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Yosemite Valley Map

Yosemite Falls Parking

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Large vehicles longer than 30 feet are not permitted on Sentinel Drive. Also, expect traffic re-routes and delays through Summer 2021. See park website for more information.

The Yosemite Valley Shuttle System will not operate during the 2021 season.

DRIVE, WALK, or BIKE to some of Yosemite Valley’s most scenic attractions!

1. Tunnel View

2. Lower Yosemite Fall Trailhead

3. El Capitan

4. Valley View

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Things to Do in Yosemite Valley

Summer in Yosemite

How Will My Visit Be Impacted?
The COVID-19 pandemic will continue to affect park operations in 2021. Visitaton to the park will be managed in accordance with recommendations from public health officials. Visit the park website, www.nps.gov/yose for more updates and safety information.

Day-Use Reservations Required to Visit Yosemite
A reservation is required to drive into Yosemite Valley by September 30, 2021. You must display your day-use permit on your dashboard at all times while inside the park. Permits are valid for three consecutive days for unlimited entries and are not valid for overnight use.

An outdoor visitor contact station is located in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

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Visitor Centers are open, reservations required, see page 7.

Select dining and shopping establishments are open and encourage social distancing.

Many programs are canceled if further notice, see page 4 for list of current programs.

Some campgrounds are currently closed. There is no first come, first served camping.

All shuttles and tours are canceled during this time.

Yosemite Theater and Yosemite Museum will be closed during this time.

Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and High Sierra Camps are closed during this time.

What Does 6-ft Look Like?
The wing span of a bald eagle is roughly six feet long. While social distancing, imagine the length of a soaring eagles’ wing span between you and others.

Entering a National Park
Yosemite is a place where wilderness prevails. Prepare yourself for a wild experience. 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. Please, be attentive to the regulations in place to protect park resources (page 9) and those designed for your safety (page 8).

Fire – Police – Medical Emergency: Dial 911
Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley): Open 7 days per week from 8am to 7pm. Medical Clinic Phone: (209) 372-4637.

Road, Weather, and Park Information: (209) 372-0200
Yosemite Village Garage - 8am to 5pm. 24 hour AAA towing, NO gas, propane service until 4:30pm. (209) 372-1060

Access for People with Disabilities
For a complete list of accessible services, exhibits, and recreational opportunities, pick up a Yosemite Accessibility Guide at any park entrance station or visitor center, or view online at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm, or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at (209) 375-1033.

Sign Language interpreting is available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at (209) 375-5250 (wrd). Two weeks advance notice is requested.

Assistive Listening Devices available upon advance request at any visitor center.

Audio tours available at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Refer to the Accessibility Guide, or contact an Accessibility Coordinator for more information.

Accordable parking spaces available west of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

Upcoming Park Projects
Bridalveil Fall Rehabilitation Project
Why: To rehabilitate visitor facilities at the base of Bridalveil Fall and surrounding area, and to protect natural and cultural resources in the area.
When: 2021 Visitor Impact: Trail, comfort station and parking lot will not be available due to construction.
Tiyoga Road Rehabilitation Plan
Why: To make safety improvements and manage roadable parking and traffic flow while preserving natural and cultural resources along the road.
When: 2021 and 2022 seasons Visitor Impact: 30-minute traffic delays along Tiyoga Road due to construction.

Where to Go and What to Do in Yosemite National Park

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Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Entrance Fees
Non-commercial car, truck, RV, or van with 15 or fewer passenger seats (no per-person fee)
Vehicle Valid for 3 days $35/vehicle
Motorcycle Valid for 3 days $30/motorcycle
Individual Valid for 3 days $20 (in a bus, on foot, bicycle, or horse)
Yosemite Pass $70, Valid for one year in Yosemite.
Interagency Annual Pass $80
Valid for one year at all federal recreation sites.
Interagency Senior Pass $80 (Lifetime) For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.
Interagency Annual Senior Pass $20
For U.S. citizens or permanent residents 62 and over.
Interagency Access Pass (Free) (Lifetime) For permanently disabled U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
Interagency Military Pass (Free) (Annual)
For active duty U.S. military and dependents.
U.S. Military Veterans (Free)
Must present suitable ID
Gold Star Families (Free)
Must present paper voucher
Interagency 4th Grade Pass (Free)
Must present paper voucher.
U.S. 5th Grade Voucher (Free)
Must present paper voucher.

