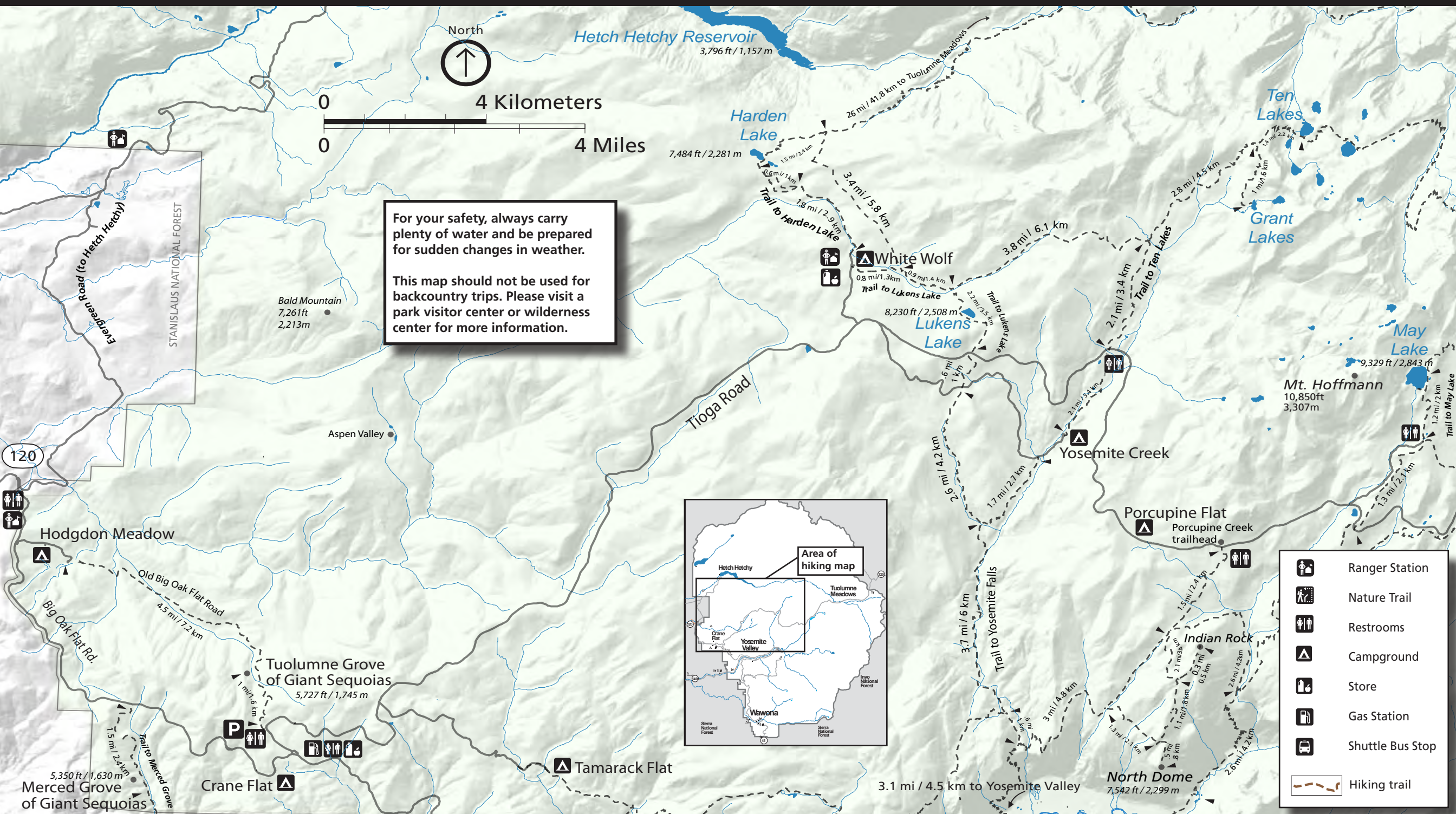


Crane Flat & White Wolf Area Hiking Map



For your safety, always carry plenty of water and be prepared for sudden changes in weather.

This map should not be used for backcountry trips. Please visit a park visitor center or wilderness center for more information.

