

# Yosemite Essentials



**A peak-hours reservation is required to drive into Yosemite on some dates in 2024.**

**A reservation is required between 5 am and 4 pm on the following dates:**

**April 13 to June 30**

Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays only

**July 1 to August 16**

Daily

**August 17 to October 27**

Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays only

**Visitors may enter the park with:**

- a peak-hours reservation
- a Wilderness or Half Dome permit
- in-park camping, lodging, or vacation rental
- regional transit or a tour group

**To learn more, scan the QR code or visit [go.nps.gov/reserve](https://go.nps.gov/reserve).**

**Book a reservation at [Recreation.gov](https://Recreation.gov).**

*A portion of reservations were released in January 2024; additional reservations are released seven days in advance at 8 am Pacific time. Reservations are valid for up to three consecutive days.*



**In 2023, 17 bears were hit by vehicles in Yosemite.**

**You are driving in wildlife habitat.** Follow posted speed limits, drive carefully, and watch for animals crossing the road. "Red Bear, Dead Bear" signs on park roads mark places where bears have been hit this year.

**It is illegal to approach or feed any wild animal, including squirrels and birds.**

Wildlife can cause injuries and transmit diseases. Human food is unhealthy for wild animals. Animals used to being fed can become dangerous and be killed as a result.

**Proper Food Storage is Required by Law**

Avoid accidentally sharing your food by properly storing it or keeping it within arm's reach.

**During the Day**

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

**At Night**

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

*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](https://KeepBearsWild.org).*



**Spring in Yosemite: What to Expect**

**Large areas of the park may still be covered in snow.** The best places to hike in spring are Yosemite Valley, Wawona, and Hetch Hetchy. Ask a ranger about trail conditions before you go.

**Expect seasonal road closures.** Tioga Road and Glacier Point Road close to vehicles each winter and may not open until May—or later. Call 209/372-0200 (press 1, then 1) to hear about current road conditions and closures.

**Waterfalls, rivers, and streams are at their most powerful.** Use extreme caution around any flowing water. Do not enter water above waterfalls. Stay off of slick rocks, especially at the base of waterfalls.

**Visitor & Emergency Services**

**In an Emergency:  
Call or Text 911**

**Non-emergency dispatch line  
209/379-1992**

**Medical Clinic (Yosemite Valley)**

209/372-4637 | Open Mon to Fri, 9 am – 5 pm (6 pm starting May 13.) Urgent care walk-ins with out-of-pocket fees: 1 pm – 3:30 pm (4:30 pm starting May 13.)

**Yosemite Village Garage**

Call 209/372-1060 for 24-hour roadside assistance.

**Lost & Found** Check at the nearest open information center or hotel front desk, or visit [go.nps.gov/lost](https://go.nps.gov/lost) to report a lost item.

**Accessibility**

For a complete list of accessible services, exhibits, and recreational opportunities, download a Yosemite Accessibility Guide at [go.nps.gov/AccessYosemite](https://go.nps.gov/AccessYosemite)

Sign Language interpreting is available upon request.

Contact Deaf Services at 209/379-5250 (v/txt). Two weeks advance notice is requested but not required.

Assistive Listening Devices are available upon advance request at information centers.

Accessible parking spaces are available throughout the park.

**Park Regulations**

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 both visitors and park resources.

**Prohibited activities include:**

- Using drones
- Feeding or approaching wildlife
- Collecting plants and animals
- 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

To report illegal activity, call park dispatch at 209/379-1992.

**Pets are not allowed on hiking trails.**

Pets are only permitted on paved walking and biking paths, in most campgrounds, and in parking areas. Pets must be leashed at all times.

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

**Park Partners**



**Keep in Touch**

[www.nps.gov/yose](https://www.nps.gov/yose)

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**Enjoy your visit!**

# ↘\* Park Map



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

- Gas Station
- Entrance Station
- Campground
- Information Center

## 📍 Where to Find More Information

### Information Centers

Start your visit here! Pick up trail maps, become a junior ranger, get help planning your trip, and ask about closures and trail conditions.

**Yosemite Valley Welcome Center**  
9 am to 5 pm daily

*The welcome center is the Valley's NEW hub for visitor information. The former visitor center is now the Yosemite Exploration Center, offering rotating exhibits, a theater, and the Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore. Both are located in Yosemite Village, near shuttle stops 1, 2, 4, & 5.*

**Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio**  
9 am to 5 pm daily

**Big Oak Flat Information Station**  
Opens May 17, 8 am to 5 pm daily

**Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center**  
9 am to 5 pm daily, *when Tioga Road is open*

### Look up Current Conditions

Tioga Road and Glacier Point Road close each winter and may not open until the end of May—or later.

To check the current status of park roads, 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](https://go.nps.gov/conditions).



### Get the Official NPS App

The free app features over 400 parks across the US! Search for trails and other things to do, navigate with the park map, view the program calendar, and find your next park. Download Yosemite ahead of time to access park information when you're offline.

**Download from your device's app store: search "National Park Service".**

## Places to Explore



### 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. The Valley's many waterfalls roar in spring, usually peaking in May.

Start your visit at the new welcome center in Yosemite Village for trail maps and park information. Then stop by the Yosemite Museum and the new Exploration Center for exhibits and cultural demonstrations. *Turn to page 4 for hours.*

*Turn to page 8 for a schedule of programs and classes.*  
*Turn to page 11 for Yosemite Valley trails.*



### WAWONA & THE MARIPOSA GROVE

The Mariposa Grove is home to over 500 mature giant sequoias and miles of trails. Shuttle service from the parking area to the Grove is expected to begin in late May (8 am to 7 pm.) When there is no shuttle, the Grove is accessible only via a 2-mile hike (each way.) Stop in Wawona for more trails, visitor services, and the Yosemite History Center (open daily.)

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

**Directions** From Yosemite Valley, drive south on Wawona Road. Watch for signs for the Mariposa Grove just before the park's South Entrance.



### GLACIER POINT

**Glacier Point Road is CLOSED from approx. November to May.**  
*Call 209/372-0200 (1, 1) to check the current status of park roads.*

Take in stunning views of Yosemite Valley from 3,000 feet above the Valley floor. Other scenic overlooks and numerous trailheads are also accessible from Glacier Point Road.

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

**Directions** From Yosemite Valley, drive south on Wawona Road. After 9 miles, turn left onto Glacier Point Road.



### CRANE FLAT

Visit two giant sequoia groves north of Yosemite Valley that are smaller and quieter than the Mariposa Grove. Hike one mile down to the Tuolumne Grove (pictured at left), 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 to Tioga Road Junction at Crane Flat. Turn right for Tuolumne Grove parking, or continue on Big Oak Flat Road for 3.5 miles to Merced Grove parking.

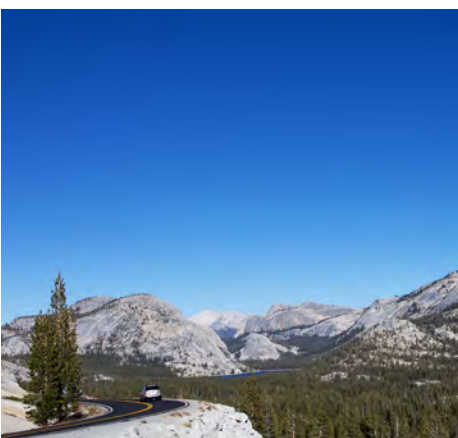


### HETCH HETCHY

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.

**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. *Hetch Hetchy Road is open daily from sunrise to sunset. Vehicles and trailers over 25 ft long and 8 ft wide are not permitted on the narrow, winding Hetch Hetchy Road.*



### TIOGA ROAD & TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

**Tioga Road is CLOSED from approx. November through May.**  
*Call 209/372-0200 (1, 1) to check the current status of park roads.*

Tioga Road is a 45-mile scenic drive through Yosemite's high country, with access to trailheads, scenic vistas, and popular destinations like Tenaya Lake and Tuolumne Meadows.

The reopening date varies each year, depending on snowpack and winter damage to the road and other infrastructure. For information and updates, visit [go.nps.gov/tioga](http://go.nps.gov/tioga).

## Things to Do

### Explore by Car

Stop at scenic viewpoints like Tunnel View or El Capitan Meadow as you travel through the Valley.