Reservations
Campground Reservations
(877) 444-6777; www.recreation.gov
Lodging Reservations
(888) 413-8869
www.travelyosemite.com
Group Sales Office:
(888) 339-3481

Regional Info
Yosemite Area Regional
Transportation System (YARTS)
www.yarts.com
Highway 120 West
Yosemite Chamber of Commerce
(800) 448-9120 or (209) 962-0429
Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau
(800) 446-1333; www.tcvb.com
Highway 41
Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau
(559) 683-4636; www.yosemitethisyear.com
Highway 122/49
Coulterville Visitor Center
(209) 987-3329
Highway 140/49
California Welcome Center, Merced
(800) 446-5353 or (209) 724-8104
www.yosemite-gateway.org
Mariposa County Visitor Center
(866) 425-3366 or (209) 742-4567; www.yosemite.com
Highway 120 East
Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce
and Mono Lake Visitor Center,
(760) 647-6629, www.leevining.com

Walking Yosemite Valley
We strongly recommend moving around the east end of Yosemite Valley on foot or bike if possible. On the map below, the numbers in the white circles show the average walking time between each destination, represented by the red circles.

Yosemite Valley Walking Map
Average Walking Times
Walking Routes
Camground
Parking
Picnic Area
Restroom
Walk-In Campground
Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Valley, open year-round, is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. Get there via Highway 41/Wawona Road from Fresno, Highway 140/El Portal Road from Merced, Highway 120 west/Big Oak Flat Road from Manteca, and (during summer) via the Tioga Road/Highway 120 east from Lee Vining. Yosemite Valley is home to massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome, plunging waterfalls including the tallest in North America, and attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls slows to a trickle by August, a moderate hike will bring you to impressive Vernal and Nevada Falls. Walk to Mirror Lake, where you will see reflections of Half Dome. Gaze up at El Capitan, a massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. Whether you explore the valley by foot, bike, car, or tour, you will behold scenery that will leave you breathless and eager to see what’s around the next corner.

Glacier Point Road

Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and Yosemite's high country, is located 30 miles (a one-hour drive) from Yosemite Valley or Wawona. To get there from either of these places, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41) to Chinquapin, then turn onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail takes you to an exhilarating—some might say unnerving—view 3,214 feet down to Yosemite Valley below.

Wawona and Mariposa Grove

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1 ¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park's South Entrance. The nearby Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with people and events that shaped the national park idea in Yosemite.

Tioga Road and Tuolumne Grove

Tioga Road offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. It is usually open from late May or early June through November. The road’s elevation ranges from 6,200 feet to nearly 10,000 feet. The White Wolf area, midway across the park, is the starting point for day hikes to Lukens Lake and Harden Lake. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area on the Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the grove. Or park at Merced Grove trailhead on Big Oak Flat Road and walk 1.5 steep miles down to the grove. These groves are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but are quieter and off-limits to vehicles. Remember, walking down is easier than walking back up.

Tuolumne Meadows

Tuolumne Meadows provides a glimpse of the High Sierra. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows surrounded by even higher granite domes and peaks. It is the jumping off place for countless hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. Stop at the Tuolumne Meadows information center to find out about hikes to Cathedral Lakes, Elizabeth Lake, Lembert Dome, or along the Tuolumne River through Lyell Canyon. See page 6 for hiking suggestions.

