



## 2017 Yosemite Valley Bus Parking Rules (Parking, Loading and Unloading Information)

**ALL PERMIT CONDITIONS, RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED WITHOUT EXCEPTION.** The driver and/or the tour guide may be cited for violations of these rules. Multiple violations will result in the suspension of the Commercial Use Authorization.

There are six authorized photo locations in Yosemite Valley where you may stop:

- **Tunnel View** (Hwy 41 - also known as Discovery View.) Stop only if parking is available.
- **Bridalveil Straight** (Southside Drive parking area – either side of one way road. (Drivers should try to park on the right side of the road if space is available.) Do not allow passengers to step out into traffic lanes when off- loading. The driver or guide must direct passengers away from traffic lanes and to crosswalks when crossing roadways.) Do not park on hash marks.
- **Half Dome View from Sentinel Bridge** in marked bus parking space north of the bridge. Parking limited to 30 minutes.
- **Devil's Elbow**, dirt parking area, ¼ mile west of El Capitan picnic area. On right side of road. Do not block the shuttlebus stop.
- **El Capitan Meadow Straight-away** on the left side of the roadway. Park on left side of hash marks. Do not park off the pavement. Do not allow passengers to step out into traffic lanes when off- loading.
- **Valley View** on the left side of the roadway just prior to the highways #41 & #120, #140 split.
- **Fern Spring**: Located on Southside Drive near Pohono Bridge, mini-buses, motorcoaches and vans are not allowed to stop at Fern Spring.

### Bus Parking In and Around Yosemite Village

All parking for motorcoaches & mini-buses is located at the Yosemite Falls Parking lot, located west of the Yosemite Valley Lodge. No other bus parking is authorized in the Yosemite Village areas.

Buses and mini-buses are prohibited from entering or parking in the Village Store parking lots. Buses and mini-buses are also prohibited from parking in any of the Half Dome Village parking lots.

Vans are restricted from parking in the Village Store parking lot from *May through October*.

### Passenger Loading and Unloading in the Yosemite Village/Half Dome Village areas

- 1) *Commercial vans and sedans are to use parking areas designated for the general public.* Restrictions listed in the previous section apply.
- 2) Mini-buses and motorcoaches must drive to the Yosemite Falls Day Use parking lot and unload passengers in the posted area. (There are no other unloading or loading locations in Yosemite Village areas with the exception of The Majestic Yosemite Hotel and Half Dome Village, and then, only if the tour group has reservations for meals or lodging at those locations.)
- 3) Mini-buses and motorcoaches are prohibited from entering the Village Store parking lots to drop off or pick up passengers.
- 4) Sedans and vans are restricted from loading or unloading passengers in the Village Store parking lot from *May through October*.
- 5) After unloading your passengers move to the designated Bus Parking areas and park as directed.

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**Passenger Loading and Unloading in the Yosemite Village/Half Dome Village areas continued**

- 6) Vans are not allowed to park in the designated bus parking spaces.
- 7) Have your passengers assembled and waiting at the designated loading area 15 minutes prior to scheduled pick up time.
- 8) Buses are restricted from parking long term in the loading/offloading area.

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**PASSENGER LOADING AND UNLOADING AT :**

(The following areas may *only to be used by groups with lodging or meal reservations at these locations.*)

**Half Dome Village**

- Stop in front of the Half Dome Village registration office area to unload and load passengers and luggage.
- After unloading, return to the parking area at Yosemite Valley Lodge and park your bus in the designate Bus Parking area.

**The Majestic Yosemite Hotel**

Unload passengers and luggage near the front of the hotel as directed by the hotel Bellman. After unloading drive to the Yosemite Falls Use Parking area, located at the west end of Yosemite Valley Lodge, to park your bus. Buses may be parked overnight in the bus lot.

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**NOTE:**

Due to parking limitations at both, the Majestic Yosemite Hotel and Half Dome Village, buses may not arrive any earlier than 5 minutes prior to their scheduled pick up times and must leave the area once passengers are loaded. Early arrivals will be sent out of the area until passengers are assembled and ready to load. Five minute idle limitations apply here as well. If the driver is missing a visitor they should leave the area and return to the Yosemite Falls parking lot Day Use parking lot. Drivers/guides must leave word with the concierge or front desk that they will wait at the Yosemite Falls Day Use Parking lot for the missing passenger, or leave a message regarding the tour plan to meet up with the individual. Buses must not block the park shuttle bus access.

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**Posted Regulations**

**Commercial buses must obey all posted regulations and/or directions given by authorized Park Service employees. A more complete listing of restrictions and regulations for Yosemite National Park may be found by referring to your Commercial Use Authorization which must be carried in the bus during your visit to the park.**

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**Idling Buses**

Maximum idle time at any location in Yosemite National Park is five (5) minutes. The only exception is for initial startup with a cold engine while driver is performing a pre-trip inspection as required by law. It is not for the use of air conditioners, heaters or other passenger/driver comforts. This rule is strictly enforced.

