What You Need to Know

Protect Yourself and Your Park

Protect Yourself and Wildlife
Never approach or feed any animal. It is dangerous—both to you and the animal—and illegal to do so. Wild animals in Yosemite can transmit diseases, including plague, rabies, and hantavirus. For more information on how to stay safe in Yosemite, visit www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/yourssafety.htm.

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.

Visitors to Yosemite National Park are the park’s most important guardians. During your visit to Yosemite, please contact a park official if you see any of the following illegal acts:

- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants, reptiles, or butterflies
- Hunting animals
- 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
- Using drones
- If you see activities that could harm people or park resources, jot down any descriptions or a vehicle license plate number and call the park dispatch office at (209) 379-1992.

Biking in Yosemite

There are over 12 miles of paved bike paths in Yosemite Valley (speed limit is 15 mph). In addition, bicyclists can ride on regular roads (if they obey traffic laws). You can rent a bike, bring your own, or borrow one through the bike share program (two-hour limit).

Things to Know

- Bicycling on Yosemite’s roads means sharing the road with all vehicles.
- Helmets are required by law for children under 18 years old.
- 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.
- Electric scooters are allowed on bike paths but not on park roads.
- Off-trail riding and mountain biking, and use of motorized scooters on bike paths are not permitted.

Where Did Yosemite Falls Go?

Yosemite is home to countless waterfalls. The best time to see waterfalls is during spring, when most of the snowmelt occurs. Peak runoff typically occurs in May or June, with some waterfalls (including Yosemite Falls) often only a trickle or completely dry by August. Storms in late fall rejuvenate some of the waterfalls and all of them accumulate frost along their edges many nights during the winter.

Where can I see wildlife? What is my pet allowed in Yosemite? 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.

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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 and those designed for your safety.

Fire – Police – Medical Emergency
Call or text 911 for emergencies. Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley) Open Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm. Phone: (209) 372-4637

Road, Weather, and Park Information
Check road updates: (209) 372-0200 Yosemite Village Garage Open from 8am to 5pm daily. Offers 24-hour emergency roadside assistance and propane service until 4:30pm. NO gas is available here. Phone: (209) 372-1060

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

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

Accessible parking spaces available throughout the park.

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Keep in Touch
www.nps.gov/yose  @YosemiteNPS  @YosemiteNPS  @YosemiteNPS

Enjoy your visit!
Maximize your time in Yosemite by reading this Guide and bringing any questions to the nearest visitor center. Talk to park rangers, view exhibits, and learn more about the park. The visitor centers also feature Yosemite Conservancy bookstores, where you’ll find books, maps, and other souvenir items.

**Visitor Centers**

- **Yosemite Valley Visitor Center** // 9am to 5pm, open year-round
- **Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center** // 9am to 5pm, open seasonal
- **Big Oak Flat Information Station** // 8am to 5pm, open seasonal
- **Wawona Visitor Center at Hill’s Studio** // 8am to 5pm, open seasonal

**NOTICE!** A reservation is required to drive into or through Yosemite from 6am to 4pm. See go.nps.gov/reserve.
Yosemite Valley is open year round and is known for massive cliff faces like El Capitan and Half Dome and its plunging waterfalls, including the tallest in North America, Yosemite Falls. Yosemite Valley’s meadows are great places to see wildlife and to photograph seasonal scenery. Whether you explore the Valley by foot, car, bicycle or with a tour, you will be in awe and eager to see what’s around the next corner.

Road Conditions

Yosemite Valley roads remain open year round, with winter chain restrictions.

Glacier Point Road

NO SERVICES - GLACIER POINT ROAD IS CLOSED DURING 2022

Glacier Point, an overlook with a commanding view of Yosemite Valley, Half Dome, and Yosemite’s high country, is a great place for photography, hiking, and experiencing the alpen glow at sunset. From Glacier Point you can experience a majestic view, 3,214 feet above Yosemite Valley. Due to extensive road construction on Glacier Point Road, Glacier Point is only accessible via long, strenuous hiking trails. All overnight stays in the area require a wilderness permit.

Road Conditions

Glacier Point Road is closed for the entire 2022 season.

