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**UPDATE**
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Things to Do

Winter in Yosemite

WELCOME

Ask A Ranger
Drop by the visitor contact station located behind 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 Feb 2-18: 9am-4pm, Feb. 19- March 11: 9am-4:30pm, March 12-29: 9am-5pm.

WINTER SPORTS

Badger Pass Ski Area
Enjoy a day on the slopes at Badger Pass Ski Area, conditions permitting. Live information on winter sports is available by calling 209/372-8430; recorded information is available at 209/372-1000. See page 5 for service hours. Downhill operations closes for the season March 20; Nordic/Tubing closes April 3.

Badger Pass A-Frame
Open daily, 9am to 4pm, when Badger Pass Ski Area is open. Wilderness permits for the Glacier Point area and crosscountry ski trail information is available. Ranger led snowshoe walks begin here, conditions permitting.

Badger Pass Shuttle (FREE)
The free shuttle service to and from Badger Pass Ski Area operates Friday, Saturday, and Sundays, weather and road conditions permitting. Badger Pass shuttle arrival and departure times are subject to change due to traffic and weather conditions.

Badger Pass Shuttle Schedule
Yosemite Valley to Badger Pass Departures
Curry Village - 8:05am
Yosemite Village (YTS) - 8:10am
Ahwahnee Hotel - 8:15am
Yosemite Valley Lodge - 8:30am
Badger Pass to Yosemite Valley Departures
Badger Pass - 4:30pm

Ice Skating
Take the shuttle to Curry Village for a one-of-a-kind ice skating experience with a spectacular view of Half Dome. Open through February 27, conditions permitting. See page 5 for hours.

CRAVE FLAT SNOW PLAY AREA
A snow play area is open at Crane Flat Campground in winter when enough snow is present. Please do not sled onto roadways!

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.

PROGRAMS AND GUIDED ADVENTURES

Naturalist Programs
Naturalists give regular programs about Yosemite’s natural and cultural history. See page 5 for scheduled programs.

Yosemite Conservancy Adventures - Custom Yosemite Experiences
Join a Yosemite Conservancy naturalist guide 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

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

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 skills, 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

COVID-19 Information
Wearing a face mask is required in federal buildings regardless of vaccination status. Thank you for helping keep yourself and others safe. Check local resources, area signage, and park website for updates, www.nps.gov/yose.

How Will My Visit Be Impacted?
The COVID-19 pandemic will continue to affect park operations in 2022. Visitation 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.

Not Available or Modified Services this Winter
Yosemite Valley Visitor Center (VC) is closed; an outdoor visitor contact station is available behind the VC.

Many programs are canceled until further notice, see page 4 for programs schedule.

Some campsgrounds are currently closed. Camp 4 is now available to first come, first served camping.

Yosemite Theater and Yosemite Museum are closed until Spring 2022

Yosemite Valley Shuttle System has resumed operations, with a modified shuttle route.

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

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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).

EMERGENCY INFORMATION
Fire – Police – Medical Emergency: Dial 911
Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley)
Open Monday – Friday from 9am to 5pm.
P.O. Box 579
Medical Clinic Phone: 209/372-4657

ROAD AND WEATHER INFORMATION
Within Yosemite National Park: 209/372-0200
Outside Yosemite National Park: 800/4427-7623

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/accessibility, or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at 209/379-1035.

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

Accessible parking spaces available west of Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

Yosemite National Park 2022
Experience Your America  Yosemite National Park

Discover Yosemite
Let your curiosity guide you to new places

Walking Yosemite Valley
Destinations on the east 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 Walking Map
Average Walking Times
Walking Routes
Campground
Parking
Picnic Area
Restroom
Walk-In Campground

Entrance Fees
Non-commercial car, truck, RV, or van with 15 or fewer passenger seats (no 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)
  (Lifetime) For permanently disabled U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
- Interagency Military Pass (Free)
- Interagency 4th Grade Pass (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
www.yosemite-gateway.org

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) 863-4636; www.yosemite-thisyear.com

