

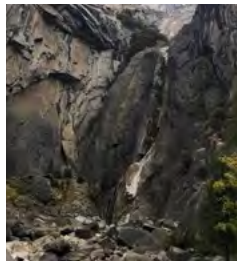


Yosemite Essentials

Visiting Yosemite in Fall



Lower Yosemite Fall in spring



Lower Yosemite Fall in fall

Yosemite's waterfalls are seasonal. Waterfalls are fed by snowmelt and peak in spring. By late summer, waterfalls slow to a trickle or dry up completely.

Hazy or smoky conditions may occur due to wildfires.

Look for showy fall colors on the Valley's oaks, maples, and dogwoods in October.

Most areas of the park are open in fall, but **snow and road closures are possible by November.**

Visitor services are limited this time of year, especially outside of the Valley. *Check pages 4 & 5 for hours of operation.*

Bicycling in Yosemite

Yosemite Valley has over 12 miles of paved bike paths. Biking can be a great way to get around on a busy day—and to enjoy the sights! Bike rentals are available until late October. *Turn to pages 4 & 5 for more information.*



Bikes are allowed on paved roads and bike paths, never on hiking trails. Ride carefully and remember to share paths with pedestrians and other cyclists. Helmets are required for children under 18. Cyclists must obey traffic laws on park roads. E-bikes with two or three wheels, fully operable pedals, and motors less than 750w (1hp) are permitted.

Protect Wildlife—and Yourself

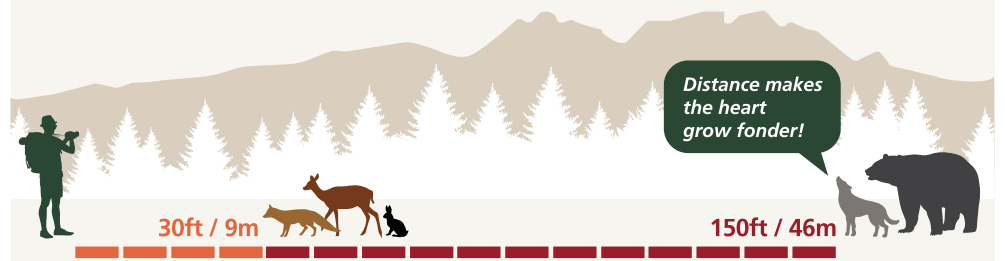
Speeding kills bears.

More Yosemite bears are killed by cars than any other human-related cause of death. In almost every case, the driver was speeding. Follow speed limits, drive carefully, and watch for wildlife on the road.



It is illegal to approach or feed any wild animal in Yosemite.

Wildlife can cause injuries and transmit diseases. Getting used to human food causes animals to lose their natural behaviors, and they can become more aggressive toward people. Enjoy watching wildlife from a safe distance.



DISTANCE FROM WILDLIFE: 30 feet = about one bus-length.

Entering a National Park



Yosemite is a place where wilderness prevails. 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.

Regulations are in place to protect park resources and for your safety.

If you see activities that could harm people or park resources, write down any descriptions or a vehicle license plate number and call the park dispatch office at 209/379-1992.

Prohibited activities include:

- 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**

Food Storage

Help keep wildlife wild. Never intentionally feed any wild animal in Yosemite. Avoid accidentally sharing your food by properly storing it. Allowing a wild animal to eat your food is harmful to the animal, can cause damage to your property, and can result in a hefty fine.

During the Day

While hiking or picnicking, always keep your food within arm's reach. When you are away from your vehicle, keep all windows closed and any food or coolers hidden from sight. Never leave food in a pickup truck bed or strapped to the outside of a vehicle.

At Night

Bears can easily break into vehicles in search of food. Food, trash, and other scented items may **NOT** be stored inside vehicles overnight. These items must be kept inside a food locker, in an allowed bear resistant container, or in a hotel room or cabin. Food may also be stored inside a completely hard-sided RV with all windows and vents closed.

For more information about food storage and bears, visit www.KeepBearsWild.org

If you see a bear in the park, email yose_bear_mgmt@nps.gov or call the Save-a-Bear hotline at 209/372-0322.

Visitor & Emergency Services

Fire – Police – Medical Emergency

Call or text 911 for emergencies.

Medical Clinic (in Yosemite Valley): Open Mon through Fri from 9 am to 5 pm. Urgent care walk-ins from 1 pm to 3:30 pm with out-of-pocket fees. Phone: 209/372-4637

Road, Weather, & Park Information

Check road updates: 209/372-0200

Yosemite Village Garage

Offers 24-hour emergency roadside assistance and propane service until 4:30 pm. NO gas is available here. Phone: 209/372-1060

Lost & Found

For 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.

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, 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 (v/txt). Two weeks advance notice is requested.

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

Accessible parking spaces are available throughout the park.

Where is My Pet Allowed in Yosemite?



Pets are allowed in developed areas, on fully paved roads, sidewalks, and bicycle paths (except where signs prohibit pets), and in all campgrounds except walk-in campgrounds and group campgrounds. Pets must be restrained on a leash not more than six feet long and may not be left unattended. Other regulations also apply.

Pets are **NOT** allowed on shuttle buses or indoor lodging areas, including lobbies and rooms.