Wawona and Mariposa Grove

The Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias is the largest sequoia grove in Yosemite and is home to over 500 mature giant sequoias. Park at the Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza and take the free shuttle into the grove. (The Mariposa Grove free shuttle only operates from April to the end of November.) Vehicles displaying a disability placard may drive to the Mariposa Grove Arrival Area or the Grizzly Giant parking area. 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.

Distance from Yosemite Valley: 30 mi/48 km (1 hour)

Directions

From Yosemite Valley, take Wawona Road (Hwy 41).

Road Conditions

Wawona Road (Hwy 41) remains open year round, with winter chain restrictions.

Crane Flat and Tuolumne Grove

See sequoia groves north of Yosemite Valley that are smaller than the more-famous Mariposa Grove, but typically quieter and require a hike to access them. Park at the Tuolumne Grove parking area located on Tioga Road, and walk one steep mile down to the grove. Or, park at Merced Grove trailhead and walk two steep miles down to the grove. Remember, the walk down is easier than the walk up. Bring water.

Distance from Yosemite Valley: 16 mi/26 km (30 minutes)

Directions

From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy 120) to Tioga Road Junction at Crane Flat.

Road Conditions

Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy 120 W) remains open year round, with winter chain restrictions.

Tuolumne Meadows and Tioga Road

The Tioga Road 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 and is a good starting point for countless hikes. There is little to no cell service along the road.

Distance from Yosemite Valley: 54 mi/87 km (1 ½ hours)

Directions

From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy 120) to Tuoga Road Junction (Hwy 120 E), then turn right. Continue on Tioga Road to Tuolumne Meadows. Continue 8 more miles to Tioga Pass.

Road Conditions

Expect delays due to road construction from Olmsted Point to east of Tuolumne Meadows throughout the season. Visit nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/conditions.htm for more information.

A Park Ranger Suggests...

If you’re visiting Yosemite for a half day:
• Attend a ranger program, photo walk, or art class (see page 8).
• Take a scenic drive down Tioga Road.
• Consider a scenic hike to Cook’s Meadow, Mirror Lake, or Vernal Fall.
• Visit a sequoia grove at Mariposa Grove, Tuolumne Grove, or Merced Grove.

If you’re visiting Yosemite for two or more days:
• Visit the Yosemite History Center in Wawona.
• Explore Yosemite Valley with a rental bike.
• See Hetch Hetchy, an area once described as Yosemite Valley’s twin.
• Play in the water and picnic at Tenaya Lake.
• Hike Lambert Dome or Pothole Dome in Tuolumne Meadows.

Do you have kids?
• Pick up a Junior Ranger booklet and complete the activities to earn a junior ranger badge!
• Take the family to a Kids’ Art Class at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, shuttle stop #16.

Experience Your America  Yosemite National Park

Services

Hospitality Service Hours

YOSEMITE VALLEY

FOOD & BEVERAGE

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Degnan’s Kitchen
Breakfast 7am to 11am
Lunch 11:30am to 6pm
The Loft at Degnan’s
Closed

Village Grill
11am to 6pm

THE AHWAHNEE

Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 11am
Lunch: 11am to 2pm
Dinner: 5pm to 9pm
Appropriate attire respectfully required for dinner. Reservations strongly recommended for dinner and Sunday Brunch.

The Ahwahnee Bar
Monday - Thursday: 12pm to 9pm
Friday - Sunday: 12pm to 10pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Base Camp Eatery
Breakfast: 6:30am to 10:30am
Lunch/Dinner: 11am to 10pm

Mountain Room Bar
Sunday - Thursday: 5pm to 10pm
Friday - Saturday: 12pm to 10pm

Mountain Room Restaurant
Before June 27: Tuesday - Sunday
After June 27: daily
Dinner: 5pm to 9:30pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Peet’s Coffee Corner
6:30am to 12pm
(Jennie’s Ice Cream is closed)

Pavilion
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch (to go only): 11am to 3pm
Dinner: Closed

Curry Village Bar
12pm to 9pm

Pizza Deck
12pm to 9pm

Meadow Grill
Closed

BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

The Ansel Adams Gallery
10am to 4pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm

WAWONA

Wawona Hotel Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11am to 2pm
Dinner: 5pm to 9pm
Lounge Service: 4pm to 9pm

