

Yosemite Essentials



❄ Visiting Yosemite in Winter

Options for hiking can be very limited. Trails may be hazardingly icy, covered by snow, or even completely closed. Ask about trail conditions before you go, and carry traction devices and/or trekking poles.

Expect road closures. Tioga Road and Glacier Point Road close to vehicles each winter. During or after winter storms, short-term closures and tire chain restrictions may go into effect on all park roads.

A reservation will be required to drive into Yosemite 24 hours per day on February 10–11, 17–19, and 24–25. Due to the popularity of the Horsetail Fall (“Firefall”) phenomenon, some restrictions will be in effect. For details, visit go.nps.gov/horsetail.

🚗 Tire Chains May Be Required on Park Roads

Call 209/372-0200 (press 1, then 1) to hear updated information about road closures and tire chain restrictions.

Winter visitors should carry tire chains or cables and know how to use them. Chains or cables are installed on the drive wheels of a vehicle to provide traction on ice and snow.

Chain restrictions can go into effect at any time. All vehicles are required by law to carry chains when restrictions are in effect (NO exceptions.) There are three levels of chain restrictions:

- R1:** Chains required (vehicles with snow tires OK.) All vehicles must carry chains.
- R2:** Chains required (vehicles with snow tires and AWD/4WD OK.) All vehicles must carry chains.
- R3:** Chains required (no exceptions.)



For more information, visit go.nps.gov/chains, or scan the QR code.

To avoid winter driving in Yosemite, use the YARTS bus service and free Valley shuttles during your visit. Turn to page 6 for transportation information.

🏥 Visitor & Emergency Services

In an Emergency:
Call or Text 911

Non-emergency dispatch line
209/379-1992

Medical Clinic (Yosemite Valley)
209/372-4637

Open Mon to Fri from 9 am to 5 pm. Urgent care walk-ins from 1 pm to 3:30 pm with out-of-pocket fees.

Yosemite Village Garage
209/372-1060
24-hour roadside assistance.

Lost & Found Check at a visitor center, or visit go.nps.gov/lost to report a lost item.

♿ Accessibility

For a complete list of accessible services, exhibits, and recreational opportunities, pick up a Yosemite Accessibility Guide at visitor centers, or download a digital copy at go.nps.gov/AccessYosemite

- Sign Language interpreting is available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at 209/379-5250 (v/txt). Two weeks advance notice is requested but not required.
- Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advance request at any visitor center.
- Accessible parking spaces are available throughout the park.

🐻 Protect Yosemite's Wildlife

Bears and other animals are active in the park, even in winter!

Speeding kills bears. You're driving through wildlife habitat. Follow speed limits, drive carefully, and watch for wildlife crossing the road.

It is illegal to approach or feed any wild animal in Yosemite. Wildlife can cause injuries and transmit diseases. Human food is very unhealthy for wild animals, and animals that are used to being fed can become aggressive toward people.



🍽 Proper Food Storage is Required by Law

Help keep wildlife wild. Never intentionally feed any wild animal in Yosemite. Avoid accidentally sharing your food by properly storing it.



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.

During the Day

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

At Night

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

🏠 Park Regulations

The National Park Service is bound by its mission to protect Yosemite's natural and cultural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. Regulations are in place to protect both visitors and park resources.

Prohibited activities include:

- Using drones
- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants and animals
- Hunting animals
- Picking up archeological items, such as arrowheads
- Using metal detectors
- Driving vehicles into meadows
- Biking off of paved roads
- Camping outside of designated campgrounds
- Possession of weapons inside federal facilities
- Possessing or using marijuana, including medical marijuana

To report illegal activity, call park dispatch at 209/379-1992.

🐕 Pets are not allowed on hiking trails.

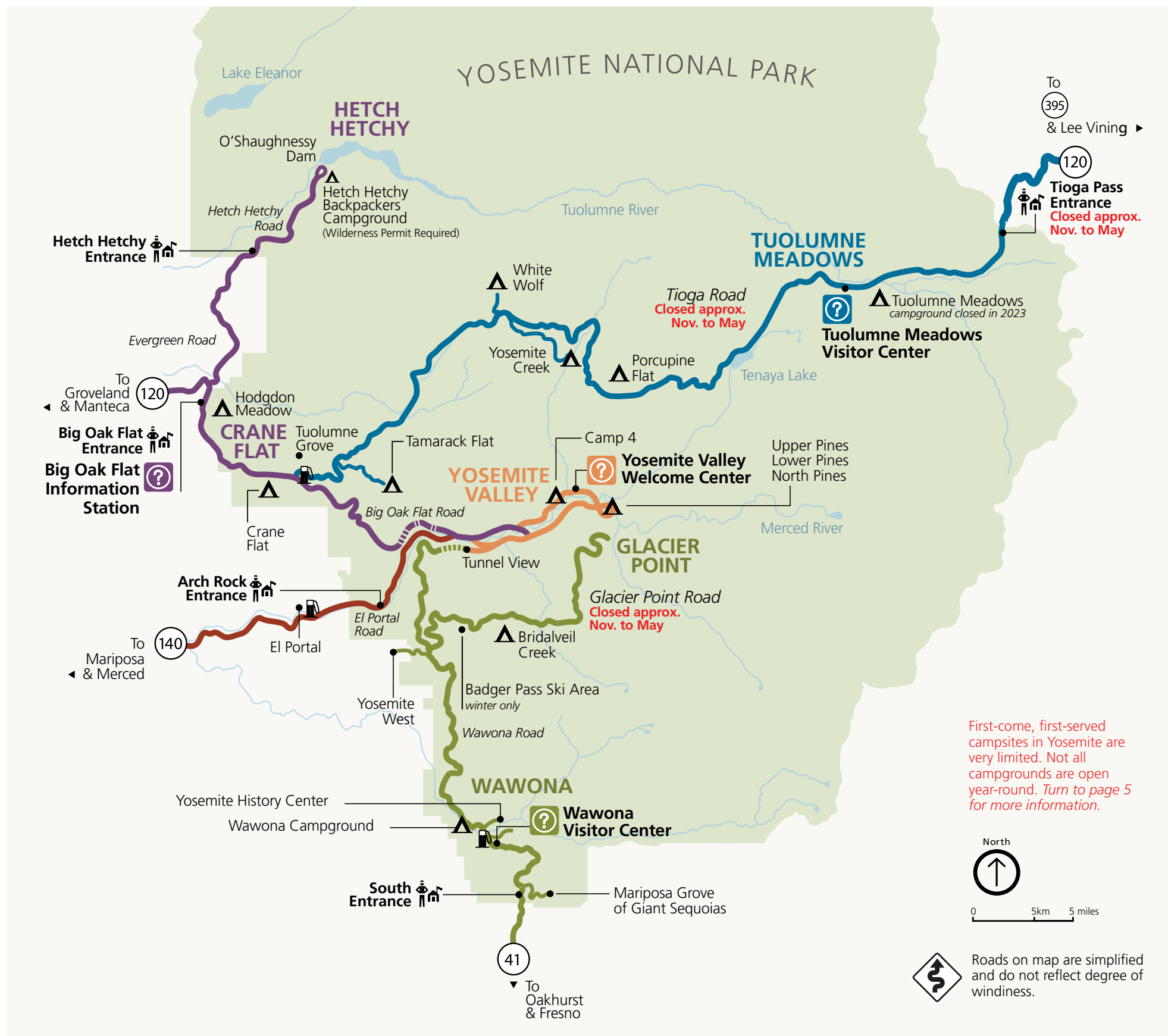
Pets are only permitted on paved walking and biking paths, in most campgrounds, and in parking areas. Pets must be leashed at all times.