Park Partners

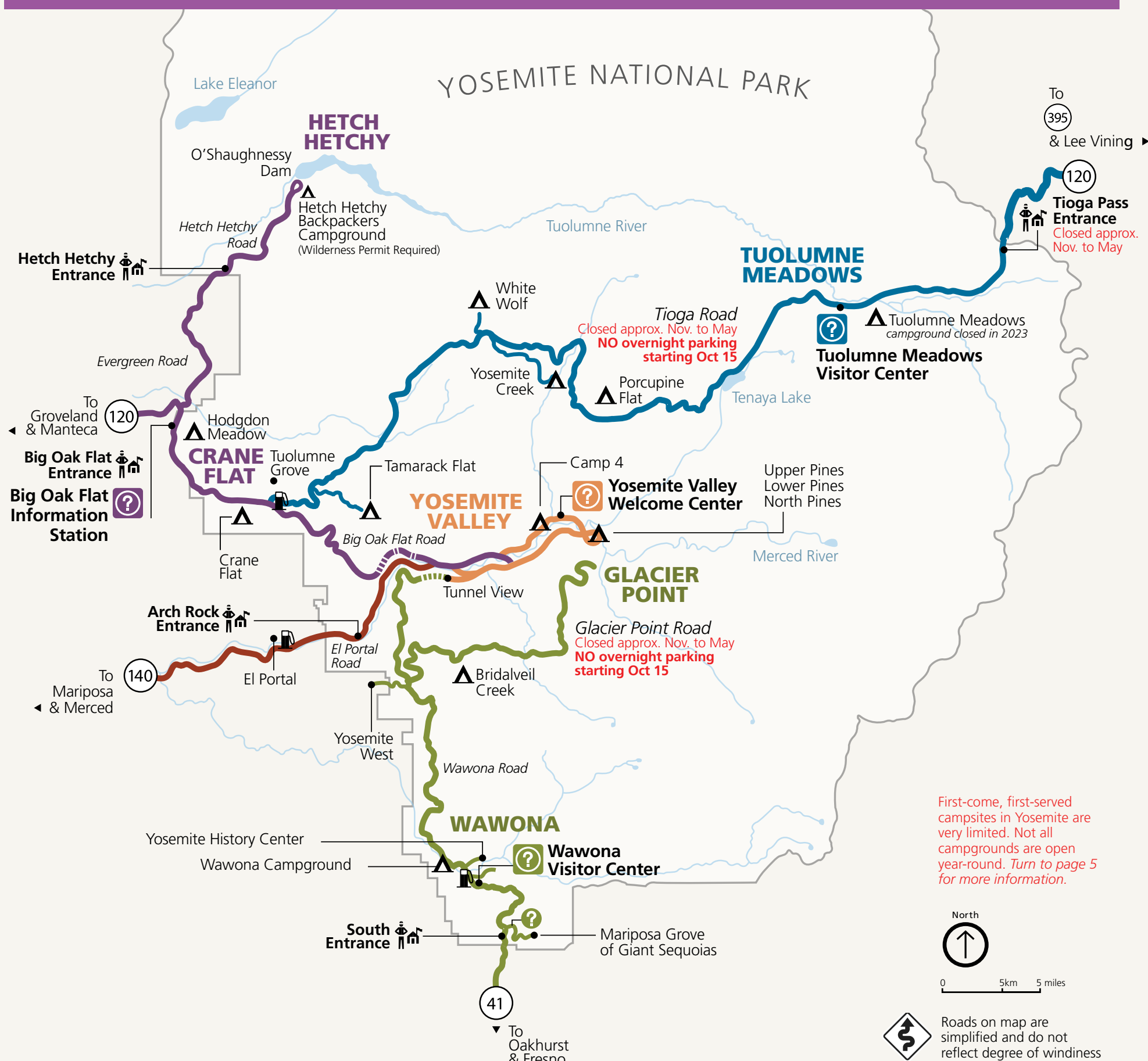




Be prepared for winter weather and seasonal road closures in late fall. Tioga Road and Glacier Point Road may close for the season by mid-November, depending on conditions.

For the most current road conditions, including short-term closures and tire chain restrictions, call 209/372-0200 (press 1, then 1.)

For planned or long-term closures to park roads, trails, and facilities, scan the QR code or visit go.nps.gov/conditions.



NOTE: There are only 2 gas stations in the park and NO GAS in Yosemite Valley.

Yosemite Valley Welcome Center

The NEW Yosemite Valley Welcome Center opens this fall! (Exact date to be determined.) Located in Yosemite Village near the parking area and Village Store, the welcome center is the new destination for visitor information and trip planning. Once open, hours will be 9 am to 5 pm.

The Yosemite Valley Visitor Center will be closed from October 11 to November 20, as it is transformed into the new Yosemite Exploration Center.

When both centers are closed, information stations will be available in Yosemite Village.

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio

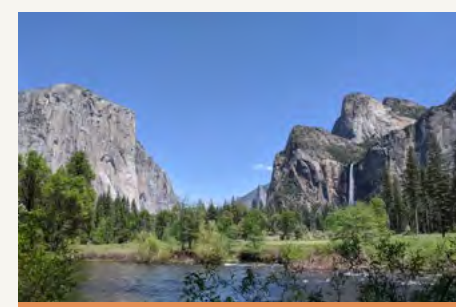
8 am to 5 pm

Big Oak Flat Information Station

8 am to 5 pm

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center

Closed for the Season



Yosemite Valley

The first stop for many park visitors, Yosemite Valley is known for its towering granite walls and iconic features like El Capitan and Half Dome. Although the valley's waterfalls roar in spring, they usually slow to a trickle by late summer. Visitors can choose from a number of scenic trails to walk, hike, or bicycle. Enjoy a variety of talks, tours, and art and photography classes. *Turn to page 8 for a schedule of programs.*

Start your day at an information station or the new Welcome Center (opening this fall) in Yosemite Village for trail maps and other information. Then stop by the Yosemite Museum to explore the park's cultural connections through live demonstrations and objects on display. *Turn to page 4 for hours.*



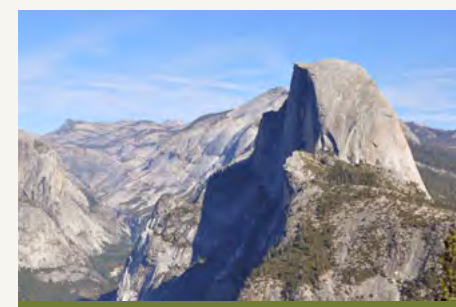
Mariposa Grove & Wawona

The Mariposa Grove is home to over 500 mature giant sequoias and miles of hiking trails. Park at the welcome plaza, near Yosemite's South Entrance, and take a free shuttle up to the grove (shuttle service available through November, conditions permitting). Stop in Wawona for more hiking, visitor services, and the Yosemite History Center.

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

Directions From Yosemite Valley, take Wawona Road (Hwy 41). Watch for signs for the Mariposa Grove just before the park's South Entrance.

Road Conditions *The Mariposa Grove Road will be closed for repairs, tentatively for one week, starting Oct 2—there will be no vehicle or shuttle access to the grove during this time. Access the grove via the 2-mile Washburn Trail. Check the park website or stop by an information center for updates.*



Glacier Point

Take in stunning views of Yosemite Valley from 3,000 feet above the valley floor. Numerous trailheads and other scenic vistas, such as Taft Point and Sentinel Dome, are also accessible from Glacier Point Road.

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

Directions From Yosemite Valley, take Wawona Road (Hwy 41). After 9 miles, turn left onto Glacier Point Road.

Road Conditions Glacier Point Road is closed each year from approx. Nov. through May, depending on conditions. Call 209/372-0200 (1,1) for road conditions.



Crane Flat

The Merced Grove is closed for restoration work until fall. For more information on this project, please visit go.nps.gov/biomass.

Visit two giant sequoia groves north of Yosemite Valley that are smaller than the more famous Mariposa Grove, but far less busy. Hike one mile down to the Tuolumne Grove, or 1.5 miles down to the Merced Grove. Parking at each trailhead is extremely limited.

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

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

Road Conditions Big Oak Flat Road remains open year-round.



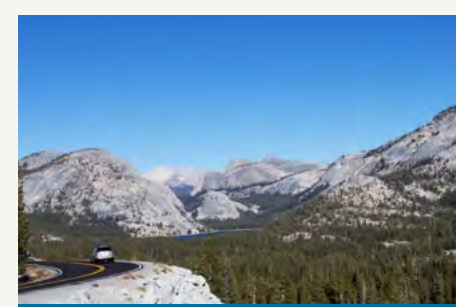
Hetch Hetchy

A source of water and hydroelectric power for San Francisco, Hetch Hetchy is also home to spectacular scenery. From here, visitors can walk across the dam, hike along the reservoir, or access Yosemite's Wilderness. Hetch Hetchy is a great place to hike in cooler months, but it is typically very hot in the summer.

Distance from Yosemite Valley 40 mi/64 km (1½ hours)

Directions From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy 120 W.) Just outside the Big Oak Flat Entrance, turn right on Evergreen Road.

Road Conditions The road is open daily from 8 am to 7 pm (5 pm starting November 1.) Vehicles and trailers over 25 feet long and 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.