Golf Shop & Snack Stand
7am to 6pm, weather permitting

Glacier Point
Snack Stand
Closed

BOOKS, GIFTS, APPAREL, & GROCERIES

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Tour and Activity Desk – Village Store
8am to 6pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Tour and Activity Desk
7:30am to 7pm

Bike Rentals
8am to 6pm

MARIPOSA GROVE

YOSEMITE VILLAGE LODGE

Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm

POST OFFICE
Wawona Post Office
Monday - Friday: 9am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to 12pm

GAS STATION
Wawona Service Station
8am to 6pm, Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES
Wawona Golf Course
Wednesday - Sunday: 7am to 5pm, conditions permitting.
(209) 375-6572

Disc Golf
Monday - Tuesday: 9am to 6pm
Mariposa Grove Shuttle
8am to 7pm, last bus leaves Mariposa Grove at 8 pm. Buses pick up about every 10 minutes.

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POST OFFICES

YOSEMITE VALLEY

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

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

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

BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL

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The Ansel Adams Gallery
10am to 4pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

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MARIPOSA GROVE

YOSEMITE VILLAGE LODGE

Gift/Grocery
8am to 10pm

POST OFFICE
Wawona Post Office
Monday - Friday: 9am to 5pm
Saturday: 9am to 12pm

GAS STATION
Wawona Service Station
8am to 6pm, Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

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TUOLUMNE MEADOWS, TIOGA ROAD

FOOD & BEVERAGE
TUOLUMNE MEADOWS
Tuolumne Meadows Grill
Closed
Tuolumne Meadows Lodge Dining Room
Closed

WHITE WOLF LODGE
White Wolf Lodge Dining Room
Closed

BOOKS, GIFTS, APPAREL, & GROCERIES
TUOLUMNE MEADOWS
Gift/Groceries
9am to 5:30pm
Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore
at Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center
9am to 5pm daily
at Big Oak Flat Information Center
9am to 5pm daily

POST OFFICE
Tuolumne Meadows Post Office
Monday - Friday: 9am to 5pm

GAS STATION
Crane Flat Service Station
8am to 7pm, Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.

Religious Services
Yosemite Community Church
Pastor Brent Moore,
Resident Minister
(209) 372-4831
www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org
Sunday Services in the Yosemite Chapel
9:15am & 11:00am
(Memorial Day through Labor Day)
Thursday Bible Study
7pm, contact chapel for location

Christian Ministries in National Parks
(Non-denominational)
Sunday Worship Services at Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater
8:30am-11:30am
(starting June 5th)

Camping & Lodging: How to Spend the Night in Yosemite
Reservations are required for all campgrounds in 2022. There are no first-come, first-served campgrounds open.
Before your arrival to the park, reserve a spot at one of the following campgrounds: Wawona, Upper Pines, Lower Pines, North Pines, Camp 4, and Hodgdon Meadow. Tamarack Flat, White Wolf, and Yosemite Creek open late June.
If you don’t have a reservation, you can try for a reservation one day in advance at Camp 4 (tents only, no RVs or trailers) or check the website for possible cancellations elsewhere. Sleeping inside a vehicle is only allowed in campsites. You may not park your car or RV in a parking lot or along the side of the road and sleep overnight.

The following campgrounds will remain closed for the entire 2022 season: Tuolumne Meadows, Crane Flat, Bridalveil Creek, Porcupine Flat.

Camground Reservations
www.recreation.gov (recommended)
(877) 444-6777

Call Center Hours
7am to 9pm Pacific Time

Yosemite Village

To Curry Village

To Ahwahnee Hotel

To Yosemite Falls

Visitor Center and Theater
Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore

The Ansel Adams Gallery

Yosemite Museum & Indian Cultural Exhibit

Valley Wilderness Center

Degrann’s Kitchen & The Loft at Degran’s

Sentinel Crossover

Hiking & Biking Trail

Approx. Walking Time (minutes)

Roadway

Authorized Vehicles (shuttles)

Service Organizations
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Yosemite Valley Chapel
Tuesdays: 6:30pm
Oakhurst Hotline: (559) 683-1662


