



# Yosemite Essentials

## Yosemite in Winter: What to Expect

Winter is a wonderful time to slow down and enjoy Yosemite's most peaceful season.

Yosemite Valley remains open year-round, its iconic granite features often dusted with snow. Enjoy many miles of scenic paths on the Valley floor, where winter is usually milder than in other parts of the park.

Many popular hiking trails at higher elevations are closed, inaccessible, or covered in ice or deep snow. Those looking for a more strenuous adventure might consider exploring Yosemite by ski or snowshoe!  
*Turn to page 9 for information about winter recreation in Yosemite.*



### Expect most trails to be icy or snowy.

Trails may be hazardously icy, covered in snow, or inaccessible due to seasonal road closures.

Skis, snowshoes, hiking poles, or microspikes might be necessary for some trips. Winter conditions make navigation skills, proper gear, and preparedness more essential than ever. Ask a ranger about current trail conditions and closures before you go. *Turn to pages 10 & 11 for more information about hiking.*

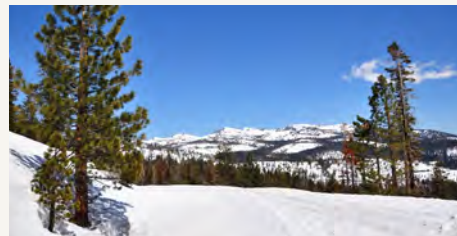


### Visitor services are more limited this time of year.

Information, dining, shopping, shuttles, and many other services are available in Yosemite Valley year-round.

Services are very limited in other areas of the park—plan to grab snacks and supplies before you go.

*Turn to pages 4 & 5 for a list of available services.*



### Tioga Road and Glacier Point Road are closed to vehicles in winter.

These high-elevation roads are closed from approximately November to May. During the closure, some areas of the park can only be reached by a strenuous ski or snowshoe trip.

**When Tioga Road is closed, there is NO vehicle access to Hwy 395 and the eastern Sierra directly from Yosemite.** *Turn to page 2 for more information.*



### Tire chains may become mandatory on any park road at any time.

Tire chains and cables provide additional traction for vehicles on snowy and icy roads.

Check for temporary road closures and chain restrictions in Yosemite before driving: **call 209/372-0200 (press 1, then 1 to hear the recording.)** For road conditions outside of Yosemite, visit the CalTrans website at [roads.dot.ca.gov](http://roads.dot.ca.gov) or call 800/427-7623.

#### Levels of Chain Restrictions

ALL vehicles must carry chains when any level of restriction is in effect. Restrictions can change at any time. The speed limit in a chain control area is 25 mph.

**R0:** no chain restrictions

**R1:** Chains OR snow tires required

**R2:** Chains OR snow tires and AWD/4WD required

**R3:** Chains required for all vehicles

For more details, visit [go.nps.gov/chains](http://go.nps.gov/chains)

### Viewing Horsetail Fall in Late February

On rare occasions during mid- to late February, Horsetail Fall can glow orange when it's backlit by sunset. Due to the popularity of this event, restrictions are in effect. *Check the map to the right for details.*

**Where to park:** Yosemite Falls Parking (closest), Yosemite Village, or Curry Village. *Limited parking for vehicles with a valid disability placard at El Capitan Picnic Area.*

**Viewing Area:** Walk 1.5 mi from Yosemite Falls Parking to the viewing area near El Capitan. *One lane of Northside Dr. is closed to vehicles and open to pedestrians.*

**Bring:** Warm clothing and a headlamp or flashlight.

**Help Protect Yosemite:** Stay on trails and out of meadows and closed areas. Use dumpsters and vault toilets at El Capitan Picnic Area.

**Visit [go.nps.gov/Horsetail](http://go.nps.gov/Horsetail) for more details.**

### Horsetail Fall Viewing Area & Restrictions

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**Northside Drive**  
from Lower Yosemite Fall to El Capitan Crossover:  
No stopping, parking, or unloading. *One lane closed to vehicles but open to pedestrians.*  
Speed Limit: 25 mph

**Yosemite Falls Parking**  
1.5 mi (2.4 km) walk each way to Viewing Area

**Viewing Area**

**Southside Drive**  
from El Capitan Crossover to Swinging Bridge:  
No stopping, parking, unloading, or pedestrians on or adjacent to road.

**Yosemite Village Parking**  
3 mi (4.8 km) walk each way to Viewing Area

**Closed Area**

## Keep Bears Wild. Proper Food Storage is Required by Federal Law—Even in Winter!

Bears that frequently access human food\* lose their fear of people and can become dangerous. Bears may have to be killed in order to protect people.

### ☀ During the Day

✓ **DO:** Keep your food\* within arm's reach while hiking or picnicking.

✓ **DO:** Lock your vehicle and keep all windows closed when you are away. Keep food\*, drinks, and coolers hidden from sight.

✗ **DON'T:** Leave food\* unattended outside, in a truck bed, or strapped to the outside of a vehicle.