Hetch Hetchy

Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, a source of drinking water and hydroelectric power for the City of San Francisco, is home to spectacular scenery and the starting point for many wilderness trails. The area’s low elevation makes it a good place to hike in autumn and winter. The Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is located 40 miles (1 ¼ hour) from Yosemite Valley via the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120W) and the Evergreen Road. The Hetch Hetchy Road is open from 8am to 5pm. Vehicles and/or trailers over 25 feet long, and RVs and other vehicles over 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.
Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore
A visitor contact station is available in front of the visitor center for information and updates from 9am to 5pm. The Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore will be operating as an outdoor "to-go" store, daily from 9am to 5pm.

Yosemite Theater
Closed Spring and Summer of 2021

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Indian Cultural Village
Walk through the reconstructed Indian Village of Ahwahnee and learn about the structures of the Ahwahneechee lived in and the plants they used for survival. View the interactive displays and see the ceremonial roundhouse, bark houses, and sweathouse members of the local tribes still actively used. Located behind the Yosemite Museum in Yosemite Village.

Yosemite Renaissance Art Exhibit
The Call to Artists for Yosemite Renaissance 37 will begin July 1, 2021! For over 150 years, artists have played an important role in the establishment of our state and national parks, inspiring people to visit our natural sites, and protect our natural resources. The exhibit opens at the Yosemite National Park Museum Gallery in Yosemite Valley, then travels to other art centers across California. The exhibit includes painting, photography, printmaking, textiles, sculpture, ceramics and more. $5000 in cash awards! Visit www.yosemiterenaissance.org to apply!

Yosemite Conservancy
Adventures and Art Classes
Join Yosemite Conservancy for a memorable park experience! Preregistration is required for all Conservancy adventures and art classes.

Outdoor Adventures: Our naturalist guides lead day hikes, backpacking trips, art retreats and more. Register: yosemite.org/adventures.

June 25-27: Intro Backpack: Southern Yosemite Waterfalls
July 9: Day Hike: Little Derels Postpile
July 10-11: Overnight Under the Stars
July 15-18: Backpack: Clouds Rest/Through-Hike
July 16-17: Adventure Combo: Stargazing and Biking
July 22-25: Backpack: Yosemite Creek to Eagle Peak
July 23: Full Moon Hike: Tuft Point
July 24-25: Day Hikes: Tuolumne Birds and Blooms

The free Yosemite Bike Share is open for the season! You can use the bike share for short trips (up to two hours) in Yosemite Valley.

1. Get connected: Download the Yosemite Bike Share mobile app for Apple/IOS or Android in advance.
2. Get a bike: Use the app to unlock a bike at one of the Yosemite Bike Share stations, located at the Yosemite Village Parking Area and on the Village mall (between the Valley Wilderness Center and the Valley Visitor Center).
3. Get pedaling: Ride safely! Use the helmet provided with the bike (or wear your own) and stay on roads and paved bike paths.
4. Return to Bike Share Station. All rules must end at one of three Bike Share Stations: Village Day Use Parking, Yosemite Falls Day Use Parking, and Yosemite Village. Please do not leave your bike anywhere else.

The Ansel Adams Gallery
The Ansel Adams Gallery is open daily from 11am to 3pm. Experience a variety of fine arts, hand-crafts, and a collection of Ansel Adams original photographs. We offer half-day photography classes and private guided tours, reservations required. Call 209-372-4413 or visit anseladams.com/photographyeduction. Located in Yosemite Village.

Current Exhibition
Many Happy Returns: Photographic Meditations on Yosemite
June 6 - July 31, 2021

Many Happy Returns: Photographic Meditations on Yosemite will feature a variety of works from our family of artists who have dedicated their lives to the photographic medium, often in concert with Yosemite. These works share stories of experience and intuition (and some luck) and reflection of a long and continuing relationship that today reverberates as hopeful as ever.