### Hit the Trail

Yosemite features hundreds of miles of trails, from short, paved walkways to epic treks through vast wilderness. Stop by an information center to pick up free trail maps and get ranger recommendations tailored to you and your interests! *Turn to pages 10 & 11 for basic trail information.*

### Join a Ranger for a Talk or Guided Walk

*Turn to page 8 for a weekly schedule of free programs.*

### Book a Guided Tour

*Turn to pages 8 & 9 for details.*

### Experience the Park After Dark

Stargaze on your own, or book a guided nighttime program. *Turn to page 8 for the program schedule.*

### Sign Up for an Art or Photography Class

Engage with Yosemite in a whole new way, and explore your creative side! *Turn to page 8 for details.*

### Ride a Bicycle

Explore miles of paved, scenic bike trails through Yosemite Valley. *Turn to page 4 for bike rentals.*

### Watch for Wildlife

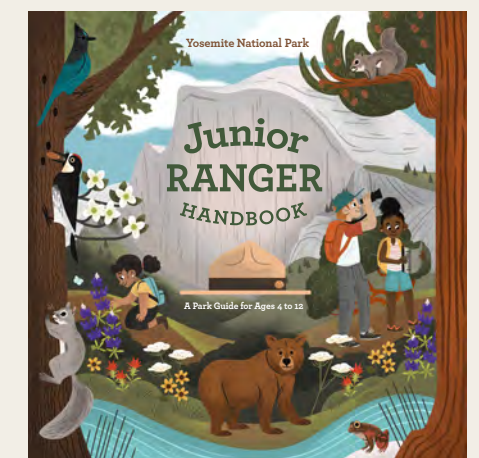
Visit meadows around dawn and dusk for the best chance of spotting birds and other wildlife. *Remember it's illegal to feed or approach any wildlife in the park.*

### Explore Beyond Yosemite Valley

Wander through one of the park's giant sequoia groves, hike along a reservoir to a roaring waterfall at Hetch Hetchy, or explore the peaks and meadows of the High Sierra. *Some park roads and trailheads are closed or inaccessible until late spring; ask a ranger about current conditions.*

### Become a Junior Ranger

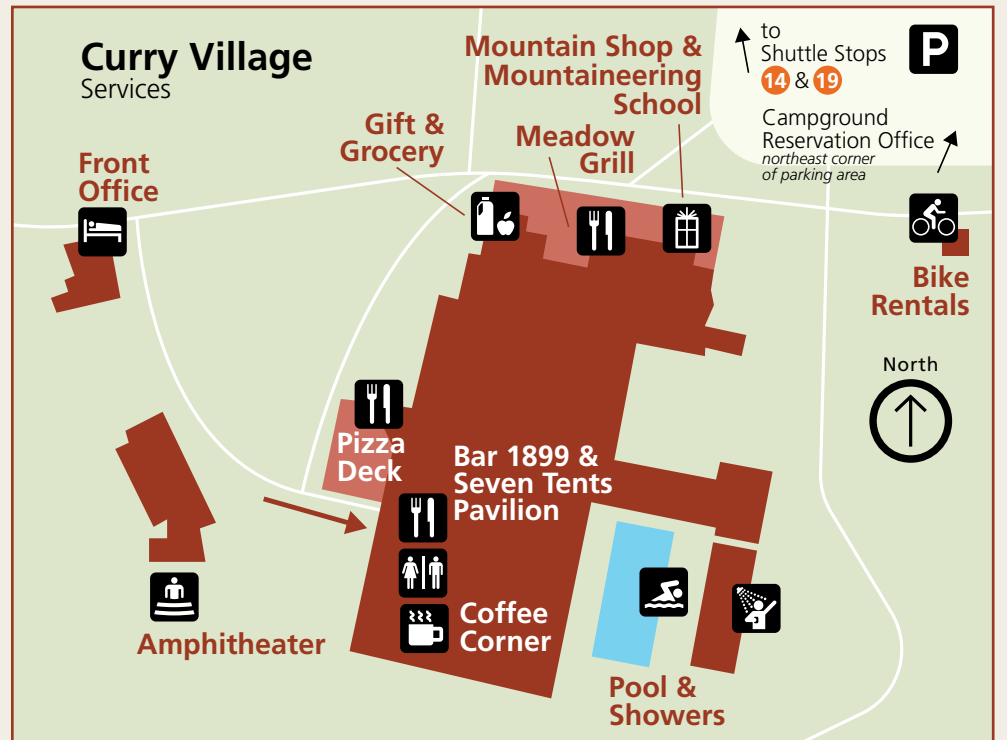
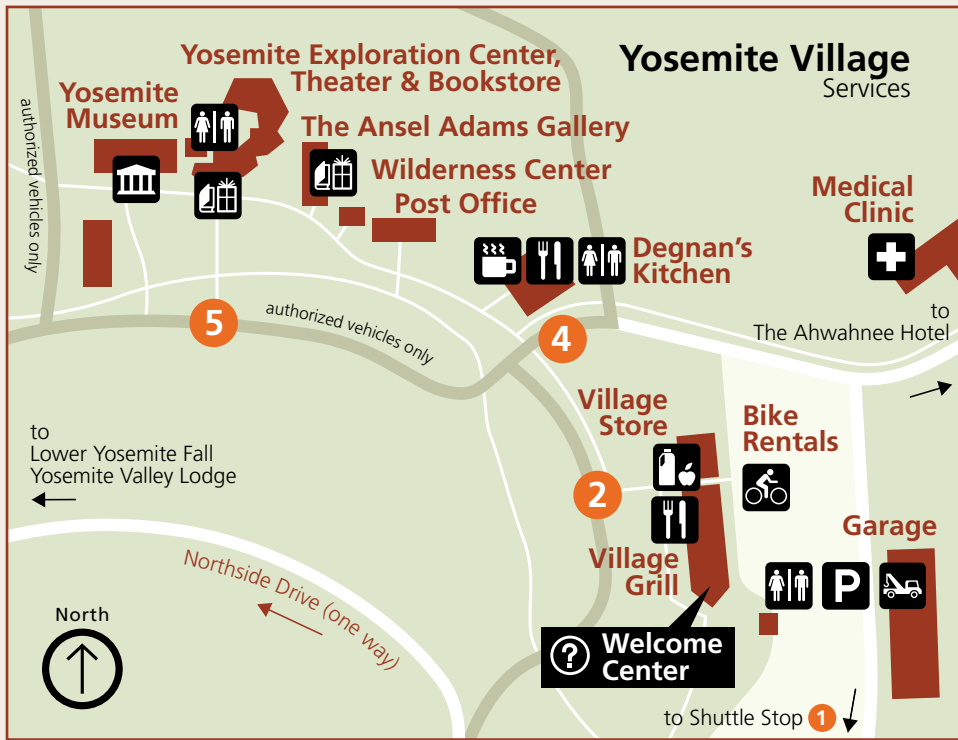
Kids (and kids-at-heart) can pick up a free *Junior Ranger Handbook* at any open information center. Complete the activities while you explore the park, and earn your junior ranger badge!





# Services

## YOSEMITE VALLEY



### INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

**Yosemite Valley Welcome Center** 9 am – 5 pm

Yosemite Village; shuttle stops 11/21/4/5

**Yosemite Exploration Center & Theater** 9 am – 5 pm

Theater closed May 20 & June 3. Yosemite Village; shuttle stops 11/21/4/5.

**Yosemite Museum** 10 am – 5 pm Yosemite Village; shuttle stops 11/21/4/5.

**Wilderness Center** 8 am – 5 pm Yosemite Village; shuttle stops 11/21/4/5.

**Happy Isles Art & Nature Center** 9 am – 4 pm; may close for lunch.

Shuttle stop 16.

**Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center**

Open Wed – Sun, 10 am – 4 pm. Shuttle stop 12.

### OTHER SERVICES

**Laundry (Housekeeping Camp)** 8 am – 10 pm. Shuttle stop 12.

**Showers (Curry Village)** 24 hrs. Shuttle stops 14 & 19.

**Yosemite Village Post Office** Mon – Fri : 8:30 am – 5 pm,

Sat: 10 am – 12 pm. Shuttle stops 11/21/4/5.