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

Park Partners



↗* Park Map



NOTE: There are only 2 gas stations inside the park and **NO GAS** in Yosemite Valley.

Where to Find More Information

Visitor Information Stations

Start your visit here! Pick up trail maps, become a junior ranger, get help planning your trip, and find out about closures and trail conditions.

Yosemite Valley Welcome Center
9 am to 5 pm

The welcome center is the Valley's NEW hub for visitor information. The former visitor center is now the Yosemite Exploration Center, offering rotating exhibits, a theater, and the Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore. Both are located in Yosemite Village, near shuttle stops 2, 4, & 5.

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio
Closed for the Season

Big Oak Flat Information Station
Closed for the Season

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center
Closed for the Season

Look up Current Conditions

Some park roads are closed for the winter. During or after winter storms, additional short-term road closures and tire chain restrictions can go into effect on all park roads.

For the most current road conditions, including short-term closures and tire chain restrictions, call 209/372-0200 (press 1, then 1.)

For planned or long-term closures to park roads, trails, and facilities, scan the QR code or visit go.nps.gov/conditions.



Get the Official NPS App

The free app features over 400 parks across the US! Search for trails and other things to do, navigate with the park map, view the program calendar, and find your next park. Download Yosemite ahead of time to access park information when you're off the grid.

Download from your device's app store: search "National Park Service".

Planning Your Yosemite Adventure



YOSEMITE VALLEY

The first stop for many park visitors, Yosemite Valley is known for its towering granite walls and iconic features like El Capitan and Half Dome. Although the valley's waterfalls roar in spring, they can slow to a trickle during other seasons. In winter, hiking trails can be snowy, icy, and hazardous; ask about trail conditions before you go.

Start your visit at the new welcome center in Yosemite Village for trail maps and other information. Then stop by the Yosemite Museum to explore the park's cultural connections through live demonstrations and objects on display. Programs and visitor services are limited in winter. Turn to page 4 and page 8 for more information.



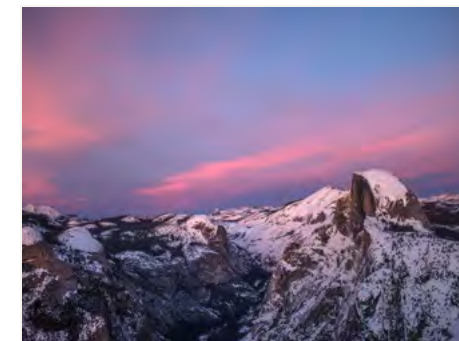
WAWONA & THE MARIPOSA GROVE

The Mariposa Grove is home to over 500 mature giant sequoias and miles of hiking trails. Park at the welcome plaza, near Yosemite's South Entrance, and hike two miles (each way) up the Mariposa Grove Road or the Washburn Trail to the grove. Stop in Wawona for more hiking, limited visitor services, and the Yosemite History Center.

Distance from Yosemite Valley 30 mi/48 km (1 hour)

Directions From Yosemite Valley, take Wawona Road (Hwy 41). Watch for signs for the Mariposa Grove just before the park's South Entrance.

Road Conditions The Mariposa Grove Road is closed for the winter, and shuttle service to the grove is unavailable. Wawona Road remains open year-round. Tire chains may be required; call 209/372-0200 (1, 1).



GLACIER POINT & BADGER PASS SKI AREA

Glacier Point Road is closed to vehicles from approximately November to May. In winter, this area of the park is popular for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

Badger Pass Ski Area offers downhill skiing/snowboarding, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing in winter (when conditions allow.) Lessons, guided experiences, and equipment rentals are available. Turn to page 9 for hours and information.



CRANE FLAT

Visit two giant sequoia groves north of Yosemite Valley that are smaller than the more famous Mariposa Grove, but far less busy. Hike one mile down to the Tuolumne Grove, or 1.5 miles down to the Merced Grove. Parking at each trailhead is extremely limited. Skis or snowshoes may be necessary, depending on snowpack.

Distance from Yosemite Valley 16 mi/26 km (30 minutes)

Directions From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road (continuation of Hwy 120) to Tioga Road Junction at Crane Flat.

Road Conditions Tire chains may be required; call 209/372-0200 (1, 1).



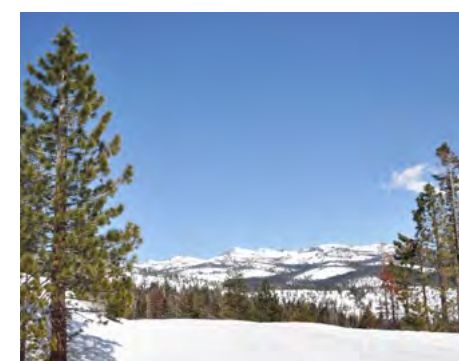
HETCH HETCHY

A source of water and hydroelectric power for San Francisco, Hetch Hetchy is also home to spectacular scenery. From here, visitors can walk across the dam, hike along the reservoir, or access Yosemite's Wilderness.

Distance from Yosemite Valley 40 mi/64 km (1½ hours)

Directions From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy 120 W.) Just outside the Big Oak Flat Entrance, turn right on Evergreen Road.

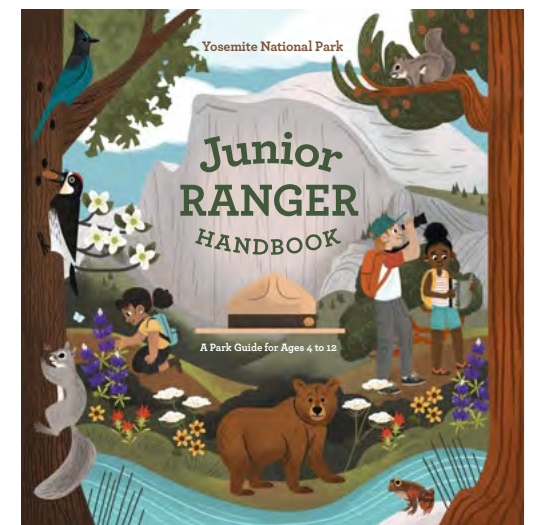
Road Conditions The road is open daily from 8 am to 5 pm. Vehicles and trailers over 25 ft long and 8 ft wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road. Tire chains may be required; call 209/372-0200 (1, 1).



TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Tioga Road is closed to vehicles from approximately November to May. In winter, Yosemite's high country is accessible only by ski or snowshoe.

When Tioga Road and the Tioga Pass Entrance are closed, there is no access to Yosemite from the east. Other park entrances remain open year-round.



Become a Junior Ranger!

Kids (and kids-at-heart) can pick up a free *Junior Ranger Handbook* at any open visitor information station. Complete the activities while you explore the park, and earn your junior ranger badge!

Ranger Recommendations

Winter is a great time of year to enjoy a slower, quieter Yosemite experience. Some areas of the park are inaccessible, visitor services are more limited, and many popular hikes are not advisable when snow and ice cover trails. Remember to dress in warm, waterproof layers, be prepared for winter driving, check weather and road conditions frequently, and adjust plans and expectations as needed.

Turn to page 4 for visitor services or page 8 for programs.

If you're visiting for a day or less:

As you travel through the valley, stop at Tunnel View, Bridalveil Fall, El Capitan Meadow, or Valley View for scenic viewpoints.

Stop by the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center for maps and park information, then check out the Yosemite Exploration Center and Theater for exhibits and the park film. Next door, explore the park's cultural connections at the Yosemite Museum.

Take a scenic stroll around Cook's Meadow and Lower Yosemite Fall.