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**Shuttle Bus Lanes**

Commercial buses are not permitted to use, or stop in, the Shuttle Bus lanes or Shuttle Bus parking areas, with the exception of Majestic Yosemite Hotel guests.

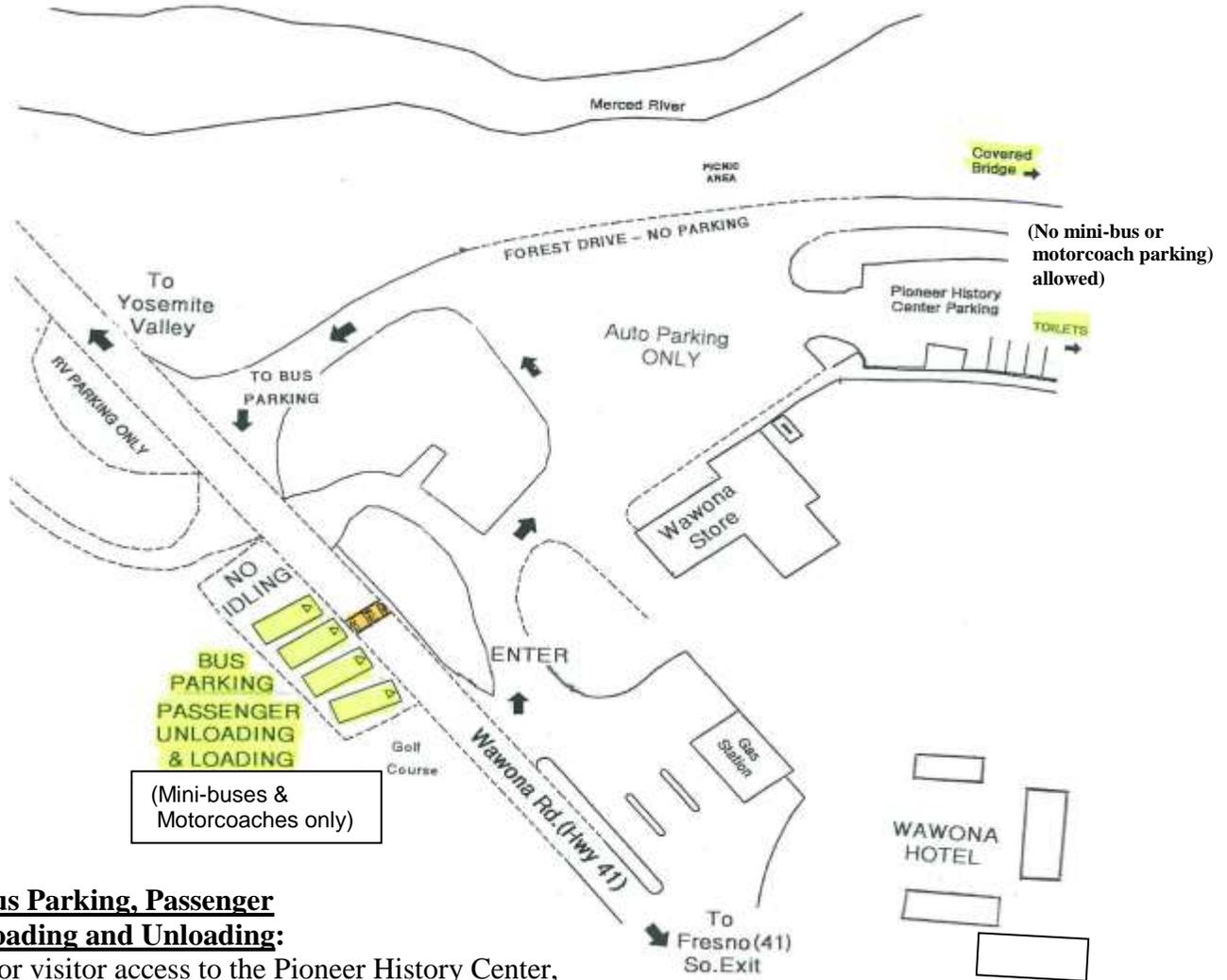
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**Picnic Areas**

The Yosemite Falls Picnic area is the only designated picnic site in the Village area. No food preparation is permitted in the bus loading/unloading area or bus parking lot. Please distribute lunches in your bus before off-loading passengers. Shuttle Bus benches are for the use of shuttle bus passengers and may not be used for picnic seating. All garbage must be placed inside of an authorized closed-top garbage receptacle or bagged and taken out of the park by the tour group.

# BIG TREES STORE PARKING

(Yosemite Pioneer History Center)  
(Wawona Hotel overnight bus parking)



## **Bus Parking, Passenger Loading and Unloading:**

(For visitor access to the Pioneer History Center, the Big Trees Store and The Big Trees Hotel.)