Beyond Yosemite Valley
Wawona and Mariposa Grove
Park ranger naturalists and volunteers can be intermittently found in the Mariposa Grove and Yosemite History Center providing ranger talks and fun, informative activities. We hope to see you!
Services in Yosemite

Schedule

All available operations and hours of operations are subject to change. Check local resources and area signage in light of changing public health requirements related to COVID-19.

Hours listed are core hours and may be extended during peak visitation.

Food and Drink

YOSEMITE VILLAGE
Village Grill
11am to 5pm

Degnan's Kitchen
7am to 11am; 11:30am to 6pm

The Loft at Degnan's
Closed for the Season

THE AHWAHNEE
Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11am to 2pm
Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE
Starbucks Coffee
7am to 3pm

Base Camp Eatery
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YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE
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Coffee Corner
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Groceries

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Books, Gifts, & Apparel

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Yosemite Community Church (The Chapel)
Resident Minister: Pastor Brent Moore
209/372-4831 - www.yosemitevalleychapel.org
www.YosemiteValleyChapelWeddings.org

SUNDAY - CHAPEL SERVICES:
9:15am - Year-round
11am - Memorial Day to Labor Day

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CHURCH OF CHRIST (Non-denominational)
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209/378-2100

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Alcoholics Anonymous
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Oakhurst Hotline: 559/683-1662

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Post Offices

YOSEMITE VILLAGE
Main Office
Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Saturday: 10am to noon

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE
Monday - Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

EL PORTAL
Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
Closed 12:30pm to 1:30pm

WAWONA
9am to 5pm

Gas Stations

EL PORTAL
Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card

WAWONA SERVICE STATION
Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card

CRANE FLAT
Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card

General Services

Medical Clinic - Yosemite Valley
209/372-4677; Emergency: CALL 9-1-1
Monday - Friday: 8am to 5pm, Closed during federal holidays

Yosemite Village Garage
Towing available 24 hours

NO gas in Yosemite Valley.

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Hiking

Choose Your Adventure
What better way to enjoy the beauty of Yosemite than on foot. Ask a ranger at any visitor contact station for updated trail conditions and one of several free day hike handouts.

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes*

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<td>1.0 mile round-trip, 20 minutes</td>
<td>Easy</td>
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<td>2 miles round-trip, 2–3 hours</td>
<td>Strenuous 1,000-foot gain</td>
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Know Before You Go:
• Stay away from swift-moving water
• Always supervise children closely.
• Never swim upstream from a waterfall.

WALKS/HIKES IN WAWONA AREA
Yosemite History Center
Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. A visit to the Yosemite History Center explores Yosemite’s history and interpretive signs explain how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world.

Mariposa Grove
Located near Yosemite’s South Entrance, the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is the park’s largest stand of giant sequoias, with about 500 trees in the grove. Shuttles will not operate during the 2021 season, expect a two-mile, one-way walk to reach the grove. Bicycles and vehicles displaying a disability placard can drive on the Mariposa Grove Road to the Arrival Area only. No drinking water available.

HIKES IN CRANE FLAT AREA
Tuolumne Grove
The trailhead for this grove of about 25 sequoias is near the intersection of the Big Oak Flat Road and Tioga Road at Crane Flat. The former route of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from the parking area into the grove. The trail drops 500 feet (150 meters) in one mile. The way down can seem much easier than the uphill return to the parking lot. The trip is moderately strenuous on the uphill portion. Within the Tuolumne Grove there is no potable water at the parking area or in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you.

Merced Grove
Yosemite’s quietest stand of sequoias is the Merced Grove, a group of approximately 20 big trees accessible only on foot. It’s a three-mile round-trip hike (about three hours) into the grove. The trail drops down 1.5 miles making this a moderately strenuous hike on the uphill portion. There is no potable water at the parking area or down in the grove. Be sure to bring drinking water with you. The grove is located 3½ miles north of Crane Flat and 4½ miles south of the Big Oak Flat Entrance along the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). The trail is marked by a sign and a post labeled B-10.