If you're visiting for multiple days:

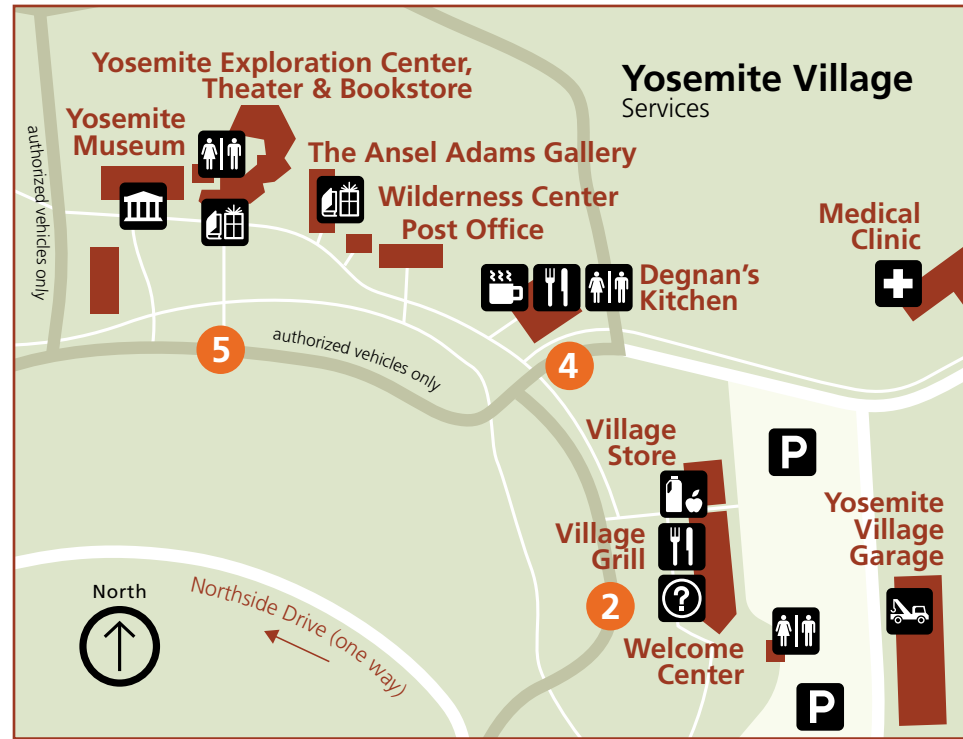
Attend a tour, talk, class, or guided walk. Turn to page 8 for a schedule of programs and classes.

Go ice skating at Curry Village.

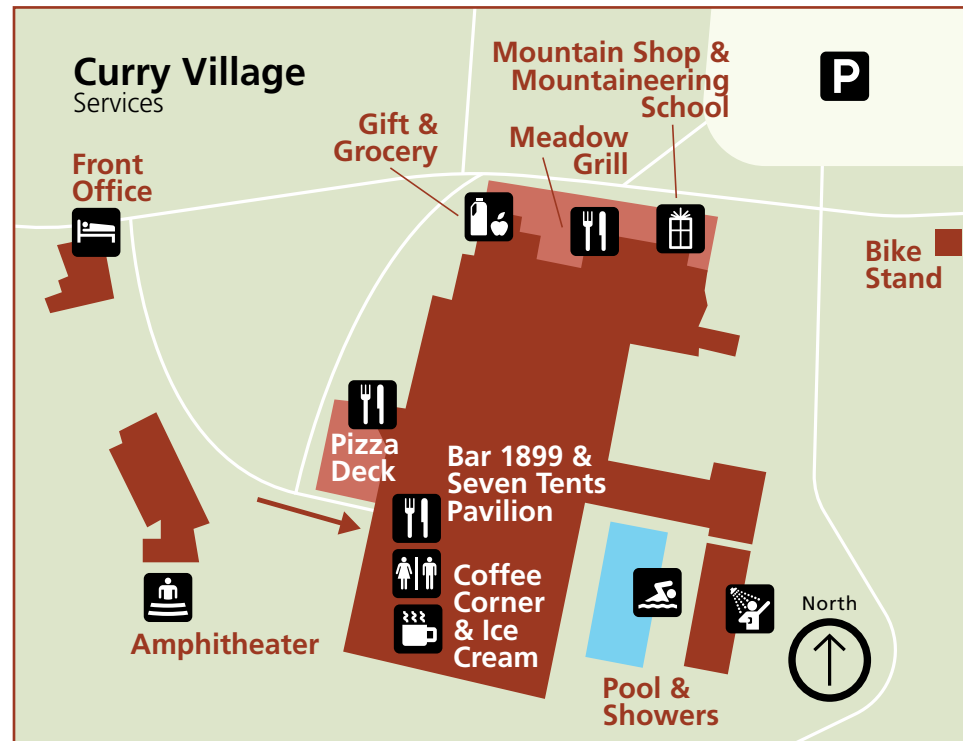
Try out downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, or snowshoeing at Badger Pass Ski Area. Turn to page 9 for information.

Visit a giant sequoia grove (skis or snowshoes may be needed in winter.)

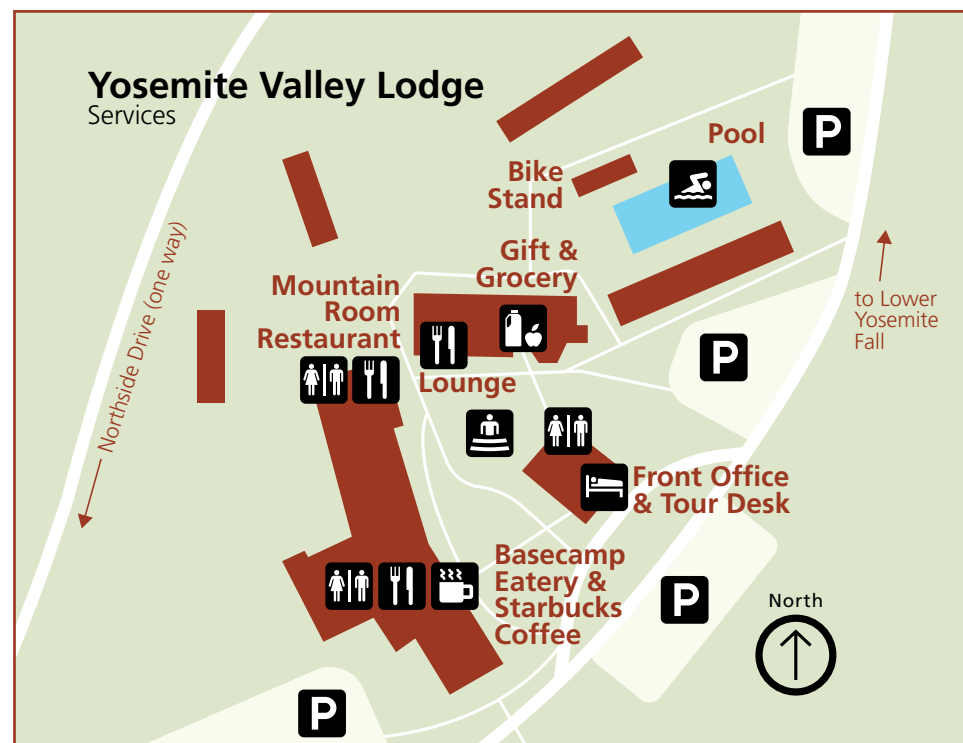
YOSEMITE VALLEY



Map of services in Yosemite Valley (Shuttle stops 1, 2, 4 & 5)



Map of services in Curry Village (Shuttle stops 14 & 19.)



Map of services at Yosemite Valley Lodge (Shuttle Stop 7.)

INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

Yosemite Valley Welcome Center
9 am to 5 pm
Yosemite Village; shuttle stops 2/4/5

Yosemite Exploration Center
9 am to 5 pm
Yosemite Village; shuttle stops 2/4/5

Yosemite Museum
10 am to 4 pm
Yosemite Village; shuttle stops 2/4/5

Wilderness Center
Closed for the Season

Happy Isles Art & Nature Center
Closed for the Season

Yosemite Conservancy Heritage Center (Sierra Club)
Closed for the Season

GIFTS, GEAR, & GROCERIES

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

The Ansel Adams Gallery
10 am to 4 pm *Closed Dec 25*
Yosemite Village; shuttle stops 2/4/5

Yosemite Conservancy Store at Yosemite Valley Welcome Center
9 am to 5 pm
Yosemite Village; shuttle stops 2/4/5

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Yosemite Exploration Center
9 am to 5 pm
Yosemite Village; shuttle stops 2/4/5

Yosemite Museum Store
10 am to 4 pm, *closed for lunch*
Yosemite Village; shuttle stops 2/4/5

Village Store
8 am to 8 pm
Yosemite Village; shuttle stops 2 & 4

THE AHWAHNEE

Gift Shop 9 am to 7 pm
Sweet Shop 7 am to 10 pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Gift Shop 8 am to 8 pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Yosemite Mountain Shop
Hiking, camping, & climbing gear.
8:30 am to 6:30 pm

Gift & Grocery
8 am to 8 pm

HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

Closed for the Season

FOOD & BEVERAGE

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Degnan's Kitchen
Peet's coffee, light breakfast, deli sandwiches, & grab-and-go items.
Breakfast 7 am to 11 am

Lunch 11:30 am to 6 pm

Village Grill
Closed for the Season

CURRY VILLAGE

Seven Tents Pavilion
Fast casual dining.
Breakfast 7 am to 10 am

Dinner 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Peet's Coffee Corner
6:30 am to 11 am

Bar 1899
Dec 15: 4 pm to 9 pm
Dec 16 – 31: 12 pm to 9 pm
Starting Jan 5: Fridays 4 pm to 9 pm & Saturdays 12 pm to 9 pm
Sun Jan 14: 12 pm to 9 pm

Jennie's Ice Cream Meadow Grill Pizza Deck
Closed for the Season

THE AHWAHNEE

Coffee Bar
7 am to 10 am

The Ahwahnee Bar
Casual dining & signature cocktails.
11:30 am to 9 pm

Ahwahnee Dining Room
Fine dining. Appropriate attire respectfully required for dinner. Dinner reservations strongly recommended. Call 209/372-1489 or visit [OpenTable.com](https://www.opentable.com)

Breakfast 7 am to 10 am

Dinner 5:30 pm to 9 pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Base Camp Eatery
Fast casual dining.
Breakfast 6:30 am to 10:45 am

Lunch & Dinner 11 am to 8 pm

Starbucks Coffee 7 am to 5 pm

Mountain Room Lounge
Beer on tap, cocktails, & appetizers.
Mon – Fri 5 to 10 pm

Sat & Sun 12 pm to 10 pm

Mountain Room Restaurant
Upscale casual dining. Reservations recommended ([OpenTable.com](https://www.opentable.com))

5 pm to 9 pm

TOURS & ACTIVITIES

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Tour and Activity Desk
See front desk at Yosemite Valley Lodge, or book activities online at [TravelYosemite.com](https://www.TravelYosemite.com)

CURRY VILLAGE

Mountaineering School
Closed for the Season

BIKE RENTALS

Closed for the Season

SHOWERS & LAUNDRY

HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

Laundry 8 am to 10 pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Showers 24 hours

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES

Yosemite Village Garage
8 am to 12 pm, 1 pm to 5 pm

Propane available during regular operating hours. 24-hour roadside assistance. Call 209/372-1060
No gas available in Yosemite Valley.

POST OFFICE

Yosemite Village Post Office
Mon – Fri | 8:30 am to 5 pm
Sat | 10 am to noon

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Yosemite Community Church
Pastor Brent Moore,
Resident Minister
209/372-4831
www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org

Chapel Services
Sundays at 9:15 am

WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Wawona Hotel Dining Room
Closed until Dec 13

Breakfast
7 am to 10 am

Lunch
11:30 am to 2 pm

Dinner
5:30 to 8:30 pm

Lounge Service
5 pm to 9:30 pm

INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio
Closed for the Season

Yosemite History Center
Open daily

GIFTS, GEAR, & GROCERIES

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop
8 am to 7 pm until Dec 13
8 am to 8 pm after Dec 13

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Wawona Visitor Center
Closed for the Season

Yosemite Conservancy Depot at Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza
9 am to 5 pm, *open until Dec 10*

Golf Shop & Snack Stand
Closed for the Season

GAS STATION

Wawona Service Station
9 am to 6 pm
Propane available during regular operating hours. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card for gas & diesel.

POST OFFICE

Wawona Post Office
Mon – Fri | 9 am to 1 pm
Sat | 9 am to noon

ACTIVITIES

Golf Course Closed for the Season

Tennis Courts 8 am to dusk

Stable Closed for the season

CRANE FLAT

Big Oak Flat Information Station
Closed for the Season

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Big Oak Flat Information Station
Open Fri – Tues, 9 am to 5 pm

Crane Flat Gas & Grocery Store Closed for the Season.
24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

EL PORTAL

El Portal Market 8 am to 5 pm

El Portal Service Station
8 am to 5 pm
24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Closed for the Season

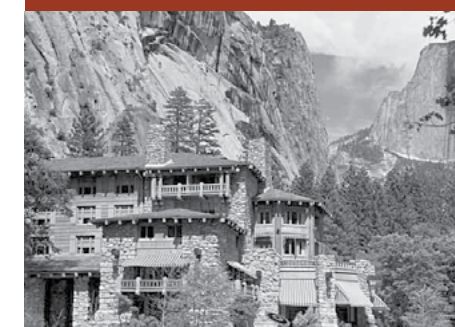
GLACIER POINT

Closed for the Season

BADGER PASS SKI AREA

Turn to page 9 for hours & information.

Rehabilitation of The Ahwahnee



After more than 95 years in service, The Ahwahnee is continuing a multi-phase comprehensive rehabilitation plan to preserve the hotel's historic integrity, while bringing the building to code with modern fire and seismic safety standards. Scaffolding and construction noise may be present during parts of the rehabilitation project.

Due to these historic projects, Ahwahnee parking lot space has been reduced. Parking is valet only with a \$30 nightly charge, \$15 day-use or \$10 with validation. This change will only be during this historic project and will return to normal upon completion.

CAMPING & LODGING

CAMPING

First-come, first-served camping is very limited.

Campgrounds open year-round:
Upper Pines
by reservation only

Camp 4
first-come, first-served shared walk-in sites, no RVs or pets

Hodgdon Meadow
first-come, first-served

Wawona
first-come, first-served

Visit [go.nps.gov/campground](https://www.nps.gov/campground) for more information and a schedule of reservation release dates.

Campground Reservations
www.recreation.gov (recommended) or 877/444-6777 (7 am to 9 pm PT)

Sleeping inside a vehicle is only allowed in a campsite. You may not sleep overnight in a parking lot or along the side of the road.

LODGING

Lodging inside the park is operated by Yosemite Hospitality. Reservations may be made up to one year in advance and are strongly recommended. Book a stay online at www.TravelYosemite.com or by calling 888/413-8869.