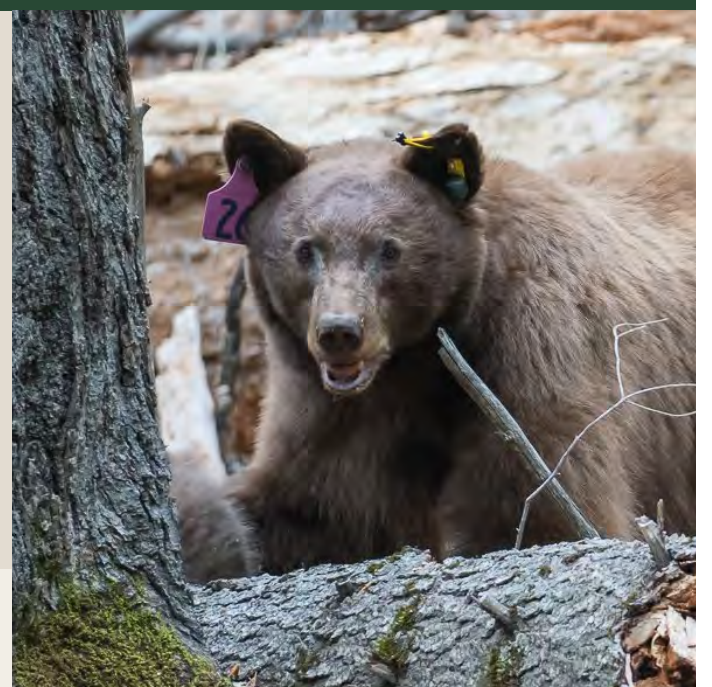
### 🌙 At Night

✓ **DO:** Remove food\* from your vehicle at night. *Bears can easily break into vehicles in search of food.* Store food\* inside a bear-proof locker, in a hotel room or hard-sided cabin, or in a hard-sided RV with all windows and doors closed.

✗ **Food\*, trash, and other scented items may NOT be stored inside vehicles overnight.**

**\*To a bear, "food" includes trash, recycling, toiletries, soap, unwashed dishes, and anything else with a scent. All must be properly stored.**

*If you see a bear in the park, email [yose\\_bear\\_mgmt@nps.gov](mailto:yose_bear_mgmt@nps.gov) or call the Save-a-Bear hotline at 209/372-0322. To learn more about food storage and bears, visit [KeepBearsWild.org](http://KeepBearsWild.org).*



# ↗\* Park Map



## GLACIER POINT & BADGER PASS SKI AREA

### Glacier Point Road is closed to vehicles for the winter.

Glacier Point is an iconic overlook on the rim of Yosemite Valley, 3,200 feet above the Valley floor. From approximately May through November, this viewpoint can be reached by car or by a very strenuous hike from Yosemite Valley.

In winter, Glacier Point can only be reached by a long ski or snowshoe trip from Badger Pass Ski Area.

**BADGER PASS SKI AREA** is open in winter, when conditions allow. Enjoy downhill skiing and snowboarding, tubing, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. A groomed ski trail follows the closed road from Badger Pass to Glacier Point. *Sledding and snowplay are NOT allowed at Badger Pass; check out the snowplay area at Crane Flat instead!*

Turn to page 9 for more information about winter recreation.

## TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

### Tioga Road is closed to vehicles for the winter.

The scenic Tioga Road traverses Yosemite's high country, crossing over the Sierra Nevada at Tioga Pass—almost 10,000 feet in elevation! From approximately May to November, visitors can access numerous trails, peaks, meadows, and lakes along this scenic drive. In winter, Yosemite's high country can only be reached by a strenuous ski or snowshoe trip.

**When Tioga Road is closed, there is no direct route from Yosemite to the eastern Sierra and Highway 395.** Drivers headed east must exit the park to the west or south and use an alternate route.

*Like Tioga Road, many of the routes that cross over the crest of the Sierra Nevada are closed in winter, increasing travel time to the opposite side of the mountain range. To reach Hwy 395 and destinations to the east, use Hwy 50 or I-80 to the north, via Sacramento (to Lake Tahoe, Reno, Mammoth Lakes), or Route 58 to the south, via Bakersfield (to Death Valley, Las Vegas.)*



## YOSEMITE VALLEY

Yosemite Valley is famous for its waterfalls, towering granite walls, and iconic features like El Capitan and Half Dome. In winter, the Valley is the most accessible area of the park, but opportunities for big hikes are still limited. Enjoy peaceful, snowy walks on the Valley floor and a variety of activities, programs, and other things to do.

### GETTING HERE

All roads lead to Yosemite Valley! Drive 40 minutes from the Big Oak Flat Entrance, 20 minutes from the Arch Rock Entrance, or 1 hour from the South Entrance. Year-round bus service is also available from Merced/Mariposa/El Portal to Yosemite Valley (YARTS.com)

### PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

Park at Curry Village, Yosemite Village, or Yosemite Falls and walk, bike, or ride a free shuttle to your destination (turn to page 7.)

### VISITOR SERVICES

- Welcome Center** 9 am – 5 pm daily. Shuttle stop 2. Information, junior ranger booklets, lost & found, gifts.
- Exploration Center, Theater, & Bookstore** 9 am – 5 pm daily. Shuttle stop 5. Rotating exhibits, park film, books & gifts.
- Yosemite Museum** 10 am – 4 pm daily. Shuttle stop 5. Indoor & outdoor exhibits, cultural demonstrations, gifts.

Yosemite Valley offers a variety of dining, shopping, recreation, & other services: turn to page 4.

### THINGS TO DO

Turn to pages 10 & 11 for a map of Yosemite Valley.

**Explore by car** Enjoy the scenery from Tunnel View, Valley View, El Capitan Meadow, and other turnouts along Valley roads.

**Take a scenic walk** Enjoy a peaceful stroll and take in Yosemite Valley at its quietest. Turn to pages 10 & 11 for a map and suggested trails.

**Check out talks, tours, and classes** Learn more about the park or connect with your creative side! Turn to page 8.

**Try ice skating at Curry Village** Turn to page 9.

**Explore Yosemite Village: art, exhibits, park film, & shopping** Take a break from the cold with some enriching indoor activities! Stop by the Exploration Center to learn more about Yosemite, watch the park film, and browse the bookstore. Head next door to the Yosemite Museum and Indian Village to learn about Yosemite's deep human connections. Check out the Ansel Adams Gallery for gifts, books, and rotating art exhibitions. Turn to page 4 for hours.

**Warm up by the fireplace** at Degnan's Kitchen, The Ahwahnee, and the Mountain Room Lounge. Turn to page 4 for hours.



## WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

Explore giant sequoias, meadows, and the South Fork Merced River near Yosemite's South Entrance.