**Yosemite Village Garage** 8 am – 12 pm, 1 pm – 5 pm

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

### TOURS & ACTIVITIES

Book tours & activities anytime at [TravelYosemite.com](http://TravelYosemite.com).

**Yosemite Valley Lodge Tour & Activity Desk** 7:30 am – 7 pm

**Yosemite Valley Lodge Pool (Opens May 25, conditions permitting)**

11 am – 6 pm

**Village Store Tour & Activity Kiosk** 8 am – 7 pm

**Curry Village Tour & Activity Kiosk** 7:30 am – 3:30 pm

**Curry Village Raft Rentals (Opens May 17, conditions permitting)**

10 am – 4 pm

**Curry Village Pool** closed for renovation.

**Mountaineering School (Curry Village)** 8:30 am – 12 pm, 1 pm –

4:30 pm. Guided hiking & rock climbing experiences. Shuttle stops 14 & 19.

### BIKE RENTALS

Hours subject to change, depending on conditions.

**Yosemite Valley Lodge Bike Stand** 8 am – 7 pm

**Curry Village Bike Stand** 8 am – 7 pm

**Village Store Bike Stand** 8 am – 7 pm

## WAWONA & MARIPOSA GROVE

### INFORMATION & EXHIBITS

**Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio** 9 am – 5 pm

**Yosemite History Center** Open daily.

### FOOD & BEVERAGE

**Wawona Hotel Dining Room** Breakfast: 7 am – 10 am, Lunch: 11 am –

3 pm, Dinner: 5 pm – 9 pm, Lounge Service: 5 pm – 9:30 pm

**Summer BBQ (starting May 25)** 5 pm – 7 pm (Saturdays + Memorial Day)

### OTHER SERVICES

**Wawona Store & Pioneer Gift Shop** 8 am – 8 pm

**Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore (Wawona)** 9 am – 5 pm

**Yosemite Conservancy Depot (Mariposa Grove)** 9 am – 5 pm

**Golf** Closed for repairs; opening date to be determined

**Golf Shop & Snack Stand** Pending golf course reopening

**Tennis Courts** 8 am – dusk

**Stable (Opens May 24)** Rides at 8:30 am, 11 am, 2:30 pm

**Wawona Post Office** Mon – Fri: 9 am – 1 pm, Sat: 9 am – 12 pm

**Wawona Service Station** staffed 9 am – 6 pm. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card. Propane available during staffed hours only.

## GLACIER POINT

Glacier Point Road is closed from approximately November to May—or later, depending on conditions. Reopening dates for the road and for the Glacier Point Gift Shop & Snack Stand to be determined. Stop by an open information center for updates.

## TIOGA ROAD

Tioga Road is closed from approximately November to May—or later, depending on conditions. Reopening dates for the road and for visitor services to be determined. Stop by an open information center for updates.

## CRANE FLAT

**Big Oak Flat Information Station (Opens May 17)** 8 am – 5 pm

**Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Big Oak Flat Information Station**

Open Fri – Tues, 9 am – 5 pm

**Crane Flat Gas & Grocery** Store reopens May 24; hours 8 am – 5 pm.

Gas available year-round. 24-hour pay-at-the-pump with card.

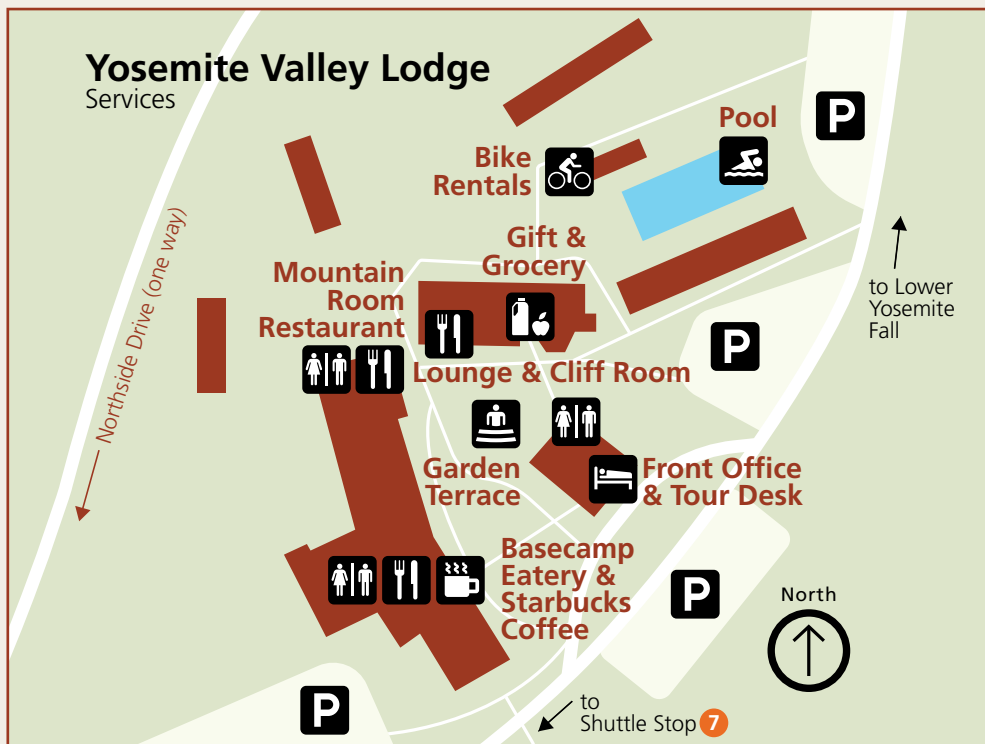
## EL PORTAL

**El Portal Market** 9 am – 7 pm

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

Seasonal operating dates and hours are subject to change.

## YOSEMITE VALLEY



### GIFTS, GEAR, & GROCERIES

**YOSEMITE VILLAGE** shuttle stops 1/2/4/5

**The Ansel Adams Gallery** 9 am – 5 pm

**Yosemite Conservancy Store at Welcome Center** 9 am – 5 pm

**Yosemite Conservancy Bookstore at Exploration Center** 9 am – 5 pm

**Yosemite Museum Store** 10 am – 5 pm, may close for lunch

**Village Store** 8 am – 10 pm

**THE AHWAHNEE** shuttle stop 3

**Gift Shop** 8 am – 9 pm

**Sweet Shop** 7 am – 10 pm

**YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE** shuttle stop 7

**Gift Shop** 8 am – 10 pm

**CURRY VILLAGE** shuttle stops 14 & 19

**Yosemite Mountain Shop** 8 am – 8 pm. Hiking/climbing gear & apparel.

**Curry Village Gift & Grocery** 8 am – 10 pm

**HOUSEKEEPING CAMP** shuttle stop 12

**Grocery** 8 am – 8 pm

### FOOD & BEVERAGE

**YOSEMITE VILLAGE** shuttle stops 1/2/4/5

**Degnan's Kitchen** Breakfast: 7 am – 11 am, Lunch: 11:30 am – 6 pm  
Coffee, deli sandwiches, & grab-and-go items. Indoor & outdoor seating.

**Village Grill** 11 am – 6 pm. Burgers, hot dogs, & more. Outdoor seating.

**CURRY VILLAGE** shuttle stops 14 & 19

**Seven Tents Pavilion** Breakfast: 7 am – 10 am, Dinner: 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Casual dining with rotating menu of hearty meals. Indoor seating.

**Peet's Coffee Corner** 6 am – 2 pm

**Bar 1899** 11:30 am – 10 pm. Beer on tap, cocktails, & light bites.

**Pizza Deck** 11 am – 10 pm. Pizza whole or by the slice. Outdoor seating.

**Taqueria @ Meadow Grill** 11:30 am – 5:30 pm (11 am – 8 pm starting May 12.) Tacos. Outdoor seating.

**Jennie's Ice Cream (Opens May 24)** 11 am – 8:30 pm

**THE AHWAHNEE** shuttle stop 3

**Coffee Bar** 6:30 am – 10:30 am

**The Ahwahnee Bar** 11:30 am – 11 pm. Beer on tap, cocktails, & light bites.

**Ahwahnee Dining Room** Breakfast: 7 am – 10 am, Dinner: 5:30 pm – 9 pm. Fine dining. Appropriate attire respectfully required for dinner. Dinner reservations strongly recommended: 209/372-1489 or OpenTable.com.