HIKING IN TUOLUMNE MEADOWS
Parsons Memorial Lodge, McCauley Cabin and Soda Springs
Two trails, both flat and 3/4 mile-long, lead to this historic area accessible only by walking. The Soda Springs are small, naturally carbonated springs that attract deer, birds and other wildlife. There is a toilet in the area. There are many day hikes in this area. Stop by any visitor center for maps and ideas.

COVID-19 Coronavirus

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Sentinel Dome, a trail off of Glacier Point Road. NPS Image / Sheree Peshlakai
Wilderness Permits

Wilderness permits are required for all overnight trips into the Yosemite Wilderness. Following adaptive management guidelines and the need to protect the health and safety of our visitors and employees, there will be no first comes first served (FCFS) permits issued in the park for 2021. The FCFS permits will be available through a rolling lottery using the advanced reservation system. Please go to www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm to check trailhead availability and find how to apply for permits. Reservations can be made online at yosemite.org/yosemite-wilderness-permit-request-form and by using our contact form at yosemite.org/contact-us-wilderness. A processing fee of $5 per permit plus $5 per person is charged to each confirmed reservation. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm, the Leave No Trace website at www.lnt.org, or the Friends of Yosemite Search and Rescue website at www.friendofyosar.org.

YOSEMITE VALLEY

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, the center offers permit reservation pick up and bear canister rentals only. The Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village in between the post office and the Ansel Adams Gallery.

WAWONA

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, the center offers permit reservation pick up and bear canister rentals only. Located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel, Hill’s Studio was the gallery and art studio of famous 19th-century landscape painter, Thomas Hill. Walk from the hotel or park at the Wawona Store parking area and follow the path up the hill.

BIG OAK FLAT

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, the center offers permit reservation pick up and bear canister rentals only. The center is located inside the park entrance on Hwy 120W.

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, the center offers permit reservation pick up and bear canister rentals only. The Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center is located just south of Tioga Road, along the road to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge.

HETCH HETCHY

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Under COVID modified operations, only permit reservation pick up and bear canister rentals are available at the entrance station.

Half Dome Permits

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week when the cables are up for 2021, May 19 through October 11, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 preseason lottery permits have already been issued for 2021. Additional day use permits will be released by daily lottery throughout the season. Applications for daily lotteries will be accepted 2 days prior to the desired hiking date between midnight and 4 pm. To apply, visit Recreation.gov or call 877/444-6777. A non-refundable application fee applies to all submissions and a use fee applies to winning applicants. Finally, a daily quota of 75 Half Dome permits will be available to overnight users with an appropriate wilderness permit (use fee applies). These permits may be acquired through early reservations (50 per day) or the rolling lottery system (25 per day). Rock climbers who reach the top of Half Dome without entering the subdome area may descend on the Half Dome Trail without a permit. More information is available at http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm. For backpackers more information is available at http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm.

Camping Reservations

For the 2021 season, campgrounds that will be open are Upper, Lower and North Pines, Wawona, Bridalveil Creek and Tuolumne Meadows. Campground reservations are available up to five months in advance and are released on the 15th of each month at 7am Pacific time. Log onto the website or call as soon as possible as most campgrounds fill within a few minutes of the opening period. Camp 4 will be available via a one-day-in-advance lottery on recreation.gov, and each site will be assigned to only one party.

For campground reservations, visit www.recreation.gov (recommended) or call 877/444-6777 or TDD 877/833-6777 or 518/885-3639 from outside the US and Canada.

Sleeping in vehicles and frontcountry camping are only permitted in designated campsites.

PARK UPDATE

• Camping during the 2021 season is by reservation only.
• Same day availability must be accessed via recreation.gov as there is no walk-up service.
• There is no first come, first served camping.
• Group sites are not available this year.

General Camping Information

Services

• All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grill, and a food locker. See page 9 for food storage regulations.
• Shower and laundry facilities are not available during the 2021 season.
• There are no hookups in Yosemite campgrounds, but there are sanitary dump stations in Yosemite Valley (all year), and summer only in Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows.