### GETTING HERE

From Yosemite Valley, drive about 30 mi/48 km/1 hour south on Wawona Road.

### VISITOR SERVICES

- Wawona Visitor Center\*** 9 am – 12 pm & 1 pm – 4 pm, Saturdays & Sundays only  
\*The information center has temporarily moved to its winter location at 7771 Chilnualna Falls Rd (from Wawona Road, turn onto Chilnualna Falls Rd. The information center is located 500 ft ahead on the left.)

Other services: gas station, grocery & gifts. Turn to page 5.

### THINGS TO DO

**Yosemite History Center** Learn about the early days of tourism in Yosemite. Outdoor exhibits open daily.

### Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias

Visit Yosemite's largest sequoia grove and explore miles of scenic trails. **No shuttle service or vehicle access in winter.** When shuttles aren't running, the grove can only be reached by hiking 2 mi/3.2 km up the Mariposa Grove Road or the Washburn Trail (500 ft/150 m of elevation gain) from the parking area near South Entrance. **The road and trails may be snowy or icy. Skis or snowshoes may be needed to reach the grove or to explore the many trails within it.**



## CRANE FLAT

Hike to two quiet sequoia groves near the Big Oak Flat Entrance.

### GETTING HERE

From Yosemite Valley, drive 16 mi/26 km/30 min on Big Oak Flat Rd.

### VISITOR SERVICES

Gas is available year-round at Crane Flat. Turn to page 5.

### THINGS TO DO

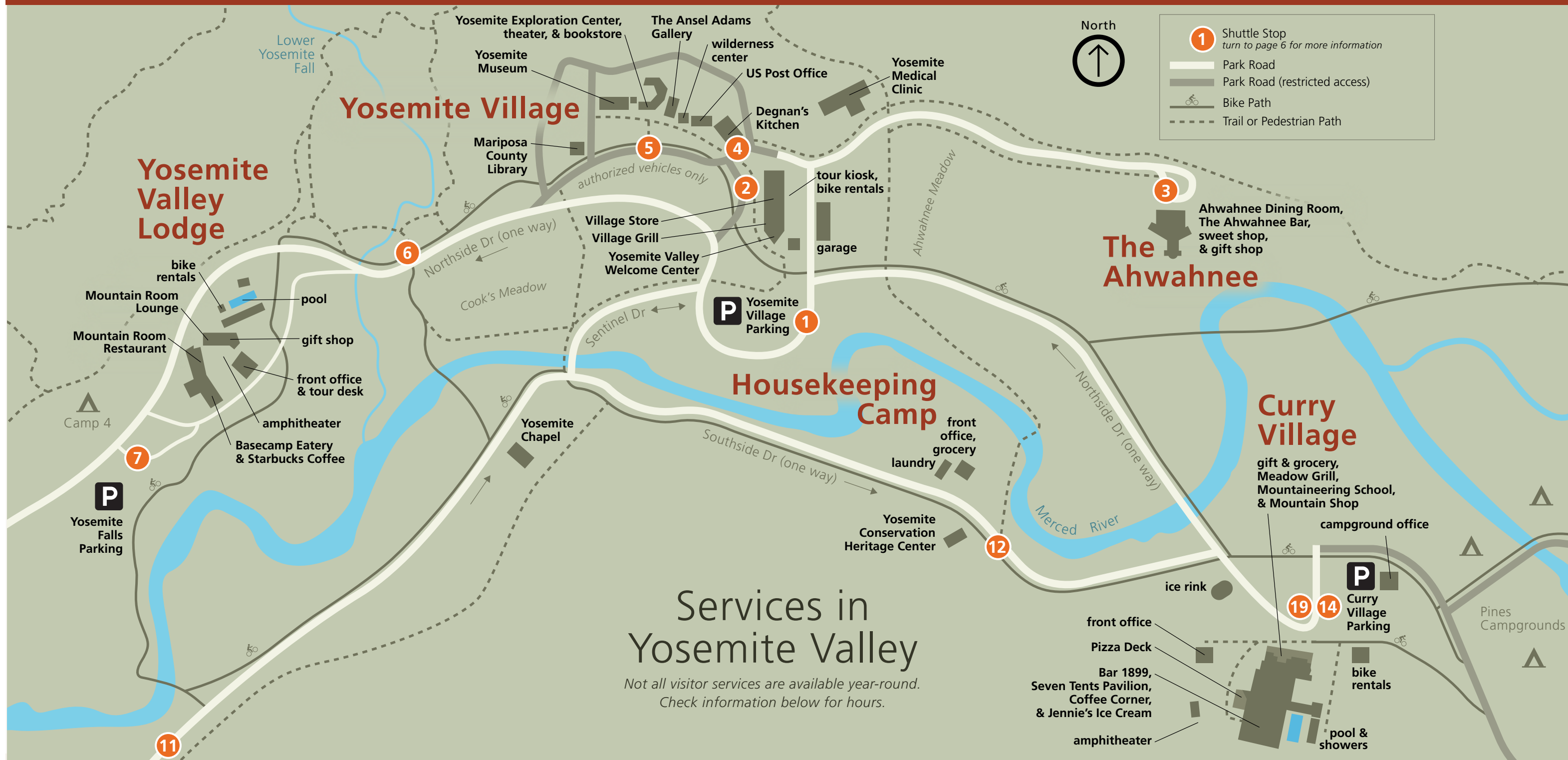
#### Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias

**Trail is icy or snowy in winter. Snowshoes or skis may be needed to reach the grove.** Trailhead located on Tioga Rd, just north of Crane Flat. Hike 2 mi/3.2 km (roundtrip) to the grove. Add an optional 0.5-mi/0.8-km loop around the nature trail. Expect a steep climb of 500 ft/150 m on the return to the trailhead.