- Ranger Station
- Nature Trail
- Restrooms
- Campground
- Store
- Gas Station
- Shuttle Bus Stop
- Hiking trail

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Easy

Lukens Lake from Tioga Road

1.6 miles (2.6 km) round trip.
200-foot (61-m) elevation gain.
1-2 hours.

Begin at Lukens Lake Trailhead on Tioga Road 2 miles east of White Wolf Road

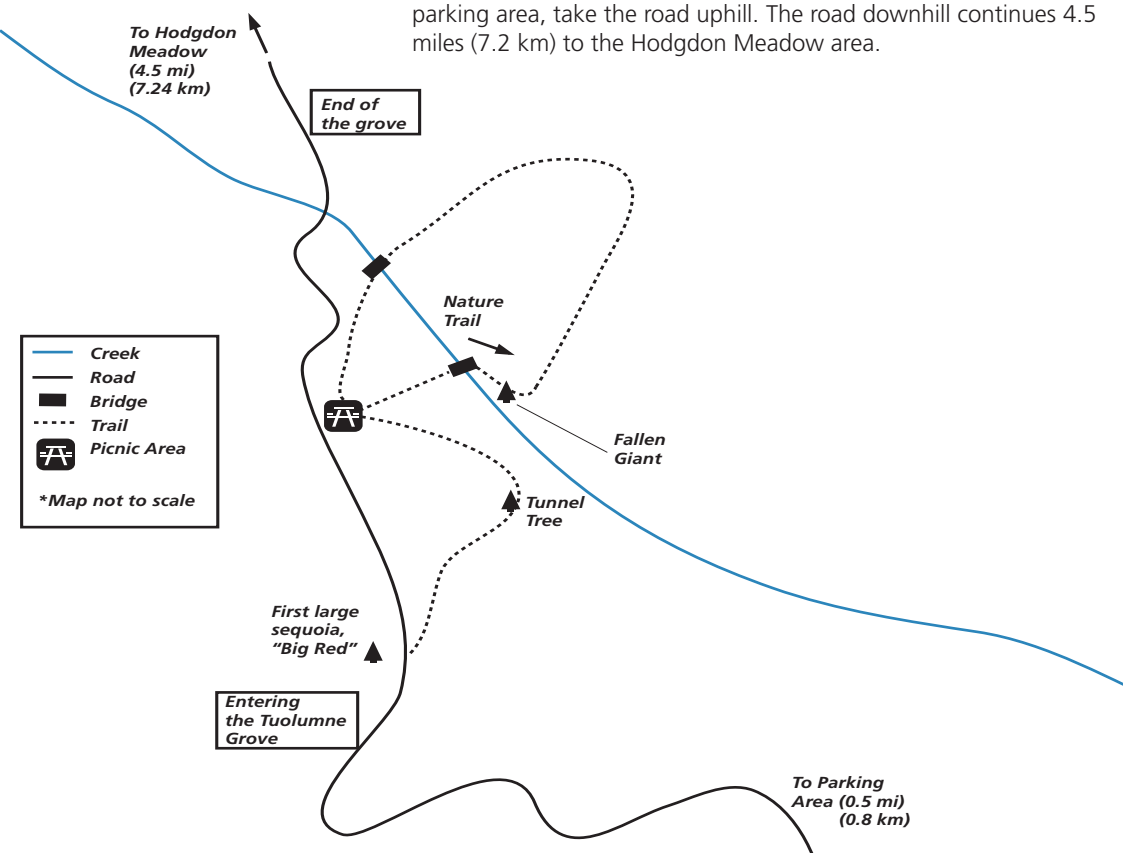
The trail winds through a mixed conifer forest, then over a saddle and down to a small mountain lake surrounded by a meadow. Shooting stars and dozens of other species of wildflowers abound, often through July. Please stay on designated trails to protect the meadow. The trail is wet and muddy until early August.

Moderate

Tuolumne Grove & Nature Trail

2.5 miles (4 km) round trip; 500-foot (152-m) elevation gain on the return trip. 1-2 hours.