Tioga Road & Tuolumne Meadows

Enjoy a 40-mile scenic drive through Yosemite's spectacular high country. Tioga Road (continuation of Hwy 120 through the park) climbs from 6,000 ft in elevation to nearly 10,000 ft at Tioga Pass, the park's only entrance from the east. Along the way, visitors will find numerous trailheads, scenic vistas, lush subalpine meadows, and glacier-carved lakes. *Services are extremely limited in this remote area of the park.*

Distance from Yosemite Valley 54 mi/87 km (1½ hours)

Directions From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy 120 W) to Crane Flat. Turn right onto Tioga Road (Hwy 120 E.)

Road Conditions Tioga Road is closed each year from approx. Nov. through May, depending on conditions. Call 209/372-0200 (1,1) for road conditions.

Visting Yosemite with kids or kids-at-heart?



Pick up a *Junior Ranger Handbook* at any open visitor center. Complete the activities while you explore the park, and earn your junior ranger badge!

Planning Your Yosemite Adventure

Turn to page 4 for visitor services. Turn to page 8 for a schedule of programs and classes.

If you're visiting for a day or less:

As you travel through the valley, stop at Tunnel View, El Capitan Meadow, or Valley View for scenic viewpoints.

Stop by the Valley Visitor Center to pick up a trail map, get a passport stamp, and view the park film.

Explore the park's cultural connections at the Yosemite Museum.

Take a scenic stroll around Cook's Meadow and Lower Yosemite Fall.

Spend 2–3 hours hiking the Mist Trail to Vernal Fall, the Mirror Lake Trail, or a section of the Valley Loop Trail.

Take a tour or attend a program to learn more about the park.

If you're visiting for multiple days:

Take on a more challenging, all-day hike in Yosemite Valley.

Visit Glacier Point and hike to Sentinel Dome and Taft Point.

Explore the many miles of trails within the Mariposa Grove and visit the Yosemite History Center in Wawona.

Enjoy an all-day scenic drive on Tioga Road to Olmsted Point, Tenaya Lake, and Tuolumne Meadows.

Sign up for an art class at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center, or a photography course with The Ansel Adams Gallery.

Stay up late to stargaze, or sign up for an evening program in the park.

YOSEMITE VALLEY

INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

NEW! Yosemite Valley Welcome Center *Opens Fall 2023. Date TBD. Will operate 9 am to 5 pm. See page 2 for information.*

Yosemite Valley Visitor Center
9 am to 5 pm, closes Oct 11.
Reopens Nov 20 as the Yosemite Exploration Center. See page 2 for information.

Yosemite Museum
10 am to 5 pm

Wilderness Center
8 am to 5 pm
Open until Oct 22

Happy Isles Art & Nature Center
9 am to 4 pm, may close for lunch
Open until Oct 27

Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (Sierra Club)
10 am to 4 pm
Open until Sept 30

TOURS & ACTIVITIES

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE
Tour and Activity Desk
7 am to 3 pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Mountaineering School
8:30 am to 12 pm, 1 to 4:30 pm
Open until Nov 6

BIKE RENTALS

Yosemite Village Bike Stand
Closed for the season

Yosemite Valley Lodge Bike Stand
8 am to 7 pm
Open until Oct 29

Curry Village Bike Stand
9 am to 6 pm until Oct 1
9 am to 5 pm starting Oct 2
Open until Oct 29

SHOWERS & LAUNDRY

HOUSEKEEPING CAMP
Laundry 8 am to 10 pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Showers 24 hours

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES

Yosemite Village Garage
8 am to 12 pm, 1 pm to 5 pm

Propane available during regular operating hours. 24-hour roadside assistance. Call 209/372-1060
No gas available in Yosemite Valley.

GIFTS, GEAR, & GROCERIES

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

The Ansel Adams Gallery
9 am to 5 pm

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center
9 am to 5 pm
closed Oct 11 to Nov 20

Yosemite Museum Store
10 am to 5 pm, *closed for lunch*

Village Store
8 am to 9 pm until Oct 1
8 am to 8 pm starting Oct 2

THE AHWAHNEE

Gift Shop 8 am to 8 pm

Sweet Shop 7 am to 9 pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Gift Shop 8 am to 8 pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Yosemite Mountain Shop
8 am to 8 pm until Oct 21
8:30 am to 6:30 pm starting Oct 22

Gift & Grocery
8 am to 10 pm until Oct 21
8 am to 8 pm starting Oct 22

HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

Grocery 8 am to 8 pm
Open until Oct 9

POST OFFICE

Yosemite Village Post Office
Mon – Fri | 8:30 am to 5 pm
Sat | 10 am to noon

FOOD & BEVERAGE

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Degnan's Kitchen
Peet's coffee, light breakfast, deli sandwiches, & grab-and-go items. Indoor & outdoor seating.

Breakfast
7 am to 11 am
Lunch
11:30 am to 6 pm

Village Grill
Fast casual, burgers & sandwiches. Outdoor seating.

11 am to 6 pm
Open until Oct 22

CURRY VILLAGE

Peet's Coffee Corner
Espresso beverages, pastries, & light breakfast. Indoor seating.

6 am to 2 pm until Oct 21
6:30 to 11 am starting Oct 22
Open until Nov 27

Seven Tents Pavilion
Fast casual dining. Indoor seating.
Breakfast | 7 am to 10 am
Dinner | 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Open until Nov 27

Meadow Grill
Casual taqueria, outdoor seating.

11 am to 5 pm
Open until Oct 29

Pizza Deck
Outdoor seating.

11 am to 10 pm until Oct 21
11 am to 9 pm starting Oct 22
Open until Nov 27

Bar 1899
Beer on tap, signature cocktails, & appetizers. Indoor seating.

11:30 am to 10 pm until Oct 21
11:30 am to 9 pm starting Oct 22
Open until Nov 26

THE AHWAHNEE

Coffee Bar
7 am to 10 am

The Ahwahnee Bar
Casual dining & signature cocktails. Indoor & outdoor seating.

11 am to 9 pm

Ahwahnee Dining Room
Fine dining. Appropriate attire respectfully required for dinner. Dinner reservations strongly recommended. Call 209/372-1489 or visit OpenTable.com

Breakfast
7 am to 10 am
Dinner
5:30 pm to 9 pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Base Camp Eatery
Fast casual dining. Indoor seating.

Breakfast
6:30 am to 10:45 am
Lunch & Dinner
11 am to 9 pm until Oct 15
11 am to 8 pm starting Oct 16

Starbucks Coffee
7 am to 5 pm

Mountain Room Lounge
Beer on tap, cocktails, & appetizers. Indoor & outdoor seating.