**YOSEMITE VALLEY LODGE** shuttle stop 7

**Base Camp Eatery** Breakfast: 6:30 am – 10:45 am, Lunch & Dinner: 11 am – 9 pm. Fast casual burgers, chicken, & more. Indoor & outdoor seating.

**Starbucks Coffee** 6:30 am – 6:30 pm

**Mountain Room Lounge** Mon – Fri: 4:30 pm – 10 pm, Sat & Sun: 12 pm – 10 pm. Beer on tap, cocktails, & light bites.

**Mountain Room Restaurant** 5 pm – 10 pm

Upscale casual steakhouse. Reservations recommended: OpenTable.com.

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES

**Yosemite Community Church (The Chapel)** Pastor Brent Moore

Call 209/372-4831 or visit YosemiteValleyChapel.org for information.

**Sunday Services:** offered weekly at 9:15 am. Additional 11 am service starting Memorial Day weekend.

### 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.

### 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.

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. 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

**A reservation is required for all campgrounds between April and October.** Visit [go.nps.gov/campground](http://go.nps.gov/campground) for reservation booking windows and other campground details.

Check for availability and book a reservation at [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov), or by calling 877/444-6777.

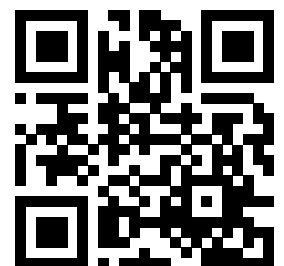
Sleeping inside a vehicle is only allowed at a registered campsite. Sleeping overnight in a parking lot or on the side of the road is **NOT** permitted.

For information about backpacking and wilderness permits, turn to page 10.

#### 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](http://www.TravelYosemite.com) or by calling 888/413-8869.

For general information about staying overnight in Yosemite or nearby communities, scan the QR code or visit [go.nps.gov/sleeping](http://go.nps.gov/sleeping)





# Shuttles in Yosemite Valley



## CONSTRUCTION WILL DISRUPT SHUTTLE SERVICE THIS SPRING.

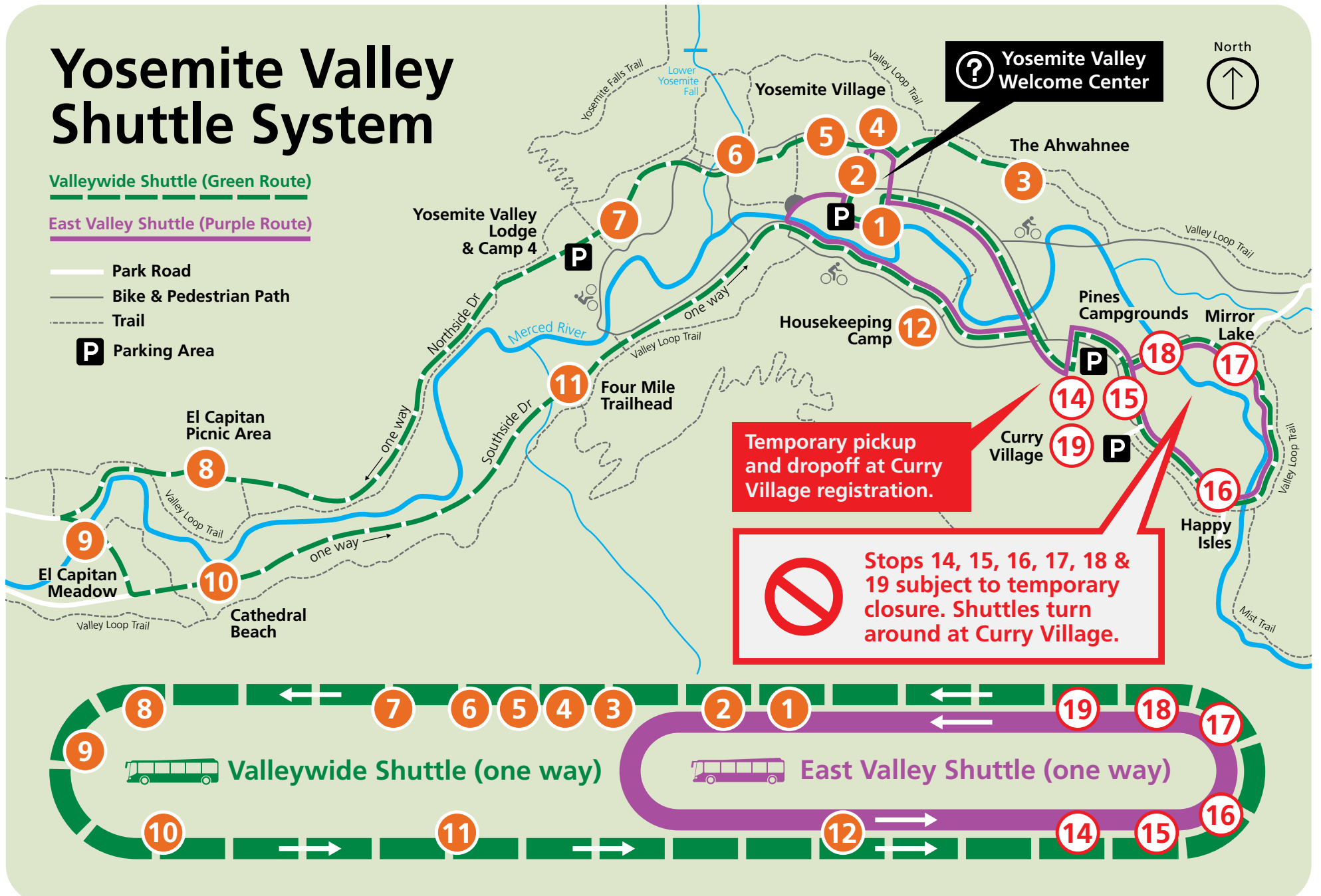
Expect temporary closures at Stop 14 (Curry Village), 15 (Upper Pines), 16 (Happy Isles), 17 (Mirror Lake), 18 (Lower Pines), and 19 (Curry Village.) During the closure, pickup and dropoff will be available at Curry Village registration parking, near the Curry Village front office. **Use this stop for all east Valley destinations.** Construction is expected to last about two weeks in May (exact closure dates to be determined.)

## Yosemite Valley Shuttle System

Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route)

East Valley Shuttle (Purple Route)

- Park Road
- Bike & Pedestrian Path
- - - Trail
- P** Parking Area



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



### Valleywide Shuttle

Serves **ALL** stops.

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



### East Valley Shuttle

Serves **SELECT** stops.

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



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 bus schedules and tickets, visit [www.YARTS.com](http://www.YARTS.com) or call 877/989-2787.

# Shuttle Stops in Yosemite Valley

Turn to page 4 for information about visitor services, including shopping and dining. Turn to page 10 for information about hiking in Yosemite.

## 1 Yosemite Village Parking

All Shuttles

Parking, Yosemite Welcome Center, Village Store, Yosemite Exploration Center & Bookstore, Theater, Wilderness Center, Yosemite Museum, The Ansel Adams Gallery, post office, & fast casual dining.



## 2 Village Store & Welcome Center

All Shuttles

Parking, Yosemite Welcome Center, Village Store, Yosemite Exploration Center & Bookstore, Theater, Wilderness Center, Yosemite Museum, The Ansel Adams Gallery, post office, & fast casual dining.

## 3 The Ahwahnee

Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route) ONLY

Lodging, casual & fine dining.



## 4 Degnan's Kitchen

Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route) ONLY

Yosemite Welcome Center, Village Store, Yosemite Exploration Center & Bookstore, Theater, Wilderness Center, Yosemite Museum, The Ansel Adams Gallery, post office, & fast casual dining.

## 5 Yosemite Exploration Center & Museum

Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route) ONLY

Yosemite Valley Welcome Center, Village Store, Yosemite Exploration Center & Bookstore, Theater, Wilderness Center, Yosemite Museum, The Ansel Adams Gallery, post office, & fast casual dining.

## 6 Lower Yosemite Fall

Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route) ONLY

Trailheads, picnic area.