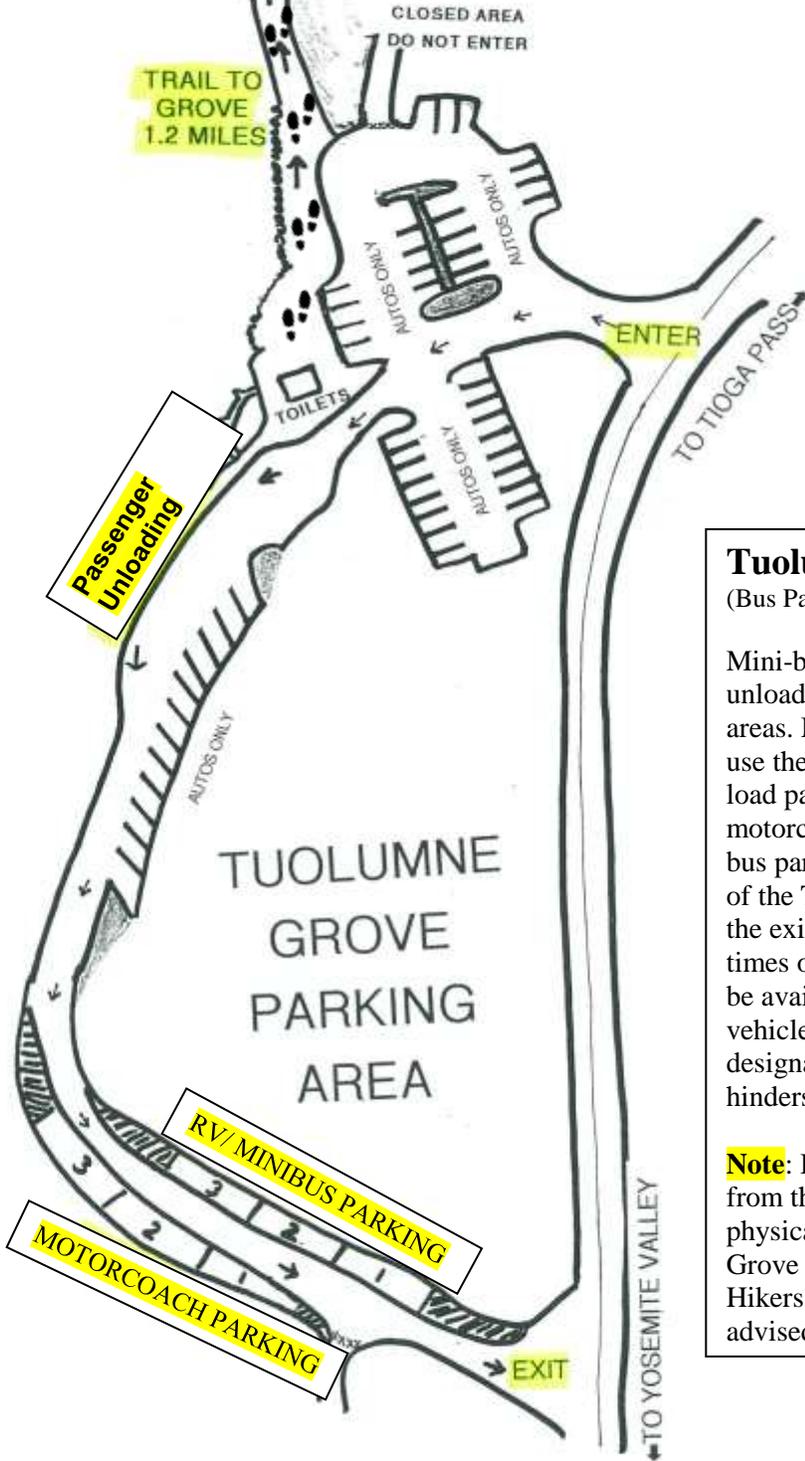
Mini-buses and motorcoaches must park in the dirt lot across from the store parking lot, near the golf course. (Please back into the parking space, parking vertically facing the road. Passengers must be directed to use the crosswalk when crossing the Wawona Rd. to and from the bus parking area. Drivers may not allow their bus to idle for more than 5 minutes.

**Buses are NOT allowed to park along Forest Drive or in the Pioneer History Center parking lot.**

## **Mariposa Grove Shuttle**

**There is no shuttle buses service available from Wawona to the Mariposa Grove.**

# TUOLUMNE GROVE PARKING



## Tuolumne Grove Parking Area (Bus Parking is Limited)

Mini-buses and motorcoaches may not unload passengers in the auto parking areas. Mini-buses and motorcoaches must use the passenger unloading area to off-load passengers. All mini-buses and motorcoaches must park in the designated bus parking spaces located on the south end of the Tuolumne Grove parking area near the exit, there are no exceptions. During times of heavy visitation, parking may not be available. Drivers may be cited if their vehicle is parked in any area other than the designated bus parking spaces or if it hinders or interferes with traffic flow.

**Note:** Due to the elevation, the hike up from the Tuolumne Grove can be physically strenuous. Hiking up from the Grove often takes longer than hiking down. Hikers with health concerns should be advised of the difficulty of the hike.