June 19) See what's in bloom at 10,000 feet above the sea! Meet at the Gaylor Lakes Trailhead ready for a moderate to strenuous hike.
10 am (2 hrs) M & Th*	Domes and Meadows (*starting June 15) Meets at Pothole Dome Trailhead. Moderate stroll.
10 am (1.5 hrs) W & Sa*	Jr. Ranger Program (*starting June 17) Topics vary. Meets at Lembert Dome Parking. Easy stroll.
10 am (2 hrs) W*	Geology of Tuolumne Meadows (*starting June 17) Meet at Pothole Dome Trailhead. Moderate walk.
12 pm (15 min) daily	Ranger Talk: Welcome to Tuolumne! Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot.
1 pm (2 hrs) W*	Tuolumne River Walk (*starting June 17) Dog Lake parking lot. Easy stroll.
1 pm (3 hrs) Tu*	Dog Lake Hike (*starting June 16) Dog Lake parking lot. Bring water, sun protection, snacks. Strenuous.
2 pm (2 hrs) Sa*	Forest Walk (*starting June 20) Meet at Dog Lake parking lot. Easy stroll.
2 pm (2 hrs) M*	History of Tuolumne Meadows (*starting June 15) Meets at TM Visitor Center parking lot. Easy stroll.
2 pm (2 hrs) Th*	Wildlife of the High Sierra (*starting June 18) Meet at TM Visitor Center. Easy walk
3 pm (15 min) daily	Ranger Talk: Welcome to Tuolumne! Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center parking lot.
7 pm (45 min) W*	Kids' Campfire! (*starts when campground is open) Meet at Conness Campfire Circle in Tuolumne Meadows Campground, C Loop.
8 pm (1 hr) Nightly*	Campfire Program (*starts when campground is open) Meet at Tuolumne Meadows Campground. Different topics each night.
8 pm (1 hr) M, W, Sa*	Campfireside Chat with a Ranger (*starting June 22) Meet at the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge.
9:30 (1 hr) M & W*	Stars Over Tuolumne (*starting June 15) Meet at Lembert Dome parking. Bring a pad to sit on, a flashlight, and dress warmly.

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

- Painting & Printmaking with Sue Fierston: June 8 – 12
- Watercolor Painting with John Gates: June 15 – 19
- Nature Drawing with Adam Davis: June 22 – 26
- Acrylic Painting with Jeff Hemming: June 29 – July 10
- Printmaking with Daniel Villa: July 13 – 17

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
209/372-4413

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* until June 20
- *America the Beautiful: Photographs from the National Parks to Celebrate the Country's 250th* June 21 — August 7

SIERRA CLUB

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

Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center Sierra Club volunteers welcome visitors to explore the exhibits, the natural history library, and the children's corner. Open 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.

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 | 8 am – 5 pm
- Big Oak Flat Information Station | 8 am – 5 pm
Nearest pickup for Hetch Hetchy permits.
- Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center | 8 am – 5 pm
- 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 (approx. late May to early October). Permits are available by pre-season (March 1–31) and daily lotteries. Find more information at go.nps.gov/HDpermits

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.