Highway 132/49
Coulterville Visitor Center (209) 878-3329

Highway 140/49
California Welcome Center, Merced (800) 446-5533 or (209) 724-8104
www.yosemite-gateway.org

Mariposa County Visitor Center (209) 425-3366 or (209) 966-7081
www.mariposacountyvisitorcenter.org

Mariposa Grove County Tourism Bureau (209) 742-4577; www.mariposavc.com

Highway 120 East
Lee Vining Chamber of Commerce and Mono Lake Visitor Center, (760) 647-6829, www.leevining.com
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, car or with a tour, the scenery will leave you in awe 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 (1 hour) from Yosemite Valley. The road stays open as weather permits, however, overnight parking along it ends October 15. Glacier Point Road closes beyond the Badger Pass Ski Area after the first significant snowfall. When the road is snow-covered and conditions permit, a system of cross-country ski tracks are maintained on it. 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 (1½ hours) south of Yosemite Valley via the Wawona Road (Highway 41), two miles from the park’s south entrance station. While the Mariposa Grove Road closes to cars in the winter, approximately from the end of November until mid-March, the road is open to bikers, snowshoers, and skiers, and all trails in the grove remain open for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The nearby Yosemite History Center in Wawona is a collection of historic buildings associated with the people who came to Yosemite from all over the world to start a new life and make the park what it is today.

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—when snow covers the ground these turn into delightful ski and snowshoe tracks. 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 offers a 39-mile scenic drive past forests, meadows, lakes, and granite domes. The road closes after the first big snowfall, and overnight parking ends on October 15. 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 surrounded by granite domes and peaks. It is the jumping off point for countless hikes, whether you venture out for a day or a week. In winter, Tuolumne Meadows is often reached by skiers via the Snow Creek Trail from the Mirror Lake trailhead, a short distance east of Yosemite Valley.

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 (1¼ 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.

Winter Weather Driving and Chain Control Information:

Winter road conditions through Yosemite can vary widely and may require tire chains. Chain requirements are strictly enforced. For updated 24-hour road and weather conditions for Yosemite National Park, please call 209/372-0200. Signs will indicate when chains are required. Here is a summary of chain control signs on Yosemite roads:

- **R1**: All vehicles with/without mud and snow tires are required to install chains/cables. Vehicles with/without mud and snow tires do not, but must still carry chains. See chain control regulations on www.nps.gov/yose for vehicles towing trailers.
- **R2**: Chains/cables must be installed on ALL vehicles except 4-wheel/all-wheel drive vehicles with mud and snow tires. Four-wheel drive vehicles must have 4-wheel drive engaged.
- **R3**: All vehicles are required to install chains/cables, regardless of having *mud and snow tires or 4-wheel/all-wheel drive capability, NO EXCEPTIONS.

*“M+S” will be on the side of your tires if they are mud and snow tires.*
Yosemite Valley

Yosemite Valley Visitor Center and Bookstore

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Food and Drink

**YOSEMITE VILLAGE**
- Degnan’s Kitchen: 7am to 11am, 11:30am to 6pm
- Dining Room: Breakfast 7am to 10am, Lunch 11am to 2pm, Dinner 5:30pm to 8:30pm, Advance reservations available for hotel guests. Contact 209/372-1489 to inquire about same-day reservations.

**THE AHWAHNEE**
- The Ahwahnee Bar: 11am to 10pm
- The Coffee Bar: 5pm to 9pm, Wed-Sun, beginning Mar 16
- Starbucks Coffee: 7am to 10am, Sat/Sun: 9am to noon

**YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE**
- Hours listed are core hours and maybe extended during peak visitation.
- Breakfast: 7am to 10am, Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm, Dinner: 5:30pm to 8:30pm, (Advance reservations available for hotel guests. Contact 209/372-1489 to inquire about same-day reservations.)
- The Coffee Bar: Closed for the season
- The Ahwahnee Bar: Closed from 12pm to 1pm, daily
- Snowflake Room: Sat/Sun/Holidays: 10am to 4pm
- Skiers Grill: Monday - Friday: 11am to 2pm, Saturday: 10am to noon