Regulations

• Proper food storage is required 24 hours a day.
• A maximum of six people (including children) and two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
• Quiet hours are from 10pm to 6am.
• Where permitted, pets must be on a leash and may not be left unattended.
• Firewood collection of dead and down wood is permitted within the boundaries of campgrounds in Yosemite Valley, and can otherwise be gathered anywhere in the park that is outside Yosemite Valley, below 9,600 feet, and not in a sequoia grove.

Zero Landfill Initiative: Propane Canisters

Exciting news, campers: You can now buy reusable, returnable Little Kamper propane canisters in Yosemite, including at 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 (which uses green Flameking 1 lb. tanks).
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 Sutliff of America.
There are many ways to experience the wildness of Yosemite. While the forces of nature can create unexpected hazardous conditions, with a little common sense and some pre-planning, you can minimize the risks associated with many activities.

ENJOYING YOSEMITE

Summer is a popular time to visit Yosemite and for good reason; daylight hours are long and the weather is usually warm. Plant and animal life are vibrant. High country trails that have been hiding for months are now waiting to be hiked and the waterfalls are still full. However, summer conditions present unique challenges which you must consider to ensure your outdoor enjoyment.

WEATHER

Dehydration and exhaustion can occur during any season but particularly during the summer heat. Always carry more water than you need. Without rationing water, make sure your hike or outdoor activity is half over before your water is half gone. Prevent dehydration by sipping lots of water throughout the day and frequently eating salty, easy-to-digest snacks. Thunderstorm season is also approaching. Remember, there is no safe place outside when you can hear thunder. Follow the saying, “when thunder roars, go indoors.” If you cannot reach a building or car (with a hard top), hike down and away from ridges and outcroppings. Do not be the tallest object or near a tall object.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

Yosemite’s streams are a huge temptation for the curious, the photographer, and the overheated and weary hiker simply wanting to cool tired feet. Do not be fooled! Yosemite’s water is deceptively dangerous and unforgiving. Visitors are strongly urged to enjoy moving or falling water from a safe distance. Please: Do NOT leave the safety of the trail.

YOSEMITE’S TRAILS

Yosemite’s 800 miles of trails pass through natural areas and endure all the forces of nature including flooding, fire, erosion, and slides. Trails may be damaged from weather and past fires. Snow can be present over higher elevation trails. Always carry a good topo map and compass (GPS optional) and know your location, including your back route, in case you need to turn around.

YOSEMITE’S ROADS

Yosemite’s roads are as dangerous as the natural areas and endure all the forces of nature including flooding, fire, erosion, and slides. Roads near your home, with additional hazards such as rock fall and abundant wildlife, including deer and bear. There are many sites to distract drivers. If you cannot devote 100% of your attention to driving, please pull off the road into a designated pull-off or parking area. Buckle up! Park rangers enforce California’s Motor Vehicle Code on park roads.

FOR ALL SEASONS

• Let someone know – always leave travel and hiking plans, including intended routes and estimated time of return, with a trusted person.

• Stay on established trails

• River, streams and lakes can be hazardous all year. Maintain awareness and crossing water should only be attempted where it is safe.

• Regardless of season you still need to stay hydrated and snack frequently! If you are sweating, replace lost salts with salty snacks.

• 10 hiking essentials – includes sunglasses, sunscreen, a signaling mirror and whistle.

• Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a rare but serious disease spread to humans via the droppings, urine, or saliva of infected rodents. Infected rodents have been found throughout the US. You may come into close proximity to rodents during your visit. Here are some ways to protect yourself:

  • If staying in guest lodging, tell housekeeping staff if you see evidence of mice.
  • Keep doors to guest lodging shut.
  • Do not bring food into your cabin that is not in a sealed container.
  • If camping or backpacking, do not pitch tents near rodent burrows or droppings.