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The FREE Yosemite Valley shuttles operate from 7am to 10pm daily and serve stops in numerical order. The Valleywide Shuttle services ALL 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 to 12 minutes with a total round trip time of approximately 50 minutes. See schedules posted at shuttle stops for more information.
**Yosemite Valley Shuttle System**

- Upper Pines Campground
  - Campground
  - Less than a 5-minute walk: Trailhead Parking, Trailhead
- Happy Isles/Mist Trail
  - Information, Art and Nature Center, Bookstore, Trailhead
- Mirror Lake
  - Trailhead

**Stops in bold are serviced by the Valleywide Shuttle only**

1. Yosemite Village Parking
2. Yosemite Village
3. The Ahwahnee
4. Degnan’s Kitchen
5. Valley Visitor Center & Museum
6. Lower Yosemite Fall
7. Yosemite Valley Lodge/Yosemite Falls Parking
8. El Capitan Picnic Area
9. El Capitan Meadow
10. Cathedral Beach
11. Four Mile Trail
12. Housekeeping Camp/Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center
13. Curry Village (eastbound)
14. Upper Pines Campground
15. Happy Isles
16. Mirror Lake
17. Lower Pines Campground
18. Curry Village (westbound)

**YARTS**

*Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS)* is a public transit system that provides service into Yosemite National Park. Their buses are air-conditioned, bike friendly, wheelchair accessible, and equipped for rider comfort. Save gas, save time, save money, by taking YARTS! For more information and schedules, visit their website at Yarts.com or call them at (877) 989-2787.

**Travel Recommendations**

- Bring plenty of food and water for potential delays and stop and use restrooms when available.
- Park your vehicle for the duration of your stay. Driving from site to site increases traffic congestion and can cause frustration for you and your passengers.
- Ride the free shuttle buses to enjoy Yosemite Valley most easily once parked.
- Arrive early and stay late, and visit Yosemite during the week.
- Enjoy the entire Yosemite region—consider visiting gateway communities such as Mariposa, Groveland, Lee Vining, and Oakhurst.
- Ride a YARTS bus to enter the park.
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<td>9:00pm</td>
<td>Explore Yosemite Valley's Night Sky Reservations required. Register at Yosemite.org/art.</td>
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**Programs especially for children and their families.**

**NPS National Park Service**

**VC Yosemite Conservancy**

**YH Yosemite Hospitality**

**SC Sierra Club**

**TAAG The Ansel Adams Gallery**

$ Programs with a fee
Yosemite Valley (NPS)

Ask a ranger your questions, become a Junior Ranger, and find park resources at the Yosemite Valley Information Station. Then, explore exhibits at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. Both are open from 9am to 5pm. The Spirit of Yosemite is showing in the Yosemite Valley Theater on the hour and half hour. The first showing is at 9:30am, and the last showing is at 4pm. Yosemite Museum features stories from Native tribes and is open from 10am to 4pm, closed for lunch.

Wawona & Mariposa Grove

Visit the Yosemite History Center and experience life in the early days of Yosemite National Park. Smell the burning coal, hear the ring of the hammer on the anvil, and watch a demonstration of the ancient art of blacksmithing at the Blacksmith Shop. Blacksmithing demonstrations are offered from 10am to 5pm on Thursdays through Sundays, with a break from 1pm to 2pm, and from 2pm to 5pm on Wednesdays. Then, discover the Mariposa Grove on a nature walk with a ranger.

Sierra Club

The Sierra Club’s Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge) is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm. The Center welcomes visitors to explore the exhibits and meet with Sierra Club volunteers. There will be no evening programs offered this season. Call (209) 372-4542 for more details.

Yosemite Conservancy

Join Yosemite Conservancy for a memorable experience in the park! Take an Outdoor Adventure or plan your own Custom Adventure with one of their naturalists. Advanced registration is required. Learn more and sign up at yosemite.org/custom-adventures.

Yosemite Conservancy Art

Get creative in Yosemite Valley! Head to Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for an outdoor workshop with a professional artist, crafting workshops, nature journaling, children’s art activities, or the nature exhibit. Visit Yosemite Valley Lodge for a paint and sip activity. Pre-registration is recommended for art classes, with drop-ins welcome as space is available. Happy Isles Art and Nature Center is open daily from 9 am to 4 pm. Visit yosemite.org to find the latest updates from their team, learn more about the organization, and browse their full program calendar.