Zero Landfill Initiative: Propane Canisters

Exciting news, campers: you can now buy and exchange Little Kamper 1 lb. propane canisters in Yosemite stores, including the Village Store, Curry Village Gift Shop, Mountain Shop, Wawona Store, and El Portal Market. Here's how it works:

1. Purchase a canister.
2. Use up the fuel.
3. Bring the canister back to any store that participates in the Little Kamper propane exchange program.
4. Trade in your empty canister for a full one at a lower price.

In alliance with the Zero Landfill Initiative, Yosemite Conservancy, the National Park Service and Yosemite Hospitality are working together to reduce improper disposal of single-use propane canisters and send less waste to our local landfill. Help us by doing your part!

**This project was made possible in part by a grant from the National Park Foundation through the generous support of Subaru of America.*

Shuttles in Yosemite Valley



The FREE Yosemite Valley shuttles operate **from 7 am to 10 pm** daily and service stops in numerical order.



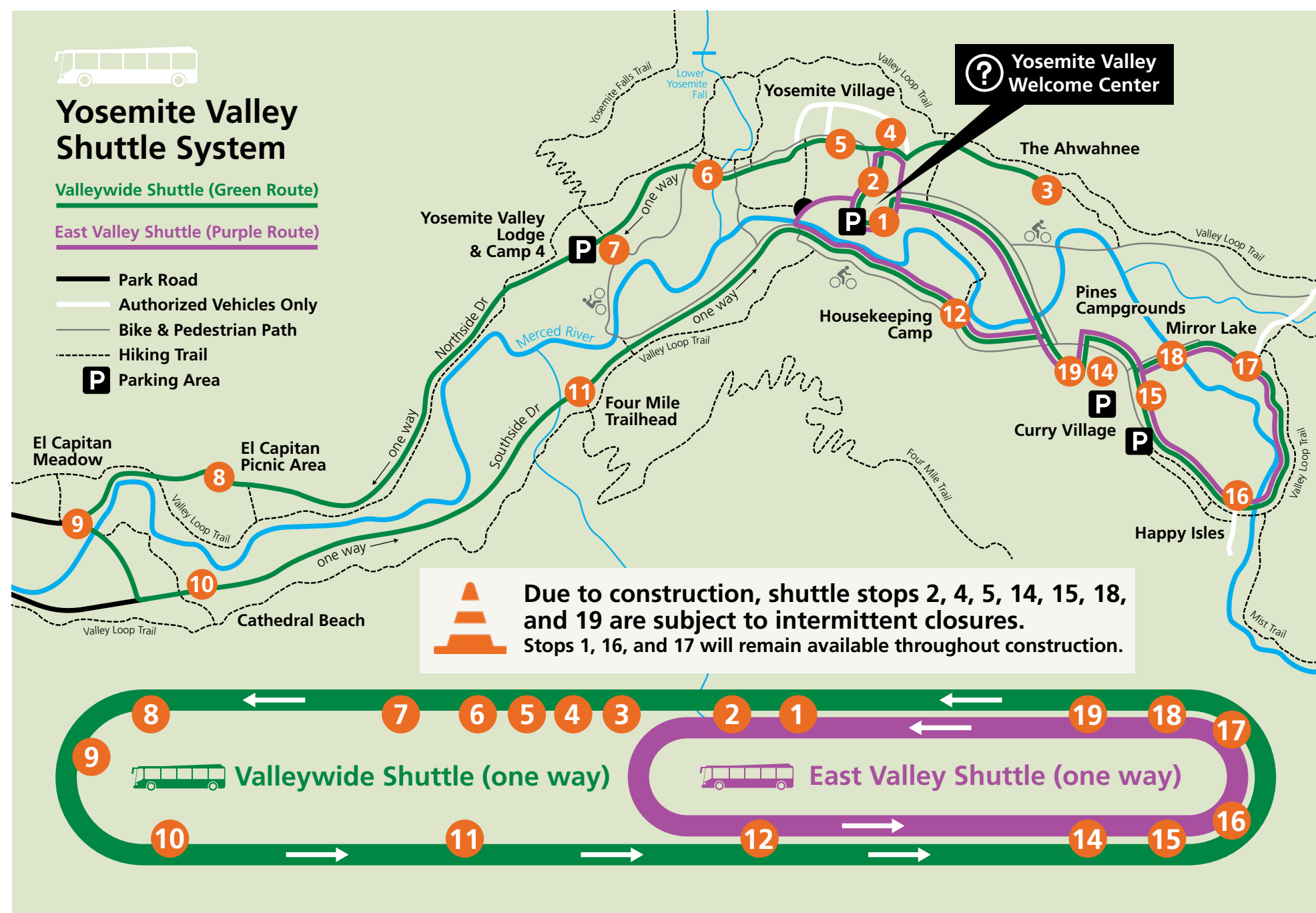
Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route)

Services **ALL** stops.
Runs approximately every 22 to 32 minutes with a total round-trip time of 1 hour and 30 minutes.



East Valley Shuttle (Purple Route)

Services **SELECT** stops.
Runs approximately every 18 to 22 minutes with a total round-trip time of 50 minutes.



Getting to & Around Yosemite

- P** In Yosemite Valley, park in one of three central parking areas (Curry Village, Yosemite Village, and Yosemite Falls.) Shuttle, bicycle, or walk to your destination.
- Expect delays and full shuttles on holidays and busy weekends. Some destinations may be reached more quickly by walking.
- Bring or rent a bicycle to enjoy the Valley's many miles of bike paths.
- Bring plenty of food and water for potential delays. Stop and use restrooms when available.
- To avoid crowds and congestion, arrive early, stay late, and visit Yosemite during the week.
- Ride a YARTS bus to the park.
- Gas is not available in Yosemite Valley. Stations are available in El Portal, Wawona, and Crane Flat. *Turn to pages 4 & 5 for details.*
- During winter, check for road closures and tire chain restrictions by calling 209/372-0200 (press 1, then 1.)



The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) is a public transit system that provides service into Yosemite National Park. 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.

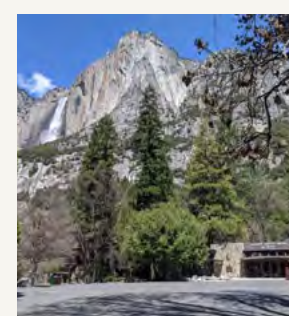
Shuttle Stops in Yosemite Valley

Turn to page 4 for information about visitor services, including shopping and dining. Turn to page 10 for information about hiking in Yosemite. Due to construction, shuttle stops 2, 4, 5, 14, 15, 18, and 19 are subject to intermittent closures. Stops 1, 16, and 17 will remain available.

1 Yosemite Village Parking

All Shuttles

Parking, Yosemite Welcome Center, Village Store, Yosemite Exploration Center & Bookstore, Theater, Wilderness Center, Yosemite Museum, The Ansel Adams Gallery, post office, & fast casual dining.



2 Village Store & Welcome Center

All Shuttles

Parking, Yosemite Welcome Center, Village Store, Yosemite Exploration Center & Bookstore, Theater, Wilderness Center, Yosemite Museum, The Ansel Adams Gallery, post office, & fast casual dining.

3 The Ahwahnee

Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route) ONLY

Lodging, casual & fine dining.



4 Degan's Kitchen

Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route) ONLY

Yosemite Welcome Center, Village Store, Yosemite Exploration Center & Bookstore, Theater, Wilderness Center, Yosemite Museum, The Ansel Adams Gallery, post office, & fast casual dining.

5 Yosemite Exploration Center & Museum

Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route) ONLY

Yosemite Valley Welcome Center, Village Store, Yosemite Exploration Center & Bookstore, Theater, Wilderness Center, Yosemite Museum, The Ansel Adams Gallery, post office, & fast casual dining.