Begin at Tuolumne Grove parking lot at Crane Flat on Tioga Road
Follow the Old Big Oak Flat Road—one of the first roads into Yosemite Valley—steeply down 0.8 mile (1.3 km) through sugar pines and white firs to the “Entering the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias” sign. The first sequoia is 0.2 mile (0.3 km) past the sign. To see more sequoias, follow established trails through the grove. Take a 0.5-mile (0.8-km) nature trail through the grove to learn more about these giant trees. Begin the trail at the Tunnel Tree, then bear left down the road, and cross the bridge at the right side of the picnic area. To return to the parking area, take the road uphill. The road downhill continues 4.5 miles (7.2 km) to the Hodgdon Meadow area.



Merced Grove

3 miles (4.8 km) round trip; 520-foot (158-m) elevation gain on return. 1-3 hours.

Begin at Merced Grove parking lot on Big Oak Flat Road

This trail follows an old road that curves down into the Merced Grove, the smallest and most secluded of Yosemite's three sequoia groves. Follow the trail for 0.6 miles (1 km), then bear left at the junction. An old cabin, the former summer retreat of park superintendents, is part of the grove's history. Look for dogwoods blooming here in the spring.

Lukens Lake from White Wolf

4.6 miles (7.4 km) round trip; 400-foot (122-m) elevation gain. 2-3 hours.

Begin across from White Wolf Lodge

Follow the trail through a mixed conifer forest to Lukens Lake, a small mountain lake surrounded by a meadow. The trail crosses the Middle Fork of the Tuolumne River and is wet and muddy until early August. At the lake, shooting stars and dozens of other species of wildflowers abound, often through July. Please stay on designated trails to protect the meadow.

Harden Lake

5.8 miles (9.3 km) round trip; 355-foot (122-m) elevation gain on the return trip. 2-4 hours.

Begin across from White Wolf Lodge

Hike along a gravel road—part of the original Tioga Road—that follows the Middle Fork of the Tuolumne River for part of the route. At a trail junction 1.75 miles (2.8 km) down the road, follow the signs to the lake. The trail passes by small granite domes and through a forest of red fir and lodgepole pine to reach boulder-dotted Harden Lake.

Optional loop to the edge of the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne River. 8.4 miles (13.5 km) loop. 1,000-foot (305-m) elevation gain on the return trip. 5-8 hours.

Beyond Harden Lake, descend into a large aspen grove full of seasonal flowers, which can be wet and muddy until early August. At the next trail junction, 1.3 miles (2 km) from Harden Lake, turn south towards Lukens Lake and continue towards the White Wolf junction for 2.7 miles (4.3 km). Follow the trail 0.8 miles (1.3 km) back to White Wolf Lodge.

May Lake

2.4 miles (3.9 km) round trip
485-foot (148-m) elevation gain.
1-2 hours.

Begin at the May Lake parking area, 1.75 miles (2.8 km) north of Tioga Road

A short trail leads through a conifer forest and across granite slabs to reach May Lake. Enjoy views of Half Dome and surrounding mountains on the way.

Strenuous

North Dome

10.4 miles (16.7 km) round trip.
580-foot (177-m) elevation gain on return. 5-8 hours

Begin at Porcupine Creek Trailhead on Tioga Road, 1.2 miles (1.9 km) east of Porcupine Flat Campground
Wind through mixed-conifer forest for 0.7 miles (1 km) on a paved path, and cross Porcupine Creek. At each of several trail junctions, follow the signs toward North Dome. The trail passes through a small grassy meadow and descends along a ridge. Near the end of the hike, descend steep rock steps to the base of North Dome. Climb the dome's rounded summit to take in a magnificent view of Half Dome and Yosemite Valley. On the return trip you can take a short detour on a side trail, 0.3 mile (0.5 km) to an unusual natural arch, Indian Rock.

Ten Lakes

12.6 miles (20.3 km) round-trip;
2,200-foot (671-m) elevation gain.
6-8 hours

Begin at Ten Lakes Trailhead, across Tioga Road from Yosemite Creek Picnic Area

Follow this trail through conifers and across granite to cross a tributary of Yosemite Creek. Take care on this crossing early in the season when the creek is high. Continue on the trail to Ten Lakes Pass, overlooking the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne and the Sierra Crest. Then descend 693 feet (211 m) into the Ten Lakes Basin, which contains a series of beautiful High Sierra lakes. Grant Lakes is at the end of a 1-mile (1.6-km) side trail from the pass.