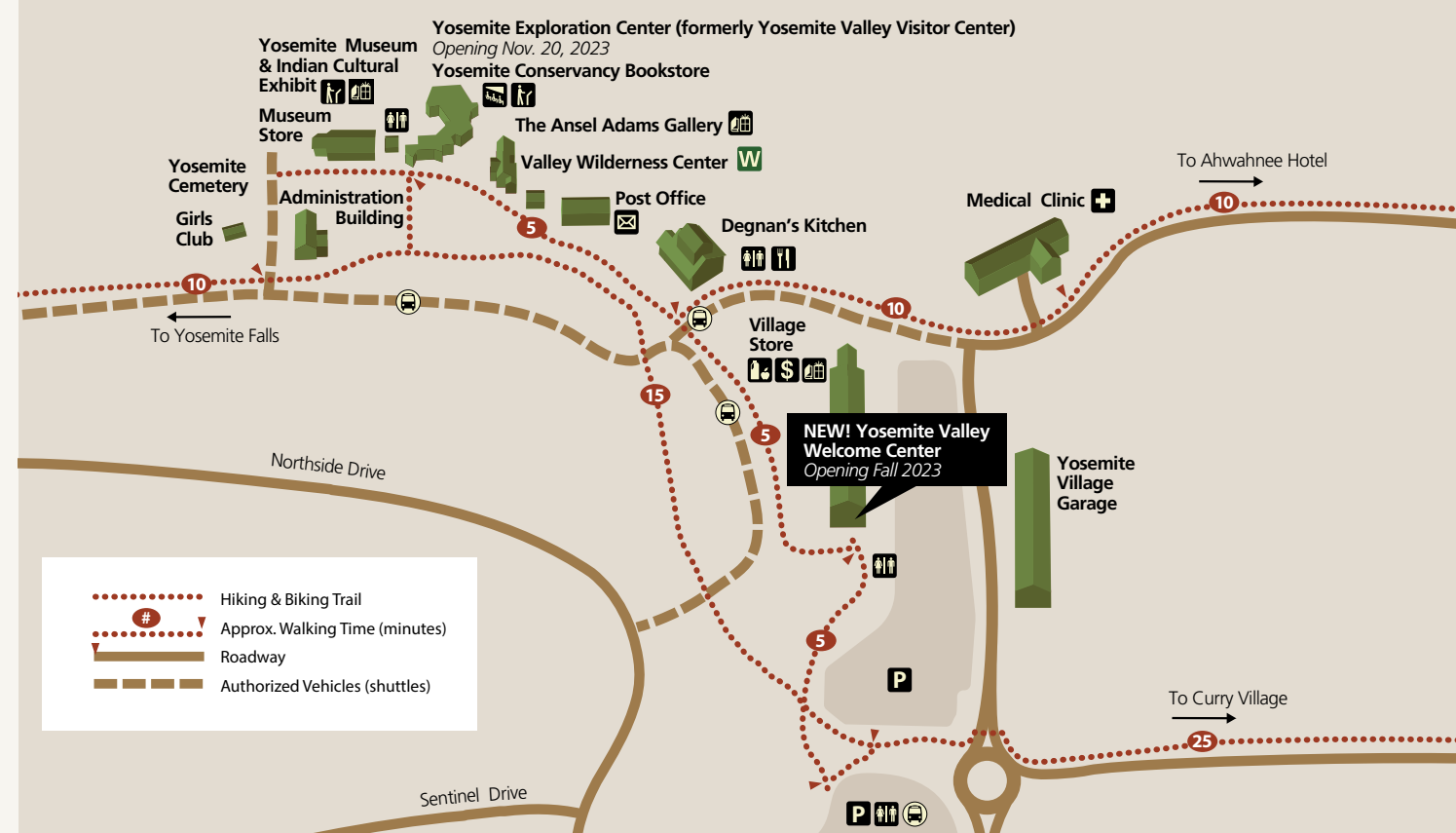
Mon – Fri | 5 pm to 10 pm

Sat & Sun | 12 pm to 10 pm

Mountain Room Restaurant
Upscale casual dining. Reservations recommended (OpenTable.com)

5 pm to 10 pm

Map of Yosemite Village



WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio
8 am to 5 pm, *open until Oct 15*

Yosemite History Center
Open daily

GIFTS, GEAR, & GROCERIES

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop
8 am to 8 pm

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Wawona Visitor Center
9 am to 5 pm

Yosemite Conservancy Depot at Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza
9 am to 5 pm

GAS STATION

Wawona Service Station
8 am to 6 pm until Oct 31
9 am to 6 pm starting Nov 1
Propane available during regular operating hours. Diesel available. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

POST OFFICE

Wawona Post Office
Mon – Fri | 9 am to 1 pm
Sat | 9 am to noon

FOOD & BEVERAGE

Wawona Hotel Dining Room
Breakfast
7 am to 10 am
Lunch
11 am to 3 pm until Oct 14
11:30 am to 2 pm starting Oct 15

Dinner
5 to 9 pm until Oct 14
5:30 to 8:30 pm starting Oct 15

Lounge Service
5 pm to 9:30 pm

Golf Shop & Snack Stand
8 am to 4:30 pm
Open until Oct 22

ACTIVITIES

Golf Course *Open until Oct 22*
Regular Golf
Thurs – Mon | 8 am to 6 pm
Disc Golf
Tues & Wed | 12 pm to 6 pm
Tennis Courts 8 am to dusk
Stable Closed for the season

CRANE FLAT

INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

Big Oak Flat Information Station
9 am to 5 pm, Fri to Tues
Open until Oct 15

GIFTS

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Big Oak Flat Information Station
9 am to 5 pm

GAS & GROCERY

Crane Flat Gas & Grocery
8 am to 5 pm
24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card. Store open until Oct 29.

EL PORTAL

GROCERY

El Portal Market 8 am to 5 pm

GAS STATION

El Portal Service Station
8 am to 5 pm
24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

GLACIER POINT

Open until Oct 15, conditions permitting.

Gift Shop 9 am to 7 pm
Snack Stand 11 am to 5 pm

TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

White Wolf Lodge
High Sierra Camps
Tuolumne Meadows Lodge
Tuolumne Meadows Grill
Tuolumne Meadows Store
Tuolumne Meadows Post Office
Closed in 2023

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Information Station
Closed for the season
Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center
8 am to 5 pm
Open until Oct 15

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Brent Moore,
Resident Minister
209/372-4831
www.YosemiteValleyChapel.org

Chapel Services
Sundays at 9:15 am

Thanksgiving Service
Thursday, Nov 23 at 9:15 am

Zero Landfill Initiative: Propane Canisters

Exciting news, campers: you can now buy and exchange Little Kamper 1 lb. propane canisters in Yosemite stores, including 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.
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.*

CAMPING & LODGING

CAMPING

First-come, first-served camping is very limited.

Campgrounds open year-round:

Upper Pines
by reservation only
Camp 4
by reservation only until Sept 30
Hodgdon Meadow
by reservation only until Oct 23

Wawona
by reservation only until Oct 23

Visit go.nps.gov/campground for more information and a schedule of reservation release dates.

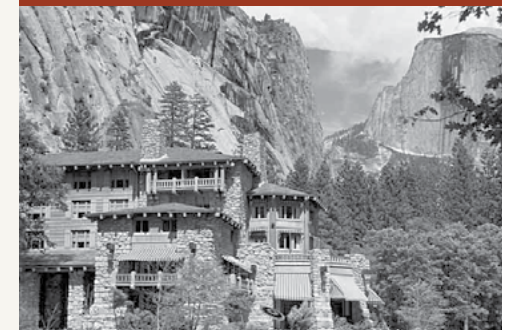
Campground Reservations
www.recreation.gov (recommended) or 877/444-6777 (7 am to 9 pm PT)

Sleeping inside a vehicle is only allowed in campsites. You may not sleep overnight in a parking lot or along the side of the road.

