



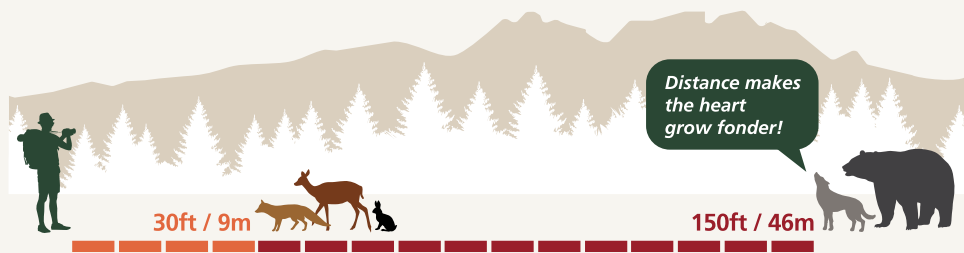
What You Need to Know



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 go.nps.gov/yosafety.



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

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 several 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 for up to two hours.

Things to Know

- Bike paths may be icy in fall and winter.
- 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.

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

Access for People with Disabilities

For a complete list of accessible services, exhibits, and recreational opportunities, pick up a Yosemite Accessibility Guide at any park entrance station or visitor center, or view online at www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm, or call a park Accessibility Coordinator at (209) 379-1035.

- Sign Language interpreting is available upon request. Contact Deaf Services at (209) 379-5250 (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 can I see wildlife?

Wildlife like deer, coyote, and maybe even a bear, can be seen in meadows foraging at twilight and dusk. Please stay on marked paths to protect meadow ecosystems.



Is my pet allowed in Yosemite?

Pets are allowed in developed areas, on fully paved roads, sidewalks, and bicycle paths (except when signed as not allowing 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 the shuttle buses or indoor lodging areas, including lobbies and rooms.

Winter Conditions

During the fall and winter, be prepared for changing road conditions. Tioga Road and the Mariposa Grove Road close after the first major snowstorm. The roads that remain open throughout the park may require tire chains. Check on current road conditions and chain restrictions by calling (209) 372-0200 (press 1 then 1).

Park Partners



Keep in Touch

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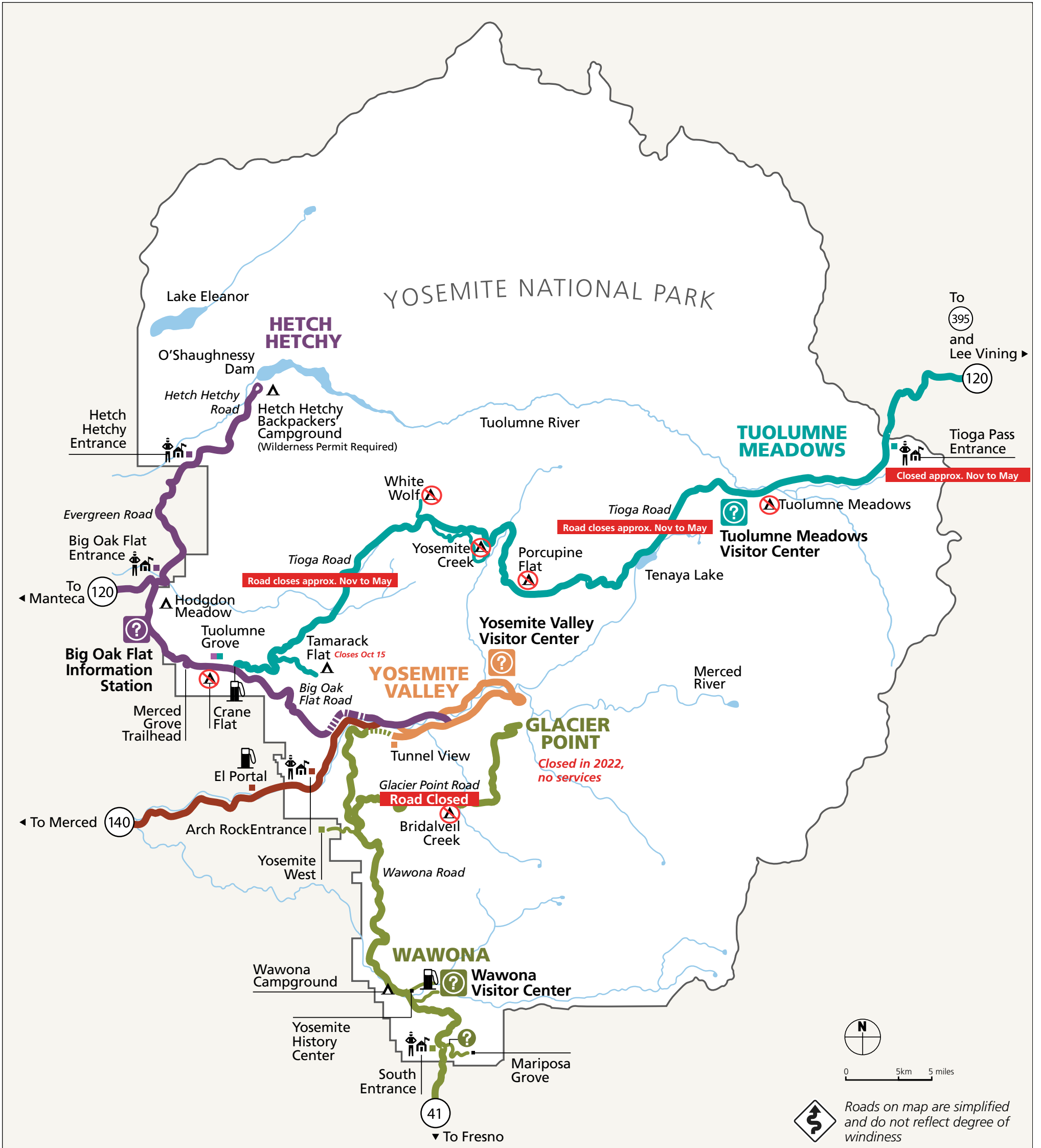


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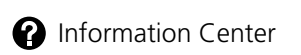
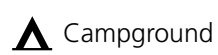
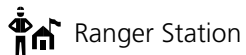
Enjoy your visit!



