Yosemite's free shuttles run between 7am and 10pm. The stops are served in numerical order. The Valleywide Shuttle services ALL the stops; the East Valley Shuttle services only selected stops. The Valleywide Shuttle runs approximately every 12 to 22 minutes with a total round trip time of approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. The East Valley Shuttle runs approximately every 8-12 minutes with a total round trip time of approximately 50 minutes.

UPDATE
Check local resources, area signage, and the park website for current COVID protocols, day-use permits, road construction, and shuttle bus reroute updates, www.nps.gov/yose.

NOTICE! These routes are in effect beginning May 17!
WELCOME

Ask A Ranger
Drop by the visitor contact station located in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center to get park-related information and updates. Follow signs to park in Visitor Parking then follow signs to the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Open from 9am-5pm.

THINGS TO DO
Walking and hiking
Yosemite Valley has a wide range of year-round walking and hiking options. Stop by the visitor contact station behind Yosemite Valley Visitor Center for trail maps and updated weather and trail conditions.

Bicycling
Experience several miles of bicycle paths that wind through Yosemite Valley. Use your own bicycle or rent one from Yosemite Village, Yosemite Valley Lodge or Curry Village. See page 5 for bike rental hours. Bicycles are only allowed on paved roads and paved bike paths.

Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center
The Sierra Club’s Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly Le Conte Memorial Lodge) will be open, Wednesday through Sunday, 10am until 4pm from Sunday, May 1 to Friday, September 30, 2022. All evening programs have been canceled for the entire season due to social distancing requirements. Visitors are welcome to visit the new exhibits and meet with Sierra Club Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center Volunteers.

PROGRAMS AND GUIDED ADVENTURES

Take a Photography Class
Learn how to best capture the landscape of Yosemite by joining a photography expert from The Ansel Adams Gallery. Several classes are offered each week. Some have fees, some are free. Learn more and sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village, or online at www.anseladams.com. See page 4 for programs schedule.

Get outside and enjoy your park!
Spring offers spectacular views of waterfalls, great hiking, and other endless opportunities for recreation. Find the adventures that will make lasting Yosemite memories for years to come.

Adventure Out With Yosemite Mountaineering School (YMS)
Yosemite Mountaineering School offers world-class rock climbing instruction, private guided climbs, custom and group hikes, guided backpacking trips, snowshoe hikes and cross-country skiing throughout Yosemite’s wilderness. YMS guides, recognized as some of the finest rock climbers in the world, have a variety of skiing, climbing and mountaineering skills and experience. As the only authorized climbing guides in the Park, they can share their unparalleled knowledge with everyone from pros to complete novices. Phone: 209/372-8344, Email yms@aramark.com

Naturalist Programs
Learn about the wonders of the park on a naturalist-guided stroll. Programs are offered daily on a variety of topics. See page 4 for details.

Custom Yosemite Conservancy Experiences
Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist guide or art instructor for a customized experience that fits your interests and schedule.

Custom Adventures: Experience the park on personalized day hikes, birding walks, stargazing programs and backpacking trips. yosemite.org/custom-adventures.

Custom Art Classes: Our custom art programs are fun, accessible way to get to know Yosemite. Spend a couple of hours exploring nature through drawing, painting, sketching & journaling or kids art, Yosemite.org/custom-art-classes.

Looking for ways to connect with Yosemite from home? Contact us to schedule a virtual adventure: adventures@yosemite.org, or a virtual art class: art@yosemite.org.

Art Classes
Professional artists offer beginner-level instruction at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center and Valley Visitor Center, helping visitors explore Yosemite through art. Most classes are held outdoors, painting or drawing Yosemite’s views. See page 5 for schedule.

Take the Valley Floor Tram Tour
The Valley Floor Tour, a 26-mile, two hour tram tour narrated by a park ranger, departs from Yosemite Valley Lodge daily, weather permitting. For more information or to make reservations, call 209/372-1240 or inquire at any Tour and Activity Desk. See page 5 for tour deck hours.

INFORMATION

ROAD AND WEATHER INFORMATION

Within Yosemite National Park: 209/372-0200
Outside Yosemite National Park: 800/427-7623

PARK APP
Download the National Park Service app for an interactive map, hiking trails, and park updates. Find more information on page 11 of this Guide.