LODGING

Lodging inside the park is operated by Yosemite Hospitality. Reservations may be made up to one year in advance and are strongly recommended. Book a stay online at www.TravelYosemite.com or by calling 888/413-8869.

Rehabilitation of The Ahwahnee



After more than 95 years in service, The Ahwahnee is continuing a multi-phase comprehensive rehabilitation plan to preserve the hotel's historic integrity, while bringing the building to code with modern fire and seismic safety standards. Scaffolding and construction noise may be present during parts of the rehabilitation project.

Due to these historic projects, Ahwahnee parking lot space has been reduced. Parking is valet only with a \$30 nightly charge, \$15 day-use or \$10 with validation. This change will only be during this historic project and will return to normal upon completion.

Shuttles in Yosemite Valley



The FREE Yosemite Valley shuttles operate **from 7 am to 10 pm** daily and service stops in numerical order.

Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route)

Services **ALL** stops.
Runs approximately every 22 to 32 minutes with a total round-trip time of 1 hour and 30 minutes.

East Valley Shuttle (Purple Route)

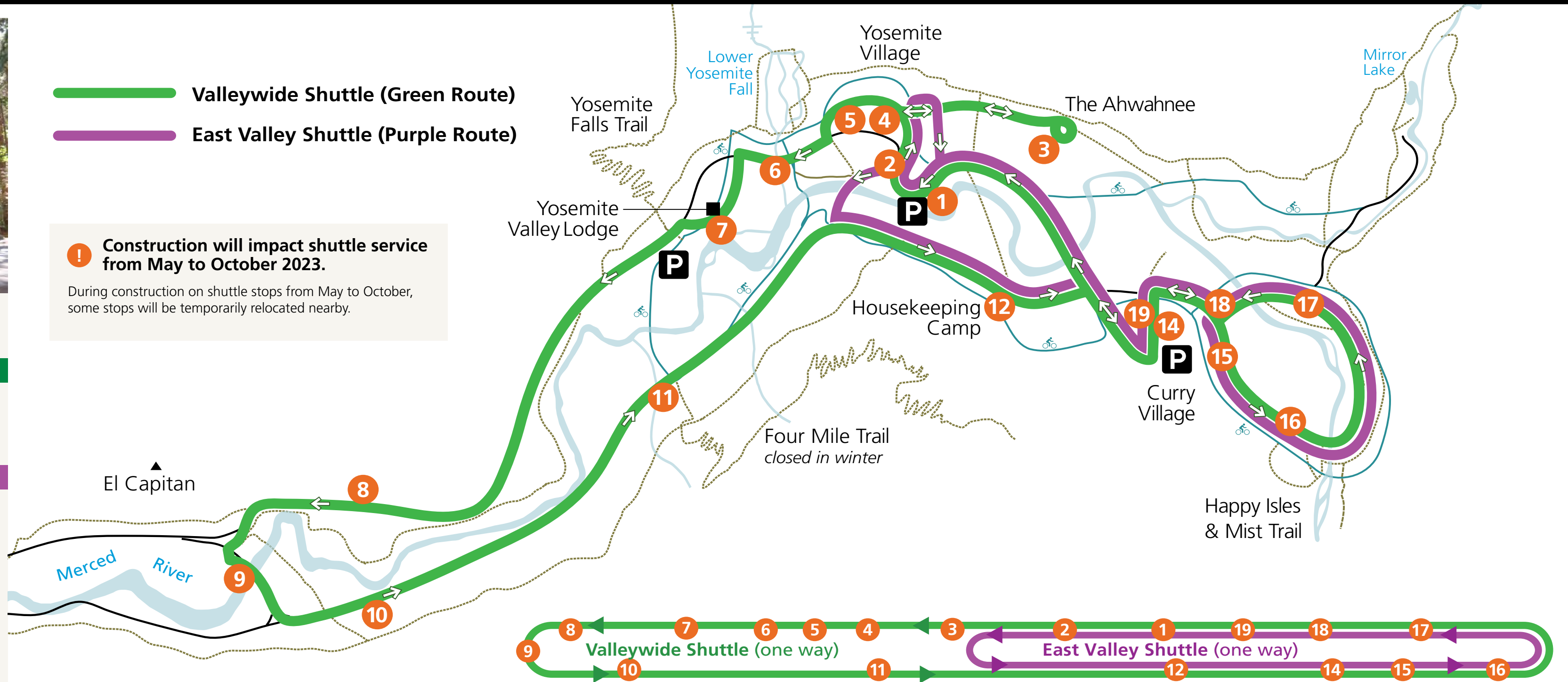
Services **SELECT** stops.
Runs approximately every 18 to 22 minutes with a total round-trip time of 50 minutes.

Expect long delays and full shuttles on holidays and weekends. Some destinations may be reached more quickly by walking. Check signs posted at shuttle stops for estimated walking times.

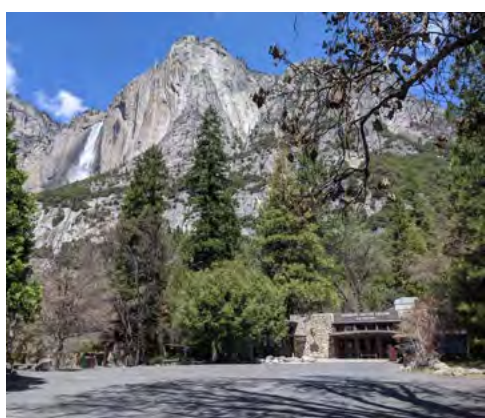
- Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route)
- East Valley Shuttle (Purple Route)

Construction will impact shuttle service from May to October 2023.

During construction on shuttle stops from May to October, some stops will be temporarily relocated nearby.



ALL SHUTTLES



1 Yosemite Village Parking



Dining, shopping, and information are only a 5–10 minute walk from here.

2 Village Store & NEW! Welcome Center

Welcome Center opening Fall 2023



Information, Dining, Gift and Grocery

Less than a 5-minute walk: Post Office, Theater, Museum

3 The Ahwahnee



Lodging, Dining, Gift Shop

4 Degnan's Kitchen



Dining, Gift and Grocery
Less than a 5-minute walk: Post Office, Visitor Center, Theater, Museum



5 Visitor Center & Museum



Visitor Center, Theater, Museum

Less than a 5-minute walk: Post Office, Dining, Gift and Grocery

VALLEYWIDE SHUTTLE ONLY

6 Lower Yosemite Fall



Trailhead, Picnic Area, Scenic View



7 Yosemite Valley Lodge/Yosemite Falls Parking



Dining, Gift and Grocery, Trailhead

8 El Capitan Picnic Area



Scenic View, Picnicking

9 El Capitan Meadow



Scenic View

10 Cathedral Beach



Scenic View, Picnicking



11 Four Mile Trail



Trailhead

ALL SHUTTLES

12 Housekeeping Camp/ Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center



Information, Lodging, Gift and Grocery, Showers, Laundry

14 Curry Village (eastbound)



Lodging, Dining, Gift and Grocery, Amphitheater, Showers



15 Upper Pines Campground



Campground
Less than a 5-minute walk: Trailhead Parking, Trailhead

16 Happy Isles/Mist Trail



Trailhead, Art & Nature Center



17 Mirror Lake



Trailhead

18 Lower Pines Campground



Campground, Amphitheater

19 Curry Village (Westbound)



Lodging, Dining, Gift and Grocery, Amphitheater, Showers

YARTS

The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) is a public transit system that provides service into Yosemite National Park.