Park Map



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



Visitor Centers



YOSEMITE VALLEY VISITOR CENTER

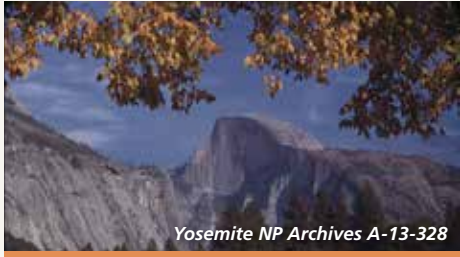
Maximize your time in Yosemite by reading this Guide and bringing any questions to the nearest visitor center. Talk to park rangers, view exhibits, and learn more about the park. The visitor centers also feature Yosemite Conservancy bookstores, where you can find books, maps, and other souvenir items.

Yosemite Valley Visitor Center // 9am to 5pm, open year-round

Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center // closed for the season

Big Oak Flat Information Station // 8am to 5pm, closes Oct 16

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio // 8am to 5pm, closes Oct 9



Yosemite Valley



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.



Tuolumne Meadows and Tioga Road

NO SERVICES; NO OVERNIGHT PARKING AFTER OCTOBER 14; ROAD CLOSURES SOMETIME IN NOVEMBER

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 to Tuolumne Meadows:

54 mi/87 km (1 ½ hours)

Directions

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

Road Conditions

Tioga Road from Crane Flat to Tioga Pass is closed to all overnight parking (including side roads and parking lots) beginning October 15. Tioga Road is typically closed due to snow from approximately November through late May or June. Visit go.nps.gov/conditions for more information.



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. It operates from 8am to 5:30pm, with the last bus leaving Mariposa Grove at 6:30pm. Buses pick up about every 10 minutes. Starting November 8, the shuttle will run until 3:30 pm, with the last bus leaving Mariposa Grove at 5 pm and with buses picking up about every 15 minutes. 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.



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.



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 offers many wilderness trails. The area's low elevation makes it a good place to hike in autumn, winter, and spring, and very hot for hiking in the summer. Wilderness permits and bear canisters are available while the road is open.

Distance from Yosemite Valley:

40 mi/64 km (1 ½ hours)

Directions

From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy 120) to Evergreen Road, then turn right.

Road Conditions

Vehicles and/or trailers over 25 feet long and 8 feet wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road. The road is only open from 8am to 5pm.



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

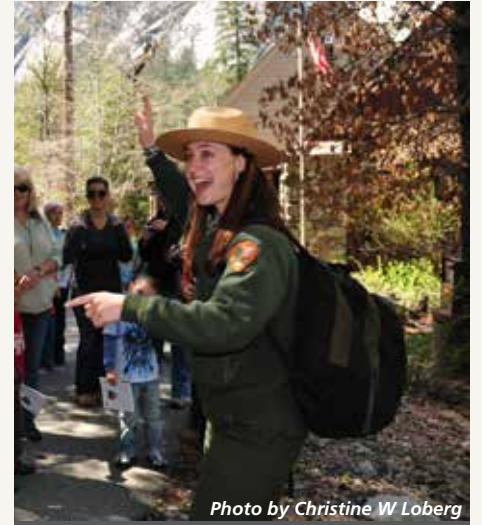
From Yosemite Valley, take Big Oak Flat Road (Hwy 120) to Tioga Road Junction at Crane Flat.

Road Conditions

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



Illustration by Tom Whitworth



A Park Ranger Suggests...

If you're visiting Yosemite for a half day:

- Walk around one of Yosemite Valley's meadows.
- View the park's award-winning film, Spirit of Yosemite, at Yosemite Theater in Yosemite Village.
- Stop at Tunnel View, El Capitan Meadow, and Valley View for iconic scenic viewpoints.

If you're visiting Yosemite for a full day:

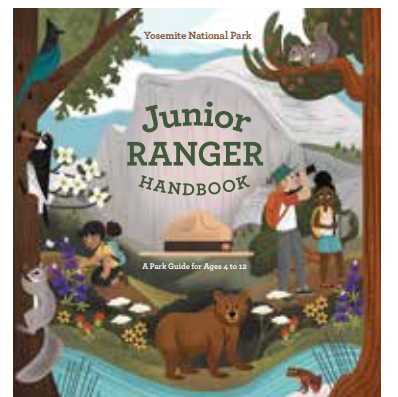
- Attend a ranger program, photo walk, or art class (see page 8).
- Take a scenic drive down Tioga Road (closes in November).
- Consider a scenic hike to Cook's Meadow, Mirror Lake, or Vernal Fall.
- Visit a sequoia grove at Mariposa Grove, Tuolumne Grove, or Merced Grove.

If you're visiting Yosemite for two or more days:

- Visit the Yosemite History Center in Wawona.
- Take a Yosemite Valley Floor Tour (see page 9).
- See Hetch Hetchy, an area once described as Yosemite Valley's twin.

Do you have kids?

- Pick up a Junior Ranger booklet and complete the activities to earn a junior ranger badge!
- Make some art at Happy Isles Art and Nature Center (closes October 28).