#### Merced Grove of Giant Sequoias

**Trail is icy or snowy in winter. Snowshoes or skis may be needed to reach the grove.** A very small and quiet sequoia grove. From the trailhead on Big Oak Flat Rd, hike 3 mi/4.8 km (roundtrip) to the grove. Expect a steep climb of 520 ft/160 m on the return to the trailhead.

**Crane Flat Snow Play Area** Turn to page 9 for information.



## Services in Yosemite Valley

Not all visitor services are available year-round. Check information below for hours.

### YOSEMITE VALLEY

For restaurant menus, hotel availability, and more, visit [TravelYosemite.com](http://TravelYosemite.com).

#### YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE 7

- Base Camp Eatery** 7 am – 10:30 am (opens 6:30 am starting Mar 13), 11 am – 8 pm (closes at 9 pm starting Mar 13.) Fast casual breakfast, burgers, chicken, pasta, & more. Large indoor seating area.
- Starbucks Coffee** 7 am – 3 pm (6:30 am – 6:30 pm starting Mar 13.) Specialty coffee, snacks, & light breakfast.
- Mountain Room Lounge** Mon to Fri: 5 pm – 10 pm (opens at 4:30 pm starting Mar 13), Sat & Sun: 12 pm – 10 pm. Cozy bar with TVs and a fireplace. Beer, cocktails, & light entrees.
- Mountain Room Restaurant** 5 pm – 9 pm (closes at 10 pm starting Mar 13.) Final seating 30 min before closing. Upscale casual steakhouse. Reservations recommended. [OpenTable.com](http://OpenTable.com).
- Gift Shop** 8 am – 8 pm (closes at 9 pm starting Mar 13.)

**Tour & Activity Desk** tickets & information at Lodge front desk

**Bike Rentals** closed for the season

#### YOSEMITE CHAPEL

**Yosemite Community Church** Sunday service: 9:15 am. Pastor Brent Moore. Call 209/372-4831 or visit [YosemiteValleyChapel.org](http://YosemiteValleyChapel.org).

**Alcoholics Anonymous** Tues & Thurs: 6:30 pm

#### HAPPY ISLES 16

**Happy Isles Art & Nature Center** closed for the season

### YOSEMITE VILLAGE 1 2 4 5

- Welcome Center** 9 am – 5 pm. Information, junior ranger booklets, lost & found, gifts.
- Exploration Center, Theater, & Bookstore** 9 am – 5 pm. Rotating exhibits, park film, books & gifts. Open during construction.
- Yosemite Museum** 10 am – 4 pm. Indoor & outdoor exhibits, cultural demonstrations, gifts. May close for lunch.
- Wilderness Center** closed for the season. Wilderness permit information on page 10.
- Degnan's Kitchen** 7 am – 6 pm. Limited service between 11 am & 11:30 am. Specialty coffee (Peet's), breakfast & deli sandwiches, & grab-and-go items. Indoor seating with fireplace & Wi-Fi.
- Village Grill** closed for the season
- The Ansel Adams Gallery** 10 am – 4 pm. Art, books, & gifts. Rotating art exhibitions & photography classes on pages 8 & 9.
- Village Store** 8 am – 8 pm (closes at 9 pm starting Mar 13.)
- Bike Rentals & Tour Kiosk** closed for the season
- US Post Office** Mon – Fri: 8:30 am – 5 pm, Sat: 10 am – 12 pm
- Garage** 8 am – 12 pm, 1 pm – 5 pm  
Propane. Roadside assistance. No gas in Yosemite Valley.
- Yosemite Medical Clinic**  
The clinic is NOT an emergency room. In an emergency, call 911.  
Urgent care walk-ins: Mon – Fri, 1 pm – 3:30 pm. 209/372-4637.

### HOUSEKEEPING CAMP 12

- Housekeeping Camp Store** closed for the season
- Housekeeping Camp Laundry** 8 am – 8 pm
- Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center** closed for the season

### THE AHWAHNEE 3

- The Ahwahnee Bar** 11:30 am – 10 pm (closes at 11 pm starting Mar 13.) Upscale casual bar with craft cocktails, wine, appetizers, and lighter entrees.
- Dining Room** 7 am – 10 am, 11:30 am – 2 pm, 5:30 pm – 9 pm. Sunday Brunch: 7 am – 2 pm (closes at 3 pm starting Mar 13.) Fine dining. Appropriate attire required for dinner. Dinner reservations strongly recommended: 209/372-1489 or [OpenTable.com](http://OpenTable.com).
- Gift Shop** 9 am – 7 pm (8 am – 9 pm starting Mar 13.)
- Sweet Shop** 7 am – 10 pm

### CURRY VILLAGE 14 19

- Dining open weekends-only until March 14, then open daily. Additional weekday hours February 13 – 22.
- Coffee Corner** 6:30 am – 11 am (open only Sat & Sun until Mar 14.) Special hours Feb 14 – 22: 6:30 am – 2 pm (daily.) Specialty coffee (Peet's) & light breakfast.
- Bar 1899** 4 pm – 9 pm (open only Fri & Sat until Mar 14.) Open daily Feb 13 – 22. Craft beer, cocktails, & light entrees.
- Seven Tents Pavilion** 7 am – 10 am, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm (weekends only until Mar 14.) Open daily Feb 13 – 22.
- Pizza Deck** Check locally for hours (weekends only until Mar 14.) Open daily Feb 13 – 22.
- Taqueria @ Meadow Grill, Jennie's Ice Cream** closed for the season
- Gift & Grocery** 8 am – 8 pm (open until 9 pm starting Mar 13.)
- Yosemite Mountain Shop** 9 am – 6 pm (8 am – 8 pm starting Mar 13.) Hiking/climbing gear & apparel.
- Mountaineering School** closed for the season
- Bike Rentals & Tour Kiosk** closed for the season
- Ice Rink** information on page 9
- Showers** 24 hours

### WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

- Wawona Visitor Center** Sat & Sun: 9 am – 12 pm & 1 pm – 4 pm  
Winter information desk located at 7771 Chilnualna Falls Rd.  
**Bookstore at Wawona Visitor Center** closed for the season
- Yosemite History Center** open daily
- Wawona Hotel Dining Room** hotel closed for renovation
- Wawona Store** 8 am – 7 pm
- Mariposa Grove Depot** closed for the season
- Golf Course & Golf Shop** closed for the season
- Stable** closed for the season
- US Post Office** Mon – Fri: 9 am – 1 pm, Sat: 9 am – 12 pm
- Wawona Gas Station** staffed 9 am – 6 pm  
Gas & diesel. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

### GLACIER POINT

**Glacier Point Gift Shop** closed for the season

### BADGER PASS SKI AREA

Turn to page 9 for Badger Pass information.

### EL PORTAL

- El Portal Market** 9 am – 7 pm. Limited groceries & gifts. Wi-Fi.
- El Portal Gas Station** staffed 8 am – 5 pm. Propane available when staffed. Gas & diesel. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

### CRANE FLAT

**Big Oak Flat Information Station** closed for the season

**Bookstore at Big Oak Flat Information Station** closed for the season

- Crane Flat Gas & Grocery (store closed)** Station unstaffed in winter. Gas & diesel available year-round. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

### TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

all services closed for the season

### FREE WIFI

**Yosemite Valley:** Degnan's Kitchen, Mariposa County Library, Yosemite Valley Lodge/Curry Village/The Ahwahnee (registered hotel guests only)

**El Portal:** El Portal Market

**Wawona:** Mariposa County Library

### CAMPING

First-come, first-served camping in Yosemite is very limited and only available during the winter. Reservations: [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov) or 877/444-6777.

**Campgrounds Open Year-Round** (visit [go.nps.gov/campground](http://go.nps.gov/campground) for details):

- **Hodgdon Meadow:** first-come, first-served in winter
- **Wawona Campground:** first-come, first-served in winter
- **Camp 4:** first-come, first-served in winter. Walk-in sites, no RVs, no pets.
- **Upper Pines:** reservation required year-round

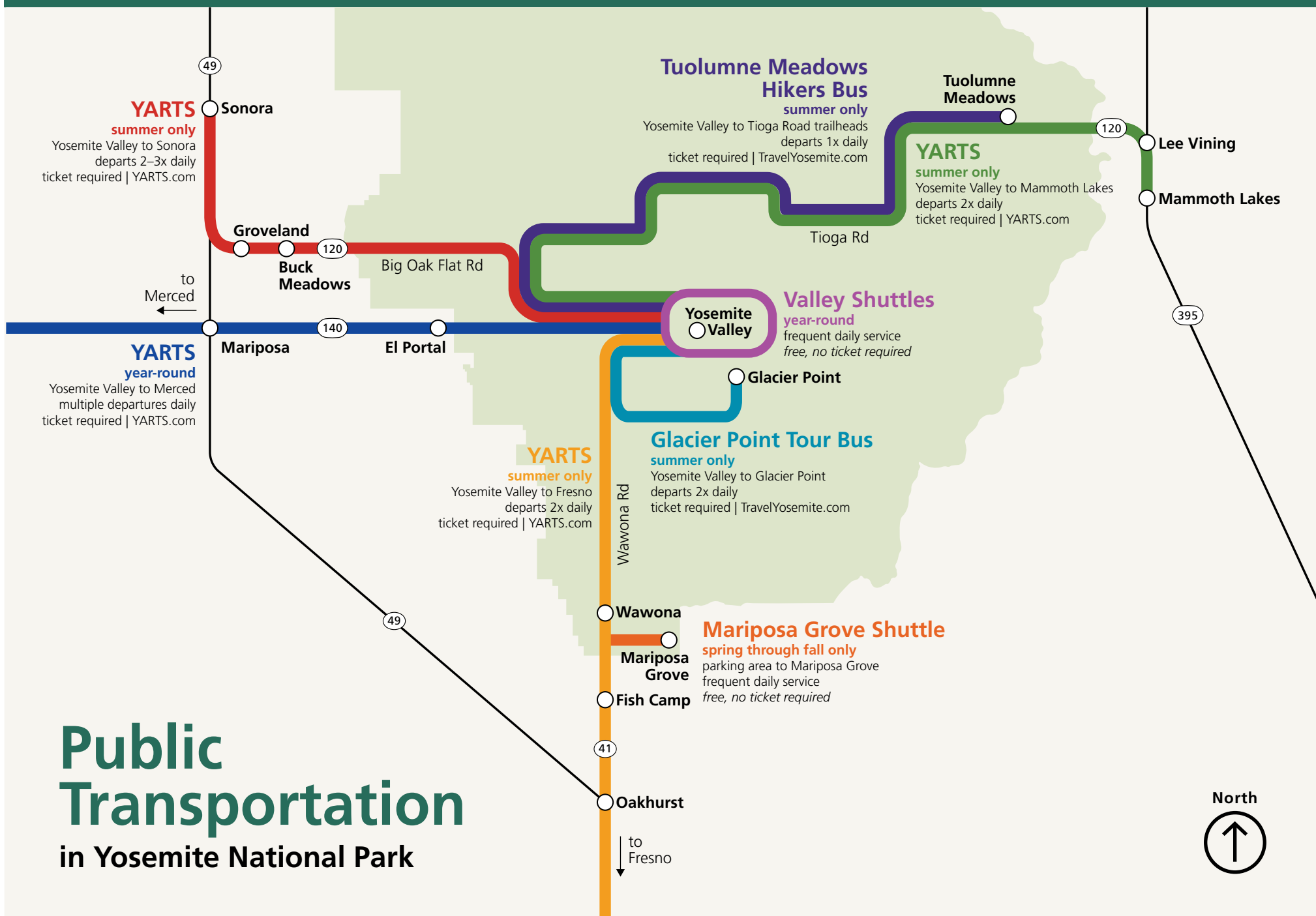
Sleeping in a vehicle is ONLY allowed at a registered campsite. For backpacking and wilderness permits, turn to page 10.