**BADGER PASS SKI AREA**
- Snowflake Room: Sat/Sun Only: 11am to 4pm
- Alpine Rentals: 8am to 4pm
- Nordic Shop Rentals: 8am to 5pm
- Lift Operation: 9am to 4pm
- Lift Tickets: 8:30am to 4pm
- Alpine Rentals: 8:30am to 4:30pm

**WAWONA**
- Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop: 9am to 5pm
- Wawona: Closed for the season

**CRANE FLAT**
- Seven Tents Pavilion - Sat/Sun Only: 9am to 4pm
- Pizza Deck: 11am to 10pm beginning Mar 18
- Bar 1899: 5:30pm to 9pm, Sat/Sun: 11am to 10pm daily beginning Mar 18

**WAWONA AREA**
- Wawona Hotel and Dining Opens for the season Mar 25: Breakfast 7am to 10am, Lunch: 11am to 2pm, Dinner: 5pm to 9pm
- Wawona: Closed for the season
- Wawona: Closed weekends and federal holidays

**EL PORTAL**
- Pay 24 hours with credit or debit card
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- Closed for lunch from 12:30pm to 1:30pm

**YOSEMITE VILLAGE GROcery Stores**
- Village Store: 8am to 8pm, 8am to 9pm beginning Mar 19
- Gift/Grocery: 8am to 8pm, 8am to 9pm beginning Mar 19

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**EL PORTAL**
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- Village Store: 8am to 8pm, 8am to 9pm beginning Mar 19

**Curry Village**
- Gift/Grocery: 10am to 6pm, 8am to 10pm beginning Mar 19
- Village: 8:30am to 6:30pm, 8am to 8pm beginning Mar 14

**YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH**
- Resident Minister: Pastor Brent Moore
- Phone: 209/372-4831 • www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org
- Hours:
  - Sunday Service: 9:15am
  - El Portal Chapel / Worship: Sunday 11am

**Post Offices**
- YOSEMITE VILLAGE: Main Office: Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 5pm
- Saturday: 10am to noon
- YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE: Monday - Friday: 8:30am to 5pm, Saturday/Sunday: 12:00pm - 2:30pm, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
- WAWONA: Monday - Friday: 9am to 5pm, Saturday: 9am to noon

**BOOKS, GIFTS AND APPAREL**
- YOSEMITE VILLAGE Bookstore: 9am to 4:30pm
- The Ansel Adams Gallery: 10am to 3pm
- Village Store: 8am to 8pm, 8am to 9pm beginning Mar 19

**Winter Recreation**
- BADGER PASS SKI AREA: Downhill operations closes for the season Mar 20; Nordic/Tubing closes Apr 3.
- Lift Operation: 9am to 4pm
- Lift Tickets: 8:30am to 4pm
- Ski School Desk: 8:30am to 4pm
- Tubing: 10am to 11am, 11:30am to 1:30pm, and 2pm to 4pm
- Alpine Rentals: 8:30am to 4:30pm

**Other Services**
- Glacier Point Ski Hut: Closed for the season
- Medical Clinic - Yosemite Valley: (209) 372-4637
- For emergency care CALL 9-1-1
- Closed from 12pm to 1pm, daily
- Closed weekends and federal holidays
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations: Vehicle must be moved from each space once it is finished charging.

**Religious Services**
- YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH: 9am to 11am
- YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE: 10am to 11am
- EL PORTAL: 10am to 11am
- BADGER PASS SKI AREA: 10am to 11am
- WAWONA: 8:30am to 9am
- CRANE FLAT: 8:30am to 9am

**Services in Yosemite**

**Schedule**

**YOSEMITE VILLAGE**
- Village Store: 8am to 8pm, 8am to 9pm beginning Mar 19
- Gift/Grocery: 8am to 8pm, 8am to 9pm beginning Mar 19
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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.