## 7 Yosemite Valley Lodge & Yosemite Falls Parking

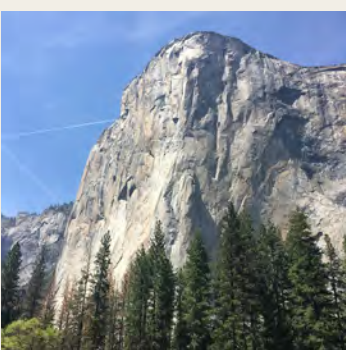
Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route) ONLY

Parking, lodging, casual & upscale casual dining, gift shop, Camp 4, trailheads.

## 8 El Capitan Picnic Area

Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route) ONLY

Picnic area.



## 9 El Capitan Meadow

Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route) ONLY

Scenic area.

## 10 Cathedral Beach

Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route) ONLY

Picnic area.

## 11 Four Mile Trailhead

Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route) ONLY

Trailhead.

## 12 Housekeeping Camp & Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

All Shuttles

Lodging (seasonal), laundry (seasonal), exhibits & programs (seasonal).

## 14 Curry Village (eastbound)

All Shuttles

Parking, lodging, casual dining, gift & grocery, recreation rentals (seasonal), amphitheater.



### STOP SUBJECT TO TEMPORARY CLOSURE

When closed, use temporary pickup and dropoff location at Curry Village registration parking, near the Curry Village front office.

## 15 Upper Pines Campground All Shuttles

### STOP SUBJECT TO TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Upper Pines, Lower Pines, North Pines campgrounds.

## 16 Happy Isles All Shuttles

### STOP SUBJECT TO TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Trailhead (Mist Trail, John Muir Trail, Half Dome), Art & Nature Center.

## 17 Mirror Lake All Shuttles

### STOP SUBJECT TO TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Trailhead.

## 18 Lower Pines Campground All Shuttles

### STOP SUBJECT TO TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Lower Pines, North Pines, Upper Pines campgrounds.

## 19 Curry Village (westbound)

All Shuttles

Parking, lodging, casual dining, gift & grocery, recreation rentals (seasonal), amphitheater.

### STOP SUBJECT TO TEMPORARY CLOSURE

When closed, use temporary pickup and dropoff location at Curry Village registration parking, near the Curry Village front office.



# Events & Programs

## Programs in Yosemite Valley

Start Time	End Time	Program	Hosted by	Fee?	Reservations?	Days Offered
7:30 am	9:30 am	<b>Birding in Yosemite Valley</b> Experience the birdlife in Yosemite Valley with a local birding enthusiast. Listen, observe, and learn detailed information about the birds you come across.	Yosemite Conservancy	\$	Required; visit Yosemite.org/adventures	W
8:30 am	9:30 am	<b>Ranger Walk</b> Join a ranger for a naturalist walk and take a closer look at Yosemite. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center.	National Park Service		No; drop-in only	M & Tu starting May 13
9 am	11 am	<b>Climber Coffee</b> Join climbing rangers to discuss climbing management issues, preventative search and rescue, and other current events surrounding the climbing community. Meet at Camp 4 near the registration kiosk.	National Park Service		No; drop-in only	S
12:30 pm	4:30 pm	<b>Ask-a-Climber</b> Drop in to view climbers on El Capitan through spotting scopes and discover the world of vertical adventure on Yosemite's big walls. Located on the west side of El Capitan bridge (near shuttle stop 9.)	National Park Service		No; drop-in only	Daily
2 pm	3 pm	<b>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 Yosemite Museum.	National Park Service		No; drop-in only	Tu & W except 5/8 & 6/5
2 pm	3 pm	<b>Ranger Walk: Wild About Bears</b> Learn about bears in Yosemite with a ranger. No bear sightings are expected. Meet in front of the Yosemite Museum (Yosemite Village.)	National Park Service		No; drop-in only	W, F, Sa starting May 17
3 pm	4 pm	<b>Curry Village Historic Tour</b> Explore the exciting history of the Curry Village Historic District on this hour-long guided tour. Meet at the Curry Village Amphitheater. Shuttle stops 14 & 19.	Yosemite Hospitality		No; drop-in only	Daily
3 pm	4 pm	<b>Ask a Yosemite Naturalist</b> A drop-in live Q&A with a naturalist at the Yosemite Exploration Center (former visitor center) in Yosemite Village.	YC, YH, NPS		No; drop-in only.	M, Tu, W, Th, F
6 pm	8 pm	<b>Sunset Walk</b> Experience the magic of Yosemite while the setting sun lights up your favorite granite features. Learn about the natural and cultural history of the park.	Yosemite Conservancy	\$	Required; visit Yosemite.org/adventures	Su, M, T, W, F, Sa
8 pm	8:30 pm	<b>Evening Programs</b> Yosemite Naturalists present a variety of topics on natural and cultural history. Meet at the Curry Village Amphitheater.	Yosemite Hospitality		No; drop-in only	Th, F, Sa
8:30 pm	10 pm	<b>Yosemite After Dark</b> Grab a flashlight and join a Yosemite Naturalist for a nature walk at night!	Yosemite Hospitality	\$	Required; tickets/info at TravelYosemite.com	Nightly
9 pm	11 pm	<b>Explore Yosemite's Night Sky</b> Minimal light pollution makes Yosemite Valley a perfect place for stargazing! Learn about stars, planets, constellations, night sky lore, and more.	Yosemite Conservancy	\$	Required; visit Yosemite.org/adventures	Su, M, T, W, F, Sa

## Programs for Families

10 am	11 am	<b>Junior Ranger Walk</b> Meet in front of the Welcome Center for an easy walk with kid-focused activities. All children must be accompanied by an adult.	National Park Service		No; drop-in only	Daily
10:30 am	12:30 pm	<b>Birding and Wildlife</b> Enjoy observing and learning about the birds and other wildlife you encounter, as well as the signs they leave behind. Families welcome!	Yosemite Conservancy	\$	Required; visit Yosemite.org/adventures	W
11 am	12 pm	<b>Kids' Art Class</b> Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for art classes geared toward ages 4 - 11.	Yosemite Conservancy		No; drop-in only. Limited space.	M, Tu, W, Th starting May 28
11:30 am	11:45 am	<b>Family Ranger Talk</b> Topics vary. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center.	National Park Service		No; drop-in only	Daily
1 pm	2 pm	<b>Kids' Art Class</b> Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for art classes geared toward ages 4 - 11.	Yosemite Conservancy		No; drop-in only. Limited space.	M, Tu, W, Th starting May 28
2 pm	4 pm	<b>Junior Ranger Discovery Table</b> Drop in anytime to get started or finish earning a Jr. Ranger badge. Located in front of Yosemite Valley Exploration Center, near shuttle stop 5.	National Park Service		No; drop-in only	Daily starting May 17
2:30 pm	2:45 pm	<b>Family Ranger Talk</b> Topics vary. Meet in front of the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center.	National Park Service		No; drop-in only	Daily

## Art & Photography Classes

9 am	10:30 am	<b>The Ansel Adams Gallery Photography Walk</b> Join a staff photographer for a brief field lecture in Yosemite Valley.	The Ansel Adams Gallery		Required; visit AnselAdams.com	Tu & Th
9 am	12 pm	<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.	The Ansel Adams Gallery	\$	Required; visit AnselAdams.com	W
9 am	1 pm	<b>Art Class</b> Meet at the Happy Isles Art and Nature Center for art classes, such as mosaics, watercolors, and printmaking. Check website for schedule and registration.	Yosemite Conservancy	\$	Required; visit Yosemite.org/art	M, Tu, W, Th, F
1 pm	4 pm	<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.	The Ansel Adams Gallery	\$	Required; visit AnselAdams.com	Sa
1 pm	5 pm	<b>In the Footsteps of Ansel Adams</b> Join a staff photographer for a field class around Yosemite Valley.	The Ansel Adams Gallery	\$	Required; visit AnselAdams.com	M & Th
1 pm	5 pm	<b>Ansel Adams's Legacy and Your Digital Camera</b> Join a staff photographer for a field class to learn how to make better photographs with your DSLR camera.	The Ansel Adams Gallery	\$	Required; visit AnselAdams.com	Tu
2 pm	3:30 pm	<b>Forest Art Walk</b> Explore the interconnected nature of art and observation within Yosemite Valley's landscape! Unleash your creativity and capture the beauty of forests in this immersive watercolor nature journaling class.	Yosemite Conservancy	\$	Required; visit Yosemite.org/art	May 10, May 17, May 24 ONLY
2 pm	4 pm	<b>Paint &amp; Sip</b> Learn the basics of watercolor and create an iconic Yosemite landscape step-by-step. Includes food & beverage. Meets at the Mountain Room Lounge.	Yosemite Conservancy	\$	Required; visit Yosemite.org/art	F starting May 31



Programs designed especially for children and their families.