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, bus schedules, and tickets, visit www.YARTS.com or call 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.

Events & Programs


Visit go.nps.gov/YosemiteCalendar or the NPS app to view the web events calendar. Program offerings are subject to change.

Programs in Yosemite Valley




TIME	PROGRAM	FEE?	HOSTED BY	DURATION	DAYS OFFERED
8:30 am	Adventure Hike: El Capitan Loop Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com . Meet at Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater. Ages 12 & up.	\$	YH	8 hrs	Sun
8:30 am	Adventure Hike: Nevada Fall Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com . Meet at Yosemite Mountaineering School in Curry Village. Ages 12 & up.	\$	YH	8 hrs	Tues & Fri
9 am	Discovery Hike: Vernal Fall Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com . Meet at Yosemite Mountaineering School in Curry Village. Ages 12 & up.	\$	YH	4 hrs	Thurs
9 am	Bike to Hike Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com . Meet at Curry Village Bike Stand.	\$	YH	3 hrs	Mon, Wed, Sat
9 am	Climbers Coffee An informal gathering at Colombia Boulder in Camp 4 with the Climbing Ranger Team, sharing climbing information and community building through coffee.		NPS	2 hrs	Sun until 10/29
9 am	Art Class Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for art classes, such as mosaics, colored pencils, and watercolors. Register at Yosemite.org/art .	\$	YC	4 hrs	Mon – Fri until 10/27
9 am	The Ansel Adams Gallery Photography Walk Space is extremely limited, reserve in advance at AnselAdams.com or by calling 209/372-4413. Reservations open three days in advance.		TAAG	1.5 hrs	Tues & Thurs
9 am	In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography Space is limited, reserve in advance at AnselAdams.com or by calling 209/372-4413.	\$	TAAG	3 hrs	Wed
12:30 pm	 Ask-a-Climber Come join Climbing Rangers in El Capitan Meadow to view rock climbers in action on the Big Stone (telescopes provided) and ask all of your climbing-related questions. <i>Weather permitting.</i>		NPS	4 hrs	Daily until 10/29
1 pm	Discovery Hike: Vernal Fall Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com . Meet at Yosemite Mountaineering School in Curry Village. Ages 12 & up.	\$	YH	4 hrs	Mon
1 pm	Discovery Hike: Mirror Lake Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com . Meet at Ahwahnee Front Desk. Ages 12 & up.	\$	YH	4 hrs	Wed & Sat
1 pm	In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Space is limited, reserve in advance at AnselAdams.com or by calling 209/372-4413.	\$	TAAG	4 hrs	Mon
1 pm	Ansel Adams's Legacy and Your Digital Camera Space is limited, reserve in advance at AnselAdams.com or by calling 209/372-4413.	\$	TAAG	4 hrs	Thurs
1 pm	In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography Space is limited, reserve in advance at AnselAdams.com or by calling 209/372-4413.	\$	TAAG	3 hrs	Sat
2 pm	 Family Ranger Talk Meet in front of the Valley Visitor Center (Shuttle Stop 5).		NPS	15 min	Sun, Mon, Sat
2 pm	Bike to Hike Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com . Meet at Curry Village Bike Stand.	\$	YH	3 hrs	Thurs
2 pm	Curry Village Historic Tour Join us for a free walking tour of Curry Village and learn about its rich history. Meets at the Curry Village Amphitheatre.		YH	1 hr	Daily
3:30 pm	Yosemite Valley Sunset Walk Reservations required. Register at Yosemite.org/adventures .	\$	YC	1.5 hrs	Fri & Sat 11/10 to 11/25 ONLY
4 pm	Guided Nature Walk Led by trained Yosemite naturalists. Meet at the Curry Village Amphitheatre.		YH	1 hr	Mon, Tues, Wed
5 pm	Yosemite Valley Sunset Walk Reservations required. Register at Yosemite.org/adventures .	\$	YC	1.5 hrs	Thurs, Fri, Sat 9/28 to 11/4 ONLY except 9/30
7 pm	Explore Yosemite's Night Sky Reservations required. Register at Yosemite.org/adventures .	\$	YC	1.5 hrs	Fri & Sat 11/10-11/25 ONLY
7 pm	 Evening Programs Yosemite Naturalists present on various topics! Meets at the Curry Village Amphitheater through Oct 31 and Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room starting Nov 1.		YH	1 hr	Fri, Sat, Sun
8 pm	Explore Yosemite's Night Sky Reservations required. Register at Yosemite.org/adventures .	\$	YC	1.5 hrs	Thurs, Fri, Sat 9/28 to 11/4 ONLY except 9/30
8:30 pm	Yosemite After Dark Explore the enchantment of Yosemite at night! Advanced registration is required. Tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com .	\$	YH	1.5 hrs	Nightly



Programs in Wawona & Mariposa Grove

TIME	PROGRAM	FEE?	HOSTED BY	DURATION	DAYS OFFERED
9 am	 Coffee with a Ranger Meet at Pine Tree Market for coffee, a Q&A session, and general park updates with one of our rangers. Drop-ins welcome!		NPS	1 hr	Wed & Sun until 10/21

Special Programs & Events

DATE/TIME	EVENT
Sept 28, Oct 2, Oct 12 12 pm to 2 pm	 Bilingual (Español) Pop-up Jr Ranger Geology Program at Glacier Point. Come learn about geology in Yosemite at Glacier Point! ¡Ven a aprender sobre geología en Yosemite en Glacier Point! (National Park Service)
Sun, Oct 22 11 am to 1 pm	 Reception Tom Killion's High Sierra: Original Woodblock Prints Artist Tom Killion will be at a reception for his show on October 22nd at The Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Village. The show runs from September 24 through November 9. (The Ansel Adams Gallery)
Thurs, Oct 26	 Yosemite Celebrates National Mule Day Come meet Yosemite's incredible mules and learn about the important work that they do to maintain the park and its trails. Meet-and-greet with the mules from 10 am to 12 pm and a 30-minute packing demo at 2 pm at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center. (National Park Service)
Tues, Oct 31 7 pm & 8 pm	Halloween Cemetery Tour Meet at the fire pit in front of the Indian Cultural Museum. Walk-ups welcome. Free. 1 hr. (Yosemite Conservancy)



Programs especially for children and their families



Programs with a fee YC Yosemite Conservancy



National Park Service TAAG The Ansel Adams Gallery



Yosemite Hospitality YCHC Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center



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



Contact 209/379-5250 (v/txt) 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.

More Activities with Park Partners

Yosemite Conservancy

Join Yosemite Conservancy for a memorable experience in the park! Explore our website (Yosemite.org) and follow us on social media to find the latest updates from our team, learn more about our organization, and browse our full program calendar.

Upcoming Outdoor Adventures
Advanced registration is required for all Outdoor Adventures. Visit Yosemite.org/adventures.

Leave No Trace Trainer: 10/20–10/21

Custom Adventures
Plan a Custom Adventure with one of our naturalists. Learn more and sign up: Yosemite.org/custom-adventures.