Services



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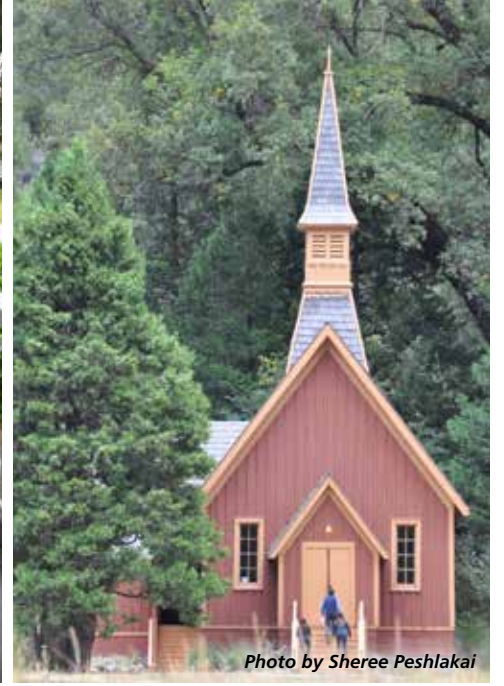


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Hospitality Service Hours

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 5pm (closes for the season on Oct 16)

THE AHWAHNEE

Dining Room
Coffee Bar: 6:30am to 10:30am
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm
Dinner: 5:30pm to 9pm
Sunday Brunch: 8am to 2pm
Appropriate attire respectfully required for dinner. Reservations strongly recommended for dinner and Sunday Brunch.
(209) 372-1489

The Ahwahnee Bar
12pm to 9pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Base Camp Eatery
Breakfast: 6:30am to 10:30am
Lunch/Dinner: 11am to 9pm (closes at 8pm starting Oct 17)

Mountain Room Bar
Friday - Saturday: 12pm to 10pm
Sunday: 9:30am to 10pm
Monday - Thursday: 5pm to 10pm

Mountain Room Restaurant
Dinner: 5pm to 9pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Peet's Coffee Corner
6:30am to 11am (closes Nov 27 to Dec 16)
(Jennie's Ice Cream is closed)

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

Dinner: Closed
(Breakfast only from Nov 27 to Dec 15)

Curry Village Bar
12pm to 9pm
(closes Nov 27 to Dec 15)

Pizza Deck
12pm to 9pm
(closes Nov 27 to Dec 15)

Meadow Grill
Closed

BOOKS, GIFTS, & APPAREL

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

The Ansel Adams Gallery
10am to 4pm, may close for lunch (10am to 3pm, starting Nov 1)

Yosemite Valley Visitor Center
9am to 5pm

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

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore
at Yosemite Museum
10am to 4pm, closed for lunch

Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center
8am to 5pm (closes for the season on Oct 23)

Village Store
8am to 8pm

THE AHWAHNEE

Gift Shop
9am to 7pm

Sweet Shop
8am to 8pm

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm

CURRY VILLAGE

Mountain Shop
8am to 8pm

Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm

HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

Gift/Grocery
8am to 8pm (closes for the season on Oct 1)

HAPPY ISLES

Happy Isles Art and Nature Center
9am to 4pm (closes for the season on Oct 28)

POST OFFICES

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

Yosemite Valley Lodge Post Office
Monday - Friday: 12:30pm to 2:45pm

TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

YOSEMITE VILLAGE

Tour and Activity Desk - Village Store
Closed

YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE

Tour and Activity Desk
7:30am to 7pm

Yosemite Valley Lodge Pool
Closed

Bike Rentals
9am to 5pm

CURRY VILLAGE
Tour and Activity Desk
Closed

Mountaineering School
8:30am to 4:30pm
Closed for 1 hour at noon

Bike Rentals
9am to 5pm (closes for the season on Oct 30, depending on weather)

Curry Village Ice Rink
Tentatively opens for the season on Nov 18 (conditions permitting)

SHOWERS AND LAUNDRY

HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

Showers
7am to 10pm (guests only; closes for the season on Oct 10)

Laundry
8am to 8pm (closes for the season on Oct 10)

CURRY VILLAGE

Showers
open 24 hours

WAWONA, MARIPOSA GROVE, GLACIER POINT

FOOD & BEVERAGE

WAWONA

Wawona Hotel Dining Room
Breakfast: 7am to 10am
Lunch: 11:30am to 2pm
Dinner: 5pm to 8:30pm
Lounge Service: 4pm to 9pm

Golf Shop & Snack Stand
9am to 4:30pm (closes Oct 30)

Glacier Point
Snack Stand
Closed

BOOKS, GIFTS, APPAREL, & GROCERIES

WAWONA

Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop
8am to 6pm

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore
at Wawona Visitor Center
9am to 5pm (closes for the season on Oct 16)

Pine Tree Market
8am to 8pm

MARIPOSA GROVE

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

GLACIER POINT

Gift Shop
Closed



POST OFFICE

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

GAS STATION

Wawona Service Station
9am to 6pm, Diesel & propane available. Pay at the pump 24 hours with credit or debit card.



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TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

Golf Course & Disc Golf
Closed

Tennis Courts
8am to dusk (closes for the season on Nov 27)

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
Closed

Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore
Closed

POST OFFICE

Tuolumne Meadows Post Office
Closed

GAS STATION

Crane Flat Service Station
Store hours: 8am to 5pm (closes for the season on Oct 29). 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 (year-round)

Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 24 at 10am

Above services are subject to change based on Covid-19 policies. Please call the chapel office for current information about services before you travel.