Programs accessible to visitors in wheelchairs.




Programs with a fee.





Visit [go.nps.gov/YosemiteCalendar](https://go.nps.gov/YosemiteCalendar) or the NPS app to view the web events calendar. Program offerings are subject to change.

## Programs in Wawona


Start Time	End Time	Program	Hosted by	Fee?	Reservations?	Days Offered
9 am	10 am	 <b>Coffee With a Ranger</b> Meet at Pine Tree Market for coffee, a Q&A session, and general park updates with a ranger. Drop-ins welcome!	National Park Service		No; drop-in only	W & Su

## Programs near Crane Flat

Start Time	End Time	Program	Hosted by	Fee?	Reservations?	Days Offered
11 am	11:15 am	  <b>Family Ranger Talk</b> Join a ranger to learn more about Yosemite. Topics vary daily. Meet at the Tuolumne Grove trailhead.	National Park Service		No; drop-in only	Daily starting May 24

## Evening Programs at the Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center

Programs presented by Sierra Club at the Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center in Yosemite Valley (shuttle stop 12.) Programs are free; no registration required.

Friday, May 10 7:30 pm – 9 pm	 <b>Ukulele Sing Along Night</b> Presented By: Elaine Gorman, Julie TenBrink, & Linda McFelter. Please join Elaine, Julie, and Linda for an old-fashioned, campfire-style sing-along. Bring your enthusiastic voices!
Saturday, May 11 7:30 pm – 9 pm	<b>Climbing Yosemite Bigwalls</b> Presented by Sarah Sugarman, Yosemite ranger, educator, and climber. For some, climbing can be a practice that strengthens the way we interact with the most challenging parts of ourselves. Sarah will be sharing stories of overnight bigwall climbing in Yosemite that have changed her perspective on fear, and how those experiences have helped her better understand who she is and who she wants to be.
Friday, May 17 7:30 pm – 9 pm	<b>Jaguars and Monarchs: Mexico's Conservation Model</b> Join Wildlife Biologist Sergio Avila as he shares stories and experiences from his research with jaguars and ocelots, advocacy for Monarch butterflies, and life in remote areas of the Sierra Madre range. This presentation will describe Mexico's conservation model and successes, highlighting work by local communities, organizations and government to protect the country's megadiversity.
Saturday, May 18 7:30 pm – 9 pm	<b>Beyond the Valley: The Lakes of Yosemite</b> Presented by Mike Mullen, Backpacker and Photographer. Since 2016, Mike has spent over 80 days hiking and backpacking in Yosemite in the first known attempt to photograph each of the 167 named lakes in Yosemite. His talk will cover the background and development of his first-of-its-kind project, as we explore the lakes of Yosemite together.
Friday, May 31 7:30 pm – 9 pm	<b>Becoming Treewise and Sequoical: John Muir and Giant Sequoia</b> Presented by Mike Wurtz, Curator of Muir's archival collections at the University of the Pacific. Naturalist John Muir may have come to California in 1868 to see the Giant Sequoia - the most massive trees in the world. At first, he reveled among the groves, then he studied them scientifically, and lastly, he fought to preserve "the noblest of the noble race."
Saturday, June 1 7:30 pm – 9 pm	<b>John Muir's Grand Yosemite: Musings and Sketches</b> Presented by Mike Wurtz, Curator of Muir's archival collections at the University of the Pacific. Nineteenth-century naturalist John Muir made hundreds of drawings of Yosemite between 1869 and his death in 1914. Find out where Muir drew them and hear some stories about him and Yosemite from the Muir drawings guidebook author and curator of Muir's largest archival collection.
Friday, June 7 7:30 pm – 9 pm	<b>The Life of a Gibbon</b> Presented by Ken Yager, Yosemite Climbing Association Founder and President. From Camp 4 Dirtbag to Yosemite Ambassador - Half a Century of Yosemite Climbing.
Saturday, June 8 7:30 pm – 9 pm	<b>Smokejumping in the West</b> Presented by Deanne Shulman, first female smokejumper. Hear about the life of a smokejumper responding to wildfires throughout the Western US.

## More Special Events & Programs

Date & Time	Event	Where	Hosted by	Tickets/Registration
Mon, May 13 1 pm – 3 pm	<b>Artists' Reception for Alan Ross</b> Join Alan Ross at The Ansel Adams Gallery for a reception for <i>Alan Ross: The Language of Light</i> . The exhibition runs April 21 through June 8.	The Ansel Adams Gallery (Yosemite Village)	The Ansel Adams Gallery	This is a free event; no registration required.
Wed, May 15 11 am – 12 pm	<b>Stamp Unveiling Ceremony</b> for the First Day of Issue for 16 new Ansel Adams Forever Stamps.	The Ansel Adams Gallery (Yosemite Village)	The Ansel Adams Gallery and USPS	Free event. RSVP suggested but not required: <a href="https://www.usps.com/anseladamsstamps">www.usps.com/anseladamsstamps</a>

## More Activities with Park Partners

### Yosemite Conservancy

Join Yosemite Conservancy for a memorable experience in the park! Advanced registration is required for all Outdoor Adventures. Explore our website ([Yosemite.org](https://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. Learn more and sign up for Outdoor Adventures: [Yosemite.org/experience/outdoor-adventures](https://Yosemite.org/experience/outdoor-adventures)  
**Custom Adventures**  
Plan a Custom Adventure with one of our naturalists. Learn more and sign up: [Yosemite.org/custom-adventures](https://Yosemite.org/custom-adventures).

### Yosemite Hospitality

Find more information and book activities at [TravelYosemite.com](https://TravelYosemite.com), or visit a Tour & Activity desk (turn to page 4 for hours and locations.)  
**Guided Bus/Tram Tours**  
Valley Floor Tour: Led by a naturalist or park ranger. Tours depart at 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, & 5:30 pm.  
The Glacier Point Tour & Yosemite Grand Tour will begin May 10, if conditions allow.  
**Yosemite Mountaineering School**  
Learn to rock climb, or join an expert guide on a hike or overnight backpacking trip. Stop by the office at Curry Village, open 8:30 am to 12 pm, & 1 to 4:30 pm.  
**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.

### The Ansel Adams Gallery

The Ansel Adams Gallery is located in Yosemite Village. (Turn to page 5 for hours.) 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](https://AnselAdams.com/photography-education).  
**Gallery Exhibitions:**  
*Language of Light: Photographs by Alan Ross*  
April 21 through June 8  
*New Sierra Watercolors by Sally Owens*  
June 9 through August 3

### Sierra Club

The Sierra Club's Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center (shuttle stop 12) is open Wednesday to Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. Sierra Club volunteers welcome visitors to explore the exhibits, the natural history library, and the children's corner. For more information, call 209/372-4542 or visit the Sierra Club website: [SierraClub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center](https://SierraClub.org/yosemite-conservation-heritage-center)



# Trails



Grizzly Giant (Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias)



Nevada Fall (Yosemite Valley)

## What You Need to Know



### Many trails are still covered in snow until late spring.

Trail access is limited when Tioga Road and Glacier Point Road are closed. The best options for hiking this time of year are typically in Yosemite Valley, Hetch Hetchy, and Wawona. Expect to find flooded areas on the Valley floor and snow or ice at higher elevations. Use extreme caution around any flowing water, especially during spring snowmelt. **Ask a ranger about trail conditions before you go.**



### Pets are not allowed on hiking trails.

Pets are only permitted on paved biking and walking paths, in most campgrounds, and in parking areas. Pets must be leashed at all times.

Service dogs are legally permitted anywhere that visitors can go. A service dog is trained to perform a specific task to assist a person with a disability. Emotional support, therapy, and companion animals are subject to all pet regulations.