Art Classes
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, nature journaling strolls, children's art activities, or the nature exhibit. Pre-registration is recommended for art classes, drop-ins are welcome as space is available. **Open daily 9 am to 4 pm until October 27.**

Sierra Club

The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center is **open Wed to Sun, 10 am to 4 pm until September 30**. The center is closed throughout winter and will reopen in May 2024.

For more information, visit: www.sierraclub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery, located in Yosemite Village, is open daily from 9 am to 5 pm. Experience a variety of fine arts, handcrafts, and a collection of Ansel Adams' original photographs. The gallery also offers half-day or full-day photography classes and private guided tours led by a resident staff photographer. Classes require reservations; call 209/372-4413 or visit AnselAdams.com/photography-education.

Exhibitions at the Gallery


Tom Killion's High Sierra
September 24 to November 9
Sharing the Sublime: Photographs by Anne Larsen and John Sexton
November 10 to January 6

Yosemite Hospitality




Take a scenic Valley Floor Tour, offered daily. Visit TravelYosemite.com, stop by the tour desk at the Yosemite Valley Lodge, or call 888/413-8869 to book tours and activities.


The Yosemite Mountaineering School offers guided hikes and rock climbing in Yosemite Valley, as conditions allow. Call 209/372-8344 for more information.

In Wawona, join pianist and singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs songs and tells stories from Yosemite's past.




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By late fall, trails can become hazardous due to ice and snow. Ask a ranger about trail conditions before you hike.



Cook's Meadow, Yosemite Valley



Glacier Point



Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias



Tuolumne Meadows

Yosemite Valley					
FEATURES	TRAIL/DESTINATION	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE/TIME	STARTING POINT	ELEVATION
	Lower Yosemite Fall	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.	1.0 mi/1.6 km round-trip, 20 minutes	Shuttle Stop 6	Paved, mostly flat. Take longer loop to the right for a more gentle incline.
	Cook's Meadow Loop	This short loop offers stunning views of Half Dome, Yosemite Falls, and other valley features. Visit in early morning or at dusk for a chance to see birds and other wildlife.	1.0 mi/1.6 km round-trip, 20 minutes	Shuttle Stop 6	Paved, flat.
	Mirror Lake/Meadow <i>Dry in summer and fall</i>	Take a short walk on the paved bike trail to the front of the lake, at the base of Half Dome. Continue on the hiking trail for a longer loop.	2 mi/3.2 km round-trip, 1 hour -OR- 5 miles/8 km, 2 hours	Shuttle Stop 17	First section is paved, with some moderate incline.
	Columbia Rock via Yosemite Falls Trail	Hike the first mile of the Yosemite Falls Trail for views of Yosemite Valley from Columbia Rock. Be prepared for dozens of switchbacks.	2 mi/3.2 km round-trip, 2 to 3 hours	Camp 4, Shuttle Stop 7	Steep and rugged; 1,000-foot elevation gain
	Yosemite Falls Trail	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 worth it for the amazing views.	7.2 mi/11.6 km round-trip, 6 to 8 hours	Camp 4, Shuttle Stop 7	Steep and rugged; 2,700-foot elevation gain
	Vernal Fall Footbridge	Hike the first section of the Mist Trail. Enjoy an excellent view of Vernal Fall from the footbridge.	1.6 mi/2.6 km round-trip, 1 to 2 hours	Happy Isles, Shuttle Stop 16	Paved but steep; 400-foot elevation gain
<i>The Mist Trail (between the lower John Muir Trail junction and the top of Vernal Fall) is closed for trail work M-F, 7 am to 3:30 pm, until early November. This section, as well as an upper section of the John Muir Trail (between Clark Point and the Panorama Trail junction), also close for winter when conditions become hazardous. Follow the marked winter route.</i>					
	Top of Vernal Fall	Continue past the footbridge and follow the Mist Trail up a steep granite stairway.	3 mi/4.8 km round-trip, 2 to 4 hours	Happy Isles, Shuttle Stop 16	Strenuous; 1,000-foot elevation gain
	Top of Nevada Fall	Continue past the top of Vernal Fall to the top of Nevada Fall. Return the same way or via the John Muir Trail.	5 mi/8 km round-trip, 5 to 6 hours	Happy Isles, Shuttle Stop 16	Strenuous; 1,900-foot elevation gain
	Valley Floor Loop Trail	A grand tour of the valley, this trail takes you through picturesque meadows, talus slopes at the base of granite cliffs, and near the Merced River.	13 mi/21 km full loop, 5 to 7 hours full loop	Lower Yosemite Fall, Shuttle Stop 6	Mostly flat, with some gentle incline.
	Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point	Hike this strenuous but rewarding trail for outstanding views of Yosemite Valley below. Allow time to hike back down—there is no shuttle to return you to Yosemite Valley. <i>The upper section of the trail can close in late fall or winter.</i>	4.8 mi/7.7 km one-way, 3 to 4 hours one-way	Shuttle Stop 11	Very Strenuous; 3,200-foot elevation gain

Waterfall Scenic Views Lake One Hour or Less Wheelchair Accessible

Safety Information



Preventing Dehydration
Carry plenty of water for your hike. Prevent dehydration by sipping lots of water throughout your hike and eating salty snacks.



Rivers and Streams
Rivers are surprisingly swift, cold, and dangerous. Stay back from flowing water!



Pets
Pets are not allowed on hiking trails.



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



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

Bring plenty of water for your entire hike. Treat any water from natural sources before drinking.
Pack essentials—including a flashlight, sunscreen, weather-appropriate clothing, sturdy footwear, plenty of snacks, and reliable navigation tools.
Stay on established trails.
Know your limits. Choose a trail that is the right fit for everyone in your group, and ensure you have plenty of time to make it back before sunset.
Always leave your travel and hiking plans, including time of return, with a trusted person.
YOU are responsible for your safety.

Hetch Hetchy					
FEATURES	TRAIL/DESTINATION	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE/TIME	STARTING POINT	ELEVATION
	Wapama Falls	This hike follows the shoreline of the reservoir to the base of Wapama Falls. The Wapama Falls footbridge can sometimes close when water levels are too high.	5 mi/8 km round trip, 2 to 4 hours	Begin at O'Shaughnessy Dam	1,000-foot elevation gain
Wawona					
	Wawona Meadow Loop	A relaxing and scenic stroll, this trail offers views across Wawona Basin and opportunities to see wildlife. Bikes and leashed pets are allowed.	3.5 mi/5.6 km round-trip, 1.5 to 2 hours	Begin across the street from Wawona Hotel	Mostly flat, unpaved
Giant Sequoia Groves					
	Tuolumne Grove Trail	Follow the Old Big Oak Flat Road—one of the first roads into Yosemite Valley—down through sugar pines and white firs to the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias.	2.5 mi/4 km round-trip, 1 to 2 hours	Begin at Tuolumne Grove parking lot at Crane Flat on Tioga Road	500-foot elevation gain
	Merced Grove Trail	<i>The Merced Grove is closed for restoration. For more information on this project, please visit go.nps.gov/biomass.</i>			
	Mariposa Grove—Big Trees Loop Trail	Winding through a forest with many giant sequoias, this trail features the Fallen Monarch and interpretive panels on the life and ecology of giant sequoias.	0.3 mi/0.5 km loop, 30 to 45 minutes	Begin at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area	Mostly flat, wheelchair accessible
	Mariposa Grove—Grizzly Giant Loop Trail	Hike past notable trees such as the Bachelor and Three Graces, the Grizzly Giant, and California Tunnel Tree.	2.1 mi/3.4 km round-trip, 1.5 to 2 hours	Begin at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area	300-foot elevation gain

Stop by a visitor center to pick up trail maps and information, including trails along Tioga Road and Glacier Point Road not listed here. Turn to page 2 for visitor center locations and hours.