Wilderness Etiquette: How to Poop in the Woods

• When nature calls, make sure you are 200 feet away from any water source.

• Carry a trowel so you can dig a hole in the dirt that is at least 6 inches deep so you’re able to bury your waste.

• In the winter, human waste still needs to be buried 6 inches deep in soil not snow or carried out in a WAG bag.

• Pack out toilet paper, don’t bury it or try to burn it.

For more information visit: http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm.

PLAGUE

Plague is an infectious bacterial disease carried by squirrels, chipmunks and other rodents and their fleas. To protect yourself, never feed wildlife, avoid dropping food when eating outside, avoid pitching a tent near rodent burrows, wear insect repellent with DEET, and immediately tell a park ranger if you see a dead animal. For more information visit: http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yoursafety.htm.
Keep Bears Wild
With warmer spring weather, bears emerge hungry from hibernation. Please, keep Yosemite’s black bears wild and alive, while protecting yourself and your property.

### STORE YOUR FOOD PROPERLY
The typical daily diet of most bears may consist of 4,000 to 20,000 calories worth of grasses, acorns, and grubs. It’s easier for a bear to eat the thousands of calories of food in an ice chest than it is to spend all day nibbling on grasses. Their incredible sense of smell allows them to detect things we can’t, which helps them find food—a black bear can smell a dead deer three miles away. To top it off, bears have excellent vision and see in color, so they recognize ice chests, grocery bags, and other food containers as potential food sources.

### DRIVE THE SPEED LIMIT
The most common human-related cause of death for a black bear in Yosemite is being hit by a car. Slow down! Driving too fast is almost always the cause of these accidental deaths. Please report bear sightings by calling (209) 372-0322.

### IF YOU SEE A BEAR...
...scare it away or keep your distance. You may not see a bear during your visit because they naturally avoid people. However, if you see one in a developed area (like a campground or parking lot), act immediately to scare it away. Make noise and yell as loud as possible. If there are more than one person, stand together to present a more intimidating figure, but do not surround the bear. If you see a bear anywhere else, consider yourself lucky—but keep your distance (at least 50 yards, or about the distance made by four shuttle buses parked end to end). If you get too close, you will be causing the bear to become used to being around people. Bears that become comfortable around humans lose their natural fear of us and may become too aggressive. When that happens, they sometimes have to be killed.

Report bear sightings and incidents to the Save-A-Bear hotline (209) 372-0322 or by emailing yose_bear_mgmt@nps.gov. For more information about bears in Yosemite please visit www.keepbearswild.org.

### How to Store Food

- **Your Vehicle:** You may store food in your car, so long as your car is closed and off of paved roads. Do not store food in your car after dark: use a food locker! Bears may investigate picnic areas or backpacks for food even when people are present, so be alert.
- **Your Campsite or Tent Cabin:** Keep your food secure from bears. Bears use their keen sense of smell to locate food. If you smell food, it is probably nearby. In Yosemite and the southern Sierra, bear canisters are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.
- **Picnic Areas & on the Trails:** Do not leave food unattended. Always keep food within arm’s reach. Don’t turn your back to your food.
- **Backpacking in the Wilderness:** Bear resistant food containers are required throughout the Yosemite Wilderness. Hanging food is prohibited in Yosemite.

Keep Yosemite wild by keeping food within arm’s reach at all times, even when you are in your campsite or tent cabin.

### Clean Water is a precious resource for all living beings
You can protect these waters and this pristine watershed which supplies drinking water for 2.7 million people.

- **Protect fragile plants and soils:** Trampling vegetation and compacting soils affects the movement and cleanliness of water.
- **Walk and camp on durable surfaces:** Use established trails, campsites, rock, and gravel to minimize your impact. Work single file and keep groups small.
- **Pack it in, pack it out:** Pack out toilet paper, hygiene products, leftover food, trash, and litter from campsites, rest areas, and trails. Leave no trace!
- **Wash yourself or dishes 200 feet away from water sources:**
- **Use restroom facilities or bury human waste:** Bury human waste in a hole at least 6 inches (15 centimeters) deep and at least 200 feet (60 meters) from streams and lakes.