### Proper food storage is required by law.

Bears can easily break into vehicles to obtain food. During the day, food must be hidden from sight inside a locked vehicle with all windows and vents completely shut. At night, food, trash, and other scented items must be removed from vehicles and stored in a bear-resistant locker. Visit [KeepBearsWild.org](http://KeepBearsWild.org) for more information.



### View wildlife from a distance.

It is dangerous and illegal to approach or feed wildlife. Keep food within arm's reach at all times.



### Ask a ranger about trail conditions.

Trails can be impacted by snow, flooding, and rockfall. Some stream crossings do not have bridges and can be unsafe when water is high.



### Stay hydrated.

Carry and consume plenty of water and salty snacks. Any water from natural sources should be treated before drinking.



### Hiking at high elevation can be difficult.

You may become tired more quickly than expected—or even feel sick. Take breaks, drink plenty of water, and adjust plans if needed.



### Be prepared for changing conditions.

Check the forecast and carry waterproof layers. Stay off domes and other exposed places when there is a chance of thunderstorms.



### Stay on the trail.

Protect fragile vegetation and avoid getting lost by staying on designated trails. Stay behind barriers, and do not enter water above waterfalls.



### Pack it out.

Most trails do not have toilets or trash cans, so plan ahead. Human waste must be deposited at least 200 feet from trails and water. Solid waste must be buried six inches deep. Pack out all trash, including toilet paper.

**In an emergency, call or text 911**



### A Wilderness Permit is Required for All Overnight Trips

#### Wilderness permits are required year-round for all overnight trips into Yosemite's Wilderness.

All trailhead quotas will be available online in advance for the 2024 hiking season. Visit [go.nps.gov/WildPermits](http://go.nps.gov/WildPermits) to learn how to get a permit this spring or to plan for the summer ahead.

When a peak-hours reservation is required for park entry and Wilderness Centers are closed, visit [go.nps.gov/WildConditions](http://go.nps.gov/WildConditions) to learn how to pick up your permit.

Please come prepared with your own allowed bear resistant food canister—or rent one at an open wilderness center.

#### Yosemite Valley Wilderness Center

Open 8 am to 5 pm daily.

#### Big Wall Climbing Permits

Self-registration permits for overnight big wall climbs are available at El Capitan Crossover, near shuttle stop 9.

#### Wawona Visitor Center at Hill's Studio

Open 8 am to 5 pm daily starting May 24.

#### Big Oak Flat Information Station

Open 8 am to 5 pm daily starting May 17.

#### Hetch Hetchy Entrance Station

Open 8 am to 5 pm daily.



### Hiking Half Dome

**Permits are required 7 days a week when the cables are up, from late-May to mid-October, conditions permitting.** Permits are available by pre-season and daily lotteries. More information is available at [go.nps.gov/HDpermits](http://go.nps.gov/HDpermits).

Backpackers wanting to climb Half Dome as part of a wilderness trip can find information at [go.nps.gov/HDwildPermits](http://go.nps.gov/HDwildPermits).



### Hiker Transportation

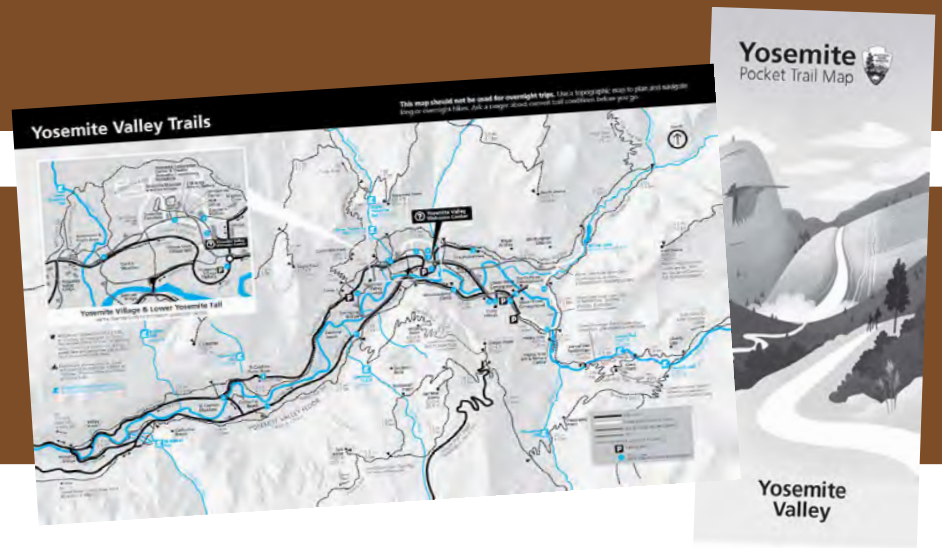
**Bus to Glacier Point** (begins May 10, if conditions allow.) Book a one-way ticket to Glacier Point and hike back down to Yosemite Valley. Please note: there is NO transportation for hikers from Glacier Point back to the Valley. Check [TravelYosemite.com](http://TravelYosemite.com) or a tour desk for schedule and tickets.

#### Yosemite Valley to Tuolumne Meadows Hiker's Bus






Service begins after Tioga Road opens. Check [TravelYosemite.com](http://TravelYosemite.com) for current information.

Stop by an open information center to pick up free trail maps!


Turn to page 2 for hours & locations.




## Trails in Yosemite Valley

Trail	Length & Elevation Gain	Starting Point
<b>Shorter Walks &amp; Hikes</b>		
  <b>BRIDALVEIL FALL</b> Take a short stroll to the base of Bridalveil Fall. A gentle incline leads to a wheelchair-accessible viewing area, while a steeper path climbs closer to the base of the fall. <i>Stay behind barriers. Rocks at the base of the waterfall are very slick and dangerous.</i>	0.5 mi (0.8 km) round-trip, paved with gentle incline.	Bridalveil Fall parking area or Southside Drive
 <b>LOWER YOSEMITE FALL</b> A short but rewarding trail to the base of Yosemite Falls. The east side of the loop is wheelchair-accessible. Expect falls to be dry by late summer, with heavy spray in spring. <i>Stay behind barriers. Rocks at the base of the waterfall are very slick and dangerous.</i>	1 mi (1.6 km) round-trip, paved with gentle incline.	Shuttle Stop 6
 <b>COOK'S MEADOW LOOP</b> Take a relaxed stroll and enjoy views of Yosemite Falls, Half Dome, and other valley highlights. Look and listen for birds and other wildlife in early morning and around dusk. Sections with pavement or boardwalk are wheelchair- and pet-friendly.	1 mi (1.6 km) round-trip, flat pavement & boardwalk	Shuttle Stop 6
 <b>MIRROR LAKE</b> ( <i>dry in summer &amp; 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 unpaved hiking trail for a 4.5-mile loop. <i>Pets are allowed only on paved sections. Vehicles with a valid disability placard may drive to the front of Mirror Lake.</i>	2 mi (1.6 km) round-trip, 100 ft (30 m) elevation gain	Shuttle Stop 17
<b>MIST TRAIL TO VERNAL FALL FOOTBRIDGE</b> Hike the short but very steep first section of the Mist Trail out and back for a view of Vernal Fall.	0.8 mi (1.3 km) one way from Happy Isles paved, 400 ft (120 m) elevation gain	Happy Isles, Shuttle Stop 16
<b>Half-Day Hikes</b>		
<b>MIST TRAIL TO VERNAL FALL</b> From the footbridge, follow the Mist Trail up a steep, slippery granite stairway to the top of Vernal Fall. Use caution and prepare to be drenched. <i>To avoid descending the crowded stairway, (and for great views of Nevada Fall) continue to Clark Point and return to the footbridge via John Muir Trail.</i>	1.2 mi (1.9 km) one way from Happy Isles, 1,000 ft (300 m) total elevation gain	Happy Isles, Shuttle Stop 16
<b>MIST TRAIL TO NEVADA FALL</b> From the top of Vernal Fall, continue on the rugged Mist Trail to the top of Nevada Fall. Return the same way. <i>A section of the John Muir Trail between Clark Point and Nevada Fall may be temporarily closed due to extensive rockfall damage. Ask a ranger for current information.</i>	2.5 mi (4 km) one way from Happy Isles, 2,000 ft (120 m) total elevation gain	Happy Isles, Shuttle Stop 16
<b>Full-Day Hikes</b>		
<b>YOSEMITE FALLS TRAIL</b> A very steep, rugged trail with dozens of grueling switchbacks. Hike the first mile to Columbia Rock for stunning valley views. Continue to the top of Yosemite Falls, which plummets 2,425 feet to the valley floor. Return the same way.	7.2 mi (11.6 km) round-trip, 2,700 ft (820 m) elevation gain	Camp 4, Shuttle Stop 7
<b>FOUR MILE TRAIL TO GLACIER POINT</b> This very challenging trail offers spectacular views of Yosemite Valley. Plan to hike round-trip; there is no shuttle back to the valley. <i>The upper section of this trail, above Union Point, closes each winter due to very hazardous conditions. Closures can be in effect through May.</i>	9.6 mi (15.4 km) round-trip, 3,200 ft (975 m) elevation gain	Shuttle Stop 11
<b>Choose Your Own Adventure</b>		
<b>YOSEMITE VALLEY LOOP TRAIL</b> Take the grand tour of the Yosemite Valley floor on this quiet, less-traveled trail. Hike a short section, or spend a day exploring the entire loop. Pick up a trail map at the Yosemite Valley Welcome Center ( <i>hours listed on page 2</i> ) to view distances from point-to-point and to plan your hike.	Up to 11.5 mi (18.5 km) Mostly flat, some gentle incline	Shuttle Stops 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, & 19.