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) 379-1035.

Sign Language interpreting is available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at (209) 379-5250 (vbst). Two weeks advance notice is requested.

Accessible parking spaces available west of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.
Discover Yosemite

Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Entrance Fees
Non-commercial car, truck, RV, or van with 15 or fewer passenger seats (per-person fee)
Vehicle Valid for 7 days $35/Vehicle
Motorcycle Valid for 7 days $30/motorcycle
Individual Valid for 7 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)
(For) permanently disabled U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
Interagency Military Pass (Free)
(Annual) for active duty US military, US military veterans, and Gold Star families.
Interagency 4th Grade Pass (Free)
Must present paper voucher.

Reservations
Campground Reservations (877) 444-6777; www.recreation.gov
Lodging Reservations (888) 413-8869
www.travel Yosemite.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) 446-9120 or (209) 962-3429
Tuolumne County Visitors Bureau (800) 446-1333; www.tcvb.com
Highway 41
Yosemite Sierra Visitors Bureau (209) 742-4567; www.yosemitegateway.org
Highway 132/49
Coulterville Visitor Center (209) 742-4567
Highway 140/49
California Welcome Center, Merced (800) 446-5533 or (209) 724-8104
www.yosemitegateway.org
Mariposa County Visitor Center (209) 724-3366 or (209) 724-7081
Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau (209) 742-4567; www.yosemite.com
Highway 120 East
Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce and Mono Lake Visitor Center, (760) 647-6629, www.kervining.com

Walking Yosemite Valley

Destinations on the end of Yosemite Valley are easily accessed on foot or by bike.
The numbers in white circles show the average walking time between popular destinations.
Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Valley is world-famous for its impressive waterfalls, cliffs, and unusual rock formations. It is open year round and can be reached via Highway 41 from Fresno, Highway 140 from Merced, Highway 120 West from Manteca, and via the Tioga Road (Highway 120 East) from Lee Vining in summer. The Valley is known for massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome, its plunging waterfalls including the tallest in North America, and its attractive meadows. While Yosemite Falls will be dry until rain and snow recharge it, a moderate hike will take you to Vernal and Nevada Falls. Yosemite’s meadows are great places to see wildlife and to photograph fall and winter scenery. Admire El Capitan, the massive granite monolith that stands 3,593 feet from base to summit. Whether you explore the Valley by foot or car, the scenery will leave you in awe and eager to see what’s around the next corner.

Glacier Point Road

Closed for the 2022 season. Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and Yosemite’s high country, is located 30 miles (1 hour) from Yosemite Valley. From Yosemite Valley, take the Wawona Road (Highway 41), then turn left onto Glacier Point Road. At Glacier Point, a short, paved, and wheelchair-accessible trail leads you to a stunning view looking into Yosemite Valley.

Wawona and Mariposa Grove

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is located 36 miles (1¼ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park’s south entrance station. Until shuttle service resumes (scheduled for May 27), access to the grove is via a four-mile round-trip hike with 500 feet of elevation change. 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.

Crane Flat and Tuolumne Grove

Crane Flat is located 16 miles from Yosemite Valley at the junction of the Big Oak Flat and Tioga Roads. A number of hikes through pleasant meadows are available. To see giant sequoias, park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area located on the Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias. Or, park at Merced Grove trailhead and walk two steep miles down to this small grove. These groves north of Yosemite Valley are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but are quieter and off limits to vehicles. Remember that the walk down is easier than the walk back up.

Tuolumne Meadows and Tioga Road

The Tioga Road (may open by Memorial Day weekend) offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. The road’s elevation ranges from 6,200 feet to just under 10,000 feet. Tuolumne Meadows embodies the high-country of the Sierra Nevada. The Wild and Scenic Tuolumne River winds through broad sub-alpine meadows, granite domes and peaks. It is the jumping off place for many hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. All visitors to the high country should be aware of wet, muddy, or snow-covered trails. Hikers need to be prepared to stay safe, not get lost, and to prevent damaging sensitive meadows and riverbanks. Stop in at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center and Bookstore for all local information including natural and cultural history, trail conditions, hikes and daily ranger programs in the area. Check the park’s website for daily updates about possible delays due to road construction at go.nps.gov/conditions.