Wilderness Permits

Wilderness permits are required year-round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness. Visit go.nps.gov/wildpermits to learn how to get a permit this winter or plan for next summer.

After Wilderness Centers close for the season, please come prepared with your own canister or rent one at the Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore in Yosemite Valley.

Please note: NO overnight parking allowed anywhere along Tioga Road or Glacier Point Road starting Oct 15.

Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center
8 am to 5 pm daily, open until Oct 22
After Oct 22, self-register for permits in front of the visitor center.*

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio
8 am to 5 pm daily, open until Oct 15
After Oct 15, self-register for permits on the front porch.*

Big Oak Flat Information Station
8 am to 5 pm daily, open until Oct 15
After Oct 15, self-register for permits on the front porch.*

Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station
8 am to 5 pm daily, open until Oct 21
After Oct 21, self-register for permits at the entrance station.*

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center
8 am to 5 pm, open until Oct 15
After Oct 15, self-register for permits on the front porch.*

*Self-register at the station in the same area as your trailhead.

Half Dome Permits

Permits are required 7 days a week when the cables are up, typically from late May to mid-October, conditions permitting.

Permits are available by pre-season and daily lotteries (online only) through Recreation.gov. More information is available at go.nps.gov/hdpermits.

For backpackers wanting to climb Half Dome as part of a wilderness trip, information can be found at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/hdwildpermits.htm

Yosemite Guide

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

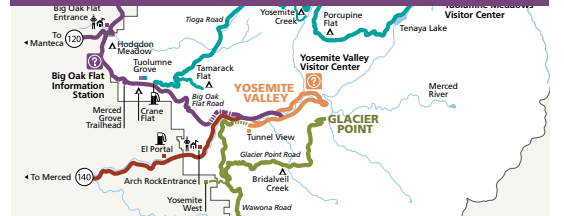


Yosemite Valley

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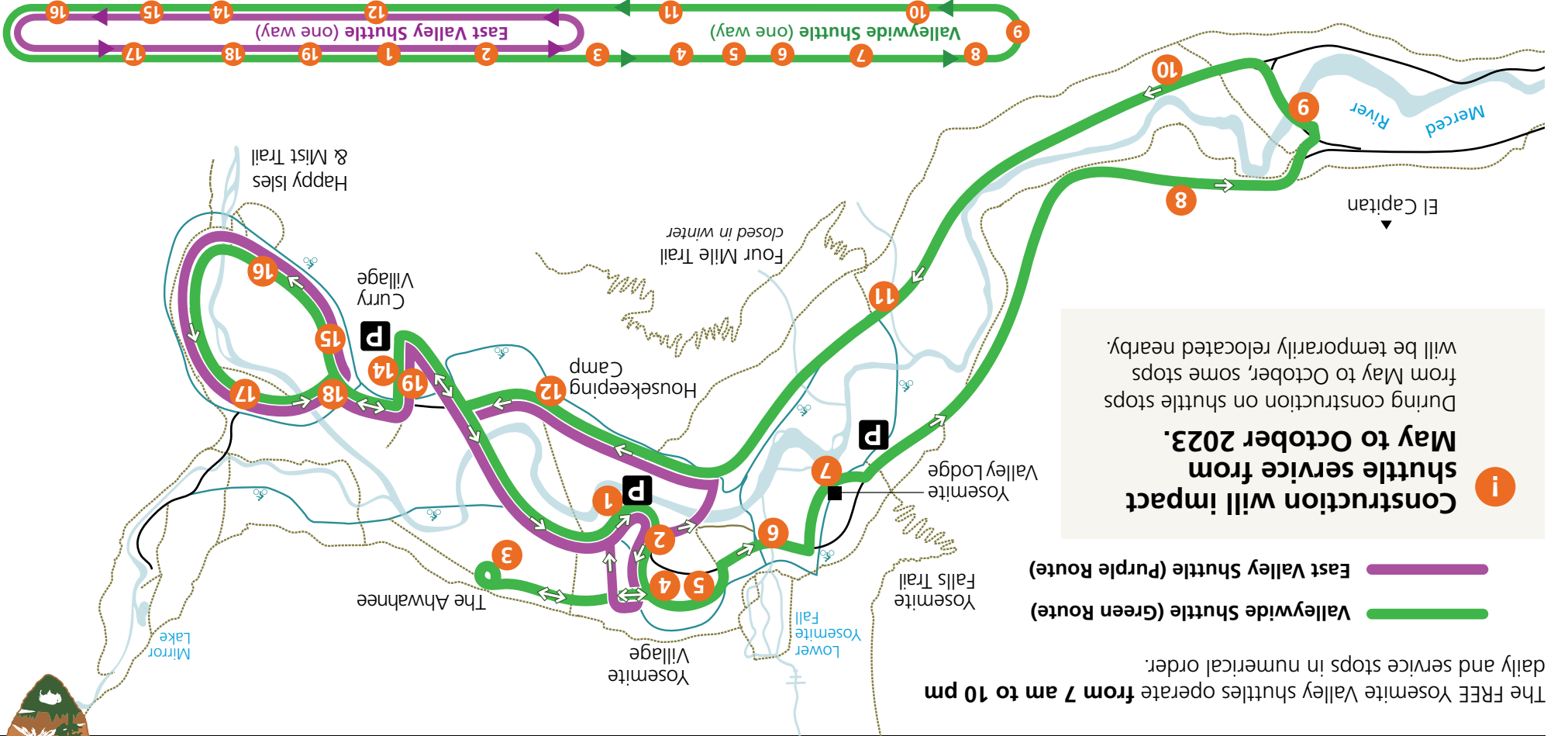
Yosemite Valley Shuttle Map

Turn to page 6 for more information on this free service.

The FREE Yosemite Valley shuttles operate from 7 am to 10 pm daily and service stops in numerical order.

Construction will impact shuttle service from May to October 2023. During construction on shuttle stops from May to October, some stops will be temporarily relocated nearby.

Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route)
East Valley Shuttle (Purple Route)



ALL SHUTTLES

- 1 Yosemite Village Parking
- 2 Village Store & NEW! Welcome Center Welcome
- 3 The Ahwahnee
- 4 Degnan's Kitchen
- 5 Visitor Center & Museum
- 6 Lower Yosemite Fall
- 7 Yosemite Valley Lodge/ Yosemite Falls Parking

VALLEYWIDE SHUTTLE ONLY

- 8 El Capitan Picnic Area
- 9 El Capitan Meadow
- 10 Cathedral Beach
- 11 Four Mile Trail

ALL SHUTTLES

- 12 Housekeeping Camp/ Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center
- 13 Happy Isles/ Mist Trail
- 14 Curry Village (eastbound)
- 15 Upper Pines Campground
- 16 Mirror Lake
- 17 Lower Pines Campground
- 18 Curry Village (Westbound)
- 19 Happy Isles/ Mist Trail