### LODGING

Visit [TravelYosemite.com](http://TravelYosemite.com) or call 888/413-8869 to book a stay at The Ahwahnee, Yosemite Valley Lodge, Curry Village, Housekeeping Camp (seasonal), and other park lodging. Reservations available one year in advance.

- visitor information
- exhibits
- food & beverage
- coffee bar
- groceries & supplies
- gifts
- gas station
- medical services  
in an emergency, call or text 911

# Transportation



## Public Transportation in Yosemite National Park

### Parking

In Yosemite Valley, use one of three main parking areas: **Curry Village** (14, 19), **Yosemite Village** (1), or **Yosemite Falls** (7). Parking can completely fill by late morning on weekends and holidays. Once you find a parking space, keep it. Walk, bike, or ride a shuttle to trailheads and other destinations.

*Park only in designated parking spaces or in a paved turnout, pulled completely off the road. Vehicles parked on vegetation or blocking traffic are subject to citation and may be towed.*

### Roadside Assistance

24-hour roadside assistance:  
call 209/372-1060

### Electric Vehicle Charging

Level 2 EV charging is available in several locations throughout Yosemite.

#### Yosemite Valley Locations

- The Ahwahnee (6 chargers)
- Curry Village (20 chargers)
- Welcome Center (4 chargers)
- Yosemite Falls Parking (10 chargers)
- Yosemite Valley Lodge (8 chargers)

#### El Portal Locations

- Market & Gas Station (2 chargers)

#### Wawona Locations

- Wawona Store (24 chargers)

#### Tuolumne Meadows Locations

- when Tioga Rd is open
- near Tuolumne Meadows Store (4 chargers)

### Gas Stations

There are **NO** gas stations in Yosemite Valley.

- **El Portal Gas Station** *outside the park*  
15 mi from Yosemite Valley (downhill) on Highway 140.
- **Crane Flat Gas Station**  
16.5 mi from Yosemite Valley (uphill) on Big Oak Flat Road.
- **Wawona Gas Station**  
28 mi from Yosemite Valley (uphill) on Wawona Road.

Gas & diesel are available 24 hours with pay-at-the-pump (card only.) *Staffed hours on page 5.*

### Biking in Yosemite

**Bike paths and park roads may be snowy or icy. Use extra caution if biking in winter.**

**Where to Ride** Enjoy several miles of scenic, paved bike paths through Yosemite Valley. Bikes are also allowed on park roads (cyclists must obey traffic laws.) **Bikes are NOT allowed on hiking trails.** The speed limit on bike paths is 15 mph. Helmets are required by law for children under 18. *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.*

**Rentals** *Bike stands are closed for the season.* Available spring through fall, when conditions allow. Visit [TravelYosemite.com](http://TravelYosemite.com).

**Yosemite Bike Share** *Bike Share has ended for the season.* Bikes available spring through fall for 1-2 hour rides from Yosemite Village and Camp 4 parking areas: [goyose.org/bikeshare](http://goyose.org/bikeshare).

### Bus & Shuttle Service

#### Travel to Yosemite via YARTS (\$)

The Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) is a public transit system that provides service into Yosemite. Enjoy year-round service from Merced and seasonal service from Sonora, Mammoth Lakes, and Fresno. Buses are air-conditioned, bike-friendly, wheelchair-accessible, and equipped for rider comfort. Save gas, save time, save money, by taking YARTS! For bus schedules and tickets, visit [www.YARTS.com](http://www.YARTS.com) or call 877/989-2787.

#### Yosemite Valley Shuttles (free)

Daily, year-round service from 7 am to 10 pm. *Map and information on page 7.*

#### Mariposa Grove Shuttles (free)

**No shuttle service in winter.** When shuttles are not running, the Mariposa Grove can only be reached by hiking up the road or the Washburn Trail from the parking area. The trip is 2 mi/3.2 km with 500 ft/150 m of elevation gain. *The road and trails may be snowy or icy.*

#### Tuolumne Meadows Hikers Bus (\$)

*Service has concluded for the season.* More information at [TravelYosemite.com](http://TravelYosemite.com).

#### Glacier Point Tour Bus (\$)

*Service has concluded for the season.* More information at [TravelYosemite.com](http://TravelYosemite.com).

## Yosemite Valley Shuttle System



Yosemite Valley shuttles are FREE and operate from 7 am to 10 pm daily. No ticket required.

### Valleywide Shuttle (green)

Serves ALL stops. Runs approx. every 22 - 32 min. Round-trip time of 1.5 hours.

### East Valley Shuttle (purple)

Serves east Valley destinations ONLY. Runs approx. every 18 - 22 min. Round-trip time of 50 min.