Camping & Lodging: How to Spend the Night in Yosemite

Reservations are required for all campgrounds until Oct 1. After that, some campgrounds switch to first-come, first-served. To check a campground's status, call (209) 372-0266.

The following campgrounds are open: Wawona, Upper Pines, Lower Pines, North Pines, Camp 4 (tents only, no RVs or trailers), Hodgdon Meadow, and Tamarack Flat (until Oct 15). All other campgrounds are currently closed.

If you don't have a reservation, you can check the website for possible cancellations. 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.

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

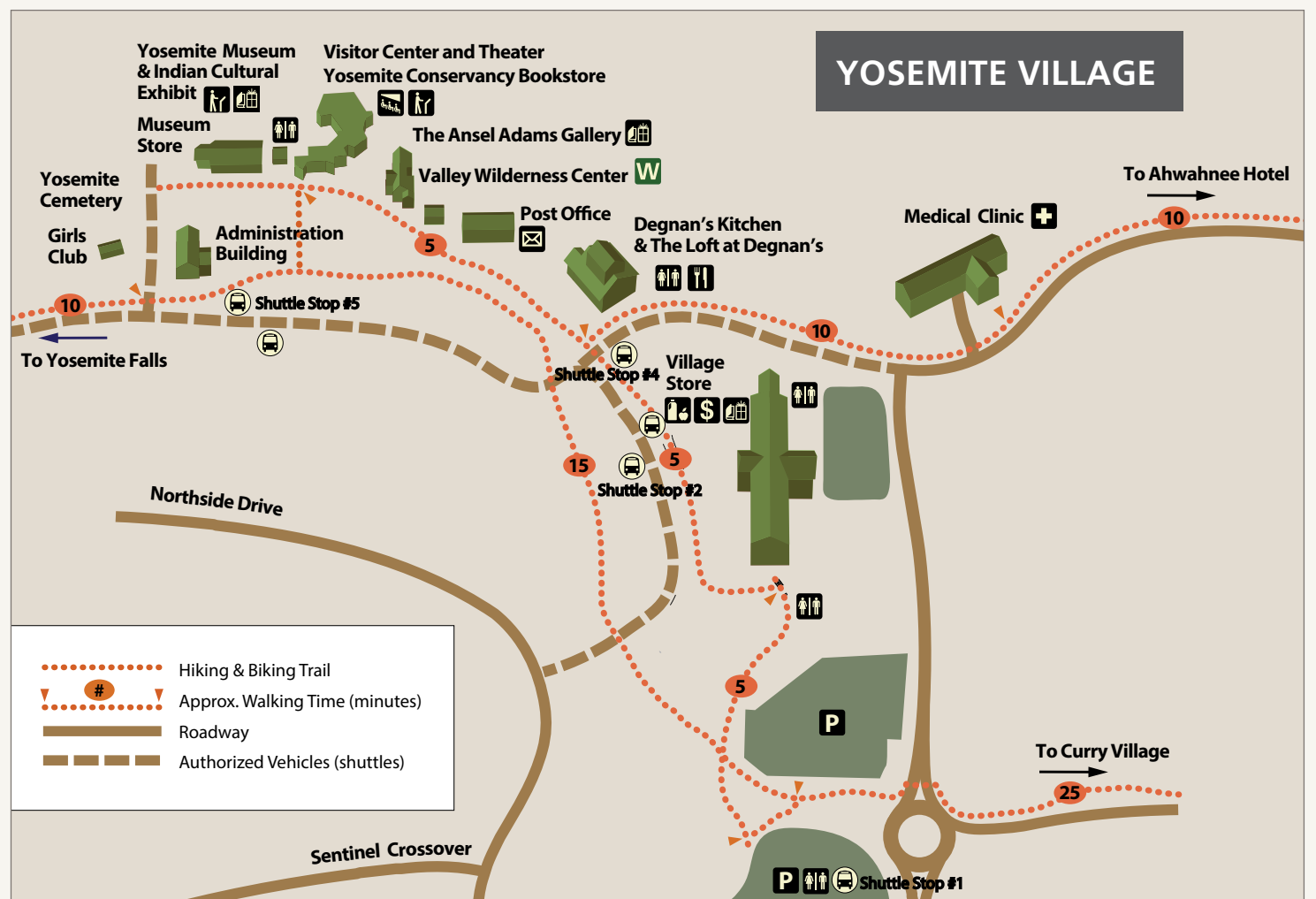
Call Center Hours
7am to 9pm Pacific Time



Lodging Reservations
www.travelyosemite.com
(888) 413-8869

Check the website or phone number above for reservations at each of the following:

- The Ahwahnee
- Yosemite Valley Lodge
- Wawona Hotel (closed Nov 27 to Dec 15)
- Curry Village
- Housekeeping Camp (closes for the season on Oct 10)





Yosemite Valley Shuttle System



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Valleywide Shuttle

East Valley Shuttle

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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 20 to 30 minutes with a total round trip time of approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. The East Valley Shuttle runs approximately every 15 to 20 minutes with a total round trip time of approximately 50 minutes. Expect delays during busy periods. See schedules posted at shuttle stops for more information.



Shuttle Stops

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Yosemite Village Parking

Parking area fills early. Once you find a spot, keep it, and use the free shuttle. Dining, shopping, and information are only a 5-10 minute walk from here.