WINTER TRAILS PREPAREDNESS
Ski or snowshoe touring in Yosemite can be a magnificent experience with proper preparation. See page 8 for tips on how to protect yourself while adventuring in Yosemite.

TRAILS 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 will highlight how Yosemite was the inspiration for national parks across America and around the world. The Center is always open and informational signs are found in front of each historic building.

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. While the Mariposa Grove Road closes to cars from the end of November until at least March 15, the road to the grove and all trails in the grove remain open to hikers, snowshoers, and skiers. Wilderness permits are required for camping. There is no water in the grove.

TRAILS 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. This is a popular trail both with snowshoers and hikers and is an arduous return ski. The trail 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. 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. 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. The first half mile is level and easy, a good warm-up for the steep 1 mile (1.6 km) descent into the grove. This trail requires heavy snowfall from a cold, lower-elevation storm to be skiable. There is no potable water at the parking area or in the grove. 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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Wawona Hotel; walk from the hotel or park at Studio is located on the grounds of the front porch of Hill’s Studio. Please come prepared with your own bear canister. Hill’s wilderness travel and safety please see page 8.

Wilderness Permits
Wilderness permits are required year-round for all overnight trips into Yosemite’s Wilderness. Self-registration quota sheets and permits are available at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, Hill’s Studio in Wawona, Big Oak Flat Information Station, Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station and at the Badger Pass A-Frame, conditions permitting. Bear canisters are only available for rent at the Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore located at the Valley Visitor Center. 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/44859, 24 weeks to 7 days in advance. The 60 percent reservable quota for each trailhead first becomes available during a weekly lottery 24 weeks in advance. Any of the 60 percent that are not confirmed during the lottery will be released for advanced reservations, up to 7 days in advance. For every permit lottery application and advanced reservation there is a non-refundable $10 permit fee. For each confirmed 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 877/444-6777 or TDD 877/833-6777 or 518/885-3639 from outside the US and Canada.

Wilderness Centers
YOSEMITE VALLEY Wilderness permits for Yosemite Valley trailheads are available by self-registration in front of the Visitor Center. Bear canisters are available for rent or to buy at the bookstore. For more information on wilderness travel and safety see page 8.

WAWONA AND MARIPOSA GROVE Self-registration wilderness permits for the Wawona trailheads only are available on the front porch of Hill’s Studio. Please come prepared with your own bear canister. Hill’s Studio is located on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel; walk from the hotel or park at the store and follow the path uphill.

BIG OAK FLAT Self-registration wilderness permits for the Glacier Point Road trailheads only are available at the Entrance Station kiosk daily from 8am to 5pm. Please come prepared with your own bear canister.

GLACIER POINT Self-registration wilderness permits for the Glacier Point Road trailheads only are available at the Entrance Station kiosk daily from 8am to 5pm. Please come prepared with your own bear canister.

HETCH HETCHY Self-registration wilderness permits for the Hetch Hetchy trailheads only are available at the Entrance Station kiosk daily from 8am to 5pm. Please come prepared with your own bear canister.

Half Dome Permits
The Half Dome Cables are down for the season. They will be put up May 27, 2022, conditions permitting. Permits are required 7 days a week when the cables are up. The pre-season lottery application period for the 2022 day use permits begins March 1, 2022 and ends March 31, 2022. To apply for permits visit www.recreation.gov/permits/234652 or call 877/444-6777. More information about the Half Dome permit process is available at: www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm. The process for hiking Half Dome as part of a wilderness trip has also changed for 2022. Please visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm to learn about the new process.

Camping Reservations
For the 2021-2022 winter season, campgrounds that will be open are a portion of Upper Pines and Camp 4. Upper Pines requires reservations which are available up to five months in advance and are released on the 15th of each month at 7am Pacific time.

Camp 4 is first come, first served, and campers must self-register. 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 campsites. Sleeping in a vehicle in a parking lot or on the side of a road, and camping outside open campgrounds, is prohibited.

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 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 Subaru of America
A SEASON OF TRANSITION
What will Yosemite's weather be like this time of year? No one really knows! This is a season of transition so you can experience several weather extremes in just one day. So, be prepared for wide ranging temperatures, rain, snow, and sunshine at any elevation.