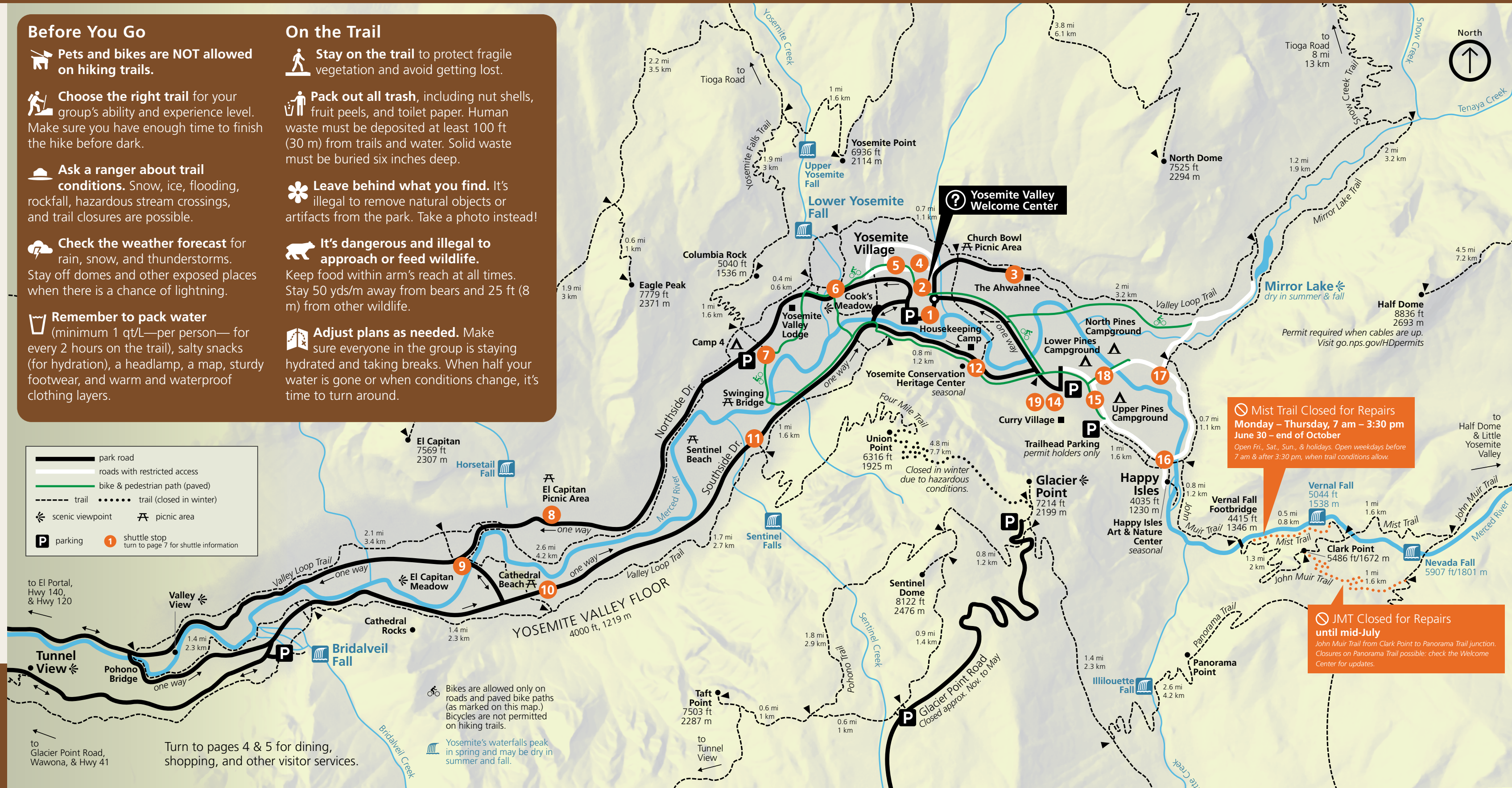
Pack out all trash, including nut shells, fruit peels, and toilet paper. Human waste must be deposited at least 100 ft (30 m) from trails and water. Solid waste must be buried six inches deep.

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.

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 7 for shuttle information



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.



TRAIL	DISTANCE & ELEVATION GAIN	STARTING POINT
Shorter Walks Scenic walks that usually take an hour or less	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> & Vehicles with a valid disability placard may drive the paved road to the front of Mirror Lake.	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 Several routes are possible through this corridor. All routes start and end at Happy Isles (shuttle stop 16.)	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. <i>Scheduled closures may affect route; check map above.</i>		
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 mid-July 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 (until mid-July)</i>	distance: 5.8 mi, 9.3 km elev. gain: 2000 ft, 600 m	Happy Isles; Shuttle Stop 16
Most Challenging Hikes 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.	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