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Village Store

Dining, Gift and Grocery, Tour and Activity Desk
Less than a 5-minute Walk: Post Office, Wilderness Center, Visitor Center, Theater, Museum

3

The Ahwahnee

Lodging, Dining, Gift Shop



4

Degnan's Kitchen

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

5

Valley Visitor Center & Museum

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

6

Lower Yosemite Falls

Trailhead, Picnic Area, Scenic View



7

Yosemite Valley Lodge/Yosemite Falls Parking

Dining, Gift and Grocery, Trailhead

8

El Capitan Picnic Area

Scenic View

9

El Capitan Meadow

Scenic View

10

Cathedral Beach

Scenic View



11

Four Mile Trail

Trailhead
Less than a 5-minute walk: Restrooms, Parking, Scenic View

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Housekeeping Camp/Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

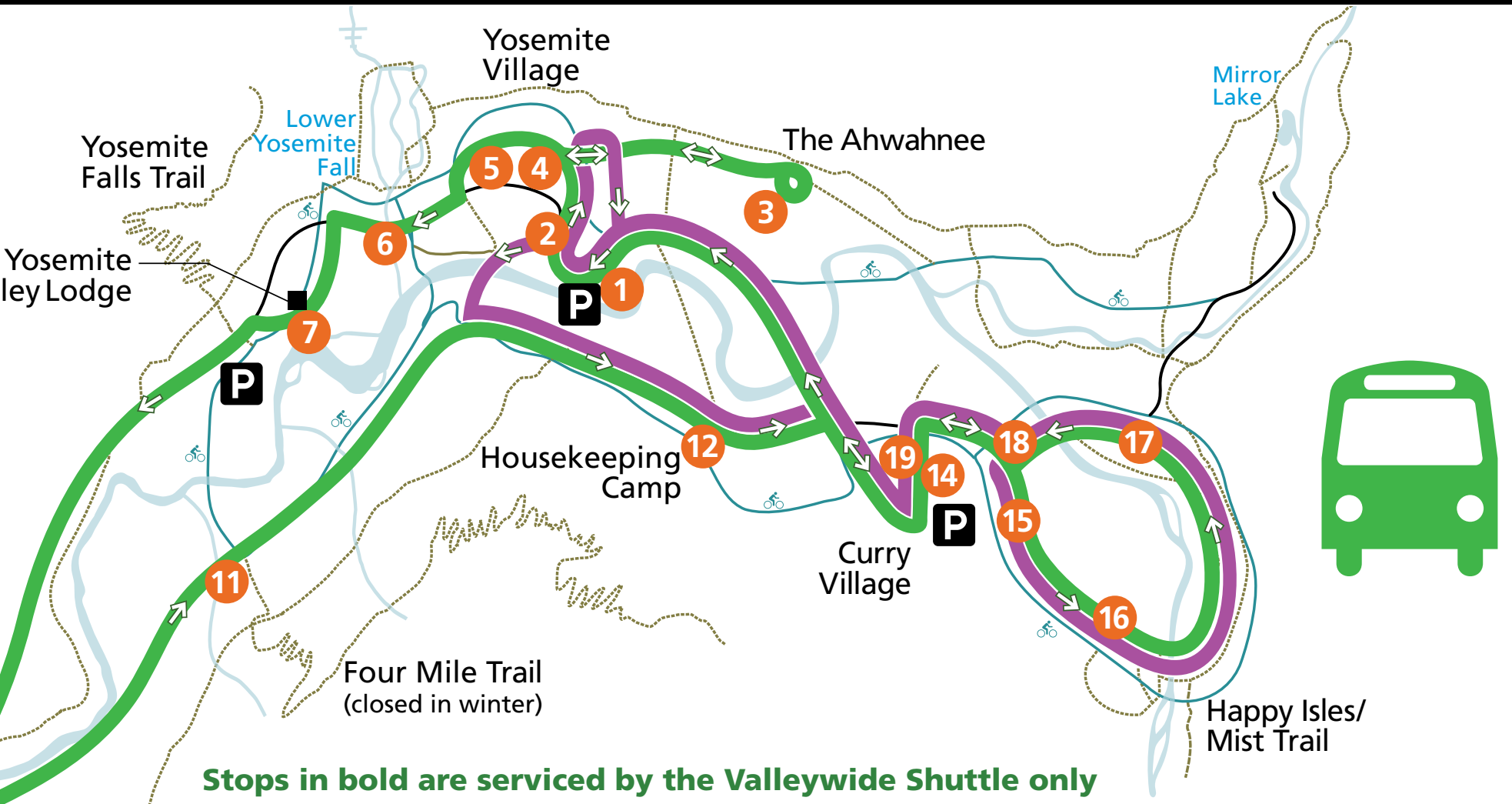
Information, Lodging, Gift and Grocery, Laundry

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Curry Village (eastbound)

Lodging, Dining, Gift and Grocery, Tour and Activity Desk, Amphitheater, Showers





Stops in bold are serviced by the Valleywide Shuttle only

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| 1 Yosemite Village Parking | | 9 El Capitan Meadow | |
| 2 Village Store | | 10 Cathedral Beach | |
| 3 The Ahwahnee | | 11 Four Mile Trail | |
| 4 Degnan's Kitchen | | 12 Housekeeping Camp/
Yosemite Conservation
Heritage Center | |
| 5 Valley Visitor
Center & Museum | | 14 Curry Village (eastbound) | |
| 6 Lower Yosemite Falls | | 15 Upper Pines Campground | |
| 7 Yosemite Valley Lodge/
Yosemite Falls Parking | | 16 Happy Isles/Mist Trail | |
| 8 El Capitan Picnic Area | | 17 Mirror Lake | |
| | | 18 Lower Pines Campground | |
| | | 19 Curry Village (westbound) | |

0.5 Kilometer
0.5 Mile



YARTS



The 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.