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 (1½ 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.

Buy Your Site Pass on Recreation.gov

Purchase your Yosemite National Park site pass on Recreation.gov before you arrive. Your site pass can easily be downloaded on your phone or tablet, or be printed to be displayed when you arrive. Learn more at https://www.recreation.gov/sitepass/74296
Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore
A visitor contact station is available near the visitor center for information and updates. Hours are from 9am to 5pm. The Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore and Valley Visitor Center exhibit hall are open 9am to 5pm.

Yosemite Museum
Closed Spring of 2022

Yosemite Theater
The Spirit of Yosemite shows daily, on the half hour from 9:30am to 4:30pm, in the Theater behind the Valley Visitor Center.

Indian Cultural Village
Walk through the constructed Indian Village of Ahwahnee and learn about the structures 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 use. Located behind Yosemite Museum in Yosemite Village.

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

**UPCOMING OUTDOOR ADVENTURES**

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**UPCOMING ART PROGRAMS**

- **Get creative in Yosemite Valley!** Head to Happy Isles Art and Nature Center to join Yosemite Conservancy for an outdoor workshop with a professional artist, crafting workshops, nature journaling, strolls, print and sip (at Yosemite Valley Lodge), children's art activities, or the nature exhibit. Pre-registration is recommended for art classes.
- **Drop-ins are welcome!** Open daily 9am to 4pm.

**Art Classes:**
- Monday – Friday, 9am – 1pm: May 16-20 Watercolor with Grace Feng
- May 23-27 Watercolor with Bridgette Meimbald
- May 30-Jun 3 Leaf Painting & Watercolor & Jun 6-10 with Sue Fierston
- Jun 13-17 Charcoal Drawing with Jeff Hemming

**The Ansel Adams Gallery**
The Ansel Adams Gallery is open daily from 10am to 4pm. Experience a variety of fine arts, handcrafts, 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/photographyeducation. Located in Yosemite Village.

**Current Exhibition**
Sierra Overture: Photographs by Charlotte Gibb
April 24, 2022 - June 4, 2022

A new chapter is a time for reflection and anticipation. Not far from home, Charlotte Gibb has been exploring the Sierra for years, quietly but fervently creating an amazing collection of photographs that have a familiar but distinct vision. Her very lyrical and dreamlike compositions, invite one to explore the landscape as one would in the comfort of their own backyard, but provide a sense of wonder that one might attribute to a storybook scene deepened in fantasy and adventure.

Sierra Overture: Photographs by Charlotte Gibb will be on display at The Ansel Adams Gallery through June 4, 2022, and we hope you will visit us to begin this new chapter.

**Future Exhibition**
Passages of Light: Photographs by William Neill
June 5, 2022 - July 23, 2022

William Neill has been photographing Yosemite and the West for over 40 years and has created a body of work that reveals a grand wonder all around us. A well-traveled exploration of these places treats each scene as a sublime exchange of light arranged in a visual poetry that can only come from such acute knowledge of a Place. A passion for these landscapes is evident in each composition, one not only rooted in a love of light, but in sharing a visceral moment that may otherwise (if not for the distinct character of light passing through a lens) be consigned to demure promise.

A reception for William Neill and his new exhibition “Passages of Light” will be hosted by The Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village on Sunday, July 10 between 11am and 1pm with a book signing to accompany the event.

**Become a Junior Ranger**
Complete the activities that are the best fit for you in the below self-guided handbook, available for free at visitor center bookstores throughout Yosemite National Park. When you are done, share your booklet with a park ranger at any Yosemite visitor center during operating hours to receive your Junior Ranger badge.

Illustration by Stefani Lacy
Food and Drink

**YOSEMITE VILLAGE**
- Degnan's Kitchen
  - 7am to 11am, 11:30am to 6pm
- Village Grill
  - Thurs-Mon: 11am to 6pm, starting May 19

**THE AHWAHNEE**
- Dining Room
  - Breakfast: 7am to 10am
  - Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm,
  - Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm,
  - 5:30pm to 9:30pm beginning May 27
- Sunday Brunch: 8am to 2pm
- Advance reservations available for hotel guests, call 209/372-1489.

**YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE**
- The Ahwahnee Bar
- Dining Room
  - Thurs-Mon, 11am to 6pm, starting May 19
- Village Grill
  - 5pm to 9:30pm, 11am to 10pm beginning May 27
- Lunch/Dinner: 11am to 9pm,
  - Breakfast: 6:30am to 10:30am beginning June 3
- Gas and Service Stations
  - EL PORTAL
    - EL PORTAL 8am to 5pm
    - Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card,

**YOSEMITE VILLAGE STARE**
- Gift/Grocery
  - 8am to 10pm
- YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE
  - Gift/Grocery
  - 8am to 10pm

**Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center**, 9am to 5pm, beginning May 13

**Other Services**
- **MEDICAL CLINIC** - Yosemite Valley
  - 372-4637
  - For emergency care CALL 9-1-1
  - Mon-Fri: 9am to 12pm; 1pm to 5pm,
  - Closed weekends and federal holidays
- **YOSEMITE VILLAGE GARAGE**
  - 8am to 12pm, 1pm to 5pm
- **HOUSEKEEPING CAMP**
  - Gift/Grocery
  - 8am to 9pm
- **WAWONA**
  - Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop
    - 8am to 8pm
  - Golf Shop
    - 7am to 6pm
  - Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Hill's Studio Visitor Center
    - 9am to 5pm
- **MARIPOSA GROVE WELCOME PLAZA**
  - The Depot
    - 9am to 5pm
- **BIG OAK FLAT**
  - Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Big Oak Flat Information Center
    - 9am to 5pm, beginning May 20

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES**
- **YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH** (The Chapel)
  - Resident Minister: Pastor Brent Moore
  - 209/372-4831 • www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org
  - 9am to 9:15am
  - 209/372-4831 • www.YosemiteValleyChapelWeddings.org
  - Info: 209/379-2100
  - Resident Minister: Pastor Brent Moore
  - Sunday Service: 9:15am
  - Memorial Day–Labor Day
  - Subjects to Covid-19 policies, please call the chapel for current information before you travel.

**BIKE RENTALS**
- Curry Village 8am to 7pm
- Yosemite Village 8am to 6pm
- Yosemite Valley Lodge 8am to 6pm
- TOUR/ACTIVITY DESK
  - Curry Village 7:30am to 3:30pm
  - Yosemite Valley Lodge 7:30am to 7pm
- **CURRY VILLAGE**
  - Yosemite Mountainairing School
    - 8:30am to 12pm, 1pm to 4:30pm
  - Raft Rentals
    - 10am to 4pm beginning May 13
  - **WAWONA**
    - Stable
      - Rides: 8am, 10:30am, and 2pm, beginning May 27; All-day rides: 9am Thursdays
    - Golf Course (Beginning June 3)
      - Golf - Wed-Sun: 7am to 7pm
      - Disc Golf - Mon/Tues: 12pm to 6pm
  - **YOSEMITE VILLAGE GARAGE**
    - 8am to 12pm, 1pm to 5pm
  - **HOUSEKEEPING CAMP**
    - Gift/Grocery
      - 8am to 9pm
  - **YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE**
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    - Gift/Grocery
      - 8am to 10pm
  - **CRANE FLAT**
    - Gift/Grocery
      - 8am to 9pm
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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.

WALKS/HIKES TO DO IN WAWONA

Yosemite History Center
Go back to a time of horse-drawn wagons, a covered bridge, and log cabins. The Yosemite History Center has interpretive signs that explain how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and 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 begin May 27. Until then, expect a two-mile, one-way walk to reach the grove. Interpretive signs provide a self-guiding tour once in the grove.

HIKES IN CRANE FLAT

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 an easy, half-mile, self-guided nature trail. 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.