### Pets are NOT allowed on shuttles.

*Service dogs are legally permitted anywhere that visitors can go. Emotional support, therapy, and companion animals are subject to all pet regulations.*

## Yosemite Valley Shuttle Stops

STOP	SHUTTLES	DESTINATION	AT THIS STOP
1	ALL Shuttles	Yosemite Village Parking	parking, Welcome Center
2	ALL Shuttles	Welcome Center	Welcome Center, food & beverage, groceries
3	Green Shuttle ONLY	The Ahwahnee	food & beverage
4	Green Shuttle ONLY	Degnan's Kitchen	Welcome Center, food & beverage, groceries
5	Green Shuttle ONLY	Exploration Center	Exploration Center, Museum, Wilderness Center
6	Green Shuttle ONLY	Lower Yosemite Fall	trailhead
7	Green Shuttle ONLY	Camp 4, Yosemite Valley Lodge, Yosemite Falls Parking	parking, food & beverage, Camp 4
8	Green Shuttle ONLY	El Capitan Picnic Area	picnic area
9	Green Shuttle ONLY	El Capitan Meadow	scenic area
10	Green Shuttle ONLY	Cathedral Beach	picnic area & river access
11	Green Shuttle ONLY	Four Mile Trailhead	trailhead
12	ALL Shuttles	Housekeeping Camp & Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center	exhibits (seasonal), laundry, river access
14	ALL Shuttles	Curry Village—eastbound	parking, food & beverage, groceries
15	ALL Shuttles	Upper Pines Campground	Pines campgrounds
16	ALL Shuttles	Happy Isles	trailhead, art & nature center (seasonal)
17	ALL Shuttles	Mirror Lake	trailhead
18	ALL Shuttles	Lower Pines Campground	Pines campgrounds
19	ALL Shuttles	Curry Village—westbound	parking, food & beverage, groceries

# Programs



photo by Evan Russel

Additional programs may be offered: visit [go.nps.gov/YosemiteCalendar](http://go.nps.gov/YosemiteCalendar) to view the online calendar, or check information centers for an updated schedule. Program schedule is subject to change due to weather or staffing.

- Junior Ranger Program**  
Program designed especially for kids! Kids must be accompanied by an adult.
- Program for all audiences—families welcome!**  
Program designed for everyone; it's a good fit for most kids.
- Wheelchair-Accessible Program**  
Program is held in a wheelchair-accessible facility or uses wheelchair-accessible paths. Ask the program host about other disability accommodations.
- No Symbol Program recommended for teens and adults.**  
Program may use a trail that is not accessible to wheelchair users.

<b>NPS</b> National Park Service	<b>YC</b> Yosemite Conservancy	<b>YH</b> Yosemite Hospitality	<b>TAAG</b> The Ansel Adams Gallery	<b>YCHC</b> Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (Sierra Club)
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## Yosemite Valley: Walks, Talks, & Tours

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE & REGISTRATION
<b>10 am &amp; 2 pm</b> (2 hrs)	<b>Valley Floor Tour</b> Experience the highlights of Yosemite Valley on a guided bus tour. Book tickets at <a href="http://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a> or at the Yosemite Valley Lodge front desk.	YH	\$ tickets at <a href="http://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a>
<b>10:30 am</b> (1 hr) Tu & W	<b>Ranger Walk: Discovery Walk</b> Join a ranger for an easy walk and learn more about what makes Yosemite special. Topics vary daily. Meet in front of the museum in Yosemite Village (use shuttle stop 5.)	NPS	free, drop-in only
<b>1 pm</b> (1 hr) Th	<b>Ranger Walk: Discovery Walk</b> Join a ranger for an easy walk and learn more about what makes Yosemite special. Topics vary daily. Meet in front of the museum in Yosemite Village (use shuttle stop 5.)	NPS	free, drop-in only
<b>2 pm</b> (15 min) Daily	<b>Family Ranger Talk</b> Topics vary. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center (use shuttle stop 2.)	NPS	free, drop-in only
<b>2 pm</b> (1 hr) Daily	<b>Historic Ahwahnee Hotel Tour</b> Learn about the history behind Yosemite's famous luxury hotel on this complimentary one-hour tour. Meet on the hotel's back lawn.	YH	free, drop-in only
<b>3 pm</b> (1 hr) Daily	<b>Guided Nature Walk</b> Join a naturalist for an easy guided walk of Yosemite's natural areas. Meet at the Yosemite Valley Lodge Amphitheater. (Use shuttle stop 7.)	YH	free, drop-in only
<b>7 pm</b> (30 min) W, F, Sa	<b>Evening Programs</b> Yosemite naturalists present a variety of topics. Meet at the Yosemite Valley Lodge Cliff Room (between the lounge and gift shop. Use shuttle stop 7.)	YH	free, drop-in only
<b>7:30 pm</b> (1.5 hrs) Nightly	<b>Yosemite After Dark</b> Grab a flashlight and join a Yosemite Naturalist for an interactive nature walk at night! Book tickets at <a href="http://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a> or at the Yosemite Valley Lodge front desk. <i>Recommended for kids 11 &amp; up.</i>	YH	\$ tickets at <a href="http://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a>
<b>8 pm</b> (1 hr) Su, M, Tu, Th	<b>Walking Starry Skies</b> Join a Yosemite Hospitality Guide for an unforgettable night of stargazing! Book tickets at <a href="http://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a> or at the Yosemite Valley Lodge front desk.	YH	\$ tickets at <a href="http://TravelYosemite.com">TravelYosemite.com</a>

## Yosemite Valley: Creative Classes

DAY & TIME	PROGRAM	HOST	FEE & REGISTRATION
<b>9 am</b> (1.5 hrs) Tu & Th	<b>The Ansel Adams Gallery Photography Walk</b> Join a staff photographer for a brief field lecture in Yosemite Valley. Limited space; registration required.	TAAG	free register at <a href="http://AnselAdams.com">AnselAdams.com</a>
<b>9 am</b> (3 hrs) W	<b>In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography</b> Join a staff photographer to learn how to make better photographs with the camera you always carry.	TAAG	\$ register at <a href="http://AnselAdams.com">AnselAdams.com</a>
<b>1 pm</b> (3 hrs) Sa	<b>In the Field: Creative Smartphone Photography</b> Join a staff photographer to learn how to make better photographs with the camera you always carry.	TAAG	\$ register at <a href="http://AnselAdams.com">AnselAdams.com</a>
<b>1 pm</b> (4 hrs) M & Th	<b>In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams</b> Join a staff photographer for a field class around Yosemite Valley.	TAAG	\$ register at <a href="http://AnselAdams.com">AnselAdams.com</a>



### Become a Junior Ranger!

Pick up a free **Junior Ranger Handbook** at any open information center. Complete the activities while you explore the park, then return your book to receive a badge!