RIVERS AND STREAMS
Rain and melting snow can cause our rivers and streams to flow fast and high. Yosemite's streams are a huge temptation for the curious. Yosemite's water is deceptively dangerous and unforgiving, even during low flow. Visitors are strongly urged to enjoy moving or falling water from a safe distance. Also, granite rocks and boulders near rivers and waterfalls, wet or dry, are extremely slippery. To avoid injury, please do not leave the safety of the trail.

WEATHER
Your best approach to the weather is to check the latest forecast and always be prepared for all extremes. Dress in layers so that you can adjust to weather changes. Weather in mountaneous climates, like Yosemite, varies drastically depending on elevation, with temperatures cooling by as much as five degrees for every 1,000 feet of elevation gain; a moderate rain in the Valley can be a white-out blizzard with just a short drive or hike.

YOSEMITE'S ROADS
Weather is unpredictable and can change rather quickly, possibly affecting Park roads. Plan for all potential road conditions; call ahead to 209/372-0200 x111 for current road conditions and restrictions. Be aware of changing conditions and icy roads, especially in shadowed areas. Always carry tire chains, it's the law.

YOSEMITE'S TRAILS
Know before you go! Some trails and trail segments may be closed due to weather or other hazards. Obey all trail signage. Trails can be icy or wet—use trekking poles, crampons, or other footwear traction devices can help with preventing a serious fall.

FOR ALL SEASONS
• Always leave travel and hiking plans with a trusted person, including intended routes and estimated time of return.
• Stay on established trails.
• River, streams and lakes can be hazardous all year. Maintain awareness. Crossing water should only be attempted where it is safe.
• Stay hydrated and snack frequently, despite season! If you are sweating, replace lost salts with salty, easy-to-digest snacks.
• Take hiking essentials— including sunglasses, sunscreen, and a 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.

Keep yourself safe while exploring your park
There are many ways to experience the wilderness 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.
How to Store Food

**LOCATION**  
**FOOD STORAGE**  
**WHY?**

**Your Vehicle**  
You may store food in your car (both windows closed) only during daylight hours. Do not store food in your car after dark; use a food locker. Remember to clean your car of food wrappers, baby wipes, and crumbs in baby seats.

Bears can smell food, even if it’s wedged in the trunk or glove compartment, and they recognize boxes and bags as potential food sources. They can easily and quickly break into all kinds of vehicles!

**Your Campsite or Tent Cabin**  
Keep your food in food lockers—not in your tent or tent cabin. A food locker is available at each campsite and tent cabin. Food may be stored out of sight in hard-sided RVs with windows closed.

Bears may enter camp sites when people are present, and some will even check food lockers to see if they’re secured. Keep food lockers closed and latched at all times, even when you are in your campsite or tent cabin.

**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.

Bears may investigate picnic areas or backpacks for food even when people are present, so be alert.

**Backpacking in the Wilderness**  
Bear resistant food containers are required throughout the Yosemite Wilderness. Hanging food is prohibited in Yosemite.

In Yosemite and the southern Sierra, bear carcasses are the only effective and proven method of preventing bears from getting human food.

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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
- Possession 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 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**

To find out more about Yosemite National Park regulations visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/your SAFETY.htm.

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**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.

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**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 compressing soils affects the movement and cleanliness of water.
- Walk and camp on durable surfaces: Use established trails, camp sites, rock, and gravel to minimize your impact. Walk single file and keep groups small.
- Pack it in, pack it out: Pack out toilet paper, hygiene products, leftover food, trash, and litter from camp sites, 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.
Experience Your America  Yosemite National Park

An Artists’ Perspective:  
Continuing Preservation in Yosemite with Art  
Story by Artist James McGrew

What inspired your first visit to Yosemite? Was it published photography or art? Throughout park history, visual art influenced perception, visitation, establishment and protection of Yosemite National Park. Endlessly inspired by Yosemite, I work as an artist to carry that legacy into the future.