Yosemite Hospitality

Join a park naturalist for an authentic and memorable experience at a program designed for families and kids. They also offer guided day hikes ranging in length from just a few hours to full-day trips. Additionally, reserve your spot on a Valley Floor Tour, led by a park ranger on a tram. Visit travelyosemite.com or call (888) 413-8869 to book your adventure.

GET THE OFFICIAL NPS APP NOW!

The Ansel Adams Gallery is open daily, 10am to 4pm, and is located in Yosemite Village. Step inside the Gallery to experience a variety of fine arts, handicrafts, and a collection of Ansel Adams’ original photographs. They offer half-day or full-day photography classes and private guided tours led by a resident staff photographer. Classes leave from The Gallery and require reservations. Call ahead for reservations at (209) 372-4413 or visit anseladams.com/photography-education.


“Making a Photographer: The Early Work of Ansel Adams by Rebecca Senf” July 8th from 7pm to 8pm at the Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater.

“Reception for William Neill” July 10th from 11am to 1pm at The Gallery with a book signing to accompany the event.

PROGRAMS ACCESSIBILITY

Indicates facilities accessible to visitors in wheelchairs. Short, steep inclines may be encountered.

Contact (209) 379-5250 (v/tty) to request a sign language interpreter. Advanced notice of two weeks is requested, but not required.

Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advanced request for any public program. Inquire at any visitor center or tour desk.
**Yosemite Valley**

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<td>Mirror Lake/Meadow (Dry in summer and fall)</td>
<td>When filled in winter and spring, the lake offers beautiful reflections of surrounding cliffs, otherwise a scenic meadow.</td>
<td>2 mi/3.2 km round-trip, 1 hour -OR- 5 miles/8 km, 2 hours</td>
<td>In Yosemite Valley, begin at Mirror Lake, Shuttle Stop #17</td>
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<td>Lower Yosemite Fall</td>
<td>A short trail rewards visitors with views of Upper and Lower Yosemite Falls. This waterfall may be dry in late summer and early fall. Expect lots of spray in spring and early summer.</td>
<td>1.0 mi/1.6 km round-trip, 20 minutes</td>
<td>In Yosemite Valley, begin at Lower Yosemite Fall Trailhead, Shuttle Stop #6</td>
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<td>Columbia Rock via Yosemite Falls Trail</td>
<td>Enjoy overlooking Yosemite Valley from Columbia Rock, located one mile (and dozens of switchbacks) from the trailhead.</td>
<td>2 mi/3.2 km round-trip, 2 to 3 hours</td>
<td>In Yosemite Valley, begin at Camp 4, Shuttle Stop #7</td>
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<td>Yosemite Falls Trail</td>
<td>This trail leads to the top of North America's tallest waterfall. The upper half of the trail is steep and rocky, but the arduous climb is well worth the amazing views.</td>
<td>7.2 mi/11.6 km round-trip, 6 to 8 hours</td>
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<td>Vernal Fall Footbridge</td>
<td>An excellent view of Vernal Fall is visible from the footbridge.</td>
<td>1.4 mi/2.3 km round-trip, 1 to 2 hours</td>
<td>In Yosemite Valley, begin at Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16</td>
<td>Moderate; 400-foot elevation gain</td>
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<td>Top of Vernal Fall</td>
<td>Follow the Mist Trail up a steep granite stairway of over 600 steps. Prepare for slippery footing and a tremendous amount of waterfall spray in spring and early summer.</td>
<td>3 mi/4.8 km round-trip, 2 to 4 hours</td>
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<td>Top of Nevada Fall</td>
<td>Reach the top of Nevada Fall by Mist Trail or via the John Muir Trail (bypassing Vernal Fall). Portions of the John Muir and Mist Trails are closed in winter due to ice.</td>
<td>5 mi/8 km round-trip, 5 to 6 hours</td>
<td>In Yosemite Valley, begin at Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16</td>
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<td>Valley Floor Loop Trail</td>
<td>Much of this trail takes you through some of Yosemite Valley's picturesque meadows, talus slopes at the base of granite cliffs, and near the Merced River.</td>
<td>13 mi/21 km full loop, 5 to 7 hours full loop</td>
<td>In Yosemite Valley, begin at Lower Yosemite Fall, Shuttle Stop #6</td>
<td>Moderate; mostly level</td>
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<td>Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point</td>
<td>Hike this trail to see outstanding views of Yosemite Valley below. There is currently no road access to Glacier Point, making this strenuous trail even more rewarding as you enjoy the views with fewer crowds.</td>
<td>4.8 mi/7.7 km one-way, 3 to 4 hours one-way</td>
<td>In Yosemite Valley, begin at Four Mile Trailhead, Shuttle Stop #11</td>
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**WILDERNESS PERMITS**