Yosemite Valley Day Hikes

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Wilderness Permits

Wilderness permits are required year-round for all overnight trips into Yosemite’s Wilderness. The process for reserving wilderness permits in advance has changed for the 2022 season. Permit reservation requests can be made at www.recreation.gov/permits/445859, 24 weeks to 7 days in advance. The 60% reservable quota for each trailhead first becomes available during a weekly lottery 24 weeks in advance. Any of the 60% that are not confirmed during the lottery will be released for advanced reservations, up to 7 days in advance. The additional 40% of each trailhead quota will be released online by general on sale, 7 days in advance of the trip start date. Any unreserved permits may be available for day of sale, in person at a wilderness center, during business hours. For every permit lottery application, advanced reservation, general on sale permit, and in person walk-up permit there is a non-refundable $10 permit fee. For each confirmed permit and walk-up permit, there is an additional non-refundable $5 per person fee. To reach the Wilderness Reservation staff, use www.yosemite.org/contact-us (preferred) or call 209/372-0740, Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/backpacking.htm and www.yosemite.org.

YOSEMITE VALLEY

Open daily from 8am to 5pm. Visit the wilderness center to pick up wilderness permits, rent bear canisters, learn about wilderness safety and trail conditions, and purchase maps. The Valley Wilderness Center is located in Yosemite Village, between the post office and the Ansel Adams Gallery.

WAWONA

On May 20, Hill’s Studio will open daily from 8am to 5pm. Until May 20, self-registration wilderness permits for the Big Oak Flat trailheads only are available on the front porch of the information station. Please come prepared with your own bear canister. Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore will be open from 9am to 5pm, beginning May 20. The center is located just inside the park entrance on Hwy 120W.

HETCH HETCHY

The Hetch Hetchy Road is open daily from 8am to 5pm. Wilderness permit pick up and bear canister rentals are available at the entrance station.

Half Dome Permit

Information

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week when the cables are up for 2022, May 27 through October 11, conditions permitting. A daily total of 225 preseason lottery permits have already been issued for 2022. 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 4pm. 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 Half Dome permits will be available to overnight users with an appropriate wilderness permit (use fee applies). 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.

Permit Information

Camping, Hiking, and Wilderness Use

Camping

For the 2022 season, the following campgrounds will be open: Upper Pines, Lower Pines, and North Pines, Camp 4 (first come, first serve until May 20), Wawona, Hodgdon Meadow, Tamarack Flat, White Wolf, and Yosemite Creek. For more information on campground opening dates, visit go.nps.gov/campground.

Most campground reservations are available up to five months in advance and are released on the 15th of each month at 7am Pacific time; check recreation.gov for site-specific release dates. Log onto the website or call as soon as possible to make campgrounds fill within a few minutes of the opening period. Beginning May 20 through September 30, Camp 4 will be available via per-person, one day in advance lottery on recreation.gov, and each site will be assigned to six individuals.

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.

NOTICE:

Frontcountry camping is only permitted in designated campgrounds. Sleeping in a vehicle in a parking lot or on the side of a road, and camping outside open campgrounds, is prohibited.

General Camping Information

Services

• All sites include picnic tables, firepits with grills, and a food locker. See page 9 for food storage regulations.
• Shower facilities are available at Curry Village. Laundry facilities are available in Housekeeping Camp.
• 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: Returnable 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 Fluoroking 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 Bank of America.

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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 outcappings. 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 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 your 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. Mannam aware your 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 INFORMATION

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.

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.

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!
FOOD STORAGE
WHY?
- Bury human waste in a hole at least 6 inches (15 centimeters) deep and at least 200 feet (60 meters) from streams and lakes.
- Use restroom facilities or bury human waste at least 200 feet away from water sources.
- Wash yourself or dishes 200 feet away from water sources. If you are camping near water sources, protect sensitive aquatic organisms by cleaning and drying your dishes 200 feet away from water sources.
- Be aware that bears are attracted to human food.
- Bears may investigate picnic areas or backpacks for food even when people are present.

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 helping the bear 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.

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
E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors less than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed. E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors greater than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed. E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors greater than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed. E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors greater than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed. E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors greater than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed. E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors greater than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed. E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors greater than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed. E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors greater than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed. E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors greater than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed. E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors greater than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed. E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors greater than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed. E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors greater than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed. E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors greater than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed. E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors greater than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed. E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors greater than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed. E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors greater than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed. E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors greater than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed. E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors greater than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed. E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors greater than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed. E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and electric motors greater than 750 watts (1 horsepower) are allowed everywhere bicycles are allowed.