6 Lower Yosemite Fall

Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route) ONLY

Trailheads, picnic area.



7 Yosemite Valley Lodge & Yosemite Falls Parking

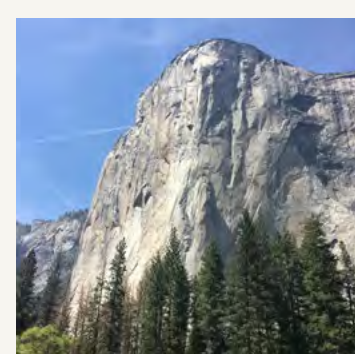
Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route) ONLY

Parking, lodging, casual & upscale casual dining, gift shop, Camp 4, trailheads.

8 El Capitan Picnic Area

Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route) ONLY

Picnic area.



9 El Capitan Meadow

Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route) ONLY

Scenic area.

10 Cathedral Beach

Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route) ONLY

Picnic area.

11 Four Mile Trailhead

Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route) ONLY

Trailhead.

12 Housekeeping Camp & Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

All Shuttles

Lodging (seasonal), laundry (seasonal), exhibits & programs (seasonal).

14 Curry Village (eastbound)

All Shuttles

Parking, lodging, casual dining, gift & grocery, recreation rentals (seasonal), amphitheater.



15 Upper Pines Campground

All Shuttles

Upper Pines, Lower Pines, North Pines campgrounds.

16 Happy Isles

All Shuttles

Trailhead (Mist Trail, John Muir Trail, Half Dome), Art & Nature Center (seasonal).



17 Mirror Lake

All Shuttles

Trailhead.

18 Lower Pines Campground

All Shuttles

Lower Pines, North Pines, Upper Pines campgrounds.

19 Curry Village (westbound)

All Shuttles

Parking, lodging, casual dining, gift & grocery, recreation rentals (seasonal), amphitheater.

Events & Programs

Visit go.nps.gov/YosemiteCalendar or the NPS app to view the web events calendar. Program offerings are subject to change.

Programs in Yosemite Valley

Start Time	End Time	Program	Host	Fee?	Reservations?	Days Offered
9 am	10:30 am	The Ansel Adams Gallery Photography Walk Join a staff photographer at The Ansel Adams Gallery for a brief field lecture in Yosemite Valley.	The Ansel Adams Gallery		Required; visit AnselAdams.com/photography-education	Tues & Thurs
9 am	12 pm	In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography Join a staff photographer at The Ansel Adams Gallery to learn how to make better photographs with the camera you always carry.	The Ansel Adams Gallery	\$	Required; visit AnselAdams.com/photography-education	Wed
1 pm	5 pm	In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Join a staff photographer at The Ansel Adams Gallery for a field class around Yosemite Valley.	The Ansel Adams Gallery	\$	Required; visit AnselAdams.com/photography-education	Mon
1 pm	5 pm	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.	The Ansel Adams Gallery	\$	Required; visit AnselAdams.com/photography-education	Thurs
1 pm	4 pm	In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography Join a staff photographer at The Ansel Adams Gallery to learn how to make better photographs with the camera you always carry.	The Ansel Adams Gallery	\$	Required; visit AnselAdams.com/photography-education	Sat
2 pm	2:15 pm	Family Ranger Talk Join a ranger to learn more about Yosemite. Topics vary daily. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center (shuttle stops 2 & 4.)	National Park Service		No; drop-in only	Sun, Mon, Sat
2 pm	3 pm	Guided Nature Walk Meets at the Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater (shuttle stop 7.)	Yosemite Hospitality		No; drop-in only	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
6 pm	7 pm	Evening Programs Yosemite Naturalists present various Yosemite topics. Meet at the Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room (shuttle stop 7.)	Yosemite Hospitality		No; drop-in only	Fri, Sat, Sun
7:30 pm	9 pm	Yosemite After Dark A guided nighttime walk with a Yosemite Naturalist.	Yosemite Hospitality	\$	Required; tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com	Tues, Fri, Sat

Programs in Wawona

Start Time	End Time	Program	Host	Fee?	Reservations?	Days Offered
12 pm	1 pm	Wawona Nature Walk Meet in front of the Wawona Hotel.	Yosemite Hospitality		No; drop-in only	Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat 12/15 to 12/30 ONLY
4 pm	5 pm	Historic Wawona Hotel Tour Meet in front of the Wawona Hotel.	Yosemite Hospitality		No; drop-in only	Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat 12/15 to 12/30 ONLY

Special Events & Programs

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat, Dec 16	11 am to 2 pm	Artists' Reception for Anne Larson and John Sexton Join Anne Larson and John Sexton at The Ansel Adams Gallery for a reception for <i>Sharing the Sublime: Photographs by Anne Larson and John Sexton</i> . <i>Sharing the Sublime</i> runs November 10 through January 6.	The Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village (shuttle stops 2/4/5)
Daily through Dec 17	10 am to 5 pm	Yosemite Renaissance 38 Yosemite Renaissance invites artists to share their expressions of Yosemite National Park and the California Sierra Nevada. View the traveling exhibition during its visit to the Yosemite Museum. Visit YosemiteRenaissance.org for more information about the show.	Yosemite Museum in Yosemite Village (shuttle stops 2/4/5)

Programs especially for children and their families.

Programs accessible to visitors in wheelchairs.

Programs with a fee.

Contact 209/379-5250 (v/txt) to request a sign language interpreter. Advanced notice of two weeks is requested, but not required.

Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advanced request for any public program. Inquire at any visitor center or tour desk.

More Activities with Park Partners



Join Yosemite Conservancy for a memorable experience in the park! Advanced registration is required for all Outdoor Adventures. Explore our website (Yosemite.org) and follow us on social media to find the latest updates from our team, learn more about our organization, and browse our full program calendar.

Upcoming Outdoor Adventures
January 27 *Day Hike: Winter Wonder in Yosemite Valley*

Custom Adventures
Plan a Custom Adventure with one of our naturalists. Learn more and sign up: Yosemite.org/custom-adventures.



Activities in Yosemite Valley

Find more information and book activities at TravelYosemite.com.

Ice Skating at Curry Village

shuttle stops 14 & 19
12 pm to 2:30 pm
3:30 pm to 6 pm
7 pm to 9:30 pm

Valley Floor Tours

10 am & 2 pm



Badger Pass in 1942

Badger Pass Ski Area

Badger Pass is the hub for winter activities in Yosemite! Enjoy downhill skiing and snowboarding, tubing, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. Equipment rentals, lessons, and guided experiences are available. *Please note: sledding is not allowed at Badger Pass. A free snow play area is available at Crane Flat, on Big Oak Flat Road.*

Season

Operates mid-December to early April, conditions permitting. *Badger Pass relies entirely on natural snow, so the actual operating season may vary.*

Snow Phone

For current conditions and ski area information (pre-recorded) 209/372-1000

Road Conditions

To check for road closures and tire chain restrictions (pre-recorded) 209/372-0200, press 1, then 1.

Buying Tickets & Passes

Find more information, buy passes, and book guided activities at TravelYosemite.com (or call 209/372-8430.)

Getting Here

Badger Pass is located 45 minutes from Yosemite Valley, on Glacier Point Road (the road is open only to Badger Pass, when the ski area is operating.) From Yosemite Valley, take Wawona Road (continuation of Hwy 41) south for 8 miles. Turn left, following signs for Badger Pass and Glacier Point. Tire chains may be required. Visit go.nps.gov/chains.