Wilderness permits are required year round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness. Go to [nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm](http://nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm) to make a reservation and to check trailhead availability. Plan trips, obtain wilderness permits and maps, and rent bear canisters at any of the following locations:

- Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center
  - 8am to 5pm
- Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio
  - 8am to 5pm
- Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center
  - 8am to 5pm
- Big Oak Flat Information Station
  - 8am to 5pm
- Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station
  - 8am to 5pm

**HALF DOME PERMITS REQUIRED**

Permits to hike to the top of Half Dome are required seven days a week when the cables are up, from late-May to mid-October, conditions permitting. There are no first-come, first-served permits available in 2022. More information is available at [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdpermits.htm). For backpackers wanting to climb Half Dome as part of a wilderness trip, more information can be found at [www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm). Both a wilderness permit and a Half Dome permit will be required.

**ROCK CLIMBING PERMITS**

For overnight climbs between May 20 and September 30, 2022, you can request a wilderness climbing permit reservation 2 to 15 days before your planned climb. Learn more at [yosemite.org/climbingpermits](http://yosemite.org/climbingpermits). Day climbs do not require a wilderness climbing permit.
Preventing Dehydration
Always carry more water than you need. Prevent dehydration by sipping lots of water throughout your hike and frequently eating salty snacks.

Rivers and Streams
Yosemite’s water is deceptively dangerous. Visitors are strongly urged to keep a safe distance from all falling or moving water.

Pets
Pets are permitted on fully paved roads, sidewalks, and bicycle paths only (except when signed as not allowing pets).

Drones
The use of drones within the park boundaries is illegal under all circumstances.

Bicycling
Bicycles are only allowed on paved roads and paved bike paths.

For All Seasons
• Stay on established trails – Do NOT leave the safety of the trail.
• Pack essentials – including a flashlight, sunglasses, sunscreen, weather-appropriate clothing, navigation, and a signaling method (mirror and whistle).
• Always leave your travel and hiking plans, including intended route, destination, and time of return, with a trusted person.
• YOU are responsible for your safety.

How to Get to Yosemite Valley

Keep this Guide with you to get the most out of your trip to Yosemite National Park!

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DIRECTIONS
- Reach Yosemite Valley via:
  - Highway 41 (Wawona Road) from Fresno 100 mi/160 km (2 ½ hours)
  - Highway 140 (El Portal Road) from Merced 80 mi/129 km (2 hours)
  - Highway 120 West (Big Oak Flat Road) from Manteca 114 mi/183 km (2 ¾ hours)
  - Highway 120 East (Tioga Road) from Lee Vining, summer only 75 mi/121 km (2 hours)

Road Conditions: Yosemite Valley roads remain open year round, with winter chain restrictions.

WHAT TO SEE (See Page 3 for more information)
- South Entrance to Yosemite Valley:
  - Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias
  - Yosemite History Center - Wawona
  - Wawona Visitor Center
  - Glacier Point Road (currently closed)

- Arch Rock Entrance to Yosemite Valley:
  - Only 20 minutes to Yosemite Valley

- Big Oak Flat Entrance to Yosemite Valley:
  - Hetch Hetchy (via Evergreen Road)
  - Big Oak Flat Information Station
  - Merced Grove
  - Tuolumne Grove

- Tioga Pass Entrance to Yosemite Valley:
  - Lembert Dome
  - Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center
  - Tenaya Lake
  - Olmsted Point

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