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



- 18** **Lower Pines Campground**
– Campground, Amphitheater
- 19** **Curry Village (westbound)**
– Lodging, Dining, Gift and Grocery, Tour and Activity Desk, Amphitheater, Showers





Events and Programs



TIME	PROGRAMS	DURATION	EXCEPTIONS	LOCATION	SU	M	TU	W	TH	F	SA
9:00am	Climber Coffee Meet with climbing rangers to discuss climbing management issues, preventative search and rescue activities, and climbing current events. Meet at Camp 4. (NPS)	2 hrs	Ends Oct 30	Yosemite Valley	X						
9:00am	Daily 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	Ends Oct 28	Yosemite Valley		X	X	X	X	X	
9:00am	In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography Space is limited, reserve in advance at anseladams.com or by calling (209) 372-4413. \$ (TAAG)	3 hrs		Yosemite Valley				X			
11:00am	Reception for High Spirit: New Paintings by Penny Otwell Artist Penny Otwell will be at a reception for her show on October 13 at The Ansel Adams Gallery. (TAAG)	2 hrs	Oct 13 only	Yosemite Valley					X		
12:30pm	Ask a Climber Join Yosemite Climbing Rangers and Stewards as they discuss climbing El Capitan. Telescopes will be set up and pointed at climbers on El Capitan. They will be set up on the west side of El Capitan Bridge. (NPS)	4 hrs	Ends Oct 29	Yosemite Valley	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1:00pm	In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography Space is limited, reserve in advance at anseladams.com or by calling (209) 372-4413. \$ (TAAG)	3 hrs		Yosemite Valley							X
1:00pm	In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams Space is limited, reserve in advance at anseladams.com or by calling (209) 372-4413. \$ (TAAG)	4 hrs		Yosemite Valley		X					
1:00pm	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		Yosemite Valley					X		
2:00pm	Your Yosemite: Sense of Place Stroll Meet at Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, walk ups welcome. (YC)	1 hr		Yosemite Valley			X			X	
5:00pm	Yosemite Valley Sunset Walk Reservations required. Register at Yosemite.org/adventures. \$ (YC)	2 hrs		Yosemite Valley					X	X	X
7:00pm	Halloween Valley Cemetery Tour Meet at the fire pit in front of the Indian Cultural Museum, walk-ups welcome. (YC)	1 hr	Oct 31 only	Yosemite Valley		X					
8:00pm	Explore Yosemite Valley's Night Sky Reservations required. Register at Yosemite.org/adventures. \$ (YC)	1 hr		Yosemite Valley					X	X	X
9:00pm	Halloween Valley Cemetery Tour Meet at the fire pit in front of the Indian Cultural Museum, walk-ups welcome. (YC)	1 hr	Oct 31 only	Yosemite Valley		X					

Yosemite Renaissance 38
Call for Participation
 August 1st through Nov 30th, 2022
 Artists apply on-line at...
www.SmarterEntry.com

Celebrate Yosemite and the California Sierra.
 Help us inspire the public to protect and preserve
 our parks and wild lands through Art!

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 Painting by Lillie-Anne Price - YR37

Yosemite Renaissance 38 Competition and Exhibition Call for Participation

If you are an artist inspired by Yosemite and the California Sierra Nevada, this is a fabulous opportunity to share your vision!

The exhibit showcases works related to Yosemite National Park and the California Sierra Nevada region. For over 150 years, artists have played an important role in the establishment of our state and national parks, inspiring people to visit iconic natural sites, and to protect our parks, wild lands and natural resources.

We encourage artists to celebrate the beauty and wonder of nature, and to explore environmental issues, ecology, history, current events, spiritual and cultural themes. We also encourage innovation, the use of new media, and new applications of traditional styles and techniques. The exhibit is open to artists working world-wide. \$4,000 in cash awards will be presented at the Opening Reception in Spring 2023.

The 37th annual exhibit is traveling, moving on to the Yosemite Museum Gallery from October 22 through December 18.

PROGRAMS ACCESSIBILITY

- 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.

Programs especially for children and their families.
 X Programs are offered on marked days

NPS National Park Service
 YC Yosemite Conservancy

YH Yosemite Hospitality
 SC Sierra Club

TAAG The Ansel Adams Gallery
 \$ Programs with a fee

Go to www.nps.gov/yose or the park app to see the web events calendar for more program information. Program offerings and hours are subject to change.



Yosemite Valley (NPS)

Ask a ranger your questions, become a Junior Ranger, explore exhibits, and find park resources at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center, open from 9am to 5pm. Visit the Yosemite Valley Theater to watch *The Spirit of Yosemite*. 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. The museum may be closed on some days due to staffing levels.

Tuolumne Meadows

The Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center and Bookstore and Parsons Memorial Lodge at the Soda Springs are currently closed for the season.

Hetch Hetchy, Hodgdon Meadow, & Crane Flat

The Big Oak Flat Information Station is open daily from 8am to 5pm for information including park history, current conditions, and wilderness permits. It closes for the season on October 16.

Sierra Club

The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (formerly LeConte Memorial Lodge) is closed for the winter season until May 2023.

Glacier Point

Glacier Point Road is currently closed and Glacier Point is only accessible via steep hiking trails. No programs or events will be held there this season.

Wawona & Mariposa Grove

Visit the Yosemite History Center and experience life in the early days of Yosemite National Park. Take a self-guided tour of the area and then stop by the Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio. It closes for the season on October 9.

The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery is open daily, 10am to 4pm (only until 3pm, starting November 1), and is located in Yosemite Village. The Gallery may close for lunch. Step inside the Gallery to experience a variety of fine arts, handcrafts, 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.