Badger Pass Shuttle

Ride the free shuttle from Yosemite Valley to Badger Pass Ski Area. Picks up at Curry Village, Yosemite Village (across the road from the Village Store parking area, near the garage), and at Yosemite Valley Lodge. *Departure times and travel time may vary, depending on road conditions.*

To Badger Pass (space is limited, arrive at your pickup location early):

Curry Village pickup
8:05 am & 10:35 am

Yosemite Village pickup
8:10 am & 10:40 am

Yosemite Valley Lodge pickup
8:30 am & 11 am

Return to Yosemite Valley (departure times from Badger Pass): 2 pm & 4:30 pm

Lift Operation

9 am to 4 pm

Lift Tickets

Purchase all-day, half-day, or season passes.
8:30 am to 4 pm

Ski School

Group and private lessons for downhill skiing/snowboarding or cross-country skiing. Kids' downhill skiing/snowboarding lessons available.
8:30 am to 4 pm

Equipment Rentals

Equipment for downhill skiing/snowboarding, cross-country skiing, & snowshoeing.
8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Snow Tubing

11 am to 1 pm, 2 pm to 4 pm

Sport Shop

9 am to 4 pm

Skiers Grill

8 am to 4 pm

Snowflake Room

Thurs – Sun (& holidays)
12 pm to 4 pm



Grizzly Giant (Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias)



Lower Yosemite Fall (Yosemite Valley)

What You Need to Know

❄️ Winter in Yosemite offers unique challenges.

Some trails are inaccessible or closed during the winter. Trails that remain open may be covered in ice and snow, making hiking hazardous. *Even if the Valley floor is free of snow, expect to find it as you climb in elevation.* Ask about trail conditions before you go. Carry trekking poles, warm, waterproof layers, and traction devices for your shoes. Hikers must know how to navigate even when the trail is buried in snow. Know your limits and adjust plans as needed. Skiing and snowshoeing can be enjoyable alternatives to hiking.

🐾 Pets are not allowed on hiking trails.

Pets are only permitted on paved biking and walking paths, in most campgrounds, and in parking areas. Pets must be leashed at all times.

Service dogs are legally permitted 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 subject to all pet regulations.

🐻 Proper food storage is required by law.

Bears and other wildlife can remain active in winter! Bears can easily break into vehicles to obtain food. During the day, food must be hidden from sight inside a locked vehicle with all windows and vents completely shut. At night, food, trash, and other scented items must be removed from vehicles and stored in a bear-resistant locker. Visit KeepBearsWild.org for more information.

🦋 View wildlife from a distance.

It is dangerous and illegal to approach or feed wildlife. Keep food within arm's reach at all times.

🏠 Ask a ranger about trail conditions.

Trails can be impacted by snow, flooding, and rockfall. Some creek crossings do not have bridges and can be unsafe when water is high.

🥤 Stay hydrated.

Carry and consume plenty of water and salty snacks. Any water from natural sources should be treated before drinking.

🧗 Hiking at high elevation can be difficult.

You may become tired more quickly than expected—or even feel sick. Take breaks, drink plenty of water, and adjust plans if needed.

☀️ Be prepared for changing conditions.

Check the forecast and carry waterproof layers. Stay off domes and other exposed places when there is a chance of thunderstorms.

🚶 Stay on the trail.

Protect fragile vegetation and avoid getting lost by staying on designated trails. Stay behind barriers, and do not enter water above waterfalls.

🗑️ Pack it out.

Most trails do not have toilets or trash cans, so plan ahead. Human waste must be deposited at least 200 feet from trails and water. Solid waste must be buried six inches deep. Pack out all trash, including toilet paper.

In an emergency, call or text 911



Stop by an open visitor information station to pick up free trail maps!

Turn to page 2 for hours & locations.

⚠️ A Wilderness Permit is Required for All Overnight Trips

Wilderness permits are required year-round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness.

Visit go.nps.gov/wildpermits to learn how to get a permit this winter or to plan for next summer.

With wilderness centers closed for the season, please come prepared with your own bear-resistant canister—or rent one at the Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore in Yosemite Valley.

Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center

Closed for the season. Self-registration permits for Yosemite Valley trailheads only are available in front of the Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore. Bear canisters are available to rent inside.

Big Wall Climbing Permits

Self-registration permits for overnight big wall climbs are available in two locations: in front of the Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore in Yosemite Village, and at El Capitan Crossover, near shuttle stop 9.

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio

Closed for the season. Self-registration permits for the Wawona trailheads only are available on the front porch.

Big Oak Flat Information Station

Self-registration wilderness permits for the Crane Flat area and Tioga Road trailheads only are available on the front porch.

Badger Pass Ranger Station (A-Frame)

Self-registration wilderness permits for the Glacier Point Road trailheads only are available at the Badger Pass A-Frame, conditions permitting.

Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station

Self-registration wilderness permits for the Hetch Hetchy trailheads only are available at the Entrance Station kiosk daily from 8 am to 5 pm.

🧗 Hiking Half Dome

The Half Dome cables are down for the season. Permits are required 7 days a week when the cables are up, from late-May to mid-October, conditions permitting. The pre-season lottery application period for day use permits begins March 1, 2024 and ends March 31, 2024. More information is available at go.nps.gov/HDpermits.

Backpackers wanting to climb Half Dome as part of a wilderness trip can find information at go.nps.gov/HDwildpermits.