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**Yosemite Guardians**

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park’s most important guardians. During your visit, be aware that there are people who either unknowingly or intentionally harm park resources. Please contact a park official if you see any of the following illegal acts:

- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants
- Hunting animals
- Collecting reptiles and butterflies
- 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
- Operating an unmanned aircraft system (“drone”)

If you see activities that could harm people or park resources, jot down any descriptions or a vehicle license plate number and call (209) 379-1992.

**E-BIKES**
Bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors less than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed and must adhere to a 15 mph speed limit.

**FISHING**
Stream and river fishing in Tuolumne Meadows and Yosemite Valley to Parkline (Merced River) is open through November 15. You must have a valid California Fishing License with you. All lakes and reservoirs are open to fishing year-round.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**
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Did You Know?

Some of Yosemite’s Most Popular Questions Answered

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• Every year, to protect peregrine falcons, nesting cliffs are closed to visitor use, including climbing and slacklining activities, until peregrine chicks have fledged and dispersed from those areas.

• The Yosemite Climbing Association holds Yosemite Facelift yearly, a park-wide volunteer event that encourages climbers and other visitors to clean up the park at the end of the busy summer season.

• The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is the largest sequoia grove in Yosemite and is home to over 500 mature giant sequoias.

• The national park idea is rooted in the Mariposa Grove. In 1864 President Lincoln signed legislation protecting the Mariposa Grove and Yosemite Valley for “public use, resort, and recreation.” It was the first time the federal government set aside scenic natural areas to be protected for the benefit of future generations.

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• More than 40 years of fire ecology has taught fire managers that suppressing fires results in unnatural fuel buildup and can make fires more severe than they otherwise would have been.

• Fire managers work to restore healthy forests and reduce the threat of extensive, severe fire by allowing some lightning-ignited wildfires to burn under moderate conditions. They also use prescribed fire and mechanical tree thinning to reduce fuels.

• Prescribed fire can also help create healthy forests by: increasing wildlife habitat and species diversity across the landscape, create openings for young tree seedlings to sprout, and provide increased water availability.

• Collisions with vehicles is the leading known cause of black bear deaths in Yosemite? As many as 38 bears have been hit by vehicles in a single year in the park.

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Providing for Yosemite’s Future

Enhance the Visitor Experience
It takes a legion of people working together to protect this special park for you and future generations of visitors. You too can extend your connection to Yosemite well after you return home by getting involved with the organizations that partner to preserve Yosemite.

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The Ansel Adams Gallery
The Ansel Adams Gallery, owned by the family of photographer Ansel Adams since 1902, is a center that celebrates the arts and the natural grandeur of our environment. It cultivates an aesthetic appreciation and concern for our world by offering visitors a unique variety of literature and art, as well as programs that inspire creativity. Visit online at: www.anseladams.com.

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Yosemite Hospitality, a subsidiary of Aramark, operates lodging, food and beverage, retail, recreational activities, tours, interpretive programs, transportation, and service stations under contract with the U.S. Department of Interior with a focus on delivering authentic and memorable guest experiences. Yosemite Hospitality is committed to providing park stewardship in collaboration with the National Park Service in effort to protect and preserve the park for millions of park visitors to enjoy. Visit www.TravelYosemite.com for more information.

NatureBridge
NatureBridge provides residential field science programs for youth in the world’s most spectacular classroom—Yosemite National Park. Through active student engagement, our faculty teaches science, history, and the arts and gives these subjects context through personal experience. A NatureBridge learning adventure strives to foster a lifelong connection to the natural world and responsible actions to sustain it. Find out more about our year-round programs for schools and summer programs for individual teens at www.naturebridge.org/yosemite.

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