FISHING
Stream and river fishing in Yosemite Valley to Parkline (Merced River) is closed from November 15 to April 24. All lakes and reservoirs are open to fishing year-round.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit www.nps.gov/yose/ planyouvisit/your-safety.htm.
The Yosemite National Park Search and Rescue Team (“YOSAR”) uses search dog teams as part of the Yosemite’s SAR emergency service. Nicknamed “YODOGS,” the group is made up of State certified dog handlers that respond to the Park and assist with search and rescue operations with their canine partners. The Park has used this specialized canine resource since 1999 when it was recognized that there was a need for a group of experienced canine search dog handlers that had strong backcountry search skills, knowledge of the Park, and who were able to operate in the Park’s remote environment with minimal support for several days.

The members of YODOGS are certified in accordance with the State of California’s Office of Emergency Services Type 1, Canine Backcountry Search standard. This is typically done via one of the state’s canine search associations (CARDA, WOOF or Monterey Bay).

Backcountry canine search dog teams can typically search large areas and are able to operate in most weather conditions with minimal support. The use of back country canine search teams in conjunction with other types of resources, such as air and ground teams, allows YOSAR to maximize the chances of finding lost and missing individuals as quickly and as efficiently as possible. The dogs that make up YODOGS come in many breeds, but they all share some common traits: They like people and they particularly like to find people. They are trained to ignore wildlife and are comfortable working around visitors.

In order to search their assigned areas the dogs need to be able to keep moving off-trail for many miles per day, multiple days at a time. Their agility must be excellent as they are often called on to search talus fields and other difficult areas. The dog teams are sometimes transported via helicopter into remote areas and are used to being rappelled or belayed with their handlers into or out of otherwise inaccessible areas. Handlers also have criteria they must meet, including fitness requirements, medical training, and a resume of backcountry search experience.

YODOG handlers are “casual hires” by the Department of the Interior (DOI) similar to other YOSAR members or Firefighters. They are hired only for specific searches. All YODOG handlers train with their home team, typically several times a week, to keep their and their dog’s skills sharp. It typically takes 2-3 years of training, 5-10 hours a week to be able to pass the certification tests.

Costs associated with maintenance and training (i.e., dog food, vet bills, search equipment and all other expenses) are borne by the handler.

YOSAR has Dog Teams trained in certain disciplines: Trailing, Area Search (Wilderness) and Human Remains Detection. Trailing dogs follow a person’s scent from the point where he or she was last seen. Area search dogs, instead of following a specific scent trail as trailing dogs do, are assigned to a defined area with their handlers and the dogs’ job is to find every person in the area.

If you see a YODOG with a handler, please say hello and ask about YODOGs. If they are not working, they would be happy to introduce you to their dog and the dog would be happy to meet you!

To learn more about all areas of YOSAR including YODOGS visit friendsofyosar.org or follow Friends of YOSAR on Instagram @foyosar.
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.

This publication was made possible by the Yosemite Park Partners listed on this page. Read more below or visit www.yosemitepartners.org to learn more about helping these organizations provide for the future of Yosemite National Park.

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.

Yosemite Hospitality LLC

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.

Yosemite Conservancy

Yosemite Conservancy inspires people to support projects and programs that preserve Yosemite National Park and enrich the visitor experience for all. Thanks to generous donors, the Conservancy has provided over $140 million in grants to the park to restore trails and habitat, protect wildlife, provide educational programs, and more. The Conservancy’s guided adventures, volunteer opportunities, wilderness services and bookstores help visitors of all ages connect with Yosemite. Learn more: yosemite.org or 415/434-1782.

Yosemite Volunteers: Serving Yosemite

Over 10,374 volunteers donated more than 139,500 hours of service to Yosemite last year, restoring native habitat, working in visitor centers, serving as camp hosts, studying wildlife, cleaning up litter and more. Would you like to serve? We have group and individual volunteer opportunities, both short term and long term. Learn more at: www.nps.gov/yose/getinvolved/volunteer.htm or call the volunteer office at 209/379-1850.

Lose Something in Yosemite?

To inquire about items lost or found at one of Yosemite’s restaurants, hotels, or lounges, call 209/372-4357. For items lost or found in other areas of the park, call 209/379-1001 or email yose_lostandfound@nps.gov

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