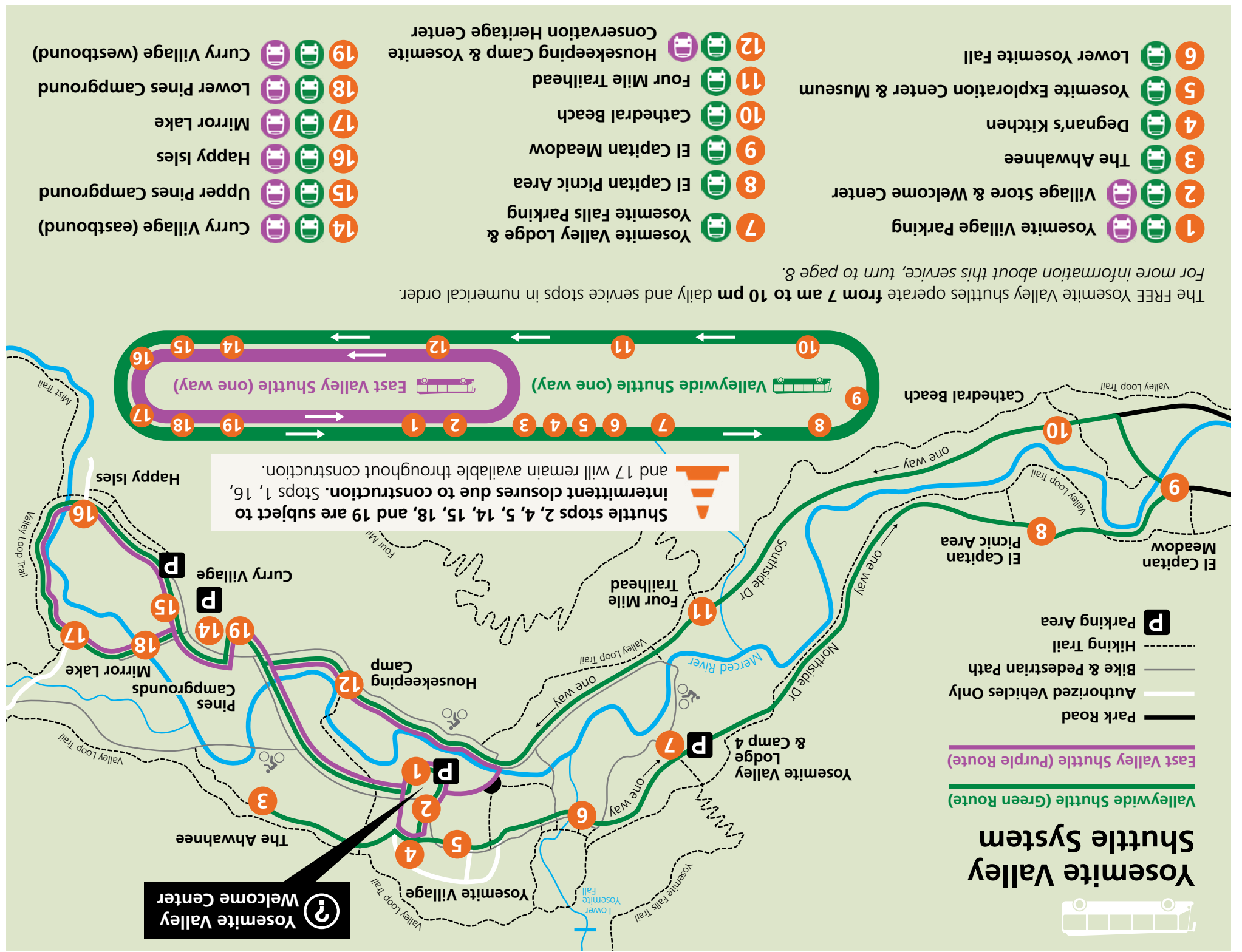
Trails in Yosemite Valley

Trails may be hazardously icy, difficult to navigate, or completely closed in winter. Ask about conditions before you go.

Trail	Length & Elevation Gain	Starting Point
Short Walks & Hikes		
BRIDALVEIL FALL Take a short stroll to the base of Bridalveil Fall. A gentle incline leads to a wheelchair-accessible viewing area, while a steeper path climbs closer to the base of the fall. <i>Stay behind barriers. Rocks at the base of the waterfall are very slick and dangerous.</i>	0.5 mi (0.8 km) round-trip, 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 falls to be dry by late summer, with heavy spray in spring. <i>Stay behind barriers. Rocks at the base of the waterfall are very slick and dangerous.</i>	1 mi (1.6 km) round-trip, paved with gentle incline.	Shuttle Stop 6
COOK'S MEADOW LOOP Take a relaxed stroll and enjoy views of Yosemite Falls, Half Dome, and other valley highlights. Look and listen for birds and other wildlife in early morning and around dusk. Sections with pavement or boardwalk are wheelchair- and pet-friendly.	1 mi (1.6 km) round-trip, flat pavement & boardwalk	Shuttle Stop 6
MIRROR LAKE (<i>dry in summer & fall</i>) Take a short walk on the paved bike trail to the front of the lake, at the base of Half Dome. Continue on the unpaved hiking trail for a 4.5-mile loop. <i>Pets are allowed only on paved sections. Vehicles with a valid disability placard may drive to the front of Mirror Lake.</i>	2 mi (1.6 km) round-trip, 100 ft (30 m) elevation gain	Shuttle Stop 17
MIST TRAIL TO VERNAL FALL FOOTBRIDGE Hike the short but very steep first section of the Mist Trail out and back for a view of Vernal Fall.	0.8 mi (1.3 km) one way from Happy Isles paved, 400 ft (120 m) elevation gain	Happy Isles, Shuttle Stop 16
Half-Day Hikes		
MIST TRAIL TO VERNAL FALL From the footbridge, follow the Mist Trail up a steep granite stairway to the top of Vernal Fall. <i>This section of the Mist Trail closes in winter due to hazardous, icy conditions. When closed, follow the marked winter route to access Vernal Fall via the John Muir Trail and Clark Point.</i>	1.2 mi (1.9 km) one way from Happy Isles, 1,000 ft (300 m) elevation gain	Happy Isles, Shuttle Stop 16
MIST TRAIL TO NEVADA FALL From the top of Vernal Fall, continue on the rugged Mist Trail to the top of Nevada Fall. Return the same way or via the John Muir Trail. <i>The upper section of the John Muir Trail, between Clark Point and the Panorama Trail junction, closes in winter due to hazardous, icy conditions.</i>	2.5 mi (4 km) one way from Happy Isles, 2,000 ft (120 m) elevation gain	Happy Isles, Shuttle Stop 16
Full-Day Hikes		
YOSEMITE FALLS TRAIL A 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, which plummets 2,425 feet to the valley floor.	7.2 mi (11.6 km) round-trip, 2,700 ft (820 m) elevation gain	Camp 4, Shuttle Stop 7
FOUR MILE TRAIL TO GLACIER POINT This extremely challenging trail offers spectacular views of Yosemite Valley. <i>The upper section of this trail, starting just above Union Point, closes each winter due to very hazardous conditions. The entire trail may close if conditions are poor.</i>	9.6 mi (15.4 km) round-trip, 3,200 ft (975 m) elevation gain	Shuttle Stop 11
Choose Your Own Adventure		
YOSEMITE VALLEY LOOP TRAIL Take the grand tour of the Yosemite Valley floor on this quiet, less-traveled trail. Hike a short section, or spend a day exploring the entire loop. Pick up a trail map at the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center (<i>hours listed on page 2</i>) to view distances from point-to-point and to plan your hike.	Up to 11.5 mi (18.5 km) Mostly flat, some gentle incline	Shuttle Stops 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, & 19.
Trails Outside of Yosemite Valley		
Trails may be difficult to navigate due to deep snow. Skis or snowshoes may be necessary. Ask about conditions before you go.		
Trail	Length & Elevation Gain	Starting Point
MARIPOSA GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS There is no vehicle access or shuttle service to the grove in winter. Park by the South Entrance and hike two miles (each way) via the road or the Washburn Trail to the front of the grove. From there, hike an additional one mile (each way) to the Grizzly Giant, or explore several additional miles of trails. Snowshoes and navigation tools may be needed when trails are covered in snow.	Min. 4 mi (6.4 km) round-trip, 500 ft (150 m) elevation gain	Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza & Parking Area (South Entrance, one hour from Yosemite Valley)
TUOLUMNE GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS Hike one mile down to this smaller, more secluded grove, located northwest of Yosemite Valley near Crane Flat. A short nature trail loops through the grove. Snowshoes may be needed when snow is deep.	2.5 mi (4 km) round-trip, 500 ft (150 m) gain on return	Tuolumne Grove Trailhead, near Crane Flat
MERCED GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS Hike 1.5 miles down to Yosemite's smallest and least-visited sequoia grove, located northwest of Yosemite Valley on Big Oak Flat Road. Visit a small cluster of sequoias and a historic cabin. Snowshoes may be needed when snow is deep.	3 mi (4.8 km) round-trip, 520 ft (160 m) gain on return	Merced Grove Trailhead, on Big Oak Flat Road
WAWONA MEADOW LOOP Enjoy a scenic loop around the meadow on an unpaved fire road. <i>Bicycles and leashed pets are permitted.</i>	3.5 mi (4 km) round-trip, mostly flat, but terrain may be uneven	Meadow Loop Trailhead, across the road from the Wawona Hotel
HETCH HETCHY & WAPAMA FALLS Follow the shoreline of the reservoir to the base of Wapama Falls. The Wapama Falls footbridge can sometimes close when water levels are too high.	5 mi (8 km) round-trip, 500 ft (150 m) elevation gain	Hetch Hetchy (trail begins across the dam)

Pet-friendly trail. *Pets must be leashed at all times. Properly dispose of pet waste.*

Wheelchair-accessible trail. Snow and ice may create obstacles.



Yosemite Guide



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