- Exhibition: Sept 25 - Nov 5 "High Spirit: New Paintings by Penny Otwell"
- Exhibition: Nov 6 - Jan 7 "Ansel Adams and The Eternal West: 60 Years of Photographs"

Yosemite Hospitality

The Yosemite Mountaineering School offers half-day and full-day group hikes. Call (209) 372-8344 or stop by the Mountain Shop at Curry Village to make your reservation. In Wawona, join pianist and singer Tom Bopp in the Wawona Hotel lobby from 5:30pm to 9:30pm, Tuesday through Saturday, as he performs songs and tells stories from Yosemite's past. In Yosemite Valley, reserve your spot on a Valley Floor Tour, offered daily at 10am and 2pm.

Visit travel Yosemite.com or call (888) 413-8869 to book your adventure.


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 a workshop with a professional artist, other art activities, and the nature exhibit. 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 9am to 4pm until October 28.

Visit yosemite.org to find the latest updates from their team, learn more about the organization, and browse their full program calendar.





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Yosemite Valley

FEATURE	TRAIL/DESTINATION	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE/TIME	STARTING POINT	DIFFICULTY/ELEVATION
	Mirror Lake/Meadow (Dry in summer and fall)	When filled in winter and spring, the lake offers beautiful reflections of surrounding cliffs, otherwise a scenic meadow.	2 mi/3.2 km round-trip, 1 hour -OR- 5 miles/8 km, 2 hours	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Mirror Lake, Shuttle Stop #17	Easy; flat
	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	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Lower Yosemite Fall Trailhead, Shuttle Stop #6	Easy; flat
	Columbia Rock via Yosemite Falls Trail	Enjoy overlooking Yosemite Valley from Columbia Rock, located one mile (and dozens of switchbacks) from the trailhead.	2 mi/3.2 km round-trip, 2 to 3 hours	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Camp 4, Shuttle Stop #7	Strenuous; 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	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Camp 4, Shuttle Stop #7	Strenuous; 2,700-foot elevation gain
	Vernal Fall Footbridge	An excellent view of Vernal Fall is visible from the footbridge.	1.4 mi/2.3 km round- trip, 1 to 2 hours	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	Moderate; 400-foot elevation gain
	Top of Vernal Fall	Follow the Mist Trail up a steep granite stairway of over 600 steps. Due to slippery conditions, portions of this trail are closed during the winter, but the top of the fall can still be reached from Clark Point.	3 mi/4.8 km round-trip, 2 to 4 hours	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	Strenuous; 1,000-foot elevation gain
	Top of Nevada Fall	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.	5 mi/8 km round-trip, 5 to 6 hours	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Happy Isles Shuttle Stop #16	Strenuous; 1,900-foot elevation gain
	Valley Floor Loop Trail	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.	13 mi/21 km full loop, 5 to 7 hours full loop	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Lower Yosemite Fall, Shuttle Stop #6	Moderate; mostly level
	Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point (closed in the winter)	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.	4.8 mi/7.7 km one-way, 3 to 4 hours one-way	In Yosemite Valley, begin at Four Mile Trailhead, Shuttle Stop #11	Very Strenuous; 3,200-foot elevation gain

WILDERNESS PERMITS

Wilderness permits are required year round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness. Go to [nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm](https://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/wildpermits.htm) to make a reservation and to check trailhead availability. After Wilderness Centers close for the season, please come prepared with your own bear canister or rent one at the bookstore in the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center

8am to 5pm, closes for the season October 23. After that, self-registration for the Valley trailheads only will be available in front of the Visitor Center. Bear canisters are available for rent at the bookstore.

Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio

8am to 5pm, closes for the season October 15. Self-registration for the Wawona trailheads only will be available on the front porch.

Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center

8am to 5pm, closes for the season October 15. Self-registration for the Tioga Road trailheads only will be available on the front porch.

Big Oak Flat Information Station

8am to 5pm, closes for the season October 15. Self-registration for the Tioga Road trailheads only will be available on the front porch.

Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station

8am to 5pm, closes for the season October 30. Self-registration for Hetch Hetchy trailheads only will be available at the kiosk.

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.

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. Both a wilderness permit and a Half Dome permit will be required.

Waterfall Scenic Views Lake One Hour or Less Wheelchair Accessible



Photo by McKenna McFarland



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Outside Yosemite Valley

FEATURE	TRAIL/DESTINATION	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE/TIME	STARTING POINT	DIFFICULTY/ELEVATION
TUOLUMNE MEADOWS/TIOGA ROAD					
NO OVERNIGHT PARKING AFTER OCTOBER 15. THIS AREA BECOMES INACCESSIBLE VIA ROAD IN THE WINTER.					
	Soda Springs/ Parsons Lodge	See Soda Springs—carbonated, cold water bubbling out of the ground—protected within a log enclosure. Historic Parsons Memorial Lodge offers exhibits (limited hours).	1.5 mi/2.4 km round-trip, 1 hour	Begin at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center and cross the meadow	Easy; flat
	Lembert Dome	Make a steady climb for 0.75 miles to a signed junction. Turn left to see a spectacular view of Tuolumne Meadows and surrounding peaks atop Lembert Dome. Return the same way or follow signs to Dog Lake.	3 mi/4.8 km round-trip, 2 to 3 hours	Along Tioga Road, begin at the Dog Lake parking lot	Moderate; 1,000-foot elevation gain
	Gaylor Lakes	Climb steadily to a ridge with views of the High Sierra including Mt. Dana and Dana Meadows with its scattered ponds. Continue on to Middle Gaylor Lake.	2 mi/1.6 km round-trip, 2 hours	Begin at Tioga Pass Entrance Station	Moderate; 500-foot elevation gain
HETCH HETCHY					
	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	Moderate; 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 past the Golf Course	Easy; flat
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 Rd	Moderate; 500-foot elevation gain
	Merced Grove Trail	This trail follows an old road that curves down into the Merced Grove, the smallest and most secluded of Yosemite's three sequoia groves.	3 mi/4.8 km round-trip, 1 to 3 hours	Begin at Merced Grove parking lot on Big Oak Flat Road	Moderate; 300-foot elevation gain
	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/.5 km loop, 30 to 45 minutes	Begin at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area	Easy; flat
	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	In Mariposa Grove, begin at Mariposa Grove Arrival Area	Moderate; 300-foot elevation gain

Visitors with a valid disability placard can drive as far as the Grizzly Giant Parking Area and enjoy a section of trail that is wheelchair accessible.