## Winter Activities at Badger Pass

Badger Pass Ski Area is open when conditions allow. The ski area relies entirely on natural snow, and operating dates may vary. *Sledding/ snowplay are NOT allowed at Badger Pass.*

**Call the Snow Phone at 209/372-1000 to hear current conditions, weather, and ski area information.**

### Badger Pass Shuttle

Free shuttle—no ticket required. Seats are first-come, first-served.

- Yosemite Valley to Badger Pass:** Departs Curry Village 8:05 am & 10:35 am, Yosemite Village (next to the garage) 8:10 am & 10:40 am, The Ahwahnee 8:15 am & 10:45 am, Yosemite Valley Lodge 8:30 am & 11 am
- Badger Pass to Yosemite Valley:** Departs 2 pm & 4:30 pm

### Downhill Skiing & Snowboarding

**Tickets:** 8:30 am – 4 pm  
**Lift Operation:** 9 am – 4 pm  
**Equipment Rental:** 8:30 am – 4 pm  
All-day, half-day, and season passes available. Ten ski runs, with slopes for all ages and experience levels. For more information, visit [TravelYosemite.com](http://TravelYosemite.com) or call 209/372-8430.

### Ski School

**Desk Hours:** 8:30 am – 4 pm  
Group and private lessons for adults and kids. Visit [TravelYosemite.com](http://TravelYosemite.com) or stop by the Ski School.

### Snowshoe Walk: Explore the Forest in Winter

**Thursdays & Saturdays at 10 am** (conditions permitting) | free, no registration required

When Badger Pass is open, join a park ranger or volunteer for a 2-hour snowshoe tour of the winter landscape! Meet at the Badger Pass Ranger Station (A-frame cabin.) Snowshoes provided; space is limited, based on snowshoe availability. Bring warm clothing. Expect a moderately-strenuous experience. Recommended for kids 10 and up. *Additional days may be offered; check listings at the Valley Welcome Center and the online calendar.*

## More Winter Activities

### Crane Flat Snow Play Area

Family-friendly place to sled and play in snow! Located just south of the Crane Flat gas station, near the Crane Flat Campground, about 30 minutes from Yosemite Valley on Big Oak Flat Road. Open when there is sufficient snow.

### Ice Skating at Curry Village

*Open until March 2, if conditions allow.*  
Family-friendly outdoor ice skating rink in Yosemite Valley. Tickets are available online in advance ([TravelYosemite.com](http://TravelYosemite.com)) or in-person prior to each session. Skate rentals available.  
**Sessions (as weather permits):**  
8:30 am – 11 am, *weekends only*  
12 pm – 2:30 pm daily  
3:30 pm – 6 pm daily  
7 pm – 9:30 pm daily

## Park Partners

### YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY

Yosemite Conservancy is a nonprofit dedicated to preserving Yosemite National Park's resources and providing enriching visitor experiences in the park.

**Contact** [Yosemite.org](http://Yosemite.org)

- Locations** Turn to pages 4 & 5 for seasonal hours
- Yosemite Exploration Center & Theater
  - Happy Isles Art & Nature Center (spring through fall)
  - Retail locations throughout the park (some open seasonally)

### Outdoor Adventures

Check the calendar for guided hikes and backpacking trips: [Yosemite.org/experience/outdoor-adventures](http://Yosemite.org/experience/outdoor-adventures)  
Advance registration is required for all Outdoor Adventures.

### Custom Adventures

Private guided excursions, available year-round: [Yosemite.org/custom-adventures](http://Yosemite.org/custom-adventures)

**Art Classes** (spring through fall only)  
Visit [Yosemite.org/art](http://Yosemite.org/art)

### YOSEMITE HOSPITALITY

Yosemite Hospitality operates lodging, dining, shopping, and other services throughout the park.

**Contact** [TravelYosemite.com](http://TravelYosemite.com) or 888/413-8869

### Locations

- Turn to pages 4 & 5 for hours
- Tour desks and bike rentals at Yosemite Village, Curry Village, & Yosemite Valley Lodge (spring through fall, as conditions allow)
  - Yosemite Mountaineering School at Curry Village: guided hikes & rock climbing (spring through fall only)
  - Badger Pass Ski Area (winter only)

### THE ANSEL ADAMS GALLERY

**Contact** [AnselAdams.com/photography-education](http://AnselAdams.com/photography-education) or 209/372-4413

**Location** The Ansel Adams Gallery is located in Yosemite Village, open from 10 am to 4 pm daily. 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.

### Current & Upcoming Exhibitions

*Winter Wisdom: Art from a Reflective Season*  
January 11 – March 7

*Silver Mirror: Daguerreotypes by Mike Robinson*  
March 8 – May 3  
Artist Reception: Sunday, May 3 from 1 pm – 3 pm

### SIERRA CLUB

**Contact** [SierraClub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center](http://SierraClub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center) or 209/372-4542

**Location** The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center is closed for the season. We look forward to welcoming you back in May 2026!

### NATUREBRIDGE

Bring your school to NatureBridge for multi-day, immersive environmental science programs that ignite curiosity and foster deep connections with nature. As the largest education partner of the National Park Service since 1971, NatureBridge provides transformative, hands-on learning experiences in the country's most iconic national parks. Our nonprofit organization is dedicated to inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards. Discover more and plan your school's adventure at [naturebridge.org](http://naturebridge.org).