## Trails Outside of Yosemite Valley

Trail	Length & Elevation Gain	Starting Point
<b>MARIPOSA GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS</b> Shuttle service to the grove begins in late May, if conditions allow. When shuttles aren't running, hike two miles (each way) via the road or the Washburn Trail from the parking area to the front of the grove. From there, hike an additional one mile (each way) to the Grizzly Giant, or explore several additional miles of trails.	Min. 4 mi (6.4 km) round-trip, 500 ft (150 m) elevation gain	Mariposa Grove Welcome Plaza & Parking Area (South Entrance, one hour from Yosemite Valley)
<b>TUOLUMNE GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS</b> Hike one mile down to this smaller, more secluded grove, located northwest of Yosemite Valley near Crane Flat. A short nature trail loops through the grove.	2.5 mi (4 km) round-trip, 500 ft (150 m) gain on return	Tuolumne Grove Trailhead, near Crane Flat
<b>MERCED GROVE OF GIANT SEQUOIAS</b> Hike 1.5 miles down to Yosemite's smallest and least-visited sequoia grove, located northwest of Yosemite Valley on Big Oak Flat Road. Visit a small cluster of sequoias and a historic cabin.	3 mi (4.8 km) round-trip, 520 ft (160 m) gain on return	Merced Grove Trailhead, on Big Oak Flat Road
 <b>WAWONA MEADOW LOOP</b> Enjoy a scenic loop around the meadow on an unpaved fire road. <i>Bicycles and leashed pets are permitted.</i>	3.5 mi (4 km) round-trip, mostly flat, but terrain may be uneven	Meadow Loop Trailhead, across the road from the Wawona Hotel
<b>HETCH HETCHY &amp; WAPAMA FALLS</b> Follow the shoreline of the reservoir to the base of Wapama Falls. The Wapama Falls footbridge may close when water levels are dangerously high.	5 mi (8 km) round-trip, 500 ft (150 m) elevation gain	Hetch Hetchy (trail begins across the dam)

 Pet-friendly trail. *Pets must be leashed at all times. Properly dispose of pet waste.*

 Wheelchair-accessible trail.



Vernal Fall

# Yosemite Guide



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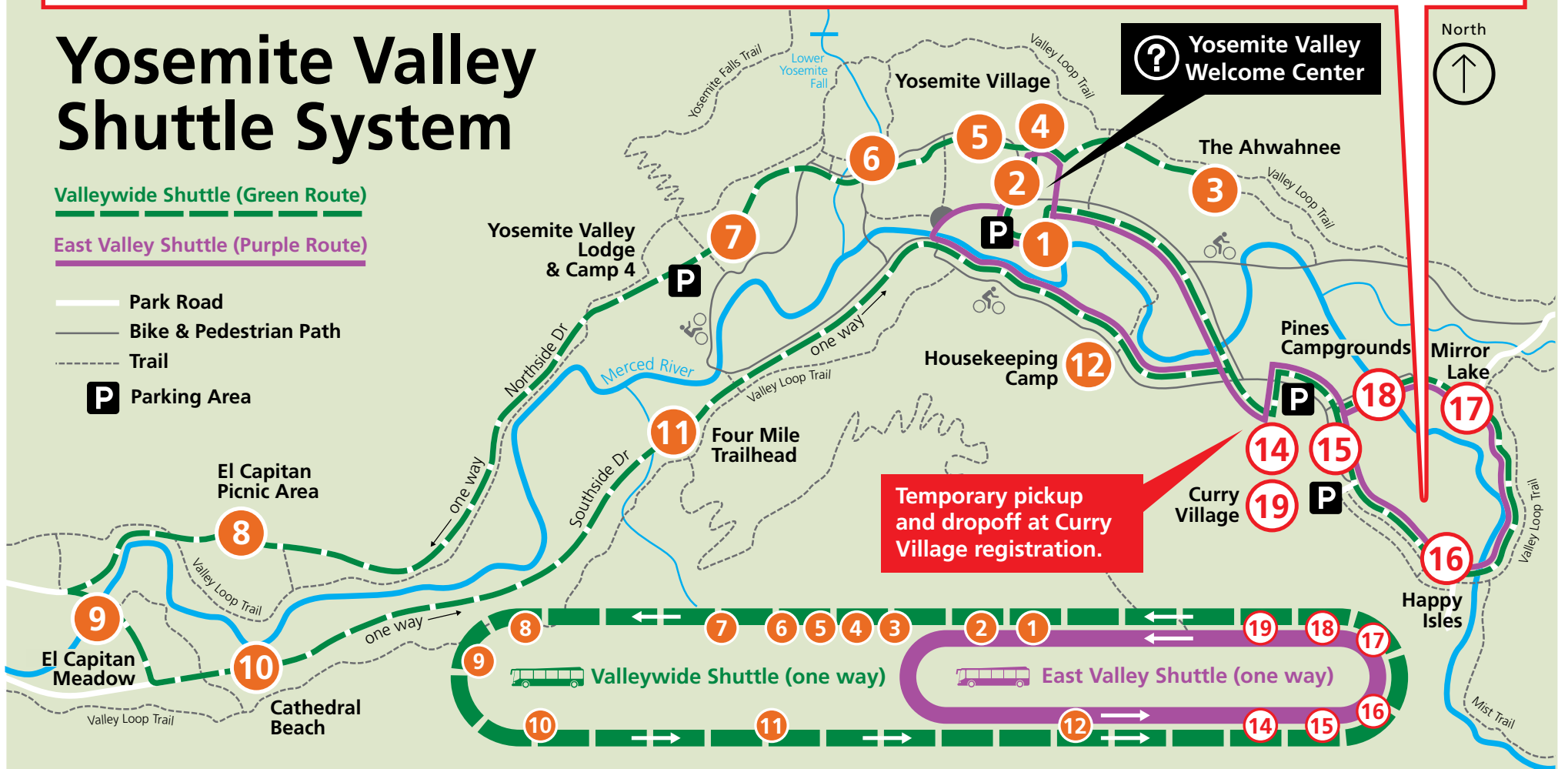


## Yosemite Valley Shuttle System

Valleywide Shuttle (Green Route)

East Valley Shuttle (Purple Route)

- Park Road
- Bike & Pedestrian Path
- Trail
- Parking Area



Temporary pickup and dropoff at Curry Village registration.

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|---|---|-------------------------------|
| 1  Yosemite Village Parking             | 7  Yosemite Valley Lodge & Yosemite Falls Parking             | 14  Curry Village (eastbound) |
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| 5  Yosemite Exploration Center & Museum | 11  Four Mile Trailhead                                       | 18  Lower Pines Campground    |
| 6  Lower Yosemite Fall                  | 12  Housekeeping Camp & Yosemite Conservation Heritage Center | 19  Curry Village (westbound) |