For many centuries, native people have created Yosemite’s original artworks. Then the first images known to convey the likeness of Yosemite landscapes to the general public were drawings by Thomas Ayres in 1855. Thereafter, photographers and other artists followed. Carleton Watkins’ photography and Albert Bierstadt’s romantic oil paintings spread awareness and influenced government legislation in 1864, creating the Yosemite Grant, which set aside Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove to be protected. Later, John Muir used photography by George Fiske and paintings by Thomas Hill and others to illustrate his writings, which helped establish Yosemite National Park in 1890. Artists have influenced public perception and policy from past to present. Park managers have also used historic images to document and understand changing ecosystems concerning forest, meadow and fire ecology.

Ansel Adams arguably influenced more people than any other Yosemite Artist while The Ansel Adams Gallery history dates back to 1902 when Adams’ father in law, artist Harry Best opened Best’s Studio. As a young teen, I too found inspiration in Adams’ images and writings. So I am incredibly grateful to be represented by the gallery, which has a rich Yosemite history and works to support the park. My latest show titled Ephemeral Beauty opens in February and includes over a dozen new plein air and studio paintings that interpret recent Yosemite experiences.

“Catching fleeting events also requires extremely quick painting, a rush of adrenaline and pouring emotions into the brush.”

My passion for painting Yosemite began in childhood, perhaps with my first “backpack” trip on my father’s back, at four months old. I remember other special family trips including a backpack in June 1983, during record snowpack and spring runoff, which created vivid memories of raging waterfalls and wildlife. I often drew and painted Yosemite and its wildlife while growing up, taking every available art class and have since found endless inspiration in the thrilling yet brief springtime thundering waterfalls. Though I love painting many western parks, I am most inspired by Yosemite. I love its wondrous light bathing the diversity of altitudes and habitats from rolling foothills to glaciated alpine peaks, lakes and streams, diverse forest types including three giant sequoia groves, and of course, the incomparable Yosemite Valley with its unique concentration of granite domes, sculpted cliffs and sheer waterfalls. For me, truly experiencing the magic and wonder of Yosemite means exploring its wilderness on foot, during different times of day or night or seasons. A pursuit to visually interpret my experiences and share about Yosemite energizes me to endure heavy loads of painting and camera gear while hiking or backpacking over hundreds of annual miles, sometimes through rain or snow, to convey unique perspectives and events.

I find no substitute for plein air oil painting (always with non-toxic materials). In a digital age of self publishing in seconds, I find value in an art form practiced in Yosemite for nearly 160 years. It forces me to physically slow down and study a scene with all my senses. Catching fleeting events also requires extremely quick painting, a rush of adrenaline and pouring emotions into the brush. Such moments of heightened awareness, standing relatively still and quiet for up to two hours at a time has also offered me my most memorable observations of undisturbed wildlife behavior. These include bears, bobcats, deer, foxes, coyotes and mountain lions. But my most special encounters have been with two of Yosemite’s avian residents; the elusive and endangered Yosemite great gray owl and the amazing peregrine falcon, earth’s fastest creature exceeding 240 mph!

Although protected as a national park, thanks in part to artists, Yosemite is more threatened than it has been since establishment. It now faces habitat fragmentation and alteration, pollution, invasive species, overcrowding, climate change, and unprecedented wildfires, which threaten even the fire adapted/dependent ancient sequoias.

Yet in brief moments of beauty I find rays of hope and inspiration. Painting from the cliff top peregrine falcon habitat and witnessing their stunning speed, agility, and playful creativeness, I am reminded that they were completely absent from Yosemite and much of their nearly worldwide habitat in the mid 20th century, as their populations crashed towards extinction. Yet today, they thrive as a shining success story of possibilities for other dangers Yosemite now faces.

Like those who came before, I hope to document the changing visual landscape through my work, raise awareness for park issues, and most of all inspire others to experience their own connections, leading to greater environmental stewardship not only within park boundaries but far beyond, for future generations.
Supporting Your Park

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.

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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