SAFETY INFORMATION



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.

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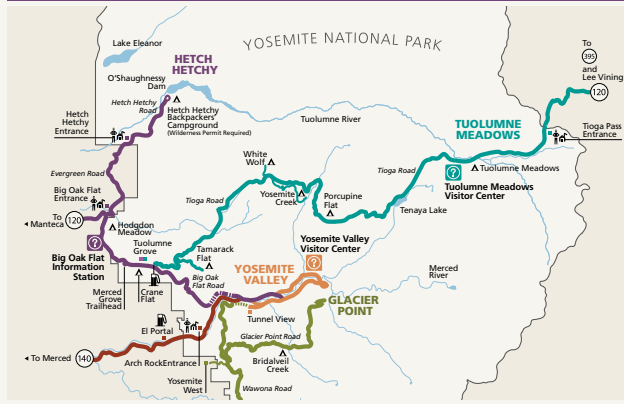
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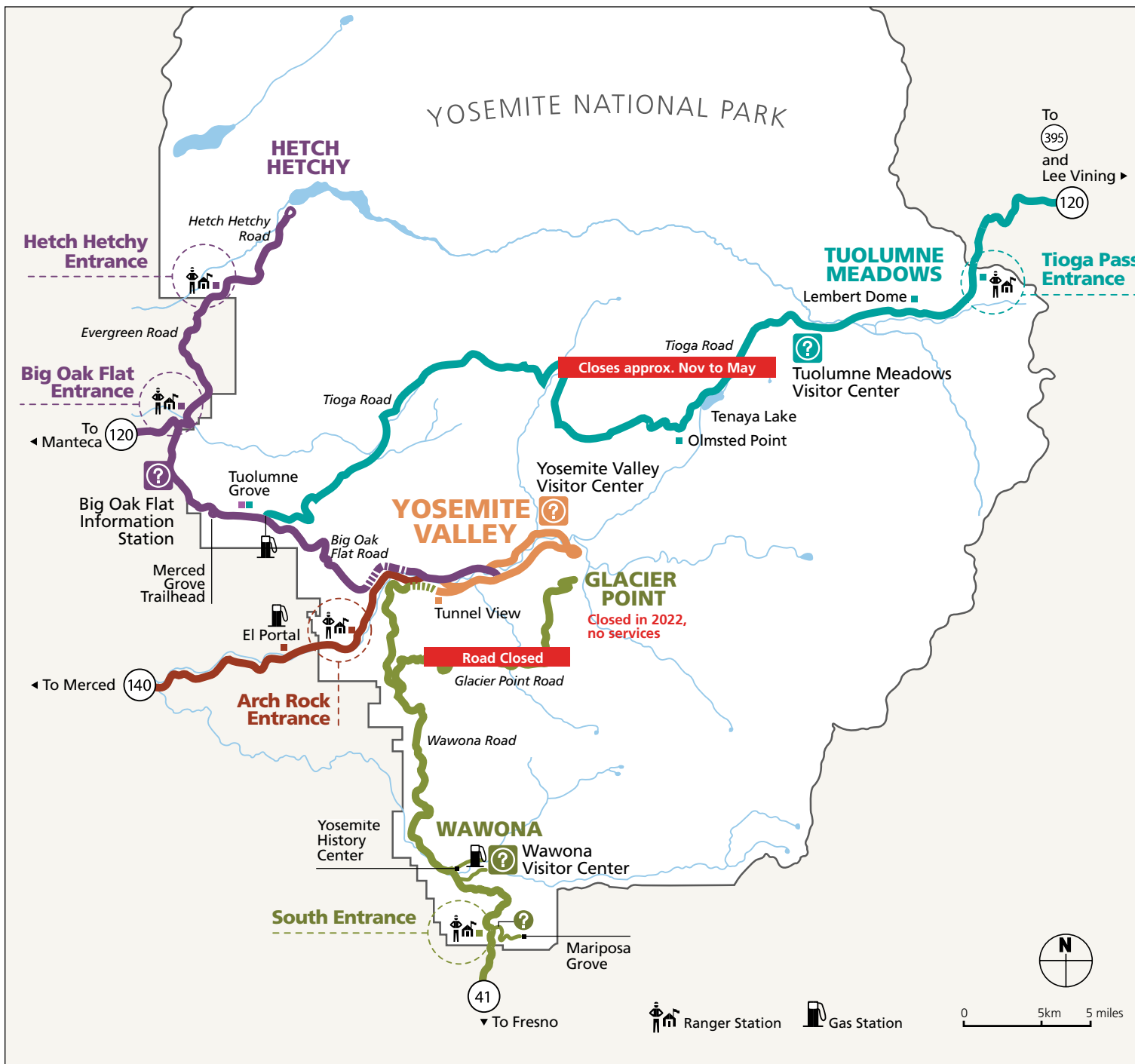


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How to Get to Yosemite Valley



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:

- (Closed in winter)
- Lembert Dome
- Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center
- Tenaya Lake
- Olmsted Point